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District may alter Bird, West boundaries

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The student enrollment boom in Plymouth-Canton Schools is forcing the district to rearrange school boundaries, and the change isn't sitting well with parents.

The district's housing committee is recommending to the Board of Education that at least 63 Bird Elementary students be bused to Farrand Elementary. The redistricting will also include several dozen sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders who will be changing middle schools.

"My stomach went into a knot when I heard the news," said Judy Strzalka, whose twin 7-year-old girls, Alaina and Ariana, attend first grade at Bird. "All I could think about was how I was going to explain this to my daughters."

"They've established relationships with their friends, and we've developed relationships with the staff and parents," added Strzalka. "Going to Bird adds to the sense of community."

Barbara Church, assistant superintendent for instructional services, said the housing committee exhausted all the possibilities at Bird by installing two portable classrooms and situating the art program in a production room, the last available space in the building, which isn't even a classroom.

"I can understand their concerns, but our situation is that we are over capacity at Bird, and we've explored every alternative we could imagine in the last six months," Church said. "Ultimately, the committee felt this was the best of the bad options."

"No one wants their children moved, we understand that," said Church. "We live in the community."

Bird Principal Jan VanSteenis points to increasing enrollment in the Plymouth area, which has seen Bird's enrollment increase from 527 in 1999 to 649 this year.

"We need to address the overcrowding issue," VanSteenis said. "A school district is charged with providing a setting for all the schools. People don't have a thought that any type of solution would include them. This is a giant rock-the-boat in a number of ways."

One of those ways is the longer bus trip Alaina and Ariana Strzalka will have from their Rolling Oaks subdivision home on the western edge of Plymouth Township to the northern boundary of the district, not far from Northville and Livonia.

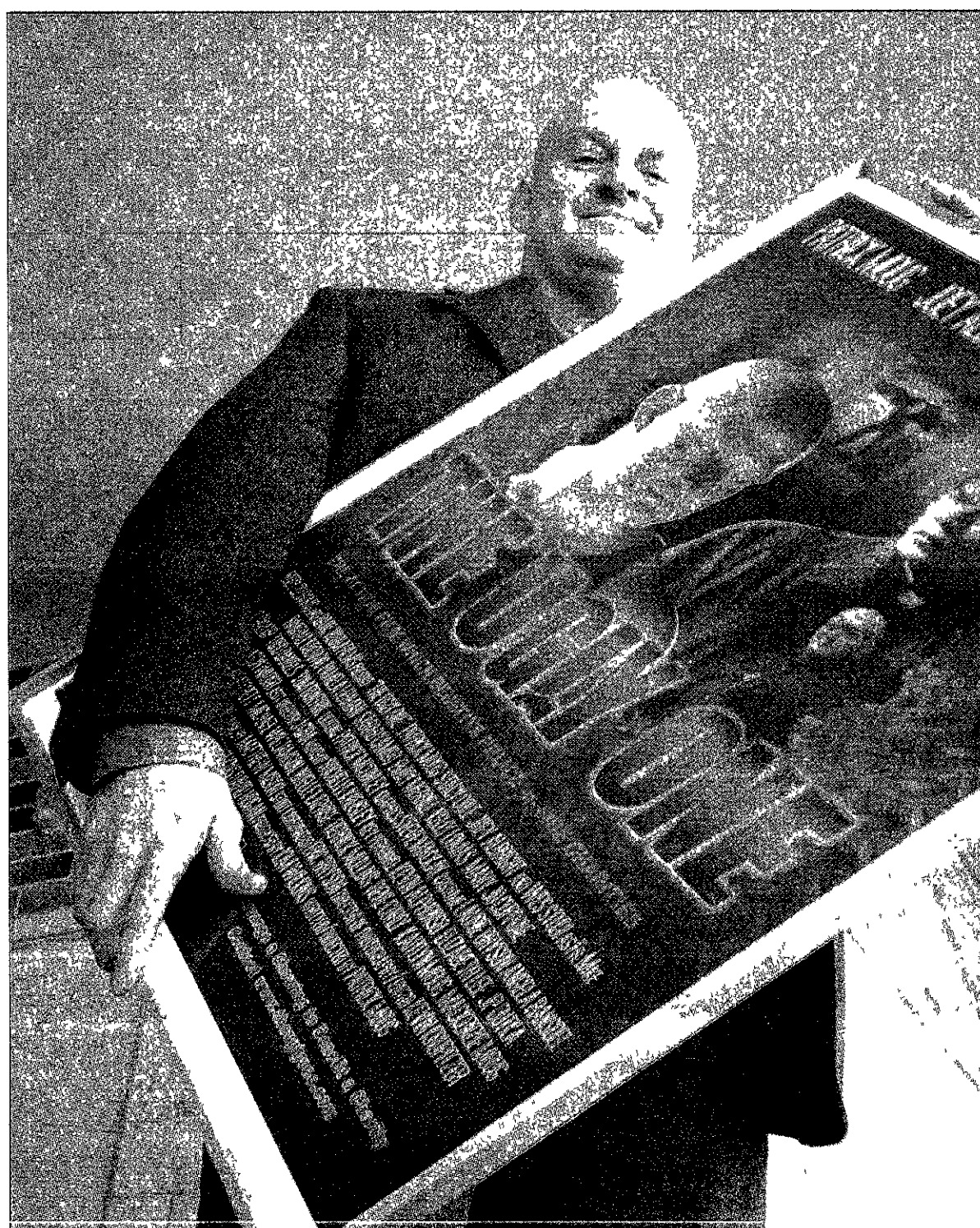
"The change will force them on a bus ride of at least 40 minutes each way, and that doesn't include traffic and trains," said Strzalka, who noted the current bus ride to Bird is 10 minutes. "There are so many schools in-between, so it doesn't make a lot of sense to us."

Church said the housing committee looked at other alternatives, none of which were feasible.

"We looked at other neighborhoods on the edge of the Smith Elementary attendance area, but Smith is so overcrowded that we'll have to buy a portable," Church said. "We looked at another section on the Isbister Elementary border, but Isbister classes were full. They couldn't handle the number of students from Bird."

Families at Bird were notified of the changes in an April 8 letter from the district. West

PLEASE SEE DISTRICT, A5



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Moug's film, 'The Ugly One,' premieres Thursday, April 21 at the Canton Emagine Theater.

Night shift to silver screen Cop puts bad guys away in directorial debut

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

On the night shift with the Livonia Police Department, Sgt. Patrick Moug works road patrol, catching the bad guys and keeping the city safe. But during his off time, he's creating fictitious bad guys and putting them on the big screen.

Moug had for a long time been interested in writing, directing

and producing movies. This week, his first movie, *The Ugly One*, premieres at Emagine Theater in Canton. Moug wrote the script, produced, directed and acted in the movie, and the premiere will be a fund-raiser in memory of Sterling Heights police officer Mark Sawyers, who was killed in the line of duty last summer.

"Basically we made this comic book film where there was no comic book," Moug said of the

movie. The short description of the movie's plot includes a man who was born with a hole in his forehead underneath his skin, a Viking warlock who's looking for a missing piece of a thunder god's hammer, a Native American priest who is hiding the piece of the hammer and a curse on the man which makes everyone in his town think he's ugly.

PLEASE SEE MOVIE, A4

T-shirts recall era when there were only two high schools

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

For many graduates of the Plymouth-Canton district, the idea of three high schools is a little difficult to comprehend. The days when you were either a graduate of Plymouth Salem or Plymouth Canton will come to an end this year.

That's because Plymouth High School opened its doors in 2003, and will have a graduating class

next year, which means 2005 will mark the end of an era when graduates were either red or blue — an era that dates back to 1973.

The senior classes from both schools are marking the milestone by selling "The End of an Era" T-shirts. The proceeds from the sales will help pay the costs of putting on the senior prom, which is May 13 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

PLEASE SEE SHIRT, A4



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem student Heather Michalsen (left) and Canton student Samra Haddad, both seniors, show off the T-shirts they are selling to help raise money for senior prom. This spring will be the last time there will be only two graduating classes.

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DEATHS

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William Dale Brown, 66, of Plymouth, died April 11.

C
Clifford J. Call, 85, of Oxford, died April 13.
Margaret Agnes Churchman, 79, of Plymouth, died April 11.
Dr. Philip Cohen, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., formerly of Detroit.

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Gaye Janet Johnson Drew, of Osage Beach, Mo., died April 7.

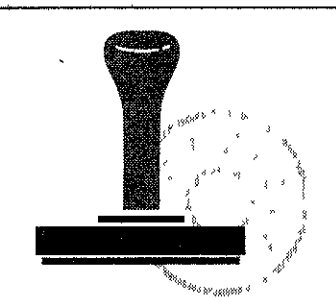
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William A. "Bud" Engelhart, of Bloomfield Hills, died April 14.

G
Ruth M. Griffin, 89, of Bloomfield Hills, died April 8.

H
Helen L. Hall, 89, of Waterford, died April 12.
Linda L. Hutchinson died April 12.

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

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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.

Ruby Elizabeth Salmon, 94, of Plymouth, died April 7.

Betty Jane Talmadge, 77, of Westland, died April 11.
Paul Turley, 79, formerly of Westland, died April 3.

Philip John "P.J." Wehrheim Jr., 34, Robert E. Wilkinson, 80, of Lafayette, died April 3.

ACE Scholarship winner

Sarah Letang was recently named winner of the ACE Award, presented by the Exchange Club of Canton. Letang, who is a top student and athlete at Salem High School, earned the award for the way she has overcome epileptic seizures. She also submitted a winning essay, "A Life Returned," which was judged by a panel of Exchange Club members.

The ACE (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award includes a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Village improv

On Thursday, April 21 at 8 p.m., the Totally Unrehearsed Theatre comedy improv show will come to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The five Detroit natives that make up the group are distinguished veterans of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

Their high-energy shows, which contain adult material, are never the same.

Tickets are \$10, and a cash bar is available. Tickets may be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., will also be open two hours prior to each performance. For more information please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Grief workshops

The L. J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton will be hosting spring grief workshops on April 19 and April 26, from 7-8:30 p.m. on both days.

The workshops, which are intended to help people cope after the death of a loved one, will be led by Cathy Clough and the staff of New Hope Center for Grief Support and will provide you with an opportunity to explore your own individual grief and face the future.

To register for either workshop, call the funeral home at (734) 981-1700. The funeral home is located at 42600 Ford Road, one block west of Lilley in Canton.

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.

Senior driving program

The Canton Senior Program will be offering a two-day program at Advanced Driving Academy in Canton. In partnership with the Traffic Improvement Association, the program will be offered to residents at only \$5.

The workshop is designed to help mature drivers (55 and older) self-evaluate their driving skills. The instructors will keep no records or scores, and workshop results have no bearing on your driver's license. The workshop goal is to improve your driving strategies and help you to continue to drive for as long and as safely as possible. You will gain valuable insight through the following evaluations: brake reaction time, peripheral vision, depth perception, visual acuity, field of view and glare recovery for night driving. The class will be held on April 18 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with a separately scheduled private driving evaluation on April 20.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Sponsored by Leonard Schemanske of the Advanced Driving Academy, which is located at 44932 Ford Road, in Canton. To register call Summit at the Park at (734) 455-8230.

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.

Encore show

Those who missed last month's sold-out performances of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" now have another opportunity to see the delightful play produced by the Canton High School DuBois Little Theatre.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill has invited the students to offer an encore performance Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the new theater located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$5 and are available 7 days a week at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

They also can be purchased at the door or by phone (734) 394-5460 (VISA/MasterCard only).

Gardening

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, the Canton Garden Club and the Friends of the Canton Public Library present Advanced Master Gardener Janet Macunovich for a special presentation at the library. Learn how to coax rich garden soil from Canton clay and get the pro's recommendations for choosing beautiful spring plants. Register in person at the library or by phone at 734-397-0999. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Honored poet

Canton resident Cheryl Vatcher-Martin, owner of Pero Inc., recently won honorable mention for a Haiku poem in a contest sponsored by Byline Magazine.

Vatcher-Martin, a published poet, journalist and photographer, will be teaching a creative writing class beginning May 11 at Schoolcraft College. She's also teaching a night Haiku class on April 28 at the Tinkham Center in Westland, where she will also conduct a two-week creative writing class May 2 and May 9.

She can be reached at (734) 397-1626.

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Retiring teacher aims to leave legacy of political awareness at Thurston

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Shortly after Thurston's Class of 2005 pitch their mortar board hats high into the air, Patricia Duthie will also bid farewell to her days at the high school.

Duthie, a social studies teacher and Canton resident, will retire from South Redford Schools in June – after what she jokes was “a trillion” years of service.

She joined the teaching staff in 1969, two years after graduating from Central Michigan University with bachelor's degrees in history and English. Duthie continued her studies and earned a master's degree in education, from Marygrove College in 1991.

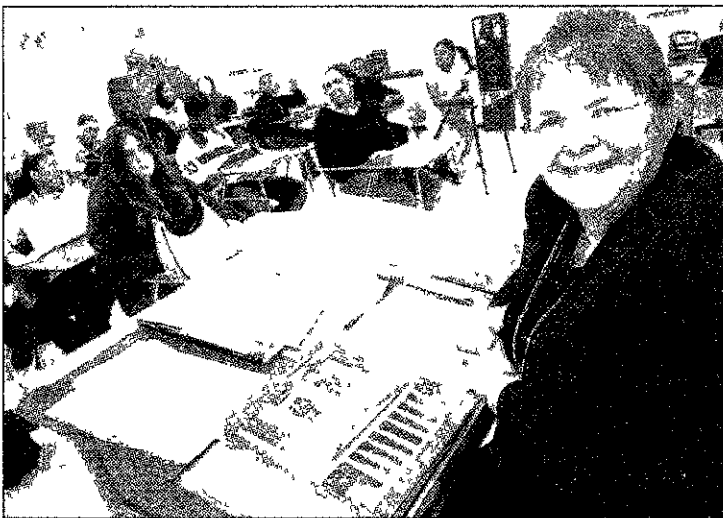
“I don't remember thinking about anything else,” said Duthie, a mother of two.

She began her teaching career in Detroit, before coming to South Redford. In her early years, she recalled she was among those teachers who were laid off and brought back to work regularly due to budget cuts. The layoff finally stuck in 1977 and she looked for work elsewhere, before returning in 1989.

During her 12 years away, Duthie worked as a part-time adult education instructor in Detroit. All of a sudden she found herself teaching everything from math to science and beyond. “You name it; I was it,” she said.

Thinking back, Duthie said she enjoyed the work, and the dynamic of teaching other adults. “If they would have paid me more, I would've stayed,” she said. “We had a great time. There were always teachable moments.”

She had a way of convincing her students they would pass the general education development (GED) test. To instill confidence in her students, she required them to take the exam with an eraser-less pencil. “Usually, if you change an answer, you change it from right to wrong,” she said.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pat Duthie, who will soon retire, urges her American Government students at Thurston High School to see government operations firsthand.

Once in South Redford, Duthie taught English and social studies courses at both the junior high and high school level. For the last five years she's handled the American Government course, now a requirement for juniors at Thurston.

The class was moved from senior to junior year to prepare students for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test. For Duthie “MEAP is a four-letter word.”

She said students are not close enough to the age of 18 to make the course personally meaningful to them. “It is not age-appropriate.”

Still, she requires students in American Government class to attend a school board meeting in person, and get a feel for politics at work. There is not enough time to cover all the course could include, particularly the state and local aspects of government, she said. Too much time is taken up preparing students for the MEAP test, she said.

“That's the way it's been. There's always an elephant in the back of the room.”

In addition to American government, she teaches one section of current American issues and three sections of American history. She also serves on the executive board of the South

Redford Education Association and as chair of the Political Action Committee. She's active in political affairs and has worked to raise awareness on school funding issues.

Outside of the classroom, Duthie said she's enjoyed being a class sponsor on three separate occasions. It allowed her to work with students on activities such as homecoming.

“I have enjoyed my time in South Redford,” said Duthie. “The kids have been wonderful.”

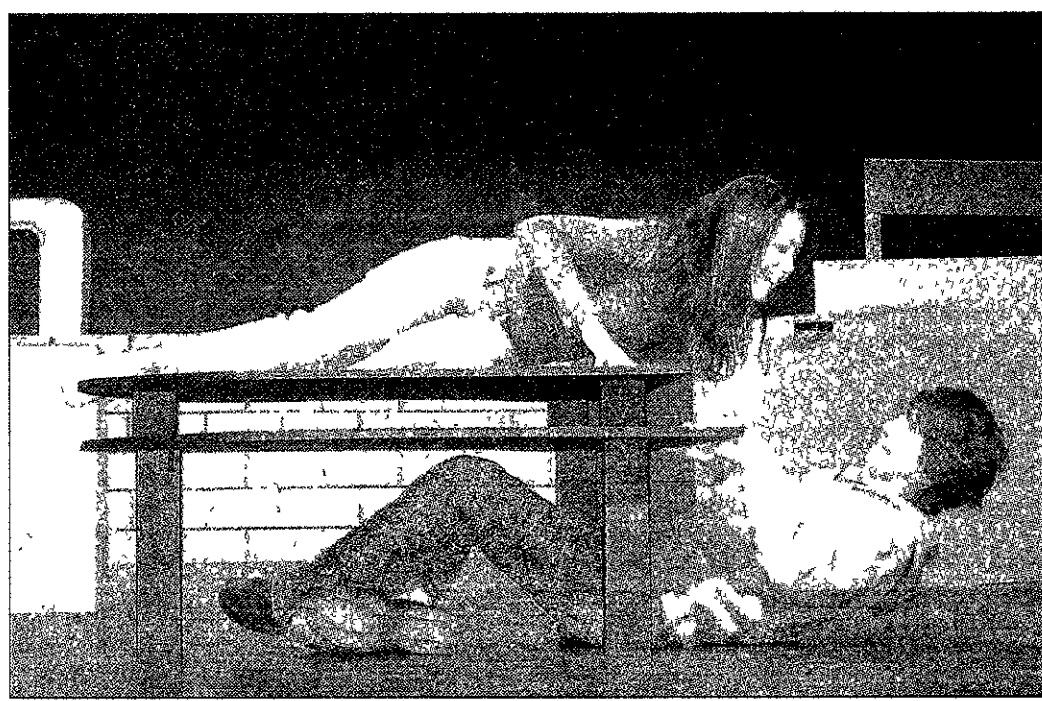
She appreciates hearing from and seeing former students from time to time. She said she hopes they are all happy and successful.

“Everyone says you know when it's time (to retire),” said Duthie. “Everyone says you stay one year too long. I think it's time.”

Duthie plans to travel and has already chosen her first destination – a fall color tour of New England.

She hopes she's inspired Thurston students and teachers alike to become involved and active in politics. “I want them to watch what's happening and get out and vote,” she said. “That's a legacy I would really like to leave.”

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LAUREN KOZAK

Too close for comfort

Lucy (played by AmiAnn Bobo) has it bad for the brooding musician Schroeder (Chris Dwan), but he finds her crabby, annoying and even a little scary in the Canton High School DuBois Little Theatre production of ‘You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.’ Anyone who missed last month's sold-out performances has another chance. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill has invited the students to offer an encore performance at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, in the new theater located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$5 and are available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. They also can be purchased at the door or by phone (734) 394-5460 (VISA/MasterCard only).

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MOVIE

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Of course the man — the “ugly one” — saves the day despite being mistreated by the townsfolk, Moug said.

Even though the film is Moug’s directing debut (he’d had acting parts in *Chasing Sleep* and *Super Sucker*), he was able to land a seasoned veteran of the big screen when he hired actor Wes Studi (*Last of the Mohicans*, *Geronimo*).

“I called his agent, and his agent asked, ‘So who’s making the movie?’ I said, ‘I am,’” Moug said, laughing. “He said, ‘Well who’s acting in it?’ and I said, ‘I am.’ Once I explained what the movie was about, he said we could talk about it.”

Moug said he was also lucky enough to land local musician and songwriter Matthew Mison to write the original score for the movie, which was shot mostly in 2003 at a down-river steel plant.

The film has not yet been rated, but Moug expects a mild PG-13 rating for violence.

Moug will work this summer to promote the film across the country and in Canada. He said he’d like to show the film as a part of

‘Hopefully it will be a way for police officers and firefighters to get together and it will be a fun night all around.’

Patrick Moug
filmmaker

similar fund-raisers in communities that hold benefits for fallen officers. The advance screening of the movie in 2003 raised some \$5,000 for the Shawn Bandy Memorial Fund, which supplies bulletproof vests and other equipment for police officers.

“Hopefully it will be a way for police officers and firefighters to get together and it will be a fun night all around,” Moug said.

For tickets or more information, call (248) 787-8999. Tickets will be available the night of the premiere, with shows at 7 and 9 p.m. at Emagine Theater on Ford Road, just east of Lotz in Canton.

Tickets are \$15, and \$10 for students.

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First Ladies Club highlights presidents’ wives

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

U.S. presidents are well known, but their wives are often less so.

Virginia Hunt and others kept Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women, members entertained — and informed — at their spring luncheon with a program on presidents’ wives.

The five women from the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor appeared last Saturday at Fox Hills Country Club.

“All of these wives were Methodist, and that’s the connection,” said Hunt, an Ann Arbor resident who taught 13 years at Isbister Elementary in Plymouth Township. “The wives are sometimes overshadowed, she agreed, “because their husbands are so important.”

The women — Hunt, Doris Kraushaar, Beverly Bole, Mary Crichton and Anita Bassett — previously performed at Hunt’s Ann Arbor Women’s City Club. They were spotted and encouraged to come to AAUW, with Saturday’s program at Fox Hills the fourth such presentation.

“I’m excited about it,” said Hunt, pointing out the women



The women who performed Saturday represented first ladies Eliza McCordie Johnson, Julia Dent Grant, Ida Sacton McKinley, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Laura Welch Bush. One woman, who portrays Lucy Webb Hayes, was unable to attend.

rehearsed. “When you want to do a good job, you practice.”

They “borrowed and begged” costumes for the program. Wives of Andrew Johnson, Ulysses Grant and William McKinley were among those featured, along with Hillary Rodham Clinton. She’s now a U.S. senator from New York and possible presidential contender.

Current first lady Laura Bush was also featured.

The women presented the presidents’ wives program as part of the teachings of their faith. “That’s what religion

should be,” Hunt said. “It should help people to be good Christians and good citizens.”

The presentation wasn’t the only first ladies’ event held locally in recent months.

The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, hosted an exhibit of first ladies’ gowns last November through January.

“I think it helps to highlight what’s going on in our country at that time,” said Beth Stewart, museum director.

The reproduction gowns, based on the popular Smithsonian Institution col-

lection, are shown in Plymouth during each presidential election season.

History in school is often about presidents and wars, Stewart said, but there’s growing interest in women’s history. Edith Wilson, for example, is widely thought to have run the country when her husband, Woodrow, became ill.

“She pretty much made a lot of decisions,” Stewart said. Later, Eleanor Roosevelt, who had been shy, volunteered to be husband Franklin’s legs when he was struck by polio.

“That was really stepping out of her personality to do that.”

Even earlier in history, women aided their presidential husbands, Stewart noted. Sarah Polk, a college graduate, was an adviser to husband James. “much to the consternation of a lot of his cabinet.”

The museum is now hosting an Underground Railroad quilt exhibit, as well as some 50 Mark Twain first editions belonging to Bob Nelson of Canton. Nelson has some 150 such first editions, she said.

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“We had a brainstorming session for a prom fund-raiser, and

came up with the idea. From there we just ran with it,” said senior Samra Haddad, president of the student council at Canton High.

Cathy Shasko, who graduated from Canton High in 1993 and owns Monogram Factory, is printing the shirts for the seniors, and also helped design them. She feels the shirts will definitely appeal to the alumni of both schools.

“This is the end of an era,”

Shasko said. “I always tell people that I graduated from Plymouth Canton, and then I catch myself and have to say Canton High. I think a lot of people that graduated from the two schools feel the same way. So I think this is a great fund-raiser, because it will appeal to a lot of alumni.”

In fact, Haddad said she has already received calls from graduates who have inquired about the shirts.

“I’ve actually had teachers ask

about the shirts, so they can buy them for their children who used to go to school here. It’s definitely something that is hitting home for a lot of people,” Haddad said.

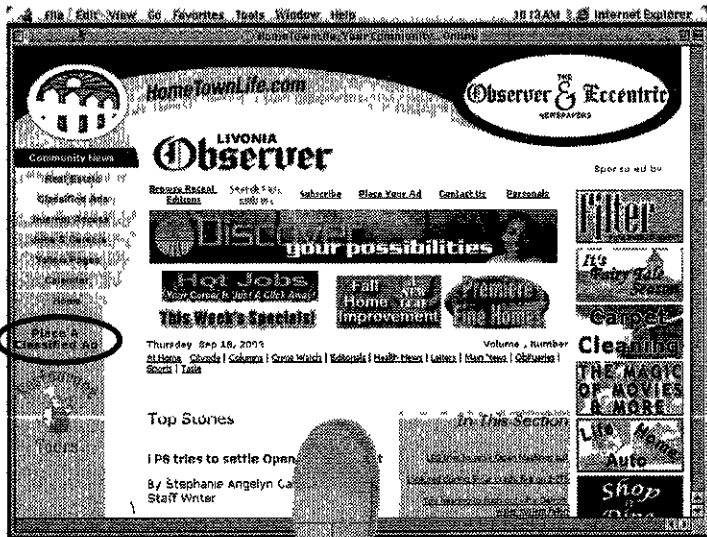
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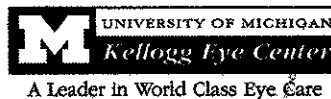
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Like most high school juniors, Bri-Anne Edwards has begun thinking about life after graduation.

For the Thurston High School student, life after 12th grade will definitely include college. She is looking into studying engineering and has already checked out Michigan State University and Kettering University.

What she saw surprised her. "What they showed me, I'm already doing now," she said.

Edwards is enrolled in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's TEAM — Technical Education/Academic Manufacturing — program, which combines academics with manufacturing principles to produce students prepared to work in industry or to go on to study in an industry-related field in college.

Edwards and classmate Nicholas Spence of Wayne Memorial High School spend the first three hours of the school day at John Glenn High School in Westland, where they study three subjects — mathematics and technology, physics and technology and communications and technology.

"It's a challenge, but I've learned a lot," said Spence, who plans on becoming a tool and die maker. "Basically, it's what I thought it would be."

While other students change classrooms at the sound of the bell, TEAM members stay in one room at Glenn and change teachers. When third hour is done, they return to their individual high schools — Wayne Memorial, Glenn or Thurston — to complete the school day.

"What makes it unique is the integration of academics with manufacturing," said Rick Hamrick, an assistant principal at the Career Technical Center. "There's nothing abstract about the academics."



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Kimara Ramirez (left) of Redford Thurston and Nicholas Spence of Wayne Memorial work on a project.

We know it serves a very valuable purpose and that some real rich opportunities come out of it.

"The value of the academics is that it gives them the skills to make them successful."

REAL WORLD ACADEMICS

According to Hamrick, what's done in the classroom has a relationship to the work world. Even the books they read deal with the workplace, books like *Everything I Learned About Manufacturing I Learned At Joe's Garage*, *Leadership As An Art* and *The Goal*.

"That's dynamite reading," Hamrick said of the latter title. "It's like a romantic novel, but it's set in a manufacturing setting."

Dave Christiansen's physics class offers a unique curriculum. The students do 15 varied manufacturing lab experiments that are real type hands-on problem solving. They all contain classic physics principals, but in a manufacturing setting.

"Everything we do here has a use in real life," Christiansen said. "I don't teach Einstein physics; everything I teach is related to the real world."

Former TEAM members Tina Holly and Jeremy Adkins

both landed jobs at Spring Engineering after graduating from school; Holly attended Glenn and Adkins was at Thurston. She works in quality, while he is a machine operator, grinding and making springs.

Holly interned in the quality field at Detroit Diesel in 2002. After graduating later that year, she was hired by Spring Engineering.

"It was a good opportunity for me," she said. "Most people who come in off the street start at the bottom and work their way up. I was hired as a quality technician. That was nice, a great opportunity."

Adkins has been there for two years. He started there full time after graduating from Thurston in 2004. He has since bumped down to part time so he can study to be a firefighter. He heard about the training, took a look and joined.

"The most important thing was that we worked as a team," Adkins said. "We didn't go off by ourselves."

Holly didn't have a set plan for what she wanted to do in life, other than she didn't want to go to college right out of high school. It was her counselor who introduced her to the TEAM program.

"The TEAM program was a

great experience for me," Holly said. "It gave me the opportunity to see first-hand what the manufacturing business was all about. We did things such as job shadowing, problem solving and even a summer paid internship. TEAM gave me the knowledge and skills I needed to get the job I have now."

It also got her leaning toward the engineering field, although she said she'd rather be hands-on in the plant than sitting at a computer all day.

"I plan on staying here," she said. "It's been a great job, good pay, holiday pay and the people here are nice. I just kept forging ahead, doing the work like I did in the physics lab."

'NICE ELEMENT'

According to human resources director Kim Montgomery, a "nice element" of hiring TEAM members is that they already have a relationship with the company.

"They already have experience with Spring and we know their educational background and know they can work as a team member," Montgomery said. "They've gone through the training and we can trust that they're capable of learning another job."

According to Montgomery, seven TEAM graduates work at the plant and there have been times when it's been as high as 11-12 former members. Some have gone on to school, other to jobs in the public sector.

"We have great success in hiring and in having students who meet our requirements," Montgomery said. "They're always a huge success because the employees know them because they knew them as students."

"And the same skills that make them successful here make them successful at other manufacturing facilities."

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Middle School parents were notified in a letter dated April 12.

According to the letter, West's student population has grown from 731 students in 2001 to 847 this year, and is projected to reach nearly 900 next August.

"This number of students results in three teachers without classrooms who move each hour into the classroom of a teacher with a planning period that hour," said Church, who is chair of the housing committee. "A drama class is even being taught in the cafeteria."

Church said there will be 69 students moved from West to Pioneer Middle School, and Pioneer will give up 47 students to Discovery Middle School.

"Middle school students may be reluctant to make the change, but geographically the middle school changes seem to make sense to the committee because students will be moving closing to a school near their homes," she said. "We'll have to find out if parents feel the same way."

Students entering the fifth grade at Bird, or entering the eighth grade at West, will have the option of remaining at those schools if they are affected by the boundary changes.

The Housing Committee will take input from parents at a meeting 9 a.m. Saturday, April 23, in the Pioneer Middle School cafeteria. Middle school parents will get the same opportunity, beginning at 1 p.m.

Meanwhile, parents in Rolling Oaks, where most of the affected Bird students live, will strategize at their own meeting tonight (Sunday).

'I signed up my daughter at kindergarten roundup and everything was fine and dandy.'

Trisha Hampo
parent

Trisha Hampo has a lot at stake. Stephanie, a fourth-grader, will have the option of remaining at Bird. However, Michael, a second-grader, is slated to move to Farrand, as is Lindsay, who last month signed up for kindergarten.

"I signed up my daughter at kindergarten roundup and everything was fine and dandy," said Hampo. "There are new enrollments coming in from new construction and they get to go to the school we've been going to for four years, where we've developed roots and relationships. There's got to be something better for our children."

Strzalka said while it's a problem facing Bird Elementary this year, it's not just her school's issue. "It's us this year fighting this, but it might be someone else next year."

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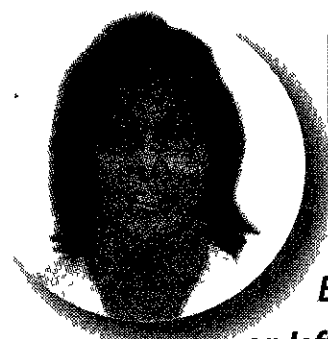
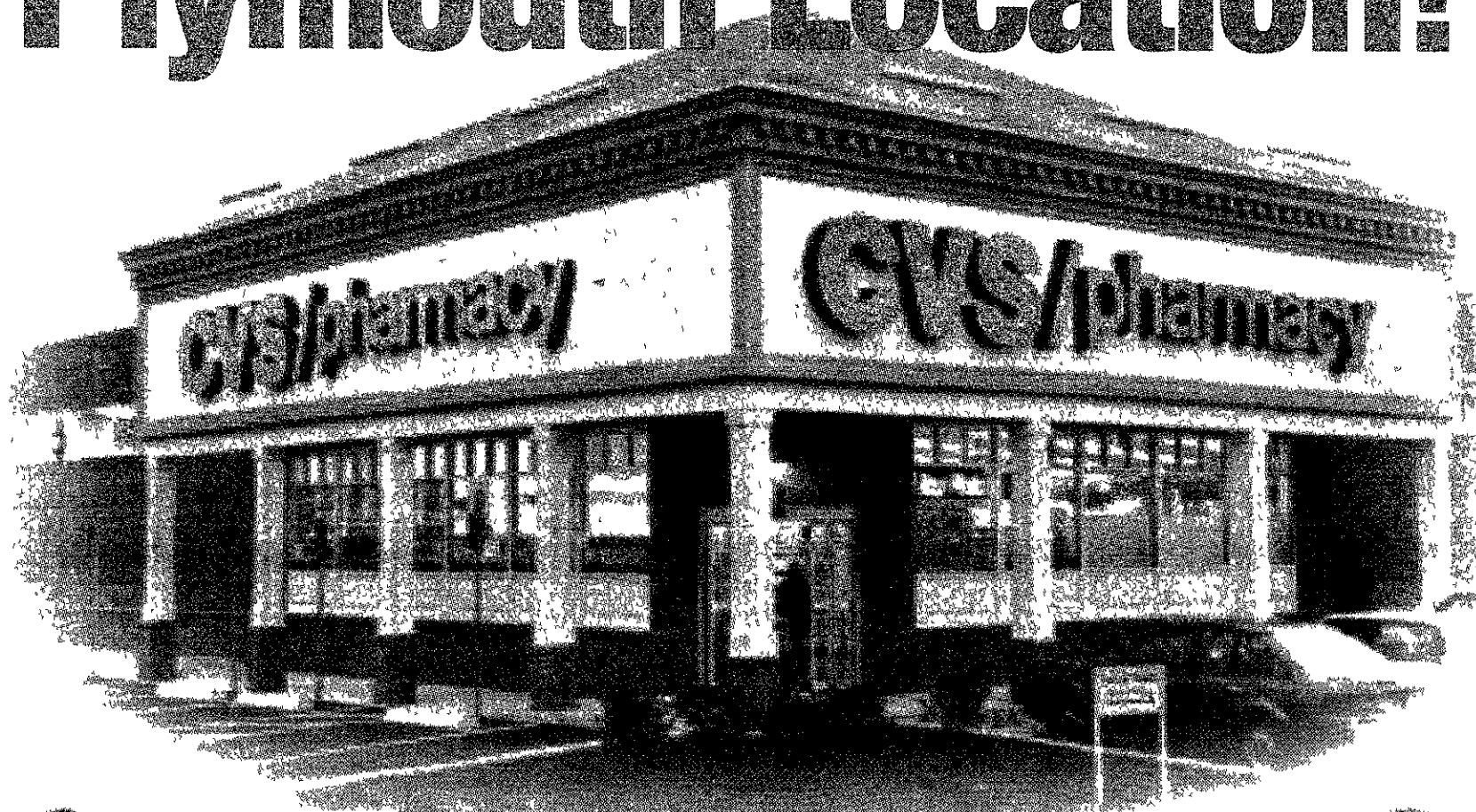
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On June 15, Wayne County's "Clean Indoor Air Regulation" smoking ban goes into effect. The regulation is part of a trend toward eliminating second-hand inhalation of tobacco smoke by setting restrictions on where people can smoke (though bars, restaurants and other exceptions somewhat dilute the purpose).

On Wednesday, students at Garden City Middle School paraded around with signs against smoking as part of a Kick Butts campaign. One sign read "There's cooler ways to die."

The verdict seems to be unanimous — smoking isn't good for you or the guy next to you, either.

Once upon a time, smoking was thought to be "very cool." I've been listening to some old radio programs (TV without the pictures), complete with commercials. One program was sponsored by Camel cigarettes ("preferred by four out of 10 doctors who smoke"). Medical endorsements and claims of "smoothness" were the primary themes in the late '40s and early '50s.

Later television advertising emphasized smoking as part of happy times. Young people playing games, frolicking on the beach, enjoying dinner at a swinging night spot. In some of the old Salem ads, the young people looked suspiciously like teenagers, though the tobacco companies always denied using underage models.

Camel, the medically preferred puff, also created a mascot, Joe Camel, a cartoon with an obvious appeal to children (or the child in all of us), complete with a line of nifty, active lifestyle toys (for adults of course). But, they never marketed to children, never ... really, never.

Tobacco was a big industry and for a long while it was able to buy a fair share of politicians, the way energy companies buy them today (no, I'm sorry, that doesn't happen, does it?). But time, medical science and a coughing nation finally turned the tables of tobacco.

Tobacco companies can't sell their poison on radio and television. Cigarettes and other tobacco products carry a warning label. Even the tobacco companies have to hold seminars on the dangers of their product.



Hugh Gallagher

The tentative first steps taken by Wayne County might help these young people understand just how dangerous and definitely un-hip smoking is.

Philip Morris is practically a crusader in the fight against smoking.

That's OK, they just take the product overseas. While adult smoking in the United States has declined, Europeans and Asians still smoke with abandon.

And yet, while the students at Garden City Middle School are doing their part to warn their classmates (and any adults who haven't gotten the word), young people continue to start smoking at still alarming rates.

Data from the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion shows that in 2003, 22.9 percent of high school students were cigarette smokers, with boys only slightly higher than girls — 24.6 percent to 21.6 percent. Among middle schoolers, 10.4 percent are smoking, about evenly divided between boys and girls.

Go around any school or afterschool hangout and you'll see many students puffing away. No doubt they've seen the pictures of the rotted lungs and the deformed lips, they've gotten the facts on how many years will be burned away for every cigarette they light and they've been told by numerous celebrities that tobacco "stinks."

And still they smoke. They still think it's "cool." The Center points to such factors as low socio-economic status, use of tobacco by peers or siblings, lack of parental support.

The tentative first steps taken by Wayne County might help these young people understand just how dangerous and definitely un-hip smoking is.

At least they don't have the example of Tiger Woods following in the footsteps of Ben Hogan, who enjoyed the smoooooth taste of a Camel whenever he lit up after a big tournament.

Tiger's cool, he knows better. And so do they kids at Garden City Middle School.

Kick Butts!

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This house belongs to all who need it

Randy Narowitz knows something about the trauma inflicted on a family when a member is seriously ill.

As chief operating officer for Total Health Care, the Bloomfield Hills resident has made a comfortable living dealing with clients who count on his firm's insurance to help with at least the financial strain caused by illness and injury.

But it was a medical crisis involving his own child nearly a decade ago that brought Narowitz to understand how a good deed and a kind gesture can make an otherwise unbearable experience at least a little more tolerable.

"We used the Ronald McDonald House while our child was recuperating from major surgery

and it made all the difference in the world," Narowitz said.

"Having that supportive environment, and being able to interact with others who were going through the same thing you were and understood what you were feeling, was a real blessing."

So grateful was Narowitz to the organization for the help and support his family received, he decided shortly after his experience to return the favor and began volunteering for the group. Today, that desire to give

back has grown to the point where Narowitz now serves as president of the board of directors for the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

"I believe in the organization because of my personal experience," Narowitz said as he guided a tour of the Detroit house, located next to Children's Hospital on Beaubien. "It truly is a remarkable facility."

There are four Ronald McDonald Houses in the state of Michigan. The Detroit house, which serves families who have a loved one being treated at Children's Hospital, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Narowitz said the board and staff is working hard this year to spread the word about the House, and make sure it has the necessary finances to keep its doors open for another 25 years and beyond.

The mission of each Ronald McDonald House is simple: To provide a "home away from home" for the families of seriously ill children. The Detroit house provides aid and comfort for about 1,000 families per year, which use its 25 bedrooms and communal kitchen, laundry and living areas.

Each family is asked to pay a nominal fee of \$10 per night, but no one is turned away because of an inability to pay. Guests can be from a couple of miles away or from another state.

Narowitz said there is no minimum or maximum length of stay. Some families have stayed for nearly a year, while others simply stop by for a hot shower and nap.

Like all nonprofit entities, the backbone of the Detroit Ronald McDonald House is its volunteers, Executive Director Jennifer Litominsky said.

People like Pat Cooper, who like Narowitz first learned of the organization by using its services, and who for the past 10 years has returned the

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favor by serving on the Detroit chapter's board of directors.

Cooper "lived" at the Detroit house for months while her daughter was being treated for a critical illness. On weekends, she would be joined by her husband and other children, which maintained some normalcy during a very difficult time.

Cooper said she has no idea how her family would have survived without the facility, which provided not only a place to sleep and eat, but most importantly, a caring environment.

"The support system was the most important part of being here," she said. "Just having someone else to cry with who knew exactly what you were going through was an unbelievable help."

There are now 244 Ronald McDonald Houses worldwide. The centers receive seed, expansion and emergency grants through the Ronald McDonald House Charities, but each house is responsible for raising its own operating funds.

Locally, a good chunk of the support comes from area owner-operators of McDonald restaurants. Folks like Teresa Saputo, who finds time to help spearhead fund-raisers for the House, despite having the day job of running nine area restaurants with her husband.

Saputo is on the planning committee for the House's most ambitious fund-raiser to date.

Co-sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association and presented by Spirit Airlines, the first Aviator's Ball will transform an airport hangar at Metro Airport into an elegant, black-tie dinner and auction.

Through the sale of sponsorships, dinner tickets and both silent and live auctions, organizers hope the May 14 event will raise enough funds to offset at least part of the operating costs for both the Ann Arbor and Detroit Ronald McDonald Houses.

Details of the event are available by calling (248) 336-8612 or by visiting the group's Web site at www.Aviatorsball.com

As a parent, I am thankful to never have gone through an experience like Pat Cooper and Randy Narowitz did, but I am grateful for the way they dedicated themselves to turning a personal crisis into a blessing for the rest of us.

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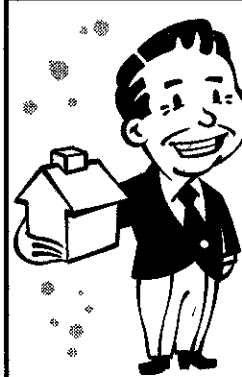
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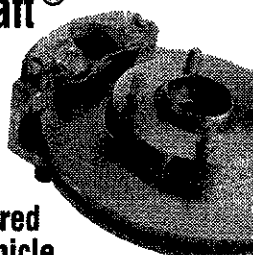
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Avalanche: Rocks bury Lincoln twice

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Finding transportation to Wednesday afternoon's doubleheader at Salem proved to be a major issue for the Ypsilanti Lincoln softball team due to a busing snafu.

Once the games started, figuring out a way to get to first base proved to be an even bigger problem for the Railsplitters.

Salem pitchers Courtney Davis and Crystal Rohn combined to limit the Lincoln hitters to just one hit in the two games, leading the Rocks to a convincing doubleheader sweep, 10-0 and 11-6.

The twinbill was delayed a few minutes by a busing mix-up that forced the Railsplitters to find an alternative method of transportation to their season-opening games.

"Somebody forgot to put us on the (busing) schedule, so we had to scramble to get the girls over here at the last minute," said Lincoln coach Karen Sexsmith. "But we made it."

The Railsplitters didn't leave their bats on the bus, but the way Davis and Rohn were throwing, they may as well have.

Davis walked lead-off batter Stephanie Whiteberg to start the opener before retiring the next nine consecutive hitters — seven with strikeouts.

Lauren Hudge led off the fourth for Lincoln with a bloop single to left. It turned out to be the only ball hit by the Railsplitters that left the infield in the five-inning, mercy-rule-shortened contest.

Davis, who yielded just two walks and one hit, ended the game with an exclamation point when she struck out the side in the fifth.

Offensively, Salem scored a pair in the first when Amy Caves tripled in Tina Sniegewski then scored on a passed ball. After loading the bases without scoring in the second, the Rocks broke the game open by plating four in the third to make it 6-0. The key blows were RBI doubles by Rohn and Sniegewski.

After pushing across a single run in the fourth, Salem ended game one with four runs in the fifth — all courtesy of two-run hits by Maureen Bohr and Caves.

Kait McKinley, Rohn and Melissa Plante all scored twice and reached base all three times they batted in the opener.

In the nightcap, Rohn tossed a no-hitter, striking out six while walking just one.

Lincoln grabbed a 3-0 lead in the top of the first thanks to three Salem errors, but the hosts responded with seven runs

of their own in the bottom of the inning and never looked back.

Sniegewski (three hits, two RBI), Caves (three hits, three RBI) and McKinley (two hits) paced the offensive outburst for the Rocks in game two. Bohr, Kelly Behr and Laura Kordick also contributed run-scoring hits.

"Our spring training trip to Florida was really early this year, but it has really helped us get prepared for these early games," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland.

Salem's schedule heats up this week with a trio of Western Lakes Activities Association games against Walled Lake Central (Monday), Northville (Wednesday) and Westland John Glenn on Friday.

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Canton's Alyssa Johnson gets tagged out at home plate by Ann Arbor Pioneer's Maureen Maier during the first game of Thursday's doubleheader at Canton. The play was one of the few bright spots for the Pioneers, who were mercied by identical 11-0 scores in both ends of a non-conference doubleheader.

Mercy, mercy Canton takes pair from AA Pioneer

Canton's softball team improved its record to 4-0 Thursday afternoon with a doubleheader sweep of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Chiefs won both mercy rule-shortened games by identical scores of 11-0 behind the strong pitching of Molly Conlon in game one and freshman Katie Osburn in the nightcap.

The pair of losses dropped the Pioneers to 2-6.

No further details of the games were available at presstime.

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GCYBSA is ready to 'Play ball!'

Following months of planning, the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) is prepared to play ball.

Over 2,000 youngsters from the Canton and Plymouth area will take part in two of America's favorite pastimes: baseball and softball.

Player registration has ended for the GCYBSA and the "new" league recently completed the National Alliance for Youth Sports coaches training program. Over 250 coaches will work with the league's players this summer.

"The training emphasizes the efforts to keep youth involved in sports for life by making their season one of learning new skills, receiving positive feedback, making new friends, competing with class and having fun," according to GCYBSA spokesperson Ann-Marie Carravallh. "The coaches are required to review emergency procedures, sign a code of conduct, implement age-appropriate training, and complete background checks. The league is committed to the highest ethical standards in the delivery of the program for its participants, is fully insured, and provides training and materials for coaches."

A series of free coaches training seminars will be offered in the next couple of weeks at the Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 Michigan Ave. in Canton. From noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, a seminar focusing on practice plans and offensive player drills will be held. It will be followed from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. by a National Alliance for Youth Sports Coaches Certification clinic.

From noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, a fundamental skills, team play and pitching clinic will be hosted by Marisa Young, a former University of Michigan All-American pitcher and instructor. Call (734) 483-5600.

Elite track athletes are set for City Meet

See Thursday's track results on Page B5.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton area's fastest and strongest track-and-field athletes will be on display Tuesday afternoon at the 3rd Annual High School City Meet, which will unfold at the P-CEP track.

Both boys and girls teams from Canton, Salem and Plymouth high schools will compete in the event, which is set to begin with field events at 3:30 p.m. The running events are scheduled to commence around 4:30 p.m.

The Canton boys team and Salem girls squad will be defending their titles Tuesday in what promises to be an extremely competitive meet. Four of the six teams that will be on hand won their season-opening dual meets on Thursday.

Leading the Chiefs' quest to repeat will be talented sprinters Rodney Preston, David Calille, Phaltiel Whitlock, Cyrus Azizi and a pair of freshmen: Eric Piwowar and Dalton Walser. Derek Reeves, Joe Zugaj, Matt McClellan and Steve Paye will headline Canton's strong field-event crew.

The defending champion Salem girls will be paced by key returners Laura Friedman, Allison Janda, Lauren Kane, Lynden Gault and Brittany Lockhart.

Despite suffering a loss to a strong Walled Lake Central squad on Thursday,

Salem's boys squad will give the Chiefs a run for their money, as will Plymouth, which won its first-ever varsity dual meet on Thursday when it nipped Livonia Franklin, 70-67. The Rocks' field performers excelled against Central. Plymouth's historic win was led by sprinter D.J. Coleman and Nate Gholston, among others.

Both the Canton and Plymouth girls teams will be operating under the guidance of first-year coaches. Tracy Himmelspach took over the reins of the Chiefs this season while veteran coach John Dunn is leading the Wildcats into action in 2005.

For extensive coverage of Tuesday's meet, please see Thursday's *Observer*.

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Hard work earns local Special Olympian gold

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's a good thing Sean Bowers is proficient at power-lifting.

Otherwise, the 26-year-old Canton resident may have a difficult time carrying around all of the gold and silver medals he has earned at the strength competitions he has attended over the past several years.

At an international meet in 2003 held in Ireland, Bowers won four medals — three gold and one silver — to stake his claim as one of the strongest and hardest-working Special Olympic athletes in the world.

"It's a lot of fun," said Bowers, who has Down Syndrome. "I look forward to working out twice a week. My goal is to squat 300 (kilograms)."

Bowers, who attends school at the Western Wayne Skills Center, receives both emotional and training support from his mother, Gail, and his uncle, Jeff Kovach, both of whom work out regularly.

"I've been an athlete all my life and so has my brother, so when Sean started to get the 'bug' we were thrilled," Gail Bowers said. "My brother and I have been co-coaching him for several years now."

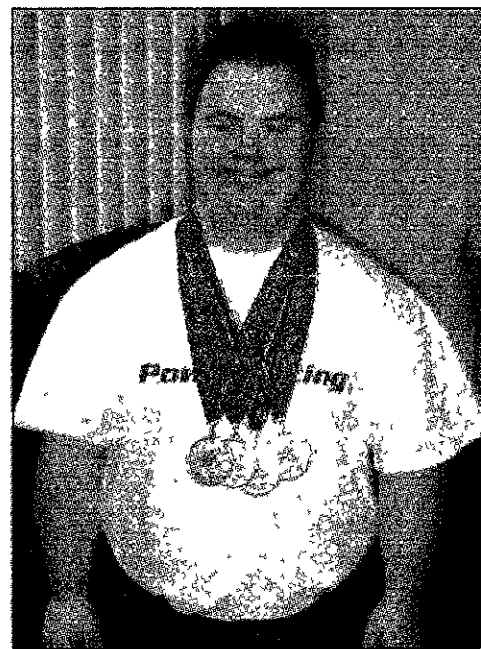
Before he developed a passion for power-lifting, Bowers competed in other Special Olympics events like bowling and softball, according to his mom.

"Power-lifting is a very hard sport to teach," she said. "The skill level has to be there. Sean works out at least twice a week and competes in about 10 competitions a year. He's very dedicated to the sport."

In early June Bowers will travel to Mt. Pleasant to take on other Special Olympics power-lifters in a competition held at Central Michigan University. His long-term goals are much more widespread.

"We are also going to start training for a Special Olympics contest in Shanghai, China in 2007," he said.

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Canton resident Sean Bowers proudly wears the medals he earned at a Special Olympics body-building competition in Ireland in 2003. Bowers, 26, has been weight-lifting for the past eight years.

Sidelines

Baseball sign-ups

Registration for spring T-ball for children 4 and 5 years old, coach pitch for 6- and 7-year-old kids, and machine-pitch for kids between the ages of 8 and 10 are currently being accepted by the Plymouth Family YMCA. For more registration information, call (734) 453-2904.

Rock boosters

The Salem High School Football Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20. The meeting will be held in the Salem High School Library (Room #2300) on the second floor. All parents of current and incoming Class of 2009 players are invited to attend.

The upcoming season and team activities will be discussed. For more information, contact Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

Soccer camps

For the 13th consecutive year, Bryan "Goose" Finnerty will be hosting Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps in the metropolitan Detroit area. Joining Finnerty are former Detroit Rocker team-mates Droe Callahan, the camp's director, Rodrigo Gonzalez, Marty Caves, Jim Lemley, Amy Knechtly, Emily Jackson, Gary Bell, Billy Joker and Brian Vanderziel. All the coaches are licensed and serve as trainers for local soccer clubs year-round. The instructor-to-camper ratio is 1-to-10.

"My staff and I look forward to another exciting camp season," said Finnerty. "Being able to give back to our local communities is a high light and an honor. The friendships we've built with the kids over the years make it like a mini reunion every week. It's great to catch up on how they did in school and what new achievements were conquered both on and off the soccer field."

The camps include two options: a regular camp for beginner to intermediate players; and advanced camps for striker/goalkeepers. The advanced strike camp is an all-offensive camp that moves at an accelerated pace and focuses on finishing (scoring).

The fee for the regular camp is \$139 per player, while the advanced striker/goalkeeper camp runs \$179. Interested players can register at www.goose22.com by May 1, and receive \$20 off the registration fee. For more information on Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, visit www.goose22.com or call (734) GOOSE-22.

There will be camps in Canton June 20-24 and July 18-22, both at Independence Park.

SC's Samarco signs

Martin Samarco, a 6-foot-3 guard who led the 27-3 Schoolcraft College men's basketball team in scoring (20.9 points per game), has signed an NCAA letter-of-intent to play at Bowling Green State University (Ohio).

Euro Stars 2nd

The Plymouth-based Euro Stars gymnastics team finished second in the 72-team state meet April 9-10 in Rochester Hills.

The team was coached by Peter and Tania Gueorguiev, and Antonia Uzonova.

Members of the team are: ■ Canton's Anna Genrich, 11, who was a state champ in the vault (9.575), beam (9.575), floor (9.5) and all-around (38.075);

■ Canton's Allison Spitzley, 14, who was the state champ on the beam (9.450) and 10th in the all-around;

■ Northville's Chloe Presley, 11, who was state champ on the bars (9.650) and second all-around (37.725);

■ Livonia's Megan Suer, 15, who finished in the top 20 in the vault, bars, floor and all-around;

■ Garden City's McKenzie Skaggs, 12, who was the state champ on the beam (9.600) and third on the floor (9.325); and

■ Livonia's Alicia DiMauro, 14, who finished third all-around (37.125).



The Plymouth-based Euro Stars gymnastics team, which is coached by Peter and Tania Gueorguiev, finished second in the 72-team Level 7 state meet April 9-10 in Rochester Hills. Pictured above with Peter Gueorguiev are Anna Genrich, Chloe Presley, McKenzie Skaggs, Alicia DeMauro and Allison Spitzley. Not pictured is Megan Suer.

Chiefs succumb to Saline surge

Fans of offensive baseball would have gotten their money's worth and more at Thursday afternoon's double-header between Canton and Saline.

The two teams combined for 32 runs in the double-dip, which the Hornets swept, 11-9 and 8-4.

The pair of setbacks dropped the Chiefs to 4-4 while Saline improved its pre-conference mark to 2-2.

"We didn't play that bad," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "Saline just hit the ball well. They just hit better than us. In the first game, we had to play catch up from the first inning on, but we never quit. The key to the second game was that we had some costly errors. We had been playing great defensive up until that game, but we committed five errors."

Saline jumped out to a 4-0 first-inning lead in the opener before the Chiefs narrowed their gap to 4-3 heading into the bottom of the third. That's when Mike Dotsas unloaded a two-run home run to add insurance to a lead that the Hornets would never relinquish. Dotsas finished with three of Saline's 13 hits.

Hornet starting pitcher Josh Lancaster lasted six innings to pick up the victory. Canton starter Eric Byrne suffered the loss after yielding eight run in four innings. Gallison tossed the final two innings for Canton, yielding just two hits while recording one strikeout.

Offensively, the Chiefs were led by Brad Gallison, who went 3-for-4, including a three-run home run. Dave Neu (2-for-3, two RBI) and Byrne (3-for-4, one RBI) also had solid games at the plate. Canton.

Trailing 10-4 after five innings, the Chiefs rallied for five runs in the final two

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frames, but fell just short.

Saline outthit Canton, 13-12, in the first game.

Game two had all the makings of a pitchers' duel — at least through the first two-and-a-half innings when Canton led 1-0.

However, the Hornets busted out for three runs in the third and two in the fourth to secure a 5-3 advantage. Canton manufactured one run in the sixth to cut its deficit to one, but the opportunistic Hornets rebounded with three in the bottom of the sixth to account for the game's final runs.

Saline outthit Canton, 10-6.

"We gave up four unearned runs in the second game, so errors definitely hurt us," Dickey said.

Canton starting pitcher Shawn Ruman was tagged with the loss.

"Shawn actually pitched pretty well," Dickey said. "They had 10 hits, but not many of them were hard hit and they were scattered."

Gallison (two runs), Tarik Khasevneh (1-for-4, RBI), Scott Steffes (two RBI) and Craig Galarnau (double, stolen base, run) keyed the Chiefs' offensive surge.

PCA 10, Macomb Christian 2: The Eagles improved their record to 5-0 with a thorough trouncing of Macomb Christian, which slipped to 0-4. Sophomore lefthander Matt Saagman earned the mound win for the winners, striking out nine in six innings of work. Saagman walked six, but did not give up an earned run.

The Eagles, who banged out 13 hits, led 3-0 after three before piling on three runs in both the fourth and fifth innings.

Amazingly, PCA has not

yielded a single earned run this season.

"I was a little disappointed that we didn't produce more than three runs in the first three innings because we left a lot of guys on base," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston. "But it was a good game for us because we were able to get a lot of our young, talented players into the game."

Saagman sparked at the plate as well as on the mound, finishing with three hits to raise his batting average to .611. Aaron Ciborowski (2-for-3, three runs, three RBI) and Stephen Sumner (three runs, four steals) were also offensive catalysts for PCA. Mitchell Geracz, Trevor Zinn and Andrew Shumaker all contributed single hits to the Eagles' offensive explosion.

Livonia Clarenceville 12, Agape 11: The Trojans' Jerrod Rice delivered a game-winning, two-out hit in the bottom of the eighth inning to give Clarenceville a dramatic extra-inning triumph over the visiting Wolverines. The Trojans improved to 1-2 while the Wolves slipped to 0-4.

Agape led 11-4 before Clarenceville erupted for seven runs in the bottom of the sixth to knot the game at 11-11.

The winners outthit Agape, 11-9. The Wolverines were hampered by six errors.

Jeremy Ramsden earned the victory on the mound for Clarenceville. Kyle Miller suffered the loss after relieving starter Ryan Barber in the fifth.

Brandon Pierson (3-for-5, two RBI) and Gabe Molnar (2-for-4, walk) paced the Wolves' offense.

"It was a real tough loss for us," said first-year Agape coach Scott Lewald. "The boys are all very disappointed after this one."

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No. 3: Lawrence Washington (S) def. Eric Hammon, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4: Pete Bartlett (S) def. Casey Johnson, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Blake Foster-Neil Bakshi (S) def. Josh Kay-Ryan Bean, 7-5, 6-3.
No. 2 doubles: Alex Gur-Paul Kargol (S) d. Jack Oliver-Benji Dell, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.
No. 3 doubles: Dave Geick-Dave Jung (S) def. Aki Fukuta-Yoshi Takeoka, 6-1, 6-4.
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FROM PAGE B1

Livonia Clarenceville 15, Canton Agape 0: Junior Chelsea Carbonneau belted a 3-run homer Thursday as host Livonia Clarenceville invoked the five-inning mercy rule to beat Canton Agape Christian in a non-conference girls softball game, 15-0.

The Trojans, now 6-1 overall, scored 12 runs in the bottom of the first inning, added two in the second and one in the fourth to mount a 14-hit attack.

It was the third homer of the season for Carbonneau, who walked twice and scored three runs.

Senior Adrienne Stewart had a double, triple and five RBI. Cassidy Sublette added two hits and two RBI, while Autumn Belcher and Tiffany Elliott each collected three hits.

Sublette, the winning pitcher, allowed one run on four hits. She walked three, hit one batter and struck out one.

Katie Lambert went 2-for-3 to lead Agape (1-1).

Westland John Glenn 14, Redford Union 7: Westland John Glenn (2-3) exploded for 12 runs in the third inning en route to a non-league win Wednesday over visiting Redford Union (3-3).

Seniors Devin Ross and Megan Dean each went 3-for-4 in the victory. Ross had a homer, double and two RBI, while Dean had a pair of doubles and two RBI.

Glenn had a total of 12 hits. Winning pitcher Lisa Pecorelli went all seven innings, allowing seven runs on seven hits and 10 walks. She struck out one.

RU used two pitchers with Erin Cathey taking the loss. Cathey and Kelsey Weekley combined for seven strikeouts, four walks and three hit batters.

Marisa Ketchum had a double for RU.



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Canton shortstop Lauren Delapaz, left, and pitcher Molly Conlon hold a secret summit during the first game of Thursday's doubleheader against Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Chiefs won both ends of the twinbill by identical 11-0 scores.

'Cat linksters victorious

The Plymouth girls golf team opened its season with a 219-241 victory over Carleton Airport. The meet was played at Carleton-Glen Golf Course.

The Wildcats' Madeline Salvaggio earned medalist honors by posting a nine-hole total of 52. Also scoring for the winners were Elaine Lafayette (54), Patricia Burns (56) and Liz Anderson (57).

Scoring for the Jets were Karly Weber (55), Rae Anne Blackburn (58), Jessica Perez (62) and Lynn Nanor (66).

Plymouth will put its unbeaten mark on the line Wednesday at Whispering Willows Golf course when it takes on Livonia Churchill.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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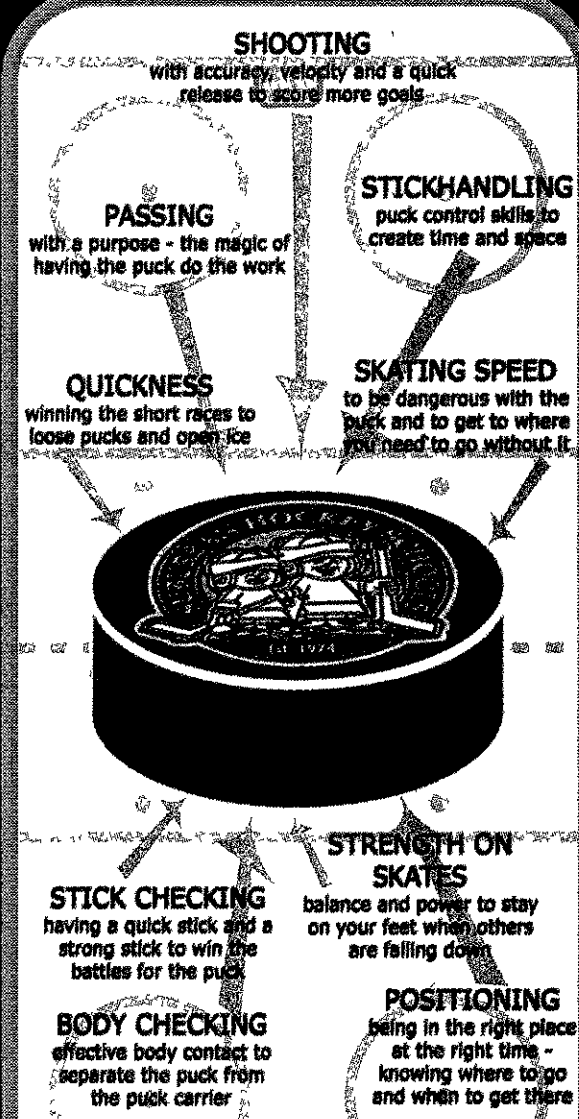
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Gizicki leads Salem to 1st win

Salem senior midfielder Amy Gizicki scored a goal in each half Wednesday to give the Rocks (1-3, 1-0) a 2-0 victory over Livonia Churchill (1-2-2, 0-1).

Gizicki's first goal came at the 25-minute mark followed by the game-clincher with 3:58 left in the match.

"We were pushing everyone forward trying to get the tying goal," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "The first part of the game we were on our heels. Salem dominated the first half and had the wind. The first goal came off a corner kick and she (Gizicki) shot it through five or six players from about 12 yards out. They won a lot of 50-50 balls."

The loss was also costly as freshman sweeper Lindsay Marlow hurt her knee and chipped a tooth after she was pushed by a Salem attacker into goalkeeper Laura Jetke, who also had the leave the game with a possible concussion.

Megan Allen finished up in goal for Churchill, making "five or six outstanding saves," according to Hebestreit.

Canton 3, W.L. Central 0: The Chiefs notched their first victory of the season behind the strong play of goalie Brittany Cervi and the offensive

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exploits of forward Lisa Ealy, who recorded a hat-trick.

Ealy's goals came 10 minutes into the game, 15 minutes into the second half and with eight minutes remaining in the contest.

Novi 5, Canton 0: The Chiefs fell to 1-2-1 following a tough loss to the powerful Wildcats.

"Novi has a very good team and we played a bad game as a team," said Canton coach George Tomasso.

Novi led 2-0 at the half and was never threatened over the final 35 minutes.

Plymouth 3, Westland John Glenn 0: Brittany Hengesh scored a pair of goals and Liz Martin added another Wednesday as the visiting Wildcats (4-3-1) turned back Westland John Glenn (2-2).

Goalkeeper Brittany Warner notched the shutout for Plymouth.

"The girls settled down and really started moving the ball well," said Wildcat coach John Delplace.

Plymouth outshot the Rockets, 26-4.

On April 11, John Glenn defeated visiting Belleville, 5-2.

Plymouth 2, AA Greenhills 0:

On Thursday, the Wildcats ousted Greenhills in a defensive battle.

The game served as redemption for Plymouth, which lost to Greenhills 5-0 last season.

It was the fifth shutout of the season for goalie Brittany Warner, who received offensive support from Val Klemmer and Brittany Hengesh. Clare Baptist, Chelsea Quinlan and Carlee Barackman all picked up assists for the winners.

PCA 9, Agape 0: The Eagles (1-1) led 5-0 at the half and never looked back on the way to their first victory of the season. The Wolverines slipped to 1-4.

Freshman goalie Sara Ross recorded the shutout for PCA, which received goals from Abby Lorion (three), Katie Polera (three), Holly Johnson (two) and Ross (one). Karen Cleary (two), Lauren Beckett and Megan Polero all picked up assists for the winners.

"The girls are trying to learn a new system and they're doing a good job of picking it up," said first-year coach Bob Lorion. "The system is starting to work and we're starting to see results. Everyone played hard. It was a total team effort."

Warriors knock off Northville

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team held off a strong Northville rally Thursday afternoon and upended the Mustangs, 7-4, to improve its record to 4-1.

Northville (1-2) trailed 4-1 at the half before staging a resilient comeback to tie the game at 4-4. Undeterred, the Warriors scored the final three goals of the contest — two by Mitch French and one by Jared Ruark — to ice the victory. *

"I was happy with the way we responded after Northville tied the game," PCS coach Mike Costello said. "We maintained our focus and gave a great effort over the last nine minutes."

Ruark was an offensive juggernaut for PCS as the sopho-

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more found the back of the net four times.

John Groat tallied a single goal for the winners, who received assists from Nick Cote and Jeff Rork.

PCS goalie Chris Sorensen was solid in net, recording 16 saves — three of which came from point-blank range.

The host Mustangs outshot PCS, 32-31, and won 10 of the 15 face-offs.

On Tuesday, the Warriors blanked Grand Blanc, 6-0, behind three goals from Groat. Ryan Gubert, Joey Underwood and Cote added single goals for the winners. Ruark, Brad Obuchowski, Groat and Cote

were credited with assists.

"We played well on defense, especially when we were playing short-handed," Costello said.

The entire PCS defense was air-tight, especially goalie Chris Sorensen, who notched his second shutout of the season. Grand Blanc managed just 10 shots, only three of which were on net.

The Warriors earned the shutout despite the fact they played with two men down twice.

PCS outshot Grand Blanc, 35-10, and gained the advantage in seven of 10 face-offs.

The Warriors are set to host Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Tuesday before traveling to Troy to take on the Colts on Friday.

Shamrock team downs Pilots

BASEBALL

The pieces of the puzzle are fitting nicely so far this season for Redford Catholic Central's varsity baseball team.

Wednesday, the Shamrocks improved to 7-0 after taking 7-2 and 10-9 victories over Catholic League rival Warren DeLaSalle. According to head coach John Salter, the team is getting enough solid pitching and timely hitting to go along with reliable defense.

"Some games the pitching has been real strong," Salter said. "And in others, when the pitching hasn't been that strong the hitting has been. And our defense overall has been solid from the start. I like the balance."

Game one against the Pilots featured an excellent start by pitcher Bobby Henderson, who went the distance, scattering four hits and striking out nine.

A solo homer by Eric Simcox put the Shamrocks on the board in the third, but DeLaSalle bounced back with two in the fourth. But CC returned the favor with a three-run rally in the fifth.

Simcox (2-for-2, two RBI) tied the game with a single and Anthony Sabo doubled home Josh Szatkowski (who singled and went 2-for-4) and Sabo. A two-run single by Brian Kirkendall keyed a three-run seventh.

In the nightcap, the Shamrocks scored three times in the top of the seventh to eke out their one-run victory and make a winner out of starting pitcher Greg Marrone.

DeLaSalle staked an early 5-1 lead before CC scored twice in the fifth and four times in the sixth (on two-run homers by Sabo and Matt

Rodeghier) to take a 7-5 advantage.

But the Pilots regained the lead with four runs in the bottom half to set the stage for the winning rally.

Simcox doubled in two runs and Sabo scampered home from second base on an infield grounder off the bat of Rodeghier.

"Marrone stuck in there," Salter said. "He settled down until the sixth, but he stuck in there and it paid off for him with a win."

Szatkowski sparked an 11-hit attack, going 3-for-5 with an RBI. Eric Vojtkofsky went 2-4 with an RBI.

It was the second double-header sweep this season for CC. On April 9, the Shamrocks got past Lake Orion, 8-6 and 10-8.

Both Sabo and Rodeghier had a home run among four hits on the day and relief pitcher John Ballarin saved both games.

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CC track-and-field unit set to contend

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Other boys track and field teams in the Catholic League had better watch out for Redford Catholic Central.

Not only did nearly 100 athletes come out for the 2005 season, most of the top athletes stayed in town during spring break to hone their skills.

It is a prerequisite for Shamrocks longtime head coach Tony Magni, who is looking for his team to improve on last year's 3-2 record (third place and state runners-up at the regionals).

"We have a policy at Catholic Central is if you go to spring break you can't run for me," said Magni, starting his 32nd season as head coach. "It's a sacrifice to stay back (during) the break. The seniors are dedicated to having a good year and one way to do that is run during spring break."

All of the Shamrocks' 17 seniors followed through and were at practices during that last week of March.

Three of those seniors are hurdlers Brad Zygmuntowicz, Andy Reinel and Jose Cosme. Zygmuntowicz not only will compete in the 300- and 110-hurdles, he'll be part of the 800- and 1600-meter relay squads. Reinel also will see time on the 1600-meter relay as well as the long jump.

Many others will be anxious to get things going on the right foot.

In addition to the hurdles, Magni said the team is looking very strong in sprint and throwing events.

The leader of CC's sprinters is senior Mike Palombo, who finished fifth in the state regional last season. Palombo is expected to compete in the 100- and 200-meter dashes as well as the 400- and 800-meter relays.

"With Mike Palombo leading these kids, he also does a good job especially at practice leading them," Magni noted.

Another senior sprinter is

Not only did nearly 100 athletes come out for the 2005 season, most of the top athletes stayed in town during spring break to hone their skills.

Sonny Bilani. But Palombo mostly provides a role model for sophomore George Venious and freshman Ronnie Kadykowski who "is a pretty good freshman. He ran track in junior high."

Senior strongmen Jon Smart and fourth-year thrower Nick Barrett lead the shot-discus roster. Smart and Barrett threw 51-11 and 50-7, respectively, in the shot put; Barrett was Division 1 runner-up in the discus at last year's state meet, the coach said.

In distance events, senior Maxwell Working (third in the state regionals in the two-mile last year) will spark the Shamrocks. The cross country All-Stater is bouncing back from a foot injury and Magni said he has "run two good races already."

Also counted on for the distance events and relays are seniors Michael Kurtz, Greg Rost, juniors Mike Nienhaus and Jason Morad and freshman Zachary Oleski.

Oleski, according to Magni, is "one of the young runners to look up to for other young guys."

Catholic Central will be in good shape in the long jump with junior Steve Dowhan, who already reached 19-4 in an early season outing.

Sharing duties in the quarter-mile and mile-relays will be senior Alex Kobylarz and junior Rob Guglielmo.

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(GIRLS) CANTON 101
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 36
April 14 at Canton

Shot put: 1. Alyssa Scalera (C), 27 feet, 10 3/4 inches, 2. Ashley McClellan (C), 27-10 1/2 3 D'Angela Pitts (C) 27-8

Discus: 1 Lillian Dolley (WLW), 80-8 2 Reva Berman (WLW), 74-3, 3 Ashely McClellan (C), 78-2.

High Jump: 1 Meghan Matheny (C), 4-5, 2 (tie) Jess Novakowski (WLW) and Shannon Johnson (C), 4-2

Long jump: 1 Sumon Joyner (C), 14-9, 2 Carly Deitlin (WLW), 14-5, 3 Brittany McKinney (C), 13-9

Pole vault: 1. Mina Pirzadeh (C), 9-6, 2 Jess Novakowski (WLW) 7-6 3 Jessie Murray (C) 6-6

100-meter hurdles: 1. Mina Pirzadeh (C) 17.44, 2 Jessie Murray (C), 18.04, 3 Ray (WLW) 20.37

300 hurdles: 1. Mina Pirzadeh (C), 52.41, 2 Ray (WLW), 58.91, 3 Beth Pruitt (C), 58.89

100 dash: 1 Deitlin (WLW), 12.96, 2. Amber Lee (C), 13.58, 3 Brittany McKinney (C), 13.65

200: 1 Sumon Joyner (C), 27.95, 2 D'Angela Pitts (C), 28.25, 3 Deitlin (WLW), 28.66

400: 1 Michelle Lager (C), 1:06.78, 2. Carrie Hause (C), 1:09.81 3 Weeratunger (WLW) 1:14.62

800: 1 Kelly Bargowski (C), 2:36.60, 2 Wessel (WLW), 2:43.82, 3 Jennifer Thomas (C), 2:49.45

1,600: 1 Becky McCormack (C), 5:52.24; 2 Doherty (WLW), 5:56.39 3 Kelly Bargowski (C), 6:04.38

3,200: 1. Becky McCormack (C), 12.47.84, 2 Doherty (WLW), 12.51.13, 3 Annie Murphy (C), 13.00.27

4x100 relay: 1 Canton (McKinney, Davis, Pitts Joyner), 56.04 2 WLW 56.27 3 Canton, 58.61

4x200 relay: 1 Canton (Murray, McKinney, Pitts, Joyner), 1:54.80 2 Canton (Matheny, Schneider, Davis, Lee), 2:01.02 3 WLW 2:03.54

4x400 relay: 1 Canton (Lee, Hause, Maltby, Lager) 4:46.49 2 WLW 4:57.82 3 Canton, 5:06.38

(BOYS) CANTON 97,
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 40
April 14 at Canton

Shot put: 1. Kilcline (WLW), 44 feet, 1 1/2 inches 2. Ryan Jonik (C), 43-9 1/4; 3 Steve Paye (C), 40-0

Discus: 1 Kilcline (WLW), 137-5; 2 Steve Paye (C), 121-3; 3 Joe Zugaj (C), 116-10.

High Jump: 1. Steve Paye (C), 5-8; 2 Bowmar (WLW), 5-6; 3 Pete Boucher (C), 5-0

Long jump: 1 Andrew Rossow (C), 18-6, 2 Rodney Preston (C), 18-2 3/4, 3 Kassel (WLW) 17-1-0

Pole vault: 1. Derek Reeves (C) 11-0; 2 Gauthier (WLW), 10 0, 3 Doyle (WLW), 9-6

110-meter hurdles: 1 Rodney Preston (C), 15 0, 2 Morelli (WLW), 17 3, 3 Kroll (WLW), 18 1

300 hurdles: 1 Rodney Preston (C), 43 5 2 Pete Boucher (C) 45 1, 3 Kroll (WLW), 48 0

100 dash: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 11.1; 2 Kilcline (WLW), 11.1; 3 Dalton Walser (C) 11.7

200: 1 David Calille (C), 22 6, 2 Eric Piwowar (C) 23 3 3 Kevin Burette (C), 24.0

400: 1 Cyrus Azizi (C) 23 2 2 D'Angelo Pitts (C), 55 8, 3 Andrew Rossow (C), 55 9

800: 1 Eric Zech (C), 2 12 8, 2 Phaltiel Whitlock (C), 2 12 8 3 Kevin Rakovits (C), 2 13 5

1,600: 1 Bowmar (WLW), 4,46 2, 2 Eric Zech (C), 4,49 7 3. Deverteuil (WLW), 5 05 7

3,200: 1 J Aspinaw (WLW), 11 10 6, 2 Deverteuil (WLW), 11 21 6, 3 Charles Wolfe (C),

11 36.

4x100 relay: 1 Canton (Piwowar, Walser, Calille, Burette) 44.8, 2 WLW, 47.9

4x200 relay: 1 Canton (Rossow, Azizi, Preston, Calille), 1:33.1, 2 WLW, 1:42.2

4x400 relay: 1 Canton (Azizi, Masse! Norville, Pitts), 3:51 3 2 WLW, 4:00 7

4x800 relay: 1 Canton (Whitlock, Rakovits, Pitts, Dugan), 8:55 2 2 WLW, 8:55 4

(BOYS) WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 83,
SALEM 54
April 14 at Salem

Shot put: 1 Jon Marsh (S), 41-3 1/2, 2 White (WLC), 39-4, 3 Steve Kaptur (S), 38-5

Discus: 1 Jon Marsh (S), 133-10 (S), 2 Steve Kaptur (S) 124-8 3 Long (WLC) 122-1

High jump: 1 Atiyeh (WLC), 5-10; 2. Joseff (WLC), 5-10 3 Ken Norman (S), 5-8

Long jump: 1 Brian Rumao (S), 20-8 1/2, 2. Baze Efremov (S), 18-9 1/2, 3. Chrzanowski (WLC), 18-3 3/4

Pole vault: 1. Chrzanowski (WLC), 9-6; 2. Fralick (WLC), 9-0; 3 J.P. Truesdell (S), 9-0

110-meter hurdles: 1 Chrzanowski (WLC), 16.34, 2 Baze Efremov (S), 17.13, 3 Armstrong (WLC), 18.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Chrzanowski (WLC), 43.7, 2. Baze Efremov (S), 44.3; 3 J.P. Truesdell (S), 44.8

100 dash: 1 Rhodes (WLC), 11.54, 2 Nick Telenko (S), 11.97, 3 Stoola (WLC), 11.98

200: 1 Rhodes (WLC), 23 2 2 Brian Rumao (S), 23 8, 3 Nick Telenko (WLC), 24 4

400: 1 Tisdall (WLC), 53 6, 2 Joe Crist (S), 53 9, 3 Brad Sokolowski (S), 55 6

800: 1 Maxwell (WLC), 2:11 2 Bloss (WLC), 2:15, 3 Dave Maryanski (S), 2:16

1,600: 1 Maxwell (WLC), 4:40, 2 Alex Lumley (S), 4:50, 3 Dan Kapadia (S), 4:51

3,200: 1 Sanfilippo (WLC), 10:30 2 Jim Walsh (S), 10:43 3 Stevens (WLC) 10:44

4x100 relay: 1 WLC, 46 6 2 Salem (Steve Telenko, Nick Telenko, Brian Rumao, Brad Sokolowski), 47 1

4x200 relay: 1 Salem (Steve Telenko, Nick Telenko, Brian Rumao, Joe Crist), 1:39 8 2 WLC, 1:43

4x400 relay: 1 WLC, 3:42; 2 Salem (Brad Sokolowski, Justin Blazo, Jason Booms Joe Crist), 3:47

4x800 relay: 1 WLC, 8:55, 2 Salem (Dan Kapadia, Adam Kosteva Dave Maryanski, Scott Fysh) 9:15 5

(GIRLS) SALEM 111,
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 25
April 14 at Salem

Shot put: 1 Anna Wilson (S), 33-10; 2 Maggie Fisher (S), 29-3, 3 Niebel Aiteyh (WLC), 25-0

Discus: 1 Anna Wilson (S) 118-8, 2 Julia Brown (WLC) 78-2, 3 Jennie Jansen (S), 73-6

High jump: 1 Lynden Gault (S), 5 0 2 Lindsay Miles (S), 4-10; 3 Erin Freeman (S), 4-8

Long jump: 1 Kristin Campbell (WLC), 14-8, 2 Brittany Jones (S) 14-3, 3 Dannerker (WLC), 13-9

Pole vault: 1 Dannerker (WLC), 9-6, 2 Allie Vraniak (S), 9-0

110-meter hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang (S), 16.5, 2 Kristin Campbell (WLC), 16.87 3. Katerina Cope (S), 18.01

300 hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang (S), 50.01, 2. Dana Eldred (S), 52.6 3 Katerina Cope (S), 54.5

100 dash: 1 Kristin Campbell (WLC), 12.92, 2 Lindsay Miles (S), 13.75 3 Trineja Vojcek (S) 14.0

200: 1 Brittany Lockhart (S), 27.2, 2

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Lynden Gault (S), 27.7, 3 Lindsay Miles (S), 28.4.

400: 1 Kristin Campbell (WLC), 1:05 2, 2 Katie White (S), 1:06 2, 3 Erin Freeman (S) 1:09 4

800: 1 Laura Friedman (S), 2:29 2 Allison Janda (S) 2:35 3 Katie Shull (S), 2:38

1,600: 1 Lauren Kane (S), 5:43, 2 Chelsea Baldwin (S), 5:58, 3 Nichole Widak (S) 6:07

3,200: 1 Hannah Cavicchio (S), 12:04, 2 Lauren Kane (S), 12:24 3 Chelsea Baldwin (S), 13:24.

4x100 relay: 1 Salem (Dana Eldred, Alyssa Cercone, Katerina Cope, Caroline Heaney), 55 6 2 WLC, 58 3

4x200 relay: 1 Salem (Lindsey Miles Allie Vraniak, Brittany Lockhart Lynden Gault), 1:53; 2 WLC, 2:09 9

4x400 relay: 1 Salem, 4:30, 2 WLC, 5:00

4x800 relay: 1 Salem (Laura Friedman, Hannah Cavicchio Allison Janda, Marissa Carpinelli), 10:27; 2 WLC 12:02

(GIRLS) LIVONIA FRANKLIN 81,
PLYMOUTH 59
April 14 at Livonia Franklin

Shot put: 1. Whalen (LF), 34 feet, 10 1/4 inches; 2. Houdy (LF), 34-9 3/4; 3 James (LF), 31-6

Discus: 1 Whalen (LF), 99-5 2 Lovell (LF), 84-8 3/4; 3 James (LF), 82-0

High jump: 1 Supplee (LF) 5-6, 2 Brittany Petty (P), 5-0, 3 Kmet (F), 4-10

Long jump: 1 Wilson (LF), 15-9, 2 Lynett (LF), 14-10, 3 Courtney Powell (P), 14-9 3/4

Pole vault: 1 Yockey (LF) 8-0 2 Courtney Mack (P), 7-10

110-meter hurdles: 1 Lynette (LF) 18.28, 2 Chrystien Guyton (P), 19.20, 3 Passino (LF), 19.57

300 hurdles: 1 Brittany Petty (P) 49.51 2 Lynette (LF), 50.54, 3 Owens (LF), 55.7

100 dash: 1 Breanna Wallace (P) 13.47 2 Kinshasa Lynah (P) 13.66, 3 Montgomery (LF) 13.86

200: 1 Wilson (LF), 27.90 2 Supplee (LF) 28.40, 3 Breanna Wallace (P), 29.03

400: 1 Allisa Vint (P) 1:06.98, 2 Haw (LF) 1:09.97, 3 Kinshasa Lynah (P) 1:11.73

800: 1 Janet Hanchett (P), 2:31.92; 2 Jackie Beeler (P), 2:37.29, 3. Marshall (LF) 2:40.46

1,600: 1 Miliken (LF), 5.53, 2 Amy Ostrowski (P), 6:04 3 Reisen (LF), 6:22

3,200: 1 Sarah Sherwood (P), 12.45 2 Amy Ostrowski (P), 12.54; 3 Franklin.

4x100 relay: 1 Franklin, 52.95, 2 Plymouth (Breanna Wallace Courtney Powell, Chrysten Guyton Kinshasa Lynah), 54.56

4x200 relay: 1 Franklin, 1:54.04 2 Plymouth (Courtney Mack, Allisa Vint, Jennifer Bielak, Stephanie Okola), 1:57.45

4x400 relay: 1 Plymouth (Allisa Vint, Brittany Petty Karen Okola, Stephanie Okola) 4:40.48

4x800 relay: 1 Plymouth (Jackie Beeler, Sarah Sherwood, Karen Okola, Janet Hanchett), 10:47.2, 2 Franklin, 11:06.7

PLYMOUTH 70
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 67
April 14 at Franklin

Shot put: Jon Whaley (LF), 46 feet, 6 inches

discus: Chris Boellerud (LF), 125-9; high jump: Cameron Scharchburg (P), 6-0, long jump: Givens (LF), 18 9, pole vault: Jeremy Peer (LF), 11-0, 110-meter hurdles: Nate Gholston (P), 16.1, 300 hurdles: Gholston (P), 44.1, 100 dash: D J Coleman (P), 11.62 200: Coleman (P), 23.65, 400: Josh LeDuc (P), 54.3, 800: Jim Magill (P) 2:17.97 1,600: Anthony Scaparo (P), 5:00 5 3,200: Scaparo (P), 10:49.8, 400 relay: Plymouth 45.8, 800 relay: Franklin (Anthony Farthing, Cole Kelly, James Kelly, Darius Williams) 1:35.8 1,600 relay: (Justin Bending, Tommy Hartley, Dan Chynoweth Tim Gault), 3:49.4 3,200 relay: Plymouth, 9:10.6

Franklin 2nds: Alan Culbertson, 110 hurdles (16.3) 300 hurdles (45.0), Williams, 100 dash (11.7) Michael Kraitovich 1,600 (5:07.3) 3,200 (10:51.5) Gault 400 (54.7) Elliot Smith 800 (2:20.3) C Kelly, 200 (23.9), Steve Rimmer high jump (5-6) Bending long jump (18-3) 3rds: Travis Canyock 110 hurdles (17.4), J Kelly 100 (12.3), Chynoweth, high jump (5-3), Whaley, discus (122.1)

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FoMoCo League secretary Griffiths is on a roll

It's the job of the league secretary to send in the award scores to the local association office, which in turn, forwards them on to the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) for processing in order to be eligible for the national awards.



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

by bowling the honor scores himself.

On March 24, Griffiths reported his own 297 followed by a 296/755 on March 31, and a 300 game on April 7.

That is Jim's third certified perfect game.

When asked to explain the reason for this recent hot streak, Griffiths said: "A little more oil on the lanes."

Earlier this season, Griffiths rolled a 271 game, a rather odd score.

Meanwhile, Mark Carr just received his 300 ring from the American Bowling Congress after he had his perfect several weeks ago.

League secretaries are provided award forms which indicate what scores are rewarded with designated prizes ranging from pins and patches to rings, pen sets, plaques and watches.

The 2005 Women's International Bowling Congress

tournament is underway in Tulsa, Okla. with nearly 40,000 bowlers competing along with 425 teams from Michigan.

The WIBC event has an international flavor, with competitors from every state in the U.S. along with England, Japan, Bermuda and Canada.

It is the world's largest participatory sporting event for women.

Other future WIBC tourney sites include Reno, Nev. (2006), Charlotte, N.C. (2007) and Detroit (2008).

I'm amazed at how many league bowlers do not have a clue when it comes to using the automatic scorers.

Ed Wright of Farmington Hills, director of the Sunday Youth Classic (SYC) is familiar with every brand of scorekeeping machines.

"They are just simple com-

puters and it is an easy process once you get the hang of it," Wright said. "Many older folks feel intimidated by computers and are afraid of making an error that would wipe all the data out. But don't worry about that. The counter has the main computer base and all data is held there and the counter person can restore whatever may become lost."

When you are setting up the team lineups, use the START button and follows each step, be sure to hit ENTER after each selection.

If play is handicapped, figure out what it is and enter that information in the START mode.

During league play, if there is an error in scoring, press CORRECTION and follow the step-by-step instructions.

If a bowler bowls out of turn

or on the wrong lane, it is also easily corrected.

A more common application is incorrect pinfall - when a ball jumps out of the channel and knocks down the corner pin. That pin must be entered as a miss and it requires a simple correction for that frame.

Most of the automatic scorers in our area are made by Brunswick, but others include as AMF and Qubica.

The basics are the same for all of them, just follow along with the various prompts as shown.

Practice makes perfect, and when you get in some extra bowling practice time during spring and summer, it's O.K. to get some extra practice in using the automatic scoring systems.

Learn the system and you will enjoy the game much more.

Ed Wright is also especially

proud of one of his SYC travel league bowlers, 11-year-old T.J. Centers, a student at Tyler Elementary School who recently rolled his first 300 game during SYC competition at Ford Lanes.

This youngster has a real bowling future in store, now averaging 189 in league play, which is usually more difficult than just bowling on your home lanes week after week.

Just in case you are wondering how someone so young can be that good, T.J. has been getting his coaching from Aleta Still and Michelle Mullen at Country Lanes.

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.

Crusader men put on a hitting show

Madonna University pounded out 26 hits and scored 24 runs to win both games of a baseball double-header Thursday against host Tiffin (Ohio) University at Heminger Field, 12-10 and 12-11.

MU, ranked No. 18 in the latest NAIA poll, is 24-9 overall. Tiffin falls to 17-17.

The first game went nine innings as the Crusaders scored three times in the top of the ninth thanks to fielder's choice RBI by Kellen Fry and RBI singles by Joe Greene and David Herrick (Livonia Churchill).

Second baseman Matt

Gorske paced the Crusader hitting attack, going 3-for-6 with two RBI. First baseman Todd Kalmbach added two hits and three RBI, while Greene and Herrick added two apiece.

The Crusaders used four pitchers with Scott Miller, who went the final three and allowed three runs on six hits, getting the win.

Ryan Rammel went 3-for-3 with a pair of walks to lead Tiffin. Matt Jennings added two hits and three RBI.

Freshman reliever Jason Dunfee took the loss.

In the second game, Greene and Dan Miller each went 3-

for-5 with a pair of RBI to give MU the one-run victory.

Fry and Jason Barbeau each added two hits, while Herrick knocked in two runs.

Chris Rothwell paced Tiffin with four hits in five trips to the plate. Eric Serian, Brad Stelzer, Jennings and Rhett Adams added two each.

Westland John Glenn's Will Kennedy, who got the final out to stop a 2-run rally in the bottom of the eighth, earned the victory. Mike Hand started followed by Paul Hays and Kyle Fedorka. Tiffin sent the game into extra innings on Stelzer's RBI single.

Brockert HR lifts Madonna softball team

The first game was a 2-hour and 48-minute slugfest, the second ended in darkness as the host Madonna University women's softball team swept both ends of double-header Friday from Cornerstone University, 8-6 and 4-2.

MU improved to 17-10 overall and 7-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, while Cornerstone slipped to

14-9-1 and 4-5-1. Pitcher Erin Brockert clubbed the game-winning, 2-run homer with one-out in the bottom of the 10th inning to clinch the victory in Game No. 1. The Dayton, Ohio native survived a 16-hit Cornerstone attack to

improved to 10-2 on the year. She struck out five, walked two and allowed four earned runs.

Brockert also went 4-for-6

with three RBI. Third baseman Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood) went 4-for-6 with one RBI, while left fielder Mary Warchuck went 3-for-5 with an RBI. Krystal Shina (Farmington Hills Mercy) added two hits. Barb Korim, Jessica Dood, Lauren Jones and Jill Peterson each collected three hits for the Golden Eagles.

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Respect boyfriend, but also be true to yourself

I've been dating my boyfriend for almost two years, but recently I started having feelings for this other guy at school. We've been talking a lot and he says he feels the same way about me. I don't know what to do, because I feel really guilty about breaking up with my current boyfriend. Is it always this difficult to break up with someone? What should I do? Guilty Conscience in Canton, 17

OK, so you're feeling guilty, because you are cheating on him emotionally, right? Well, break up with him before you hurt him even more! Be true to your feelings and have some respect for your boyfriend that you've been with for two years. You're absolutely right, he will be hurt, but he, too, will get over it and move on. I would talk with your boyfriend immediately before he finds out from someone else. If you're honest with him you salvage a friendship!

Obviously prom is coming up and all of my friends are going with dates. I don't have a date yet, and am worried no one is going to ask me. I have this one friend in mind, but I'm too scared to ask him. How can I ask him without putting him on the spot? Dateless in Livonia, 16

Well, you have a few choices. Either ask your friend to go to prom with you, wait until someone asks you, or stay home that night! If I were you, I'd pick choice one! If your friend does not have a date yet, I'm sure you won't be putting him on the spot, just ask him! He will probably be relieved that you asked him. Believe it or not, guys also have the same anxiety about prom and asking a friend. Give him a call, or talk to him at lunch about it in a casual way. Let him know it is just a friend thing, no pressure and to get back with you about it when he makes a decision. Don't take it personally if he says he doesn't want to go, because he may have his own reasons for not going, such as money or something more personal. If he does say "No" then talk to some other people who are going stag and go with them!

I'm so mad at my mom and dad because they aren't letting me go to the after prom party with all of my friends. My friends have rooms at a hotel and are going to have a party after prom. How do I get my parents to let me go? The After Party in Westland, 16

Your parents are worried about your safety and you can't change that! I highly doubt that you can say anything to change their minds about this. After parties can often be very dangerous and the activities, such as drinking are other things are illegal for you're your age! Here's a novel idea; go to a nice dinner then to prom, have a great time with your friends and your date and come home at a reasonable hour that is agreed on! Why don't you plan an activity for the next day, such as Cedar Pointe or an all day barbecue. This way you can have some good, clean fun with your friends and you make your parents happy at the same time! I know, it's not the answer you were looking for from me, but it is the safe one! It is not the after party that you remember in the years to come, but the actual prom that stays with you for a lifetime!

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Amazon doctor

From India to Peru, ER physician is a man on a mission

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Jeff Chapman thinks of thousands of dead children every time he looks at his photograph of a sandal washed up on the shore of Chennai, India. Chapman couldn't help them when the tsunami hit the southern east coast, but as a medical doctor he could treat the injured the giant tidal wave left behind when it hit on Dec. 26. He just didn't realize they would be so grateful for his coming.

From sunrise to sunset, Chapman and a team of 15, including his wife, Carolyn, saw nearly 200 people a day during their two-week stay in March. They stood in lines for hours without complaining, which isn't always the case in the emergency center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital where he works.

People were desperate for someone to tend to their broken bones, pneumonia, respiratory infections, internal parasites, leprosy, and tuberculosis. It bothers him that he wasn't able to travel to Chennai sooner. If he had been there shortly after people were dashed against the rubble, he could have splinted their broken bones and it would have changed their lives. One little boy especially haunts him. He will never be able to bend his arm again.

EYE-OPENER

Hurt and sick children and adults are the reason Chapman became a doctor, but it was his first medical mission trip 12 years ago that led him to solicit donations to continue his work in the Third World. Since then he's made 42 trips to 20 countries. Helping others is never far from his mind. Even his e-mail address - amazondr@aol.com - spells out his priority.

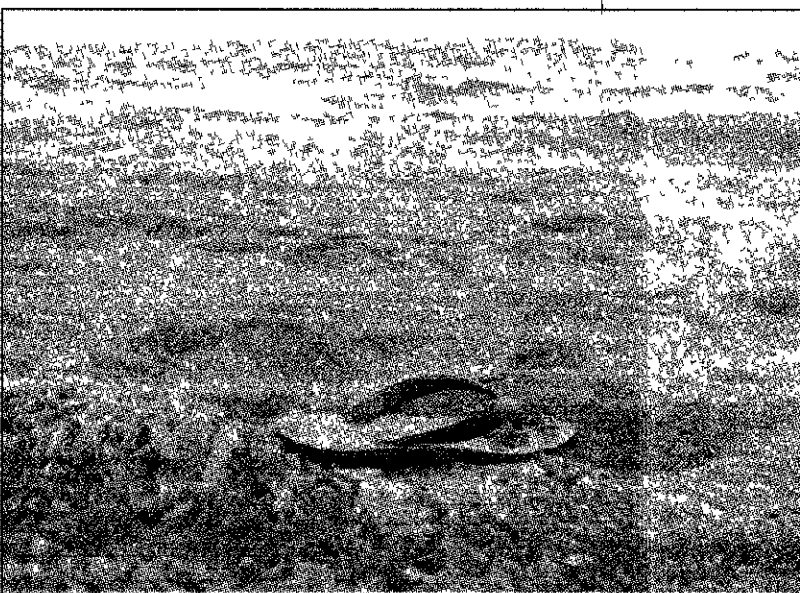
"The sandals are still being washed ashore," said Chapman. "Some bodies were swept all the way to Sri Lanka. Locals estimate 69,000 died while official estimates say 8,000 to 9,000. The Daliks or lower caste, the poorest of the poor, used to be called the untouchables. They're not worthy of care. There are no records so no way to tell how many died."

"I took 1,000 pictures. The sandals are everywhere and you figure that was a little kid sucked out to sea."

Those that did survive needed help. Chapman and his team saw a



Dr. Jeff Chapman (center) was surprised by the reception he received on his medical mission trip to Chennai, India. Here he was greeted by the children and adults of one village with leis.



Dr. Jeff Chapman can't forget the thousands of sandals which were left on the shore of Chennai, India. His photograph tells the story of those who died when the tsunami hit.

total of 2,500 people during their stay in India.

SEASHORE CLINICS

"We set up clinics along the seashore," said Chapman. "They're not getting any help. The tsunami brought water up on the shore that covered the wells with salt water, and destroyed all but a few of the fishing boats and nets. The villages lived on fish. A net only costs \$150. The world is raising millions but they're starving because they don't have a fishing net that costs \$150."

Even before the tsunami hit, people were living in conditions that would be considered substandard in the U.S. Still, Chapman says, he was touched by the generosity of the people who were living in mud huts with thatched roofs. In each

village, their first contact was the pastor who "had nothing but gave us everything they had."

"My first couple of trips I came home to counter culture shock. You're going from a person living in squalor but giving you anything they can to coming home to stereos, cars, the philosophy that happiness is what you own. Each trip is a reality check. Where do you get your happiness? It's what you can do for somebody else."

Chapman is grateful for his wife and children Joshua, 4, and Daniel, 22 months. As mission director of his church, Stewart Road Christian Ministry Center in Monroe, he'll continue to set up medical trips. He's hoping to speak with groups here so he can acquire more supplies.

Chapman is a man on a mission. He networks with different relief organizations like Samaritan's Purse and Technical Exchange of Christian Health Care, and the staff at St. Mary to fill carry-on suitcases with supplies and medications.

"We're adopting these areas, going back time and again," said Chapman. "Sometimes they have a clinic and a doc but no meds. We brought a couple hundred thousand dollars worth of medicine which we either used or left behind. Ninety to 95 percent we were able to treat with the medicines we brought. For the others we left instructions. There's still a lot of need. Orphanages need toothbrushes and toothpaste."

"It was all volunteers who went. There are a lot of people who want to make a difference. It's my responsibility to get others involved."

Shortly after arriving home on March 19, Chapman left for the Amazon Medical Missions, a three-story river boat that brings care to people living along the river in Peru. There his team treated 1329 patients in 10 days.

Dr. Michael Calice is amazed by the caring doctor on his staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

"I think it's a wonderful thing that he does," said Calice, director of the emergency center.

"He gives himself to the world, gives medical care for people who really need it. I'm impressed by the guy."

"He brought me back a shell and the photo of the sandal. My daughters and I framed them. It brings back that piece of history and reminds us to be thankful for everything we have."

Freecycle site makes it easier on the environment

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Walker looks out her window and sees the landfill on Michigan Avenue growing bigger and bigger. But since January, she's been adding much less to it. That's when she joined Western Wayne Freecycle.

Freecycle is made up of more than a million people around the world who give each other items that they can no longer use. Every day, the western Wayne group posts on an Internet user board items such as clothing, appliances, books, furniture - those things that people no longer can use but just have too much life in them to throw away.

"It made no sense to me that people spend so much money on stuff, and at the same time they keep throwing things into the dump," Walker said.

That's why the group was formed by just 30 people in

Arizona, just about two years ago on May 1, 2003. There are now more than one million members in 60 countries.

Just about a year ago, on May 19, 2004, Westland resident Bridget Jarvis helped form the western Wayne group. The western Wayne group now has nearly 2,900 members, and in the past seven days has generated some 360 messages about things to give away, things that people need, and things that have found new homes.

She was introduced to Freecycle by her mother, and her very first experience with it was when she was able to go dig up hundreds of dollars worth of perennials from a freecycler's yard and plant them in her own.

"That's what really got me into the idea of Freecycle," Jarvis said.

GIVING AWAY

Since then Jarvis, like most freecyclers, has given away far

more than she's received, but that's the whole point of membership, she said.

"The coolest thing I was able to freecycle was when I gave away a dog cage to a dad who finally relented and let his kid have a dog. That was pretty neat," she said.

But she's also given away unlikely treasures like mismatched socks, to one Freecycle member who takes them to make catnip toys.

"I rescued two projectors from the Dumpster here, and gave them to a guy who had just started to go through his grandparents' reel-to-reel films. He wrote and said how it was so great that he could finally see his grandparents in their home movies," said Canton resident Amy Gridley, who volunteers on the Freecycle board.

The volunteers help screen new members and screen posts for appropriateness (all items must be legal, totally free with



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Colette Maher of Livonia, Bridget Jarvis of Westland and Amy Gridley of Canton are all coordinators for Western Wayne Freecycle, an Internet recycling group with more than 2,600 members.

no strings attached and must be appropriate for all ages).

Colette Maher of Livonia joined last summer, not so much to clear out her basement and garage, but to keep usable items out of landfills. In all, it's estimated that Freecycle keeps some 50 tons per day out of landfills.

"I did it more for the Earth than anything else. I would drive

down the street and see so much stuff on the curb. I thought somewhere, someone must be able to use it," she said.

Mary Weishaar-Wall of Canton joined for the usual reason - to help neighbors find things they need, and to clear out the basement.

"To dust off that box in the

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corner of the basement, waiting for the yard sale that never materialized, and hand it to a smiling person is just terrific," she said. "You win two ways - less clutter in your own home, happy neighbor."

Her favorite experience by far, though, was giving away her wedding dress.

"It was never going to be worn again, being several sizes too small, and my sons weren't going to want it when they were older. What to do with it?" Weishaar-Wall said. "We weren't going to give it to a charity or sell it at a yard sale. It had too much personal meaning."

She considered donating it to a theater group, but then joined Freecycle. One of the people who replied was a man looking for a

dress for his fiancée. Weishaar-Wall responded to him, and after a brief volley of e-mails, he took the dress.

"She loved the dress," she said. "(She) e-mailed to say that the dress required only a few alterations and that she would treasure it forever. Even if it is the last thing we successfully Freecycle, it was a tremendous experience to give away something so personal to someone we felt appreciated maybe even more than we did."

Redford resident Tina England found something even better on Freecycle - she found the latest addition to her family, a 2-year-old German short-haired pointer named Carly.

The family who offered her was picky, as they should be, England said. They exchanged e-mail and phone calls, and when England finally met Carly, it was love at first sight.

"A day later they brought her to our home to introduce her to our 13-year-old yellow lab, Jack. They got along great," England said. "It for us was a perfect fit. We love her so much. My husband and I have said it's like she's always been here."

If there is a downside to Freecycle, it's that the group has grown so fast that sometimes it's hard to be a receiver, Walker said.

"You can give stuff away really easy, but getting stuff is pretty hard," she said. "Sometimes I think you better have the best story out there. People are bombarded with these sob stories. And the one with the saddest story is the person who gets the stuff."

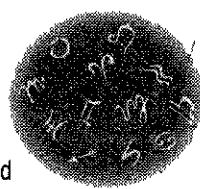
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(April 17 - April 20)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Ever get that eerie feeling you've taken a wrong turn? There will certainly be times over the coming days now with four planets in Aries when you wish you were somewhere else. But stick it out, Ram, because good things are just around the corner, kiddo!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

There is so much busy-ness taking place in the heavens at the moment as the Sun enters your sign Tuesday night that you may be wondering if you have made a serious misjudgment. You haven't, Bull. Never forget that every worthwhile accomplishment has its states of drudgery and triumph.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The buildup of planetary activity in the fire element now denotes that you are neither as confident nor in control of your emotions as you pretend to be. You must find an outlet for your feelings, but think long and hard before you act, twin - otherwise you could end up paying a price you can ill afford.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Although you might find it hard to believe, current planetary influences are exactly what you need to break down barriers and make real - as opposed to superficial - progress. Also, Tuesday's Sun entering Taurus indicates that there are sound practical and financial reasons why the time has come to streamline your budget.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

With five planets in your element over the next several days, you may feel that you can take on any challenge and win, but that doesn't mean you must go looking for trouble. If you upset people in positions of power this week, they're unlikely to forgive and forget.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You were born under one of the most productive and astute signs of the zodiac. Therefore, you must surely realize that this is not the time to push too hard when dealing with either financial matters or affairs of the heart. Also, that to expect life to be tailored to your specifications is to invite frustration.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

You may pride yourself on your self-control and independence, but there are still times when you need a shoulder to cry on. Planetary influences in your opposite birth sign are giving you the chance to share a problem. A display of emotion isn't always a sign of weakness - it's often the opposite.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Now you can afford to distance yourself from certain people who have been trying your patience or wasting your time. Forceful planetary activity in your opposite sign will enable you to go far and fly high in the days ahead. Don't let yourself be deterred by a personality clash around the 23rd.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Archers have never been better placed to achieve success or recognition. This week's positive celestial influences at the vital money area of your solar chart mean that whatever you want badly enough can now be yours! If others show disappointment, that's their problem!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Sudden changes are likely this week with the Sun entering your element, but they're changes that, in the long-run, could end up working in your favor, so don't fight them. This could be one of those rare occasions when something that appears to be negative turns out to be positive.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

There are a lot of rather nice things going on in your life at the moment, and, being the suspicious sort, you're no doubt wondering what the catch is, WaterBearer. Get away from that sort of thinking, kid. See the best in everything and all good things will come your way.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

There's really no such thing as luck, Fish. (And you've been feeling UN-lucky lately, right?) All of us create our own good or bad fortune according to the way we think. If you think only positive thoughts, only positive things will happen. Too good to be true? Try it and see.

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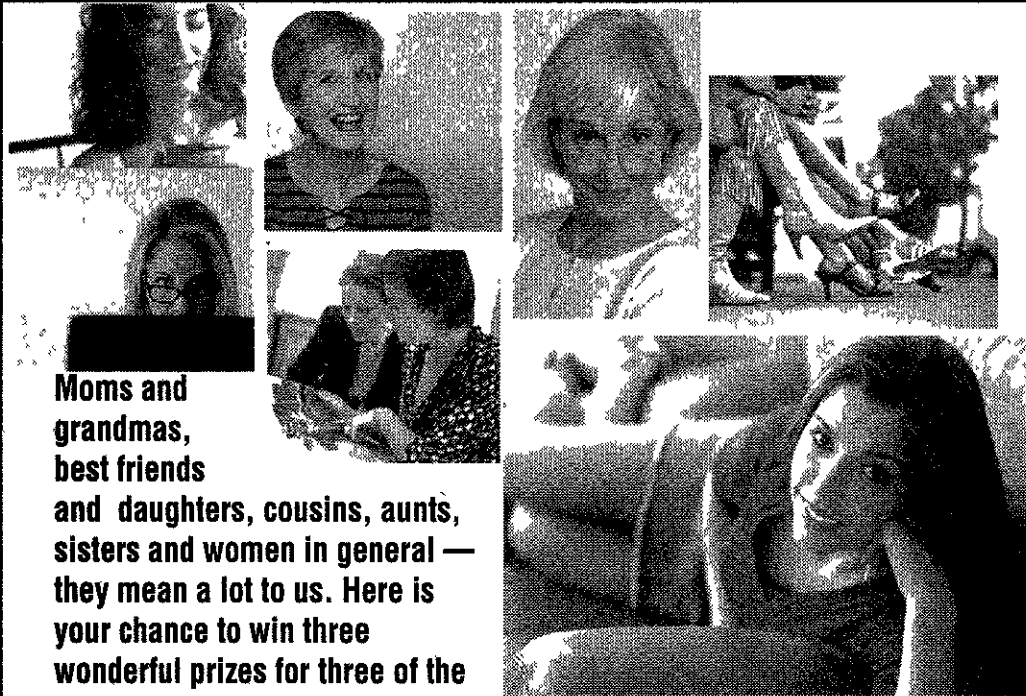
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**Odom-Washington**

Mr. and Mrs. William Odom of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Ann Odom, to Barry Graham Washington.

Joyce is a former resident of Plymouth. She is a graduate of the London School of Economics and runs her own events management company, The Hidden Host Pte Ltd in Singapore.

Her fiancé, Barry, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Washington of Southern Africa. He is a graduate of Macquarie University. He is a project manager for Controllers at Deutschebank in Singapore.

Barry and Joyce are planning a June wedding in Bali, Indonesia. They will honeymoon in South Africa and Mozambique and will make their new home in Singapore.

**Ignasiak-Warren**

Michael and Connie Ignasiak of New Baltimore announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Marie, to Andrew Joseph Warren of Canton.

Nancy is a 2003 graduate of Anchor Bay High School. She is currently attending Baker College and works at Marshall Field's.

Her fiancé, Andrew, is the son of Harold and Jackie Warren of Bath Springs, Tenn. and Lewis and Lisa Stewart. He is a 2003 graduate of Canton High School. He is employed by E & E Manufacturing Co.

Andrew and Nancy are planning a July wedding at Chalet Mountain Wedding Chapel. They are honeymooning in Gatlinburg, Tenn. and will be making their new home in New Baltimore.

Fedor-Van Schoick

Sarah Fedor of Plymouth and the late Steven Fedor announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Eileen, to Rick James Van Schoick.

Amy is a graduate of Gabriel Richard High School, Indiana University and the University of Michigan. She is currently employed as a juvenile probation officer for the City of Wayne.

Her fiancé, Rick, is the son of Larry and Karin Van Schoick of Nokomis, Fla. He moved to Michigan in 2003. He is a graduate of Venice High School in Florida. He is employed as a quality-safety coordinator for the Deburring Company in Livonia.

Rick and Amy are planning a June wedding at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

**Stafford-Peterson**

Sharon Cabrerros of Canton and the late William Stafford announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Anne Stafford, to Clark Allen Peterson of Portage, Mich.

Kimberly is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as a buyer and golf shop manager at The Moors Golf Club. Her fiancé, Clark, is the son of Sheri and George Peterson of Champaign, Ill. He is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University. He is the PGA director of golf and general manager at The Moors Golf Club. Clark and Kimberly are planning an October wedding at Yarrow Golf Resort in Augusta, Mich. They will be making their new home in Portage, Mich.

**Hughes-Mitchell**

Timothy Hughes and Sharon Bommarrito of Lansing announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Erin Hughes, to Gregory Mitchell.

Emily is a graduate of Lansing Eastern High School and University of Michigan. She currently attends the University of Illinois College of Law. Her fiancé, Gregory, is the son of Steven and Barbara Mitchell of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and the University of Michigan. He is currently attending the University of Illinois College of Law. Gregory and Emily are planning an August wedding at Portage Point Inn in Onehama, Mich.

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FICTION

1. "Revenge of the Sith," Matthew Stover
2. "Ya-Yas in Bloom," Rebecca Wells
3. "Honeymoon," James Patterson
4. "The Rising," Tim LaHaye
5. "Saturday," Ian McEwan

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

PARENT'S CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Splash, Joshua, Splash," Malachy Doyle
2. "What Does My Teddy Bear Do All Day?" Bruno Hachler
3. "Bing, Something for Daddy," Ted Dewan
4. "Soon Baboon, Soon," Dave Horowitz
5. "My Mom," Anthony Browne

Use of illegal drugs is a family affair

Parents who use illegal drugs, abuse alcohol and use tobacco put half the nation's children – more than 35 million of them – at greater risk of substance abuse and of physical and mental illnesses, according to a new 81-page white paper, *Family Matters: Substance Abuse and the American Family*, released by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University on March 29, 2005.

The CASA report finds:

■ 13 percent of children under 18 live in a household where a parent or other adult uses illicit drugs.

■ 24 percent of children live in a household where a parent or other adult is a binge or heavy drinker.

■ 37 percent of children live in a household where a parent or other adult uses tobacco.

"Kids don't read their parents' lips, they watch their parents' actions. That's what makes the findings in the paper such a tragedy," said Joseph A. Califano Jr., CASA's chairman and president and former U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. "Children of substance abusing parents are much likelier to become substance abusers themselves. The good news is that parents who behave responsibly – who don't smoke, abuse alcohol or use illegal drugs – have a positive influence on their children, steering them away from substance abuse."



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

"If substance abusing parents are not concerned about what drugs, alcohol and tobacco are doing to themselves, they should be concerned about the ill effects they have on their children," said Califano. "This should serve as a powerful incentive for parents to seek the treatment they need."

A new report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration finds inhalant use by 12- and 13-year-olds to be a marker for future drug use and delinquent behavior. That is in addition to the immediate risk posed by products often inhaled by youngsters, including glue, shoe polish, and paints and paint thinners, which can cause cardiac arrest or "sudden sniffing death." The SAMHSA report cites data from the 2002 and 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, which show that young people ages 12 or 13 who used inhalants were six times as likely as non-users to have stolen or tried to steal items worth more than \$50.

In a second study, the Partnership for Drug-Free America said parents generally do not know their children

are inhaling and not talking to their children about inhalants – only 4 percent of parents of sixth- to eighth-graders believe their children have tried inhalants, while 22 percent of sixth- to eighth-graders report having tried them.

Some students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) take the stimulant methylphenidate (Ritalin). Now other students have been using Ritalin to get high, complete a big project, or reduce their appetite. Abusing or overdosing on Ritalin can backfire and cause serious symptoms including high blood pressure, irregular heart beat, mood changes, hallucinations, seizures, uncontrolled movements, and vomiting. If your teen is on prescription medication, closely monitor the dosing regimen. Explain the legal consequences and health dangers of sharing their pills or taking someone else's medications.

Taking Ritalin when it is not prescribed can cause major health problems.

The topics of this column are very serious ones. Talk with your teen's school counselor or your family doctor if you suspect your teen may be using tobacco, alcohol or drugs. Above all, talk to your son or daughter. You may need referral help. Common Ground, a crisis center in Birmingham, at (800) 231-1127 is a good place to start.

For more information, see *Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives* by Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D. (Bridge Communications Inc., 2000, \$14.95, (800) 808-9314). This award-winning book has chapters on adolescent risk-taking behaviors.

To download a free copy of the report *Family Matters: Substance Abuse and the American Family* go to the "publications" section of www.casacolumbia.org. Hard copies of the report can also be ordered online for \$22.00 or by calling (212) 841-5200.

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 her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. Last week's column was "Listen up, kids: Less self-centeredness needed." All of her columns for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will be available shortly on www.bridge-comm.com.

Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., the mother of five professionals, is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health, and health publications. She is the author of a widely used text and parenting book *Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives*. Write to her in care of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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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.

Walk and Roll expo

The Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living hosts its fourth-annual Walk and Roll Expo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Field House. The event raises funds for the AACIL's Youth Services and the agency's mission - to improve quality of life for people with disabilities. Congressman John Dingell is the guest speaker. The event features live music, entertainment, games, relay races, food and a children's area. Participants are encouraged to collect at least \$25 in donations, which nets them a free T-shirt and a raffle ticket toward great prizes. For more information, call (734) 971-0277, Ext. 16.

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

Doctor communications

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a "Let's Talk" presentation called "Communicating with your Doctor" from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 in the hospital's auditorium. The presentation focuses on tips for good communication, getting started with a new doctor, how to discuss health issues, involving family and friends and other topics. The presentation is free, but registration is required. To register, or for more information, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Motherless workshop

Arbor Hospice & Home Care announces its "THE MEMORY IN THE MIRROR: Daughters Reflecting on Motherless" workshop. The workshop takes place from 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville. The workshop is one of many bereavement programs offered by Arbor Hospice & Home Care to assist individuals and their families through the process of grief. This workshop is free of charge and open to all members of the community. As space is limited, early registration is encouraged. To register or for more information, contact BraveHeart Grief Center at (248) 449-8232, or visit Web sites at www.arborhospice.org or braveheartofmichigan.org

Alzheimer's benefit

On May 6-7, Bankers Life and Casualty Company holds its third-annual "Forget Me Not Days" fund-raiser to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. An estimated 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's. Bankers' fund-raiser will raise community awareness of this debilitating disease and contribute to the Alzheimer's Association's research and support efforts. The Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The Alzhimers Association-Greater Michigan Chapter, Metro Detroit Region, receives 100 percent of the funds collected from this event. During these two days, Bankers employees, agents, families and friends will be collecting monetary donations in neighborhoods throughout the Metro Detroit area. Volunteers will be easily distinguished in green aprons with official Forget-Me-Not flower seeds. Bankers Life and Casualty Company will also be hosting an open house and barbeque at their building at 13602 Merriman Road in Livonia on Saturday, May 7, for anyone who would like to bring donations directly into the office. Contact Todd Polk at Bankers Life at todd.polk@bankerslife.com with any further questions.

'Heart of a Woman'

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia offers a presentation on women and heart disease, "The Heart of a Woman," from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4 at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark. Speaker will be Ginger Ramsay, RN, of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Free blood pressure, cholesterol, stroke and bone density screenings will be offered, as well as babysitting services. Exhibits on women's health will be available, and a St. Mary Mercy dietician will be on hand to answer questions. Registration is required by April 29. To register, or for more information, call (734) 655-8950.

Fibromyalgia workshop

The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free fibromyalgia workshop at the Carl Sandburg Library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4. To register for the workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

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 11121 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.

Mental health program

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Public Education Program will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 9 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. Dr. Stephan Taylor, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan, will speak about "Schizoaffective Disorder, What is it Really?" Free and open to the public. NAMI may be reached at (734) 994-6611.

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 Novo-Nordisk, 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.

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.

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.

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 curlysu918@aol.com

Shakespeare performance

Henry Ford Community College presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy "Twelfth Night." Fridays through Sundays through 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 fights. 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.

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Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Robert Scoggins, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at rscooggins@wideopenwest.com or call (734) 455-9565.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@juno.com

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Seeing 'Red'

Karen Cannon, Jean Martinez and Sandra Price got into the spirit when the Independence Village Chapter of the Red Hat Society recently hosted a luncheon and welcomed ladies from nearby chapters from Plymouth, Canton and Livonia. Some 60 ladies enjoyed the chicken-Waldorf salad served on a pineapple-half specially prepared by Chef Tim Bryant. The "Red Hatters" then enjoyed some shopping in the Thunderbird Dining Room of Independence Village, located on Northville Road in Plymouth Township. Adding to the festivities was Jim Laurie playing keyboard and bringing comic relief. Items available for shopping included jewelry, stationery, home decor and, of course, "Red Hats."



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CLIFFORD J. CALL

85 of Oxford passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2005. He was born February 27, 1920 in Pontiac the son of Clifford W. and Luella (Davis) Call. Mr. Call served with the US Marine Corp during WWII serving in the Japanese Theater including Okinawa and Iwojima. He married Donnagene Stewart in Almont in 1946 and was a member of the Almont First Congregational Church. He retired from Michigan Bell as a Lineman Supervisor in 1981. He is survived by his wife Donnagene (Gemie), his children David (Barbara) Call of Milford, Deborah (Russ) Henning of Howell, Susan (David) Misura of Davison and Stephen (Barbara) Call of Commerce. Grandchildren Laura, Elise, Miranda, Mathew, Marissa, Daniel, Alana, Rebecca, Emily and Nathan, great-grandchildren Rachael and Alexandra. Also surviving are his sister Janet Olmsted and brother Gerald Call, step-sisters and brothers Faith, Douglas, Donna, Dennis and Dawn. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son Randy Call, one brother Don Call, sister-in-law Eileen Call and brother-in-law Carl Olmsted. Visitation was held at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Almont Friday and Saturday with funeral services Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 2pm at the First Congregational Church in Almont with Rev. Larry W. Rieck, pastor officiating. Burial will be made in Inlay Twp. Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation at P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515

GAYE JANET JOHNSON DREW

Gaye Janet Johnson Drew was the youngest of three children born to Lynn and Rachel Johnson in St. Louis, Missouri on July 3, 1935. Her brother Lynn preceded her in death. She attended the public schools of St. Louis and graduated from Sumner High School, after which she attended the University of Michigan graduating in 1956 with a degree in Music Education. Gaye's principal instrument was the flute. Gaye's union to Joseph Drew was blessed with one son, Kenrick. Gaye was a vocal music teacher with the Detroit Public Schools for over 30 years. During that same period she also worked part-time for United Air Lines as a reservation agent. Gaye was an avid, expert skier and as a member of the Jim Dandy and Ski Jets Ski Clubs skied most of the notable ski areas in the United States and Canada. She was instrumental in introducing skiing to Black youth. Gaye was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. While Gaye was involved in many activities her primary goal was the nurturing of her son. After retirement Gaye exercised her creative and artistic talents by developing a basket weaving business in which she was engaged until the onset of her illness. Gaye departed this life on April 7, 2005, in Osage Beach, Missouri at her home on the lake she loved. She leaves to cherish her memory a son, Kenrick, daughter-in-law Shahara, a sister, Jacqueline Johnson; two grandchildren, a niece, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Gaye was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Osage Beach. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society with a designation for lung cancer by mail at 2200 Century Parkway, Suite 950, Atlanta, GA 30345, by telephone at 1-800-227-2345, or by internet at www.cancer.org

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 returned to Dunedin, 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 Seippel of Livonia; and her great-grandchildren, Kurt, Chad, Sarah, Kyle, and Blake. 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 of Livonia.

PAUL TURLEY

April 3, 2005, Age 79 of Tennessee, formerly of Westland. Beloved husband of Mary Jo. Loving father of David, Greg (Vicky) and Barbara (Michael) Tait. Brother of Pauline (John) Ivy, the late Minnie Kitch, Jean Myers and Hazel Turley. Loving grandfather of Michelle, Stephanie, Brian and Jeffery Tait. Funeral was Thursday, April 7, 2005, 11:30 am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, MI. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

ROBERT E. WILKINSON

80, died Sunday April 3, 2005 in Lafayette, IN. Born in Gary, IN on July 17, 1924, he had resided in Lafayette from 1949-1974 and in Beverly Hills, Michigan from 1974 until moving back to Lafayette in 2003. He married Helen Pope on June 22, 1947 and she survives. He was a graduate of Horace Mann High School in Gary and Purdue University. He served in the Army with the 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He worked for Rostone Corporation from 1949 until 1974 and then for The Budd Company in Michigan from 1974 until 1992. He was an engineer and held several patents relating to plastic fabrication. He was a member and elder of Central Presbyterian Church, John Purdue Club, Rotary, Society of Plastic Engineers, a former Boy Scout Leader, and had previously served on the Lafayette United Way Board, Junior Achievement, and Junior Chamber of Commerce. He enjoyed traveling, playing golf, and great music. Also surviving are 3 sons, Steve (wife: Mary Ann) of Mt. Prospect, IL, Peter (wife: Jan Burgess) of Sterling, IL, and Chuck (wife: Heidi) of Beverly Hills, MI., two sisters, Adelaide Vandenberg of Grand Rapids, MI and Barbara (husband: Frank) Ruehling of Hilton Head Is., South Carolina and a brother, Arthur (wife: Kay) Wilkinson of Munster, IN. Also surviving are 7 grandchildren; Kathryn, Joanna, Robert, Madeleine, Evan, Matthew, and Wendy. Preceded in death by parents; Walter and Edna Harrison Wilkinson, and a sister, Lenora. Memorials to American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, or Central Presbyterian Church.

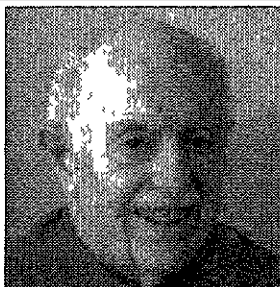
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PHILIP JOHN "P. J." WEHRHEIM JR.

34, Operating engineer, beloved son of Nancy (Frank) Stark and Philip Sr. (Belinda), loving brother of Elisabeth Stark, Justin and Julian, dear nephew and cousin of many, devoted friend of Kathy. Funeral Monday 9:00 am from The Oaks Funeral Home 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect) Itasca to St. Peter the Apostle Church Mass 9:30 am Interment to be announced. Visitation Sunday 3-8pm. 630-250-8588

RUTH M. GRIFFIN

April 8, 2005 Age 89 formerly of Bloomfield Hills Wife of the late James J., Dear mother of Gregory M. (fiancée Susan Cabral-Byrnes). Grandmother of Jessica R. Sister of Elga M. Winans. Funeral Mass was held Thursday 10am at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 3031 W. Grand Blvd., Ste. 660, Detroit, MI 48202. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**WILLIAM A. "BUD" ENGLEHART**

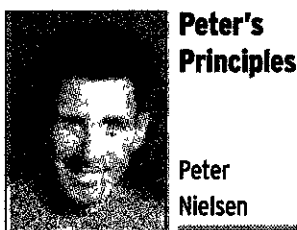
April 14, 2005 of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved husband of Eleanor (nee. Riemenschneider) for 59 years. Dear father of Mark S. (Barbara), Steven J. (Kathleen), Lisa A. Katzman (Robert) and the late William A. Grandfather of Emily, Augie and Buddy Englehart. Funeral Mass was held Saturday Apr. 16 at St. Thomas More Church. Memorial tributes to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 or The American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076 or The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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The Recovery Project

Clinic on the cutting edge of physical therapy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When a cure comes, Charlie Parkhill is going to be ready. The Bloomfield Hills resident is working out at The Recovery Project as many days as his job as CEO of the physical therapy practice allows.

Parkhill is not only making sure his muscles remain strong, but helping clients to do the same by using specialized exercise equipment at the Project based inside the Livonia YMCA.

But that's Parkhill - always pushing to reach his goal. Seven years ago when doctors said he'd never walk again, Parkhill began searching for a cure for the spinal cord injury which left him a quadriplegic. While he hasn't found a treatment to help him walk again without assistance, he did find physical therapist Polly Swingle who was willing to create a cutting edge rehab program. Using a harness to reduce the weight placed on his legs, Parkhill was able to walk on a treadmill. Up until that point he couldn't even stand. Then he could take a few steps. Within one year, he was walking for 40 minutes at .4 miles an hour - and without the harness.

WORKING OUT

The unweighted, non-traditional therapy is only one of the pieces of equipment available to clients of The Recovery Project. Parkhill has taken advantage of them all to build enough muscle strength to walk on crutches. He won't be running in a marathon any time soon, but he will continue working out and helping Swingle to increase awareness about

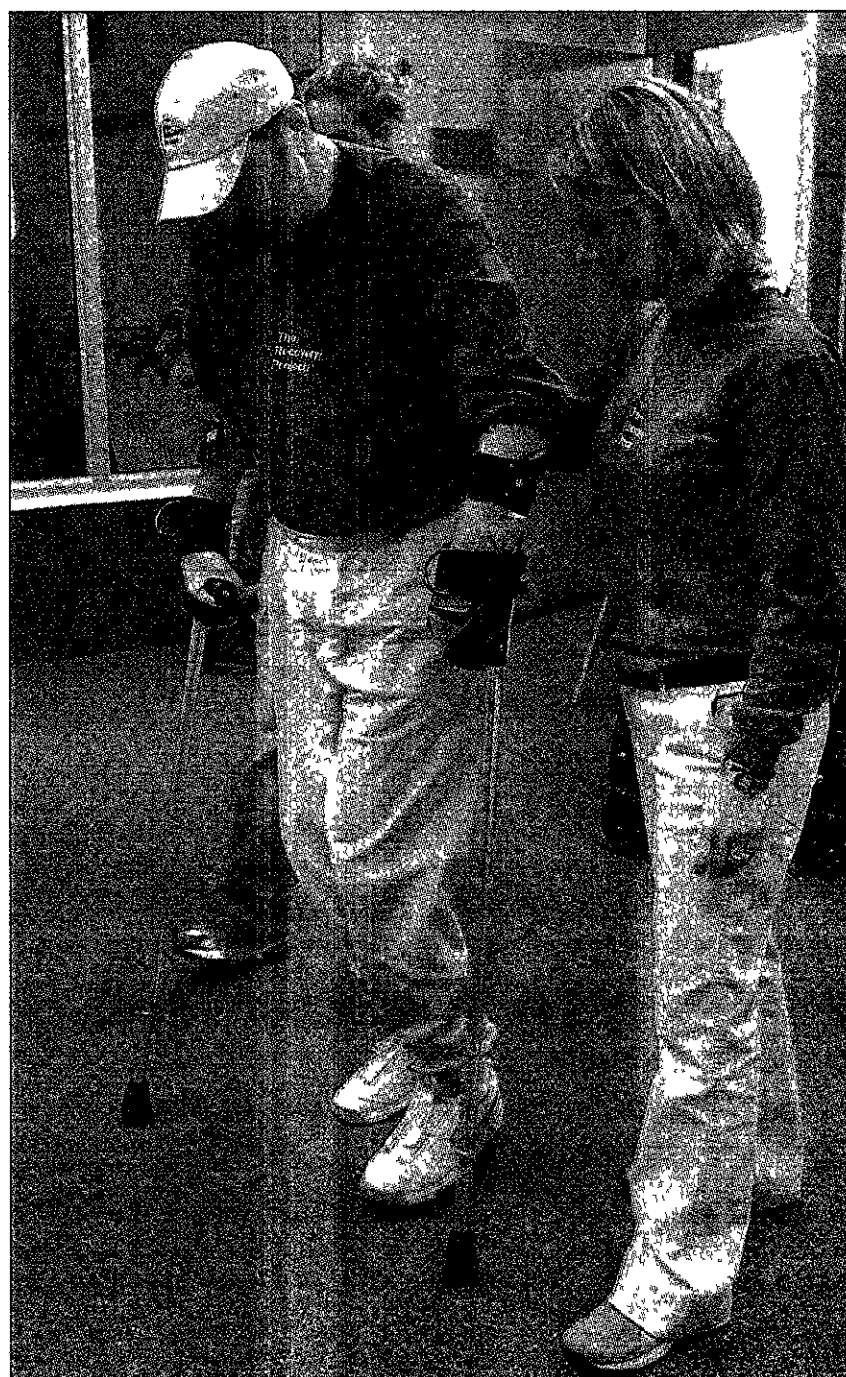
the Livonia clinic they opened in October 2003. Sixty percent of their clients have suffered spinal cord injuries, 20 percent a traumatic brain injury, and 20 percent strokes, Parkinson's, ALS, and other neurological diseases.

"We started The Recovery Project to set up a continuum with personal trainers who specialize in SCI (spinal cord injury)," said Swingle, who teaches SCI rehab at Wayne State and Oakland universities. "The system doesn't allow patients to continue in therapy. They're discharged from rehab with nowhere to go. Charlie and I became friends and talked about this was a good way to rehab people with spinal cord injuries."

Swingle grew up in Livonia and used the Y for 35 years so it seemed like a logical choice for the Project. They wouldn't have to worry about hiring maintenance or security but could concentrate on their clients. Since then, they've opened up a second location in Clinton Township in addition to offering in-home therapy for clients who are unable to travel from West Bloomfield, Pontiac, Clarkston, Lake Orion, Birmingham, Southfield and Beverly Hills.

EXPERIENCED

All physical therapists have at least seven years experience in SCI or neurological rehab, and are certified to work in the Y pool with clients, some who travel from as far away as Ohio. Their Internet site has become a popular one. One client is coming from the Bahamas in May to spend eight weeks in rehab.



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Charlie Parkhill regained the ability to stand and walk some distance. Physical therapist Polly Swingle assists.

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Chuck Donaldson doesn't travel quite that far to use the Stimmer bike to electrically stimulate the muscles in his legs. A former head football coach at Clarenceville High School in Livonia, Donaldson became a quadriplegic after a car accident in Canton in 1993. He's been coming from his home in New Boston to work out a minimum of three days a week for the last nine months.

"This is my fourth different physical therapy facility. This has been the best. There's more handicap accessible equipment," said Donaldson, a 37-year-old football coach at Plymouth High School. "It's improved my physical strength, cardiovascular endurance, and the Stim bike has increased muscle mass in my legs."

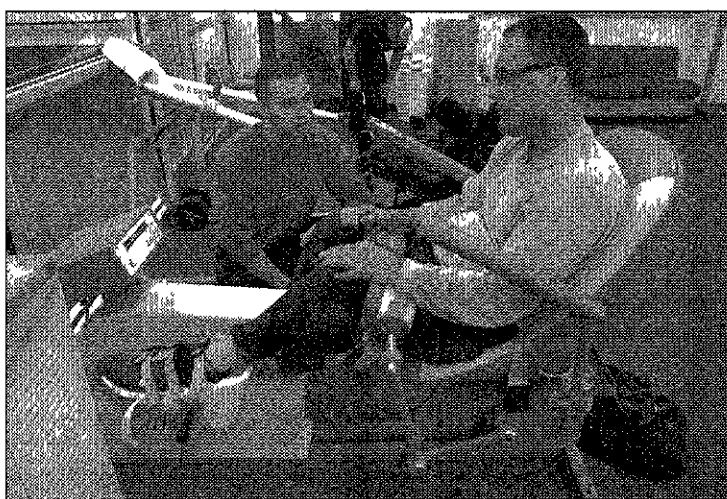
Brandon DiGia says he's come a long way as well to strengthen his body. The 22-year-old Farmington Hills resident plans to be as strong as possible by October when he goes to Portugal for a procedure that takes stem cells from the nasal passage and transplants them into the spine. At one time, DiGia swam for North Farmington High School and made the All Observer team. Then on Aug. 1, 2003, he dove headfirst into a sand bar in Lake Michigan and broke his neck. After doing rehab at the University of Michigan, he moved back home and started therapy at the Project.

"I try to come to The Recovery Project five days a week for one to three hours," said DiGia. "At Christmas of 2006, I plan to travel to China for a similar procedure using the olfactory cells that are injected above and below the injury site. They've done over 400 so far so it's brand new."

PERSISTENT

Determination is one of the attributes of Project clients. Jim Armaly wanted to get out of a wheelchair for his wife and two young children. The 43-year-old Northville resident suffered complications from laser surgery for a herniated disk in July 2003.

"I'm pretty strong-minded so I'm trying to work at it for the last 20-months, three to four



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Clarenceville High School head football coach Chuck Donaldson works on a Stimmer rehab bike with physical therapist Joseph Stachura. Donaldson now coaches football at Plymouth High School.



Brandon DiGia works with therapist Jorge Barrios.

days a week," said Armaly, who's now able to walk with a cane to carry out his duties as commissioner of the Northville Baseball Association.

Parkhill continues to work tirelessly not only to get back on his feet but to help others with SCI. In the past, he and Swingle sponsored a series of University of Michigan lectures by SCI experts from around the country. On April 30, they're one of the sponsors of a Walk & Roll benefit for the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Field House (visitwww.aacil.org). He and Swingle are also major sponsors of The Science, Ethics and Politics of Spinal Cord Injury Research Conference 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the Marriott Hotel in Ypsilanti. To

register for the conference presented by the U-M Model Spinal Cord Injury Care System, Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living and Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, call (734) 763-0971.

"We're doing this because so many of us have questions about surgery to bridge spines, stem cell research," said the 50-year old Parkhill, a graduate of Thurston High School in Redford where he grew up. "This is for anyone who wants to learn more about SCI."

For more information about The Recovery Project, call (734) 591-1837 or visit www.therecoveryproject.net.

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MS expert to talk about the latest research on treatments

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Howard Rossman has good news and bad news to share with muscular sclerosis patients during a talk he's giving on Sunday, April 17, in Livonia. Tysabri, a new therapy that's 70-percent effective in treating MS was approved by the FDA around Thanksgiving. The bad news is the drug company pulled it from the market on Feb. 28 after two deaths. While the future of Tysabri is uncertain until further testing is completed, Rossman stresses that "individuals with MS need to be on some of type of therapy."

Rossman, a neurologist, and the staff of the MS Center at the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders (MIND) in Farmington Hills treat more than 2,000 patients as well as carry out clinical research including the study on Tysabri. Rossman, medical director of MIND, will speak about the latest developments in MS treatment at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at the Laurel Manor Special Event Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The program is free and open to anyone interested in learning about MS. For information, call (866) 955-9999.

Also on the program is David Lander who is best known for playing Squiggy on the television show *Laverne & Shirley*. Lander kept his MS a secret for 15 years after being diagnosed in 1984. He describes his experiences in his book *Fall Down Laughing: How Squiggy Caught Multiple Sclerosis and Didn't Tell Nobody*.

"I'm going to start by giving an overview of MS and why we need to treat it early to prevent long term progression and disability," said Rossman, a D.O. from West Bloomfield. "For months we had a lot of people with MS who were looking forward to taking this therapy. Now we have to take a step back but it's important to

stress we've learned more about MS with this drug. It makes it more imperative that they be on a treatment."

Rossman will discuss available therapies including the ABC drugs - Avonex, Betaseron and Copaxone. Until 1993, only the flare-ups could be treated, usually with steroids.

"I've been treating individuals since 1993 when Betaseron came out," said Rossman who's been in practice since 1978. "Up until that time they treated the flare-ups but didn't have prevention. They work but don't work. They're about 30 percent effective. The new drug was nearly 70 percent effective. While many of the patients are just reeling from the news that this drug was pulled, the company is doing the right thing. The worse thing to do is sit tight and not treat people."

David Lander hopes by sharing his experiences with MS that it will help others. Lander knew something was wrong one morning when he woke up and couldn't walk. A spinal tap revealed he had MS. Fortunately, the doctor who told him he'd never walk again

was wrong. Lander has good days and bad days, and still works. From March to October he visits 20 to 30 cities as a scout for the Seattle Mariners. He's also a spokesperson and advocate for MS and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He began taking Avonex six years ago and it has slowed the progression of his MS.

"It's good talking with patients because everyone gets the joke. They're in on it," said Lander. "I have nothing in common with them but one thing, but oh what a thing. People tell me they laugh for the first time in years. When I finish they say I thought you were telling my story. I've had many challenges especially when I was hiding it. MS has a lot of stress involved and I was trying to hide it. 40 percent of the MS population isn't telling anyone they have MS. I'm not telling them to tell or not. But I've known people who had jobs for 16 years and a week after they tell they're fired so I understand why they don't tell."

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If you have Paget's Disease of Bone you are at a greater risk for bone fracture than some one without this condition. For that reason, your doctor may suggest treatment even if you have no bone pain. That recommendation comes after a review of which ones are affected by the condition, and the level of markers like the alkaline phosphatase that measure pagetic bone activity. Treatment may become intermittent or even end if evaluation show the bone has improved.

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Nicky 'Chick' launches new line

BY WENDSY WHITE

Hordes of fashion forward tweens and teens rushed the contemporary department at Marshall Field's Somerset on April 5 to get a glimpse of Nicky Hilton. The heiress visited Metro Detroit to promote "Chick," her new line of casual clothing. The first season featured tank tops, T-shirts and jeans adorned with painted, stamped and bejeweled cherubs, ice cream cones and Nicky's own initials. Before Nicky sat down to sign garments and magazine photos for her adoring fans, she took a few moments to chat with PINK.

What inspired you to start a clothing line?
I've loved fashion forever. I started doing handbags at 17, and went to design school. One year ago I started my clothing line.

How involved are you in designing the clothes for Chick?
I am the creative director. I do everything. I start out by coming up with the fabrics and specs and I do everything from there.

What can we expect to see in Chick's future?
The first season is just tanks, jeans —

basics. Our next shipment I'm really proud of. It has a lot of tops in brights with sequins, and dresses for fall.

What inspires your clothing?
I think I get most of my inspiration from traveling since I travel a lot. I go to the London and Paris couture shows and try to bring a youthful side to it. I try to make it more fun.

Who do you see wearing your line?
I've seen everyone from 12-year-olds to their moms in the jeans. We have uptown, midtown and downtown jeans, so it's a variety, not targeted to one demographic.

Are you still doing your handbags for Samantha Thavasa?
Yes. Those are separate. She just signed Victoria Beckham to do celebrity designing.



PHOTO BY SCOTT BREITHAUP

Nicky Hilton @ Marshall Field's Somerset

I'm going with my sister to Tokyo to open a new store there, and then there's one opening in New York on Madison in the 70s.

Your line is very casual. Are you a casual girl?
I am very casual. Usually when people see pictures of me I'm at an event or a premiere so I'm dressed up, but most of the time this is how I'm dressed.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Sleep. I like to sleep. I love shopping no matter how tired I am. I like to go to movies. I like to get manicures

What would you like people to know about you that they don't read in the tabloids?
I think what people read about me is that I have this glamorous life, like I take a private jet to school — crazy things. I work very hard for what I get. This tour is hard work.

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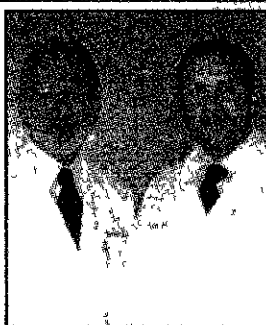
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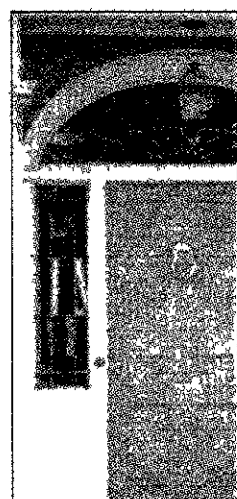
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Parade of Homes spotlights best-of-best in new models

Area house-hunters have until the end of Sunday to get a first-hand look at some of the best new home models being offered in southeast Michigan as judged by Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's 16th annual Spring Parade of Homes architectural contest.

The winning models, which also can be viewed online for those who cannot visit the home sites, were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged, participating homes were divided into eight categories by price.

"This year's Parade of Homes presents a select sampling of what BIA professional master builders are providing for today's discerning and eager home buyer," said Dominic J. Mocerri, president of BIA and principal of Mocerri Cos. in Auburn Hills.

The blue ribbon homes are:

■ **Unity Park Affordable Housing:** Chadwick I, priced at \$115,000, plus fees in Pontiac, built by West Construction Services of Troy and Oakland Schools.

■ **Attached Condominiums** priced up to \$170,000: Atwater, priced at \$169,900 in Commerce, built by Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes of West Bloomfield.

■ **Attached Condominiums** priced \$170,000 to \$260,000: Ridgewood II, priced at \$231,240 in White Lake/West Bloomfield, built by Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes of West Bloomfield.

■ **Attached Condominiums** priced over \$260,000: The Waterford, priced at \$300,450 in Shelby Township, built by Nottingham Developments of Novi.

■ **Homes priced under \$300,000:** Lexington, priced at \$288,500, located in Brownstown, built by Fountain Homes of Brownstown Township.

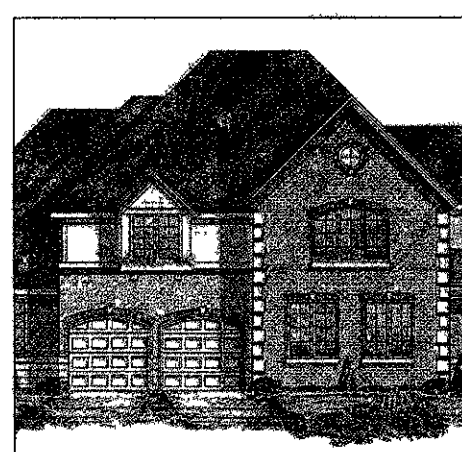
■ **Homes priced \$300,000 to \$355,000:** Newhouser, priced at \$322,900 in Detroit, built by Scripps Park Associates, LLC of Farmington Hills.

■ **Homes and Detached Condominiums** priced \$355,000 to \$490,000: The Camden, priced at \$375,050, located in Grand Blanc built by Delcor Homes of New Hudson.

■ **Homes and Detached Condominiums** priced \$490,000 to \$675,000: The Greenwich, priced at \$589,000 in Commerce Township and



Lexington is \$288,500.



Attached Condominiums built by Nottingham Developments of Novi.

Legacy, priced at \$599,900 in Canton. The Greenwich was built by Cohen Homes of West Bloomfield and Legacy was built by Millcreek Building Co. in Troy.

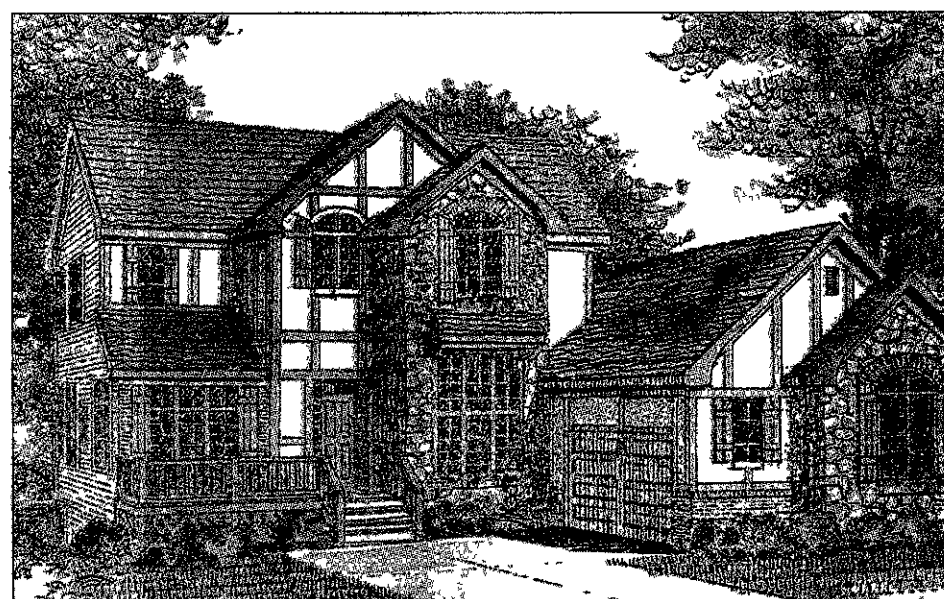
■ **Homes priced \$725,000 to \$1 million:** High Meadow, priced at \$999,000, located in Clarkston, built by Lorimer Building Co. of Clarkston.

■ **Homes priced over \$1 million:** Westchester III, priced at \$1.59 million, located in Oakland Township, built by Mocerri Cos. of Auburn Hills.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were: Bill Gauss, first vice president, Mortgage Telephone Banking Group, Standard Federal Bank in Troy; Mark Renn of H.J. Olkenkamp in Warren and chairperson of BIA's Remodelers Council; Michael Gordon, AIA, of Moiseev/Gordon Associates, Architects in Royal Oak; Michael T. Miller, AIA of Clifford N. Wright Associates in Bloomfield Hills; and Brian Gill, AIA, of The Design Group in Troy.



Chadwick I is priced at \$115,000.



The Camden is priced at \$375,050.

The 116 spring Parade of Homes models can be viewed via open house tours or online at www.builders.org. Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in price from \$115,000 to \$2.9 million.

As part of the program, BIA has partnered with Lighthouse of Oakland County and Standard Federal Bank to help make housing available to low-

income families in southeastern Michigan. The homes are being built in the Unity Park neighborhood in Pontiac. For further information on these homes, please call Lighthouse at (248) 920-6060, ext. 2400.

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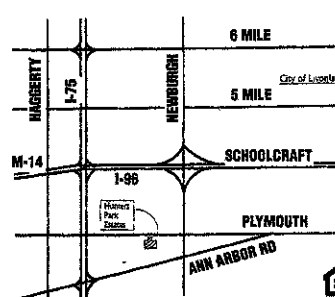
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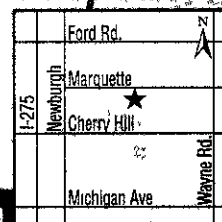
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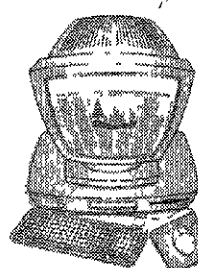
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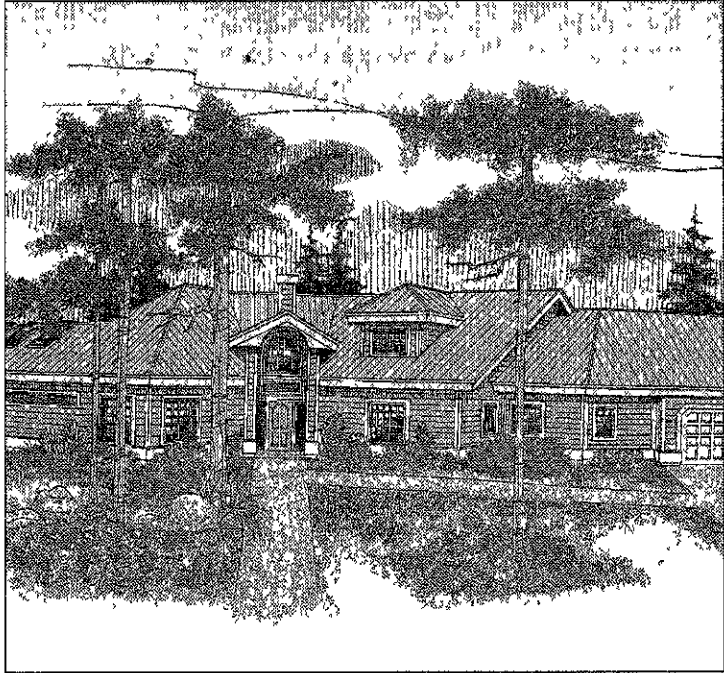
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The large living room/dining room area, with coffered vault, comprises the central section. A built-in wood stove, backing the fountain, assures plenty of warmth.

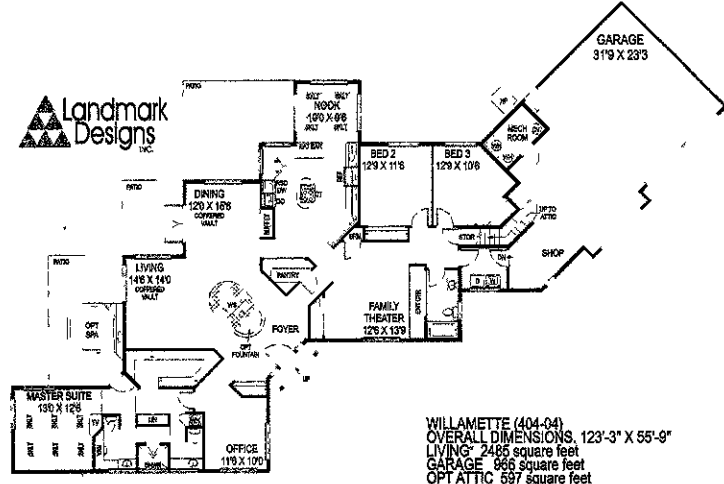
The one of a kind kitchen has it all. Here a central cooktop allows the cook to prepare

and serve meals with ease. Additional features include a mixing center, double ovens, eating bar and walk-in pantry. Meals may be served in the dining room in a formal setting or buffet style. The skylit nook, with a view on three sides, is a great place for the family to start the day together.

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Institute helps homeowner associations help themselves

(NUI) — The current frenzy of real estate development in the United States means homeowners associations are being incorporated at record rates. Unfortunately, the field of professional community management isn't growing at the same pace.

Today, more than 50 million Americans live in about 250,000 homeowner-governed neighborhoods — from small homeowners associations and large, master-planned communities to condominiums and cooperatives. Thousands more are formed every year.

These communities often are managed by professional community managers. But when a professional can't be found, or the association can't afford one, the volunteer board has to manage, as well as govern, the association.

Managing these communities involves collecting assessments, maintaining architectural guidelines, enforcing rules, landscaping, facilities maintenance, snow removal, trash collection, even settling squabbles between residents — and that's just for starters.

The Community Associations Institute (CAI) is a nonprofit group that supports not only the professionals who manage associations, but also the elected volunteers who govern them.

Three features set community associations apart from other neighborhoods, according to CAI. First, you share ownership of common land and have access to facilities, such as swimming pools, that often are not affordable any other way. Second, you automatically

become a member of a community association and must abide by covenants, conditions and restrictions. The third feature is that you will pay an "assessment," a regular fee, often monthly, that is used for upkeep of the common areas and other services and amenities such as pools and tennis courts.

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CAI emphasizes the importance of getting involved in your community so you have a voice in the association's decisions and the future of your neighborhood. You can get involved

by attending board meetings, serving on a committee or even seeking a seat on the governing board.

Volunteer homeowners who have to govern and manage their community associations can get help from CAI's instruction manual for managing property, financial investments and residents: "Self-Management: A Guide for the Small Association."

Despite its title, the book applies to all sizes of condominium and homeowners associations and provides the kind of information that helps protect volunteers from many types of management problems.

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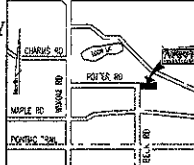
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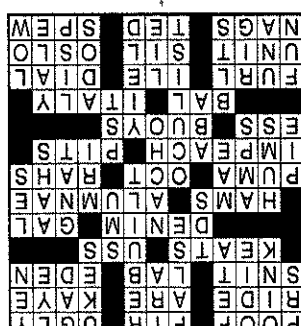
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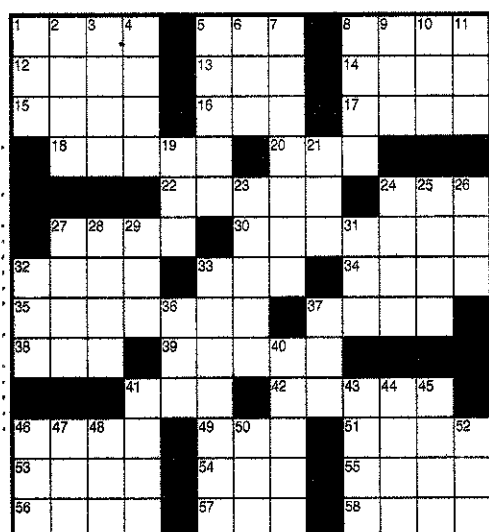
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Open Sun 1-4 24906 White
Plains, N of 10 Mile, W of
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12456 Pinescrest Dr.,
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Beacon Hollow Condos. 3
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PLYMOUTH - OPEN SUN. 1-4
12755 ESSEX CT.
\$399,900 - 4% comm to buy-
ers agent to close by 5/20/05
4+ bedroom, 3.5 bath Sunny
partially finished walkout
basement could be 5th bed-
room On 3/4 acre premium
lot Home built 2001 Very
neutral decor - make it your
own! Some closing assistance
available Call Beth
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bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage,
2350 sq ft \$364,500 Call
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Sun 12-5 Fabulous Oversized
Ranch 3 bdrm, spacious
rooms & kitchen Lots of fea-
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bsmt, garage & deck Large
lot Must see! Canton Center
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Open Sundays 12-4, drop-ins
welcome anytime 52 x 28,
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second story master suite,
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Center Rd Seller Financing
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All brick 3 bdrm, 2 bath
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2.5 acres, 4 bdrm, 2 bath,
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everything upgraded Builders
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W. off Pontiac Trail
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room walkout on 6 acres
\$439,900 Debbie Horner
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fully remodeled baths, 4
nice size bedrooms,
maintenance free exterior,
completely professionally
remodeled! (734) 564-5480
(248) 486-2813

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bdrm, 2.5 bath Beautiful,
extensively updated! \$178K
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2.5 bath colonial, open floor
plan, large wooded lot, 734-
481-3140 Open House sched-
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location NE corner Hiller &
Commerce 3 1/2 baths, 3 lg
bdrms/study & library
Professionally finished lower
level with bath & wet bar
Beautiful full wall stone fire-
place, 2 decks on large lot,
site, small neighborhood
community backs up to
Marsh Bank Park. W
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or 313 530 8750
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4 bdrm, 3.5 bath 2780 sq ft Colonial w/ 2 story foyer Formal dining room, lg fam room w/cathedral ceilings & granite fireplace Gourmet kitchen w/nook & doorway to deck Master suite w/walk-in-closet Professionally finished lower level w/rec room & exercise room 2 car garage \$449,900 (W1272) CENTURY 21 TODAY (248) 855-2000

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4 bdrm Farmington Hills home on nearly half an acre lot! Home has landscaping, deck with a screened-in gazebo Wooded area at back of lot \$269,900 (ALHSUO) CENTURY 21 TODAY (248) 855-2000

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4 bdrm 2.5 bath Colonial, lg family room w/natural fireplace, ceramic hearth & wood mantle, Master suite w/ vaulted ceiling, breakfast room w/doorway to 2 tier deck Finished bsmt w/drop ceiling 3 car garage \$419,900 (SU291) CENTURY 21 TODAY (248) 647-8888

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3 Bdrm, 1.5 bath, two story colonial. Less than 1 mile from I-96 Builders custom floor-plan, too many upgrades to list! Must see and priced to sell! Photos and details at www.fsbo.com listing #69317 or Call 810-599-1181 for appt

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BRICK BEAUTY
3 bedroom ranch, beautiful new kitchen top to bottom with large snack bar & loads of cabinets, updated bath, deck off 38 foot family room with vaulted ceiling & bay window, extra room in basement, huge 2 car garage, E-Z Terms or Trade only \$187,900

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RE/MAX Classic
734-432-1010

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Home on 1.3 acres on Lake Manitou, 3400 sq ft upper & lower living units (248) 649-6110

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With many updates Living room & family room have fireplaces, French door leading to fenced backyard Enjoy the views from your covered porch, 2.5 car garage \$169,900 Call JOHANNA WOODWARD (734) 691-0913

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4 Bdrm, 1.5 bath Florida room with ceramic, basement, Sprinklers Newer windows, furnace, carpet. All updated, 2 car attached garage, \$255,000 (734) 525-0257

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1450 Sq. Ft. ranch on nearly 1/2 acre lot. Many quality updates in past 10 years. You gotta see this home at \$189,900 KEITH BECKER 313-595-4599 Century 21 Row 734-464-7111

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Charming 3 bdrm brick ranch w/finished basement & 2 car garage Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, paint, windows, roof, furnace, air & more! \$174,900 Charlotte Jacunski 734-377-3282 Century 21 Row 734-464-7111

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3 bdrm brick ranch w/finished basement & 2 car garage Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, paint, windows, roof, furnace, air & more! \$174,900 Charlotte Jacunski 734-377-3282 Century 21 Row 734-464-7111

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Large 3 bdrm 1.5 bath brick home on huge corner lot East-in kitchen w/newer cabinets/Pergo floor Family room w/ fireplace & doorway to patio Finished bsmt 2 car side entry garage \$198,000 (ME142) CENTURY 21 TODAY (734) 462-9800 www.century21today.com

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Pinckney 3340

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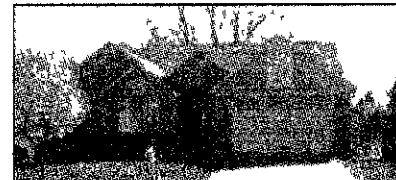
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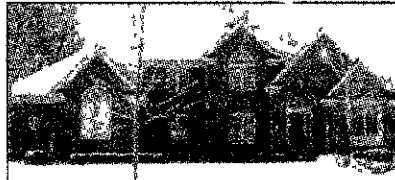
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Four or 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. fabulous upgrades. 2 fireplaces. AC, great room fireplace & cathedral ceilings. walk-out lower level with fireplace. granite in kitchen. hardwood floors. marble foyer. 2 decks, hot tub with views of woods.
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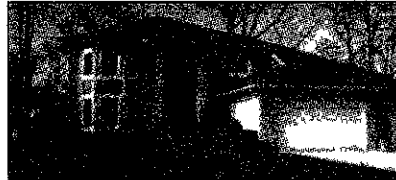
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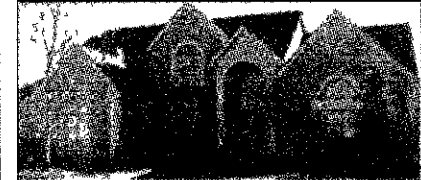
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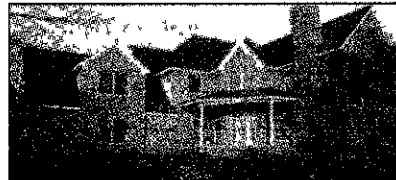
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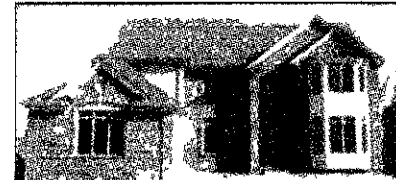
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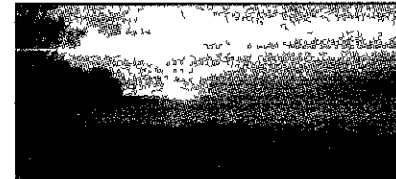
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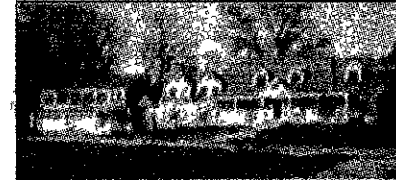
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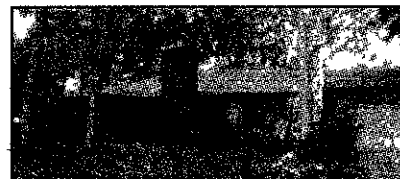
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Jessica Block of Boston's Block & Roos L.L.P., says that the first business

dispute resolution group formed in her state in September, 2001. CL attorneys there have banded together as The Massachusetts Collaborative Law Council (www.mass.clc.org). The Texas Collaborative Law Council (www.collaborative-law.us) was formed in August, 2004. Attorney Stacey Langenbahn of Locker & Lee P.C., in Dallas, foresees a bright future for business and employment CL -- "in employment cases, commercial business cases, probate, intellectual property, construction and personal injury."

Block explains that a CL attorney "writes an introductory letter to the other person involved (a person in the company you've identified), saying that you'd like to resolve the dispute non-adversarially. All parties agree on which (if any) allied professionals need to be included, such as a physician, therapist, or coach," she states. "Some employers won't agree to it (and) will go to court." But, she adds, this isn't extremely likely, because more than 94 percent of cases handled by litigators settle.

After the employer agrees, the attorneys team on developing an agenda in consultation with their clients. In CL, the lawyers and clients agree "to focus on interests, not positions," Block observes. It's conceivable that resolution will materialize in the first full meeting when the issue is acknowledged as "a collective problem." In the absence of threats to litigate, "you rarely get outrageously high demands or insultingly low offers," Block adds.

COLLABORATION VS. MEDIATION

Mediation is very different process, typically occurring after investing sums of money in discovery, according to Langenbahn. Collaborative attorneys are committed, from the outset, not to litigate. Everyone is there on a voluntary basis and may leave. They weigh options from the start. "All efforts are 100 percent geared toward settlement," she says. Because collaborative lawyers receive training in dispute procedures, they won't litigate and will withdraw if the case isn't settled and, instead, goes to trial. The process keeps them in charge, not making them puppets of what she calls "a rocket docket."

In mediation, "there is no third party in the room," Block states. Then too, there is only one consultant per specialty, which minimizes competition among experts, a frequent source of dissension between the two clients.

"You have to express your interest and needs directly to the other party (in CL)," she continues, "not through a filter (mediation). There is not the sense of being isolated from the other party while the mediator practices 'shuttle diplomacy' between two parties, each of whom is closeted in a room with his or her attorney."

The process doesn't always run smoothly. Block says that because businesspeople often already have counsel, it may "be difficult to get the collaborative lawyers and the parties to agree that if the matter proceeds to litigation, the collaborative lawyers are disqualified."



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However, this is the objective, because it "gives everyone in the room further incentive to come to a resolution."

Bypassing the court system assures privacy. Langenbahn also points out that the process "helps parties maintain relationships with each other . . . but still get legal matters resolved." Think about it. Your employer might hire you back and, by avoiding court costs and excessive legal fees, you might still have a bank account. More than that, you won't make the front page.

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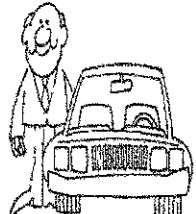
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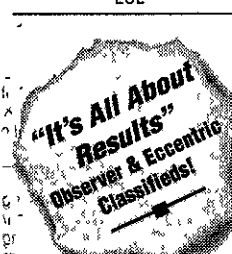
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Part/Full-time with OB/GYN or family practice experience needed. Please call (248) 470-2070 or fax resume to 248-855-0886 or mail resume to Milford Obstetrics & Gynecology, 1181 N. Milford Rd., Milford, MI, 48361

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This all-new 2005 Buick LaCrosse is a replacement for the tried-and-true Regal and Century sedans that graced our roads for so many years. And the replacement is fresh, new and truly refreshing.

The LaCrosse seats up to six adults and is a front-wheel-drive midsize sedan that has a bit of luxury built into it. It's got comfort, it's quiet as a field mouse and can handle just about any road situation you can throw at it.

Powered by a totally responsive 240-horsepower 3.6-liter V6 with variable valve timing mated to a four-speed automatic transmission, the LaCrosse CXS can surprise you with its quick response. The other two models (the CX and CLX) come standard with General Motors' 3800 3.8-liter V6 with a four-speed automatic transmission.

Buick calls it "Quiet Tuning." Throughout the body, powertrain and a suspension that's smooth, yet agile, you can barely hear it turn over when you start it. Road noise is nearly non-existent. Handling is superb in everything from dry roads to snow-covered slushy messes.

The only thing that will make you turn up the stereo is if you've got the heating and cooling on full power. Otherwise you hear nothing.

Although I immediately installed an aftermarket remote start system on my primary vehicle, I'm pleased to see more and more manufacturers starting to have factory-installed remote starting systems. On LaCrosse, it marks the first time a Buick has such a system. It's something that's totally invaluable, whether it's the dead of winter or the height of summer. You can start the vehicle and warm it up or cool it down before you slide into the front seat. Invaluable.

I mentioned the LaCrosse was available in three distinct trim levels -- the well-equipped CX, elegantly appointed CXL and the performance-rated CXS. They're EPA rated 20 mpg in the city and 29 mpg on the highway. Gas prices aren't a concern here.

Quiet as a field mouse, the LaCrosse is. Improvements have been made obvious by rebound damper bumpers for improved cushioning, returned power steering systems for improved response, stabilizer bars that are larger and an



2005 Buick LaCrosse. Vehicle type: Midsize sedan. Power: 3.8-liter V6 engine. Mileage: 20 mpg city/29 mpg highway. Where built: Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Price as tested: \$32,750.

all-new aluminum engine cradle and mounting system for quieter powertrain performance.

The new four-wheel-disc braking system is larger and more durable and are mounted on 16-inch wheels (17-inch wheels are on the CSX). StabiliTrak is standard, giving it maximum traction control in emergency situation or low traction conditions.

It takes the worry out of driving. No matter how and why you depress the brakes, it independently applies a braking force and any corner of the vehicle, which interprets your desired driving and accelerates or decelerates the vehicle. So if you're starting to fishtail, the StabiliTrak applies the outside front brake to straighten out the vehicle. If you're understeering, the rear brake is applied to help turn the vehicle. It's all computer-generated and is connected to the traction control and anti-lock braking systems.

The exterior of the LaCrosse is classic Buick, with fine curves and the familiar Buick signature look -- not sporty or flashy in the least. It is elegant, as all of Buick's vehicles. There are chrome accents everywhere and the front fascia is remarkably understated.

On the inside, however, you'll find that luxury appointments are the norm, not the exception. Everything has soft leather throughout, wood grain accenting and a feel of comfort.

The legroom on the LaCrosse is wonderfully refreshing and front and rear hip room is also premium. Five-passenger models have a large center armrest with a deep console

and leather shifter, while the six-passenger models have steering-column-mounted shifter and a seatback that can be converted to a center console and armrest.

The standard equipment list is long and includes remote keyless entry, power driver's seat, automatic programmable power door locks with lockout protection, power windows with express-down on the driver's side, six-speaker stereo with CD player, full interior illumination with delayed entry and exit lighting and premium leather seat surfaces on the higher level models.

Stuff you can add includes heated front seats, steering-wheel-mounted audio and climate controls, stereo upgrades, MP3 player, and XM satellite radio.

Safety issues are taken care of with the use of dual-stage front air bags, safety-cage structure and interior engine components that directs impact away from the passengers and driver.

OnStar, of course, is available on all models and comes with a one-year subscription. PASSLock theft deterrent system with engine immobilizer is also standard.

You can also opt for the side curtain air bags. The LaCrosse also has a rear parking assist system that tells you when there's an object behind the vehicle. It's extremely sensitive, too.

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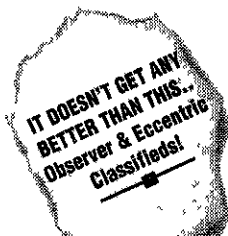
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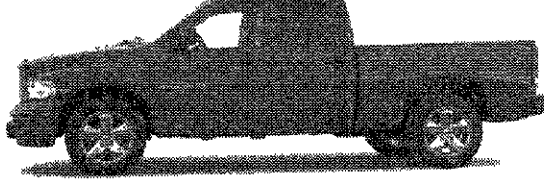
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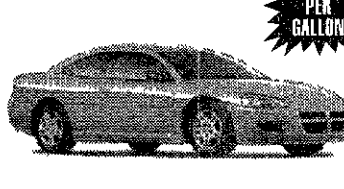
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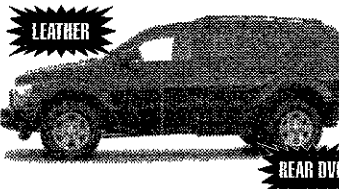
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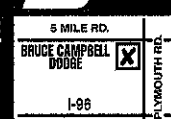
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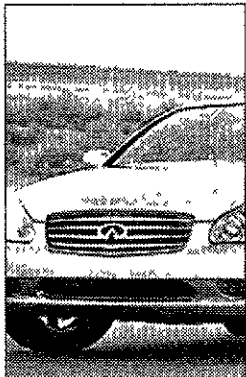
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Perhaps never has the adage, "Be careful what you wish for," so applied to the automotive world as in the case of the brand new Lincoln Mark LT pickup truck. Ford has wanted to field a pickup that would be worthy and representative of the Lincoln marque for years, and now it finally has one in LT, a robust and yet luxurious new entry. But the timing for the current debut of this gas-hungry behemoth may just be wrong. The travails of Lincoln and pick-up trucks are long and almost legendary in the business. Wanting to field a respectable rival to the Cadillac Escalade EXT, in 2002, Lincoln introduced the Blackwood, an ill-conceived model that got hoots from critics and consumers alike, right out of the gate – and ended up selling only a thousand or so units. Blackwood amounted to a caricature of a category that seems like an oxymoron – "luxury trucks" – and is at best a delicate niche. With its small and carpeted bed, sporting ugly fake wood on its sides, and bad calls such as a rear-drive-only powertrain, Blackwood left Lincoln worse off in the segment than it had been before, without any entry.

Lincoln had been holding its fire since then, its engineers and designers driven by the smoldering embarrassment of Blackwood to come up with something that would leave no doubt as to their ability to execute a luxury pickup. And out of their desire for a second chance, a truly distinguished vehicle finally has emerged: Mark LT, which has been made available now as a 2006 model.

Based on the brand new Ford F-150 SuperCrew, Mark LT finally gets Lincoln a good way around the bases in this ballgame. Retailing for a suggested price of around \$47,600 for the 4x4 version I drove, Mark LT is a brawny yet stylish vehicle that offers most of the power and payload capabilities



The Mark LT is a truly distinguished vehicle that is robust and yet luxurious.

that you'd be looking for in a serious truck – but also many of the amenities that, say, an existing Lincoln sedan owner is going to demand. Let's start with the truckish aspects of the Mark LT. This vehicle is a formidable presence on the driveway and on the road, its blockish yet elegant styling signaling that there's something truly different about this machine. In fact, it is so large that ingress and egress can be challenging, even for a normal-size person and with the use of the running boards that Lincoln has provided. Perhaps designers should seriously consider somehow adding a second step between the running board and the ground – it's that high up. Mark LT has a cool way of extending its 5.5-foot cab: a flipover gate, pivoted at the rear of the sides of the bed, that on top of the laid-flat liftgate suddenly turns the payload into an eight-foot-long space. My only concern about the extendable gate is that it doesn't appear to be very sturdy. Because there are only two relatively thin legs extending from the bottom of the extension to touch the flat liftgate, and because they don't lock into the liftgate, something thin, such as a sheet of plywood, easily could escape the bed underneath the extension if the truck is bouncing along.

In any event, as a truly huge vehicle, Mark LT never leaves any doubt about whether it can haul around you, your passengers and your cargo – all at once, if necessary. Powered by the highly capable, 5.4-liter Triton V-8 engine, Mark LT relies on 300 horsepower and 365 pound-feet of torque. The problem is, of course, that the combination of the Mark LT's hefty and a thirsty engine yields fuel economy of only 14 miles a gallon in the city and just 18 on the highway. Handling-wise, I found Mark LT about as responsive as you can expect a vehicle that size to be. It also ate up potholes and road irregularities with some niftiness and reminded me that maybe one of those old TV commercials, depicting a diamond-cutter doing his trade in the back seat of a Lincoln sedan, could be filmed anew in the Mark LT. And inside, amenities include a DVD-based rear-entertainment system. The upholstery throughout was comfortable, but I found the rear seats a bit short and not as cushy as a Lincoln's seats – even in a truck – should be. But if you're in the market for a vehicle that can make you think twice about the Escalade EXT, Mark LT should be on your very, very short list.

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24 Mo. GMS Lease \$167** <small>\$1959** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Everyone Lease \$204** <small>\$1959** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. GMS Lease \$168** <small>\$1944** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Everyone Lease \$211** <small>\$1944** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. GMS Lease \$167** <small>\$1995** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Everyone Lease with Conquest* \$155** <small>\$1995** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. GMS Lease \$259** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Everyone Lease \$259** <small>\$2499** Due At Lease Signing</small>

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 2005 RAINER CXL 2 WD <small>Auto, air, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise, leather, AM/FM/CD, power seat, 6 cylinder, rear defrost & more. Stock #065063</small>		 2005 LESABRE CUSTOM <small>Power windows, locks, tilt, cruise, aluminum wheels, AM/FM cassette CD, automatic, air, 3800 V-6 and much more. Stock #055146</small>		 2005 RENDEZVOUS CX FWD <small>Automatic, air, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, AM/FM CD, 6 cylinder and much more. Stock #056329</small>		 2005 LACROSS CX <small>Automatic, air, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise, silver package, remote start, AM/FM/CD, drivers info center, 3800 V-6, alarm & more. Stock #055335</small>	
GMS SALE PRICE \$26,341*	EVERYONE ONE PRICE \$27,703*	GMS SALE PRICE \$18,712*	EVERYONE ONE PRICE \$19,798*	GMS SALE PRICE \$20,620*	EVERYONE ONE PRICE \$21,612*	GMS SALE PRICE \$20,620*	EVERYONE ONE PRICE \$21,612*
36 Mo. GMS Lease \$301** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	36 Mo. Everyone Lease \$342** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. GMS Lease \$197** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Everyone Lease \$245** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	36 Mo. GMS Lease \$232** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	36 Mo. Everyone Lease \$261** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	36 Mo. GMS Lease \$232** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	36 Mo. Everyone Lease \$261** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>

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 2005 YUKON 4X4 <small>V8, automatic, side air bags, trailer package, power windows and locks & much more. Stock #056051</small>		 2005 SAVANA CARGO VAN <small>V8, automatic, cloth, CD, tilt, cruise, air bags & more. Stock #056413</small>		 2005 SIERRA PICKUP <small>Work truck package, 4.3 V-6, CD and more. Stock #056024</small>		 2005 GMC ENVOY SLE 2WD <small>Auto, air, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise, CD and more. Stock #056243</small>	
GMS SALE PRICE \$31,123*	EVERYONE ONE PRICE \$38,053*	GMS SALE PRICE \$19,636*	EVERYONE ONE PRICE \$20,606*	GMS SALE PRICE \$93**	EVERYONE ONE PRICE \$99**	GMS SALE PRICE \$229**	EVERYONE ONE PRICE \$279**
24 Mo. Lease \$311** <small>\$1995** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Lease \$380** <small>\$1995** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Lease \$93** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Lease \$99** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Lease \$93** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Lease \$99** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Lease \$229** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>	24 Mo. Lease \$279** <small>\$1499** Due At Lease Signing</small>

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Take a look at these features... Preferred equipment package 864A edge trim, MP3 CD/cassette, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, five speed automatic overdrive transmission, P255 OWL all-terrain tires 4:10 ratio regular axle, 5140 GVWR, sliding rear window, privacy glass, P235 all-season spare, power windows, power locks, remote keyless entry [Stk #51321] WAS \$26,475

A-PLAN \$17,823^{30*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$174.16**	\$174.16**	\$125.00**
\$617.61 AMOUNT DUE	\$2064.28 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Taurus SE 4 Door Sedan



Take a look at these features... CTC free air conditioning, OCE power restraint sys-pass a bag dual pwr mirror, 3.0L 2V 6-cyl flex fuel eng, auto O/D trans, P215/60RX16 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, [Stk #53048] WAS \$22,775

A-PLAN \$13,369^{25*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$218.77**	\$218.77**	\$156.12**
\$554.90 AMOUNT DUE	\$2078.49 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 F-150 Supercab XLT



Take a look at these features... Cloth captains preferred equipment pkg, 507A, 5.4L EFI V8 electronic 4-speed, automatic overdrive, 3.73 ratio limited slip axle, 6950# GVWR package tow and go, sliding rear window, premium 6-CD w/MP3, keyless entry, key pad deluxe mirrors, heated mirrors, elec rear view mirror, [Stk #50885] WAS \$30,395

A-PLAN \$20,163^{25*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$239.61**	\$239.61**	\$170.00**
\$486.99 AMOUNT DUE	\$2086.37 AMOUNT DUE	

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2005 Ford Five Hundred SEL



Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDX6 MP3 radio, 17" x 7" 5 spoke aluminum wheel 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 \$25,045

A-PLAN \$20,556^{25*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$269.66**	\$269.66**	\$206.26**
\$368.84 AMOUNT DUE	\$1891.64 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Freestyle FWD SEL



Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDX6 MP3 radio, anti lock brakes, mess center, 17x7 5-spk bright alum wheel, string whi 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**	\$260.57**	\$197.92**
\$359.20 AMOUNT DUE	\$1882.80 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Ford Escape Limited FWD



Take a look at these features... Leather comfort group, power driver's seat, speed control, air conditioning, Duratec 3.0L V-6 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
\$205.00**	\$205.00**	\$141.60**
\$420.30 AMOUNT DUE	\$1943.10 AMOUNT DUE	

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2005 Explorer XLT Sport

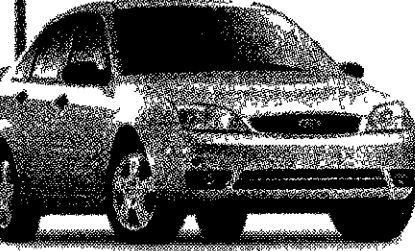


Take a look at these features... Advance trac w/ RSC, convenience group, P245/65R17 A/T OWL tires, 17" bright alum wheels, tire press monitoring system, 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel engine, 5-sp auto O/D trans, 3.73 ratio reg axle, regl sport sun sound pkg, XLT sport sun sound pkg, power moonroof, audiophile 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**	\$326.97**	\$262.51**
\$609.89 AMOUNT DUE	\$2131.28 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Focus Zx4 SES 4 Door

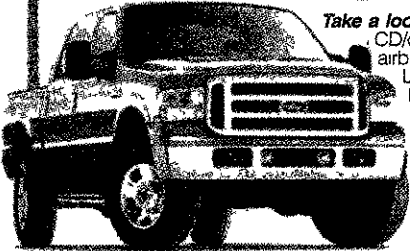


Take a look at these features... Integrated fog lamps, leather wrapped steering wheel, speed control, air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels, 2.0L DOHC eng, automatic trans, P205/55R16 BSW tires [Stk #51242] WAS \$17,790

A-PLAN \$12,754^{58*}

36 MONTH LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$210.13**	\$210.13**	\$164.73**
\$639.64 AMOUNT DUE	\$2131.61 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 F-250 Super Duty SC 4x4



Take a look at these features... Prem AM/FM, CD/clock, Pref esp pkg, 607A, pass airbag, air 5.4L EFI V8 eng, 5-sp auto, LT265/70RX17E OWL A/T, 3.73 ratio 1st slip axle, XLT sport pkg, sliding rear windows, fog lamps, privacy glass, body-side moldings, 9200 GVWR pkg, traction rec, 12.5k forged alum whls, elec shift-on-the-fly FX4 pkg, prem elec 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**	\$507.49**	\$460.80**
\$770.94 AMOUNT DUE	\$2311.00 AMOUNT DUE	

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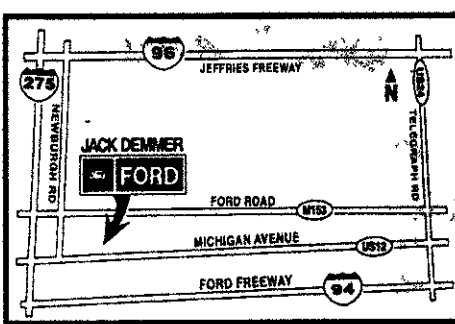
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