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## Opponents give up on Corriveau recall

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, won't have to worry about a recall vote on the Aug. 5 primary ballot after all.



Michigan Taxpayers Alliance leader Leon Drolet Thursday turned in more than 16,000 signatures to the Michigan Secretary of State office for the recall of House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, but admitted the group didn't have enough signatures to recall Corriveau, whose 20th House District includes the Plymouths, Northvilles, a part of Canton Township and the city of Wayne.

"We just didn't have enough money," Drolet said. "The Democrats hired an army of blockers who surrounded petitioners at the local library, township hall or post office; intimidating people as much as possible and blocking them from getting to the petitioners."

"We tried to avoid the blockers by collecting signatures door-to-door, but the blockers went to the doors ahead of us making allegations," he added. "It was really, really ugly and we didn't have enough resources to fight them on a number of different fronts."

MTA organized a rally Feb. 11 in Livonia to begin the recalls against Dillon and Corriveau for their votes in favor of an income tax hike Oct. 1 to balance the state budget. They needed more

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Salem High School seniors Riley Kennysmith, left, and Ted Wakar are named King and Queen during May Day activities held at the school Friday afternoon.

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## Happy May Day

Celebration  
follows  
months of  
research

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After months of planning, research and hard work, humanities students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park weren't going to let a little rain spoil their May Day celebration Friday.

When Mother Nature dropped the rain on the outdoor site of the annual celebration, the students simply moved inside.

The May Day committee started researching the customs of western cultures back in January, figuring out what kind of clothing to wear, activities to host, etc.

"We study the history of the western world," said humanities teacher Shelly Bates, who was also to preside over a



Students at Salem High School weave their way around the May Pole during May Day activities at the school Friday afternoon.

renaissance festival at Bentley Elementary School Friday night.

"There is a lot of research that goes into it, and (the celebration) is the fruition of that."

The event featured the traditional May Pole (and corresponding May Pole dancing), activities such as juggling and jousting, and period costumes, all put together by the students following both online and in-library research.

The success of the resulting

celebration provides a warm feeling.

"When you try to plan something so different, you never know what it's going to look like," said 18-year-old Canton High School David Catalan, one of the coordinators. "The whole thing is a learning experience, because none of us has done anything like this before. So when it happens, it feels so good."

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## Dad: Not all facts came out at beheading trial

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pete Letkemann isn't trying to make excuses for his son, and he knows nothing he says now, in the wake of his son's guilty plea to second-degree murder in the death and beheading of Daniel Sorensen, will change anyone's opinion about the case, or about his son, Alexander.

But those opinions are based on facts that came out during the trial of — and were used to convict — Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township of first-degree murder in the case.

The elder Letkemann believes there are other facts, which never came out during Orlewicz's trial, that paint a truer picture not only of Alex's involvement in the crime, but of Alex as a person.

And while he understands — and acknowledges — the seriousness of his son's crimes, he thinks judgments should be made with *all* the facts.

"There are some facts and opinions that would have come out had Alex gone to trial," Pete Letkemann said.

"I offer this ... as a dad. I believe those how know Alex will find my explanation easy to believe and (understand) those who do not know him may have some trouble."

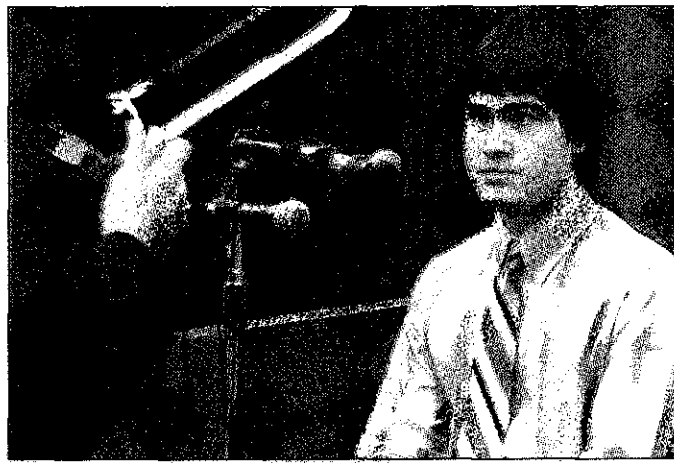
The elder Letkemann wanted to expound on various points:

■ Much was made at trial of teens who heard Orlewicz talk just days before the murder about killing Sorensen. According to Letkemann, kids in that circle heard Orlewicz talk like that "all the time" and didn't take it seriously.

Opinions offered in some circles that teens who testified to hearing those statements — principally Levi Webb and Sean Gaikowski — could have done something to stop the murder are unfair, according to Pete Letkemann.

"They weren't keeping some deep, dark secret," Pete Letkemann said. "They heard (Orlewicz) talk like that all the time. It was only in retrospect the comments were important to anyone. The media has unfairly portrayed them as if they were

Please see **TRIAL, A6**



Alexander Letkemann of Westland, a former Livonia Churchill student, describes the killing of Daniel Sorensen during testimony in Wayne County Circuit Court Wednesday.

## Canton prayer day draws a crowd

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the same vein as other Christians all over the country, about 100 people gathered at the township's Veteran's Memorial Flagpole Thursday to offer their prayers for the nation.

"This is a good reminder of our relationship to God," said Tony Beckett, senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. "This lets us know that we have to work on helping uphold the standards of truth in our society."

In its participation in the

National Day of Prayer, the group said a prayer of repentance and then prayed for government officials, school districts, families and firefighters.

"We have nothing without you and we are nothing without you," said Ben Gutierrez, a WWII veteran, as he prayed for those serving in the military. "Lord, be with our serviceman."

Although the township has participated in the National Day of Prayer in the past, Beckett said a group from his church that recently completed a program called The Truth Project decided

to take ownership of the event since it didn't have an official coordinator.

CBC member Jane Terkoski took part in The Truth Project and said she and the rest of the participants felt compelled to lead the township's National Day of Prayer activities.

"We had the feeling of 'How could we not do anything?' We want to grow the community back to God," she said, adding that she was grateful for the day's pleasant weather. "God is so good and we are thankful that as soon as we started, we could see the sun com-

ing through the clouds."

In between prayers, the group sang songs including America the Beautiful and God Bless America.

During the moments of spontaneous prayer, one man's voice quivered with emotion as he began to pray for youth.

"It's so hard to see where many youth are headed," he prayed. "So many are lost but I pray that you send a touch, that you send a miracle and show them love beyond (how) they have been loved before."

When praying for the media, Mike Roberts of Canton, thanked



World War II veteran Ben Gutierrez leads the ceremonies during the National Day of Prayer event Thursday at Canton's Veteran's Memorial, while Iraq War veteran and Marine Mark Varney listens in.

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God for freedom of the press, prayed for reporting that features spirituality and family values and asked for blessings for the journalists overseas covering the war.

"Keep them safe with our troops," he prayed. "Give them the courage to report things that are truthful and honest without agenda."

The local event included people of all ages from Canton as well as neighboring communities and Beckett said he hopes the day's activities will continue to grow. "This has been very encouraging and it's very positive to see Canton officials here," he said.

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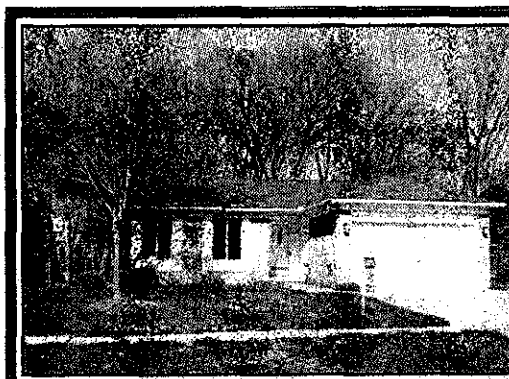
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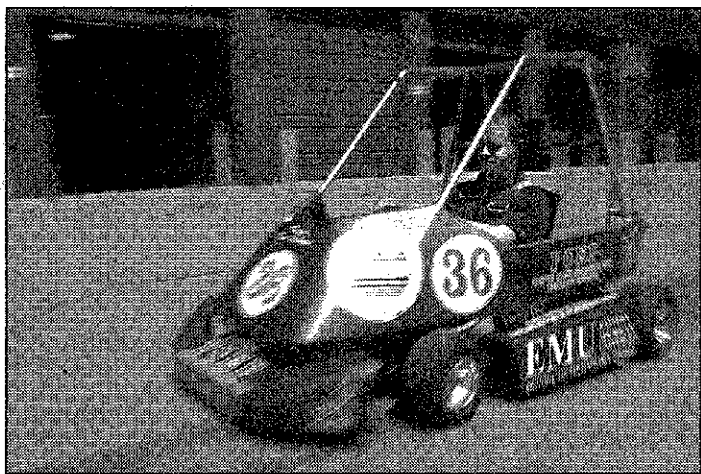
BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students enrolled in Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's Advanced Automotive Technology class had their work cut out for them when they were asked by Eastern Michigan University to take a used, gasoline-powered go-cart and turn it into a sleek-looking competitive racing machine powered by E-85 fuel.

The catch: Complete the project within a month and race it against seven teams composed of college students from Bowling Green State University — most of them engineering and physics majors — in a 16-mile Grand Prix road race.

There were long hours dedicated by P-CEP auto tech students to hand-molding metal and fabricating supports, configuring the exact amount of E-85 fuel for the 5.5-horsepower Honda engine and painting the salvaged go-cart.

Entering the alternative fuel race was supposed to be enough expectation for the high school students, but somebody forgot to tell them otherwise. On April 12, the P-CEP team surprised their college-age counterparts in winning the race convincingly — by eight lengths — followed by a BGSU driver throwing his



Driver Ken Holman takes the cart for a spin outside the auto shop at Canton High School.

helmet in disbelief.

"It was a good whoopin'," said Jim O'Connor, who teaches the high school class with Michael Duff. "If you empower kids and teach them skills and attention to detail, they can do anything. We all stepped up to the plate."

The challenge was put forth by Al Tessmer, technology education professor at Eastern Michigan University's School of Technology Studies. Tessmer worked one year at Bowling Green and helped start the Grand Prix tradition to bring attention to alternative fuels. BGSU officials wanted to involve other schools this year, and invited Tessmer to put

together an EMU racing team. Through his friendship with O'Connor, Tessmer — only four weeks before the race — asked if P-CEP students could construct a competitive racing cart. Knowing the odds, Tessmer really just wanted an EMU entry, even if it finished last. Tessmer got much more when EMU student Ken Holman finished second in time trials and then crossed the finish line to capture the checkered flag.

"It was probably one of the toughest things I've done, especially with the time constraints," said Brian Sawle, 18, of Canton, who remembers working some nights until 10 p.m. to finish the go-cart. "We didn't have all the parts at first, so we had to order them."

Sawle helped fabricate the chain guard and weld it on the go-cart, paint it and work with teammates on "jetting" the carburetor (mixing fuel with air

before it goes into the engine) to accept the E-85 fuel, which is 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, derived mainly from corn.

"We were testing it right up to the last day, but I was confident it would make it through the race," Sawle said. "I was surprised we beat out college students, considering they are engineering students. It was just a great feeling."

Trent Shelton, 18, of Canton said he was confident they would meet the challenge, but he also wanted to be proud of the EMU/P-CEP entry.

"We wanted to show quality, we didn't want to show garbage," Shelton said. "We saw pictures of the other carts and they didn't look like this one."

"The teachers gave us the guidance and we did it ourselves," he added. "I knew we'd run out front, but I was surprised we won. It was a huge confidence boost."

O'Connor said it was difficult finding the right mixture to convert the gasoline-powered go-cart to one which ran on the E-85 blend.

"The fuel lines and seals needed to be E-85 convertible, but it was mainly figuring out what a gasoline engine wanted in regards to the E-85," O'Connor said. "If you were to put E-85 into something that was set for gasoline, it would run way too lean and it wouldn't have any power."

"The kids had their hands into every part of this car. We (teachers) just directed what was needed to be done next,"



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Some of the crew that worked on the E85 cart are Trent Shelton, Brian Sawle, Kevin Stahl, Nick Thompson, teachers Mike Duff and Jim O'Connor, and driver Ken Holman.

he added. "The college kids had three years to perfect their cars, so you would think they would build this incredible powerhouse of technologically superior cars. I think they took it for granted they would win."

Duff said P-CEP students had to use much of their classroom knowledge in readying the go-cart for competition.

"There's a ton of physics, engineering, math and science planned out to meet the goals and objectives," Duff said. "There's thinking involved, and hand and eye coordination, to develop it."

"(The college students) are a

little more conceptual than what we have, but they lack the building skills we have," he added. "They're screaming in industry for people who can do both."

Tessmer was obviously pleased the go-cart — which is on display at EMU — won the race. But equally as important are the lessons learned about alternative energy.

"Our whole intent is to get the U.S. free of gasoline while developing more alternative sources to drive prices down," Tessmer said. "If we can get kids to think about alternative energy, in the process they'll find the solutions we need."

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# Clerks round up seniors

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Several hundred high school seniors at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park took the first step in voicing their opinions this November in the presidential and local elections.

Municipal clerks and their representatives from Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township spent several hours at each of the three high schools this past week registering seniors to vote. "In our office we always have issues with high school kids going off to college and then trying to find out how to register to vote and receiving an absentee ballot at school," said Linda Langmesser, Plymouth clerk, who organized the effort. "If they sign up in person, they can get an absentee ballot their first election. The kids are excited we're

giving them the opportunity to register and they don't have to go elsewhere to do it," she said. "I think this election, because of how controversial it is, might encourage kids to get out there and voice their opinions."

Being able to voice her opinion is why Erica Caudillo, 17, of Plymouth registered to vote.

"I think it's important because we're the future," said Caudillo. "I'm looking forward to voting, though I'm a bit unsure because I don't know everything that's going on. But, I try to follow it."

Eric Piwowar, 18, of Canton Township, is aware of the low voter turnouts in most elections.

"I think everyone should vote and express their opinions," said Piwowar. "It's appalling to see how many people you know who don't vote. I try to inform myself as much as possible so I can vote accurately."

Plymouth Township Deputy

Clerk Joe Bridgman said those registering were asking a lot of good questions about voting and absentee ballots.

"Many aren't aware they can register at 17 1/2-years-old," Bridgman said. "As long as they turn 18 by November they can still vote in the general election."

Jackie Shamus, representing the Canton Township clerk's office, said she was surprised by the number of students who registered to vote.

"The last time I did this 2-1/2 years ago I had about three kids fill out the form in 2-1/2 hours," Shamus said. "This time I had about three kids in 10 seconds. Definitely the kids are more



Seniors who registered to vote got a sticker like the one held by Plymouth Township deputy clerk Joe Bridgman.



Students Eric Franka, Jackson Vaughn, Jessica Cicirelli, Andrew Inagni and Kyle Sanders register to vote with Canton Township's Jackie Shamus.



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Gina Giordano registers to vote in Plymouth Township.

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## Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its next networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m., May 14 at Summit on the Park in Canton. Guest speaker will be Dave Wieme, communication director of Palace Sports & Entertainment.

Cost of the lunch is \$20. Reservations are required by Friday, May 9, and can be made by calling the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040. The luncheon is being sponsored by TDS Metrocom and Schoolcraft College.

## Women wanted

The Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW), who promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women, will hold their next monthly meeting from 6-8:30 p.m., May 12 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road - east of Canton Center Road). The guest speaker will be Laura Fawcett, adult services librarian at the Canton Public Library.

For more information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561 or [junenicholas@comcast.net](mailto:junenicholas@comcast.net). Please RSVP for this meeting.

## Explorer unit excels

The Canton Police Department's Explorer Unit recently competed in the 28th Annual Governor's Cup competition held in Alpena. Approximately 30 Explorer teams from around the state competed in four categories including crime scene investigation, domestic violence scenario, felony traffic stop and building search. Canton's team won first place in crime scene investigation and second place in building searches, and finished 6th overall in the competition.

The Canton Police Explorer Unit is made up of students ages 14-20 who are seriously interested in exploring a career in law enforcement. The program provides serious, realistic exposure of the law enforcement career. Explorers in the program train bi-weekly on a wide variety of topics. Explorers are taught the procedures used by officers and learn the basic elements of the

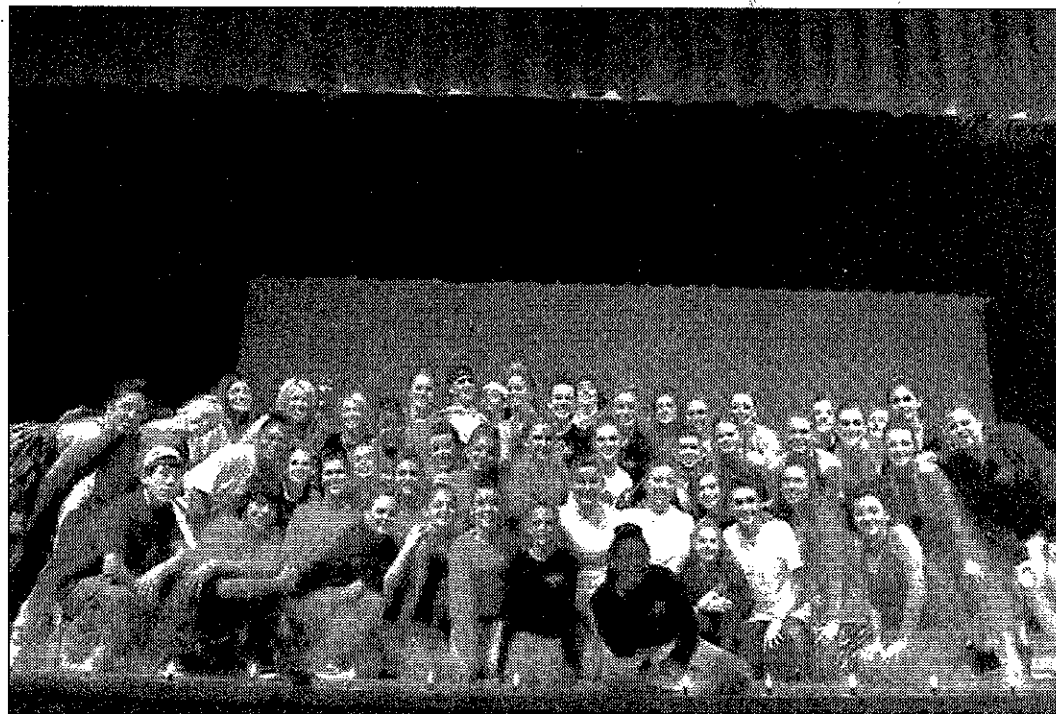
subject matter. Explorers must also maintain the physical, moral and scholastic standards required to be a member in the program.

Canton's Explorer program is funded through private donations and community fundraisers. For more information about the program or to make a donation, contact Sgt. Robert Sidor at the Canton Police Department, (734) 394-5400.

## Mother's Day luncheon

In honor of Mother's Day, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will visit the Canton Senior Congregate lunch on Wednesday May 7, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The luncheon will be held in the Maple/Oak room at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. There will also be bingo and door prizes.

The lunch menu will include ham with fruit sauce, peas with mushrooms and sweet potatoes. Reservations for the Mother's Day luncheon are required and must be made by noon, May 6 by calling the Senior Desk at (734) 394-5485. There is no fee required to attend this luncheon for participants 60 and older, but a



## 'Top Studio' recognition

The students of the planetdance dance studio in Canton recently competed at the KAR Dance Competition at Farmington Mercy High School and the studio was awarded "Top Studio." More than 500 entries were at the local competition. Planetdance has students that compete in jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical, musical theatre and hip hop. The team consists of 80 students that are from Westland, Canton and Livonia. "These kids have worked so hard all year long and it was great to see their hard work and dedication pay off. I'm so very proud of each and everyone of the dancers," said Jen Toby, owner/director of planetdance, which is located at 7281 N. Lilley Road. For more information about the studio, call (734) 414-0641 or visit [www.planetdancestudio.com](http://www.planetdancestudio.com).

donation of \$2.25 is suggested. The luncheon fee for those not yet 60 years of age is \$4.

## Relay for Life

This year's Relay for Life of Canton will be held at Heritage Park on May 17-18, and offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

This year marks 10 years for Relay For Life of Canton, featuring a new Fight Back Ceremony at 10:45 a.m. on May 17. While the Luminaria and Survivor Ceremonies offer time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have won the battle, the Fight Back Ceremony gives everyone a chance to make a personal commitment to how they're going to take action against cancer.

If you are interested in starting or joining a team, log on to [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and follow the links to the Relay For Life of Canton page. If you're not able to join a team, simply log on to make a donation. For more information, call Jamie Chapman (248) 663-3419.

## Canton Lions anniversary

Come and celebrate Canton

Lions Club's 40th Anniversary at a dinner dance on Friday, June 6, at 6 p.m. It will be held at the Cady/Boyer barn behind the Bartlett Travis house at 500 N. Ridge Road.

The anniversary party will include a catered dinner, pop/coffee, raffles and 50s and 60s music by Canton's own Fairview featuring Ron and Albert Muniz on guitar and lead vocals, Chat Atwell on bass and Karl Zarbo on drums.

The Canton Lions Club is involved in many noteworthy local and world-wide community service projects such as: Liberty Fest and Relay for Life Pancake Breakfasts, August's Corn Roast, White Cane sale and collecting glasses for Third World Countries. All donations will be given back to the community and/or to the blind and hearing impaired.

To secure your reservation, please make checks payable to the Canton Lions for \$25 per person and mail to Nancy at 42764 Woodbridge Road, Canton, MI 48188 by May 15. For more information, please call (734) 981-0486 or e-mail [nrybar@yahoo.com](mailto:nrybar@yahoo.com).

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More than 2,000 zoo supporters are expected to attend the 2008 Year of the Frog-themed event. A strolling supper offers tastes of signature dishes from 40 of the area's finest restaurants, the Jerry Ross Band entertains throughout the evening, and guests have access to the zoo's award-winning animal habitats as the sun goes down. Attire for the evening is "elegant summer chic."

The live auction includes "zoo-unique" items such as a gourmet dinner for 12 with the polar bears at the zoo's Arctic Ring of Life, a behind-the-scenes tour for four with the zoo's night staff, the Ultimate Zoo Birthday Party and Overnight Experience for 20, and a custom piece of zoo-themed jewelry from Jules R. Schubot Jewellers.

Tickets for Sunset at the Zoo range from \$125 to \$500 per person. A Benefactor Party will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at the Bloomfield Hills home of Jennifer and David Fischer for those purchasing \$500 tickets. A VIP Reception will be held at the zoo's National Amphibian Conservation Center 6-7 p.m. Friday, June 20, for those purchasing \$500 and \$250 tickets. Tickets can be ordered by phone at (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3750, or online at [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).

Sunset at the Zoo is also supported by Comerica Bank, Crain Communications, Dining in the Wild!, Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C., JP Morgan Chase, Sue and Alan J. Kaufman, Strategic Staffing Solutions and Unique Expressions. Co-chairs for this year's event are Beverly Bantom of Farmington Hills, Margaret Ogden of Grosse Pointe and Lois Shaevsky of Bloomfield Hills.

2008 Year of the Frog is a global public awareness campaign to focus attention on endangered amphibians and the critical work being done by zoos and aquariums to save them. The Detroit Zoological Society is supporting the worldwide initiative with special events, fund-raising activities, educational opportunities and community outreach efforts throughout the year.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak.

The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October - with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August - and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is \$11 for adults 13 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 12; children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).

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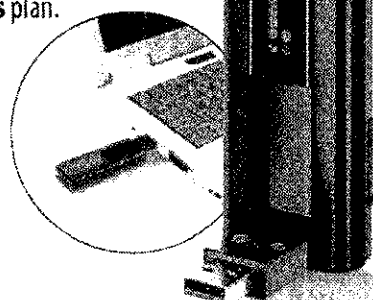
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# TRIAL

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co-conspirators in some way, and this is wrong. They were doing their best to put a killer behind bars.

"I know of at least a half-a-dozen other kids who heard the same thing (Orlewicz talking about killing)," Pete Letkemann added. "Everyone's been to a party and heard someone talking crap and they said, 'Yeah, right.'"

■ While drugs were always on the periphery, there really wasn't much testimony about drugs during Orlewicz's trial. However, Pete Letkemann acknowledges, Alex had "started doing some serious drugs." In fact, the elder Letkemann said, the \$100 debt Alex was trying to clear by helping Orlewicz clean up after Sorensen's murder was drug-related.

According to his father, Alex Letkemann thought humoring Orlewicz by going along with his plan would buy him some time to pay back the \$100. When Orlewicz aborted the initial plan (Tuesday, Nov. 6), it cemented the idea in Alex's mind that Orlewicz was "talking more crap like he always did," Pete Letkemann said.

■ The murder happened the next day. Letkemann testified he'd been drinking and said he "froze" when Orlewicz began stabbing Sorensen. In a statement he gave Canton police that was videotaped — which was played at the preliminary hearing in December, but not at Orlewicz's trial — Letkemann professed fear. "I was afraid

to turn my back on him ... he had just done this to someone he'd known for years, what would he do to me?"

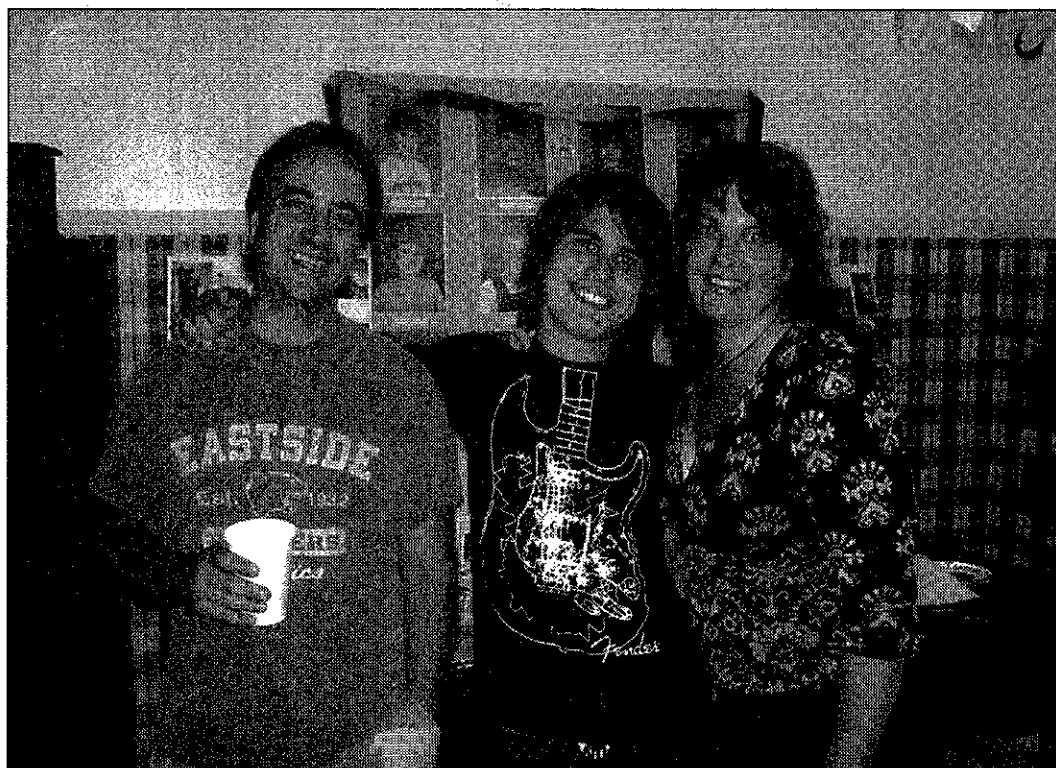
"(Alex) was messed up, there's no doubt about it," Pete Letkemann said. "I know through his friends he had been doing some (drugs) at the time. That night, when it was going on, he was deathly afraid, absolutely."

■ The day after the murder, Alex Letkemann first declined, then agreed to help Orlewicz dispose of evidence. While his father believes "this is the only crime Alex committed; some of you will disagree," he thinks Alex at that point was just trying to "make it go away."

On Friday, Nov. 9, the younger Letkemann's mind began to clear, according to his father, and the enormity of what he'd done began to sink in. According to Pete Letkemann, his son was worried Orlewicz might "do it again," because of talks Orlewicz had about "mistakes he'd made ... he wouldn't make again."

Letkemann wound up giving three different statements to police and, according to his own testimony in Orlewicz's trial, was untruthful in all three of them. It wasn't until he got his plea deal in April that Letkemann told law enforcement the entire truth, even though he had helped police find Sorensen's head.

Still, the Letkemann family bristles at the idea Alex testified to "cop a deal and save himself." In fact, according to Pete Letkemann, Alex had wanted to testify long before the April 1 plea arrangement. "The entire time Alex was in jail he said he wanted to



Alex Letkemann (center) with dad Pete and mom Diane.

testify to make sure JP could never hurt anyone again," Pete Letkemann said. "We convinced him to wait (for a deal)."

Defense attorney Raymond Cassar of Farmington Hills — who Pete Letkemann said "did a wonderful job" — said his client wanted to put everything right from the beginning.

"Every time I went to visit with Alex, he indicated to me how sorry he was," Cassar said. "Alex always wanted to do the right thing. What I'd hoped the judge would have done, was not to judge Alex by the misdeed, but by the corrective measures he took afterward. I would hope she'd give him more credit than that."

At sentencing, Judge

Annette Berry criticized Letkemann for his inability to come up with an appropriate answer to her lone question: "Why?" But the victim's parents, James and Kimberly Sorensen, forgave Alex during their statements and even offered to speak on his behalf when he comes up for parole.

It was a gesture filled with meaning for Letkemann's family.

"I knew (the Sorensens) were good people ... I still didn't know ... what they really felt," Pete Letkemann said. "When they saw the work we did trying to get the 'real' Alex out there, they began to understand these weren't two peas in a pod cooking up some sinister plot in the basement. I'm grateful they were able to see that. I can't tell

you how much that means. It means everything."

With the trial and sentencing behind them — Berry imposed the 20- to 30-year sentence prosecutors and Cassar agreed upon — Pete Letkemann said the family's focus is on the future. He said his talks with Alex don't center much on the case, but on staying focused.

"I've got a daughter, Amanda, who is having a hard time with this, even though she's a strong person and has a strong group of friends," Pete Letkemann said. "With Alex, it's getting him focused and keeping him upbeat and working toward the future. He plans on going full-tilt for any educational opportunities he can grasp. He understands at some

## IN ALEX'S WORDS

"Every day I wish I would have made better choices. I was in a terrible situation and made the worst decision possible. I take complete responsibility for my actions. When somebody asks why I was involved at all I say, 'I don't know' because I honestly can't think of a reason. I really don't think there is an acceptable explanation, but I will say this: The whole scene went to the extreme in seconds. I was overwhelmed with shock and fear. My mind was clouded by intoxicants and instead of doing something, I froze. I know I should have done everything differently and I will forever be in debt to my conscience. I hope that some will remember that in spite of my incredible lack in judgment, I went to the police and cooperated in giving them information, helping to solve the case. I then testified, not for my own piece of mind, but for that of the Sorensen family. I am so grateful for their forgiveness and I admire their courage and strength. I made a very severe mistake, but I was glad to be able to insure proper justice and closure to this case. I know I did the right thing. In doing so, I was given another chance at life, with which I will show everyone I can be the person they know I am. I plan to do everything to help others in any way possible."

places he's going to be able to work on his music (he writes music and plays guitar), and he's excited about that."

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Foess

Distinction from the University of Michigan in 2003 with a bachelor of science degree in anthropology-zoology. She is a first-year resident physician in the Department of Family Medicine at Oakwood Hospital.

Foess is the daughter of David and Barbara Foess of Canton.

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Yuhan Zhao, who attends Salem High School, earned the National Merit McKesson Scholarship. McKesson Corporation is the leading provider of supply, information and care management products and services designed to reduce costs and improve quality across healthcare.

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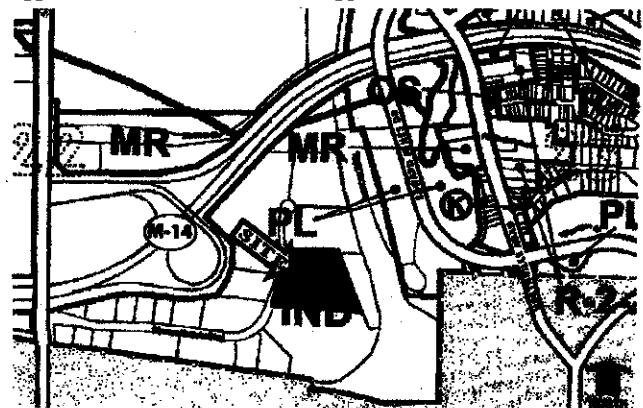
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use  
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.  
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall  
9955 North Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **Special Land Use Approval** for Outdoor Storage in a Industrial District, (IND), on Tax ID R78-016-02-0014-303, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2-9. The property is located on the east side of Plymouth Oaks Boulevard, south of M-14 Expressway, west of the CSX Railroad, and north of the City of Plymouth, at 43939 Plymouth Oaks Boulevard.

Application 1988/0408

Applicant, Ilmor Engineering, Inc.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-016-02-0014-303.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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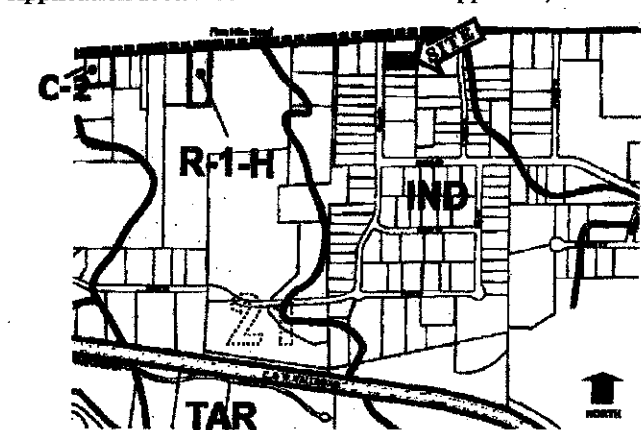
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Sealed proposals for the construction of the City of Plymouth 2008 Sidewalk Repair Program will be received by the City Clerk, City of Plymouth, Michigan, 201 S. Main Street, until 2:00 P.M. Local Time on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read:

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Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the Contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein.

Linda Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jones said he'd qualified for the 1960 Olympics and had been favored to win the gold, but brought home a bronze instead, two weeks after getting married, a move he said his athletic director kiddingly

"We're in a perfect storm," Jones said. "People are clamoring to use (SMART), but we don't have the money. The money we're supposed to have from Lansing and

Kirksey said Livonia "stands ready to opt back in" if a viable plan were presented, but only if the city were "a vital link" to a regional system that included the communities west of them, such as the



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The Senate did not address HB 5284 and 5285 which would allow Blue Cross' for-profit subsidiary, The Accident Fund, to offer other lines of insurance beyond workers compensation.

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## RECALL

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than 10,000 certified signatures to put Corriveau up for recall; however, Drolet admitted they knew by late March the effort probably wouldn't succeed.

"When Dillon and the Democratic Party cranked up their blocking machine, all we could do was make a decision. We didn't want to fall short in both," Drolet said. "The speaker (Dillon) was a very key figure, so we went after him. Corriveau will finish his term and we'll see what happens with re-election."

Corriveau said he pretty

much stayed out of the fracas during the recall effort.

"I stayed out of the situation completely. I never did anything but continue my job," Corriveau said during a telephone conversation from the House floor. "I understand the issues in Redford got ugly on both sides."

"This was all about Leon from the very beginning," Corriveau added. "I'm out knocking on doors and I don't run into too many people who don't respect the fact I did my job and did what was in the best interest of the (20th House) district."

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## Teen spotted driving across homeowners' lawn

Canton Police were dispatched to the 7300 block of Provincial early Wednesday morning after a homeowner called and reported that an unknown teenager had ran across his lawn and driveway.

The man said the teen, later identified as a 16-year-old Redford Township boy, got inside a parked vehicle. The driver of the car, an 18-year-old man, waited until the homeowner's motion-activated garage light went off before driving away.

The officer reported that as he was writing the initial report, the homeowner called back to say the vehicle had returned to his subdivision, which is off of Sheldon and Windmill. Officers initiated a traffic stop with the teens that said they were bored and just

### COP CALLS

driving around Canton.

The 18-year-old said he was supposed to be spending the night with a friend but had decided not to. When asked about a third person that the homeowner reported seeing in the vehicle, the driver said that he ran into a friend in the subdivision but that he hadn't been in the car with them.

The two were advised to go to the younger boy's residence.

### One bike back

Of the two mountain bikes stolen from his back porch, a township man has reported finding one but said the other is still missing.

The man told police Wednesday that girl's mountain bike and a man's mountain

bike had been taken from his residence on the 8100 block of Honeytree sometime after 7 a.m. that day. Neither bike was chained or locked.

When he returned home at 8 p.m., he noticed the bicycles were gone and discovered the man's bike against a wall on the north side of his apartment building. The front wheel had been removed but there was no other damage.

A police search of the area for the girl's bike was unsuccessful.

### Harassing calls

A 19-year-old Canton woman has reported to police that she's been the victim of telephone harassment.

Since April 22, the woman said a 28-year-old man has been calling her phone and threatening her new male friend. She said the threats are never directed toward her but reported that the man has suggested showing up at her home on the 43000 block of Creekview.

The man, who once called the township woman around 40 times in 24 hours, either hangs up when the call goes to voice mail or leaves her a message demanding that she pick up the phone.

### False ID

A Dearborn Heights man was ticketed for presenting false identification when he attempted to buy a beer at Emagine Theater on Monday.

When the bartender questioned the authenticity of the 19-year-old's Wisconsin ID, the man replied, "If you think it's fake then just keep it" and left the concession stand and went inside a theater.

The man, who was pointed out to police by theater employees, admitted the ID was fake and said that he had recently got it from a novelty shop in Canada. He was ticketed and given a court date of May 13.

### Cat escape

When a township woman attempted to capture the cat that had bite and scratched her Sunday, the animal escaped.

The woman, who lives on the 400 block of Georgetown, reported to police that she had seen the feline three times in 10 days and had previously petted it when it approached her Sunday, got upset and then attacked her.

After cleaning her wounds, the woman called police who advised her that the animal had to be quarantined for 10 days.

The woman found the cat and got it into a carrier but when attempting to transfer it to a cage, the cat ran away.

The woman said she believes the cat lives on Deepwood Drive but doesn't know who owns the animal.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

I think I already have enough in the market and I am a little nervous. It has been recommended that I invest in tax-free bonds. Do you think tax-free bonds are a good investment?

I appreciate your concerns over the market. There is no doubt that many investors have been nervous as to the direction of the U.S. economy. The

first quarter was certainly a shock to many investors. There are many investors who have cash and can invest that money, but because they are nervous, are leaving it in unproductive checking accounts or low-paying money market accounts. In those situations, considering tax-free bonds makes sense. However, like most things in the investment world, not all tax-free bonds are the same.

## LOOK AT RETURN

It is important to determine whether a tax-free bond is the

proper alternative or does it pay to invest in a bond and pay the tax. The key is not the tax you pay, but rather what ends up in your pocket. For example, if the after-tax return on a tax-free bond is 3 percent, but you can make 5 percent on a taxable bond and net 4 percent (after taxes), it's obviously advantageous to invest in a taxable bond.

On the other hand, if the after-tax return was 2 percent on the taxable bond, then a 3-percent tax-free bond would be appropriate. The first issue is to determine whether a tax-

free bond makes economical sense for your individual situation.

## FORMULA

There is a simple formula to determine what is best. Divide the tax exempt yield by one minus your tax rate. For example, if you are in the 25 percent tax bracket and your yield on a tax-free bond was 3 percent, the taxable equivalent yield would be 4 percent ( $1 - 0.25 = 0.75$ ) ( $0.3 \div 0.75 = 4$  percent). Therefore, if your yield on a taxable bond was 5 percent, you'd be better off to invest in

this bond and to pay the tax. If your yield on a taxable bond was only 3 percent, the tax-free bond would be more appropriate.

## CONSIDER COSTS

If you are thinking about purchasing a tax-free bond fund, pay particular attention to the costs involved. If you're only getting a 3- to 4-percent return, paying an extra 1 percent in fees can erode your return by a third.

In addition, if you end up having to pay commission to purchase a bond fund, you can lose nearly two years worth of returns. Therefore, avoiding high fees and commission-based tax-free bond funds is the only prudent course of

action, particularly in today's interest rate environment. Vanguard and Fidelity are just two of the mutual fund companies which offer commission-free, low-cost investments.

Tax-free bonds play an important part in diversifying a portfolio. However, before you buy tax-free, make sure that your focus is not on the taxes you save, but rather what ends up in your pocket.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money-matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money-matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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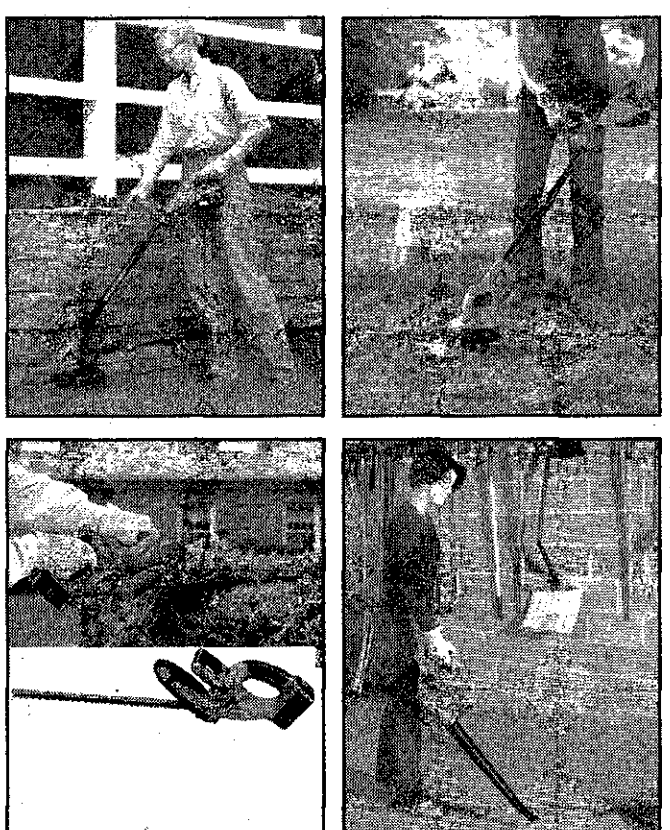
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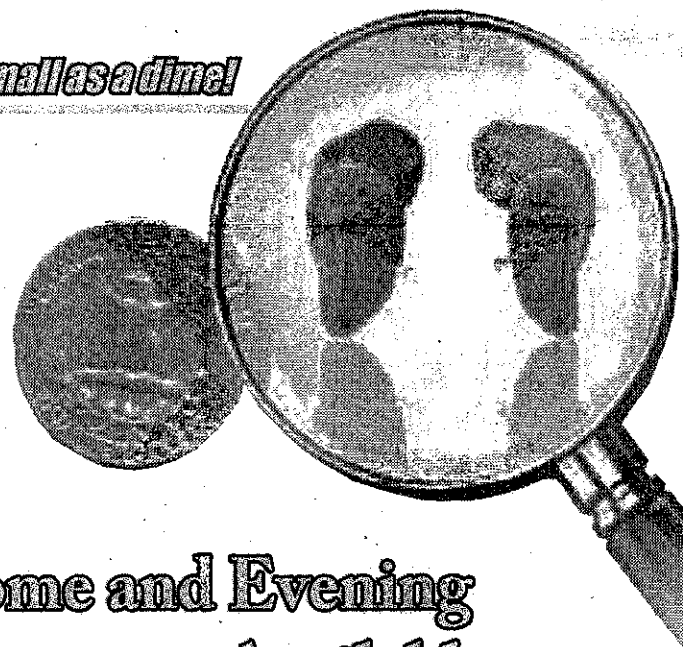
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## OUR VIEWS

### Our picks for school board: Schofield, Finley

On Tuesday, May 6, voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district will go to the polls to elect two members to the Board of Education. If the election is like past years, a small percentage of people will decide who will help determine policies and set objectives for the school district, which includes a large portion of southern Canton Township.

But voters should take more of an interest in the election. Five residents of the district have expressed an interest to serve and each deserves fair consideration. Each candidate brings a different perspective of the district and the issues it faces, and each candidate offers different credentials. But they all have one thing in common — they care about the district and they care about its students.

Of the five candidates, only two will be elected. We believe they should be incumbent board member **Cindy Schofield** and newcomer **Jennifer Finley**.

Schofield has served on the board for eight years and has a firm grasp of the issues and problems facing the district. She is a proven leader and effective member of the board, which is apparent with her selection by her colleagues as the board vice president for six of her eight years. She also is willing to ask the tough questions and speak her mind.

She also is a parent and volunteer and is actively involved in the schools, including serving on the Zebra Parent Advisory Committee at Wayne Memorial High School.

Like Schofield, Finley is a parent who has experience working with educators and administrators on behalf of children. She has a good understanding of the role of the school board in setting policy and running the district and the importance of education, demonstrated by her five-year stint on the policy committee at the Stottlemeyer Early Education Center.

As the mother of several special needs children, she is knowledgeable about the special education process and the importance of maintaining lines of communication between parents and teachers.

Both candidates have what is needed to keep the district moving forward in difficult times. That's why we urge residents to re-elect Cindy Schofield and elect Jennifer Finley to the school board.

No matter who you support, let the candidates know you care by taking the time to vote in the Tuesday, May 6, election.

### Going to college not easy

I am very happy to have been admitted to Michigan State University and excited to begin my studies at MSU in the fall.

The graduating class of 2008 is the largest Michigan has ever seen. Graduating in such large numbers puts stress on the college application process. With such a large percentage of our graduating class competing for admission to a college or university, every student must work as hard as possible throughout their high school years in order to get accepted.

I have actively participated in the Plymouth AM Rotary Interact club for the past four years. It has been a pleasure working with Rotary President Beth Stewart and the AM Rotary in our community. The time and effort Mrs. Stewart has put into advising our club has made this our most successful year.

It has been a great experience and an honor for me to work with former State Rep. John Stewart. Mr. Stewart continues to help our communities by recommending students for admission to colleges. As former Chair of Higher Education Appropriations, I am grateful for the contacts Mr. Stewart has at Michigan colleges and universities.

I was privileged to attend a board of trustees meeting at Michigan State University and to meet President Lou Anna Simon. John Stewart's continued commitment to education has given me the opportunity to reach my initial goal of attending Michigan State University.

**Morgan Franke**  
senior, Plymouth High School  
Canton

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Where are you going for a summer vacation?



"I just got back from Florida."  
Kelly Shaver of Canton



"Orlando."  
Bernard Gladney of Redford



"I'm retired so I'm on a vacation every day."  
Elaine Clair of Canton

### Politicians are owed nothing

This is in response to the editorial published on the opinion page of the *Canton Observer* on April 24, regarding "Committee's reversal on Supervisor's pay is certainly puzzling." It is not just puzzling, it is laced with various forms of fallacies.

Supervisor Tom Yack, among many others elected or appointed ruling authorities in the masses (people) of Canton need to work on their use of Standard English.

First is his flippant declaration of the first decision by the "committee" to be "illogical." If amongst other bases of knowledge, he should be able to clarify his scholarly competence as a logician using truth tables, deductive reasoning, and other intelligent devices to prove truth. Is he qualified

to judge others as senseless, or is the continuance of his governmental incontinence?

Most of the decisions of the trustees make no sense. They seem to "think" they are optimal, and can force any rule into the hearts of all others. No one owes a politician anything unless you ask. I have never met a political meritocracy.

**Charlie Page**  
Canton

### Clean-up help appreciated

The Friends of the I-275 Bike Path would like to thank the following people for their donations to the recent clean up that we had between Michigan Avenue & Van Born Road in Canton:

Kurt Kuban of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* for his story

about it. Mitch Albom and his time to help volunteers. Paul at Vizzy's Pizza in Westland for feeding all of us. Fuzzy Stott and The Home Depot for their help every year.

The following businesses/organizations donated items for raffle prizes: The Livonia YMCA; Dream Dinners of Livonia; American Cycle & Fitness of Walled Lake; Rob Kelley and his students from the massage therapy program at Schoolcraft College; Leslie Briggs at REI; Manager Debbie Stewart of the Holiday Inn Express and her facilities employee John, where the event was held.

Without all of your kind donations and help, this event would not have been at all as successful as it was. Thank you so much!

**Dave Duffield**  
director, League of Michigan  
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Eric Piwowar and Lindsay Jewett.

BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## 'TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED'

That's the advice of two senior soccer players who can teach all prep athletes a lesson in perspective

This is a story of broken bones, shattered dreams, priceless perspective and, ultimately, admirable acceptance.

Both sad and uplifting, it includes invaluable advice that should be heeded by every sports-loving high school athlete who has occasionally dreaded going to practice or taken a game or two for granted.

It is a real-life tale featuring two incredible student-athletes — senior soccer players Lindsay Jewett and Eric Piwowar — who wish like crazy they were merely reading this story and not telling it.

### UNBREAKABLE SPIRIT

Last Monday, late in the Plymouth girls soccer game against Wayne Memorial, Jewett, a senior forward, approached Wildcats coach Jeff Neschich with a modest request: "Put me in coach."

On the surface, Jewett's request seemed reasonable. The Wildcats were dominating 7-0 against an overmatched opponent and she hadn't played one second all season.

There was one catch, though: The bottom half of Jewett's left leg was encased in a hard cast and for the previous seven weeks she had relied on crutches or a wheelchair to get from point A to point B.

"I was egging coach on, telling him I wanted to play goalie," recalled Jewett,

smiling. "Nothing was going on down on our end, so why not? I told him if they did get a shot off, I could just stick my crutches out, you know, left or right, depending on which way the shot was coming in, and block it."

Two months earlier, Jewett had lost something all the money in the world couldn't replace — her entire senior season of soccer — but she clearly hadn't lost her sense of humor.

### GONE IN AN INSTANT

Jewett's life changed in a heartbeat on Feb. 29, just one week before the Wildcats' first official practice.

Playing in an indoor game against Walled Lake Northern at Total Soccer in Wixom, she was involved in a three-player collision while doing something that came naturally to the energetic forward — hustling after a ball.

When the dust had settled, the other two players pushed themselves off the artificial turf unscathed.

Jewett wasn't so lucky. "I knew right away my leg was broken," she said. "The pain was unbearable and I could see how the lower part of my leg was facing the opposite direction than the rest of my body."

Three things immediately raced through Jewett's mind as she lay on the turf while Dan Hughes — a parent of one of her teammates — held her leg together during the close-to-an-hour wait for an ambulance.

"I thought about my senior season of soccer that I was looking forward to so,

Please see **INJURIES, B3**

## Sidelines

### Salem grid camps

The Salem High School football program will be offering a pair of camps this summer — one aimed at youths and the other at women who want to learn more about the finer points of the sport.

The Salem Women's Football Academy, which is set for May 31 at Salem High School, will teach the finer techniques, rules and strategies of American tackle football women only.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's "First Step" program.

The cost is \$50 per adult and \$40 per girls under 13.

Registration begins at 7:59 a.m. and the camp runs through 3 p.m.

The annual Salem Youth Football Instructional Camp will be held Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the PCEP varsity football field.

The registration for participants who pay before July 7 is \$10; the cost is \$20 after July 7.

Participants will receive hands-on instruction in the fundamental strategies and techniques necessary to become a successful football player.

The camp is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents between the ages of 7 and 13, regardless of where they will attend high school.

For more information on the camps, visit [www.football.salemrocks.com](http://www.football.salemrocks.com) or send an e-mail to [psstoo@comcast.net](mailto:psstoo@comcast.net).

### 'Cat grid meeting

There will be an incoming freshmen meeting for the Plymouth High School football program on Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m., in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

All interested Plymouth freshmen players and their parents are encouraged to attend.

## Tidwell's the hero in Chiefs' 8-inning win over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Where there's a Will, there's a way.

And a win — at least that was the scenario for Canton's baseball team Wednesday afternoon against cross-campus rival Salem.

Chief senior Will Tidwell stroked a one-out, bases-loaded, pinch-hit

line-drive single up the middle off Rock reliever Justin Horger to plate Ben Vaughn with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning. Vaughn led off the frame by reaching on a two-base error.

After Dan Stoney was intentionally walked, Horger struck out the next batter, but Alex Dixon delivered a solid single to center to

### PREP BASEBALL

load the bases, setting the stage for Tidwell's heroics.

Tidwell also sparkled on the mound, limiting the Rocks to five hits over eight innings.

Both teams were left with 8-6 records following the down-to-the-wire contest.

Tidwell and Salem starter Dave Hales locked up in a pitcher's duel over the first six innings, before Hales was lifted for a reliever due to his pitch count.

Tidwell yielded just one walk while retiring the final nine batters he faced. The hard-throwing Hillsdale College-bound hurler struck out a trio of Rocks to improve his record to 3-0.

Hales settled down big time after yielding a pair of first-inning runs. Overall, he gave up just five hits while striking out one in six innings.

Salem grabbed a momentary 1-0 advantage in the top of the first on successive two-out singles by Sam Ott, Joe Posler and Dana Lorber.

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

## Salem, Canton battle to 0-0 draw

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday night's annual showdown between the Canton and Salem girls soccer teams had to be moved at the last minute from the PCEP soccer stadium to the varsity turf field a couple hundred yards to the west due to a malfunctioning scoreboard.

As it turned out, the two rivals could have survived without a scoreboard after battling to a 0-0 draw on a perfect, 60-degree mid-spring night.

The game may have been void of goals, but there was plenty of end-to-end action to make up for the scoring drought.

While Salem possessed the ball for most of the first half, the Chiefs

rebounded with a strong second and would have scored one — if not three — goals if not for the heroic play of Salem senior net-minder Kristen Dondzila, who did a good imitation of a human force field in front of the Rocks' net during the final 20 minutes.

After hitting both the cross-bar and a post once in the first half, the Chiefs' best opportunity to score came with 32 seconds left when senior Hannah Mills controlled a free kick five yards in front of the net and launched a shot from the doorstep that Dondzila managed to get both of her hands on.

Canton's Tracy Rymph momentarily controlled the loose ball, but her rebound shot in front barely sailed over the cross-bar to thwart

the scoring opportunity.

"Kristen made at least three game-saving saves on shots that I think everyone in the stadium thought were going in," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "On a couple of those at the end, I don't know how she came up with the ball. She played her heart out and I'm very proud of her."

Canton coach George Tomasso lamented his team's numerous golden scoring opportunities that ultimately came up empty in the second half.

"We were producing quality goal-scoring opportunities, especially in the second half," said Tomasso, whose team will take a 6-4-3 record

Please see **SOCCER, B3**



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Canton's Megan Staub, pictured firing a shot in a game earlier this season, created several decent scoring opportunities for the Chiefs in Friday night's scoreless tie with Salem.

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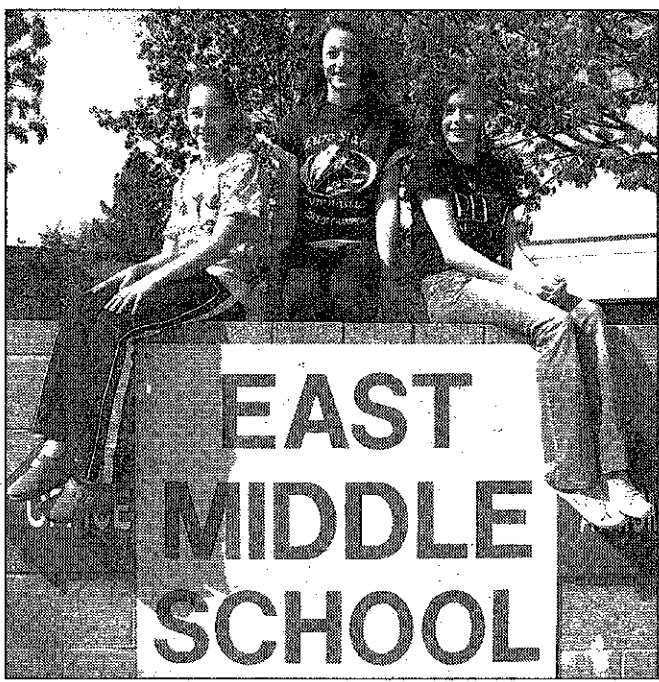
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Three of a kind

Pictured (from left) are East Middle School Level 9 gymnasts Kayla Weber (eighth grade), Anna Genrich (eighth grade) and Kayla Spicher (seventh grade). All three train at different gyms and have qualified for the Level 9 National meet following outstanding efforts at the Level 9 Regional meet in Lansing April 25-27. Weber, who trains at Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy in Farmington Hills, took first place in the Junior C Division All-Around; Genrich, who trains at EuroStars Gymnastics in Plymouth, placed fourth in the All-Around in the Junior C Division; and Spicher, who trains at Splitz Gymnastics in Canton, was sixth All-Around in the Junior B Division.

Wildcats nip WL Central

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The longest game in the history of the Plymouth softball program ended up as one of the most joyful as well.

On Wednesday, the Wildcats nipped host Walled Lake Central, 2-1, in a 14-inning marathon. The previous Plymouth record for longest game was 11 innings, set last season against Livonia Stevenson.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 11-6. Senior right-hander Megan Patterson threw all 14 innings, yielding just five hits.

"Megan got stronger and stronger as the game went on," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She was unstoppable. She had great movement and her experience was really a factor late in the game."

The Wildcats' game-winning rally started with the bases empty and two outs when Amy Bondy reached first on a drag bunt and Stacey Klonowski was safe on an error. Amanda Burnard then ripped a long single

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to the fence that plated Bondy. Gina Giordano, Burnard and Beth Heldmeyer all had two hits for the 'Cats, who totaled 10 altogether.

"Gina got our first hit — a double in the second inning — that was huge because it showed we could hit their pitcher, Christy Hardy. Hardy is probably the best pitcher we've faced this year."

Central scored its only run in the opening frame. Plymouth knotted the contest at 1-all in the sixth when Heldmeyer singled and scored on Jill Brennan's line-drive triple down the right-field line.

The key defensive play for the winners unfolded in the 12th when with the potential winning run on second base, Plymouth third baseman Burnard dove to her left to deflect a line drive headed for left field. Klonowski, playing shortstop, grabbed the deflected ball and fired it to first to get the batter and end the inning.

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TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 4

LIVONIA STEVENSON 4

THURSDAY AT SALEM

**No. 1 singles:** Lindsay Hostetter (LS) defeated Tracy Lytle, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Laura Sims (LS) def. Ali Carpenter, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Paige McNamara (LS) def. Liz McKinley, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Linda Ling (S) def. Carli Marschner, 6-3, 6-1. **No. 1 doubles:** Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Katzy Roberts-Katherine Morse, 7-5, 7-5; **No. 2:** Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Gabriel Sabatini-Laura Gumpfer, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Ashley Benvenuti-Shannon Dwight (LS) def. Emma Vanhoof-Emily Hayter, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2; **No. 4:** Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) def. Danielle Jagodzinski-Simona Enea, 7-5, 6-2.

SALEM 7

W.L. WESTERN 1

WEDNESDAY AT WESTERN

**No. 1 singles:** Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Kelly Doherty, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Ali Carpenter (S) def. Jillian Bean, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Liz McKinley (S) def. Saki Masuda, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Linda Ling (S) def. Sarah Kean, 7-5, 6-0. **No. 1 doubles:** Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo

(S) def. Michele Cha-Erica Osip, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Emily Sklar-Nicole Jackson, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Vidya Sadasivan-Janani Sadasivan (WLW) def. Emma Vanhoof-Emily Hayter, 6-7(3), 4-6; **No. 4:** Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) def. Lauren Slevin-Ursula Kamiski, 6-4, 6-2. **DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Salem, 6-2-1.

PLYMOUTH 4

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4

WEDNESDAY AT FRANKLIN

**No. 1 singles:** Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Lauren Strahm, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Kylie Mackenzie, 7-5, 7-5; **No. 3:** Emma Stack (LF) def. Whitney Askew, 7-6, 6-0; **No. 4:** Chelsea Craig (P) def. Jessica Jagdeo, 6-0, 6-1. **No. 1 doubles:** Ellen Mitchell-Shannon O'Guinn (P) def. Lauren Ostiwala-Jennifer Neautu, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 2:** Michelle Thompson-Angela Tomassini (LF) def. Radhika Patel-Jessica Bracey, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Claire Marchesano-Gina Matar (P) def. Stephanie Belcher-Lauren Pennings, 6-0, 3-6, 6-4; **No. 4:** Mahela Mashraf-Lauren Jeung (P) def. Crystal Henderson-Jennifer Rellinger, 6-4, 6-2.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 78  
PLYMOUTH 59

THURSDAY AT FRANKLIN

**Shot put:** 1. Ashley Price (LF), 36 feet, 5.5 inches; 2. Ryan Buchanan (P), 32-2; 3. Savannah Haig (LF), 30-4.5. **Discus:** 1. Ashley Price (LF), 45-4; 2. Savannah Haig (LF), 43-4; Ryan Buchanan (P), 42-2.

**Long jump:** 1. Kelly Tapella (LF), 15-11; 2. Stephanie Okolo (P), 14-9.5; 3. Jill Morton (P), 14-3.75.

**High jump:** 1. Liz Holloway (LF), 5-0; 2. Emily Quint (LF), 5-0; 3. Sam Culp (LF), 4-8.

**Pole vault:** 1. Meghan Powers (LF), 9-6; 2. Emily Quint (LF), Beah Knisely (P), 8-4.

**3,200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth (Molly Slavens, Ahearn, Etleva Mema, Kelly Hahn), 11:03.54; 2. Franklin, 11:21.97.

**100 hurdles:** 1. Jen Muller (LF), 18.18; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 18.37; 3. Sam Campbell (LF), 18.52.

**100 dash:** 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 12.75; 2. Monica Hardy (LF), 13.35; 3. Molly Hirst (LF), 13.41.

**800 relay:** 1. Franklin, 1:50; 2. Plymouth, 1:59. **1,600 run:** 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:27.58; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:44.82; 3. Mallory Church (LF), 5:57.37.

**400 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Jill Morton, Mandy McManus, Walker, Stephanie Okolo), 52.24; 2. Franklin, 52.41.

**400 dash:** 1. Ashly Butkowski (LF), 1:03.2; 2. Senneca Scott (LF), 1:03.63; 3. Bacha (P), 1:06.02.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Shannon Niznik (LF), 52.78; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 56.69; 3. Senneca Scott (LF), 57.46.

**800 run:** 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:29.41; 2. Mallory Church (LF), 2:33.13; 3. McPherson (LF), 2:33.61.

**200 dash:** 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 26.73; 2. Monica Hardy (LF), 27.76; 3. Walker (P), 27.8.

**3,200 run:** 1. Molly Slavens (P), 12.36.34; 2. Green (P), 13:14.3; 3. Lauren Ahearn (P), 13:16.24.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Bacha, Saati, S. Brown, Hahn); 2. Franklin.

**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Franklin, 4-1 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA Western Division.



Plymouth's Kelly Hahn, pictured above during a meet earlier this season, won the 800-meter dash during Thursday's dual meet against Livonia Franklin. The sophomore is one of the top distance runners in the entire Observerland area.

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 72  
PLYMOUTH 65

THURSDAY AT FRANKLIN

**Shot put:** 1. Sam Richards (P), 45 feet, 8.5 inches; 2. Cory Gomoll (P), 43-3; 3. Nate Coleman (LF), 43-2.5. **Discus:** 1. Janius Woolfork (LF), 115-8; 2. Nate Coleman (LF), 112-6; 3. Pat Choma (P), 111-8.

**Long jump:** 1. Connor McKinney (P), 19-4; 2. Brandon Roberts (P), 19-3.75; 3. Isaac Cadet (LF), 14-3.25. **High jump:** 1. Tony Lawson (LF), 5-8; 2. Kevin Beadle (LF), 5-6; 3. Pawon Dahlwal (P), 5-3.

**Pole vault:** 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 12-6; 2. Nick Fenner (LF), 12-6; 3. Kevin Beadle (LF), 12-0.

**3,200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Nuemann, Derek Lax, Justin Huey); 2. Franklin.

**110-meter high hurdles:** 1. Stuart Gregory (LF), 15.79; 2. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 16.68; 3. Kevin Beadle (LF), 17.40. **100 dash:** 1. Paul Voegelé (LF), 11.20; 2. Connor McKinney (P), 11.20; 3. Darell Myree (LF), 11.37.

**800 relay:** 1. Franklin, 1:34.58; 2. Plymouth, 1:46.22. **1,600 run:** 1. Matt Lewandowski (P), 4:39.62; 2. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 4:44.59; 3. Evan Sirena (LF), 4:50.39.

**400 relay:** 1. Franklin, 43.76; Plymouth, 50.76. **400 dash:** 1. Mike Hanchett (P), 52.75; 2. Tony Lawson (LF), 55.35; 3. Ryan Tarhanich (LF), 57.10.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Stuart Gregory (LF), 42.24; 2. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 43.84; 3. Ken Lomske (P), 44.42.

**800 run:** 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:04.6; 2. Matt Lewandowski (P), 2:08.15; 3. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 2:09.63.

**200 dash:** 1. Connor McKinney (P), 22.81; 2. Darell Myree (LF), 23.52; 3. Mike Hanchett (P), 24.09.

**3,200 run:** 1. Justin Huey (P), 10:17.47; 2. Evan Sirena (LF), 10:24.97; 3. Warren Buzzard (P), 10:30.10.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Ken Lomske, Connor McKinney, Mike Hanchett); 2. Franklin.

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THURSDAY AT WESTERN

**Shot put:** 1. Rob Moores (C), 38 feet, 6 inches; 2. McKenzie (WLW), 36-15; 3. Shafof (WLW), 35-11.5. **Discus:** 1. Calo (WLW), 134-7; 2. Jason Foster (C), 121-4; 3. Shafof (WLW), 111-1.

**Long jump:** 1. Ocie Lewis (C), 21-0; 2. Byars (WLW), 19-8.5; 3. Kaogee (WLW), 19-5.5.

**High jump:** 1. Keith Zech (C), 6-0; 2. Ben Spreitzer (C), 5-8; 3. Kyle Biega (C), 5-6.

**Pole vault:** 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 13-0; 2. Eddie Koelzer (C), 11-0; 3. Coge Hermann (C), 10-6.

**3,200-meter relay:** 1. Canton (Scott Zech, Keith Zech, Paul Rakovitis, Josh Hurst), 8:32.9; 2. Western, 8:40.6.

**110 high hurdles:** 1. Tim Belcher (C), 16.7; 2. Sherif Hassanien (C), 17.9; 3. Ross (WLW), 18.0.

**100 dash:** 1. Doe (WLW), 11.2; 2. Eric Piowar (C), 11.3; 3. Ocie Lewis (C), 11.8.

**800 relay:** 1. Canton (Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassanien, Tim Belcher, Eric Piowar), 1:34.5; 2. Western, 1:36.2.

**1,600 run:** 1. C. Schnable (WLW), 4:37.4; 2. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:44.9; 3. Josh Hurst (C), 4:46.3.

**400 relay:** 1. Canton (Ryan Randall, Ocie Lewis, Adam Somers, Eric Piowar), 45.2; 2. Western, 46.6.

**400 dash:** 1. J. Schnable (WLW), 51.5; 2. Sherif Hassanien (C), 52.3; 3. Davion Slackhouse (C), 52.4.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Tim Belcher (C), 41.1; 2. Kyle Breitmeyer (C), 43.6; 3. Ross (WLW), 44.4.

**800 run:** 1. Keith Zech (C), 2:05.8; 2. Mehringer (WLW), 3. Creadle (WLW).

**200 dash:** 1. Doe (WLW), 23.3; 2. Ryan Randall (C), 24.2; 3. Ocie Lewis (C), 24.6.

**3,200 run:** 1. C. Schnable (WLW), 10:23.3; 2. Kyle Clinton (C), 10:26.1; 3. Valina (WLW), 10:28.9.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Western, 3:37.6; 2. Canton (Josh Elm, Jordan Wisniewski, Kyle Breitmeyer, Tim Belcher), 3:42.7.

**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Canton, 5-2 overall, 3-1 WLAA; Western, 2-2 WLAA.

BOYS TRACK LEADERS

Kyle Biega (Canton) 5-3

POLE VAULT

Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 14-0  
Chris McGinnis (Canton), 13-6  
Ben Ambrose (Plymouth), 13-6  
Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 13-0  
Joe Massel (Canton), 12-0  
Eddie Koelzer (Canton), 11-6  
John Krutty (Salem), 10-6  
Gage Hermann (Canton), 10-6  
Phil Snyder (Garden City), 10-0

100-METER DASH

Eric Piowar (Canton), 11.0  
Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 11.2  
Demetrius Wilson (RU), 11.4  
Rico Tyus (Plymouth), 11.5  
Devaunta Baker (Garden City), 11.5  
Anthony Mullins (Salem), 11.5  
Antoine Mitchell (RU), 11.5  
Ocie Lewis (Canton), 11.6  
Demetrius Wilson (RU), 11.6  
Michael Hines (Thurston), 11.8

200-METER DASH

Eric Piowar (Canton), 23.0  
Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 23.3  
Devaunta Baker (Garden City), 23.5  
Ryan Randall (Canton), 23.6  
Pat Patin (Salem), 23.7  
Malik Rich (Plymouth), 23.11  
Ocie Lewis (Canton), 24.0  
Jeremy Quilloco (Canton), 24.1  
Demetrius Wilson (RU), 24.5  
August Garrett (Canton), 24.6  
Adam Somers (Canton), 24.8

400-METER DASH

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 52.3  
Mike Hanchett (Plymouth), 52.6  
Stephen Telenko (Salem), 52.9  
John Stoddard (Garden City), 53.1  
Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 53.3  
Davion Slackhouse (Canton), 53.4  
Ken Lomski (Plymouth), 53.9  
Chris Jahoda (Canton), 54.0

Kevin Stephens (RU), 54.3

Davon Mullins (Salem), 54.4

800-METER RUN

Kyle Wallath (Plymouth), 2:02.9  
Ron Berger (Garden City), 2:04  
Brian Chambers (Garden City), 2:04  
Keith Zech (Canton), 2:05.8  
Scott Zech (Canton), 2:06.2  
Justin Huey (Plymouth), 2:06.4  
Zack Gaskell (Salem), 2:07.5  
Josh Hurst (Canton), 2:08.5  
Brandon Tolinski (Canton), 2:08.7  
Mike Charara (Salem), 2:09.4  
Paul Rakovitis (Canton), 2:10.5

1,600-METER RUN

Kevi deBear (Salem), 4:33.0  
Derek Hoerman (Canton), 4:36.9  
Josh Hurst (Canton), 4:39.7  
Mike Charara (Salem), 4:40.5  
Matt Devey (Salem), 4:41.7  
Duncan Spitz (Canton), 4:42.2  
Zack Spreitzer (Canton), 4:47.3  
Craig Cowing (Salem), 4:48.8  
Alex Lang (Salem), 4:50.6  
Dan Martin (Salem), 4:53.9

3,200-METER RUN

Kevin deBear (Salem), 9:58.7  
Duncan Spitz (Canton), 10:03.1  
Craig Cowing (Salem), 10:11.2  
Jason Smith (Salem), 10:13.9  
Matt Devey (Salem), 10:18.9  
Kyle Clinton (Canton), 10:20.3  
Zack Spreitzer (Canton), 10:27.1  
Derek Hoerman (Canton), 10:31.0  
Mike Charara (Salem), 10:38.5  
Michael Nordby (Garden City), 10:57

110-METER HIGH HURDLES

Vanier Joseph (Thurston), 14.6  
Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 14.7  
Mike Giles (Salem), 15.5  
Scott O'Connor (Salem), 16.5  
Tim Belcher (Canton), 16.5  
Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 16.8

Quentin Peterson (RU), 17.8

Shawn Calvey (Garden City), 18.0

Jordan Norton (Canton), 18.1

Brandon Pilligan (Plymouth), 18.9

**300-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES**

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 39.9

Tim Belcher (Canton), 40.1

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Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 42.1

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Kyle Breitmeyer (Canton), 43.0

Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 44.0

Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 45.0

MacKenzie Barrett (RU), 45.1

Jordan Norton (Canton), 45.6

**400-METER RELAY**

Plymouth, 43.1

Canton, 44.6

Salem, 45.5

Thurston, 45.7

Redford Union, 46.3

Garden City, 46.9

**800-METER RELAY**

Plymouth, 1:33.5

Canton, 1:33.7

Salem, 1:35.3

Redford Union, 1:36.0

Garden City, 1:39.0

**1,600-METER RELAY**

Plymouth, 3:31.9

Salem, 3:35.2

Canton, 3:35.7

Thurston, 3:42.6

Garden City, 3:49.0

**3,200-METER RELAY**

Canton, 8:18.5

Garden City, 8:29.7

Plymouth, 8:33.5

Salem, 8:53.5

\*Coaches are encouraged to e-mail updates to Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Senior health & fitness

The 15th Annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day will be held Wednesday, May 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Seniors 55 years and older will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of senior health and fitness-related activities, including: a 5-kilometer fitness walk in beautiful Heritage Park; low-impact exercise classes such as Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi and Arthritis Foundation Land Exercise programs; free health screenings for individuals 60 and older; fitness center orientations and much more.

Most of the special events designed to promote healthy and active senior lifestyles are free, but participants are required to register by calling the Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.

Anyone interested in the congregate lunch, which is available for a small fee, must register by noon on May 27.

Participants in the 5K walk and the health screenings must also register at the Senior Center front desk. Seniors can also use the Summit facilities all day for free.

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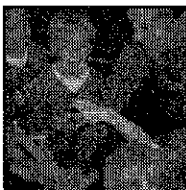
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## INJURIES

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so much, and how I wasn't going to get to play," she said. "I thought about graduation. I thought about the prom..."

"A couple of weeks before I got hurt, my mom and I were talking about how lucky I had been to play sports for 11 or 12 years and never get seriously injured. And then I'm almost through my senior season — a few days from tryouts — and it happened."

### ALWAYS THERE

Displaying amazing loyalty, Jewett hasn't missed a single Plymouth soccer game.

What she does miss are some of the simple things in life human nature convinces most high school athletes to assume will always be there tomorrow.

"I don't know if it can be put into words how much I miss the little things like participating in practices," she said. "Just to be able to touch the ball again would be, well...it's very hard to explain."

When asked if anything good has come out of her misfortune, Jewett offered an inspiring reply.

"A lot, actually," she said, smiling. "My teammates and parents have been there for me for everything. Even the littlest things like climbing stairs are tough, but they've helped me every step of the way."

"When something like this happens, you find out who your true friends are and who will support you through everything."

"And like a wise woman once told me," she concluded, glancing over at her mom, Debbie, "you can take the player out of the game, but you can't take the game out of the player. Soccer will always stay with me. I have a lot of great memories."

### Twist of fate

The two w's in Eric Piowar's last name are pronounced like v's, which is appropriate because the Canton senior is v-ery, v-ery fast.

The speedster was one of the Canton track-and-field team's top sprinters as a *sophomore* and his talent transferred over quite nicely to the soccer field, where his spectacular sideline rushes would cause fans' jaws to drop and defenders' mouths to shout, "Oh, shoot!" — or something close to that — when he'd blow past them with his world-class wheels.

At least two Division 1 colleges — Northwestern University and Oakland University — were contemplating offering Piowar a scholarship. Several DII and DIII colleges also expressed interest in the player. Canton coach George Tomasso once said was faster with the ball than without it (and he was mighty fast without it).

However, in a cruel twist of fate, Piowar's feet proved to be too fast for his own good during an indoor scrimmage game at Michigan State University last winter.

"I was playing a practice game with my club team, the Wolves," he reflected. "I was going in one direction real fast when the ball changed directions. I cut too hard and my foot collapsed."

Piowar had broken the fifth metatarsal (the pinkie toe) in his foot, forcing him to miss his entire club soccer season.

"As far as the college-recruitment process goes, that was the most important time for me because that's when a lot of the colleges offer scholarships — in the spring of the players' junior season."

"I was devastated. It felt like the end of the world, but my parents (Allan and Gail) helped me get through it. They could feel my misery and they helped me get over it and helped me realize it wasn't the end of the world."

### Short-lived comeback

Thanks to a combination of hard work and patience, Piowar recovered enough to renew his high school soccer career the following fall.

At least temporarily.

"I was feeling pretty good," he said. "My foot ached and pained a little, but I could still play. "Then in the first game of the season, my foot got stepped on and the bone broke again. The doctor told me it hadn't healed all the way from the first time I had injured it."

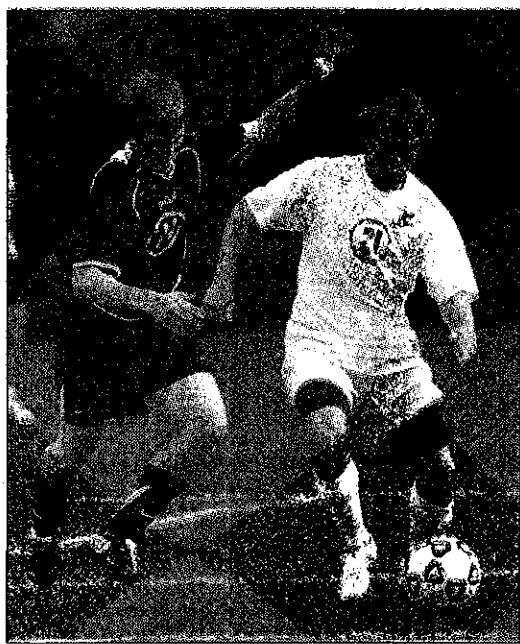
With his senior season of soccer wiped out, Piowar refused to be swallowed alive by despair.

"The first time I got hurt back in February, I sulked a lot," he admitted. "But when I got hurt during the high school season, I decided to stay positive and try to help the team as much as I



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Lindsay Jewett (left) is pictured battling for a loose ball with Canton's Sarah Thomas during her junior season on the Plymouth soccer team. She will miss her entire senior season after suffering a broken leg one week before the 2008 season officially started.



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Eric Piowar (right) attempts to outmaneuver Plymouth's Travis Norris during a 2006 game. Piowar missed all but the first game of the 2007 season with a broken toe.

could."

According to Tomasso, Piowar helped coach the Chiefs' freshmen team.

More importantly, he offered words of encouragement to his varsity teammates that no professional motivational speaker could have matched.

"It's special people like Eric that create special players," said Tomasso. "Whenever the rest of the team was down, he'd lift them up by saying, 'You think you have it bad? Look at me.'"

GOOD NEWS...FINALLY!

Earlier this year, with his foot feeling better than it had felt in a long time, Piowar laced up his track shoes and lined up for an indoor race at MSU.

"I was pretty nervous, because I didn't know what was going to happen," he said. "Honestly, I didn't know if I was still fast or not."

"But after the starting gun sounded, it was like everything came back to be. Running was like second nature to me."

Piowar placed sixth out of 60 runners in the 100-meter dash.

But considering everything he'd been through, he wouldn't have felt any better if he had won the thing.

Since then, Piowar has not only rejoined the Chiefs' track team, he's a pivotal member of it, having already hit a blazing 11 seconds flat in the 100 meters.

While Piowar will never get his senior season of soccer back, the lessons he learned through his ordeal may prove to be more beneficial to him if adversity rears its ugly head later in his life.

He's stared down the worst life has to offer and — like Jewett — has come out of it smiling.

If there's a moral to this story, it is this: Attack every practice and savor every second of every game like it's your last one.

Because as Eric and Lindsay can most assuredly tell you, it just may be.

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## Mustangs' 'D' puts clamps on Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Trying to score on Northville's girls soccer team this season has been about as excruciatingly painful as filling up the gas tank in an SUV.

As a result, the Mustangs are sitting in the driver's seat of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

Canton found out the hard way how tough Northville's 'D' is Wednesday night when the Mustangs recorded their 10th shutout in 12 games in a 1-0 triumph over the hard-charging Chiefs.

The two teams played to a scoreless tie just two weeks earlier.

The victory lifted No. 1-ranked Northville to 10-0-2 overall and 5-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western division, one game ahead of the second-place Chiefs.

The lone goal was scored in the first half by Samantha Mustonen, who was assisted by Kathleen Keiffer.

Sophomore Elana Ryznar notched the shutout thanks to a spectacular diving save mid-way through the second half.

"Elana rotates with another sophomore, Katherine Jansen," said Northville coach Ron Meteyer. "She's an ODP goal-tender who has a lot of size and athleticism."

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3, SALEM 0:** On Wednesday at Churchill, the Chargers scored three second-half goals to post the key WLAA Lakes Division victory.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 3-3 in the Division, two games behind Churchill.

"I thought we played very well in the first half," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We were organized and made some nice plays. Kristina Khusek and Ariel Dews both had a few chances, but their shots didn't find the back of the net."

Nora praised the play of senior net-minder Kristen Dondzila, who made three scintillating first-half saves to keep the game scoreless.

"In the second half, Churchill really came at us," Nora said. "There were a few occasions where we found ourselves out of position or a little unorganized and they took advantage."

"Lindsay Roy almost broke the shutout with a great free kick from about 30 yards out, but their keeper (Stephanie Turner) made a nice diving save at the near post to keep it out."

## SOCCER

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into Monday's cross-campus rivalry contest against Plymouth. "I don't know if it's bad luck, or bad bounces, or what it is — we're just not finding the back of the net."

"I do know what we're going to need to work on in practice if we're going to succeed in the future. Overall, this was a great rivalry game like it always is with Salem."

The most dazzling save of the second half game with 12:10 left when Dondzila went horizontal to knocked away a bullet off the foot of Lisa Pierce.

"I was very happy with the way the girls played tonight," said Nora, whose team stands at 4-3-3. "We played a great first half against Churchill the other night, but we got disorganized in the second half, which you can't do against a good team like Churchill."

"Our goal tonight was to play an entire game. I thought we possessed the ball about 65 percent of the time in the first half. I don't know what George said to his team at halftime, but they came out in the second half and really stepped up their game."

Salem, which played without Katie Shull and Lauren Booth, was bolstered by strong defensive play from Lindsey Roy, Sara O'Leary and Maggie Huls.

Offensively, freshman forward Kristina Khusek provided a spark.



ED HENGESH

Plymouth's Kelly Dobbs (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored a pair of goals in the Wildcats' 8-0 triumph over Livonia Franklin Wednesday night.

**PLYMOUTH 8, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0:** On Wednesday at Franklin, the Wildcats posted their second consecutive victory to improve their record to 3-5-2 overall and 2-3 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Kelly Dobbs and Megan Quinlan both registered a pair of goals for the winners while Katie Moss, Emilie Guglielmo, Carlee Barackman and McKenzie Hengesh tallied single goals for the winners.

Freshman net-minder Marissa Williams recorded her second consecutive shutout.

The Wildcats led 4-0 at the half.

**PCA 2, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 0:** On Wednesday at Plymouth Christian, the Eagles improved to 9-2 overall and 4-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division with an impressive two-goal win over Oakland.

Jalese Debiase and Megan Polera scored the winners' goals, both of which were assisted by Brooke Williams. The Eagles return to action Tuesday at Ann Arbor Greenhills.



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Salem's Ariel Dews (left), pictured in a game earlier this season, played a key role in the Rocks' 0-0 draw with Canton Friday night.

Bre Bellovary notched the shutout between the pipes for the Chiefs. Offensively, Canton was led by Pierce, Jessikah McClendon, Megan Stauh, Rymph and Laura Daniels.

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## Canton boys victorious on 'Senior Night'

The Canton boys lacrosse team's inaugural "Senior Night" couldn't have gone much better Thursday night as the Chiefs pulled out a 7-3 victory over visiting Walled Lake Central in a game played at the PCEP junior varsity stadium.

Trevor Moore and Joey Underwood both notched a pair of goals while Scott Wisniewski, Jordan Emery and Brett Phillips netted one a

piece.

The victory improved Canton's record to 7-3 heading into Friday night's home game against Saline.

**BRIGHTON 16, PCS LADY WARRIORS:** On Thursday at Brighton, the Bulldogs broke a second-place league tie with the Lady Warriors with a convincing victory.

"Kudos to Brighton's speed, athleticism and stick skills,"

said PCS coach Dave Medley. "Their years of playing lacrosse, the depth of their program and overall talent were far superior to us on this evening."

"This was probably one of their better games of the season, and I'd have to say we are a better team than what we showed in this game."

PCS's goals came from the sticks of juniors Chelsea Olson and Nicol Rottell.

### GOLF RESULTS

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 158, SALEM 161**

**MAY 1 AT WHISPERING WILLOWS**

**CHURCHILL SCORERS:** Josh Proben, 38 (medalist); Kevin Robinson, 39; Adam Yarbber, 40; Matt Charney, 41; Thomas Wagner and Dan Bostick, 43 each.

**SALEM SCORERS:** Adam Powers, 39; Aaron Thompson, 40; Tyler Jeleniewski and Joel Cheesman, 41 each; Matt Smidebush, 47; Eddie Mazurkiewicz, 49.

**DUAL MEET RECORDS:** Churchill, 4-3 overall, 4-3 WLAA; Salem, 2-4 overall, 2-4 WLAA.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 160, CANTON 163**

**APRIL 26 AT DAY POINTE COUNTRY CLUB**

**WESTERN'S SCORES:** Brad Stone, 37 (medalist); Sean Armstrong, 39; Hrijun Mahajan, 41; Blake Hunter, 43; Justin Zabkiewicz, 44; Dave Learner, 47.

**CANTON'S SCORES:** Clark Albers, 39; Aaron Blase, 41; Jeremy Lindbauer, 47; Andrew Rickman, 42; Zach Conrad, 42; Brendan Muir, 45.

**DUAL MEET RECORDS:** Canton, 3-1; Western, 3-3.

**WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 152, SALEM 155**

**WEDNESDAY AT ST. JOHN'S GOLF COURSE**

**CENTRAL'S SCORERS:** Chris Dodge, 37; Joe Storrs, 37; Shawn Cobo, 39; Brett Abraham, 39; Armin Vanczarski, 42; Ian Subimol, 43.

**SALEM'S SCORERS:** Tyler Jeleniewski, 36;

Joel Cheesman, 39; Aaron Thompson, 40; Adam Powers, 40; Eddie Mazurkiewicz, 40; Alex Murray, 41.

**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Salem, 2-3; Central, 2-3.

**PLYMOUTH 155, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 156**

**APRIL 29 AT FOX HILLS (WOODLANDS)**

**PLYMOUTH SCORERS:** Kyle Sanders, 37 (co-medalist); Kyle Eisiminger, 38; Andrew Overmeyer, 39; James Bryans, 41; Trevor Birdwell, 42; Ryan Bauer, 45.

**CHURCHILL SCORERS:** Dan Bostick, 37 (co-medalist); Josh Proben, 38; Erik Newman, 40; Adam Yarbber and Kevin Robinson, 41 each; Ryan Cioch, 51.

**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Plymouth, 3-2 overall, 3-2 WLAA; Churchill, 3-3 overall, 3-3 WLAA.

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# Fibromyalgia



## Event raises awareness about disorder

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OAE STAFF WRITER

**S**haron Ostalecki admits she was a Type A personality until her seven-mile a day runs were cut short by undiagnosed muscle pain and fatigue.

Twenty years ago, medical professionals wouldn't even acknowledge fibromyalgia existed. Ostalecki went from doctor to doctor who seemed to all come to the conclusion it was all in her head. Finally she found a physician who was willing to work with her to relieve the symptoms.

Ostalecki, a nutrition counselor, was so relieved to regain energy and resolve sleep problems she wanted to share the information so H.O.P.E., the educational support group for Helping Our Pain and Exhaustion, was born. The nonprofit organization regularly hosts Tuesday evening lectures at the Farmington Hills Public Library to update patients on the latest information about the disorder that affects more women than men.

"You need to find what helps you," said Ostalecki. "There's no standard protocol. Exercise is important. Everyone has to figure it out for yourself."

### DECADES OF RESEARCH

Ostalecki's decades of research on the disorder led to the book, *Fibromyalgia: The Complete Guide from Medical Experts and Patients* published by Jones and Barlett, and presentations by medical experts in

conjunction with Fibromyalgia Awareness Day. The event takes place May 13 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills.

Dr. Dennis Dobritt leads off the evening talking about diagnosis and treatment. Dobritt is director of Tri-County Pain Consultants in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Royal Oak. Those in attendance will be able to speak as well with Dr. Joseph Meerschaeft, a retired physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specialized in fibromyalgia and chronic pain; Peter Ianni, a pain psychologist in private practice in Farmington Hills; dentist Ghabi Kaspo, TMJ and Orofacial Pain Management, Troy, and physical therapist Loren DeViney of West Bloomfield.

"Fibromyalgia is starting to be recognized in the community. As an advocate and support group we try to raise awareness," said Ostalecki. "The event is open to the general public. We hope to answer questions and help people to see fibromyalgia is real. There's still misunderstanding. Even with awareness increasing we run into a medical establishment that knows little about fibromyalgia. We hope patients take some of this awareness back to their doctors. We want people to recognize it is a valid medical issue."

Dr. Safwan Badr wrote about different sleep disorders in Ostalecki's book.

"Seventy percent of those with fibromyalgia don't go into the deep stages of sleep where the body repairs itself," said

### FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

**What:** Speakers on diagnosing, treating and understanding the disorder, yoga demonstration, chair massage available

**When:** 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13

**Where:** Courtyard by Marriott, 31525 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Cost:** \$10. Pre-registration encouraged. Call (248) 344-0896 or send e-mail to smo23915@aol.com.

Ostalecki. "Sleep is the No. 1 thing that needs to be corrected and can cause cognitive issues, fibrofog (impaired brain function), the not sleeping problem, not being alert."

Badr speaks about Understanding Sleep at 8 p.m. The West Bloomfield resident is chief of the pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine division, Harper Hospital, and professor of medicine and associate chairman, department of internal medicine, Wayne State University. He usually only sees fibromyalgia patients referred for another disorder like sleep apnea on which he does research.

"Because the sleep symptoms are nonspecific: fatigue, sleepiness, most of the time it is kind of ignored," said Badr. "Patients work around it or ignore it."

"I'll be describing all the physiology of sleep in the sense of how much sleep we need. Sleep deprivation has significant adverse consequences on health, a big effect on job performance, alertness, motor vehicle accidents. It contributed to a good number

of highly famous spectacular industrial accidents like Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, Exxon Valdez.

"People with fibromyalgia have poor quality sleep. Patients know exactly what it means, patients who wake up tired, fatigued, just don't feel themselves."

### TREATMENT PLAN

Badr's job is to unlock the cause and come up with a treatment.

"We don't have a comprehensive treatment for fibromyalgia," said Badr. "We try to look at what else is going on, is there snoring, sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome? There are all kind of things we look at and review the medication patients are on so we make sure there's no effect on sleep. Insomnia has to be added to sleep complaints of patients."

In the beginning Ostalecki was able to rest with medication but then began doing yoga and meditation. She rarely takes prescription sleep medication anymore since starting a routine consisting of yoga at night, aerobics in the morning. Ostalecki is currently co-authoring a book to answer 100 questions about fibromyalgia with Dr. Martin Tamler.

"Nutrition is really important," said Ostalecki. "Fibromyalgia patients need to stay away from refined carbohydrates. The problem is the sugars. It's comforting but the protein levels go down. They need beans, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and then protein."

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### MAY

#### MS Walk

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#### Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room/board. For information/application, visit [www.epilepsymichigan.org](http://www.epilepsymichigan.org), call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231, or send e-mail to [sdaroch@epilepsymichigan.org](mailto:sdaroch@epilepsymichigan.org).

#### CHADD meeting

Sari Solder, award winning author, will be speaking on Women and ADD (Attention-Deficit Disorder) 10 years later at the Monday, May 5 meeting

at Way Elementary School, 765 W. Long Lk. Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. Free for members and their families, \$5 donation for non-member families. Call (248) 988-6716 or visit [www.chadd.net/527](http://www.chadd.net/527).

#### Divorce support group

Group discussion; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

#### Thyroid workshop

Your Thyroid Does All That? Yes, & More! Find Out What You Need To Know To Stay Healthy, a seminar 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, with Dr. William Karl, D.C., on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington Rd. Visit [www.KarlHolisticHealthCare.com](http://www.KarlHolisticHealthCare.com) for more information. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

#### Fibromyalgia awareness day

Meeting 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

#### Fibromyalgia lectures

Speakers on diagnosing, treating and understanding the disorder, yoga demonstration, chair massages 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Courtyard by Marriott, 31525 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost \$10. Pre-registration encouraged. Call (248) 344-0896 or send e-mail to [smo23915@aol.com](mailto:smo23915@aol.com). Presented by H.O.P.E. educational support group.

#### Skin cancer screening

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#### Asthma walk

American Lung Association of Michigan Asthma Walk will be held 9 a.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m.) Saturday, May 17, at the Detroit International Riverfront. The walk will raise funds for lung health education, advocacy, asthma treatments and research. Registration is free. Families, children, individuals, and teams are welcome to participate. For details and to register, visit [www.AsthmaWalk.org](http://www.AsthmaWalk.org) or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

#### Hearing loss event

Day at the State Capitol in Lansing Wednesday, May 21, chartered bus leaves Tel/Twelve Mall (cost \$30), participants meet with their state representative and senator, and attend a session of the Senate and House, hearing access provided the entire event. For a registration form, call (586) 247-4053 or send e-mail to [ngibben@rhhs.org](mailto:ngibben@rhhs.org). A bus registration form may be obtained from the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 4808, Troy, MI 48099.

#### Race for the cure

17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® presented by Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute - 5K Run/Walk and One-Mile Walk 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Comerica Park, in Detroit. In 2007, more than \$1.1 million raised from the race supported local breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs. In addition, nearly \$350,000 was contributed to the national organization for breast cancer research, educational, scientific and outreach programs. Organizations can get involved through sponsorship opportunities or by hosting a team. For information on sponsoring the race, call (248) 351-1862. Online team registration runs to May 13, individual registration through May 29, at [www.karmanos.org/racefortheuredetroit](http://www.karmanos.org/racefortheuredetroit). Cost is \$12-\$40 and varies by age, the time you register and online versus on-site registration. On-site registration will be available at May 30 Expo or on Race day beginning at 7 a.m. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® Expo will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 30, at the Max M.

Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. The free event offers entertainment, merchandise, pink ribbons to honor loved ones and other special surprises. Visit [www.karmanos.org](http://www.karmanos.org) or call (800) KARMANOS.

#### Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to [marthapaul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthapaul@sbcglobal.net). The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit [www.recovery-inc.org](http://www.recovery-inc.org). No charge, contributions collected.

## Eat your veggies for better health

Gary from Sterling Heights e-mails asking what he could add to his diet to help keep him healthy?

Gary, that is a great question! The answer is to add lots of color, in the form of fruits and vegetables. New research has shown the more colorful your diet, the more antioxidants you get, which are key to

Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

youthful skin, healthy bones, sharp memory and fighting and preventing disease. Each color has a different class of nutrients.

Yellow and orange fruits and vegetables such as

carrots and melon can reduce the risk of cancer. Green, such as spinach and broccoli can keep your vision sharp and clear.

Blue and purple, in your blueberries and blackberries can prevent tumors from forming and suppress their growth.

Red in tomatoes and watermelon can protect against cancer and heart disease. Finally, white, such as cauliflower can help fight off stomach and colon cancer. For the best benefit, mix and match these foods.

Ted from Detroit e-mails asking how important is it for him to lose weight?

Ted, it is critical to slim down and stay healthy. It could save your life.

The World Cancer Research Fund found a new link

between body fat and cancer. It found convincing evidence to link six types of cancer to body fat, five more than in its previous report 10 years ago. Among the new types of cancer are colorectal and breast cancer. Researchers believe processed meats, red meat and alcohol are the big causes for the increased risk.

They now recommend what I have been saying for a long time. Thirty minutes of exercise daily! Eat fruits and vegetables, lean meats and drink plenty of water.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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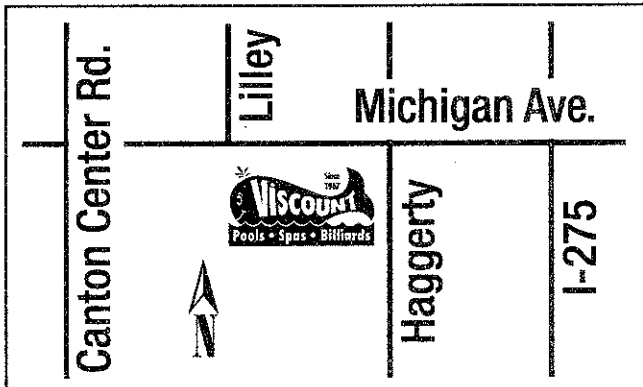
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## Psychotherapy important for people with developmental disabilities

People with developmental disabilities include those with Down's syndrome, autism, congenital mental retardation, learning disabilities and brain damage not acquired by trauma and the cause of which is often unknown.

One thing that all of these subgroups have in common is the presence of mental disabilities from birth onward.

I recently read an article in *The Annals of The American Psychotherapy Association* (Winter 2006 Edition) which runs a quarterly "Ask the Experts" section. In this volume, the question posed was: "Do you think that individuals with developmental disabilities have a need for psychotherapy? Why or why not?"

It surprised me that the question was being asked since I have been working with people considered developmentally disabled for three decades. I have found that mental/emotional treatment, in addition to other forms of interventions, have been beneficial to the functioning of these people. I thought the experts would answer, "Of course it is helpful," and leave it at that. But instead, they went on to describe several areas of important benefits.

The article pointed out how such interventions can provide hope, empathy and direction. It stated that many issues arise from the inability of patients with developmental disabilities to understand how to change. It was noted that helping the individual to understand that they are more than their disability is very helpful.

The article went on to note that it can be most helpful for the individual to realize that he or she is more than a disability. He or she is a son or daughter, brother or sister, uncle or aunt, friend, etc.

Another issue of importance, which I have encountered in my work, is the experience of loss. Caretakers or staff who work with the developmentally disabled, particularly those who live in a group home, often move out of the individual's life due to a high employee turnover rate.

The authors point out that there is also the issue of the individual wanting the same lifestyle as other citizens in terms of a job, intimate relationships and creating a family, etc.

The developmentally disabled population has a rate of co-existing psychiatric disorders two or three times that of the general population. Mood disorders including depression, phobias, and even psychosis are often seen. Interventions can lead to happier and more productive lives.

We need to remember they go through the life cycle just as we do. They love, laugh, cry, wish and hope. Often, they need and can benefit from the personal connection which a good therapeutic relationship can accomplish.

In my experience, I see their needs for empathy, for being listened to, and for being understood. I have seen that the relationship between this type of patient and therapist can have a predictable calming effect.

Some of these people are the happiest which I have met. Their naiveté about how the world, beyond their immediate circle, can shield them from the "calamities of living" that the rest of us are aware of and often have trouble dealing with. Still, many cognitively impaired individuals are unhappy and need acceptance, direction, guidance and advocacy. They can benefit from having a confidant who is willing to accept them as they are and help them to express their feelings to family members, case managers and peers in their lives.

The role of the therapist in the lives of these people can also extend beyond the privacy, afforded them, of the therapy room — something which the developmentally disabled person has never experienced.

Another way to be helpful is through the formation of small groups of these challenged people in order to promote their socialization, self awareness and friendship among themselves. In my current work, I am forming a singing group made up of individuals with such disabilities as Down's syndrome, mental retardation, autism, etc.

In my work with individuals who have sustained traumatic brain injuries, choir therapy has proven itself over the past decade to be of great benefit to these individuals. They raise community awareness about their special needs and they encourage others to volunteer and get involved.

The new singing group will be forming from the population of the Macomb Oakland Regional Center which services approximately 4,700 developmentally disabled people. Adult and youth choirs are now being formed. Of course, good singing skills are not necessary and our product will not be one of a musical masterpiece, but will be "therapeutic" for all involved.

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association. He has credentials in mental health, substance abuse, brain injury and social work. His column "Our Mental Health" has been running continuously for six years in the Observer & Eccentric and other publications. He is co-founder of The Therapy Choirs of Michigan, see www.therapychoirs.org. He can be reached at (248) 476-9329.



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Senior and Cadet Scouts Cayden Samuels, Danielle Findsen, Stephanie Heller, Alyssa Heller, Kelsey Heller, and Annie Bergman of Troop 900 in Canton work on a team building exercise in Kellogg Park.

## Good times for a good cause

BY BRAD KADRIC  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three Plymouth parks were turned into bastions of community service last weekend when hundreds of Scouts from several different Girl Scout troops in the Huron Valley Council decided "Stepping Out for a New Beginning" was the right thing to do.

The Scouts divided their time and energy between Kellogg Park, Jaycee Park and Lions Park to benefit a variety of organizations, such as the Michigan Humane Society and veterans hospitals, and



Laurel DeMarois of Troop 1599 explains cats during a presentation at "Stepping Out for a New Beginning."

The four-hour event drew hundreds of scouts and even more visitors. It also helped the girls accomplish an even higher purpose: Community service.

"The could be working on a badge, or they might need community service time," said volunteer Debbie Linford. "This is the perfect place to do that."

The idea was to collect "wish list" items for the two domes-

tic violence shelters, and to attract visitors nine troops spread out over the three parks. The troops in Kellogg Park sponsored events such as sack- and three-legged races, ring toss games, balloon animals and Webkins. Troops in Lions Park played international games and made cards for veterans hospitals and overseas military units. In Jaycee Park, there was an obstacle course, a recycle bean-bag toss and an "Animal Rescue Relay."

Girls from Troop 1599 ran a booth to benefit the Michigan Humane Society, where they led a Doggie Dash game teaching about animal care, they also taught mini-presentations on animal care and animal safety and they gave out information for the MHS and the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Before the Kellogg Park event, the troop had already contributed a number of items to help the animals, including doing a blanket drive, making over 200 "pupsicles," building some 30 kitty forts, and providing lots of supplies, such as food.

"They did a huge amount of work to earn their Bronze Award by making crafts for the animals and by collecting and donating a large amount of items to MHS," said Kim Korona, MHS's Community Humane Initiatives educator.

Troop 1225 from Smith Elementary has also been



Scouts from Girl Scout Troop 1599 explain pet care to a crowd at their Jaycee Park booth.

working with the Michigan Humane Society, and their booth focused on that project.

Troop leader Julie Wickman of Plymouth said the troop focused on the Michigan Humane Society as a means of working on their "Pet Care" badge.

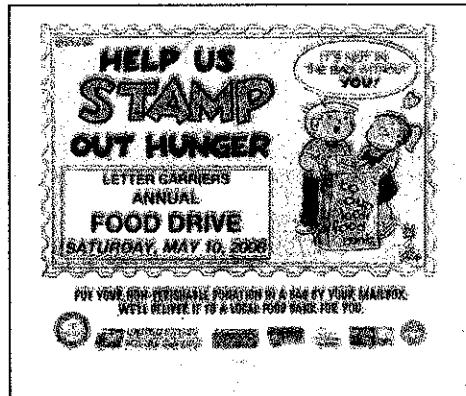
"It's part of making sure we take care of the animals in our environment," Wickman said.

Girl Scout Richa Patel, 10, of Canton said the girls hoped to convince people to use the Michigan Humane Society, rather than retail pet outlets, to obtain pets.

"The Humane Society is a better place to get a pet," Richa said. "It gives the animal a home."

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## Salvation Army, post office partner for food drive



The "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 10.

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, in partnership with the National Association of Letter Carriers, is set to participate in the 16th-annual campaign to "Stamp Out Hunger," collecting nonperishable food items Saturday, May 10.

"Our carriers take great pride in knowing that this is the largest one-day food drive in the nation," said Dan Marek, a letter carrier coordinating the drive in Plymouth.

Residents throughout the Plymouth and Canton communities are encouraged to place food items in a bag by their mailboxes, allowing neighborhood letter carriers to collect the donations. The donated items will be brought to the Salvation Army in Plymouth, where volunteers will process the food for distribution to families

in northern Wayne County.

"The demand for food is high and donations tend to lessen after the winter holidays," said Captain Jim Irvine, commander of the Plymouth Salvation Army. "Summer is a critical time when school breakfast and lunch programs are suspended. This drive will help us to stock our food pantry through the summer and fall so we can help those in need."

The food drive is a part of The Salvation Army's "Doing the Most Good" week, which is being celebrated May 11-17, 2007, and is designed to call attention to individuals and groups, who through their actions and dona-

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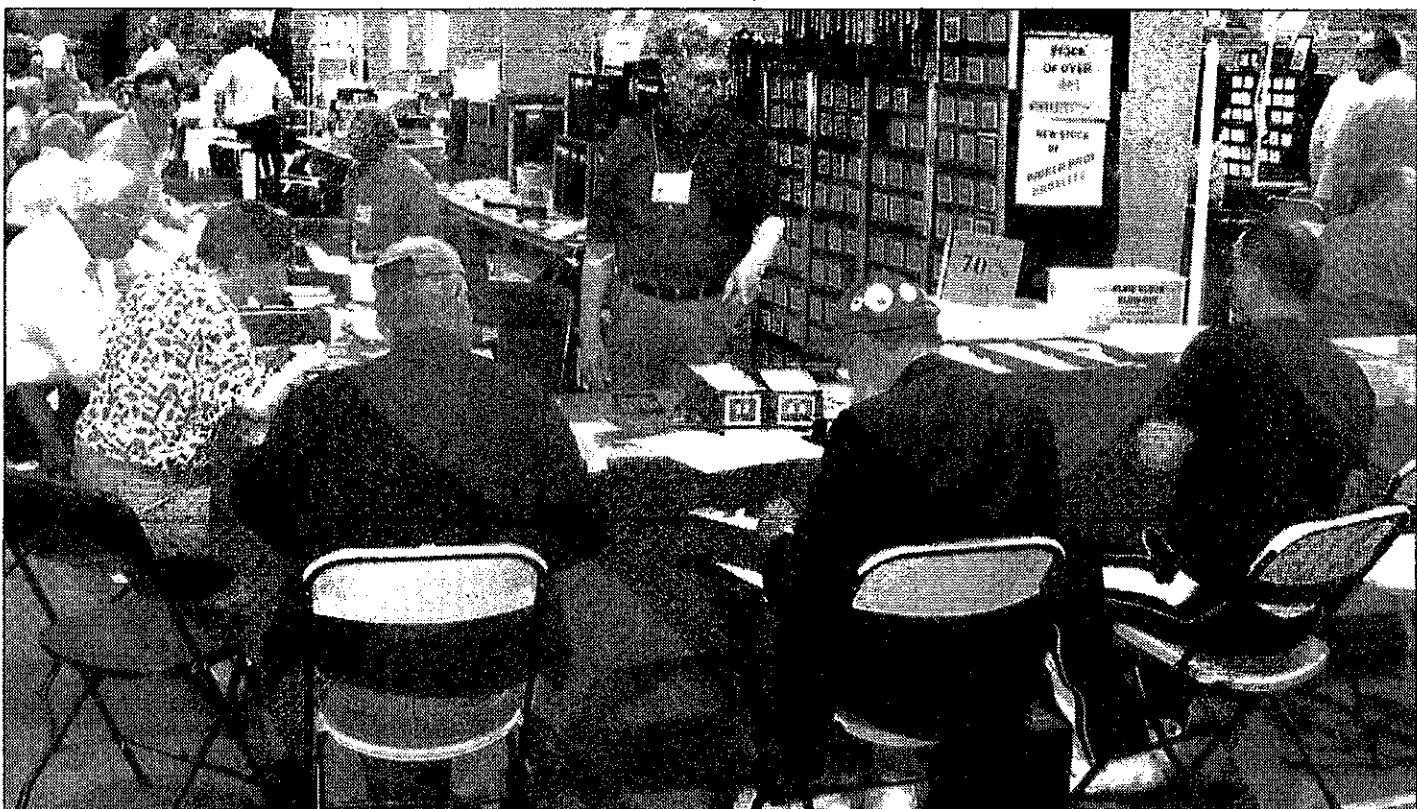
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**Gilda's Gala**  
The Chrysler Foundation sponsors Gilda's Gala 2008, a 10th-anniversary fund-raiser for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, a nonprofit organization that provides emotional and social support to anyone impacted by cancer. Fox 2 Health Reporter Lila Lazarus will serve as emcee of this special event on May 15, 2008 at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy, 48064. Tickets are \$150 for the general public and \$100 for members. Price includes dinner, a martini luge, silent and live auctions and entertainment and dancing featuring Detroit's own Dr. Pocket. For reservations, call (248) 577-0800.

**Saturday Night Laughter**  
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will hold a charity benefit 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights. Entitled "Saturday Night Laughter," the benefit will feature comedian Mrs. Hughes (<http://www.mrs.hughes.com>), musician Rennie Kaufmann (<http://www.renniekaufmann.com>), a silent auction and dancing. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance, \$40 at the door. Admission includes hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks. The COCC is also accepting donations of money and items for the silent auction. All proceeds will go to International Orthodox Christian Charities, the official international humanitarian organization of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (<http://www.ioccc.org>). To order tickets, donate money or auction items, or obtain further information, contact COCC President Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or [paschabooks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paschabooks@sbcglobal.net).

**Learn to gain inner peace**  
University of Detroit Mercy professor Mike Whitty will lead a talk and workshop to empower people to gain more inner peace at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Unit of Livonia, on Five Mile Road. He'll be the guest speaker at the Citizens for Peace regular monthly meeting. All meetings are open to the public. A builder of regional, community, and human unity, Whitty offers free talks on peace, spirituality, economics, politics, ecology and business. He is the National Chancellor of the International Association of Educators for World Peace, and a member of Peace Action of Michigan and the Gray Panthers. Donations are accepted by the Citizens for Peace for use of the church facilities. For additional information, contact Colleen Mills, 7340-425-0079.

**Suicide Loss Support Group**  
New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight



DAVID L. MALHALAB

## Stamp enthusiasm

Stamps, postcards, first-day covers, supplies, all that is philatelic and much more were on display at Central Middle School in Plymouth Saturday at the 39th annual Plymouth show. The show, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club and the USPS Plymouth post office, featured 39 stamp dealers from around the Midwest, who brought thousands of postal items and collectibles to this yearly show.

Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115 and visit at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

### Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site [www.gardeners-northville-novi.org](http://www.gardeners-northville-novi.org).

### Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

### Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

### Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people

with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

### Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

### Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

### 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 the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

### Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.

### CLUBS

#### Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

### Mosaic Mothers

MOSAIC Mothers' Group meets on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month through May 6. Speakers, food, discussion time, social activities. Childcare provided. Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, (734) 453-5534.

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### Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at [cantonnewcomers.org](http://cantonnewcomers.org) or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

### Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site ([www.pckiwaniis.org](http://www.pckiwaniis.org)).

### Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or [robertplusjanet@aol.com](mailto:robertplusjanet@aol.com).

### Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

### MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn to kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

### Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, 734-453-5534

### Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthie at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

### DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

### American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post #112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

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# Today's funeral traditions set during Lincoln's time

BY REBECCA JONES  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One million people viewed Abraham Lincoln's corpse during a 20-day funeral procession from Washington, D.C., to his burial site in Springfield, Ill.

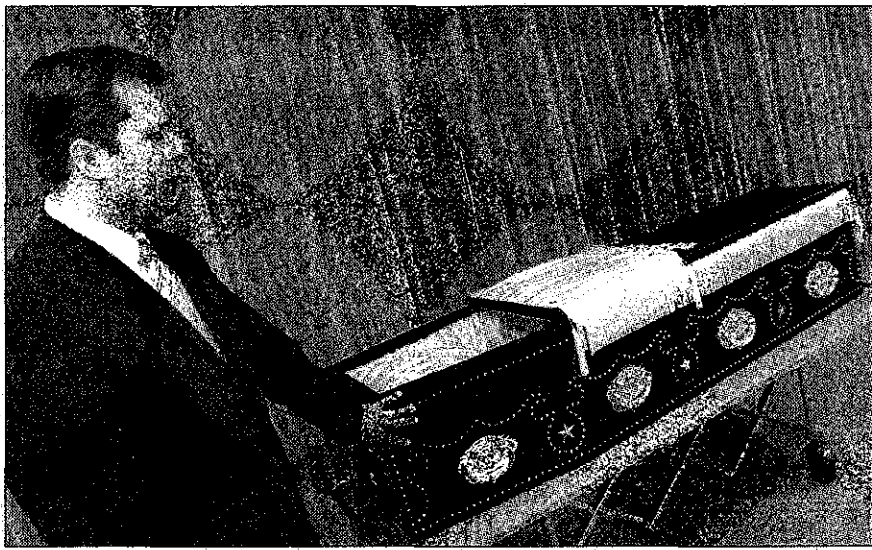
Without embalming, that wouldn't have been possible.

Lincoln was the first U.S. president to be embalmed, a practice that began during the Civil War so fallen soldiers could be transported home for burial, explained Jeff Bell, a funeral director from Plymouth's Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, who gave a talk on the history of funerals at the Livonia Historical Society's meeting Monday.

Many of today's funeral service traditions are derived from Lincoln's funeral, Bell said.

His coffin — made of solid walnut and covered in expensive black fabric and lined with lead — was the most elaborate of that time. A replica was on display at the Livonia Senior Center on Monday. It will be back in Plymouth next February in honor of the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

In 1900, after an attempt to steal Lincoln's body, a select few had the



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Jeff Bell, funeral director at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, talks about the authentic replica of Abraham Lincoln's coffin, which has been on display at the funeral home.

chance to examine it again, and reportedly, his appearance had not changed much since his original burial.

Embalming replaces blood with a watered down solution of formaldehyde. The process cost about \$100 in the mid-19th century.

Civil War soldiers (privates were paid about \$13 a month) would set money aside for this preservation technique.

Another way to transport bodies home was to encase them in whiskey, said Livonia Historical Society President Gene Kramer, who is also a

Civil War re-enactor.

In the pioneer days, when the average life expectancy was 42, people would plant trees on their property with the intention of using the wood for their own coffin, Bell said. Today, someone pointed out, caskets can be purchased at Costco.

Families also used to hire photographers to take pictures of the dead to send to distant loved ones.

Some customs were based on superstition, such as moving a body out of the home feet first, so no one would follow the deceased to the grave, Bell said.

There are a few thoughts behind another custom, draping mirrors with black cloth.

Wayne State mortuary science student Mara Kimel said according to her Latvian mother, if the deceased's spirit can't see him or herself in the mirror, the ghost will realize someone is dead and move on.

Once a male-dominated field, Kimel, an Ann Arbor resident, said the great majority of students in her mortuary science program are women.

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# Wyoming man looks for information about family

BY SUE MASON  
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A Mills, Wyo., man is hoping that someone in Garden City can provide him with information about his biological father, a brother and other paternal relatives.

Rob Piotter's search for his biological family has spanned more than 20 years and covered five states. He has been able to locate his biological mother, grandparents and aunts, and is now looking for information on his father and brother.

"I'm hoping that someone will remember a vital piece of information," Piotter said in an e-mail. "I am in the process of trying to find my biological father who I was told lived in the Garden City area. I am also trying to find my younger sibling brother who was adopted out with me in 1967.

"I really hope this will help me locate information on finding them or relatives from my father's side."

Piotter began searching for his biological mother when he was about 15. His adoptive parents were always open about the adoption and gave him what information they had "which was very little." He wrote the adoption agency but was "stonewalled by sealed records."

At age 19, he moved West with friends and ended up in Mills, Wyo. During a return visit to Michigan in 1984 to see family and friends, he found information that led him to the last foster care family who cared for him.

"I met with them and found they held a vital piece of the puzzle, information of my baptism and a kindergarten picture with my birth name on the back of the picture," Piotter said. "This was the missing piece that led me to an aunt in Westland who kept her maiden name listed in the phone book in hopes I would someday find her."

"From there, the rest of the pieces for my biological mother's side fell into place."

According to Piotter, he was born Robert Shawn Staffig on June 29, 1962, to Darlene Diane Staffig. His mother, who went by the name of Diane and was 16 years old at the time, grew up in Garden City and attended Garden City High School.

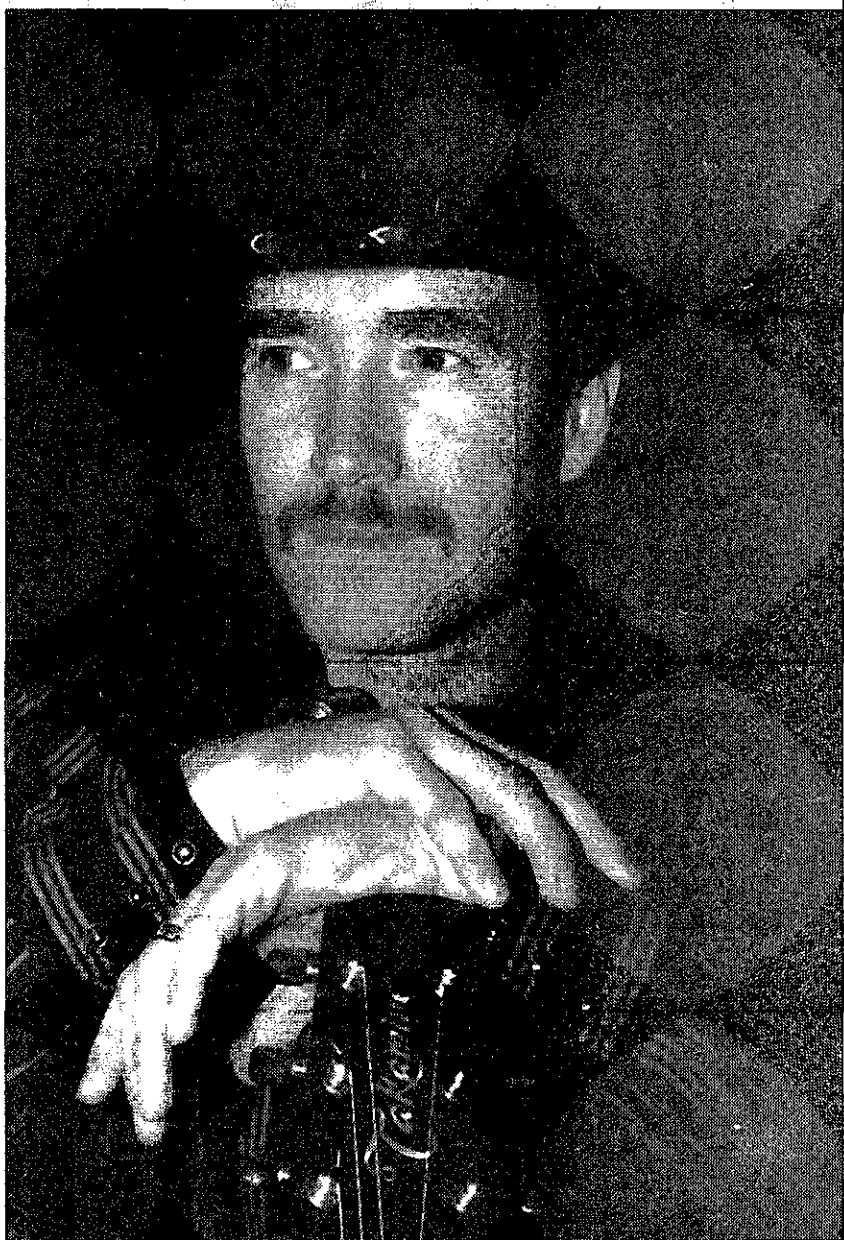
His mother and father never married, but Piotter was able to find



This photo of Robert Staffig was taken in 1963 when he was 1½ years old.



A smiling Robert Staffig at age 3.



Robert Staffig can only wonder, as an adult, if he looks like his biological father and a brother he is hoping to locate.

his father's name, Robert William Evans, on a Sept. 23, 1962, baptismal certificate from St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

Piotter isn't sure of the exact date, but sometime between 1964-65, his mother married Don Corman and had a son, Don David, born in September 1965. The family lived on Block Street in Garden City.

The marriage ended sometime in 1967 and his mother struggled raising her two sons on her own. She eventually gave her two sons up for adoption with Lutheran Child and Family Services in Detroit. Both children were adopted by different families.

Piotter recently learned that his biological mother died of cancer in October 2006.

In his search, Piotter has come up with the names of people he described as "prominent" in his biological mother's life between

1962 and 1968. They include Ginger Rogers who baby-sat the two boys and Diane Paquin who was listed as a sponsor on his baptismal certificate.

According to Piotter, his biological mother also lived with a couple, Cletus and Paul Schnegg of Plymouth, before she married Don Corman. She also had a close friend named George Wyszok.

And he has learned that after the adoption, his mother moved to Texas with a friend named Bridgette.

Bridgette's real name was Virginia Tucker and she lived on Haggerty between Cherry Hill and Ford in Canton before moving to Plymouth near her cousins, Darlene, Patty and Glenn Heinrich, in Plymouth, according to Edith Denton of Garden City, who saw the story about Piotter's search in the *Garden City Observer*.

Denton also knows Paquin, "her

best friend," and has talked with her and with Piotter. One of the things Paquin has for Piotter is a box of baby photos, Denton said.

"When I talked to her, she said, 'Edith, this is a godsend,'" Denton added.

Piotter is elated with hearing from his godmother.

"I've talked with Diane Paquin last night for about an hour," he wrote in an e-mail. "It was amazing."

Piotter is concentrating on the search for his biological father and sibling brother.

"I've contacted the adoption agency in years past, updating my information with them in case my sibling brother or biological father ever contacted them, but the records remain sealed," he said.

Piotter added that his brother was only 3 years old at the time. He may not even know he was adopted or may not know the agency that processed the adoption.

People who may have information about his biological father and brother can contact Piotter by e-mail at [biofamilysearch@hotmail.com](mailto:biofamilysearch@hotmail.com) or write to him at Rob Piotter, P.O. Box 2415; Mills, WY 82644.

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**Clarenceville High School  
Class of 1988**

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

**Crestwood High School  
Class of 1968**

A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

**Dearborn High School  
Class of 1963**

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford  
Classes of 1958**

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford  
Class of 1968**

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6992.

**Dearborn Fordson  
Class of 1969**

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nison at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

**Class of 1958**

A 50-year reunion on Aug. 2, 2008 at Park Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha (Duzza) Moviesian, (313) 277-5624, or Joyce (Anderson) Mechalko, (313) 278-4488.

**Detroit Cass Tech  
Class of 1958**

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

**Detroit Chadsey High School  
Class of 1958**

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

**Detroit Christ the King Elementary  
Class of 1963**

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or email denplace@bigfoot.com.

**Detroit Holy Redeemer High School  
Class of 1958**

A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008 at O'Kelley K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmar@aol.com for information.

**Detroit High School of Commerce  
Class of 1958 January, June and August**

Planning reunion for Sept. 13. Call J. Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834, or B. King, (248) 547-1693.

**Detroit Western High School  
Class of 1978**

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

**Garden City High School  
Class of 1960**

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

**Class of 1989**

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gch-1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out Web site at www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet.

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For information, email gandjack1@yahoo.com, or call the Shields family at (313) 822-3211.

**Lincoln Park High School**

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcbglobal.net.

**Lincoln Park High School  
Class of 1978**

A 30-Year reunion June 28, at Ramada Inn of Taylor. Contact: Tracy Zimmerman at (714) 837-2191

**Livonia Franklin  
Class of 1969**

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nison at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com.

**Livonia Stevenson  
Class of 1978**

A 30 year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be information coming soon. For information, contact the Reunion Committee, Tim Oehmke at (734) 637-1002 or superchargerfest@aol.com

**Milford High School  
Class of 1978**

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail address is: milford78@gmail.com.

**Plymouth High School  
Class of 1968**

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

**Plymouth-Canton high schools  
Classes of 1988**

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclassoff1988@yahoo.com for more information.

**Royal Oak Kimball  
Class of 1988**

A 20-year class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. For more information please go to www.kimball1988.myevent.com to register.

**Wayne Memorial High School  
Class of 1988**

A 20th reunion 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Road in Canton (west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave). Cost \$50 per person, including dinner, DJ, and open bar. Make checks payable to Connie Wright-Gregory and mail to 23217 Ennishore, Novi, MI 48375. Or you can use paypal at tupper4u@yahoo.com and add \$2 per person to the cost per ticket. Payments need to be made by July 23, 2008.

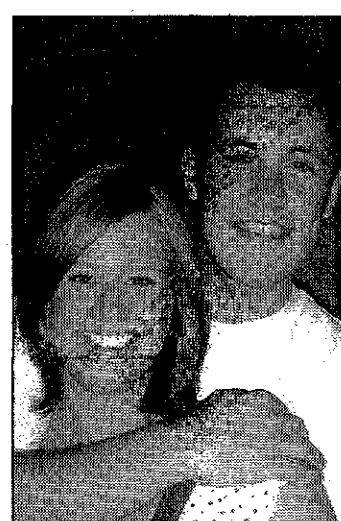
## WEDDING

**Whitely-Fuller**

Bill and Peg Whitney of Wyckoff, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Maggie Whitney, to Garrett Fuller, son of Dennis Fuller of Plymouth and Leah Lucy of Garden City.

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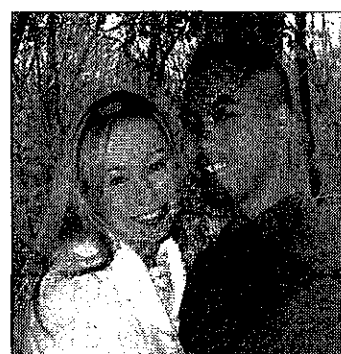
A November, 2008, wedding in Wyckoff, N.J., is planned.

**Milne-Odtohan**

Kimberlee Ann Milne of Livonia and Richard Odtohan of Livonia are engaged to be married May 31, 2008, at Commerce United Methodist Church.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Terri Brown of Commerce and Angel Gomez of Dearborn. She is a 2000 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in English and communications.

The future groom is the son of Bianca and Nemesio Odtohan of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Livonia

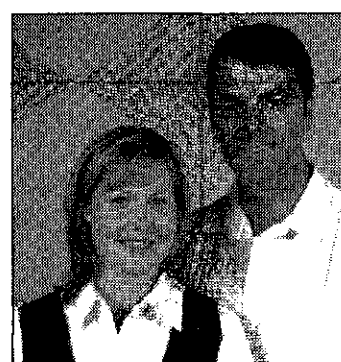
**Dolan-Thompson**

Mark A. and Nikki Dolan of Marysville announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Dolan, to Christopher Thompson.

The bride-to-be recently completed teacher certification and is a graduate of Oakland University. She is currently pursuing a master in education degree.

The future groom is the son of Larry Thompson of Livonia and Nancy Thompson of Livonia. He is employed as an electronics test technician

Churchill High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in economics. The Rev. Dean Wyllis will officiate at the wedding. A reception will follow at the White Lake Oaks Country Club.



at Yazaki North America in Canton.

The couple plan an Aug. 9, 2008, wedding in Fenton.

## BIRTHS

**John Bohdan Wilson**

Natalie and Daniel Wilson of Livonia announce the birth of their son, John Bohdan Wilson, on June 14, 2007, at Oakwood Hospital.

John has a sister, Audrey Wilson, 3.

His grandparents are Wiebke and Bohdan Hnatiuk of Livonia and Dolores and Jack Wilson of Ferguson, Mo.

Great grandparents are Anna Hnatiuk of Livonia and Lucia O'Donnell of Livonia.

**Davis-Boulter**

Henry and Ronda Davis of Elmira, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Jo Davis, to Daniel R. Boulter, son of Dan and Janet Boulter of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Gaylord High School and a 2007 graduate of Ferris State University. She manages a tanning salon and works for Victory Camps and coaches cheerleading at Gaylord High School.

The future groom is a graduate of St. Agatha High School and a 2007 graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed as a developmental engineer with General Motors.



An Aug. 23, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Elmira.

## ANNIVERSARY

**Knittels celebrate 50th**

Dennis and Mary Knittel of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Knittels were married May 17, 1958, in Birmingham.

They have seven children: Kathy (Doug) Heuer of Plymouth; Denise (Ken) Mahn of Brighton; Colleen (Mark) Price of Westland; Mary Jo (Kelly) Carley of Novi; Susan (Mike) Ellis of Northville; John (Kim) Knittel of Canton; and Patrick Knittel of Plymouth.



The Knittels have 14 grandchildren.

The couple plans to celebrate their anniversary with their children and grandchildren at Ernesto's in Plymouth.

**Hiram mark 55th**

Soichiro "Patrick" Hiram and Cynthia Marie (Monroe) Hiram of Livonia are celebrating their 55th anniversary.

The Hiram were married May 2, 1953, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, Colo. They have lived in Livonia for 49 years.

They have five children: Timothy Hiram, Gregory Hiram of Plymouth, Eileen Hiram of Seattle, Brian Hiram of Chicago and Ann-Nora Hiram of Plymouth. They have three grandchildren.

Pat is a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of the University of Colorado and Columbia University. He worked as a social worker at the Denver Department of Welfare and the Wayne County Department of Welfare. He retired in 1980.

Cynthia is a Detroit native and a graduate of Mt. Carmel Nursing



School in Detroit. She was a registered nurse at St. Mary Hospital in the emergency and recovery departments. She also worked at the Evening Medical Care Centers and Detroit Diesel Corp. She retired in 1992.

They have been active at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth and St. Edith Church in Livonia. They are active in social justice and peace issues.

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## Ford Freedom Award kudos set for May 6

Coretta Scott King and Dr. Dorothy Height will be honored for their achievements at the 10th annual Ford Freedom Award program on May 6. The daylong event includes both a scholar's lecture for invited middle schools in the morning at Orchestra Hall and a ticketed evening gala at 6 p.m. at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Coretta Scott King will receive the Ford Freedom Award posthumously; and Dr. Dorothy I. Height, chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women, has been named the Ford Freedom Award Scholar. Kevin Frazier, weekend anchor and correspondent of *Entertainment Tonight*, and local TV host Chuck Stokes, WXYZ-TV, will again serve as masters of ceremonies of the evening gala.

The Ford Freedom Award program was created in 1999 to celebrate and recognize individuals whose achievements brought lasting and positive change for African Americans and the world. The program is underwritten by Ford, and funds raised are used to support the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History's educational programs, exhibits and community outreach initiatives. The Ford Freedom Award program is made possible by a grant from Ford Motor Co. Silver sponsors of the event are Chrysler and Comerica Bank. Call (313) 494-5800 or visit www.maah-detroit.org.

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# Local artist puts her own style into handbag gig

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON  
OBSERVER CORRESPONDENT

Aladdin may have been best known for his magic carpet, but for Michele Kramp it's her magic bags.

A textile artist from Canton, Kramp has been designing one-of-a-kind handbags since 2003 under the name The Magic Bag Lady. Unconventional designs, recycled fabrics and unique embellishments are all trademarks of her custom handbags.

Born in Redford, Kramp moved to Canton with her parents, James and Georgette Craig, when she was 10 years old. Kramp says both of her parents encouraged her creativity at a very young age.

"My mom taught us to knit, crochet and sew. She's a strong, self-motivated woman and took great pride in how her three daughters looked growing up. From our hair to all the clothes she made us - we always looked so neat and put together," said Kramp.

When she was in elementary school, Kramp first tried her hand at sewing by making her own doll clothes. After graduating from Plymouth Canton High School, she earned a degree in apparel design and merchandising from Wayne State University.

"It was my dad who encouraged my love of drawing, which I refined in college," Kramp said. "He allowed me to use his drafting tools and made sure my school projects were done well. He had high standards for all

his daughters. He would say, if you have the proper tools use them, no excuses."

In addition to drawing, Kramp took fine tailoring classes at WSU, where she learned all the old-school techniques such as welt pockets, hand-sewn buttonholes and draping.

"I became even more proficient when I used those skills everyday working for a couple of local tailors," she said. "Tailoring is much more mechanical and structural in nature but my sewing skills were so much better by the time I left."

## A STITCH IN TIME

In 1997, Kramp and her husband Matthew gave birth to their daughter Madeline.

"The first year of her life I made all of her clothes. I wanted to take the same pride in my daughter's appearance that my mom did for me and that I have done for myself," said Kramp. "At the same time I tried to make a go of designing and selling children's clothing at craft shows but it seemed like I never had the right size someone was looking for in something I sewed. So I made this little green bag out of fabric with fairies on it. It was perfect. So I made another and another and another."

Then in 2001, Michele and her family moved to Italy while her husband, a computer-aided designer, worked with an international company fabricating automotive door latches. Kramp says she became a "professional tourist" and immersed herself

in the Italians' love of fashion.

"We went crazy buying clothes, sunglasses and shoes," Kramp said. "It was fantastic."

While touring the countryside with a Canadian family they befriended, Kramp became known for carrying everything they might need while sightseeing in her handbag.

"My friend Lorraine started referring to me as 'the keeper of the magic bag,'" she recalled.

And the rest is history. Upon their return from Europe, Kramp revived her handbag designing and got to work improving the style, quality and structural integrity of her bags. Again, she tried craft shows as an outlet for her handbags but that didn't work.

"People at craft shows wanted to see 10 of the same bags so if their friend bought one they could walk in and buy the same one. My bags do have some little similarities but no two are the same," said Kramp.

It's that level of individuality that fuels Kramp's creativity. Her handbags are based on current trends but with "a little rebellion mixed in."

"I combine what's going on this season and funk it up a bit," added the Canton textile artist.

Kim McCord, a local pediatrician and internist, has purchased several handbags for herself and given them as gifts over the past 10 years.

"I don't know how to describe it but I like what she does on a lot of levels," said McCord, a Plymouth resident. "She's got a good business idea, if you

see her work you recognize it's very unique and I love that she recycles material. Her bags are fun, creative and artistic."

McCord's 4-year-old daughter has several pieces from The Magic Bag Lady's "Fairy" series, which includes a ditty bag, backpack and purse. The fairy material was brought back from Italy. Kramp cuts out the fairies and often embellishes the miniature winged creatures with beads.

"My daughter loves them and they're some of my favorite," added McCord.

A signature of Magic Bag Lady handbags is the integration of reused and recycled fabric.

"I get a lot of material from friends. Either sentimental pieces such as wedding dresses or neckties worn by someone's grandfather to the clothing my daughter is outgrowing. I'm cheap and I work with whatever I have. From an environmental standpoint - everyone has something they're not using. Instead of throwing it out they give it to me," said Kramp.

And if you look at the floor of Kramp's Canton studio it's easy to see she throws nothing away - even the smallest swatch of fabric has the potential to work its way into a Magic Bag Lady handbag.

Plymouth resident Diane Ulin initially met Kramp at The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, first as a customer buying coffee, then Ulin says they became friends and now she's one of the biggest Magic Bag Lady admirers.

Ulin, owner of a film and video production company, recently purchased a pair of handbags for her clients as gifts.

"Michele's bags are truly unique. Everyone is so label conscious and has the same thing," Ulin said. "To have Michele create something that's one-of-a-kind - in an affordable way - is rare in and of itself."

Last fall, Kramp's friend and fellow artist Laura MacIntyre introduced her to Karen Thomas, the owner of Biddle Gallery (www.biddlegallery.com) in Wyandotte. Thomas opened the gallery in 1995 with her husband Ross. Original artworks by over 100 Michigan artists are available for purchase including jewelry, fiber, furniture, glass and more.

"Michele stopped by the gallery with another artist who was dropping off her portfolio. The friend mentioned Michele made really cool handbags and was wearing one of her bags to prove it," said Thomas. "I love that the bags are made from recycled and sentimental textiles. Each bag is one-of-a-kind. Michele's handbags are functional works of art. The craftsmanship and attention to detail is outstanding."

In addition to running her own business, Kramp is a substitute teacher in the Wayne-Westland School District and a member of HATCH - Hamtrack Art Collective (www.hatchart.org), a community of artists that come together to host group, solo and juried exhibitions at Café 1923.



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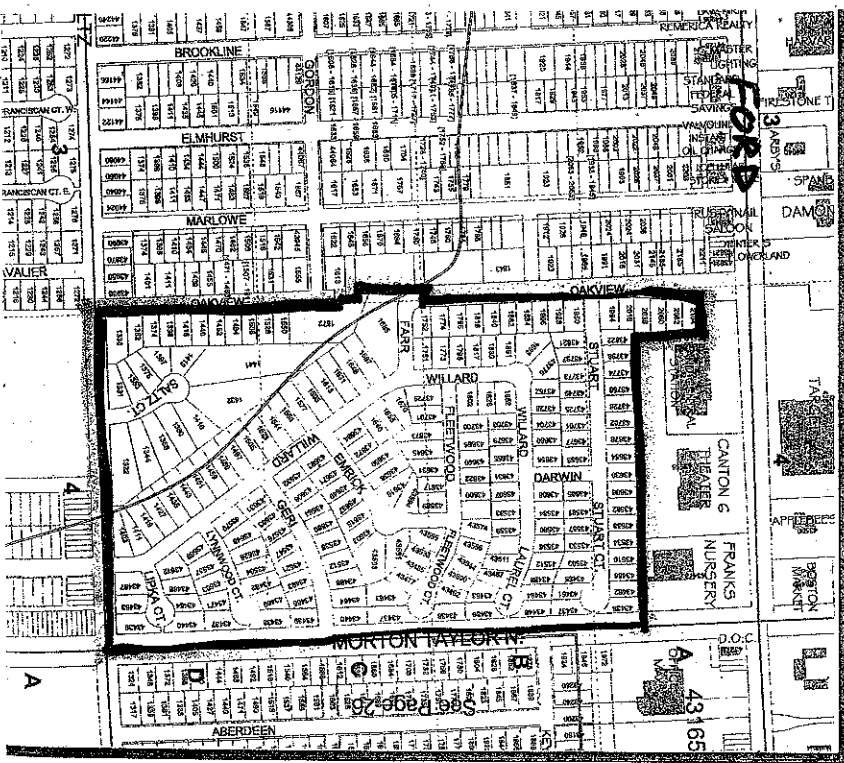


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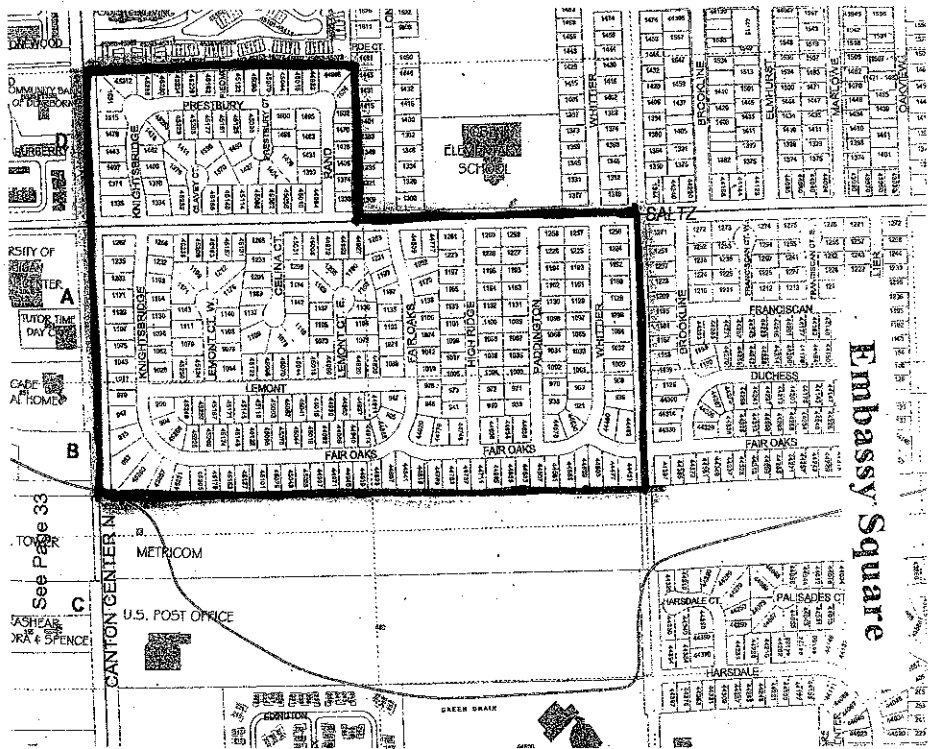
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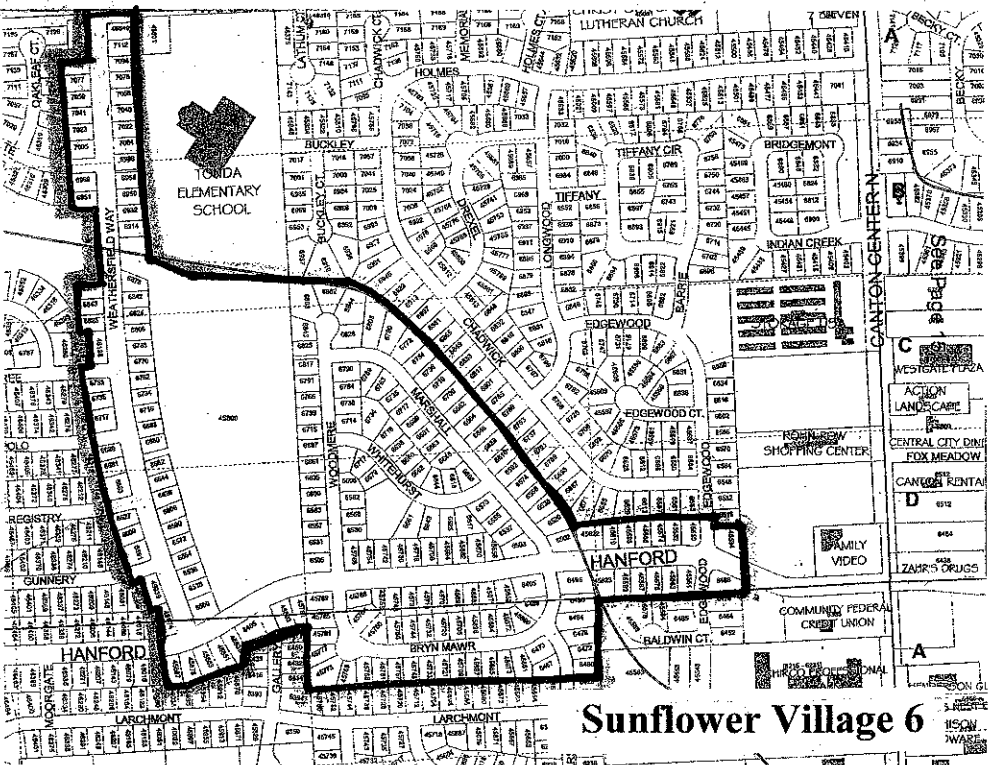
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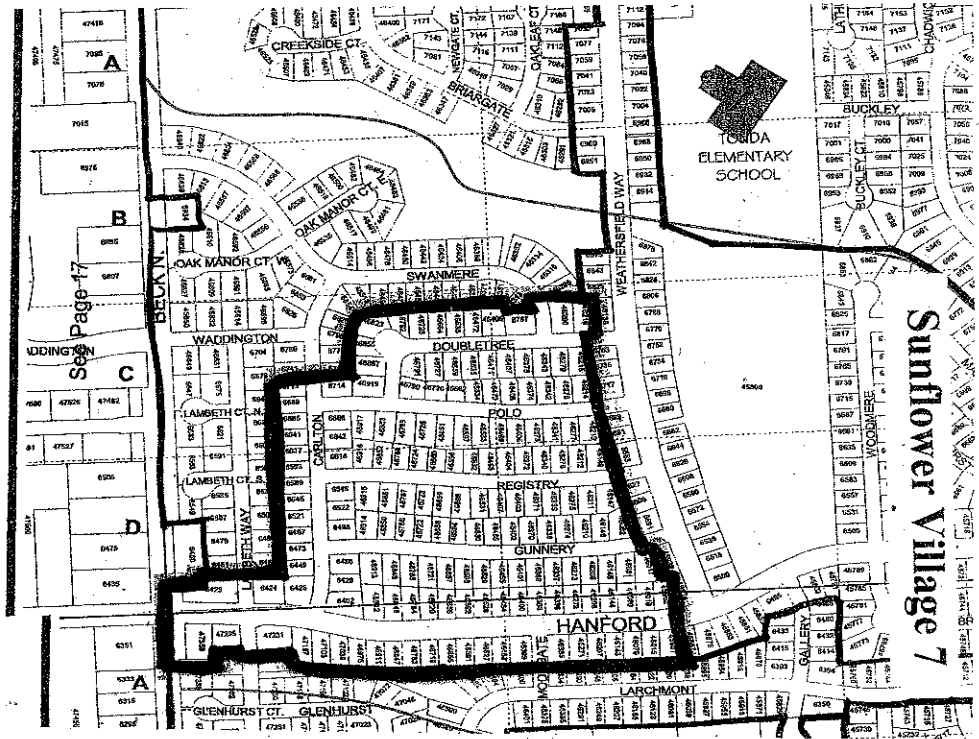
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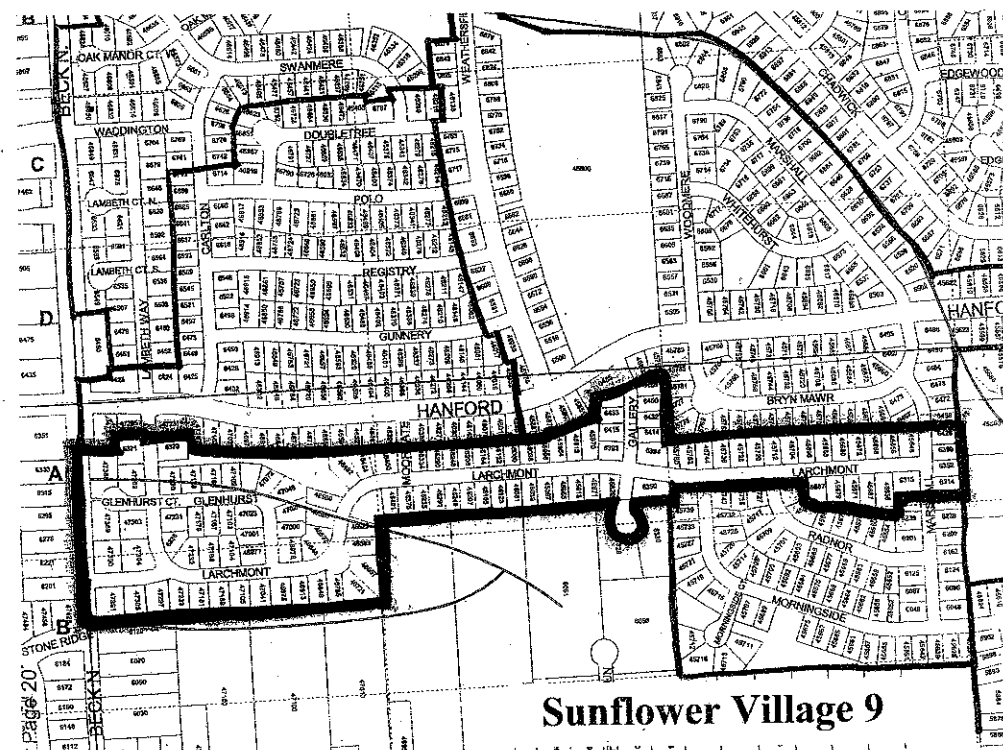
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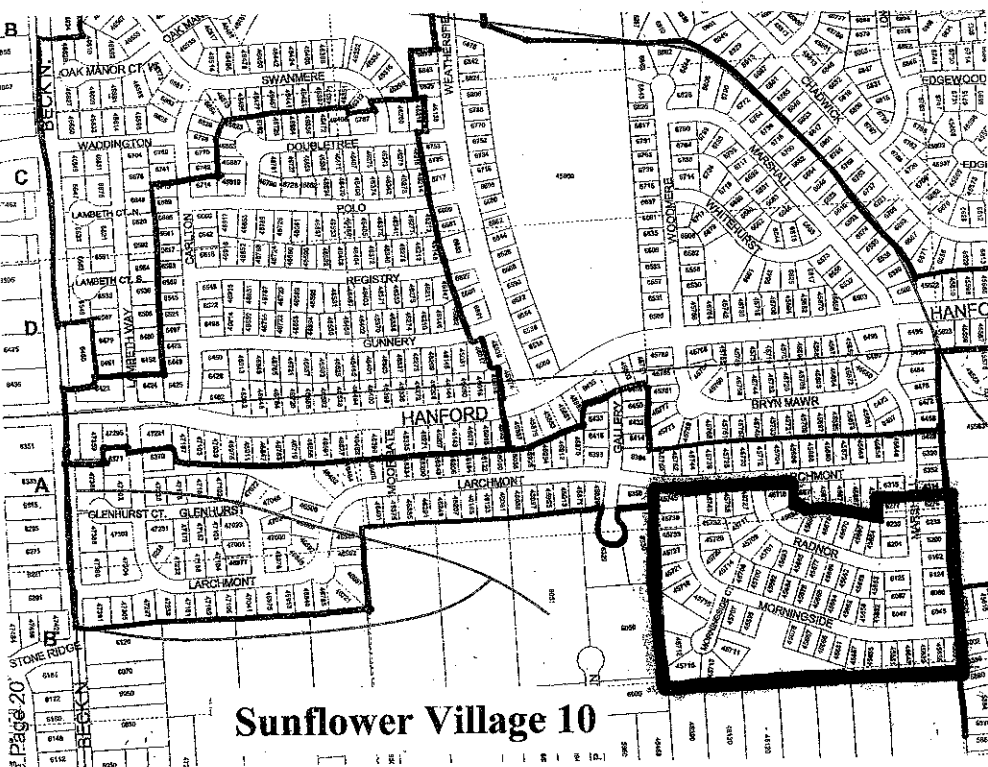
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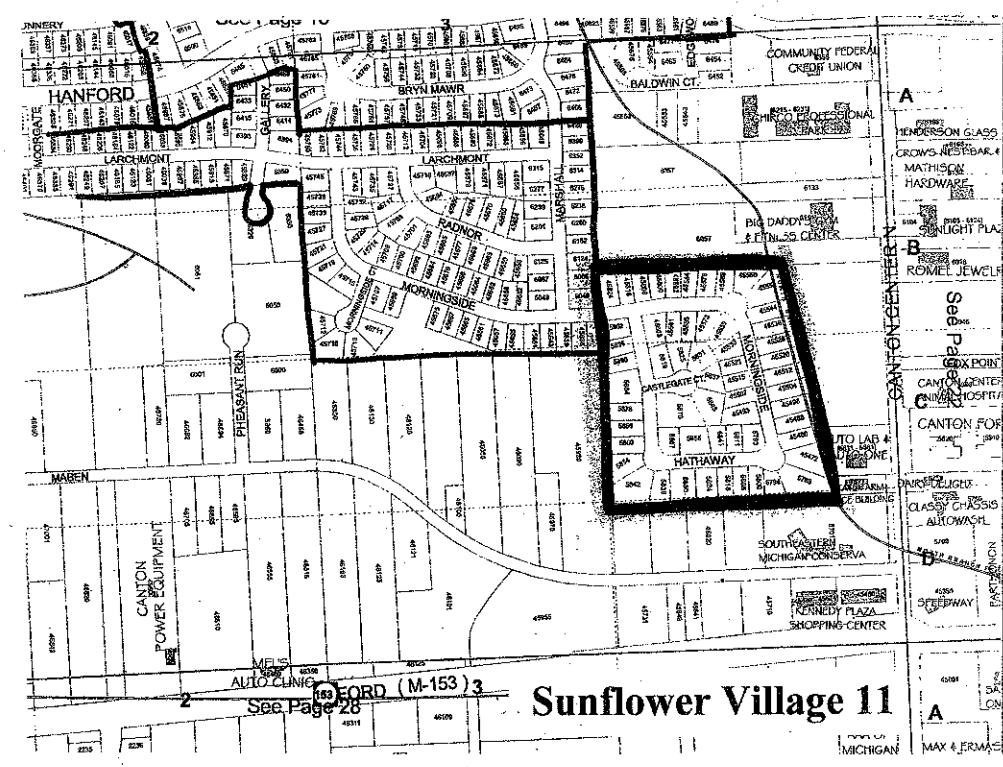
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# JOB OPPORTUNITIES - HIDDEN OR IN PLAIN SIGHT



## WORKWISE

by  
Mildred L.  
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Read the job forecasts and the best news you might find is that the aging baby boomers will leave many jobs unfilled. Dig a little deeper; throw in a dash of imagination; and you'll uncover industries looking for workers, including career changers.

### GOOD PROSPECTS

Take, for example, the industry with a stereotype of "housekeeping or security, with facilities being cops and mops," according to Shari Epstein. She is associate director of Research at the 19,000-member of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) in Houston. "It's beyond that, from managing construction projects to overseeing security, contingency planning, move management, asset acquisitions (including furnishings or 'chillers' — big air conditioning units). It's behind the scenes but it's never boring."

Salaries are promising, averaging \$91,772 in a range of \$43,000 to \$144,000. Non-managerial people with a high school diploma enjoy a base salary of \$65,682. You don't have to wait for the baby boom generation to retire, because, Epstein says, "facility managers are retiring at 60 and 62, leaving positions unfilled, such as facility engineer or vice

president of Engineering." The association's 2007 salary and demographics survey of 4,600 members spanned services, institutions, manufacturing, education and health care.

Then there's the field of management accounting. John Brausch chairs the board of regents for the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA), headquartered in Montvale, N.J. It has 60,000 accountants and other in-house finance professionals, of whom 30,000 are certified. Many are CFOs, deputy CFOs, treasurers and controllers. Brausch says that there is solid opportunity for people of any age with about four years of experience in public accounting who want to shift to internal work. The attraction: "Accountants in industry are much more concept-based than rules based," he says. "Those who are certified earn about \$10,000 more per year than their peers and, of course, longevity breeds higher salaries."

Salaries are also rising for members of the Society for Information Management (SIM), headquartered in Chicago, according to Jerry Luftman, who serves on the executive board. SIM's more than 3,500 members are largely CIOs and their direct reports, leading corporations and leaders in vending, consulting and academe. The society's annual survey of 100 members found that 51.9 percent of organizations plan to hire this year, up from 49.5 percent last year and 39.2 percent in 2006. Luftman estimates that "thousands of jobs are going unfilled and the gap is expected to become wider."

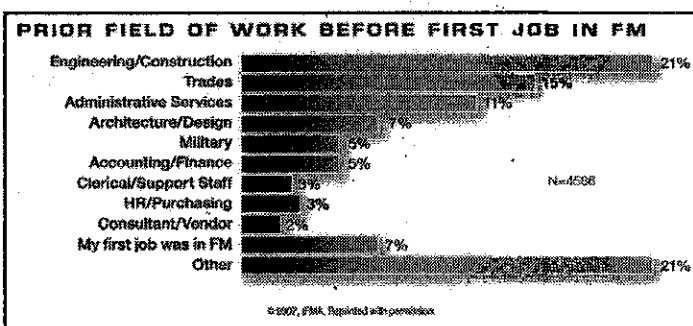
### CAREER CHANGING

All three of these industries are receptive to career changers to some degree. Brausch says, "We love people who come from

other sides of business. We can teach them accounting, but we love when people come in with an operational viewpoint or something else, such as finance or marketing. They help us look at what we're doing differently. I look for problem solving, customer service, team work and initiative more than work history, although it's important. If someone has those characteristics from another discipline, I'm thrilled to have them. They usually have a basic level of accounting and we build them up."

IFMA's Epstein mentions that "many facility managers migrate, not having started in FM. Finance would take on a real estate function or HR or purchasing would take on administrative services, such as mail room or food service operation, and move into management." Luftman says that his industry "is looking for the appropriate balance of technical and soft skills."

Talk of recession doesn't seem to be dimming prospects in any of these industries. Brausch says that in a declining economy, "people are looking for ways to shore up their resume and look back to make anything on the resume differentiate them from others. If they're in accounting, they look for accounting certification." Luftman notes that rising salaries are coming "even with the threat of the recession across the U.S."



Facility Management (FM) is booming, drawing employees from a wide range of disciplines, according to the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) in Houston.

and, contrary to popular belief, those jobs aren't going overseas.

Facilities management is "recession-proof," Epstein reports. "We look at forecasts for the need of facility managers, and the care and upkeep of the corporate assets they manage. In bad times, buildings still exist and still need to be maintained, operated, kept warm, cool and safe for employees and visitors. Facility management is still needed even in bad times."

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Cleaning. Wxom, Milford, Novi, Farmington Hills & Southfield areas. Part-time evening hours. 6 days/wk. [www.ussservice.com](http://www.ussservice.com) Interview dates & times will be emailed.

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## Nature Instructor

**City of Troy**  
 Part-time. Teachers at Nature Center. \$10/hr. Req. Biology or related degree or equivalent exp. EOE.  
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## RECRUITER

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## RN

America's leading provider of non-medical home care for the elderly seeks a part time registered nurse for our Livonia office. Responsibilities will include assessments of clients and supervision of quality assurance program. Must have excellent leadership qualities and a strong desire to grow the business. Organizational and communication skills are a must. Fax resume and salary history to (734) 525-8439 or email hisc430@aol.com

## ROOFERS-FLAT

Commercial roofing firm seeks laborers, exp'd single-ply roofers & foreman (M/F). Email application or resume to: nessymic@yahoo.com

## Help Wanted-General 5000

## SENIOR COUNSELOR

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For heavy duty truck, front end and brakes, suspension & driveline shop. Exp. required. Weekdays. Benefits. (734) 437-9254

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 HR Department  
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Fax a letter of interest and resume to: 248-655-2390

## Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

For a growing insurance agency. Candidate must be self motivated, reliable, with one year office experience. Duties include, typing 40wpm, answering phones, and filing. Knowledge of MS Word, Excel, e-mail, how to use all office equipment. 25-30 hrs a wk to start. Send resume and salary requirements to: CBS, 29445 Beck Rd., Ste A-209, Wixom, MI 48393

## Administrative Assistant

General office duties, confirming appts. & exc. phone skills. Livonia. 734-347-1091

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## Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

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## DATA ENTRY CLERK

Farmington Hills technical society seeks highly organized individual to process seminar registrations and publications, and routine database maintenance. Must be detail oriented, have excellent data entry skills, and be proficient in Word, Excel, and the Internet. Send resume and salary requirements to:

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 Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094  
 FAX: 248.848.3771 EMAIL: barb.cheyne@concrete.org

## EXECUTIVE ASST. / LEGAL SECRETARY

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## GENERAL OFFICE ACCOUNTANT

Hines Park Lincoln Mercury seeks an individual for full time General Office Accounting position. Accounting experience is a must, dealership experience preferred. Seeking a team player w/ initiative. Great pay and benefits available. Please send resume to: jobs@hinespark.com or fax them to: 734-453-0819

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Looking for an **EXPERIENCED LEGAL ASSISTANT** for estate planning practice; must know all aspects of EP; heavy typing; great attention to detail; excellent customer service skills; WordPerfect, Hot Docs and Time Matters. Available immediately.

Send resume, salary requirements and cover letter explaining your EP experience via email only: abillman@brynmilaw.com

## LEGAL SECRETARY

Approx. 30-35 hrs/wk. for Livonia sole practitioner. Good MS Word skills a must! Legal exp. preferred. Fax resume: 734-425-2397

## OFFICE ASSISTANT

Plymouth Health Center. Reception, scheduling, billing, data entry. Fax Resume: 734-414-7679 or email: info@breathingwaters.net

## OFFICE CLERICAL

Local property management office needs experienced person to assist property supervisor and accounts payable. Must have excellent computer skills, 20hrs week with flexible hours. Please fax resume to: 248-355-1308

## OFFICE SERVICES ASSISTANT

## Charter Township of Redford

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## Receptionist

\$7-\$10/hr. Flexible for students. Pleasant phone manner. Leave Message: 248-0273

## RECEPTIONIST

Full-Time needed for busy West Bloomfield office. We offer medical, dental, eye and 401K benefit. Experience is required. Please fax resume to: 248-855-1323

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Full-Time, experienced for paramedical office in Livonia. Fax resume: 586-263-4402

## SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Busy law office, Farmington Hills. Full-time with benefits. Fax information to: 248-626-3231

## Help Wanted-Dental 5040

## DENTAL RECEPTIONIST

Part time. Experience in dental office needed. Must be positive, up-beat, people oriented, and able to multi-task. Farmington area office. Fax resume to: (248) 474-0052

## DENTAL ASSISTANT

Bloomfield Hills Endodontic office seeking highly motivated, energetic individual to join our team. Experience preferred but willing to train. Fax resume ATTN: Lisa at: 248-647-0576

## DENTAL ASSISTANT PART-TIME

To join our small, but friendly team. 21+ hrs. available. Must have exp. & X-ray certification. Care exp. a plus. Fax or email resume to: 248-828-8030 gee.doc48@yahoo.com

## Help Wanted-Dental 5040

## DENTAL ASSISTANT

With experience for mobile dental service in Metro Detroit and surrounding area. X-ray cert a plus. Fax wage requirements with resume to: 248-784-7323

## Dental Assistant, Chairside

FT, busy Livonia general practice. CDA or equivalent preferred. 734-522-6770

## DENTAL HYGIENIST

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## Help Wanted-Medical 5060

## CHECK OUT PERSON

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## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Needed for our busy Garden City & Sterling Heights Cosmetic-Dermatology Practice. Clinical experience required. FT/PT. Please email resume to: derm-jobs@hotmail.com

## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

32 hrs/wk. Insurance knowledge needed. No weekends. Benefits. Bingham Farms area. Resume: iss0904@aol.com

## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

With exp. for internal medicine practice in Livonia. PT, 6 hrs Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri. 24 hrs/wk. Fax resume: 734-464-9797

## MEDICAL BILLER CONTINGENT

Experience a must for busy internal medical office in Troy. Days and hours are based upon department needs. Fax resume to Det. 248-267-6791

## MEDICAL BILLER

Full-Time for physical therapy clinic in Plymouth. Experience preferred. Fax resume to Cindy (734) 416-3903 or email: ppts@bignet.net

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\$29-\$75K + benefits! 2+ yrs exp req'd. Many locations: Receptionists, CMAs, Billers, Practice & Billing Mgrs. Resume: kelli@harperjobs.com Fax: 248-932-1214 Kelli's phone: 248-932-1204 Harper Associates www.harperjobs.com

## MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST/ASSISTANT

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## RN, LPN or MA

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## BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING

## Help Wanted-Medical 5060

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Fax your resume to HR at: (248) 354-8393 or email: resumes@nexcarehealth.com for Lahser Hills Care Centre 25300 Lahser Rd. Southfield, MI 48033 (btwn. Civic Center Dr. & 10 Mile Rd.)

## EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGIST • PERSONAL TRAINER • CARETAKER

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#### ACROSS

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- 11 Polite cough
- 13 Glop
- 14 Shaft
- 15 Viking letter
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- 17 Trotsky's first name
- 18 Summer top
- 20 "Boating" painter
- 21 — kwon do
- 22 Orange veggie
- 23 Promote
- 26 Aglow
- 30 Retiree's kitty
- 31 Kind of rally
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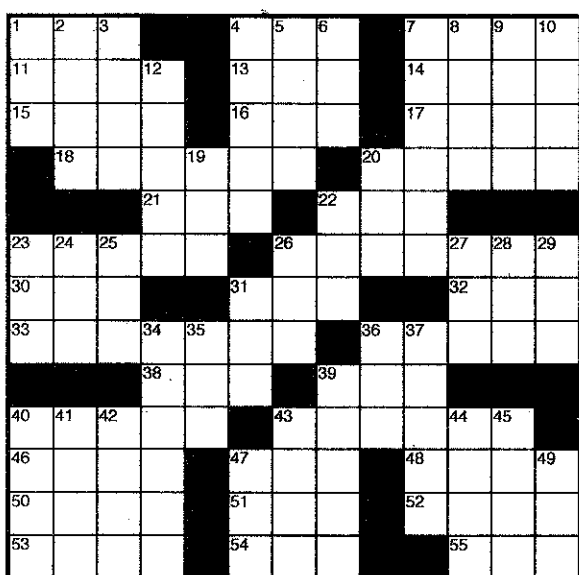
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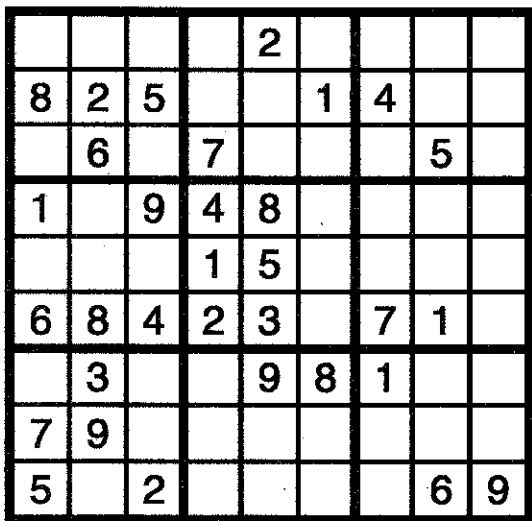
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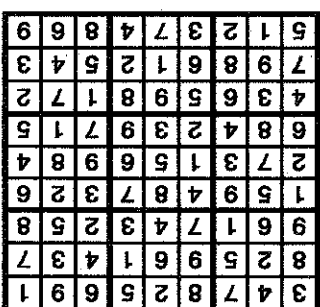
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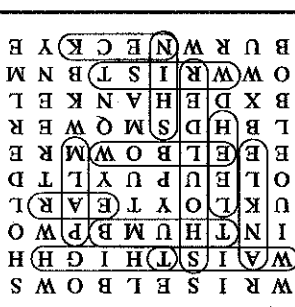
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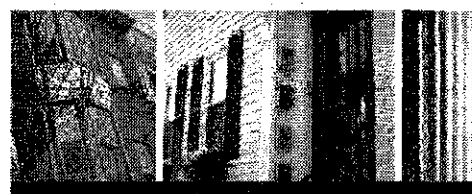
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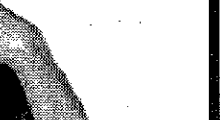
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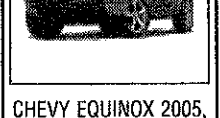
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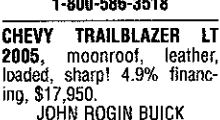
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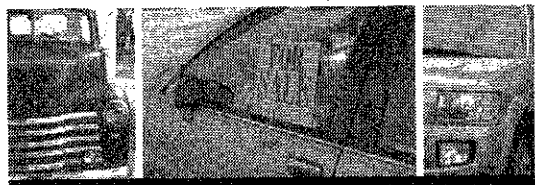
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