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Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Director Marc Whitlock with his daughter, Macaylah.

Band chief quits to care for daughter

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band director Marc Whitlock told school officials and marching band parents this week he's resigning from the position to help care for his 18-month-old daughter who has leukemia.

Macaylah Whitlock was born with transient leukemia, which sometimes occurs in children born with Down syndrome, which she also has.

"For the first couple of months of her life, after hospital treatments and transfusions, the transient leukemia went away," said Whitlock, 42. "Unfortunately, about two months ago, it kicked back in full speed and became more aggressive."

"In about 20 percent of the cases it comes back as leukemia, and she fell into that 20 percent," he said. "We are in a chemotherapy regimen until November, then we'll re-evaluate her

condition to see if the cancer goes into remission or we have to be more aggressive with treatment."

Whitlock said Macaylah exhibits the typical side effects — hair loss, mouth sores, lethargy and weakness.

'We are people of faith, and we have no doubts through our faith that we will get through this.'

MARC WHITLOCK,
Plymouth-Canton
band director

"Yet, we brought her home from the hospital this week and she recognized where she was, smiled from ear-to-ear and was jumping around like a trampoline," he said.

Whitlock, and his wife, Kellie, 41, a minister at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, are leaning on their faith, in believing their daughter will beat leukemia.

"We are people of faith, and we have no doubts through our faith that we will get through this," said Whitlock. "She's a strong little girl, who has shown her body can take the treatments. We feel the prognosis is favorable to beat this cancer, and believe a year from now it will be in remission."

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Macaylah Whitlock, prior to a chemotherapy treatment.



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Corin Olsen (from left), Michelle Drennon, Brook Davis and Megan Holmes, who were members of the Canton High School National Honor Society, walked in last year's Relay for Life at Heritage Park.

Relay celebrating 10 years of touching lives

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In between lacing up their sneakers, participants may want to grab a few tissues — the Relay for Life of Canton is back.

In its 10th year, the fund-raising event for cancer research will take place May 17 and 18 at Heritage Park.

"It's just an amazing event," said Marcia Barker of

Canton Public Library. "Some moments are joyful, fun and happy and then there are other moments, like the survivor walk, that tug at your heartstrings. Your emotions get a pretty good work out."

Barker, whose husband passed away from leukemia, said the relay has been a source of inspiration for those who have had their lives

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ODE TO MOM



Megan Mckeehan

EXCERPTS FROM MEGAN'S ESSAY...

"One of my earliest memories of my mom was when I was about 3 years old and my mom had just had a knee surgery. Even in crutches nothing stood in her way. She still supported our family. My mom cooked, cleaned and still did laundry."
"My mom stands up for us and watches over us. She's there for us when we're insulted, no matter how insults us."
"My mom raised us to be honest, fair, loving, caring, and to be a good friend."

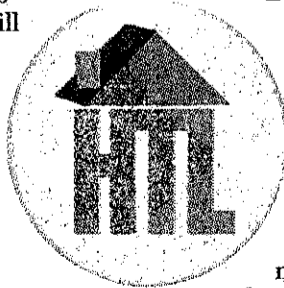
Megan Mckeehan, a fifth grader at Workman Elementary, wrote the winning essay about her mom for a contest sponsored by Indigo Salon and Day Spa in honor of Mother's Day. She was one of numerous Canton elementary students to enter the contest, which asked why they thought their mom deserved to win a full day at the spa and a gift certificate to The Showroom of Elegance, a Canton jewelry store. These are some excerpts from her essay. By winning, Megan's mother, Barbara Mckeehan, will get the royal treatment at the spa. Melissa Kirkpatrick Huetter, owner of Indigo Salon and Day Spa, and staff picked the winner. "This was a very hard task as all of the essays were so wonderfully written. All of the kids did a great job," she said.

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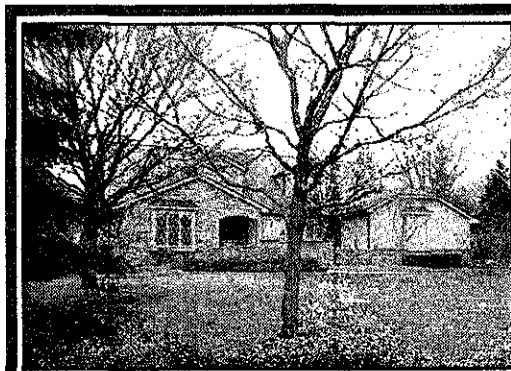
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Cancer research team looking for 'super' volunteers

Ready to put an end to cancer? If so, Marion Rozum would like to meet you.

Rozum, who has assembled a team of 13 "super volunteers," has spearheaded Canton's end of a new research study that will enroll participants during the 2008 Relay for Life of Canton on May 17 in Heritage Park.

Enrollment, which will take place near the Rotary Clock, will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon and will continue until 4 p.m.

Participation in the study,

which is promoted as a way to reduce cancer incidence and mortality through prevention and early detection, will span 20-30 years and is open to men and women ages 30-65 who have no personal history of cancer.

Enrollees will be asked to complete a mailed survey every two years.

American Cancer Society officials want to include 500,000 U.S. citizens in the study.

You do not have to live in Canton, or even the state, to sign up for the study. The

one-day enrollment process is expected to last 30 minutes for each participant and will be confidential.

Rozum, who became passionate about cancer research after her mother-in-law died of lung cancer in 1999, has said ACS took notice of the township after more than 250,000 people participated in last year's Relay.

For more information on the study, log onto www.relayforlife.org and click on CPS-3 under the Society Links option.

- By Tiffany L. Parks



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Maytag Repairman, Clay Jackson, signs a photo and shares a laugh with Jill Gronau, of Belleville, during a stop at the Canton ABC Warehouse.

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touched by cancer.

"I really think it's a wonderful opportunity to give back," she said. "It's a great way to give help and give hope."

Last year's Relay raised more than \$250,000.

According to its Web site, www.relayforlife.org, the Canton relay has already raised nearly \$70,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society.

More than 60 teams with 630 people are signed up to participate in the event.

Canton resident June Waldbauer said she's proud to

be participating in the Relay's 2008 Pillar Painting Contest. Waldbauer and her husband, Mark, have helped guide the event for a few years with the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, the Public Art Committee and D&M Art Studio.

"Cancer is one of those diseases that has touched every family," she said, adding that she enjoys interacting with those that have beaten the disease. "When you speak with the survivors, you realize that they are what it's all about — the hope and support."

Waldbauer said this year's Relay will feature 10 pillars that will be painted during the event. With sponsorship at \$100 per pillar, five sponsor-

ships are still available.

"Aside from the Relay itself, the event has a fair atmosphere and the response to (the pillar painting) has been really positive," she said.

In addition to the survivor ceremony, the Relay will honor those that have died from cancer.

Sponsors of this year's event include the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, Diamond Landscaping & Lawncare and Millennium Business Systems.

For more information or to join or donate to a team, log on to www.relayforlife.org or call Jamie Chapman at (248) 663-3419.

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Mr. Lonely: Maytag Man makes appearance at ABC Warehouse

Ol' Lonely made his way to Canton Thursday.

The Maytag Repairman, Clay Jackson of Richmond, VA., met with customers and signed autographs at ABC Warehouse, 41690 Ford Road.

"Maytag stands for dependability and I get people who tell me about the washing machine that their grandparents bought 30 years ago that still works today," said Jackson, who beat out 2,000 people to become the fourth Maytag Man more than a year ago.

Dressed in the traditional

uniform of a blue jacket, blue slacks and a red bow tie, Jackson's township appearance was in celebration of "May is Maytag Month."

Maytag, which is based out of its parent company's Benton Harbor headquarters, aired its first television commercial in 1954. The popular repairman character was played by Jesse White for 21 years and then filled by actor Gordon Jump for 15 years. Jackson took the reins from Hardy Rawls.

"I don't have to be anyone else when I put on this uni-

form," said Jackson, who was working as a Realtor before landing his Maytag gig. "I can just be myself and it comes natural."

With more than 150 store appearances every year, television commercials and charity events, Jackson joked that his schedule as a bored, unneeded repairman is fairly active.

"I'm pretty busy but going to work is easy because I know what I'm wearing," he laughed.

- By Tiffany L. Parks

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Sat, 5/3	at Twins	7:10p	Sat, 5/17	at Diamondbacks	8:10p	Sun, 6/1	at Mariners	4:10p
Sun, 5/4	at Twins	2:10p	Sun, 5/18	at Diamondbacks	4:10p	Mon, 6/2	at Athletics	10:05p
Mon, 5/5	Red Sox	7:05p	Tue, 5/20	Mariners	7:05p	Tue, 6/3	at Athletics	10:05p
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Wed, 5/7	Red Sox	7:05p	Thu, 5/22	Mariners	1:05p	Fri, 6/6	Indians	7:05p
Thu, 5/8	Red Sox	7:05p	Fri, 5/23	Twins	7:05p	Sat, 6/7	Indians	3:55p
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'Lucky' woman thanks HVA paramedics

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth woman who feels lucky to be alive following an accident in which she was ejected from her SUV and then pinned underneath a Jeep took time last week to thank the paramedics that saved her life.

Carol Loesch, 45, said she was on her way to a fast-food restaurant shortly after 10 p.m. April 12 when she drove to the intersection of Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

"I just remember approaching the intersection and seeing the Jeep," said Loesch, "and then waking up in the hospital with a tube down my throat."

In between, Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics Greg Hartig of Plymouth Township and Mark Watson of Canton Township did what they do routinely every day.

"We were driving to our shift point, which is at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, and we drove right past the accident," said Hartig. "We whipped around and saw somebody was pinned underneath one of the vehicles. At first she was somewhat conscious and confused, but she went unconscious on us."

Watson radioed to HVA dispatch and began rescue procedures.

"I brought the equipment to immobilize her on the backboard, we did an assessment of her and the fire department was able to get the vehicle off in about 10 minutes," said Watson. "She had a head injury ... it was life threatening."

Loesch suffered a broken knee cap



Carol Loesch poses for a photo with the guys who probably saved her life, HVA paramedics Mark Watson and Greg Hartig.

and head trauma, and still suffers from severe headaches and dizziness. But, that seems like a small inconvenience to her, now.

"I wanted to meet them for saving my life, because I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them," said Loesch, who was re-introduced to the two paramedics at the HVA regional office in Plymouth. "They were in the right place at the right time. God was watching out."

Loesch's husband, Don, 48, was equally grateful.

"I think they did a great job," said Don Loesch. "We're grateful for both of them."

Paul Hood, HVA vice president for eastern operations, had praise for the paramedic team.

"I'm very proud of them," said Hood. "They did exactly what they are supposed to do and it was a great outcome."

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CANTON COP CALLS

Motorcycle stolen

A Canton man reported Thursday that his motorcycle was stolen from a residence on the 40000 block of Douglas.

The man, who parked his bike at about 11 p.m. Wednesday said that when he prepared to leave the next morning, he discovered the bike's cover was left in the parking space but that the bike, a 2007 Yamaha R6S, was gone.

The man told police that he has both of the keys to the cycle and that he is up to date with its payments. The motorcycle is valued at \$10,000.

to inappropriate letters that he and his wife have received at their home.

The man said that since the beginning of April, six letters have been sent to his home that refer to his young daughter in a sexual manner.

One of the letters featured a return address that turned out to be nonexistent. The man, who handed the letters over to Canton officers, said he is concerned about his daughter's safety.

Possible apartment break-in

Canton police were called to the 8400 block of Brookpark Wednesday after they received notification about a possible break in at an apartment.

When police arrived at the scene, they were told by the complex's maintenance workers that an unidentified witness said a man had stuck his head out of an apartment's rear bedroom window before disappearing back into the unit.

When the maintenance workers got the call, they monitored the building and then called police. Upon entering the unit, the officers noted that nothing appeared to be missing but that the screen to the bedroom window had been pried back.

The man that lives in the apartment was notified of the situation and later told police that nothing was missing from his home.

In the police report, officers noted that there was no evidence to confirm that the unit had been illegally entered.

Man steal power bars

He went in for energy and left in handcuffs.

Canton police arrested and ticketed a man who attempted to steal 20 power bars from Holiday Market Thursday.

A store employee told police that she saw the man enter the store, use its ATM and then leave shortly thereafter holding up a "large bulge" under his hooded sweatshirt.

When the man exited the building, the employee said she confronted him and he showed her the box of energy bars. She said he was then escorted back in the market and police were called.

Upon his arrest the man told officers that he wanted to purchase the items, which were valued at \$40, saying, "I can pay for them, I have money."

The man was given a court date of May 20.

Harassing letters

A Canton man has alerted police

-By Tiffany L. Parks



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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 note-worthy 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.

Canton Historical Society

The Canton Historical Society's next meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 7 p.m. at the former Cherry Hill School house at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. Guest speaker for the evening will be Martin Brosnan, who will be discussing "You Ought To Have An Auto." This will be a humorous, nostalgic look back on the gradual replacement of the old reliable horse to the new, noisy autos on the village streets. Brosnan, a popular area speaker, is a retired educator and historian who has also worked at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village for 12 years. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

POW Museum tour

Get a first-hand look at the life of American prisoners of war in Nazi Germany as the mobile exhibit Behind Barbed Wire rolls into Canton on May 19.

Housed in a converted school bus, this rolling BUS-eum paints a picture of POW life as

captured soldiers experienced it. Using artifacts, photographs, documents, audio and DVD documentaries, it focuses on the experiences of Midwest prisoners of war, a group that represented a greater portion of POWs than any other region in the United States.

The Canton Veteran's Memorial Association is sponsoring the BUS-eum's to visit Canton. Admission to the exhibit is free and visitors can also stop in the Canton Public Library for a reception and a special book sale featuring materials on the era. The BUS-eum will be stationed on Veteran's Way near the clock tower immediately west of the library, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19.

Chamber computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering an "Intro to MS Publisher" course presented by Canton Computers on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, from 6-9 p.m. at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2008. These classes are open to Chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for nonmembers. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

To register, contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Friday, May 16. All 2008 seminars and computer training courses are proudly sponsored by Telcom Credit Union.

For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Rotary raffle

The Canton Rotary Club will host a fund-raising dinner from 6:30-9:30 p.m., June 2 at Summit on the Park. The event will feature a raffle with prizes, a full dinner, entertainment, silent and live auctions, cash bar, and a chance to network with fellow business people and community citizens. Top prize in the raffle is a \$4,500 vacation plus \$1,500 in taxes paid

on your behalf; 2nd Prize is a weekend getaway to Las Vegas; and 3rd Prize is a weekend getaway to Toronto. In addition there will be at least 17 runner up prizes with a minimum value of \$200.

Cost for the event is \$150 for a ticket entitling you to all events of the evening. There will be a minimum of 20 winners, and a maximum of 120 tickets sold. For more information, contact Canton Rotary Club Directors Michelle Burger at (734) 812-2517 or Larry Oldford at (734) 905-7700.

Positive parenting seminar

The Canton Police Department and Canton Leisure Services are partnering together to present another Positive Parenting Seminar on Monday, May 19, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Parents are encouraged to attend this informative parenting seminar together with their kids age 9 and older. Community Relations Sgt. Deb Newsome will present safety information geared specifically toward kids on Web sites, messaging and chat rooms. MySpace and Facebook will be discussed as well.

Parents attending the presentation are welcome to bring their younger children to enjoy activities and Summit facilities free of charge. Child care will be provided in the following manner: Ages 3 & under will be supervised in the Kids Corner; ages 4-6 may swim as long as an older sibling is present (otherwise, an alternative activity will be provided) and ages 7 & older are welcome to swim. Ages and activity intentions will be asked upon registration. After the seminar, parents are invited to join their kids for some fun.

The seminar is free of charge, but seating is limited. Plymouth-Canton residents interested in attending should stop by or call the Summit front desk at 394-5460, by May 15 for reservations.

Singsation 2008

The PCEP Choirs annual spring concert, Singsation, will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 20 in the Salem High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5



Healthy cooking

Susan Chagas of Canton accepts her second prize award after the "Top Healthy Chef" Cooking Competition that took place at Schoolcraft College on April 28. Presenting her the award is Robert Levine of the Oakland County Medical Society, which co-sponsored the event with Schoolcraft College. Chef Gabriel from Schoolcraft is also pictured. There were five culinary arts students who participated in this competition that required the aspiring chefs to prepare a three-course dinner for four that included a soup, salad or appetizer, a main course, and a dessert. They were required to adhere to "healthy" recipes that could have not more than 10 percent of fat calories from saturated fat; zero trans fat; 100 milligrams or less of cholesterol and 800 milligrams or less of sodium; total calories not exceeding 900 per person; and a maximum number of calories from fat not exceeding 200.

at the door or \$4 in advance through the choir office located in room 1603 at Salem or by calling (734) 416-7765. For more information visit www.pcepchoirs.org.

This year's Singsation concert will feature students performing challenging choral works by Moses Hogan, Arthur Sullivan, and John Rutter as well as popular music from the Broadway musicals *Sweeney Todd*, *Rent*, *Hairspray*, *Grease*, and *Children of Eden*. In addition, solos will be performed by graduating seniors in the choir program.

The combined PCEP choirs will also proudly present the world premiere of new choral work commissioned by the PCEP choirs this spring. Entitled "Song to Tradition," this new work has been crafted by renowned composer Ruth Elaine Schram with lyrics by Chicago area poet Dennis Neumann. This song will also be performed by the choirs at the high school spring commencement ceremonies.

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.

American music concert

The Plymouth Community Band will present a concert of American music at 8 p.m., May 16 at the Canton High School auditorium located on Canton Center Road just south of Joy Road. The program will feature J. Bennett, an exceptional teen pianist, performing Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and Irv Feldman, resident clarinet soloist, playing Artie Shaw's clarinet concerto.

There is no cost for the concert. For more information, call (734) 306-7192.

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. Please RSVP for this meeting.

St. Michael registration

Registrations are now being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton for the 2008-09 school year. There are openings in 3 and 4 year old preschool classes, as well as, young fives through sixth grade. Their academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers, and they support the development of the whole child in a small class size setting.

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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 Unity 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.

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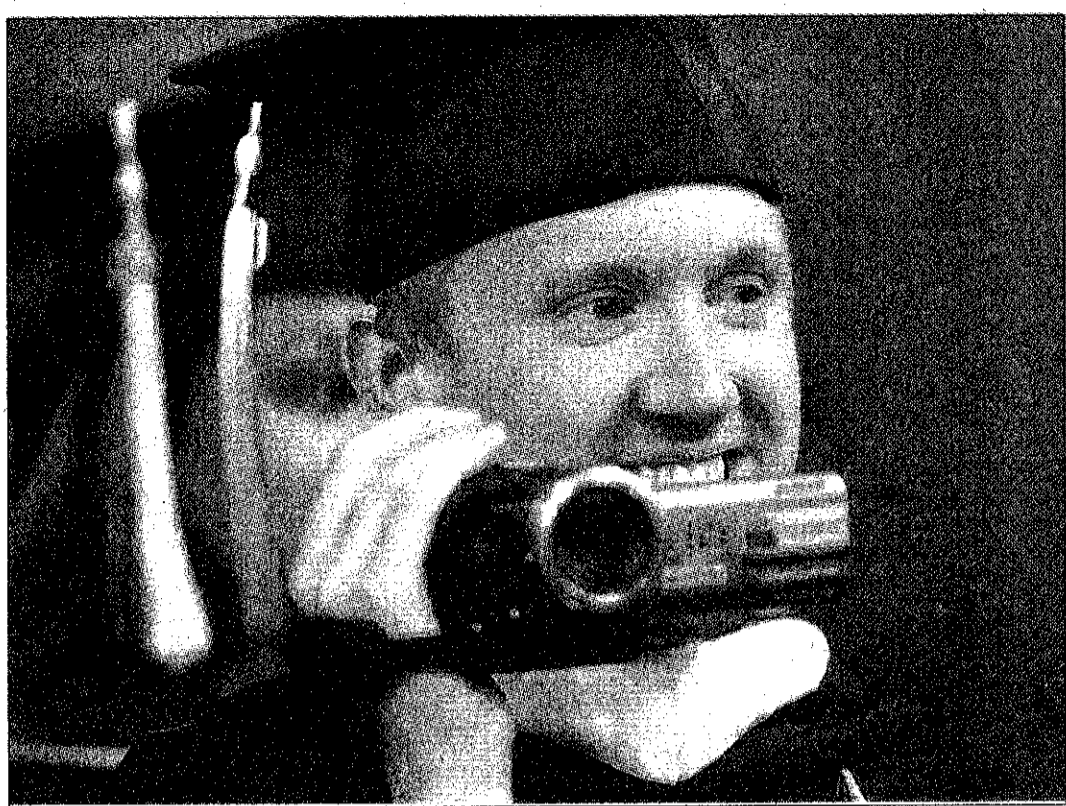
Madonna University held its 61st commencement Sunday at Compuware Arena, in Plymouth Township. Approximately 800 graduates joined the Madonna University alumni ranks, with some 650 students receiving a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or certificate, and the remainder earning a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees were bestowed upon the late Mother Mary Cajetan Jankiewicz, CSSF, and Michigan Opera Theatre Founding General Director David DiChiera, Ph.D. The Distinguished Alumna award was given to Nancy (Rivers) Enright, '61.

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies were Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan.



Graduate Abbey Hebel gets a big hug from her aunt, Dr. Betty Jean Hebel, who teaches in the graduate business program.



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David Brown of Livonia earned a degree in television and video, so naturally recorded his own graduation.



Lisa Mato holds a small fan designed for graduates, with the message "I DID IT." At far left, Shannon Paul receives her degree from Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa and Board of Trustees Chair David Walawender.



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Valedictorian tells grads to give back, cherish life

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Beth Ann Dalrymple wanted to be valedictorian of her high school class.

But throughout her sophomore, junior and senior years at Thurston High School, a rare liver disease kept her out of class 20 to 40 days per year.

Still, she graduated with a 3.8 grade point average in 1981.

Dalrymple, who lives in Livonia, got to be valedictorian Saturday when she accepted her diploma from the University of Detroit Mercy.

She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, taking one class per semester, working full time at Ford Motor Co. and living with a liver disease that required a donor transplant.

The message she shared with her fellow graduates is about life and giving back, a topic Dalrymple knows well.

"She lives out many of the values and missions of the university" especially giving back to human kind, said Leo Hanifin, the dean of Engineering and Science.

Dalrymple volunteers her time with Gift of Life, asking people to sign the donor registry. As a member of the engineering honor society, she worked with high school students to get them interested in engineering.

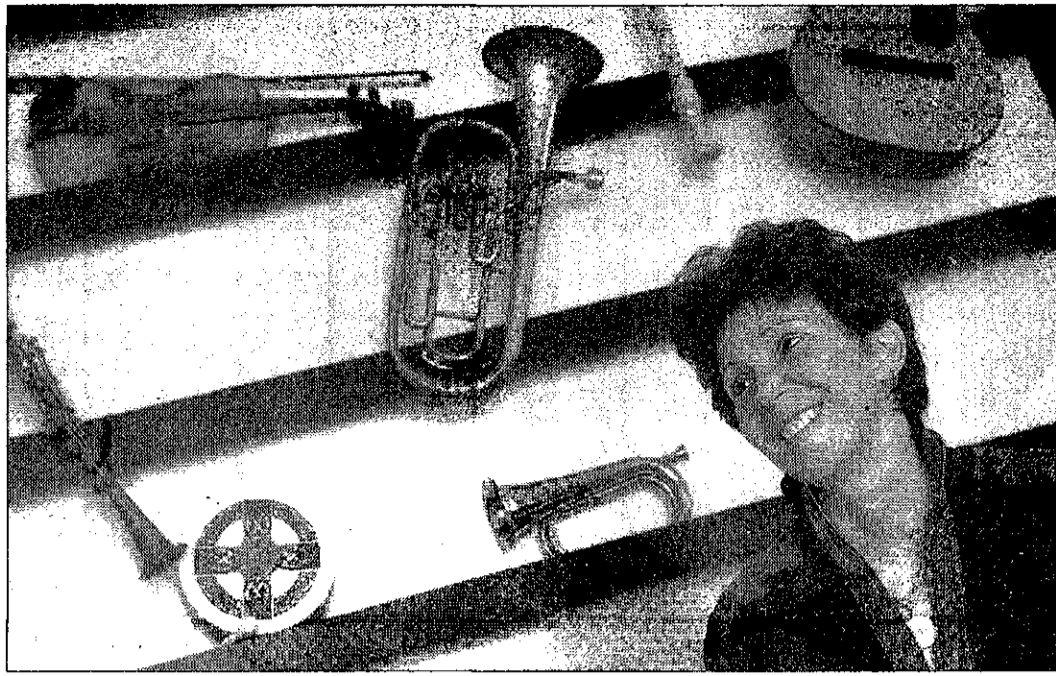
"She has demonstrated herself to be an exceptional student," Hanifin said. "But more than that, she's exceptional at working with people."

Dalrymple was diagnosed at age 14 with a liver disease so rare it wasn't given a name until 1995, Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis. Although fatigued, she managed to function well for many years.

She received a transplant in January, 2006.

"I can't even begin to tell you how good it feels to feel healthy," she said. "I'm 44. I feel like I'm 20."

She has been to Europe a



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Livonia resident Beth Ann Dalrymple talks about her health and fabulous outlook on living after receiving a liver transplant in 2006. She was named valedictorian of her graduating class from the University of Detroit Mercy, where she earned a degree in mechanical engineering.

few times. She likes to drive her restored 1967 Mustangs on Hines Drive on Sunday afternoons and plays clarinet and saxophone. She enjoys the company of her dog, Hermione.

Everyone should make the most of life and cherish it, she said.

About two and a half years ago, Dalrymple had started planning her own funeral. She said she was just trying to be practical. She had been on the waiting list for more than six years and recently had been bumped to the top.

But Dalrymple was too sick to keep a Saturday afternoon appointment with a funeral director.

The next night, the phone rang.

The liver belonged to a 45-year-old woman. Dalrymple doesn't know the circumstance of the donor's death, but she's written two letters of thanks to the family and will continue to send more. "That's a difficult thank you," she said.

She encourages people to talk with their families about organ donation. It's too difficult a decision for survivors to make in a hospital.



Beth Ann Dalrymple has much more energy after receiving a liver transplant in 2006, which allows her to do more work on the Ford Mustangs she restores, such as this 1967 351 Mustang Fastback.

Dalrymple has worked at Ford since 1990 and began attending U-D in 1999, through a partnership the two entities had.

Professor Mark Schumack said she's the best student he ever worked with. Her work was impeccable, he said. She turned in calculations neatly typed and volunteered for a Saturday seminar, again with high schoolers.

He said she's probably "worth her weight in gold" at Ford.

Two years ago, she got a job in Ford's analytical department, working with the performance of engines.

It's a great job, she said, given her hobby of restoring Mustangs.

In the future, Dalrymple plans to work toward a master's degree in engineering and would like to take another trip abroad, to visit Rome and look at art.

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Couple faces 3-20 years prison time in prostitution case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland couple faces three to 20 years in prison for operating a prostitution ring that included a 16-year-old girl who stayed at their Woodcrest Villa apartment on the city's north side.

"They should thank their lucky stars they're getting as little time as they're getting, especially since it involves a minor," Westland Police Chief James Ridener said last week.

Lanard Mack Henley, 24, started serving his time in April after pleading guilty to transporting a female for purposes of prostitution. His girlfriend, 26-year-old Davina Shirley Lloyd, faces sentencing May 22, according to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Ridener commended officers who conducted an investigation that led to their arrests in January, when an undercover officer arranged to meet an 18-year-old prostitute at the Fairfield Inn in Canton. The couple advertised their clients on Craigslist, an online network that features advertising for jobs, housing, personals and other services.

Authorities learned of the prostitution ring after a 16-year-old girl told her mother that she had worked for Henley and Lanard.

"Hopefully they won't have any future victims," Ridener said. "I think the sentence is lenient. They should be happy."

Officers from Westland and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, working in the Metro Street Enforcement Team, reportedly learned that as many as 12 young women had been involved in the prostitution

ring, according to Westland police Lt. Mark Engstrom.

One girl, who reportedly worked for the couple when she was 16, testified against the couple during a preliminary hearing Feb. 29, saying they posted her nude pictures on the Internet and drove her to meet customers who paid \$200 or more for sex.

"They asked me to lie about my age," the girl, now 17, said in court.

She accused Lloyd of slapping her and threatening her when she lied about being raped by a customer in hopes of getting time off work.

"Davina said I'd end up dead in an alley if I lied to her," the girl testified.

Henley and Lloyd faced multiple prostitution-related charges, some of which prosecutors dropped after the couple agreed to plead to transporting a female for purposes of prostitution. Henley also had a criminal history involving possession of cocaine and carrying a concealed weapon.

The girl who testified against the couple said in February that she met Lloyd and Henley three months earlier at a gas station in Detroit. She said she was attracted to Lloyd and that Henley gave her a business card and told her to call the number on it, saying she could make money.

According to the prosecutor's office, Henley has started serving his prison sentence and Lloyd is free on bond as she awaits her formal sentencing May 22 in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton.

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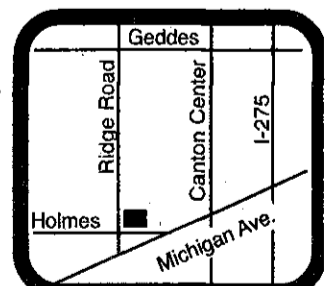
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A: One of the great things about this country is that we give people a second chance. That is the reason that bankruptcy laws exist, to offer a



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fresh start. I do not believe anyone should be embarrassed just because they run into financial difficulty and have to file bankruptcy. After all, we have seen many corporations file for bankruptcy and they certainly didn't worry about any stigma or negative implications by filing bankruptcy. Michigan is going through difficult times. Many people are finding they cannot afford to pay some of their bills. In those situations, you

discuss debt situation with creditors to work out a payment program. For example, people who have charge card debt can work with their charge card company to reduce or even eliminate the interest on the account.

If, one can reasonably work out of a financial situation by following the above, then that is the course of action to initially pursue.

On the other hand, if there is no realistic solution to the debt then one should consider bankruptcy. Yes, bankruptcy does have a downside. It hurts your credit rating, makes it more difficult to obtain credit, and for some individuals it causes embarrassment.

However, if by wiping out debt, you can start fresh, as far as I am concerned, it outweighs any of the negatives.

Anyone who is considering bankruptcy should make sure that he/she deals with a bankruptcy attorney. Bankruptcy is a very specialized area of the law and most general practitioners are do not have the expertise needed. A qualified bankruptcy attorney is the essential.

Q: I read your column a few weeks ago about selling your life insurance policy. I have an old life insurance policy that I don't need. I have seen lots of ads about selling policies and I am somewhat leery. Can you

recommend someone I can discuss this with?

A: I have no problem with selling an old life insurance policy. Since you do not need the policy the question is how will more money end up in your pocket? One, by selling the policy or two, by canceling the policy and receiving the cash surrender value. If the answer is selling the policy, then that is the way to proceed.

It is a minefield out there when it comes to selling life insurance policies. As in every business and in every profession, there are good and bad people to deal with and in the case of selling life insurance policies, it's no different. The individual I have dealt

with and have confidence in with regards to the sale of life insurance policies is Mark Orechkin (248-356-8820).

I also recommend you get a referral from family or friends who've had experience in this area. I believe that knowledgeable referrals from people who you trust and have confidence in is invaluable.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneyatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

RESA rescinds special education staffing proposals

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two proposals in a seven-point plan to change special education staffing in Wayne County were rescinded Thursday prior to a public meeting and in response to overwhelming negative public comment.

Mark Francis, director of special education and early intervention for the Wayne County Regional Education Services Agency, said RESA will not go forward with staffing changes as proposed for the severely multiple impaired and severely cognitively impaired programs that have generated so much response.

The proposal would have changed the teacher/student ratio for severely multiple impaired from 1 to 9 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 9 to 1 to 10 and changing the teacher ratio for severely cognitively impaired

from 1 to 12 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 12 to 1 to 10.

"I have already received over 100 letters, phone calls and e-mails and I have personally looked at each and every one. I am truly heartened by the show of support for special education that has been demonstrated the past couple of weeks and hope that it can continue to build and be heard by our legislators," said Francis.

Francis did not cancel the meeting because he said he wanted to encourage parents to stay active.

"We appreciated the responses and want to keep this moving forward," he said Thursday afternoon. "We are asking them to speak with their state and federal legislators. They are the ones who will have to deal with this."

Wayne RESA and Wayne County school districts face serious challenges in funding these very important programs. Costs to operate the center based spe-

cial education programs increase every year by at least 5 percent, yet reimbursement from the government is only 1-1/2 percent. Francis said the plan could have saved \$4 million.

Wayne County has about 1,000 students in the severely multiple impaired and severely cognitively impaired programs.

Funding comes from the 3.368 mills, Act 18 millage that voters approved in 2002, the maximum allowed in Wayne County. Costs not covered by the Wayne RESA Act 18 Special Education Fund must be covered by local district funds. The 2001-2002 school year was the last time a charge back occurred amounting to \$28 million county-wide.

"Obviously we put this out for public comment to get feedback from the community. There were some in favor of the changes but they were overwhelmingly

opposed," Francis said. "But we want to keep the momentum moving forward. Let legislators know we need to do something."

He said the programs have excellent teachers who need support.

Jo Ann Johnson of Plymouth was one of those who was strongly opposed to the changes. She has a 12-year-old son who attends Old Village School in Northville.

She said Thursday afternoon that she would attend the Thursday evening meeting to oppose other proposals to cut staffing in the speech and language programs. She said she also wants make sure that any future proposals coming from RESA comply with state guidelines.

She and other parents have said they are concerned about the process for change that allows RESA to seek a waiver of state guidelines from the state superintendent of public instruction.

'Bowling for Rhinos' is May 31

The Detroit chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers will host its 19th annual "Bowling for Rhinos" bowling Saturday, May 31, at Cloverlanes Bowl in Livonia. A family-friendly event will be at 3 p.m., offering bowling, a tin can raffle, cookie walk and coloring contest. The traditional bowling gets under way at 7 p.m. with bowling, a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Bowlers may register individually or form a team of four to five. Fee is \$5 (shoe rental, two games, pizza and soft drinks). Information is available by calling

(248) 541-5717, Ext. 3000, or e-mailing aazk@detroitzoo.org.

Forms and fees should be received by May 24. Anyone unable to attend but who would like to sponsor rhino conservation can visit www.aazkdetroit.org to donate.

Bowlers are asked to collect sponsor money of a minimum \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. All donations are tax deductible. Bowlers who raise over \$50 will receive a "Bowling for Rhinos" T-shirt and those who raise more than \$100 will receive the T-shirt and a rhino beanbag animal.

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Redford commissioner challenges county treasurer

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Cavanagh

Saying that inaction on a glut of property tax foreclosures has caused urban decay, Phil Cavanagh on Thursday announced his intention to run for Wayne County Treasurer.

Cavanagh, a Democrat who is in his fourth term on the county Board of Commissioners, will take on Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, an incumbent with 32 years in office, in the August Democratic primary.

"There is no plan in Wayne County" to deal with tax-foreclosed properties, said Cavanagh, who represents Redford Township. "There is no vision."

Cavanagh said other county treasurers in Michigan have taken "innovative" steps to keep tax-foreclosed parcels from becoming blighted, by bundling them to sell off for redevelopment, and by investing in housing rehabilitation, thus creating jobs, and putting the houses back on the market.

"He could be driving economic development," Cavanagh said.

Wojtowicz, who has filed for a re-election bid, could not be reached for a response.

Cavanagh said the treasurer

allows speculators to "cherry-pick" prime foreclosed properties, but that others — currently about 9,000 — are ignored. He said Wojtowicz has raised at least \$25 million through foreclosure auctions that could be reinvested in other foreclosed properties.

Cavanagh, 46, was first elected to the county commission in 2000. He is an attorney and the son of the late former Detroit mayor Jerome Cavanagh. His commission district is made up of Redford, Garden City and Dearborn Heights.

During his tenure on the commission, Cavanagh assisted with the joint county-township street-paving project; helped obtain money, through

the county's recreation millage, for the new Capitol Park splash pad and the repair of the Garden City community pool; and has worked to improve flood control in Dearborn Heights. Cavanagh is also known as advocate for improved mental health services and for abused and neglected children. Cavanagh said some people have been surprised at his willingness to give up another commission term in order to challenge Wojtowicz. But, he said, "This is going to be an exciting race."

Cavanagh and wife Lily each have three children from previous marriages; the family lives in Redford.

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Township Board of Trustees

- The board will meet at 7 p.m., May 13 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include:
 - Public hearings on 2008 CDBG program; the 2008 sidewalk repair program; and adoption of resolution no. 3 for the Marlowe Street road improvements, SAD 2006-2.
 - Appoint 35th district court magistrate.
 - Consider Oakwood Health Care Medical Campus Preliminary Planned Development district.
 - Rezoning for Canton Friendship Church.
 - Cherry hill Village Market Place minor PDD and site plan for Phase I parking improvement and modification to the site plan for the Biltmore building.
 - Consider approval of wastewater disposal agreement with Sauk Trail Development, inc.
 - Authorize contract for fireworks display for the 2008 Liberty Fest.
 - Award several contracts for Liberty Fest.
 - Approve water and sewer rates.
 - Consider elected officials' compensation.

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will get an update on a new telephone notification system that will alert parents about emergencies and other major events occurring in the district.

Trustees will also get an update on the arts program and a partnership with the University of Michigan.

The Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth.

Wayne-Westland Board of Education

The school board will meet at 7 p.m., May 12 at Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland. Agenda items include:

- Appointment of Angela E. Black, CPA as Director/Alternate to the MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust.
- Review and approval, Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) General Fund Operating Budget for the 2008-2009 school year.

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BAND

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"We have great support from our church and band families who have been there for us, preparing dinners, baby sitting and anything else that we need," he said. "I'm blessed to work for this district, it's been supportive and understanding

and empathetic to our situation. The community has been very loving and giving."

Whitlock said he'll still teach instrumental band, but the extra-curricular duties for the nationally renowned Plymouth-Canton Marching Band — which finished seventh in the nation last year — will have to be put on the back burner.

"My wife has been incredibly wonderful dealing with the medical treatments while I'm at work," said Whitlock. "She is an inspiration to me every day, and I need to be there for her and my daughter and participate fully in her recovery."

"I love the marching band with all my heart, but I know that between staff, the administration and the band boosters the kids are in great hands," he said. "But, I will be saddened not to be part of it this year."

Mark Stamper, the immediate past president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, said Whitlock is a "talented guy" and will be missed.

"Mark made an incredibly difficult decision to balance his personal life with his professional life," Stamper said. "This is bittersweet for him, but he doesn't want to impact the kids or the program."

"He did an incredible job of laying a good foundation, and has built a strong team," added Stamper. "Marc has made a big impression on the organization."

Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, said the district is moving forward in filling Whitlock's position at the high school park, which includes both the teaching and marching band positions.

"Marc has applied for the instrumental band position at West Middle School, and if he's selected we'll post the instrumental position at the park and look for someone who also has interest in the marching band," said Bihun.

Whitlock said, like any parent, it's been difficult watching Macaylah suffer.

"But, the short-term suffering we're going through will result in a long lifetime of health and happiness," said Whitlock. "And, we firmly believe that."

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision," says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons

use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are. Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement" Dr. Smith explained.

Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May. Macular degeneration, cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's



Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

"Each patient has a unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of life."

Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$1800 to \$2,500.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it.

You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

1-877-677-2020.

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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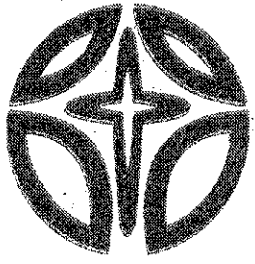
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LETTERS

Embrace all religions

I am writing in response to the May 1 letter by Robert Denstedt. I am sick to death of people using the words "this is America" in the same sentence as they espouse some bigoted viewpoint. In the case of Denstedt's letter, that there should not be religious freedom.

Denstedt said he can't believe "aliens" can just come here and build on American land any "temple or other religious building." Do you really want to do away with religious freedom? Isn't that one of the things that makes America great — our freedoms? Do you want it to be here like in some other countries, where the government tells you if and which religion to embrace? I don't think so.

America is an open society with religious freedom, and that means the freedom to choose which religion we want to profess, and also the freedom to not practice any faith. And furthermore, that freedom extends to all — those of us born here by chance and those who came here by choice.

The flip side of that freedom is that you, as an individual, may not always agree with how others choose to exercise their freedom. Well, we are free to worship, and so are all who choose to live in our country — even Canton.

I think the mosques and Hindu temples enrich our community, and I am always happy to see any further diversity of culture that graces our township.

Our freedom of religion is something to cherish and share, not something we hoard only for us Christians.

Terrill Samimy
Canton

Light needed at intersection

I am a resident of Cherry Hill Village and travel the Ford/Ridge intersection frequently. This is one area I avoid during rush hours. I definitely believe a traffic light is needed right at the intersection of Ford and Ridge.

Is it possible to have the Canton Charter Academy traffic enter and exit along a service drive that would flow onto Ridge rather than Ford Road? With this setup the light at the intersection would accommodate both situations.

I hope to see this very dangerous problem resolved as soon as possible.

Connie Mason
Canton

Avoid intersection

I live on Ridge Road north of Ford. The Ford and Ridge intersection is very dangerous and has had a lot of accidents and fatalities. I believe there should be a light due to high volume of traffic especially, morning and afternoon shift time rush times. With the two nearby private schools it is only a matter of time before there are more fatal and/or serious injury accidents.

I currently avoid this intersection as much as possible using gravel roads to go Beck and Ford where there is a traffic light to cross Ford or turn east on Ford. I know some of my neighbors also do the same to avoid the Ford and Ridge intersection. This adds traffic to the Beck and Ford intersection that is one mile east of Ridge, which already has a lot of traffic.

David Brancheau
Canton

Intersection is dangerous

My son totaled his Pontiac Firebird at the Ford/Ridge intersection. A car, traveling northbound on Ridge, pulled out in front of him as he approached the intersection traveling eastbound on his way home from Eastern Michigan University. It was dusk and the car never even stopped to see if my son was OK. He hit the pole at the corner of the Canton Charter Academy trying to avoid hitting the crossing vehicle. When the tow truck arrived, he asked if there were any survivors, since the pole sat in the middle of the hood of the car. The car was shattered into many pieces, but we were very lucky that my son had no serious injuries.

This is an extremely dangerous intersection and deserves a light ASAP. Others have not been so lucky.

Joanne Mikosz
Canton

'No' to teacher layoffs

This is in regards to "Plymouth-Canton Schools Interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs has proposed eliminating 26 full-time teaching positions." The Plymouth-Canton school district has always been one of the most desirable school districts in Michigan and now Ken Jacobs wants to use the old knee-jerk reaction and lay-

off teachers and sacrifice the quality of our children's education due to the recent budget cuts.

If Ken Jacobs and his administration had paid more attention to the day-to-day business activities of the district then certainly there could have been more effective methods to reduce costs.

We aren't talking about jobs going overseas, we are talking about are children's education. An education that is vital to prepare our students to compete in the "global job market."

Laying off 26 teachers will have too much of a negative impact on our educational system and the district is too far down the road to be proactive. I highly doubt if Ken Jacobs or the school board has approached any of our "big box retailers" such as IKEA, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Target, Kohl's, Meijer, etc., for financial assistance. As a suggestion, the school district could partner with any of the above and incorporate them into the classroom.

For example, the chemistry classes could get hands-on experience using the various methods for testing for lead in products. The business-oriented classes could do research projects, surveys, etc. The list goes on.

I think the best solution is to eliminate the superintendent and assistant superintendent position immediately. Share their workload between three elected principals. This would save six teaching positions. Eliminate the executive director of human resources and save another three teaching positions. Next eliminate all principals and have the assistant principals carry on the daily activities. It makes no sense to have an assistant principal do all the work while the principal takes all the credit. Decrease the salaries of the assistant principals by 15 percent. I'll bet I just saved well over \$3 million.

Kurt Kachin
Canton

Lions thank you

The Plymouth Lions Club would like to thank citizens of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and the surrounding communities for donations to our recent White Cane Drive (April 25-26).

Club members manned storefronts and major intersections throughout the community in their signature yellow jackets and hats collecting monies that will help fund

our many projects assisting the blind, handicapped and underprivileged of the area.

We were overwhelmed by the concerns for our safety, support of our work and the generosity of the residents in these uncertain economic times. All contributed to a near record collection. Of course, beautiful weather helped, too!

While most donors were familiar with what Lions "do," many were unfamiliar with our club and what projects we support. Answering those questions at a busy intersection was difficult at best. So I will try to list a few major ones here: Used eyeglasses, hearing aid and cell phone collection, College scholarships for community high school seniors, readers for the partially blind, Penrickton Center for the Blind and Handicapped, wheelchair ramps for the handicapped, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Beaumont Silent Children's Fund, Paws With a Cause, Shelters, benches and playground equipment at Lions Park, Benches in Kellogg Park, Shelter and rest room facilities at The Gathering and many, many more.

The "active" part of our campaign is now completed. However, you may still contribute by sending a check to the Plymouth Lions Club, P.O. Box 701159, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attn: White Cane Chairman.

Thank you.

Douglas Hincker
Plymouth Lions Club White
Cane chairman

OUR VIEWS

Thank Mom for her love

"God couldn't be everywhere so He made mothers."

There's truth to this saying often found on coffee mugs, plaques and other trinkets made as Mother's Day gifts.

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Mothers are the first ones to teach their children about love. They care for them as infants and meet their needs without expecting to get anything back. They continue to sacrifice their time and energy during their children's growing up years — and even after their children become adults. Until they have children of their own, few people realize how deep and wide a mother's love is.

Most adults know how to love others because of the love they were first shown by their mothers.

No mother is perfect — some certainly wouldn't win any Mother of the Year awards.

But most do the best they know how, loving their children the best they're able.

This Mother's Day, if you're blessed enough to still have your mother, take the time to thank her for her unconditional love.

She won't love you any less if you don't, but it'll certainly make her day.

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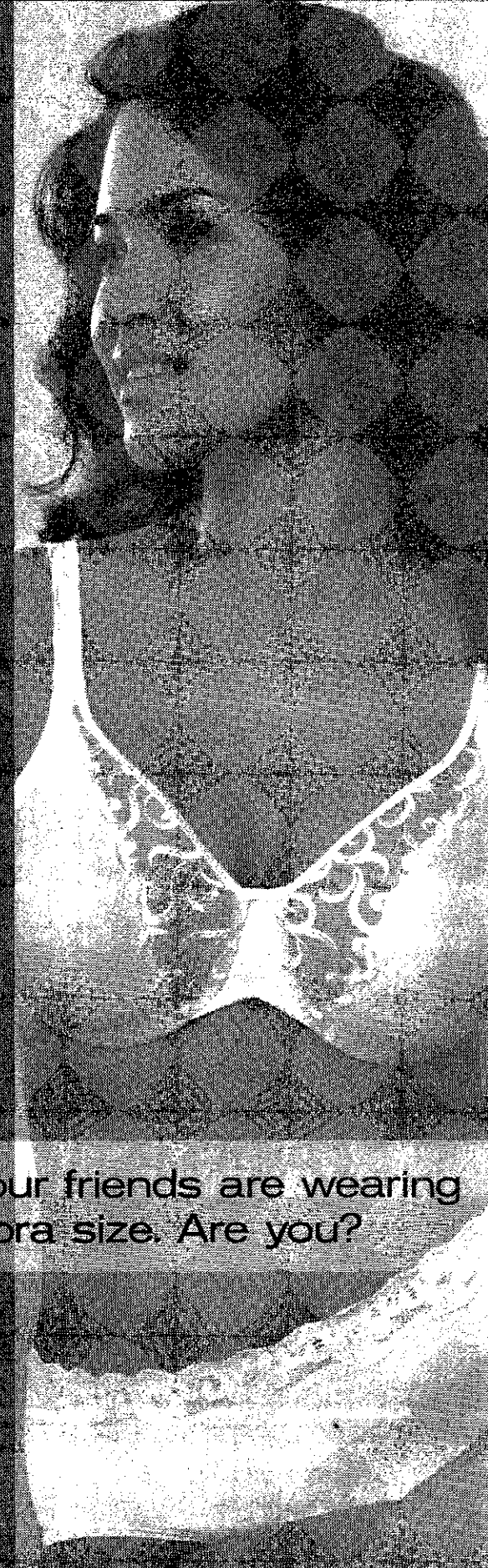
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PURPLE REIGN

Roeper blanked by state-ranked PCA

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The way the Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team is playing these days, the Eagles can make average teams look bad and good teams

look, well, like Birmingham Roeper looked Thursday afternoon.

PCA, which entered the contest ranked No. 3 in the state in Division 4, humbled the Roughriders, 6-0, to improve to 10-2-1 overall.

The triumph also clinched a second-consecutive Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title for the Eagles.

The Roughriders slipped to 7-3-1.

"Overall, I thought our strikers and mid-fielders played well today," said PCA coach Nathan Yates. "The girls did a great job of communicating. I was really impressed with Allyson DeKruyter. She gave 110 percent effort out there."

Yates said the Eagles' defensive strategy focused on containing Roeper junior forward Stephanie Holloman, the team's top player, in Yates' estimation.

"She's a very good striker — a very good athlete — so we wanted

to isolate her with man marking and then play zone with the rest of the defense," explained Yates. "We wanted to keep the ball in the middle of the field so they couldn't play it up to her and so that we could play the ball up to our forwards."

The Roughriders, who trailed 3-0 at the half, were bolstered by a spectacular effort from freshman goal-keeper Alia Raheem, who prevented a mercy rule-shortened game with several point-blank saves.

"Alia did a lot of good things out there," said Roeper coach Mike Ruddy. "A couple of times she came out and challenged people when maybe she should have stayed back, but overall she did a great job, especially considering she's a freshman."

Brooke Williams was the offensive star for the Eagles as she registered three goals, including the winners' first (five minutes into the game) and final net-finder with approximately nine minutes to play.

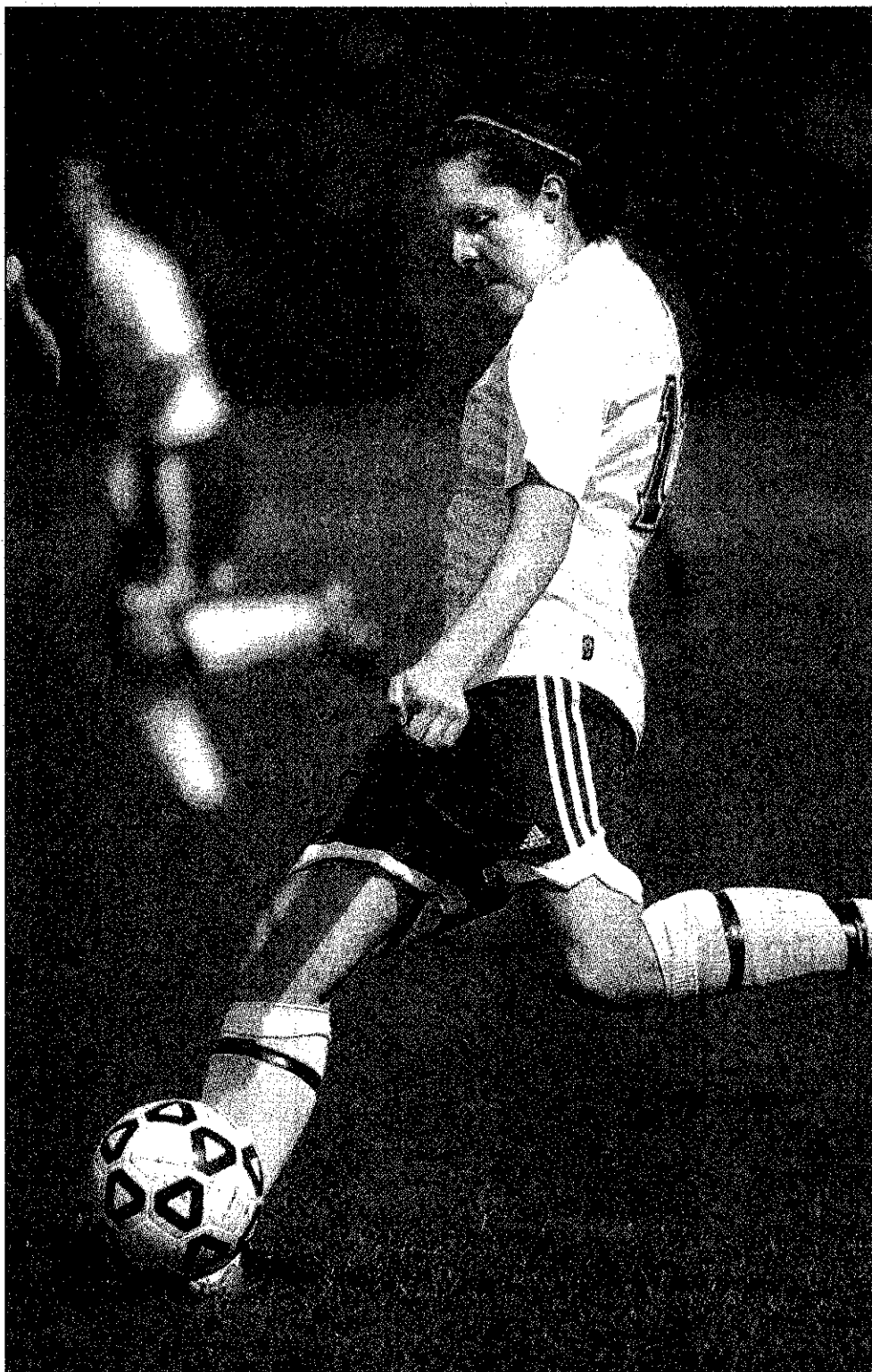
Jenna Misch, Nette Somercik and Peggy Abraham also scored for PCA.

Senior keeper Sara Ross

Please see **PCA, B6**



Plymouth Christian Academy's Jenna Misch pursues a loose ball during the Eagles' 6-0 win over Roeper Thursday afternoon.



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Plymouth Christian Academy forward Brooke Williams advances the ball up the field during Thursday's MIAC clash against Birmingham Roeper. Williams registered a hat trick in the Eagles' 6-0 triumph.

Sidelines

Suvoy passes away

Redford teenager Bobby Suvo, who was featured in a March 27 *Observer* article that described how he was befriended by members of the Plymouth Whalers Ontario Hockey League organization, died Tuesday from the effects of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which is better known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

Suvo was 16 years old and would have been a sophomore at Redford Thurston High School.

The popular, athletic teen was diagnosed with ALS in August.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Patrice; sisters Denise and Jacqueline; and grandmother Jayne Provenzano.

He was laid to rest Saturday at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Whalers forward Chris Terry and Natalie Shaver, the team's marketing administrator, visited Suvo at his home on March 15 when he became too ill to attend Plymouth's home game that night against Sarnia.

Shooters Golf Tour

Local golf enthusiasts are invited to participate in the summer-long Shooters Golf Tour, a development tour that offers six different competitive divisions and is played on several of the best public courses Michigan has to offer.

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Chiefs golf outing

The annual Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club golf outing will be held June 21 at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township.

The scramble-format event will tee off with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on the outing, visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

Search is on for new PCA AD after Johnson let go

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chris Johnson, who served as the athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy since the summer of 2006, was relieved of his duties late last month after he failed to complete educational requirements that would have made him a certified AD, according to Dr. David Butler, the school's interim head of schools.

Johnson succeeded Doug Taylor, who left for a similar position in Virginia in June of 2006.

The upstate New York native was also forced to give up the reins of the Eagles' state-ranked girls soccer team, which he became head coach of prior to this season.

Assistant coach Nathan Yates was named head coach of the girls soccer team in late April, immediately after Johnson's departure.

"Chris is a very likeable guy and we're sad to see the parting of ways, but he simply waited too long to finish the certification process," said Butler. "He was hired with the knowledge that he would be on probation until he obtained the

certification and we didn't want to go into a third year with him on probation."

Butler said the search for a new AD is ongoing.

Several current PCA staff members, including softball coach Dan Hammar, will handle the athletic department's administrative duties until a full-time AD is hired.

PCA, which is located at 43065 Joy Rd. in Canton, offers 10 varsity sports: boys and girls basketball; volleyball; baseball; softball; boys and girls track; boys and girls cross country; and boys golf.

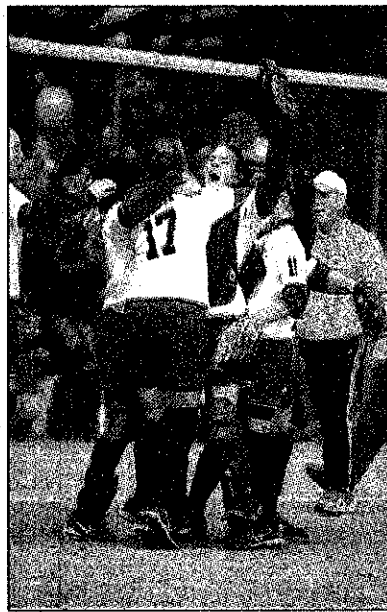
Yates retained Bob Lorion as an assis-

tant coach following his promotion last month. Lorion served as the Eagles' head coach for four years before stepping down following the 2007 campaign.

"One day after practice a couple of weeks ago, Chris called the team together and let everybody know what was going on," said Yates. "We were all pretty shocked and surprised, but the girls have handled the transition well and there have been no speed bumps. I realized what had to be done and we've continued on."

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Members of Salem's softball team give catcher Emily Pitcole a group hug after she tagged out Canton's Lauren Leskovitz at home plate to end Thursday night's cross-campus showdown between the two teams at Massey Field. The Rocks won, 6-2.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Night vision: Rocks clip Chiefs, 6-2

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thursday night's Canton-Salem softball showdown at Massey Field ended the way all highly anticipated rivalry games should end — with a bang-bang play at home plate.

When the dust had settled, it was the Rocks who got the most bang for their buck, surviving a late Chief rally to win 6-2.

With her team trailing 6-0 with two on and two out in the top of the seventh, Canton freshman Lauren Leskovitz laced a shot up the right-center field gap to bring home Sam

Pertain and Nicole Rago. However, Leskovitz was nailed at the plate by a perfectly executed Lizzy McLoud-to-Lizzy Mazorowicz-to-Emily Pitcole relay to end the game.

The victory improved surging Salem's record to 17-4 while Canton slipped to 8-10.

Freshman Briana Lee earned the win on the mound to improve her record to 15-2. Canton senior Hilary Payne suffered the loss in her first pitching appearance in close to a month due to an injury.

"I thought we came out prepared to play hard tonight, everybody was hitting the ball and Briana was

on the money," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We have four freshmen infielders — we only have one player who's playing the same position she did last year — but the defense was outstanding."

It didn't take long for the Salem hitters to make their presence felt as they pushed across two first-inning runs on Kelli Janiczek's two-out, bases-loaded, seeing-eye single that dropped just beyond the infield.

Payne nearly escaped a bases-loaded, no-outs jam in the first when she got Pitcole to hit into a

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Wildcats knock off Howell in OT

Chiefs, Lady Warriors also record key lacrosse victories

Plymouth's boys lacrosse team worked overtime for a thrilling victory over Howell Wednesday night.

The Wildcats edged the host Highlanders, 9-8, in overtime when Scott Darel picked up a loose ball, dodged a defender and fired a bounce shot past the Howell net-minder.

Darel was mobbed by joyous teammates following his pivotal play.

"We do play exciting games, don't we?" said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "We had great possession time in the first half, but just couldn't finish. Then we kind of lost it for a while in the third quarter and early in the fourth."

"I should just tell the guys at the start of the game that we're down three," quipped Costello.

Howell gained an 8-5 advantage with 11:06 left in the fourth quarter. Less than a minute later, however, Pat Downey scored to pull the 'Cats

to within 8-6.

Connor Martin then registered an unassisted goal to cut the deficit to one. Plymouth completed its comeback with five minutes left in regulation on Ryan Renault's man-up goal off an assist from Downey.

Plymouth net-minder Toufic Saati made a key save in the extra session before stellar ground work from Danny Norris and John Olevnik set up the game-winner.

"I am so happy right now," said Darel, following the game. "It feels great."

Costello gave props to a trio of freshmen: Ronny Lowe, Ben Burkman and Alex Miller.

"And our new guys — Blake Blaylock and Alex Turfe — played well, too," he said. "We actually hit a few guys around the cage."

The contest was knotted at 3-all at the half.

Darel and Renault both finished with three goals.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Ryan Renault (18), pictured above during a game earlier this season, scored three goals in the Wildcats' 9-8 win over Howell.

PREP LACROSSE

Downey, Norris and Martin added one each while Downey (two), Pat Smiatacz, Norris, Tony McLaughlin and Chris Hoffman also recorded assists.

CANTON 6, NORTHVILLE 0: On Friday, the Chiefs blanked the Mustangs behind the strong play of All-State net-minder Justin Scott and the offensive exploits of Scott Wisniewski.

Canton improved to 9-4 with the victory.

"The defense put on a clinic tonight, shutting down the Northville attack," said Canton coach Kevin Riley.

The Chiefs held a precarious 1-0 advantage at the half thanks to a Wisniewski net-finder.

Meanwhile, Scott stoned a pair of point-blank Mustang efforts in the second quarter to keep Northville off the scoreboard.

The Chiefs doubled their lead to 2-0 early in the third quarter when Wisniewski stripped

the Northville goalie of the ball and promptly deposited the ball in the back of the net.

Canton ran away with the win after Joey Underwood tallied a pair of goals; and Matt Rodgers and Jake Underwood netted singles. Bryan Davison picked up an assist on Joey Underwood's goal.

PCS LADY WARRIORS 14, HARTLAND 10: On Thursday at Hartland, the Lady Warriors improved to 8-3 with the exciting victory.

PCS trailed 2-0 early, but

stormed back to seize a 5-2 halftime lead. The winners' largest lead was seven in the second half.

Kate Spangler sparked the Lady Warriors' offensive explosion with five goals. Also finding the net for the winners were Lauryn Ebersole (three), Morgan Franke (two), Chelsea Olson (two), Lauren Hahn and Megan Burke.

PCS coach Dave Medley credited Amanda Yang for setting up a lot of her teammates' goals.

Oakland strikes early against PCA

BY DAN STICKRADT
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

With a seasoned, veteran lineup, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian is living up to expectations this season as a quality baseball team.

The Lancers continued their best start since the early 1990s Thursday at home, scoring seven times during the first two innings to tame visiting Plymouth Christian 7-2 in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division play.

"We are off to a very good start," said Oakland Christian third-year coach Mike Tison. "We've been running the bases well, playing good baseball. We're hitting the ball at the right time. We're doing the right things to win baseball games."

The Lancers plated four runs in the first inning and added three more in the second before cooling off against Plymouth Christian right-hander Trevor Zinn, who pitched six innings and suffered the loss.

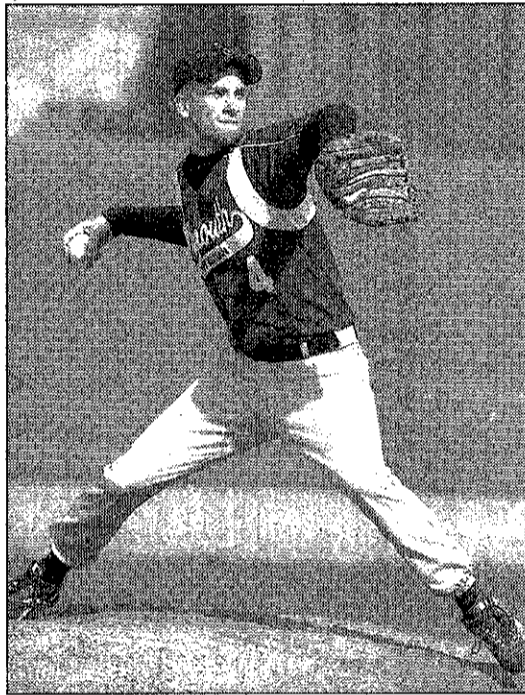
Zinn gave up eight hits, two walks and hit three batters, but didn't get much help as the Eagles committed four errors.

Oakland Christian's Josh Hartman laced a two-run single with the bases loaded and Robert Saunders added a two-run single later in the first inning, as the Lancers took the lead for good at 4-1.

In the bottom of the second, Alex Loeffler plated a run when he reached base on a throwing error and Derek Zwier, who walked, scored on a pick-off play, easily beating the throw home.

Hartman added an RBI infield single to extend the lead to 7-1.

"We're doing a good job. We've kind of had to battle through a lot of adversity with injuries," said Tison. "Some of our pitchers have been out. One of our seniors, TJ Lutz, hurt his arm before the season and this was only his second game pitching. Our other top pitcher, Kramer Everett, hurt his wrist and it's in his cast. He can still pitch, because it's on his non-throwing hand. But he got hurt at the same time as TJ came back."



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy pitcher Trevor Zinn fires a pitch during Thursday's MIAC game against Oakland Christian.

"But we're playing through the injuries and we've played well," added Tison. "We lost three games this season and two of them we probably should have won."

Plymouth Christian scored once in the first and once in the third, but never mounted much of an offensive threat.

Brent Zinn had an RBI single in the first and knocked home the other run in the third on a fielder's choice.

Oakland Christian right-hander TJ Lutz got the win by going the distance, striking out six against five hits and three walks.

"We shut them down after the first two innings," said Plymouth Christian coach Joe Bottoff, whose team slipped to 8-6 overall and 3-5 in league play. "Our outfield has been solid all year and that showed up again today. Our infield, they've had their good games and they've had their bad games. We had a couple of guys make some errors."

"Our usual shortstop was pitching today, so that might have had something to do with it," added Bottoff. "That was a tough position for us. Most of the problems came (on the left side) of the infield."

Juniors lead Rocks to win over Knights

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's baseball team celebrated "Juniors Achievement Day" at Walled Lake Northern Friday afternoon.

Led by a contingent of 11th-graders, the Rocks secured their spot atop the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division with an impressive 8-2 victory over the Knights.

Salem improved to 13-7 overall and 6-2 in the division while Northern slipped to 10-8 and 5-3, respectively.

Two other teams — Westland John Glenn and Livonia Churchill — share second place in the Lakes with the Knights with 5-3 records.

Juniors sparkled on the mound and at the plate for the Rocks. Dave Hales upped his record to 3-1 by scattering seven hits over six innings. Hales walked five without allowing a whiff.

Junior Joe Posler pitched a one-hit, two-strikeout seventh for the winners.

The Rocks' four most productive hitters Friday were all juniors: Heath Parling (2-for-4, two runs, two steals), Sam Ott (1-for-3, two runs, RBI, steal), Posler (1-for-4, two RBI) and Drew Grabowski (2-for-4, three RBI).

Junior right-hander Andy Tinkey suffered the loss on the mound for Northern to fall to 5-1. Tinkey was ejected from the game during the Rocks' four-run fifth for arguing a call.

CANTON 3, W.L. WESTERN 2: On Friday at Canton, senior Matt Barylski delivered the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning to make a winner of Will Tidwell, who threw his third straight complete game to

DISTRICT #32 TOURNEY BRACKETS

Following is the schedule for the District #32 baseball tournament at Salem High School May 27 and 31:

- **Tuesday, May 27:** Game 1 (pre-District) — Livonia Churchill vs. Plymouth, 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 31:** Game 2 — Canton vs. Game 1 winner, 10 a.m.; Game 3 — Salem vs. Livonia Stevenson, approximately 12:30.
- **Championship game:** Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, approximately 3 p.m.

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improve to 4-1.

NORTHVILLE 10, PLYMOUTH 0: On Friday at Plymouth, the Mustangs improved to 23-1 overall and 7-1 in the WLAA's Western Division with a six-inning, mercy rule-shortened victory over the Wildcats.

The setback dropped Plymouth to 13-7 overall and 5-3 in the division.

"When you play a team as talented as Northville is this year, you need to play mistake-free baseball," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Unfortunately for us, we just didn't do that today."

Northville starter Michael Collins spun a four-hitter over five innings before Kevin Uetz closed the win with a scoreless sixth.

Cliff Buttermore suffered the mound loss for Plymouth, lasting 3.2 innings before giving way to Kyle Sanders, who worked the final 2.1 frames. Northville banged out 14 hits — two each by Matt Deacon, Joe Mitchell and Steve Anderson. Mustang senior left fielder Damarii Saunderson was 1-for-3 with three RBI.

Garrett Rebain, Matt Priebe, Ronnie Goble and Travis Mewton all registered hits for the Wildcats.

PLYMOUTH 13, FRANKLIN 2:

On Thursday at Franklin, the Wildcats mercied the Patriots in six innings as Michael Rose went 3-for-3 and David Harvey jacked a two-run home run, his third of the season.

Junior right-hander Brad Lineberry picked up the win for the 'Cats, giving up six hits and three walks in five innings. Kyle Sanders pitched a perfect sixth inning.

Plymouth scored three runs in the first, three in the third, four in the fourth and three in the sixth. The Pats' lone runs came in the second. Plymouth outlived Franklin, 14-6. The Wildcats committed no errors.

"We were able to jump out to an early lead today and never looked back," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Mike Rose gave us a lift offensively with his aggressive base-running and hot bat. This was one of our best overall games of the year. We played well in every facet of the game today."

Other key offensive contributors for the Wildcats were Luke Merandi (1-for-2, three RBI), Garrett Rebain (2-for-4), Lineberry (2-for-4, RBI), Matt Skubik (2-for-4, RBI), Ronnie Goble (1-for-4, two runs, two RBI) and Kyle Traver (1-for-3, two RBI).

The Wildcats stole eight bases.

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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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Specifications may be examined at the City of Plymouth Clerk's Office, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan without charge.

Questions on the project may be directed to the City of Plymouth Municipal Services Department at 734-453-7737 Ext. 136.

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.

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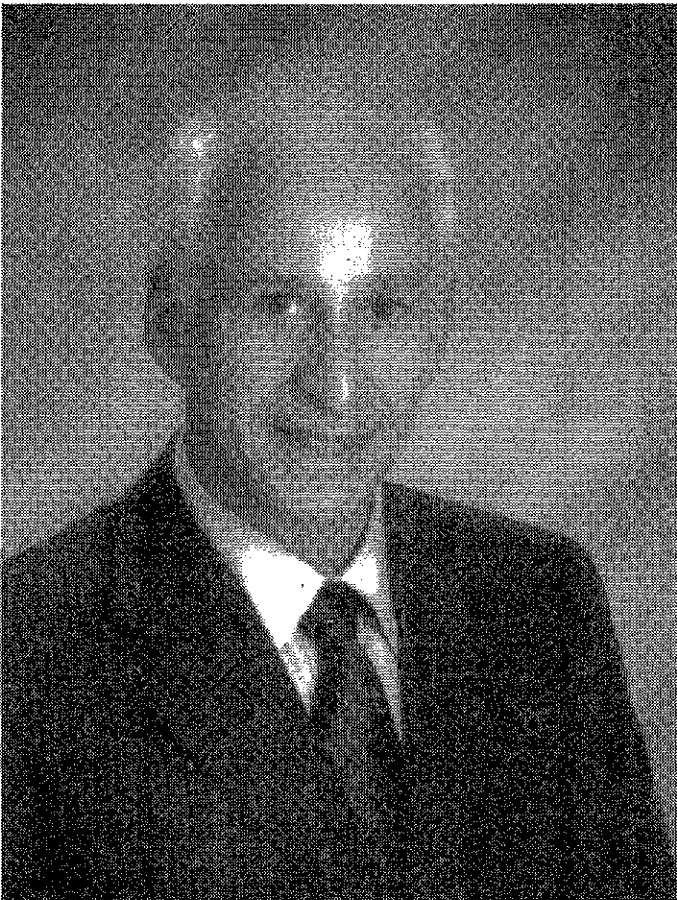
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Crush cruise

The Canton Crush 1999 hockey team claimed first place at the Fourth Annual Tim Horton's Spring Tournament earlier this month when they shook off a first-game loss and won four in a row. The Crush ousted Farmington Hills, 3-0, in the title game. Pictured are (front row) James Kinville, (second row from left) Kaiden Scott, Anthony Crews, Shawn Weldon, Brendan Kacic, Kayla Goleniak, Nic Azarovitz, (third row from left) Jacob Saunders, Zach Gallaher, Tanner Kendall, Nolan Turi, Justin Renzi, Steven Cope, Jack Balch, Graham Sudduth, Colin Finn, (back row from left) coaches Paul Goleniak, Joe Kacic, Nick Renzi, Tim Gallaher and Andy Balch.

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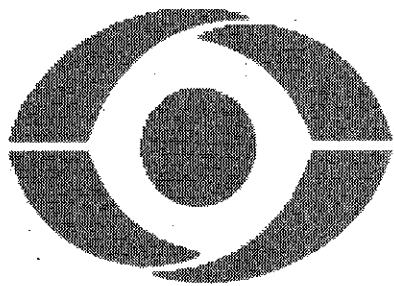
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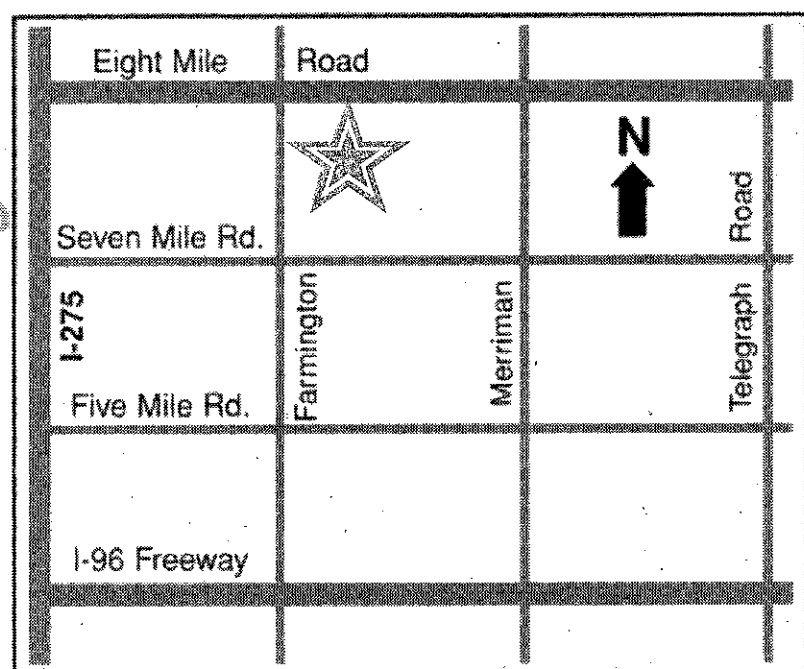
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Jazz concert to raise money for cancer patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

Elaine Greenberg hasn't let her diagnosis of ovarian cancer eight years ago put a damper on her love of music and dedication to helping people. On Sunday, May 18, she holds another jazz benefit to raise funds for Living for Music, a nonprofit which uses music to ease the suffering of cancer patients by brightening their day.

The 3 p.m. concert features saxophonist George Benson and The Cliff Monear Trio, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Prior to the concert there will be a brief presentation to educate women about ovarian cancer. Greenberg says, people are still being diagnosed too late.

Tickets are \$30 adults, \$15 age 15 and under. Call (248) 661-6344 or send e-mail to jazzconcert08@gmail.com.

Since Greenberg founded Living for Music five years ago, she has provided iPods for patients getting chemotherapy, and CD players for the music therapy program at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

"We're very particular about who we give," said Greenberg of Farmington Hills. "The money cannot go to a general fund but directly to people. This time we're giving about 40 insulated bags to Providence for patients to bring food to chemotherapy. Inside will be a Teddy bear, bottles of water and bars of soap."

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Volunteers sought for new study

The American Cancer Society is looking to Metro-Detroit residents to play a role in improving the lives of future generations by participating in a new study. The Society will be signing up volunteers for its Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) at Relay For Life of Canton noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in Heritage Park.

The study, which will enroll a diverse population of half a million people across the U.S., will help researchers better understand the lifestyle, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

Participants must be between the ages of 30 and 65, must never have been diagnosed with cancer and must be willing to make a long-term commitment to the study. They will be asked to complete a brief written survey, provide a waist measurement and give a small blood sample at the enrollment site. After that, follow-up surveys will be sent to participants' homes on a regular basis over the next few decades to update health behavior information.

Researchers will use the data from CPS-3 to build on evidence from a series of American Cancer Society studies that began in the 1950s and involved hundreds of thousands of volunteer participants. The Hammond-Horn Study and previous Cancer Prevention Studies (CPS-I, and CPS-II) have played a major role in understanding cancer prevention and risk, and have contributed significantly to the scientific literature and to the development of public health guidelines and recommendations. Those studies confirmed the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, showed that obesity increases the risk of several cancers and linked aspirin use to a lower death rate from colon cancer. The current study, CPS-II, began in 1982 and is still ongoing. But changes in lifestyle and in the understanding of cancer in the more than two decades since its launch make it important to begin a new study.

The Canton Relay For Life event is one of 64 sites around the country where individuals can enroll in the new study this year, and will be the only time CPS-3 will be enrolling in Canton. Initial enrollment takes 20 to 30 minutes.

For information or to learn how to become involved, visit www.cancer.org/cps3, send e-mail to cps3@cancer.org, or call toll free 1-888-604-5888.



Helping paws

Genesis, an autism assistance dog, keeps a sharp eye on Daniel Williams in the backyard of their home. The 14-year old boy has been known to wander off due to the disorder.

Autism assistance dogs help meet special needs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

Pam Williams was joking when she first mentioned getting a dog to pull son Daniel off the fence when he tries escaping the back yard. She knew about the different tasks Leader Dogs perform to keep blind and visually impaired people safe so why not autistic children. Williams went to the Web and found 4 Paws for Ability in Ohio. The nonprofit agency trains service animals to meet the special needs of people with disabilities.

For the past year Genesis, an autism assistance dog, has kept Daniel out of danger. Just last week the 14-year-old ran out of the car before Williams had a chance to grab his hand. Genesis chased after Daniel and blocked him from going any further until Williams could catch up.

Diagnosed with autism at age 2 1/2, Daniel is nonverbal. He is currently a student in the Birmingham Public Schools' autistic program.

"Daniel has no sense of danger and is hyperactive. She knows his running means danger," said Williams as she pulled out the red harness Genesis wears when they go out. A regular leash is hooked onto Daniel's belt tethering them together.

"In public we strap Daniel to Genesis and he can walk independently. It allows us to take him to more places. She is an awesome support. We stopped taking him to the grocery store because of his behavior. Now we are able to take him with us. We do a lot of walking. It really has empowered him to be independent and she's a companion for him."

Until Genesis, children in general avoided Daniel because they didn't understand the disorder. Ken



Daniel Williams

Williams, Daniel's father, sees her ability to attract children as the dog's greatest gift to the family.

"They said she would be a child magnet for him. For the first time last summer children would come to the door and ask is Daniel home. We would explain to them about autism," said Ken Williams, academic dean on the Dearborn campus of Davenport University. "It helped him in his socialization. He sits there as if he's part of the conversation. He sits there like a teenager with a bunch of boys."

Although the 3-year-old dog has been trained to disrupt repetitive behaviors such as crying spells by touching the child with her paw and to give comfort by nuzzling, Genesis' most valuable quality as far as Pam is concerned is the ability to search and rescue. To demonstrate Daniel and Ken leave the house to find a hiding place outdoors. Pam takes out the special black collar and leash used

only for tracking. Within minutes Genesis and Pam have found the two. Pam spent 10 days with Ken and Daniel at 4 Paws for Ability learning to handle Genesis.

"If she had no other quality it is her ability to track and find him. You have heard about autistic who have drowned. If only they had a dog trained in search and rescue," said Pam. "She's been a real blessing in our lives."

The Williamses and 4 Paws have rescued Genesis as well. The black lab was in a shelter in Kentucky when Karen Shirk brought her into the autism assistance training program.

The agency's executive director knows first hand the importance of service dogs. Shirk suffers with myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disorder causing muscle weakness. At one point Shirk needed the help of a ventilator just to breathe.

After being turned down for a service dog, Shirk trained a puppy she named Ben to assist with everyday tasks. It was a short walk from there to founding 4 Paws for Ability. So far the agency has placed more than 299 dogs since 1999, 80 percent of those dogs with autistic children.

Seventy-percent of the dogs come from shelters and rescue groups. They learn basic obedience from inmates as part of three prison programs. The dogs then go through 500 plus hours of advanced training for tasks such as behavior disruption and tethering at the 4 Paws facility. While in prison the dogs leave for periods of time to work on socialization skills since they'll be going into stores and businesses as part of the daily routine of their families.

"They're groomed from the time they're babies to service autistic so they'll be tolerant of an autistic child," said Shirk. "We rarely take in dogs over a year old. The older a dog gets the harder to assimilate strange behavior."

"We do see a great improvement in communication skills in the child which comes from giving commands to the dogs. The dog doesn't have any expectations so they feel more comfortable with their dogs, talk to their dogs. For those learning to be verbal, they're giving commands and it teaches them cause and effect. It teaches them to communicate something and have a result. They're not going to get the dog to roll over by throwing a tantrum."

For more information about autism assistance dogs, visit www.4pawsforability.org; call (937) 374-0385, or send e-mail to karen-4paws@aol.com.

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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.

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. Presented by H.O.P.E. educational support group.

Skin cancer screening

Free 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at the Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Suite 410, Livonia. Call (734) 462-9499. By appointment only.

Art dash

To benefit the Arbor Hospice Foundation Thursday, May 15, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center,

Plymouth. An evening of wine, food, auction items, and fun. For tickets, call (734) 794-5152.

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 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@hths.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, Detroit. 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. Cost is \$12-

\$40. On-site registration will be available at May 30 Expo or 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 surprises. Visit www.karmanos.org or call (800) KARMANOS.

Nutrition for Life

Led by St. Mary Mercy's Tamara Lark, RD. 7-8 p.m. each month in Classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy's Marian Professional Building, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Early registration required (\$15 per class). Call (734) 655-8950. The next topic is Carbohydrates: 101 Wednesday, May 21.

UPCOMING

Lupus loops bike ride

Registration begins 8 a.m. and ends 10 a.m. Sunday, June 8, begins and ends at 25 Mile and Shelby Rd., Shelby Township. Choose from a 18 mile casual ride to a 100K road ride or 17.5 mile trail ride. Benefits Lupus Alliance support groups, community outreach, programs, awareness and research. Registration fees \$18 before June 1, \$25 after. For information or to register, call (800) 705-6677 or visit www.milupus.org. A pancake breakfast will be served for all riders at the VFW Hall in Bruce Township.

Tour de Cure event

Tour de Cure, the American Diabetes Association's annual cycling event is June 8 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Sign up by calling (800) TOUR-888 or visit www.diabetes.org/tour.

ONGOING

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@sbccglobal.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. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Self-defense class

For women and men 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7100. No charge, but a \$5 donation will be sent to a shelter for abused women and children.

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

PCA
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notched the shutout for the Eagles. The Roughriders were short-handed when they arrived at PCA with just 11 players and their situation worsened a few minutes after the opening kick when one of their players became ill and had to sit out the remainder of the game.

"When you don't have a lot of depth like our team today and you're playing a

very, very good team like Plymouth Christian, you just hope you can sneak in a goal or two, play good defense and pull out a surprise win, but that didn't happen today," said Ruddy.

Yates said his team's potential is limitless if it continues to play like it has the past month.

"At the beginning of the season, the girls' goal was to win the conference," he said. "Now, I think bigger things are within their grasp if they keep working hard."



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Close call for Rocks

Salem's Rachel Gizicki (left), pictured above during a game earlier this season, and her teammates dropped an agonizing 1-0 decision to Walled Lake Northern Wednesday night to drop their record to 6-6-3 overall and 4-4 in the WLLA's Lakes Division. The lone goal was scored with just over 25 minutes left in the game on a counter attack. Salem nearly tied the game, but a Taylor Burgoon shot rang off the post.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Canton Chiefs baseball camp

The annual Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp will be held June 16-19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, at the team's complex just east of the PCEP varsity stadium.

The \$120 registration fee includes a T-shirt and daily lunch.

The player-to-coach ratio is 5-to-1.

Ex-Chicago Cub Brent Sachs will be working with the young hitters.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

For more information, contact Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255 or visit: www.eteamz.com/canton-chiefsbaseballclub.

Hoop camps

The following three girls basketball camps will be offered this summer through Community Education:

- A Canton girls basketball camp (#146) will be offered at Canton High School from June 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Girls entering seventh through ninth grade this coming fall are eligible to participate.
- A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#143) will be held at Canton High School June 16-20 from 1-3 p.m. for girls entering fourth through sixth grade in the fall of 2008.
- A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#144) will be offered July 14-18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Salem High School for girls entering sixth through eighth grade in the fall of 2008.

For more information on these camps, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

Girls track times

All Observerland girls track-and-field coaches are encouraged to e-mail their athletes' best times and distances in all events to ewright@hometownlife.com so that Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright can compile a girls track leaders standings.

The deadline to appear in next Thursday's leaders is Tuesday, May 13, at 9 p.m.

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 or send an e-mail to psstoo@com-cast.net.

Salem football meeting

A meeting for all incoming freshman Salem football players is set for May 12 at 6:59 p.m. at Canton High School's "Little Theatre." All incoming freshmen players and their parents are encouraged to attend.

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Is senioritis limited to seniors?

BY RYAN BRIDGES
 OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

As defined in Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, senioritis is "an ebbing of motivation and effort by school seniors as evidenced by tardiness, absences and lower grades."

But lately, this term has not been exclusive to seniors.

High schoolers of all grades have been displaying more laziness and lack of care for their studies.

Father Gabriel Richard High School sophomore Katherine Swan agrees.

"Everyone just wants school to end and summer to get here," she said. "They don't really care (about school work) because they have worked well all year long."

In addition, students could be taking a demanding curriculum filled with honors courses.

Andrea McIntosh, a Greenhills School sophomore, says, "(We're) tired of working

and tired of staying up until midnight and waking back up at 6 but we're going to keep working until the end."
 On top of a possibly demanding curriculum, students can be involved with other extracurricular activities, whether it be sports, drama, or even preparing for summer school.
 One high school junior said, "It seems that spring sports are the most demanding. So as they become more time-consuming, school starts to fall lower on my priority list."
 A possible explanation to this lack of care for school is peer pressure, said Clare Miller, a Father Gabriel Richard High School junior.
 "Everyone else becomes lazy because they are influenced by their peers," she said.
 Chances are, teens whose friends are hanging out on a school night instead of doing homework are more than likely to join in on the action.
 Another explanation could be the warm weather.
 McIntosh said, "Winter seemed so long this year, so when the warm weather comes back, we get excited." Whether the reasons are legitimate or not, it seems to be a recurring problem for teenagers that when the school year draws to an end, so does their attention span.
 "(When) summer is in sight," one teen said. "I want school to be over."

Ryan Bridges is a junior at Father Gabriel Richard High School.



Plymouth High School sophomore Lindsey Cerilli.

An angel among us

Remembering Lindsey

BY JILLIAN HATTIE
 OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

Everyone knows about the large population at PCEP. People often talk about its "campus-like" atmosphere.

But it can also be like a small town and when we lose one of our own, word spreads and everyone comes together quickly.
 That's what happened on March 24, when we had to say farewell to Plymouth High School sophomore Lindsey Cerilli. Lindsey was 15.

When she was entering fourth grade, Lindsey, a Canton resident, was diagnosed with leukemia.

She experienced remission and recurrences and fought it for a majority of her life, but Lindsey never let her disease define her.

Brave, kind, strong, confident, loving, optimistic — these are words that come to mind when one thinks of Lindsey.

It's hard to come by but Lindsey was one of the people who actually cared about the answer when she asked how you were doing.

She had the special ability

to brighten up your whole day, just by stopping by to say hello and her infectious belly laugh could always coax a smile.

Even though Lindsey was young, she had a lot of wisdom and taught many different people many different things without even knowing it.

A friend since middle school, Chris Sweet says, "Lindsey taught me two things over the years that I knew her. She taught me that you should be thankful for what you have and that you should love everyone around you. She did these things every day of her life."

Emma Williams, Lindsey's best friend, says, "I will always remember her as my best friend and always being there for me. I will remember her deep laugh and when she watched TV, she would never stare at it; she would watch TV from the corners of her eyes. I will remember her personality and never forget my best friend."

Of course the people affected most by Lindsey were her family.

She is survived by her parents, Joseph and Lori Cerilli, and her sisters, Annie and Kim.

When asked, Annie, a junior at Plymouth High School, said, "Of course I love everything about my sister, but I would have to

say her courage meant the most to me. I can honestly say that I speak for myself and most likely many others when I say that there is no way I could go through what she went through. It takes a true fighter to fight a battle with cancer for 7 years. The courage she had changed my life and many others. Before she died I made her one promise and that was that I would change people's lives, and that's the one thing I hope to do for her."

Annie went on to add, "She showed me it's all right to be different and never to be ashamed of the way you look, think or act. She showed me that life can be rough but just keep smiling because the worst things only make you that much stronger. She showed me the meaning on friendship, sisterhood, and love."

Some people feel it's a tragedy when someone dies at such a young age. But others believe that they passed because their work on earth was complete and if Lindsey's job was to set an example of how to live life to the fullest, to take what is given with grace and to love those around you the best you possibly can — mission accomplished.

Thanks for the lessons, Lindsey.

We'll take it from here.

Jillian Hattie is a sophomore at Salem High School.

Standing Out

How teens can leave a positive handprint on the world

MOLLY FESSLER
 OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

In Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay 'Self Reliance,' he discusses an issue that has plagued humans through the ages: Conformity.

Emerson may have been alive a while ago, but teens

especially can still learn from what he observed long ago and take it as an opportunity to revisit ourselves.

The first question, is really to ask what conformity is in today's society and what is non-conformity? Is it not wearing Hollister?

Is it listening to Regina Spektor?

Is it doing drugs? Is it eating tofu?

We discussed 'Self Reliance' in my English class recently and it surprised me that a great many of my classmates felt they were the true rebels.

I don't think any of us can claim to be non-conformists.

As long as we brush our teeth, wear shoes and take out our garbage every week, we follow the silent (yet harsh if broken) rules society sets for us.

Perhaps the only thing we can really accomplish in the fight for individuality is to look at the little things.

Some efforts to upstage our ordered world are silly or downright stupid (like drug use) but some have the potential to change the world.

We can examine our bias, misconceptions, and stereotypes that stem from conformity.

Emerson argues, and so do I, that anyone who ever did anything worthwhile, had to swim against the tide. Maybe we can stick up for the kid who's being picked on. We could defend what we believe, even if everyone else thinks it's stupid. We could (GASP!) try the tofu.

For those of us who truly believe in being uniquely ourselves, we can take comfort and courage. Emerson said, "To be great, is to be misunderstood."

Just like Emerson, we know in our hearts we're something different. We'll leave some positive handprint on this world.

Molly Fessler is a sophomore at Plymouth High School.

The coffee conundrum

Independent coffee shops offer choice

BY MOLLY FESSLER
 OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

When teens — and really anyone else — choose Starbucks for their caffeine fix, independent coffee shops are often pushed to the wayside.

One such independent haven is the Plymouth Coffee Bean.

The Bean, as it is known to regulars, serves as a gallery for local artists, a stage for upcoming bands and a forum for slamming poets.

"It's a one of a kind meeting space for every kind of person," says Amanda Igrisan, a barista at the shop. "In one morning I can meet an average Joe, an artist and a middle school kid."

Tucked in the corner of downtown Plymouth, the Bean is filled with mismatched furniture, potted plants and a ceiling painted with clouds.

While a favorite among loyal customers, some fear the business is in danger.

"I go to the Coffee Bean because the coffee just tastes better but I worry people who like all that stuff in their drinks will go to Starbucks," says Angella Tritten, a sophomore at Plymouth High School.

Since Starbucks, the titan of the coffee world, opened a location on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, many espresso junkies have flocked to the familiar name.

Conscious Coffee Bean patrons, like Tritten, are afraid that a

Starbucks take over would result in an end to consumer choice and the loss of a counter-culture community center.

Igrisan though, says she has no worries.

"We really don't worry about Starbucks," she said. "It's so impersonal. People go there, get their coffee and leave. I can understand that fear people have though."

Many say the Coffee Bean offers a safe, cozy atmosphere, and a great latte and that's why they want to protect it.

"Here, we want you to come in and stay a while," says Igrisan, while her co-worker, Julie Patterson, added. "We're really friendly. We care about Plymouth (and) we care about you."

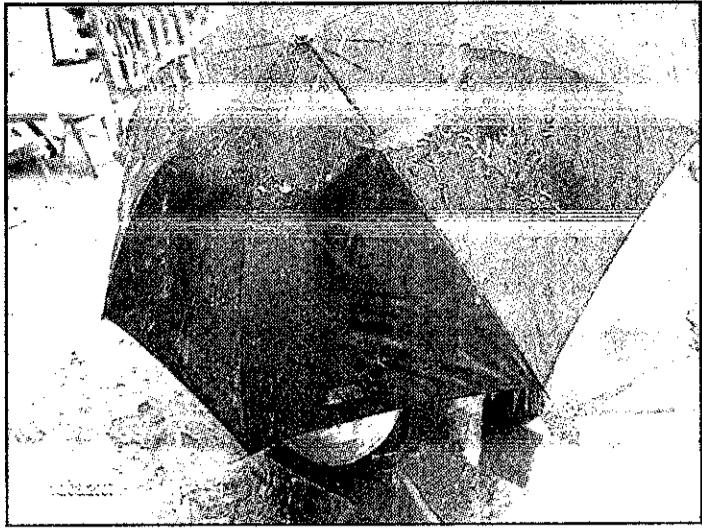
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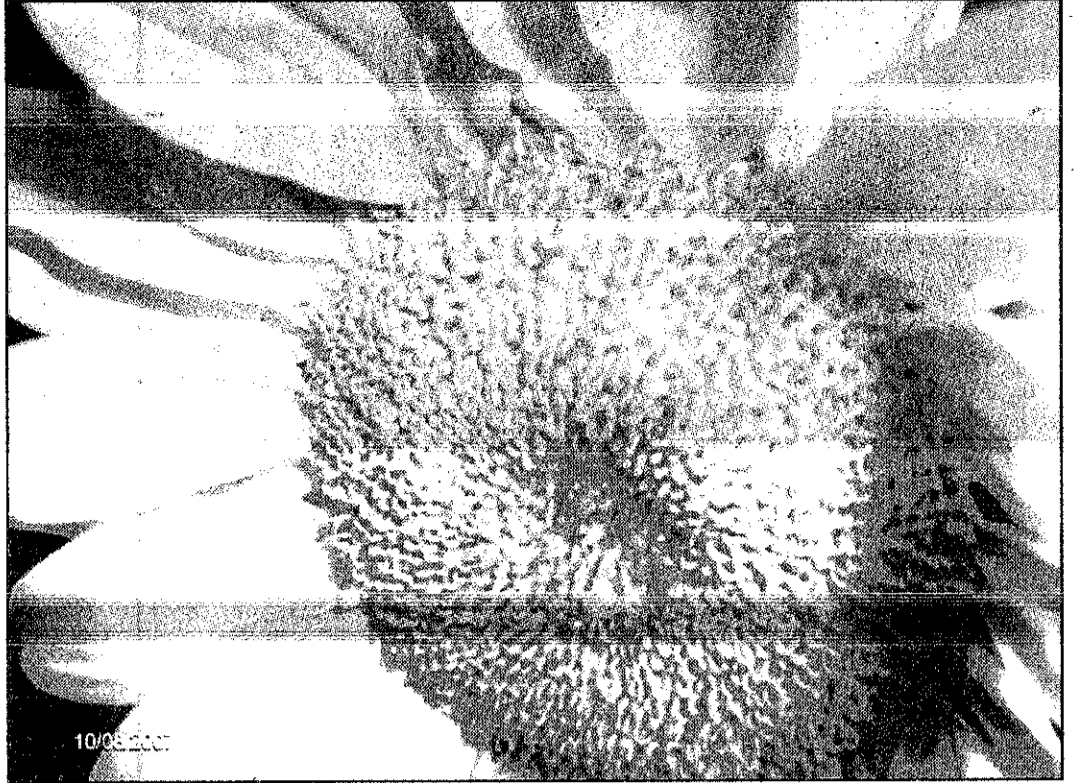
Amanda Igrisan, barista for the Plymouth Coffee Bean.



Hostas poke their heads out from between the rocks.



Snow gives way to showers.



The return of the sun means the return of sunflowers.

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Daffodils welcome the warmer weather.



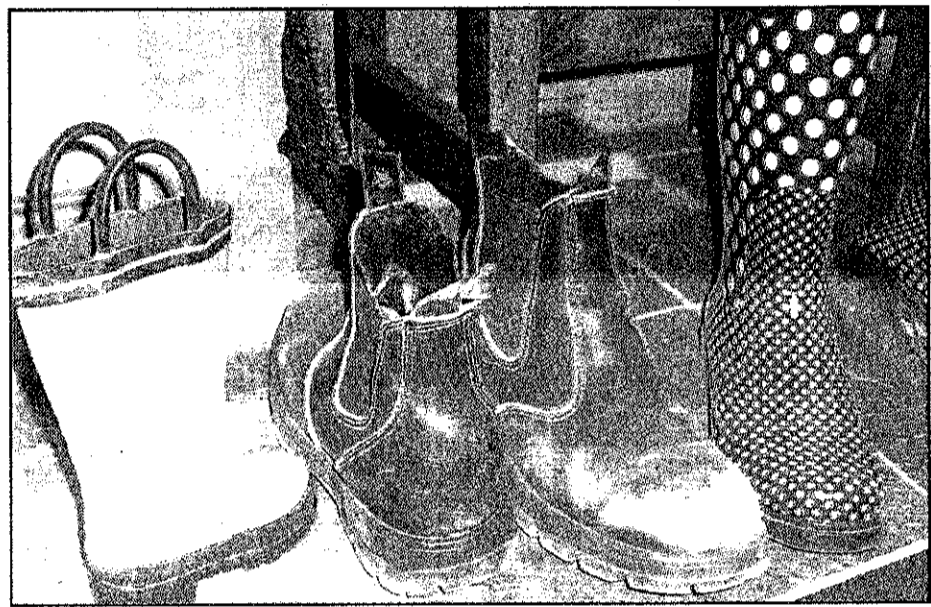
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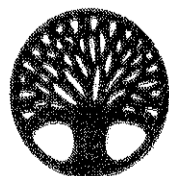
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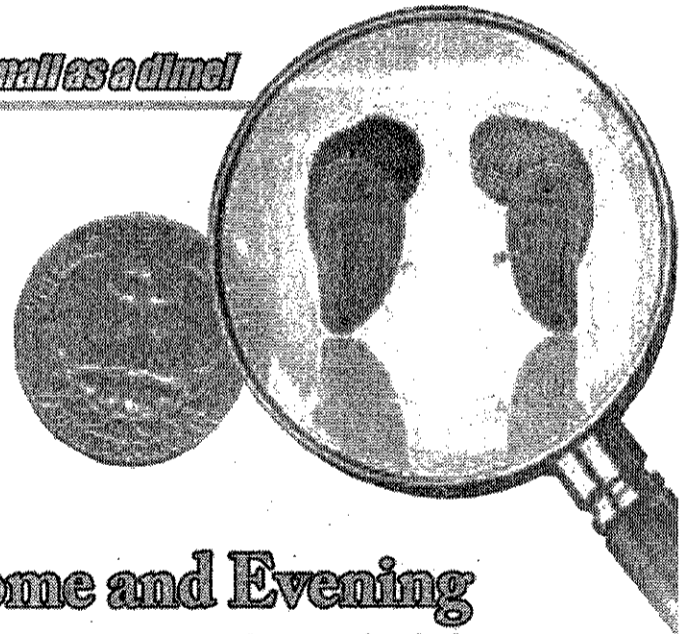
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Annual art show kicks off outdoor festivals in area

More than 100 artists from across the United States and Canada will show their works Saturday-Sunday, May 17-18 at the Village of Rochester Hills.

The fifth annual spring show, Fine Art at the Village, will feature ceramics, glass, painting, drawing, multi-media, sculpture, photography, fiber art, wood, jewelry and more. An outside panel of experts juried the entries and invited artists with the highest scores to participate in the show.

Judges also will assess the artwork during the festival and award outstanding entries.

"We believe the beautiful and relaxed atmosphere of the Village of Rochester Hills is the perfect setting to view art work of this caliber and meet the artists," stated Donna Beaubien of Troy, the festival's executive director.

"Along with enjoying the exciting fine art and fine crafts, patrons can stroll the tree-lined streets and visit the over 50 intriguing shops and restaurants. Children can enjoy the playground and participate in the free arts and crafts activities."

Costumed characters from the Michigan Renaissance Festival will interact with youngsters while supervising



Janet Schenk of Troy will exhibit her photography at Fine Art at the Village, in Rochester Hills.

ing their art projects in the children's art area.

Other entertainment will include Toppermost, a Beatles tribute band; the Blackberry Creek Dancers; cool jazz by Russell Donnellon; and Super Stilt Walker.

Local artists include:

- Ceramics — Wayne

Andrews of Rochester, Dennis O'Neill of Farmington Hills, and Jan Robb of Troy

- Fiber — Veronika Tobey of Rochester Hills, Judy Sledge of Troy and Barbara Scraggs of Troy

- Jewelry — Charlotte Lodico of Oakland and Michael MacManus of

Bloomfield Hills

- Multi-media — Ruth Heginbottom of Troy

- Painting — Lucia Lucas of Bloomfield, Barbara Markham of Rochester, Kathy Boltz Phillips of West Bloomfield, and Harry Villalonga of Oakland Township

Teen film fest focuses on environment

Teens with an interest in short films and an opinion on the environment, still have time to submit their works to the East Michigan Environmental Action Council's (EMEAC) second annual Youth Environmental Film Festival.

"This is a great opportunity for students statewide to learn about environmental problems using technology in a fun atmosphere as part of a team effort among their peers," stated Lottie V. Spady, EMEAC's director of education.

Entries are limited to five minutes and can feature live action, animation, claymation, still photography, or several other techniques. The contest is open to students, ages 13-18, and youth organizations. Films must be suitable for viewing by all ages. All films must be labeled with its title, and the filmmaker's e-mail address and phone number. Material may be submitted in a Mini DV, Quick Time Movie File or on a DVD.

Participants must complete an application form located on EMEAC's Web site at www.emecac.org.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m., May 15, at Green Screen Film Festival, 3901 Margaret Street, Detroit, MI 48221.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$200 prize, go on location with a local director and have their film submitted nationally.

The youth film festival is slated for 9 p.m., June 2, at the Main Arts Theatre, located on Main street, just north of 11 Mile, in Royal Oak.

For more information call (313) 505-3325.



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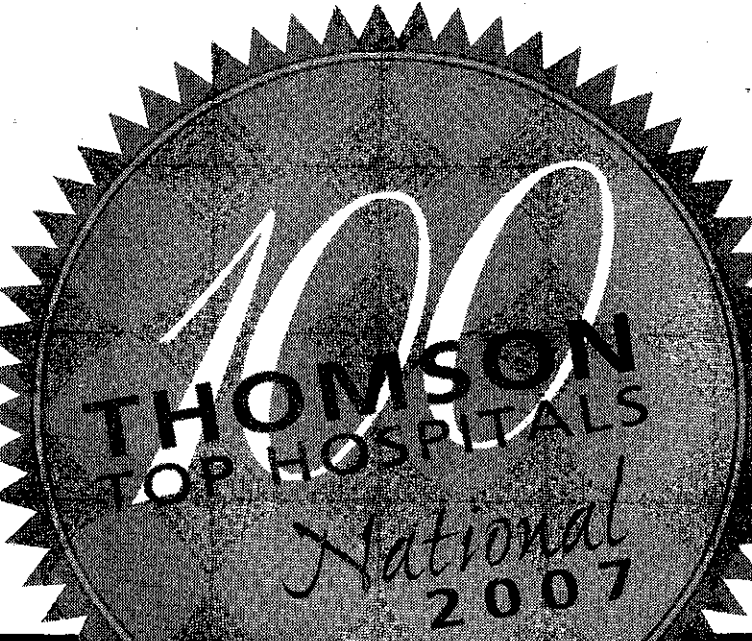
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Hills musical couple present 'An Afternoon of Song'

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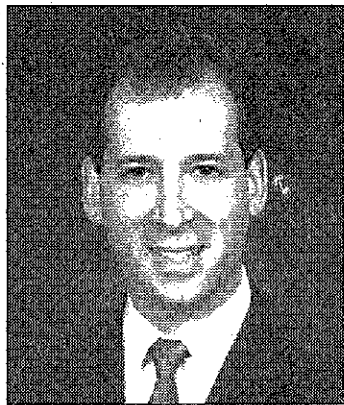
The concert will feature Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo and Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo, accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra, and joined by the Zamir Chorale, the Adat Shalom Choir, and the Adat Shalom Ruach Youth Choir.

Musical selections include opera, classical music, Israeli songs, musical theater favorites, and songs celebrating the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Advance tickets are on sale at the synagogue during business hours or may be reserved by calling Caren Harwood at (248) 851-5100. Tickets will also be purchased at the door.

General admission is \$10. Noteworthy Contributors (\$36 per person) and Virtuoso Sponsors (\$54 per person) are invited to a "pre-glow" reception at 2:30 p.m. and will have special seating.

Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo has been the cantor



Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo



Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo

of Adat Shalom Synagogue since June 2007. Prior to joining the Adat Shalom family, he served as cantor at Beth Hillel-Congregation B'nai Emunah in Wilmette, Ill., and as cantor and education director at Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim in Cranford, N.J.

Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo graduated from The Jewish Theological Seminary with a master of sacred music as well as a diploma of Hazzan. He studied philosophy at St. Johns

College in Annapolis, Md., and majored in opera studies at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo has performed in recitals and concerts in New York, Illinois, Maryland and New Jersey, where he was a member of the New Jersey Cantors' Concert Ensemble. Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo resides in Farmington Hills with his wife, Lisa, and their three children.

Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo has been a musician from as

early as she can remember. After teaching herself to read music at age 4, she studied piano and violin and eventually went to the Manhattan School of Music as a violin major. During her time at Manhattan, she discovered her singing voice and, after changing her major to vocal studies, graduated with a bachelor of music in vocal performance.

She has performed in concerts and recitals in various venues, including the Donnell Public Library in New York City and the Tanglewood Music Center, where she performed in the U.S. premiere of Alexander Goehr's *Sing, Ariel* with soprano Lucy Shelton, under the direction of conductor and composer Oliver Knussen.

Lanzkron-Tamarazo homeschools the couple's three children, Max, Doris and Nicoletta.

Adat Shalom is located at 29901 Middlebelt Road, in Farmington Hills. For further information, call (248) 851-5100.

Livonia Arts Commission in search of exhibitors

The Livonia Arts Commission is still looking for exhibitors for Art From the Heart, its annual arts and crafts festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15, in front of Livonia City Hall at 33000 Civic Center Drive.

Mediums include ceramics,

glass, pottery, fiber, wood, jewelry, metal, weaving, leather, photography, mixed media (2-D and 3-D), drawing, sculpture, painting, and more. Awards will be presented for Best of Show and First, Second and Third Place.

For more information, call (734) 466-2540.

Young musicians wanted

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding new member placement auditions on Saturday, May 17, at Stevenson High School in Livonia. If you have at least six months of music background, come join one of LYPM's six concert groups. The youth orchestras have openings in novice, intermediate and advanced groups plus a Flute Choir and a Saxophone Choir. To schedule an audition, call (734) 464-8704.

Three Cities to show art

Three Cities Art Club holds its annual spring Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale from noon Thursday, May 15, through 5 p.m. Sunday, May 18, during regular hours at the Canton Township Library, 1200 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

An opening reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 15, with live music and refreshments.

Voting for your favorite piece automatically enters you to win

a prize, one of three gift certificates from local merchants.

In addition to fine works of art for sale, there will be art supplies, note cards, prints, and more. The event is sponsored by D & M Art Studios and Martin Miller Artist Supplies.

For more information about the event or the club, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800 ext. 123 or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.

Couple makes Tail-Wagger walk an annual family tradition

BY SHARON DARGAY
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

Karen and Doug Doyle will start their morning early, Sunday, May 18, making about 40 pizzas at their Hungry Howie's store in Clarkston.

After they deliver the pies to the 15th Annual Tail-Wagger Two Step at Independence Oaks County Park, they'll walk their dogs along the park's picturesque trails.

The routine is an annual tradition for the Madison Heights couple. They walked in the first Tail-Wagger, a fund-raiser for the Michigan Animal Rescue League, (MARL) 15 years ago and hasn't missed one since. And for 14 of those years, they've baked and supplied the pizzas for the event, which is expected to draw about 250 MARL supporters.

"We are honored to do so," Karen Doyle said. "Anything we can do to help them get revenue, we'll do. I know all of the animal shelters need help right now."

But Doyle holds a special place in her heart for MARL, located at 790 Featherstone, in Pontiac.

"I have been aware of this shelter for over 20 years. I've gotten four dogs from the rescue league. I can't say enough about the crew there. It takes so much time to work with these animals. Once they bring them in they need to socialize them and make them adoptable.

"Shelter dogs make the best dogs and that's due to the employees and volunteers."

The couple adopted a six-year-old Lab mix, Abby, and a Rottweiler mix, Ivy, 1 1/2.

Doyle was so impressed by shelter manager Kayla Allen, that she named one of her first adopted dogs, a German Shepherd mix, after the woman. Another previous adoption from MARL, Shep, also was a Shepherd mix.

"People should look in shelters when they are going to adopt a pet. In this time of economic difficulty, all of the shelters are

overwhelmed."

Doyle's sister-in-law will watch Ivy and Abby while the couple make pizza the morning of the walk. Then they'll all participate in the event.

MARL supplies soda pop and hot dogs, in addition to the pizza at an after-walk picnic lunch. The organization also runs contests for most obedient dog, best dressed canine and best trick. There's also an owner-dog look alike contest.

"It's a fun day," Doyle said. "It's a beautiful park. There are dirt trails but they are well-groomed. There's a lake there with several trails going around it.

"It's very pleasant to walk." Participants ask friends or family members to sponsor them in the walk. They bring donations to the event and also may mail them to MARL by June 30.

To learn more about Michigan Animal Rescue League, visit www.michigananimalrescueleague.org.

TAIL-WAGGER TWO STEP WALK

What: The 15th annual walk raises funds for the Michigan Animal Rescue League

When: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, May 18

Where: Twin Chimneys picnic site at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw, north of the I-75 Sashabaw Road exit, in Clarkston

Details: Teams and individuals, with or without dogs, collect pledges and walk from two to five miles through the picturesque park. Lunch will be provided. Contests and a pet adoption on site. Walkers who collect \$200 or more will receive a T-shirt. Download pledge sheet from www.michigananimalrescueleague.org

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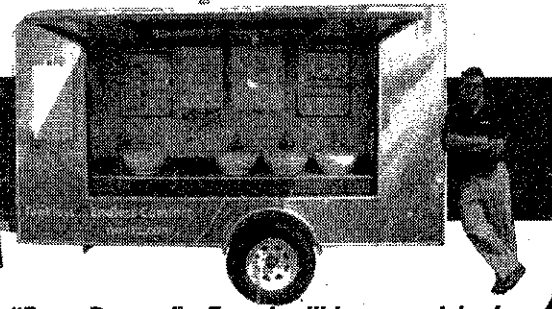
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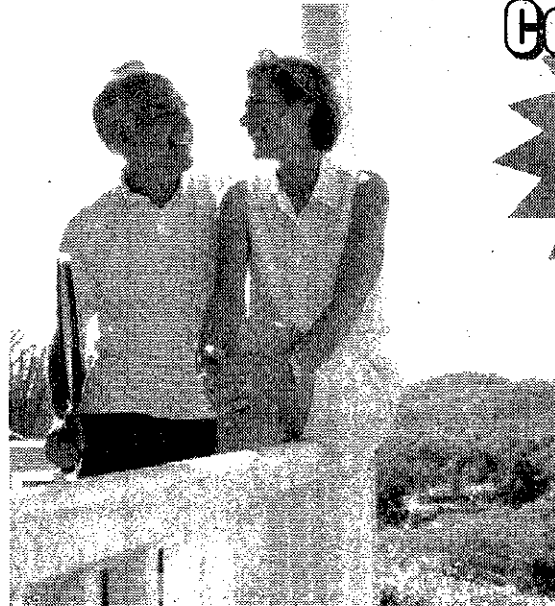
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- how they can earn money doing it;

who can help them; and
- where they should go to find that help. They're looking for answers.
PROJECTS
Jamie Pennington, of Atlanta's Flexible Executives, has been placing people in a variety of project-based work - consulting from management and marketing to IT, sales, finance, advertising and PR/Communications, since early 2006. People who are 55 and older comprise more than half of her firm's database, which spans 28 states. Most of them work at home after corporate or entrepreneurial careers.
"There's an anxiousness to be back," she comments. "A lot of executives have been very successful in their own right. It's much more about contributing and helping younger companies succeed. A sense of accomplishment gets people up every day. I didn't think there'd be as much interest in

getting out there and doing project-based work."
Linda Stewart, president, CEO and founder of Epoch Partners L.L.C., headquartered in Boston, fills assignments for about 600 individuals in this category for three to six months, occasionally longer, in financial services. Some of her placements are also project-based. She points out that these workers "have made their mistakes on someone else. They have no political agenda and can collaborate."
Predicting that the knowledge transfer - "mentoring" - portion of her business will eventually reach 40 percent, she says that this group is "redefining the way they work." She maintains that the average life cycle of a new product or service, from concept to launch, used to be five years. That's been squeezed to fewer than 18 months. For this reason, seasoned guidance in meeting this sped-up cycle will be essential. She further observes that "accomplished professionals and executives in unprecedented numbers are looking for alternatives to employment. They still want to contribute. A lot want to be consultants but don't know how to market themselves."
ON YOUR OWN
How can you find companies like these? Stewart advises you to consider M Squared Consulting Inc., Executive Smarts L.L.C., Business Talent Group L.L.C., and Gerson-Lehrman Group. "Look for specific disciplines," she suggests, "such as accounting, IT and general management." However, the search might be difficult. Pennington indicates that areas underserved by companies like hers are public relations,

advertising and business strategy. Stewart considers "most" underserved because of the newness of the concept. Pennington advises you to look for honesty - watch out for the Web - and speak with five or six executives using a service with which you might affiliate.
If you have relationships with executive recruiters, this isn't the time to overlook them, according to Joseph Daniel McCool, author of the industry study "Deciding Who Leads: How Executive Recruiters Drive, Direct & Disrupt the Global Search for Leadership Talent" (Davies-Black, \$27.95). "I think they'll be forced, over time, to give older, retired executives more opportunities to come back into the workforce, perhaps on a flexible schedule... Retired workers usually aren't in recruiters' networks, but they would be wise to reconnect, because executive recruiters can be especially influential when it comes to reintroducing their know-how into the workforce."
Finally, look around you, close to home. Publicist Cher Murphy of Cher Murphy PR in Vienna, Va., with her mother, Dana Atwell, whom she hired for her start-up. Experience and reliability were critical factors in Murphy's decision to hire Atwell as business development director.
company to return to and no recruiter to contact, be prepared for companies that charge monthly or subscription fees. Pennington's application fee, which includes a background check, costs \$300.
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Photo: Options for the working retired are increasing. Here we see Cher Murphy of Cher Murphy PR in Vienna, Va., with her mother, Dana Atwell, whom she hired for her start-up. Experience and reliability were critical factors in Murphy's decision to hire Atwell as business development director.



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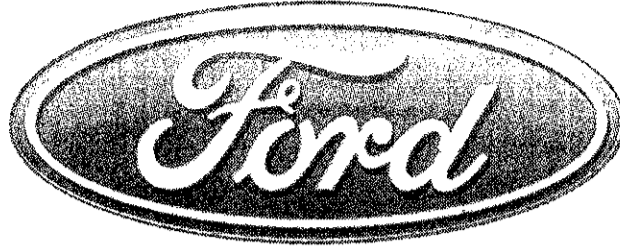
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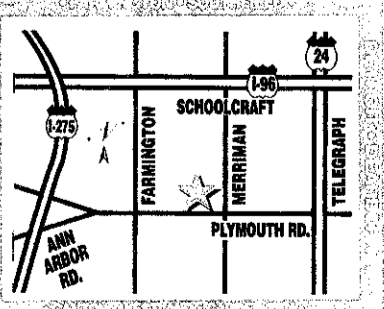
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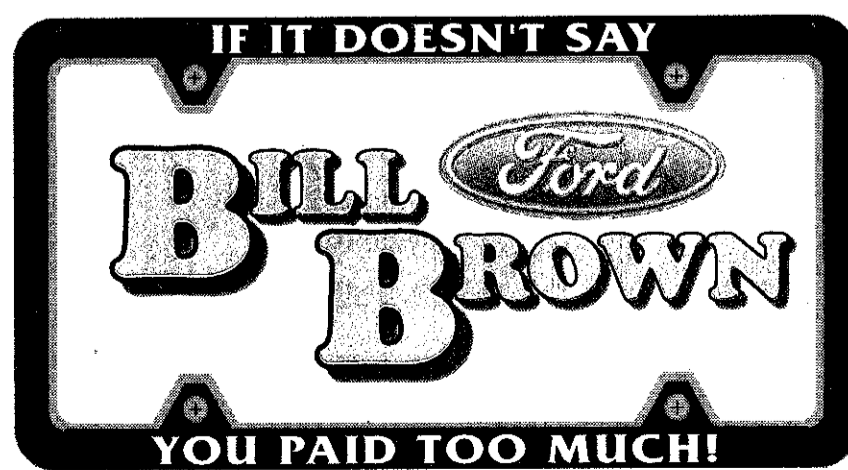
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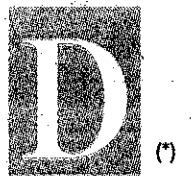
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Follow trail to find roomy, rustic Pioneer design

Shingles, stone work, and a metal roof prepare the Pioneer (407-39) for any kind of weather. This 2,052-square-foot home contrasts a rustic cabin quality with that of a contemporary structure built to last. The unfinished, skylight attic area over the two-car garage offers options as an art studio, an office, or guest area. The entrance to the Pioneer has the ranch effect with a covered porch and railings.

The entry has coat closets on both sides, while directly ahead, below the staircase banister, are built-in bookshelves adjoining the raised hearth on the left. The entire left portion of the Pioneer is dedicated to the living room and parlor. Between the rooms, in the space directly opposite the massive rock fireplace, bay windows offer a view and extra light.

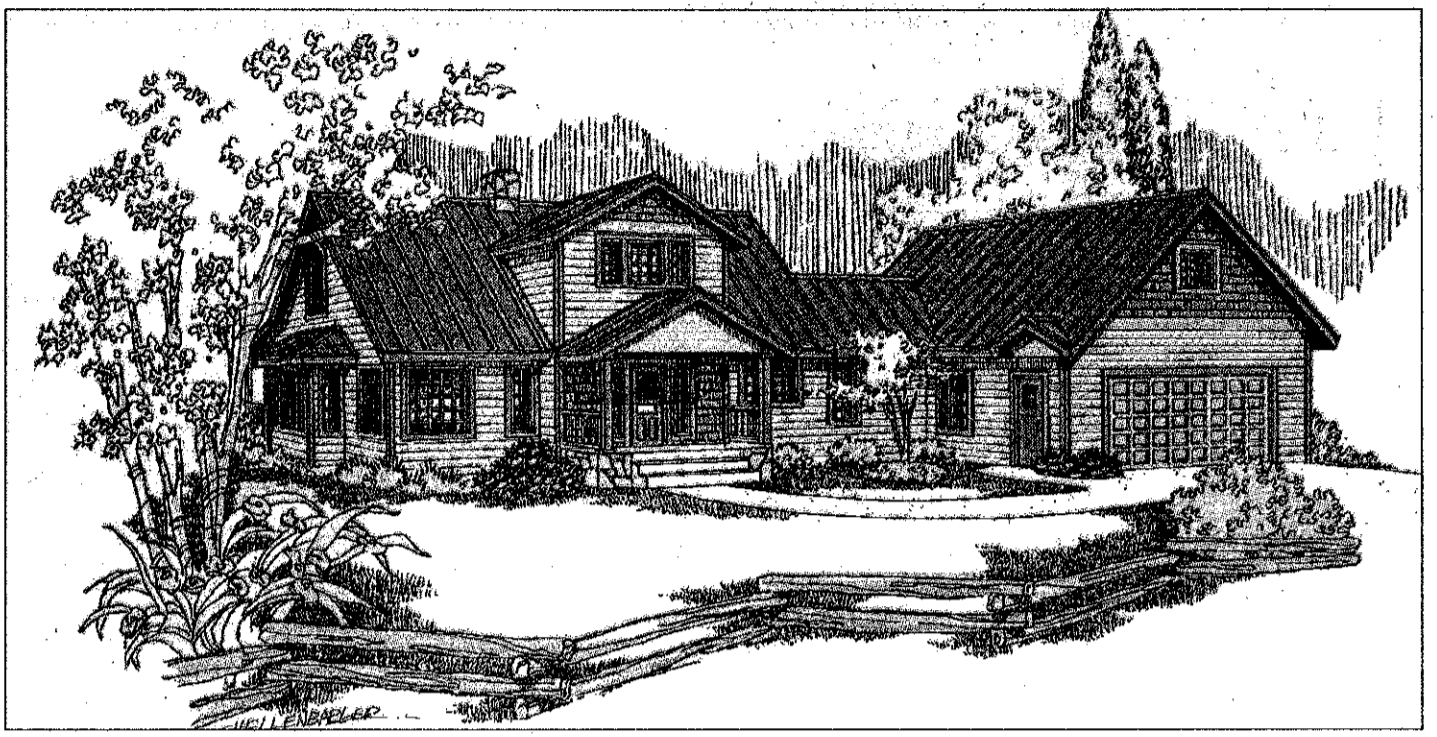
In the rear, a covered deck with steps into the backyard is accessed through a patio door in the living room. The main bathroom is located between the living room and dining area, adjacent to the stairs to the second floor. The area underneath the stairs has been used as a pantry. The kitchen has been conveniently arranged with the sink and dishwasher on the counter end near the dining room. The range and oven are on an island and the refrigerator is at the end of the counter near the island. The area has the appearance of open space and easy accessibility.

Near the kitchen, between the entry and the garage, a large utility room provides

Upstairs in the Pioneer is as unique as its exterior. The master suite and the second bedroom both have two skylights apiece and very large wall closets. There is an extraordinary bathroom arrangement for use by both bedrooms. The tub, with three frosted windows above, has a linen closet and a sink on each side. The Pioneer would be ideal for a large lot, with trees that make a rustic setting. The Pioneer is a home that allows the owners to use their imagination in the use of its spaces.

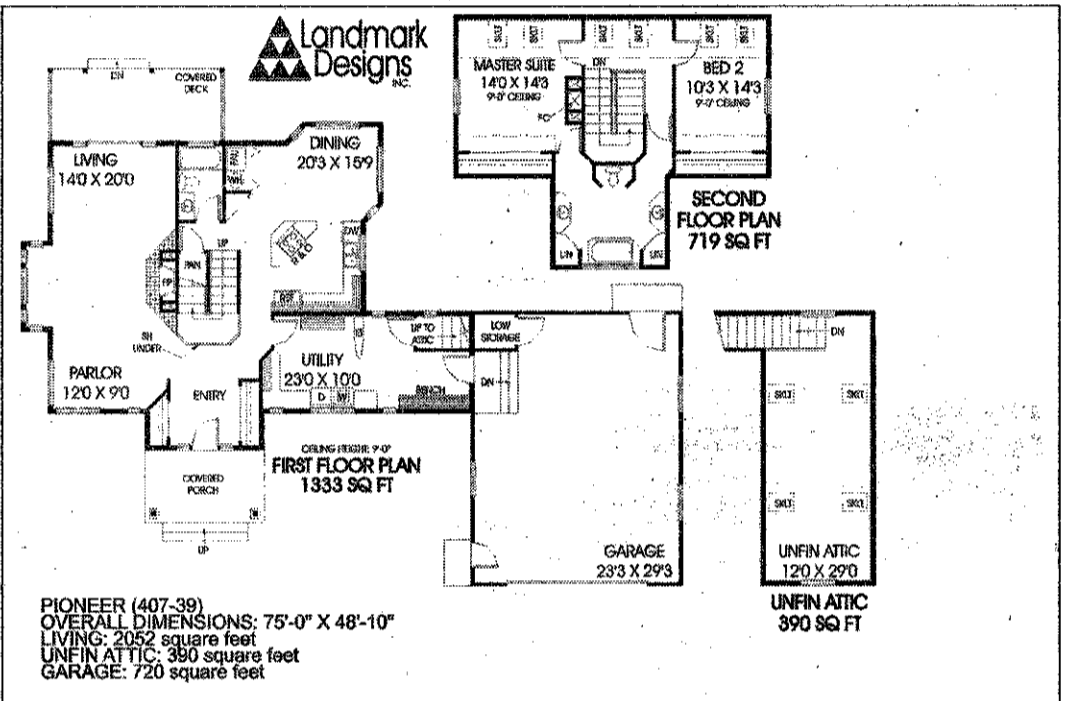
space for laundry facilities, including an ironing board, folding counters, and cabinet space. Just inside the door from the garage is a bench with hooks above, ideal for coming in, hanging up a wet coat, and changing soggy shoes.

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For a study plan of the PIONEER (407-39), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.



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BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "The ABCs of Collection" on Tuesday, May 13, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will be presented by Ron Rich of Ronald B. Rich & Associates. Topics include: proper format for creating credit applications; collections process; making the phone call; when to initiate liens and when to go to arbitration or court. Registration fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 14, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will instruct on the subject of Water Efficiency using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. Training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the ninth annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards on

Wednesday, May 14, from 6-9:30 p.m. at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates St. The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Registration fees are \$55 for BIA or AAM members, nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Friday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabe of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information specifically geared for maintenance and service personnel, housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part time staff. Registration fees are \$45 for PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood" on Tuesday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects. Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertibility rights to your advantage; developer retained rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title. Registration fees are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. The training is \$50 per person, or free if you join Green Built within 30 days. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, May 29-30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance,

better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Business Management" course on Monday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations. Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach management skills that give industry leaders a solid foundation in the best business practices for planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling smaller businesses. Case studies and sample forms will be used to provide practical and applicable tools for management success.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, June 11, from 9-10:30 a.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. This training will

focus on building operations and global impact. The training is free for BIA members. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will hold a "Barbecue Blender" industry networking event on Wednesday, June 18, from 6-8:30 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills.

Attendees will enjoy networking, food and drinks with remodeling professionals. Registration is free for those involved in the remodeling industry. Advance registration required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "A/C Trouble Shooting" course on Tuesday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive in Farmington Hills. The course provides a basic understanding of air conditioning components and functions, trouble shooting and preventative maintenance for professional staff.

Registration fees are \$45

per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will present Economic Forecast and Legislative Update for the Multifamily Rental Industry on Friday, June 13, from noon to 2 p.m. at PI Banquet Center, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield. Registration and networking begins at 11 a.m.

Join AAM for its first annual Economic Forecast and Legislative Update Luncheon. Attendees will be provided with information on our local and national rental markets, along with a status report on state legislative issues facing the residential rental industry. Economic Forecast speaker is Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners. Legislative Update speaker is Jack Schick of Karoub Associates.

Registration fees are \$20 per person for AAM members and \$30 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Association membership

Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO of Weir Manuel Realtors, was recently accepted as a member of the National Association of Residential Property Managers (NARPM), joining more than 1,500 residential property managers throughout the United States.

NARPM is the nation's only professional organization for managers of small residential properties, from single units to 4-plexes. Members represent more than \$13 billion worth of residential properties nationwide. NARPM was founded in 1988 and provides networking, education, and public relations services to professionals within the residential property arena.

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New Ford coupe is first to carry Shelby name in 37 years.

With gas prices hovering between \$3 and \$4 in most places, I'm not sure how much of a market there is for muscle cars, but Ford Motor Co. is betting that at least some drivers are chomping at the bit to get behind the wheel of a classic muscle car brought back to life.

For the first time since 1970, Ford has put the Shelby name on a Mustang Cobra by giving us the 2007 Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500 coupe.

Also available as a convertible, it's a true muscle car, complete with a powerful engine, six-speed transmission, beefy audio system and your very own gas guzzler tax to boot.

The Shelby GT500 looks tough and seems like it's ready to growl at you if you look at it the wrong way. The front end features wide upper and lower fascia opening with a functional air splitter. The upper intake has the Cobra logo mounted off-center, and the hood features heat extractors that protrude near the leading edge.

The Le Mans-style front-to-rear racing stripes add to the performance-car feel and 18-inch aluminum wheels are standard, as are a rear deck spoiler, dual stainless-steel exhaust, and fog lamps. You'll be tempted to stop at the test track on your way to work every morning.

You could handle the test track pretty well with this package. The GT500 is called that for one reason - the supercharged 5.4-liter, 32-valve V8 engine that outputs 500 horses and 480 foot pounds of torque.

To dissipate the heat from all this power, Ford has given the Shelby GT500 a high-capacity radiator, an intercooler mounted below the blower, a loop-style power-steering cooler, and an oil-to-water stacked-dish engine oil cooler, in addition to the heat extractors on the hood. This engine is EPA rated at 15/21 mpg (hence the gas guzzler tax) and requires premium fuel.

This powerplant is mated with a six-speed manual transmission, and I'm not exactly taken with it. The clutch feels heavy and requires a lot of foot pressure to push, and it can be difficult to quickly find the proper gear with the shifter. With everyday use you might find it easy to get used to, but I'd like something that's a little less work. Stop-and-go traffic in this car really gives your left leg a workout.

That aside, the GT500 can be fun to drive because it rides and handles well for a muscle car. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut independent system with reverse L lower control arms and a 34 mm tubular stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a solid-axle, three-link system with coil springs, 24 mm solid stabilizer bar and a Panhard rod for axle control.

You feel in control of the GT500 all the time, even on

winding curves, and rough roads don't toss you around the cabin like some "performance" cars seem to.

Rack-and-pinion power steering is standard and provides good road feel. The brakes are excellent.

Inside, the GT500 has a look to match its exterior. The steering wheel cap and the leather seats feature the Cobra logo. The power front seats are six-way adjustable, and though there are rear seats, I wouldn't advise using them; things are pretty tight back there. Up front, though, there's plenty of room for the driver and passenger, and it's easy to find a comfortable driving position.

The instrument panel is complete, including a reminder light to let you know when to upshift. The tach is on the right side of the cluster, though, while the reminder light is under the speedometer. At first, this doesn't seem to make sense, but when you consider it, if you're looking the tach for shift guidance, you don't need the light anyway.

The center console includes a storage area and there are two cupholders and two auxiliary power outlets, as well. The trunk is surprisingly roomy; you can fit a week's worth of groceries in there.

Air conditioning is standard, as are power windows and locks, and remote keyless entry.

The standard audio system is a Shaker 500 AM/FM/six-disc CD system with an auxiliary jack for your mp3 player, and eight speakers, rated at 500 watts of power. The standard system is very good, with thumping bass response and clean highs, but you can upgrade to a Shaker 1000, which - like its name implies - gives you 1,000 watts of power, plus 10 speakers. You can add satellite radio to either system.

This car could be a tempting target for thieves, but Ford has included a passive anti-theft system, separate alarm sounder,

an interior motion sensor and an anti-tow sensor.

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The key is a transponder key, which sends a code to the ignition system to allow the vehicle to be started. Don't lose the keys; transponder keys can cost hundreds of dollars to replace.

The GT500 comes with dual-stage front airbags capable of deploying at full or partial power, seat-belt pretensioners and seat-deployed side airbags.

The Ford Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500 (that's a mouthful) starts at around \$41,000. Add the gas guzzler tax - which is not optional, by the way - satellite radio and the premiere trim package, which includes a wrapped a stitched instrument panel brow and center console with upgraded door armrest and aluminum pedal covers, and you're at about \$43K.

Make no mistake; this car is going to cost you, in its initial purchase price and at the pumps. But if you can get past that, the GT500 just might give you more muscle than anybody in your neighborhood.

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2007 Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500
Vehicle class: Subcompact sports car.
Power: 5.4-liter supercharged V8 engine.
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