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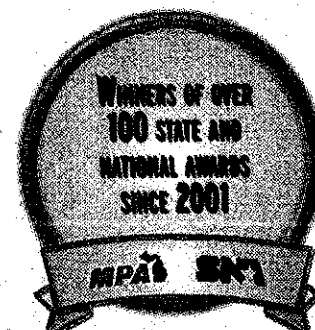
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Christmas comes early to Canton

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

He may not look like Santa Claus, but township resident Jim Cisek has plans to bring Christmas to Canton — in April.

from the board of trustees at last Tuesday's study session. "What a cool program," said Township Clerk Terry Bennett. "I think it's just a dynamo project that will benefit the community."

board approval at Tuesday's regular board meeting, is called "Christmas in Action."

The idea is simple but the results around the country have been tremendous. On the last Saturday in April, volunteers will repair houses for financially

strapped senior citizens or physically handicapped homeowners who are unable to do the work themselves or pay to have it done.

"My goal is to do four houses next

PLEASE SEE GROUP, A2

Making improvements

100 Days to Health was just the beginning for Canton's Wetter family

For more than three months, the Observer has followed the Wetter family through Canton's 100 Days to Health program, which concluded in April. This is the final installment of their story as they have worked to improve their lifestyle with better eating and more exercise.

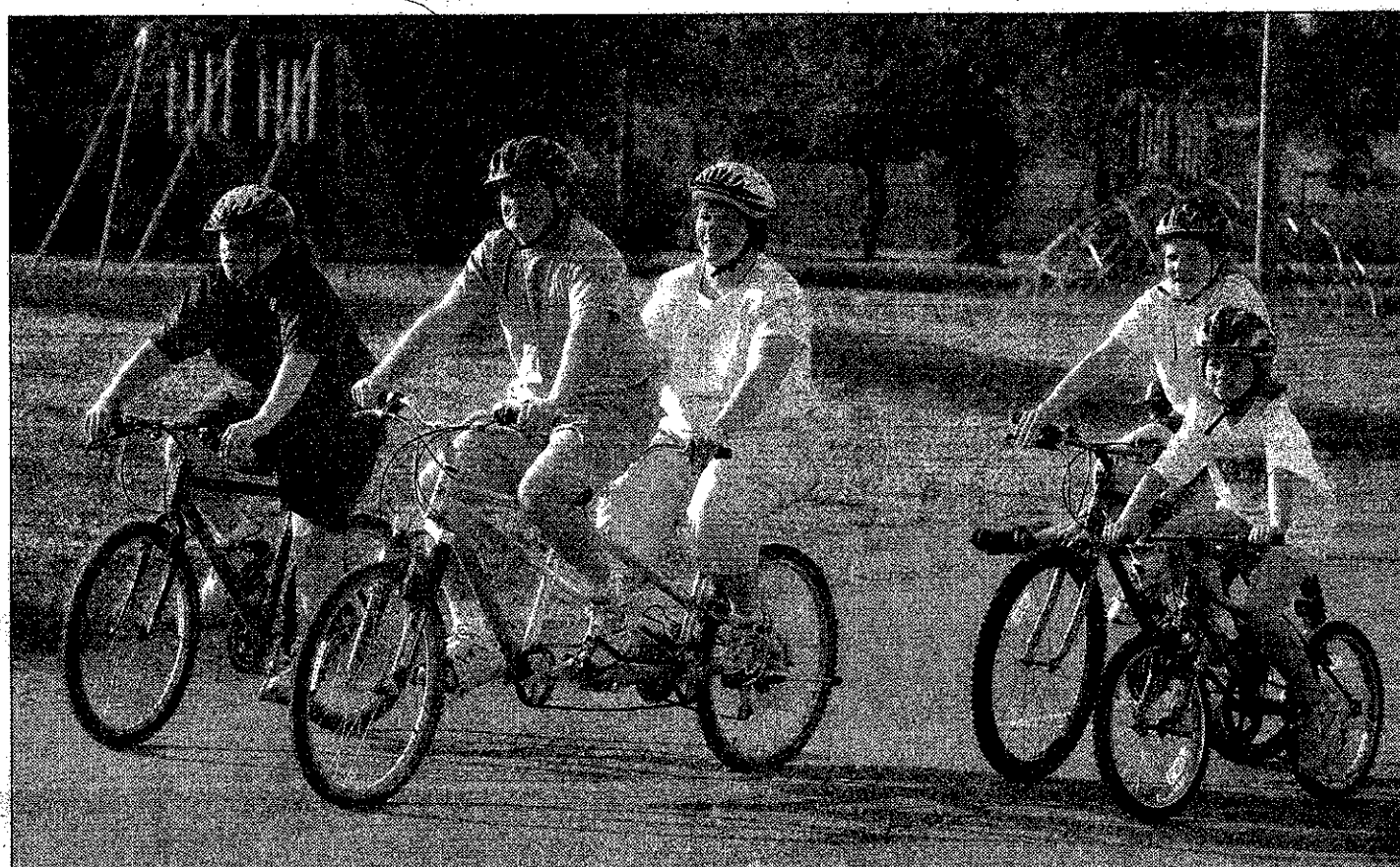
BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Canton's 100 Days to Health program was only the beginning for the Wetter family.

"It turned out great," said John Wetter, who continues to work out mornings at the Summit on the Park. "We're not done. We'll keep going."

The 100-day program, which was co-sponsored by Leisure Services, St. Joseph Mercy Health Center and the Canton Community Foundation, included activities, classes and special events to help educate participants on healthy lifestyle choices for improved eating and exercise habits, as well as stress management.

"A lot more people saw it through this year. I felt some of the them were really



The Wetter family - Daniel, 13, dad John, mom Carolyn, Ellyn, 15, and Mollie, 9 - bicycles together.

into it," said Amy Lockmondy, health and wellness specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "I felt we closed out on a higher note this year."

The Wetters — dad John, mom Caroline, and kids Daniel, Ellyn and Molly — chalk up their



improved lifestyle to the program, which opened the door for a new way of doing things. Their eldest son, Adam, is in the Marine Corps and just returned home from training on

ing more vegetables and fruits," Caroline said. "And that's for lunch, too. We are also eating smaller portions."

In fact, the kids will remind their parents when they are missing the fruit and vegetables in their lunches.

"We haven't gone to the dark side yet.

PLEASE SEE HEALTH, A2

If it's Curves for Women, it's The Blitz for men

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

If it's Curves for Women, what is it for men? Healthier heart? Lower cholesterol? Stronger joints? Lower body fat?

It's all of those and more, according to Paul Seymour, who recently opened The Blitz, a men's "20-minute total fitness" center in Golden Gate Shopping Center at Joy and Lilley roads in Canton.

"It's all done with hydraulic cylinders," said Seymour, a Westland resident and member of the Men's Ministry at Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth.

"You spend 30 seconds on each machine, then move on to the next," he said. "We can have 16 people working out at once with no waiting."

The Blitz, a franchise operation, originat-

ed in Kansas about a year-and-a-half ago, by someone who owned some of the Curves for Women franchises, according to Seymour.

It follows basically the same principles — high-intensity workouts in a short period of time using hydraulic equipment, moving from one machine to another — the circuit theory.

"Circuit training is not a new concept," said Seymour, a computer network engineer before he decided to open The Blitz.

The idea originated with his sister-in-law, he said, who owns three Curves franchises on the east coast.

"She started doing research on The Blitz and talked me into opening one," said Seymour, 39, who said he has high triglycerides and high cholesterol. "I've had a few friends die from heart related problems. But I've always been active — dirt biking, hunting, fishing, camping."

After Seymour got married to his wife, Pam, he said he noticed his pant size growing larger and larger. When a doctor tracked him down on a weekend to tell him to come in soon and have his triglycerides checked again, he decided it was time to shape up.

And The Blitz evolved from there. James Cutler of Plymouth, a regular client at The Blitz since it opened three weeks ago, is also a spinoff from Curves.

Cutler likes the low-key approach of the program, unlike that associated with typical Powerhouse gyms for men.

So far, after being open for only three weeks, Seymour has about 20 clients signed up. For more information, call The Blitz at (734)-968-6145 or e-mail blitzcanton@sbc-global.net.

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Today's Lesson



Today we continue a yearlong look at public education by going inside a high school to see how teachers creatively adapt state standards and the local curriculum to the needs of students.

Park provides more than academics

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Salem High School junior Sarah Poon cherishes every day she has an opportunity to attend high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

For Poon, 17, it's a chance to get an education, whether it be academically or socially.

"There's such a multitude of people, and the classes are so diverse," said Poon, who lives in Canton.

"Whatever your interest is, you can find it here. For anything they don't have a class for, there's a club."

Poon is one of nearly 5,200 students who attend the three-high school campus. It can be easy to get lost in a place that's as large as some small cities, but Poon believes there's a way to get something out of each opportunity at the Park, and she tries to take advantage of that.

"Every class has something you can take away from it," she said. "It's just whether or not you look hard enough for it, and actually find it in yourself to use it."

The first-period bell rings at 7:10 a.m. It may be early, but there's no chance to sleep in debate class.

On this particular day, it's off to the media center with her partner, Brigid Fitzgerald, to carve their half of the argument of whether it's better to read the book or see the movie. The two prepare their stand that it's better to read the book.

"In One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, there is a very vivid scene in the book with confusion, chaos and commotion," Poon said. "There's a major contrast in the movie, because at that point there's not much action. Movies can't imitate the book completely."

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Movement

It's time to break the electronica myth. Detroit's electronic music festival isn't just about techno.



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There will be one lucky winner who will receive an Annual Family Membership to the Summit on the Park, valued at up to \$495.00, as well as a gift from the Canton Observer. All entries will be on display at Liberty Fest 2004.

Your design should fit the front of an adult T-shirt with a maximum of four colors can be used in your design.

Your theme is "Family Fun" so have fun, be creative and use your imagination to express your ideas.

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HEALTH

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We still have cookies, but not as many," Caroline said. Pop is gone. Flavored water has taken center stage. "It's like peaches and grapes," said the youngest, Mollie.

Ellyn, a Ladywood student, thought the changes came easily. "The more my parents do it, they inflict it on us. It's easier because the parents are making the dinner."

But Ellyn says no one is perfect: "Every once in a while, I will give into the candy."

Daniel, who attends All Saints Catholic School, admits he has more energy now: "It's working."

He has also found that junk food just isn't that important anymore. A bag of potato chips sat in the Wetter house for a week — something that wouldn't have happened before the program. That's testament to the changing eating habits.

Grocery shopping takes more time because Caroline reads the labels on foods and plans meals for the week.

While yogurt parfaits top the list of favorite healthy foods for the kids, Caroline said she got some good ideas for meals from the 100 Days to Health programs. "The classes alone were great," she said. "You always learned something new."

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year," Cisek said. "But that's just for the first year of the project. I took a tour of a similar project in Waterford last week. They repaired 31 homes in one day last year. It's just phenomenal."

In fact it was in Waterford where Cisek, part owner of the construction division of The Velmeir Companies in West Bloomfield, was introduced to the program.

"We had developed a CVS store in Waterford," he said, "and the local officials said I should try to get into this program."

That was three weeks ago and on Tuesday Cisek presented his proposal to the Canton board, complete with incorporation papers and an already-in-place list of board members.

"The reception was absolutely perfect," he said. "The whole township is behind us."

The Christmas in Action program originated in Midland, Texas, in 1972 when a Baptist minister led his young men's Sunday School class into the community to do repairs on homes of women without husbands. At first the repairs were small, but over the years they grew into full-blown reconstruction projects.

It's not a typical clean-up, paint-up, fix-up program. "We'll do whatever needs to be done," Cisek said. "We'll replace electrical panels, repair foundations, replace entire bathrooms and kitchens, paint the house inside and out, repair landscaping, install new carpeting, build handicapped ramps. We'll even rework plumbing if a person can't go downstairs to wash their own clothes."

It's all done at no cost to the homeowner and no one makes a profit.

"This is all about helping people," he said. "We're a 501c3 nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible. And we're supported entirely by corporate and individual donations."

He also plans to hold a golf outing as a fund-raiser. Cisek said one of the homes that was repaired in Waterford had a bathtub that leaked so bad it literally rotted the floor and fell into the basement. The woman couldn't afford to have it repaired.

"This is in Anytown U.S.A. It's in Canton," he said.

He also plans to contact the schools and get high school students involved in a "Rake and Go" program.

"We put the kids in a van and drive around and do a complete outside cleanup," he said. "We follow along in a special pickup truck to gather the debris. The yards get cleaned, the kids get credit for community service."

There are some stipulations involved in the program.

The homes repaired must be occupied by the owners. Rental properties aren't eligible, nor are condos or mobile homes.

While the program presented to the trustees is strictly for Canton, Cisek's chapter of Christmas in Action covers all of Wayne County. Other communities, including the city of Detroit, can apply for their own programs through his organization.

In addition to Cisek, who's president and treasurer of the organization, other board members include Craig Manser, Phyllis Redfern, Eugene Patin, John Weyer, Karl Zarbo, Doug Mans, Dianne Cojei, George Shea and Michelle Hall. Cisek has also asked the Rev. Pat Casey of St. Thomas a Becket to join the board, but he has not yet committed.


"It's a great project," said Redfern. "There are so many people in Canton that like to be involved in helping our neighbors. And a lot of people are already chipping in donations from corporate to individuals."

For more information on Christmas in Action, contact Cisek at (734) 453-3258.

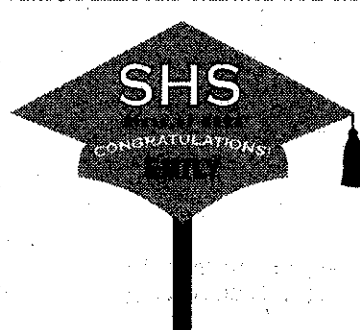
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STUDENT

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A National Honor Society student, Poon said she has taken away a number of lessons from debate class.

"I really learned how to find evidence to back up my arguments," Poon said. "Before, I would just use logic, things that made sense. But I wouldn't have examples that were credible, believable or reliable."

"I've definitely learned how to think things through a lot more, and be more careful of what I say and the examples I use," she added.

Fitzgerald, who admits to being a bit shy, said debate has helped pull her out of a shell.

"It was tough in the past to get up and speak in front of an audience or class," she said. "Now, instead of just talking, I'm more comfortable and prepared."

Nearly an hour later, it's down the hall to chemistry class.

"Most people would kill for my schedule," said Poon, whose first four classes are in Salem High School. "People here do a lot of walking between classes, and to get from Canton (High School) to Salem you really have to hustle to get to class on time."

Passing time between buildings is 10 minutes.

"When the weather is nice, it's good to get out of the building," she said. "But during the winter, I don't like to go outside."

But even in bad weather, the ever-optimistic Poon believes the experience at P-CEP will help her wherever she attends college.

"With the number of classes we have, and the walk around campus among thousands of people, it prepares you for college," she said.

In Bill Barnes' chemistry class, Poon and her partner prepare a final paper while other students are conducting an experiment.

"This is good preparation for college," said Brian Rumao, 16, of Canton, who plans on becoming an engineering



Sarah Poon, 17, talks with a classmate about their final lab report in chemistry.

major in college.

Rumao admits there are some days he'd rather be places other than the Park, but believes "it's a pretty cool place."

"There are days when I wonder why we have to be here, but you realize it will reap its benefits later on," he said.

And that's what Barnes is hoping students will take from his class, whether or not they're headed into a career of science.

"I hope this teaches them to have a systematic approach to solving problems, to be detail-oriented and stick with a long-term goal," he said. "That will make them better employees, no matter where they go, or what career they choose."

When the bell rings, it's time for Advance Placement calculus, where you can leave the stereotype of boys are better



Sarah Poon says she not only gets an academic education at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, but a social one as well.

than girls in math at the door. In fact, Tom Cotner's third-hour class is 90 percent female.

"The past few years we've had more girls," Cotner said. "If you look at the research, a lot of women are closed out of jobs because of their lack of knowledge of computer and/or math. This gives them a shot at a lot of jobs, and making more money."

Lauren Stier, a senior from Canton Township, is getting an 'A' in Cotner's high-level math class. That will go a long way toward her studies as a computer science major.

"It's usually a male-dominated career, but I think females can bring creativity and other ideas, things guys don't concentrate on," said Stier. "In the back of your head, you want to do better because you want to show the guys you're just as good. It makes you work harder, whether you're conscious of it or not."

By taking the upper-level math classes, students can earn as many as 11 college credits before they even pay one dollar of tuition at the next educational level.

"Our percentage (of students passing AP calculus) is about 90 percent, where the national average is about 60," Cotner said. "It's a combination of having a good math program, good teachers and a community that puts an emphasis on math."

Poon not only attends classes, but is involved with the student council, the Asian-Pacific Club, WSDP radio, the National Honor Society, tutoring and community work, as well as her weekend job working for a caterer.

The pressures of being in high school, being involved and preparing for her future in communications can be tremendous.

"It's about learning how to deal with it," Poon said. "I'm so much more self-confident in dealing with the pressure."

"In middle school, if I had all the pressures I have now, I would just cry," she said. "But as you go through four years here, I've definitely learned how to deal with the pressure, not to get overwhelmed and solve problems."

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Sir Bittie McCloud, a Great Pyrenees, was the first dog to walk in the survivor's walk at last weekend's Relay for Life in Canton. Generally, organizers don't allow pets at the relay, but when they saw Sir Bittie, they say they had to bend the rules.

Sir Bittie McCloud takes a bow at walk

Sir Bittie McCloud, a Great Pyrenees, became the first dog to walk in the survivor's walk at last weekend's Relay for Life in Canton.

Sir Bittie (or Ittie Bittie as his owners, Jeff and Jessie Lewis of Howell call him) was diagnosed with bone cancer last August. He had a tumor on his right front ankle, Jeff said, but the entire leg had to be amputated.

The Lewises, who were walking with an Ann Arbor team, That's Enough, checked in at the registration desk for the Relay and asked if Bittie could also take part in the survivor's walk. Not only was he allowed to walk, but the sponsors gave him a red survivor's T-shirt.

"He made it through

'He made it through about half the survivor lap, before he tired out. Then he hung around and inspired people.'

Jeff Lewis
owner, Sir Bittie McCloud

about half the survivor lap," Jeff said, "before he tired out. Then he just hung around and inspired people. They'd ask if he was a survivor, then they stopped to pet him." Although the Lewises had a wagon for Bittie to ride it, he wanted no part of it. "He didn't like the wagon," Jeff said. "He wanted to walk."

BUSINESS NOTES

APPOINTED

Canton resident Robert Gassel, director of financial services and budget at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, has been appointed assistant vice chancellor for finance and director of financial services and budget.

His appointment was effective May 1. In addition to his financial and budget responsibilities, Gassel also supervises mail services, parking and vending operations.

Gassel graduated from the UM-Dearborn School of Management in 1974, and joined the financial operations staff on the Ann Arbor campus the same year. He returned to UM-Dearborn as assistant director of financial services in 1978 and was promoted to director in 1984.

In 2003, Gassel received the campus's Long-Term Achievement Award.

Gassel's promotion is due to two main factors, according to Robert Behrens, vice chancellor for business affairs. In part, it is due to the wider responsibilities Gassel has assumed in recent years. "And second, the new appointment reflects Bob's long term accomplishments in financial leadership and customer service," Behrens said.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Mark Bondoni of Canton, a marketing manager at Ford Motor Co., addressed graduates of the State University of New York at Canton May 15 as this year's commencement speaker. He was also awarded the College Council's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Bondoni, who earned an associate degree in automotive technology, supported the college since his graduation in 1982. He organized auto club trips to Dearborn, where students have had VIP access.

He arranged for signed donations of NASCAR collectibles, including most of the auto body of one of driver Elliott Sadler's Nextel Cuprace cars.

In addition to the courses required for graduation, local high schools offer a variety of elective courses including advanced placement academic classes, special interests classes and technical classes. Here is a small sampling of electives offered at area schools:

- Garden City High School**
 - Aerospace Education: classes for Air Force Junior ROTC students.
 - Introduction to marketing: a one-year competency class exploring various marketing careers.
 - Dramatics
 - Japanese
 - Printing technology
 - Health occupations: An overview of health occupation career opportunities, cooperating with the Allied Health Program at Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford Community College.
 - Music theory/history
 - Environmental earth science
 - Street law: an overview of the American legal system.
 - American Foreign Policy: studies the principles and processes of the United States government in regards to foreign policy.
- Livonia Churchill High School**
 - Radio and television production
 - Advanced Art techniques
 - Sports and entertainment marketing: "a step-by-step journey through the world of marketing."
 - The Law and Your Rights
 - Interactive media management
 - CAPA: The Creative and Performing Arts program offers classes in dance, music, theater and general arts.
 - Aerospace Science, AFJROTC
 - Chamber orchestra
 - The Constitution at Work
- Redford Union High School**
 - Mass media
 - Literary explorations: an intensive reading course "structured like a book discussion group."
 - Drama
 - Yearbook
- Advanced art studio**
- Specialty foods**
- Health occupations technology**
- Earth science**
- Plymouth-Canton high schools**
 - Finance investment
 - International business
 - Entrepreneurship: designed to familiarize students with the characteristics of entrepreneurs and to make them aware that owning and operating a business is a realistic career option.
 - Advance science fiction
 - Zen and Emerson
 - Tao in Thought and Literature
 - Health occupations
 - Hospitality and culinary arts
 - Interior design
 - Advanced topics in calculus
 - Music theory
 - International relations
 - American media studies
 - Crow Canyon Archeological Field School: a summer program at archeological training center in Colorado.
- Westland John Glenn High School**
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Drama
 - Newspaper production
 - Science fiction and the super natural
 - Minority groups in literature
 - Jazz ensemble
 - Preparation for adulthood: focusing on social and personal issues
 - Body shaping
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Beginning this month, RaeChell Garrett, communications specialist for Canton's Leisure Services, will write a monthly column discussing what the department has to offer.

Canton Leisure Services (CLS) and the Observer have partnered to bring you a monthly column dedicated to helping you get to know CLS, the numerous educational and recreation programs offered through CLS and its state-of-the-art facilities.

CLS is divided into three divisions: Recreation, Facilities, Golf and Parks. The recreation division provides leisure and fitness programming for all ages. If you've attended Liberty Fest, the Holiday Tree Lighting or any of our other great special events then you are already familiar with Leisure Services.

But did you know that Leisure Services is also responsible for year-round programming, including an after school program for middle school students, a variety of sporting events and tourna-

ments, preschool programs, swim lessons, nutrition services and programs for older adults?

The recreation and facilities division also operates the Summit on the Park community center, located in the heart of Canton's Heritage Park and the Canton Softball Center at Victory Park. Many recreational programs are held in the Summit.

The Summit also houses a 6,000-square-foot fitness center, Canton's Senior Center, a banquet center with multi-functional rooms and an aquatic center.

Canton Softball Center, a 12-diamond facility, is one of the premier softball complexes in Michigan, playing host to some of the largest national softball and baseball tournaments.

Leisure Services Golf Division administers Pheasant Run Golf Club, Fellows Creek Golf Course and other golf-related programs and clinics. Pheasant Run is a world-class 27-hole golf course.

One thing that makes Canton special is its array of local parks scattered throughout the community. The parks offer walking trails, soccer fields, playscapes and pavilions. Heritage Park is the largest, with 105 acres located in the heart of Canton's municipal complex. The park includes .84 miles of walking paths, four ponds, softball and soccer fields, pavilions and an amphitheater. Canton's parks professionals provide many hours of continuous park maintenance and are responsible for preparing the parks for events.

Our energetic staff and dedicated volunteers put forth a great deal of effort to make the Canton community a great place to live, work and play. In the coming months we'll share with you some of these efforts and the details of all the benefits of Canton Leisure Services. We hope you'll enjoy getting to know us.

To find out more about CLS call 394-5460 or visit leisure.canton-mi.org.

District taps into its surplus

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The good news is that Wayne-Westland Community Schools will finish the current fiscal year with an \$18.5 million surplus.

The bad news is that this could be the last year Wayne-Westland will have a double-digit surplus, if the state continues to freeze state school aid payments.

"The district has been thoroughly prudent in planning to be able to weather the storm at the state level," Gary Martin, assistant superintendent for business, said in presenting the final budget amendment for fiscal 2003-04.

In December, the district had forecast revenues of \$111.3 million and expenditures of \$116.4 million. However, revenue came higher than expected at \$113.2 million and expenditures increased to \$117.8 million.

As a result, the district spent more than it received, requiring a \$4.6 million transfer from its budget surplus. According to Martin, there were several reasons for the

\$1.9 million difference in the revenue forecast, mainly the less than expected state school aid proration.

The district had anticipated a \$200 per pupil cut in state school aid, but when all was said and done, the proration was just \$74 per pupil and some \$777,000 less than expected.

The district also benefitted from a better than anticipated student count — it had projected an enrollment of 14,084 students, but ended up with 14,103 — and an additional \$156,000 for its center programs.

On the minus side, it received \$137,000 less in federal Medicaid payments.

Martin attributed the \$1.4 million difference in the spending forecast to a combined savings of \$76,000 in salaries and benefits, \$80,000 less spent on supplies and purchased services and \$1.6 million more in other spending, primarily building and site.

The school district used more than \$6 million of its \$23.1 million surplus to balance this year's budget, leaving it with an \$18.5 million surplus.

Martin told the board that the \$18.5 million falls below the surplus usually targeted for a district the size of Wayne-Westland and that it is only enough to keep the district operating for less than two months.

Supt. Greg Baracy pointed out that the transfer of funds came even with "cost containment of several million dollars this year."

"And if the state doesn't come through with a reasonable package for next year (2004-05), we anticipate using around \$10 million," he said. "We can weather it this year, but if the state doesn't come through, we will be put in a borrowing mode and serious program cuts next year."

He also stressed that the situation "isn't something created in Wayne-Westland, this is something that has been shifted on us by the state."

"The future doesn't look good because of the state's problem, not because of something we did here," he added.

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MONDAY, MAY 24

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- Mature Driver Workshop for ages 55 and older at 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Advance Driving Academy. Fee.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

- Mature Driver Workshop for ages 55 and older at 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Advance Driving Academy. Fee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

- National Senior Health Day for ages 55 years and older 10 a.m.-noon at Heritage Park. Free.
- National Senior Health and Fitness Day for ages 55 and older at 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Summit on the Park. Free.
- Mature Driver Workshop for ages 55 years and older at 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Advance Driving Academy. Fee.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

- Latin Dance Party for ages 25-55 at 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park. Fee.

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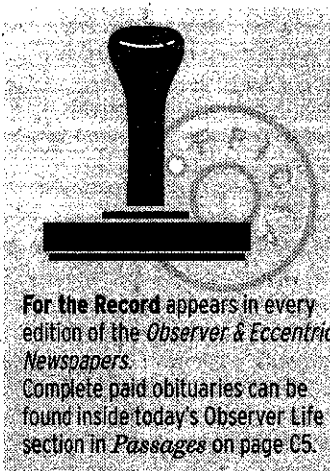
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- USSSA Baseball - Memorial Day Extravaganza at the Canton Softball Center. Fee.

For more information call the following: Summit on the Park at (734) 394-5460; Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600; Parks at (734) 397-6848; Banquet and Conference Center at (734) 394-5480; Pheasant Run Golf Club at (734) 397-6460; Senior Adult Program at (734) 394-5485; Recreation at (734) 394-5460.

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

- B**
Robert S. Bird, 82, of Birmingham, died May 18.
Esther M. Bloodworth, 94, of Chelsea, formerly of Plymouth, died May 16.
Phyllis I. Bannan, 74, of Southfield, died May 16.
- C**
Frank C. Cook, 80, of Rochester, formerly of Waterford, died May 14.
- D**
Nellie I. Day, 98, of Farmington Hills, died May 19.
- F**
Suzanne Muriel Foster, of Westland, died May 19.
Larry E. Fianigan, 67, of Auburn Hills, died May 14.
- G**
Helen Frances Gilbert, 93, of Plymouth, died May 19.



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Observer Life section in Passages on page C5.

- L**
Charlotte Marion Landis, 76, of Canton Township, died May 15.
Vera M. Lang, 94, of Canton Township, died May 17.
Mark A. Lawson, of Garden City, died May 18.
N. Donald Lee, 83, died May 5.
- M**
Dorothy S. Machacek, 67, of Farmington Hills, died May 19.
Herbert A. Martin, 94, of Alma, formerly of Redford, died May 18.
- R**
Antonia "Nettie" Rollo, 86, of Rochester Hills, died May 15.
- W**
Gloria M. Walsh, 76, of Lathrup Village, died May 13.
Helen D. Werder, 93, of Naples, Fla., died May 17.

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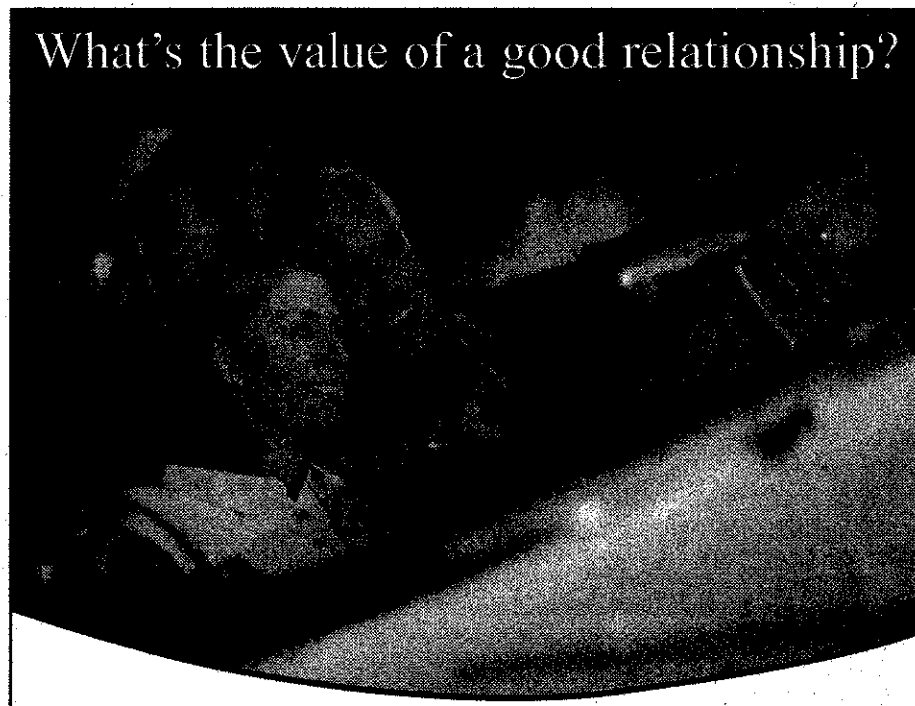
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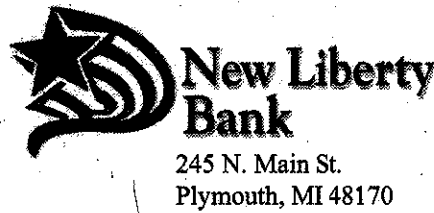
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Schofield views a 2nd term as in 'best interest' of community

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Cindy Schofield admits she gave a great deal of thought to running for a second four-year term on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education. She realized that as a new school board member, she had spent the first one to three years getting acclimated, getting to know the administrators and staff and getting to know legislators.

She came to the conclusion that it would be in the best interest of the community to seek a second term.

"I don't have to learn everything," said Schofield, a Westland resident. "With two children in the school district, I originally ran four years ago because I felt a parent's voice was important, and it still is. As a board member, I feel I understand how policy and

procedure affect parents and students."

That said, Schofield believes it is her experience and understanding, and her ability to work as a team player and speak her mind on a variety of issues, that would benefit her in a second term. She also said that as a result of having a husband who is a teacher, she understands the teacher's role in the district and can empathize with the struggles teachers go through in their classrooms.

"I'm able to accept that I am one of seven (board members) and no matter how strong I feel about an issue, I have to set aside my emotions and move on from that point," she said. "I have to live with the decisions, my children have to live with the decisions."

Schofield is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Rochester College, where she



Schofield

Elementary, served on the 1998 school district bond committee and has been a band, swim team and baseball booster, as well as a member of the district's school improvement team.

When asked about issues facing the district, Schofield pointed out that "it all comes down to funding." If money was not the issue, there would be so many programs that could be expanded and offered, such as class-size reduction, talented and gifted programs and more athletics, she said.

earned an associate of arts degree. Owner of Norplex Associates in Westland, she has been active in the PTA at Schweitzer

"But so much of it comes back to funding that you can't separate issues," she added. "It's really sad that we have to submit a budget in July and the state can cut the budget and affect programs that are already implemented, already in progress."

"It's a real handicap, and people have come to realize that any little amount of a cut impacts the district. Our costs go up and our money goes down."

Schofield is "no big fan of changing in mid-stream" how the state assesses students' progress. Dumping the MEAP for another test like the ACT is great for the student who is college-bound, but does nothing for the student who hasn't taken the classes.

"The district has spent a lot of money in an effort to align its curriculum with the state benchmarks which the MEAP

tests," she said. "It's faulty in some areas, but any standardized test has its fault. If there's a test to test for the same benchmarks, we'd have to take a look at it. But I think we can tweak what we've got."

"We've worked hard to align our curriculum with the state, and the teachers have devoted too many hours to throw it out and tell them they've got to start all over again."

Schofield said the district is "making a statement that Wayne-Westland is a great place to educate your children" through such things as its luncheon to introduce Realtors to the community, improved public relations in-house and its new logo.

"We always can improve and get more of the word out about what's happening in our schools," she said. "I think parents are sold on Wayne-Westland, but I think we have

to reach out to those who don't have children in the schools."

She also believes the district needs to stay focused on upgrading its buildings, textbooks and curriculum, and update and offer classes of interest to the students. The district also needs to strive for excellence in the classroom, she said.

"I've been involved in the school district for the past 15 years and I understand what the strengths and weaknesses are," she said. "I'm a parent in the district, I believe in this district. I enjoy doing this job and I enjoy seeing this district change and grow."

"I come as a parent, wife of a teacher and a small business owner. I have a vested interest in this district and I want these schools to succeed."

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McClain: His strength is synergy, ability to work for common goal

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Terrance McClain believes in synergy. He believes he can work with the strengths of the other members of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education to produce common goals.

It's one of several reasons he has decided to seek a full four-year term in the June 14 school election.

The Wayne resident was appointed to the school board last fall to serve the remaining months of former trustee Richard Eisiminger's term.

"One of the issues has been the lack of minority representation," said McClain. "And people felt there was a need for someone who would consider all of the children, but serve as a liaison with minority parents in the community. I believe I'm that person."

The pastor of Annapolis Park Church of Christ in Westland, McClain is married and has four children. He holds an associate's degree in the Bible from Michigan Christian College, now Rochester College, and bachelor of science degree in counseling/psychology, also from Rochester College.

He has served as a volunteer with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. He has also served on the Inkster Weed and Seed Committee, H.O.S.T. (Help One Student to Succeed) and conducted a boys group, both at Inkster High School. He also worked with the school psychologist at Wayne Memorial High School, conducting a boys' group, and was the assistant varsity basketball coach there.

Describing himself as "fairly intelligent" and as having "a genuine love for young people," he said he believes in teamwork, saying that a team "can do more for the betterment of the community."

"I think I can utilize my strengths without being threatening to others," he said.

One of the big issues facing the district is contract negotiations. He said the district needs to communicate to employees how valuable they are as people and as resources.

"We need the best and we need to pay what is equitable and what we are able (to pay) to keep the best staff," he said. "We need to communicate that to them. We also need to communicate to the minority community our desire to hire qual-



McClain

ified minority teachers and staff and provide the best educational opportunities for minority students." He added that the district

also needs to understand minority students' unique challenges. The other issue is finances and how to maintain the present level of quality programs "in the face of possible underfunding in the future."

"Which ones do we cut? Which ones to we keep? They're going to be difficult decisions," he added.

McClain doesn't think the MEAP tests should be replaced; rather, the state needs to be effective in reporting the results sooner so school districts can prepare their students.

"They give the school district a clear understanding of where the students are," he said. "If you go to the ACT or SAT, where is the money going to come from to pay for them. The district isn't able to cover those exorbitant costs. ACT and SAT are geared for college

prep and not all students have a desire or ability."

McClain says that even though Wayne-Westland has gotten better, there's always room for improvement. One item is making a conscious effort to hear and seriously weigh the concerns of all units that make up the school district - the parents, students, teachers, administrators and other workers.

He added that there needs to

be an assumption that everyone has a common goal and that is to provide a challenging, yet attainable goals for all children.

"We have to have an administrative culture that affects the thinking process of young people and, since there are cultural differences, we have to make a genuine attempt to understand those cultures and how they view education," he said. In seeking a full term on the

board, McClain said he loves all children regardless of race or culture.

"I honestly believe that children are our future," he added. "I have striven for academic excellence in my life and that of my children and grandchildren and I want the opportunity to encourage and motivate young people to reach their potential."

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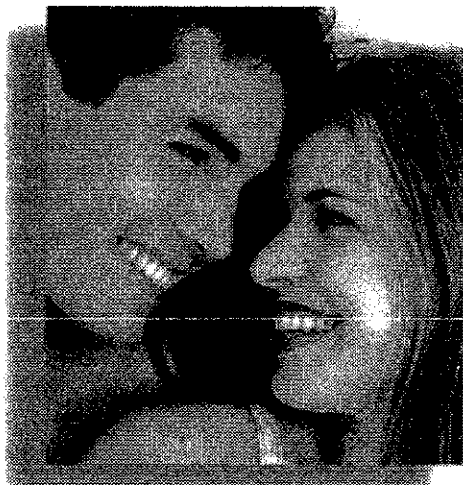
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Bonior has no regrets looking back at long political career

The cliff-hanger presidential election wasn't the only thing that changed the course of history four years ago. Had a few thousand votes for Congress been cast differently, David Bonior, who now sits in a pleasant small office amid labor history archives at Wayne State University, might be speaker of the House in January.

Democrats fought hard to recapture a majority in the House that year, but fell just six seats short of the 218 they needed, losing one in Michigan by a mere 88 votes. Had they made the magic number, Bonior, then minority whip, would have become majority leader.

And had his Democrats kept that majority, he would have been in line to become speaker when Dick Gephardt retires at the end of the year. Yet he says he has no regrets - and sounds like he means it.



Jack Lessenberry

"Nah. I was ready to go," he grins. Next month he turns 59. "You know, I always said I would leave at 50. I didn't, because I had a chance to rise in the leadership, but we could never take the House back, so ..."

So instead he ran for governor two years ago. He polled enough votes to win the nomination most years, and finished ahead of still-popular former Gov. James Blanchard. But a flood of enthusiastic female voters gave the nomination to Jennifer Granholm. It was the only election Bonior has ever lost.

Though he seemed devastated at the time, he says he wasn't really. "Well, I knew it was an awful long shot going in."

Republicans were not unhappy to see him leave Washington. Elected to Congress at 31 from a district centered in the Detroit area's largely blue-collar Macomb County, he evolved into the Democrats' pit bull. No one did more to raise ethical questions about former Speaker Newt Gingrich, who eventually fell from power.

He fought hard for labor (he and Toledo Rep. Marcy Kaptur were close allies). His grandfather was a Polish immigrant who worked at Dodge Main; his father was a union printer. "What we had, we had because of unions."

On foreign policy, he fought to keep the Reagan administration from supporting the contras in Nicaragua and right-wing forces in El Salvador.

"I think if I hadn't, we would have had troops in Nicaragua," he said.

Strongly affected by post-Vatican II ideas of liberation theology and social justice issues, he stoutly opposed both the 1991 Gulf War and the current war in Iraq. Today, he thinks we are on

course to diplomatic disaster.

Were it up to him, he said he would push for Iraq to be turned into something of a tripartite federation, with Kurdish, Sunni and Shiite spheres, "and get the United Nations involved and us out of it as soon as possible."

The administration isn't, to put it mildly, asking his advice. Neither, incidentally, is the only person ever to beat him, Jennifer Granholm.

"Well, I don't blame her, though; I think I said something to the effect that she needed to build her own team," he said. Asked how he thinks she is doing, he says, "not bad," and then quickly adds, "That's too harsh. Of course, I wish she would be a little more aggressive, but that's me, you know," he grins.

These days, Bonior spends half his time at Wayne, where he is a university professor of labor studies, with an office next to that of United Auto Workers legend Doug Fraser in the Walter Reuther library.

But he still has a home in the Washington suburbs, where he is chair of a new pro-union group, American Rights At Work.

"What people don't know is that thousands of workers are fired every year for trying to organize a union in their workplace. Just look at our Web site (www.americanrightsatwork.org) for some of their stories.

"We're down nationally to where only 13 percent of workers are organized - only 8 percent in the private sector. But I think that's going to start to come back up," said the man who was perhaps NAFTA's biggest opponent.

This fall, he plans to do whatever he can to help John Kerry. "I want him to win, even though he wasn't my first or second choice," he said, chuckling through his salt-and-pepper beard. He hopes the nominee selects his favorite, U.S. Sen. John Edwards, as his running mate.

There are still thousands of cars and pickup trucks statewide with fading green-and-white Bonior stickers. Could he be lured out of retirement for some future campaign? Some old warhorses can never resist the call to the post. But David Bonior seems to accept that he's been there, done that. This summer, he could have been a national convention delegate, but quietly demurred.

"I view my life now as sort of a mentoring and giving back kind of thing," he says. "You know, I worked for it, but I was very fortunate to be given the opportunity to do many things, from a football scholarship to Congress." Perhaps the story is not that he fell just short of real power, but that he emerged sane and decent in the end.

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Hugh Gallagher

As Dr. Seuss points out in his affirming poem it won't always be one triumph after another: "I'm sorry to say so/but, sadly it's true/and Hang-ups/can happen to you."

But with a little luck, a heap of gumption and a good foundation, Oh! what places you'll go.

This year the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are taking a close look at education - the financing, the testing, the political agendas. All those things are important, of course, but we also want to let our readers experience what goes on in the classroom.

This week we sent our reporters and photographers into elementary and high school classrooms for a snapshot, a brief moment in the busy life of our local schools.

The focus was on a big concept - the curriculum. But the story was how creative teachers and inquisitive children come together. That friction is education. That education is what opens all those possibilities that Dr. Seuss so eloquently lays out for his young readers.

Many of us remember elementary school as a regimented place, row on row of students listening while the teacher droned on. If we were lucky we had a window seat and could stare outside until the teacher caught us day-dreaming and brought us back into the drone.

Not always. Some teachers broke the mold. They circled the desks, they embraced popular culture as a learning tool, they used art and music to enliven English and math. Those teachers, the ones we remember as our favorites, the ones who encouraged us to dream of the places we'd go, were pioneers in a new way of teaching, involving and encouraging students. They were the vanguard who

realized that they were competing with television, pop music, sports and the sunshine outside.

Today's teachers are taking their lead and creating schools where children seem eager to participate.

At Farmington's Flanders Elementary, the 200th anniversary of Lewis and Clark's exploration became an adventure for all the students. Reading, writing and arithmetic (not to mention history, science and play-acting) all became more vivid in the recreation of this pivotal moment in American history. As student Mercedes Rodriguez, 9½, puts it so well, "When you get to play with objects and you can hold them, you know what to do with them. If you have fun, you learn more."

From the youngest to the oldest, school has become a more happening place.

The kindergartners at Jane Addams Elementary in Redford are already learning math and reading but are also learning to socialize and find their way. Teacher Robyn Pegg gives good advice for parents, "Talking to your child, listening to your child is so important. They need to talk."

In Linda Hagopian's combined fourth-fifth grade at Memorial Elementary in Garden City, students begin to learn the rudiments of democracy by creating their own, The United Smart Kids. Their motto is "Making the world smarter one kid at a time." In Plymouth, fifth graders at Allen Elementary have created their own Funky Monkey mini-society and learn about economics by spending Monkey Moolah.

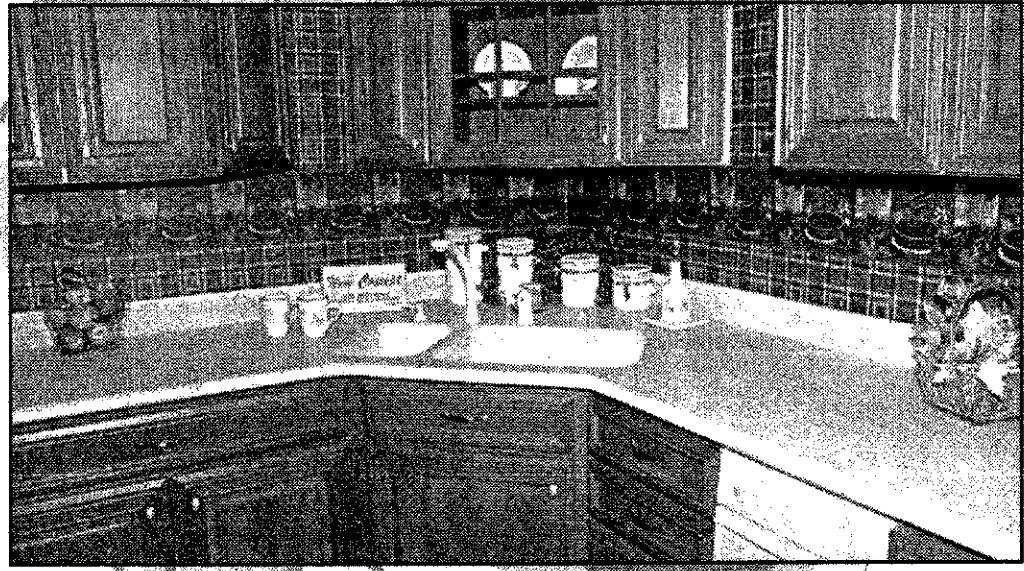
Allen Principal Marcia Moore gives a good summary of what's going on in the schools, "It's interactive and cooperative, to a large extent. It's hands-on. Many children do not learn by the lecture method. We need to make learning accessible in a variety of ways."

At our high schools, educators are opening new doors with a staggering variety of electives to supplement an increasingly more rigorous program of core courses. Students in some communities can learn how to operate a television station, be a sports agent, design couture fashions, be an entrepreneur, study foreign policy and figure out what's going on in Iraq.

Oh, the places they're going because of the dedicated, hard-working and imaginative teachers who are making school the first of many adventures to come.

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Madonna Auction gala raises \$200,000 for scholarships

Madonna University's "Down Under" Dinner and Wine Tasting Auction Gala held at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia on Friday, April 23, was a success with more than 300 in attendance supporting student scholarships. This year's auction general chairs were Michael Obloy, chairman, Madonna University board of trustees, and his wife, Jo.



John Landis, Livonia resident and member of Madonna's board of trustees, with his wife, Jan, daughter Kelly, and Beau Dietz of Redford.

Festivities got under way with a silent auction that featured a variety of wines, glassware/crystal and fine jewelry. Guests had the opportunity to sample 86 different Australian wines that were personally selected by John Jonna, Merchants Fine

Wines. Jonna also conducted the first-ever live wine auction, featuring rare wines, cognac and port, which sold from \$100 to \$400 per bottle.

The "Around the World ... and Beyond" Scholarship Dinner Auction XVI raised \$200,000 with proceeds going toward scholarships

and educational projects.

Auctioneer Ed King of Clare, Michigan, engaged guests with his personable style and enthusiastic presentation of the live auction items. Among the highest bidding items was a one-week stay for four at L'Abbaye in France which topped at \$6,400. Other exciting offerings included Ryder Cup tickets for four, tickets on the 50-year line at a Detroit Lions game for four with brunch at the Detroit Athletic Club, and an historic flight experience on a B-17G Yankee Lady Bomber from the Yankee Air Force Museum. Donations to sponsor the Madonna University chorale on their June tour of Paris, France,

raised \$3,600, with the highest bidder receiving a beautiful handcrafted quilt.

The lucky winner of the 2004 Chevrolet Corvette, courtesy of Madonna University and Tennyson Chevrolet, Livonia, was Henry Bawol of Allen Park. Bawol has purchased a car raffle ticket for several consecutive years and has supported a number of educational projects at Madonna University. Canton resident Eric Marcotte, a graduate of Madonna's criminal justice program in 2000 and former baseball player, was this year's winner of the "Your Choice" Raffle prize, in which he selected a \$1,000 cash prize.

A gift of sponsorship for a Presidential Yacht Cruise on the 100 ft. Infinity yacht to raise money for the scholarship endowment was made by Madonna University trustee Tarik Daoud and his wife, Helen.

"The generosity shown here tonight encourages renewed motivation to accomplish our mission of providing education for truth, goodness and service to a diverse student body," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna University president. "Our enrollment of over 4,500 students is the highest ever, and this support impacts our ability to continue our focus on student-centered, value-driven education."

Granholtz, FEMA officials differ about decision on ash borer disaster relief

There seems to be some confusion surrounding Gov. Jennifer Granholm's April 30 request that President George W. Bush declare a major disaster for the state to deal with the 6 million dead and dying ash trees in Southeast Michigan.

Granholtz made her request in a letter sent April 30. She was hoping the dead and dying trees posed enough of a hazard to the public for the state to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds, which are normally disbursed for natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes and tornados.

A FEMA damage assessment team visited the state on May 10, and was supposed to spend three days evaluating the damage caused by the exotic pest that was first detected in the area three years ago. Instead, FEMA representative William Powers informed state officials the problem did not meet the criteria for FEMA funding and the team left after just one hour, according to Granholm.

A couple days later, Granholm, who called the decision "premature," sent another letter to Tom Ridge, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, asking him to take another look at the request. "Michigan believes that the severe EAB infestation and the resulting damage is a disaster because if this situation is not addressed now, the threat of dead and dying trees collapsing as well as the spread of this disease jeopardizes not just the health, welfare, and economy of Michigan, but that of the entire country," Granholm wrote.

However, FEMA officials are saying no decision has been made, and the governor's original request is still being processed.

"They have not been denied. The request is in what we call the process. We want to make sure we give it a full evaluation before making a decision," said Linda Sacia, a spokesperson for FEMA's Region V office in Chicago.

To date, the federal government has doled out nearly \$29 million to fight the emerald ash borer in Michigan. Granholm estimates the full cost of dealing with the problem will exceed \$163 million, however.

If the state receives FEMA funding, communities in the six southeast Michigan counties most impacted by the emerald ash borer would be eligible for grants to cut down and remove dead ash trees from right-of-ways and other areas where they pose a public hazard. The funding would not be available for private property owners.

Pat Lockwood, policy director for the state's emerald ash borer project, said she was at the meeting when Powers said the state did not meet the criteria set by the Stafford Act, which clarifies when states are eligible for FEMA funding.

"An hour into our meeting, they informed us we didn't meet the criteria and they left. But I'm encouraged they (FEMA officials) are now saying the request is still being processed, because this is a major problem, not only for our state, but to the rest of the country," she said.

State launches seat belt enforcement program

Thirty-nine Wayne County law enforcement agencies will join with the rest of the state to launch the summer travel season with one goal in mind: Increase safety belt use in Michigan to 90 percent.

During the two-week period beginning May 24, more than 500 law enforcement agencies around Michigan will again make safety belt enforcement a priority, making this Michigan's largest mobilization ever. Wayne is also one of 48 counties that will be conducting safety belt enforcement zones, together reaching more than 90 percent of the state's population.

"We are absolutely committed to meeting the state's 90 percent goal for safety belt use," said Michael Prince, division director of

the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. "Increased belt use directly translates to fewer traffic deaths and injuries."

Enforcement zones are set up with special, portable "safety belt enforcement zone" signs, which alert motorists that they are entering an enforcement area. An officer who serves as a spotter radios information about unbelted motorists to nearby patrol cars, which pull over unbelted motorists. Similar programs have been conducted in the past to detect speeding motorists and construction zone violators.

Safety belt use is critical to the health and safety of all Michigan citizens, but young people are especially at risk. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for

Americans ages 2 through 33, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Safety belt use increases the chance of surviving a crash by almost 50 percent, and is estimated to save almost 11,000 lives nationally each year in 2003, 1,283 people died in traffic crashes in the state of Michigan. Nearly 40 percent of vehicle occupants weren't wearing safety belts.

Incremental gains in safety belt use have been hard won in Michigan since 2000, when the state adopted a primary safety belt law. The law promoted an immediate jump in belt use from 70 percent to 83.5 percent, but use fluctuated and leveled off at 80 percent levels prior to May 2003, when enforce-

ment zones were piloted. Michigan's goal is 90 percent safety belt use by the end of 2004.

During the May 2003 safety belt mobilization, Michigan law enforcement officers issued 21,482 safety belt citations. Of the citations issued, 20,896 were for unbuckled adults, 364 for passengers between the ages of 4 and 15, and 222 for children under the age of 4. Last year's Memorial Day weekend was one of the safest in Michigan. Ten holiday traffic fatalities were reported for the three-day period, which usually averages 18 traffic deaths.

Enforcement zones were developed as part of a multi-level response to reach unbuckled motorists, many of whom are young men.

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Play was often intense inside the box during Friday's match, evident in this collision between Salem's Ashley Stoychoff (14) and Canton keeper Brittany Cervi.

Salem stuns Canton, 2-1

There was a lot at stake Friday when Salem's and Canton's soccer teams tangled — more than either actually realized.

And it didn't matter. Because these teams had enough incentive without summoning any additional emotional baggage.

They were playing for pride. And that was enough. True team leaders tend to emerge during such times. Count Jordan Falcusan among them. The Salem senior came through, charging forward following corner kicks to score twice as the Rocks upset No. 1-ranked Canton 2-1.

Salem improved to 9-4-1 overall. Canton slipped to 13-1-3.

More importantly was the final record in the Western Lakes Activities Association — Canton's, to be specific. The Chiefs believed they had already clinched the Western Division title, thanks to their 2-1 win over Livonia Stevenson last Monday. Since both Northville and Canton had the same division records, the tiebreaker was thought to be how each fared against Lakes Division opponents, starting at the top with Stevenson (a team Canton beat and Northville tied).

However, the first tiebreaker was overall record in the WLAA. Northville finished 7-0-2 (16 points); with Friday's loss, Canton was 7-1-1 (15 points).

Which means the Mustangs meet Stevenson for the WLAA title at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Stevenson. The two second-place teams meet at 7 p.m. Monday — that would be Canton against Salem, again.

Asked how important it was scoring these two goals, Falcusan replied, "This meant a lot more because they're such a rival."

And she made her chances count. Falcusan, who together with Marissa Sarkesian give the Rocks perhaps the most talented twosome in the state, came forward from her marking back position to score both goals.

"I'm a very aggressive player in the air," she said. "I just go for it, and I was lucky. I got 'em in."

Salem coach Joe Nora had been tinkering with his lineup the last couple of weeks, finally settling on a defensive foursome of Falcusan, Kathryn Wheatley, Megan McCarthy and Jennifer Murray in front of keeper Kristen O'Beirne.

"We had a couple of tough losses a week ago," said Nora. "So we tried some new things. It took us some time to work things out, but we learned a lot. We saw it all come together today."

It was a change for Falcusan, who had been in the midfield, to go to defense, but it worked well.

"She was playing marking back and got both goals," said Nora. "She has the freedom to move up and roam around if she wants to."

"She chose a good time to do it."

"It's a bad day in mudville," said Canton coach Don Smith as he slogged along the rain-soaked sidelines. "They outthusted us. We didn't possess the ball very well."

After a moment of reflection, Smith added, "This will probably be good for us. We'll see how we come back on Monday."

"We'll see if we're as good as we think we are." There's a good chance the two teams will meet for a third time in the state district tournament next week.

Sidelines

Early Bird winners

The Plymouth-Canton Pride Stars 12-and-under girls fast-pitch softball team earned top honors' last weekend at the NSA Early Bird Tournament in Pottsville. The Pride Stars were unbeaten in their three pool-play games last Saturday, surmounting just two runs.

In Sunday's bracket play, the Pride Stars beat the Mattawan Firecats and the Michigan Outlaws, which gave them a berth in the tournament finals opposite the Oakland Sidewinders. They won that game too, blanking the Sidewinders 8-0.

Team members are Mary Johnson, Miranda Rysdorp, Emily Pitcole, Amanda Burnard, Leah Reinhold, CarolAnn Sexauer, Erin Rodes, Amy Dunleavy, Alyssa Gietl, Alyssa Taylor, Jessica Feldscher, Jillian Brennan and are coached by Dan Bressler, Denny Taylor and Mike Burnard.

Crusaders lauded

Madonna University's softball team collected a multitude of honors after its trip to the NAIA Regional hosted by Bethel (Ind.) College last week, including coach of the year honors for Al White.

White guided the Crusaders to a 38-17-2 overall record and its first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship with a 17-7 mark. Their conference title earned them a No. 1 seeding at the regional tournament.

Also honored with selection to the all-region team were catcher Arin Fowler and shortstop Emily Cunningham.

Cunningham led Madonna in hitting with a .374 batting average, hits with 74 and runs scored with 41. Her 12 doubles tied for the team lead; she also had two triples and a home run, with 33 runs batted in, second best on the squad. She had nine errors in 57 games, a .963 fielding percentage.

Fowler hit .278 with four doubles, two triples, 30 RBI and 35 runs scored. She was 6-for-6 in stolen bases and committed just five errors in 56 games, a .981 fielding percentage.

Also honored by selection to the NAIA regional all-tournament team were left fielder Mary Warchuck, first baseman Krystal Shina, Fowler and pitcher Kelly Nilson.

MU signs 3 spikers

Madonna University head volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced Monday that the Crusaders have signed three first-team All-Observer selections to play for the 2004 season.

Jacqui Gatt and Jenna Kirby, both of Livonia Churchill, along with Amy Szymanski of Livonia Ladywood, have committed to Crusaders.

MU finished 44-4 last season and earned a trip to the NAIA National Tourney in San Diego, Calif.

Offense leads Salem to win over Franklin

Salem feasted on Livonia Franklin pitching Wednesday, scoring in every inning in rolling to an 11-9 win in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover baseball game at Salem.

Steve Cox led the Rocks' 13-hit with three hits, including a three-run home run, his sixth of the season. Andy Thackaberry added a two-run homer (his fourth), while Dylan Tobin, Cliff Thomas and Drew Parling got two hits apiece.

Nic England improved to 5-1-1 on the season with the pitching win, but he needed relief help from Dom D'Aguzzo, who earned his fifth save of the season.

PCA 10, B.H. Roeper 0: Matt Saagman handcuffed Bloomfield Hills Roeper on two hits Thursday as Plymouth Christian Academy earned a five-inning mercy win.

Saagman, a freshman, walked four and struck out nine. He also clubbed a pair of triples at the plate.

The Eagles scored in every inning. Aaron Ciborowski had a home run, Dave Bahbah got a pair of hits with two runs batted in, and Jordan Johnston contributed a double.

Divine Child 10, CC 3: Redford Catholic Central's hopes of returning to Comerica Park for the

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Rocks earn 1st-ever state tournament trip

There's a first time for everything, and the Salem girls golf team did something Thursday it had never done before.

The Rocks qualified for the state tournament.

They accomplished that by finishing second at the 15-team Division I state regional at Mystic Creek in Milford. The first-place team was Ann Arbor Pioneer with a 348 total. Salem scored 358, with Ann Arbor Huron third at 371. Canton placed 10th at 419 (see results).

The top three teams at the regional advance to the state tournament June 4-5 at Forest Akers West in East Lansing.

It took more than just four solid scores to take Salem to the state tournament. Two of the Rocks, Ashley Smith and Jamie Siedlaczek, tied with South Lyon's Adrienne Downing for regional medalist honors, each of them shooting an 83. In the playoff to decide the medalist, Smith

parred the first playoff hole while Smith and Siedlaczek bogeyed, making Smith the tournament medalist.

"It was a very good day for us," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "We're very pleased."

"Obviously Ashley and Jamie were happy to have the best scores in the tournament. They were even happier the whole team is going."

Salem's other scorers were Amy Mitchell at 95 and Kristen Schwan at 97. Danielle Powers shot a 109. What pleased the Rocks further was their performance after finishing a distant second to Northville at last Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament — and doing it at a much tougher course.

"This (Mystic Creek) was a much more difficult course than Pheasant Run," said Wilson. "You have to manage your game better, so I think the 83s were very decent

scores.

"For Jamie, it was her season best."

With a young team — Powers and Mitchell are the only seniors; Schwan and Smith are sophomores, Siedlaczek is a junior — that has never experienced any success in state play, Wilson tried to keep them from pushing themselves too hard.

"I told them you don't have to be spectacular," he said. "Just shoot your average and do what you can do."

"And they did. Under the conditions (rain off and on), they did very well."

Canton could not match Salem's scoring. The Chiefs were led by Beth Treadwell with a 97, followed by Katie Hoeksema at 102, and Natalie Slupek and Heather Hughesian at 110.

How well the Rocks will do at state is difficult to predict. But it seems certain that while they're happy to be going, just getting there won't be good enough.

Wisniewski is CHL's best defenseman

What more can James Wisniewski possibly do?

The Canton native has starred for the Plymouth Whalers in Ontario Hockey League play for four seasons, but none of them can match the last one as far as individual superlatives are concerned.

Last week, Wisniewski was in Toronto to receive an award he never thought he had much chance of winning: the Canadian Hockey League's Defenseman of the Year.

"I'm happy with myself," Wisniewski admitted. "You look at the names that are on this and it's just awesome."

Certainly he's deserving. Although he

played just 50 regular-season games for the Whalers, missing several to compete for the gold medal-winning Team USA in the World Junior Tournament, he scored 70 points on 17 goals and 53 assists.

Wisniewski quarterbacked Plymouth's power play, which was a key in the Whalers advancing to the OHL Western Conference semifinals, losing to eventual OHL champ Guelph. He also had a plus-31 rating during the regular season.

He had set his individual priorities before the season, and he realized all of them.



James Wisniewski scored once again, putting the finishing touches on his Whaler career by being named the top defenseman in the CHL.

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CC's Nick Carroll was the winner at No. 4 singles, beating Novi's Kyle Goodman 6-2, 6-1 in the final to help the Shamrocks earn the regional title.

Shamrocks net another regional title

First-year coach Joe Stafford continues to like what he sees this season in his Redford Catholic Central boys tennis team.

The Shamrocks, Catholic League champions and ranked No. 4 in Division I with a 9-2-1 dual-meet record, added the Livonia Stevenson regional trophy to their case Friday by winning seven of eight flights en route to a team-high 31 points.

Northville, the Western Lakes champion, and Novi, second in the Kensington Valley Conference to Brighton, are also headed to the Division I state finals, June 4-5, at the Midland Community Tennis Center after scoring 21 and 20 points, respectively. Host Stevenson was fourth with 10 and Livonia Churchill took fifth with nine. *See complete statistical summary.*

Stafford, who also coaches the Birmingham Marian girls squad, has been pleasantly surprised with his team.

"It's been a real joy for me," he said. "Not only does CC get great athletes, but also great kids. We've focused on good character, on and off the court because talent only gets you so far. We want to represent our

school and the Catholic League the best we can."

Because of heavy thunderstorms in the area mid-Friday afternoon, the tournament venue had to go indoors for majority of the semifinals to the Farmington Racquet Club.

CC swept all four singles led by No. 1 player Britton Steele, a junior, who raised his record to 16-5 by defeating Novi's Suraj Ramachandran in the finals, 6-0, 6-0, after beating Northville's Jason Spruit in the semifinals, 6-3, 6-4.

Ramachandran, meanwhile, reached the final by getting past WLAA champion Ryan Kingsbury of Livonia Franklin in two close sets, 7-5, 6-4.

But Steele, built like a CC linebacker, was the class of the No. 1 flight.

"He's powerful," Stafford said of his No. 1. "The guy is fast around the court and has a huge forehand. And he has good hands at the net. If you give him a short ball, you're in trouble."

At No. 2 singles, CC senior Andrew Lulek (14-9) zipped past Novi's Prasana Venugopal in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

CC's Kevin Bender, a junior, took the No. 3 singles flight with a 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 win over

Northville's Brian Bensette to improve his mark to 19-4. Bender reached the final with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Churchill's Mike Ligieski.

At No. 4 singles, CC freshman Nick Carroll (20-3) downed Novi's Kyle Goodman in the finals, 6-2, 6-1, after disposing of Stevenson's Marwan Chammut in the semifinals, 6-1, 6-2.

The Shamrocks won three of four doubles titles, but No. 1 as the WLAA champions, Matt Lewicki and Jackson Knoll of Northville upended CC's duo of Ali Daneshvar and Gabe Diaz, 6-2, 6-3.

CC's top doubles tandem this year, the No. 2 pair of senior Jason Beydoun and junior Chris Snyder, ran their record to 19-2 with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Northville's Jason Reisman and Colin Ackerman. Beydoun and Snyder ousted Churchill's Casey Green and Pete Schrader in the semifinals, 6-0, 6-1.

At No. 3 doubles, senior Kevin Gardner and freshman Chris Atallah of CC ran their season record to 17-3 with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Richie Fettes and Jeff Korby of Novi. Gardner and Atallah down Stevenson's Jonathan Tyrpak

and Matt Nikkila in the semifinals, 6-0, 6-2.

Catholic Central's No. 4 team of senior Manuel Bartolo and junior Victor Ansara beat Ryan Heffernan and Justin Namm of Novi in the finals, 6-2, 7-5, after ousting Stevenson's Brandon Bahr and Chris McEachy in the semifinals, 6-2, 6-4. Bartolo and Ansara are now 20-3 overall.

The Shamrocks now have two weeks off before and will focus their attention on the three teams ranked ahead of them in Division I — Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron and Birmingham Brother Rice (who the Shamrocks beat in the Catholic League tourney).

"Conditioning is going to be a key," Stafford said. "It's going to be hot and you're going to have to play two or three matches in a day. We have to be in top physical shape."

"We'll also use the time to practice and cultivate our strengths and weaknesses."

REGIONAL TENNIS RESULTS

**DIVISION I
BOYS TENNIS REGIONAL
May 21 at Livonia Stevenson
(Farmington Racquet Club)**

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state):
1. Redford Catholic Central, 31 points; 2. Northville, 21; 3. Novi, 20; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 10; 5. Livonia Churchill, 9; 6. Dearborn Fordson, 8; 7. Wayne Memorial, 6; 8. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Southfield, 5 each; 10. (tie) Detroit Cody and Detroit Henry Ford, 1 each; 12. Detroit Redford, 0.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Britton Steele (CC) defeated Suraj Ramachandran (Novi), 6-0, 6-0; **semifinals:** Steele def. Jason Spruit (N'ville), 6-3, 6-4; Ramachandran def. Ryan Kingsbury (Franklin), 7-5, 6-4.
No. 2: Andrew Lulek (CC) def. Prasana Venugopal (Novi), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Lulek def. Jon Lee (N'ville), 6-1, 6-1; Venugopal def. Mohammed Kafal (Fordson), 2-6, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 3: Kevin Bender (CC) def. Brian Bensette (N'ville), 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Bender def. Mike Ligieski (Churchill), 6-0, 6-0; Bensette def. Roshan Ramachandran (Novi), 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.
No. 4: Nick Carroll (CC) def. Kyle Goodman (Novi), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** Carroll def. Marwan Chammut (Stevenson), 6-1, 6-2; Goodman def. Chris Irvine (N'ville), 6-0, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Matt Lewicki-Jackson Knoll (N'ville) def. Ali Daneshvar-Gabe Diaz (CC), 6-2, 6-3; **semifinals:** Lewicki-Knoll def. Ali Amen-Mo Hamdar (Fordson), 6-2, 6-1; Daneshvar-Diaz def. Dave Doster-James Peurach (Novi), 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.
No. 2: Ryan Snyder-Jason Beydoun (CC) def. Jason Reisman-Colin Ackerman (N'ville), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Snyder-Beydoun def. Casey Green-Pete Schrader (Churchill), 6-0, 6-1; Reisman-Ackerman def. Kevin Lal-Eric McQueen (Novi), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
No. 3: Kevin Gardner-Chris Atallah (CC) def. Richie Fettes-Jeff Korby (Novi), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** Gardner-Atallah def. Jonathan Tyrpak-Matt Nikkila (Stevenson), 6-0, 6-2; Fettes-Korby def. Lance Dehne-Nate Mehill (N'ville), 6-4, 7-6.
No. 4: Manuel Bartolo-Victor Ansara (CC) def. Ryan Heffernan-Justin Namm (Novi), 6-2, 7-5; **semifinals:** Bartolo-Ansara def. Brandon Bahr-Chris McEachy (Stevenson), 6-2, 6-4; Heffernan-Namm def. V. Shekar-Ashtyn Saltz (N'ville), 6-0, 6-3.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 13 points; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 9; 3. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 6; Warren DeLaSalle, 4.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Britton Steele (CC) defeated Patrick Mullin (DLS), 6-2, 6-1.
No. 2: Patrick Troy (Rice) def. Murriss Parker (U-D), 6-1, 6-0.
No. 3: Kevin Bender (CC) def. Brad Thomasma (Rice), 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4: Billy Gardner (Rice) def. Nick Carroll (CC), 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: All Daneshvar-Gabe Diaz (CC) def. Greg Hyland-Dave VanEgmond (U-D), 6-3, 6-0.
No. 2: Jason Beydoun-Ryan Snyder (CC) def. Jason Zatkoff-Noel Castro (Rice), 6-4, 6-3.
No. 3: Kevin Gardner-Chris Atallah (CC) def. Hunter Dzierbicki-Peter Nicolay (Rice), 6-1, 6-1.
No. 4: Alex Wond-Mark Gross (Rice) def. Jack Goodell-Brian Mullin (DLS).

DUAL MEET RESULTS

FARMINGTON 5

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3

May 19 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Felix Popescu (F) defeated Trevor Kogut, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Alex Perez (F) def. Glenn Wozniak, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; **No. 3:** Mike Ligieski (LC) def. Kunal Patel, 7-6 (8-6), 1-6, 6-0; **No. 4:** Jeff Turk (F) def. Phil Sulejmani, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Jack Linkous-Max Temkin (F) def. Evan Be-Mike Layne, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 2:** Mike Schuyler-Manu Bhagwat (F) def. Casey Green-Pete Schrader, 6-3, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3; **No. 3:** Austin Be-Mike Han (LC) def. Andrew Sump-Hasty Yande, 6-3, 7-6; **No. 4:** Rich Simkow-Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Ryan Pakula-Michael Boone, 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-4).
Churchill's overall dual meet record: 10-4.

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 5

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 3

May 18 at Harrison

No. 1 singles: Greg Gaylor (FHH) defeated Mike Galunas, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Vlad Lebedintsev (FHH) def. Ajay Tailor, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Justin Hernandez (WJG) def. Ben Bojicic, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Jun Kodama (FHH) won by forfeit.
No. 1 doubles: Josiah Swartz-James Fisher (WJG) def. Zachary Jones-Derek Laczkowski, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 2:** Pritish Iyer-Tony Nguyen (FHH) def. Scott Fletcher-Jake Delpiano, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Andrew Suchan-Brandon Nikula (WJG) def. Brian Blankenship-Joe Buczek, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 4:** Stuart Rose-Philip McKelvey (FHH) def. Kory Frost-Justin Darosh, 6-2, 6-3.
Glenn's dual meet record: 1-14 overall.

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BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT
May 15 at Bloomfield Hills
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BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

Catholic League finals were crushed in a couple of ways in Wednesday's semifinals as the Shamrocks were bounced by Dearborn Divine Child. "They were a strong club and we would have had to play a much better game to have a chance," CC coach John Salter said. "Their pitcher threw well, had excellent control and mixed up his fastball and breaking ball. They walked one guy, so that made it tough." Chris Rusin shut down the Shamrocks (17-9) on a five-hitter. He allowed three earned runs with eight strikeouts. Mike Monterey took the loss for CC, throwing into the sec-

ond inning but not getting a batter out. He gave up seven of the eight runs (six earned) in the first two innings with two walks and a strikeout. Four other CC pitchers were on the hook for the last two runs. Ryan Shay led the Falcons — who play Birmingham Brother Rice in the finals Thursday — by going 3-for-4 with a triple and three runs scored, while Scott Cain went 3-for-4 with a bases-loaded triple in the second inning to break the game open. Rusin helped his own cause by going 2-for-3 with a double. Joe Dudzinski had CC's best hit with a two-run double in the fifth inning. Mike McDonald had an RBI triple and Ryan Gallagher and Greg Marrone singled.

WISNIEWSKI

FROM PAGE B1

"I accomplished all the goals I set for myself," Wisniewski said. "I wanted to score 70 points, I wanted to win the World Juniors gold medal, and I wanted to be Defenseman of the Year in the OHL. "But getting the CHL's Defenseman of the Year Award, I wasn't expecting that. It's just a great honor." It's not something that's usually given to an American-born player, but Wisniewski's play was too good to ignore. Now he's hoping to make it with the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks, the team that selected him in the fifth round in 2002. Barring an NHL lockout this fall, he could get his chance.

It's not something that's usually given to an American-born player, but James Wisniewski's play was too good to ignore.

"They're a rebuilding team," he noted. And his play continues to improve. One reason he earned his award was his "skating. My quickness helped me out this year." His quickness improved after he lost some weight he previously added, thinking he need-

ed to bulk up for the NHL. Wisniewski measured 5-foot-11, 200 pounds last season. He knows he's got a lot more work to do. "I just want to try and get better and better every year," Wisniewski said. "I want to touch up everything and get in the best shape I can." Of course, there's the possibility of an NHL lockout to consider. But even if there is one, Wisniewski said he will no doubt play in the American Hockey League for one of the

Blackhawks' minor league affiliates. One thing he will have to get accustomed to: He won't have the support he always enjoyed with the Whalers. Playing in his hometown, Wisniewski had dozens of followers at every home game. Still, Red Wings' fanatics, don't be offended if you run across an occasional Blackhawks-jerseyed fan. There's a good reason for it.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of Mobile Radios (Motorola GTX 900 MHz or comparable) for PCCS Bus Fleet. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions should be directed to Dave Rucker of the PCCS Transportation Department at (734) 414-8177. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154, on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2nd, 2004. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in best interest of the school.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the District-Wide Integrated Pest Management (IPM) System. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E. J. McClendon Educational Building located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please phone Tom Seales of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2970. Sealed bids are due on or before 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2004. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for District-Wide HVAC Services. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "Pre-Bid Meeting", scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 26th, 2004 at the Plymouth-Canton Schools Maintenance Department located at 987 South Mill Street, Plymouth, Michigan. For further information, please phone either Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746 or Laura Hagan, Facilities Construction Manager at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2004. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 21, 2004 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT - TEXT AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

OBJECTIVE 1.4 - Community Facility Uses Add policies referencing the Leisure Services Master Plan for Development of recreational facilities and coordination with the Leisure Services Department relative to development and redevelopment activity.

OBJECTIVE 3.4 Development Objectives for the Southwest Quadrant Add development objectives for the southwest area of the community relative to public park land and open space, common thematic elements, gateway features, housing elements and cooperative planning among individual entities.

Full text of the amendments are on file and available for review in the Planning Services Division, Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to June 17, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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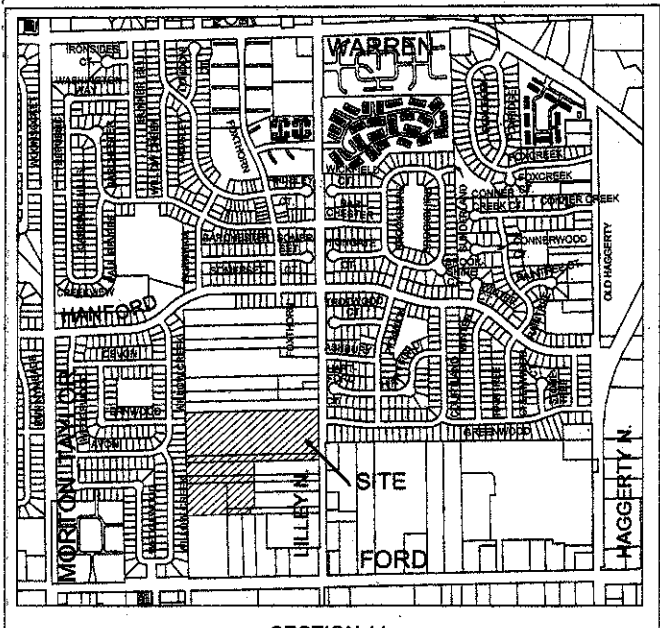
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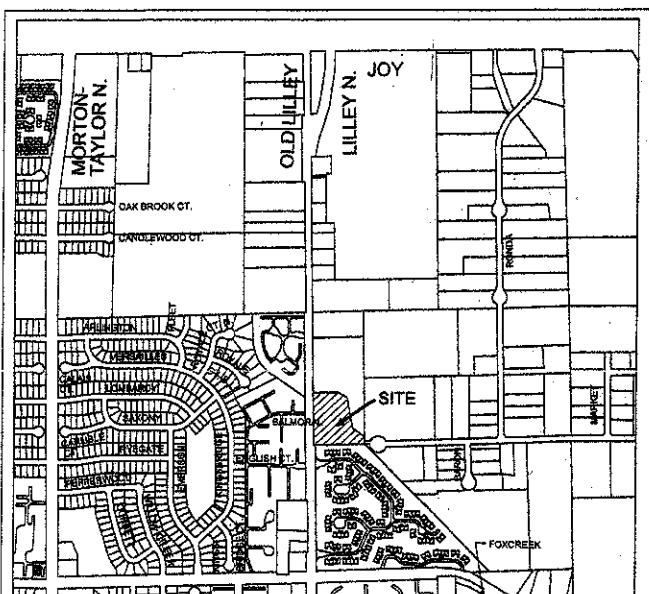
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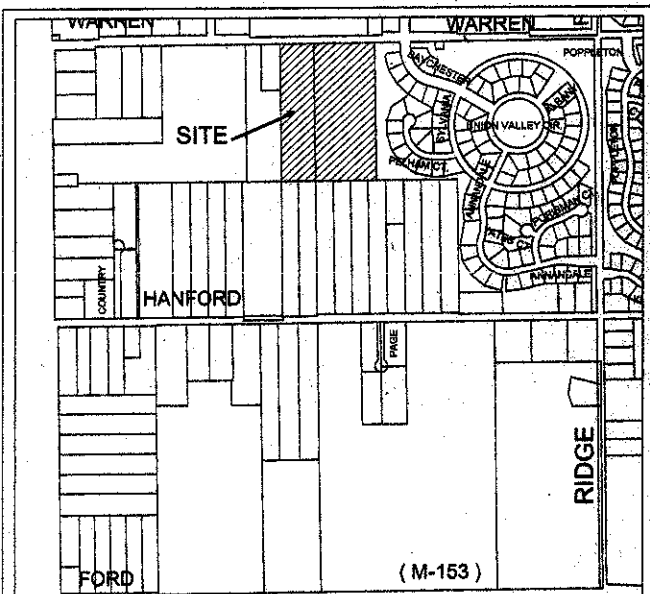
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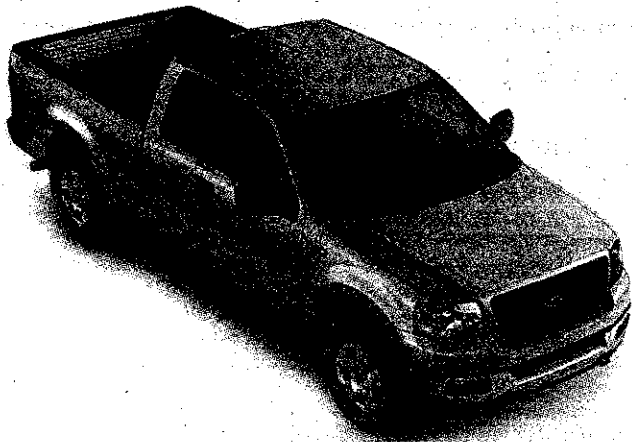
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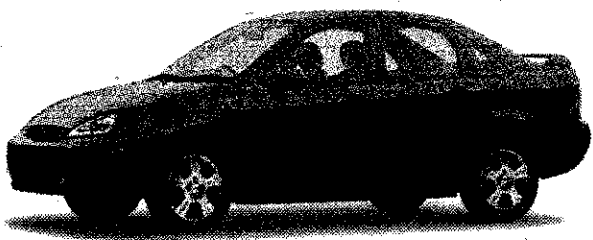
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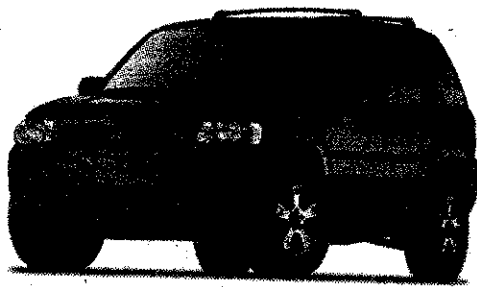
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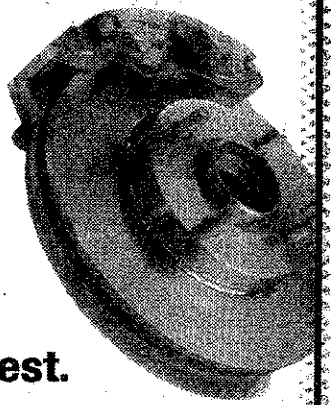
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Around Town

Debra Madonna

For moms, and teachers, only

Many parents drop their children off at school and return a few hours later to volunteer. Other times they arrive at school before the students and teachers.

Recently dozens of high school parents walked into all three high schools at 5:30 a.m. with hot casseroles, fruit and muffins, eager to serve the Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Linda Bedard, Jane Fry, Cindy Bartlett, Barb Swanson, and Jeanne Snyder coordinated this year's breakfast.

This tradition, now five years old, was started by Mara Patterson, Sally Welch, Mary Novrocki, Linda Schneck and Joanne Lamar.

ALL-NIGHT PARTY

On graduation night, June 6, there will be an all-night party at Salem High School for all P-CEP graduating seniors.

Getting ready for this party is like planning a wedding. Countless volunteers spend nine months hunting for prizes, shopping for food, and creating unique decorations. The night of the party, parents will be on site all night for one last school activity. A few (but not all) of the organizers of this year's party are Fran Bernard, Loren Treadwell, Pat Filios, Elaine Lenart and Nancy Vermeulen.

As children grow, much of a parent's social life revolves around their kids' activities. Sometimes it seems that if it weren't for children, parents would have no cultural life at all.

Kids probably think that their parents have nothing to do when they're at school. Not true. Sometimes moms and dads go to work.

FOR MOMS ONLY

Sometimes mothers go on field trips for moms only. After the last Community School Council meeting, Kathy Powers, Nancy Eggenberger, Carole Kody, Nancy Santer, Cathy Seay-Ostrowski, and Judy Mardigian took a field trip to the Patrick Olson Gallery in Plymouth.

Sometimes mothers even go out at night. Lucy French, Carol Knauss, Mara Patterson, Linda Bedard, Wanda Dericco, Sue Butterfield, Marcia Lazorishchak and I carpooled to the Gem Theater to catch a performance of *Menopause the Musical*.

It made for an evening worth twice the price of admission. I have recommended it as a night out to all my gal pals. Clean, hilarious and refreshing fun.

It was a great night. But women always have a good time when they have a chance to laugh and giggle. Women laugh the hardest when they are laughing at themselves. Women laugh about their changing bodies and their changing lives.

Women know there is nothing better for our health than a good laugh with friends.

Women will tell you that they need the support of other women to be a good mom. Mothers quickly make friendships with other women all the time. Women in their 40s and 50s have just as good of a time working on projects together, as they did when they were 12 years old and went to the movies at the Penn or P & A Theaters. Debra Madonna is a Plymouth resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. Items for her "Around Town" column can be submitted to her at clarion@storytellerdesign.com.

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Artistic impressions

Arts council celebrates legacy of cultural involvement

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Whether it's to take an art class, rent a painting or enjoy a break in the park on a summer afternoon listening to music, the Plymouth Community Arts Council has provided art in all its mediums for countless people who have participated in programs for 35 years.

PCAC got its beginnings in 1969 when Joanne Winkleman Hulce, a young mother with children in the Plymouth-Canton school district, decided there wasn't enough art in the community. She joined with a group of interested people who championed the cause.

Hulce points to the thousands of other volunteers who, she says, should be proud to see how far the council has come and where it's going.

"The education and love for the arts begins at a very early age and that was the premise in which the arts council started its program in the schools," Hulce said. "It's the love of the arts we instill in the children to learn to have a quality in their lives that they can carry forever. It's the same with adults."

"There's a role everyone can plan in the workings of the arts council," Hulce added. "I get a little embarrassed when they speak of me, because it's a lot of people. It's a rewarding experience."

VOLUNTEERS VITAL

Hulce continues to be active in the organization that also serves Livonia, Westland, Belleville, Northville, Novi, Farmington, townships west of Ann Arbor, as well as Dearborn and the west side of Detroit.

Today, PCAC provides art education classes; a theater program; concerts; free ongoing exhibits; seminars; recitals; workshops; artist studio space; art rental and purchase; Music in the Park and numerous programs in the Plymouth-Canton school district, like the Art Volunteer program that brings artwork into classrooms.

"Quality of life is something we all strive for and every family wants to give a little more to their families; art is an expression of that," said Stella Greene, PCAC executive and development director. "Through the arts we draw comparisons to others and it helps us understand ourselves in the world around us."

Today, PCAC has 600 members and a \$200,000 annual budget, which doesn't

include the countless volunteer hours by more than 350 people. About 10 to 15 percent of PCAC's budget is provided by the state and the remaining from contributor and user fees.

"We try to keep user fees at a minimal so our offerings are affordable and easily available to the people we serve," Greene said. "We couldn't continue to do the level of programming without the local and regional support from the business community."

PCAC was responsible for bringing Art Train, a nationally traveling and always changing exhibit housed in box cars, to the area four times, which is more often than most regions in the country.

ART RENTAL

PCAC also offers a rental program allowing art lovers a chance to have an original painting, photograph, piece of jewelry, pottery or other work for \$8 a month or \$15 for two months.

Art is also for sale in the center, in an area designated Gallery 744. Works from 28 to 35 artists are on display at any given time. The gallery is available whenever the building is open and during special events.

"This is a fund-raising source for us and also a way for us to mentor artists and get the works out in peoples' hands," said Greene, explaining that works can be purchased for \$250 to thousands of dollars.

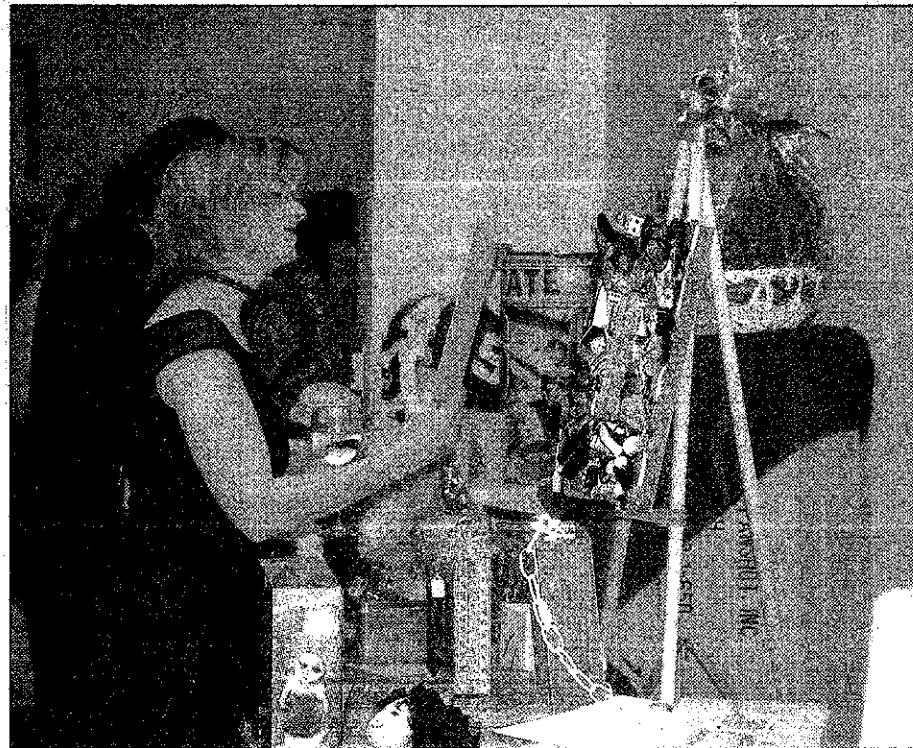
The turning point for the organization was in the mid-1990s when the PCAC board "had the guts to make that giant leap, financially and manpower wise, to have our own facility and expand our potential," Greene said. "It was making a commitment to be here for the community."

The board bought a building on Sheldon and Junction and dedicated it, Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts. They finally had a place to hold classes and host ongoing exhibits, like the current Puppet Exhibit featuring puppets from different cultures and timelines.

"There's something for everyone's taste and there's an opportunity to have an adventure in the arts," Hulce said.

Businesses and private groups also rent the center for gatherings. Spring and summer it's booked for music recitals, Greene said, pointing to a baby grand piano.

"It's a wonderful way for students,



Visitors can find lots of good deals during the annual Plymouth Community Arts Council auction, the PCAC's biggest annual fund-raiser.

who have taken lessons in a private home, to celebrate their achievements," she said.

SOUND OF MUSIC

Music in the Park also brings "quality, live entertainment," Greene said, to an outdoor venue that reaches all age groups. "For a lot of young people that's their first exposure to live entertainment."

Classes and workshops draw children, families and elderly art lovers. PCAC is currently developing a performing skills program designed for middle school students.

"We try to give them those initial experiences to explore those artistic talents that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to delve into," Greene said, adding that a mentorship program has also recently begun to help guide young people in specific artistic venues.

"We're the place to bring all aspects of art together," Greene said. "Provide it if you need it; create it if you have the inclination and experience it if you have no talent, but appreciate the arts."

Leslie Greenstein, PCAC art education coordinator, says she tries to offer popular art classes along with the hard to find choices, like pottery for kids and group guitar lessons.

"Then we expand it and make it pottery for families," said Greenstein.

Denise Devey, a Canton resident, said her children - Camille, 17, Matthew, 12, and Eric, 8 - enjoyed a PCAC pottery class so much that she wants to take another one as a family.

"They love that hands on thing," Devey said. "They love to touch the clay and make and create. The people are just so patient and positive and give all that good reinforcement."

It's rewarding, too, Greene said, to see students who were involved in PCAC programs as children return when they're home from college on summer break.

"They'll say, 'I have an hour or two once a week, is there something I can



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Zak Morgan performs at the summer finale of Music in the Park.

do to help you?" Greene said. "We've developed an appreciation. It comes full circle."

While economic times are bad for the arts nationwide, Greene said, the slump isn't overwhelming for PCAC.

"We are so lucky culturally to have this kind of asset sitting right in our midst," she said. "It's significant that in these times when other art venues are cutting back that we're continuing to expand. I think that makes a strong statement of who and what we are. Thirty-five years has afforded us that credibility."

There's also a strong working relationship among the Plymouth Symphony, Plymouth Historical Museum, the Plymouth-Canton school district and local governments that enables PCAC to accomplish multiple program collaborative activities yearly.

"The coffee pot is on," Greene said. "Observe an exhibit or class."

Center hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and varying times on Saturday.



Hannah Mullally, 8, (from left), Amanda Nilles, 8, Brandon Waldenmay, 9, Clare Porte, 7, and Dayna Esper, 10, pause during a rehearsal to listen to directors Ryan Welsh (left) and Eric Hitchcock at the Performing Arts Camp.

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Love for arts marks Community Arts Council legacy

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has woven a wonderful pattern of love for the arts in the lives of young and old throughout the community for 35 years. Here are some of the milestones that show strides for an institution, but more importantly, for the residents who have taken advantage of the many programs.

■ 1969 - Joanne Winkleman Hulce sees a need for quality visual and performing arts, music and cultural program in the greater Western Wayne County community and the Plymouth Community Arts Council is born.

■ 1975 - Art rental gallery opens allowing people to take pottery, paintings and all kinds of art into their homes and businesses for \$8 monthly or \$15 for two months.

■ 1984 - Music in the Park program entertains crowds in the center of downtown Plymouth and becomes a meeting place for 1,000 families and business people every Wednesday in the summer for 10 weeks. A mega performance will be held June 30 to mark the 20th year of Music in the Park.

■ 1990 - First PCAC dinner auction provides art lovers an

opportunity to purchase works. This has become one of PCAC's largest fund-raisers.

■ Mid-1990s - PCAC moves out of an office suite and into its own facility, dedicated as the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts.

■ 1995 - Children's Theater begins providing the opportunity for young people to explore their own creativity.

■ 1998 - Concert series is held every fall featuring quality live performances from theater to music to vocal and musical varieties.

■ 2000 - Art Reach Luncheons are held the first

Wednesday every other month from October through June featuring guest artists, from serious to hilarious, showing their work and telling their life stories. Proceeds are used to help send every fifth-grader in the Plymouth-Canton school district to the Detroit Institute of Arts. The fee is \$20.

■ 2000 - Brown bag DIA lecture series hosts speakers at noon, every second Tuesday of the month year round at the JWH Center for the Arts. The program is free. Reservations aren't necessary.

■ 2001 - PCAC goes online, allowing interested art lovers to

learn about classes and programming with the Internet. Its Web site is www.plymoutharts.com.

■ 2002 - The arts center building loan is paid off. The building next door is purchased for artists' studio space.

■ 2003 - Gallery 774 opens featuring art work of some 30 artists at any given time for sale. The gallery is located within the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts and is available when the center is open and during special events.

■ 2004 - PCAC continues to thrive during its 35th anniversary.

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Trust is truly a two-way street

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The Love Doctor

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D.

has less power typically trusts more, because that partner is more dependent on the relationship. To discover how much you trust your partner, take this quiz, developed by Drs. T. Larzelere & T. Huston. Respond to each statement using Nos. 1 through 5, with 1 signifying "strongly disagree" and 5 meaning "strongly agree."

Trust quiz
(Strongly Disagree) -> 1 2 3 4 5
<- (Strongly Agree)
___ My partner is perfectly honest and trustful with me.
___ My partner is truly sincere in his (her) promises.
___ My partner treats me fairly and justly.
___ My partner can be counted on to help me.

Add up your answers for the four statements. Scores range from 4 to 20. Higher scores indicate greater trust for your partner. For both men and women, the average score is 15, but it does vary depending upon the length of the relationship.

Register for the next LOVE DOCTOR Relationship Enrichment Seminar, being held 7-9 p.m. May 27 at the Emagine Theatre, at www.detroitlove.com. To submit a question, e-mail The LOVE DOCTOR on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com.

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When we trust someone, we believe that person tells us the truth — at least doesn't lie to us — and that their intentions toward us are positive. We are also more likely to trust someone who is reliable and predictable. Trust is an important and necessary aspect of any romantic relationship. As trust develops and grows in a relationship, we begin to love our partner more and feel a greater commitment to the relationship. We also want to self-disclose more information to our partner. Whether you can trust your partner depends on your ability to trust others and whether your partner is trustworthy (i.e. is dependable, reliable and honest). So in any relationship, trust is always a two-way street; we need to be able to trust others and we need to find a partner that is trustworthy. Trust also depends on the stage your relationship is in. Studies show that trust starts out very high in newlywed couples, drops between 6-20 years together and then is very high again for those couples married 20 years or more. As you might expect, if you trust your partner, they also are more likely to trust you in return. So continue to show your fiancé that you are there for him and that you trust him. One of the questions people frequently ask is "who is more likely to trust their partner, males or females?" Studies show that it is not really a matter of gender, but a matter of who has less power in the relationship. The partner who

LIBRARY WATCH

The following programs are available at the Plymouth District Library in May:

■ **A TALE OF THE BEATRIX POTTER LEGACY**- My Story of How Her Life and Work Lives On - Wednesday, May 26, 7 p.m. — The Friends of the Plymouth District Library welcome Ann Arbor environmentalist Liz Elling to share her love and extensive knowledge of Beatrix Potter and her work. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m., followed by a brief annual meeting. Elling speaks at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to the public; no registration is required.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION** - Wednesday, May 26, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org

YOUTH PROGRAM

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, May 24, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated on Saturday, May 29, 10 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. The Baby Play program takes place on the fourth Monday of each month, and then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required.

■ **PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES** — Session one: Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m. Session two: Wednesday, May 26, 7 p.m. This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5.

Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES** - Thursday, May 27, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3-5. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES** - Tuesday, May 25, 10 a.m. — The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-3 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and can be made by telephone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

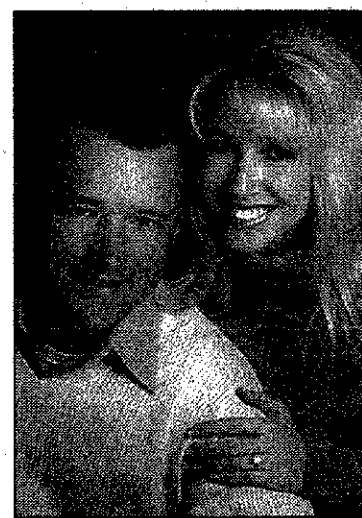
TEEN PROGRAM

■ **SCIENCE FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** - Monday, May 24, 3:30 p.m. — Stop at the Library and pick up your copy of *Z for Zachariah* by Robert C. O'Brien. Registration may be made by stopping at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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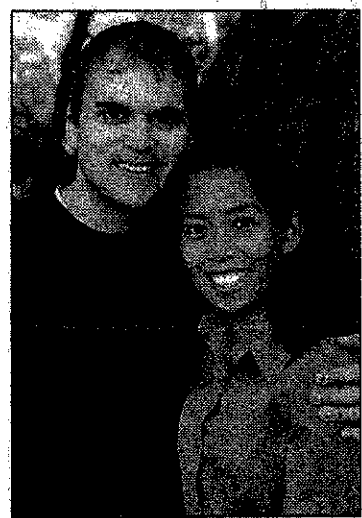
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ENGAGEMENTS



Zachary-Kenney
William and Judith Zachary of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Louise Zachary, to U.S. Marine Capt. Jeffrey Kenney, the son of Janna Kenney of Howell and John Patrick and Georgia Kenney of the Cayman Islands.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan, and her juris doctor degree from Wayne State University. She is an attorney for a Farmington Hills law firm. The prospective groom graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, currently stationed in California. A July 3, 2004, wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



Robeniol-Klimczak
Godofredo and Gracia Robeniol of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Robeniol, to Keith Klimczak, the son of Ron and Paulette Klimczak, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be graduated from Canton High School in 1996 and from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2000. She is employed at Clayton Group Services. The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Northwestern Technological Institute. He is employed at DeAngelis Heating and Cooling. A July 31, 2004, wedding is planned at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple plans to reside in Farmington.

ANNIVERSARY



Golden Elbys
Herbert and Darlene Elby of Canton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 24 with a dinner that included their three children and their spouses, along with eight grandchildren. The Elbys were married April 24, 1954, at St. Suzanne Church in Detroit. The couple, now retired, reside in Canton and spend their winters in Naples, Fla.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of best sellers, based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons.

The books are available by placing a request with the library on the Web at plymouthlibrary.org or by calling (734) 453-0750.

FICTION

1. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
2. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom

3. "Glorious Appearing," Tim LaHaye
4. "Nighttime is My Time," Mary Higgins Clark
5. "Angels & Demons," Dan Brown

NON-FICTION

1. "Plan of Attack," Bob Woodward
2. "Eats, Shoots and Leaves," Lynn Truss
3. "Three Weeks with My Brother," Nicholas Sparks

4. "Against All Enemies," Richard A. Clarke
5. "Alexander Hamilton," Ron Chernow

PARENTS' CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Seadogs," Lisa Wheeler
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Race for the cure

A sea of survivors in the pink

If Shari Franko could, she'd shout a call from the rooftops for all breast cancer survivors to participate Saturday, June 5, in the 13th annual Komen Detroit Race for the Cure presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at Comerica Park.

Breast cancer survivors are an amazing group. They don't cry for themselves or seek recognition for their struggles. In fact Franko, a seven-year survivor, is running the 5K this year for a client of her Variations Salon in Dearborn. Jennifer Hayse, a 32-year-old mother of two, was diagnosed at Karmanos with Stage III breast cancer in March. She is currently in the midst of six months of chemotherapy, during which she plans to deliver a healthy third baby.

Proceeds from the race will go to help patients like Hayse. In 2003, more than \$500,000 was raised for screening, education and special treatment programs and \$165,000 for national breast cancer research through the Komen Foundation. Nearly 1,500 of the 2003 Race participants were breast cancer survivors, evidence that early detection and treatment works.

"It's important to get the word out," said Franko, a Plymouth resident who's serving on the race committee for the first time this year. "When I went to the race the first time, I thought it would be sad, but it was a celebration. We would like to invite all survivors to come to the race. Survivors who may not have been to the race before might have a preconceived idea of what it's about. It's a celebration of survivorship, hope and honor. It's a great day. We're calling all survivors. Come celebrate yourself. Bring your family. Have them celebrate with you."



Plymouth resident Shari Franko ran in last year's Race for the Cure, her seventh since being diagnosed with breast cancer in 1996.

"Last year it was a sea of people wearing pink shirts and pink hats who have beaten breast cancer. There was this exhilaration and excitement. It leaves you with a feeling that's indescribable."

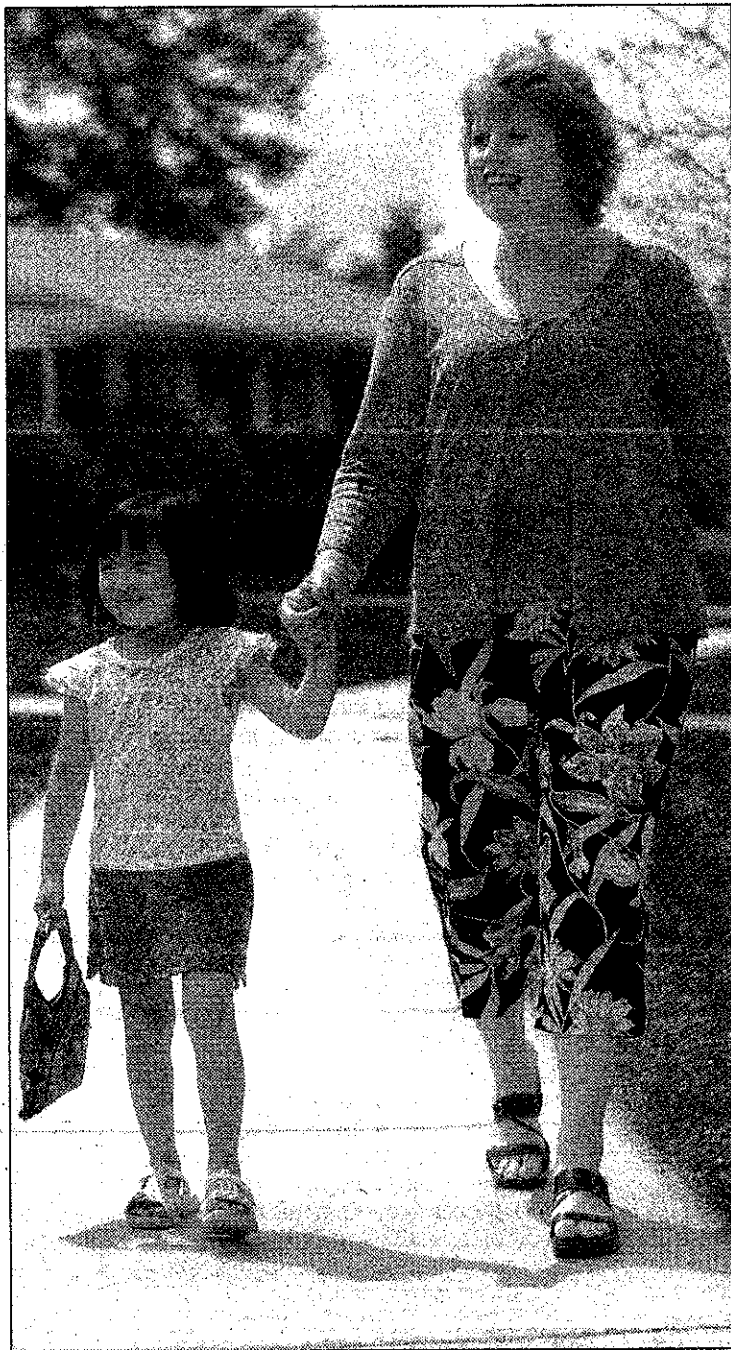
Diagnosed with Stage I breast cancer in 1996 at age 35, Franko required only surgery, but not all patients are as lucky. She says she's living proof that "early detection is key, the difference between life and death."

"Every year I get re-inspired by the new people it affects," Franko said. "For me, there's a circle of survivorship of people who help other people. A year before I was diagnosed, one of my clients was diagnosed. I called her and asked what do I do."

Franko finds her hair salon is "a good place to have conversations with women about early detection." The staff and clients there are also incredibly supportive of the race. When Franko decided to run her first race in 1997, it led to a coming together of metro area salons.

To date The Salon Connection Team, a network of salons and clients, has raised more than \$155,000. For the fifth anniversary of The Salon Connection and of her survival, Franko changed her focus from recruiting team members to fund-raising, netting an additional sum of more than \$31,000 for the cure. This year, she is co-chairing the pre-race Expo Friday, June 4, at the Southfield Pavilion with her husband Jeff Lucyk. The Expo is the last chance to register and kicks off the event that draws supporters of all abilities.

"It's only a race if you want it to be," Franko said. "You only run if you want to. Most people walk. Supporting the race isn't about walking or running. You can just come to the event. Fifteen bands play along the route. Cheerleaders root participants on. There's a Survivors Trolley for those who would like to go along for the ride. The 8:30 a.m. opening ceremonies are not to be missed. Last year butterflies



Donna Mughannem and her daughter walk in their Livonia neighborhood to prepare for the Race for the Cure.

were released in honor of those who had died."

Donna Mughannem is participating in the race for a second time this year, this time with a full head of hair.

Diagnosed at age 43 with Stage II breast cancer, the Livonia resident was going through chemotherapy at the

time of last year's walk. This June, she and a team of 21 family members and friends will walk three miles.

Previous to being diagnosed she had no family history of breast cancer, never smoked and had a "fairly normal mammogram in 2000." When doctors at Beaumont Hospital told

her there was cancer in five out of 18 of her lymph nodes, all she wanted to know was if she would see her little girl grow up. Mughannem and her husband, Albert, adopted Elissa, now 4 1/2 years old, from China in December 2000.

Mughannem is especially excited about walking this June because she is finally able to wear the race's pink shirt and pink hat. She's been cancer-free for seven months after undergoing surgery, chemotherapy and radiation.

"This year is going to be different because I'm considered a survivor. Last year I couldn't believe how many people were wearing bandanas and pink T-shirts," Mughannem said.

"I feel great. I take pilates twice a week and work out at the Livonia Recreation Center five days a week. I have a strong faith and try to keep it as positive as possible. It really does change your life. It's really true what they say. Don't sweat the small things. Life is precious. I will not cry for myself."

Instead, she stays busy caring for Elissa and trying to publish the 60 pages of e-mails that kept her going during her struggle with breast cancer.

"I have a saying at the bottom of my e-mails that reads, 'Always positive, always strong, always hopeful, always laughing.'"

The 5K Run, 5K Walk and One-Mile Walk begin at 9 a.m. at Comerica Park. Entry fees are \$30 by June 4 and \$40 on race day for 18 and up; youths ages 6-17 and seniors 65 and older, \$15; children 5 and under free, but must register. Participants may register online at www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-detroit or call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266). Visit the New Balance Troy or Farmington Hills stores for a manual entry form. Survivors interested in riding on the trolley should visit the Web site. The Race Expo will be held 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, June 4, at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen at 10 Mile in the city's municipal complex.



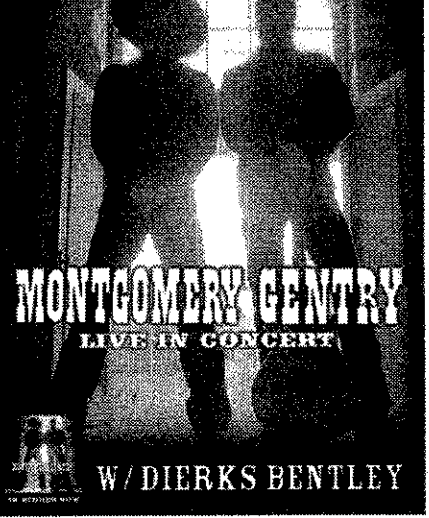

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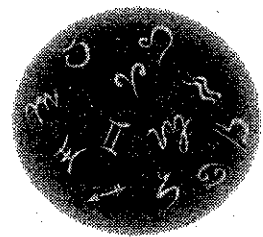
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(May 23-May 26)
By Dennis Fairchild



makes you happiest. Your solar return on your birthday makes all things possible, so think the best thing imaginable and save your concerns for those closest to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)
Quite extraordinary developments and revelations have forced you to do a lot of soul-searching recently—alternatively, give more thought to your long-term happiness, comfort, and security. However, if you are now prepared to alter direction, then late '04 will be one of the most enlightening times in a great while!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
You may be tempted to work and think harder than ever this week, for no better reason than to prove to the world that you're not the sort to shirk your responsibilities. But you really don't have to right now. If you push yourself too hard now, you'll regret it sooner than later.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
The means to escape a financial predicament is clearly marked, but you seem to be having trouble spotting the stellar signposts. Now, with cosmic forces simplifying the options, you should be able to find a sensible solution before summer gets rollin'. I know it's hard for you, but Be Patient!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)
Please watch your mouth and mind this week. Planetary probs say you'll be more emotional than usual, but the consequences of what you say and do will be magnified greatly. It won't be easy to think before you act, but it could save you a lot of trouble if you do.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)
You have a knack for getting others to share your beliefs, but you seem to be losing ground with a current venture. With celestial influences urging you to be a little less assertive, you should try diplomacy rather than dogma. Objectively examine what's been going haywire, and accept responsibility.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)
No matter what you do for certain people this week, it won't be enough, so stop worrying about pleasing them and do what

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)
The time has come to prove you are very capable of expressing your true feelings when it comes to family, fun and other relationships. You must, however, make it known that you need some feedback. Don't be too shy to say what you're not too shy to think!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
Do you believe in mind over matter? You'd better, because what takes place over the next three or four days will require as much mental stamina as physical stamina. No matter how difficult the task, you can overcome it, but only if you put brains before brawn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
You have to look strong, think wisely and act tough this week, because some of the people you'll have to deal with respect strength of character. You don't have to pretend to be something you're not, but you do have to stand up for yourself. Don't worry, just take the plunge.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)
Nostalgia-Alert: a chance to improve your financial situation by summer means that you must look at your future in terms of past experience and relations. By evaluating what happened around this time nine or so years ago, you will be better suited to take positive and productive action.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)
You may be trying to do too much and run the risk of undermining everything you have achieved thus far. A change of attitude and scenery or circumstances seems to be the answer, but only if you relax and stop worrying about what you should be doing.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)
Regardless of how self-disciplined or independent you are, something will happen over the next few days that brings your emotional side to the forefront. Don't hate yourself for losing control. Everyone needs to let off steam once in a while.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books. Call (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

Hospice speaker: Good funeral matters when time comes

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER



Lynch

Gone are the days when Thomas Lynch buried Irish Catholics, Lutherans and others. These days, he's burying golfers, bowlers and gardeners, with some even ending up as ashes in urns shaped as golf bags and the like.

Lynch has been a funeral director for some 30 years and is also an author. He shared thoughts on death and funerals during a Tuesday, May 18, Angela Hospice presentation.

"Why wouldn't we want to be burdens to our children?" Lynch said with his usual sardonic sense of humor.

Lynch, a Milford resident and father of four, believes it's best for loved ones to make decisions about funeral arrangements, although some suggestions can be offered ahead of time.

"Grieving is a romance in reverse and it takes time," he told those at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. Lynch believes the dead have been recently dismissed from their own funerals, with memorial services being held.

He asked what would have happened if Christ had had his personality crucified, noting the body is also important. "It's not about the stuff, it's about the substance of a good funeral."

PEN IN HAND

Lynch is author of several works of poetry, as well as an essay collection, *The Undertaking - Life Studies from The Dismal Trade* (W.W. Norton, 1997), which won The Heartland Prize for nonfiction and the American Book Award. His second collection of essays, *Bodies in Motion and At Rest* (W.W. Norton, 2000), won The Great Lakes Book Award.

At St. Colette, he read from his poems, including a story of a cat hated by Lynch and loved by his son. The cat lived to be 21, and his college-age son and Lynch took her to the vet.

Lynch thought the end was near for the cat, and had made preparations. "I've come for a dead cat today." The cat got a shot of cortisone and improved.

"This cat was on the brink of living in two" millennia, Lynch said. He'd had a headstone made with the year of death 1999 and his son agreed the end was near.

Lynch recalled the day the cat died as people stood around and talked about her and ate his wife's finger foods. "It has everything to do with what we do." The cat was buried.

Lynch's son and their siblings bought him a kitten for his birthday, and that adorable creature was killed by another son's dog. "I thought,

"Doesn't God throw curve balls after all?" He'd hated the first cat for years and she lived.

The speaker praised hospice volunteers for the way they've emboldened a whole generation. "Look at the changes you have made." We deal with mortality by dealing with mortals, he said.

Lynch told the sobering story of a young girl who was raped and murdered. The undertaker painstakingly pieced together her cranium, allowing her mother to see her child again.

"It served the living by caring for the dead." He described cremation as too often shorthand for disappearing the dead. "For most of us, fire has negative connotations."

Some 40 percent of local deaths are now followed by cremation, a dramatic increase, Lynch said. "Cremation is a good way of disposing of our dead. We just do it badly. Whether we bury or burn, we should go the distance with them.

"Do what you can," he urged. "You'll feel better about it."

GRATEFUL AUDIENCE

Lynch has just finished a book on Ireland, where he often visits. His presentation was well-received.

"I thought it was wonderful," said Bart Wingblad of Farmington Hills, a hospice volunteer at the care center on Newburgh in Livonia and with the bereavement department.

Wingblad, who introduced Lynch Tuesday, had read his poems and essays. He appreciates that Lynch donated his time for the presentation.

"I've learned so much," Wingblad said of his volunteering with Angela Hospice. "It's just such a rewarding experience." Those at the hospice, including patients, are a family, he said.

Agnes Colarossi of Plymouth is clinical manager for the care center and a registered nurse. "I was very happy with it," she said of the presentation. "I'm glad so many people came."

The hospice has 16 beds, all private rooms, and also offers home-based care. The average is 100-110 patients, she said.

Colarossi has worked in hospice since her early 40s so death is nothing new. "At 63, you're just hoping to be 80," she said with a smile.

Wingblad, 47, has volunteered a couple years at Angela Hospice, and he, too, has thought about death. "I could go anytime. I have no regrets."

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AROUND TOWN

Northville flower sale The 17th annual Flower Sale comes to downtown Northville May 28-29. The sale takes place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 28 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 29, with more than 15 greenhouses, all members of the Metropolitan Detroit Flower Growers Association, taking part.

Garden walk The Gardens of Northville sponsor the 11th-annual Garden Walk from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. Six gardens in Northville will be featured. Tickets will be available in advance only after June 14 from Gardenvue, 202 W. Main in Northville. No tickets will be sold the day of the walk. For more information, call Kate Daniel, (734) 591-0360.

Entertainment books The Plymouth Symphony League is selling 2005 Entertainment books to support the symphony's 2004-05 concert season. Buyers will receive a free 2004 Entertainment Book now and their 2005 book in late August. Buyers can pick the books up at the symphony office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, by calling the symphony office, (734) 451-2112 or calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. The books cost \$20.

Women business owners Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan hold their monthly meeting June 8 at the Lake Forest Golf Club,

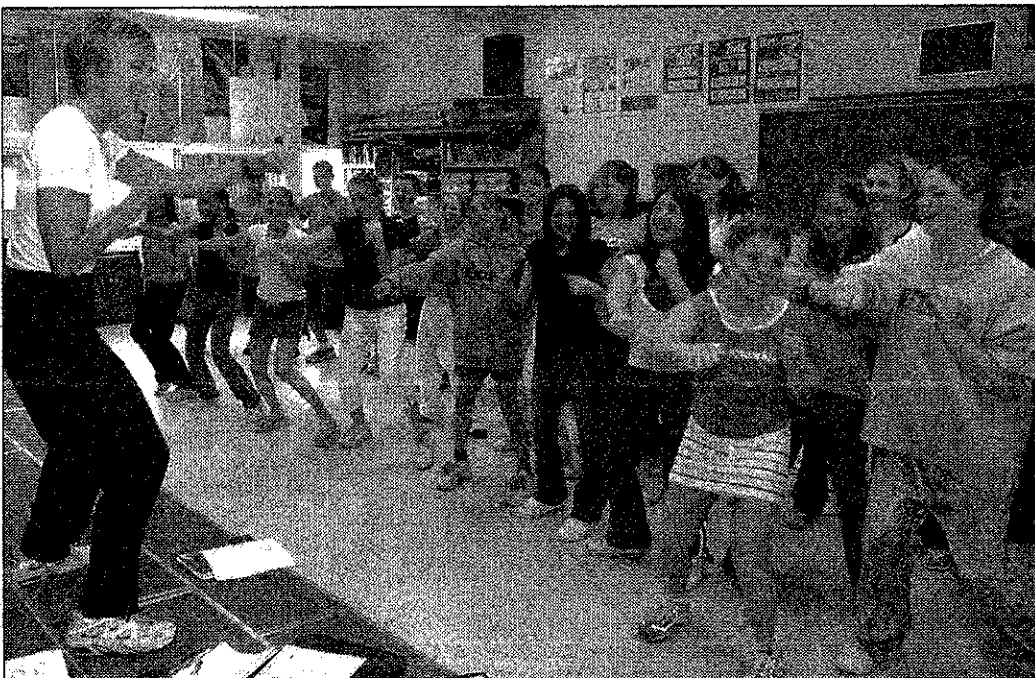
3110 W. Ellsworth in Ann Arbor, with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the program from 7-8:30 p.m. Rene Greff of Arbor Brewing Company will talk about "Marketing on a Shoestring." Free to members, guests pay \$10 at the door. For more information or to register call (734) 332-9300.

Pianist performance Pianist, composer and recording artist Will Tuttle performs at Unity of Livonia Church at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5. Unity of Livonia is located at 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

Nursery school olympics Wayne County Parks hosts the eighth-annual "Nursery School Olympics" at 10 a.m. Friday, June 4 at Elizabeth Park in Trenton. The event is free. Children 3-5 have an opportunity to participate in marshmallow shot-put, miniature-miniature golf, Mom's guessing game, Diaper Derby, paper plate discus and others. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Republican women meet The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 6 Mile in Livonia. The speaker will be Brendon Plack, Wayne/Dakland field director for Bush/Cheney 2004. There is a \$12 charge. For reservations, call (248) 474-3525.

Hospice training Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting; patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Volunteer training begins June 15.



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Lining up choices

Gail Morad, group fitness department head at Life Time Fitness, leads a group of seventh-grade students at East Middle School in an aerobics demonstration last week during a Career Day event. East Middle School students listened as a variety of presenters from local businesses and vocations talked about various career opportunities. Classes were divided to give students a chance to learn about four careers each from among such fields as veterinarian, auto mechanic, doctor, journalist and emergency medical technician, among others.

For more information, call Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, (888) 973-1145.

Cancer support The ninth annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Golf Classic takes place at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon Friday, June 25. Proceeds are designated for cancer services and programs provided at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Golfers will meet Joe Gagnon, the "Appliance Doctor" from WKYT; major sponsors include Concord EMS

and Jaguar of Novi. The \$200 fee covers the 18-hole scramble and a cart. Two shotgun starts (7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.), with cocktails and dinner following the afternoon round. To register, call (734) 655-1580 before May 31.

Support workshop Arbor Hospice & Home Care sponsors "Voices from Within," a workshop tailored to help adults who have lost their fathers, from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 14, at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. For more on this free workshop, e-mail griefsupport@arborhospice.org or call (734) 662-5999, Ext. 113.

Art in the Sun The Northville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the 16th annual Art in the Sun juried fine art show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 19-20 along the streets of Northville. The streets will feature

art displays, contemporary musical performances and concessions. There is no admission fee. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Crafters wanted Organizers of the annual Northville Sidewalk Sale are looking for crafters and food vendors for the annual event, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. Craft booths are available for \$40 per booth; food booths cost \$100. Booths are eight-foot spaces. For more information, call Sally or Toni Genitti, (248) 349-0522.

Meningitis vaccinations Meningitis vaccinations are being offered through Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA) by appointment only during May and June 2004 for graduating high school students beginning college in the fall. Appointments are available 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday,

Cost is \$85. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8755, for more information or visit www.vna.org.

Fibromyalgia Workshop A local authority appears at the Carl Sandburg Library for a free workshop at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, that talks about what can be causing fibromyalgia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited, early reservations are recommended.

Golden anniversary The River Park Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (formerly PSI) will be celebrating their 50th anniversary June 17. The group is looking for past/present members and guests to join in a celebration at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center on Northline in Southgate. The event starts at 6:15 p.m.; cost is \$20 for dinner. For additional information please contact Karol Polaczky at kpolaczky@hayeslemmerz.com or by calling (734) 737-5283, or Angela Devoy at adevoy@srme.org or by phone at (313) 425-3131.

Junior gardeners Washtenaw County MSU Extension hosts a Junior Master Gardener Class for children ages 9-11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays through June 10 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. In this hands-on program, participants and their parents will explore various gardening topics in a casual atmosphere. Cost for the class is \$35. For application and deadline information, or for additional details, call (734) 997-1678.

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Fish Fry The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5-7 p.m. Also, Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

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CAMPUS NEWS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Three Canton residents and Albion College students were recognized for their academic excellence at the annual Honors Convocation. The award winners recognized were chosen by the faculty and represent the college's best.

Allison Mills was recognized for her academic excellence with the Charlotte Duff Outstanding Student Athletic Training Award. Mills is a senior majoring in physical education/athletic training and minoring in art. She is the daughter of James Mills and Susan Mills of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Ross O'Hara was recognized for his academic excellence with the Kirsten D. Metalonis '99, Memorial Scholarship in psychology, a Morley Fraser Leadership Award and a

President Bernard T. Lomas Project 250 Award. The "P250" is the college's highest award given to undergraduates in recognition of their contributions to the campus community. The Fraser Award honors sophomores who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, leadership in campus life, participation in college activities and service to others. O'Hara is a junior majoring in English. He is the son of Michael O'Hara and Diane O'Hara of Canton. He is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Katherine Smith was recognized for her academic excellence also with a President Bernard T. Lomas Project 250 Award. Smith is a junior majoring in political science and speech communication and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Tonya Smith of Canton, and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

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Stay fit, exercise together

Health officials agree that overweight children are the most likely to become tomorrow's fat adults, which places them at risk for a variety of health problems, including high blood pressure, heart attacks and diabetes. Unfortunately, the National Center for Health Statistics says that nearly 15 million youngsters in this country between the ages of 6 and 18 are overweight. The number has nearly tripled since 1980.

But how do you get a young couch potato off the couch? Experts at the American Heart Association say it takes commitment. Parents need to make time in their busy schedules for long walks, bicycle riding and physical activity that the whole family can enjoy. One of the best things parents can do is teach children lifelong exercise habits.

How to begin? Don't tell your kids to "Go play." Say, "Let's go play." Make after-dinner walks, or morning jogs and playing soccer or touch football a family habit. When the snow flies, take the team approach to mall walking, working out at a local gym, even snow shoveling and building snowmen.

Winters are always more fun when enjoyed with family, and I'm a firm believer that the family that exercises together stays fit together.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonnngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

Bike safety No. 1 for summer fun

Canton Police Officer Dale Waltz has never had any close calls with cars when riding his bicycle on duty, but then it's his job to know the rules of the road.

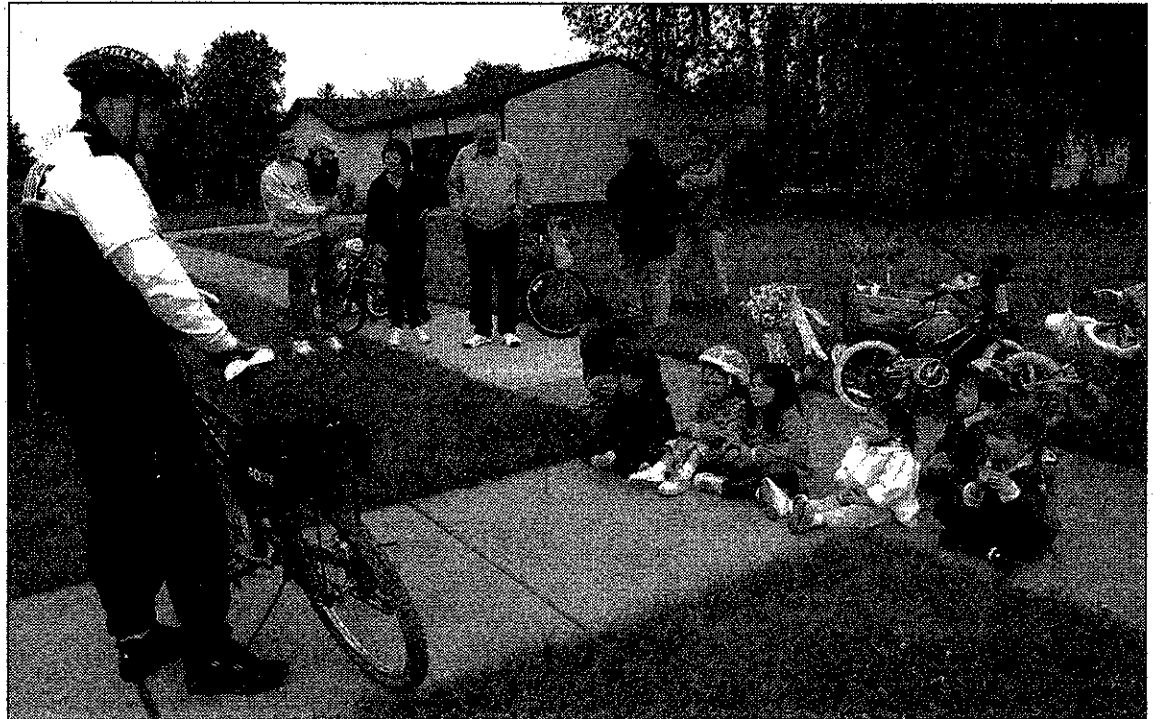
Police officers, emergency room staff and rehabilitation therapists dread warmer weather because it means children and adults will be sharing blacktop with cars and larger vehicles like SUVs and trucks. During the school year, emergency physicians "get nervous" around 4 p.m. but in summer they're on heightened alert all of the time, says Dr. Marie Lozon, director of Children's Emergency Services at University of Michigan Health System. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year more than 500,000 people are nonfatally injured while riding bicycles, an estimated 140,000 children treated for head injuries.

TEACHING KIDS

Waltz says Canton experiences only a few bike-car accidents a year. Educational programs keep the numbers low. As part of their duties, officers give bike safety talks at schools, PTA meetings and community events such as subdivision picnics.

"A bicycle is technically a vehicle in the road," said Waltz. "When they're crossing the street we recommend they get off their bikes and walk it across. It's usually older people who aren't really aware of the rules. We typically see vehicles not paying attention when turning into a subdivision then it's too late and the bicycle hits the car."

"For bike safety talks we advise kids to be aware of traffic when riding on a sidewalk. Be wary of doors opening or vehicles taking off. Wear reflective material at night. If they don't wear biking clothes have pant legs tucked in or use rubber bands so pants don't get in spokes. Eliminate distractions like headphones and do not have someone else on your bicycle standing on back pegs or riding on handlebars. It can make a bike wobbly and unsafe."



Canton Police Officer Dale Waltz addresses the kids and parents regarding safety while biking. Local police work with young people to be sure they know bicycle safety.

"Motorists need to open their eyes and prick up their ears," said Lozon, because children are not as alert during after school or evening hours. They're tired and excited about having been let out of school. Lozon insists her children, Sean, 14, and Aidan, 10, wear a bike helmet.

"We see lots of bike injuries," said Lozon. "Serious accidents tend to be head injuries also facial injuries that are disfiguring. Helmets don't have to be dorky. Go helmet shopping with your kids. Allow the kids some control over the choice and parents set an example. My husband and I are avid bicyclists. When we're on Mackinac Island even though there is no traffic, we wear helmets all of the time. We don't want to be a hypocrite to our kids. We have to model health and safety for our kids."

"Make sure children understand rules of the road, how to signal pedestrians especially on bike trails, approach traffic lights and stop signs. It's important to stress, you have to ride defensively as a cyclist and how to be courteous of other riders, skaters, runners, and elderly. Teenagers are

subjected to peer pressure. That needs to be addressed at the parental level. Tell them you might feel peer pressure but we want you to understand you could die or have a serious injury."

PREVENTING TRAGEDY

Elaine Ledwon-Robinson sees the tragic results of car and bike accidents as director of speech language pathology and Pediatric NeuroRehabilitation at U-M Health System. The length of therapy depends on extent and location of the brain injury. A mild injury may require a patient work with a therapist five times a week for a month or two or up to a year.

"When you have a brain injury you can have paralysis, difficulty in walking," said Ledwon-Robinson. "If it affects the communication area a child might have difficulty speaking, reading or writing sentences. They may not remember what

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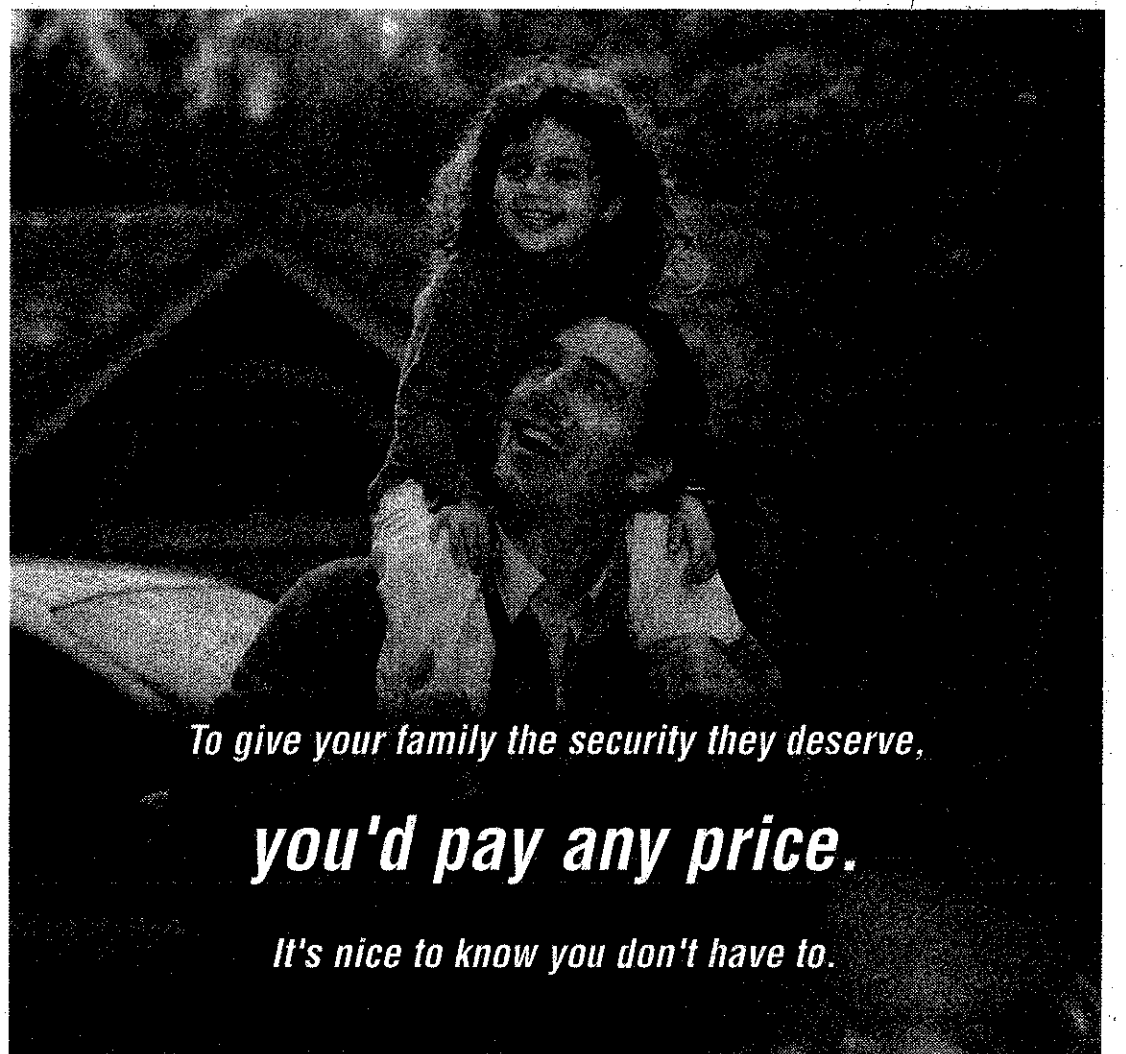
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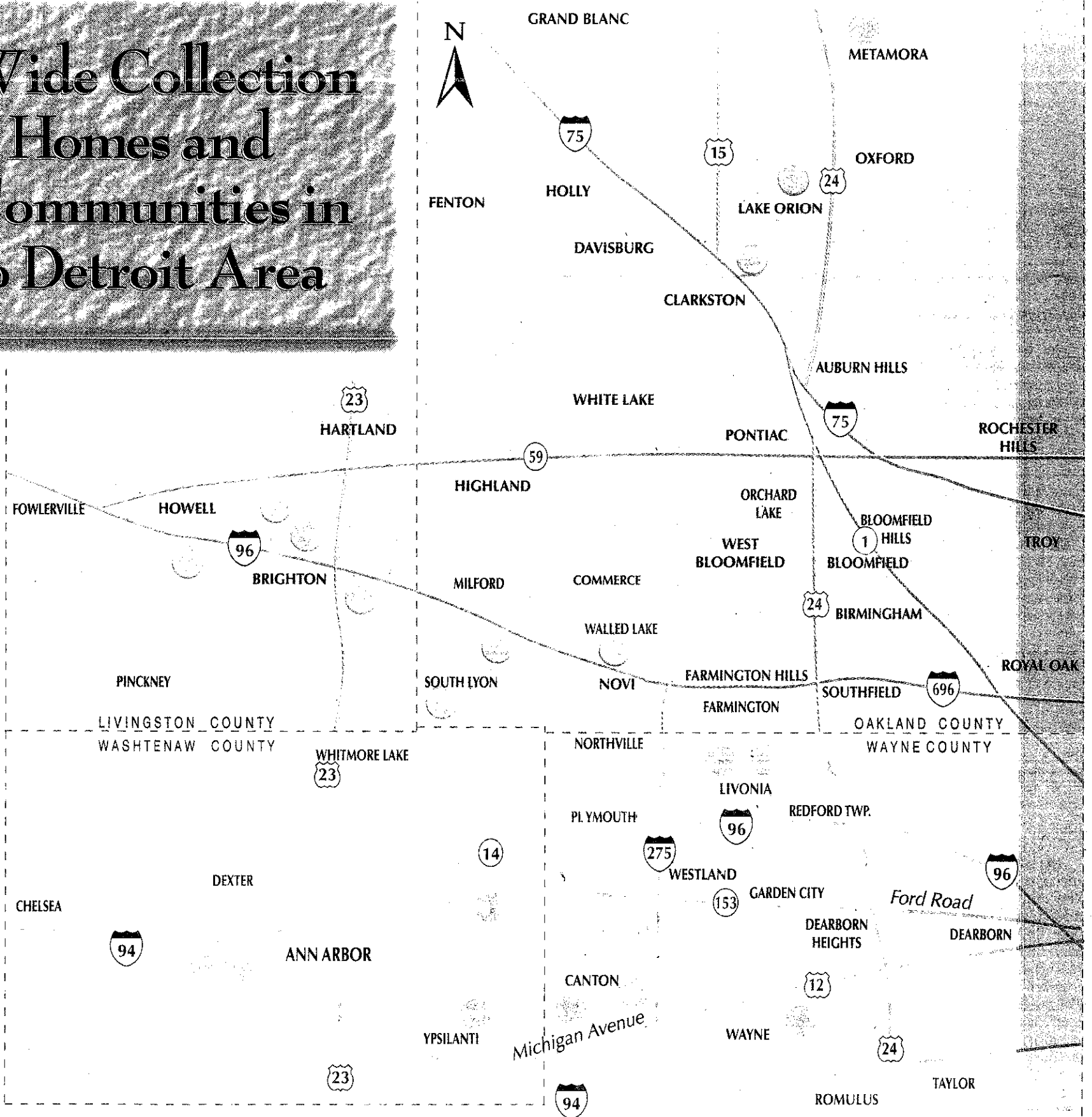
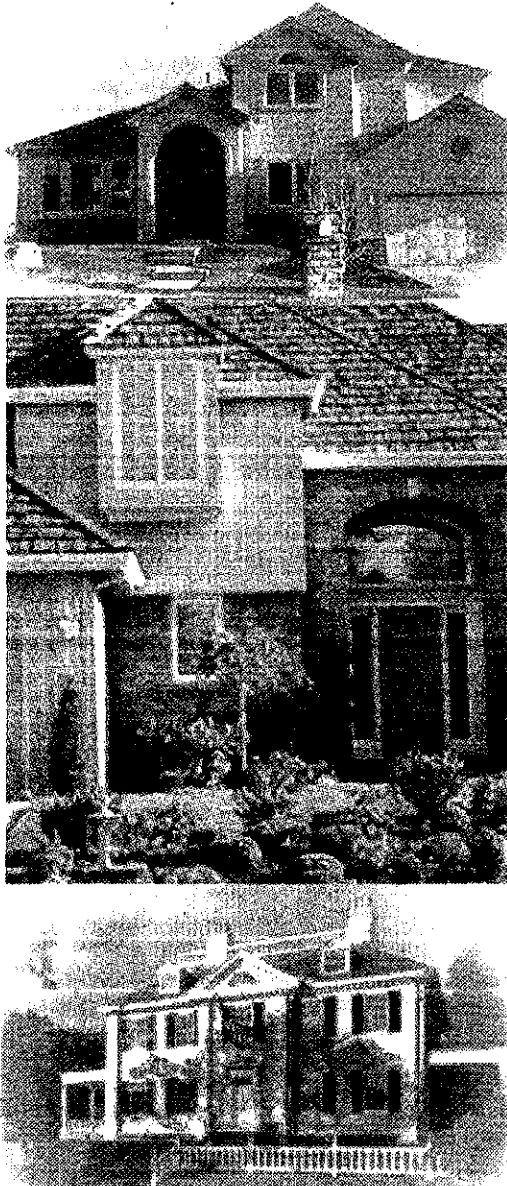
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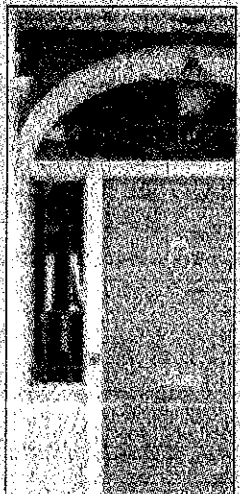


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Westchester designed with luxury in mind

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

This is a rebirth of the village square. Except that it's round.

A round village square that's a four-acre perfect circle inside a perfect-circle community inspired, according to Dominick Tringali Architects in Bloomfield Hills, by European streets and homes from America's early days.

But if "early American" makes you think of log cabins and rough-sawn cottages, forget it. And if "colonial" makes you think of two-story houses, forget it.

In Westchester, a Singh Homes community that's just getting under way in Canton, colonial shows up in Tringali's designs as homes looking well-suited to any of the nation's luxury-minded founding fathers, mothers, and kids, but with 21st century conveniences.

Among the eight plans being built, you'll find porches, balconies, butler's pantries, archways, columns, decorative ceilings and more.

And as much as you might enjoy the interior of these homes, it's the exterior that's getting major attention from lookers, said Elaine Adelson, Westchester sales consultant.

"The circle, called Central Park," Adelson said, "is where you'll have a sense of community, meeting and visiting with your neighbors."

Westchester will have 112 homes, Adelson said, with the first 72 in the



Classic Georgian styling is one of the features of Westminister, which also has four bedrooms and a three-car garage. It's one of the homes you'll find in Westchester. Below, the Preston, one of eight home styles in Westchester, features a first floor owner's suite with dressing room.

main circle and two areas extended from the circle. A second extended section will eventually offer the rest.

Lots are odd-shaped and range, Adelson said, from about one-third to one-half acre. No lot, she said, backs up

to a main road. Land that encircles the circle has been landscaped and buffers the community from major traffic.

BUYER'S GUIDE

Westchester is in Canton, south of Warren, west of Ridge Road. Sales office hours are noon to 6 p.m. daily. Call (734) 451-3320 for more information.

Eight different homes are being built, ranging from 2,877 square feet to 4,279 square feet, priced from \$449,900 to \$579,900.

Standard features (according to the builder's brochure and varying by plan) include three-car garage, sidewalks, porches, driveway, walk-in closets, cathedral ceilings, library with French doors, choice of cabinet wood, kitchen island, jetted master tub, poured concrete foundation walls, drywall on garage ceiling and walls.

Community features (according to the builder's brochure) include Plymouth-Canton schools, brick and limestone entry with landscaped boulevard, city sidewalks, underground utilities, city water and sewer, lamp posts based on historical design.



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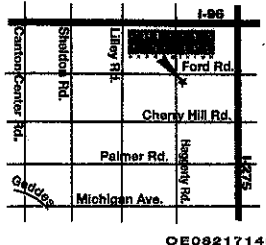
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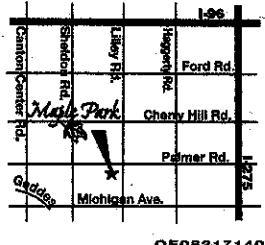
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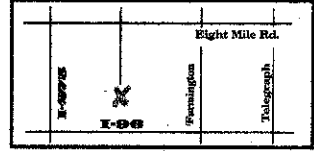
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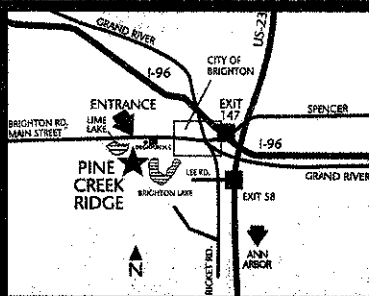
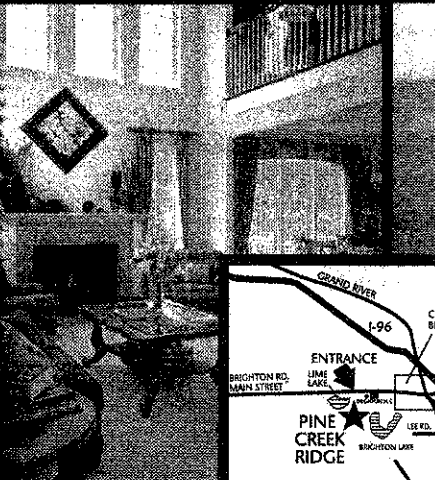
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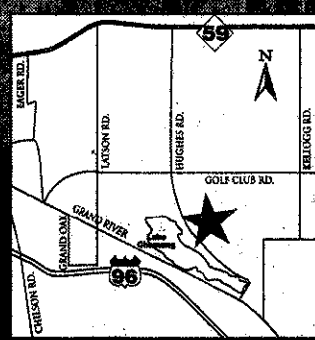
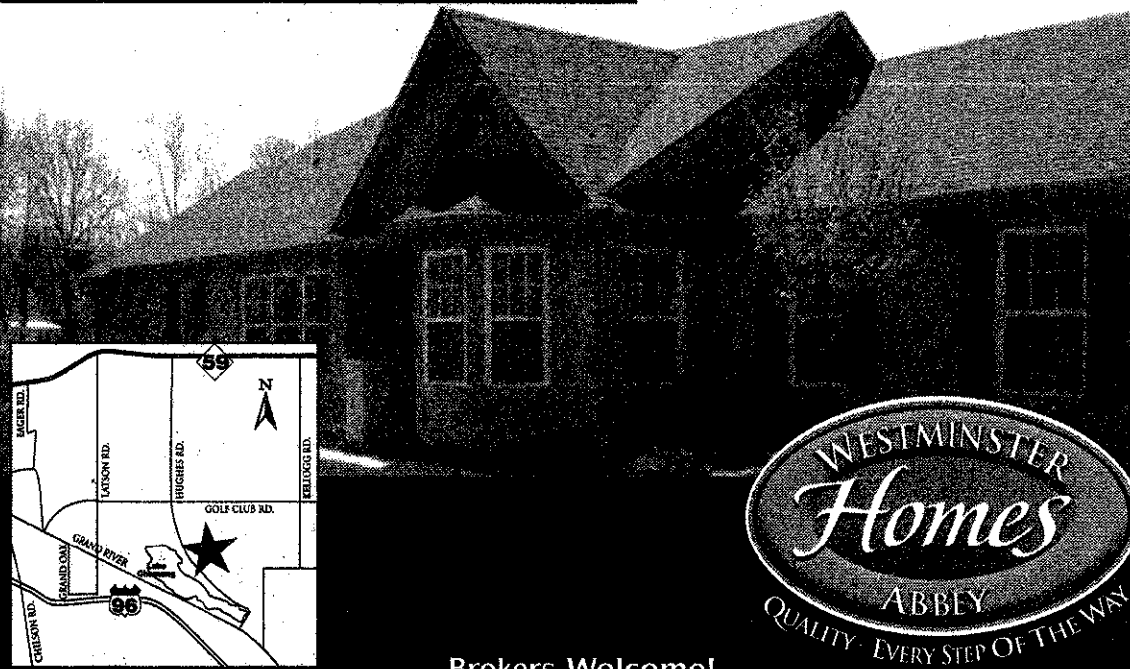
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(NAPSI) - Unless you have a 2-year old, about half of all the energy used in your home goes to heating and cooling.

There are many simple ways to keep cooling costs down. One easy way to save on energy bills is to install a high efficiency heating and cooling system that is the right size for your home. Cooling systems today, even at the lowest efficiency rates allowed by the government, will almost always cost less to operate than one installed ten years ago.

To maximize energy savings and reduce pollution, look for the EPA Energy Star rating. Energy Star qualified central air conditioners, such as the high-efficiency Maytag 1010 series, are about 20 percent more efficient than standard efficiency products and can save homeowners hundreds of dollars over the equipment's lifetime.

Your air conditioner's Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) measures how efficiently the unit cools. The higher the rating, the more efficiently the unit performs, resulting in a lower utility bill.

Many factors can affect long-term savings. Here are 10 ways to save:

1. Programmable thermostats: Use one to set back the temperature when you don't really need it, such as when sleeping or gone for the day.
2. Maintenance: Change filters frequently and clean indoor and outdoor

coils. Most dealers offer a regular maintenance service that can keep your system operating correctly.

3. Installation: When your air conditioner is sized and installed properly, you can save up to 40 percent on your heating and cooling bills.

4. Match indoor & outdoor coils: If you install a new central air conditioning outdoor unit, include a new, equally efficient "matched" indoor unit.

5. Insulation: Be sure your home is adequately insulated.

6. Check and recheck: In the spring and fall, check the seals around windows and doors and then seal them with a quality caulk.

7. Ductwork: Make sure ductwork is properly installed for greater efficiency. Also check for leaks, mold, dirt and foreign matter in the duct system.

8. A name you can trust: If purchasing a new system, select a brand name with a reputation for quality and dependability, such as Maytag Heating and Cooling.

9. Prevent air loss: Install weather stripping around drafty areas on windows and doors.

10. Keep your thermostat up: Each extra degree can add four to five percent to your cooling bill depending on the age of the air conditioner.

For additional energy-saving tips go to www.maytagvac.com.

Consider maintenance-free countertops for the kitchen

(NAPSI) - Designing your dream home starts with selecting the right materials. Strong and beautiful natural quartz has been identified as the ultimate surface for kitchen countertops.

Quartz is one of the earth's most abundant materials and perhaps one of the most intriguing. It makes dazzling jewelry, yet it has the energy and precision to power the most accurate timepieces. The mineral is extremely hard, with unparalleled strength, depth, clarity and radiance. In fact, it is the fourth-hardest natural mineral after topaz, sapphire and diamond.

With these attributes, it's no wonder quartz surfacing has become so popular among homeowners across the country. Quartz surfaces are non-porous, which means they're stain-resistant and can

help protect your food and family from cross-contamination. Even with kitchen spills such as tea, lemon juice, barbecue sauce, wine and other foods, the natural quartz surface keeps its shine without the arduous sealing other stones require.

Perhaps best of all, quartz surfacing materials are virtually maintenance-free. These materials are more resistant to scratches than solid surfaces, and require practically no maintenance.

Quartz surfacing is available in a wide variety of colors, and it's a lot more consistent than granite. Furthermore, natural quartz surfaces can be designed with a variety of edge treatments.

To learn more about how quartz surfacing can transform your kitchen, visit the Web site at www.silestone.com.

No joke when you spot roof shingle cracks

(NAPSI) - Starting at the top may be an unlikely strategy for job hunters, but it's a good plan for homeowners who want to reduce maintenance costs. A good rule to follow is to inspect your roof on a regular basis.

The trick is to know what to look for. Roof shingles, for example, should be checked for signs of deterioration. Cracked or peeling shingles can be caused by anything from old age to temperature extremes. Here, from experts at GAF Materials Corporation, a leading roofing manufacturer, are some telltale signs that will help you recognize damage to your roof and what it means.

- If your attic leaks after a driving rain,

it could be caused by leaky or inadequate shingle underlayment or deteriorated flashing.

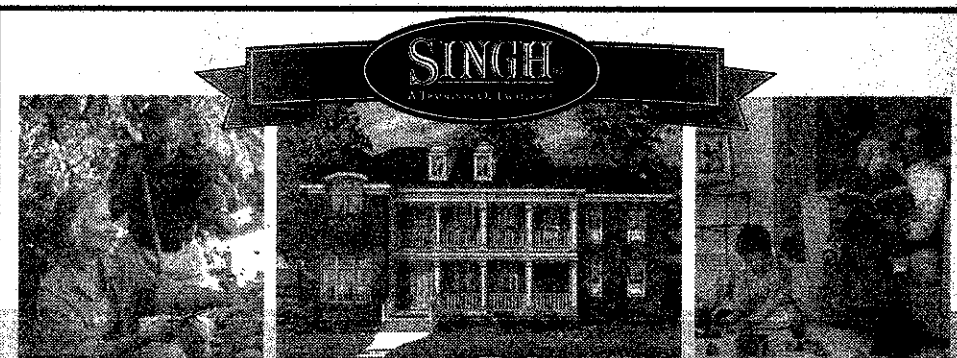
- Blistering and/or peeling of inside or outside painting. Possible causes here are excessive moisture or high humidity due to poor attic ventilation.

- Missing, cracked or curling shingles. Possible cause; shingles have reached the end of their useful life.

- Dark, dirty-looking areas on your roof. Possible causes; environmental pollutants; vegetation, fungus or algae growth; loss of granules due to age of shingles.

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Improve air quality in your home, and breathe more easily

(NAPSI) - Surprising to many Americans is that the indoor air quality in their homes can be five to 10 times worse than outdoor air quality. Because people spend 60 to 90 percent of their time indoors, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considers indoor air a top environmental risk.

You, your family and guests will breathe easier if you improve your home's indoor air quality by reducing allergens such as dust mites, mold spores, pollen, fungus and animal dander.

Here are some suggestions that will help:

1. It's the humidity - Dust mites and molds thrive in humid conditions, so control relative humidity (aim for 35 to 55 percent). Run bathroom exhaust fans during and for 15 minutes after steamy showers. Empty and clean evaporator trays in dehumidifiers, refrigerators and air conditioners on a regular basis.

2. Keep it clean - Regular dusting, vacuuming and surface cleaning can reduce dust mites, pollens and pet dander. Use a HEPA-filter vacuum

bag or a vacuum cleaner equipped with a HEPA filter to reduce the ejection and re-suspension of vacuumed particles.

3. Ban the butt - Don't allow smoking in your home; limit the use of candles, incense and other soot-producing products.

4. In the bedroom - Buy machine-washable pillows and comforters and launder them regularly in hot water to kill dust mites. Launder sheets and pillowcases every 10 days. Sensitive individuals may need additional laundering steps as recommended by their

physicians.

5. Let it flow - For better air circulation, occasionally air out the house on dry days with low pollen counts. Sensitive individuals may isolate the room they occupy most by closing the door and running a room filtration unit.

6. Invest in the best - Equip your home heating and cooling system with high-performance filters air filters, which helps to keep trapped microorganisms from multiplying on the filter surface where they could cause odors and clog the filter, requir-

ing your system to work harder.

7. Check and replace - Check your air filters at least quarterly, and replace them according to the manufacturer recommendations.

8. I'm just venting - Be sure that combustion appliances (stoves, fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, etc.) are properly vented to the outside and the vents are unobstructed.

For more clean indoor air tips, visit www.dupont.com and enter "air filters" in the Quick Word box.

Charleston's beautiful, but expensive

(AP) - Some people who follow Charleston's history are worried the priciest and most picturesque parts of the city are turning into a museum instead of places to raise a family.

The downside of Charleston's booming popularity is people are buying the picture-perfect houses in the city's oldest neighborhoods as second homes.

Frederick Starr, who has studied similar issues in New Orleans, told people at a forum last year those changes are eating away at the life of downtown Charleston.

"The long term effect is that Charleston turns into a cultural doughnut," he said. "The whole center is turned over to tacky tourism stuff, and the real Charlestonians head to the 'burbs."

If the city wants its center to be as beautiful in 300 years as it is now, it better "be a living place and not a dead museum," Starr said.

Census figures support the trend. In 2000, the median age of residents in the pricey part of the Charleston peninsula was 53. A decade earlier it was between 45 and 49. Other parts of the peninsula have median ages of half that.

The jaw-dropping increase in the value of real estate downtown is a big factor in the dwindling number of families with children. Those able to afford the million-dollar price tags of the houses in the best neighborhoods are typically not young couples starting out.

"Only certain people can afford the price of housing," said City Councilman Henry Fishburne, who often says he could not afford his home on South Battery if he had to buy it now.

These homes, some of the nation's most desirable, also are more likely to be empty than others.

Census figures from 2000 show about

one in 10 of the homes have only "seasonal, recreational or occasional use." Few other neighborhoods came close to that number.

"The houses are just empty. It's just depressing. It's sort of a deadening effect," said Nancy Hawk, who has lived for decades in the area. "It really does affect the feeling of being in a neighborhood, of actually being in a living community."

But part-time residents can still stem the tide, said Charlotte Caldwell, president of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association.

"They bought homes here because of the quality of life and the charm and the ambiance," Caldwell said. "And they need to be participating for that charm and ambiance to continue."

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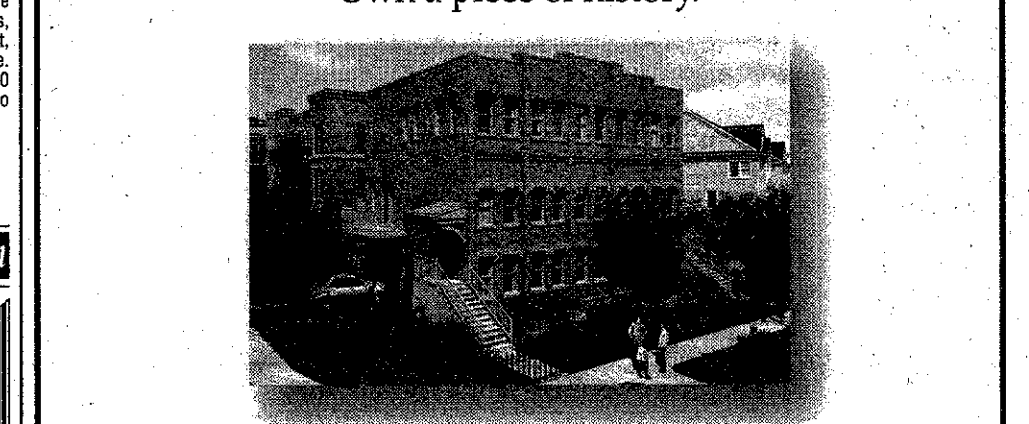
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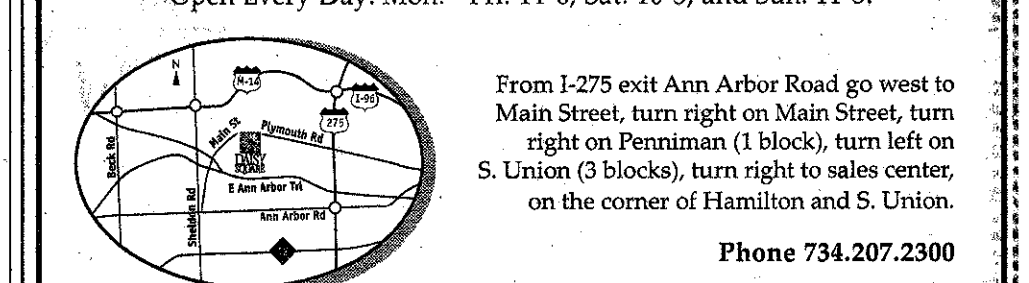
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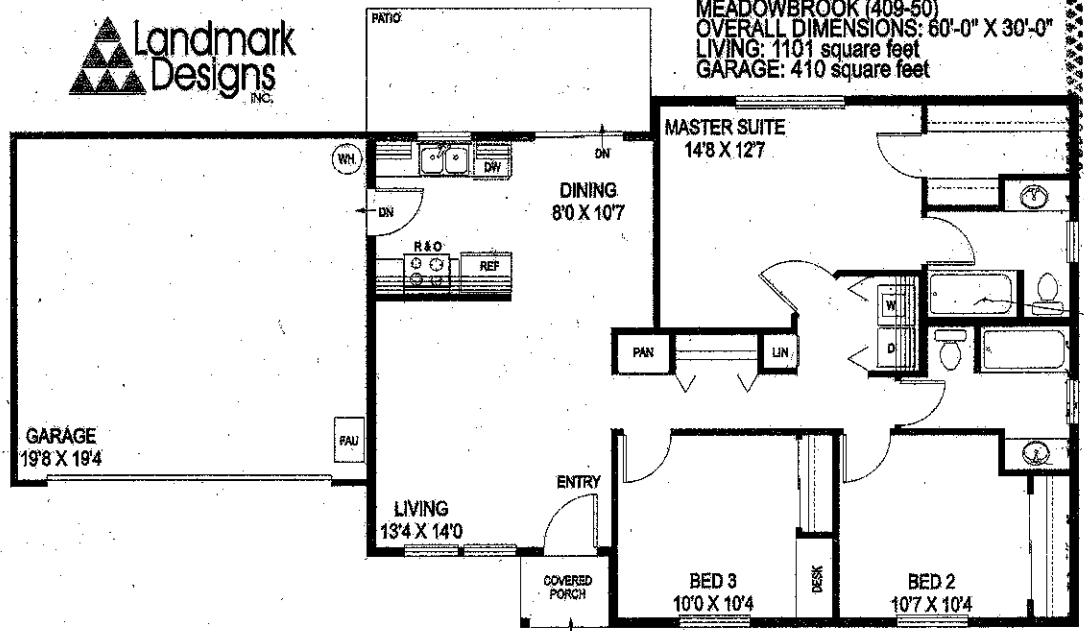
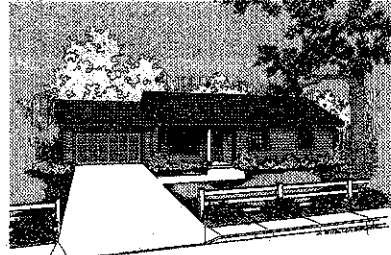
bathroom with a tub and single sink are at the end of the hall next to bedroom two.

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Do your homework to create a dream home for the family

(NAPSI) - With television home makeover shows so popular, Americans are more interested than ever in creating the well-designed home of their dreams. Even with this abundance of information, not everyone has the confidence to create a beautiful interior.

To help, designer Robert Verdi of Discovery Channel's *Surprise By Design* provides these simple tips that will encourage you to express yourself and bring your design vision to life.

SIMPLICITY RULES

From traditional style to modern decor, simplicity is key to good design. Removing clutter and focusing on pieces that

you truly love will highlight the unique aspects of your environment. In addition, simplifying your home creates a peaceful retreat—the perfect antidote to today's hectic lifestyles.

GET INSPIRED

It's confusing to know where to begin. Inspiration for your home can be found anywhere from a museum exhibition to a magazine photograph. Keep in mind that a quick change can breed dramatic results. For instance, drape a sofa with an antique shawl from a flea market or hang a series of black and white photographs on a boldly painted wall. Create an eclectic, yet sophisticated look by combining your favorite ele-

ments from completely different periods and your own varied tastes. Think: Modern Zen or Industrial French Country.

FORM AND FUNCTION

By definition, good design is a combination of form and function. Essentially, most pieces in your home should be both practical and attractive. For instance, a sofa or a table that will be used daily should be elegant but durable enough to withstand years of use. It's a good idea to do a little research before selecting investment pieces. If a piece of furniture catches your eye, find out how it was made and what materials were used. Knowing these types of details will help you be

more confident in your purchase. Utilizing a catalog or Web site such as Design Within Reach that stocks products from the world's leading designers also is a smart way to ensure your investment is beautiful and high quality.

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Everyone from bachelors to teens to college students are learning about design and improving their living spaces. "I'm amazed by the design knowledge of today's consumers and their constant desire for more information," said Verdi. "It seems the savvy-

er consumers become about design, the more likely they are to take risks, explore new products and customize their homes."

Verdi recommends seeking out innovative, do-it-yourself products such as high-style, interchangeable carpet tiles. Multiple pattern, color and texture combinations produce results that are warm and inviting or urban and edgy.

USING COLOR

Although neutral palettes are usually favorites, Verdi recommends incorporating splashes of bright color to liven up dull rooms. Unexpected color combinations such as pink and brown or citron and

sherbet can provide a quick and satisfying update. Use throw pillows, fresh flowers and original artwork to provide interesting focal points in every room.

"Designing your home should be a fun way to express yourself, not an overwhelming and expensive undertaking," said Verdi. "I have the privilege and pleasure of designing rooms that make people happy every day—however, by keeping these tips in mind, anyone can design their own favorite rooms."

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A financial advisor will become an integral part of your life. So it's important to do some research

before choosing one. Here is what you should ask potential advisors, according to personal finance experts:

Fees: Find out how much he charges, getting specifics. Usually it's by the hour, but some are paid by commission; charge a fee and commission or have other payment options. It's okay to use someone who gets paid by commission, but remember that he has an incentive and may not always be looking out for your best interests.

Credentials: You want someone who knows more than you do about finance. A certified financial planner (CFP), chartered financial consultant (ChFC), Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with a specialty as a personal financial specialist (PFC) are all appropriate credentials. Such credentials won't guarantee the

person is good, but they do mean he has legitimate training.

Experience: The longer the person has been in the business, the better he will be. It's best if he's spent five or more years in the area, a sign that he has a solid client base and reputation.

Behavior: The advisor should not be so desperate for clients that he pressures you to make a decision or pay up front. Visit with a few advisors and return to your favorite one later on.

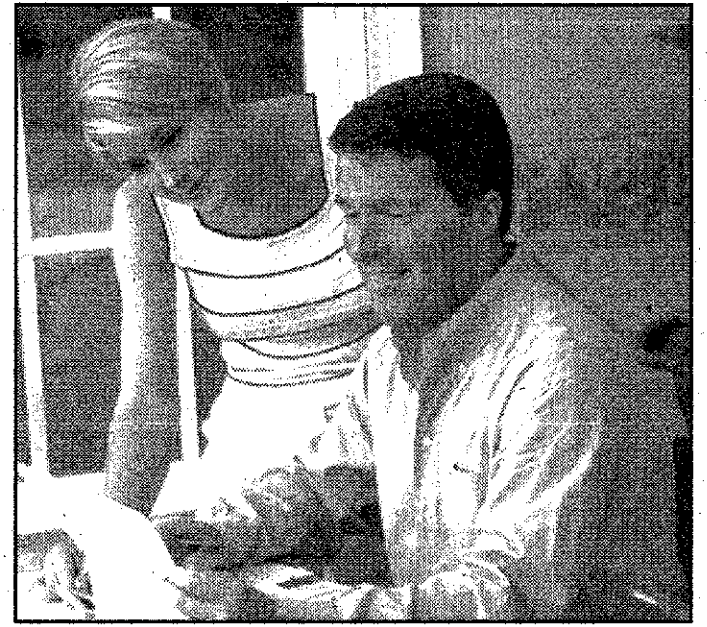
Attitude: No one wants to work with a grumpy advisor. But not all financial decisions are upbeat. Ask him how the plans will help meet your financial expectations, getting both the pros and cons of every financial strategy he offers you.

The Setting: Meet with the advisor at his office

(not your home) and look around. See if the workplace is organized or if files are unkept. Look at the furniture - leather looks nice but you as the client will be paying for those elegant waiting-room chairs.

Questions and Answers: When you ask an advisor a question, you want an answer that is specific, detailed and easy to understand. And if you asked him to look into something for you, he should follow up promptly.

References: The advisor should easily be able to give you a few names and numbers. When calling referrals, ask about the planner's work (sloppy or neat), how quickly he returns calls and answers questions and if mistakes are made often (and how quickly they are corrected). You also should call the Securities and Exchange



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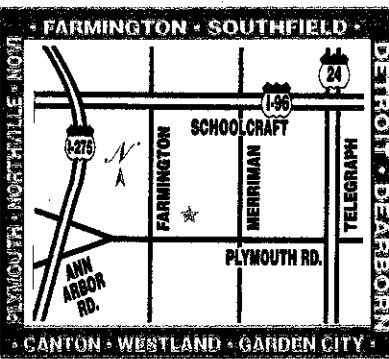
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