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# Canton woman faces prison time for fatal crash

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A Canton woman could face more than 30 years in prison if she's convicted on charges stemming from a fatal car crash that took place on Mother's Day in the city of Wayne.

Mary Tarver, 33, has been charged with impaired driving and homicide/manslaughter with a motor vehicle. Police say she was driving the car that struck and killed 30-year-old Pamela Herrington, a mother of seven children.

The events that led up to Herrington's death began early in the morning May 8. It was a bizarre case of bad timing that brought Tarver and Herrington to the wrong place at the wrong time.

'The facts are still fuzzy to us," said Wayne Police Lt. Tom Miller. "But it looks like a dispute that started at the gentleman's club, Legg's."

According to Miller, Herrington and three other women, all employees of the strip club in Van Buren Township, left the club after work at about 2:30 a.m. Before leaving the club, two men argued about money with Herrington and her sister, who also worked at the

"Apparently the argument was about services that were rendered or that were supposed to be, and the men wanted their money back," Miller said.

The four women got into a car and headed east on Michigan Avenue. The men, Jacob Hawkins and a man police identified as a friend, got into a truck and followed them.

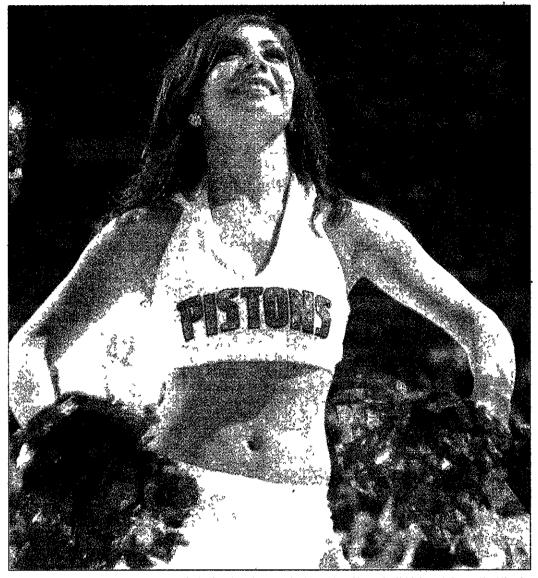
The women stopped at a White Castle restaurant in Wayne, and the men pulled into the parking lot behind them, and continued arguing with

That's when things get confusing, according to Miller.

"After they left White Castle, for some reason both vehicles stopped on Michigan Avenue, and a physical altercation took place," he said.

According to police, Hawkins grabbed Herrington's purse, and tried to take money from it. The contents of Herrington's purse scattered in the roadway, and Herrington and her sister began picking up cash in the middle of the roadway.

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Canton native Monica Rodriguez, 20, will be front and center tonight when the Detroit Pistons take on the Miami Heat. She is a member of Automotion, the Pistons dance team.

# **Revving up the Pistons**

# Canton native loves dancing with Automotion

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Two nights a week, 20-yearold Canton native Monica Rodriguez makes the long drive from her job in Ann Arbor to Auburn Hills, where she has to be at a three-hour practice session with the rest of the **Automotion Detroit Pistons** 

dance team. Come tonight it will all be worth it though, as Rodriguez and the rest of Automotion will be front and center as the Pistons take on the Miami Heat in Game 3 of the

Eastern Conference Finals. Landing a spot on Automotion was sort of a fluke, Rodriguez said.

"I heard about it from some

friends that were trying out. I didn't really know what it was about, but I'd been dancing since the fourth grade. So I decided to go, too," Rodriguez said. "It wasn't anything that I planned on, but I was the only one of the four of us that made it on the team."

Automotion performs at all Pistons home games, including the playoffs. The team members also attend charity events, fund-raisers and bar tours.

"That's fun, really. A few girls will go to a bar tour and sign autographs and play trivia," Rodriguez said.

The dance team members do receive a paycheck for their work, but the amount of money they make is not public information, Rodriguez said.

"It's definitely not a fulltime job, it's just something fun to do," she said.

Rodriguez, an Eastern Michigan University student, is not sure if the experience with Automotion will lead to any professional opportunities, though she said she would love to be a professional dancer. For now, she just hopes that she'll be able to keep dancing with the team.

"I love it. I didn't know what to expect when I first joined but I love it and hope to do it again next year," she said. "I'll do this for a while and see where it takes me."

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# Fired officer files lawsuit against police department

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A former Canton Township Police officer has filed suit against the police department, claiming he was harassed and ultimately fired due to his ethnicity and

Hussein Hojeije, a 33-year-old Dearborn resident, was born in Lebanon and is Muslim. He became an American citizen in 1986. He had always wanted to be a cop, said his attorney, Shereef Akeel. Hired by the Canton Police Department in March of 2004, Hojeije didn't make it past his probationary period before he was fired on June 1, 2004.

Hojeije started his career in business after earning his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan. He had worked for three years as a police officer in Detroit before leaving the force to help his brother start a business, where he worked until he was hired by the Canton Police Department.

"He wanted to be chief of police one day," Akeel

According to his former employer, however, Hojeije's dismissal was based purely on poor job per-

"He was dismissed for unsatisfactory job performance. We have a very in-depth field officer training program," said Public Safety Director John the standards of the department."

According to Santomauro, Hojeije regularly received failing marks on his daily observation reports and was put on a performance improvement program.

In addition, according to police documents, just two weeks after he was hired, Hojeije was having trouble with his driving skills and routinely disobeyed routine traffic laws. He was also having trouble with report writing.

"At the point of termination he filed two harassment complaints. Those were thoroughly investigated and were unfounded," Santomauro said. "At the conclusion of the investigation, he was terminated."

It's the department's policy not to terminate an employee during a complaint investigation.

Hojeije was a probationary officer who had only been employed by the township for about 90 days, according to Andrew Baran of the law firm Cox, Hodgeman and Giamarco, which represented the township after Hojeije filed a complaint with the

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Canton engineer Bob Belair discusses the wetland areas recently constructed at Flodin Park, which is ready to open to the public.

# Flodin Park ready for unveiling to public

**BY KURT KUBAN** STAFF WRITER

Canton's Flodin Park has been given a face-lift of sorts. And it's not just cosmetic. After months of construc-

tion crews digging great holes and reshaping the earth, township officials are ready to unveil what they hope will become a jewel to the community. Not only will the park offer people a peaceful place to enjoy a nature walk, but it is

also expected to help erosion along Fellows Creek, a major tributary of the Rouge River.

According to Canton engineer Bob Belair, the \$837,000 project to improve Flodin Park, a 28.5-acre park located on Saltz between Morton Taylor and Sheldon, impacted only the southern portion of the park, which is separated from the main portion of the park by Fellows Creek. Formerly not accessible, except by those who didn't

mind getting wet, these 10 acres of the park have been transformed into a large wetland area.

Canton received a \$400,000 grant through the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project to help pay for the project, which began in October. Construction crews built an

artificial oxbow in the river. During heavy rain storms, the oxbow will send high water into two large wetland areas,

or "cells," which have been constructed.

"The wetland cells take the high flow out of the stream, and hold it until the storm is over," Belair said. "The goal is to lessen the erosion that is taking place downstream."

Because of major development that has occurred upstream of the park, erosion has plagued the creek due to increased stormwater that is

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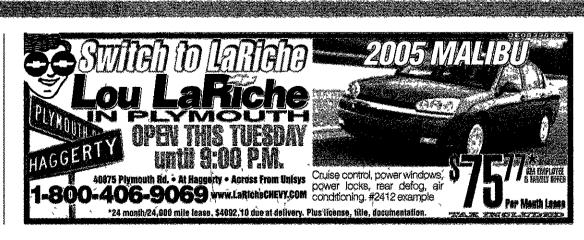
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### Memorial Day service

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will hold a Memorial Day Service at 1 p.m. on Monday, at the Veterans Memorial behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

### Parenting program

Debra Madonna of St. Mary-Mercy Hospital will present the Love and Logic approach to raising children at 7 p.m. June 2 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. This unique philosophy puts educators and parents in control, and offers practical ideas for empowering children so they are prepared for everyday

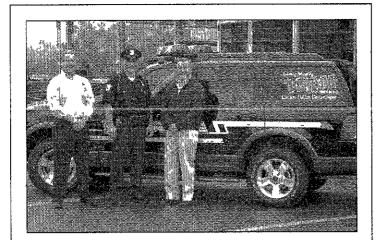
Register for this free event in person at the library or by calling (734) 397-0999.

## **Budgeting** for seniors

Seniors and their adult family members who are concerned about planning for the next car repair or how to maintain a household on Social Security or a fixedincome, will want to attend a free Financial Management

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# One for the TEAM

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Blackwell Ford salesman Brent Dix (from left), Canton Police TEAM Officer Andrew Curry and John Blackwell III stand near the 2006 Ford Explorer that Blackwell donated to the police department. Blackwell, who owns the Plymouth dealership located on Plymouth Road east of Haggerty, donated the lease vehicle for officers to use for the Teaching, Educating and Mentoring program, which works in local elementary and middle schools.

and Budgeting Workshop for Seniors being offered 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., June 7 at the Canton Summit on the Park Professional Development Center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

While each person's situation is unique, the goal of this workshop is to provide individuals with the peace of mind to face the future by teaching them how to develop a plan for success. Organized and sponsored by DFCU Financial, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, the Canton Senior Adult Program and The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, this workshop will present a plan for budgeting and assistance that can help aging adults

remain independent within

their own households.

Presenters include Charles P. Hoff, Budget and Credit Counselor for DFCU Financial and Kathleen Graham, Managing Attorney, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, Elder Law Center. Time will be provided during the two-hour session to address specific questions and concerns.

For more information or to register, please contact the Canton Senior Adult Program at (734) 394-5485.

### A fond farewell

Field Elementary School will be saying "Farewell" to Diana Carter, Stu Raben, Pattee Rupert, and Barb Shottroff at the end of this school year. Please join them in the Field gym for a farewell celebration to honor these individuals from 4-6 p.m. Monday, June 6. This is a public event. They are hoping to attract former students and parents to "bid these folks adieu."

For more information, contact Field Principal Kurt Tyszkiewicz at (734) 397-6331, or via e-mail at tyszkik@pccs.k12.mi.us.

### **New DDA members**

The Canton Downtown Development Authority has added two new board members: Lisa Grasso and Rob Ramey. Ramey runs Max & Erma's restaurant on Canton Center Road, and Grasso is manager of the Kohl's department store on Ford Road. DDA board meetings take place at 8 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the township's administration building, which is located at 1150 S. Canton Center. For more information call (734) 394-5186.

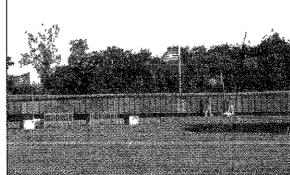
### Help build a float

The Canton Historical Society is seeking volunteers to build a float for the Liberty Fest parade. Those interested in volunteering for the community activity can participate on the following dates and times:

■ Fri., June 10, from 6-9 p.m. ■ Sat., June 1, beginning 9 a.m.

■ Sun., June 12, from 1-5 p.m. All float building will be done at the Bartlett Travis barn, located at 525 N. Ridge Road.

For more information, contact Richard Waldecker at (734) 523-6207.



The traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall comes to the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport next

# Vietnam wall makes memorial stop

BY BRAD KADRICH

As a Vietnam veteran, it's understandable that Bob Paul gets a little teary when he talks about what having the traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall come to the area next week.

Paul, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528, was a member of the first unit of A-4 Skyhawk close-air-support aircraft to land in country in May 1965, knows what the wall, a smaller version of the original wall in Washington, D.C., means.

"It means a lot of different things to me," said Paul, who was in Vietnam from May-October 1965. "It reminds me of what people have given up to keep this country free. Two members of my squadron were captured two days after they got there, and they're still missing. (The wall) has given me a better perspective on life."

The traveling Vietnam Wall will be at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport June 3-5. The opening ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, June 3 and will feature an honor guard, an F-16 flyover and remarks from veterans.

Closing ceremonies are scheduled for June 5 at 6 p.m. A symposium and dinner takes place June 4 at 5 p.m.; tickets are \$50 in advance. The wall display is being sponsored by Yankee Air Museum and will be stationed in front of the YAM's B-52 and H-1 helicopter statics in the air park.

"Those were the two mainstays in that war." Paul said.

Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton chapter 528 are the hosts for the wall. Chapter members will assist visitors in finding names using the wall's computerized catalogue. The computer locates the name, prints it out and chapter members will help visitors find that location.

The display helps mark the 30th anniversary of the end of the war.

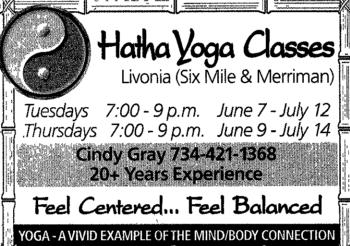
"We have a lot of veterans in the area," Paul said. "This is the commemoration of the end of the war."

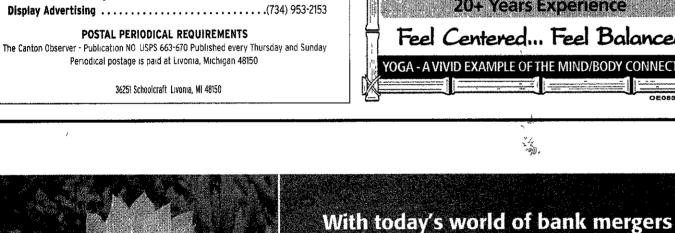
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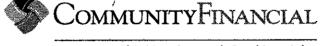
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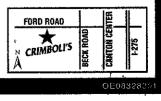
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# No way!

# **Students** pledge to turn away from lighting up

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Trevor Coates says he will never smoke cigarettes because he knows the dan gers involved. And, beside, they're just plain awful.

"I don't like tobacco becaue it makes your teeth yellow and you get bad breath," said Coates, a seventh-grader at Discovery Middle School. "It smells bad, and I don't like being around the smoke."

And, if he were ever approached by someone trying to exert peer pressure in getting him to light up, Trevor said he's prepared with his answer.

When somebody asks me, I will say 'No way, Jose," he said.

Trevor and his classmates in teacher Angie Lipford's class at Discovery recently took part in the national Kick Butts Day, signing pledges that proclaimed "I will commit my life to be tobacco free."

Lipford's class set up a graffiti wall in the hallway which students could sign, a commitment not to light up. They showed their commitment by wearing a sticker or tattoo they received for their efforts.

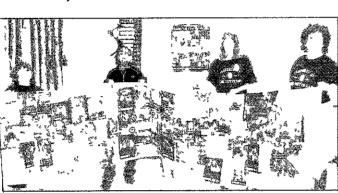
The class also took cardboard rolls that looked like cigarette butts and kicked them down the hall to promote Kick Butts Day.

"I wanted to spend extra time talking about the importance of not smoking, especially at this age, because middle school is so crucial," said Lipford. "They go from here to high school where there is more peer pressure. If I can instill in them not to smoke here, then maybe they won't do it later.

Awss Saied, 14, from Canton Township, signed the



Trevor Coates signs the Kick Butts graffiti wall, pledging to be tobacco free, as student Jessica Hammye tries to get others to sign as well.



udents hold tobacco advertisements they collected. After studying the is, they helped 'strike out tobacco' by throwing a ball at the banner.

affiti wall. "I want to be tobacco free cause I don't want to get ik," Awss said. "You can get ung cancer or a hole in your hoat, and you can die. I've never smoked, and I ch't plan to," he said. "If

someone asks me, I will just walk away."

Even Principal Roche LaVictor showed his support by signing the graffiti wall. LaVictor said he smoked three cigarettes one night in college, and that was enough for him to say never again.

"My roommate had them out while we were playing cards," remembered LaVictor 'I woke up the next morning and it felt like the Chinese army was walking barefoot through my mouth. I've never tried tobacco products since

LaVictor said there have been very few instances of students caught smoking during his 10 years in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"Smoking in school is almost nonexistent," he said "If we have a few a year, that's a lot. It's not been a big issue.'

LaVictor said the school policy for someone caught smoking is suspension.

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# PARK

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running off of new streets and driveways. In fact, part of the project in Flodin Park included a number of streambank stabifization areas, where erosion was becoming a problem. Green Creek, another major drain in the township, also traverses the park.

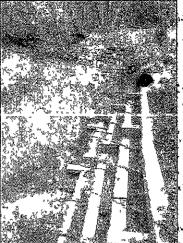
In all, Belair, who acted as the project manager, said there were three main goals with Flodin Park.

The first was to reduce erosion. But just as important, he said, the township wants to offer a place where people can seek passive recreation. Currently, there is a quartermile trail that circles one of the wetland areas. Eventually another trail will be built around the other wetland area, which will create a half-mile

Once "Mother Nature" does her job, thousands of plants native to Michigan will begin sprouting around the area, including several kinds of wetland grasses, Belair said.

"Every plant and tree we planted out there is native to our area," he said. "As soon as they grow in a little, people can come out here and walk their dogs or just enjoy the trails. Eventually we're going to build some benches, so people can just sit and listen to the birds." And that's where the pro-

ject's last goal comes in. "We want to educate people about what we've done out here. Public education is a component of what we tried to do," Belair said. "We will have signage explaining the overall project,



The Flodin Park project includes a number of streambank stabilization areas expected to help prevent erosion along Fellows Creek.

and pointing out the key items of the project, such as how the wet--\* land cells function."

The public will be able to get. its real first glimpse of the project on June 4, as it will be the site of Canton's River Day/Rouge Rescue activities 5.2 (see related story).

Ultimately, the park's success may be up to local stewardship: is Belair said vandals have already caused a few minor problems. He would like to see local residents form a stewardship group to oversee the park, 74 and help keep it tidy.

"We know there has already been some interest in the neighborhood. There are some die-hard environmentalists here," Belair said. "Maybe they can come out here once a year to do a clean-up or some other kind of activities."

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# Rouge Rescue scheduled for Flodin

Canton's annual River Day/Rouge Rescue will be held from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Saturday June 4, at Flodin Park, located on the southeast corner of Saltz and Morton-Taylor. This event will take place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages, including residents, students and scout troops are encouraged to participate.

Participants will be able to choose from a number of different activities, including tree planting, guided nature walks, niver cleaning efforts, stream bank stabilization, and more.

Canton's creeks and streams. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt, doughnuts and drinks for breakfast, and a barbeque lunch. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather, and jeans and boots should be worn. Volunteers are asked to register

ty to help preserve the quality of

promptly at 8 a.m. at the registration booth in the parking lot of Flodin Park. Scout troops planning to participate need to call Canton's Department of Public Works at (734) 394-5150, so the proper number of badges/patches can be ordered.

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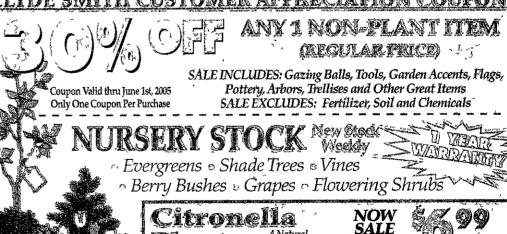
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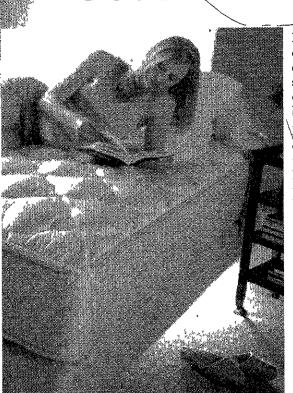
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# Bird kids won't fly after all

# District to 'deal with overflow' while housing committee takes 2nd lock

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

It appears the Plymouth-Canton Schools administration is taking a 180-degree turn, and now will not redistrict several dozen Bird Elementary students to Farrand to relieve overcrowding.

And, unless the district receives the names of 52 kindergarten students by Tuesday to voluntarily transfer to Hulsing for one year, Superintendent Jim Ryan said he will deal with the overflow at Bird for one year, until the housing committee takes a second look at how to deal with the Bird overcrowding.

"We need volunteers to go to Hulsing so we can free up a classroom at Bird," Ryan told about 50 parents at Central Middle School Wednesday night. "However, if we don't get the volunteers, I won't force

anyone to go. In response to concerns by parents that the temporary move would eventually become

permanent, Ryan gave his word to Bird parents. "If anybody left Bird, hey

will be back the following year," he said. "I won't trick yeu." The district's housing com-

mittee earlier recommended that several dozen students from Bird be transferred to Farrand. However, after a backlash by Heather Hills and Rolling Oaks subdivision parents to stop the move the Board of Education - which has the final say - backed off to consider alternatives.

Ryan said he decided to end the controversy because it was getting too late to plan for next

"Those were only two options the board was willing to look at so they could get to their process of involving more

people in the decision making," said Ryan.

Jill Beshears of Plymouth Township, who has a secondgrader at Bird, doesn't like the idea of moving her youngest

child to Hulsing next year, having to split her time between two schools. "If Iknew what the long-

term plan was, I would be more willing to make some moves because we could all be redistricted next year," said Bestears. "Let's do the long tern plan and stop doing these littl tweaks every year."

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Nark Blaufuss, one of the firs to volunteer to his kindergatner to Hulsing next year, sail he recognizes Bird has an overcrowding problem.

I think more people are exited about the move, knowing they could come back to Hrd the next year," said Haufuss, who lives in Rolling aks. "They don't want to be edistricted again, although it's possibility."

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# Many teachers opt for early retirement.

BY TONY BRUSCATO

When Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan offered a \$30,000 early severance incentive to teachers - designed to save the district \$7 million over the next eight years - many were skeptical.

Ryan said he needed at least 70 teachers to accept the offer before it would go into effect, a number many thought unobtainable.

As of Friday, 72 teachers had indicated they will accept the plan. Teachers have until June 8 to accept the offer, and seven days later to back out.

Plymouth-Canton Education **Association President Chuck** Portelli, whose union represents more than 1,000 teachers, said there are 450 educators in the district who qualify by being at the top of the salary schedule, with 100 of those also eligible to retire.

was enough for them to be able

to take it," said Portelli. "They're at a point in their careers where they are ready to do that."

The incentive will be paid out over two years, with the first installment of \$20,000 to be paid in January, with the remainder a year later. According to Patricia Brand,

assistant superintendent of business services, the financial relief to next year's school budget will be about \$700,000. The net impact on the 2006-07 budget: projected at \$445,000. And, according to Brand, the next six years will see savings in excess of \$800,000 a year. While the incentive is

designed to replace teachers the top of the wage scale with less-experienced educators at the lower end of the pay scale Portelli said the late offer coud' make it difficult for the admiistration to find quality teach ers to fill the positions. "Other districts are ahead offis

in the game of looking for qual

but it will bring in new teachers with different ideas that will help refresh the community and help the district."

We will lose a lot of experience.

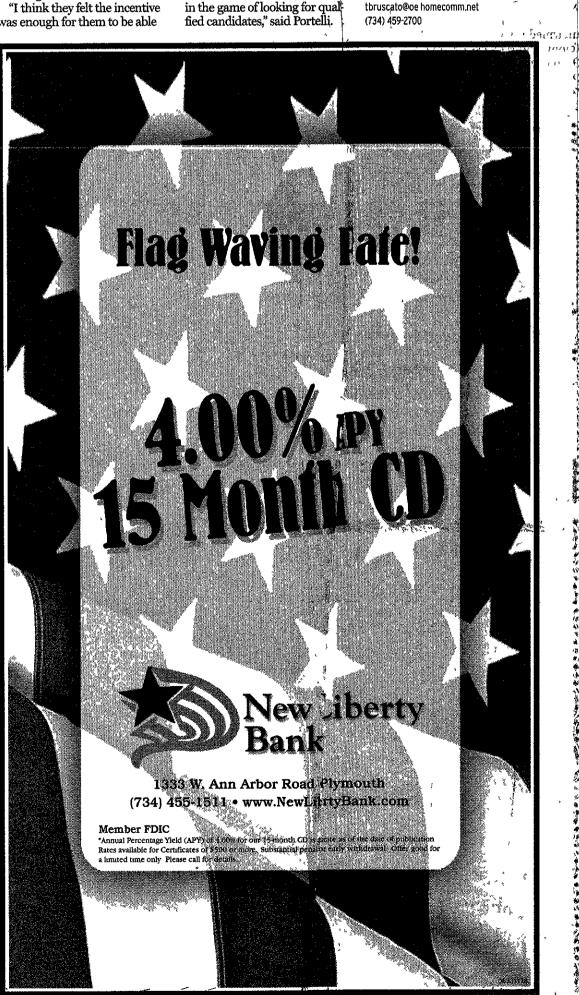
Ryan said he doesn't expect any problems in finding teachers in time for August, the beginning of the next school year. "We have student teachers,

substitutes and graduates to look at, so we have a reasonable list of people who are attractive to us to keep us from being behind the eight ball when we get into the process," Ryan said. The school board recently

rehired nine teachers who were earlier given pink slips.

The Board of Education and PCEA last week inked a 2-percent wage hike for the upcoming school year, the last year of a four-year contract. Teacher salaries will range from \$39,171 to \$76,387.





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**Equal Employment** Opportunity Commission (ÉÉOC).

Hojeije alleged that other officers made fun of his name and called him "Saddam Hussein." Further, he said that officers made fun of citizens with accents, and made comments stating that "Arabs need to be nuked." Akeel said.

First, Hojeije filed a complaint within the department, but according to Akeel he was told to "deal with it."

According to police department documents, during the internal investigation, Hojeije said he didn't think he was receiving proper training or help to improve because of his ethnic background. He stated he wasn't sure if the department's lack of ethnic diversity was a factor, but did feel he had been treated differently than other officers in training.

So Hojeije filed a complaint with the EEOC, which determined that "there is a reasonable cause to believe that (Hojeije's) allegations are true."

But Baran isn't sure how the EEOC made such a determina tion, since no one with the commission had interviewed any Canton officers.

"That's when they were hit

Herrington never regained

consciousness after she was

struck by Tarver's car, Miller

Arbor. Her sister was treated

and released for her injuries,

including a broken arm, later

Herrington's sister has

required additional surgery

for her injuries and she may lose use of her arm, Miller

Tarver's blood alcohol level was .12 at the scene of the crash and .11 at the station. The legal limit in Michigan is .08 percent, according to

Hawkins was charged with

unarmed robbery, a 15-year

93-day misdemeanor. He pleaded not guilty and waived

his right to a preliminary

felony, and reckless driving, a

said. She died at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann

by the car," Miller said.

CRASH

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that day.

said.

Miller.

"He thought it was offensive," Akeel said of his client's reaction to ethnic slurs made by fellow officers. "Part of it is that these officers were making fun of the very people they are hired to protect. The other part of it is if you were German, and someone referred to you as 'Hitler' you would find that offensive."

Currently, the complaint is being investigated by the Department of Justice, Akeel said, but in the meantime, he had to file a suit in Wayne County Circuit Court because the statute of limitations on the original complaint will expire on June 1.

Baran questioned the timing of Hojeije's complaint. Hojeije was hired on March 1, 2004, and it was not until he was placed on a performance improvement plan that he filed a complaint, Baran said. He filed a formal complaint with the police department in May 2004. According to Baran, by that time he would have been made aware of deficiencies in his job performance.

For the last year it's been nearly impossible for Hojeije to find another job in police work, said Akeel. "He's basically been black-

balled from police depart-

ments," Akeel said. "This kind

of discrimination has no place in any workplace, but especial-

He will head to trial at Circuit

Court in Detroit next month.

Tarver pleaded not guilty to charges of operating under the influence, causing a serious injury, a five-year felony; homicide/manslaughter with a motor vehicle, a 15-year felony; and driving while intoxicated causing death, a 15-year felony. She is due back in the 29th District Court in Wayne at 9 a.m. on June 14.

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called and asked if he was still ly not in a community as interested in a job, Akeel said. diverse as Canton."

According to Akeel, Hojeije However, two days after receiving a conditional job had applied for work at the Dearborn Heights Police offer from Dearborn Heights, Hojeije was called and told he Department in 2003, but hadwould not get the job, accordn't been called for an interview. ing to Dearborn Heights Chief Shortly after he was fired by of Police Michael Gust. the Canton department, the Dearborn Heights department

"We found during the final

part of the hiring process that he didn't meet the standards of this department," Gust said.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the department has an extensive training program that not everyone can complete.

Further, the Canton Police

Department has been ahead of the curve when it comes to cultural sensitivity. Officers have regularly received cultural training to help them serve people of many ethnic and cultural backgrounds, Yack said.

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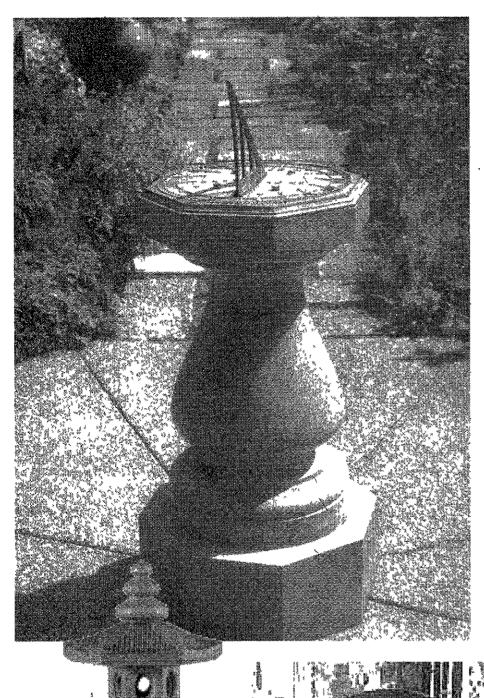
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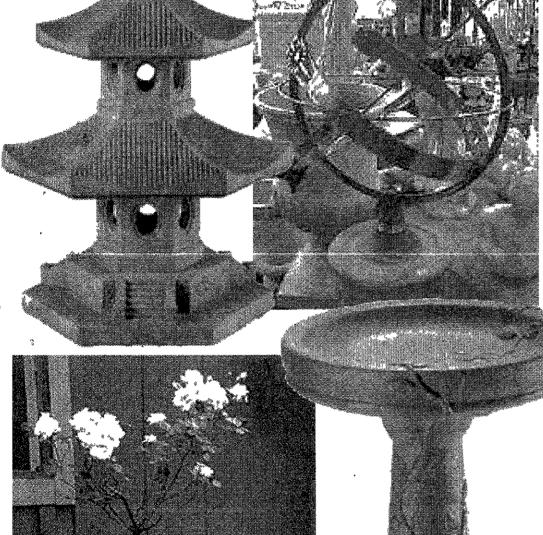


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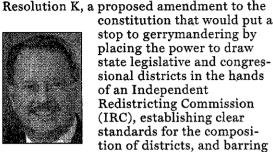
# Independent panel would take | Palestinian-Israeli conflict politics out of redistricting

n America, it is a crime to rig a single election, but to this day it remains perfectly acceptable to rig an entire system to advantage a particular political party or incumbent elected officials.

The practice is called gerrymandering and it is pervasive in American politics today, including in Michigan.

Gerrymandering deprives many voters of their voice in Lansing and in Washington, D.C., and discourages citizens from participating in the electoral process,

On Thursday, May 19, along with 41 cosponsors, I introduced House Joint



the commission from using election results, voting histo-Anderson ry data or incumbent addresses at any point during the drafting or adoption of a redistricting

Michigan's redistricting system is badly broken. In the 2004 election for Michigan House of Representatives, only 18 of 110 seats were decided by margins of 10 percent or less and only two incumbents lost their seats.

Since the current redistricting plan was adopted by the Michigan legislature, no congressional incumbents have lost their seats in a general election, no seats have changed political party, and no congressional election has been decided by a margin of less than 16

It is clear that redistricting in Michigan, and across America, has become a political instrument that best serves to protect and strengthen incumbency and partisan advan-

As a result, elected officials enjoy tremendous self-bestowed advantages in elections. The bottom line: Voters no longer pick their elected officials, elected officials pick their voters and that's wrong. It's bad for voters and bad for our democracy.

My proposal takes the power to draw congressional and legislative districts out of the hands of self-interested legislators and places it with an independent commission that would be constitutionally barred from using election results, voting history data and incumbent addresses at any point during the drafting and adoption of the redistricting

A commission approach insulates the

In the wake of every election, editorial pages, pundits and politicians alike bemoan the fact that so few Michiganians engage in the political process. We repeat our mantra that "every vote counts," yet the unspoken truth is that in many congressional and legislative districts that is simply not the case. **Gerrymandering makes some votes count** more than others and erases the political power of entire communities.

process from the political temptations that lead state legislatures to draw partisan gerrymanders. This type of IRC is a proven approach for restoring the integrity and public confidence in the apportionment and redistricting process.

Twelve states already use commissions to draw legislative districts. Six states use them to draw congressional districts. A number of other states employ advisory and back-up

These commissions have been tremendously successful and Michigan would be well advised to consider a similar approach.

Creating an IRC does not advantage one political party or another. It makes the process about the people and not the politically powerful. It empowers voters and makes votes count again.

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Reform of the redistricting process in Michigan is long overdue. I hope readers will agree, contact their legislators, and urge them to support my proposal.

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# raises question 'What is truth?'

t is often hard to get a handle on the "truth" when it is right in front of us.

You've probably heard the story of the six blind men who are asked to describe an elephant. One runs his hands along the elephant's trunk and declares the animal is like a python. Another feels along the elephant's broad side and determines the elephant is a wall. Another feels his tusk and is sure the elephant is a sharp spear. And so on.

As journalists, we work to "see" the complete elephant and understand it. We seek out different sources, we track down different points of view, but we also try to nail down

Gallagher

The farther we are from a subject, the less clearly we see and understand it. This is particularly true of controversial happenings half way around the world, even though the consequences of those controversies may have a heavy impact on our

Few struggles are more widely covered and controversial than the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Hasan Newash, founder and director of the Palestine Office-Michigan, believes that American media are biased in favor of Israel. On Wednesday, he and the Congress of Arab American Organizations of Michigan invited local journalists to a lunch at the Al Berdouni Restaurant in Dearborn to hear from two people who have studied the issue and reached a similar conclusion.

The Detroit area is home to a large Middle Eastern population and a sizable Jewish population. The 57-year struggle over sovereignty, land rights, refugees, reparations and who's done more harm to whom have special resonance because they mean so much to people who live in our area.

As community newspapers, we do not have correspondents covering the conflict and endless negotiations. We cover speeches,

gather reactions, talk to people from the area. Allison Weir, a free-lance journalist, is the founder of an independent research organization "If Americans Knew." Her contention is that the media is seriously biased against Palestinians. She presented an analysis showing that the news media - specifically, the New York Times and the three major networks, ABC, CBS and NBC - under report Palestinian deaths and exaggerate Israeli deaths. She also argues that even when reporters file stories that present Israel in a negative way, news organizations won't release them. She offered as an example a video of the shooting of a young Palestinian by an Israeli soldier that she claims AP

Statistics and data are interesting for their flexibility. She said the number of children killed by Israelis is greater than the number killed by Palestinians since 2000 (her Web site uses the figure 680 Palestinian children to 118 Israeli children) and then proceeded to show Power Point slides showing several oneon-one confrontations that may or may not have been provoked.

But, I was thinking, a newspaper or a network would be less likely to run that kind of story than a story about a suicide bomber who blows up a school bus or about an air raid by Israeli forces that takes down a school. She does argue that the news media do not do a good enough job of reporting cumulative deaths, and without putting those deaths in context, such figures aren't meaningful. And it's the context that causes all the problems. Also, the source for the the death count is debatable on both sides.

Considerably more persuasive and interesting was Ali Abunimah, a Chicago-based writer whose parents are from Palestine and who is passionate about having the Palestinian view represented. He presented a lucid, vigorous and detailed account of the history of Palestinian-Israeli relations since 1948, and particularly since the collapse of the 2000 Camp David talks. He also made a strong case that in blunt and subtle ways the national media tend to favor the Israeli view. He argues that the long-established Jewish presence in this country and their economic power is the reason for this imbalance. Weir and Abunimah also argue that the United States favors Israel diplomatically.

Jewish groups, as one person in the audience suggested, have similar forums for journalists presenting their point of view and their analysis of statistics.

The sad thing is that deaths on both sides continue. Children continue to suffer, live in fear and die. And both sides are locked in these military, diplomatic and propaganda conflicts with resolution in question.

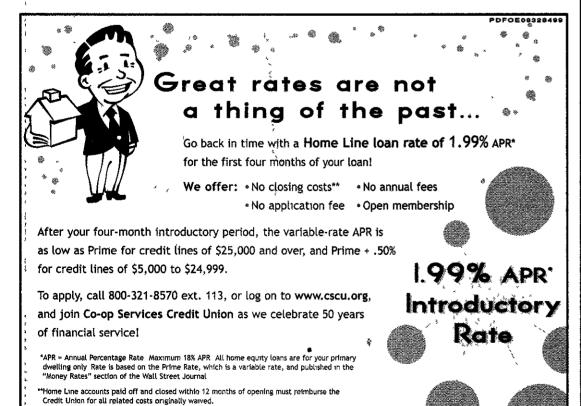
These newspapers don't report on the casualty numbers. We don't run editorials supporting one side of the conflict or the other.

We're too far from the situation. But we do care deeply about these people trapped by history, by superpower politics, by mistrust, by resentment, by arrogance, by intransi-We do support Newash and his organiza-

tion's call for accurate and full coverage of the issues without favoring one side or the other.

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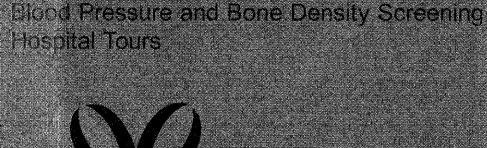
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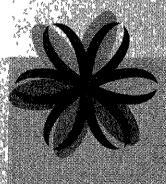


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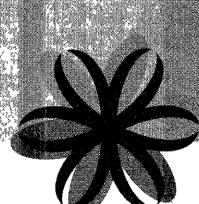
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Plymouth's Nathan Gholston (right) passes the baton to teammate Josh Le Duc during the 800-meter relay at Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association track-and-field meet at the P-CEP track. The Wildcats finished fifth overall at the 12-team tournament.

# Chargerville

# Churchill boys sprint past Spartans, defending champion Chiefs

For complete results, see Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park track-and-field facility has turned into a hardware store for the Livonia Churchill boys track team during the past few weeks.

On Wednesday night, the Chargers earned their second piece of heavy hardware - the Western Lakes Activities Association meet championship trophy in the past month at the P-CEP track when they ran away from runner-up Livonia Stevenson and third-place Canton to claim the WLAA title. Three weeks earlier, Churchill claimed the Observerland first-place trophy at the same site.

Churchill racked up 151.50 points to upend the Spartans (123) and the defending champion Chiefs (122.50). Walled

Lake Central (74) and Plymouth (56) filled out the top five places.

"Every kid on the team contributed tonight," said Churchill coach Rick Austin. "We have a lot of special kids on this team who have done some special things this year. We thought coming in it would be a three-way battle between us, Stevenson and Canton, and we knew winning wasn't going to be easy.'

Austin emphasized that the turning point in his team's season came following

PLEASE SEE BOYS, B3

# Churchill runs away with girls track title

STAFF WRITER

Youth was served at Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association girls track-and-field meet held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park track.

and red Livonia Churchill uniforms. Even though their roster is dotted with just two seniors, the Chargers outlasted their more experienced competitors to capture the first-place trophy by piling up 175 points. Livonia Stevenson (148), Salem (137.50), Northville (82) and Livonia Franklin (64) rounded out the top five places.

And the servers were wearing black

"This was huge for this team," said Churchill co-captain Alicia Fedrigo, as she stood alongside fellow Charger captain Lache Wilkins. "We were undefeated in dual meets in our division, but then we finished second in the regional (to Stevenson), so we really wanted to do well tonight. We have a very strong team, but we're young, too."

As Fedrigo spoke, Wilkins nodded and smiled. Who could blame her? Fedrigo, Wilkins (who are both juniors) and over 90 percent of the Chargers' championship contingent will be back next year to defend their

"It's cool winning this because it's something I've been looking forward to since my freshman year," Wilkins said. "Just about everybody is coming

PLEASE SEE GIRLS, B3

# Win-or-else districts to open Tuesday

Tuesday marks the beginning of "do-or-die" season for local high school prep sports teams.

That is the day district softball, baseball and soccer tournament open throughout the state.

One loss sends teams to the sidelines while each win propels them closer to a potential coveted state title.

Three district tournaments will be hosted by P-CEP schools. Canton will host a Division 1 girls soccer tournament while Plymouth will serve as the site for both baseball and softball tourneys.

The soccer tournament will open Tuesday at 5 p.m. when Canton takes on Ann Arbor Pioneer at the P-CEP soccer field. That game will be followed by another first-round matchup featuring Ann Arbor Huron and Salem. If the Chiefs survive their opener, they'll take on the winner of Monday's Livonia Churchill-Wayne Memorial tilt on Thursday at 5 p.m. If the Rocks win, they'll play Westland John Glenn Thursday at 7 p.m.

The championship game is set for Saturday at noon.

The Plymouth baseball tournament will open Tuesday when Garden City tangles with John Glenn. The winner of that match-up will play the host

Wildcats Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Wildcats' softball team drew a first-round bye and will play the winner of Tuesday's John Glenn-Garden City game Saturday at approximately 11 a.m. A victory would earn the Wildcats a shot at playing either Wayne or Livonia Franklin in the finale. Both the Salem and Canton softball and baseball teams will be participating in the district tournament hosted by South Lyon High School. The state-ranked Chiefs softball team will play cross-campus rival Salem Saturday at 10 a.m. in a semifinal game. The winner will play in the 2 p.m. final against either Novi, South Lyon or Northville. See Week Ahead, Page B5.

# Warriors drop 9-8 heart-breaker

What a finish! If you're a Farmington United player, coach or fan, the regular season in boys lacrosse had a great ending Thursday.

Farmington concluded the campaign with a dramatic, come-from-behind victory over visiting Plymouth-Canton-Salem at Power Middle School, 9-8.

United faced an 8-6 deficit with four minutes remaining, but it rallied to score the last three goals and had a huge save by goalkeeper Dean Hall to win the

"It was a great experience to come back and win like that," Farmington

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coach John Fillion said. "(The players) stepped it up and did what they had to

The win and the way it was achieved, snatching victory from the jaws of defeat, provided some consolation for Farmington, which had more downs than ups during a 3-9 season.

"I think reality set in," Fillion said of the comeback. "Most of the guys on the field were seniors in their last home game. They were down to their last two or three minutes. If you don't do it now,

Farmington began its rally with a

close-range shot from the right side by Brad Holm, and Ryan VanHorn got the tying goal with 2:32 remaining.

an unsportsmanlike pen against PCS and a turnover, Farmington's Kyle Lambert scored the winning goal when he rifled a shot from 15 yards in front with 1:12 on the clock.

PCS (8-9) pressed to score the tying goal in the final minute, but Hall preserved the Farmington win when he made a difficult save look routine, using the netting of his stick to stop a hard shot by PCS' Mitch French.

In the third quarter, PCS' John Maurer scooped a loose ball in his half of

PLEASE SEE WARRIORS, B5

# Soccer thrilling for Chief Priebe

BY ED WRIGHT

How's this for a dream job?

Two days a week, Canton senior Molly Priebe - whose intense passion for soccer is matched only by her immense talent for the sport — works at Canton's High Velocity Sports. a haven for local soccer players of all ages.

Priebe's ideal employment set-up is comparable to a bookworm securing a part-time job at the library, or a fun-loving 10-year-old being asked to

Prep Profile

"I can't think of a better place to work," said Priebe, who does clerical work and helps coach young players at HVS. "It's all soccer, all the time. I love soccer and I love to work with kids, so what more could I ask for when it comes to a job? It's nice, too,

test products at Toys 'R' Us.

because (her HVS supervisors) are super flexible with my schedule because they know I play a lot of soccer."

# 4 YEARS, 4 LETTERS

Priebe not only plays a lot of soccer, but she plays it at the highest levels. A rare four-year varsity performer for Canton, she has played the past seven summers for the Canton Conquest, an elite premier team whose roster includes many of her current Chief teammates.

"It helps playing in the summer with my high school teammates," Priebe said. "When you play as much soccer together as we do, you get to know what everyone can and can't do,

PLEASE SEE PRIEBE, B4



Canton's Molly Priebe controls the ball during the Chiefs' 2-0 victory over Plymouth earlier this month. Priebe earned four varsity letters during her high school career.

# **Plymouth notes**

■ The Plymouth High School football coaches will be holding a mandatory meeting for the part ents of all current and incoming freshmen football players at 7 p.m. on June 7 in the high school cafeteria.

■ Tryouts for next year's Plymouth High 🍜 School cheerleading squads will begin on Wednesday, June 1.

There will be a parent/student informational meeting from 6 -p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

information packets can be picked up in the high school athletic office, or you can e-mail the new coach, Jessica Farr, at wildcatscheercoach@yahoo.com.

All current students interested in cheerleading and incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend.

# Fall soccer

The City of Plymouth: 2 Recreation Department : will be accepting fall youth soccer registrations the entire month of June during business hours - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - at the recreation office located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525

Farmer St. All first-time registrations require a birth certificate.

The fee for the under 6- through the under 8vear-old divisions is \$60 for City of Plymouth residents, and \$85 for nonresidents.

For under 9-year-old " and older divisions, the fee is \$65 for City of Plymouth residents and \$95 for non residents. 1164

For additional informa tion, call (734) 455-6620, extension 304. Registration forms can be downloaded from the department's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Field hockey camp
A one-day introduction to field hockey camp for students in sixth through eighth grades will be held Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Livonia Ladywood High School, which is located on Newburgh Road, between Schoolcraft and Five Mile roads.

The fee for the camp will be \$50. The emphasis of the

camp will be on teaching fundamentals of the game and teaching proper techniques of the skill? sets - dribbling, driving, shooting, passing and ....... stopping - used to play, field hockey at the high school level. The first half of the day

will focus on skills while. the second half will encompass team play and small-sided scrimmages.

The camp director will? be Ladywood field hockey coach Kris Sanders. She will be assisted by, Traci Stewart, Jacqueline Lupinacci and current and former Ladywood field hockey players.

All campers will receive a field hockey camp T- 3

To access the camp's official brochure, visit www.ladywood.org.

# Salem's Ritter tosses 5-hitter

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday May 29 2005

Salem's Josh Ritter pitched a complete game five-hitter Wednesday afternoon to lead the Rocks to a 2-1 victory over Walled Lake Western in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game.

The Rocks scored single runs in the first and third. The Warriors plated their lone run in the bottom of the seventh. Andy Ciantar delivered the game-winning RBI hit in the third for Salem, which also finished with five hits.

The victory improved Ritter's record to 4-3. Salem is now 14-14 overall, 9-8 in the WLAA and 5-5 in the Lakes Division.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9, PLY-MOUTH 0: Steve Merlo threw a one-hitter Wednesday as Livonia Churchill closed out its regular season with a 9-0 baseball win over host Plymouth in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover.

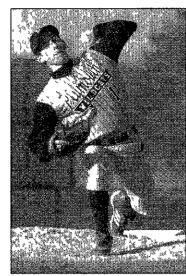
The junior right-hander struck out 12 and walked only two in going the distance. The only hit he allowed was a fourth-inning infield single off the bat of Alex Harvey.

Merlo also paced a 13-hit Churchill attack by going 3for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

Matt Dykla contributed a two hits and two RBI. He had an RBI triple in fifth inning, while Rob Laichalk keyed a five-run Churchill sixth with a two-run single. Mark Pirronello also had an RBI groundout.

Bryan Stotz, the losing pitcher, gave up eight runs on 10 hits in five innings. He struck out one and walked three.

WHITMORE LAKE 7, PCA 6: The Eagles built a 6-1 lead after four innings Thursday afternoon before the host Trojans stormed back with three in the fifth, one in the seventh and a pair in the bottom of the seventh to earn the victory, which improved their record to 16-3. PCA dropped to 14-6 with the



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Plymouth starting pitcher Bryan Stotz suffered the loss in the Wildcats' 9-0 loss.

Stephen Sumner started on the mound for the Eagles, throwing four inning before giving way to Andrew Shumaker, who suffered just his second loss against nine wins. Sumner yielded just one run and three hits while striking out four in his four-inning

Offensively, the Eagles were paced by Jordan Johnston (2for-3, run, two stolen bases), Sumner (two doubles, run), Aaron Ciborowski (2-for-3, walk) and Matt Saagman (2for-3). Adam Catallo also played well, making a spectacular diving catch in left field and going 1-for-1 at the plate.

Seven Eagles were honored Thursday with post-season recognition. Ciborowski was voted to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division's First Team, while Nathan Bixler, Stephen Sumner, Eric Immerfall and Shumaker made the second team. Johnston and Bobby Unis were lauded with honorable-mention recogni-

### **WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

May 25 at Canton BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1 Livonia Churchill 151 50, 2 Livonia Stevenson 123 00 3 Canton, 122 50, 4 W L Central 74 5 Plymouth 56; 6. Salem 55; 7 W.L Northern, 53 50, 8 Livonia Franklin, 49.50; 9 Westland

TRACK MEET

John Glenn, 39, 10 Northville, 35 11. Wayne Memorial, 14, 12. W.L. Western, 9. **BOYS FINAL RESULTS** 

Pole vault: 1 Ryan Santa (LC), 15-0, 2 William Breslin (LC), 13-2, 3 Derek Reeves (C) 12-10 4. Mike Yassay (N), 12-6 5 Mark Chrzanowski (WLC), 12-6, 6. Fedor Dokshin (WLW) 12-2, 7, Dennis Tultio (LF), 11-10,-8 Nate

Shot put: 1 Brian Nakoneczny (LS), 50-0, 2 Greg Copeland (WJG) 46-4, 3 Geoff Leskie (LS), 45-8, 4 Jon Marsh (S), 45-7 5 Bryan Henley (WJG), 44-9, 6 Andrew Johnson (WLN) 44-5, 7 Jayson Brailean (WLN) 44-4 8 Jon Whaley (LF), 43-6

Discus: 1 Jon Marsh (S), 146-11, 2 Chris Long (WLC), 141-3, 3 Bryan Henley (WJG) 139-3 4 Brian Nakoneczny (LS), 135-4, 5 Steven Paye (C), 133-5, 6 Devin Sall (LC), 132-11 7. Joseph Zugaj (C), 132-6; 8 Steve Kaptur (S),

High jump: 1 Alan Shanoski (N) 6-9, 2 Aziz Atiyeh (WLC), 6-2, 3 Mitchell White (LS), 6-1, 4 Cameron Scharchburg (P) 6-0 5 (tie) Ryan Sheridan (WLN), Dan Chynoweth (LF) Charles Elstone (LC) and Matthew McClellan (C), 5-10

Long jump: 1 Trevor Hearns (LS), 20-675. 2 Brian Rumao (S), 20-5, 3 Aaron Anselment (LS), 19-9, 4 Francisco Beltran (LC), 19-775, 5 Alante Whiting (WJG), 19-675; 6 Nick Kaldis (N), 19-6 50, 7 John Mitchell (LS), 19-5 50-8 Michael Murelli (WLN), 18-10.75

3,200-meter relay: 1 Livonia Churchill (Timothy Francisco, Brandon Grysko, Joseph Horka, Stephan Maxe), 818,42, 2, W.L. Central, (Phil Watkins Tom Bloss Scott Stevens Sean Maxwell) 8:25 26 3 Livonia Stevenson (Jeffery Holycross Justin Black, Anthony Lenardon Matt Rzepka) 8 28 38 4 Northville (George Kern, Nick Kolbow, Tommy Farrell Jasen Turnbull), 8 30 76 5 W.L. Northern (Alexander Ropek Dominic Ancona Mihkey Mayes, Joshua Robinson), 8 31 02, 6, Salem. (Adam Kosteva Dave Maryanski James Walsh, Brad Sokolowski), 8 40 13, 7, Canton (Phaltiel Whitlock, D'Angelo Pitts, Kevin Rakovitis, Eric Zech) 8 41 28, 8 Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Justin Magill, Anthony Scaparo, Sean Dillon) 8 42 83

110 hurdies: 1 Rodney Preston 1477, 2 Alan Culbertson (LF), 15 41, 3 Michael Duffield (LC), 15 45 4 Baze Efermov (S), 15 65, 5 Nathan Gholston (P) 15 92, 6 Aaron Anselment (LS) 15 94, 7 Cavan Corcoran (N) 15 95 8 William Breslin (LC) 1917

100 dash: 1 Darrian Miller (WM) 10 58; 2 Nana Adomako (LS) 10 87, 3 Darvis Williams (LF) 10 92 4 Dwayne Coleman (P), 11 02, 5 Dan Daves (WJG) 1109, 6 Eric Piwowar (C), 1113 7 Andre Thornton (WJG) 1118 8 Steven Witek (WLN), 11,22,

800 relay: 1 Canton (Andrew Rossow, Cyrus Azızı, Dalton Walser David Calille), 13151, 2 Livonia Stevenson (Trevor Hearns, Kevin Murawski Patrick Clasgens, Nana Adomako) 132 57, 3 Livonia Franklin (Anthony Farthing, Jonts Clarke Cole Kelly, Darius Williams), 133 82, 4 Livonia Churchill (Francicso Beltran, Larry Wilson David St

### Amant Michael Duffield), 134.54; 5 W.L. Northern (Joel Darin, Alexander Garvin, Trevor Peterson, Jonathan Fenwick), 13516, 6

Westland John Glenn (Jamal Jones, Chiwale Covington-Wifli, Orlando Carswell, Dan Daves), 13535 7 Plymouth (Nathan Gholston, Josh Le Duc, Brad Wiley, Rico Tyus), 1:36.53, 8. W L. Central, 1:38 75. 1,600 run: 1. Joseph Horka (LC), 430 39; 2.

Matthew Rzepka (LS), 43260, 3. Sean Maxwell (W.L. Central), 43325; 4 Brandon Grysko (LC), 4.3418, 5 Timothy Francisco (LC), 4.35.91, 6. Alex Lumley (S), 4:39.23; 7 Eric Zech (C), 4:45 98 8 Mark Piorkowski (LS), 4:46 47.

400 relay: 1 Livonia Stevenson (Trever Hearns, Kevin Murawski, Patrick Clasgens, Nana Adomako), 44.06; 2, W L. Northern (Michael Murelli, Joel Darin, Nicholas D'Agostino, Kyle Riendl) 4471, 3 Livonia Franklin (Anthony Farthing, Taylor Hurst, Cole Kelly, Darius Williams), 44 83, 4. Livonia Churchill (Francisco Beltran, William Gutowski, Ryan Santa, Larry Wilson), 45.15, 5 Plymouth (Nathan Gholston, Josh Le Duc, Rico Tyus, Dwayne Coleman), 45 36, 6 Salem (Brian Rumao, Jason Williams, Baze Efermov, Nick Telenko) 45 45, 7 Westland John Glenn (Leonard Lacroix, Ian Thornton, Chiwale Covington-Willi, Dan Daves), 46 29, 8 Northville (Kevin Kohlert, Ron Ketelhut, Nick Kaidis, David Bandy), 4674

400 dash: 1 Cyrus Azızı (C) 50.24, 2 David Calife (C) 51 07, 3 David St. Amant (LC), 51 15, 4. Andrew Rossow (C), 5191; 5 Thomas Ropek (WLN), 52.80, 6. Brad Sokolowski (S), 52.97, 7. Kervin Lewis (WM), 53 03; 8. Ryan Zuhlke (LS),

300 hurdies: 1 Rodney Preston (C), 40.32; Nathan Ghoiston (P), 41 36, 3, Michael Duffield (LC), 4172, 4 Alan Culbertson (LF), 42 01, 5 Cavan Corcoran (N), 42,09 6 Mark Chrzanowski (WLC) 4212, 7 Baze Efermov (S), 42 39, 8 Brian Carter (WLN), 42 95.

800 run: 1. Brandon Grysko (LC) 159.89, 2 Sean Dillon (P), 2:00 20, 3 Joseph Horka (LC) 2.00.28: 4. Joshua Robinson (WEN), 2.00.67, 5. Phil Watkins (WLC), 2 00 97, 6 Stephan Maxe (LC), 2 0114, 7 Matthew Rzepka (LS), 2 0310 8 Tom Bloss (WLC), 2 05 35

200 dash: 1 Cyrus Azızı (C), 22 55 2. David Califie (C) 22.81, 3 Dwayne Coleman (P), 22 88, 4 Francisco Beltran (LC), 22.99, 5, Nana Adomako (LS) 23 00: 6 Kyle Riendi (WLN). 23 23, 7 Eric Piwowar (C), 23 27 8 Pablo Rodriguez (LC) 23.96

3,200 run: 1 Tony Sanfillipo (WLC), 9 54 85, 2 Connor Schultz (LC) 10.00 29, 3. Timothy Howse (LC), 10 03 22, 4 Jeff Aspinall (WLW), 10 05 09 5 Anthony Scaparo (P), 10 09 23 6 Jake Hill (WLC) 10 18 15, 7 Dan Kapadia (S), 10 23 77, 8 Rvan Jara (WLN), 10 23 88

1,600 relay: 1 Canton (Andrew Rossow, D'Angelo Pitts, David Calille, Cyrus Azizi). 3 28.20 2 W.L. Northern (Alexander Ropek, Thomas Ropek Nicholas D'Agostino Ryan Sheridan) 3 32 82, 3 W.L Central (Phil Watkıns, Mark Chrzanowski, Sean Maxwell, Jamar Leggs) 3 33 99 4. Livonia Stevenson (Matt Rzepka, Anthony Lenardon Ryan Zuhlke, Trevor Hearns) 3 34 92, 5 Salem (Brian Rumao Alex Lúmley, Justin Blazo, Brad Sokolowski), 3-34 97 6 Livonia Franklin (Justin Bending, Tommy Hartley, Dan Chynoweth Tim Gault), 3.36 29, 7 Westland John Glenn (Jamal Jones, Orlando Carswell, Jim Wood, Chiwale Covington-Willi), 3 37 50, 8 Northville, 3,40 83

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1 Livonia Churchill, 175; 2 Livonia Stevenson, 148, 3. Salem, 137 50; 4 Northville, 82, 5 Livonia Franklin, 64, 6 Wayne Memorial 56, 7. Plymouth, 37; 8. W.L. Northern, 28, 9 W.L. Central 26 10 Canton, 10 50; 11 Wil. Western 10; 12 Westland John Glenn 8.

WLAA TRACK MEET RESULTS

**GIRLS FINAL RESULTS** Pole vault: 1. Kate Dannecker (WLC), 10-8; 2 Jenny Perkins (LS), 10-4; 3 Julie Foucher (N), 9-4, 4. Rachei Deneau (N), 9-4; 5 Jessica Novakowski (WLW), 9-0, 6 Katajin Dugan (LC), 9-0; 7 Allison Vraniak (S), 9-0, 8 Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 8-6.

Shot put: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 35-6 50; 2 Anna Wilson (S), 34-10, 3 Jenna Hudy (LF), 34-6; 4 Margaret Fisher (S), 32-4; 5. Erin Lovell (LF), 32-1: 6 Chrystien Guyton (P), 31-7, 7 Robyn Whalen (LF), 31-7; 8, Coreen Weber

Discus: 1 Anna Wilson (S), 110-11, 2. Amy Bodnar (LS), 110-8, 3 Robyn Whalen (LF), 109-2, 4 Jenna Hudy (LF), 107-2, 5 Nibel Atiehy (WLC), 101-9; 6. Kaileé Hobbins (LC), 99-3, 7 Nicole Bergeski (LC), 98-5, 8 Lauren Krupsky

High Jump: 1. Alyssa Supplee (LF) 5-7, 2. Brianna Jenkins (N), 5-3; 3. Brittany Petty (P), 5-3; 4 Kasey Butler (LS), 5-1, 5 Megan Kmet (LF), 5-1; 6 Kara Piorkowski (LS), 4-11; 7. Jessica Novakowski (WLW), 4-11; 8 (tie) Izabela Paszkowska (C) and Lynden Gault (S),

Long jump: 1. Jennifer Anderson (WM), 16-2.75; 2. Brittany Lockhart (S), 15-11.50, 3. Kınshasa Lynah (P), 15-6; 4 Megan Wilson (LF), 15-5 50, 5 Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 15-5, 6 Chrystien Guyton (P), 15-450; 7 Dana Eldred (S), 15-1 50, 8 Erica Dobson (N), 14-10 25

3,200-meter relay: 1 Livonia Stevenson (Lisa Arrowsmith Amber Cicala, Kristen Frey, Heather Sirko) 9 35 97, 2 Livonia Churchill (Rachel McFarlane, Kelsey ?Lester, Erica Hope, Nicole Schmidt), 9:45.16; 3. Salem (Marisa. Carpinelli, Allison Janda, Lauren Kane, Laura Friedman), 9 50 22: 4 Northville (Lindsay Hagan, Ashley Flohr, Kate McClymont, Liz Hrivnak), 9 52 97, 5 Plymouth (Allisa Vint, Jackie Beeler, Sarah Sherwood, Janet Hanchett), 10 18 58, 6 W.L. Northern (Kristen Olsen, Ashton Williams, Windsor Nell, Cassandra Adamson), 10:27 87, 7 Canton (Kelli Bargowski, Rebecca McCormack, Carrie Hause, Lisa Clinton), 10:36:73, 8, W.L. Western (Anna Kotov, Jessica Lupinacci, Lindsay Doherty, Rachel Wessel), 10 46.15.

100 hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang (S), 1574, 2 O'Malley King (N) 16 03 3 Dana Eldred (S), 16 39; 4 Tauri Rothermel (LC), 16 47; 5 Casey Lynett (LF), 16 62, 6 Natalie Jedruszko (LC) 16 97, 7 Melissa Bailey (S), 17 03 8 Andrea Havener (LS) 1769

100 dash: 1. Tiffany James (WM), 11.98, 2 Liz Sturdy (LS), 12 53; 3 Aisha Moore (WM) 12 60 4 Mandi Coppola (LC), 12 65 5 Tiuana Davis (C), 12 80, 6 Nicole Thornsberry (LC), 12 80, 7 Yvette Nickens (LC), 12 80 8 Carla Elkins (WLN), 13 07

800 relay: 1 Livonia Churchill (Mandi Coppola, Yvette Nickens, Alicia Fedrigo, Lache Wilkins) 1.46 72, 2. Livonia Stevenson (Marielle Kulling, Brittney Mrozek, Rebecca Rehberg, Liz Sturdy), 1:48 09, 3 Salem (Lindsay Miles, Allison Vraniak, Brittany Lockhart, Lynden Gault), 148 40, 4 Wayne Memorial (Tiffany James, Amanda Dye, Nastassia Goines, Aisha Moore), 149.21; 5 Northville (Lauren Hunt, Bryn Smetana, Emily

Kreichelt, Julie Foucher), 1:49 93, 6, Livonia Franklin (Ashley Montgomery, Casey Lynett, Alyssa Supplee, Megan Wilson), 150.38; 7. Plymouth (Kinshasa Lynah, Chrystien Guyton, Courtney Mack, Stephanie Okolo), 1:51.21; 8. Westland John Glenn (Asia Rush, Danielle Levy, Tenisha Gill, Ashley Parker), 1.55 47

1,600 run: 1 Heather Sirko (LS), 5:08.03, 2. Kristen Frey (LS), 5:17:58; 3. Kylen Clesiak (LC), 5:25.00; 4 Rachel McFarlane (LC), 5:26.79; 5. Cassandra Adamson (WLN), 5 28,10; 6. Erica Hope, (LC), 5.29.07, 7 Liz Hrivnak (N), 5:29.09; 8 Lauren Kane (S), 5:30.19.

400 relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Diane Burek, Marielle Kulling, Jenny Perkins, Liz Sturdy), 50 90; 2. Livonia Churchill (Yvette Nickens, Nicole Thornsberry, Alicia Fedrigo, Mandi Coppola), 51.58; 3. Salem (Lindsay Miles, Allison Vraniak, Brittany Lockhart, Lynden Gault), 52 37, 4. Wayne Memorial (Tiffany James, Amanda-Dye, Nastassia Goines, Aisha Moore), 52,43; 5. Walled Lake Northern (Ryan Pagels, Sarah Smith, Julie Kindervater, Carla Elkins), 52 55; 6 Northville (Brianna Jenkins, Sara Rush, Emily Kreichelt, Julie Foucher), 52.71; 7. Canton (D'Angela Pitts, Meghan Matheny, Amber Lee, Tiuana Davis), 52.74; 8. Plymouth, 52.85.

400 dash: 1. Lauren Quaintance (WLN), 58.70; 2 Lache Wilkins (LC), 59 52; 3. Bryn Smetana (N), 1:00 53; 4. Alicia Fedrigo (LC), 1 01 20, 5. Nicole Schmidt (LC), 1.01.44: 6. Ashley Parker (WJG), 1.01.50, 7. Kinshasa Lynah (P), 1.01 62, 8. Jessica Novakowski (WLW), 101.67.

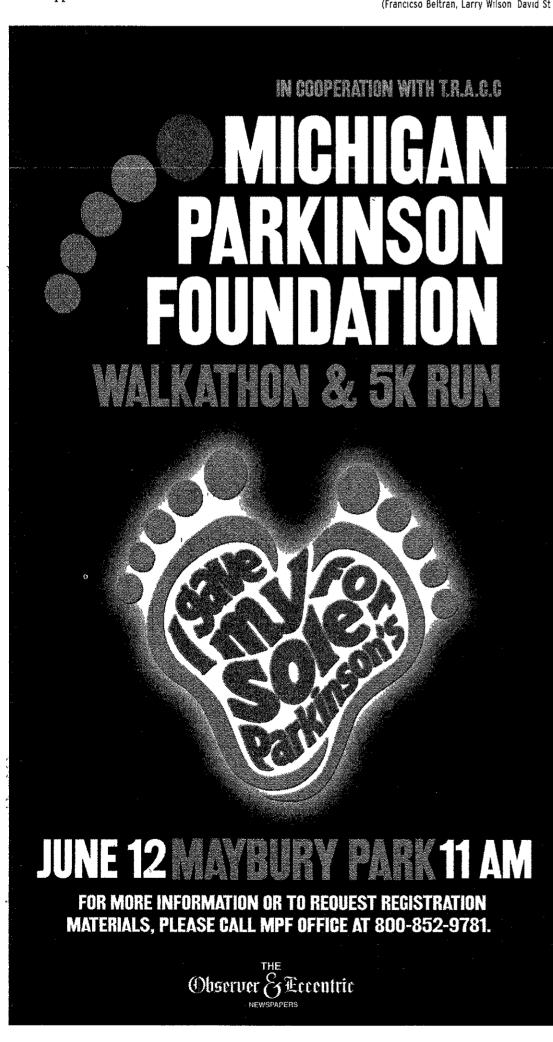
300 hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang (S), 4715; 2. Kristen Campbell (WLC), 48.67; 3 Tauri Rothermel (LC), 49 60; 4. Casey Lynett (LF), 49.61, 5 Melissa Bailey (S), 50 25, 6 Mallory Lukas (LC), 50 58; 7 Melanie Anderie (LS), 51 09, 8. Mary Sprader (N), 51.37

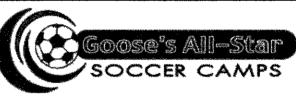
800 run: 1 Laura Friedman (S), 2:18.10; 2. Nicole Schmidt (LC), 2.22.62; 3. Lisa Arrowsmith (LS), 2 23 45, 4. Allison Janda (S), 2 23 52: 5 Liz Hrivnak (N), 2:27 94: 6 Erica Hone (LC), 2:27 97: 7 Amber Cicala (LS), 2 28 71, 8 Kelli Bargowski (C), 2:29 50

200 dash: 1 Tiffany James (WM), 2573; 2. Lache Wilkins (LC), 26.21 3 Liz Sturdy (LS), 26 59 4. Emily Kreicheft (N), 26.76; 5 Ashley Parker (WJG), 26 88, 6 Yvette Nickens (LC), 2713; 7 Lynden Gault (S), 2744; 8. Megan Wilson (LF), 27.53

3,200 run: 1 Heather Sirko (LS), 1110 00; 2 Kristen Frey (LS), 11 33 60, 3 Kylen Cieslak (LC), 11.40.30 4, Kate McClymont (N), 11:44.00: 5 Hannah Cavicchio (S), 11 48.60; 6 Meaghan Keiffer (N), 11 58 70; 7 Amy Drinan (LC), 12 00 20, 8 Rachel McFarlane (LC), 12:01,40

1,600 relay: 1 Livonia Churchill (Nicole Schmidt, Alicia Fedrigo, Tauri Rothermel, Lache Wilkins), 4 07 64, 2 Livonia Stevenson (Lisa Arrowsmith, Brittney Mrozek, Rebecca Rehberg, Amber Cicala) 4:09 85; 3 Salem (Lindsay Miles, Allison Janda, Allison Vraniak, Laura Friedman), 4 09 99, 4 Plymouth (Kinshasa Lynah Allisa Vint, Brittany Petty, Janet Hanchett), 415 53, 5 Northville (Bryn Smetana, Gretchen Warner, Lindsay Hagan, Lauren Hunt), 4.1914, 6 W.L. Northern (Katherine Rinkevich, Cassandra Adamson, Windsor Nell Lauren Quaintance), 4.26 98; 7 WL Western (Adına Walton, Danielle Weeratunga, Rachael Wessel, Jessica Novakowski), 42854, 8. Canton (Kelli Bargowski Carrie Hause, Jennifer Thomas, Michelle Lager), 4:2974.





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Salem's Lindsay Miles (right) hands the baton to teammate Allie Vraniak during the 800-meter relay at Wednesday's WLAA meet. The Rocks finished third in the event and overall.

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back, so, hopefully, we can do the same thing next year."

Wilkins wouldn't find many doubters among the approximately 200-plus spectators who witnessed Wednesday's meet. Churchill finished first in three events and second in five

Possibly the most impressive display of Churchill's youthful talent was freshman Kyndra Abron's first-place showing in the shot put (35 feet, 6.50 inches).

'Coming in, we knew we had some formidable competition, especially from Stevenson and Salem," said Churchill coach Keith McDonald. "We didn't get a lot of firsts, but we received some big points with our depth. A good example was the 400. We didn't win, but we got a second (Wilkins), a fourth (Fedrigo) and a fifth (Nicole Schmidt)."

With nearly perfect weather conditions - light winds and 70-degree temperatures -WLAA meet records were falling about as quickly as a descending pole vaulter. Five new marks were set, including Wayne Memorial sprinter

Tiffany James' record-shattering 12.0 effort in the 100meter dash. James almost entered the record book twice as she came within an eyelash of running the fastest-ever WLAA meet 200-meter dash, winning in 25.73, about a half a stride slower than Stevenson's Linda

the 2003 meet. "I've been working very hard for this," said James, as she cooled down following the 200 final. "I was pleased with how I ran, especially since I had a cramp in my leg."

Montgomery's 25.6 clocking in

Sirko, whose training regimen consists of approximately 30 miles of running a week, set two personal WLAA records, winning the 1,600-meter run in 5:08.1 and the 3,200 run in 11:10.0. She was also a member of the Spartans' record-setting 3,200-meter relay team, joining Lisa Arrowsmith, Amber Cicala and Kristen Frey to cover the approximately twomile distance in 9:36.0.

"I work hard and I set high standards for myself," said Sirko, who won the 3,200 by 23 seconds over teammate Frey. "I love to run and train. I probably run about 30 miles a week. There is another girl

who I will be running against in the 3,200 at the state meet whose time is about 30 seconds faster than mine, so I still have a lot of work to do."

The fifth record was set by Salem's Laura Friedman, who posted a 2:18.1 in the 800meter run.

Friedman, who will be attending Schoolcraft College in the fall, said her mind has to work as hard as her legs in order for her to compile winning times.

"A lot of it is mental," she said. "I like to run with someone ahead of me for most of the race because it pushes me to run faster. The key is to run as fast in my second lap as I did in my first in the 800."

Also joining the list of Observerland WLAA champions were: Salem's Anna Wilson (shot put), Franklin's Alyssa Supplee (high jump), Wayne's Jennifer Anderson (long jump), Salem's Andrea Lang (100- and 300-meter hurdles) and Stevenson's 400-meter relay team (Diane Burek, Marielle Kulling, Jenny Perkins and Liz Sturdy).

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# **BOYS**

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its lone dual-meet loss, "After we lost to Stevenson, the captains got all the kids together after a practice, put their foot down and said that everyone had to work harder if they wanted to meet their goals," the veteran coach reflected. "We've done well ever since then."

Charger pole-vaulters Ryan Santa and William Breslin set the early tone for their team's championship push when they finished 1-2 with vaults of 15-0 and 13-2, respectively.

Also earning first-place points for the Chargers were their 3,200-meter relay team of Tim Francisco, Brandon Grysko, Joe Horka and Stephan Maxe; Horka, who won the 1,600 run in 4:30.39; and Grysko, who won the 800 run in 1:59.89.

Trevor Hearns was a point machine for the runner-up Spartans. The speedy senior won the long jump with a leap of 20-6.75, edging out Salem's Brian Rumao by just over an inch. Hearns was also a member of Stevenson's second-place 800-meter relay foursome and its gold medal-winning 400meter relay quartet.

Canton junior Cyrus Azizi had a huge meet, winning the 200 and 400 dashes as well as serving as the anchor on the Chiefs' sizzling, first-place 1,600-meter relay team.

"We ran some of our best times, but other kids just ran better," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We P.R.'ed in a lot of events, so what else can you do? Overall, I was pleased with how we performed. It's disappointing not winning after we won in back-to-back years, but some days it just doesn't happen, and today was one of those days."

Canton senior Rodney Preston was also a double-winner for the Chiefs in his final WLAA meet as he crossed the line first in the 110- and 300meter hurdles races.

The fifth-place Wildcats were bolstered by strong performances from junior Cameron Scharchburg (fourth in the high jump), D.J. Coleman (fourth in the 100-meter dash and third in



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Canton's Kevin Rakovitis finishes à heat in the 1,600-meter run at Wednesday's WLAA meet. The defending champion Chiefs placed third in the final standings behind only Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson.

the 200-meter dash), Nathan Gholston, who finished fifth in the 110-meter hurdles and second in the 300-meter hurdles. junior Sean Dillon (second in the 800) and Anthony Scaparo, who finished fifth in the 3,200meter run.

"I thought our team did out-standing," said Plymouth coach James Hall. "We thought we had the potential to finish in the top third. I don't think anyone outside our team thought we could do that, but we used it to our advantage. We had a few

hiccups (the Wildcats' 1,600meter relay team was disqualified due to a uniform code), otherwise I thought we could have placed even higher than we did."

Other Observerland athletes earning individual conference titles were Salem's Jon Marsh (discus), Stevenson's Brian Nakoneczny (shot put) and Wayne Memorial's Darrian Miller (100-meter dash).

The only WLAA meet record 19 was set by Northville's Alan Shanoski, who cleared 6-9.



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# PRIEBE

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which helps during the games." Priebe said she was somewhat awestruck during her ninth-grade season when she was playing alongside — and against — girls three years older and three years stronger than

<sup>3</sup> "At first, I was nervous and a little intimidated," Priebe said,

recalling her freshman season. "I wasn't as big as the other girls and I wasn't as strong. I didn't start that year, but I ended up playing in every game. My confidence grew as the season went on and the experience helped me for the rest of my career here at Canton.

### **RELUCTANT START**

Priebe's first official soccer action came at the age of five

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when her parents registered her to play in a Canton recreation league. The athletic youngster played effectively, but reluctant-

"I didn't like soccer at all at first," Priebe said. "I didn't like all the running you had to do. But a lot of my friends were playing and my brother, Jason, played, so I decided to stick with it. I'm very thankful now that I didn't quit."

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There's no hesitation in Priebe's voice when she's asked to reflect on the highlights of her high school soccer career, which will be coming to a close at some point over the next three weeks.

"The games against Salem are always the most memorable," she said. "They're like the biggest games ever. Two of my best friends play for Salem, so I not only get nervous and tense before we play them, but it gets emotional, too. The week before we play them is crazy. Everyone at school is talking about the game, so you definitely don't

want to lose. "During this year's game (which Salem won, 1-0), one of my best friends, Amy Gizicki, and I were marking each other. We were trash talking a little bit and we were playing hard because we both wanted to win

so badly. But players on both teams leave it all on the field, then when the game is over, we're all friends."

### **MULTI-FACETED**

Over the course of her senior season, Priebe has proven that she's as versatile as she is skilled. She started the season as a defender before moving to the mid-field a few games into the campaign. Toward the latter part of the schedule, coach George Tomasso moved her to forward.

"Coach Tomasso said he moved me up because I make things happen," Priebe said. "Actually, I prefer to play forward because I like to be in the middle of the action."

In the fall, Priebe will be attending Central Michigan University, but she won't be playing soccer for the

Chippewas.

"I think I might have a shot at making the team up there, but I'm going to concentrate on academics," she said. "I'll definitely play intramurals and I'm still going to play soccer during the summers. I'd miss it too much if I totally gave it up."

Priebe said the realization that her high school career is just one loss away is starting to

"I think all the seniors on the team will play that much harder in the tournament knowing that every game could be our last together," Priebe said. "It will definitely be emotional when it's over. But I'll have nothing but great memories of soccer. I've met most of my best friends through soccer and I've had a blast playing it.

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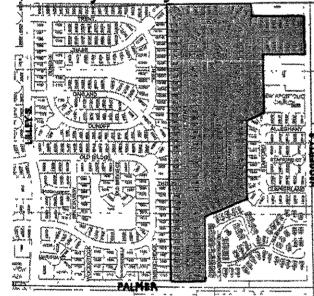
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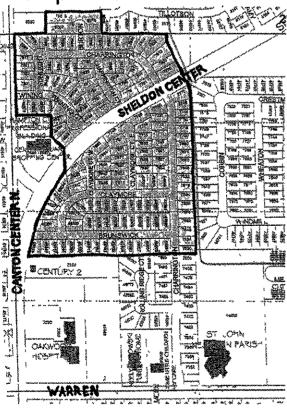
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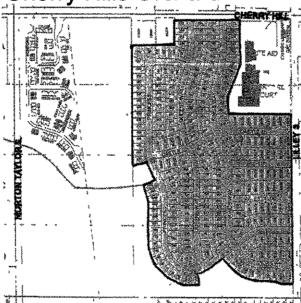
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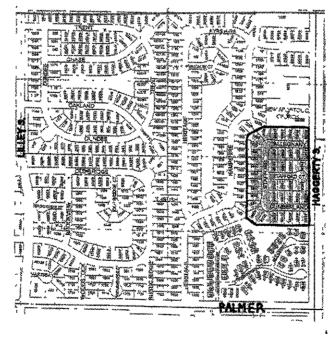
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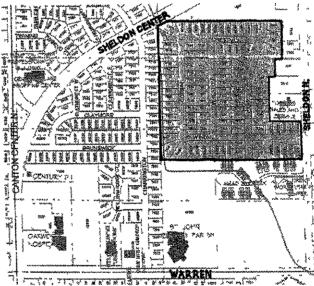
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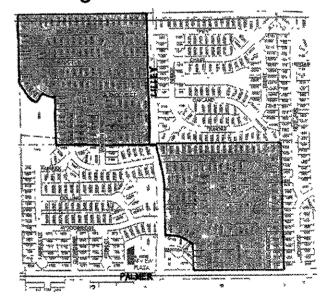
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#### PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 at PLYMOUTH

Tuesday, May 31: (A) Garden City vs (B)

Westland John Glenn 4 p m Saturday, June 4: Plymouth vs A-B winner, 10 a.m., Livonia Franklin vs. Wayne Memorial, 1230 p.m., Championship final: 30 minutes after second Semifinal

at SOUTH LYON Tuesday, May 31: (A) South Lyon vs (B) Novi,

Saturday, June 4: Northville vs. A-B winner, 10 a m., Salem vs Canton noon, Championship final: 2 p m

### **DIVISION IV**

at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Saturday, June 4: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs Canton Agape Christian, 10 a m Plymouth Christian vs Lutheran High Westland noon, Championship final: 30 minutes after second semifinal

### **GIRLS SOFTBALL** DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS at PLYMOUTH

Tuesday, May 31: (A) Westland John Glenn vs (B) Garden City, 4 p m

Saturday, June 4: Wayne Memorial vs. Livonia Franklin, 9 a m., Plymouth vs. A-B winner, 30 minutes after first semifinal Championship final: 30 minutes after second semifinal at SOUTH LYON

Tuesday, May 31: (A) Novi vs (B) South Lyon, Saturday, June 4: Canton vs Salem, 10 am Northville vs A-B winner noon, Championship

final: 2 p m **DIVISION IV** at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Saturday, June 4' Lutheran High Westland vs Plymouth Christian, 10 a m., Canton Agape Christian vs Westland Huron Valley Lutheran noon, Championship final: 2 p m

GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS

CANTON (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Ann Arbor Pioneer at (B) Canton, 5 p m (C) Livonia Churchill at (D) Wayne Memorial 4 pm (E) Ann Arbor Huron vs (F)

Salem 7 pm at Canton Thursday, June 2: A-B winner vs C-D winner 5p m at Canton, Westland John Glenn vs E-F

winner 7 pm at Canton Saturday, June 4: Championship final, noon

DIVISION II at LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Plymouth at (B)

Deàrborn Heights Crestwood 7 p m , (C) Redford Thurston at (D) Livonia Ladywood, 5 pm (E) Redford Union at (F) Dexter, 4 p m

Thursday, June 2: A-B winner vs C-D winner

4 pm at Ladywood, Ypsilanti vs E-F winner, 6 p m at Ladywood

Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 2 p.m.

DIVISION IV at RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD Wednesday, June 1: Riverview Gabriel Richard

vs Canton Agape Christian, 430 pm, Allen Park Cabrini vs. Lutheran High Westland, 7 p.m. Friday, June 3: Championship final 7 pm (if Cabrini wins semifinal)

Saturday, June 4: Championship final 7 pm (if Lutheran Westland wins semifinal)

**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK** Tuesday, May 31 Operation-Friendship Meet

at Livonia Ladywood, 4 p m Saturday, June 4 (STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS)

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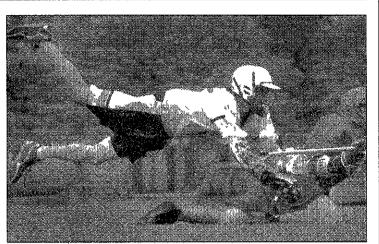
the field and ran down to score the go-ahead goal, giving his team a 7-6 lead. French put PCS up by two early in the fourth quarter.

We took a couple of unfortunate penalties," PCS coach Mike Costello said of the ending. "You just have to be able to stay with your man to play defense, and a couple breakdowns led to them getting some goals.

"It was an exciting game; it could have gone either way. I think it will be a good learning experience and preparation going into our regional game

Tuesday with Northville." Holm, VanHorn and Tim Lehto finished with two goals apiece for Farmington, which plays top-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice in a regional game Tuesday. Kevin Thiel and Matt Achtemeier accounted for the team's other two. Lehto also had four assists and Thiel one. PCS overcame a 3-2 deficit after one quarter to take a 6-4 halftime lead.

French finished with four goals for PCS; Jared Ruark scored twice and Brad Obuchowski once. Jeff Rork,



Farmington United's Ryan Van Horn lays out in an airborne attempt to challenge Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Brian Walsh for the ball in a lacrosse game Thursday night. Farmington United ended the regular season with a come-from-behind, 9-8 victory over PCS.

Nick Cote, Curtis Rose and

Ruark had one assist apiece. "We think we've had a successful season," Costello said, adding the Warriors are a young team. "We had a good deal of success in our division the last two years, and we were thrust into the upper echelon of high school lacrosse this year. We played five teams in the top 15."

PCS 19, TECUMSEH 3: Jared Ruark scored five goals and Mitch French added four goals and an assist to lead the

Warriors to the lop-sided win. Anton Furman (three), Mike Bahrou (two), Brad Obuchowski, Josh Sifferd, Curtis Rose, Derek Edelen and Nick Cote also scored for the winners.

PCS led 6-2 after one quarter and 11-3 at the half. Ryan Gubert, Bahrou and Cote also added assists.

Obuchowski won nine of 11 face-offs for the Warriors.

PCS opens the state tournament Tuesday at home against Northville.

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# Magnetic Marino pins down 6th Sarkesian stars as Jaguars roll Budweiser Michigan Majors title

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, May 29, 2005

unzio Marino of Livonia captured his sixth Michigan Majors title in recent action at Nortel Lanes in Monroe.

Known by his friends for his magnetic personality, as much as his bowling prowess, Nunzio took all four matches on his way to the title.

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300 game in the event. The next MMBA event is the doubles tournament Saturday at Lodge Lanes in Belleville. For more information on

the Budweiser Michigan Majors competition, call Ken Charrette at (586) 775-2414.

■ Tom Baker of Buffalo, N.Y. defeated Dennis Psaropoulos of Lake Worth, Fla., 234-212, to win the \$20,000 first-place check at the Professional **Bowlers Association Senior** Tour's PBA Senior U.S. Open last week in at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

It was the first senior title for

Some of the local entrants cashed in after match-play, including Mitch Jabczenski of Novi, who placed 10th and won \$2,200; Doug Evans of Southgate, 17th (\$1,850); and Bob Chamberlain, formerly from Auburn Hills, now residing in The Villages, Fla, 13th

Others who cashed were Rick Capaldi of Canton in 25th (\$1,250), Gene Stus of Taylor, 37th (\$1,100); and Dave Eatmon, 41st (\$1,080).

Some bowlers have a problem with their thumb swelling during play, making a clean release more difficult. To compensate, the tradi-

tional way to adjust was to

have the thumb hole drilled a

The Budweiser Michigan Majors has a long history in this area for their monthly tournaments featuring the hottest amateur bowlers.

bit larger, then insert strips of tape until the thumb hole is

Now comes along a bright new idea from the brains of David Sill.

It's called SwitchGrip. "It's quick and easy to change the size of the thumb hole without the need for tape," said Lisa Bishop of the Aleta Sill Bowling World pro shop located at Country Lanes in

Farmington Hills. To install, a sleeve is inserted where the thumb hole is, and the custom fitted inserts are used. They can be used on multiple balls, so that the thumb will fit the same on all of them. If the thumb gets swollen, simply go to the larger size, or do the reverse if necessary.

■ Sometimes a bowler will develop blisters or callouses on the bowling hand. These can be a real nuisance and sometimes painful.

A properly fitted ball will greatly reduce the risk of any kind of sores, but it might still happen.

Dr. Linda Stein, a noted dermatologist at the Henry Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield offers the following advice should either of these occur.

"If the blister is not painful, leave it alone and let it heal," she said. "However, if it is uncomfortable, use a sterile needle to puncture the blister and drain the fluid leaving the roof intact. If the top of the blister comes off, use an antibiotic ointment and band aid twice a day until healed."

Callouses may develop on the thumb or elsewhere. A light use of a smooth emery board will help reduce it, but if it becomes troublesome, consult a dermatologist.

I attended an appreciation breakfast May 24 put on by the good people of Evergreen Children's Services, a non-profit agency dedicated to helping in situations where child abuse exists in Detroit and surrounding communities.

Evergreen's bowl-a-thon last month was successful as it celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Evergreen stages a series of events to make an even greater impact on the community.

On hand for the breakfast were several business leaders, civic representatives, church and religious, educators and others who each contributed in making the event at Cloverlanes a success.

The next one will be held in the fall, and will be bigger and better than before," said Dr. Daniel Martin, who serves in several capacities with the organization including Director of Development.

A few good men (or women) are needed by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association to serve as house representatives.

Under the newly formed U.S. Bowling Congress (USBC), there will be a realignment of local responsibilities.

The reps shall be the direct line of communication between the GDBA and the leagues in any particular

To qualify for the position, a person must be acceptable to the bowling center management and the GDBA, have a good working knowledge of the sport of bowling, be able to explain rules, promote the centers activities, advise league officers with any problems, make award presentations when appropriate, and act as a liaison between the proprietor, the leagues and the associa-

There will be a school session coming to our area on Saturday, June 11 with the time and place to be announced.

If interested, call the GDBA at (888) 753-6350; fax to (586) 773-6271; or e-mail to mmartin@gdba.com.

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

# to convincing 7-0 W-League win

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson High School is fast becoming the friendly confines for the Detroit Jaguars women's premier league soccer team.

The Jaguars, getting two goals and two assists from Salem High graduate Marissa Sarkesian on Thursday night, defeated the West Michigan Firewomen, 7-0, to run their record to 3-0 in the Midwest Division of the W-League.

The Jaguars, who beat the Fort Wayne Fever 6-1 in their homer opener on May 21, are 2-0 since moving to their new synthetic turf from their former home at the Total Soccer complex in Wixom.

"It's great to be at a new stadium and new venue," said Jaguars general manager Laura Fedrigo. "We now have the opportunity to play all of our homes games under the lights. Almost any player I know would be excited about that opportunity."

Sarkesian, who just completed her freshman season at Texas A&M, had plenty of scoring support as Northville native Nicole Cauzillo (Kansas

University) also scored twice. Also scoring goals for the Jaguars included Jessica Hupe (Eastern Michigan University), Jennifer Gaylor (Ferris State) and Kristi Swaving (Oakland University).

Picking up assists were Abby Shepherd (Michigan State), Michele Lawrence (EMU),

### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

 $Kaitlin \cdot Spencer \, (Michigan)$ and Melissa Dobbyn (Stevenson High and Michigan).

Kathryn Cumming (Pepperdine University) played the first 66 minutes in goal for the Jaguars and only had to make one save.

Plymouth native and University of Wisconsin goalkeeper Stefanie Szczechowski finished up to preserve the shutout.

The Jaguars' 2005 roster also includes defender Jordan Falcusan, Sarkesian's teammate at both Salem and A&M, and last year's leading scorer Therese Heaton (Michigan), who is not expected to be back in the lineup until mid-season after undergoing reconstructive surgery on her shoulder.

After just missing out on second place and a playoff berth a year ago, the Jaguars have restocked their roster and should contend for the Midwest Division title. They have outscored their first three opponents by a 16-1 margin.

Meanwhile, it was the firstever game for the Firewomen as a United Soccer Leagues franchise.

"It's tough to open against a team which I think can win the division," said Firewomen coach Ian McMahon. "We didn't get the franchise until February and we're literally all local players."

Fedrigo, a Livonia native

who is commuting back-andforth from Georgia for Jaguars games while running another soccer franchise (the Beat) in Atlanta, has high expectations for the Jaguars this season.

Stevenson grad Michele Brach has been elevated to head coach, assisted by Doug Landefeld and Mike Scobie.

"The goal of our team is to be at the top of the conference," Fedrigo said. "We had a full reserve team last year and we've shifted a lot of those players to the actual team this

The Jaguars are on the road for their next two games, May 28 against the Cincinnati Ladyhawks and this Friday against the Cleveland Internationals, before returning to face the Chicago Gaels, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Stevenson.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students under-18.

### Jaguar honored

The Detroit Jaguars' Melissa Dobbyn, a sophomore this fall at the University of Michigan, was honored as the W-League's Player of the Week by the United Soccer Leagues after scoring a hat trick in a 6-1 thumping of the Fort Wayne Fever on May 21.

The Livonia Stevenson High. graduate helped the Jaguars avenged a pair of 4-2 losses last, year to the Fever, which kept Detroit out of second place and a W-League playoff berth.





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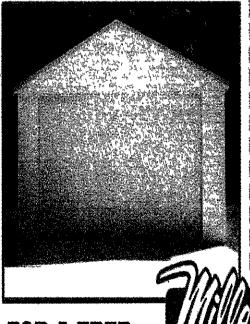
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Julie Brown

# Bicycle safety is essential

ast Sunday, Plymouth
A.M. Rotary and others
concerned about children's safety presented a bicycle safety rally in downtown
Plymouth's Gathering. Maybe
you missed it, so here are
some bicycle safety tips from
the American Academy of
Pediatrics.

1. Parents should set limits on where children may ride, depending on their age and maturity. Most serious injuries occur when the bicyclist is hit by a motor vehicle.

a. Young children should ride only with adult supervision and off the street.

b. The decision to allow older children to ride in the street should depend on traffic patterns, individual maturity and an adequate knowledge and ability to follow the "Rules of the Road."

2. Children must be provided with helmets (approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission) and taught to wear them properly on every ride, starting when they get their first bike or tricycle.

3. The most important "Rules of the Road" for them to learn are:

a. Ride with traffic.b. Stop and look both ways

b. Stop and look both ways before entering the street.c. Stop at all intersections,

marked and unmarked. d. Before turning, use hand signals and look all ways.

4. Children should never ride at dusk or in the dark. This is extremely risky for children and adults. Your child should be told to call home for a ride rather than ride a bike. Night riding requires special skills and special equipment. Few youngsters are equipped with either.

5. Children should receive training in bicycle riding, including "Rules of the Road," and should have their privilege with the bike withheld if they ignore safety rules or don't wear a helmet.

6. Children should learn how to keep their bikes in good repair, with parents checking the tires, brakes and seat and handlebar height

annually.

Bike safety checks were available last Sunday at the rally, along with fittings for helmets. I've noticed these days that all children and teens in Disney movies wear helmets when bike riding, a

far cry from my childhood.

My sister, during her nurses' training, worked with closedhead injury patients, including children. It was then she insisted her two kids begin to wear helmets while riding their bicycles, even if it wasn't the "cool" thing to do.

Bicycle helmets take some getting used to, but are true life-savers for children and adults who've fallen off a bike. The AAP urges adults to set a good example by wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle, and also not to push kids to ride a two-wheeler before they're ready.

Maybe you didn't make it to last weekend's bicycle safety rally, but that doesn't mean it's too late to take to the road safely. Of course, motorists need to keep a careful eye out for bicyclists, especially children

With warmer weather, kids and others will be taking to the road and motorists need to share space with them.

Helmets, sold during the rally for just \$10, don't cost all that much more in the store and are a worthwhile invest-

Store personnel and health professionals can help with fitting if you have trouble, and can offer advice on how to wear the helmet for maximum protection.

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# Observer ...

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Jim Bushey of Canton (left) and Mike Bricknell of Rochester work with their co-workers from Ford & Visteon to do some restoration work on the Maybury Farm in Northville.

# Rising from the asies

# Community gets Maybury Farm back on its paws

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Shari Peters remembers Feb. 12, 2003, all

Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, arrived home late that night from a board meeting when her husband asked if she had seen the news.

"I looked at the television and Maybury Farm was blazing," said Peters, whose foundation oversees and operates the farm. "I couldn't go there for a week. I didn't even want to see it."

After the initial shock of seeing the barn destroyed and all the farm animals killed in the blaze, Peters had to find a way to get the farm back in working order.

Nearly 15 months later, with a 125-year-old barn moved from Novi to the farm along Eight Mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township, and donations of time and money totaling more than a million dollars from corporations, businesses, community and school groups, Maybury Farm is set to reopen to visitors this summer.

# 'INCREDIBLY BLESSED'

"It's been a remarkable story," said Peters. "I haven't had anybody say 'no' to me. I've been incredibly blessed that way."

Peters has been all over southeastern
Michigan, pitching the importance of
Maybury Farm, especially in the education of
young students, many who visit Maybury at
least once on field trips from kindergarten
through third grade.

There's the opportunity to see sheep shearing, bee demonstrations, take home a fresh egg from the hen house and help the on-site farmer plant fruits and vegetables, which will then be sold at a Farmer's Market.

Peters said if it wasn't for the outpouring of



Bob Franks of Stockbridge swings his hammer amid the blue sky backdrop as he and his co-workers from Ford & Visteon work on the barn restoration project.

support - much of it from the Plymouth and Canton area - the fire could have meant the

end of an era.

"I've gone to so many schools in Plymouth and Canton, and I look at the kids who just want to come back to Maybury Farm," she said. "So, it's been 'keep the vision.' That's what

keeps you going."
In fact, it was Tonda Elementary students who stepped up to the plate shortly after the fire, collecting dollars and change totaling \$1,000 for rebuilding efforts. Students also gave Peters a plaque, which still hangs in her

For their efforts, Tonda was recently selected to help name a new Guernsey calf – Caramel on Creme – which will call Maybury home.

# HELPING HANDS

Among the groups that have been working on the new barn is a steady stream of workers from Visteon's Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township. Skilled trades workers have been at the farm for weeks, turning the century-plus building that's constructed without nails into a working facility.

United Auto Workers Local 845 recording secretary Rose Grzeskowiak said workers began their efforts shortly after the fire.
"We helped out by trying to get funding

"We helped out by trying to get funding right after the fire, and helped with other activities," said Grzeskowiak. "We did some little things until the greater need came up.

"The millwrights, toolmakers and electricians are giving back with the skills they have," she said. "When they were asked to volunteer, they did just that. It's just part of the giving we do."

Dave Johnson, 42, of Canton Township, last week helped lead a group of nearly 40 employees from the Ford Motor Company customer service division in Dearborn.

"Ford allows us 16 hours a year to go out and do community service, and we went out and did some painting and scraping, and some minor carpentry work," Johnson said.

That included working on the barn, restoring a porch on the farmhouse, along with put-

PLEASE SEE **FARM, C2** 

# Benefit to raise Garden of Hope for girl, 5

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN Staff Writer

Leah James didn't seem quite right to Lindsey Perkos when she walked in the door of the children's shoe store in Livonia. The 5-year old girl had been coming to Perkos Shoes since she began walking.

"Leah seemed unbalanced and her mother, Karen, told me what happened to Leah and my heart sank," said Lindsey Perkos, whose family owns Perkos Shoes.

Diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in July 2004, Leah is beginning to show signs such as imbalance and weakness on her left side. The symptoms mean her tumor is growing.

An actor on weekends, Perkos knew she had to do something to help the James family. Ideas began percolating and before long she was coordinating a benefit to raise funds for medical expenses not covered by insurance.

Well over 50 merchants and businesses from Plymouth, Livonia and Northville have contributed items for silent and live auctions to be held during the Garden of Hope Fundraiser dinner 6 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Genitti's Holein-the-Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville. It's there that Perkos has performed in dinner theater shows for

the last nine years.
The auction items should attract everyone from Red Wings fans and golfers to

those looking for a weekend

getaway.

A \$40 minimum donation includes a sevencourse Italian dinner and beer and wine. All proceeds go to the Leah James Gift of Life Fund which has been set up at Main Street Bank in Northville. For tickets, call Genitti's at (248) 349-0522.

For more information about Leah, the fund-raiser or making a donation to the



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PLEASE SEE **BENEFIT, C2** Leah James and friends.



Star By Dennis Fairchild

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) Avoid focusing on what went wrong or turned sour recently, and let your real need to serve or inform other ... people take you where it will. What others say belongs to them- you are simply going with the flow, Ram. Finally, you're free to follow the dictates of your heart!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21) Bulls are great planners and organizers as well as homemakers. However, this is one festive holiday-time when the planets in their course urge you relax your efforts. Keep it simple, delegate and, for once, allow others to do most of the kvetching, fetching and carrying.

**GEMINI** ( May 22-June 21) Remember that even with the best will in the world, you cannot coax or covert those who choose to dwell on the past or on failures and disappointments. Therefore, on no account allow others' negativity to prevent you from enjoying yourself and believing that you were born to win,

CANCER (June 22-July 23) Although you are now faced with some situations with money, you are in danger of going out on a limb, MoonKid. The planets urge you to remember that time is on your side and that loved ones or close companions also need your time, attention and support. Breathe deeply while reprioritizing.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug 23)

Your sign is not one to mince words and there will be a number of occasions this week when you'll have to bite your tongue if you want to avoid conflict on the home or work front. In the long run you will get the chance to speak up, but for now it's more important to keep the peace.

**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Take the greatest possible advantage of your ruling planet Mercury changing signs this weekend to get your life back on track again by getting rid of responsibilities that no longer serve a useful purpose. Inner peace can be yours once you learn to let go of what is no longer needed.

**LIBRA** (Sept 24-0ct 23) An enjoyable and rewarding week lies



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ahead if you make the most of the celestial potential, balancer. Love, laughter and cre-

ative achievements are all in the cards- but what really matters is how you play your hand. Listen to your heart, your head, and the words of someone you trust.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) The recent eclipse appears to have created conflict, confusion and uncertainty in partnership and financial affairs Consequently, you are bound to feel dismayed or disillusioned, Scorp. But all will be well if you now accept negative experiences without blame- for out of humility comes

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec

Before you throw good money after bad, consider what you are trying to achieve. Difficult aspects amongst the outer planets signifies that the time is long past when you could spend your way out of trouble. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash, but a fresh injection of ideas Archer!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan

Everything points to this being a time of amazing changes and challenges, Cap Now's your chance to carve a niche for yourself, demonstrating that you are an expert among mere beginners. Out of every crisis comes the chance to be reborn, so don't cling to how things have always been.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19) A biz partner or other intimate \ appears to be pushing his or her luck, and it's time you spoke up with the Moon in your sign over the coming days. This is the moment of truth, and unless you state your case clearly and concisely, you're likely to be taken for granted- or for a ride.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20) Try not to get involved with anyone or anything outside your normal realm of understanding, Fish. Far better to risk being considered boring than to jeopardize your future security. Others may try to influence your decision, but this is a time to march to your own drummer.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

McDonald-Golian

John McDonald of Plymouth and Sandra McDonald of Dexter, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary E., to Kary J. Gollan, of Ferndale.

Mary is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University in 1996, and her master's degree in labor relations and human resources from MSU in 2000. She is employed as a human resources associate with Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé, Kary, is the son of Eckhard and Michelle Gollan of Fenton. He is a 1992 graduate of Lake Fenton High School. He is a 2000 graduate of GMI **Engineering and Management** Institute with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is pursuing his M.B.A. from Oakland University and will

Torti-Lambert

Tony and Gloria Hollis, and Fred Torti of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Lynn Torti, of Plymouth to Michael Thomas Lambert of Onsted.

Kelli is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She earned her doctorate at the Illinois College of Optometry and is currently employed as an optometrist with Fortney Eye Care.

Her fiancé, Michael, is the son of Tom and Cheryl Lambert of Onsted. He is a 1992 graduate of Onsted High School and attended Jackson Community College. He enlisted in the Army Reserve in November 2001 and served in Iraq in



graduate in 2006. He is employed as an electrical engineer at Superior Controls, Inc. Kary and Mary are planning

a September wedding and reception at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth Township.



2003. Michael is currently employed by the Lenawee

County Sheriff's Department. Michael and Kelli are planning a September 2006 wedding at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township.

FROM PAGE C1

Gift of Life Fund, visit www.leahsjourney.com.

"We need people to come. We want people to come and enjoy themselves," said Perkos.

Karen and Phil James are grateful for all of the help they've received from family, friends,

and their Livonia neighbors. Strangers have even sent cards and notes.

It's been a long journey for Leah and her family. Karen says "it's getting tougher as summer approaches." Only about 1 to 5 after one year.

For five months after diagnoendured 27 days of radiation at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Karen continues to pursue alternative treatments. "I can't imagine what it's like

to be 5 years old and not know what's going on," said Perkos. "They're trying everything, but it's eating them up emotionally and financially. I want to do whatever I can do to help.

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percent of children survive a diffused pontine brain stem glioma

sis, Karen spent every day trying to find a cure while Leah bravely

with school curriculum, and not just a field trip. "It will give the kids an understanding of how a farm works, and give them an idea of where everything starts," said Baker. "It will give them an understanding

of how products get from

the barn to our breakfast table. Some children believe you just go to the store and get it."

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Mike Bricknell of Rochester checks one of the rafters that he and

his co-workers from Ford and Visteon were working on during the

restoration project at Maybury Farm in Northville.

**FARM** 

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every day.

**LEARNING TIME** 

working farm.

FROM PAGE C1

ting a new roof and coat of

paint on the turkey house.

Johnson, who grew up on a

farm in Wyoming, said the

Farm is a great educational

"Everybody loves the

farm, especially the kids,"

said Johnson. "It's nice to

People who live in an urban

atmosphere don't get to see

something like Maybury

And, when Maybury

Farm is once again opera-

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school teachers will help

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Marjane Baker, a fourth-

grade teacher at Tonda, will

lead a group of four Tonda educators who will help

make the experience a fit

develop the curriculum for

retain a bit of history.

restoration of Maybury

Baker, who grew up on a farm near Defiance, Ohio, said students will be able to understand social studies, science and improve/reading skills by visiting Maybury Farm.

"City kids don't have anything to fall back on. If they've never been to a barn, they don't get it," she said. "Anytime you can give firsthand experience, it's much better than explaining it in a classroom.

Baker will be joined by colleagues Sharon Anderson, Ann Debien and Valerie Metrovich on the Maybury curriculum committee.

Peters is hopeful of a July reopening of the farm. After raising more than a million dollars in monetary and inkind contributions, the only thing standing in the way is funding for a new parking

"We desperately need a parking lot," said Peters. "We either need to raise \$160,000 or find someone who will do the work for us. That's the only thing holding us back."

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Sunday, June 5, 1:05 FREE 2005 All-Star Game Cap to the first 10,000 fans 21 and over

# Web sites offer useful information for parents

xcellent books and some downright silly ones, Internet sources that may be helpful or misleading, plus press releases speed daily across my desk. My goal is to pick the best for you, my readers. It's sometimes a daunting business. Be sure to share this column with friends who are parents of graduating seniors — it can be a hectic time for

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance, a groundbreaking nationwide initiative to help patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need, has launched a Michigan chapter. The partnership brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors and other health care providers, patient advocates and community leaders to help patients find the public or private patient assistance program that's right for them.

The state chapter of the new national program, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance of Michigan, provides a single point of access to more than 275 public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 150 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies.

"More than 704,000 people in our state who lack prescription coverage and have difficulty affording their medicines could benefit from the program," said Arlene Gorelick, president of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

To find out if you qualify, you can visit a user-friendly Web site or call toll-free to speak with a trained specialist who will guide you through the application process in English, Spanish and approximately 150 other languages!

Families who need help paying for their prescription medicines should call toll-free at (888) 4PPA-NOW (888-477-2669) or visit

www.pparxmi.org to see if they may qualify. For parents of teens in need of prescrip-

tion medicie, this Partnerships good news indeed. Do ot hesitate to call if you or yor adolescent need this help.

### KIDS HEALH

For a longtime (I have been writing about child development for 18 pars) I have depended upn the work of the Nemour Foundation and its outstandig Web site Kids Health (wwwkidshealth.org) to help me with specific health issues. On May 19, 2005, I clicked on to A Parents Guide to SurvivingAdolescence" (www.kidshalth.org/parent/g rowth/growig/adolescence.ht ml). This tuned out to be a five-page pritout and a quick summary of inderstanding your adolesont. Here is some information ou may want to consider:

A certain mount of change may be normal in adolescence, but too draste or a long lasting switch in child's personality or behalor may signal real trouble | the kind that needs profesional help. Watch out fd one or more of these warning signs:

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- sleep prolems rapid, dastic changes in personality
- sudden hange in friends skippingschool continually
- falling offailing grades talk or een jokes about
- suicide signs of bbacco, alcohol, or drug use
- run-ins vith the law Any other happropriate behavior thallasts for more than six weeks can be a sign of underlying touble, too. You may expect glitch or two in your child's ehavior or grades during this me, but your A/B student sholidn't suddenly be failing, and our normally outgoing ki shouldn't suddenly becore constantly withdrawn. You child's doctor or a school courselor, psychologist, or psychiatist can help you find properhelp.



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Teens in

On a typical day, more than 250,000 people check Kids Health — there are separate areas for kids, teens and parents. Please, suggest this site to your adolescent.

Barbara Lewis has brought out a revised edition of her fine book published in 1997, Being Your Best, now called What Do Your Stand For? For Kids. (Free Spirit, \$14.95). This book covers caring, citizenship, cooperation, fairness, forgiveness, honesty, relationships with family and friends, respect, responsibility and safety. It features inspiring true stories of kids who are at their best when they reach out or stand up for what they believe in. You can't always control negative sources (pop stars, professional athletes, meaningless TV shows, dishonest leaders), but you can provide positive experiences to offset bad ones — and help your child learn to recognize the difference. You might want to spend \$15 and provide some new thinking for your early teen.

If you missed previous columns, you can access them

www.hometownlife.com/Livo nia/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 about the dangers of adolescent gambling. All of her columns for the Observer ♂ Eccentric Newspapers will be available shortly on www.bridgecomm.com.

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# Cancer day at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will celebrate survivors

DY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

David Brandon was in his late 40s when his doctor told him he had prostate cancer. The diagnosis changed not only his life, but those of wife Jan and their three sons.

On June 5, Brandon, chairman and CEO of Domino's Pizza, and Jan will speak about the three-year journey during an open house to celebrate cancer survivors at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

The event runs 1-5 p.m. with the Brandons' speeches scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 655-8800.

"We want to share the experience of being told and then the experience of going through all the investigation of treatment options and where to go and then going through the treatment. All are very individual decisions. Every couple responds differently," said David Brandon, who chairs the board of the Michigan Urology Center at University of Michigan Hospital Cancer Center. "We want to talk about how we approached it, what we learned and give a hopeful message of how we live our lives in the aftermath. Anyone who goes through the experience is never the same afterwards.

The diagnosis didn't come as a total surprise to Brandon. During a routine physical years



before his (prostate specific antigen) was elevated, and he had a family history. His grandfather and father both had

prostate cancer. It was the 32nd needle biopsy in 3-years that revealed the cancer. At that time, Brandon couldn't find a book to answer his questions about treatment options. Since then Jan helped author a handbook for prostate cancer patients at University of Michigan Hospital.

"It was traumatic," said Brandon, who underwent a radical prostectomy at U-M. "Every time I waited by the phone to hear the result. The hopeful part of this is that we learned a ton about cancer and met so many competent people who committed themselves to helping others.'

Today, Brandon makes himself available to newly diagnosed patients. "It's a very frightening moment unless you've gone through it yourself," said Brandon who recently celebrated his three-year checkup cancer free. "Guys need to hear from someone not a doctor - that I went through it and I'm OK.

Dr. Harmesh Naik has attended the cancer survivor day for several years to remind\* himself that patients do go on '" 'A with their lives. An oncologist : " at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Naik focuses on diagnosing and treating the patient. It's easy to forget that patients do survive the process. His moth--017 er recently passed the one-year 1, 2\* mark of being cancer free.

"The survivors are the biggest sources of inspiration 2003 to family, friends and doctors." said Naik. "I have the highest respect for them. We learn a lot ... about cancer from each and every survivor. They teach us 'how to fight the cancer. Most of us have never gone through '" the experience personally. It's . very special to me because of \* my mom. That's why I understand more than ever before "." why the celebration is impor- ^v? tant." St. Mary's tumor registry tracks more than 2,500 patients over the long term and),15 confirms the survival rate is high. Most cancer patients have gone back to living normal lives, some even returning to work full time.

"Generally cancer has such a 🖙 negative impact," said Naik. "Providers get focused on immediate diagnosis, surgery, chemotherapy then you realize '-' cancer is not just about suffering. In the U.S. there are millions of cancer survivors. It provides sources of inspiration "" to newly diagnosed patients. It's a very remarkable achieve ment."

MEADOW BROOK

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# **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. "4th of July," James
- Patterson 2. "True Believer," Nicholas Sparks
- 3. "Brokey Prey," John Sanford
- 4. "The Innocent," Harlan
- 5. "The Mermaid Chair," Sue Monk

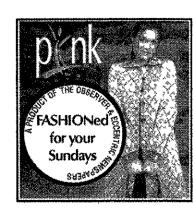
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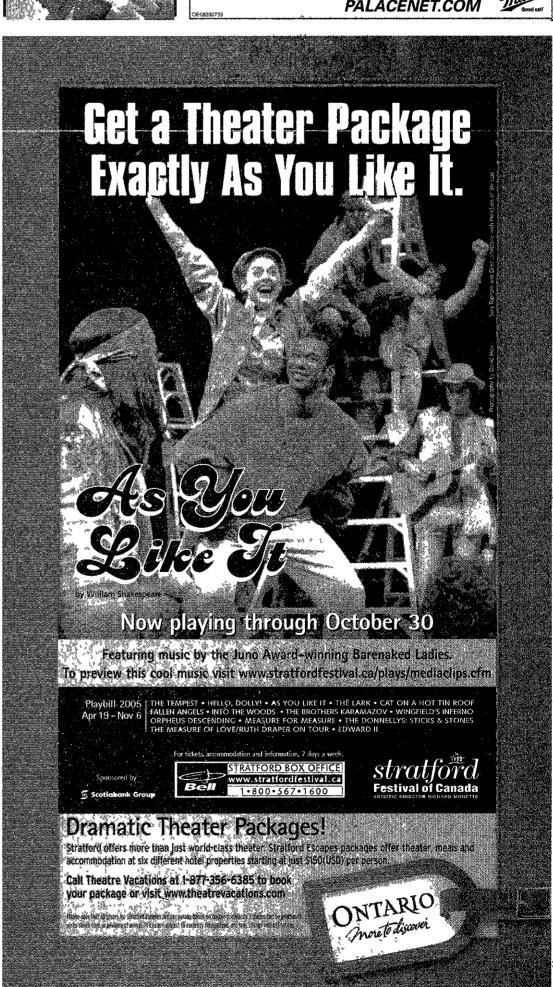
- 1. "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman
- 2. "Freakonomics," Steven D. Levitt
- 3. "Lotus Grows in the Mud," Goldie Hawn
- 4. "Blink," Michael Gladwell 5. "My Life So Far," Jane
- Fonda

### **PARENTS' CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE**

- 1. "Little Quack's Bedtime," Lauren Thompson
- 2. "Hey, Mama Goose," Jane
- 3. "Pajamas Anytime," Marsha Hayles
- 4. "Me, Too!" Jamie Harper
- 5. "Leonardo's Dream," Hans de Beer







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SWF, 38, 5'5", 180lbs, brown/ green, Capricorn, N/S, enjoys

the outdoors, bowling, children, animals, seeks WM, 35-50, for possible romance. \$\overline{\alpha}\$686403

WHERE ARE YOU?

financially stable man, who is kind, generous, honest, commu-

nicative, for friendship first, possible marriage. Me: SWCF, 5'5",

brown/blue, good person, gentle lady. 2779434

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SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes

outdoors, bicycling, walking, fa-

**SEARCHING FOR YOU** 

160lbs, Aries, seeks honest, outgoing SBM, 38-52, for friend-

ship quality time, and possibly

GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique,

bright, w/many talents and

interests. I'm well-traveled, very

attractive. health-conscious.

How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70.

**QUALITY TIME** 

SWF, 48, 5', 115lbs, petite, dark/dark, N/S, seeks easygoing WPM, 45-50, N/S, who enjoys

dining in/out, movies, travel,

concerts, plays, and ball games.

IN THIS LIFE

SBF, 19, 5'0", 150lbs, Leo, N/S,

enjoys parties, seeks BM, 18-

WHY NOT TRY?

SF, 43, nice, easygoing, affectionate, seeks nice, honest man,

45-58, to share talks, good times,

simple dates and then we'll see

**GREAT PERSONALITY** 

Honest, caring, sincere SWF, 51, 5'1", 106lbs, likes festivals,

SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT

SM, 45, blonde, attractive, fri-

endly, kind, considerate, po-

lite, seeking a SW/DM, 42-62,

for friendship, possibly more.

HAPPY, HEALTHY..

adventurous, athletic SWF, 39,

5'2", smoker, mother of 2, seeks adventurous, energetic WM, 35-

46, with a good sense of humor.

STARTING OVER

Employed, widowed grandmoth-

er, 56, loves old-school music,

playing cards, concerts, and

park walks. Searching for a sim-

**MAKE IT HAPPEN** 

Seperated WF, 40, N/S, mother of 3, seeks SHM, 40-48, for

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SWF, 51, 5'4", light brown/blue.

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children and grandchildren,

loves flea markets, garage sales,

and church. Seeking WM, 49-60, smoker ok. \$\overline{a}\$669889

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### **WOMEN SEEKING MEN**

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PROFESSIONAL MALE SWPF, 5'7", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. 2529129

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SWF, 44, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef (cake decorator), green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks com-patible SWM, 40-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship. **द**956732

MUST BE RESPECTFUL Very attractive BF, financially/ emotionally secure, looking for a laid-back, easygoing man, 34-47, who likes travel, dining out, more. 2595277

UNATTACHED.. but very together. SWF, 47, 5'6", average build, Pisces, legal secretary, smoker, loves flea markets, dancing, meditation, and antiques. Seeking WM, 44-55, for LTR. 2619246

LIKES CLASSIC MOVIES BF, 43, looking for kind, sincere, sweet BM Pistons fan who loves to laugh, 30-50, l like classic azz, R&B and more. 2674119

### **FORMER MODEL** SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for

music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. 25600106

LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU SBF, 27, 5'3", N/S, works in customer service, likes opera, reading, baking, art museums, seeks man, 25-32, N/S, with same interests, for LTR. 25662460

#### **VERY SOCIABLE** SHF, 56, 5'8", 140lbs, smoker, enjoys the outdoors, museums, art galleries, theater, movies, blues and jazz festivals. Seeking open-minded, intelligent man,

55-65, N/S. 25666385 ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB inancially secure, independent SBCF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys

# concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SCM, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 🕿217475

THICK AND HEALTHY SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. 2534802

### SLOW DANCING, FOMANCING DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, perky brown-eyed girl, hon-

est and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and special times. \$576279 **VERY CARING** 

# AF, 45, 5'3", 110lbs, attractive,

active, very independent, loving, down-to-earth, health-conscious, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, and traveling. See-king W/AM, 40-50, H/W proportionate. 25609537

# OPERA FAN

SBPF, 46, 5'6", school teacher, night college student, N/S, laidback, somewhat reserved, seeks BM, 40-52, N/S, for friendship and dating. 🕿 638537

**HOPE YOU'RE OUT THERE** SF, 36, enjoys dining out, dancing, more. Seeking honest, nice, youthful, church-going man, with sturdy/healthy build, 5'8"+, someone funny and light-hearted, to share fasting friendship and happiness. 2679177

SINGLE & FLEXIBLE DWF, 40, 5'5", 110lbs, brown/ brown, Gemini, smoker, enjoys watching sports, taking long walks. Seeking WM, 38-45, smoker, interested in meeting

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### HONESTY REQUIRED Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive looking for tall, dark, handsome gentleman, 50+, with similar interlooking for tall, dark, handsome SBPM who is honest and downto-earth, to spend time with. certs, quiet evenings 2574342

COFFEE? Very attractive SBF, 39, Aries, seeks a very alluring BM, 30-43, for dating, and possibly more. ☎620453

ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE... sexy SWF, 27, 5'6", Libra, N/S, graphic designer, seeks man, 26-37, N/S, who enjoys life, for friendship, maybe more. 27667756

### LETS GET AWAY SBF, 27, 5' 7", slim build, Taurus, smoker, enjoys reading, writing, and shopping seeks man, 24-32, just as a friend \$\oldsymbol{\pi}673171

TALK TO ME!

# SF, 43, likes movies, dining, shopping, the zoo, time with my kids. Seeking honest, good-looking, sincere man, 38-46.

RESCUE ME! 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. ☎408635

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? I could be it! Attractive SWF, 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship \$\mathbf{x}418068\$

MAKE ME LAUGH SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors. 27460269

**BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED** Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50. 2481293

**BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE** SF, 47 years young, 5'5", very outgoing, loves family, fun, life. Would like to spend time with someone, 40-60, who loves jazz, concerts, movies, dinners, SWF, 41, N/S, is looking for a very nice man, 45-70, who is honest, friendly, and a soulmate. So give me a call. \$659224 weekend getaways. 2208051

**EBONY SEEKS IVORY** DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area.

#### **GOOD MAN WANTED** Attractive SBF, marriage-minded, 5' 6", average build, 40, Capricorn, N/S, seeks BM, 40-51, N/S, to enjoy life and more. **☎**692032

MR. RIGHT Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be my Mr. Right, for a SWF, 5'8", attractive, loving and fun, let's share life together.

**2**443339 STILL LOOKING Attractive tall SBF, 48, N/S, business woman. Enjoys fishing, boating, movies, long walks. Seeking 35+ w/same interest, Seeking 35+ v N/S. 25525043

### BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE Sports-oriented BF, 39, two enage daughters, ph allenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45. \$\frac{1}{223080}\$

NO NONSENSE Nice-looking, active, no-non-sense gal, seeks good-looking, active, no-nonsense guy, 35-49, white or Hispanic. DWPF, young 43, athletic. Companionship and fun desired. \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$448655

**VERY SPICY!** BBW, passionate, SBF, 46, honey-complexion, dimples, seeks outgoing, fun-loving gentleman, 35-55, N/S, N/Drugs, any race, for movies, pool, dancing, music, and romance. Dating, possible LTR. 2752243

STUDENT HF, 18, 5'5", long black/brown, likes going out on the town. Looking for a fun guy, 18-23, who can make me laugh. Must be respectful. 2648023

### FIND ME Attractive, DWF, 50, loving and sincere seeks same in non-

smoking SWM, 45+, for dating and relating. Let's talk! 2655541 HAPPY & SECURE DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/ brown, N/S, N/D, with positive

attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and friendly drives. Seeking honest, caring, sincere SWM, 42-56. 2982309 movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. 22669606 LOVE & COMMUNICATION... are the best things. Very passionate and romantic SWF, 59, 5'6", medium build, redhead, seeks down-to-earth WM, 50-65. not into games. 2669032

> **GET TO KNOW THIS...** petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBM, 57-63, for friendship, possible LTR. 27402995

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF 49. H/W proportionate, medium build, enjoys cruises, concerts, dining out, movies, traveling. Seeking honest, passionate SM. 45-60, with similar interests, for dating, possibly more. **5**134441

#### SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM. 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. 2548938

SOULMATE SEARCH Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. \$\overline{\pi}\$589875

#### **58 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR**

Pretty SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun sense of humor, enjoys travel, looking for her knight and shin-candlelight dinners, plays, dancing armor, any caucasian, sincere, successful, spiritual, 55-80. \$592074

# **CUTE AND CLASSY** ests I love jogging, walks, con-

JOURNEY WITH ME. through life's adventure. DWF, 50ish, slim blonde, enjoys ro-mance, travel, life to its fullest. Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65. Let's unravel life's mysteries together! ☎605996

**NASCAR & HOCKEY FAN** SWF, 54, 5'1", N/S, Taurus, loves to bowl and watch funny movies. Seeking WM, 45-55, for friendship, possible romance. **☎**612486

### HEY, OVER HERE Attractive SBPF, 52, 5'5", 125lbs, with herpes, N/S, feminine, humorous, works out. Seeking SCM, 47-57, N/S, fit, for possible LTR, race unimportant. ☎611221

SEMI-RETIRED SBF, 61, 5'8", 165lbs, very care-free, loyal, honest, enjoys reading, flea markets, antiques, long walks and travel. Seeking BM, 58-61, with similar interests.

**VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE** Refined, full of life, easygoing, well-dressed, professionally employed, affectionate, romantic, kind, early very youthful 60s, 5'3", feminine, shapely, fit, enjoys dining, travel, music, theatre, dancing, family and friends. Seeking a handsome, educated gentleman, over 50s, N/S, with a youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. 2652360

RETIRED BUT ACTIVE SWF,62, 5'4", N/S, independent, happy, good-humored, free-spirited, enjoys playing cards, travel, boating, vacationing, walks, music, dining, more. ISO socia-ble SWM, 55-67, who's active and has a great sense of humor. **7**654265

LOVELY AND LOVING Attractive 52-year-old, blonde/ green, 5'5", nice figure, romantic, wanting to meet a very romantic, affectionate SM, 42-52, who will treat her like a queen. 2617628

WHERE ARE YOU? Spontaneous SBF, 53, thick, 5'0", 170lbs, mature, Libra, N/S, enjoys picknics, concerts, dining out, travel, seeks mature BM, 45-60, for possible romance **2**669485

#### **FRIENDS FIRST** SBF, 28, Aquarius, N/S, is looking for a friend, SBM, 28-38, N/S. Must have a sense of humor, must be hard-working, trustworthy, and goal-oriented. **75**759073

SLIM AND PETITE Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **271793** 

LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER Pretty, slender Ukrainian lady, 54, Catholic, 10 years in the 54, Catholic, 10 years in the US Seeking caring relationship with warm-hearted, independent man who enjoys family, theater, travel. 2512135

LONESOME Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy. Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! 25449585

**GREEN-EYED LADY** Slim SW mom, 30, 5'7", 110lbs, loves outdoor activities like fishing and hunting. Seeking a man who has the same, or similar interests. 2976510

### IT'S ALL GOOD Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality time together. 22476802

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and

watch them fly. 2639272 **GET TO KNOW ME** Easygoing, sensitive SWF, 31, enjoys dining out, romance, laughter, the outdoors, traveling, honesty and more. Seeking sen sitive, sweet, trustworthy SWM,

30-45, for friendship, maybe more. 2206863 **FUNTO BE AROUND** ovable, energetic, athletic SF, 30, N/S, loves shopping, movies,

plays. Looking for a down-to-earth, understanding, lovable, caring SM, 29-39. 257129 CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?

Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4" average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. 27962703 **EDUCATED AND POSITIVE** 

SWF, 55, 5'10", Polish, N/S, likes the outdoors, movies, good conversation, trivia, genealogy, restaurants, traveling, dogs. Seeking intellectual SWM, 47-60. 2260061

# MEN SEEKING WOMEN

#### OPEN TO **ALMOST ANYTHING**

Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. 2547524 **TENNIS ANYONE?** 

SWM, 46, 6'1", 200lbs, athletic, kind, caring, hard-working, looking for one special girl to settle down with. \$\frac{1}{26}87036 A SINCERE GENTLEMAN

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure. Seeks honest S/DWF, ing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. 269646 V

### **ROMANTIC AND CARING** Personable, sincere SWM, 40,

healthy-looking, outgoing, adventurous Seeking intelligent, friendly lady for friendship, maybe more. 2651946

STARTING ANEW WITH... just me and youl Sociable, gen-tlemanly SWM, 40, likes to go to interesting places. Seeking nice female companion, LTR ok, no marriage right now. \$\oldsymbol{2}\$660062

MR UNLIMITED POTENTIAL Classy, Straight-forward SWM, 39, with creative energies and good tastes, seeks warm, sincere, feminine SWF for possible romantic future. 2548766

**NEW DREAM TEAM?** Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. \$\overline{\pi}\$550046

WHAT'S UP?
Dark-complected SBM, 21, 5'10", 135lbs, calling from Detroit, looking for friendship, possibly more, with SBF, 21-34. LOOKING FOR MY SMILE

Retired DWM, 5'9", sweet pea looking to meet pretty SJF, 55-65, who enjoys dining out, movies, dancing, and romance. Me 72 and cuddly. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$497872 SWEETHEART ATHEIST SWM, 46, 5'8", 205lbs, soft brown hair, blue eyes, loves old

cars, and a girl that melts in my arms. No drugs, booze, kids. **2**114917 TAKE A'CHANCE SWM, 35, musician, enjoys quiet evenings, talks. Looking for someone special, to share life, laughter, nights on the town and just having a good time.

STARTING OVER SWM, 36, Aquanus, smoker, enjoys checking out local bands, dining in, and spending time with that special person seeks WF, 22-40, for LTR. 2680035

LITTLE WILD SWM, 40, Taurus, N/S, easy going enjoys sports, music of all types, seeks woman, 25-50, just as a friend. 2680902

SWM, DESIRES SBF Cail me if you desire a nice shape, bl/eyed blonde, 48-yrsold, 180lbs. Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance. 2672855

GIVE ME A CALL Nice-looking SM, 49, 5'10", 200lbs, N/S, easygoing, w/ sense of humor, seeks woman, 40-45, who needs love and lots of attention. 2674973 LOOKING FOR SOULMATE

SBPM, 36, 5'6", Leo, N/S, seeks, attractive SW/HF,age and height open, who is outgoing, honest, and seeking friendship leading to LTR. 2837750 **NEW TO THIS** WM, 45, loves exercise, playing

music and more. Looking for a WF with similar interests. A plus if you like classic rock. **GREET AND MEET** 

SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active, enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports. Seeking easygoing, friendly, light-hearted SWF, age open. 2241526 LOVING LIFE BUT... want someone to share it with.

WM, 36, 5'10", 175lbs, hazel eyes, physically fit, would like to meet SWF who is ready settle down. 2646795 FRIENDLY BM BM, 47, enjoys cooking, music, plays and more. Want to spend

time with a sincere female, 21-60. **#**672773 IT MUST BE YOU. SBM, 38, 5'8", black/brown, heavy set, Virgo, N/S, enjoys reading, star trek, great conversation seeks intelligent, romantic wo-man, 28-43, N/S, for friendship,

LTR. **25**677393 **ROMANTIC AND CARING** Personable, sincere SWM, 40, healthy looking, outgoing and adventurous. Seeks intelligent, friendly, playful lady, for friend-ship, maybe more. \$\infty\$987480

AN EASYGOING GUY Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 46, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoys being romantic, din-ing out, movies, and the outdoors, friendship, possible LTR. **5**862812

LOOKING FOR A LADY SWM, 38, Scorpio, smoker, seeks WF, 28-47, for a long term relationship. 2679744

### QUIET EVENINGS AND MORE SWM, 56, 5'8", brown/blue, physical build, N/S, enjoys every moment of life, ISO SF, 45-58, who loves motorcycles and free-

dom. 22491099 MAGIC IN THE MAKING? Mystical man, SWM, 39, trusting and warm-hearted, enjoys life's adventures, exploring, and taking new chances. Seeks a mysterious, magnificent female companion \$\oldsymbol{\pi}234512\$

SEARCHING FOR AN ANGEL Serious, honest, warm-hearted. fun-loving, sincere, well-educated SWM, 52, 5'6", 160lbs, with good job, financially secure, seeks attractive, intelligent, sweet lady, 35-48, with good morals, for possible long-term relationship. H/W proportionate. **134345** 

**WILLING TO SHARE** SWM, 47, 5'11", smoker, mus-cular build, carpenter, enjoys woodworking, art, music, spen-ding time outdoors, seeks SWF, 35-55, who is mature, not into games. 25681688

A HONEST GENTLEMAN DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest, caring S/DWF, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, dancing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. \$2507073

# JUST PÁIN TALK

Ready to meet greatnew people?

considerate, pmantic, seeks feminine lady lend. 2733275 **NEED A EXY LADY** SWM, 48, aveage build, hardworking, love to have fun,

looking for asincere woman, 45-50, for LT. Redford area. **2**604036 MUSCULARAND ATHLETIC SWM, 46, 62, 209lbs, brown/blue, degreedoutgoing person-

ality, enjoys/autdoors, workout, new activitie seek friendly SF, age/locatiorppen. \$\infty\$531308 GENTLE AD SENTIMENTAL Easygoing agreeable, cute SWM, 40, ager to please, willing to try ne things, seeks fairly attractive at friendly SWF, for dating and rating. 2210772

MIDDLE GED MELLOW Open-minde, fairly articulate, somewhat itelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talk and walks, pets reading, etc Seeking compati-ble SWF corpanion. **26**31197 ROMANTI BUT REALISTIC Youthful, eaygoing SWM, 46, likes movie concerts, boating. Seeking atactive SWF, 40s-50s, with lively spirit, good sense of hunor. But will consider others. 2542092

MIDDLEAGED MELLOW Open-mindd, fairly articulate, somewhat telligent SWM, 51, enjoys talk and walks, pets, reading, et Seeking compatible SWF copanion. 2114862

AN EAYGOING GUY Attractive, fn, financially secure SWM, 46, IS seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoyspeing romantic, dining out, myies, and the out-doors, frienship, possible LTR. **7**679006

**EASGOING GUY** SWM, 51, 1", 210lbs, college graduate, nancially secure, homeownelbodybuilder, seeks petite SWF35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoidining out, movies, for LTR. \$\frac{1}{27}\$5073

#### URTANDING & ENERTAINING

Stable SWI, 43, enjoys family and friendscan laugh and cry, cook and clan, seeks fun, smiling, happy|SWF, for possible LTR. 212197

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SOMETHIG DIFFERENT SBM, 38, 70", 219lbs, bald, well-groom eard, have no children but do't mind kids. Love the outdoos, bowling quiet times, romatic evenings, movies, travelini, like to make people laugh. Hive a boat. Seeking petite SWF, 17-42, for companionship. 267,983

RUHE ONE? Intelligent, dtgoing SBM, 32, Capricorn, moker, seeks full figured, downto-earth, woman, 25-50, for pssible romance. **26**70729

JUST WAN TO BE HAPPY How about yu? BM, 51, 5'8", 190lbs, lookig for BF, 42-53, for dating, lossibly more. for dating,

CALLME SBM, 28, 5'9", 1'0lbs, independent, down-to-erth, seeks fun-loving, down-to-earth, honest BF, 20-39, for bating, pos leading to more ☎676077 possibly WORTH THE WAIT

SWM, 39, 5' 8" 135lbs, brown/

brown, tan, average build, Capricorn, N/S leves bowling the outdoors, seeks attractive, fit woman, 20-45, for friendship, possible romance. ☎686438 SEEKS BROWNEYED GIRL Good-looking, frendly SWN, 41, 5'11", 180lbs no children, N/S, easygoing, mjoys movies, music, travel, dhing. Seekirg very attractive, patty SH/AWF, 28-39, friendship, possible rea-

tionship. 2760359 LET'S TRY IT OUT Just call this fliendly, socal, easygoing SWM 40s, hunorous, optimist, seeks kind, soiable lady for castal dating. Age open. 2513284

I'LL HELP YOU.. finding true love. Cynical yet hopeful SWM, 43, seeks atentive WF, for caring relationship.

I PREFER KINDHEARTID... with a lady's touch. SWN 45, seeks good friend and truepartner. Looks and age no that important I just want soreone real! 2783752

JUMP START YOUR LIVE Realistic, respectful SWI, 45, believes in destiny and hemistry. Seeks a special SWF sweetheart. 2878507

MORETHAN A DAT! Your heart's desire, SWI, 45, positive outlook, neat, clean, seeks SWF, friend, love companion, for dating and pssible LTR. 2355547

ARE YOU OUT THEE? DWM, 46, enjoys dinig out, laughter, the outdoors laughter, working out, readin, traveling and more. Seekin outgoing, intelligent, since SWF, 40-50, for friendship maybe more. 2209918

**FATHER OF ONE IN IVONIA** Handsome, fit, fun, heest, secure SWM, 40, 6'1' 190lbs, w/daughter age 11, enys reading, biking, running, failly activities! Seeking positive fit SWF for great relationship! 1711245 **COULD WE MET?** 

and have fun while otting acquainted? Good-natied, good looking SWM want to meet interesting SWF, 30s-40s. **POSITIVE PERSCIALITY** 

Attractive, romanticengineer, Asian American rale, light complexion, 54, 5'8"148lbs, fit, financially secure, tring, fun-loving. Seeks W/H//F, 40-55, for friendship mane more. **☎**514300

YOU AND ME A strong shouler to lean on! SBM, 52, 5'8", 190lbs, takes Nice-looking WM, 43, kind, good care of himself, and is good care of himself, and is seeking woman, 32-46, who is easy on the eyes and fun to be with. 2496257

LETS TRY THIS OUT Nice SWM, 40s, energetic, accommodating, easy to talk to, seeks a great lady for friendship and love. \$\infty\$258398

**CALL TO ACTIVATE** Humorous, wonderful, caring understanding SWM, 40s, 5'10" brown/hazel, H/W proportion-ate, looking to share friendship and companionship with attrac-

tive SWF. 22434500 LIFE IS GREAT... we need a mate! Let's tempt fate, call for a date! Poetically challenged SWM, 45, seeks lively SWF with good sense of humor. \$2673860

**BE MY PRINCESS!** You mystery date is walting Intelligent, attractive SWM 40s, enjoys dancing, artistic experiences, etc. Seeks SWF, for relationship, possibly more.

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark hair, moustache, father of one, oves children, outdoors: Seeking SWF, 35-46, to enjoy life together. I want to know your inner soul. I'll treat you right.

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BM, 57, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower gardening. Seeking woman, 40-63.

TRY ANYTHING ONCE Outgoing, spontaneous SWM, 50, 6'3", N/S, likes island get-aways, seeks SAF, 45-60, N/S, for LTR. 2632686

JOIN ME SM, 59, 6'3", 260lbs, engineer likes the outdoors, square daho-ing, camping, nature walks. See-king easygoing, active, sponta-neous, fun-loving lady, 5'6"+, proportionate, N/S, to enjoy trav-el, talks, dates, friendship, fun, LTR? 25634440

ONE-WOMAN MAN
SWM, 50ish, 5'10", 165ibs,
brown/brown, employed, homeowner, no children, looking for
attractive woman, 35-50, to build
life-long relationship. 25663251 MUCH TO LIKE Widowed WM, 56, 6'1", 200lbs

light brown/blue cute (if not adorable knees) N/S, with 4 grown children, loves horses and Christmas time. Seeking woman, 45-68, N/S. 2504469 ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN DWM, 59, 6'1", blue eyes, handsome, fun-loving and active, but heavyset with cane, retired engineer, financially secure, enjoys local theater, cooking and road trips. Seeking S/DWF, 50-60, for LTR. \$\frac{1}{2533085}\$

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wire tastings, charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more. **☎**548455

WELL, HELLO SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180lbs, medium build, employ-ed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. \$\overline{x}597126 LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE

SWM, 54, 6'2", shoulder-length brown hair, enjoys outdoors, camping, fishing. Seeking SWF happy, good sense of humor, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 27619803 MY CATEGORY Retired SWM, 55, 5'7", 200lbs.

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walks in the woods. Seeking WF, 40-55, N/S. 25624662 THE OLDER THE BETTER SWM, 56, 5'7", 185lbs, fit, medium build, likes classic cars, outdoor concerts, day trips, movies. Seeking senior GWM, \$\pi\634597\$

N/S. loves sports, animals,

**LOOKING 4 FUN?** Easygoing, sociable SWM, 22 landscaper, enjoys art, skateboarding, sports, hanging with friends. Looking for a fun girl to share these. 2679456 SEEKING

**FEMALE COMPANION** 

Retired WM, 65, N/S, financially secure, seeks attractive, slender woman, 50-60, for friendship, fun, and companionship. Will answer all. 22117637 CALL ME! SM, 27, 5'6", blond/blue, smoker, construction worker, one kid, looking for SF, 25-34, who

**257532 WORK OF ART** SWPM, 23, self-employed art dealer, enjoys landscape de-sign, seeking a compatible SF, 38-53, for dating and possible relationship. 27490862

is responsible, likes children.

**BRINGING US TOGETHER** Why go it alone? If you're a decent, friendly lady, I'm a nicelooking, upscale SWM, 40s, looking to connect \$2534514 **CAN YOU INSPIRE ME?** 

Well-educated, honest, outgo

ing SWM, 50, enjoys all music, writing, traveling, reading, intelli-gent conversation and more. Seeking his muse in the form of a SH/AF, 35-55. 2235263 **COME AWAY WITH ME** SWM, 51, wants to meet a secure woman who enjoys gam-

bling, travel, to sail away with,

into romance and happiness.

**27**921361 LIFE'S SIMPLE PLEASURES VSWM. 57, 5'10", 175lbs, N/S, employed, business manager, kind, considerate, seeks SF, 50+, N/S, who enjoys the simple things in life. Race unimportant. Monroe County. 2506600

SINGLES LINGO: A-Asian B-African American/Black C-Christian D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male N/S-Non-smoker N/D-Non Drinker N/Drugs- No Drugs P-Professional S-Sing W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship

### **CALENDAR**

### **AROUND TOWN**

Crafters needed Crafters needed for the 19th annual Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School juried show Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call Jan at (734) 844-1707 or e-mail to theways@comcast.net.

Marquis auditions

Auditions for "Pooh & Friends" will be held at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main in downtown Northville, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2. Auditions are for children ages 8-15 years old. Performers must sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music." An accompanist will be provided. Performers must also prepare to read a poem, no longer than two minutes, which does not have to be memorized. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

Cancer survivors' day

Cancer survivors and their families are invited to a special "Celebrate Life and Hope" gathering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Sunday, June 5, with a reception at 12:30 p.m. and the program starting at 1 p.m. There will be music and refreshments. The hospital is also hosting its Community Open House from 1-5 p.m. on the hospital grounds, north entrance. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan in Livonia. For more information, or to RSVP to the cancer survivors' event, call (734) 655-8800.

### **Adoption meeting**

Adoption Associates, Inc., 26105 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. hosts a free domestic infant and international (China, Russia, Guatemala, Bulgaria and Ukraine) adoption information meeting from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 14. To RSVP or for more information, go to the company's Web site at www.adoptassoc.com or call (248) 474-0990.

### Playwright workshop

Henry Ford Community College presents New Playwrights Workshop 2005 featuring "Why Do Carpenters Build Things Better?" by David Kowalczyk and "Decommissioning of a Train," by Darrell Wheat: both writers are students at the college. Performances will be June 16-26. Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (313) 845-9817.

Hogs for Cats, Dogs

Whether bikes or irons are your style, there will be plenty of family fun at the fifth-annual "HOGs for Cats and Dogs" adoption and fund-raising event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. The Michigan Humane Society teams with Motor City Harley-Davidson and Motor City Golf Warehouse for a day of motorcycles, golf clubs and furry friends. The day will feature Michigan Humane Society cruelty investigators Debby MacDonald and Shawn Hairston, who appear on the Animal Planet network series "Animal Cops: Detroit," a "Putts for Paws" contest and bikes on display. Motor City Golf Warehouse is located at 42875 Grand River in Novi. Admission is free. For more information, call (866) MHUMANE (648-6263) Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Career women

Manya Arond-Thomas, M.D., will be the featured speaker when the National Association of Career Women, West Suburban Chapter meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 14 at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth. Arond-Thomas will talk about critical success factors necessary for sustaining ambition and how to implement them for the highest effect. Lunch is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. Guests are welcome. For details or to RSVP, call Linda Shoumate, (734) 459-4506.

# **Golf classic**

3 Dimensional Services of Rochester Hills and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hold their 23rd annual Golf Classic to raise funds for CF research at The Wyndgate in Rochester Hills on Monday, June 6. The cost is \$1,800 per foursome, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, range balls, grilled lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, 19th Hole Celebration with a silent auction and dinner with a live auction and an awards presentation. Registration and breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. with the shotgun start at 11 a.m. Single golfers (\$450) are welcome as well as foursomes. For more event information call Jill Katynski at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at (248) 269-8759.

**Bubble Festival** What better way to kick-off the summer than with a Bubble Festival and a block party? Join the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Ann Arbor Fire Department for a family-fun weekend on June 4-5. The fun festivities begin on Saturday, June 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the museum with Bubbleology - experiment and discover the science of bubbles with indoor and out door hands-on activities. Join the Bubble Man - Ron Loyd - for interactive activities and two special shows at 1 and 3 pm. Also on Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Ann Arbor Police Department and The Ann Arbor Fire Department will be holding a Block Party open house on a closed

Ann and Huron streets. Explore and ment that promotes science literacy, Hours Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (734) 995-5439 or visit the Web site

#### **Diabetes prevention**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a diabetes presentation, "Your Game Plan for Preventing Type 2 June 17. The program is designed to changes to help reduce the risk of developing diabetes. There is a \$15 fee. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8955 or (800) 494-1650.

The Farmington Community Library and the Area Agency on Aging 1-B present another in their "Senior Synergy" series programs from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Farmington Community Library Auditorium, 32737 W. 12 Mile (between panel discussion featuring certified

Safe driving for seniors

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the American Association of Retired Persons offer a two-day program, "AARP Safe Driving," from 5:30-9:30 p.m. June 14-15. Attendance at both sessions is required. The AARP Safe Driving Program is an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP and pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is June 7. For more information or to register, call St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach, (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Hospice training Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator. for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145. **Grief support** 

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

# **ČLUBS**

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the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 e-mail at rscoggins@wideopenwest.com or call

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child & family issues, have smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or

# Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details,call Birthe (734)458-8143 or

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Johnny Trudell's Big Band fills the air with jazz Thursday morning as they play a special concert at Clarenceville High School for all the fourth-through eighthgrade students throughout the district.

# Band blows in to inspire future jazz lovers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Corey Micheel-Mays found it hard to stand still as Johnny Trudell's Big Band filled the Clarenceville High School Auditorium with jazz on Thursday. Micheel-Mays had brought all of the sixth- through eighth-grade students from the district to an early morning concert to introduce them to the American art form.

For weeks the Clarenceville Middle School band director has been playing jazz for his students as well as talking about legendary musicians.

"It's a huge deal," said Micheel-Mays. "We're trying to start a jazz band. I'm surprised how many students are excited, not just band students. Ellen Demray was just excited to bring

Grandview Elementary students to the concert funded by the Michigan Jazz Festival and a grant from the Music Performance Fund through the Detroit Federation of Musicians, Local 5. "The fifth-graders are playing in the

band so we take advantage of any opportunity to expose our children to live performances," said Demray, Grandview's principal. "We just went to the DSO. We want to inspire them." Fifth-grade students Molly Lemon and

Libby Siecinski weren't new to jazz. They'd both seen concerts before. Zac

Schlotta had never heard the jazz live, but that didn't stop him from clapping in time with the rest of the audience.

"I thought it was cool," said Siecinski, an 11-year old Grandview student. "I like the music they played.

"I thought it was fun," added Lemon. "I like jazz." The overwhelming response of students

to the music is exactly what the Michigan Jazz Festival committee was hoping to achieve. If jazz is to survive, the next generation must be introduced to the music. "It was difficult to get a time to get all of

the students here," said Livonia resident Midge Ellis, the committee member who coordinated the event. "We needed a time that didn't interfere with lunch or busses because all were bussed here." Ellis didn't mind putting dozens of

hours in to make the event a reality. The concert carries on a tradition that began with the Clarenceville Jazz Series which brought musicians such as Stan Kenton and Woody Herman in to Clarenceville High School to perform and give workshops.

On Thursday, George Benson told the next generation about the tenor sax he was playing. One by one, several members of the big band stood up to talk about their instruments. Mike Rumbell gave a demonstration of the trombone, saying it was one of the original jazz instruments and that it could do something no instruments could do as he demonstrated the slide. Rumbell, a Farmington Hills resident, teaches instrumental music at Northville High School and leads their award- winning jazz band. Before the concert several of the musi-

cians, including bass player Ray Tini of Livonia, gave their reasons for rising early to put on the show for hundreds of fourth-through eighth-grade students from Clarenceville's middle and elementary schools. All want to share their love of jazz with the younger generation. "Jazz isn't something you see in pop cul-

ture. It's often more appreciated in Europe than America," said Rumbell. "It's important to pass the art along to students in live concerts. You always have to be an evangelist for jazz."

Micheel-Mays plans on spreading the word about jazz with the new band at Clarenceville Middle School. Within the next several weeks about 230 students will have the opportunity audition, but first the school needs to raise money for a piano, drums and music.

"We're thinking about selling piano keys as a way to raise money," said Micheel-Mays. There's no stopping it now unless the school burns downs." To make a donation or for information

on the jazz band, call Micheel-Mays at (248) 473-8915.

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# **CLASS REUNIONS**

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

# REUNIONS

**Berkley High School** Class of 1965

A 40-year reunion will be Sept. 17, 2005, at the Berkley American Legion Hall. For more information, contact Sharon Reemsnyder (248) 557-3182 or sayreich@aol com

### 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

Cherry Hill High School

July 30-31 at Cherry Hill High School. Pre-registration \$15/person. At the gate

# SINGLES

# SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

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# 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

Class of 1965-1966

more information, visit www.clawson1975.com or contact Bev Serre-Raine at (248) 689-3381 or e-mail bevraine@comcast.net Cody High School

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.comcodycomets65. If you are a 1966 graduate, contact Greg Dobson, (248) 437-4649 or jmackie95@yahoo.com.

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# MARGARET ELIZABETH NUNN (nee: McKinnon)

Aged 88, died Thursday, May 26, 2005 in Grand Rapids. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Dr. James Weldon Nunn; her children Jennie (Peter) Vanden Brulle of MI Susan (Robert) Hammond of Grand Rapids, Barbara (Roger) Krieger of Birmingham, MI., James M Nunn o OR., John (Pattı) Nunn of Mılwaukee WI, and Margaret (Gordon) Tans of Anchorage, AK; 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She is also survived by Kenneth (Gloria) Owen Kewak of FL and Lois Kiely of Dearborn and their families Private family services will be held. Zaagman Memorial Chapel (616) 940-3022



# EDWARD H. ROFE

May 23, 2005 Age 92 Beloved husband of Margaret. Dear father of Michael. Funeral Mass Monday 10.00am at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church at 9:30am Rite of Committal Mt Hope Cemetery. Arrangements by A J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

### RAYMOND J. KNICKERBOCKER

Age 65, died May 17, 2005

Memorial Medical Center

in Ludington, Michigan. Mr. Knickerbocker was born/on August 2, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Dale Knickerbocker and Mary Grabowski Knickerbocker. He was also preceded in death by two grand-children, Hope and Baby Hoffman. Mr. Knickerbocker retired in 1999 from the Detroit Tank Command having worked in the logistics area. In 1989 he retired from the United States Army Reserves as a Lt. Colonel. While on active duty he served two tours of duty in Vietnam and a tour of duty in Germany. Mr. Knickerbocker managed and coached the Mid America Mustangs travel softball team for ten years. Visitation and funeral services were held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville on Saturday, May 21, 2005 The Rev John H Hice from the First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated Entombment was in Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. Mr. Knickerbocker is survived by his wife, Pat Knickerbocker of Canton, Michigan, Three children, Amy Knickerbocker of Tuscon, Arizona, Todd (Chris) Knickerbocker of Northville and Diana (James) Hoffman of Northville; six grandchil-dren, Ashley, Travis, Spencer, Kelsey, Carson & Caitlin, and two siblings, William Knickerbocker and Mary Heuer. Memorial contributions to the



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# WILL SCOTT

Age 83, May 26, 2005. Of Bloomfield Hills, MI. and Naples Fl. Retired Ford Motor Company Vice President Husband of Barbara DeFries Scott. Father of Linda Cook (Joe) Sarah Gooding (Garry), Patricia S Scott, William D. and David C. Scott (Susan) Brother of Jane Scott of Cleveland, Ohio. Also survived by 13 Grandchildren and one Great Granddaughter. Memorial ervice, Wm R Hamilton co, 820 E. Maple Rd, Birmingham, Tuesday May 31st at 10:00 a.m. Tributes may be made to American Heart Association or charity of choice.



# REX M. VALENTINE

May 26, 2005. Age 85. Beloved Husband of the late Trudy for 57 years. Dear Father of Joan (Terry) Geha and Jean (Ron) Bayes. Loving Grandfather of Brandon Wendee, Erik and Aaron, and Great-Grandfather of Audrey, Alex and Adam. Funeral Wednesday, June 1st 11 a.m (In-state at 10 a.m.) at First United Methodist Church of Farmington. 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. Visitation Tuesday 2-9 p m at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Rd.) Memorial contributions may be made to the church

# Dairy can help gout

Martha from Detroit suffers from gout and wants some strategies to deal with the pain.

Martha, as you probably know gout is a form of arthritis. It causes painful swelling, usually in the feet. The conventional wisdom has been that folks suffering from gout should cut back on meat and fish. They are rich in purine which the body converts into uric acid. That uric acid forms into crystal-like deposits in the joints that can cause the pain associated with gout. Now research indicates that a diet rich in dairy products can cut the chances of developing gout. In fact, test subjects consuming two or more cups of low fat milk per day cut their chances of getting gout in half over a 12-year period.

Jim from Franklin recently suffered a heart attack. He expected a long hospital stay but was discharged after just a few days. He wants to know

about the quick rehabilitation time. Jim, your short stay is an example of the medical miracles that have taken place over the past few decades. Fifty years ago heart attack victims were often given six weeks of bed rest. That average has now been cut to six days! It's all a part of a new school of thought in the medical community. Doctors used to think that extended bed rest was vital after a heart attack. Now they know just the opposite is true. Research shows that a prolonged period of bed rest result is physical de-conditioning that's actually counter productive. Amazing medical advances have also helped reduce recovery time and that's a prognosis we can all live with.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered, 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.

# Post traumatic stress

# Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan have trouble adjusting to civilian life

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Andy didn't have any dramatic flashbacks to the deserts of Afghanistan or the dangerous streets of Baghdad. He wasn't torn by doubts about the things he or his fellow soldiers did in the war.

"I know my unit personally did a good job of helping, every decision I made and everything as far as outcome I've been OK with. There was a reason why it all happened and I'm OK with that," he said.

But once he was back in civilian life, Andy knew he wasn't OK. At first it was the little things that set him apart from everyone around him.

"I was laid-back and relaxed, but I was way above any other state of readiness I should ever be in in civilian life, even though that was my laidback stage, because someone wasn't shooting at the time," he said.

Andy (who asked that his real name not be used) had experienced his share of shooting. A happy-go-lucky high school student who was popular and liked to party, Andy wasn't ready for college when he graduated. He said he was looking for a transition where he could do something produc-

In 2000 he joined the Army and in February 2002 was deployed with the 101st Airborne to Afghanistan, in a ground infantry rifle battalion.

He was then deployed to Iraq in 2003 and was with the first wave of soldiers into Baghdad.

"When we first drove in ... the people loved us. We weren't in a real nice part of Baghdad and people were happy to see us," he said.

But soon it was hard to tell friends from foes in the intense street fight-

"You were crossing over where other units had been and they were crossing over where you had been. There was a lot of casualties. I lost friends in some real ambiguous situations where you'd never expect things to go that way," he

Andy came home to Michigan in December 2003.

"I didn't realize I was any different because it was a gradual change and I'm still living like I was in Iraq, in the the military. I know my family saw it a little bit. I did a great job of acting normal when things were driving me

insane," he said. He had trouble sleeping, he was cautious going around corners. In restaurants, he sat with his back to the wall and his eyes surveying the people around him.

"After six months, that's when I couldn't take it anymore. I couldn't function. I wasn't acting any different, but I was realizing I wasn't where I should be," he said.

Andy was suffering from post traumatic stress disorder.

### **SEEKING HELP**

Dr. Lyle Danuloff, a Farmington Hills clinical psychologist, first began treating veterans of the Vietnam War in the 1980s.

"It used to be called other things, such as shell shock, but in 1980 it was recognized as a clear diagnostic syndrome," Danuloff said. "In my practice, as things evolved, I began seeing several Vietnam veterans that were suffering from it and their families as

With time, Danuloff saw fewer veterans until fighting began in Afghanistan and Irac.

"A lot of articles came out about how the VA is overwhelmed," Danuloff said. "They were well-intended, I'm



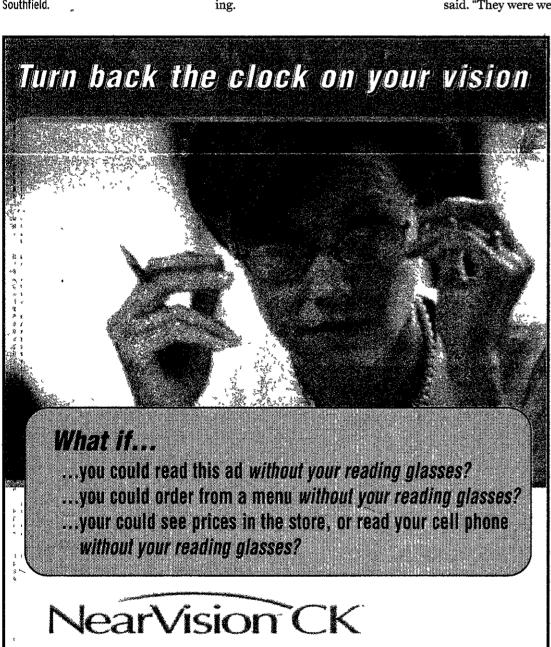
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Dr. Lyle Danuloff tries to win the confidence of veterans to help them deal with post traumatic stress disorder.

not criticizing the VA in terms of their intentions, but they can't handle the circumstances, not only the regular Army, but even more important the National Guard who come back with trauma from the war."

Andy first sought help through the Veterans Administration. He said he had an initial meeting with a social worker and then was put on a three-

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month waiting list. He said his family knew Danuloff and he

decided he couldn't wait. "I know they want to help, but something's missing," Andy

A U.S. General Accounting Office report from February 2005 praises the VA as a "world leader" in post traumatic stress disorder treatment and its outreach program to veterans. But the report, commissioned by Congress, determined that the VA had not fully met 24 recommendations for clinical care and education requested by a Special Committee on PTSD. These recommendations include providing sustained treatment centers, coordinating care with VA communitybased clinics, developing a national education plan and developing a standardized set of tools for assessment of PTSD.

Laurie Tranter, a spokeswoman for the VA, responded in an e-mail that the "VA completed 1.4 million primary care appointments during the month of March 2005, and for 94 percent of those appointments the veteran waited 30 days or less."

She writes the average wait time for all the appointments was eight days and the median wait time where half the veterans waited longer and half less was just one day.

She writes, "The VA completed 2.2 million specialty care appointments during the month of March 2005, and for 90 percent of those appointments the veteran waited 30 days or less. The average wait time for all the appointments was 10 days and the median wait time was zero days. A median wait of zero days means half of the 2.2 million veterans with appointments during March had the appointment exactly on the day they wanted it, without any wait-

Because the government will only pay for service in VA facility, Danuloff said he charges veterans on a sliding scale.

### A NATURAL REACTION

"Post traumatic stress disorder is a natural reaction to a horrible event," Danuloff said. "There are two kinds of horrible events. One is a horrible event by nature, an earthguake, a forest fire. The other kind of horrible event is by human design, like war, when someone is trying to kill you and you see your friends killed in war."

Danuloff said when someone experiences those kind of events, they have an acute stress disorder. If they aren't treated, it develops into an acute traumatic stress disorder with a wide range of symptoms and responses.

"One component is a person suffering from that condition has an intrusive memory of that trauma, he can't control it, it just arrives," he said. "They can have it when they are wide

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awake or when they are asleep. It may produce horrendous nightmares and in several cases literal flashbacks where you become disoriented to where you are."

He said another component is arousal, an adrenalin rush caused by weeks and months of being in a tense state of arous-

"People who are really suffer- Eating disorder support ing wind up with tense, startled reactions, they're jumpy, nervous, tense, constantly aware of their environment," he

said. He said one veteran he treated would drive down to Cedar Point every weekend to ride the wildest roller coaster just to relieve the tension

"I haven't spoken to anyone who's been in combat in Vietnam or Iraq who can say they can walk into a room full of people and feel comfortable. They just can't. That sense of arousal and mistrust is enormous," Danuloff said.

Another symptom is emotional numbness. Veterans often find it hard to feel the same emptions that their family members feel because they've experienced too much pain and suffering.

Danuloff said the first step in therapy is to establish trust. You have to let them know they are not weak and vulnerable because they have symptoms. That's the first thing. They need to know they can trust you and they need to know that what they talk about is completely and totally confidential," he said.

Danuloff said it was important to let the veterans know that their reactions are normal and they need to tell their story.

Andy said his therapy sessions have made him feel like a different person.

"He gave me the tools to realize what was going on," Andy said. "When I was having those problems, I was thinking I'm nuts. I shouldn't be bothered by this. I felt like I was messing up, something was wrong."

He said it's not that he's "fine now," but that he's getting better. He's going to college and adjusting to civilian life.

Danuloff maintains a Web site about his practice for veterans at www.heroestoday.com.

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# MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### MAY

Health education

Understanding how nutrition affects overall health and how to take control for 2005, a moderated panel discussion 7:30 p.m Tuesday, May 31, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 34777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. \$10. To RSVP, call (734) 591-6432 or (248) 252-5598.

Meetings for those with anorexia, bulimia, compulsive and binge eaters, male and female 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 West 13 Mile, west of Woodward, use East entrance, take central elevators to 10th floor classrooms A & B, and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, between Ford and Warren, use main entrance, take elevators down to the auditorium on the right.

Family and friends support is on second Wednesday of each month, parent only support is on the fourth Wednesday, same time and place as the Monday night closed group listed above. For more information, call (734) 324-3089.

Prenatal yoga

St Mary Mercy Hospital is offering a Prenatal Yoga class 5-6 p.m. Thursdays through June 23, in Classroom 1, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Through traditional yoga poses and postures, momsto-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.

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

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Begins with a reception in the South Lobby 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 5, with speakers Domino's Pizza chairman and CEO Dave Brandon and his wife Jan who will talk about their experiences with cancer, from 1-5 p.m. at the open house and cancer survivor's Day Celebration community members and their families can enjoy food, refreshments, interactive activities, face painting, a Teddy bear cling, child ID/fingerprint, Plymouth Whalers Hockey Score-O contest, a moonwalk, clowns and the Livonia Police Department and K-9 unit, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia Call (734) 655-2777.

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Tai Chi classes

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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.

Registration has started for the American Diabetes Association's Camp Midicha 2005. The camp is the only residential summer camp

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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) DIA-BETES or visit www.diabetes.org.

Michigan Polio Network

Hosts an education conference Aug. 19-20, at the best Western Midway Hotel, 7711 Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Features internationally recognized authority on Post-Polio Syndrome Dr. Fredrick Maynard as keynote speaker. Cost is \$30, \$10 for caregiver, and includes Friday-Saturday programs and lunch on Saturday. Pre-registration required. Call (313) 885-7855 or (989) 739-4065.

Volunteers needed

Sandcastles, a grief support program for children and teens, is seeking volunteers for its sites in Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other communities. The program is sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System. Meetings are held bi-weekly. To register for training or for more information, call (313) 874-6881.

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Parkinson's support

A new group is forming at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. The first meeting was April 6. Call (248) 433-1011 or (800) 852-9781.

The Waterford /West Bloomfield group is moving to Canterbury on-the-lake, 5601 Hatchery Road (between Airport and Crescent Lake roads), Waterford 48239 They meet Monday at 7 p.m. Contact person is Warren Oberlee, (248) 887-8840.

### ONGOING

Self-help mental health

Weekly meetings in Livonia 2:30 p.m. Sundays, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. and 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church. Recovery Inc. teaches a self-help method of  $_{\Omega \mathbf{Q}}$ mental health that parallels principles found in cog... nitive/behavioral therapy. Recovery helps people who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low selfesteem and other feelings that interfere with effecting tively meeting the challenges of daily living. No charge Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recoveryinc.org.

Grief support workshops

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Lange p.m and 6 30 p m., at the Angela Hospice Care Center The Loss of an Adult Child group addresses those who have experienced the loss of a child age,  $_{\rm AbY}$ 18 or over Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from 3-5 p m. The Heartstrings group is designed to support parents and caregivers coping with the loss of a child through illness or disease. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, at 11:30 a.m. and 6 30 p.m.

All grief support groups take place at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia and are open free-ofcharge. Angela Hospice also provides one-on-one grief counseling, Call Joan Lee at (866) 464-7810. G.E.M.S.

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on the outside of the problem. The best treatment for this condition is prevention, in turn, prevention depends on your way of life. That is, eating, exercise, smoking and weight habits are more important than any medication. Eating a proper diet will ensure sufficient calcium and vitamin D to maintain strong bones, exercise will keep the quadriceps and hamstring muscles strong, thus maintaining proper alignment between the kneecap and the knee joint. Not smoking will preserve the lungpower required for vigorous exercise. Finally, keeping at a proper weight will avoid undue knee stress.

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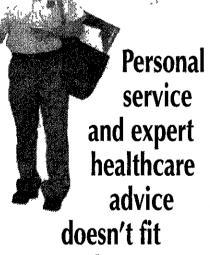
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# Performer fuses music and fashion

Electronic music fans from around the world are converging on Hart Plaza this weekend for the Fuse-In festival, where DJ Minx will be among more than a hundred performers spinning grooves. Minx, a.k.a. Jennifer Witcher, has released several albums and performed internationally. She also is known for launching the local record label Women on Wax, and working as a music producer, remixer and talent manager. Her music style is described as funky, powerful house with a smidge of grace. PINK caught up with Minx to find out a little more about her personal style.

What do you usually wear when you perform? I am more than just casual. I wear dresses, skirts, low-rise jeans. I love Victoria's Secret jeans. I attempt to make a statement. I stand out. I don't try to be trendy. I do my own thing. Accessories are also important to me. I can flip anything just by changing my accessories.

Do you have any sponsorships? We're working on getting sponsorship from the plus size label Ashley Stewart. When I do gigs or festivals, I've been

DJ Minx sports a Women On Wax logo tee and make-up by Diviniti.

sponsored by the clothing store Shapes in Royal Oak. Treas (the owner) is the sweetest woman. She always gives me the cutest things to wear. She asks me what look I want, then has the clothes and jewelry waiting for me.

What is your fave place to perform locally? Center Street is pretty cool.

What is club style these days?

Paris is very fashion conscious. So is New York. They get glitzy. For ladies it's a lot of pink. For guys, they wear a lot of button down shirts. Around here,

you get the baggy jeans. Those just don't do a thing for me.

You hang out with a lot of creative people. Any designers in the scene?

Diva Groove, my sister. She designs clothing as well as cloth purses, handbags and leather goods. Also, Diamond Dancer — a jewelry designer. She makes one-of-a-kind pieces and even delivered a piece to Erykah Badu when she came to town. She's made a couple pieces for me.

What do you like best about your job? I love the people for one. There's all kinds of love in the underground. I like to make people feel good. If they're dancing they feel good about themselves. That's what I go for.

You make some clothing for your label, right? We have Women on Wax T-shirts. They're sold at Record Time in Roseville. Guys even wear the WOW logo shirts. Diviniti and I had jeans made with the WOW logo on the rear pocket in gold or silver glitter. They're really cute. So many people want these jeans that we're looking into making those.

# pink picks

To kick off the official start of summer, PINK picks the season's must-haves to get you through to Labor Day in style.

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Arts and Saks Fifth Avenue, retail partner for the show for

the first time Miele's clothing is a lavorite of celebs like Mena Suvari and Christina Aguilera. He is known for his signature sexy dresses that incorporate handwork, artistry and nature. Tickets will be available June 22, so put the Fash Bash Hotline — (313) 833-6954 — on speed dial. In the meantime, brush up on Miele's Fall 2005 looks at

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# Happiness, success and a job you love

(NAPSI) — If you're among the 93 percent of the workforce who plan to look for a new job this year, now is the time to begin. Workers should start 2005 with a career assessment to ensure they're on track for a positive and productive year. After all, a positive outlook on the job leads to better health, increased happiness and greater overall suc-

Jeff Taylor, founder of Monster and author of Monster Careers: How to Land the Job of Your Life, encourages workers to deliberately plan their careers, using what he calls the FAME approach: "Think like a Free agent. Train like an Athlete. Prepare like a Marketer. Work like an Entrepreneur.

"Oftentimes, employees spend more time planning their vacations than they spend planning their careers," he added. "I certainly advocate a quality work/life balance, but a job is about a third of your life. You should strive to be happy in what you do."

If happiness means landing a new job this year, make updating your resume the first cleanup project. Regularly polishing a resume is essential as terminology and employer needs are always changing. To get feedback, send the updated resume to others in your targeted field and incorporate their

Smart seekers learn about job openings that aren't widely advertised through networking with others. Start with some phone calls — track down helpful contacts by talking to family, friends and acquaintances in the desired field. Join a professional organization and start participating in order to meet like-minded individuals.

Many workers aim to move upward within their organization in 2005. To increase chances of a promotion, use nearby resources and learn from the employees in the office. Locate someone who enjoys and excels in his or her work and ask that person to be a mentor for the year.

If your career assessment calls for a complete job change,



research the desired field to understand what hiring managers want from their workers. Review job postings to learn about the skills and credentials that are important to the industry, and don't forget, the old resume won't work revamp it to emphasize key qualifications and new objectives.

Career satisfaction can improve health and well-being. For additional ideas and advice regarding how to make your career work, you can visit Monster's Career Advice portal at http://content.monster.com.

If you're serious about finding a new job, start by dusting off and updating your resume.

# Online center helps students plan for college, career

(NAPSI)— There's good news for high school and middle grade students looking for guidance on how to plan for college and a career.

A new online student resource center has been created to provide middle grade and high school students with a virtual "map to tomorrow" while they learn about the "economics of life."

An organization described as the world's largest institution dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and entrepreneurship - Junior Achievement has created the JA Student Center.

This online resource (http://stu dentcenter.ja.org) is said to offer information and assistance geared to help teens become work force ready in the 21st century. Through interactive sections, students can navigate the site to gain knowledge on how to find a college, pay for college, plan a business, handle their money, find a career and much more, making the online destination a one-stop resource for students planning for a successful future.

Support for the JA Student Centerwas provided by the Diversity Pipeline Alliance, The Goldman Sachs Foundation, Nelnet, the NAS-DAQ Educational Foundation and U.S. Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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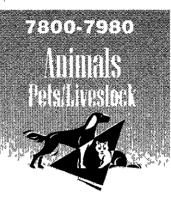
















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# Back yard getaways feature many themes

(NAPSI) — For a growing number of people, getting away from it all doesn't involve going very far. That's because the latest trend in outdoor spaces involves creating a vacation spot in your own back yard, and it's a trend homeowners have taken serious-

Last year alone, homeowners spent more than \$62 billion on outdoor living products and remodeling services, according to the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association.

"Back yards have actually become more like outdoor rooms. They give homeowners the perfect opportunity to let their imaginations run wild. People can create areas that remind them of their honeymoons, their favorite travel destinations or even places they've never been but have always

wanted to visit," said Cindy Prest, The Home Depot's global product merchant.

How do you create your own outdoor oasis? There are many options and themes from which to choose, including tropical and European themes.

Homeowners can create a back yard paradise with an island theme. Consider adding authentic island art to your patio. A number of Web sites sell Caribbean, Hawaiian or Jamaican pieces, intended specifically to be displayed out-

Next, surround your deck with lush, hearty outdoor plants reminiscent of the islands. If you have a back porch, consider using a ceiling fan to add to ambiance. Several companies make ceiling fans with blades that resemble palm leaves. In addition, furniture in island theme also is readily available.

Floating pool lights also can help turn a swimming pool into a relaxing island retreat.

Those not high on the island themes can re-create the feel of a relaxing European getaway in a few simple steps.

Start with a place for morning tea or cappuccinos. Again, several furniture manufacturers feature collections of outdoor furniture inspired by Mediterranean cafes, complete with patterned upholstery. After seating is arranged, consider an English Garden look.

Try using tongue-and-groove boards to fill in gaps on your picket fence. Also, place large copper planters with small trees around the yard. As a final touch, plant shade-loving ivy in the darker corners of the yard.



With a little imagination and some theme furniture, any back yard can be transformed into an island getaway.

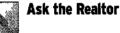
# Four common mistakes when selling a home

What are some common mistakes I should avoid when selling my home?

Selling a home is a complicated process. There are thousands of your dollars at stake. Here are some pitfalls to avoid:

M Your house will sell based on the market value of your house, not based on how much money you want or need from the sale. The market doesn't care if you still owe \$200,000 on your house. Approach the asking price as if you were the buyer and had to decide how much to offer for your

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about Realtors that tell you that your house is worth more than it is. But are those Realtors really doing you any favors?

What most likely will happen is that your house will be on the market and not sell. Finally, if you still wish to sell the house, you will reduce the price, and it will end up selling for

less money than if you listed it properly in the first place. The reason for that is that Realtors can look up the history of a house and they will see that it's been on the market for a long time and they will suspect that you now have more urgency to sell it.

Because you spent money on improvements, doesn't necessarily mean that you can add that cost to the asking price and receive it. Many improvements can be considered drains to others. For example, you may have paid a lot of money to have an in ground pool. You may be thinking to yourself that because you paid a lot of money to put in a pool, you could include that expense in the

price that you are asking. However, to many people a pool is a financial drain and is actually a negative when they buy a house.

When looking at comparable hous-

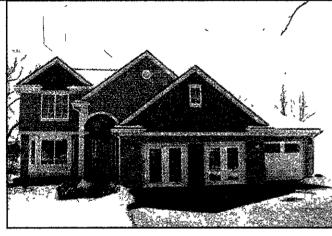
es that sold in your area, you may believe that since you have upgraded kitchen counter tops, your house is worth more than the house in the highest price range. It's important to realize though that those houses that sold may have had upgrades as well. ■ Just because you are selling your

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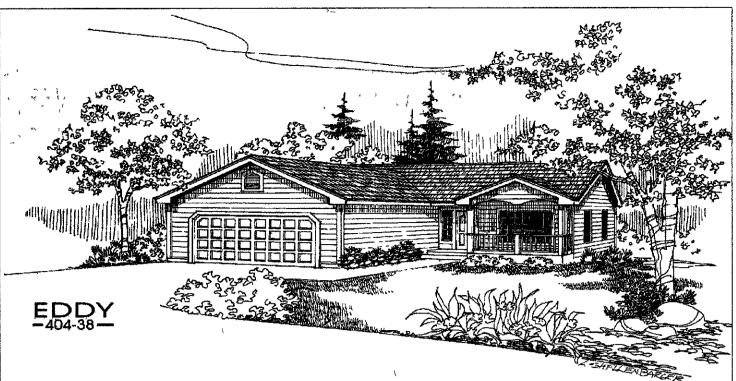


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This beautiful home not only has a unique floor design, but an attractive exterior that enhances the considerable curb appeal. A covered front porch, with railing, adds a homey touch to welcome your visitors.

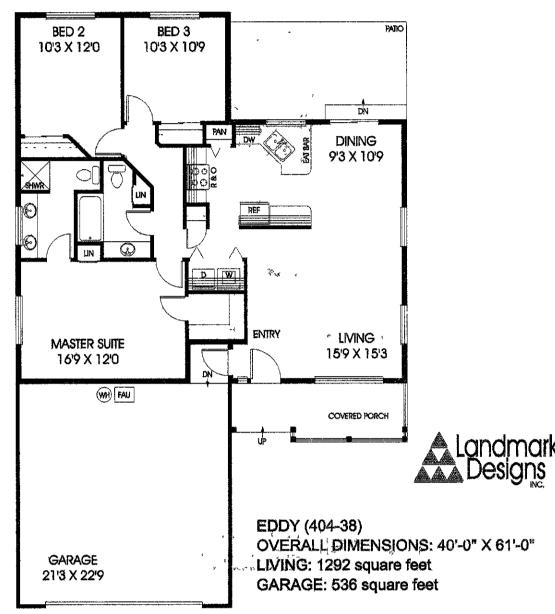
The entry leads directly into the spacious living room. There is plenty of room here for a full complement of furniture, giving you a perfect place for entertaining your visiting friends or family. A large front window will serve up a wide view of the landscape.

Blending into the living room, without a dividing wall, is the dining room. This arrangement emphasizes the openness of the floor plan. The adjacent walk-through kitchen, with just an appliance island dividing the entire section, also stresses the free flow of movement through-

The kitchen features a pantry, garden window and an eating bar, great for those on the run wanting to grab a quick bite. For the warm weather at cionado, take your sandwich and lemonade out on the back patio and soak up some sun. Across from the kitchen is a small utility room.

The elegant master suite is pretty impressive for a house this size. It has a generous sleeping area, walk-in closet. linen storage and a private bathroom with twin basins. The other two bedrooms are good sized, with ample closet space. They are close enough to the master suite for parents concerned about younger children,

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# Don't overlook subcontractors

BY DAVID BRADLEY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

You thought you cut a deal with a contractor to handle your remodeling project. Nice guy, good references plus some impressive kitchen, bath and bedroom projects.

So who are these other guys showing up to do the work?

They're subcontractors. These for-hire crews are often the muscle behind building projects and their very presence can be an eye-opener for homeowners who thought the general contractor would do all the work.

This is particularly unnerving when contractors make cameo appearances at your project as they juggle any number of projects simultaneously.

It's all the more reason to make sure "subs" are on the discussion agenda as you take bids and talk with prospective contractors.

Usually, subcontractors are specialists. That's good because few contractors are truly jacksof-all-trades. Specialists are valued during crunch time when intricate tile cutting and stonework, woodwork or finishing details are worth every penny.

Still, there are pesky financial and performance issues to subcontractors that homeowners should be aware of.

If your agreement with the contractor stipulates payment at certain portions of the job, vou'll need assurances that subcontractors will be paid on time and in full.

If the contractor skips payments or "shorts" amounts due to the "subs," these freelance workers are within their rights to file liens against you until they receive payment.

Liens can have all sorts of negative implications for your project. In new construction, liens can hold up title to the property.

Your financial agreement should stipulate that the contractor is responsible for material costs so that subcontractors don't rack up high margins that, in turn, are ratcheted up again by the contractor.

And do subcontractors have the necessary licenses and insurance that your locality demands?

In question for many projects is the general contractor's abilitv to communicate your wishes and rules to subcontractors.

The trickle-down effect is problematic for homeowners. If the contractor doesn't convey discussions on quality and scope of work or brand of materials, the subcontractor may assume wrongly in many cases - they have carte blanche to proceed in any fashion they wish.

Make sure you and your contractor are crystal clear about who is allowed on the job site and who has responsibility for riding herd on subcontractors.

Indeed, nothing is more frustrating than workers who go AWOL in mid-project. It's tough on homeowners who feel they're the ones who have to pick up the phone to find the missing subcontractor and cajole them back to the job. That should be the contractor's job.

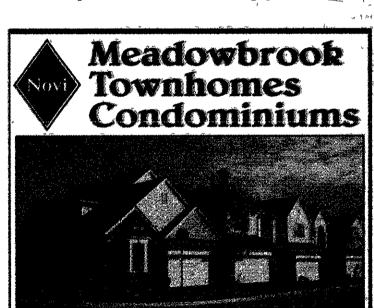
How the contractor works with subcontractors can be a performance incentive in a construction contract, particularly when it comes to staying on schedule.

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Ask your contractor to provide you with evidence of a subcontractor's good performance on financial and work quality issues.

You may want to involve some key subcontractor candidates in your initial interviews so that all sides know what is expected and when.

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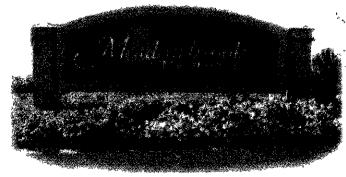
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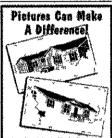
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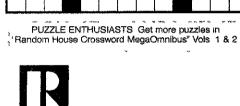
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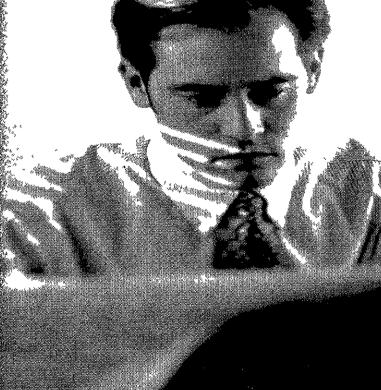
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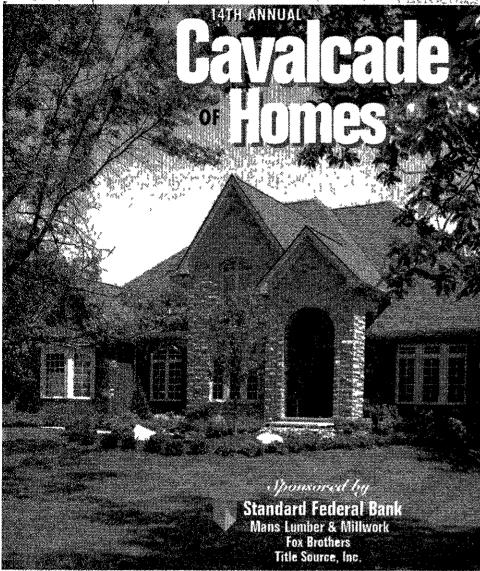
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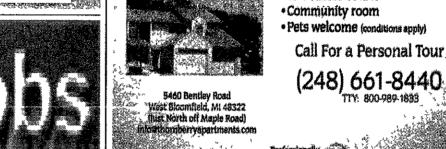
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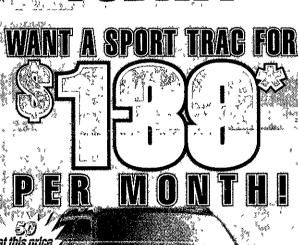
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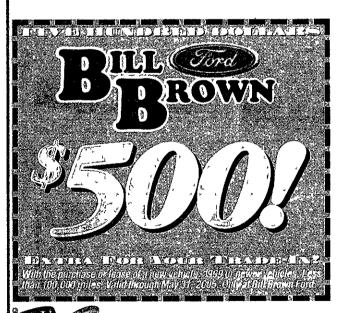
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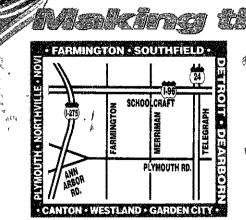
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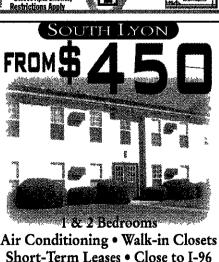
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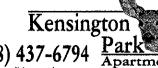
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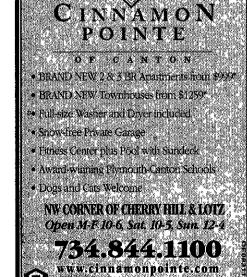
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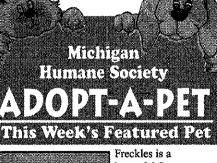
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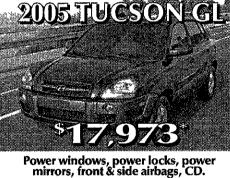
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It's only been three years it's been gracing American roads, but the Acura RSX has not only been an impressive sports car and it's also been luxurious.

This sports coupe is truly on the high performance track. For the 2005 model year, lots has changed on the RSX. The things that mean the most: horsepower, a 6-speed manual transmission, more precise handling.

All this is to lure the younger driver into the Acura name brand, hopefully making that driver a loyal Acura buyer for many car purchases to come.

Powered by a 16-valve, dual overhead cam I-VTECH 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine, the performance is really special. No worries about merging on the freeway or accelerating past that semi in a hurry. With just 160 horsepower, you'll not find vourself behind.

The engine block is aluminum alloy with cast-in iron liners and is transverse-mounted front engine. You can choose from a 5-speed manual or 5-speed automatic transmission with sequential SportShift and grade logic control.

The other offering, the RSX Type-S features the same engine, but horsepower is increased to 210. On this model, only a 6-speed manual transmission is offered.

The rear of this sports car is really small. Only kids can really fit back there. I tried to get in the rear and had a very hard time. There's not enough feet room for even an 11-year-old. It was very uncomfortable even on short rides.

Standard equipment on the Type-S model includes 27-inch alloy wheels this year; last year it was only 16-inch alloy wheels. They sit on all-season high-performance tires that provide a higher



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The RSX is comfortable to drive and sits low to the ground. You'll feel every road surface imperfection, too, but that's because Michigan doesn't take care of its roads.

Other enhancements that have been made include a revised suspension tuning for better handling and a smoother ride, a revised steering system for enhanced feel and quicker response and a better braking system that let you stop quicker.

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What I liked most was the rear deck spoiler. Not many vehicles -- sporty or otherwise -- sport those! '5 any longer.

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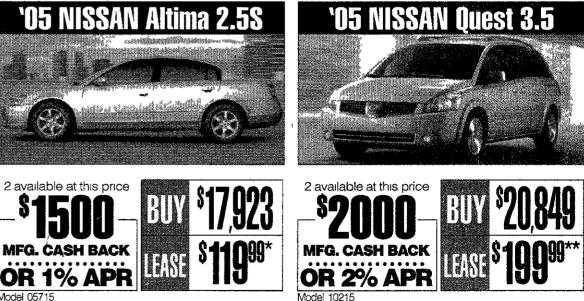
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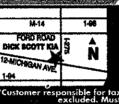
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2005 Taurus SE 4 Door Sedan



equip pkg, 5-spke painted alum whis, rr spoiler, pwr drivers seat, 60/40 splitfold rear seat 5split/fold rear seat 5-pass w/fir console fir shift lthr-wrppd strng whl pwt htd mirror/ perim lighting AM/FM perim lighting AM/FN stereo/CD player [Stk #53590] **WAS \$23,045** 

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A-PLAN <sup>2</sup>21,94

2005 Ford Escape Limited FIM



Leather comfort group, power 6-way driver's seat front and rear floor speed control air mats conditioning, permieter alarm, duratec 30-3 0L V6 engine, 4-spd automatic o/d trans, P235/70R16 allseason BSW tires, cargo convenience group, rear cargo storage bin [Stock #52042] WAS \$25,575

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2005 Baplorer XVT Sport



rsc, convenience group, P245/65R17 all terrain OWL tires, 17 bright aluminum wheels, tire pressure monitoring system, radio with single CD 40L SOHC V6 flex fuel engine, five speed automatic overdrive transmission, 3.55 ratio regular axle, adjustable power pedals I/ memory, cargo area cover black roof rail with cross bars [Stk #51340] **WAS \$31,910** 

526,887<sup>25</sup>\*

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Take a look at these features... Auxiliary heater/air cond (rear) running brds tire press monitoring sys complex reflector hdlmps, 17' alum whis 5 4L. 3V SOHC V8 44 spd auto O/D trans P265/70R-17 OWL all-seas 3 73 ratio lim slip axie, tech conv pkg blk pwr/htd mr w/puddle lamps, elotrohimo rivw mirror HD trailer tow, lugg rack w/blk crossbars pwr adj brk/acl ctrl w/o mem cloth capt chairs/console [Stk #52744] WAS \$36,635.44.

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2005 F-250 Super Dudy SC 4x4



Take a look at these features... Prem AM/FM
CD/clock, Pref eqp pkg 607A, pass
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LT265/70RX17E OWL A/T, 3 73 ratio
lim slip axle, XLT sport pkg sliding
rear windows, fog lamps, privacy
glass bodyside moldings, 9200
GWWR pkg trail hitch rec 12 5k
forged alum whls, elec shift-on-thefly FX4 pkg, prem elec AM/FM
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