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Discovery Middle School's Alex Domin listens to speaker Richard Bernstein.

Students hailed for turning performance around

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Danny Daniels began his freshman year at Salem High School, all he wanted to do was fit in.

"I was a popular guy at the parties, and through all that it got me into a lot of trouble and I made a lot of bad choices," admitted Daniels at Tuesday's Turnaround Achievement Awards ceremony held at Summit at the Park in Canton Township. "I was drinking and using

drugs, and everyone liked me, but it turned out I wanted to be by myself because I took the drugs and alcohol too far."

Daniels, 18, began his high school career by getting all E's on his report card. Now, as a junior, Danny's sporting a 3.8 grade point average and looking toward graduation, something he thought would never happen.

"My turnaround happened when I came home one day and heard my mother and brother talking on the telephone," said Daniels. "My mom couldn't take it anymore, and my

brother suggested she kick me out of the house.

"I looked in the mirror and realized what I had become, and I realized that's not what I was supposed to be," he said. "There were a lot of relapses and failed drug tests and consequences. If it wasn't for family and God, I'm convinced I would be dead today."

Daniels was one of 25 students honored at the ninth annual Turnaround Achievement Awards

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Canton's got game

Annual soccer tourney pumps big money into local economy

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Soccer has turned out to be not just healthy for those who play it. It's also healthy for Canton's economy.

The Canton Cup soccer tournament brings as many as 19,000 visitors to Canton every Memorial Day weekend. What that boils down to is \$825,000 being pumped into the local restaurants, stores and hotels during a three-day weekend, Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said.

The 23rd Annual Canton Cup, sponsored by Canton Soccer Club, will draw to Canton 440 youth soccer teams from around the country to Canton's 37 soccer fields.

"This is one of the biggest tournaments in the country," said Greg Demopoulos, president of the club.

The tournament is run and planned by a 12-member volunteer board, which meets for five months out of the year, several times per month. But the township's support helps to make it possible, he said.

"The township offers support in terms of offering facilities for the games, offering police support and maintenance support," Conklin said. But the pay-off for the partnership is tremendous for Canton businesses.

"I think every business in Canton sees an increase over that weekend, but we see really big increases because we participate," said Robb Ramey, owner of Max & Erma's restaurant.

The restaurant helped sponsor last

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Yack: Delay decision on county parks millage renewal

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The clock is ticking on a countywide \$11.5 million recreation tax renewal, and suburban leaders have asked to slow down its pace.

Though Western Wayne County leaders couldn't quite come to consensus on the upcoming recreation tax renewal, they did agree they would ask for a little more time to discuss ballot language. The 18-community Conference of Western Wayne will ask Wayne County commissioners to consider holding the .25-mill election in November instead of this August.

"Although the millage will not lapse until 2006, it is rumored that the county will place the issue before voters in August of 2005," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack at a Conference of Western Wayne

meeting Friday.

The county clerk must have the renewal's language by June 3 if it is to be placed on an August ballot. The commission will vote Thursday on the ballot language and date.

"Detroit is the only large community with a contested August election," Yack said, arguing that a November election would be more fair to suburban Wayne County residents.

Livonia will likely have a primary election, but it's scheduled in September, said Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson, who asked if the county intends to reimburse communities who are holding county-ordered elections in which the only item on the ballot is the millage.

The millage was originally passed narrowly in 1996, in order to make improvements to four county parks, Wayne

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Car club revs up for Liberty Fest show

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Never mind that Daniel Driscoll's car is older than he is. The 19-year-old Canton resident says you can keep your new cars. He prefers his 1978 Corvette for its style and power.

"And the girls definitely like the car," he said with a smile.

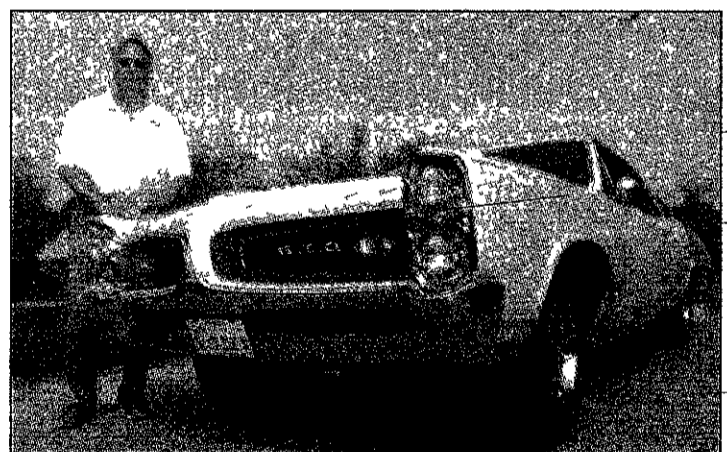
Driscoll is one of about 300 classic car owners who will be at the 14th Annual Liberty Fest Car Show, hosted by America's Most Wanted Car Club of Canton June 18-19.

The car show will raise money for Michigan Military Moms and Disabled American Veterans.

"So many young people are coming back from war with disabilities and sometimes the government doesn't even want to take care of them, so we try to throw a little money their way," said Michael Harview, president of the car club.

Aside from the fund-raising, the car show is just plain fun, said Harview, who will take his 1966 GTO to the show.

"There's just something about these old cars. They bring back memories of



Mike Harview, president of America's Most Wanted Car Club, and his 'Goat' - a 1966 Pontiac GTO, which he will display at the 14th Annual Liberty Fest Car Show.

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when gas was cheap and life was simpler and people would just go out and cruise," he said.

It was the nostalgia that made Redford resident Gordon Jackson want to start the car club 13 years ago. At the time there were just a dozen founding members, but now there are hundreds, he said. He and his 1949 Ford will be at the show this summer.

Since its beginning, the car club has been involved in Liberty Fest, and it has always served as a fund-raiser for

everyone from Special Olympics to Vietnam Veterans.

"It is just a really nice feeling to be able to do something for the unfortunate," Jackson said.

America's Most Wanted Car Club of Canton will host the Liberty Fest car show June 18-19 at Heritage Park. For more information or to make a donation for Disabled American Veterans and Michigan Military Moms, call Michael Harview at (734) 454-6654.

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Art exhibition

Three Cities Art Club will host an art exhibition and sale May 21-23 at the Canton Public Library. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 21; noon to 6 p.m. on May 22; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 23.

Works by local award-winning artists will be on hand, and include watercolor, pottery, sculpture, oil, colored pencil and more. There will be an open house reception on May 21 with refreshments, art demonstrations and an award ceremony at 2 p.m.

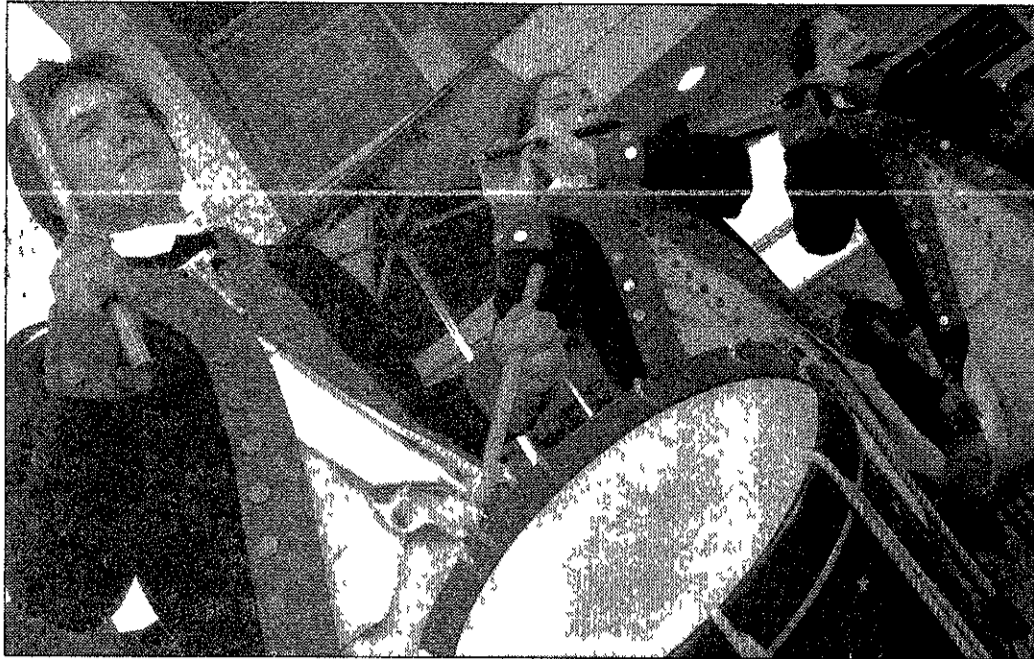
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Athena award luncheon

The Canton Business and Professional Women's Association and the Canton Chamber of Commerce will host the 2005 Athena Award Luncheon on May 18 at Carrabba's Italian Grille from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The Athena Award winner is a business owner/professional who demonstrates support and assistance to professional women. They display excellence in business or a profession; they provide a valuable service to the community, they exhibit initiative and creativity which enhances the efficiency of their business or profession and they contribute to the stability and improvement of the community.

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Laura Benedict's third-grade class at Tonda Elementary stands with Guernsey Farms owners John (rear left) and Marty McGuire, after the class selected a name for one of the cows the men donated to the farm at Maybury State Park. They chose Caramel on Creme.

Banging the drums

Adam Thomas (from left) of Farmington High School, Katie Parr of East Middle School and Kristin Campbell of Canton High School play outside Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth during a benefit for the Plymouth Drum and Fife Corps Tuesday evening. The PFDC performed for three hours in an effort to raise money to buy new uniforms.

Voyles wins award

Women in Communications (WIC) of Detroit has named Sue Voyles, president of Logos Communications, Inc. in Canton, its Headliner award recipient. The award salutes outstanding personal and professional achievements of a WIC-Detroit member who has risen to prominence in the communications field.

Voyles, who has a master's degree in journalism from Michigan State University, is also a part-time instructor at Schoolcraft College, often teaching an online journalism course that she developed for the college in 2002.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," said Voyles, who has spent 19 years in the communi-

cations and marketing field, with experiences focused on public and media relations, writing and marketing. "My business has grown over time and my focus is to not only please my clients, but to really help their businesses meet their fullest potential. All of my clients are very important to me."

She will receive the award at the 2005 Matrix Banquet on May 23.

Radio winners

Staffers from WSDP radio, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton schools, received a number of individual awards at the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters Honors Night at Henry Ford Community College.

Gold medal winners in production included Canton junior Scott Decker, Plymouth junior Brandon Allen, Canton senior Lindsay Wiczorek and Salem seniors Ryan Alloway and Kurt Edelbrock. Salem senior Karen

Chan won a gold award in interview.

Salem juniors Lauren Hostler and Bryan Kelly won silvers in production, while Salem junior Emily Huscher won a bronze.

WSDP also received the Carl V. Jacobson Educational Broadcasting Achievement Award for the Toys for Tots Benefit concert the station co-produced with the Canton Youth Advisory Council.

White elephant and bake sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a white elephant and bake sale on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and refreshments are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

Students pin the name on cow

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Laura Benedict's third-grade class at Tonda Elementary helped Guernsey Farms Dairy in the selection of Caramel on Creme Friday morning.

No, it wasn't the name for a new ice cream flavor of the month. It's the name of one of the cows donated by Guernsey Farms to help rebuild the Maybury Farm in Northville Township, which was destroyed by fire in Feb. 2003.

Guernsey Farms owners John and Marty McGuire delivered more than 1,000 names submitted in an area-wide contest to Tonda. Each of the 23 students in Benedict's class blindly selected an entry.

"We wrote the names on the board and they voted for their favorites," said Benedict. "We got it down to the top three, and then voted again."

Caramel on Creme, which edged Spongecow Squarepants in the final tabulations, was

submitted by Vicki Schnur of Canton Township.

"The kids were so excited, they loved it," said Benedict. "It was a lot of fun."

Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, which is overseeing the rebuilding of Maybury Farm, said Tonda students were selected to pick the winning entry because of their commitment to the restoration project shortly after the tragedy, which killed many of the animals.

"The students raised and donated \$1,000 toward the rebuilding of the farm," remembered Peters. "They also gave us a plaque, which still hangs inside my office."

For having the winning entry, Schnur will receive a gallon of Guernsey ice cream and hot fudge every week for a year.

A big cheer went up when the McGuires told students they each will receive free ice cream coupons.

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Local marathon man finishes the race at age 91

BY M.B. DILLON
CORRESPONDENT

After open-heart surgery in 1958 and on several occasions after that, Edward Andrysiak of Plymouth — a great-great grandfather who died May 5, 2005 at age 91 — was given a terminal diagnosis.

But what made Andrysiak tick — and kept him living decades longer than doctors said he would — no medical test could show: an unflinching devotion to God, family and fitness.

"I called him the old goat," joked the Rev. George Charnley, who con-celebrated his funeral Mass Monday at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. "Ed was my sacristan for 16 years, and he'd be there waiting for me to unlock the church every morning. He was a prayerful man who touched people's lives. He was such a great attribute to our praying community."

"He brought people to God through his love, faith and hope," echoed the Rev. Tony Richter, who often saw Ed "racing" and exchanging high-fives with children he befriended.

Charnley recalled Ed saying after a weekday Mass years ago, "Father, these people are holy, but we've got to get them exercising." That was the beginning of Ed's Holy Strollers Walking Club. He got them walking laps in the parking lot and gym.

As a young man, Andrysiak excelled at baseball, golf and bowling. He was drafted by the Boston Red Sox but suffered a career-ending injury stealing a base.

After a stroke at age 72, Andrysiak was so weak his workout consisted of a 50-foot walk from his porch to the mailbox. "The next day, he made it to the neighbor's mailbox," said his daughter Judy Rudzewicz of Plymouth.



Ed Andrysiak finished six of the eight marathons he entered and won the 80-over age division at the 1994 Detroit Free Press Marathon.

"He got a new doctor who was a runner, and before we knew it, my Dad was running marathons. He finished six of the eight marathons he entered."

Judy and her husband Jerry organized Ed's support crew at Detroit Free Press marathons. "We'd meet up with him every few miles and hand him cups of water and his heart pills," said Judy.

After several of his 26.2-mile races, "I said, 'Dad, I can't be your support crew anymore. You're wearing me out.' I couldn't keep up with him."

At the 1994 Free Press Marathon, Andrysiak — who raised thousands of dollars for the Multiple Sclerosis Society at his runs — won the 80-and-over age division, race-walking in 6 hours, 31 minutes.

A member of the Motor City Striders, Andrysiak competed in road races and

track meets from Boston to Spokane, often accompanied by family members scattered across the country. In 1998, he won the 60-meter dash among males 80-84 at the USA Track and Field/Bill Cosby Masters' Indoor Championships at the University of Nevada.

Friend and training partner Jackie Donahue of Canton said, "Ed was amazing. Even toward the end when he couldn't do marathons, he would meet me at Plymouth Township Park and he'd still want to walk. When my father was dying, Ed came to the house and sat with us at the bedside. He was really something."

"He was a great father and a wonderful man," said his son Jim of Kokomo, Ind.

Andrysiak retired from Detroit's Murray Corp. and Ford Motor Co., where he was a senior analyst.

Born Nov. 17, 1913 in Detroit, Andrysiak graduated from Cass Tech High School and Wayne State University where he earned an associate's degree. He married the late Henrietta "Hank" Kudej on June 17, 1939. They were married for 47 years and had six children.

Andrysiak died of complications from Alzheimer's disease at a nursing home in Fort Gratiot near Port Huron. Burial was at St. Clement's Cemetery in Center Line.

Andrysiak is survived by children Judith (Jerome) Rudzewicz of Plymouth, Jane (Michael) David of Seymour, Tenn., James (Mary Ann) of Kokomo, Ind., John (Carrie) of Boise, Idaho, Jeffrey (Sherry) of Grand Saline, Texas, and Julie (Mark) Hayden of Lexington; 21 grandchildren; 15-great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. Donations to the Alzheimer's Association are appreciated.



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Children's World Learning Center preschooler Carly Hopf, 5, enjoys coloring and singing with Marilyn Douglas as part of the tea party at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill Assistant Living in Canton.

A special date

Seniors and youngsters come together for tea party

Once a month, residents at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill Assisted Living and the youngsters at nearby Children's World Learning Center prepare for a special date.

The most recent special day was a tea party, complete with balloons, tea cups, cookies and punch (for the non-tea drinkers).

Once a month the children and their teachers walk to Waltonwood to spend the morning with the residents.

When the students arrived, resi-

dents were waiting in the dining room while the kids rushed in to say hello to them, and look for their older friends they had made during previous trips. The seniors helped the kids with dot-to-dot tea pots, coloring and word matching games.

As the day came to an end, the residents gave the children balloons to take back with them. The residents crowded by the door to laugh and enjoy watching a trail of balloons walk back to school.



Children's World Learning Center preschooler, Audrey Sabal, 5, colors pictures and enjoys cookies and tea with Joseph Grazioli, 90, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill Assistant Living.

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County's Hines Park, Elizabeth Park in Trenton, and two Detroit city parks - Chandler Park and Fort Wayne Park. The renewal in 2000 passed in nearly every Wayne County community. About half the money raised by the tax is used to improve and maintain county parks, and the other half is used for local parks projects. Yack asked the CWW to consider lobbying for a proposal which would support the millage's renewal, but would call upon the county commission to allow each of the Wayne County communities to keep in their own recreation programs half of the money generated by the tax. To pass the renewal, just half of voters must favor the millage. But to write a new millage, two-thirds would have to approve it. If the renewal passes, but the county commission agrees to allow half of the money to be used in the communities where it was generated, every year the county commission could choose to either use it at the county level, or send it back.

\$5 million (since the tax was first imposed in 1996), and we received \$400,000 to help build a community theater," Yack said. "That's a pretty pathetic return on our investment." Canton currently contributes some \$800,000 per year. Part of the problem is there is no formal process to apply for local use of the county money, Yack noted. CWW communities paid \$6.2 million in recreation tax last year alone, and have received about \$4.3 million, including \$1 million to make improvements to Belleville Lake. Belleville, the smallest of the CWW communities, paid just \$23,000 last year. Detroit paid \$2.2 million last year and has received some \$8.6 million, including a \$1.5 million annual subsidy to Chandler Park. Wayne County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh, who represents the 9th District, including Redford Township, Garden City and Dearborn Heights, is asking the commission to modify its renewal and place it on a November ballot. He's asking that half the tax money be sent back to municipalities. But Alan Helmkamp, assistant county executive, said in order for

'Canton has paid more than \$5 million (since the tax was first imposed in 1996), and we received \$400,000 to help build a community theater. That's a pretty pathetic return on our investment.'

Tom Yack
supervisor, Canton Township

the renewal to be valid, it must be free of modifications. He added the timing of the renewal is not politically motivated. Sixteen communities in the county will not have November elections, and 25 will not have August primaries, he said. He added that while a case could certainly be made to reimburse communities which will have August elections for the sole purpose of the millage, at this point, the county is "looking into it."

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Budget woes force cuts in Van Buren

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

The Van Buren Schools Board of Education sat down Monday night and trimmed the already lean budget once again. Through reductions, the board managed to pare away nearly \$730,000 from the 2005-2006 school budget.

It wasn't a pleasurable experience for the board. "I regret having to do this," said school board member Martha Toth.

Longtime school board member Ralph Nodwell echoed Toth's sentiments.

"We're not the only school district in Michigan to have to make cuts," Nodwell said. "I'm very sorry we have to do these things."

Although most of the budget cuts came from staff reductions, the district will save \$104,000 by cutting eight days in January and February, but adding 20 minutes to each school day to make up for the lost time. By eliminating eight days from the school calendar during the coldest months of the year, substantial utility savings will be made. The district will also see savings in the reduction of building use.

The board voted to limit evening use of the six elementary schools. All activities at the schools will have to be finished by 8:00 p.m. and limited to just two evenings per week. Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Lazaroff said this will help maintain the cleanliness of the

buildings and also assure the safety of the custodian in the building. Weekend use of the schools will be limited due to the cost of overtime and utilities. Staff cuts included custodians, secretaries and administrators.

The custodial staff will be reduced from 36 to 31 for the 2005-2006 school year. This includes cutting three custodial positions at the elementary schools and one at the middle school level. Three maintenance and grounds staff members will also be laid off.

Another reduction in staff, the Compensatory Education (Title I) Supervisor, will save the district \$88,944 in salary and benefits. The job responsibilities of this position will be assumed by High School Curriculum/Vocational Education Supervisor Rill Currie.

The elimination of the 15 hourly secretaries from both the elementary and middle schools sparked a short, but lively debate among the board members. The secretaries work three hours a day and provide administrative support for the full-time secretaries. Nodwell requested the amendment to cut the secretaries from the district's payroll be tabled until the school principals look over their budgets.

"I want to look at this a little bit closer," Nodwell said several times.

Toth said many elementary students need help with their medication and that the elimination of the part-time secretaries

could be a health issue because the extra help that they provide wouldn't be there.

Eventually, the board members agreed to modify the amendment so they would vote on the elimination of just the two part-time middle school secretaries and keep the elementary secretaries for another school year. The vote passed with no opposition. This will save the district \$17,566.

The board voted to eliminate the Building and Grounds secretarial position. This will save the district \$48,611 in salary and benefits. They also voted to eliminate a social worker by not filling an opening created by an early retirement. This move will save the district \$58,603.

Two part-time middle school counselor positions, one from North Middle School and one from South Middle School were also eliminated by the school board, saving the district \$48,471.

The board also voted on the implementation of a middle school and high school athletic participation fee. This will charge middle school students \$25 and high school students \$40 to participate in sports programs at the Van Buren Public Schools. It will also combine the middle school swim teams and modify the athletic trainers scheduled hours, all of which will save the district \$55,000.

All cuts, reductions and fees will take place starting July 1, 2005.

TOURNEY

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year's Canton Cup, and also offered coupons and special deals to attract visitors during that weekend.

"We'd be foolish not to try to attract them. It's one of the biggest tournaments in the county," Ramey said.

According to Conklin, Ramey's restaurant reported a 20-30 percent increase during last year's Canton Cup. McDonald's on Michigan Avenue reported business was up by 11-20 percent. Fazoli's said they saw a 41-50 percent increase. And Fairfield Inn reported a 21-30 percent increase

in business that weekend.

"The economic impact is just tremendous," Conklin said. "From the airport to Novi, every town is booked during that weekend."

What makes the tournament so successful, according to Conklin, is the soccer club's volunteers.

For example, the tournament has gone high-tech, and this year will offer instant online updates of scores and team rankings. There will be video equipment at Independence Park, where the tournament sets up headquarters. Large screens will post game results, and a running ticker across the bottom of the screen will allow viewers to keep track of

every game.

"The reason they can do all that is because of all these soccer dads and soccer moms that have those skills from their daytime lives, their professional lives," Conklin said.

Also contributing to the tournament's success is a host of family-friendly activities such as inflatable toys at two of the larger parks for players' siblings, and plenty of tiers at every age and skill level.

"That way no team is playing against teams that are all a lot better than they are. It's more fun that way," Demopoulos said. "Most tournaments are all about playing the game. We try to do more."

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Taking a glimpse at the future

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Seventh-graders at East Middle School received a bird's-eye view of the future Thursday when nearly two dozen people presented snapshots of their professions during the school's third-annual Career Day.

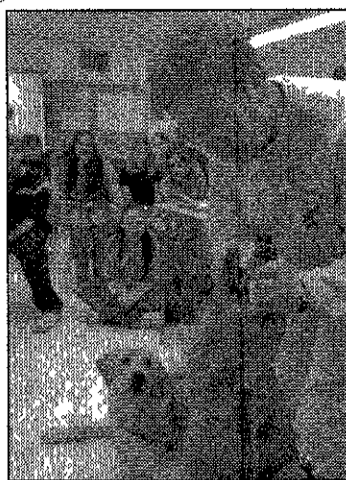
Students had opportunities to listen to a homeland security criminal investigator, a radiologist and certified athletic director among the nearly two dozen professionals who spoke.

"I think it was really nice because you get to see people from different careers," said Juliana Mi, from Canton Township, who wants to be a doctor or teacher. "You can see what it's like to be those people, and it helps if you can't decide what career you want to be."

Sheila Weber, an East Middle School counselor who organizes the event with Danielle Kovachevich, said this year's event received a great response from students.

"One student told me that she wished we could have career day the rest of the year," said Weber. "It's one of the highlights of the year for us."

"There's a push to have middle school students learn about career pathways, and we pick speakers who connect them to those pathways, to get a sense of what a career looks like," she said. "When they get to high school, they will be choosing electives that, hopefully, will be based on their interests."



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Margaret Goebel, who raises puppies for Leader Dogs, demonstrated basic dog training and care techniques, including brushing Esther's teeth, at Thursday's career day event at East Middle School. Juno kept a close eye out, because he was next.

Lisa Berg, 12, said she listened to a pilot and a representative from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the latter of which piqued her interest.

"I liked the Make-A-Wish Foundation, it's really nice how they help kids with illnesses," said Berg, from Canton Township.

This year, Weber attempted to find some unique careers, and brought in a funeral director.

"Middle kids like extremes, and he brought in some of his tools that are used to get a body ready," Weber said. "It's a part of life, and a job most of us know very little about."

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AWARD

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sponsored by Super Bowl in Canton. The awards recognize students who have overcome adversity and improved their academic performance.

"I'm just so happy for him, he's going to have a good life," said Danny's mom, Connie Daniels. "I always knew he could do it, and that's what bothered me about seeing him go downhill. That just wasn't him."

Discovery Middle School eighth-grader Alex Domin was a Talented and Gifted Student in the third grade and had a promising school career.

"But, I wasn't turning in my homework and I was removed from the program, and that's probably when I became more depressed," admitted Alex, who lives in Canton Township. "I thought I could do the work, and in seventh grade I was back in the TAG program, but the next year I was back in the normal program."

"It was like the Pac Man game, going through a little maze with all the ghosts coming behind you, closer and closer, and there's nothing you could do about it," he said.

However, resource room teacher Sue Young noticed Alex's talents, and worked on changing his behavior.

"I saw a lot in him, he's so witty and incredibly smart," said Young. "He's a wonderful young man, and will go on to do great things in his life."

Alex turned himself around. He's currently got a 3.4 grade point average, and after accepting a Turnaround Achievement Award was honored later the same day by the Board of Education for getting 100 percent on the MEAP tests.



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Tonda Elementary student Aaron Sneath and Debbie Sneath listen to the thoughts of speaker Richard Bernstein during Tuesday's Turnaround Achievement Awards luncheon.

"I decided I'd had enough," Alex said proudly, "and decided to get better grades. Now if I get a C I know I have to fix it."

Roger Philipi, director of operations for Community Bowling Centers, the parent company of Super Bowl, said the awards celebrate the students and those who stand behind them.

"Celebrating not only the hard work and achievement the young people have made, but the dedication of parents and educators to make this happen," Philipi said.

For 19-year-old Sabrina Raben of Livonia, that support was hard to find as circumstances resulting from a messy divorce involving her parents resulted in Sabrina being kicked out of the house at age 15. She dropped out of high school during her freshman year, and didn't return until days before her 18th birthday

after a friend told her she "deserved an education."

Raben enrolled in Plymouth-Canton Schools Starkweather Education Center, where she has been on the honor roll the past two semesters, selected to the National Honor Society and a Sandra Sagar scholarship winner. Now she's preparing to walk across the Salem High School stage on June 16 to accept her high school diploma, before enrolling at Madonna University in Livonia.

"When you get so stressed out trying to do good in school and pleasing your parents at home, you sometimes forget what life is about," said Raben. "Go out and have fun, because that's where your success is. Do something you like, and you'll never get sick of it."

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Home, sweet home

Students show off 'class work' at open house

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

On most days, students in Mark Valachine's classes wear tool belts and work clothes. But come Thursday evening, they'll be dressed up to welcome visitors to their "home."

Their "home" is a 1,540 square-foot three-bedroom, two-bathroom brick ranch with attached garage on Avondale east of Wildwood that they have spent this school year building.

"It feels good to see it at its final stage than when it was an empty lot," said Daniel Welyhorskyjok, a senior from Crestwood High School. "I learned a lot and I like doing it all. I can do anything from start to finish."

That's music to Valachine's ears. He figures that "if they really paid attention and are ready to go," they can do just that.

"They've been exposed to

everything in building a house," said Valachine who teaches the construction technology II class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. "They've done everything from raking leaves to bending aluminum. They've set all the windows and doors. That's when the bubble on a level has to be more than just between the lines."

Work on the house began last fall after the lot was cleared by Hilltop Tree Service. The students worked hand-in-hand with subcontractors on pouring the foundation, installing the heating and cooling systems, electrical and plumbing.

They hung drywall in the house although contractors were hired to do the mudding and finesse work. They also insulated and drywalled the garage where they got to do mud and prime the walls. Many of the contractors

who helped with the house are graduates of the center's programs and have "come to give back to the program," said Valachine. Some have found new employees while working with the students.

Valachine has 25 students in his two classes and when it came to framing the house, he brought them in groups of 16, breaking them up into four-man crews with a foreman, a cut man and two installers who worked on their own walls.

That was fine with Mike Holton, a senior at John Glenn High School who plans to start work with his uncle at North Pines Construction a week after graduation. He's been helping him frame houses ever since he was 12 years old which might explain his penchant for that work.

"I don't have the patience for finishing work," he said. "I like to do things quick and

finish fast."

They also worked as a team to pick up and set the roof trusses. No crane was used.

"They have to talk and communicate or they'll knock someone off the wall," Valachine said.

Some of the home's features include two decks - one off the kitchen-dining area and a smaller one off the master bedroom - custom-made closet organizers and custom-made rosettes as part of the trim around doors and windows and marble sills.

The rosettes were designed by students in the center's computer-aided manufacturing class. Valachine's students cut the wooden squares and the CAM students milled them.

Valachine admits that he can't teach his students everything, so his goal is to get them to "think."

"I try to make it as meaningful as possible," he said. "I try to train them to think of this as a job site and tell them, 'You call me like I'm the job boss.' They call me when they're going to miss class or be late. I don't look at it as an absence that's for their home school to do."

This is Valachine's first year with the Wayne-Westland school. Like Welyhorskyj and Holton, he started in construction well before high school graduation. He built his own home with the help of his father and had started his own small remodeling company by the time he was age 21.

He went to Central Michigan University to study teaching and came away with majors in industrial technology and physical science and vocational certification in



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In his second year of construction technology, William D. Ford Career Technical Center student Daniel Welyhorskyjok of Dearborn Heights works on the deck railing on the student-built home on Avondale.

construction. His current job at the Career Technical Center is his first job out of college.

"I knew what I wanted and I couldn't stand being in a classroom everyday," he said. "I love being on-site, I love building, I love being outside. This is my dream job and I got it right out of college."

The public is invited to see the student built home at 34057 Avondale between 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 19. The students will be on hand to answer questions, and hot dogs, chips and lemonade will be served.

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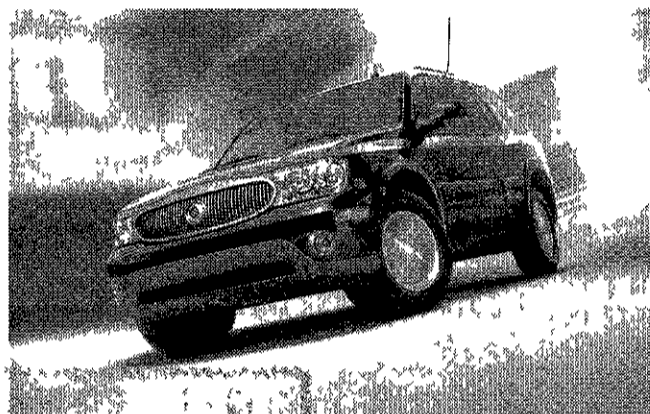
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'Disaster' focuses on preparedness for All-Star game

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The commander of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps did his part as a chaplain during a mock disaster this past week.

"I have some crisis intervention training," said Capt. Matt O'Neil, who serves as commander with his wife. He and other chaplains were sent to a family reception area.

"We were trying to calm them down." O'Neil helped at fire scenes as a church member in Alpena, but has never handled a big disaster.

"It's all good," he said of the

training. "I know it was good for the people that were coordinating it."

Wednesday's portion took place in the Comerica Park area of Detroit, said Kenneth Bresnan, area emergency manager for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Some 500-plus volunteers were involved in addition to at least 300 emergency personnel.

"It was rather large," said Bresnan, a Detroit resident. There were three separate coordinated "attacks," beginning around 1 p.m. Wednesday with a car bomb by the Fox Theatre. That was followed 20 minutes later by an anthrax scare at the

Detroit Opera House.

A pretend performance of *La Boheme* was under way, and the opera house had to be evacuated of about 2,800, and those people were checked out. At 1:30 p.m., a suicide bomber struck at the baseball stadium during the make-believe All-Star game, all part of preparations for the actual game this summer.

That "bomber" blew himself up in the bleachers off the third base line, Bresnan said, and also used sarin gas.

"That's what was used in Tokyo in the subway. Nasty stuff."

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'It went well because we learned a lot. These people really stepped forward.'

Kenneth Bresnan
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beds were needed and the national disaster medical system was activated, of which Bresnan is coordinator. The National Guard was summoned for air evacuation, with the team meeting Thursday at the Metro Flight Services hangar in the Metro Airport area in Romulus.

There were some 84 mock victims, mostly "walking wounded," to be flown to Indianapolis, Des Moines and Minneapolis for medical treatment, Bresnan said. The actual flights didn't occur, but helicopters were used in the training.

Chaplains from the Salvation Army, VA and International Fellowship of Chaplains handled the family reception function. "Everybody wants to know where their loved one is or see the body," Bresnan said.

He's been working on the exercise since January and deemed it a success. "It went well because we learned a lot," Bresnan said Thursday by

phone from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. "These people really stepped forward."

The Detroit Veterans Medical Center, Ann Arbor Veterans Medical Center, Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Michigan National Guard, chaplain units and Community Emergency Response Teams of volunteers were among participants.

"The Salvation Army fed us," Bresnan said. "They did a great job."

Many think such training began after 9/11, he added, although it actually dates back much earlier. "But nobody took us seriously until 9/11."

McCotter speaks on Lebanese freedom

Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter, R-Livonia, was joined by hundreds of Lebanese-Americans to pay tribute and honor the Lebanese Independence Movement, during a Cedar Revolution Solidarity Day celebration in Washington, D.C., on May 10.

In conjunction with the daylong celebration, McCotter introduced House Resolution 273 denouncing the actions of the Syrian occupation and other foreign aggressors in Lebanon, and supporting free and democratic elections in Lebanon. Representatives Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., Christopher Cox, R-Calif., Dan Burton, R-Ind., and Joe Schwarz, R-Mich., are original co-sponsors of the resolution, which has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

McCotter spoke about the need for America to show its strength and sup-

port to the Lebanese people "as they endeavor to stand up for their political independence, protect human rights, and defend democracy."

"It is the duty and the honor of every child of the American Revolution to stand as one with his fellow human beings abroad who are striving to break the yoke of tyranny and, finally, breathe free," McCotter said. "I extend my deepest gratitude for the privilege of uniting with you amidst these transcendent times of the Cedar Revolution, in which Lebanon's impending elections will continue to signal her people's resurrection from Syrian dominance."

At a reception following the press event, McCotter was joined by Lebanese-American dignitaries like Joseph Hage, president of the American Lebanese Coordination Council; Tom Harb, president of the American Maronite Union; Dr.

Joseph Gebiely, president of the Lebanese Information Center; Dr. Walid Phares, secretary general of the World Lebanese Cultural Union; Stephen Solomon, of the American-Lebanese Chamber of Commerce; Milad Zohrob, president of the Assembly for Lebanon; and Michael Assaf, of the Lebanese Information Center.

The resolution and the Cedar Revolution Day event also garnered support from other prominent Lebanese-Americans like Nobel Prize Laureate Elias Corey; Emmy, Golden Globe, and SAG award-winning actor Tony Shaloub of the USA Network hit series *Monk*; Tony Bou Samra, of the American Lebanese Alliance; Tony Haddad, of the Lebanese American Council for Democracy; and former executive director of the American-Arab Chamber of Commerce Nasser Beydoun.

Missing Southfield man's body recovered from Detroit River

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

An examination of dental records has confirmed that the body recovered from the Detroit River is Southfield resident Barry D. Berry who was reported missing April 15, according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office.

The cause of death won't be known for about six or eight weeks, pending the results of toxicology examinations, the department's chief investigator said Friday.

"There were no signs of trauma or foul play," said Albert Samuels.

The body was recovered Tuesday, after municipal workers saw it floating in the river, said Detective Sgt. John Szczepaniak of the Grosse Ile Police Department.

There was a wallet and identification on the body, Szczepaniak said. But the body was turned over to the medical examiner to determine the cause of death and to verify the identification.

Berry, who worked at a furniture warehouse, left home on the morning of April 15, his day off, to run errands, according to his wife, Cocoa Berry. She contacted Southfield police when he did not return. His vehicle was subsequently found by Detroit police near the MacArthur Bridge, which is also known as the Belle Isle Bridge.

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Vietnam lessons merit heeding

One of the main perks of being a news reporter is having the opportunity to meet intriguing people from all walks of life. I'm also able to attend many interesting events that I not only get to write about, but that also make me take stock of my own life.

A ceremony I attended last week was definitely one of those events that made me re-evaluate my thoughts about war, both past and present. It really was an honor for me to witness U.S. Sen. Carl Levin pin a Distinguished Flying Cross to Gerald Towler's chest at an American Legion hall in Livonia. The medal is awarded for heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Towler, a Canton resident, actually earned the medal some 40 years ago in the jungles of Vietnam when, as a 22-year-old U.S. Army helicopter pilot, he bucked the advice of others — and probably common sense — to fly in supplies and reinforcements to fellow soldiers locked in furious battle with enemy troops during the battle of Ia Drang Valley in November 1965.

According to the soldiers who nominated him for the award, Towler completed the missions despite a battlefield "enshrouded by smoke and haze that nearly obscured the battlefield, making flight at treetop level extremely hazardous." Towler flew through a steady aerial bombardment, with mortar and artillery shells bursting all over the perimeter, so he could fly in troops and supplies, and evacuate the wounded, even after medevac helicopter crews had refused to land because of the violence on the ground.

For anyone that has not experienced war, me included, it is almost impossible to fathom the sights and sounds of that battlefield.

Some 58,000 American soldiers died in Vietnam. Countless more were forever wounded, either physically or psychologically. Towler, who recently retired after a long career as a commercial pilot, has rarely spoken about his war experiences because of the pain it brings him. In fact, when he was notified he would be awarded the medal, he initially didn't want anything to do with it, he said. He doesn't see himself as a hero, just a soldier who did his duty. He says the real heroes were the ones who came home in body bags, having made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The scars of the Vietnam War, which was one of this nation's greatest disasters, have yet to fully heal. Maybe they never will. The war began as a noble mission to prevent the spread of communism, and to help democracy flourish in a part of the world where freedom, at least how we see it, was and still is a foreign concept. After investing so much energy, and the lives of far too many of our men and women in uniform, we pulled out of that quagmire.

I find it difficult to understand how, less than a generation later, we find ourselves stuck in an equally confusing quagmire, where our men and women in uniform have again been asked to sacrifice so much. Why did we not learn the lessons of history?

In a hundred years or so, when historians look back at this conflict in Iraq, what will they say? My guess is they will say the American people were misled by their president, who convinced many of us that Iraq had some responsibility in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11,

2001, or that the country posed an imminent threat to us because it had stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction. Of course, we now know that those claims were untrue. Whether President Bush knew this or not will be something for historians to figure out.

The Bush administration now says the war in Iraq is about creating a democracy in a region that is hostile to America and its global interests. Had the president and his cronies told us this in the first place, few would have supported this war. If Vietnam taught us nothing else, it taught us we can't be the world's police force. Or create democracies in places where they are not overwhelmingly supported.

Sure many, many Iraqis showed up at the polls to vote when the country held its first democratic elections earlier this year. But in 1967, more than 80 percent of South Vietnam's 5.85 million registered voters cast ballots in that nation's first democratic elections. It took less than a year after our departure before the Communists led by Ho Chi Minh supplanted this democracy.

How long must our troops stay in Iraq to support this newfound democracy? President Bush says only long enough for Iraqi military troops to be trained. Does anybody remember "Vietnamization," which was President Nixon's answer to getting us out of Vietnam? He surmised that by training South Vietnamese troops, they would be able to fight the war themselves.

"We have adopted a plan which we have worked out in cooperation with the South Vietnamese for the complete withdrawal of all U.S. combat ground forces, and their replacement by South Vietnamese forces on an orderly timetable. The withdrawal will be made from strength and not from weakness. As South Vietnamese forces become stronger, the rate of American withdrawal can become greater," Nixon said in a speech on Nov. 3, 1969, when he announced the Vietnamization plan.

This sounds very similar to what the Bush administration is saying to an increasingly wary American public about this war, which has now claimed more than 1,600 American soldiers and countless innocent Iraqis. The death toll grows every day.

Nobody is shedding a tear because we deposed Saddam Hussein, who was a brutal dictator (is there any other kind?). But there are many other leaders and governments in the world equally ruthless. We can't continue to send our young men and women to those places to "install" democracy, because we think it is the best form of government.

Unfortunately, we now have both feet stuck in this quagmire. If we pull out now, our troops and many, many Iraqi civilians will have died for nothing. We'll also have lost any of the little credibility we once had in the Arab world. Soldiers and their families will have to pay the price for a seriously flawed decision to go to war, just like Gerald Towler and his mates did some 40 years ago.

In my eyes, there are just too many parallels, some almost eerie, between this war and Vietnam, which tore our country apart at the seams. Why didn't we learn the lessons?

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Senator ruminates on checks and balances

When Sen. Carl Levin visited with *Observer & Eccentric* editors

May 5, he pondered the concept of checks and balances and how that concept was playing out in the issues he's been dealing with in Congress.

He complained that it was hard to maintain checks and balances when the executive and legislative branches were in the hands of the same party.

He might have added that on many issues the Supreme Court tends to have a slight conservative edge as well (despite the recent attacks on the court by Republican legislative leaders).

Levin's concern is that the balance was in danger of being permanently

destroyed by Republican leadership in the Senate by the elimination of the filibuster in debates on judicial appointments. Levin argues that the filibuster is an essential tool for the full expression of a minority point of view with a long history, even on judicial appointments.

The filibuster has two images in the popular mind. One is the idealistic stand of Jefferson Smith, as embodied by James Stewart, standing up to the smug corruption of the bosses on the Senate floor in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*. The other image is the ignoble grandstanding of Southern senators opposing civil rights legislation. But in both cases a minority view got its full expression.

Later in the interview with Levin, the conversation turned to the situation in Iraq, and it was here that Levin made his most interesting comments about democracy, checks and balances and what it is that sets our form of government apart.

In Iraq under Saddam Hussein, the Sunni Muslims held power, though they represented a minority in the country. The majority Shia were often an abused majority. Now the Shia see an opportunity to right the wrong and a Sunni insurgency is trying desperately to resist them and an occupying American military force.

"You have Shia who deeply embittered against the Sunni leadership and they are now in the majority and for them democracy means majority rules," Levin said. "That's not what it

means to us. We've got a First Amendment, we've got a 13th Amendment, we've got a 14th Amendment. We've got protections for individuals against the majority.

"You can print what you want and I can say what I want. If the majority says you can't print that or I can't say that, you're going to win. Minority rights are protected, we have checks and balances in our Constitution against abuse of executive power, legislative power and even judicial power. We have checks and balances embedded in our Constitution. In Iraq, they don't know about that."

He said we can not want democracy (our kind of democracy) more than they do.

Sometimes we take our democracy much too lightly. The recent school board elections had minuscule voter participation. Even in the Farmington school district, where the interest was intense among some people, less 20 percent of the registered voters even bothered. We assume that it will come out all right and we don't need to bother (except on the high profile elections where we get hit on the head by advertising).

Levin's concept of democracy is how we progress as a people. Under majority rule, slavery might have gone on for many decades more. Jim Crow laws and de facto discrimination would still be around. Women wouldn't have the vote or the opportunities (though ironically women have always been a slight majority of the population, they didn't have the vote).

But our Constitution, that glorious, flexible, eternally relevant document gives us a safety valve of freedom. It was understood after the document was drawn and ready to go that as written it would stifle freedom under rule of the majority. Human rights had to be protected, "embedded" in our Constitution. So the framers went back and created the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights.

Under the Constitution, the majority rules and the minority view is protected.

As Levin says, that's democracy to us.

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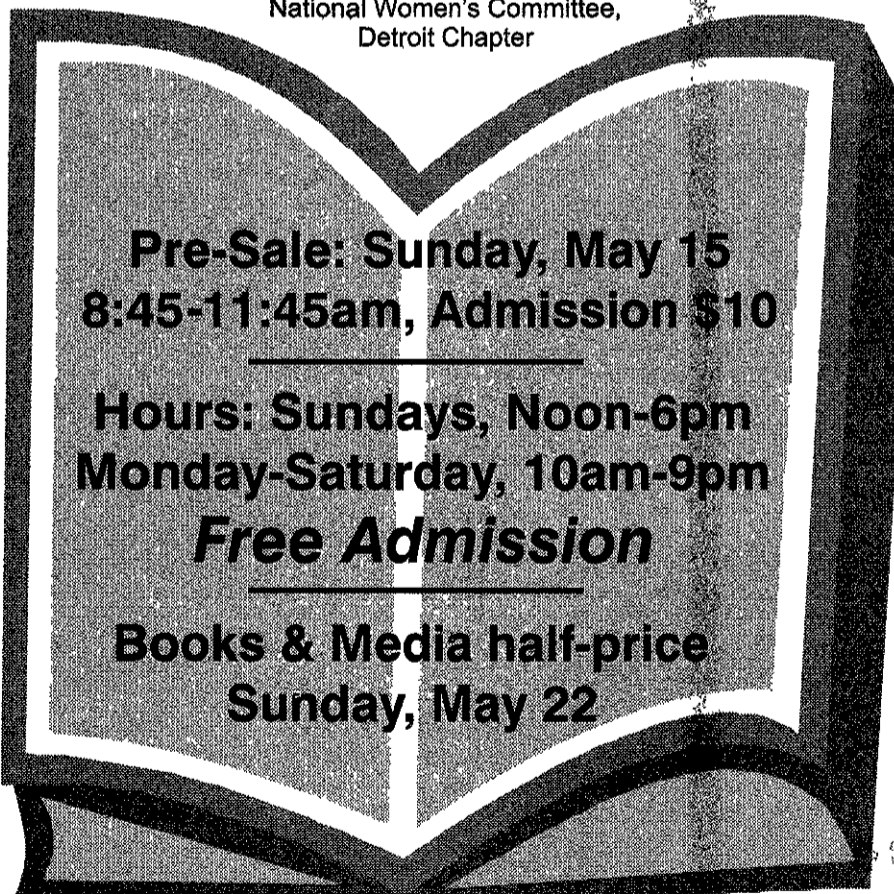
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Rock solid

Salem's two aces too much for Plymouth linksters



Salem's Anna Ross chips onto the green during Wednesday afternoon's Western Lakes Activities Association match against Plymouth at St. John's Golf Course. Ross fired a 50 to help the Rocks claim a 180-218 victory.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls golf team has a one-two punch that would make many accomplished boxers envious.

While most high school teams are lucky to have one player who averages in the low-40s for nine holes, the Rocks have two — senior Jamie Siedlaczek and junior Ashley Smith.

The dynamic duo were instrumental in Salem's convincing 180-218 technical knockout of Plymouth Wednesday afternoon at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth Township. Siedlaczek fired a 39 while Smith carded a 41 on the challenging St. John's "Matthew" course. The Rocks' score was rounded out by a pair of 50's from Anna Ross and Christine Garland.

The triumph improved Salem's dual-meet record to 8-2 heading into Monday's match against Canton.

"The key to our team's success is obviously Jamie and Ashley," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "They have played well all year. If we want to do well in the Regional meet coming up, we need two other players to score in the 40s."

"Today, Anna and Christine shot 50, which isn't bad. In fact, I'm not upset by a 180 score at all. I would just like our chances a lot better if we can get four scores in the 40s."

Plymouth's young and senior-less roster is filled with five juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen, so the Wildcats could be a force to reckon with in the years to come. However, expecting them to compete swing-for-swing with the talented Rocks was asking too much.

Sophomore Liz Anderson led the way for the Wildcats on Wednesday, turning in a solid, team-low 51. Also scoring were Katie Ingraham (53), Madeline Salvaggio (55) and Elaine Lafayette (55).

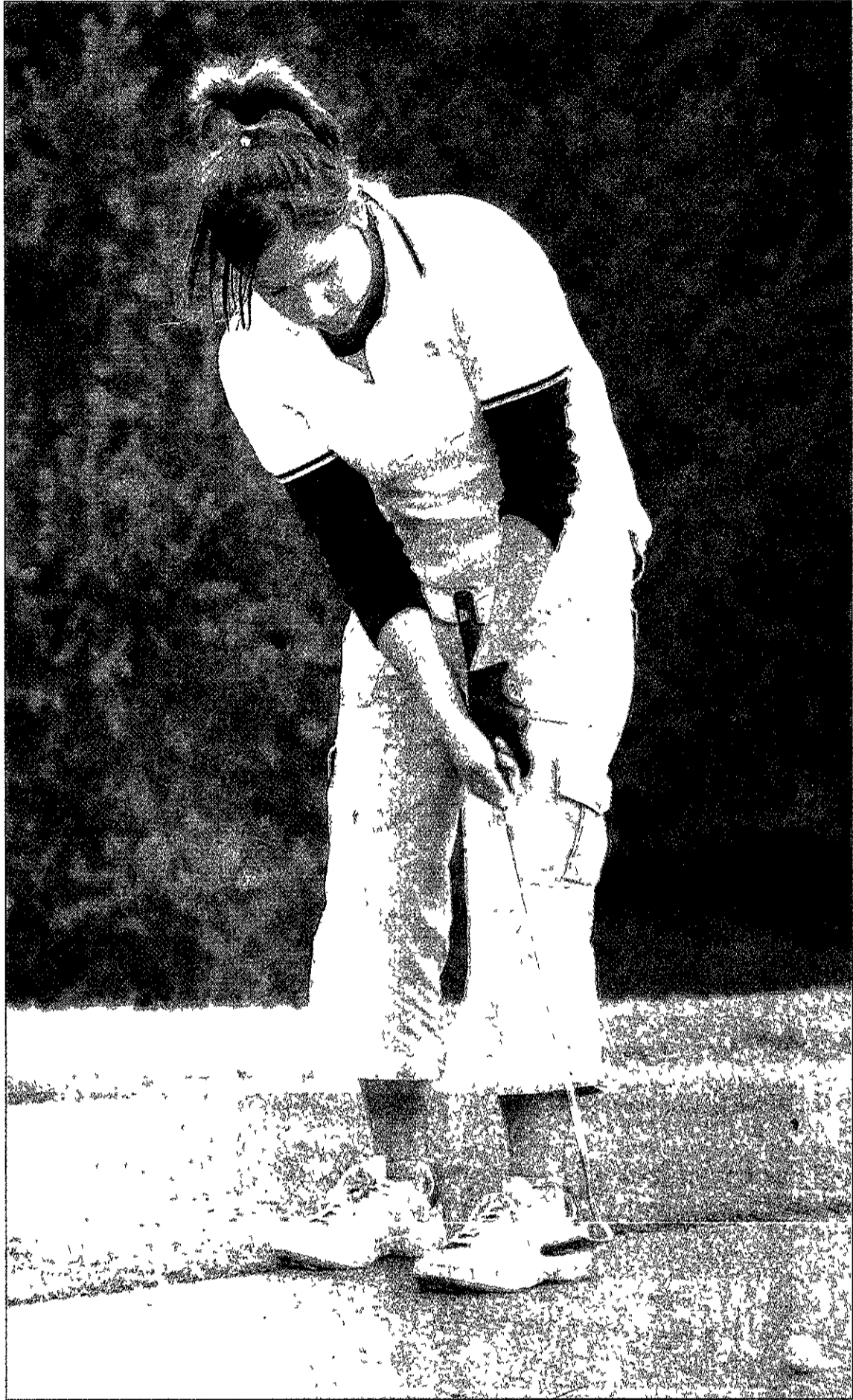
The non-scorers for Salem were Alyssa Mastic, who shot a 53, and Kate Rzetelny, who carded a 59. The Wildcats' non-scorers were Laura Tremonti (56) and Melissa Miller (60).

Wilson said his team prepared for Thursday's Division 1 Regional tournament at Temperance's Giant Oaks Golf Course by playing 18 holes at the layout earlier in the week.

"I like our chances at the Regionals because we're a better team when our girls can play 18 holes rather than nine," Wilson said. "When we play 18, it gives the girls some time to work out the kinks in their swings. Ashley shot an 81 at Giant Oaks and Jamie shot an 82, so I like our chances. We'll have a shot (at advancing to the state meet) if we can get two other girls to shoot in the 90s."

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Plymouth's Elaine Lafayette watches her putt head for the cup on the opening hole of Wednesday's match against Salem at St. John's Golf Course.

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Sidelines

Warriors fall

Ann Arbor Huron, the seventh-ranked boys lacrosse team in the state, defeated the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Warriors, 13-2, Tuesday night at Huron. The River Rats improved to 11-1 with the win while PCS dropped to 5-8.

On Senior Night, all but one of the River Rats' goals were scored by seniors.

The two PCs goals came from Mitch French, who tallied a first-quarter marker after receiving a pass from Nick Cote, and Jared Ruark, who scored in the third quarter after accepting a pass from French.

Huron outshot the less-experienced Warriors, 50-13, and won nine of the game's 16 face-offs.

Chris Sorensen netted 13 saves for the Warriors, who host Lakeland on Thursday at 8 p.m. before traveling to Romulus on Saturday.

Hole-in-one

Plymouth resident Ed Forsyth, 48, recorded the first hole-in-one of his 20-year golf career Wednesday at Salem Hills Golf Club in Northville.

Forsyth aced the 204-yard third hole with a five wood. He fired a 38 for the nine-hole round.

Smith wins

Salem junior golfer Ashley Smith won medalist honors at the Ann Arbor Invitational held May 4 at the University of Michigan Golf Course in Ann Arbor.

Smith, who fired a one-over 73, had to defeat two other golfers in a sudden-death playoff. Smith parred the first extra hole while the other two bogeyed to secure the first-place trophy.

The victory was Smith's third playoff triumph in the past two seasons.

New cheer coach

Jeanne Grueber has been named the new varsity cheerleading coach at Plymouth Christian Academy. Grueber is no stranger to PCA, having coached the varsity squad from November 1992 until September 2000. Under Grueber's direction, the Eagles won their first MCCA state championship in 1999.

Over the past three years, Grueber has assisted the Canton Agape Christian cheer squad.

Fall soccer

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Canton now 25-0 thanks to incredible comeback

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP SOFTBALL

Jim Arnold has witnessed hundreds of games during his 15-year tenure as the Canton girls softball coach, but only a handful of those packed the excitement and intensity that filled the Chiefs' 4-3 victory at Northville Thursday afternoon.

"I'd have to say this one was definitely in the top five of all the games I've

coached," Arnold said, referring to the second game of a double-header sweep over the Mustangs that improved the Chiefs' record to 25-0 and clinched the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

After cruising to a 7-0 victory in the opening game of the twinbill, the Chiefs trailed 3-1 in the bottom of the seventh

in the nightcap against the Mustangs. Canton was considered the home team in the second game because it was a makeup from a previously rained-out game that was originally scheduled to be played at Canton.

Mustang hurler Jenna Dumbleton had all but silenced the Chiefs through the game's first six innings, holding them to just three hits and one run.

But with one out in the seventh, Canton loaded the bases thanks to two

Mustang errors and Rachel Beaudoin's single. After the next batter popped out, Dumbleton ran the count to 3-2 to Canton lead-off batter Brittany Scero, who launched the sixth pitch of her at-bat over the left-fielder's head, plating all three base-runners and giving the Chiefs an incredible come-from-behind win.

What was going through Arnold's head as he saw Scero's hit roll to the fence?

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Shining at the state meet

The Euro Stars Level 6 gymnastics team placed second at the state meet held earlier this month. The team included four local gymnasts, including 14-year-old Erica Kosmalski, 12-year-olds Brooke Granowicz and Brittany Granowicz, and 11-year-old Nikki Palmer. Kosmalski placed 11th in the state in the all-around; Brooke Granowicz was the state champion in the floor-exercise competition (9.625) and the all-around (37.325); Brittany Granowicz was second in the all-around (37.300); and Palmer was second in the all-around (36.925) for her age group. The team is coached by Plymouth residents Peter and Tania Gueorguiev (pictured above with the four local gymnasts) and Antonina Uzonova, who is not pictured.

Hollywood ending

Chiefs keep streak alive with finish even Disney would love

There's nothing more entertaining than those feel-good Disney sports movies — *The Mighty Ducks*, *Little Giants* and *Remember the Titans*, to name a few — where the teams filled with good guys overcome incredible odds and seemingly invincible obstacles to win the big game in the movie's final 10 minutes.

The happy endings

always make you feel good as you walk out of the theater, even though you know that most of the



Ed Wright

PLEASE SEE **WRIGHT, B4**

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, May 16
 Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17
 PCA at Birmingham Roeper, 7 p.m.
 Warren Zoe Christian at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 18
 Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
 WL Northern at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 19
 PCA at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Agape at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 20
 Canton at WL Western, 4 p.m.
 WL Northern at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Agape at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 21
 Lakeland at Salem (DH), 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, May 16
 Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 PCA at Bethesda Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17

Bethesda Christian at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 18
 Canton at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at WL Northern, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 19
 PCA at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Agape at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 20
 Canton at WL Western, 4 p.m.
 WL Northern at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Agape at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 21
 Canton and Salem at Madonna Invite, 8 a.m.
 Wildcat Invitational at Plymouth, TBA
Sunday, May 22
 Canton and Salem at Madonna Invite, 8 a.m.
BOYS TRACK
Friday, May 20
 Division I Regionals at Canton
GIRLS TRACK
Friday, May 20
 Division I Regionals at Canton
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 16
 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at WL Central, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17
 Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 18
 Canton at WL Western, 4 p.m.
 WL Central at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 19
 Bethesda Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
 Agape at Birmingham Roeper, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, May 19
 Division I Regionals, 8 a.m.
Friday, May 20
 Division I Regionals, 8 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, May 16
 Canton at Salem
 at St. John's G.C., 4 p.m.
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 Division I Regionals at Giant Oaks G.C.
BOYS LACROSSE
Thursday, May 19
 Lakeland at PCS
 at Plymouth H.S., 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 21
 PCS at Romulus, noon

Chiefs still in the hunt for WLAA division title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The mission was clear for the Canton baseball team heading into Thursday afternoon's home double-header against Northville.

The Chiefs needed to sweep the talented Mustangs, or get eliminated from the race for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

With their backs against the WLAA, er, wall, the Chiefs completed the mission...almost.

Canton won the opener, 10-9, in dramatic fashion by scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh to send the contest into extra innings, where it won the game in the bottom of the ninth.

The Chiefs are leading the nightcap, 12-6, in the bottom of the fifth, but the game was suspended due to darkness with a Northville runner on first base with one out. The game will be finished Tuesday afternoon at Northville, which was technically the home team in the second game because it was a make-up of an earlier rained-out contest.

The game-one victory improved Canton's record to 11-12 overall and 4-3 in the WLAA's Western Division.

"We knew we had to win two (Thursday) to stay alive after our loss to Franklin earlier in the week," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "We had the lead early in the first game, then we lost it, but the kids stayed poised and focused and chipped away until they tied it up in the seventh."

The Chiefs bolted to a 4-0 advantage after two innings before Northville retaliated with a six-spot in the third. The Mustangs were up 9-5 in the seventh when Canton staged a dramatic rally led by Shawn Little and Craig Galarnau, who both ripped two-run singles to knot the score at 9-9.

Canton won the game in the ninth when Tarik Khasawneh led off with a walk and replaced by pinch-runner Joe Mishler. The next batter, Jake

PREP BASEBALL

Powers, was hit by a pitch. With the Mustangs' infield moving on the pitch, Dickey called for a double-steal and the batter, Little, rocketed a single up the middle to score Mishler with the decisive run.

Little finished 3-for-5 with four RBI. Other key contributors were Galarnau (4-for-4, RBI, three runs), Brad Gallison (1-for-4), Scott Steffes (1-for-3) and David Neu (1-for-3).

Kyle Muliolis (2-0) earned the win, yielding seven hits and two earned runs over the final four innings after relieving starting pitcher Matt Hemmelgarn, who allowed three earned runs in five innings.

"We had a couple of key errors that hurt us when they scored six in the third," Dickey said.

The final results of Thursday's suspended game will be published in this Thursday's edition of the *Observer*.

FRANKLIN 12, PLYMOUTH 4: Otis Young, David Wells and Jon Leins hit back-to-back-to-back home runs to start the first inning for the Patriots, and they cruised from there to win at home Friday.

Franklin shelled Plymouth starting pitcher Nate McManus for eight runs in the first two innings.

Wells finished the game with three hits and three RBIs. Young had two hits and two RBIs and D.J. Tracy had two hits and an RBI.

Cody Campbell gave up two runs, five hits, five walks and struck out five to earn the win for Franklin. The win moves the team's record to 16-5 overall, 6-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Franklin had a 4-0 lead in the third inning of the second game of Friday's scheduled doubleheader, but thunderstorms suspended the game.

JOHN GLENN 9, CANTON 8: A five-run fifth inning helped the Rockets outslug the Chiefs for a home victory Wednesday.

The big inning enabled John Glenn to overcome a 5-4 deficit. Ryan Carlington three

singles and drove in four runs. Ryan Sharp drove in three runs with a single and double. Tim Bingham drove in a pair of runs with a single and double.

Bingham pitched five innings, gave up two earned runs, walked one and struck out one to earn his first win of the year. Canton's Eric Byrne took the loss, giving up six earned runs in four innings of work.

Shawn Little led the offense for the Chiefs with two hits and four RBI. David Neu and Tarik Khasawneh also ripped two hits a piece for the Chiefs.

"We made a couple of errors that led to one of John Glenn's big innings," Dickey said. "But I give them a lot of credit. They scrapped and hit the ball well."

The Rockets outhit the Chiefs, 11-8.

The win improved John Glenn's overall record to 8-12.

HURON VALLEY 16-2, AGAPE 6-4: The Wolverines split a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference double-header with the Hawks on Thursday, dropping the opener, 16-6, before rebounding with a 4-2 victory in the nightcap.

In the opener, Huron Valley tallied nine runs in the second and five in the third to run away with the 10-run win. The Hawks out-hit the Wolves, 12-6. Agape was hampered by eight errors.

Agape starting pitcher Ryan Barber took the loss after working the first four innings.

"Ryan didn't pitch that bad, we just made a lot of errors behind him," said Agape coach Scott Lewald. "Only half of Huron Valley's runs were earned."

Offensively, the Wolves were led by Kyle Miller (2-for-3, RBI) and Daniel Walker (three walks, two runs scored).

Miller pitched a gem in the second game, limiting the Hawks to five hits in seven innings while striking out three. Matt Molnar and Gabe Molnar both had key hits for the Wolves in their four-run third inning.

The split left Agape with a 4-11 overall record and 3-5 mark in the MIAC.

Salem nips Churchill in 10-inning thriller

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Salem's boys baseball team overcame a 4-1 deficit in the fifth inning and was down to its last at-bat in the eighth inning, but the Rocks persevered to win 6-5 over Churchill in a 10-inning battle Thursday.

"We played in a lot of one-run games this year, some of them came down to the last at-bat," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "It takes everybody to win a game like this and we got a great team effort."

Salem's Steve Myers ripped a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Rocks their fourth win in five games.

Myers also had a double in the bottom of the eighth inning, when Salem was down to its last out and trailing 5-4. Jim Sroka followed with an RBI single to extend game. It was Sroka's fifth hit of the game.

"I think we may have to look back in the Salem history books for the last time we had a player have five hits in a game," Rumberger said.

The Chargers jumped out to the 4-1 lead with two RBI singles by Brandon Mishowski and one each for Corbin Foraker and Mark Pirronello. Each of

Churchill's run-scoring hits came with two outs.

Salem fought back with Mitch Hosch's two-run double in the fifth. With the Rocks down to their last two outs in the seventh inning, Hosch hit a game-tying sacrifice fly.

In the top of the eighth inning, Churchill's Joel Hall ripped his third hit of the game, again with two outs, to give the Chargers a 5-4 lead.

For Hall, the three-hit game comes after coach Ron Targosz used a designated hitter to bat in Hall's spot in the line-up for Wednesday's game.

"He had been struggling at the plate," Targosz said. "Seeing him come back like that shows his character."

The second basemen on both teams made key defensive plays. Churchill's Matt Dykla made diving stop on a ground ball, stepped on second and fired to first for the double play which held Salem's fifth-inning rally to two runs. Myers slid into short right field to snag a ground ball and fired to first for an out in the ninth inning.

Both starting pitches dueled into extra innings. Churchill's Steve Merlo gave up three earned runs and struck out five in nine innings of work. Salem's Nic England hurled eight innings,

'I think we may have to look back in the Salem history books for the last time we had a player have five hits in a game.'

Dale Rumberger
Coach, Salem

gave up five earned runs and struck out four.

John Israel pitched two innings of shutout relief to earn his second win of the season. Hall pitched one-third of an inning and took the loss.

Targosz said he was disappointed in the loss but happy with his team's effort. He noted an error that led to two runs and stranding six base runners in the first four innings haunted Churchill.

"These guys didn't quit after they gave up the 4-1 lead," Targosz said. "In the end, we made a few mistakes that cost us."

The game's result improved Salem's overall record to 9-12 and dropped Churchill's to 10-9. Both teams are 4-4 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

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Salem topples 'Cats with big 5th inning

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In the court of law, when a defendant takes the Fifth (Amendment), he or she remains silent.

When Salem took the fifth (inning) Monday afternoon against Plymouth, the Rocks' bats were anything but silent.

Salem broke open a close game against the cross-campus Wildcats by tallying nine runs in the fifth inning to earn a five-inning, mercy rule-shortened 12-2 victory. The win improved Salem to 8-12 overall. Plymouth slipped to 2-13.

Josh Ritter earned the complete win for Salem, limiting Plymouth to three hits and no earned runs in five innings of

work. Plymouth starter Bryan Stotz suffered the loss despite pitching effectively for the first four innings, after which Salem led just 3-2.

Leading the winners' 14-hit attack was shortstop Andy Ciantar, who went 3-for-4, including a pair of doubles. He also scored three times and knocked in a pair of runs.

Mitch Hosch also had a huge game at the plate for Salem, ripping a pair of singles and a triple, and contributing two RBI. Ciantar and Hosch both clubbed a pair of hits and scored two runs a piece in the decisive fifth frame.

Bill Horgan (2-for-2, two RBI), Bill Leddy (2-for-3, two RBI) and Andy Psilis (2-for-3, RBI) also swung hot bats for the Rocks, who jumped out to a 3-0 lead in

the bottom of the first on four hits, four stolen bases and a walk.

Plymouth cut its deficit to 3-2 in the second when it manufactured a pair of runs thanks to a walk and stolen base by Alex Harvey, a pair of Salem fielding miscues and singles from Kyle Feldscher and Jeffrey Harrison. The Wildcats put two base-runners on in the third and advanced a runner to third in the fourth, but Ritter worked out of both jams.

Ritter struck out three and walked two.

Stotz shut out the Rocks from the second inning through the fourth, but was hurt in the book-end first and third frames.

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Rock kickers shut out 'Cats, 6-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP SOCCER

Heading into Wednesday's game against P-CEP neighbor Plymouth, Salem had more experience and depth than the senior-less Wildcats.

When the game was over two hours later, the Rocks also had more goals.

Salem improved its record to 6-6-3 with a 6-0 victory over Plymouth in a game played in cold, windy conditions.

strong wind at their back. Canton goalie Brittany Cervi stopped all three shots by the Spartans to earn the shutout.

Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said Beth Prost, Wendy Hoots, Andrea Muscat and Caitlin Boyak played with a lot of heart, but was disappointed in the team's overall effort.

"No one wanted to step up and test Canton's keeper," Pinta said. "I'd say we really tested her three times."

The loss dropped the Spartans' overall record to 9-3-2.

PCA 9, WARREN ZOE 0: Sara Ross, who normally serves as the Eagles' goalie, tallied three goals to lead PCA to a one-sided victory at Zoe Thursday afternoon. The Warriors failed to record a shot on goal against PCA's swarming defense.

PCA is now 7-2 overall and 6-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. The Eagles are tied for second with Birmingham Roeper, who games behind league-leading and unbeaten Oakland Christian.

Also pacing the Eagles' offensive effort were Abby Lorion (two goals, two assists), Jenna Misch (first goal of season), Katie Polera (one goal), Lauren Soblesky (one goal, one assist) and Julie Predhomme, who scored her first goal of the year. Lauren Beckett, Meghan Polera and Tessa Neubacher also notched assists for the winners, who led 3-0 at the half.

Ross, Lorion and Karen Cleary shared the net-minding duties for PCA.

"It was a good game considering we played short-handed," said PCA coach Bob Lorion, referring to four players who missed the game due to a school play.

PCA 6, AGEAPE CHRISTIAN 0: Sara Ross recorded her fifth shutout of the season and Abby Lorion tallied two goals and an assist to lead the Eagles.

Also scoring goals for PCA were Katie Polera (two), Lauren Soblesky and Holly Johnson. Soblesky, Johnson, Cleary and Misch were credited with assists.

"I thought the girls were a little sluggish at the start of the game," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "I think we had a letdown after beating (Birmingham) Roeper last week. Overall, though, I thought we played well."

PCA will host Southfield Christian on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

"I thought our girls performed very well," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Our game plan was to put a lot of pressure on goal, take a lot of shots and use the width of the field to our advantage, and it seemed to work."

"I thought Plymouth fought hard the entire game. Our experience was probably the difference. We have 10 seniors and they don't have any. Plymouth played better than the 6-0 score would indicate."

Kelly Adsit scored the Rocks' first goal after taking a pass from Amy Gizicki 10 minutes into the game. Moments later, Gizicki scored a goal that was assisted by Tara Duncan.

The Rocks carried a comfortable 4-0 advantage into the half thanks to goals by Duncan and Gizicki. Colleen Burke and Kristin March notched assists.

Andrea Gasparatto and Kathryn Wheatley closed out the second-half scoring for the winners. Adsit and Megan McCarthy assisted on the goals.

Alyssa Guerin recorded the shutout, making five saves.

Salem bombarded Plymouth goalie Brittany Warner with 15 shots.

CANTON 1, STEVENSON 0: The Spartans could not muster many scoring chances against the Chiefs in Wednesday's game at Canton as both teams were forced to battle a 40-mph wind throughout most of the evening.

Lisa Ealy scored on a play assisted by Bailey Fagan in the 15th minute, and that's all the Chiefs would need.

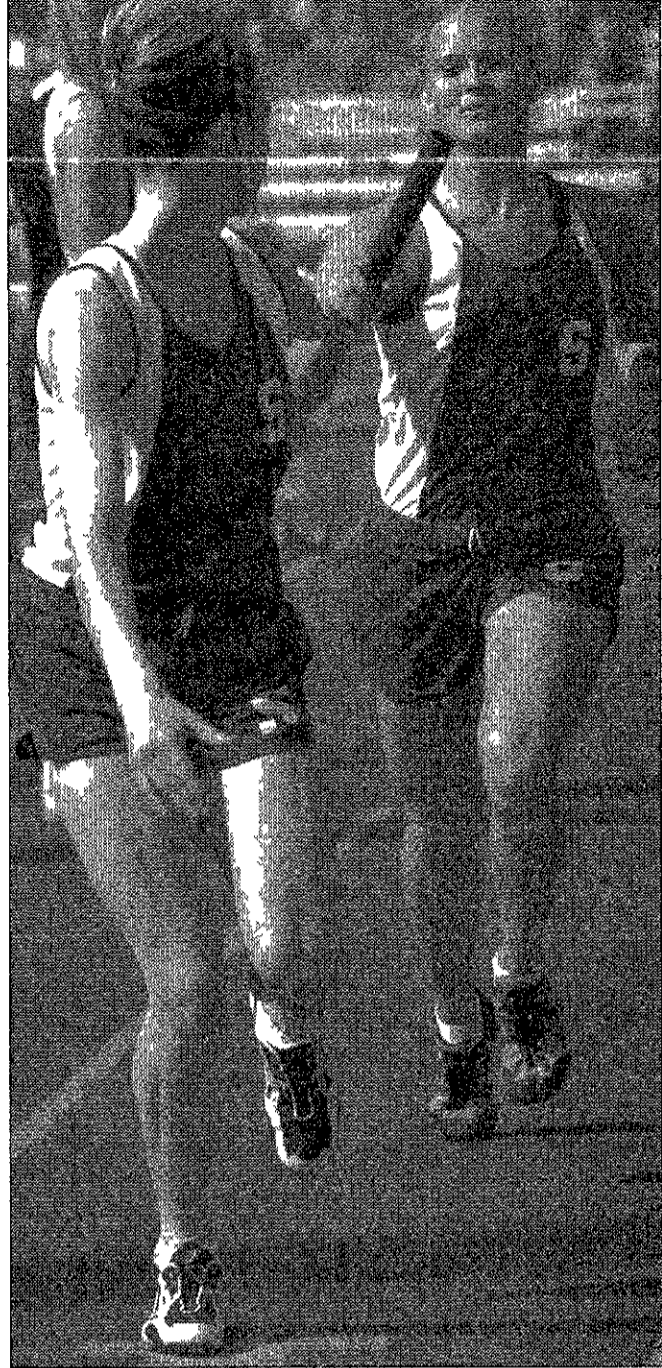
"Our defense was excellent," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "Stevenson has a number of good players, so this was a good win for us."

The victory lifted the Chiefs' record to 9-3-2.

Stevenson brought more offensive pressure in the second half, but the Chiefs consistently cleared the ball out of harm's way, aided by the

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 85, SALEM 52
May 12 at Churchill
Shot put: 1 Anna Wilson (S) 33-11, 2 Abron (LC) 33-7, 3 Maggie Fisher (S) 33-4
Discus: 1 Anna Wilson (S) 107-2, 2 Hobbins (LC) 95-1, 3 Bergeshi (LC) 94-1
Pole vault: 1 Allie Vranak (S) 9-6, 2 Jackie Demers (LC) 9-0, 3 Kristin Zegrecki (LC) 8-6
High jump: 1 Jackie Gribeck (LC) 4-8, 2 (tie) Lynden Gault (S) and Kristin Zegrecki (LC) 4-8
Long jump: 1 Dana Eldred (S) 14-8, 2 Andrea Lang (S) 14-3, 3 Jackie Gribeck (LC) 14-1, 25
3,200-meter relay: 1 Churchill 10:01.7, 2 Salem (Hannah Cavicchio Marisa Carpinelli, Allison Janda, Laura Friedman) 10:07.3
100 hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang (S) 16-8, 2 Dana Eldred (S) 17-1, 3 Rothemel (LC) 17-4
100 dash: 1 Nickens (LC) 13-0, 2 Coppola (LC) 13-2, 3 Thornberry (LC) 13-4
800 relay: 1 Churchill, 1:48.2, 2 Salem (Lindsay Miles Allie Vranak, Brittany Lockhart Lynden Gault), 1:50:00
1,600 run: 1 Hope (LC) 5:24.4, 2 Cieslak (LC) 5:27.6, 3 McFarland (LC) 5:28.6
400 relay: 1 Churchill, 52:57, 2 Salem (Brittany Jones Carolyn Heaney Kelly Cunningham Kieyana Arnold), 53:9
400 dash: 1 Wilkins (LC) 59.9, 2 Brittany Lockhart (S) 1:02.8, 3 Schmidt (LC) 1:03.6
300 hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang (S) 1:48.2, 2 Rothemel (LC) 48.7, 3 Lucas (LC) 50.3
800 run: 1 Laura Friedman (S) 2:23.5, 2 Cieslak (LC) 2:27.0, 3 Allison Janda (S) 2:29.9
200 dash: 1 Wilkins (LC) 26.8, 2 Nickens (LC) 27.1, 3 Brittany Lockhart (S) 27.4
3,200 run: 1 Drinan (LC) 12:01.2, 2 Lauren Kane (S) 12:01.1, 3 Cieslak (LC) 12:14.1
1,600 relay: 1 Churchill, 4:16.9, 2 Salem (Katie White Alyssa Cercione Katie Hull Laura Olson), 4:40:00
Dual-meet records: Salem 6-1 overall, 4-1 WLA Lakes Division Churchill 6-0 overall, 5-0 WLA Lakes Division

CANTON 72, PLYMOUTH 65
May 12 at Plymouth
Shot put: 1 Chrystien Guyton (P) 28-4, 2 D'Angela Pitts (C) 27-8, 3 Allysa Scalera (C) 26-4, 50
Discus: 1 Janet Hanchett (P) 86-0, 2 Ashley McClellan (C) 79-8, 3 Raquel Juco (C) 20-8
Pole vault: 1 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 9-6, 2 Katie Hale (C) 7-0, 3 Courtney Mack (P) 7-0
High jump: 1 Brittany Petty (P) 5-0, 2 Meghan Matheny (C) 4-6, 3 Izabela Paszkowska (C) 4-6
Long jump: 1 Chrystien Guyton (P) 14-6, 2 Brittany McKinney (C) 14-5, 3 Kinshasa Lynah (P) 13-11, 50
3,200 relay: 1. Canton (Kelli Bargowski, Becky McCormack Jennifer Thomas, Lisa Clinton), 10:11.8, 2 Plymouth (Allisa Vint, Sarah Sherwood, Nichole McLaughlin, Janet Hanchett) 10:15:00
100 hurdles: Toria Davis (C) 13:2, 2 Breana Wallace (P), 13:5, 3 Stephanie Okolo (P), 13:7
800 relay: 1 Plymouth (Kinshasa Lynah, Chrystien Guyton, Courtney Mack, Stephanie Okolo), 1:52.6, 2 Canton (Mina Pirzadeh, Brittany McKinney, Toria Davis, Sumon Joyner), 1:53.6
1,600 run: 1 Becky McCormack (C), 5:32.9, 2 Jackie Beeler (P) 5:34:12, 3 Annie Murphy (C), 5:53
400 relay: 1 Plymouth (Courtney Mack Chrystien Guyton, Janet Hanchett, Stephanie Okolo), 53.51, 2 Canton (Meghan Metheny, Jessica Murray, Toria Davis, Sumon Joyner) 54.5
400 dash: 1 Kinshasa Lynah (P), 1:05.69, 2 Carrie Hause (C), 1:06.86, 3 Meghan Early (P), 1:09.02
300 hurdles: 1 Brittany Petty (P), 51.54, 2 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 53.47, 3 Jessica Murray 54.72
800 run: 1 Kelli Bargowski (C), 2:29.00, 2 Jennifer Thomas (C), 2:32.09, 3 Allisa Vint (P), 2:32.59
200 dash: 1 D'Angela Pitts (C) 27.47, 2 Breana Wallace (P), 27.63, 3 Toria Davis (P) 28.46
3,200 run: 1 Becky McCormack (C), 12:20.08, 2 Amy Ostrowski (P), 12:31.50, 3 Annie Murphy (C), 12:54.9
1,600 relay: 1 Plymouth (Kinshasa Lynah, Allisa Vint Jackie Beeler, Janet Hanchett) 4:24.62, 2 Canton (Kelli Bargowski, Kristin Ward Beth Pruitt, Carrie Hause), 4:42.29
Dual-meet records: Plymouth 2-9 Canton 4-1



Salem's Danielle Malone is pictured passing the baton to teammate Laura Friedman during the 3,200 relay in a meet earlier this year. The Rocks' 3,200-relay squad was defeated by Livonia Churchill in Thursday's WLA dual meet.

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8	7/18-22	Canton	Independence Park	9:30-12:00	\$139
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Canton resident to end reign as longtime assistant coach

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The spotlight rarely shines on the sidekick. But Garden City varsity softball coach Barry Patterson wanted to make sure it did for his soon-to-retire longtime assistant, Chuck Drewicz. "As head coach, you're the one who always seems to get credit for the things that happen in the program," said Patterson recently. "You know, like the wins. Obviously, I got my big moment last year having the 400th (win). "Chuck's been with me now for 10 years, and quite honestly, he's every bit as big a part of this program and has been since Day 1 when he came in. Kids just adore him." So does Patterson, who appreciates how Drewicz provided him with a sounding board and plethora of softball knowledge during those 10 years. The coaching tandem also has had a lot of success. Drewicz is retiring after this season with 200-plus victories as an assistant.

BIG VOID

"When he leaves this year it will be a huge loss," Patterson said. "It will be a void that I probably can't fill. I coached this team for 10 years before Chuck became my assistant coach, and I thought I was a pretty knowledgeable and pretty good coach at that point in time in my mind. "Every day I realize, being around Chuck, how little I really know." Of course, how often can a high school coach have a former pro on board? Drewicz, a Canton resident, was a player on the Mike Hitch-owned Detroit Caesars professional slow-pitch softball team of the 1970s. Among his teammates on the Caesars were former Detroit Tigers Jim Northrup, Mickey Stanley, Jim Price and Norm Cash. "Cash was a riot in the locker room," said the 52-year-old Drewicz with a chuckle.

Chuck went on to coach a AAA slo-pitch women's pro team, Lady Blue, to six championships and coached four years at Plymouth Salem before a mutual friend of his and Patterson's hooked them up.

"I've been very fortunate to coach some great athletes," Drewicz said.

Patterson and Drewicz quickly meshed in this way: Drewicz clasped his hands. "We became best friends."

He is the McMahon to Patterson's Carson. He is low-key, providing balance to Patterson's no-nonsense style.

"It helps him because it (coaching) is so tough," Drewicz said. "There's so many things going on during a ballgame or at practices, to have one gentleman try to do it all it's really tough. (Having an assistant) just makes it easier to have more hands to teach kids more things."

Drewicz also is there with words of encouragement for the girls and is comfortable in his role.

HE CARES

But the strain of rushing through rush-hour traffic from his job in Flat Rock to practices and games in Garden City got to be too much, along with wanting to do other things with his bride of 1 1/2 years, Sue.

"It can be a pretty long day," he noted.

According to Patterson, "a lot of things in his life have changed and it's really tough for him to make the commitment every single day (to Garden City softball). I know he'll still care about every one of the kids."

To that end, Drewicz sends care packages to every Garden City player who moves on to a college team, such as Lynzee Smith, who graduated in 2004 and played this spring at Madonna University.

When a player had trouble with her math, he tutored her to help get her grades up enough to make her more

attractive for a college scholarship.

And for each year of his tenure with the Cougars, Drewicz has put together framed team photos to put on a wall at home and reminisce about a special time in his life.

"I'll get to watch a few of the kids play college (ball)," Drewicz said. "(Lindsay) Ritz is over at Eastern, 'Zee's at Madonna. It's just time for me. Like I said, I had a great career and I had the chance to give something back to the game and to the kids and I'm glad I did."

He'll invite all the Garden City softball alums of the past decade to a holiday party and show gratitude to what he called his extended family.

"I never had kids myself. This is like my family."

LASTING IMPACT

Of course, Patterson is hopeful he'll see his friend stop by for future practices, to offer insight and support.

"What a blessing (he's been) for our program and I'm sure he'll mosey around every now and then," Patterson said. "It'll probably be hard to get it out of his system."

That might be the case. But Drewicz is ready to begin a new chapter in his life.

"I'll still help him with try-outs," Drewicz said. "But I've never been to (baseball) spring training, like Florida and Phoenix. I just want to go places."

He might be going places, but he'll leave quite a big legacy behind in Garden City.

"I hope the girls will take the positive things from the softball field to what they do in everything else during their lives," Drewicz said.

With Patterson around, Drewicz can rest assured that the imprint he put on the Garden City softball program won't fade away anytime soon.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOLSTICE RUN

The Fifth Third Bank Solstice Run will include a new 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) event along with the 5K run/walk and the kids fun run, Saturday, June 25, in Northville.

Packet pickup will be from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24 at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, and also starting at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25 at Ford Field in Northville.

Entry fees are \$25 (10K run), \$20 (5K walk/run) and \$9 (kids run).

Shirts will go to all entrants (if registered by June 20). Free entertainment with a live band

will be provided at the finish line, along with music on the course.

Medals will go to the top three finisher in each age division (along with medals to the top 300). There is a total of \$5,000 in prize money and gift awards for the 10K and 5K races. The Foresters will provide medals to all kids participants.

You can register online at www.SolsticeRun.org.

T-BALL LEAGUE

The City of Plymouth is accepting registrations for its Summer 2005 T-Ball league. All games will be held on Wednesday or Thursday evenings at Central Middle

School. Practice days will be determined by each team's coach.

Games begin the week of June 20 and will run through Aug. 5.

The fee for Plymouth residents is \$55; the non-resident fee is \$75. Registration forms can be filled out at the Parks & Recreation Department, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. Weekday office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

MU baseball 2 wins from crown

The Madonna University baseball team stayed alive in the NAIA Region VIII tournament Friday by out-slugging Indiana Tech, 11-7, Friday afternoon in a loser's bracket elimination game played at Calvin College Field in Grand Rapids.

The victory improved the Crusaders' record to 40-15 heading into Saturday morning's semi-final contest against Marion (results will be published in Thursday's Observer). The Warriors finished their season with a 28-32 mark.

Lead-off hitter Jason Barbeau and designated hitter Dave Herrick led the Crusaders' offensive attack by each contributing a pair of hits

and three RBI. Kyle Fedorka also had a big day at the plate, ripping three safeties while knocking in a pair of runs.

Tony Kern, Kellen Fry and Justin Fabian also added two hits a piece to MU's 15-hit attack.

Starting pitcher Will Kennedy earned the win for the Crusaders, striking out nine while yielding nine hits and six earned runs in 8.2 innings of work. Mike Hand and Fedorka both pitched in the ninth for the Crusaders, with Fedorka notching a save.

Madonna broke open a 1-1 game with seven runs in the third inning to make it 8-1. The Crusaders added a single run in the fourth and two in

the fifth to put the game on ice. Tech never quit, scoring two in the sixth and four in the ninth to make the final score respectable.

Madonna stayed alive in the tourney by recording a 3-0 victory over Spring Arbor on Thursday afternoon. Starting pitcher Derek Dufrane was the hero for the Crusaders, throwing a complete-game five-hitter while striking out six batters. The Cougars' Tom Compain also pitched well, giving up just one earned run and six hits in eight innings.

Offensively, the Crusaders were led by Mike Cauzillo (2-for-4, RBI) and Gary Van Allen (2-for-3). The setback ended Spring Arbor's season at 21-26.

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ESPN show features pro athletes

You can add Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. to your television viewing schedule for the ESPN "Bowling Night." It is re-run again on Friday afternoons at 2 p.m., with some well-known sports celebrities showing their talents on the lanes.

I didn't know they had a bowling center in the vicinity, but this show comes to you from South Beach in Miami, Fla. I did not see this show on the published TV newspaper listings, but it is there, nevertheless.

Hosted by Mike Greenburg and Mike Golic (co-hosts of ESPN Radio's "Mike & Mike in the Morning"), with added commentary by Norm Duke of pro-bowling fame, it is kind

of fun to watch, particularly since some of the pro athletes haven't the slightest clue about bowling. One of the winners was NFL star Terrell Owens, and another was Willis McGahee of the Buffalo Bills. Both were winners in the two shows that I caught on with only because I was channel-surfing and stumbled upon this by accident. Produced by ESPN Original Entertainment, the show began its eight-week run on April 12 and features \$80,000 in prize money for these players from the NBA, NFL and NHL, as they trade their sneakers, skates and cleats for bowling shoes.

How about one team that has won its league championship for six straight years starting in 1999. They bowl in the Greater Grace Temple Mixed League (20

teams) at Hartfield Lanes in Berkley. One reason they keep winning is that the same four bowlers have stayed together and they keep on getting better. The team's members are: Stephen Winborn, a Detroit firefighter, who averages 212; Clinton Township resident Guy Galliard, a Ford Motor Co. foreman, who averages 202; Etta Grandberry of Macomb, a professor at Davenport and Baker colleges, who sports a 168 average; and her husband, Alvin Grandberry, a pastor of Worship Lifestyle Ministries in Detroit, who carries a 199 average. Winning the league title is not that easy, but in six consecutive years, that's great teamwork.

David Vera-Burgos of Garden City is the president of the Merriman Road Baptist Church League at Cloverlanes and he demonstrated just why he is the president with an 822 series a few weeks ago. The series included a 299 game in which the four pin was stubborn and remained upright on what would have been his 20th consecutive strike. He closed out the season with a 298, averaging 223. The 300 score has been very elusive for Dave, as he had three 299's this season. Keep trying, Dave. You can do it.

Every year, the Greater Detroit Bowling Association produces its yearbook listing accurately the averages of about 70,000 local bowlers based on their average of April 1. It takes the full cooperation of all the men's and women's leagues within the GDBA jurisdic-

tion, which — in itself — is a monumental task. As of May 6, there were still 32 leagues that had not sent in their lists.

The GDBA must have this so that they can complete the work necessary to produce the yearbook. This should take priority action, as any delays will make it more difficult to get the book out to the leagues on time for next season's meetings.

The bowling industry has been making an investment in bowling's future and it's paying off. The United States Bowling Congress has announced it is going to support the high school bowling program for youth bowling as a varsity sport which became implemented in a few states in 2001.

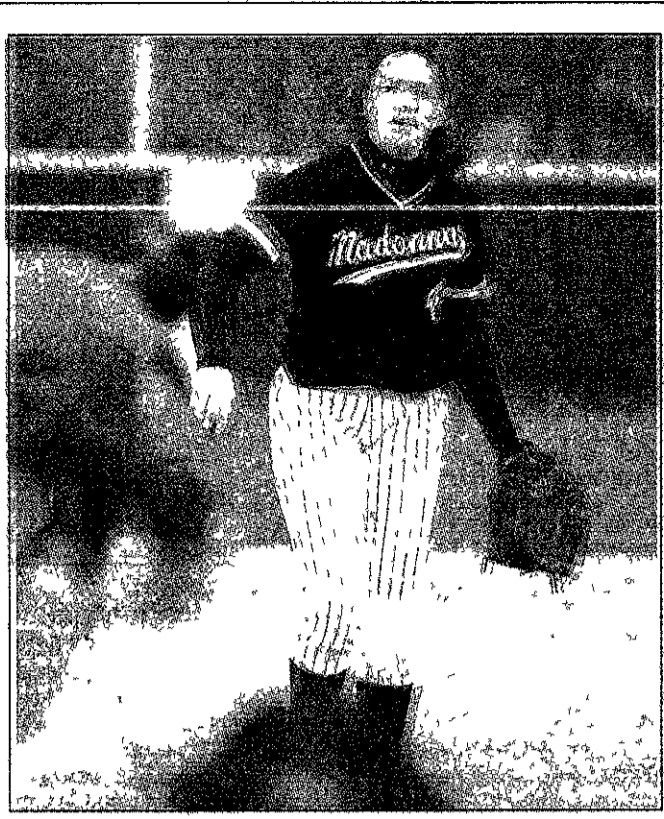
The growth has been phenomenal, and according to Christine E. Zahn, director of USBC high school bowling, it is the fastest-growing high school sport with more states falling in line as 14 now have both boys and girls full varsity programs in place and others will soon follow as 25 more states are now doing it on a club basis, following along the same guidelines that have been so successful. Michigan is one of the strongest states in high school varsity bowling and the growth of the sport is self-evident in our own backyard.

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



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Loss ends season for Lady Crusaders

Madonna University's women's softball team's season ended Thursday with a 4-2 loss to Cornerstone University in the National Association of Interscholastic Athletics Region VIII tournament.

The Lady Crusaders finished 29-12.

Madonna had a chance to rally against Cornerstone, but left the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh.

On Wednesday, Madonna lost 4-1 to Spring Arbor University but exploded for 17 runs in the nightcap, a 17-2 triumph over Bethel College.

In the victory, Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood) went 3-for-4 with three RBI while Shannon Noder earned the pitching win.

She's the best

Madonna University's Erin Brockert, shown pitching during a recent game against Aquinas, recently was named the pitcher of the year both by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and National Association of Interscholastic Athletics Region VIII. The Lady Crusaders' season ended Thursday with a 4-2 loss to Cornerstone in the NAIA regional.

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Julie Brown

Wheels matter and sometimes they annoy

Cars are great when they work. Unfortunately, sometimes they don't. You can't really grow up in the Motor City without developing some appreciation for cars. Driver's ed at 15, followed by that all-important test and license at 16. It meant freedom, a chance to hit the open road, even if it was in mom's trusty station wagon.

Car trouble was covered briefly in driver's ed, but like many motorists I know less than I should about what's under the hood. This became evident recently with a spate of car woes.

First it was my 2000 Ford Focus, on which the transmission went. At 49,000 miles or so the warranty didn't cover the new transmission. Even so, our records at North Brothers Ford in Westland showed we'd taken good care of the car, so Ford paid up for most of the cost. The car's running smoothly now, and I'm glad to have my independence back.

Then, my husband's new Honda developed more unusual difficulties. It was running rough, to say the least, so a trip to Victory Honda in Plymouth was in order. Their diagnosis? A wild critter had crawled up under the car to seek warmth, chewing wires and insulation along the way.

Again, the work was done quickly and well, although an insurance claim was needed for this one. We were concerned about the critter problem happening all over again and sought solutions. Somehow, doubling the size of our one-car garage seemed a tad excessive.

One suggestion — hanging old panty hose filled with mothballs under the hood — had me nervous about engine fires. I liked far more the idea of a spray that could be applied liberally to keep critters out.

The spray in question came not from an auto supply shop, but rather from Specialty Pet Supplies on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The helpful staffer there seemed well aware of the problem and recommended Foey Bitter Taste.

The pet training aid is designed to stop destructive chewing and licking behaviors. It's advertised as "The Most Bitter Stuff On Earth."

The spray is evidently non-toxic enough to be sprayed directly on animals, so I didn't worry too much about environmental impact or damage to the car. So far, so good, as we've had no repeats of animal misbehavior. (Do they somehow seek out foreign cars and avoid domestic ones?)

Of course, I know the metro area's mass transit is woefully inadequate and am all in favor of efforts to improve it. Seniors especially suffer when they can't get out and about for errands and visits, and I realize there's a great deal to be said for methods to allow them to maintain their independence.

Nevertheless, I still enjoy driving, even with traffic too often too heavy. There's just something about the open road that beckons, even if it's only a trip to the supermarket for groceries or to the library to return books.

Let's hope our cars keep on running, and thanks to the mechanics who figure out how to keep increasingly high-tech vehicles roadworthy. Cars can be a pain at times, but they also can take you to unusual places — even the local pet supply store. Julie Brown of Plymouth Township is presentation editor for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. She can be reached at (248) 901-2565 or via e-mail at jbrown@oe.homecomm.net.

Observer LIFE



Summertime fun

Day camps pitch activities to fill those vacation months

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Weeklong camps have sprung up locally to fill kids' days with sports, arts and educational activities. Parents love them because hours coincide with their work schedules, but even when they don't many camps offer extended care.

Sandy Fisher's 3-year old daughter Samantha is still too young to participate in the **Kids on Campus** program she coordinates at Schoolcraft College for grades one-nine, but when she is Fisher plans to register her for camps (\$191) focusing on math, science, physics, language, computers, cooking, robots, theater, and art. Classes, including ones for gifted children, are available for \$111 for two weeks beginning July 11. Call (734) 462-4448.

"My daughter and I have already taken the parent and tot swim class here and loved it," said Fisher. "We offer many different things. As a parent I would be hard pressed to find anything like this anywhere else."

SCIENCE

Youngsters can expand their world into science and creativity at **Camp Invention**, which focuses on five different activities — from making new inventions out of broken appliances and recycled materials to designing automobiles and testing their safety. They'll also create imaginary amusement park rides. It'll be directed by Carrie Kamin, a Livonia Public Schools substitute teacher, and held June 27-July 1 at Holmes Middle School. Visit www.campinvention.org or call (800) 968-4332.

Living Science Foundation offers camps in Canton, Livonia and Plymouth. Along with the rare experience of touching a shark, petting a walaby, holding a python or having a macaw perch on their arm, kids learn about science. Camps runs June 27 to

'It was fun, very educational. I learned a lot of stuff about being a doctor.'

Kyle Szalay
student

July 29. Visit www.livingscience.org or call (734) 420-1185.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum camps link science, the arts and technology for kids preschool age to eighth grade beginning June 20. Activities range from lifting fingerprints at a crime scene to producing a TV show. Call (734) 995-5439.

Kids grades one-six can explore space, creepy critters, robots, music, life and earth sciences, or build and launch rockets at the **Detroit Science Center** June 20 through Aug. 12. Cost \$170 members, \$180 nonmembers. Call (313) 577-8400, option 5, or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Jenny Szalay can't say enough about the **Amazing Me** camp her son, Kyle, attended at the Health Exploration Station in Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center last year. He not only explored the muscular, skeletal and nervous systems, but dissected a pig's heart and learned about valve replacement surgery his father had undergone. Individual attention is part of the camp that includes an interactive exhibit of giant-size human organs July 11-15 and Aug. 1-5 (\$169). Scholarships available. Call (734) 398-7518.

"Since then I returned with my kindergarten class for a field trip," said Jenny Szalay, an Ann Arbor Public Schools teacher.

"It was fun, very educational," added Kyle. "I learned a lot of stuff about being a doctor."

PERFORMING ARTS

If you're looking for something on a lighter note, the **Farmington Hills Special Services** is hosting camps for kids with stars in their eyes. Kids in grades one-three (July 11-15) and grades four-eight (June 13-24 and Aug. 1-12) can learn to dance and act for a fee ranging from \$200 to \$380. Children ages 7-10 (June 13-17) and ages 10-14 (July 11-15) can learn to tell stories (\$80). Or bring the entire family for **CirqueAmongus** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21, (\$35) when kids are introduced to juggling, balancing and movement. Parents and volunteers are transformed into circus art instructors, stage hands, makeup artists.

In addition to performing arts camps, kids (age 3 to high school) can enjoy activities such as lacrosse, kiddy T-ball, soccer, gymnastics, self-esteem/fitness, skateboarding, basketball, in line hockey, camping overnight in Heritage Park, and tours to the Detroit Zoo, Cranbrook Planetarium and Greenfield Village. \$60 to \$150 with skateboarding \$250. Call (248) 473-1800.

Motor City Youth Theatre at St. Valentine School in Redford. Call (313) 535-8962 or visit www.mcyt.org. Musical theater day camps — Broadway Bound (ages 5-13) July 5-15 (\$260), and Advanced Acting (ages 13 and up) July 18-29 (\$260, or \$490 for both).

Teatron Theatre Camp at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Campers (grades two-nine) rehearse to put on *Schoolhouse Rock Live* June 20 to July 14 or July 18 to Aug. 11. Performances will be held in the JCC's Aaron DeRoy Theatre at camp's end. Call (248) 432-5578.

Plymouth Community Arts Council offers the chance to choose from three plays each week of camps July 11-15,

PLEASE SEE CAMPS, C6

Senior expo is on tap Tuesday at Schoolcraft

Line dancing, yoga, jazz, exhibit booths and much more are on tap for the second annual Senior Citizens Expo Tuesday in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

The expo, sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and Schoolcraft College, is set for 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and this year's event is packed with special demonstrations and informative exhibits.

Jazz singer Barbara Ware performs at 10:30 a.m. in the VisTaTech Presentation Room. Ware's perform-

ance is courtesy of the Michigan Jazz Festival. Also featured throughout the expo will be CarTunes, a strolling barbershop quartet.

Other presentations planned include:

- Forever Fit for Seniors, 9-9:45 a.m.
- Luncheon line dancing with Bill Peterson, 10-10:45 a.m.
- Strength Training for Seniors, 10:50-11:20 a.m.
- Hatha Yoga and Back Care, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch are served (for a charge) in Henry's Cafeteria from 8-10

a.m. and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., respectively. Exhibits include: AARP and RSVP, Alterra Wynwood of Northville, American House Livonia, Angela Hospice, Beth's Vacation and Event Planning, Botsford Commons, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Courtyard Manor of Farmington Hills, Creative Memories, CruiseOne, Detroit Tigers Major League Baseball, Edward Jones, Erickson Retirement Communities of Henry Ford Village and Fox Run, Estate Planning Legal Services, P.C., Goldcrest Financial and Guardian Medical Monitoring.

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Memorial Society Inc., Heartland Healthcare Centers, Haven Manors, Home First, Medilodge Group, Michigan Jazz Festival, Personalized Hearing Care, Karmanos Race for the Cure, RE/MAX Alliance, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury, The Commons at the Villages of Taylor, The Detroit Baptist Manor, United Manor, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, Waltonwood and Wayne County Sheriff's Department. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.



Star Struck

(May 15 - May 18)
By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)
There may be a great deal more opposition on the work front than you expected early week as summer solstice approaches, but don't even think of backing down because this is a battle that needs to be fought. Be bold and brave, Ram, and you should be the last one standing victoriously.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
There are two points to be remembered when dealing with personal matters now, Bull. First, it is much easier to be critical than to be correct. Second, the only criticism that hurts is the kind that one deserves. For best results, be open-minded rather than full of yourself.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
Hey, Twin: No matter how dire or tight your money situation might be currently, there are those who would gladly swap places with you. Maintain that thought and positive impetus and you'll be in the right frame of mind to take advantage of new opportunities before your birthday gets rollin'.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)
You'll have to do something distasteful this week concerning financial arrangements, something you would prefer to avoid but know you can't. Get it over with as quickly as possible but make sure you do a good job so that you don't have to go back and do it again, MoonKid.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)
If you want others to take the lead and your advice this week, they probably won't do the things that you want or need them to do. Chill. Even if you're the kind of Lion who expects the best from others, you must impose yourself on people and let others rest upon their laurels, not your generosity.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)
Hey, kiddo: you can, if you wish, sit back and let wait for good things to happen, but wouldn't it be a better idea and more sensible to go out into the world and make things happen? You have the power to change your life and the lives of others in the weeks ahead. Start now!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)
Home and domestic matters are

highlighted now, and it'll be a wise Balancer who pays attention and examines and redefines the perimeters that loved ones try to impose. It is difficult being detached when you feel disillusioned, but you can and will pull through.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
Should you allow your principles to interfere with your ambitions and desires or should you ignore them, Scorp? There is no easy answer to this predicament, but your instincts are likely to be correct as June unfolds. By staying true to your ideals, you remain true to yourself

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
Before you throw good money after bad, consider what you are trying to achieve, Archer. The time is long past when you could spend your way out of trouble or flash that smile. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash and flash, but a fresh injection of class and your own needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)
Since last month, you've been surrounded by back-seat drivers who simply don't understand the conflicts you are experiencing. Re-groove and go for it, kid! Clear the air and make a complete break. You'll be better off letting go rather than letting off steam, SeaGoat

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)
With the Sun in your element Friday, the worst thing you can do is fret about what you believe you ought to have done. Certain individuals have chosen to ignore your advice or have taken the law into their own hands. It's time to set about realizing your financial and professional goals

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)
You know only too well that great works are achieved by perseverance rather than happenstance, Fish. However, no amount of effort will be enough unless you open up and allow others to share the load now. You've paid your dues and done your time, kiddo!

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer-author of several books on divination. For information about individual consultations, phone 248-546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

Helpful words, events for teenagers

The weather is finally helping to push the perennials upward in my garden and spring brings many announcements that may help parents and teens grow closer when they participate as a family.

To reinforce for you my belief in the value of teens spending time with their families, I return to the writings of William Pollack. He is the author of *Real Boys' Voices* (Random House, 2000, \$11.00) and the director of the Department of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School. I recommend Dr. Pollack's book to you.

After the Columbine tragedy he said: "What teenagers need most to survive the tribulations of adolescence is knowing that they have meaningful connections not only with their peers, but also with their parents and other family members. Although we are often taught that adolescents need or want to separate from their families, this is another dangerous, unsubstantiated myth. Certainly they wish to spend some time away from home and develop an individual sense of self. But our sons and daughters rarely wish to cut their ties, to be on their own, or to separate.

For the adolescent, knowing that they have a loving home and that they can tap into the strength derived from positive family relationships—the 'potency of connection'—is truly the key to making it through adolescence.

It is the potency of family connection that guards adoles-

cents from emotional harm and gives them succor from a world that's rough, a niche where they may express their most vulnerable and warm feelings in the open without fear of ridicule. By protecting them from the harm of disconnection, we in turn are protected from being harmed by violence as their desperate last attempt at connection." (from *Child and Adolescent Behavior Letter*, Brown University)

The Ann Arbor Triathlon Club will host its 7th Annual Kid's Triathlon and Fun Run on Sunday June 26, 2005, at Saline High School, Ann Arbor.

"The goal of the Kid's Triathlon and Fun Run is to provide a safe and affordable event that makes fitness fun for kids," said Bethany Williston, Ann Arbor Triathlon Club. "By providing an outlet for physical activity, including running, biking, and swimming, the Kid's Triathlon is a great way to improve a kid's self-esteem as well as their physical and mental well-being."

Check-in for participants begins at 6:30 a.m. with races starting at 7:30 a.m. All participants receive a t-shirt and goodie bag, and all finishers receive a medal. Registration is \$15 for the individual triathlon, \$30 for the team relay triathlon, and \$5 for the fun run. All proceeds will be donated to the Trail's Edge Camp, a non-profit organization for ventilator-dependent children, located in Mayville, Michigan. For more informa-

tion or to register for the event, visit www.aatriclub.org or e-mail Bethany@aatriclub.org.

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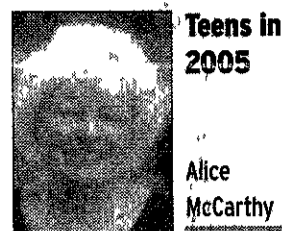
Hundred of cyclists and volunteers are transported from the Detroit area to Cheboygan on July 28th. The tour travels through 10 counties in Northern Michigan and culminates back to the Detroit area on July 31st.

The Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour, presented by UAW-GM, is a three-day, three hundred mile bicycle tour from Cheboygan to the Detroit area. Cyclists raise a minimum of \$500 to participate in the event. The Make-A-Wish Foundation(r) of Michigan provides full volunteer (CREW) support, massage therapy, and medical support in addition to transportation, lodging and food. In 2004, 430 cyclists participated in the tour, with a volunteer support team of 150.

The tour concludes with the ending celebration, Heroes Hurrah! All cyclists are paired with a Wish Hero, a child who has received a wish. Sponsors may also have the opportunity to be paired with a Wish Hero.

Participants range in age from 13-80, and the majority of participants are from Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, and Livingston counties.

The Wish-A-Mile 300 is the largest fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. The WAM 300 tour



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

raised \$665,500 in 2004, which granted approximately 100 wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Contact Rebecca Bunting, (888) 857-WISH, (734) 953-0040, Ext. 59, rbunting@wishmich.org, www.wishmich.org.

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 "Be Aware: Your Teens May Be Using Pain Killers to Get High." 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.

Golf outing to benefit Angela Hospice

Golfers and hospice supporters alike are being called to participate in the Angela Hospice Golf Outing, sponsored by Livonia's Phillips Service Industries, Monday, May 23, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Registrations are now being taken for golf foursomes, partners, and individuals, with sponsorship opportunities available as well.

"We enjoyed a beautiful day of golf last year at Fox Hills," said Alice Barringer, Angela Hospice development manager. "We are looking forward to another great event that will bring our friends together to benefit hospice care in our community."

Because the hospice relies on donations and community support to fund non-reimbursed services for its terminally ill patients, events like the annual golf outing have a significant impact on the families Angela Hospice serves.

"This event provides an opportunity for businesses and community members to become involved in Angela Hospice's

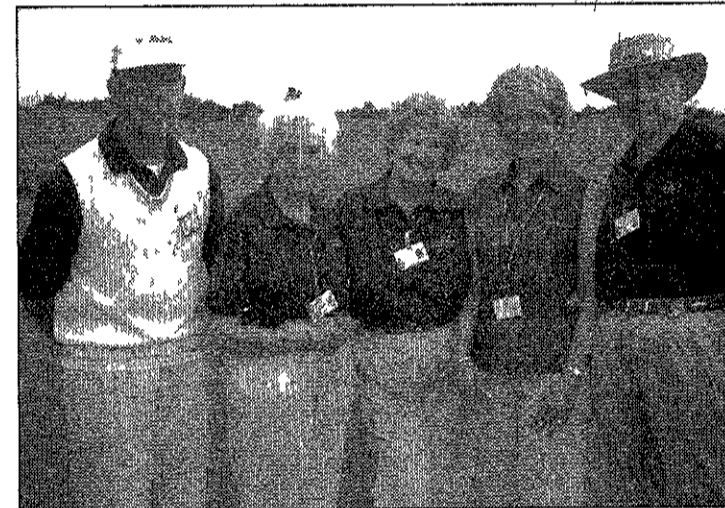
'This event provides an opportunity for businesses and community members to become involved in Angela Hospice's caring mission.'

Alice Barringer development manager

caring mission," said Barringer. "Their support for the golf outing directly benefits Angela Hospice patients."

Golfers who want to help can register for the outing at \$199 per person for a package that includes 18 holes of golf, plus breakfast, lunch, dinner and a golfer's gift pack.

Participants will also have the chance to join "on-the-course" games and raffles which appeal to golfers and non-golfers alike. Prize packages include Experience Detroit, which includes Tigers tickets, a helicopter ride with WJR's Joel Alexander, an evening at



Angela Hospice's golf volunteers are preparing for the 17th annual Golf Outing on May 23, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center near Plymouth. Pictured are Bob Marten of Northville; Dottie Wait of Dearborn Heights; Pat Haskins and Barbara Strong of Livonia, and George Veach of Wayne.

Greektown Casino and restaurant gift certificates; a Golfer's Grab Bag with a new driver, plus rounds of golf at five local courses and Pamper Yourself, consisting of a massage, fragrance basket, \$200 worth of gift certificates, plus one night's stay and a breakfast package from Livonia

Marriott. Non-golfers can also show their support by sponsoring a hole, donating a silent auction item or making a monetary contribution.

To learn more about the Angela Hospice Golf Outing or programs, call (734) 953-6018, or visit www.angelahospice.org.

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ENGAGEMENTS



Harris-Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Harris Jr., of Melvindale announce the engagement of their daughter, Raquel Nicole, to Adam Armstrong Wilson of Rockville, Md.

Raquel is a 1999 graduate of Melvindale High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a Master's Degree in clinical social work.

Her fiancé, Adam, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson of Plymouth. He is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor's Degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Rockville, Md.

Adam and Raquel are planning a May wedding at Fairlane Alliance Church in Dearborn.



Henning-Yakas

Les and Sandy Henning of Adrian, Minn. announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi, to James Yakas of Grand Prairie, Texas.

Heidi is a 1994 graduate of Adrian High School. She earned both her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from St. Cloud State University. She is a speech-language pathologist for the Hurst-Euleus-Bedford School District in Texas.

Her fiancé, James, is the son of Joseph and Nancy Yakas of Canton. He is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School in Canton and the University of North Texas. He received his Master's Degree from Northern Illinois University in the area of percussion performance. He is an adjunct professor of percussion in the music department at the University of Texas at Arlington in Arlington, Texas.

James and Heidi are planning a July wedding at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian, Minn. A reception will be at Beaver Creek Lodge in Beaver Creek, Minn.



Carson-Bernhardt

Brian and Janet Carson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Margaret, of Raleigh, N.C., to Timothy Zachary Bernhardt, of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Sarah earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan and her Master's Degree in teaching from the University of Washington. She is a second grade teacher in Raleigh, N.C.

Her fiancé, Timothy, is the son of James and Jane Bernhardt of North Ridgeville, Ohio. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Miami University and his Master's Degree in teaching from the University of Washington. He is an elementary teacher in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Timothy and Sarah are planning a July wedding in Seattle, Wash.

Garden Party aids children in trouble

Fifty of metro-Detroit's best restaurants, wines from all over the world, more than 100 auction items and 1200 exceptional people are expected at this year's St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's Annual Garden Party.

Now in its 18th year, the benefit is billed as "a big event that helps the smallest among us" and is sponsored by Ford Motor Company and MNP. It's the Center's largest fundraiser.

The food and wine tasting takes place from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 12 on the Center grounds in Farmington Hills. The theme this year is the timeless elegance and glamour of the 1940s.

"Ford has been part of the Garden Party from the beginning," said Susan Pepper, Ford Motor Company Special Events Coordinator Corporate Alliances. "We are committed to supporting organizations that care for those in need in our community. For more than 150 years, the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center has been a beacon of hope for children and families in crisis."

Last year the event raised

\$250,000 for programs that help children overcome the effects of neglect and abuse.


The center cares for abused and neglected children from the Detroit area and is a leading provider of services for pregnant and parenting teens.

"Our children in residential care and in private foster homes need nurturing care to help them recover," said Nanci Swain, St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center president and CEO.

"The Garden party proceeds go a long way toward providing that care. We couldn't do this important work without the support we receive from the community."

"Our heartfelt thanks go to our presenting sponsors, Ford and MNP, and to our corporate sponsors: Auburn Pharmaceuticals, Comerica, Detroit Wine Organization, Hour Detroit, Identity Marketing & Public Relations, Pulte Homes, Fox 2 WJBK Detroit and WJR 760 AM," Swain said.

Garden Party general admission tickets are \$150. For more information visit www.svfcenter.org, or call (248) 626-7527.



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Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is located at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Walking Club

Meet in the Single Point office of Ward Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Open to all fitness levels. (248) 374-5920.

Volleyball

Meet at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. For further details regarding any sport, contact the SPM Office at (248) 374-5920.

Tennis

Sundays at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. Also on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. and noon respectively.

Third Friday

Friday, May 20, "Neon Putt-Putt." Glow-in-the-dark 18-hole golf course. Pizza and pop.

Lighthouse Cafe

Coffeehouse 7-10 p.m. on Friday, May 27, in Knox Hall. An evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment supplied by other Single Pointers. For \$5 you get games, fellowship, music, snacks and specialty coffees. Free child care.

Spring Retreat

May 27-29 - "In Search of Intimacy" will be presented by Tom Jones, on the shores of Lake Michigan, at the Maranatha Conference Center near Muskegon. Cost of \$195 (due at registration) includes transportation, lodging, and all meals. Contact the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

- Men's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101.
- P.A.C.S. - 7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mondays in Room C309.
- Praying Together - 7 p.m.

Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.

■ Learner's - 7-30 p.m. Thursdays in Room A101.

CLASSIC SENIOR SINGLES

Senior Singles Bible Study
Meet at 10 a.m. Thursdays in Room C317/319.

Mission Project

"Help's On the Way" is a local mission endeavor that primarily ministers to single women and children and is located at Beech Daly and VanBorn. In need of food (packaged/canned), furniture, women's and children's clothing, and money. Bring your contributions to our monthly meetings or to Single Point Office.

Senior Singles Outing

A tour of Detroit's Eastern Market at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 21. Cost is \$25 and includes dinner and transportation.

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Join our E-mail list at www.mspsc.com for special events. Information (248) 544-6445. Office (248) 851-9919 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Euchre

Every Monday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave., just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members.

Dances

MSP dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres (8-9:30 p.m.) and door prizes. Admission \$5/members, \$9/non-members, unless otherwise noted. Attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes) unless otherwise noted.

Barn Dance

Western Barn Dance on Saturday, May 21, at the Lazy J Ranch, 625 South Hickory Ridge Road at M-59

\$18 members, \$20 non-members in advance. Casual (jeans). Directions only (248) 887-1551.

Weekend Trips

■ White Water Rafting June 10-12 on the "New River" in West Virginia. Trip will include three days and two nights accommodations at the Comfort Inn, rafting on the "Lower New River" and four meals. Meals are Saturday breakfast, lunch on the river, dinner on Saturday night and Sunday breakfast at the Comfort Inn. Some other activities include tennis courts, pool and volleyball, DJ in the lounge Friday and Saturday night, rock climbing, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, or rent an ATV. Two person rafts and kayaking available. Cost is \$279. RSVP today by sending \$95 non-refundable deposit and balance is due by May 16. RSVP to Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP), P.O. Box 2022, Farmington Hills 48333-2022.

■ Camping July 15-17 at Traverse City State Park "On Lake Michigan" ... which is a short drive from Sleeping Bear Dunes, several golf courses and two miles from downtown Traverse City. The cost of \$51 include three days, two nights at the camp grounds and food to prepare four meals. Pack your tent or camper - campgrounds include modern facilities and electricity. State Park motor vehicle permit required. RSVP by sending a \$51 non-refundable deposit to Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP), P.O. Box 2022, Farmington Hills 48333-2022.

■ Camping Aug. 19-21 at Lake Michigan Sand Dunes Silver Lake State Park on Lake Michigan. Campgrounds include modern camping facilities with electricity. State Park motor vehicle permit required. Cost of \$51 includes three days, two nights at the camp grounds and food to prepare four meals (two breakfasts, lunch and dinner). Pack your tent or camper and RSVP by sending \$51 non-refundable deposit to Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP), P.O. Box 2022, Farmington Hills 48333-2022.



Soloist David Pydyn performs Ferdinand David's Trombone Concerto No. 4 with the Redford Civic Symphony. Pydyn has been principal trombonist for the symphony for many years.

Symphony in the mood for spring

The Redford Civic Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Lewis, presents its spring concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at Thurston High School.

Soloist David Pydyn performs Ferdinand David's Trombone Concerto No. 4. David was a renowned violinist who served as Felix Mendelssohn's concertmas-

ter in the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra.

Pydyn has been principal trombonist for the Redford Civic Symphony for many years.

He is also first trombone player for the Dearborn Symphony.

The program opens with the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America"

followed by songs such as Glenn Miller's "In the Mood," selections from *Showboat*, and Johann Strauss' "Chit-Chat Polka," conducted by Ralph Stillwell.

The next Redford Civic Symphony concert takes place 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at Capitol Park in Redford.

Laughs continue at Trinity House Theatre

Neil Simon's play *The Good Doctor* continues to May 22, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, east of Haggerty, Livonia. Presented by Trinity House in cooperation with Flanders Theater Company, the production runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15, \$14 for seniors and \$12 for theater members and groups of 10 or more. Seating is limited to 87 people so reserve tickets early. Call (313) 538-5739.

The Good Doctor is Simon's tribute to the whimsical side of Anton Chekhov, one of the greatest writers in Russian history. It is a string of vaudevillian sketches, sewn together by a character called the Writer, played by Charles

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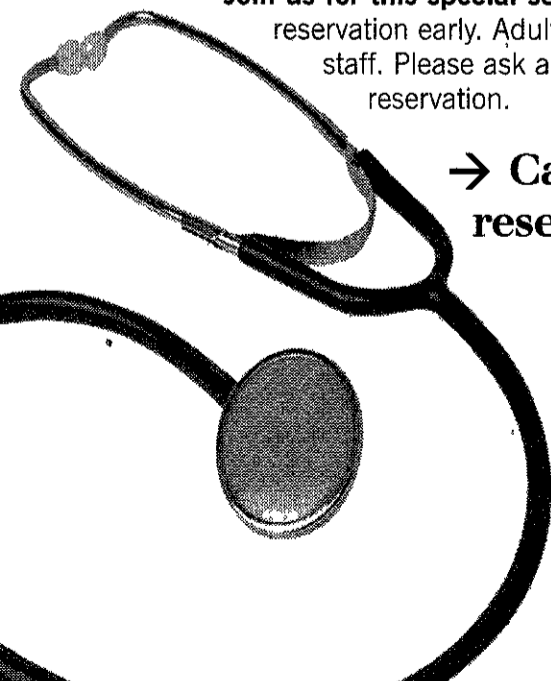


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Botsford invites seniors to fitness fair

Older adults in Oakland and Wayne counties are invited to take part in Botsford General Hospital's third annual celebration of National Senior Health and Fitness Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. They will join some 200,000 seniors across the country taking part in the nation's largest health promotion event for older adults.

The theme for the free event is "Get Moving: A Step in the Right Direction." A variety of Fitness Fair activities are planned and participants will be introduced to the many specialized Botsford programs that are designed to meet the needs of seniors. The event will be held at Botsford Center for Health Improvement,

3950 Grand River Ave. in Novi. For additional information, call (248) 477-6100.

Registration with coffee and bagels begins at 9 a.m. with the opportunity to warm up with a Fitness Fun Walk. Health screening stations and information booths will open at 9:30 a.m. Screenings will include bone density, blood pressure, fitness testing and cholesterol. There is a \$15 charge for the cholesterol screening. Booths will feature a pharmacist, diabetes representative, cardiology nurse, and dietician and fitness expert. At noon, participants can sample healthy treats and learn quick and easy recipes. Door prizes to be awarded include a gym membership, nutrition consultation, cook-

book, tee shirts and more. Participants can tour the Botsford Center for Health Improvement and test the fitness and exercise equipment.

Older adults at all levels of physical fitness are encouraged to participate in Senior Health and Fitness Day. The goals for the event include making exercise fun and increasing awareness of the benefits of a regular exercise program tailored to the needs of older adults. To help seniors stay motivated after Health and Fitness Day, Botsford offers an array of exercise programs developed with their needs in mind. These include Nice and Easy Chair Yoga, Bones in Motion, and a Beginner's Fitness Combination class.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

1. "The Innocent," Harlan Cohen
2. "True Believer," Nicholas Sparks

3. "The Mermaid Chair," Sue Monk
4. "Revenge of the Sith," Matthew Stover
5. "No Place Like Home," Mary Higgins Clark

NON-FICTION

1. "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman
2. "Blink," Malcolm Gladwell
3. "My Life So Far," Jane Fonda
4. "Freakonomics," Steven D. Levitt
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1. "Stagestruck," Tomi DePaola
2. "Belinda in Paris," Amy Young
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5. "Beverly Billingsly Bakes a Cake," Alexander Stadler

CAMPS

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July 25-29, and Aug. 15-19. Kids (ages 5-14) learn lines, work on costuming, props and sets, \$110 members, \$125 nonmembers. Call (734) 416-4278. The PCAC also holds a visual arts camp featuring a variety of media (ages 7-14) July 18-22, and Aug. 8-12, \$125 members, \$140 nonmembers. The Youngest Artist Camp (ages 5-8) runs 9:30 a.m. to noon June 27-30, and includes visual and performing arts, \$60 members, \$70 nonmembers. Guitar camp returns for a second year June 20-24 (age 7 and up), Aug. 1-5 (ages 11 and up), \$125 members, \$140 nonmembers. Rental guitars available.

HISTORY

Kids step back in time to learn about everything from farming to automobiles (grade two-eight) beginning June 20, at **Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village** in Dearborn. \$235 a week for members, \$270 nonmembers. Call (313) 982-6001.

SPORTS

Canton Leisure Services is running weeklong camps including swimming, gym, outdoor games, arts and crafts and field trips beginning June 27 for eight weeks. \$145 residents, \$188.50 nonresidents. Call (734) 394-5460, press 3, or visit www.canton-mi.org and click on Discover brochure. Canton also offers activities at 20-playground sites.

Camp Able, a therapeutic camp for children with disabilities (ages 8-15), \$28 a day for Monday, Wednesday and

Friday (field trips), \$30 for both Tuesday and Thursday. New this year is the Leisure Club for people with disabilities ages 15 and up (\$12 per day).

Livonia Community Recreation Center's Camp Swoosh

runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 20 to Aug. 19, for ages 6-11, \$150 per week members, \$175 resident, \$200 nonresident, and offers a choice of swimming, indoor and outdoor sports, academic and board games, rock/climbing, relay races, obstacle course, arts and crafts. Call (734) 466-2900.

For those too old for camp or those who prefer not to attend every day, the rec center is offering an alternative to the day pass. A membership package is available through Aug. 26, and includes gym, track, pools, and skateboard park (\$50-\$65 resident, \$100-\$130).

Bailey Recreation Center begins basketball, soccer, lacrosse and dance camps June 20 for grades one-12. Costs vary from \$125 to \$225. The Rockers Soccer Camp (ages 4-14) runs July 25-29, \$140 with \$10 discounts for additional family members. Hoop Stars basketball (ages 7-15) July 18-22, Aug. 1-5, \$125 one week, or \$210 two weeks. Call (734) 722-7620.

Detroit Red Wings camp for hockey players ages 7-14, skate at The Joe and receive instruction from associate coach Barry Smith Aug. 6-8 (\$229 skaters, \$199 goalies). Includes instruction by Red Wings goal tender coach Jim Bedard and Michigan State University assistant coach Tom Newton. Call (313) 396-7575 or visit www.detroitredwings.com. **Camp Mirage**, Oasis Golf

Center, Plymouth. Call (734) 420-4655 or visit www.campmirage.com. Weeklong camps June 20 to Aug. 19, ages 8-14, horseback riding, arts and crafts, lacrosse, flag football, basketball, extreme sports camp, aviation, model rocket building, forensics, and girl program focusing on nurturing the mind, body and soul with everything from yoga and pilates to Tai Chi, overnight camps. Costs range from \$50 to \$310.

Summer Safari at Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. Kids ages 4-13 explore the animal kingdom through zoo tours, hands-on activities during single-day, weeklong and overnight sessions. Costs range from \$30 for a single day for members, \$35 nonmembers to weeklong camps \$105 members, \$110 nonmembers. Overnight adventures allow campers to sleep at zoo. Costs run from \$115 for members to \$75 members. Register at www.detroitzoo.org or by calling (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3740.

VISUAL ARTS

Detroit Institute of Arts for ages 6-12, include half-day at DIA, half-day at Center for Creative Studies. Media ranges from clay to computer illustration, cost from \$96 to \$375 a week. Call (313) 833-4249 or visit www.dia.org.

D & M Studios camps at the studio and Cherry Hill School House in Canton, and Miller's Art Supply, Farmington Hills. Call (734) 453-3710. This year's theme is Around the World in 80 Days and explores art on seven continents June 20-24 to Aug. 22-26. Cost \$84 (ages 3-6), \$138 (6-10) and \$148 (11-16), 15 percent discount before May 31.

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Birmingham High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion will be Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Radisson Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Contact Nancy Yarnell Schutte at (248) 646-0235 or nys1937@comcast.net.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at the Novi Sheraton.
For details contact Dean Lundberg at (734) 718-2720 or dlundberg@comcast.net

Camp Nahelu

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

Clawson High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is being planned. For more information, call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or e-mail wiseppi@wideopenwest.com.
Class of 1975
A 30-year reunion is planned for July 9, 2005, at San Marino Club in Troy. For more information, visit www.clawson1975.com or contact Bev Serre-Raine at (248) 689-3381 or e-mail bevrairie@comcast.net.

Cody High School

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

Cooley High School

Class of 1950/1951
A 55-year reunion is planned on the weekend of Sept. 23-25, 2005. For information call Don Riehl at (734) 421-3150.
Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005. For more information, contact Penny Mertz Howley at (248) 553-2195

Crestwood High School

Class of 1975
A 30-year reunion is planned for July 9, 2005. Contact Sandychs75@aol.com or call (248) 551-6978

Denby High School

Class of 1965
A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 22, 2005. For more information, call Nancy (Horn) Catalogna at (248) 332-7438 or e-mail: toBbytheC@msn.com.
Class of 1955
An early fall reunion is planned for graduates of Denby High School-Detroit. ASAP (248) 349-6354.

Detroit Mackenzie

Classes January/June 1945
A 60-year reunion is planned for June 18, 2005. Other 40's also welcome. Contact Richard Saxby at (313) 837-0641

Detroit Redford

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for the January and June classes for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi. For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts Hartwig, 27851 Cranleigh, Farmington Hills 48336 or RHS1955Reunion@aol.com.

Detroit Southwestern

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion will be Oct. 15, 2005, at the Greektown Casino in Detroit. Tickets are \$50. For more information call (810) 227-7167.

Edsel Ford

Class of 1970
Dearborn Edsel Ford High School is planning a 35-year reunion Saturday, July 16, 2005, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Patti Taylor at (313) 268-5877 after 5 p.m. or e-mail msredhead1952@comcast.net

Fordson

Class of 1952
Dearborn Fordson High School is planning a 53-year reunion at Park Place in Dearborn on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005. Other weekend activities also planned. Contact (313) 562-4378 or orloffal@aol.com or mmsmyth@juno.com

Garden City High School

The Garden City West High School classes of 1974, 1975 and 1976 are holding a joint reunion Sept. 3 at Roma's of Garden City. Class of 1974 graduates should call (734) 422-4899 or e-mail GCWestReunion@aol.com. For the class of 1975, call (248) 476-6234 or e-mail dmurrayworley@yahoo.com. And 1976 graduates should call (734) 844-3860 or karenagrace@yahoo.com.
Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 1 at Roma's in Garden City. For tickets and more information, contact Sherry (Taylor) Mifsud at Sheryl91967@aol.com or call (734) 612-4193

Garden City Schools

The Garden City Schools Alumni Reunion 2005 is scheduled for Sept. 23-25 with a schedule of activities including visits to the Garden City Historical Museum, a tour of Garden City High School, a euchre tournament to raise money for the alumni scholarship fund and a dinner dance at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest.
For more information, contact Donna Bennett Ponte at (734) 427-0535 or e-mail at odponte@wowway.com.

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Class of January/June 1950 is planning a 55-year reunion in September 2005. For more information, contact Dick McCrae at (586) 263-8179 or Fred Kashouty at (586) 294-7512

Lincoln Park High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for Oct. 1, 2005. Please contact Al and Sally Sebastian at Aherc@aol.com or (734) 421-9076.

Livonia Churchhill

Classes 1971-2005
Yearly Summer Bash is June 18, 2005, at Waterford Bend Park. For more information, go to www.ChurchillAlumni.com or e-mail SummerBash@ChurchillAlumni.com or call Chris or Gayle Nicholson at (734) 728-0393

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at The Italian Epicure on Grand River Avenue in Novi. Call (734) 261-3264 or e-mail: celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com.
Class of 1975
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at the Holiday Inn - West in Livonia. Details and registration can be found at www.stevensonclassof75.com or email the reunion committee at stevensonclassof75@yahoo.com

Lowrey High School

Classes of 1964-65
A reunion is planned for Aug. 5, 2005, at Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Charlene Hackett at (734) 246-1110 or chackettm@mindspring.com.

Northville High School

Classes of 1964, 1965 1966
A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details, contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.
Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 20, 2005, at the Iron Workers Union Hall, 25150 Trans X Drive, Novi at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40/person and include a full buffet dinner, drinks and music of the 80's. You must register in advance at nhsclassof85.com. For more information call (517) 552-6046

Old Plymouth High School

There will be an all-school reunion from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005, in the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Open to all graduates of the Plymouth High School on Main and Church in downtown Plymouth. A \$5 admission includes refreshments and a cash bar. Call Chuck VanVleck, (734) 453-7377, or e-mail emermgnt@aol.com

Pershing High School

Class of 1960
A 45-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at the Northfield Hilton. Final date to order tickets is Aug. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 547-0664.

Redford High School, Detroit

Class of 1965
A 40-year reunion is planned for June 25, 2005. Contact Emily Green Webster at (313) 937-3077 or Sue Bartling Lamb at (734) 427-6047

Redford Thurston

Class of 1957
A reunion picnic will be held in Plymouth on July 15, 2005. For information contact Al Goscinski at (248) 349-1354 or agoscinski@comcast.net

Seaholm High School

Class of 1965
A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 23, 2005, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. For more information, http://seaholmclassof65.reunionannouncements.com/. Or send information to Diane Peters-Morgan, 981 Treener, Yakima, WA 98908 or call (760) 902-8855. E-mail

Southfield High School

Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 13, 2005, at the Dearborn Hyatt. Contact Cyndi Stone at (248) 661-8652.

South Lake High School

Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Oct. 1, 2005, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Cost is \$60 per person. RSVP by May 31. Call Ronald Harris at (231) 894-6357 or e-mail eengr894@aol.com.

St. Cecilia High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for the Class of 1955 Sept. 24, 2005. Contact Janet Garvin Wright at (313) 383-7419.

St. Florian School

St. Florian in Hamtramck is seeking former students, teachers and staffers to join the new St. Florian Alumni Association. For information, call Greg Kowalski at (313) 893-5027 or e-mail gkowsk@ameritech.net.

Thurston High School

Class of 1975
A 30-year reunion is planned Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 261-3264 or e-mail: celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com.

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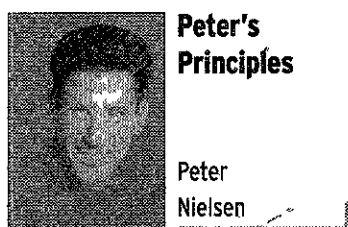
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Use caution with weights

Q: Joan from Southfield asks if it's a good idea to carry weights while doing her daily walking routine?

A: Joan, carrying weights has benefits but there are guidelines! Weights can help you burn more calories while increasing oxygen consumption, heart rate and building muscles. Before you start, makes sure you follow these steps.

Purchase weights made for walking. They should have special grips. Begin with one-pound weights. Then work your way up to three pounds. Never go over three pounds because it can hurt your shoulders. Start by swinging your arms to chest level, while walking in a controlled motion. Or try wearing a weighted vest with additional weight as an alternative to hand weights. Never wear ankle weights while walking! They hurt your knees and end up forcing you to take a step backward as you walk toward your health goals.

Q: Jill from Lincoln Park is a big fan of vitamin C. She usually gets it from citrus fruit, but wants a healthy ingredient to add to her holiday cooking list.

A: Jill, you might want to take a walk on the vegetable side. Ounce for ounce green peppers have three times the vitamin C content of oranges and that's just half the equation. Red and yellow peppers pack twice as much vitamin C as green peppers. That's a whopping 170 milligrams in just three tasty ounces. It doesn't stop here. Green peppers supply large amounts of beta-carotene and the amount increases as they ripen into color. In fact, a red pepper has nine times the beta-carotene of the green pepper. It's a red hot addition to your diet.

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

Preventing falls

Seniors exercise to gain stability

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Robert Minshull isn't sure the classes he participates in six times a week will prevent him from falling, but regular strength training has increased his mobility.

Since October, residents of more than a dozen American House assisted living facilities have taken part in the fall prevention exercise program designed by Progressive Rehab Network, an outpatient physical therapy company with offices in Garden City, Warren and throughout Wayne County. Using a scale developed by Dr. Mary Tinetti, a researcher on aging at Yale University, residents' balance, strength, flexibility, gait and coordination were assessed by a licensed physical therapist to determine if they were at high, moderate or low risk of falling. At the end of May, they will be evaluated again. Staff and residents say they've already seen improvements, physically and mentally.

"When I came here I could hardly walk around," said Minshull, an 82-year old American House resident in Rochester. "Now I walk two miles a day."

When one out of three seniors is falling down and suffering serious injuries every year, American House vice president Robert Gillette says it's essential to offer the program not only to residents but senior citizens in the community free of charge.

"We were noticing residents were mentally alert and independent and happy with their lifestyle but having to leave because of injuries from a fall," said Gillette of Beverly Hills. "We asked how do we strengthen seniors? How do we get them back

home? They'd rather be at home than a nursing home."

MOVING RIGHT ALONG

Beth Luttrell leads about 11 classes a week between three American House buildings in Rochester where Minshull exercises. Keith Jacobson, a certified personal trainer for Progressive Rehab Network, instructs seniors three days a week.

"Residents have come to me and said their doctors have seen improvement in their overall health," said Luttrell, activities director and a certified aerobics instructor. "We focus on the upper body and all the way down to the ankles. Some use hand weights, some don't. We work on strengthening the joints and abdominal muscles. If your core is strong, your balance is improved."

Shelly Denes designed the program not only to prevent falls in seniors, but to help retain their independence.

"A lot is done sitting so put people at little risk of falling. If you keep people mobile and stimulated, they do better and research has shown this is the case," said Denes, physical therapy coordinator for the Network and a Farmington Hills resident.

"Posture is a big key also. If you have poor posture you're going to have problems getting in and out of the chair. If they're leaning forward they can even fall out of the chair. If muscles are looser they'll be able to catch their balance."

EVALUATION

While exercise programs build strength and flexibility to help balance, seniors prone to falling should be evaluated for underlying physical problems such as poor vision. Laura Benavides, a physical therapist at



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Vi Studnicki (right) enjoys the strength training program to help prevent falls.

Providence Hospital in Southfield, does just that in The Center for Balance and Dizziness Disorders, an outpatient physical therapy group. For information, call (248) 849-3907.

"It can be as simple as needing a cane or walker," said Benavides. "These are individuals and need to be evaluated individually to rule out cardiac and other disease processes before we know if we should send them on to a physical therapist or the hospital's fall prevention program."

"Inner ear problems can cause falls. The elderly are on a lot of medication with side effects like dizziness. You have to find out why they're falling."

The Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan recommends not only getting a physical checkup, but taking a walk around the home. According to the VNA, every hour one older adult dies and another 183 are treated in emergency rooms for fall-related injuries caused by dan-



Claire Nunez exercises in a class at the American House in Rochester.

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A lecture by Ginger Ramsay, an RN, 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan. To register or for more information, call (734) 655-8950

Conquer Food Cravings
6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 and 25, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. If you are a woman who craves chocolate or a man who couldn't live without steak, this class with biochemist Sandy Baumann will teach you simple nutritional strategies and dietary supplements to reduce cravings for chips, chocolate, sweet treats, ice cream, and steak. It will also help you uncover hidden food sensitivities that may trigger snack binges. Cost is \$74, seniors \$59.20, and includes workbook. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

Prenatal yoga
St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering a Prenatal Yoga class 5-6 p.m. Thursday, May 19 to June 23, in Classroom 1, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Through traditional yoga poses and postures, moms-to-be will strengthen mind and body to help adjust peacefully to the daily changes of pregnancy. This class also includes guided meditation and relaxation techniques that will increase expectant moms' awareness, confidence and focus. Expectant moms can experience a deeper connection with her baby while creating a safe and healthy

environment to begin life. This program is safe for all trimesters. The fee is \$55. To register, call (734) 655-1145

Feed Your Bones Naturally
9 a.m. to noon Friday, May 20 and 27, at the Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$64, seniors \$51.20. Call (313) 317-1500. Learn from health educator Sandy Baumann how to protect your bones by identifying bone robbers like nicotine, inactivity, caffeine, etc. then hire specific vitamins, minerals, and supplements as bone builders. Gather many non-prescription strategies to strengthen bones at any age.

Divorce support
Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443

required. For information, call (248) 465-5455. Presented by Providence Center for the Healing Arts, the event is open to the public.

Tai Chi classes
St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering two fitness "Tai Chi for Arthritis" classes: the eight-week evening class held on Mondays to June 27, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (\$60), and the six-week daytime class, held on Fridays to June 24, from 10-11 a.m. (\$50). Both classes held in St. Mary Mercy Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Enrollment limited. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out-of-area callers only). Registration fee required prior to first class.

Camp Midicha
Registration has started for the American Diabetes Association's Camp Midicha 2005. The camp is the only residential summer camp designed for, and dedicated to, children and teenagers with diabetes. Campers attend one of three one-week sessions: July 31-Aug 5, Aug 7-Aug 12, and Aug 14-Aug 19. Each session will be held at the YMCA's Camp Copneconic in Fenton. Along with swimming, archery, kayaking and sports, campers enjoy horseback riding, a ropes course, and arts and crafts. All costs for camp include lodging, meals, snacks, activities and medical supplies like insulin, syringes, lancets, meters and strips. The ADA also is seeking volunteers and youth counselors for Camp Midicha. For information, call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org

UPCOMING

Boost camp
A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 3 at the Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Cost is \$50 per person, includes lunch and materials. Registration

Diabetes a growing health problem

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Nicole Pascaru of the American Diabetes Association brought some sobering statistics to a recent breakfast of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club.

Pascaru, program director for Michigan and Northwest Ohio, noted the 49 percent increase in diabetes diagnoses from 1990 to 2000. Type 2 diabetes, in the past associated primarily with adult onset, is showing up increasingly in children.

"Currently, there is no cure for diabetes," Pascaru told Rotarians and guests at an April 26 meeting at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

According to the ADA, 18.2 million Americans have diabetes, with some 2,740 diagnosed daily. Some 5.2 million Americans don't know they have diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease in which glucose (sugar) levels are too high in blood. In Type 1, usually beginning in childhood, the body does not make insulin.

In addition to Type 2, there's gestational diabetes found in pregnant women, along with a pre-diabetes condition that's common. Blindness can be associated with diabetes, and some diabetics require kidney dialysis or even transplant.

Increasing obesity and lack of physical activity are associated with the greater prevalence of diabetes, Pascaru said. She added that one of every 10 health care dollars is spent on diabetes.

The ADA, founded in 1940, offers research, advocacy and patient support services. It will sponsor a Diabetes Expo 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. The event, to include speakers, cooking demonstrations and more, is free.

For information, call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org on the Web.

Tim Phillips, Rotary Club vice president, worked in pharmaceuticals during his career. "I saw some pretty nasty things resulting from diabetes," he said.

Program to focus on healthy lifestyle

In 1977, Joe Piscatella had an emergency open-heart bypass surgery. He was 32. Fortunately, he took his situation to heart and was able to turn his life around and now lectures extensively and consults on wellness.

On Wednesday, May 18, Piscatella will talk about Living Healthy in a Doubleburger.com World at a community conference hosted by Oakwood Annapolis Hospital from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 for two. The event includes dinner and heart health

screenings. Piscatella will have books available for purchase and signing. To register, visit www.oakwood.org or call (800) 543-WELL.

"I want audience members to walk away knowing things they can do to shape a healthy lifestyle," Piscatella said. "I want them to understand that people with heart disease have it because of the way they live and the lifestyle decisions they make."

Piscatella added that he plans to spend a lot of time discussing stress management, because it's the key to dietary and non-exercise compliance. "Daily chronic stress gets in the way - people don't exercise

and eat right because they are out of time," he said.

Piscatella makes sure to keep the audience involved and engaged, using methods like self-scoring tests. He said the conference is for anyone - cardiac patients, and those who don't ever want to be a cardiac patient.

Attendees will learn how to institute and maintain healthy lifestyle habits, once and for all. Emphasis is on the practical: how to eat healthy in a restaurant, how to stick with an exercise program, how to cope with daily stress at work and at home, how to achieve a balanced lifestyle - and still live in the real world.

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gers in the home. VNA is offering a free Falls Prevention Tip Card by calling (248) 967-8374.

"Look for electrical cords across hallways, throw rugs on the floor that people could catch their toe and fall. We recommend no throw rugs," said VNA physical therapy program manager Charles Kammann of Rochester Hills. "Older folks, their vision is not like it was when they were younger. Lighting is another problem, during the day and night. We recommend night lights that follow them through from the bedroom to the bathroom."


Using handrails on stairs and in shower stalls, wearing shoes that fit well with rubber soles, placing tape on the edges of stairs, are a few of the ways to prevent injuries that can require months of recovery.

"We encourage them to keep active exercising," said Kammann. "It's a downward spiral. They don't feel well and don't get up and exercise. They move less and less. Even taking short walks are so good to help a person maintain their strength. The weather's finally turning nice. It's time to get your walking shoes out and start on an exercise program."

Amy Park suggests giving the Chinese art of Tai Chi a chance. She instructs people of all ages at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA in Royal Oak. Seniors especially enjoy its gentle movements.

"There are quite a few studies using Taoist Tai Chi for health improvement of the entire body," said Park. "The slow movements of Tai Chi help one work on strengthening the body, improving circulation and flexibility. It helps to secure your body, use your body in a more balanced fashion. As we age muscles tighten or we sustain an injury or have arthritis and compensate and our balance is thrown off. Tai Chi brings the body back to using it in a way that's healthier, keeps the body in proper alignment."

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ARTHRITIS-Who gets what and why

The medical literature is consistent in showing that an early and vigorous campaign against rheumatoid arthritis provides you with the best chance of overcoming the condition. The medical profession has an array of armaments to carry out that fight. The biggest issue among doctors is what combination of therapies to use given that we have premsione, biologicals like Enbrel, Femicade, Humira and Kineret and drugs including methotrexate, Arava, Imuran, plaquenil, intramuscular gold, and azulfadine to call upon. In addition, even though Celebrex, Bextra, and Vioxx are out of the mainstream of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug use, there are still over 22 other medications to choose from in this therapeutic class.

No medical study to date has matched drug combinations to evaluate if one combination is best. Instead, over time physicians have developed habits of therapy based on experience.

What the medical community has established is that methotrexate, up to 25 mg/week is the initial therapy of choice. If this drug used alone will not suffice then adding either Arava, or one of the biologicals is the next step. Arava is less expensive, but the physician quickly learns the effect of the biologicals such as Enbrel, and soon knows if the drug is worth its great cost. As for the non-steroidal drugs, no one medication has come forward as best.

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Tips on making interview work in your favor

(NUI) — Imagine working in a world where appearances ranked dead last when it came to making first impressions. Where hiring managers ignored your tired, bloodshot eyes or dark under-eye circles. Where supervisors disregarded your disheveled hair in favor of your pleasant personality. And where recruiters looked past your messy, wrinkled suit.

The reality is quite the opposite; it only takes five seconds for potential employers to size you up, say career experts. According to a recent survey by CareerExposure.com, 95 percent of employers related a job-seeker's personal appearance with his or her potential suitability for the position.

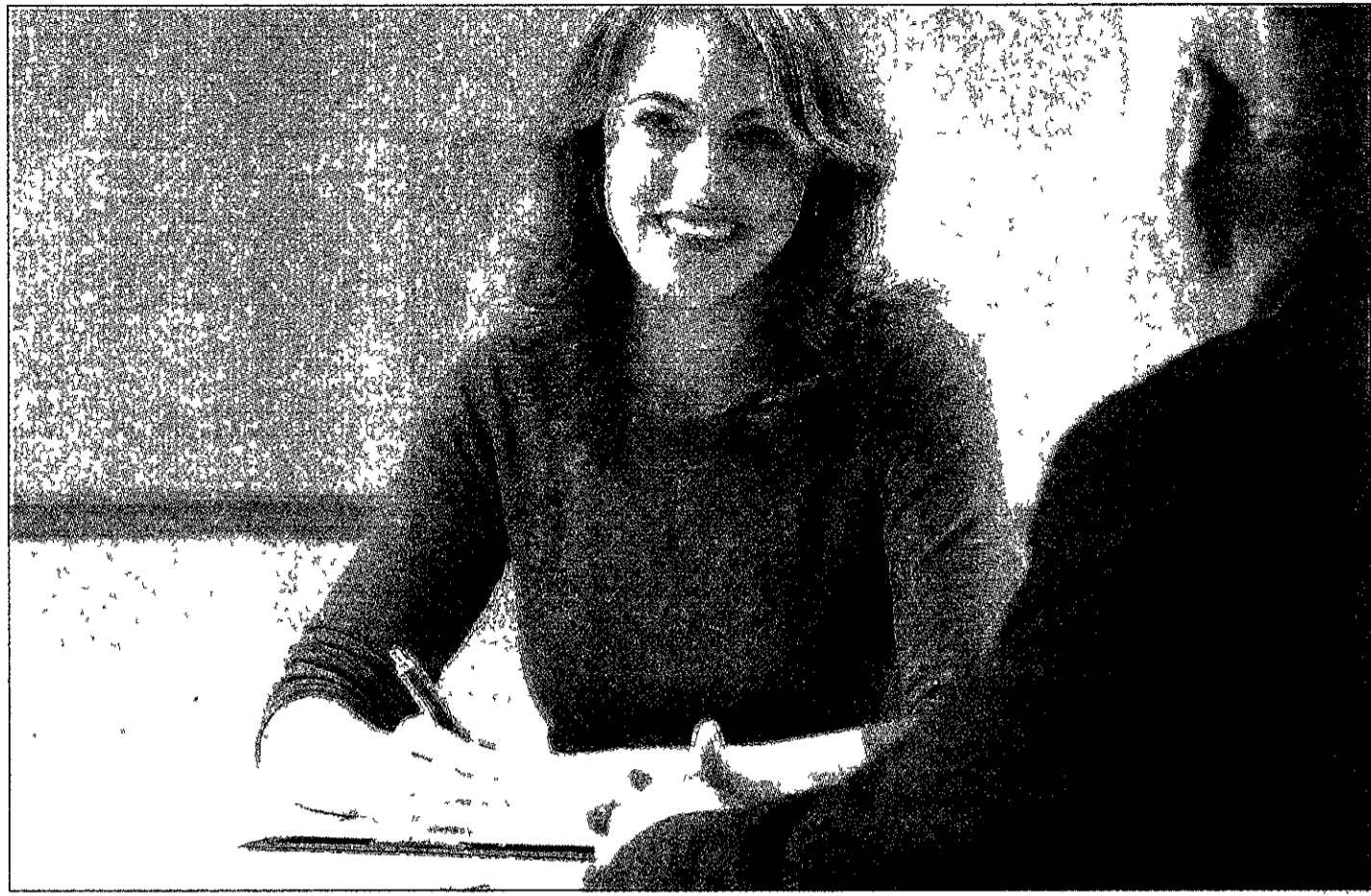
The bottom line? Your looks can make or break any job interview.

Follow these tips and increase your employment opportunities:

■ **Smile with confidence.** A sincere smile makes you appear capable and personable.

■ **Tame your hair.** Breezy beach hair might be fun, but falls short for a job interview. The answer? Slick back your stray locks with hair gel or pull it back in a sophisticated French twist or low ponytail.

■ **Steam your suit.** Your "lucky" suit has seen better days. Postpone its retire-



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ment and, instead, rejuvenate it with a fabric steamer. It can quickly smooth out wrinkles for that "just dry cleaned" look.

■ **Look rested.** Even if you stayed out late the night before, let it be your little

secret. Reduce the red and freshen your eyes with a few eye drops. Or, if under-eye circles have you hiding behind shades, minimize them with small dabs of concealer.

■ **Be relaxed.** Calm your nerves with music, meditation or simply a few deep breaths. Relaxation can help ensure poise and confidence when it's time for your interview.

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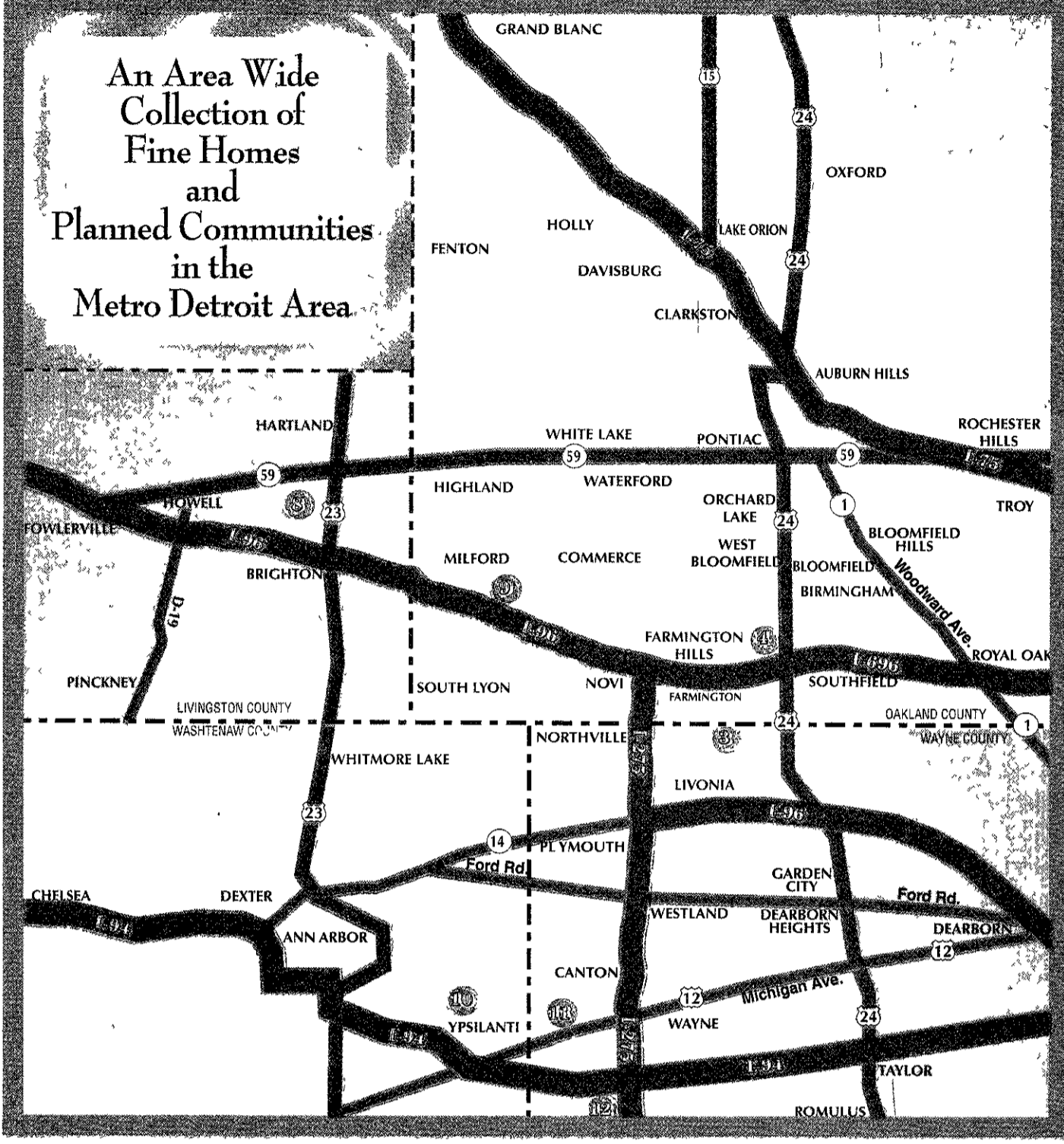


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Pulte debuts new Lake Orion community

The north Oakland County luxury home market just got a little more crowded with the opening of The Hills of Indianwood.

The official grand opening for the Bloomfield Hills-based Pulte Homes community is set for noon on May 21. The public is welcome to come and check out the various models and floor plans.

The Hills of Indianwood features 108 single-family homes in a variety of executive-style floor plans from 2,500 to more than 3,300 square feet. Priced from the low \$400s, these homes include Pella windows, hardwood floors, custom trim and side entry garages among a host of other luxury features.

Children in The Hills of Indianwood will attend the Lake Orion School District, featuring several Blue Ribbon award-winning schools.

With convenient access to I-75 and M-59, The Hills of Indianwood is located on Baldwin Road just north of Clarkston Road. Surrounded by a park-like setting, The Hills of Indianwood is just minutes from Great Lakes Crossing mall. Major employment centers and recreational opportunities such as cross-country and downhill skiing, hiking, biking, boating, and fishing are also nearby.

During the grand opening weekend, homeowners who

purchase a home in The Hills of Indianwood will receive pre-construction pricing and other special incentives available during the grand opening weekend.

"With a prestigious Oakland County address, picturesque setting, city water and sewer, and excellent schools, The Hills of Indianwood is the ideal place to call home. We have had an overwhelming amount of interest in this neighborhood and look forward to it being a gem among the Pulte Homes communities," said Sean Strickler, vice president for Pulte Homes.

For more information, contact (248) 693-9600 or visit www.pulte.com.



Among the homes available at The Hills of Indianwood is the Prescott, featuring 3,410 square feet incorporating four bedrooms, three full bathrooms and two half baths. The Pulte home is priced in the low-\$400,000s.

What active adults want in their homes

In 2006, more than 21 million Americans will be 55 or older. Included in this growing population is a group known as "active adults." These lifestyle-oriented adults are often empty-nesters and are re-entering the home market.

Active adult home buyers are not that different from most buyers looking for value, comfort and quality. They do have a variety of distinct needs, based on the desire for a casual, relaxed environment and amenities that serve their active lifestyle in Michigan year-round.

Convenient locations with access to shopping, hospitals, churches and the grandchildren, if possible, is important.

A general understanding of retirement lifestyle is key to formulating a home design. Usually, there are only two people living in the active adult home, a husband and wife. They are retired or semi-



Richard Komer

ule, oriented to their quality of life. Active adults want a home with a fresh style and new ambiance that will function efficiently and be cost-effective.

Common elements of the active adult home is a setting that is light, bright and airy. The home is less formal, taking on a casual, relaxed and open floorplan. Designed to accommodate "us," "our stuff" and the "things we do," the active adult home incorporates new uses of space for hobbies, entertaining and everyday living. Lastly, the home is designed to adapt to changing needs of the active adults as they get older.

Many active adults prefer home sites that back up to an

amenity such as a golf course, park, natural open space or common area. With several active adult communities planned in Michigan, the residents will enjoy golf, walking, cross-country skiing and other outdoor activities right in their neighborhood. Community buildings provide a social and recreational setting where active adults can mingle.

The primary living areas are planned so they open to the rear of the house to allow the outdoors to flow in and the homeowner to enjoy the view or take easy advantage of amenities. Many active adults prefer the master bedroom in the rear to be away from traffic and provide additional privacy.

A home office, ample storage space and large rooms are important to the active adult. A home office provides an area where the semi-retired active adult can continue to work or simply manage household and communication needs. Ample

storage space holds the treasured collections and possessions accumulated over their lifetime and large rooms with good wall space accommodate their furniture. Popular storage options include floored attics with pull-down stairs, full or partial basements, extra utility room cabinets and expanded garages.

A larger master bedroom allows a variety of bedroom arrangements, two dressers, and living space such as a reading nook or sitting area. The second bedroom is also larger since it may have to accommodate the kids and the grandchildren. Single level ranch homes and story and a half homes with first floor master bedrooms are preferred.

A home that is easy, convenient and comfortable to live in is a requirement for the active retiree's new lifestyle. Good circulation patterns through the house and good transportation between the garage, kitchen,

and the rest of the house are key elements. The active adult is still wed to the automobile (or golf cart), and therefore, the garage is the primary entrance.

In today's open and casual home, hallways are still important. With the use of low walls, windows and wide archways, those halls can become part of the adjacent room and still function in the manner the mature market desires, providing open, bright access throughout the home as well as privacy.

Making a comeback in the active adult home is the entry foyer, a feature seemingly lost in recent years. A well-designed foyer can enhance the open and casual floorplan by setting the stage for the rest of the house.

Finally, a convenient route from the kitchen to the outdoor living area or patio also is important. Keeping in mind our Michigan weather, accessways in the home are multi-seasonal and provide shelter from the

elements when necessary.

A well-designed plan can accommodate aging and make the home easier to live in. A cardinal rule is to keep the home on one level. The American Association of Retired People also suggests some simple design changes: use door handles, faucet levers, high wattage light bulbs and grab bars in the bathroom, plus wider door entries. Adding a short ramp in the garage will accommodate wheelchairs with assistance and wheel large objects in and out.

The new active adult home allows retirees to age in comfort and security with the use of conventional features.

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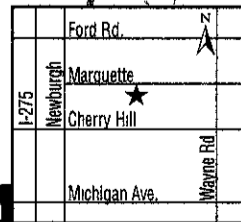
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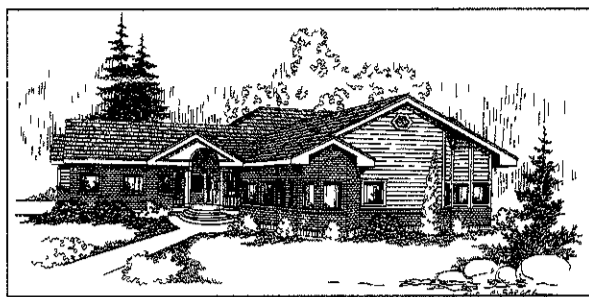
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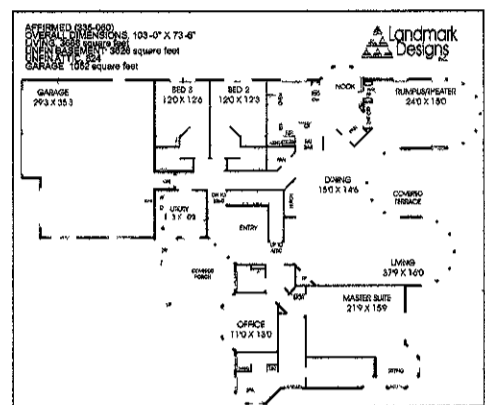


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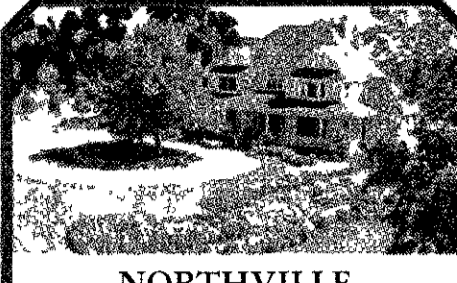


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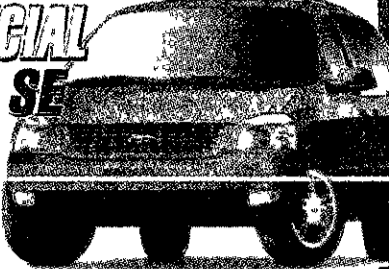
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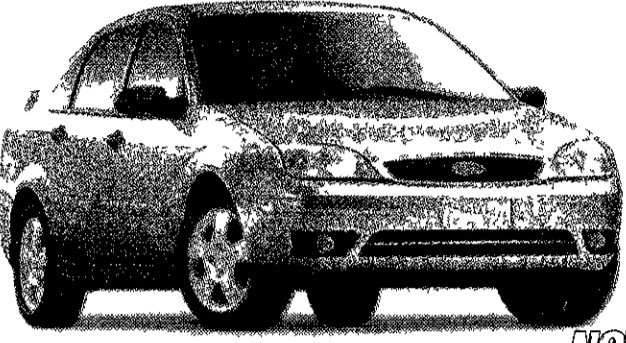
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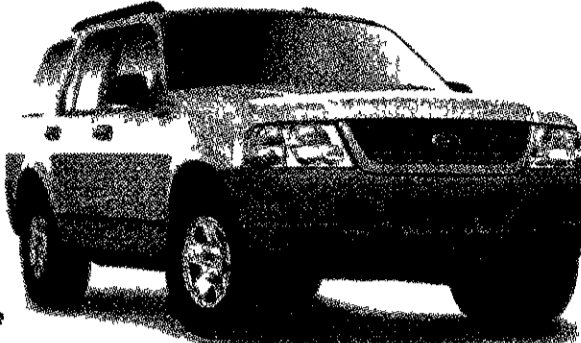


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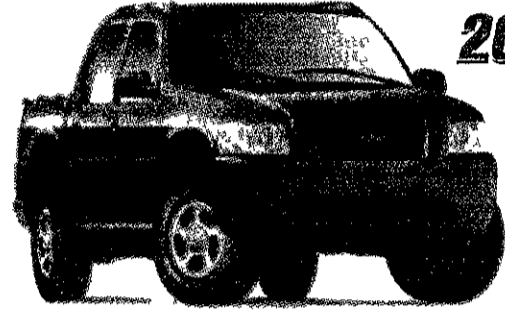


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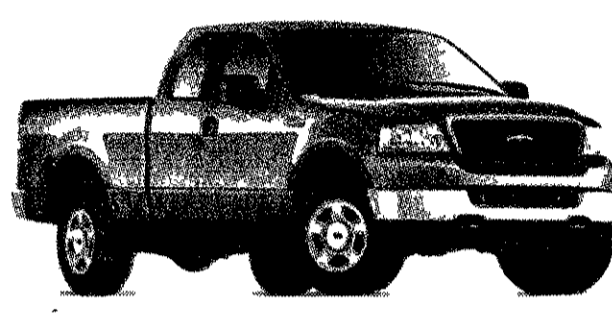
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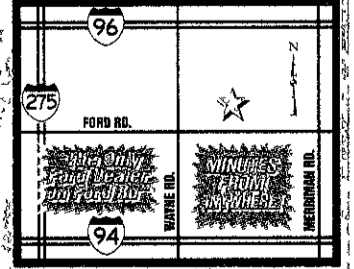
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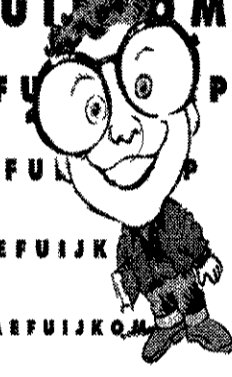
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3.0L V6 automatic overdrive transmission, air conditioning with automatic temp control, leather, power driver seat, ABS brakes, remote keyless entry keypad. Stock #51563 WAS \$26,450

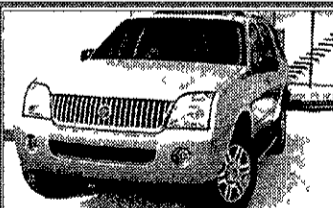
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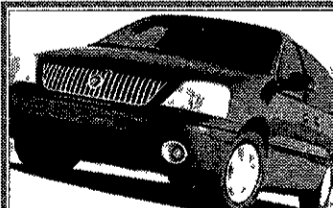
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4.0 V6 automatic overdrive transmission, air conditioning, in-dash 6 CD player, adjustable pedals, running boards, power moonroof, rear seat entertainment DVD. Stock #51632 WAS \$40,365

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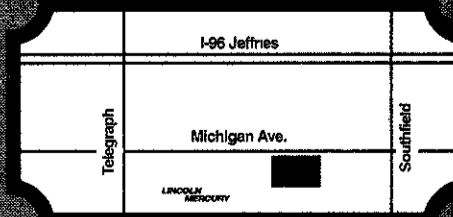
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Take a look at these features... Integrated fog lamps, leather wrapped steering wheel, speed control, air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels, 2.0L DOHC engine, automatic transaxle, P205/50R16 BSW tires [Stk. #51242] WAS \$17,790

A-PLAN \$12,754^{58*}		
24 MONTH LEASE	ZERO DOWN \$226.92^{**} per mo.	1500 DOWN \$161.00^{**} per mo.
	349 44 AMOUNT DUE	1929 64 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Taurus SE 4 Door Sedan

Take a look at these features... Air dpwr rstrnt sys, pass front & rear fir mats, dual pwr mirror, 3.0L 2V 6-cyl flex fuel eng, auto o/d trans, P215/60RX16 all seas tire SE pref equip pkg, 5-spke painted alum whis, rr spoiler pwr drivers seat 60/40 spl/fold rear seat 5-pass w/irr console fir shift, ltr-wrpd string whl pwr htd mirror, perm lighting AM/FM stereo/CD player [Stk. #53075] WAS \$23,130

A-PLAN \$13,426^{65*}		
24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$177.11^{**} per mo.	1500 DOWN \$114.46^{**} per mo.
	540 74 AMOUNT DUE	2064 33 AMOUNT DUE

2005 F-150 Supercab XLT 4x4

Take a look at these features... Preferred equipment pkg 507A, XLT series 5.4L EFI V8 engine, electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive trans, P255/70RX17 OWL all-terrain 3.55 ratio limited slip axle, 7200# GVWR, pkg tow & go std 4 elect, sit-on-ly sliding rear window, trailer tow pkg, 17 mach aluminum w/paint accents [Stk. #52473] WAS \$33,835

A-PLAN \$22,270^{65*}		
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	464 19 AMOUNT DUE	1984 07 AMOUNT DUE

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A-PLAN \$20,056^{25*}		
24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$269.66^{**} per mo.	1500 DOWN \$206.26^{**} per mo.
	345 84 AMOUNT DUE	1868 64 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Freestyle FWD SEL

Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDS MP3 radio, anti-lock brakes, mess center, 17x7 5-spke bright alum wheel, string whl audio controls, fog lamps, Optional Equipment 3.0L 4V Duratec engine, contin variable trans, P215/60R17 BSW tires, 5.19 ratio regular axle, 50/50 split seat, trac control, 60/40 split 3-passenger 2nd row [Stk. #53351] WAS \$27,185

A-PLAN \$21,949^{65*}		
24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$264.33^{**} per mo.	1500 DOWN \$201.68^{**} per mo.
	340 19 AMOUNT DUE	1863 78 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Ford Escape Limited FWD

Take a look at these features... Leather comfort group, power 6-way driver's seat, front and rear floor mats, speed control, air conditioning, perimeter alarm, duratec 3.0-3.0L V6 engine, 4-sp auto automatic o/d trans, P235/70R16 all-season BSW tires, cargo converter, group, rear cargo storage bin [Stock #52042] WAS \$25,575

A-PLAN \$18,816^{58*}		
24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$246.36^{**} per mo.	1500 DOWN \$179.75^{**} per mo.
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2005 Explorer XLT Sport

Take a look at these features... Advance trac w/ RSC, XLT sport package, convenience group, P245/65R17 all-terrain OWL tires, 17" bright alum wheels, tire pressure monitoring system, radio w/single CD, 4.0L SOHC V8 flex fuel engine, 5-speed auto o/d trans, 3.73 ratio regular axle, trailer tow package, class III/IV adj power pedals, black roof rail with crossbars [Stk. #52073] WAS \$34,130

A-PLAN \$22,794^{30*}		
24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$237.31^{**} per mo.	1500 DOWN \$172.85^{**} per mo.
	909 55 AMOUNT DUE	2156 22 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Focus ZX4 SES 4 Door

Take a look at these features... Auxiliary heater/air cond (rear), running brds, tire press monitoring sys, complex reflector hdamps, 17" alum whis, 5.4L 3V SOHC V8 4-sp auto o/d trans, P205/70R17 OWL all-seas 3.73 ratio, ltr slip axle, tech conv pkg, blk pwr/htc mrr w/puddle lamps, electrohmc rrvw mirror, H/D trailer tow lugg rack, w/bik crossbars, pwr adj brk/acc ctrl, w/o mem, cloth cap, chrs/console [Stk. #52722] WAS \$36,835.44

A-PLAN \$24,896^{44*}		
24 MONTH LEASE	ZERO DOWN \$327.55^{**} per mo.	1500 DOWN \$261.40^{**} per mo.
	730 20 AMOUNT DUE	2250 08 AMOUNT DUE

2005 F-250 Super Duty SE 4x4

Take a look at these features... Prem AM/FM CD/lock Pref eq pkg 607A, pass airbag, air 5.4L EFI V8 eng 5-sp auto, LT265/70R17E OWL A/T, 3.73 ratio ltr slip axle, XLT sport pkg, sliding rear windows, fog lamps, privacy glass, bodyside moldings, 9200 GVWR, pkg, trail hitch, rec 12.5k forged alum whis, 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 \$26,922^{84*}		
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