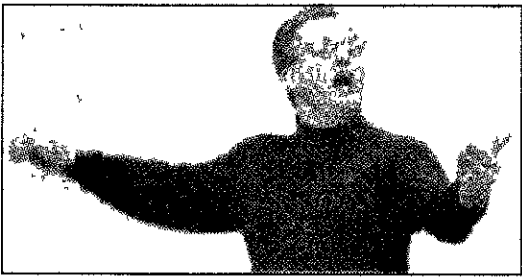


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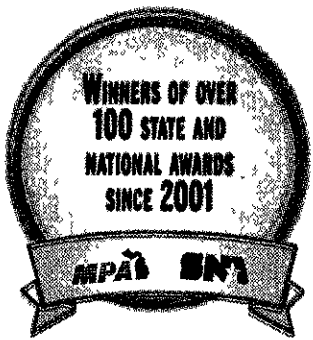
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Canton resident Al Brock spends his days as an IT technician. In his spare time, he has taken on the role of local watchdog, keeping an eye on local government officials and issues that impact the community.

The many faces of Al Brock

Canton resident relishes role as local 'watchdog'

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Alfred Brock hadn't really considered himself all that politically engaged. And he certainly never fancied himself as a writer. But for the past two years, he's taken on a role as a self-proclaimed "watchdog," a task that keeps him at his computer keyboard several hours per week, regularly sounding off to and about local politics, politicians and issues. "It seemed that sometimes the newspapers would just print what they were told and some things just didn't ring true," Brock said of his impressions of the media. Brock is married, and has a child who still

lives in Colorado, his home before moving to southeast Michigan five years ago. Professionally, he is a computer trainer and technical specialist for Yazaki North America in Canton. And he is extremely reserved about his personal life. But get him talking about politics and certain local officials, and he can get riled up pretty fast.

INFORMATION, PLEASE

Brock has used this energy on his crusade-like mission to inform his friends and neighbors about the issues that impact their lives. In addition to attending governmental meetings - he is a regular at township board meetings - and regularly phoning political officials with questions, Brock began writing letters to local and national newspapers. He is a regular letter writer for the *Canton Observer*, and his letters have been printed in *USA Today*, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, and a host of other daily newspapers. "I try to write because I think a lot of my neighbors don't look into what's going on or they just believe whatever they read. Or they just don't care," Brock said.

The issue that first piqued Brock's interest to get involved was a proposal to build a hazardous waste deep injection well in Romulus, an issue that's ongoing and has temporarily been halted due to construction problems. After that, Brock went looking for reasons to get involved in his own community, where he generally lives a quiet life. The most recent issue to catch Brock's attention is the township's auditing process. By law, Canton's budget must be audited by an independent firm, but Brock said the problem with that system is the fact that the same independent firm provides other services for the township. "Who audits the auditors then?" he said.

ASKING QUESTIONS

To get an answer to that question, Brock fired off e-mails and letters to the township's finance department and to the state Department of Treasury, asking about budgeting practices. "The state said they have limited ability to

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Canton dad to go on trial for murder

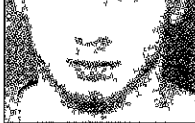
BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

When Jessica Bates left for work on March 3, her 6-month-old baby seemed fine, and was in the care of the baby's father.

Just a few hours after she left, the baby, Tyler Bates, was hospitalized and her boyfriend, 20-year-old Ryan Kierzak, was arrested and charged with felony murder.

Kierzak was bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court Friday by Judge John MacDonald, when he appeared in 35th District Court in Plymouth. If convicted, he could spend the rest of his life in prison.

Bates told the court that she and Kierzak had an argument at Kierzak's grandparents' house on Haggerty Road in Canton, where she and the baby lived, before she left for work on March 3. During the argument, she told the court that she picked up Tyler and Kierzak shoved her, pushing her and the baby into a closet door. But a few minutes after they were pushed, the baby was quiet and happily chewing on a toy, and at 3:30 p.m., Bates went to work her shift at a nearby gym. "He looked fine," Bates said of the baby. "He was in his bouncer chair and



Kierzak

he was fine." By 6:45 p.m., the baby wasn't fine. Tyler Bates died; the Wayne County Medical Examiner's report said the cause of death was a blunt force trauma to the head. The baby had also sustained trauma to the abdomen, which caused bruising and tearing to his liver, according to the lead detective on the case, Craig Wilsher.

Kierzak's grandfather, Ron Hardiek, had come home to find Kierzak and the baby in a rear bedroom.

"What are you doing here?" Hardiek asked his grandson. He told the court he didn't get along with Kierzak and didn't like it when he came to the house.

"He said, 'I'm giving the baby hickies,'" Hardiek told the court. He looked at the baby and saw two or three red marks on the baby's face and said he smacked Kierzak in the head. "I was so damn mad," Hardiek testified.

The baby, Hardiek said, was shaking and having a hard time breathing. He immediately called his wife, Alice Hardiek, and Bates, telling them, "Get home. Something's wrong with the baby."

As soon as Bates arrived, Hardiek called for help, and an ambulance arrived within minutes.

But Kierzak had already left the house, and was picked up by Canton Township police a few hours later.

According to Bates, March 3 was not the first time the baby had been injured badly enough to sustain marks and bruises. A week prior to March 3, Bates said she had seen bruises on the side of the baby's head, she told the court.

Kierzak's defense attorney, Ron Strong, tried to raise doubts about Bates' testimony, pointing out that she had given police conflicting statements.

Bates, who was 17 at the time of her son's death, admitted to giving false statements to police on March 3 when she said the baby had fallen. She later said that she was holding the baby and they were pushed and both fell against a door.

She also waffled about who watched the baby the week before his death - she had said Alice Hardiek had been caring for the baby when the first bruises showed up, but then changed her story and said Kierzak was watching the baby.

"I just broke down and wanted to get it all out," Bates said of her decision to ultimately give police all the information she had.

Strong also called into question Hardiek's testimony because he had been at a bar for several hours prior to returning home.

Strong questioned whether injuries sustained on March 3 killed Tyler Bates, or whether the fatal injuries came the week prior to his death.

"The official cause of death was a subdural hematoma," Strong said. "You can walk around with one of those for a month."

Kierzak will be arraigned in Circuit Court in Detroit in two weeks, then proceed to trial.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOL BOARD 2005

Technology, money top incumbent's list

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Tom Wysocki would like to see the Plymouth-Canton school district expand the use of technology for students, parents and educators.

"Technology is changing so fast, and the kids coming through now are exposed to so much more information than we were in the past," said Wysocki, the school board vice president seeking a second four-year term in the May 3 election. "We need to bring the schools up to that point so we can satisfy their craving for information."

Wysocki said if he's re-elected, he'd like to see the board spend more money on technology.

"To this point, we haven't chosen to spend money on it because it's more expenditures," Wysocki said. "But, even a sim-

ple thing like a parent having access to a Web site so they know what's going on in the classroom ... grades, test scores, everything that's going on in the classroom."

"All of this information could be made available, instead of sitting in the grade book," he said. "We can put a lot more information in the hands of parents."

While technology is a priority on his list, Wysocki admits the major challenge the next several years will be money.



Wysocki

PLEASE SEE WYSOCKI, A5

Challenger: Budget, Central key issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Emily Florence has lived and breathed education all her life, and that's one reason she and her family moved to Canton Township.

"My father was an administrator, all the way up to superintendent, and my mother was a teacher, so there was no option while growing up," Florence said. "We were going to be educated, and we were going to be educated well. And, it's something that's important to me now that I have children."

Florence, a mother of four, is challenging incumbent Tom Wysocki for the single four-year seat on the May 3 school board ballot.

"We moved here primarily because of the schools, and it's important for me to stay on top of this," Florence said. "The

school board is a good way for me to greatly get involved."

Florence spends time at Gallimore Elementary, helping in her 6-year-old Florence son's kindergarten classroom where kids can learn fun things like karate, magic and building a gingerbread house. She's prepared for tougher issues as a member of the Board of Education.

"Budget, obviously, is the big issue with all the federal and state cuts that have been made," Florence said. "We need to maintain a budget that will enable us to employ the top



Florence

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Toastmasters clarification

A story in the Thursday, April 7, *Canton Observer* stated a new Toastmasters group will meet April 23. The correct date is April 13. After that, the group will hold meetings every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley Road.

Members are from all walks of life and join for a variety of reasons. Participants will help learn to overcome fear; be more confident; think on your feet; hone leadership skills and improve oral and written communication in a fun, supportive and positive learning environment.

Membership is less than \$50 for the first six months, then \$30 every six months thereafter. Guests are free, always welcome and never required to speak. Must be 18 years of age to attend.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 994-

0569, or e-mail her at pretty-monarch@comcast.net.

LaJoy office hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will meet with local residents from 3:30-5 p.m. on April 11, at the Canton Public Library, which is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. No appointment is necessary.

Pompon tryouts

The Canton Chiefette pompon team will be holding tryouts for the 2005-06 squad during the week of week of April 11. There will be a mandatory parent/student meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 11 at the Canton High School cafeteria. Tryout packets can be picked up in the Canton High general office.

Youth orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be

holding auditions for the 2005-2006 school year on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, 2005. Auditions will take place at Evola Music, which is located at 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction, and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

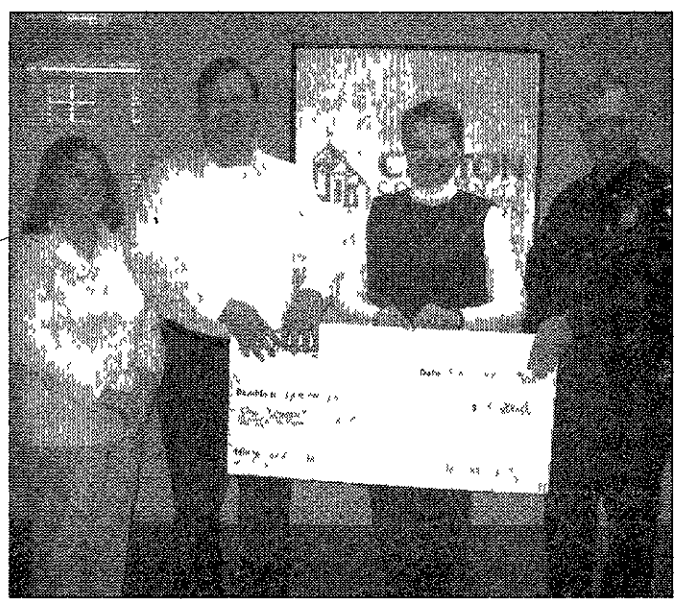
The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2005 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass,

and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at CelebrationYO@aol.com.

Go fly a kite

Join Canton Leisure Services for Family Fun Day in Heritage Park on Saturday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Families are encouraged to come and check out this celebration of all things airborne. You can expect inflatables, Frisbees, kites, boomerangs and more. Build a kite, or fly your own. A variety of special activities will also be taking place, including the America's Best Frisbee Dogs putting on two shows at 11:15 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater. The program is free.



One sweet check

Barb (from left) and Charles Mulder, owners of Cold Stone Creamery in Cherry Hill Village, recently presented a \$1,000 check to Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks and Canton police officer Rob Cripe. Half of the money will go towards the foundation's grant making activities, and the other half will go to the Canton Police Benevolent Fund, which assists families of public safety members who may be killed or injured in the line of duty. On April 25, Cold Stone Creamery, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, is holding an ice cream social to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Homeowners meeting

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m. on April 11 at First

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From yawns to yucks

Jamboree shows science, math can be fun

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Science and math can be fun and exciting. No, really. "When people hear a term like chemical reaction, they think 'really boring,'" said Donna Ferguson of Plymouth Township. "But, I'm trying to show kids how chemical reactions relate to their daily lives."

Ferguson was one of nearly 500 people from Pfizer Corporation who put on 37 science and math demonstrations as part of the Science and Math Jamboree (SAMJAM) at the company's Ann Arbor headquarters Thursday and Friday for nearly 1,500 eighth-grade students.

Ferguson, who also talks science with students at Isbister Elementary in Plymouth Township - where she has two children enrolled - admits that scientific terms can sometimes get in the way of a good message.

"If you ask for an hypothesis, you get this weird look like 'oh boy, she's talking science. What's for lunch?'" said Ferguson, who conducted demonstrations for students in the What Is a Chemical Reaction booth. "But, if you say 'what's your educated guess,' they can all answer that question."

"A lot of it is verbiage to maintain that interest and spark," she said.

That's why Ferguson relates chemical reactions to



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sherry Bright of Canton is ready to test the tongue's taste receptors with sour, salty or sweet solutions during Pfizer-sponsored Science Fair Thursday.

situations like eating breakfast, drinking coffee and walking the dog.

At the Tastes of Distinction booth, students learned there are many different kinds of cells and nerves that contribute to the total sensory experience of taste, and that taste and smell are definitely linked.

"We talk to them about taste buds and map the taste buds on their tongues, and how smell is important in their taste," said Sherry Bright of Canton Township, a project manager at Pfizer. "We have them taste sweet and sour liquids and then map where they strongly feel sweet, or sour or salty."

Bright said eighth grade is a prime time to get the interest of students in science and math, and ultimately careers requiring those qualifications.

"The kids are either losing their interest in math or science at that point, or they may be leaning toward it," Bright said. "In all the demonstrations we try to relate something to our personal jobs, or some of the other scientists jobs, so they can get a feel there are exciting things in the research industry."

Pfizer information scientist Marjorie Eshoo of Westland remembered the effect on her by an eighth-

grade science teacher who made science fun, which led to a college degree in chemistry.

"By doing things like SAMJAM, it shows science can be fun and cool," said Eshoo. "If kids like to challenge themselves, there are a lot of fun and challenging and puzzling things to do in science."

"A lot of people think you have to be some mad Ph.D. scientist to be involved, but you don't," she added. "You don't have to have an advanced degree to get into an area of science you may like. We have people with high school diplomas and associate's degrees."

For 13-year-old Chelsea Gallagher, SAMJAM was definitely a success in showing science and math can be fun.

"I thought this was a pretty cool idea," said Gallagher. "I used to think science was pretty boring, just a lot of writing and reading. But, I found out you can really do hands-on activities."

As for the so-called studies that indicates girls lag behind boys in math and science studies, Gallagher believes that's a myth.

"I think girls are better because we're more precise and learn faster," she said.

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New law lets police seize cars from drunken drivers

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A new Wayne County vehicle seizure program will not only add cash to the Canton Police Department's bottom line, but it is also showing repeat drunken driving offenders that the police mean business.

The department is taking advantage of a new Wayne County vehicle seizure program, which allows police to impound cars in second and third offense drunken driving arrests, as well as drunken driving arrests that endanger children. The law was implemented late in 2004.

"We've been just super busy with vehicle forfeitures," said Canton Police Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

Drunken drivers can be given the option to pay \$900 to \$1,800 to buy back their cars, depending on the nature of the charges, according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro. Canton Township may keep half proceeds, and the rest is divided between the county and victims' rights programs.

Canton police began seizing vehicles as part of the program late last year.

Canton officers arrested a total of 325 drivers for driving under the influence in 2004, seizing a total of 40 vehicles. Eight of those were through the new county program. This year, the department has already seized 22 through the program.

Although the forfeitures contribute to the police department's coffers, the amount of money is "insignificant," according to Santomauro. Even if the department collects a lot of money, he said he would hesitate to use it for things such as wages and benefits and other day-to-day operating costs.

"What we will use the money for is things like traffic education and traffic enforcement," Santomauro said. "We felt it was appropriate to put the money back into those areas."

The greatest value to the program is the message it sends to drivers, he added.

"We're not in the enforcement business for dollars. We're in it for compliance," Santomauro said, but added, "It's to a degree a user fee. Whether it's drug or drunk driving forfeitures, my belief is that it's not the sole responsibility of the taxpayer to totally absorb the cost of apprehending these people. This pro-

gram relieves the taxpayer to some degree of total responsibility when people do bad things."

Pomorski said at the time when a second-time drunken driver is arrested, the vehicle is seized and towed to the station. The driver is served with forfeiture papers explaining the process, and how to redeem the car.

The county prosecutor sends the police department an order to seize the vehicle and a judge signs papers to give the department the authority to hold the vehicle. The offender is given a period of time to redeem the car and if the order is not contested, it reverts to the police. If the prosecutor elects to do so, the driver can buy back the car for between \$900 and \$1,800, depending on the charges.

"This is having a pretty good effect on drunk drivers. They're learning the police and prosecutor are taking a staunch attitude toward this," Pomorski said. "If you're going to continue to drive drunk, we are going to do what we can to stop you."

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Busy mom gets well-deserved dinner break

Connie Knie is a busy mother of four children, ranging in age from 7 to 18.

Yet, she still finds time for lots of volunteer work. There's PTA room parent coordinator, Cub Master of Pack 226, Boy Scout Troop 45, and Girl Scout Troop 2394.

To top it off, Knie also works as a noon-time aide at Gill Elementary School in Farmington. In her spare time, she cares for neighborhood children.

"My house is the common playground," she says, with a warm laugh.

Her selflessness hasn't gone

unnoticed.

"I don't know when she ever has time for herself," wrote her friend Lynn Halton when nominating Knie for the O&E and Buddy's Pizza Random Acts of Pizza Award.

"Connie is a tireless volunteer with endless ideas of how to engage and teach children. We are thankful to her for her interaction with our children and would like to thank her by giving her a dinner that she doesn't have to cook," wrote Halton.

Well, Connie and a few of the Knie family members — Gilbert, 15; Nathan, 11 and Claire, 7, along with Connie's mother, Sue

Waters — enjoyed their Buddy's Pizza dinner on March 9 in their Longwood Drive home in Farmington Hills.

Knie estimates she volunteers "40 hours a week - easily" but she loves it and wouldn't have it any other way.

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Helping veterans get benefits the focus of April 12 fair at Summit

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

State Reps. Phil LaJoy and John Stewart will be hosting a benefits fair for area veterans on Tuesday, April 12, at the Summit on the Park in Canton, from 4-8 p.m.

The fair will provide one-stop services and benefit information for all veterans, serving and having served.

"Veterans can bring their questions, concerns and needs to one location and find the answers they are looking for," said LaJoy, R-Canton. "Often it helps just to know what is out there and available to you now, or sometime in the future."

The Canton and Plymouth Rotary Clubs are helping promote the event. Canton Rotary President Lisa Kennedy said there will be medical and legal professionals on hand to answer questions and assist all veterans.

"This veteran's fair is the first one in Michigan, and they are planning to have others around

the state and use this one as the template. We have discovered there are so many veterans and their families that are entitled to benefits and they are unaware," Kennedy said.

Canton Computers has volunteered the use of some its computers to demonstrate to veterans how to visit Web sites that can assist them, or print applications on the spot for them.

Kennedy said society should do all it can to take care of its war veterans.

"We are at war, and although it is not on our soil this time, there are a lot of Americans that have sacrificed a lot so you and I can have what we have," Kennedy said. "The least we can do is educate and help them receive what they have earned in benefits."

Stewart, R-Plymouth, agreed. "These veterans have certainly earned these benefits," he said.

The Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

DEATHS

A
Millie Aronson, 77, of Garden City, died March 18.

B
Nelle P. Ballinger, 106, of Belleville, Ill., died April 5.
Ronald R. Barnett, 72, of Rochester, died April 3.
Marie (Wadkins) Boughton, 81, of Farmington Hills, died March 14.
Joyce R. Boyd-Jaeger, 75, died March 28.
Dorothea L. Brong, 90, of Troy, died March 29.

C
Betty Lorena Clark, 67, of Taylor, died April 5.
Carmela V. Connery, 72, of Rochester Hills, died April 1.

D
Francis William Donehue, of Livonia, died April 2.

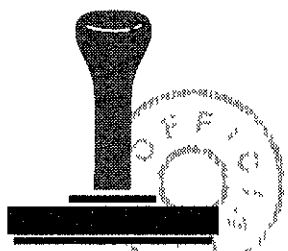
F
Elizabeth S. Fay, 95, of Rochester Hills, died April 5.
John J. Fodermaier Jr., 90, of San Antonio, died April 7.

G
Sharon A. Griffith, 54, of Livonia, died April 4.

H
Herman Heintz, of Livonia, died April 3.
Louise I. Humer, 83, of Lake Orion, died March 29.

J
Alvina Conn Jahns, 76, of Rochester Hills, died March 28.
Kenneth A. Johnstone, 98, of Troy, died April 1.

L
Marian E. Lange, 91, of Plymouth, died April 4.



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

Jack Lawson, 78, of Westland, died March 31.
Virginia J. Lillie, of Westland, died April 4.

M
Ibrahim (Abe) Madany, 74, of Farmington, died March 31.

S
Ruby Elizabeth Salmon, 94, of Canton, died April 7.
Esther Leora Shattuck, 99, of Plymouth, died April 3.
Floyd G. Sims, 81, died April 1.
Jessica A. Susalla, 15, of Rochester, died April 1.
Michelle Swanderski, 53, of Farmington Hills, died April 3.

T
Emma Thorold, 88, formerly of Westland, died March 27.
Norman E. Trudeau, 84, of Leonard, died March 30.

Y
Roberta Jean Nichols Yakel, 73, of Plymouth, died April 3.

Renowned author to visit library

Acclaimed author Elizabeth McCracken will speak and sign books at the Canton Public Library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, as part of National Library Week activities.

McCracken, who was recognized by *Granta* magazine as one of the 20 "Best American Novelists" under 40, is a National Book Award finalist. She has won the Barnes & Noble "Discover Great New Writers Award" and an award from the American Library Association for "Notable Book of the Year."

After working in libraries from the age of 15, Elizabeth McCracken now writes full-time and resides in Somerville, Mass. She is working on her fourth book.

Her books include *Here's Your Hat What's Your*

Hurry, a collection of stories, and the novel, *Niagara Falls All Over Again*. In addition to her books, she has been published in *The New York Times Magazine* and *Esquire*.

McCracken's visit to the library is part of the Everyone's Reading ... Metro Book Club, a reading event sponsored by the Metro Net Library Consortium, which includes the Canton Public Library. Similar to the One Book, One Community programs across the country, Everyone's Reading promotes reading and discussion by encouraging an entire community to read and discuss the same books.

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Just in time for warm spring temperatures, Livonia resident and fashion consultant Tami Zellner is about to unveil spring and summer collections for an exclusive line of children's clothing, new to the area.

Fit for toddlers through pre-teens, big enough clothes, can't be found in a store. Zellner sells the European-inspired clothing at in-home trunk shows in the area. The company uses a system called WOW, or World of Wardrobing.

"WOW is a collection of great colors, prints and styles that work together to create exciting wardrobes for children ages 1-12," said Zellner. "This is especially helpful for those toddlers who insist on dressing themselves. They'll always make a perfect match."

The girls' line for spring and summer includes pieces like cargo pleated skirts, Capri pants, mesh beachwear, white tank tops and ruffle skirts. For boys, athletic tops, reversible shorts, polo and Hawaiian style shirts are all available.

For more information, see www.bigenough.com. To set up a trunk show locally, send e-mail to bigenough@ameritech.net.

ON THE FLOOR

Ed Barann began working at Plymouth Flooring Co. in Livonia, shortly after it opened in 1975. Now, he co-

owns the business along with Gordon Laverdure.

In February, the long-standing Livonia institution took up new residence at 17200 Farmington Road - the former site of Danny's Food Store. "The building had been vacant for at least 5-6 years," said Barann.

Though they were originally looking to remain on Plymouth Road, the new 18,000-square-foot location fit the companies needs.

In addition to the move, Plymouth Flooring Co. changed its name to Abbey Flooring and Design.

"We're going to put on a new facade," said Barann, who will seek city site plan approval soon. By June, owners anticipate the work will be complete and the showroom will offer 12,000 square feet "full of anything you can walk on."

The flooring specialty company sells carpeting, wood, vinyl, laminate and ceramic

tile floors, and offers installation. By the time the renovation is complete, Barann said, the company will offer "the best selection in the area."

Abbey Flooring and Design employs six staff members and about 14 contracted installers. Clientele come from Livonia, Northville, Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton and beyond.

"We're very optimistic about the future," Barann said.

Abbey Flooring and Design is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday. Call (734) 427-7120.

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FLORENCE

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quality teachers, educators and administrators. Keeping them happy, but also keeping within our budget.

"Also, the expansive growth in the district, building new elementary and middle schools while staying in the budget," she said. "It's a whole balancing act of budget and growth. A lot of creative budgeting needs to be done for that."

Florence said it's time to rethink Proposal A to improve the funding situation for the district.

"I think Proposal A was good originally, but needs to be re-examined," she said. "The schools need to have accessibility to offer to voters the opportunity to increase the taxes and help the schools, rather than have a cap."

"It's not fully up to the board," she said. "The community

needs to start showing some involvement. There is more strength in numbers."

Florence also believes negotiations with the district's nine unions this year will be tough, considering the economic challenges.

"That's where teamwork has to come in, where the board has to work together and say 'how do we approach this and what can we afford,'" she said. "Everybody needs to come to the table and say 'this is what we have, how can we do this, so that everybody walks away happy and we have a school district that can maintain a budget.'"

Florence said she's also interested in working on a future bond issue, which could determine the future of Central Middle School.

"Ideally, the best way to approach it is to renovate, if you need to, at a reasonable price; and keep a building, rather than have a building sit empty and build a new middle school," she

said. "I would have to see what the costs are for renovation vs. new, and if a new building is more economical then it has to be sold, not just sit empty."

Florence readily admits she doesn't have the experience of the incumbent, but believes enthusiasm can go a long way.

"My passion is for education," Florence said. "With four young children going through the school system, it's near and dear to my heart to have these schools top quality. But, it's not only my children, they're only representative of the district."

"With my parents being in education, I've seen where teachers stand, where the superintendent stands, where boards stand," she said. "I have a unique perspective. I don't have a set agenda and I'm not siding with anyone. Let's look at the whole picture and see what's best for everyone."

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WYSOCKI

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"If funding doesn't change or improve for us, we're going to be facing some big deficits," said Wysocki. "We're going to have to find other revenue, or make some cuts."

"We're looking closely at cuts," he added. "We're trying not to impact education that affects learners directly. We're keeping class sizes the best we can, and trying not to impact teachers."

Two major issues which are likely to be resolved during the next four years include the future

of Central Middle School and a new superintendent.

"We're going to have to come up with some kind of decision on Central," said Wysocki. "We bought land, presumably for a middle school, in Canton. If it was me, today, I probably would be looking at putting a middle school there - because our population has shifted that way - and find some other repurposing for Central."

Wysocki said he wouldn't rule out selling the Central property.

"As a board, we have to consider all things and decide what's best for the district," he said. "If we don't get big improvements, and the economy doesn't pick up

around here, we're going to have to look at other things to keep the district afloat. (Selling Central) is not out of the question."

"We have a good superintendent in Dr. (Jim) Ryan, but if I'm re-elected, during my term it's likely he's going to leave and we'll be looking for a new superintendent," added Wysocki. "That will be an important decision for our district."

Wysocki, who lives in Plymouth, faces the challenge of Emily Florence of Canton Township for the only seat up for grabs in next month's school board election.

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BROCK

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check on this stuff, because as long as the township produces a balanced budget, they're within the law," Brock said. "The state said they have no reason to be concerned. I didn't get a whole lot of assistance from them."

Brock has tried to acquire documents under the Freedom of Information Act, but so far has had little luck.

"Usually when I ask for documents that way, I'm ignored," he said, but added that agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency have been helpful in locating the information from other sources.

He has found the best place to get this information is the

Canton Public Library. "It's just a phenomenal library. I can get documents or books from anywhere in the country, just by going to the library right here in Canton," Brock said.

Brock spends a few hours a week writing letters and researching issues, time that has increased since moving to Canton from Farmington Hills. Now that his commute to work takes less than 10 minutes, he has found more time to spend at the keyboard in the library.

"Research never ends for me," Brock said.

He said the most pressing issues for him and the rest of Canton are the landfill at the south end of the township, excessive government spending at the local level, as well as an unstable economy and unemployment in southeast

Michigan. And if they aren't aware of it, he will do his best to draw their attention.

"If I don't do something or say something - as an American citizen I'm responsible for things that I don't think are right. I'm supposed to be involved in my government," Brock said.

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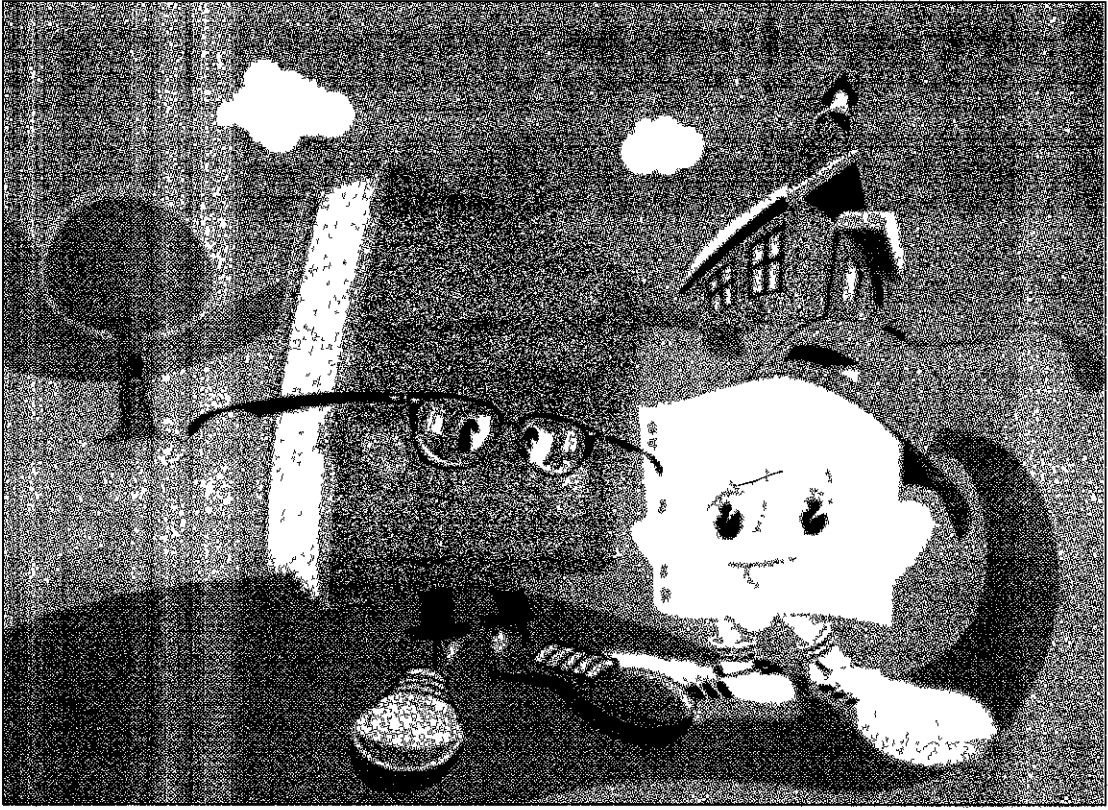
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'Bookster' and 'Pagie' are the icons for the school district's book drive.

Publisher backs school book drive

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A drive to collect 35,000 books to be distributed among kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms in the Plymouth-Canton school district begins Monday, with the backing of the founder of a Plymouth publishing company.

Patrick Olson, founder of Hayden-McNeil Publishing Inc., is involving the Patrick and Patricia Olson Foundation in the monthlong book drive aimed at putting 100 books in each of the district's 350 K-5 classrooms.

"There are so many things that compete for the attention of our children, and most of

them aren't healthy or useful," said Olson. "And, they're not very rewarding, whereas reading is.

"It requires a habit, which needs to be developed early," he said. "Our teachers struggle mightily to get students to acquire that habit, and if these classroom libraries can help, then I'm all for it."

Olson will coordinate all aspects of the project, including providing collection boxes, posters and a five-minute, animated cartoon for students that explains how they can help by donating books from a list of 600 titles, which will be distributed to students tomorrow.

"We gave teachers a list of

popular children's literature, and asked them to select 100 they would like to see in their classroom libraries," said Penny Joy, the district's K-12 curriculum coordinator for language arts and social studies. "We used that list to come up with 100 titles for each grade level.

"Research shows classroom libraries should have 25 books per child, so this is a start," she said. "The community has always been supportive of our kids and schools, and we hope they will continue to do so."

Olson said whatever shortfall exists at the end of the book drive will be purchased by the foundation to meet the obligation of 35,000 books.

"It's remarkable someone from our community wants to do this for our district," said Hoben Elementary Principal Liz Vartanian-Gibbs. "Anytime children want to read when they are done with their work, or during recess, we'll have books right there. This will enhance the libraries we already have."

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Chaz

Cassis' run for governor a long shot, not hopeless

Nancy Cassis was back in her hometown in upstate New York sometime in the 1980s when she bumped into her old high school government teacher, the one who had made a big difference in her life.

Beaming, she told him that she had not only become a teacher herself, she had just been elected to the Novi City Council. Old Ed Cassidy looked at her. "So when are you going to run for governor?" he said.

The answer is now, though Cassidy, alas, didn't live to see it. Now a state senator from a fast-growing part of Oakland County, the state's most affluent area, Nancy Cassis, at 61 a staunch, if tiny, Republican with piercing blue eyes, thinks Michigan needs a woman governor. Just not the one we've got.

"Governor (Jennifer) Granholm is trying to play catchup after failing to provide leadership for her first two years in office," she said. "The state needs a governor who will make the tough choices and who will cut spending and cut taxes so we can create new jobs. I will provide that strong leadership."

Most regard her candidacy as a long shot. Michigan Republicans, unlike Democrats, normally prefer picking candidates by quiet consensus to bruising primary struggles, and the consensus seems to be settling on Dick DeVos, heir to the Amway fortune and husband of former state party chair Betsy DeVos.

Many Republicans like DeVos in part because, as one put it succinctly, "he has more money than God," and can self-fund a campaign for governor, leaving party fund-raisers free to concentrate on raising the millions they'll need to mount a challenge to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

Nancy Cunningham Cassis isn't willing to accept that. True, she isn't fabulously wealthy; she was a school psychologist before entering politics, and her second husband, Victor Cassis, is a retired restaurant owner. Together, they've raised a mere \$35,000 so far. Yet she isn't willing to accept the odds.

Her political hero, former Gov. John Engler, she notes, didn't accept them either. "He was always bold, and that's what I admired about him." Nobody gave Engler any better chance of winning the 1990 gubernatorial election than they give Cassis now. Yet he did, and she intends to.

No two people could look less alike; she is 5-foot-3 and has a merry, somewhat elfin aspect, together with an accent that, even after a quarter-century in Michigan, says New York. Engler, was, well, big and often dour.

But there are a couple of interesting things that may be going for her.

Yet politically, she says, they are twins. "Like John, I've got the legislative experience to get things done," she says. And she insists that when people figure out who she is, she will have a real shot both at the nomination, and at beating Granholm a year from this November.

That may be a long shot. But there are a couple of interesting things that may be going for her. While DeVos is unquestionably better known, his wife was a controversial state party chair who many think was eased out after the party failed to meet expectations in last November's elections.

The DeVos couple were also the main movers behind a campaign to replace public education funding with state-issued vouchers, which went down to a landslide defeat and earned DeVos the enmity of public school teachers.

There also has long been a split between west Michigan, where DeVos is from, and southeast Michigan, where more of the voters, including Cassis, live. There are also those who are a bit leery of Amway, the giant controversial retailer which is the source of the DeVos fortune.

Cassis proudly points to one poll showing that despite low name recognition, she trails the governor only 44 percent to 38 percent, while DeVos lags behind by 47 percent to 32 percent in a similar matchup.

Yet her campaign may have its own contradictions. Cassis vows to cut taxes and spending, but also says she would do more for education, two promises that don't seem to mesh. Though she is touting an "Early Learning Initiative" for kids at the earliest levels, she isn't talking much about new money.

There is general agreement that Michigan schools at all levels are facing a severe financial crisis, higher education in particular. Many, including some Republicans, fear that if this isn't addressed, the state's long-term ability to compete economically may be irreparably damaged.

The Cassis campaign has yet to address any of this, though it isn't clear that the Granholm administration has either. "We (Michigan) have to make real hard choices, and we've been avoiding them," Cassis says. You don't have to be a supporter of hers, or her ideas, to suspect that is absolutely right.

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It's National Library Week, time to check out a book for freedom

The theme of this year's National Library Week, April 10-16, is Something for Everyone @your Library.

When local governments begin to feel a pinch, libraries become vulnerable. But the recent trend toward independent district libraries has generally shown that when residents are asked to pony up some of their tax dollars to support the library they do.

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We know that there is something for everyone @the library, but sometimes we need to remind ourselves how important it is.

Parents know what a good library means for their students who need to do a report on the ancient Mayans or Einstein's theory of relativity, which aren't in most family libraries.

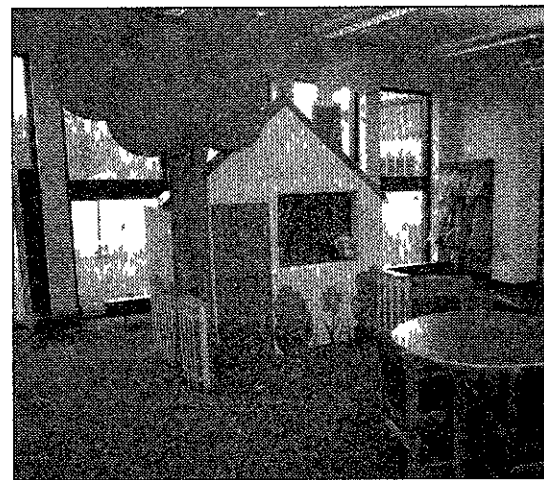
But, of course, books are old school. It's a whole new communications ballgame. And guess what? The libraries were on the field before any other players.

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CDs, DVDs and any other new electronic means of information storage are available also at our libraries. While video stores were offering the latest releases, libraries were building collections of classic films, first on videotape and then on DVD.

Libraries also have professional librarians. I'm a bit prejudiced on this subject as my wife is a



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The puppet theater in the new Redford Library. The new library is an example of how much we support our libraries and all the things they provide, for children and adults.

librarian with a fierce dedication to the concept of the library as a key ingredient to our First Amendment freedoms and the free flow of any and all ideas.

Librarians are in the vanguard on protecting First Amendment rights because they know how vital free information is. They are trained to find information, make sense of the information they find and package that information for maximum value. This is probably the one aspect of the library that doesn't get the promotion it deserves. But it is growing more and more significant for local businesses they need to understand a shrinking world economy and their place in it. Librarians have that information on their fingertips.

In Livonia, closing the library's two local branches is still on the table as a cost-saving effort. In Farmington, the library is seeking a separate millage in the face of cuts by Farmington and Farmington Hills. Other libraries are also at risk of being short-funded or closed.

But time and time again, the residents of our communities rally to support our public libraries. A new facility in Redford, a relatively new library in Westland, a recent addition to the Canton library and a relatively new Plymouth library are all strong indications that we know there is something for everyone @our libraries.

This is the week to show our support. Check it out.

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Skill Center prepares students for life

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

For nearly 20 years, the Western Wayne Skill Center (WWSC) in Westland has been teaching life and job skills to young adults ages 14 to 26 who are developmentally disabled. The program is funded by Wayne County through the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, with the school portion of WWCS administered by the Livonia Public Schools.

The 75 students in the program have mild cognitive impairment, which means they have a significant intellectual disability which limits their success in academic settings. WWSC doesn't focus on academics, but instead teaches skills for daily living.

"We teach our students to be good citizens and good family members," said Al DiPaolo, principal of WWSC. "We also teach employment skills."

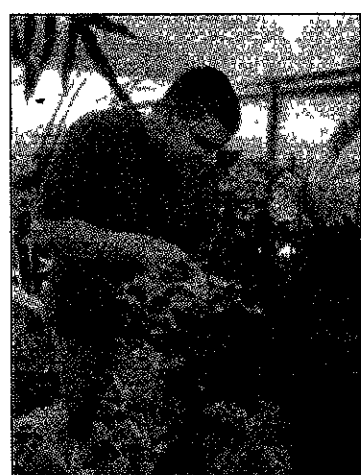
DiPaolo, who has been principal at WWSC for five years, said that students in the program attend Churchill High School from grades nine through 12 and then attend classes at WWCS after that. They may stay at the Center until they are 26 years old.

"Most states only train their students until they are 21 years old," DiPaolo said. "In Michigan, they can stay until they are 26."

'EXCELLENT PROGRAM'

Don Nicholson's son Edward will stay at WWSC until he's 26, he'll be 22 in September.

Nicholson, of Westland, said his son is autistic and has been in the program nearly five years.



Working in the school greenhouse, Steve Psaila judges whether a plant is dry before he waters it.

"WWSC is an excellent program, my son loves it," Nicholson said. "Edward has progressed through many classes."

He added that his son has also improved his way of reacting in public.

Joe Jones, 24 of Redford, is also a student at WWSC. His mother, Betsy McRae, said that her son has been in the program for five years. Before he was at WWSC, he attended Redford Union High, but stopped attending in 12th grade.

"I'm very satisfied with the program," McRae said. "Joe loves the different classes, he gets different work experiences."

McRae said that WWSC teaches the students important skills such as how to handle themselves on the job and grooming.

"These are important issues," she said.

Joe works at a restaurant every Saturday and also works

a few days a week at the Westland Public Library.

"Right now the school has him working on his resume," McRae said. "Eventually he wants to move out and have control of his life."

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

DiPaolo and his staff teach skills through demonstrations and hands-on experiences. The Center, which is a former elementary school, is designed more like a workplace than a school.

DiPaolo said that there are several "micro-enterprises" at the Center that show students how to work at, and run, a small business.

He said that the school store is run entirely by students, but supervised by the teaching staff.

"They go to Sam's Club and buy the stock for the store and stock the shelves," DiPaolo said. "They run everything."

There is also a student-run laundry where they wash sheets, towels and quilts for a fee. Recently, the Center sent out a letter to local high school athletic departments asking if they could wash their towels.

In addition to working at the Center's small businesses, students from WWSC also have onsite classrooms at several retail locations throughout Western Wayne County.

"We have an offsite location at J.C. Penney in Westland Mall," DiPaolo said. "The students do retail assistance, such as stocking shelves and hanging and folding clothes."

DiPaolo said that WWSC recently set up an offsite classroom at the Meijer store on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The students spend half the

day at the store bagging, dusting and stocking shelves.

"The offsite locations offer wonderful learning opportunities for the students," DiPaolo said. "The businesses have been very welcoming to us and the students."

According to DiPaolo, 12 school districts send their students to WWSC including Garden City, Wayne/Westland, South Redford and Redford Union.

At CHS, students are part of the general population.

Although they aren't in regular academic classes, they still use lockers, pass from class to class and eat in the cafeteria. They are not as segregated as many special education students have been in the past.

HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

"The main point of being at Churchill is so that the students can get the high school experience," said special education teacher, Valerie Hatcher.

"The kids in the program go to assemblies, have their own lockers and go to prom."

She added that the seniors attend graduation with a cap and gown and take part in the ceremony right along with the general education students.

Hatcher said that during their freshman and sophomore years at CHS, WWSC students are enrolled in Life Role classes. The classes are broken down into four units - worker, family, recreational and community.

In the worker unit, students are taught what they need to do when they have a job.

Hatcher said that the students visit various stores and businesses in the area and observe people working. During their



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Paraprofessional Kathy Zielinski works with student John Strobl in the Skill Center's kitchen.

sophomore year, the students do custodial work at Westland Mall.

The family unit covers household chores and other jobs and responsibilities that take place in the home. Hatcher noted that she tries to cover this just before the holiday season so that students can lend a hand around the house.

The recreational and leisure unit shows the students that there is more to do with their free time than watch television. The students put together puzzles, play board games, play miniature golf, go bowling and take trips to cider mills.

Visits to the police station, post office and library are some of the activities that take place in the community unit.

"We've also visited the fire station and learned about fire safety," Hatcher said. "We like to get the students out as much as possible."

They also participate in gym, art and music, tend to plants in a greenhouse and spend time in the computer lab. The music and art classes are at Franklin High School. Hatcher

said that the juniors go to Stevenson High School for physical education, microwave cooking and to work in the greenhouse.

"The staff and students at Stevenson have been so welcoming," Hatcher said.

According to Carolyn Bradford, program specialist and supervisor at CHS, this is the first year that other high schools have been used.

"It's a wonderful thing to expand to other high schools," Bradford said. "We've talked about it for a few years and decided to finally do it last year."

Bradford said that the expansion into the two additional high schools is part of the general scheme of things at both CHS and WWSC.

Bradford said that by attending classes at both locations, the students get the life skills they need to be successful in the job world.

"We want them to be as independent as they can be - to get a job and live on their own," she said. "We want them to enjoy life to its fullest."

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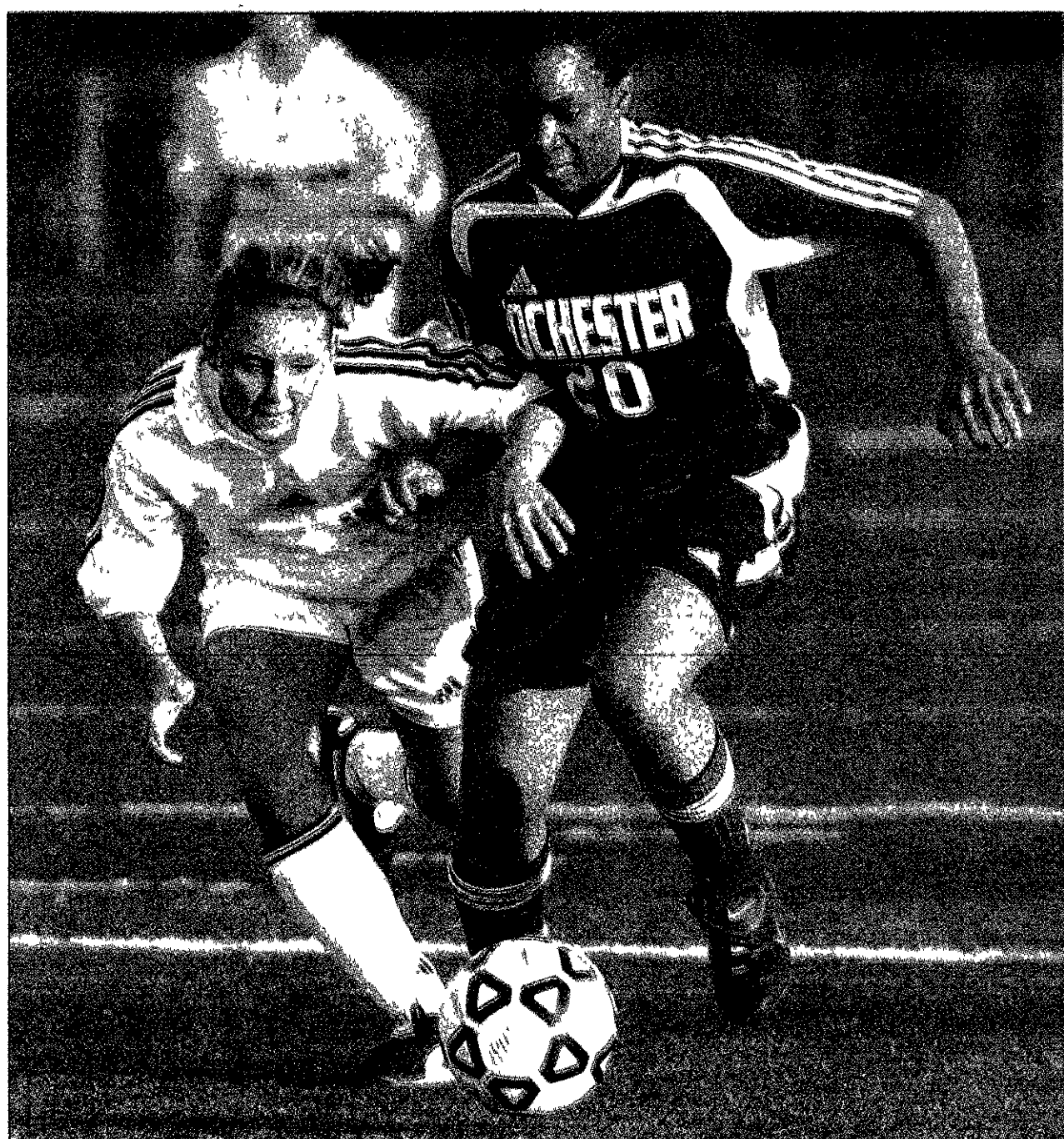
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Plymouth's Courtney Pickard (left) defends Rochester's Amber Brewster in the first half of Thursday night's non-conference game played on the P-CEP soccer field. Rochester won, 7-0, to improve to 2-0.

Feast or famine

Plymouth kickers split pair of shutouts

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Like any work in progress, there are going to be good days and bad days for the Plymouth girls soccer team this season.

Wednesday, the Wildcats had a good day.

Thursday, on the other hand, was forgettable.

The Wildcats opened their season Wednesday afternoon with an impressive 2-0 victory over visiting Monroe. Twenty-four hours later, they fell to state power Rochester, 7-0.

"We spent the entire practice Friday afternoon talking about the Rochester game," said Plymouth coach John Delplace. "I think we got more out of it than if we would have practiced. The girls talked openly about how we were going to have to play more as a team if we were going to do well this year. It was a good, positive discussion."

There was no doubt the Wildcats played as a team in the season-opener when they used a swarming defensive effort and timely offense to shut down the Trojans. Sophomore Brittany Hengesh opened the scoring with an unassisted goal five minutes into the contest. There was no more scoring until junior Liz Martin converted a sensational pass from Val Klemmer into a goal 10 minutes into the second half to give the hosts a 2-0 advantage.

"We had some awesome passing against Monroe,"

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Sidelines

Volleyball camp

Michigan Technological University will be hosting a series of volleyball camps July 25-30 at Salem High School.

A skills camp will be held July 25-27, an elite camp will run July 28 and 29, and a team tournament will cap off the week on July 30. The skills camp will cost \$215, the elite camp \$175 and the team tournament \$150. The camp will be run by the MTU coaching staff and its volleyball players. Contact Krista Mikesch at (906) 487-2427.

Fiedler signs

Former Plymouth Whaler standout Jonas Fiedler recently signed a professional contract with the Florida Everblades.

The 20-year-old Fiedler, who is property of the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes, tallied 19 goals and 18 assists for the Whalers this past season. In 255 career games with Plymouth, Fiedler notched 131 points (52 goals and 79 assists). The Czech Republic native's best season was 2003-04 when he totaled 46 points.

10-star hoop camp

Applications are currently being evaluated for the 10-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp, an invitation-only camp for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 19 years old. Past participants of the camp include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. The closest Observerland 10-Star camp will be held in Ypsilanti. Call (704) 373-0873.

GCBYSA signup

Over 1,400 youngsters have registered to play baseball, softball and tee-ball in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association this summer, but it's not too late to sign up.

To register, visit csc.canton-mi.org for a registration form and mailing address, or pick up a form at the Summit on the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Call (734) 394-5489.

T-Ball league

The City of Plymouth is accepting registrations for its Summer 2005 T-Ball league. All games will be held on Wednesday or Thursday evenings at Central Middle School. Practice days will be determined by each team's coach.

Games begin the week of June 20 and will run through Aug. 5. The fee for Plymouth residents is \$55; the non-resident fee is \$75. Registration forms can be filled out at the Parks & Recreation Department, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. Weekday office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

Pair of Whalers selected for international action

Although the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers completed the 2004-05 season over a week ago, two Whalers are extending their seasons in international competition this spring — on different teams.

Dan Collins has been selected to play for the United States and James Neal has been picked to skate for Canada in the 2005 IIHF World Under-18 Championships, slated for April 14-24 in Pizen, Czech Republic.

"We're very happy for Dan and James," said Plymouth Whalers general manager and coach Mike Vellucci. "Both are deserving of this honor. They've worked very hard over their two seasons here and are considered among the top play-

ers in their age group. It's a thrill for anyone to represent their country in international competition. I'm sure playing in this tournament will be a boost in their development as players and citizens."

Collins and Neal are considered young veterans on the Plymouth roster. Collins — selected in the second round (32nd overall) by the Whalers in the 2003 OHL draft — scored nine goals and 13 assists in 59 games as a rookie in 2003-04 and improved to 25 goals and 21 assists in 68 games this past season. Collins scored his first OHL hat trick in a 5-3 victory against Sarnia on Jan. 22. He enjoyed his best scoring month in January, when he tallied six goals with seven assists in

13 games.

Neal — selected in the third round (44th overall) by the Whalers in the 2003 draft — made an immediate impact for Plymouth as a fill-in during the 2003-04 season, scoring in his first two games on Dec. 11 and 12, 2003, in Peterborough and Ottawa, respectively, and scored two goals with four assists in nine games that season. Neal lit the lamp 18 times and dished off 26 assists during the 2004-05 campaign. His best month was January when he recorded three goals and 11 assists in 13 contests.

Collins and Neal both played in the 2005 Home Hardware Canadian Hockey League/NHL Top Prospects Game on Jan. 19 in Vancouver, BC. More

than 340 players who have suited up in the prospects game have eventually been selected in the National Hockey League entry draft — including all 40 players who skated in the game in 2004.

Neal is currently rated 20th by the National Hockey League's Central Scouting Bureau among all North American-born players and Collins is rated closed behind at 23rd.

Collins is a member of a USA team that is undefeated in 2004-05 in international competition. The team is currently 8-0-0 and has won the Compuware Four Nations Cup and Five Nations Cup titles. The USA games will be broadcast on the Internet through the www.usahockey.com Web site.

Batters beware

Canton pitcher stockpiles strikeouts, victories

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Stepping into the batter's box to face Canton senior pitcher Molly Conlon would be tough enough if the hard-throwing righthander was armed with only her sizzling fastball.

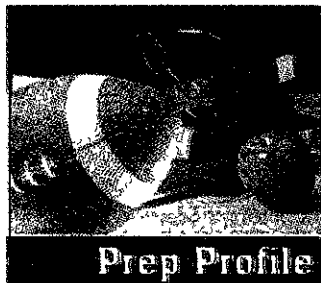
But the Chiefs' mound ace can throw nearly as many pitches as Baskin-Robbins has flavors of ice cream, which makes trying to hit against her almost unfair.

"I throw a rise ball, a fastball, a drop ball, a change-up and I'm working on a screwball this season," Conlon said, listing her mound arsenal. "If I get ahead of the hitter, then I try to finish them off with my junk pitches."

One person's junk is another person's treasure, and Conlon's ability to frustrate even the most accomplished high school hitters has been nothing short of golden the past two-plus seasons.

SUDDEN IMPACT

After breaking onto the varsity softball scene as a



Prep Profile

sophomore in 2003, she was nearly unhittable as a junior, compiling a 20-6-1 record, which included five no-hitters and a perfect game in a Division 1 regional contest against Adrian.

"In all my years of coaching high school softball (16), I've had three pitchers who I would consider outstanding, and Molly is one of the three," said Canton softball coach Jim Arnold. "She is very poised when she's on the mound. She takes command of the team when she's out there. Molly doesn't throw exceptionally hard, but she has a knack for keeping batters off balance. She has good command and hits spots extremely well. Molly has a great memory, too. She remembers what pitches get

certain batters out."

BORN LEADER

Arnold said his senior captain's off-the-field leadership qualities are as impressive as her on-the-field talents.

"Molly's not only a great pitcher, but she's a great leader as well," Arnold said. "She's very well-respected by her teammates and by her classmates in school. She's the type of girl you would want your daughter to be like."

Conlon's interest in pitching was planted almost 10 years ago when she would watch her older sister, Katie, play softball.

"My sister helped me a lot," she said. "She's the one that got me started in pitching."

By the time she was in the eighth grade, Conlon was taking off-season pitching lessons from Doug Gillis, a highly respected softball pitching coach who refined her mechanics and taught her the pitches that complement her fastball.

PLEASE SEE **CONLON, B3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton softball pitcher Molly Conlon has been a mainstay on the mound for the Chiefs over the past three seasons. The all-around athlete, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average, also excelled in volleyball and basketball at Canton.

CPS JV icers enjoy successful season

Based on the recent success of the Canton-Plymouth-Salem united junior varsity hockey team, the future is bright for the three local high school varsity squads.

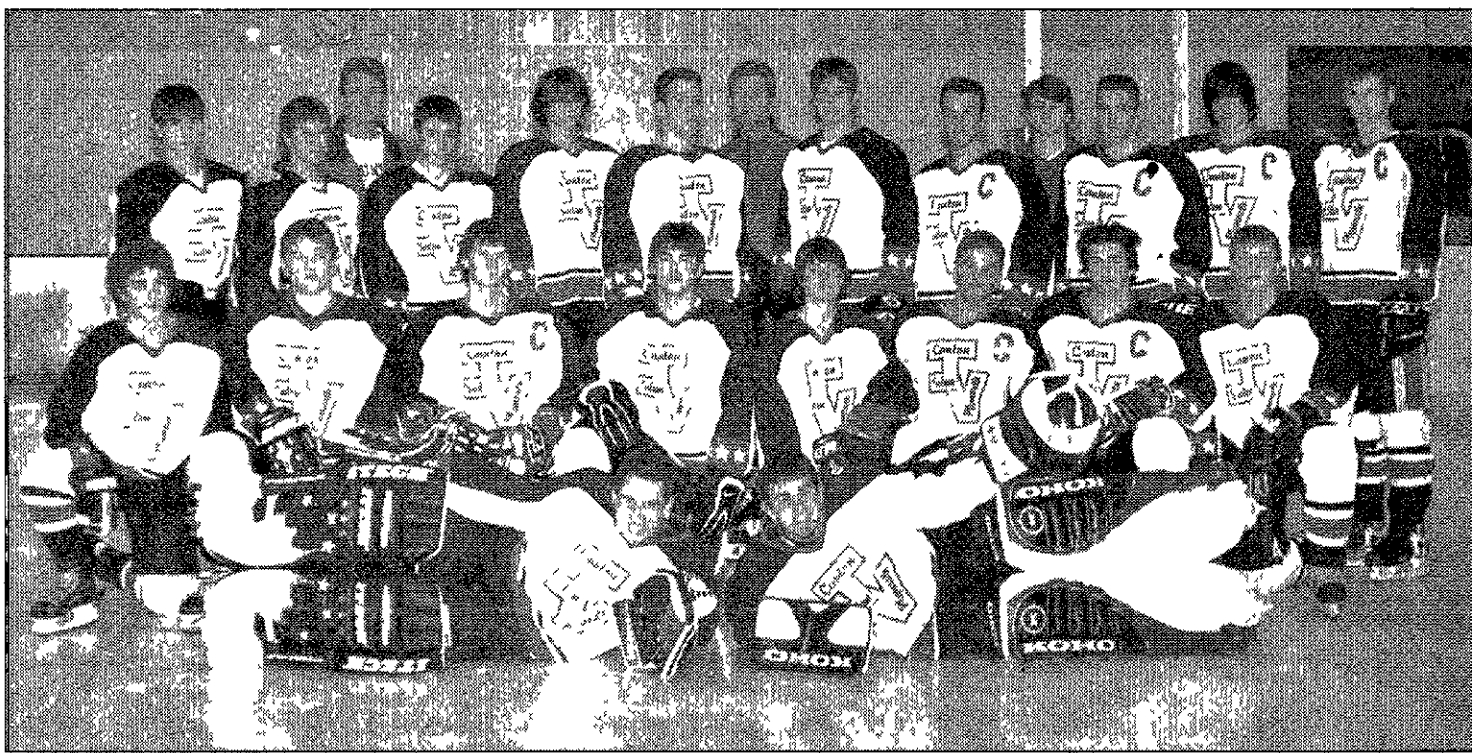
The CPS united icers finished 15-1-0 during the regular season before racking up a 5-3-0 during the post-season. It advanced to the LCAHL Division 1 final game at Joe Louis Arena before falling to Chelsea.

CPS goaltender Paul Sikora earned the Little Caesars Hockey Association MVP trophy.

Along with playing stellar hockey, the team organized a unique fund-raiser, which raised \$320 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

CPS was made up of students from Canton (10), Plymouth (three) and Salem (seven) high schools.

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Birm. Brother Rice at Canton (DH) 4 p.m.
Belleville at Plymouth (DH) 4 p.m.
Agape Christian at Britton-Macon 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Adrian at Salem (DH) 4 p.m.
New Boston Huron at Plymouth (DH) 4 p.m.
Plymouth Christian at Baptist Park 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

Canton at Saline (DH) 4 p.m.
Agape Christian at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
Macomb Christian at Plymouth Christian 4:30 p.m.

Saturday April 16

Canton at Milan Invitational 9 a.m.
Salem at Grosse Pointe North (DH) 11 a.m.
Plymouth Christian at Franklin Rd. 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday, April 11
Canton at A.A. Huron (DH) 4 p.m.
Agape Christian at Britton-Macon 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Plymouth Christian at Baptist Park 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13
Ypsilanti Lincoln at Salem 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

A.A. Pioneer at Canton (DH) 4 p.m.
Agape Christian at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
Macomb Christian at Plymouth Christian 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 15

Franklin Rd. at Plymouth Christian 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Salem at Taylor Tournament 9 a.m.

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, April 14
W.L. Western at Canton, 3:30 p.m.

W.L. Central at Salem 3:30 p.m.

Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

Canton and Plymouth at Dearborn Elk Relays, 11 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, April 14

W.L. Western at Canton 5:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, April 11

Canton at A.A. Pioneer 7 p.m.
Salem at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at A.A. Huron 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Agape Christian at Warren Zee, 4:30 p.m.
Plymouth Christian at Birm. Roeper at Birmingham Groves H.S. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Westland John Glenn 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

A.A. Greenhills at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Agape Christian at Plymouth Christian 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 15

Canton at Novi, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Saline at Salem, 1 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Friday, April 15

Canton at W.L. Western 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 4 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Monday, April 11

Salem at Livonia Stevenson

at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Plymouth at Carlton Airport, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

Salem at Grosse Ile Invite at Riverview Highlands, 9 a.m.

PREP LACROSSE

Tuesday, April 12

Grand Blanc at PCS 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 14
PCS at Northville, 6 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Sunday, April 10

Siena Heights at Madonna (Park), 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Hope College at Madonna (Park), 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

Madonna at Tiffin (Ohio), 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

Madonna at Taylor (Ind.), 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 17

Madonna at Urbana (Ohio), 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)

Sunday, April 10

Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.

Friday, April 15

Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Ladywood High School 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

Madonna at Concordia 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 17

Madonna vs. St. Francis (Ind.) at Ladywood High School, 1 p.m.

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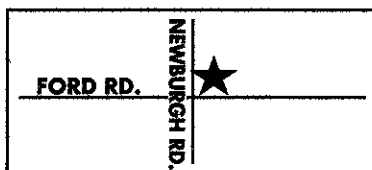
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CONLON

FROM PAGE B1

When Conlon entered Canton in the fall of 2002, she nearly made the varsity squad as a ninth-grader.

"She pitched on the junior-varsity team as a freshman, but she was probably good enough to pitch on the varsity," Arnold said. "Even back then she never got rattled."

"I don't get nervous when I pitch," Conlon said. "I'm so determined to do well that I block out the nerves."

MULTI-TALENTED

Conlon's athletic skills are not limited to the softball diamond. Along with her three softball letters, she has also earned two in basketball and a pair in volleyball.

Even more impressive is the fact that she was voted captain of all three of the teams she played on as a senior.

"I think the most important responsibility that goes with being a captain is to be fair," Conlon said. "You can never take sides when it comes to your teammates."

"I'll talk to the team and try to get everyone pumped up, but I think it's more important to lead by example. People aren't going to respect you if you don't do things the right way."

Despite the year-round regimen of after-school practices and games, Conlon has managed to excel in the classroom. With just over six weeks left in her high school career, she has constructed a lofty 4.0 grade-point average.

"For me, the key to getting good grades is to stay on schedule and not get behind," she said.

HONORABLE STUDENT

Conlon is an active member



Canton mound ace Molly Conlon is pictured pitching against Livonia Churchill last season. Among Conlon's 20 wins her junior season were five shutouts and one perfect game.

of the National Honor Society, which requires her to volunteer several hours a year to charitable events.

"I really like volunteering," she said. "I like helping people and it's given me a chance to meet a lot of different groups of people."

Despite being recruited to play collegiate softball, Conlon decided to attend the University of Michigan beginning in the fall and focus strictly on academics.

"I'm leading towards getting a degree in pre-med," she said. "I've thought about maybe trying to become an orthodontist, but I'm not positive."

"I may try to walk on to the softball team at Michigan, but at this point I'm not sure. I know the workload at Michigan is going to be very heavy, so I'll probably just focus on studying instead of sports."

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KICKERS

FROM PAGE B1

Delplace said. "We kept pestering the Monroe goalie and actually we could have scored a few more, but she blocked everything we kicked at her."

"I thought we let up a little after we scored the first goal against Monroe. We talked about that at halftime and the girls went out and had a very good second half."

Delplace was especially complimentary of Klemmer's assist on the second goal.

"That was a very unselfish play on Val's part, and that's what we're looking for," he said. "She got the ball with her back to the goalie right in front of the net. Instead of turning around and trying to score herself, Val dropped it off to Liz, who one-touched it into the net."

"We received excellent play from our mid-fielders, especially freshman Aubry Warner and sophomore Chelsey Quinlan. They did a nice job of controlling the ball."

Brittany Warner notched the shutout in goal for the Wildcats, turning away eight Monroe shots.

Rochester's Amanda Bowery tallied three goals and senior Laura Pfeffer added a goal and an assist to lead the Falcons.

"They have a very powerful team," Delplace said. "From their forwards back to their defense, they don't have many weaknesses."

Rochester, which improved its record to 2-0, led 4-0 at the half and was never threatened in the final stanza.

The Wildcats have a full slate next week as they travel to Ann Arbor Huron on Monday and Westland John Glenn on Wednesday before hosting Ann Arbor Greenhills Thursday.

Novi 5, Salem 0: The Wildcats broke open a scoreless battle with a goal 13 minutes into the second half before breaking through to win comfortably on their home field. The game was the season opener for both teams.

"After they scored their second goal, we moved our defenders up a little and Novi took advantage of it," said Rocks coach Joe Nora. "We seemed to run out of gas a little in the second half."

Nora praised the play of forward Kelly Adsit and mid-fielder Kristin March in the setback.

The game was the first of three challenging non-conference matches for Salem, which played at Rochester on Saturday (see results in Thursday's *Observer*) and will take on Troy Athens Monday.

Lutheran Westland 7, Agape 0: Lutheran High



Plymouth's Colleen Flaherty completes a header during Thursday night's 7-0 loss to state power Rochester. The setback dropped the Wildcats to 1-1 on the season.

Westland (2-0) scored three goals in the first nine minutes Friday en route to the non-conference triumph over host Canton Agape Christian (0-3).

Samantha Wiemer posted her second hat trick in as many days with three goals and one assist. Angel Day, Andrea Guse' and Jessyca Welser each chipped in with a goal and one assist for the Warriors, who led 5-0 at intermission.

Natalie Sliva had the other Lutheran Westland goal, while Laura Kamrath and Rachel Richter also drew assists.

Goalkeeper Amanda Poole, who made a pair of saves, got credit for the shutout.

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Errors aid MU softball team

Two errors in the bottom of the 10th inning Tuesday enabled Madonna University's varsity softball team to squeak out a 3-2 victory over Saginaw Valley State (11-10) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

It was the first game of a twinbill; the Lady Crusaders (13-8) lost 6-2 in game two.

Pinch-runner Heather Richardson scampered home on the frame's second error, by right fielder Lorelea Rice.

The run made a winner out of Liz Ballinger, who scattered seven hits and gave up just one earned run in 10 innings. Taking a tough loss for the Cardinals was Karen Ray, who gave up just two hits (to Kathy Day and Krystal Shina) and struck out 10.

Both teams scored in the fourth. Jamie Seaman singled to drive in Katie Albert to give the Cardinals a brief 1-0 lead. In the bottom half, Shina's hit drove in Day. It stayed that way

until the top of the ninth when a single by Stephanie Sills scored Lindsay Ferrari.

But Madonna knotted it up at 2-2 and sent the game to extra innings when Lynzee Smith (Garden City) scored on a groundout by Day.

In the second game, a four-run fourth lifted Saginaw Valley to the win. Key hits included a two-run single by Denise Betts and a two-run triple to right field by Emily Byrum.

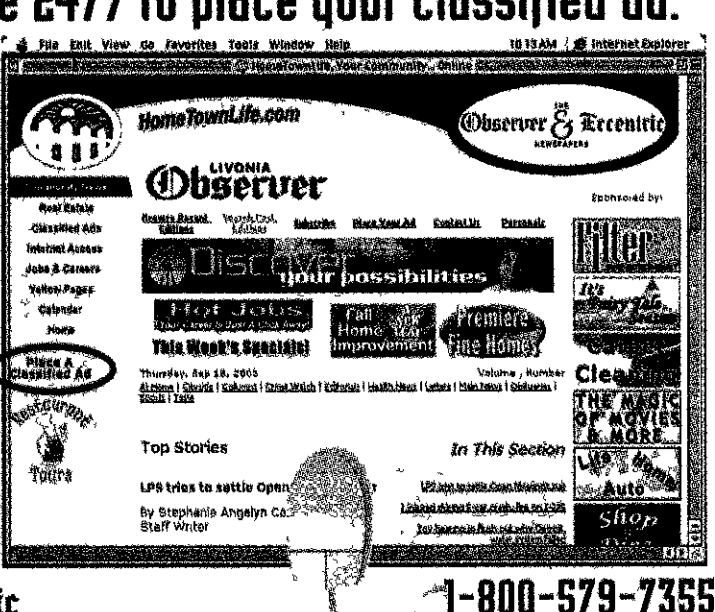
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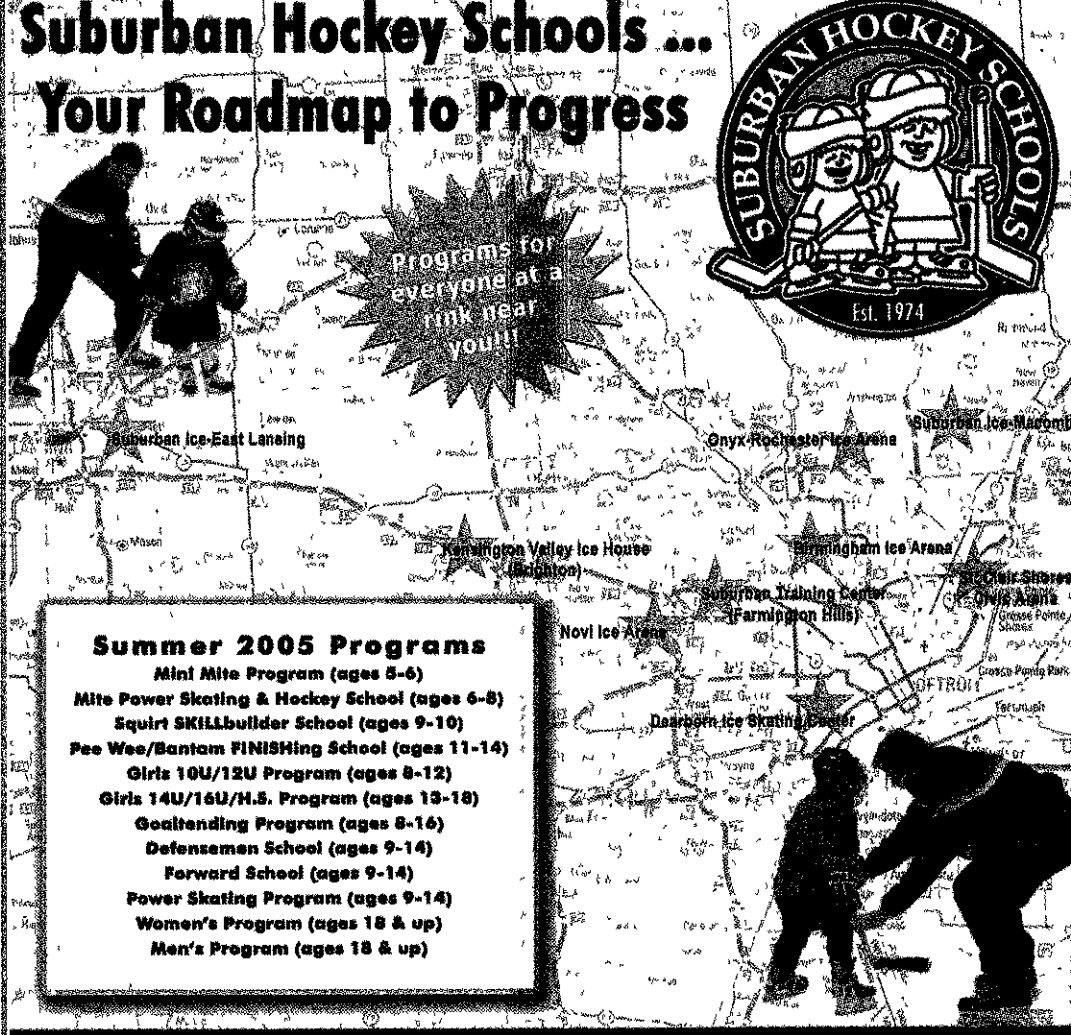
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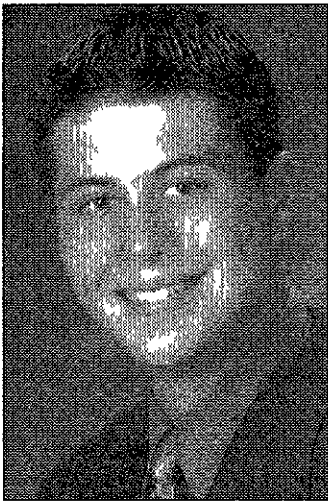
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Top diver

The photo of Canton senior diver Kevin Cafarelli was erroneously omitted from the Observerland All-Area Boys Swim Team that was published in the March 24 edition. Cafarelli, who qualified for the Division 1 state meet this past season, was voted to the All-Area squad's second team.



Wild ride

Agape edges PCA with dramatic finish, 19-18

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There will be wilder softball games played this year than Friday afternoon's showdown between Canton Agape Christian and Plymouth Christian Academy.

But not many. The Wolverines scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to nip the Eagles, 19-18, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game played at Canton's Griffin Park.

The loss dropped PCA to 1-2. The game was the season-opener for the Wolverines.

"Considering we were one out away from being mercied in the fifth inning, I thought my girls came back and played well," said PCA coach Dan Hammar. "They hung in there and never quit."

PCA outhit Agape, 13-6, however, the Eagles' pitching staff yielded 18 walks and hit five batters.

PREP SOFTBALL

Julie Schultz was the brightest star for the Wolverines. She went 4-for-6 with five RBI. Her biggest hit came in the bottom of the seventh when she brought home the game-winning run with a one-out single.

Justine Cane nearly matched Schultz's heroics at the plate, going 3-for-3 with five RBI and three stolen bases. Other productive hitters for PCA were Liza Terkoski (3-for-4, three RBI), Rachel Wiard (2-for-4, RBI) and Brooke Harris (2-for-4, two RBI).

Agape scored five runs in the first and six in the third on the way to building a 16-6 lead heading into the fifth. Needing one run to avoid being mercied, PCA scored with two outs when Alex Collins-Webb's groundout scored Kristy Carnavale, who had singled and stolen both second and third.

Given new life, the Eagles grabbed the lead in the top of the sixth by pushing across 11 runs to go ahead, 18-16. The Wolves scored one in the bottom of the sixth before winning the game dramatically in the bottom half of the seventh. Wiard made her high school pitching debut for the Eagles and was effective over the final three innings.

Huron Lutheran Valley 19, PCA 7: The host Eagles were victimized by 14 walks and three hit batsmen in the setback, which dropped their record to 1-1. The game was the season-opener for the Hawks.

The Eagles fell behind 3-0 in the top of the first before rebounding with five runs in the bottom of the inning.

Liza Terkoski sparked the comeback with a grand slam — the first of her three hits.

"She hit it by all three of their outfielders and then it rolled for awhile," said PCA coach Dan Hammar.

HLV regained the lead with a three-spot in the second inning.

The Hawks added four runs in both the fourth and fifth innings and never looked back.

Amanda Gruenwald threw a complete game seven-hitter to earn the mound win for HLV. Justine Cane suffered the loss for the Eagles. Cane struck out eight batters in six innings of work.

Brooke Harris went 2-for-5 for PCA.

"Justine was the faster of the two pitchers, but she had a hard time finding the plate today," Hammar said. "We're playing all of the teams we'll be seeing in the districts the first week to see where we stand and so that we know what we need to work on. Once Justine gets some experience, she'll be fine."

Both teams committed two errors.

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Linda Langmesser, CMC
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Ypsilanti Lincoln's Zac Weaks ripped a three-run home run in the fourth inning to lead the Railsplitters to a 9-7 victory over Plymouth Thursday afternoon. The victory improved Lincoln to 2-0.

"Even though we lost, it was great to get the season off the ground," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We are going to have to scratch and claw all season to stay in ballgames, but I feel these young men are up to that challenge."

Plymouth outhit Lincoln, 8-6, but committed four errors. Ben Kosmalski (3-for-5, three

PREP BASEBALL

RBI), Alex Harvey (3-for-4) and Kyle Feldscher (2-for-2) accounted for all of the offense for the Wildcats.

Kyle O'Keefe earned the mound victory for the Railsplitters while Bryan Stotz suffered the setback for the hosts.

The game was tied 4-4 in the fourth until Weaks blasted a two-out, 0-2 pitch over the fence with two men aboard.

"We lost our composure a little bit after the home run," Adams said. "They tacked on two more runs that inning thanks to two errors and a couple of walks."

Trailing 9-4 in the bottom of the seventh, the Wildcats constructed a three-run rally, but it was too little, too late.

"I was proud of the way our team came back in the seventh," Adams explained. "We scored three runs and had the tying run at second with two outs."

The second game of the doubleheader was called after three innings due to darkness, Adams said.

Plymouth returns to action next week with a pair of home doubleheaders against

Belleville (Monday) and New Boston Huron (Tuesday). The first game of both twinbills are set to begin at 4 p.m.

PCA 11, Huron Valley Lutheran 1: Senior pitcher Stephen Sumner threw a five-inning no-hitter for the Eagles, who improved to 2-0. Sumner struck out eight and walked six for the 2-0 Eagles.

"Stephen pitched earlier this week and couldn't get an out," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston. "He really settled down today. He had great velocity and his control was much better."

The Eagles scored in every inning. Their most productive frame was the third when they pushed four runs across the plate.

Jordan Johnston paced PCA's offensive output with three hits, two runs and a pair of stolen bases. Matt Saagman contributed a pair of safeties to the winners' nine-hit attack.

PCA 13, Zoe Christian 3: Andrew Shumaker tossed a three-hitter to help the Eagles improve to 3-0. Shumaker, a senior, struck out nine batters and walked just one in six innings. Matt Saagman worked the seventh inning for PCA.

"This was a nice win for us because Zoe has always played us tough," said PCA coach Kurt

Johnston. "We beat a good pitcher in Danny Owens. I was impressed with our defense today."

PCA pushed across four runs in the first and three in both the fourth and sixth innings. The Eagles outhit Zoe, 13-3.

Offensively, Aaron Ciborowski led the charge, going 2-for-4 with four RBI. Jordan Johnston also had a strong game at the plate, racking up a pair of hits and two runs. Trevor Zinn and Saagman also ripped two hits a piece for the Eagles.

Summerfield 18, Canton Agape 0: The Bulldogs broke open a 2-0 game with 10 runs in the third and six in the fourth to drop the Wolverines record to 0-2.

Summerfield outhit the Wolverines, 14-3, and were aided by five Agape fielding miscues.

"They really smacked the ball around against us in the third," said Agape coach Scott Lewald. "We hurt ourselves with all the errors, but they hit the ball well, too."

Ryan Barber pitched a complete game for Agape, which will travel to Britton-Macon on Monday. Matt Molnar, Kyle Miller and Brian Pierson accounted for the three Agape hits.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2005-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 74, DIVISION 4. USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS, SECTION 74-297(b), AND (c) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI:

(1) That Sections 74-297(b) and (c) of Chapter 74, Division 4. Use of Public Sewers, of the code of Ordinances shall be revised as follows:

(b) No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample is at or above the following surcharge threshold, except as otherwise permitted in writing by the director and or payment of a surcharge, and no person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample exceeds the following upper limits, with respect to the following compatible pollutants:

COMPATIBLES For YCUA		COMPATIBLES For DWSO	
Surcharge Threshold	Upper Limits	Upper Limits	
300 mg/l	756 mg/l	10,000 mg/l	5-day BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand)
350 mg/l	2366 mg/l	10,000 mg/l	Total SS (Suspended Solids)
600 mg/l	1530 mg/l	-	COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand)
-	-	2,000 mg/l	FOG
13 mg/l	63 mg/l	500 mg/l	Total Phosphorus
25 mg/l	452 mg/l	-	Ammonia-Nitrogen

(c) No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample shall exceed the following limits with respect to the following inorganic or organic pollutants or phenolic compounds:

INORGANICS	
YCUA	DWSO
1.0 mg/l	1.0 mg/l
0.0017 mg/l	-
0.100 mg/l	2.0 mg/l
4.0 mg/l	25.0 mg/l
3.0 mg/l	4.5 mg/l
1.0 mg/l	2.0 mg/l
0.3 mg/l	1.0 mg/l
Nondetectable	0.005 mg/l
3.0 mg/l	5.0 mg/l
0.12 mg/l	2.0 mg/l
3.0 mg/l	15.0 mg/l
-	1000.0 mg/l

ORGANICS	
YCUA	DWSO
1.1 mg/l	-
0.55 mg/l	0.5 mg/l
Nondetectable	0.001 mg/l

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THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2005-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 54-187, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 1, OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 54, Article V, Section 54-187, Division 1, of the Code of the City of Plymouth by adding the following language:

54-187.

Shooting, propelling dangerous items.

No person shall, in any public place, shoot, propel, or expel towards any person, animal or thing, any substance whatsoever, if that person knows or should have known that damage to a person or property, or alarm which may foreseeably produce damage to person or property, is likely to result. This section shall not apply to law enforcement training or sanctioned sporting events. However, this exception shall only apply to actual participants in the law enforcement training or sanctioned sporting events and shall not apply to spectators, observers, or any other person other than a participant in the law enforcement training or sanctioned sporting event.

SECTION 2.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective on the 25th Day of April, 2005.

Made, passed, and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan this 4th day of April, 2005.

STELLA GREEN,
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Canton ready for successful encore

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

What will Canton's boys track-and-field team do for an encore following a historic performance last season?

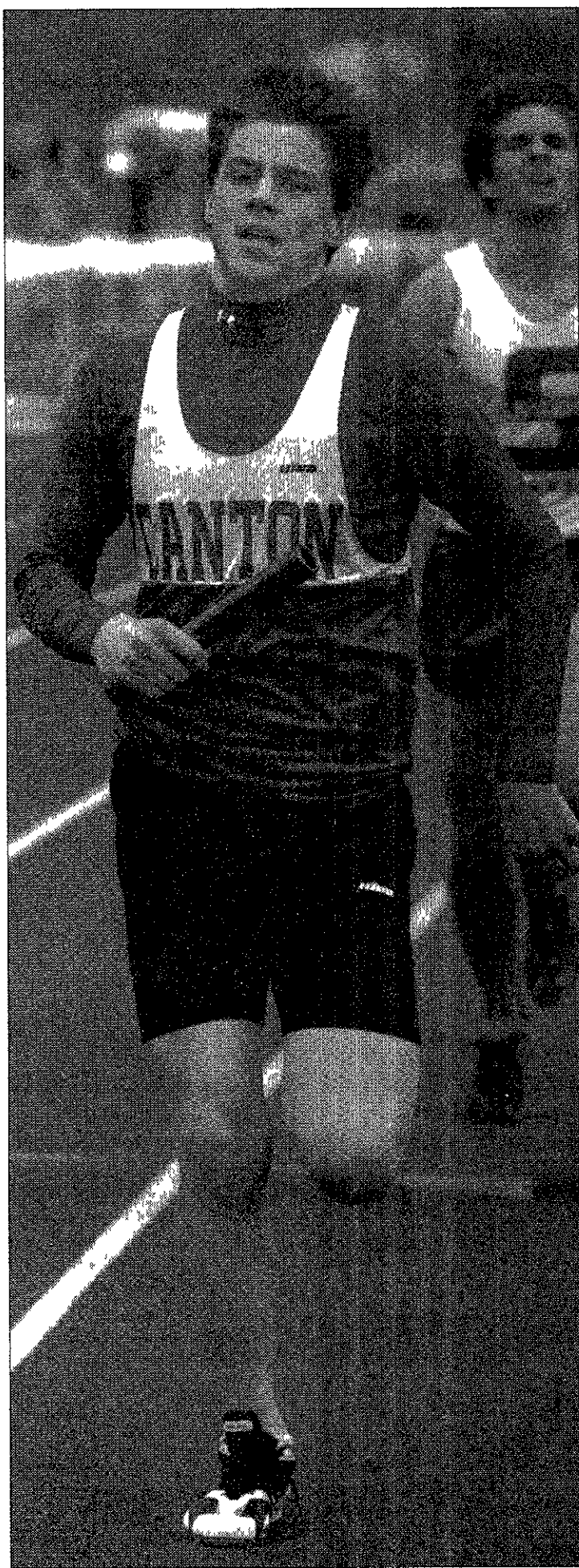
Head coach Bob Richardson isn't sure, but he's confident his team will be a major player again in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs have been the class of the WLAA over the past several years. That successful run came to a head last year when they not only won the league title, but the deep and talented team also earned the school's first-ever Division 1 regional championship before finishing third in the team state meet.

"We lost quite a few good athletes to graduation, so we're re-loading this year," said Richardson, who is entering his 16th year as the boys coach at Canton. "We may not be as strong as we were last year, but we'll be very competitive. Last year was like a dream team. How well we do this year will be determined more through working hard at practice and by effort."

Canton will be anchored by a strong senior class this season. Among the top seniors are Kevin Burdette, Dave Calille, Rodney Preston, Derek Reeves, Dave Otting and Matt McClelland.

Juniors who should be instrumental in the team's success include Cyrus Azizi, Andy Rossow, Phalpiel Whitlock and Joe Zugaj. Sophomores Eric Zech and Steve Paye are both expected to contribute as are freshmen Eric Piwowar and Dalton Walser. Richardson credited his assistant coaches for much of the team's success over the past several years.



Sophomore Eric Zech will give the Canton track-and-field team a strong threat this season in the distance events.

Girls track roster filled with talent

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls track-and-field team could sprint to the victory circle on a regular basis this season thanks primarily to a deep and talented group of middle- and long-distance runners.

"We only graduated three seniors from last year's team, which finished third in the Western Lakes," said second-year coach Kevin Conte. "The one negative we have is that we only have about 50 girls on the team, so it's a small group. But I'm excited about what this team has the potential to do. We talked about goals during the off-season and the girls agreed that our number one goal this year is to win the conference championship."

"Our middle-distance group is probably the strength of our team, but we have talented athletes in other areas, too."

Among the top middle-distance performers for the Rocks are senior Laura Friedman, who has a chance to set the school record in the 800 meters this season, according to Conte. Friedman will be joined by seniors Lauren Kane and Chelsea Baldwin, juniors Allison Janda and Marisa Carpinelli, and sophomore Hannah Cavicchio to give Salem one of the strong distance groups in the area.

The Rocks' should also be competitive in the field events. Seniors Anna Wilson and Maggie Fisher are set to anchor the throwing events while Lindsay Miles, Lynden Gault

GIRLS TRACK PREVIEW

and Brittany Lockhart will provide depth in the long jump and high jump. Junior Allison Vraniak will serve as the team's primary pole vaulter.

In the hurdles, Salem will be paced by senior Andrea Lang and junior Dana Eldred, both of whom qualified for the state meet in 2004. Among the team's top sprinters are freshman Katie Shull, junior Brittany Jones, Miles, Lockhart and Gault.

Canton

There is strength in numbers for the Chiefs, whose roster includes approximately 65 athletes.

"It's a good, hard-working group," said first-year coach Tracy Himmelsbach. "We're young, but I'm optimistic. We're in a very competitive conference, so we want to make overall improvement as the year goes on."

Junior Mina Prizadeh, one of the team's captains, will be the Chiefs' most versatile athlete as she will compete in the pole vault, hurdles and in the sprint events.

Canton's sprint corps will be bolstered by the efforts of senior D'Angela Pitts, junior Sumon Joyner and sophomore Brittany McKinney, all of whom should be top point-earners in the 100 and 200.

The middle-distance crew will be led by junior Becky McCormack and sophomore Annie Murphy. The Chiefs will

rely on juniors Kristin Ward (captain) and Jennifer Thomas to rack up points in the distance events along with talented newcomer Brittany Dempsey, a freshman.

Also serving as captains are Amber Lee, Izabela Paszkowska and Staci Maltby.

Plymouth

Head coach John Dunn is starting his first year at the helm of the Wildcats' young squad, but Dunn has 34 years of high school coaching on his resume.

"I was looking for a change, and when this job opened up, I went for it," said Dunn, the former track-and-field coach at Birmingham Marian. "This is a great group of kids. This is my first coaching experience at a public high school and the kids have helped make it an easy transition for me. I was fortunate to be able to bring my entire staff over from Marian, so that helps, too."

"I'm looking forward to the upcoming season. I think we have a lot of potential."

Anchoring the Wildcats this season will be junior captains Janet Hanchett and Jackie Beeler. Hanchett is an extremely versatile performer, able to excel in everything from the 100 to the 800, Dunn said.

Other key contributors include juniors Sarah Sherwood, Yasaswy Paruchuri, Brittany Petty, Courtney Powell, Chrystien Guyton and Breana Wallace.

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Madonna baseball team swept twice

Bethel College swept the Madonna University baseball team, 14-4 and 2-0, Friday afternoon in a doubleheader played in Mishawaka, Ind.

The Crusaders led 3-2 in the opener before Bethel exploded for six runs in both the fifth and sixth innings. Andy Biskupski (1-3) earned the win on the mound for Bethel; Andy Wojcik suffered the defeat for the Crusaders, who slipped to 18-8 with the pair of losses.

Joe Greene popped a pair of home runs in the losing cause and Gary Van Allen knocked one over the fence.

Bethel's Brian Phillips (3-1) spun a one-hitter in the nightcap. MU's Mike Orehek limited Bethel to just six hits in the loss.

MU ran into a pitching buzzsaw Thursday when it traveled to Columbus, Ohio to take on Ohio Dominican in a non-conference double-header.

Dominican limited the Crusaders to nine hits combined in both games and swept the twinbill, 3-2 and 6-5. The pair of losses dropped MU to 18-6 while OD improved to 26-9.

OD's Carter Garnon raised his record to 4-0 in the opener, yielding just four hits and two runs over six innings of work. Dave Colopy pitched the seventh inning to earn the save. MU's Derek Dufrane suffered the loss on the mound, despite giving up just three hits and walking none.

Justin Boulder struck the big blow for the winners when he rocked a three-run home run in the bottom of the fourth to account for OD's only runs.

The Crusaders closed the gap to 3-2 in the sixth on a Joe Green sacrifice fly and Kellen Fry's RBI single, but they couldn't push across the tying run. The highlight of the second game for MU was a five-run fifth inning that erased a 4-0 deficit. All five runs were unearned and resulted from just two hits.

OD won the game with a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh. Arnaldo Rodriguez ripped the game-winning single, scoring Aaron Yorke. Toure Harris picked up the win in relief for OD. Scott Miller was tagged with the loss.

Bowl-A-Thon's goal: strike out child abuse

Strike out Child Abuse. That is the theme for Evergreen Children's Services, which has scheduled its 11th annual Bowl-A-Thon for Saturday, May 7.

This year's honorary chairperson, Jerome Bettis of the Pittsburgh Steelers, has become one of the sponsors.

Bettis, a Detroit Mackenzie High graduate has earned a reputation as one of pro football's leading running backs over the years, and is still going strong.

Evergreen (ECS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to making life better for the less fortunate youngsters and families who have suffered in abusive situations. Unlike the recent natural disasters, earthquakes, hurricanes, the tsunami, floods and drought, child abuse can be treated and prevented.

ECS provides therapists who work with families, and locates foster homes and adoptive parents for these children.

It also provides counseling for families troubled by juvenile offenders.

Evergreen Children's Services operates under the principle that all children and youth can be successful in families and in the community.

It is Evergreen's mission to offer a range of quality services and making that principal a reality for children and youth served by the agency.

Dr. Daniel Loving Martin of Evergreen is the Bowl-A-Thon director. His committee extends an invitation for all to participate and enjoy bowling in the no-tap event.

"We are in need of bowlers and teams of bowlers to participate in this worthwhile event," Dr. Martin said. "Each five member team should raise at least \$250 with each individual raising \$50 or more in pledges to prevent child abuse and neglect in the community.

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Mark Moore of Macomb Township had the eyes of the bowling world focused on him last week as he led all qualifiers on the Pro Bowlers Tour stop at Taylor Lanes while competing in the World Championship event.

The top four qualifiers received byes into the round of 32 of match play, but he fell short in the Sweet 16 and did not make it to the televised finals show on ESPN a week ago Sunday.

Moore enjoyed the top spot, if only for a day, and the rest of the pro bowlers now know just how good this young man is.

Patrick Allen, a lefty from Tarrytown, N.Y. won the title taking home the \$120,000.

Bettis appeared at the finals at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center and was honored by rolling the first ball.

The Steeler running back is pretty good bowler in his own right and may go on the pro tour some day when his football days are over.

The Mayflower Senior Men's Classic crowned the Pershing team as league champions for this season. Members included Bob Pershing, Southgate; Larry Obara, Dearborn Heights; Art Kuzniar, Ann Arbor; Mike Bellovich, Grosse Pointe Woods; Bill DeLoach, Taylor; and Bill Fife, Livonia.

Among the area's top scorers:

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Grandale: John Flores, 300, Jim Keister, 813; Darrin Flores, 300
Midnight Mixed: John Hurley, 807.
Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)
Tuesday Jr. Classic: Roger Cowell, 300-257-259/816, Jim Jesson, 268/734, Tim Bennett, 266/725; Jim Finch, 277/723, Danny Wilson, 279/790; Matt Wisniewski, 267/719, Bob Hanson, Jr., 267/738, John Schmidtke, 289/723, John Adomitis, 290-300/658, Larry Johnson, 256/742, J.B. Pierce, 300/703

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a life member of the American Bowling Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

PCS lacrosse team splits two games

Following a pair of season-opening victories, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse team hit its first speed-bump of the season Thursday afternoon when they suffered a 13-1 defeat to powerful Novi.

The game was the season-opener for the Wildcats, who fell behind 3-1 after one quarter and 8-1 at the half. Novi outshot the Warriors, 48-19, and won 13-of-17 face-offs.

Novi tallied seven goals during an eight-minute span from late in the first quarter to midway through the second stanza to take control of the contest. Four PCS penalties hampered the Warriors' cause.

Jared Ruark scored the lone PCS goal. He was assisted by Mitch French.

PCS 9, Hartland 8: Sophomore Jared Ruark tallied five goals to lead the Warriors to a slim victory over the Eagles Tuesday afternoon at Pioneer Middle School in Canton. The game was a rematch of last year's state semi-final contest, which PCS won, 11-4.

Hartland's Steve Martin equaled Ruark's offensive fire-

works with five goals. Ryan Gubert, Mike Bahrou, Mitch French and John Groat also scored goals for the Warriors, who outshot Hartland 32-23. John Maurer and French added assists for the winners.

Complementing Martin's big game for Hartland were single-goal scorers Mike Kaye, Eric Zeeb and Chad McNeill.

"Our defense did a good job on Martin from the second quarter on," said PCS coach Mike Costello. "After scoring four first-quarter goals, we held him scoreless until late in the fourth quarter."

PCS trailed 4-2 early in the first quarter until goals by Bahrou, Ruark and French put them ahead for the first time.

Ruark converted a pair of power-play goals 15 seconds a part in the second half to give his team a 9-7 advantage.

PCS, which led 7-6 at the half, won 15 of 21 face-offs. The Warriors' Austin Gubert was 10-for-15 on face-offs.

Tuesday's game was the season-opener for the Eagles.

The Warriors host Grand Blanc on Tuesday before traveling to Northville on Thursday.

CC baseball team is strong up the middle

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The old baseball axiom for success is strength up the middle. And that's exactly what Redford Catholic Central has as the Shamrocks embark on the 2005 season.

Veteran head coach John Salter starts his 25th season pretty much the way he left off his 24th, which was quite successful (25-10 and a berth in the state semifinals). The 20-player team features 11 seniors — eight of whom started a year ago.

"It's usually a good sign having so many seniors," Salter said. "They know the system."

Four of his best seniors are set for up that all-important up-the-middle duty.

There is a top-notch mid-

dle infield tandem of senior second baseman Eric Simcox (.340) and senior shortstop Mike McDonald (.300).

There is slugging senior catcher Eric Vojtkofsky, who led the 2004 team with 40 RBI.

Center field will be patrolled by speedy senior sparkplug Anthony Sabo, the team's fastest player with 12 steals in 2004.

Salter also has his top starting pitchers back in senior righty Greg Marrone (6-2) and senior lefty Bobby Henderson (4-2, 2.10 ERA). Marrone is a power pitcher who is bound for Western Michigan University.

"Pitching is going to be our strength," Salter said. "And if our defense continues to improve, we should be pretty solid."

After Marrone and Henderson, there are four pitchers vying for two spots in the rotation. Performance early in the season will dictate who gets the ball every third and fourth game, Salter noted.

Those hurlers include senior Matt Rodeghier, senior Matt Walters, junior left-hander John Ballarin and junior Brian Kirkendall.

Rounding out CC's deep pitching staff are senior Dominique Fischer and junior Mark Carrier (whose twin brother, John, is a backup catcher).

Salter will slot his pitchers in other positions when not on the mound. For example, Walters will divide time in left field with senior Jeff Grad and Rodeghier will play first base (along with

senior Josh Szatkowski and Vojtkofsky).

Fischer and senior newcomer Eric Vrtis are expected to split chores at third base, although Vrtis also can catch.

Several players will see time as designated hitter, but one player in particular to look out for is junior lefty Eddie Duggan.

The bench will include junior outfielders Brad Wolfe and Jon Conover and sophomore infielder Billy Hardin.

"He (Hardin) is my third middle infielder," Salter said. "He looks like one of the better sophomores we have in the program."

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Jonas, Jerry and Luis

1952: "The most severe polio epidemic on record - 57,800 people were stricken with the disease. ... Jonas Salk tested a ("killed virus") vaccine on volunteers, including himself, his wife and three sons ... no one became ill."

"Images of youngsters in wheelchairs, on crutches, in iron lungs" fueled the 1954 Salk Vaccine / March of Dimes Clinical Trials, tested on 1.8 million school children."

April 12, 1955: Jonas Salk, standing on the steps of Rackham Hall, Ann Arbor, announced they had a vaccine for polio that was "safe, (60 - 90 percent) effective and potent."

April 26, 1955: "Six children who received the vaccine were diagnosed with paralytic polio." All received a "live virus" vaccine produced by Cutter Lab. The entire immunization program was halted from May 7 to May 27.

May 28: Children were once again inoculated with a vaccine less than 100 percent effective. It was the only weapon parents had to protect their children against infantile paralysis.

Jerry Trumpka, communications director for the Plymouth United Way, was 9 months old when he contracted polio, three years and 10 months before the discovery of the Salk Vaccine.

Luis Ferman, who lives in a part of Peru where the vaccine wasn't available, contracted polio at 3 years old. Now a teenager, Luis has the distinction of being the last person to contract polio in the Americas.

Jerry and Luis met in 2003 when Luis visited Michigan. "It had been a long time since I saw a child with polio," Trumpka said. "I'll be glad when kids won't face the disease anymore. Luis brought back many memories."

Memories of surgeries, rehabilitation and leg braces. "I'm sure it was a hardship for my parents, but they never said anything," Trumpka said. "Even though I couldn't play baseball, my dad saw to it that I was part of the team. He was the coach. I was the stat keeper. Later on, I was on WEXL Radio, broadcasting Tiger baseball games."

"I had to stay healthy. I became an overachiever, but I found a way to do everything. I'm married and have a daughter."

Polio survivors are at risk for Post-Polio Syndrome (PPS). Like a slow-moving tsunami, the first wave crashes into everything; 20 to 40 years later, the second wave arrives.

"About 15 years ago, PPS made its presence known," Trumpka said. "I'm aware of the changes. I have to identify obstacles and make plans on how to get around them." Which is what Jerry has always done.

Polio's punch and after-shocks have impacted many lives, but it couldn't stop people from having a happy life or being a singer, president, actor, golfer, writer, director, runner, musician, photographer, scientist, radio broadcaster, husband, father - (Joni Mitchell, Franklin Roosevelt, Alan Alda, Mia Farrow, Lionel Barrymore, Jack Nicklaus, Arthur Clarke, Francis Ford Coppola, Itzhak Perlman, Wilma Rudolph, Jerry Trumpka)

Appreciative of the help he received as a young boy, Trumpka has returned that kindness to many people throughout his lifetime. He's the first to say "Yes" to a request for help from friends and strangers.

Printed on the back of Jerry's business cards: "It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit."

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The Plymouth Community Chorus practices with conductor Mike Gross out front and pianist Nancy Whitaker playing "Just one Dream" by John Bettis and Walter Afanasieff.

Chorus continues to wow audiences with creative blend of music



PHOTOS BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Mike Gross conducts the Plymouth Community Chorus to "Let us Love in Peace" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Tuesday evening during practice at Hillside Middle School in Northville.

BY BRAD KADRICH ■ STAFF WRITER

Hitting all the right notes



(From front left) Earl Downing (bass) and Bill Kondoff (bass) sing "Just One Dream" with the rest of the Plymouth Community Chorus during practice Tuesday evening.

Music has been a part of Betty Rosevear's life for, well, her whole life. She runs the church choir at St. Scholastica in Detroit, and her late husband, Jack, was a society band leader on the country club circuit before his death in 1971. After his death, the gospel music Rosevear loved didn't seem enough to get her through the hard times. In 1982, she found the Plymouth Community Chorus - and her musical peace.

"I've been in music all my life," Rosevear said. "When Jack died, I knew I needed more than church music. When I heard (the chorus), I was very impressed."

She must have been, because Rosevear joined the group - and stayed. She's one of the senior members of the community chorus, founded by Bill Grimmer in 1973. From its original 12 singers, the chorus has grown to nearly 130 members.

Singers, roughly two-thirds of them women, come from as far away as Warren and Howell, with the majority filling the ranks from nearby Plymouth, Canton and Northville. They bring a variety of talents to the group, forming a chorus that sings an eclectic mix of contemporary and gospel music and even some show tunes.

How eclectic are they? The chorus will open next month's annual Spring concert with the little-known Barry Manilow tune, "One Voice."

"Our guiding principle is entertaining the audience," said Michael Gross, who has been the group's director since 1979. "I program music based on what I think the audience wants to hear. The majority of the music (the audience) will know, but I throw

'SPRING'ING ON STAGE

■ What: Plymouth Community Chorus annual Spring concert

■ When: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 14 and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 15

■ Where: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile (between Sheldon and Beck)

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PLEASE SEE CHORUS, C3

Comedy class passes on 'business' of being funny

BY RYAN DOHERTY
CORRESPONDENT

Bill Bushart attended his first comedy class eight years ago at Mark Ridley's Comedy Club in Royal Oak. Since then, he has been successfully performing as a comedian throughout Michigan and across the nation. And for the last two years, he's has traded the microphone for a seat in the crowd, as he now mentors and teaches his own comedy class for beginners at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia.

Bushart has been running his class for two years, and he welcomes anyone who wants to take a

stab at becoming a comedian.

"I think it is important to promote comedy and give as many people a chance to experience the challenge of making people laugh," said the 39-year-old comic.

The class lasts for five weeks and includes writing sessions, stage time, drop-ins by area comics, tips on the "business," finding your voice and how to emcee a live comedy show. According to Bushart, life in the comedy world is not for people who don't have the perseverance and thick skin needed to be successful.

"Comedy is more than a job, it is a lifestyle that involves long nights and a lot of hard work," he said.

But you don't have to tell that to 23-year-old Livonia resident Laura Lukofsky. She attended Bushart's first-ever class two years ago at Joey's and stumbled upon a new career.

"I was working as a waitress at Joey's," Lukofsky said. "And Bill and I had been friends for a while and he asked me to be a seat filler because he was worried not enough people would show up for the first class."

She said ever since that night she has been addicted to comedy.

"I always thought it was a cool job and I enjoyed talking with the



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Even a comedy class has time for a lecture. Bill Bushart talks about a comic's connection to the audience.

PLEASE SEE COMEDY, C3

ENGAGEMENTS

Bear-Barker

Mr. and Mrs. William Bear of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Kathleen, to Brian Joseph Barker, of Livonia.

Susan is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed at Stabilus as an application engineer.

Her fiancé, Brian (Rocky), is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barker of Livonia. He is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in criminal justice. He is employed with Oak Park Police Department.

Brian and Susan are planning a May wedding at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

**Oatley-Everett**

Jon and Diana Oatley of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ellen, to Jeffrey David Everett of Ann Arbor.

Elizabeth is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 2001 graduate of University of Michigan with a B.S.E. in mechanical engineering. She is currently pursuing her M.B.A. at Oakland University. She is employed by General Motor Corporation in Warren, as a designing engineer.

Her fiancé, Jeffrey, is the son of David and Patricia Everett of Ann Arbor. He is a 1999 graduate of Saline High School. He earned his B.S.E. in aerospace engineering in 2003 from the University of Michigan and his M.S.E. in mechanical engineering in 2004.

Jeffrey and Elizabeth are planning a June wedding at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.



Teenagers need to learn to care about others

The *New York Times* on April 3, 2005, gives us further cause for concern about the students at Red Lake High School on the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota. The paper carried a two-column article in the front section with information which indicates that perhaps 20 students knew of the pending March 21 massacre.

How can this be? Is the culture of today's adolescents so ingrained with early childhood folklore, "don't tell on each other," that even possible death "seals the lips" of these young people? Until we have more information we won't know why a student did not tell a parent, a teacher, a counselor, the principal, or other trusted adult.

My best advice to parents of young people is to have a sit-down, serious conversation about the ethics of responsibility for each other.

There is no doubt in my mind that if an adult at your worksite or office let his/her unhappiness with the status quo be known and showed intent to do harm, that you would report that individual to a person of authority.

I remember when I was writing health curriculum related to sexual abuse, we planned with teachers to have students make a list of people at school, at their religious institution, and in their home, to whom they could go to if they were being sexually abused. This idea is also a good start for conversation with your adolescent about having a safe place to go with news of a pending disaster. The common thread that may permeate the thinking of your adolescent, in addition to "good friends don't tell," may be fear of being laughed at in bringing forth an outrageous charge.

One close confidant at school was my credo as my five children proceeded through 13 years of public school. Many experts believe a key

**Teens in 2005**

Alice
McCarthy

to reporting is simply providing an anonymous outlet to report potential incidents.

Listed below are 10 organizations to check out with your teen:

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2. Canine Companions for Independence
Help raise and train a puppy that will eventually assist children and adults with physical disabilities. (866) CCI-DOGS; www.caninecompanions.org

3. Heifer International
Donate money for a farm animal (or a share of one), a package including honeybees and a hive to keep them in, or other agricultural supplies that will help a struggling family provide its own food. (800) 422-0474; www.heifer.org

4. Kid's Stuff USA: Shoe Box Gifts
Decorate a shoe box, then fill it with toys, school supplies, and other items for disadvantaged children. (866) 543-7269; www.feedthechildren.org (click on United States Programs, then Kid's Stuff USA)

5. Locks of Love
Donate your just-cut hair (10-inch minimum) to help create quality hairpieces for children who suffer from the hair loss that can be brought on by a variety of long-term medical illnesses. (888) 896-1588; www.locksoflove.org

6. National Hunger Clearinghouse
Collect food for soup kitchens, child care centers, homeless shelters, food banks,

and food pantries. (800) GLEAN-IT; www.world-hungeryear.org/nhc

7. Peter Pan Children's Fund
Join the Peter Pan Birthday Club and help raise money for the children's hospital of your choice. (914) 764-9585; www.peterpanchildrensfund.org

8. Pinwheel Project
Donate children's books, art supplies, videos and DVDs, and nonperishable foods to comfort children's hospital patients and their families. (914) 273-7330

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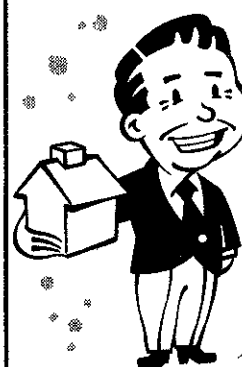
Help out at competitions by pitching in with food service or by presenting awards to athletes, all of whom are disabled. (202) 628-3630; www.specialolympics.org

You and your teen may also wish to visit www.doinggood-together.org.

For more information, see *Silver Spoon Kids: How Successful Parents Raise Responsible Children* by Eileen Gallo, Jon Gallo, and Kevin Gallo (McGraw Hill, 2000, \$14.95).

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. All of her columns for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will be available shortly on www.bridge-comm.com.

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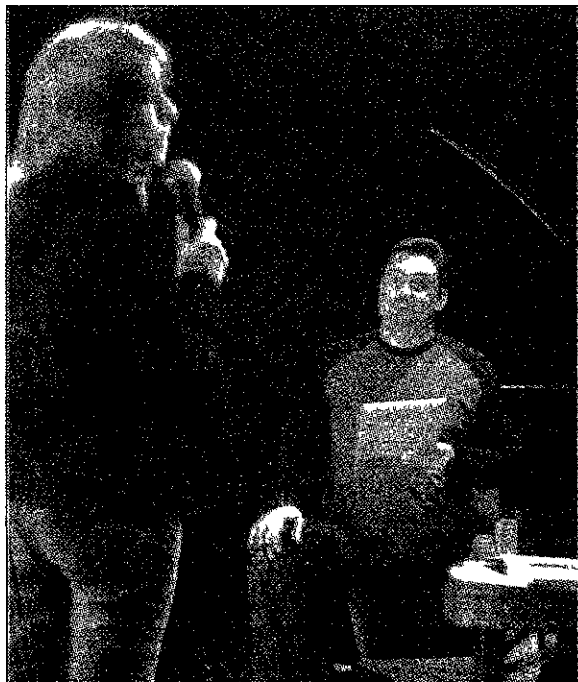
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COMEDY

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comedians about what they do, but I never realized that it could be a career option for me," Lukofsky added.

So for the last year she has been working full time as a comedian, traveling across the state and throughout the Midwest performing her act. Lukofsky also faced another obstacle, trying to thrive in the world of comedy as a female. She recalled one of her past shows when she was sharing the stage with five other male comedians, all of whom had bad sets prior to her facing the raucous crowd.

"The crowd was heckling them and no one was really paying attention, and then I got up there and the crowd started to laugh and get into my show," Lukofsky said.

She continued by saying, "When that happened, I looked over at the side of the stage and saw all of the male comedians standing at attention staring at me. I felt like a million dollars."

Meanwhile, Bushart's class also caught the eye of 42-year-old Bob Phillips, the vice president of marketing at Phillips Services Industries in Livonia. He spent last summer taking the class.

"I always wanted to try stand-up, but chickened out a few times," Phillips said. "I saw an ad for the class and called Bill, and he let me know that everyone who takes the class is an amateur, and had the same reservations and nervousness about it."

Since his graduation, Phillips has been tackling comedy on a part-time basis. Phillips explained his love for comedy: "Some people skydive, and I love doing comedy because I can't wait to get out there and take the audience where I want to take them."

Bushart said that his teaching style is purely based on the path that he traveled on getting into the business.

"I can't teach people to be funny," he said. "All I can do is give them my insight and help ensure the confidence and motivation they need to get started."

Phillips was impressed right away with Bushart's approach. "He's not a drill sergeant, but he gets you up on the stage right from the get go." He also added, "Bill has his own stories about when he was an amateur, and I think he remembers that early fear, so he does a real good job of making everyone feel comfortable."

For Lukofsky, her respect for Bushart continued to grow as

she progressed through the class.

"Comics who help other comics in this business are hard to find, and he selflessly works overtime to help out the students as much as he can," she said.

In addition, life for these comics after graduation isn't an easy road, but thanks to Bushart's class they are better prepared to handle most of the challenges.

Phillips recalled his most embarrassing moment so far.

"I was performing at a club, when at the last minute the owner decided to make it a ladies night, but he didn't tell any of the comics," he said. "So I went out there and started telling relationships jokes from a male perspective, and there wasn't a single guy in the whole place."

He added, "Talk about a bunch of angry women."

For Lukofsky, succeeding as a comedian means more to her than just the laughs.

"Initially I cared too much about the crowd's reaction, but now that I am past that, I worry about booking enough work to pay my rent, and that means my livelihood," she said.

Phillips summed up what the class meant to him and his fellow comedians.

"I think everyone who took the class would agree that the first time you made Bill laugh, you felt like you could really do this comedy thing," he said.

Bushart added, "My favorite part of the class is watching the students perform for the first time, because it is a positive energy that can't be faked."

For more information, you can call Joey's Comedy Club at (734) 261-0555.

CHORUS

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some things in there they definitely do not know."

FAMILY TIES

The music is sung by the veteran chorus, a well-rounded team of singers Gross calls the obvious "strength" of the chorus. According to Gross, the chorus is more like a family than a singing group, with members calling each other when they're sick, visiting, sending cards.

Rosevear, for instance, hasn't missed one of Gross' birthdays in 26 years. That kind of caring spirit is the key to any success the chorus has on stage.

"That's just who they are," Gross said. "It's like any great sports team. If they feel they're a team going in, they'll sing like a team on the stage."

And chorus members point to Gross as the obvious team leader. Gross is only the third director the group has had. Grimmer retired in 1977, and the chorus used an interim director for a year. Gross saw an ad in the *Observer* for a chorus director the following year and, at age 22, got the gig.

But he remembers a little bit of skepticism about his age.

"There are people still in this group who didn't vote for me back then," Gross recalls with a smile. "They didn't know if I was going to stick around."

But he has. He left First United Methodist Church and has now led the Plymouth Community Chorus for 26 years. John Peterson of Canton sang with Gross at the church, and in 1997 joined the chorus after "a little arm-twisting" from friends.

He hasn't regretted it. "This group is outstanding," said Peterson. "We've got some very good musicians in the group. Overall, we've got one of the better community choruses in the state of Michigan, maybe in the country."

PERFORMING

The self-supporting group performs two major concerts a year, one at Christmas and the other in the Spring. They also perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and make appearances at events like the Plymouth Fall Festival.

The chorus also funds a scholarship program, estab-



Nancy Whutaker plays "Let Freedom Ring" by Dennis Jernigan on the piano during the Plymouth Community Chorus practice. In the background is soprano Martha Dagneau.



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(From left) Norm Kindred (bass), Jeanne Martin (alto), and Cindy Gross (alto) share a laugh with conductor Mike Gross while enjoying chorus practice Tuesday evening at Hillside Middle School.

lished in May 1984 to help students pursue studies in the field of vocal music, an applied vocational career in the field of vocal music, academic study of voice or the study of voice for the purpose of organized recreational or community singing. Some recipients have chosen The Academy of Popular Vocal Arts, Interlochen and The Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

'Overall, we've got one of the better community choruses in the state of Michigan, maybe in the country.'

John Peterson
Canton chorus member

The group's funding comes from two primary sources: ticket sales and patron donations. They also make smaller amounts of money with efforts such as a refreshment booth at University of Michigan football games.

Operating on an \$84,000 budget, the chorus only has two paid positions - director and accompanist. And the director's salary hasn't changed since 1984, when the chorus closed down the office it rented in downtown Plymouth and redirected that money to the director's salary.

That's OK with Gross, though, because he isn't in it for the money. Gross, the vice president of operations for a sales and marketing firm in Troy, is in it - as are the unpaid singers - for the love of music.

"I've always loved choral music," Gross said. "When I pick music, I pick music I think will touch someone. It's reactionary."

Apparently, the reaction has been good for a long time. Gross has been there a long time, and group members vote every year whether to keep him. For 26 years, the vote has always been "yes." Gross hopes it'll stay that way for a long time.

"I'll go as long as they'll have me, or as long as they can put up with me," Gross said, smiling. "I want our music to bring out the best in people emotionally. If the audience can't relate, why do it?"

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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

It's a zip-your-lip time for you, Ram. Your temper could easily get the better of you this week, but that doesn't mean you'll win. Therefore, be extremely careful of what you say and to whom, because any outrageous statements you make are sure to catch up to by the end of the month.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Everyone seems determined to have their say this week—especially all Bullis. Try to be patient since there is much to be learned from the views of others as Mercury turns direct. Pay attention to the details and the Big Picture will emerge before your birthday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The edgy influence of your ruling planet Mercury going direct will make it easy to overreact to the opinions of colleagues and loved ones this week, Twin. To prevent minor irritations from turning into future confrontations you are advised to speak your mind now rather than later.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

A problem shared is a problem halved, or so they say, and it's certainly true that if you ask for assistance this week, you'll get as much as you need and more, MoonKid. No one expects you to do everything, so don't expect it of yourself. Make this a less-stress week.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Cosmic forces in your element indicate a week in which your interests are paramount. You may, however, have to convince others that you have every right to follow your own path, particularly since their resistance owes more to resentment than reality. Think twice before talkin', Lion.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

It's an open up your eyes and mind—kinda week, Virgo. It's not like you to waste time looking back, but you seem to be doing a lot of that lately. The current planetary setup urges you to stop thinking about what might have been and start thinking about what is going to be.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

You'll be in an adventurous mood this week and it's not beyond the bounds of probability that you'll soon have a passion for faraway places—and

escape! Don't think that you need a reason to get away from it all. Balancer. When the feeling "hits", go for it, kiddo!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Feelings appear to be running high over a project or relationship and you would do well to share any doubts rather than keep them to yourself. But do so with care, Scorp. Nobody wants to feel guilty or trapped—and, after all, you have been against the wall, lately. Chill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Archers are never lack for big ideas, but how often have those ideas been turned into action? If the answer is "not often," you'll get the chance to make up for it this week. Don't listen to those who say you should be more cautious. Some folks may not want you to succeed. Prove them wrong!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

This could an "open mouth-insert foot" kind of week for SeaGoats—so stay on your toes! Words always come easy to you, but sometimes you say things that are a bit too abrasive, and that is something you must watch out for. If you must point out other's faults, try not to destroy their confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

You know how to communicate, WaterBearer, so why are you making such a bad job of it lately? The only way you'll get what you desire this week is if you spell it out in plain and simple language. "Enemies" may only be such because you don't treat them as friends, kiddo.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

I'd like to say that you're in for a financial windfall, but you're going to have to practice Piscean patience and cleverness now. The more others make you feel guilty for all the good things in your life, the more you should remind them that nothing comes for free. You've sacrificed enough and things are beginning to turn to your favor.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.



Tom Sawyer

The cast of 'Tom Sawyer' performs the Paper Bag production Saturday-Sunday, April 16-17, 23-24, April 30-May 1, May 7-8, 14-15, and 21-22, at Theatre Livonia in the Livonia Mall at Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Use the 'G' entrance on the north side of mall. Tickets and lunch are \$10, \$7 for show only. Curtain times are 1 p.m. (noon lunch) on Saturday, and 2 p.m. (1 p.m. lunch) on Sunday. Call (586) 344-7774.

LIBRARY PICKS

4. "With No One as Witness," Elizabeth George
5. "Vanishing Acts," Jodi Picoult

NON-FICTION

1. "Blink," Malcolm Gladwell
2. "Deadly Game," Catherine Crier
3. "Blood Brother," Annie Bird
4. "Conspiracy of Fools," Kurt Eichenwald
5. "Men in Black," Mark Levin

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 at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

1. "The Rising," Tim LaHaye
2. "Saturday," Ian McEwan
3. "The Broker," John Grisham

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

Camp Nahelu

1940-1970
Camp Nahelu, located in Ortonville, is planning a reunion on Sunday, May 29, in Orchard Lake. Organizers are looking for anyone who attended or worked at the camp from 1940 to 1970. Please contact Fran Gurwin Bell at (248) 706-0738

CLASS REUNIONS

or e-mail JFARBell@aol.com.

Clawson High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is being planned. For more information, call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or e-mail wiseppi@wideopenwest.com.

Class of 1975

A 30-year reunion is planned for July 9, 2005, at San Marino Club in Troy. For more information, visit www.clawson1975.com or contact Bev Serre-Raine at (248) 689-3381 or e-mail bevraine@comcast.net

Cody High School

Class of 1965-1966
A reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005, at the Italian-American Banquet Hall in Livonia. Cost is \$75/person, which includes dinner, open bar, dancing and memory book. 1965 graduates contact Ed Kempisty, (810) 629-1542, Tom Mellos, (313) 884-5469, or www.geocities.com-codycomets65. If you are a 1966 graduate, contact Greg Dobson, (248) 437-4649 or jmackie95@yahoo.com.

Cooley High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005. For more information, contact Penny Mertz Howley at (248) 553-2195.

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S FICTION BOOKS

1. "When Ratboy Lived Next Door," Chris Woodworth
2. "Still There, Clare," Yvonne Prinz
3. "My Mom and Other Mysteries of the Universe," Gina Willner-Pardo
4. "Moon Runner," Carolyn Marsden
5. "The Missing Manatee," Cynthia Barlage

Veterans will travel to honor war heroes

As a tribute to veterans who served in World War II, the nonprofit Lutheran Homes of Michigan is hosting "Operation Enduring Thanks," a four-day journey to Washington, D.C., for its veteran residents.

Operation Enduring Thanks is a four-day journey to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor the heroes of the war, both living and deceased.

The journey is being hosted by Lutheran Homes of Michigan for residents and their families who served, either abroad or at home. Any Lutheran Homes of Michigan resident or family member that served in World War II is eligible to attend along with family members.

The trip focuses on a visit to the World War II Memorial and other sites of interest. A volunteer Steering Committee, being co-chaired by World War II veteran Dick Falek, of West Bloomfield, already is planning the June 2005 trip. Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Attorney General Mike Cox are co-chairs of the Honorary Steering Committee.

Lutheran Homes of Michigan President and CEO David Gehm said the goal is to make sure every veteran who wants to make the journey is able to regardless of frailty or financial status. It is anticipated that many veterans making the trip will have family members accompanying them. Most funding will come from individual and corporate donors.

Fund-raising activities already have begun at Lutheran Homes of Michigan's three skilled nursing facilities in Frankenmuth, Livonia and Monroe, the Lutheran Home Care Agency in Frankenmuth, and The Manors of Saginaw, a retirement living campus. Additional corporate fund-raising efforts also are under way.

For more information, contact David Gehm at (989) 652-3470.

Send donations c/o Operation Enduring Thanks to Lutheran Homes of Michigan, P.O. Box 329, Frankenmuth, MI 48734-0329 or go to www.LHMINC.org.

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AROUND TOWN

Builders class

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license exam with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Plymouth/Canton Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Monday/Wednesday, April 25/27 and May 2/4 from 6-10 p.m. at Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road. Pre-registration with payment is required by Thursday, April 21 to Plymouth/Canton Community Education. Call (734) 416-2937 to register from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Mother's Day workshop

The Ann Arbor Art Center offers a Mother's Day themed workshop from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1. The Make Mother's Day Magic Workshop will feature variety of pottery pieces for participants to paint that include bowls, plates, bud vases, mugs and more. Items will be ready for pick up in time for Mother's Day gift giving. Workshops are suitable for all ages; cost is \$15 per creator. Registration is required and payment is due in full upon registration. To register or for more information, stop by the Art Center at 117 West Liberty, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101 or register online at www.annarborartcenter.org

Used book sale

Friends of the Romulus Public Library host a Used Book Sale April 18-20, and "Bag Day" April 23 at the library, located at 1121 Wayne Road in Romulus. Fiction, non-fiction, adult and children's books in hardcover and paperback, audio visuals, romance, westerns, science fiction and comedy are all among the available materials. On "Bag Day" April 23, patrons can get a bag full of books for \$1.50. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Genealogical meeting

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 18 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. Diane Little will speak on "Upon This Rock I'll Build My Church." Little's great-grandfather, Peter Dederichs, was an architect for many Detroit churches. The class prior to the meeting is "Reading Early American Handwriting Part II," and starts at 6:30 p.m. Meetings and classes are open to the public free of charge, and guests are welcome. For more information, call Pat, (734) 425-3079.

Place settings

The Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop will be highlighting place settings from May 1-31. From vibrant and colorful to elegant and simplistic, place setting pieces created by local and regional artists will be featured. The place settings will consist of plates, bowls, mugs, and more, with collections suitable for wedding gifts, anniversaries, birthdays, or for starting a brand new set. Gallery Shop hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon-5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information about upcoming features, stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center in downtown Ann Arbor at 117 W. Liberty, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 118 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org

Diabetes seminar

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a program called "Keeping Well with Diabetes," co-sponsored with NovoNordisk, from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 30 in the hospital's auditorium. Speakers and their topics include Steven Katzman on Diabetes Management; Key Diabetes Supplies on Blood Glucose Monitoring; nurse Janice Wheeler on Blood Glucose Control; and Katie Dooley on Healthy Eating. Registration required by April 23; call (734) 878-6470. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Flower workshop

The Mia Mahalo Workshop Series continues with "A Guide to Growing Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables Naturally," from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. Edie Saunders, owner of Two Women and a Hoe and MSU certified Advanced Master Gardener, will host this workshop on organic gardening. Novice to advanced gardeners will benefit from Saunders 35 years of organic gardening expertise. The workshop will focus on The Organic Way or W.I.M.N.D. (what would Mother Nature do); Looking after the Soil and how to improve it; Let's select and grow; and a garden that everyone can safely enjoy. Admission is \$10 per person. Mia Mahalo is located at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. RSVP by calling (248) 546-1900.

Mazurka Dancers

The Mazurka Dancers present their 40th annual music revue, "40 Years of Entertainment," at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23 and at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 24 at Riverside Middle School, 25900 W. Warren in Dearborn Heights. Tickets, for a \$5 donation, are available at the door.

Telephone retirees

Telephone Retirees from SBC, Ameritech, AT&T, Western Electric and Michigan Bell are invited to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 11, at Archie's Fine Dining at 30471 Plymouth

Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads in Livonia. For information and reservations call (586) 268-1613.

Junior gardeners

Washtenaw County MSU Extension hosts the 10th year of the Junior Master Gardener Class for youth ages 9-11. In this hands-on program, participants and their parents will explore various gardening topics in a casual atmosphere. Classes are scheduled to run 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays from May 5 to June 9 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. Cost is \$35 per child. Applications and an informational flyer are available at the Washtenaw County MSU Extension office, 705 N. Zeeb in Ann Arbor, or can be downloaded from <http://extension.ewashtenaw.org> by clicking on "4-H Youth Development" then "Form." All applications, with payment, must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 15. Call (734) 997-1678 for more information.

Career women meet

The National Association of Career Women-West Suburban Chapter, meets April 12 in a networking session for all members and guests. The luncheon meeting will be devoted to commercials by all present about their businesses and business networking among members and guests. NACW meets at Atlantis Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Road (just east of I-275) in Plymouth Township from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. Call Linda Shoumate, (734) 459-4506, to RSVP.

Basement remodeling

Wayne-Westland Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, offers an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 19/21 at Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy in Westland. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. Cost is \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to the teacher. Spouse's discount is half the tuition. Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday, April 15 to Wayne-Westland Community Education. Call (734) 419-2426 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will appear at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia for a free workshop at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 that discusses what can be causing fibromyalgia, which the expert says is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

WineMaker dinner

WineFest 2005 commences at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, with its annual WineMaker Dinner at Mediterraneo Restaurant in Ann Arbor. WineFest will be held Saturday, May 14, at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest. WineFest 2005 honorary chair Leonardo LoCascio, CEO and president of Winebow, will host the WineMaker dinner, a gourmet dinner perfectly paired with fine wines from Winebow imports. Mediterraneo Restaurant owner John Roumanis will arrange a menu especially prepared to complement the wines chosen by LoCascio. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on items featured exclusively at WineFest's Showcase Preview Auction. Guests will also enjoy a private evening, as Mediterraneo will be open exclusively for the WineMaker Dinner. WineMaker Dinner, sponsored by Ann Arbor Commerce Bank, costs \$135 per person. Mediterraneo is located at 2900 South State Street in Ann Arbor. For ticket information, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

Homeschool spring formal

Palaestra homeschooling group hosts its annual spring formal catered dinner-dance for homeschooled students (14 and over) in the tri-county area from 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile (just west of Stevenson High) in Livonia. Cost is \$25 per person, with Christian DJ Steve Chavez and ballroom dance instructors. Reservations required; contact Susan Weisbrod, (734) 397-1225 or e-mail to curlyysu918@aol.com

Volunteer week

In honor of the 31st-annual celebration of National Volunteer Week, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum offers free admission to all volunteers who are a part of Museum Volunteer Coordinators Network of Southeast Michigan. The program takes place April 16-24. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum volunteers can visit all the participating institutions for free; likewise, volunteers can visit the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum for free. Volunteers need to have either a picture ID from their institution or a form letter from their institution plus a valid picture identification. Participating organizations include the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Cranbrook Art Museum, Cranbrook Institute of Science, The Detroit Historical Museum, The Detroit Institute of Arts, The Detroit Zoological Park, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Henry Ford Estate, The Henry Ford, Howell Conference and Nature Center,

Meadow Brook Hall, University of Michigan Museum of Art and Walter P. Chrysler Museum. Although no free admission is granted at the New Detroit Science Center, the Monster Trucks exhibit will be complimentary with a coupon available at participating institutions.

Glass demonstration

The Ann Arbor Art Center features a glass demonstration from 1-3 p.m. April 16 in celebration of Michigan Glass Month. Barbara Yerace of Creative Glasswear in Saline will demonstrate the fine art of lamp-worked glass beads. Several techniques and design applications will be shown such as round, bicone, flat and sculptural. The demonstration will be open to the public and held at the Art Center, at 117 West Liberty, in downtown Ann Arbor. For further information about Michigan Glass Month demonstrations or featured artists, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 119. For more information about the Ann Arbor Center, call (734) 994-8004 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org

Shakespeare performance

Henry Ford Community College presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy "Twelfth Night," Fridays through Sundays, April 8-May 1. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. The comedy of will and consequences is filled with song, dance, disguises and farcical flights. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$4 per seat for groups of 10 or more. Call (313) 845-6475 for information and reservations.

Hospice art dash

Arbor Hospice and Home Care announces Art Dash 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. Proceeds from the highly anticipated event will benefit Arbor Hospice and its Northville office, which cares for hundreds of patients each year throughout Wayne and Oakland counties. Doors open at 6:30, with the dash starting at 8:30; by the end of the evening, each ticket holder 'dashes' for a beautiful piece of artwork. Tickets are \$250 each, which admits up to two people. St. John's Golf & Conference Center is located at 44045 Five Mile Road. To register or for further information, contact Glenda Gordon Kime at (734) 662-5999, Ext. 152, or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care on-line at www.arborhospice.org

Off the Wall Gallery

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will be installed throughout downtown Ann Arbor and displayed through May 9. The spring exhibition is titled Black + White, with the theme of "wild and wacky" silhouettes, featuring an artistic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Burns Park Elementary students and Art Center WineFest volunteers. Forty-eight Burn Park fourth graders will create one side of the banners; the other will be painted by WineFest community volunteers. The spring exhibit offers many ways for the Art Center to connect with the community and promote this year's WineFest, which will be held on Saturday, May 14. The banners will be on display during the event, with the black and white style reflected throughout this year's décor. For more information, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 111.

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 western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Crafters, artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

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Boy Scout Troop 1537 had four members advance to the scouts' highest rank, Eagle Scout. Making the grade were Matthew D'Avanzo, John Gonthier, Bryan Kelly and Brian Whiting. The four were recognized at the troop's Court of Honor April 2 at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.



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EMMA THOROLD

March 27, 2005, Age 88 of California, formerly of Westland and Ypsilanti. Beloved mother of Lawrence (Jackie) Thorold and Nancy (Allan) Lamb. Sister of Elizabeth Humphrey. Grandmother of Dawn (Jim) Blackburn, Dean (Christie) Thorold, David Thorold, Kimber (Brian) Van Tassel and Leah Reeves. Services were held Saturday at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

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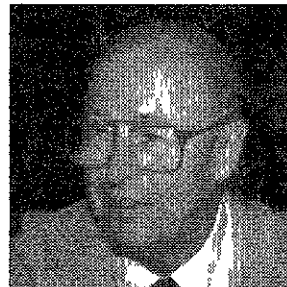
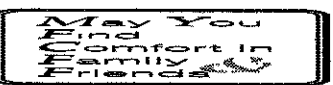
Age 99, of Plymouth, died April 3, 2005. She was born July 4, 1905, in Hartford, Michigan. She came to the Plymouth community in 1934, from Ann Arbor. She was employed as a service representative for Michigan Bell, and she later retired from the Plymouth Stamping Company after working for many years as a secretary. She was also active in several organizations, including the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sarah Sibley Colony of New England Women, the Plymouth Historical Society, and the Plymouth Garden Club. She is survived by her cousins, H.B. (Doris) Richard, Dorothy "Midge" Jewell, Edward Baughn, and Josephine (Carl) Sillanpaa. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Sam" Shattuck, and her daughter, Mary Ann Shattuck. A Memorial Service will be held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Tuesday 11am. Visitation Tuesday 10am until time of service. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or the Plymouth Historical Society.

FLOYD G. SIMS,

Died April 1, 2005 in Florida. He was 81. Beloved husband of 61 years to Stella. Loving father of Randy Busch (Phillip) and Floyd G., II (Marge). Grandfather of five and great-grandfather of one. Brother to Mable Brown and Carl Sims. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 9, at St. Alan Catholic Church, Troy, with Rite of Committal following at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial Tributes to Legacy House, c/o Hospice of Marion County, P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, FL 34478. Arrangements by A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

MARIAN E. LANGE

Age 91, died April 4, 2005. She was born October 4, 1913, in Montrose, Michigan, and lived most of her life in Bay City. While in Bay City, she was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where she was active in Church Guild. She was also a lifetime member of the Sharon Chapter of the Eastern Stars. She retired to Duneside, Florida, and later returned to Plymouth to be near her family. She was the third of ten children, with three siblings surviving. She was a wife, mother, and sister. She was an artist - a painter, a photographer, and a quilter - and an outstanding bowler and golfer. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Seippel of Plymouth; her grandchildren, Steven Seippel of Canton, Jeffrey Seippel of Novi, and Kristine Koupal of Livonia; and her great-grandchildren, Kurt and Chad Seippel. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold. Memorial Service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Saturday, April 23, 1pm. Visitation 12noon until time of service. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia.



JOHN J. FODERMAIER, JR.

"Long time Foxcroft resident, John J. Fodermaier, Jr.", age 90, passed away on April 7, 2005 in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Fodermaier was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Cathryn of McLean, Virginia. He is survived by Kathleen, his wife of 55 years; a son, John J. Fodermaier, III; a grandson, John J. Fodermaier, IV of San Antonio, TX and a brother, Fredric of Zurich, Switzerland. He was born on February 20, 1915 in East Fishkill, N.Y. After graduation from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. in 1937, he joined the Chrysler Corporation, Highland Park, MI as a Student Engineer. At retirement in 1979, he held the position of Chief Engineer of the Vehicle Structure and Safety Section of the Engineering Division. During World War II, he served as a Naval Aviator in the American and Pacific Theatres, and retired in 1975 with the rank of Lt. Commander, USNR. A Graveside Service will be held on Monday, April 11, 2005 at 11:00 AM at Mission Burial Park North. The online guest-book may be sign at www.mission-parks.com under the obituary section.

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MILLIE ARONSON

Age 77, of Garden City, passed away March 18, 2005. Mother of Karl, Jane Flieller and Charlotte. Sister of Frances Dowhal.

NELLE P. BALLINGER

Age 106, of Belleville, IL. Born May 22, 1898 in Patton, MO., died Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at Four Fountains Convalescent Center, Belleville, IL. Nelle was a retired office clerk of Chrysler Motor Company. She was preceded in death by her parents, George A. and Amelia, nee Swindell, Ballinger; five brothers, Henry, Roy, John, William Irl and George W. Ballinger; three sisters, Bestie, Ballinger, Ora Moore, and Gertrude Ballinger. Surviving are a half brother, Amond Ralph Ballinger; two half sisters, Martha Nicastro and Hazel Tucker and many nieces and nephews. Visitation: Saturday, April 9, 2005 at the Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Funeral services, noon, Saturday, at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

RUBY ELIZABETH SALMON

Age 94, of Canton, died April 7, 2005. She was born July 9, 1915, in Berne, Indiana. She was a homemaker and had lived in the Plymouth Community for many years. She is survived by her daughters Betty (Gale) Mills of Marlette, MI and Shirley Panzica of Canton, MI; and son, Donald (Bonnie) Salmon of Cadillac, MI; nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Paul M. Salmon. Funeral services will be held Monday, April 11, 2005, at 2pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Visitation will be Sunday, April 10, 2005 from 2pm to 8pm at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Mercy-Amicare Hospice, 7985 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601.

ROBERTA JEAN NICHOLS YAKEL

Age 73, died of leukemia Sunday April 3, 2005 at home, cared for by her family, in Plymouth Michigan. Engineer, Alternative Fuel Consultant Roberta Jean Hilts was born November 29, 1931 to Robert and Winifred Hilts at Los Angeles California, graduated from Santa Monica High School and attended UCLA and USC (PhD Engineering 1979). She attained all three of her degrees while working full time and raising a family. She worked in the aerospace industry for nearly 20 years in Los Angeles, then worked for Ford Motor Company from 1979 to 1995, first as a principal research engineer, then as a manager, working with alternative fuels and electric vehicle research. She was a pioneering leader in the fields of alternative fuels and automotive engineering and an inspiration to women in engineering. She holds three patents for the Flexible Fuel Vehicle. She was the first woman to be elected as a Fellow of the Society of Automotive Engineers, a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a Fellow of the Society of Women Engineers, and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. She was a downhill skier for 58 years, up until the time of her death still going down the expert runs. She raced cars at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Her fastest time was 190 mph. She held the women's world record for quarter mile drag boats from 1966 to 1969. She also competed in vintage car racing with her 1954 Mercedes 300 SL. Gulfwing, which she had restored herself. She loved to play bridge and was an avid gardener. She is survived by her husband Lynn Yakel, sister Jacqueline Oblinger, daughter Kathleen McDonald, stepsons David Yakel and Dennis Yakel, and grandchildren Gina Lagattuta, Flora Lagattuta, Lydia McDonald and John McDonald, and her beloved Beagle, Freckles. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband William McDonald and her son Robert McDonald. Many thanks for the excellent care received from Dr. Barthell, Clinical Nurse-Specialist Cathy Baldy, the Hospice staff and the staff of Henry Ford Hospital. In lieu of flowers please send any donations to the UC Riverside Foundation for the Benefit of the Roberta Nichols Yakel Scholarship Fund (Ford Motor Co. is matching any from Ford employees) 252A Highlander Hall Riverside CA 92521. A memorial will be planned for the Detroit area at a later date. If you would like to be contacted about this please contact Kathleen McDonald 2115 N. 29th St. Boise ID 83703 kgfl19@hotmail.com

MARIE (Wadkins) BOUGHTON

Age 81, of Farmington Hills, died Monday, March 14, 2005 in Port Charlotte, Florida. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00 a.m. Saturday April 30, 2005 at the Servant Church of St. Alexander's, 27835 Shiawassee Rd., Farmington Hills, with Fr. James B. Wright presiding. Visitation 9:30 a.m. until time of service at church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the church. Arrangements by McConnell Funeral Home, Fenton.

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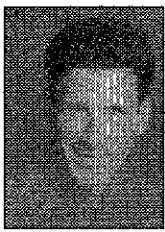
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Question: Don wants tips on promoting a healthy prostate.

Answer: Don, prostate health is one of the most important issues facing American men. In fact, prostate cancer is the second leading cause of death for all males in the United States. Prostate cells grow because of high levels of testosterone and a substance called IGF-1. That's a key reason why American males should avoid testosterone supplements whenever possible. Growth hormones are also very risky. New research shows that saw palmetto reduces IGF-1 levels and inhibits prostate growth. Foods and supplements rich in vitamin E can also provide prostate protection. Fruits and vegetables are a potent weapon for prostate health. Men who routinely get at least 3 servings a day can cut their risk of prostate cancer in half. High-fat diets should be off limits and routine preventative screenings are a must. Talk to your doctor for more prostate health tips.

Question: Sam wants the latest research about the benefits of fiber.

Answer: Sam, research shows that fiber intake is a key cornerstone to good health and a long life. It shows that people who are getting the most fiber have high levels of good cholesterol and less hardening of the arteries. Pectin, found in apples and citrus fruits, is especially healthy. Those getting the most fiber had 60 percent less inflammation in the arteries. That's vital because inflammation is a key player in many kinds of heart disease. High fiber intake also cuts peripheral arterial diseases by up to 30 percent. Fiber can also tip the scales in your favor when it comes to weight loss. Women getting the most fiber over a 12-year period gained the least weight in a new study out of Harvard. The same study shows that fiber can dramatically reduce your chances for colon cancer. Talk to your doctor for more about the key role fiber can play in your healthy diet.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered, e-mail www.peternielsen.com Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield

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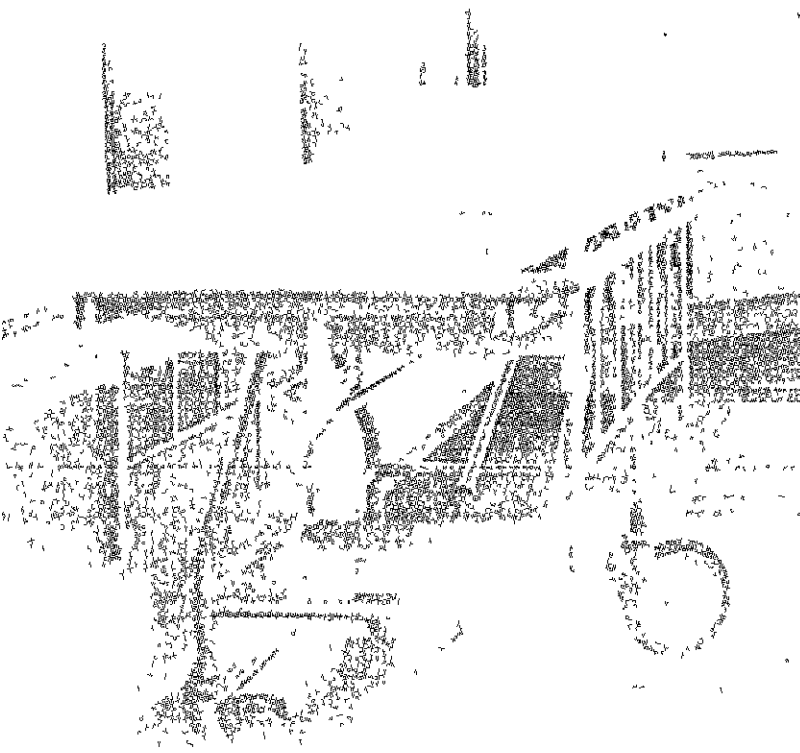
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Life or death

Will someone else decide?



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Diane Luty made a good point when recently discussing the March 22 death of her father Emory McClure in St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. People plan for a wedding, a birth or new house — but they don't plan for something

everyone's going to do and that's die.

Fortunately for McClure's family, he took the initiative to not only talk about his wishes for end-of-life care long before he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in mid-March, but signed a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care form to make his medical treatment choices

known should he become unable to do so.

"Medical science has come up with fantastic treatments, but when you get to a certain age, what are they bringing you back to?" asked Luty of Livonia. "They would want to give me every possibility. At 57, I could get over pneumonia. At 81, my father's age, it's pretty much a

death sentence. He had put things in place that made it easier because there's three of us (siblings) so nobody had to take the responsibility."

Regardless if you felt Terri Schiavo's death was right or wrong,

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333.1051 Short title 14.15(1051)

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333.1052 Definitions 14.15(1052)

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

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Angela Hospice assists those who grieve

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. April meeting dates are Tuesday, April 12, and April 26, at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. both days.

There are also special topic grief support groups: The Loss of an Adult Child group addresses those who have

experienced the loss of a child age 18 or over. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month from 3-5 p.m.

The Heartstrings group is designed to support parents and caregivers coping with the loss of a child through illness or disease. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1

p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.

The Children's Spring Workshop is accepting reservations for the workshop to take place 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3. Call (734) 953-6012 to reserve a spot for your child.

All groups take place at the Angela Hospice Care Center. For information, call Joan Lee at (866) 464-7810.

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Local hospitals provide information on protecting your wishes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Still confused about creating legally binding, advance health directives? Several hospitals offer speakers to community groups.

Botsford General Hospital not only provides information, but Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care forms. To schedule a speaker, call (248) 442-7986. For a copy of the document, call (248) 471-8430 or visit the Web site at www.botsfordsystem.org.

"We help guide them through the process. We explain once they've arrived at the hospital it may be too late to sign the form because the patient needs to be of sound mind, not on narcotics for pain," said Diane Smolen, patient advocate. "On occasions, we get a dispute. If they become divorced, it makes that invalid unless they make the expense an advocate."

Judy O'Connor frequently is asked

about choices by the groups she speaks to as risk manager for Botsford Hospital.

"They ask what they should discuss with their doctor and family. Does it need to be notarized? No, durable power doesn't need to be notarized, but witnessed by two persons, someone with no financial interest. They can't be a health care provider, potential heir or anyone affiliated with their insurance payer," O'Connor said. "Durable power for health care doesn't take effect until the patient is incapable of making decisions, and this has to be documented in medical records by a physician and licensed psychologist."

O'Connor suggests talking to your family doctor about the Do Not Resuscitate Form to decide if you do or don't want tube feeding, dialysis, a respirator, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, comfort choices, or antibiotic treatment, and then record your choices on the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care form.

Hospitals like Botsford and St. Mary Mercy provide wallet-sized cards with durable power and patient advocate information. St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in accordance with the Michigan DNR Procedure Act of 1996, goes a step further to provide an identification bracelet to ensure that a patient's wishes are carried out. Currently, they're looking for donations for an engraving machine or to buy a used one to be able to make up bracelets for patients who may have limited time. To help, call (734) 655-1591.

"We started the Embracing Your Choice program because we did all of these treatments and then the family would come in and say he didn't want any of that. We needed to find a way for people to identify themselves and then found out there is a law to allow patients to identify themselves," said Sandy Perez, manager of Intensive Care and Cardiac Care units at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "When they arrive at the hospital, if they're awake

we ask them their code status, what they feel as far as life-saving measures. If a patient is not awake or alert, we look to family for advance directives which is another name for durable power of attorney. The majority do not have them."

Some may have a Living Will. At Henry Ford Health System, that is taken into consideration by doctors.

"Living Wills aren't binding in Michigan, but I don't know of anyone provided with a directive who wouldn't use it as guidance should physicians determine that you're no longer able to make decisions," said Dr. Leslie Bricker, director of palliative care at Henry Ford Hospital.

"It's good if they have an advance directive because we can refer to it. Sometimes family members are not aware of decisions they've made. When you have to make end of life decisions, it puts a lot of stress on patients and family members. At Henry Ford we have electronic medical records where advance directive

can be entered and accessed by satellite centers and emergency rooms."

Crittenton Hospital in Rochester offers a brochure on advance directives. This fall it will present a community education seminar with legal and medical experts.

"It's something we should all think about doing. Sometimes it's hard to think about because it confirms our mortality," said Karen Wood, manager of registration services including inpatient and emergency services at Crittenton. "With advance directive, you don't have to say I don't want to be on a respirator. You don't have to have it in great detail, but you can. We offer File of Life cards, distributed through the emergency department, with information added on advance directive. You can post this on the refrigerator. It's one more way to document that they have an advance directive should they not be able to respond."

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the disagreement among her relatives brought attention to the question — do you want someone else to decide if you live or die?

Popular opinion says it's a personal decision that shouldn't be made by the courts or Legislature. Attorney Marguerite Lentz with Honigman law firm in Detroit, Bingham Farms and Bloomfield Hills agrees. She recommends her clients sign a Designation of Patient Advocate Form that names a person to carry out their wishes. She also suggests signing a financial durable power of attorney so if they are on life support, an advocate can decide how to pay for it.

Another form individuals might want to consider is a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order that prevents a person from being revived. And yet another form might be in the works. HIPPA, the 1996 act requiring medical records be kept confidential, is creating problems that attorneys like Lentz are trying to sort out. HIPPA seems to require a separate document to obtain medical records. Lentz thinks in the future that a separate piece of paper will be necessary for an individual's patient advocate to look at their medical records.

"I'm recommending this to everyone over age 18, including my 21-year-old daughter," said Lentz, a partner in Honigman's Tax, Estate Planning and Probate department and a West Bloomfield resident. "The Designation of Patient Advocate, or health care power of attorney as it's sometimes called, is where I name some-

one to make decisions for me. The Supreme Court of the U.S. said years ago you have a constitutional right to refuse treatment. You don't lose that if you become incompetent. Michigan statutory law blesses Designation of Patient Advocate, not Living Wills. Attorneys draft both Living Wills and Designation and sometimes mush them together."

But individuals don't need an attorney to make their wishes legally binding. A 1990 act by Congress requires hospitals to ask if a patient has an advance directive and to provide information if they don't. A survey of local hospitals such as Beaumont, Providence and Henry Ford show they're doing that along with providing forms for anyone who requests them. Forms are also available from Web sites of the State Bar of Michigan (michbar.org) and Michigan State Medical Society (msms.org), and inside the Peace of Mind booklet from state Sen. Laura Toy's office, call (517) 373-1707 or send e-mail to senttoy@senate.michigan.gov.

Sister Cheryl Allen, chief ethicist for St. John Health including Providence Hospital in Southfield, recommends adding an extra piece of paper to the durable power form to talk specifically about what you would wish.

"Whether they just talk about a respirator or artificial nutrition, they should talk about the circumstances. There are times when these can get you by, but would I want comfort care if I was in a permanent coma? Talk about if recovery is expected," Allen said. "My advance directive says if something happens to

me and there's not a likelihood where I can have a good conversation with the people I love that I would only want comfort care. There are so many individual decisions and they depend on the condition at the time."

Judy Layne, a partner with Dickinson Wright LLC in Bloomfield Hills, says "the most important thing is to put your wishes in writing and make sure it's enforceable. Not everyone has the same desire; what one person wants isn't what another person wants."

Layne recommends after carefully tailoring your document to have it signed and witnessed properly, and to have the patient advocate who you appoint sign it. Then make copies for your doctor, advocate, yourself and hospitals upon being admitted as a patient.

"If there are family disputes, it could be your life is prolonged and you're kept in a state you don't want to be, or your life could be terminated before you wish it to be," Layne said.

"Name your personal representative for HIPPA, which protects your medical records. Under HIPPA, you can name someone as your representative. Add to the medical power of attorney the language to name your HIPPA representative. You need HIPPA language."

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APRIL

Support group meeting

MCS-Friends (a nonprofit support group for the chemically sensitive) meet 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at The Good Food Company, 42615 Ford Road on southwest corner of Ford and Lilley in the Canton Center Shopping Mall, Canton.

This month's meeting will be an MCS Awareness Week Kick-Off meeting to plan for MCS Awareness Week, May 8-14, 2005. We ask that attendees come perfume and scent-free. For more information, call (248) 349-4972 or (734) 973-1727.

Hormone workshop

Balancing Hormones Naturally for women of all ages, a free public workshop takes place 2 p.m. Monday, April 11, at the Alfred Noble Livonia Public Library on Plymouth between Farmington and Merriman. Guest speaker is Dr. Carol Fischer, a nutritional expert with over 20 years experience. Seating limited. For reservations, call (734) 425-8588.

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Diabetes and arthritis

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a discussion on a "Diabetes and Arthritis" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan Road, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile Road. For more information, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is Joseph Weiss, M.D., St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required.

Dress Up Your Heart

A program on women's cardiovascular health 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute Auditorium on the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Campus, Ann Arbor. Cardiologist Barbara Kong, MD will highlight the latest research and guidelines on women and cardiovascular health. Participants are encouraged to wear red to support the American Heart

Association campaign for women's health and to dress for light exercise. The event is \$20 and includes a light dinner as well as door prizes. To register, call (800) 231-2211 or 734-712-5400, or register online at www.sjmercyhealth.org.

Exercise workshop

6:15-7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Trupp Family Care Chiropractic, 15614 Farmington Road, Livonia. R.S.V.P. to Jennifer at (734) 261-5677. Dr. Trupp will be hosting the free informal workshop on exercise and healthcare for the person who is interested in having a healthier future. Learn how to save time and money while getting fit and finding your ideal body weight.

Cancer screenings

Free head and neck cancer screenings will be offered 8-11 a.m. Friday, April 15, in the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic at Henry Ford Hospital.

Head and neck cancer can occur in the mouth, throat, larynx, swallowing passages, salivary glands, thyroid gland and nasal passages. People who use tobacco or drink alcohol heavily are at higher risk than others to develop the disease. Most cases are found in people over the age of 40, and the disease is more common in African Americans than Caucasians. People who use tobacco or drink heavily should be screened for head and neck cancer at least once a year. Cancer warning signs also include hoarseness, persistent throat pain, mouth sores that won't heal or a lump in the neck.

To schedule an appointment for a free screening, call toll free (888) 734-5322 or visit HenryFord.com.

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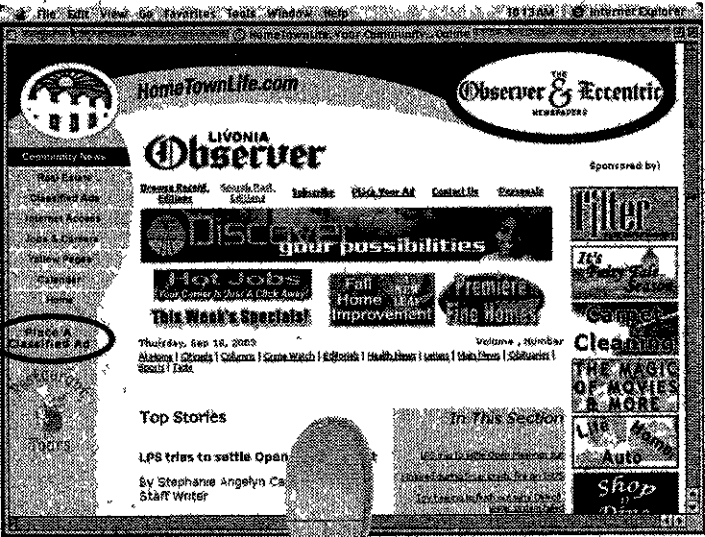
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Birmingham-born yogini makes yoga clothes with presence

BY CHRISTY BREITHAUP

Yoga is all about being comfortable with your body — but what if you feel constricted (both physically and fashion-wise) in the traditional black yoga pant? Look no further than the Colorado-based yoga clothing line Be Present, designed by Amy Lopatin Dobrin.

Lopatin Dobrin began her love of yoga as a child in Birmingham. Her mother, a product of the '70s, often invited yoga instructors to the household and Lopatin Dobrin and her brother, Ian, took to the age-old art form immediately.

"I've been doing yoga since I was little," she says. "I loved it — most kids aren't allowed to stand on their head in the living room."

After high school Lopatin Dobrin moved to upstate New York to get a degree in mathematics and then moved to Colorado. Once in Colorado she realized that numbers didn't inspire her as much as she'd hoped and went back to school — this time for design. She originally focused on designing skiwear until her brother opened a yoga studio in Arizona in 2002. Lopatin Dobrin began designing him a line to carry in his studio and Be Present was born.

The line is much different from the usual tight-fitting yoga wear most are accustomed to. The drawstring pants are roomy

Clothe Your Chakras
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with an emphasis on being comfortable. Lopatin Dobrin's skiwear expertise was put to good use also. She uses fabrics that wick away sweat so that the wearer can stay both warm and dry. The line features jackets, pants, shorts and T-shirts for men and jackets, pants, shorts, T-shirts, underwear and camisoles for women. The clothes are quickly becoming a loungewear favorite and are now even being sold at spas.

Another interesting feature of the clothes is that they are based in the Eastern philosophy of Chakra — a belief system that color coordinates the energies of the body. There are seven Chakras in all — each directly related to a part of your being. Red is for stability, orange is for sensuality, green is for love, yellow is for energy, blue is for creativity, indigo is for your inner self and purple is for wisdom.



Get your spinal twist on in Be Present's yoga threads.

Each season Be Present chooses three of these colors and designs a line with them in mind.

Each piece of clothing comes with a tag explaining the Chakra represented. The clothes range in price from \$19 to \$75, and sizes XS through XL (0 to 14).

Be Present is now carried in over 400 independent boutiques and studios across the U.S., but Be Present really is a small operation — only a total of five employees including Lopatin Dobrin's husband and business partner Jon.

As far as Lopatin Dobrin's concerned, yoga's not a bad business to be in and she's glad more people are taking notice of yoga's healing power.

"People live a fast-paced, high-stress lifestyle," she says. "You take an hour out of your day to yourself and you really feel different."

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By k

Wear It!
Nicole Miller at JCPenney

DON'T Wear It!
Snakeskin belt, bag and shoes together

Tote It!
Panthere de Cartier bag

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Gucci crested thong sandal in marigold

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Ginger pineapple martinis at OSLO

Eat It!
Edible gold sprinkled on everything

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Wardrobe Workshop

Wipe away your wardrobe woes at an all-day Wardrobe Workshop at Marshall Field's Somerset April 16. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m., *Sex and the City* stylist Patricia Field will offer Spring trend tips (free). At 8 a.m., a Beauty Solutions Show will feature spring looks, a light breakfast, consultations and gift bags (\$20); and from noon-2 p.m. Karen Neuberger, author of *The Secret Language of Girlfriends*, will offer pampering stations, book signings and prizes (free). Register to win a \$10,000 shopping spree.

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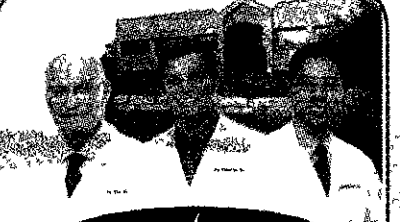
A There is hope! Cellulite

is formed by a combination of hormonal influence, poor circulation, inadequate lymphatic drainage and excess fat. Exercise and diet can help but unfortunately are not curative. The most effective and longest lasting treatment comes from France and is called mesotherapy. French physician, Dr. Alain Lejunie, taught me this technique of using tiny microinjections of medications and vitamins under the skin to shrink and smooth away lumpy, bumpy cellulite. The treatments are easy, painless and much less expensive than most enhancement procedures. Our medical spa offers free personal evaluations by a physician every Tuesday.

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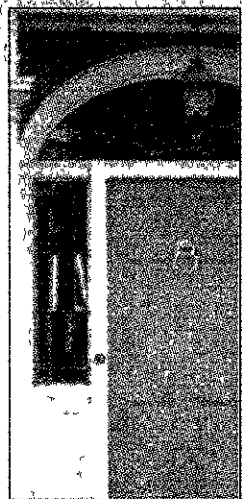
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Developer 'most admired' by peers in industry

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Centex Corp., a Dallas-based developer with operations in Michigan, has earned the accolades of its peers as the builder with the best reputation.

The company was honored by *Fortune* magazine with a No. 1 ranking among builders in its 2005 "America's Most Admired Companies" list.

The list is compiled by *Fortune* by the ratings of more than 10,000 executives working in companies in the various industry categories. The executives rate the companies by innovation, use of assets, employee talent, management, investment value, social responsibility, financial soundness and products and services.

"We were voted on by our peers based on how we manage our own people," said Centex division sales manager Heather Buchanan-Smith. "It means a lot."

In addition to the *Fortune* honors, Centex Homes was

named the most admired builder by industry peers in November 2004. The company nearly swept all of the industry's APEX awards.

Buchanan-Smith said the company is building the best homes in the Detroit area and employs the kind of people who can help the customers get what they want in a home.

"This is a great place to work," she said.

Currently, Centex is developing attached duplex condos, the Fairways of San Marino, abutting nine holes at the golf course of the same name in Farmington Hills.

The company also is building single family homes near Eight Mile Road and I-275 in Novi — the Preserves of Meadowbrook — and recently opened the Westchester subdivision in Farmington Hills.

Centex builds homes between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

Buchanan-Smith said the sales staff is good at putting people in the right homes for them.

"We put people into their first



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homes and help others downsize into their last homes," she said.

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Picking the right Realtor to sell your home

I am thinking of selling my house. There are so many Realtors out there, how do I pick the right one?

There are a lot of Realtors out there who want to work for you. You probably are getting solicitations in the mail. How do you pick the one who will do the best job for you? After all, there are hundreds of thousands of your dollars involved.

Here are some tips:

■ It helps if you can get a Realtor who was referred to you by a family member or a friend. That person already knows what that Realtor is like.

Ask the Realtor



Michael Aldouby

■ You want to get a Realtor who knows your area very well. One way that a Realtor demonstrates this, is if he/she targets your area with mailings.

■ A Realtor should be "enthusiastic" about getting your business. Persistence and determination are important traits in the sales field. If a

Realtor is persistent in trying to get you to hire him/her, that Realtor is showing the marks of a good salesperson.

Hopefully, the persistence that the Realtor uses to try and get you to list with him, will also be there when he/she is selling your home.

■ The Realtor should have a plan showing all the steps that will get the job done. In a way, it's like pilots having a flight plan. Just like you may not get on a plane with a pilot whom you know doesn't have a plan on how he/she will get from Point A to Point B, it is risky to hire a Realtor who doesn't have a detailed marketing

plan.

■ You may want to talk to past clients. They can give you information on what that Realtor was like. Of course, the Realtor will choose which clients you will talk to. However, if they all mention common traits that, is something you should consider in evaluating the Realtor.

■ One of the most common complaints regarding Realtors is that once you sign up with them, they are difficult to contact. Your Realtor should commit to giving you frequent progress reports. Sometimes Realtors are reluctant to do

this if they have nothing to say, however, it's important for you to know what is going on and what is not going on. If there is little activity regarding your house, you need to determine why and perhaps make changes based on this information.

Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with RE/MAX New Trend. He has a M.B.A. with a concentration in marketing. He is happy to answer any real estate questions you may have or to receive any comments about the column. Please feel free to call him at (248) 553-5050, Ext. 264, or e-mail him at michaelaldouby@remax.net.

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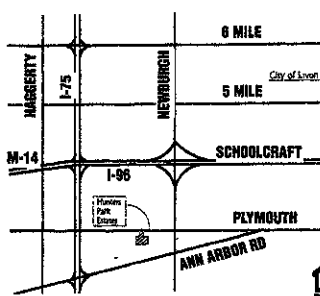
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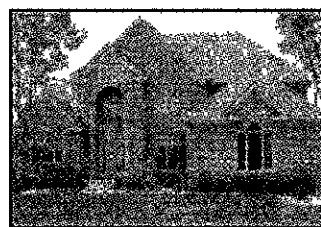
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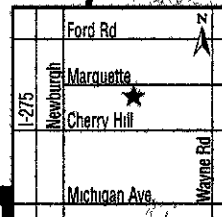
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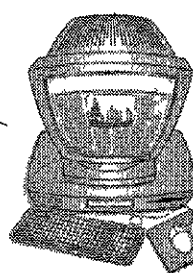
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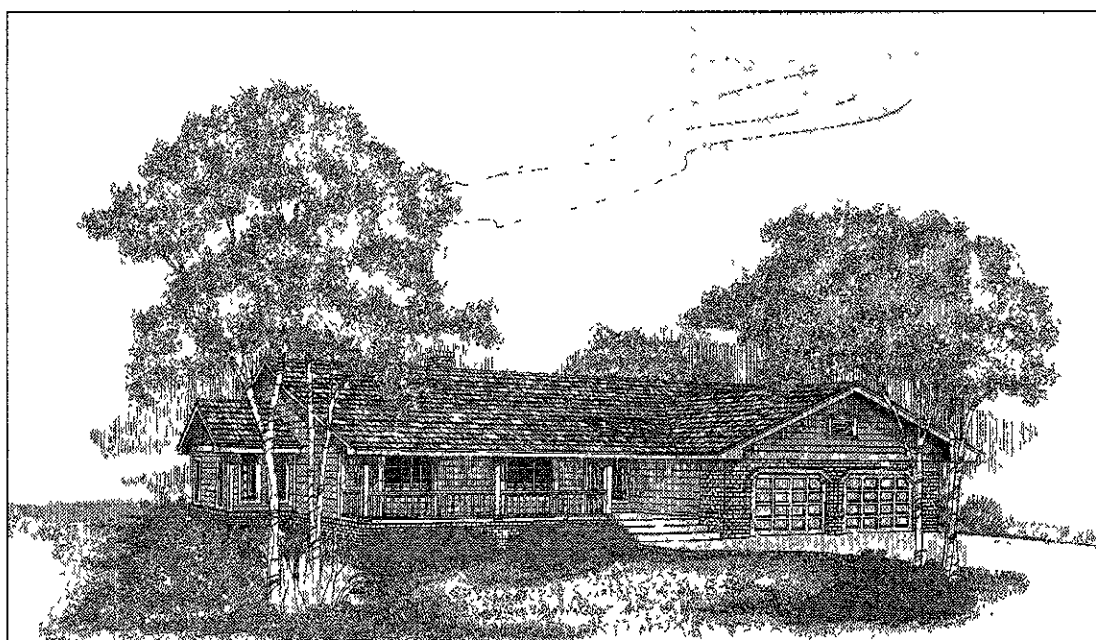
Handsome architectural columns buttressing an expansive front porch, symmetrical lap siding exterior and a wood shake roof combine to give a dignified charm to the 2,012 square foot La Crosse (334-080).

The entry, framed in glass, brings you inside a medium sized home well suited for empty nesters who could close the second floor off when not in use, or couples with children old enough to need their own privacy.

In the first floor design, the living room and dining room are open to each other. Windows galore shed plenty of sunlight, when available, on the activities here.

The walk-through kitchen, with an eating bar, mixing center, garden window and all the built-ins, is in a central location for easy food preparation and serving. More formal meals may be eaten in the dining room, casually served at the eating bar, or at the permanently fixed table in the adjacent nook. Nearby is a handy pantry and a utility room with access to a large back deck with room for a hot tub. Good weather will bring the family out here.

The master suite is a delight. Kept snugly warm by a built-in fireplace, this good-sized room features ample closet space and a skylit bathroom with



twin basins. Adjoining the master suite, and completing the first floor design, is a small home office, where household accounts can be kept up to date.

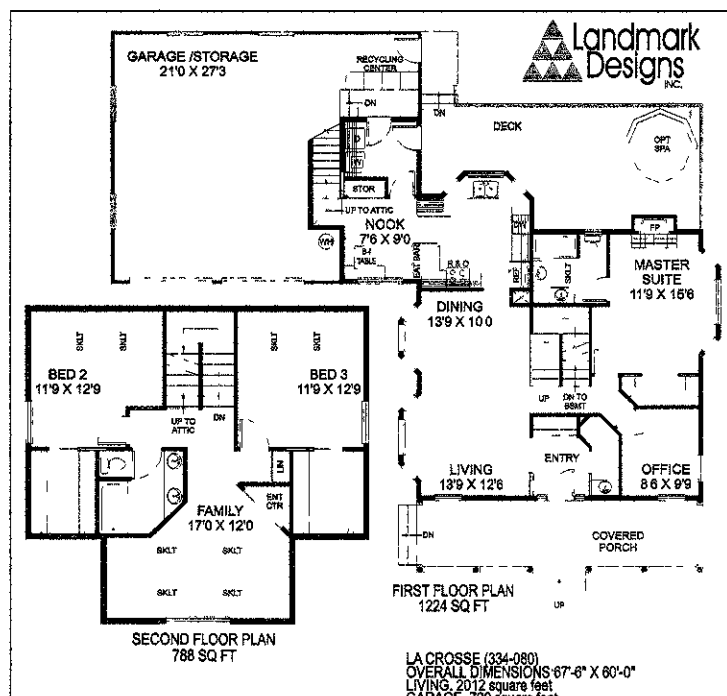
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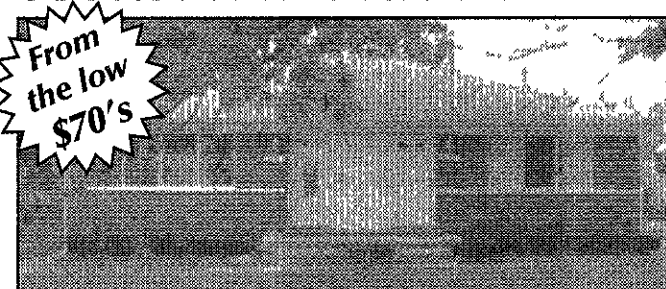
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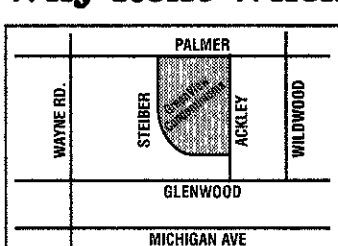
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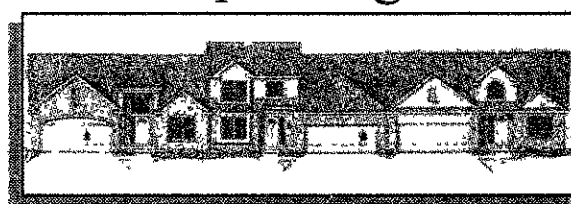


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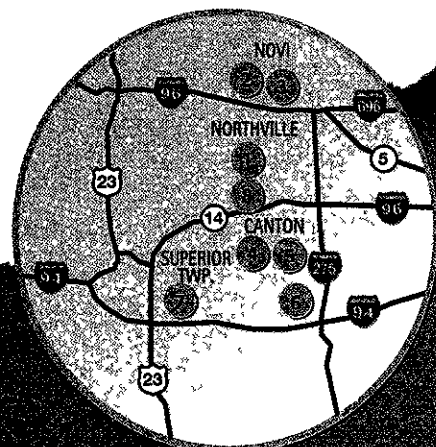
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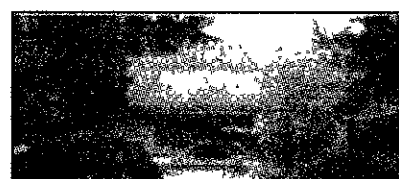
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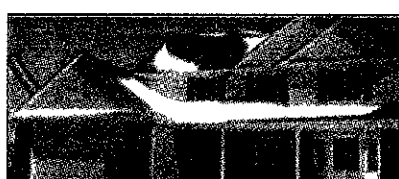
NOVI Beautiful Custom Private Estate Home
On approx. 1 acre lot with custom amenities throughout. Extensive use of marble. 7 BRs. 5 full BAs. 2 half BAs and 2 MBR suites. Finished lower level walk-out with second kitchen. Gorgeous grounds. 18 acre commons & a small lake.

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(B79TRE) 248-652-8000 \$444,900



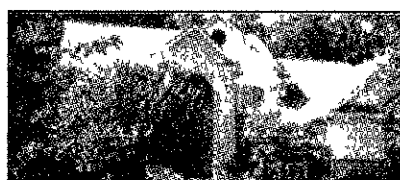
FARMINGTON HILLS Spectacular
Large 4 BR. 3 1/2 bath colonial. Great open floor plan. Huge master suite. Beautiful updated kitchen. 2003. Lovely finished basement. Hardwood floors in foyer & library. Many built-ins. Newer roof gutters & siding. Beautiful front courtyard entry.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Approx. 2.71 Acres
Beautiful custom built home on Coventry Lake. Granite island kitchen. Marble entry sky lights. Living room with fireplace and master bedroom suite. Fabulous finished lower level walk-out with full kitchen. Deck and 3 car garage.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Spacious Colonial
4BR. 3 1/2 BA home on wooded lot w/3 car garage. Wonderfully finished basement w/full BA, entertaining area, wet bar & fireplace. Hardwood floors, spacious FR. Walled Lake schools. Great value.

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TROY 1994-Built Colonial
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BIRMINGHAM New 2004 Construction
Fabulous, in the heart of downtown. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, open floor plan. 9 foot ceilings, a stunning kitchen & master bedroom suite with spa-like bath. Heated garage with bonus room above & much more.

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NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed-offers 4 spacious bedrooms. 4 1/2 baths. Master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/iking stove, Sub Zero frig. Walkout LL w/heated floors. Sauna & full granite kitchen. Awesome lot.

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ROCHESTER HILLS First Floor Master
First floor master with full bath and walk-in closet. 3 bedrooms upstairs. 2 1/2 baths. Large great room with cathedral ceiling, den, library. Very open floor plan with sky lights, crown molding. Partially finished basement with high ceilings.

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4 BR home sits high on approximately .34 acre treed lot. Huge master suite addition with den/home office. Kitchen w/newer cabinetry & appliances. Hardwood floors island. Formal dining room & living room w/FP. Fin LL w/o 3-car garage.

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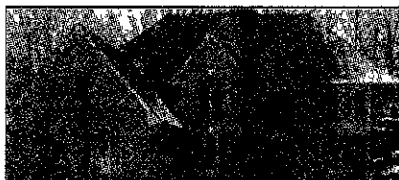
LEONARD Beautiful Custom Colonial
Approx. 2 1/2 acres 5 bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths LR DR FR with garden room & finished walk-out with full bar & game room, hot tub, Florida room, steam & sauna. Basketball court, ice rink, custom pool & grounds. Apartment over 5 car garage.

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BIRMINGHAM Fabulously Restored
Five bedroom 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod with first floor master bedroom suite, newer kitchen with stainless steel appliances & natural fireplace. Spacious lot with patio & professional landscaping with circular drive.

(B81LIN) 248-642-8100 \$595,800



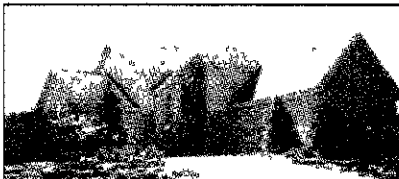
PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus
Premium lot with perfect floor plan. 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial with 3 car attached garage. Fireplace in living room open dual staircase basement, huge bedrooms with plenty of closet space. elegant custom awnings.

(B77FOX) 734-455-5600 \$479,000



CLARKSTON Remarkable Sub
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COMMERCE Quality - Lake Sherwood
Enjoy lakefront living this gorgeous contemporary. Five bedroom 3 1/2 bath 2 fireplaces. First floor master with Jacuzzi tub & shower. Lower level full bath, wet bar & kitchenette. 2+ attached car garage. City water/sewer. Huron Valley schools.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Magnificent Estate
Stone constructed in 2001. 6 BR. 5 1/2 BA in exclusive private community. FF MBR. 2-story foyer and great room, extensive use of marble and granite, hrdwd lower level, fin walkout with private aupair quarters, kitchen 2 BA. 2 BR. theater room.

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BINGHAM FARMS Custom Colonial
Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths on approximately 1.79 acres. Two-way fireplace in master bedroom and living room & den. Formal dining room, some hardwood floors & finished basement with gym. 2 1/2 car garage and Birmingham schools.

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PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
Five bedrooms 3 full and 1 half bath. 19th century Colonial on approximately 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen & formal dining room. Pond, deck and gazebo. A must see!

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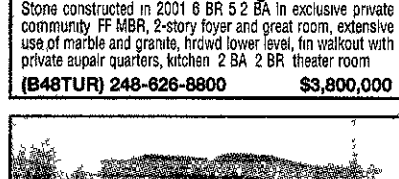
WASHINGTON New Construction
Four bedroom Colonial with 3 1/2 baths, first floor laundry, butler's pantry, basement with egress window & a 3 car side entry garage. Gourmet island kitchen with built-in appliances. Master bedroom bath with Jacuzzi tub.

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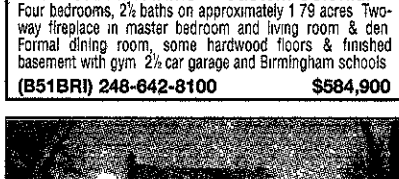
COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront
Gorgeous 2 story Colonial has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood. Two furnaces, upstairs laundry, extra garage. Lower level with great room and second kitchen and full bath. Sun room. This is a must see home.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP Unique
4/5 BR, 4 1/2 BA, 3-car gar. 2-story GR w/bridge & front flanked by tall windows. Formal DR w/butlers pantry, wet bar sitting rm in kit, marble FF MBR w/Jacuzzi & separate showers, fin bsmt w/pool. 5th BR, pool rm, kit, full BA, LR, FR.

(B55WIL) 248-626-8800 \$779,900



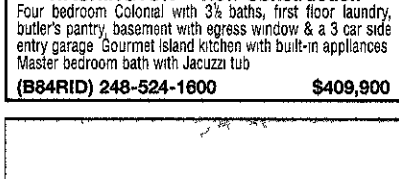
ROYAL OAK Cape Cod Home
Three bedroom in Vinetta sub. Coved ceilings, hardwood floors and 3 fireplaces. Dining room, living room with fireplace, family room with bay window, vaulted ceiling & kitchen with granite. Brick pavers in-ground pool & part-finished basement.

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Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath rambling brick Ranch with 2 car attached garage, basement, formal dining room. Library with bay window, vaulted ceiling in great room with fireplace, first floor laundry, oak kitchen with appliances & 4-season sun room.

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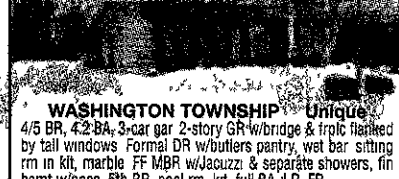
METAMORA Exceptional Opportunity
This is horse country. Situated between Oxford and larger within walking distance of this historic downtown area. Over 300 acres of rolling hills and woods. Lovely Ranch overlooking Reel Lake.

(B66MET) 248-652-8000 \$4,400,000



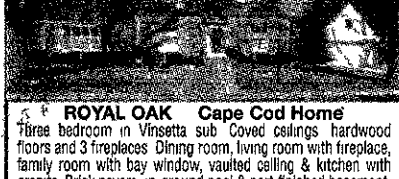
COMMERCE Lakefront Living...
Large lakefront Colonial with 2 story vaulted great room with lake view. Kitchen with granite tops & custom cabinets. Master suite with marble surround Jacuzzi tub. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor laundry. Raised brick paver patio.

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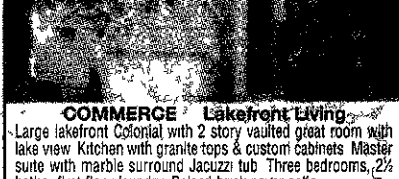
CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005
New construction on approximately 1 acre lot with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 4 car attached garage, fireplace in both great room & library. Large kitchen with bayed nook area. Master bedroom with walkout. Two story foyer & full basement.

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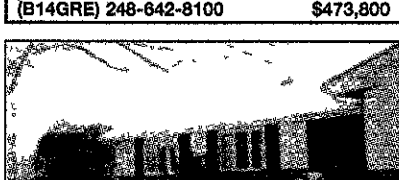
WEST BLOOMFIELD Woods Of Orchard Lake
Five bedroom, 4 1/2 bath with 3 fireplaces, gourmet kitchen, soaring ceiling, bridged upper level, crown/dental molding, master with his & her walk-in closets, sky lights, Jacuzzi tub, shower, basement & 3 car garage. Cul-de-sac setting.

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OAKLAND TOWNSHIP Sensational
Custom estate on approx. 10 acres of serene setting. Six BR, 6 BA, gourmet kitchen, open flowing floor plan. Finished walk-out with game room, exercise room, BR & more. Gentlemen's garage holds 16 cars. custom pool with water fall & 3-tier deck.

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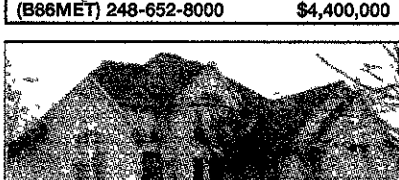
WEST BLOOMFIELD Meticulously Kept
Spectacular one of the best "premium" lots in Chelsea Park. Formal LR & DR. 2-story FR w/white frpn. A cooks delight kit. Grand master suite, princess suite and Jack & Jill bath.

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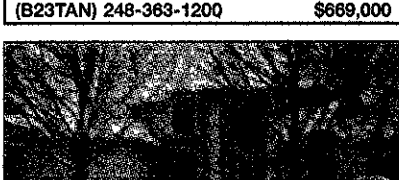
NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP Elegance At Its Best
Enter into a gallery foyer leading to a music conservatory, master suite, executive kitchen with volume ceilings, crown molding & granite throughout. Hardwood floors, 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. fabulous custom lower level with walk-out.

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ROCHESTER HILLS Beyond Elegant
Right out of "House Beautiful". Renovated in 2003. Hardwood, granite, marble and crown moldings throughout. Three fireplaces and Florida room. Extensive new landscaping, pavers, shed and waterfall. Newer roof & siding.

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COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting
Custom 5 bedroom, 4 bath home with breathtaking view. Set up for handicap needs, optional first floor master with cathedral ceiling, fireplace & bath. Walk-out with second kitchen, bedroom, den & bath. quick access I-96 and Mall. Walled Lake schools.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Great Value
Beautiful 4BR, 3 1/2 BA colonial. Granite, 42" maple cabinets, custom hardwood finished basement with bad, bath, kitchen & wooded cul-de-sac lot. 3 car garage. Great lot with plenty of room to play.

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ROCHESTER HILLS Luxurious Colonial
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ROCHESTER HILLS Two Story Great Room
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Landscaping can provide big return on investment

(NUI) — According to a Clemson University study, landscaping around your home can provide 100 percent or more return on investment. The Clemson study reports that the initial cost for landscaping is about 10 percent of the home's value, while a quality landscaped yard will provide a 13 percent to 17 percent increase in resale value.

However, a homeowner's ability to ensure this kind of return on investment depends heavily on selecting the right landscape contractor and using quality materials like interlocking concrete pavements or segmental retaining walls. Homeowners should consider several factors when selecting their landscape contractor.

■ Determine the scope of the project. Work closely with the contractor to ensure your vision is understood and implemented. You can also ask the contractor to design landscaping. Many landscape contractors have in-house landscape design services.

■ Make sure your contractor is properly licensed, bonded and insured for the work proposed. Many regions require special licenses to conduct the earthwork and grading operations necessary for retaining wall construction or to perform the plumbing operations necessary for irrigation and water features. The landscape contractor should also have proper insurance for both liability and worker's com-

pensation and should provide proof upon request.

■ Research your landscape contractor. Follow up on all references provided. Make sure the contractor has sufficient experience on projects of similar size and scope. Make sure the contractor has experience with the products being installed. Ask if the contractor has been certified or trained by the product supplier and if the contractor has achieved recognition from a local or national trade association for demonstrating professionalism and quality. Such credentials are provided by the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute for paver installation and by the National Concrete Masonry Association for segmental retaining wall installation.

■ Seek guarantees from the landscape contractor. Many landscape contractors or nurseries will guarantee plant materials for periods up to one year and will guarantee hardscape installations, like interlocking concrete pavements and segmental retaining walls, for periods up to or exceeding one year. It is also important to find out what is covered under the guarantee. For instance, it may not cover poor performance resulting from misuse or lack of basic maintenance.

Taking these few simple steps ensures that time in your new landscaped yard is spent relaxing and not worrying about your investment. For more information about landscaping, visit www.ncma.org.

Grill pads worth much more than their cost

(NAPSI) — Whether you grill on a popularly priced model or a top-of-the-line all-stainless, multi-burner behemoth with every conceivable feature, there are outdoor living facts of life to contend with. They are called sparks, spills and flare-ups, and can cause serious damage to that patio, porch or deck in which you invested serious money.

You can, however, join the growing number of savvy backyard barbecuers who invest just \$25 to \$35 for The "Original" Grill Pad now, to avoid spending thousands later replacing or repairing their costly outdoor living surface.

It's really simple math. Spend a little now, or risk having to spend big-time bucks in the future. U.S. homeowners currently spend some \$200 billion annually on remodeling

and renovation — a full third of that staggering amount on outdoor amenities. And, yes, that means upgraded landscaping, hardscaping, pools and spas, outdoor rooms and kitchens, built-in grills and weatherproof fireplaces.

Available in five designer colors and three different shapes, this lightweight, flexible patio and porch protector will outlast most any grill, is easily cleaned with a garden hose and "breathes," to minimize water buildup beneath your grill, smoker, deep fryer, chiminea or portable firepit that damages the expensive surface beneath.

Think of it as "underware" for outdoor living. Made of durable, porous cement fiber, The "Original" Grill Pad can be found at mass-merchandising, discount, home center and hardware stores

nationwide — literally anywhere barbecue grills and accessories are sold.

You can choose a round, oval or rectangle shape in Earthtone, Berry Black, Granite Grey, Big Green or Brick Red, to complement any outdoor room décor. No outdoor living area is truly safe from damage without one, and there are more patios, porches and decks featured in new home construction now than ever, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

So, to paraphrase the auto repair people, "you can spend a few dollars now — or a pile of money later." It's your choice. And it's the increasingly smart choice of consumers now buying grills and outdoor hearth appliances in record numbers. For further information, visit www.diversitech.com.

Building a deck may be easier than you think

(NUI) — Do you wish you could add an extra room to your house, but you don't want to spend the money? Is your backyard plain and boring?

Outdoor amenities like redwood decks, trellises, privacy screens and benches can take the place of an extra room at a fraction of the cost. In addition, a deck increases real estate value and provides a low-maintenance outdoor area that keeps cooling and energy costs down.

When building an addition, such as a redwood deck, the choice of materials is always important. Today, more than ever, families are concerned about the safety of products around the home. Unlike chemically treated woods and petroleum-based products, redwood

heartwood's durability is organic and natural.

If you are thinking about building a redwood deck yourself, you may find deck building easier than you would expect.

First, it is important to survey your yard and decide what problems building a deck can solve. Can it level off a sloping or uneven area? Can it turn an unusable side yard into a comfortable outdoor living area? Checking building codes in your area is an important preliminary step.

When working with wood outdoors, remember the type of hardware you use can affect the appearance of your project.

Inferior hardware can cause stains and is unlikely to last as long as the redwood. A variety of joist hangers, patented connec-

tors and deck fasteners are available to help the do-it-yourselfer. It is worth the extra cost to use top-quality, hot-dipped galvanized, stainless steel or aluminum hardware.

Other amenities complete the job of making a living center. Redwood planters, benches, tables and furniture can turn a deck into your "outdoor room." You may want to add a spa, privacy screen, outdoor cooking center or shade trellis.

If you are looking for some help and ideas in planning your deck, the California Redwood Association offers two booklets, *Redwood Deck Construction* and *Redwood Landscape Architecture*.

For more information, visit www.calredwood.org.

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New Homes Built by the Professional Master Builders of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

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Brighton	Abbey Homes	\$312,400	(810) 227-9810	Detroit	Scippys Park Associates, LLC	\$322,900	(313) 833-6390
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Grand Blanc	Delcor Homes	\$375,050	(810) 603-2600	Farmington Hills	Centex	\$422,000	(248) 615-9213
Brighton Township	Livingston Building Co.	\$389,000	(810) 229-7880	West Bloomfield	Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes	\$424,465	(248) 628-1100
Millard	Steuwer & Canvasser Constr. Inc.	\$399,320	(248) 676-8600	Commerce Township	Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes	\$439,900	(248) 366-2800
Lyon Township	A & M Curtis Lyon	\$416,050	(248) 486-7000	White Lake	Heritage Nisan Homes LLC	\$476,900	(248) 698-3011
Rose Township	Signature Building & Dev't, Inc.	\$468,000	(248) 318-1221	Novi	Singh Homes Tollgate Woods II LLC	\$499,900	(248) 826-8877
Brighton Township	Livingston Building Co.	\$539,000	(810) 229-7880	Commerce Township	Cohen Homes	\$569,000	(248) 360-5427
Green Oak Township	A & M Custom Built Homes Inc.	\$565,000	(248) 486-2643	Novi	Windmill Homes	\$573,465	(248) 486-0225
Millard	Toll Brothers, Inc.	\$735,975	(248) 685-2717	Farmington Hills	James D. Campo, Inc.	\$996,000	(248) 474-0499
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Van Buren Township	Galaxy Builders	\$174,185	(248) 632-2478	Clinton Township	MJC Harvard Square LLC	\$139,900	(586) 568-3100
Pittsfield Township	Rock Construction	\$179,900	(734) 677-8800	Harrison Township	Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes	\$158,200	(586) 792-6700
Westland	Galaxy Builders	\$187,165	(734) 595-3090	Shelby Township	Sable Companies	\$174,900	(586) 785-9790
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Canton Township	Abbey Woods LLC	\$278,900	(734) 354-1553	Shelby Township	L.C. & Associates	\$598,000	(586) 677-4843
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Pittsfield	Rick Construction	\$307,000	(734) 677-7626	Twp of Chesterfield	MJC Chesterfield LLC	\$136,900	(586) 421-2078
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Van Buren Township	Pasteur Dev't/M.J. Hunter Homes	\$370,900	(734) 699-8778	Clarkston	LoChirca Custom Homes, Inc.	\$339,900	(586) 822-9177
Ypsilanti	Pulte Homes of Michigan	\$389,990	(734) 481-8100	Romeo	Lombardi Companies	\$364,000	(586) 338-4180
Van Buren Township	Winick Homes, LLC	\$410,184	(734) 699-4232	Village of Oxford	Wineman & Komer Building Co.	\$367,800	(248) 236-0901
Canton	Singh Homes	\$459,900	(734) 320-8320	Independence	Scott Quality Homes II, LLC	\$399,900	(586) 393-1380
Van Buren Township	E.J. Pinehollow Inc., Gerald Roux Homes	\$500,835	(734) 697-7999	Washington Township	Saylor Building Co.	\$474,900	(586) 788-7687
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Northville Township	Superb Homes Inc.	\$2,500,000	(248) 924-2331	Unity Park Open House: April 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. only			
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Brownstown	Fountain Homes	\$286,500	(734) 789-8707	Brownstown	Fountain Homes	\$305,000	(734) 675-2849
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CENTRAL				Troy	Jacobson Brothers & The JAR Group	\$137,000	(248) 643-9500
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NEW HOMES BRIEFS

Basement remodeling class

An all-day seminar on remodeling your basement is being offered through the Oakland Builders Institute in conjunction with Farmington Community Education.

The eight-hour seminars will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, April 23 and April 30, at Farmington High School, 32000 Shilawasee in Farmington. The seminars are designed to help people make better use of space in their homes by improving their basements. Topics to be covered include space planning, meeting building codes and other requirements, estimating materials cost and the basics of construction. Pre-registration with payment of \$105 is due no later than April 21. For more information, call (248) 489-3333.

Home buyer seminars

Two free seminars geared toward the first-time home buyer are being offered by RE/MAX offices in Livonia.

The first is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at RE/MAX Alliance on Five Mile. Reservations are required by calling Faye Rasey at (734) 462-3600. The second is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 12 at 1st

Michigan Title on Six Mile and will be hosted by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage.

Topics include the advantages of getting pre-approved financing, the various types of mortgages, the benefits of having a home inspection and how to get sellers' concessions. Reservations are available by calling (734) 420-6000 or on line at info@firestone-team.com.

Skanska promotion

Southfield-based Skanska U.S.A. Building Inc. has named Donald Rogers as project executive. Rogers, who has been with Skanska for 10 years, most recently worked as senior project manager, focusing on clients in the education and healthcare industries.

Rogers, a Farmington Hills resident, holds a bachelor's degree in construction engineering from Lawrence Technological University.

Friedman appointment

Friedman Real Estate Group of Farmington Hills named Doug Kingsbury as an associate Broker in its office and hi-tech division. Kingsbury came from ABC Radio Group-Detroit, where he held the position of account executive.

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BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS IN NATIVE ENTERPRISE



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

The entrepreneurial spirit can thrive in nearly any environment. Key factors such as access to markets and business relationships are the building blocks for business enterprise, often critical for new start-ups. However, Native Americans who start businesses on reservations face a daunting lack of resources.

"Native Entrepreneurship," a report by the nonprofit organization CED, addresses the lack of access to business and social networks which encourage and support business owners (http://ced.org/imageManagerdocuments/Native_Entrepreneurship.pdf). In spite of these obstacles, tribal members are finding ways to improvise and create their own business infrastructure.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

About 30 years ago, Pete Calhoun of the Shoshone Wind River Indian Reservation was working in construction, when he heard about a tribal assignment for 220 acres. These assignments allow Native Americans to rent land from their tribe. In his case, the tribe might also give him a cow permit. "I put my name in," he says, "and went before the Business Council of Shoshones and Arapahoes." He's been ranching ever since (30 years) and

tended up to as many as 275 cattle.

A rafting trip with his son on the Snake River stayed in his mind, inspiring him, four or five years later, to go again before the Council for permission to explore the possibility of a business using the Wind River, which flows through the Wind River Canyon, on the reservation. He had a former guide assess commercial feasibility. Calhoun wasn't the first person interested in a permit, but he was the first tribal member. "Josephine Kirkpatrick, my agricultural loan officer at First Interstate," he explains, "helped me get one of the fastest SBA loans (we think)." Wind River Canyon Whitewater of Thermopolis, Wyo., was financed through personal capital and the SBA loan within four months.

This business has drawn customers from four continents. "We bought a map of the U.S., hung it on the wall and have tourists put push pins from where they're from," he mentions. "The biggest share is from the Midwest. I don't think they come just here. I think they come to Yellowstone, and stop and see it."

Calhoun clearly made the most of an existing relationship to fund his new business, but he then had to get the word out -- and not by telephone. He advertised carefully and benefited from television exposure.

Oglala Lakota Elsie Meeks tells a far different story. She lives on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation about 100 miles from Rapid City, S.D. To encourage entrepreneurship, her reservation

started The Lakota Fund in 1985, for which she initially served as bookkeeper. Today she directs the First Nations Oweesta Corporation, which encompasses Pine Ridge's 38,000 members, of whom about 20,000 live on the reservation. She also chairs the board of The Fund.

"None of us had been in business (when The Fund began)," she explains. "There was really a lack of businesses, period, on the reservation, and the ones here weren't tribal. There weren't any banks; so people operated in cash." Eleven years later, she and another woman opened Wanblee Mart, a grocery store that saved the 28-mile trip for groceries. Wanblee Mart has grown to 15 employees.

"People who start businesses tend not to talk to others because they're busy about their business," she states. "They don't really want to know if they're doing something wrong, because it might mean failure. They won't speak to bankers. We started a chamber of commerce that brought people together, who were like starving people eating together the first time. The Fund was a model; so a lot of people wanted to talk to us, too. We had no trouble getting an SBA-guaranteed loan. I was really in a unique position."

Meeks says that the challenge for many people at The Lakota Fund wasn't picking up the telephone and calling: "It was being able to converse in this other world." She and her partner met their challenge in developing a relationship



Pete Calhoun of the Shoshone Wind River Indian Reservation has had success financing his businesses.

with Affiliated Foods, which required weekly orders of \$6,000, a figure they rapidly doubled. "We really had to fight to get in with them," she recalls.

Both Calhoun and Meeks developed productive relationships that helped them develop their business. Both took out loans. Beyond that, they seem quite different, except that their success evolved from their individual entrepreneurial personalities.

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Help Wanted-General 6000

MAINTENANCE TECH
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Help Wanted-General 6000

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Applications must be completed in its entirety and on file in the Personnel Department by 4:30 p.m. on April 29, 2005. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted. No resumes will be accepted without written application form.

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MINIMUM 2 YRS. EXP

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Help Wanted-General 6000

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Help Wanted-General 6000

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Qualification through understanding of Windows, Macintosh and Linux operating systems. Current exp. with the administration of NetWare Networks and Cisco Electronics. Posting will remain open until filled. Apply in person at Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland EOE

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

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Southfield, MI 48075
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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020

RECEPTIONIST

High profile real estate development firm seeking an energetic self-starting individual with excellent phone skills, who will be responsible for phones on a multiple-line phone system. Responsibilities include day-to-day office operations. Real-estate or bookkeeping experience a plus. This position offers significant opportunity for growth and advancement. Forward resumes and salary requirements by mail. P.O. Box 252018, West Bloomfield, MI, 48325

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DENTAL ASSISTANT
Full time. Some experience req. Fax Resume to 734-981-6767 or Mail 41637 Ford Rd., Suite A4, Canton, MI 48187

DENTAL ASSISTANT
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
Full/Part-Time, Exp. needed. Fax resume 248-356-2568 or call: 248-356-1751

DENTAL ASSISTANT - for small family practice. Some experience required. 30 to 35 hours per week. Please fax resume to 734-975-2509.

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Help Wanted-Dental 6040

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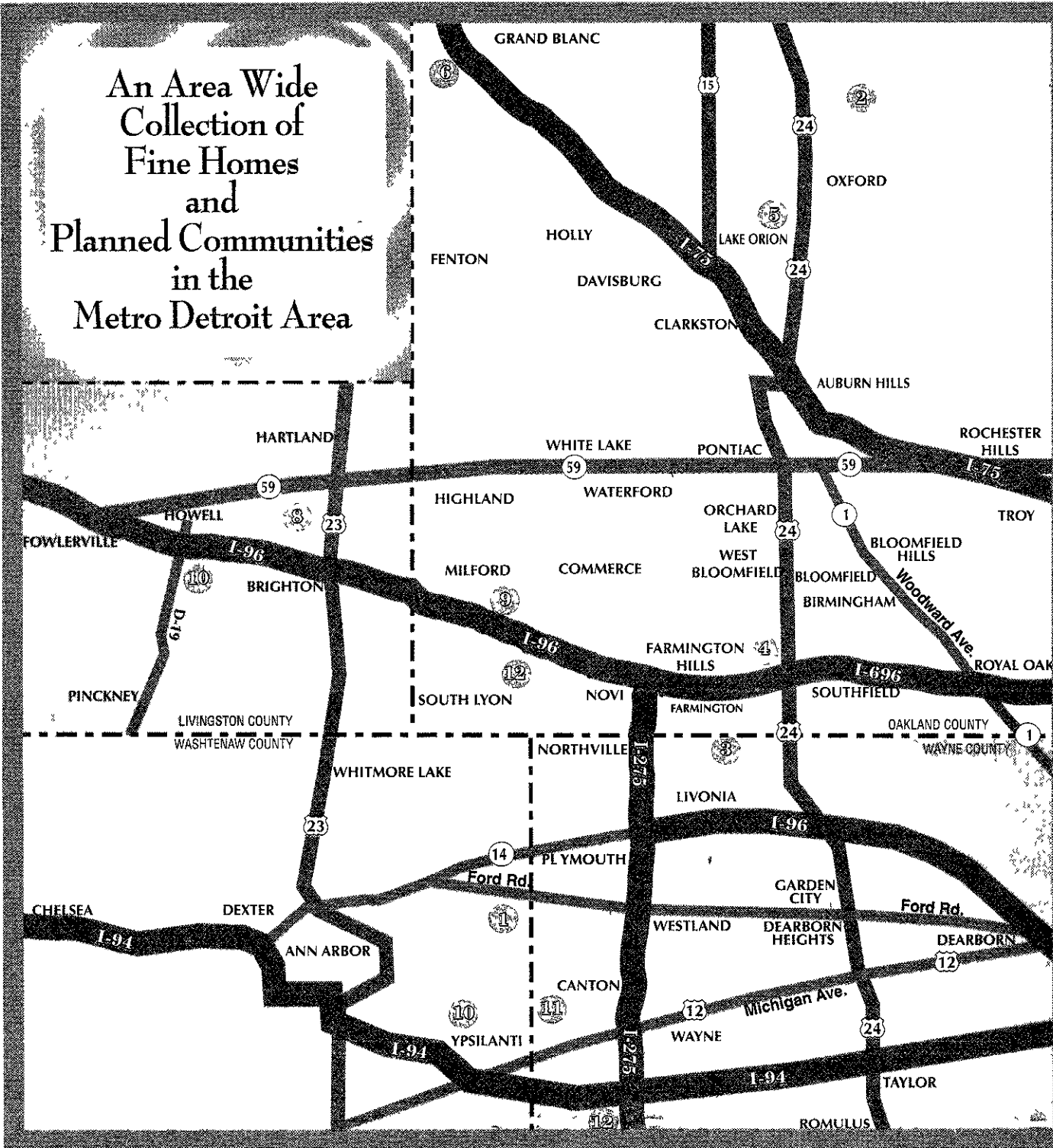


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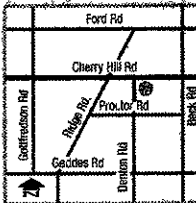
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Pontiac G6 is Sporty, and Fun

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By Anne Fracassa
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The 2005 Pontiac G6 does not look -- or act -- like a four door sedan.

It rivals the integrity, sportiness, prowess and interior refinements of a fine luxury sports coupe.

Powered by a 3.5-liter V6 engine, 200 horses are under the hood working hard to make your driving experience a dream come true. Some of the cool and up-and-coming technology is evident in the G6. For example, there's variable-effort power steering, four-wheel disc brakes, telescopic steering, power windows and programmable door lock that includes lockout protection and delayed locking and driver information center. And that's all on the standard equipment list.

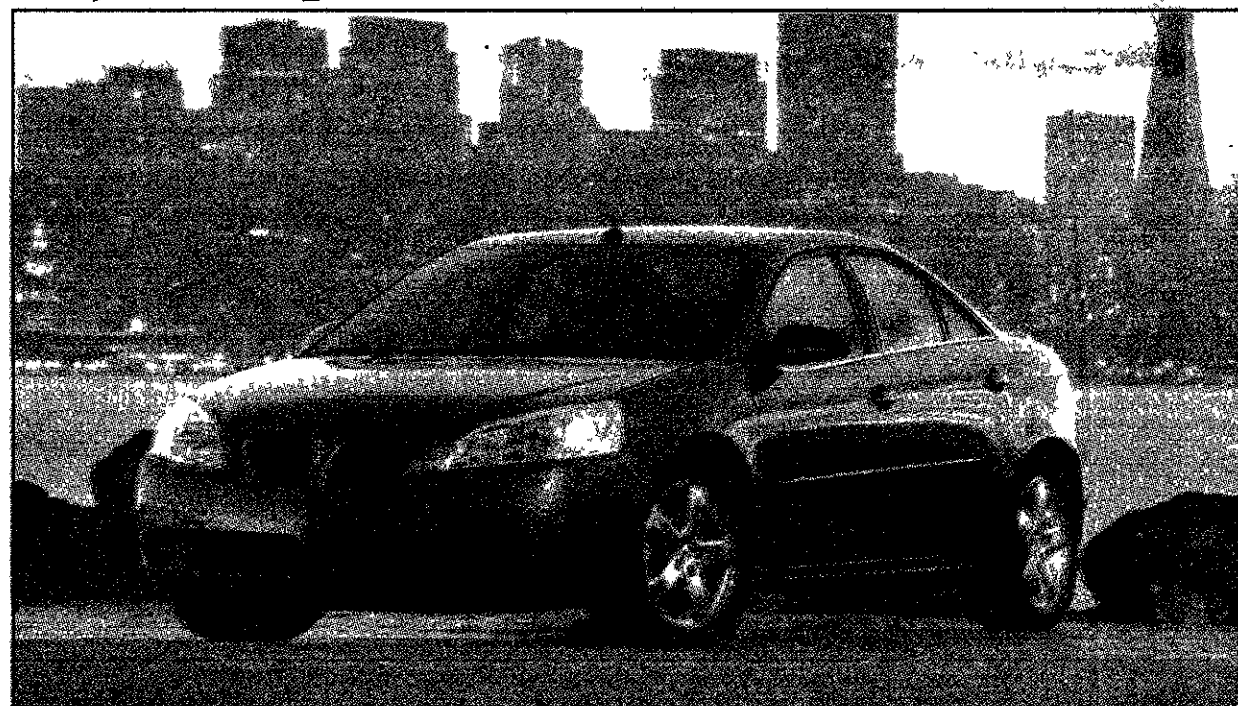
The price is nice, too: \$21,300.

Open the door and slip inside behind the wheel and you'll find instrumentation that rivals most sports cars, including speedometer, temperature, fuel, tachometer and trip odometer all closely packaged very neatly and easy to understand.

The center console flows continuously from the back of the front seats to the center instrumentation stack. The floor shifter, armrest, lighted shift indicator, parking brake and storage compartments fit snugly and are easy to maneuver around. There are enough map pockets and storage areas to put everything you need in a secure place.

Beneath the driver's front instrumentation you'll find gas and brake pedals that are power adjustable. Interior lighting includes illuminated entry and theater dimming. Air conditioning is also standard, along with the great PASSlock theft-deterrent alarm system.

The front bucket seats recline, while the rear seats are 60/40 split-folding. Also available is a 4-way or 6-way power seat with power height adjustment and ratcheting lumbar support. You can also opt for leather seating surfaces that include driver



2005 Pontiac G6. Vehicle type: Compact sports sedan. Power: 3.5-liter V6 engine. Mileage: 22 mpg city/32 mpg highway. Base price: \$21,300.

and front passenger heated seats on the seat cushion and back. With this option you'll also get a leather-wrapped steering wheel, steering wheel mounted radio controls, leather-wrapped shift knob and parking brake handle.

There are two types of sunroof options to choose from, including a power, tilt-sliding sunroof with sunshade, or a panoramic power room with four-panel glass and a multi-position electric sunshade.

On the visors are driver and passenger vanity mirrors -- illuminated one on the GT model. Power windows are also on the standard list and includes both driver and passenger express-down.

Head, shoulder, hip and leg room is more than adequate for most people. The seating is also quite comfortable.

Other things you'll find that you won't in most vehicles' standard equipment are stainless steel exhaust outlet, front projector-beam integrum fog lamps, solar-ray tinted glass, halogen composite headlamps with automatic exterior lamp control and 20-second delay off feature, license plate frame, power outside mirrors, rear spoiler and intermittent wipers.

The suspension on the G6 is finely tuned so no matter how long your in the car, even with uneven roads and snow-covered messes, you'll feel comfort-

able and in control. Ride and handling is superb. I drove it in that 12-inch snowstorm we had recently and it drove like a charm, which you wouldn't expect in a vehicle of this size.

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Available to you are anti-lock brakes, full function traction control, enhanced traction system, side roof rail side impact air bags and the coveted OnStar system.

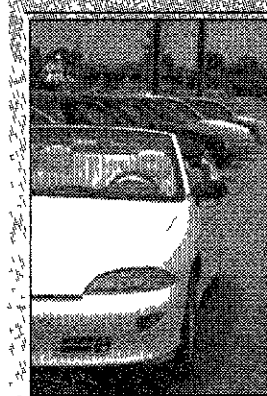
OnStar includes automatic notification of air bag deployment, emergency services, roadside assistance, stolen vehicle tracking, accident assist, remote door unlock and remote diagnostics. You can add hands-free calling and get location-based traffic and weather reports for a nominal fee.

The Pontiac G6 is a breath of fresh air in the small sedan marketplace, teaching you that power, performance and an exciting drive experience can be had in a small package. Go take a look.

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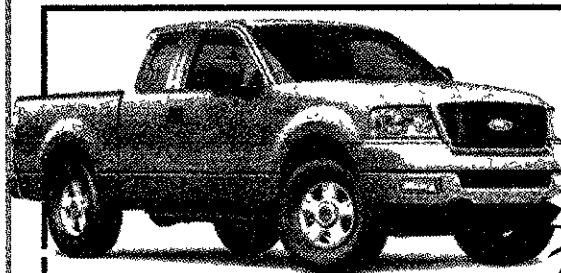
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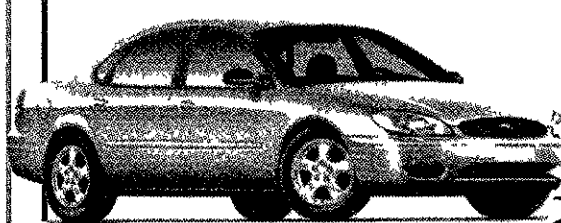


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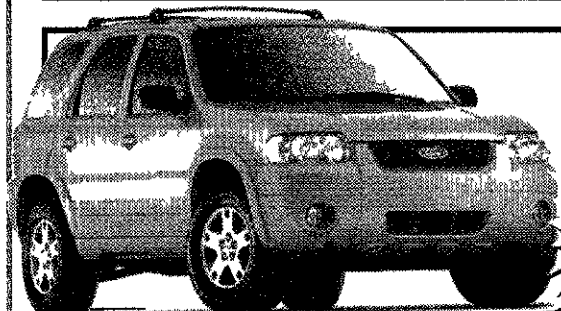


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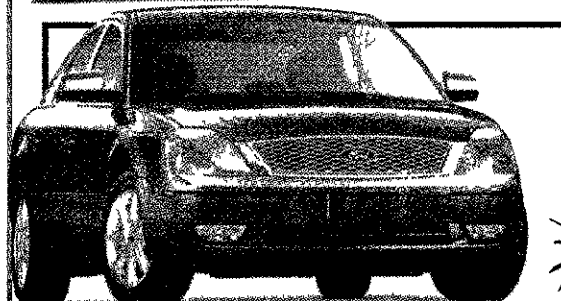


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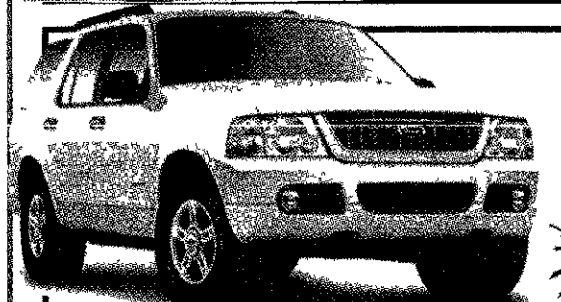


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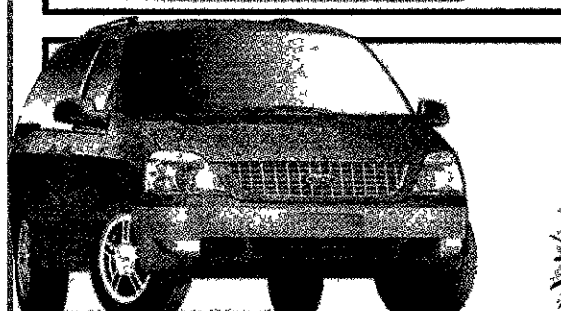


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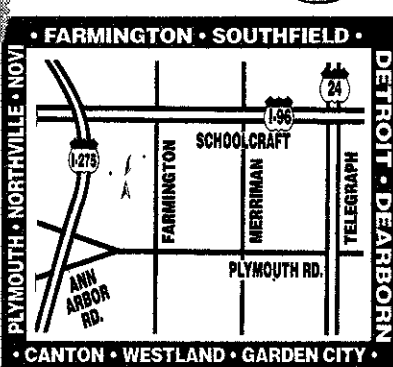
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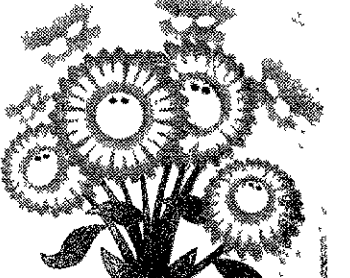
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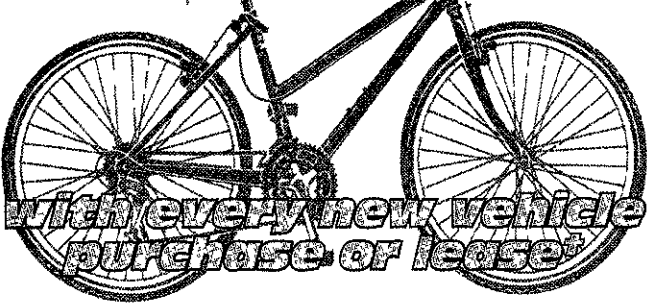
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A-PLAN \$18,073^{30*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$195.65** per mo.	\$138.60** per mo.
	\$410.39 AMOUNT DUE	\$1771.21 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Taurus SE 4 Door Sedan

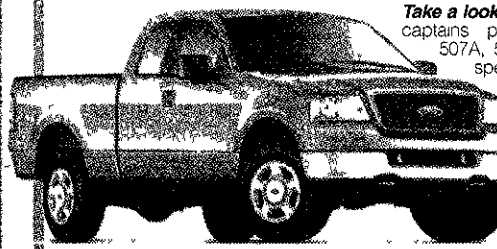


Take a look at these features... CFC free air conditioning OE power restraint sys-pass a bag dual pwr mirror 3.0L 2V 6-cyl flex fuel eng. auto O/D trans P215/60R16 all season tire SE pref equip pkg 5 spk painted alum wheels rear spoiler pwr driver seat w/lumbar 60/40 split/fold rear seat AM/FM stereo cass [Stk #53048] WAS \$22,775

A-PLAN \$13,369^{25*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$218.77** per mo.	\$156.12** per mo.
	\$554.90 AMOUNT DUE	\$2078.49 AMOUNT DUE

2005 F-150 Supercab XLT



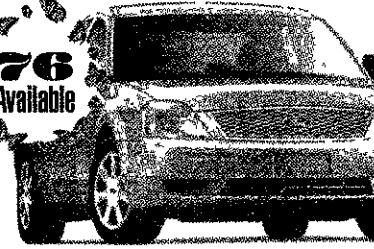
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A-PLAN \$20,163^{25*}

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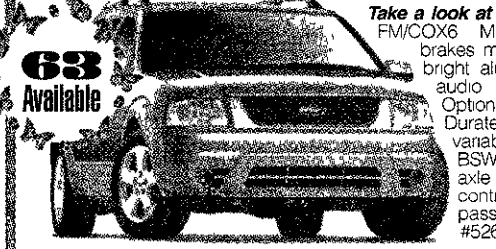


Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDS MP3 radio, 17 x 7 5-spoke aluminum with lug nuts fog lamps message center steering wheel audio controls Optional Equip 3.0L 4V Duratec engine automatic transmission 6-speed P215/60R17 BSW tires traction control [Stock #52779] WAS \$26,045

A-PLAN \$20,556^{25*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$269.66** per mo.	\$206.26** per mo.
	\$368.64 AMOUNT DUE	\$1891.64 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Freestyle FWD SEL

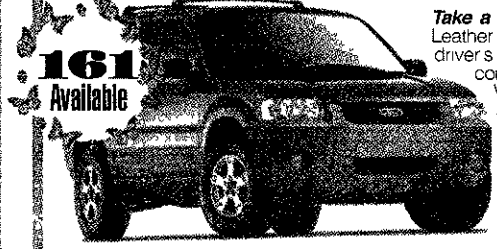


Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDS MP3 radio anti-lock brakes mass center 17x7 5-spoke bright alum wheel string whl audio controls fog lamps Optional Equipment 3.0L 4V Duratec engine, contin variable trans P215/65R17 BSW tires 5.19 ratio regular axle 50/50 split seat trac control 60/40 split 3-passenger 2nd row [Stk #52648] WAS \$27,185

A-PLAN \$22,449^{65*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$260.57** per mo.	\$197.92** per mo.
	\$359.20 AMOUNT DUE	\$1882.60 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Ford Escape Limited FWD



Take a look at these features... Leather comfort group power drivers seat, speed control, air conditioning Duratec 3.0L V6 engine four speed automatic transmission and more [Stock #51873] WAS \$25,395

A-PLAN \$18,908^{58*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
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	\$420.30 AMOUNT DUE	\$1943.10 AMOUNT DUE

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Take a look at these features... Advance trac w/ RSC, convenience group P245/65R17 A/T OWL tires 17" bright alum wheels, tire press monitoring system, 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel engine 5-sp auto O/D trans, 3.73 ratio reg axle, regi sport sun sound pkg XLT sport sun sound pkg power moonroof, audiophile AM/FM 6-CD in-dash trailer tow pkg cargo area cover, black roof rail w/cross bars [Stock #53142] WAS \$35,525

A-PLAN \$24,941^{65*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$326.97** per mo.	\$262.51** per mo.
	\$609.59 AMOUNT DUE	\$2131.26 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Focus Zx4 SES 4 Door



Take a look at these features... Integrated fog lamps, leather wrapped steering wheel, speed control, air conditioning 16" alloy wheels, 2.0L DOHC eng, automatic transaxle, P205/50R16 BSW tires [Stk #51242] WAS \$17,790

A-PLAN \$12,754^{58*}

36 MONTH LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
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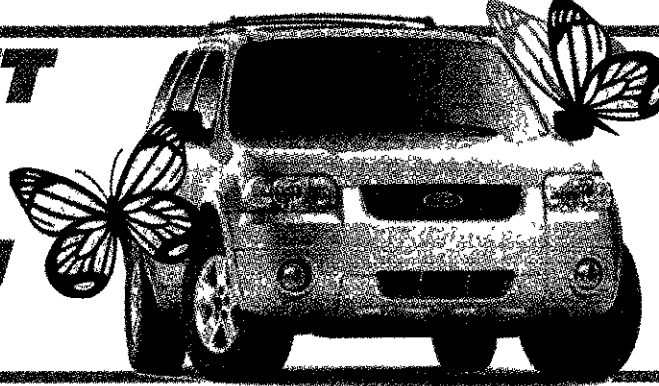


Take a look at these features... Prem AM/FM CD/clock Pref eqp pkg 607A, pass airbag, air 5.4L EFI V8 eng, 5-sp auto, LT285/70R17E OWL A/T, 3.73 ratio lim slip axle, XLT sport pkg, sliding rear windows fog lamps privacy glass, bodyside moldings, 9200 GVWR pkg, trail hitch rec 12.5K, forged alum whls, disc shift-on-the-fly, FX4 pkg prem disc AM/FM stereo/6-disc CD & too much to list [Stock #50485] WAS \$37,530

A-PLAN \$27,422^{84*}

36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$507.49** per mo.	\$460.80** per mo.
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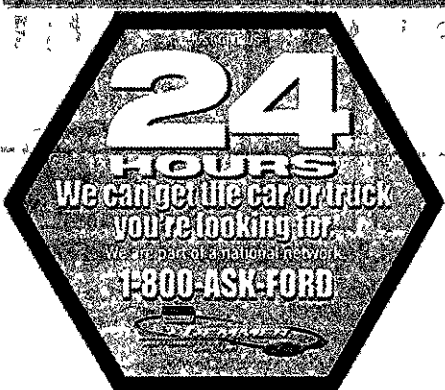
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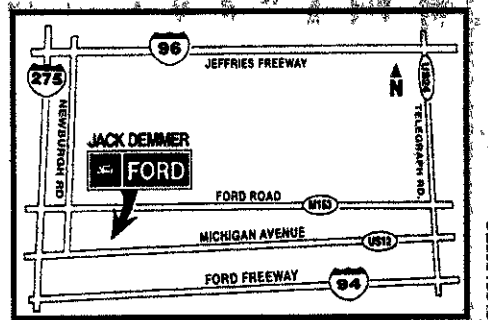
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