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What's in a name?

Candidates hope familiarity breeds election success

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Some candidates running for public office hope family names connote good things - including votes - headed into the campaign season with August primaries and the November general election.

Running for office with a recognizable last name could be a plus, but only if it brings positive reactions from voters who remember those family members who previously held or currently hold public office.

Beth Stewart, Republican candidate for the 20th House seat, believes the current office holder -- Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township - has done an exceptional job the past six years, and that is a positive in efforts to succeed her term-limited husband in Lansing.

"Name identification is a big thing, and a lot of people ask if I'm related (to John)," said Stewart. "A lot of people, who don't understand term limits, ask if I'm running against him.

'John's been out there meeting and greeting and doing things in the community, and I get people telling me all the time he calls them back and answers their e-mails," she said. "I think they hope I would continue to do the same thing, if I'm elected."

Mention the name Jerry Vorva, and you most likely will get a positive or negative reaction to someone wellknown for speaking his mind. Vorva has a long legacy in Plymouth, serving as a city commissioner, a state representative and as the main plaintiff in a lawsuit that held up, for several years, the bond issue that eventually built Plymouth High School and Discovery Middle School. Vorva's 31-year-old son, Jason, is also a candidate for the 20th House seat. And the elder Vorva isn't sure how the surname will affect his son's run for state office.

harm him," Vorva said. "But, I think with a familiar name, it will cause voters to inquire about him, as opposed to someone with an unfamiliar name."

Jason Vorva thinks his dad's name and reputation will generate some votes

"I think it's a plus because you're known for saying exactly what you think," said Jason Vorva. "I consider it a huge plus, and accept the label of straight-talker."

James Plakas' surname is well-known around political circles. Plakas, a Northville resident seeking a 35th District Court judgeship in Plymouth, said he's often drawn into conversations about his father and uncle. Father Angelo Plakas has been practicing law since 1969 and is the city attorney for Westland. Uncle Jim Plakas was a city councilman and mayor in Garden City before being elected to represent the 16th House District in Lansing.

"Without a question it's a positive thing," said James Plakas. "They have been very good at what they do, and very well-liked and respected. So, it can only benefit me."

Others running for office with familiar last names include Ron Lowe, who is seeking re-election as 35th District Court judge. His dad was a former Plymouth city attorney, a position Ron Lowe also held before being elected to the bench

Kevin McNamara of Canton Township, the son of the late former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, is seeking a seat on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. Political expert Bill Ballenger, the edi-

FAMILIAR NAMES

Several candidates are hoping familiar names can help lead them to election success (the familiar politician on the left, the hopeful on the right):



Ed McNamara Longtime county executive

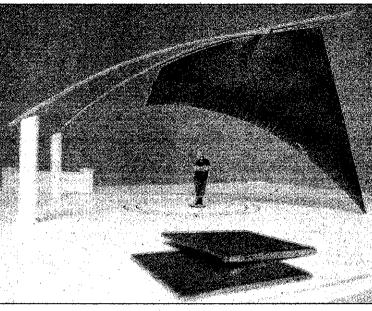


John Stewart State representative



Beth Stewart State rep hopeful





BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This model shows what Monroe County artist Ken Thompson's 20-foot by 30-foot steel sculpture will look like when erected.

DDA approves \$52K for steel sculpture

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

After more than a year of planning, and a much-awaited unveiling, the Canton Downtown Development Authority Wednesday approved funding for the township's first piece of public art.

The 20-foot by 30-foot steel sculpture will be erected this summer at the southeast corner of Canton Center and Ford. The DDA approved a total of \$52,000 for the sculpture, plus \$5,500 for light-

ing. "If anything was going to be restrictive, it was going to be the amount of money we had to work with," said Mark Waldbauer, who serves on the DDA as well as the township's public art committee. "I personally didn't want to be embarrassed by our first piece of art. I wanted us to do it right." So with high expectations, he examined and critiqued Monroe County artist Ken Thompson's stainless and Corten steel sculpture, which, when erected, will stand at least seven feet higher than the existing street lights along Ford Road.

Kevin McNamara County commission

"I don't know if it will help him or

tor of Inside Michigan Politics, said those seeking election to political office are almost always successful - especially at the state level - when tied to a familiar last name.

"Amazingly, the track record is very good for family members with the same last name as those who have held, or are currently in, office," said Ballenger. "In



Annelo Plakas Westland attorney

James Plakas 35th District Court hopeful

the era of term limits, since the late 1990s, virtually every one of these (state) candidates have been elected."

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"On the second viewing – and daily reviewing – I've come to appre-ciate this," Waldbauer said. "Everyone I've talked to has seen something different in it."

Robert Ramey, who also serves on the DDA and the committee, had a very different first impression.

"I had lower expectations going in," he said. "But when I saw it, I was like, "Wow,"

The sculpture, according to Thompson, represents diversity and

Senior Expo set for Schoolcraft College

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Schoolcraft College present the third annual Senior Citizens Expo 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the college's VisTaTech Center.

More than 30 exhibitors of products and services aimed at consumers age 55 and older along with fitness sessions featuring strength training and yoga are on tap.

"Although designed for consumers age 55 and older, it's also a resource for the younger - sandwich - generation," said Cathy Young, OSE promotions manager and coordinator of this year's event.

Expo visitors can also enter to win a seven-night cruise western Caribbean for two on board the Royal Caribbean Voyager of the Seas courtesy of the Exchange Club of Livonia Fundraising Cruise. The ship sails from Miami Jan. 13. Stops include Grand Cayman, Cozumel and more. Reservations are handled by CruiseOne.

Expo admission and parking are free. Entertainment by the Cliff Monear Trio with jazz vocalist Barbara Ware and The Car Tunes Barbershop quartet starts at 10:30 a.m.

Fitness and wellness sessions

Fitness and wellness sessions planned include Forever Fit for Seniors taught by Mindy Hopkins at 9 a.m.; Yoga Chair Exercise taught by Karen Farkas at 10 a.m.; Senior Strength Training by Nancy Klein at 11 am. and Tap Dancing taught by Shirley Rebeck at 11:45 a.m.

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A moderately priced breakfast and/or lunch will be available in Henry's Cafe in the VisTaTech Center.

Exhibitors scheduled to appear include: Allied Home Mortgage, American Diabetic Supply, Atlas Gutter Helmet, Botsford Senior Community, Canadian Drugs USA, CruiseOne, Estate Planning Legal, Erickson

Communities/Fox Run and Henry Ford Village, Evola Music, Exchange Club of Livonia, Gregg Chiropractic, Hear USA, Hearing Centers of Marshall Field's, Heartland Health Center-University, Heartland West Bloomfield, Home First Certified Communities, Hugg Center for Hearing/Personalized Hearing Care, Hutcheson Manor **Residential Care Inc.**

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Schoolcraft College and the VisTaTech Center are at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

For more information, visit the Seniors Expo site at www.hometownlife.com.



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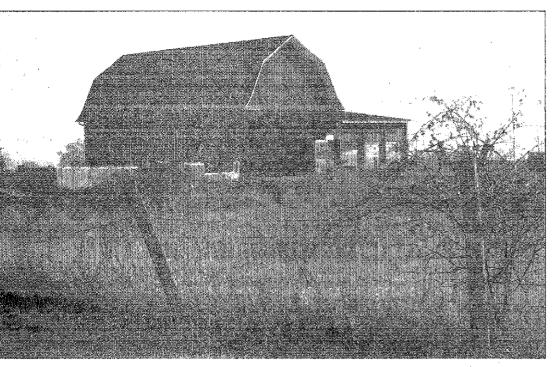
Teeing up for success

With Summit on the Park providing a backdrop, Pheasant Run Golf Club golf professional Greg Bores prepares to launch his drive on the course's 10th hole. Canton officials are hoping to build off of last year - the most successful year in Pheasant Run's history, when there were more than 43,000 rounds of golf played. Although the township owns Pheasant Run, it is not your typical municipal golf course. To learn more about Pheasant Run, please see story on page C1.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Next week a group of Salem High students will give a tour of the historic Cady barn, which is located on school grounds. It is expected to be torn down this summer.

Salem students give barn tour

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Anyone wanting to get a close-up look at a fleeting piece of Canton history before it is gone may want to attend an open house at the Cady barn on May 25 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The tour of the barn is part of a program a group of Salem High students will give on the history of the barn and the area. The program begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Salem Media Center. Students in teacher Darrin Silvester's Michigan history class will give brief presentations on different topics, which will be followed by a final walk through the barn. It is scheduled to be torn down this summer.

The barn, currently located at the corner of McClumpha and Joy roads, was constructed on the site in the early 1900s, but contains some timbers from a barn that was built in the pre-Civil War era. According to local historians, the barn was constructed by farmer Aruna Cady, who died in 1911. Several barn experts have inspected the barn and determined it is a "raised basement" barn with a "gambrel" toof, which has four sides and is quite rare.

The barn is also all that is left of the old Rotary School Farm, named in 1970 after the Plymouth Rotary raised \$20,000 to operate a school farm and rural life center. Thousands of Plymouth-Canton students took bus trips to the farm until it closed in 1981 because of economic cutbacks.

When members of the Canton Historical Society learned that the school duftry i we a going to tear down the bard to make a sum in tennis courts, they began a fund-raising effort to try and move the barn to Cherry Hill Village, but were unable to raise enough money for the project.

During the event, Silvester's students will make a number of brief presentations on topics including

Geologic history of the barn site

Settlement of southeast Michigan

Cady family history

Development of Section 4 Canton property -- the school grounds

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Silvester said his students have been preparing for the open house for quite sometime.

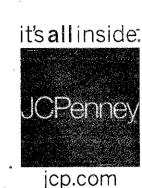
"We're going to teach about the farm's history from the glacial period, about 12,000 years ago. We're going to talk about the settlement of southeast Michigan, farming life, the Cady family, who once owned the property the high schools sit on and who the barn is named after," he said. "A lot of our kids have interviewed family members and done research on their family. Since the barn is coming down, we're trying to teach everybody the history of that 300 acres, including the old Rotary living farm."

In addition to the tour of the barn, there will some special guest musicians who will play music that could be heard during Cady's lifetime. The final walk through the barn should take place around 7:15 p.m.

The event is free, but organizers will be accepting donations that will be contributed to the Directed Converge Menurulal.

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growth, and an ever-changing community, he said at the public unveiling of a small model of it earlier this month. Thompson's next step is to construct another small model of the sculpture and to have it undergo an engineering review, and to test its durability in a wind tunnel, Waldbauer said.

The sculpture is designed to be maintenance-free; the Corten steel corrodes for more than a year before sealing itself. The only possible maintenance issues would be manmade, like graffiti.

DDA board member Lisa Grasso isn't particularly worried about graffiti, though. "One thing about Ford Road

- there's always traffic. When vandalism happens it happens behind my building on a trailer," Grasso said.

Feedback on the statue – and eight pieces of temporary art the township has on display for one year along Ford Road – has been mostly positive, according to Kathleen Salla, DDA director. The eight pieces of art were installed earlier this month, and the DDA paid a total of \$12,000 for bases and installation for them. They will be on display, and are for sale, until April 30, 2007.

One resident had stopped by to tell Salla that she didn't like the art along Ford Road, and that she didn't like her tax dollars being used to fund it.

"But once I explained to her how a DDA is funded and what the DDA is for, she understood and seemed OK with it," Salla said.

The DDA's budget for 2005 was \$2.5 million. The DDA is funded based on increasing property values on parcels along Ford Road from the eastern edge of the township to just west of Canton Center. When the DDA was formed in 1984, the township calculated a baseline for property values – property taxes collected at that baseline continue to go into the general fund. However, the DDA captures taxes on the increase in property values

DEATHS

Fons, 82, of Bioomfield Township, died

Kizer, 61, of Rochester, died May 15.

Knight, 90, of Bloomfield Hills. died.

Myers, 87, of Canton, died May 16.

Payne, 73, of Rochester Hills, died May

Daniel P. Fons

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Dorothy E. Payne

Raymond L. Kizer Jr.

"Betty" Elizabeth Knight

May 11.

within the DDA since that time. The 2006 budget is \$8.5 million, but that includes \$6 million which the DDA is borrowing to make capital improvements, such as burying overhead utility lines along Ford Road.

The DDA includes more than 400 commercial properties, as well as condominiums, apartments, senior housing and two churches.

In other business at the DDA meeting, the board was updated on the status of its first visitors guide, which will go to press May 22. The DDA is producing 75,000 copies, as well as 60,000 additional maps. They will be distributed at rest areas from Mackinaw City to the state's southern border, as well as at hotels along the I-275 corridor. They will be distributed before IKEA opens on June 7. Advertising revenue, which totaled \$32,500, covered the \$28,000 printing costs. cmarshall@hometownlife.com (734) 459-2700

Smigiel, 54, formerly of Rochester Hills,

Szumlinski, 67. of Rochester Hills, died

Wall-Aldrich, 34, of Shelby Township,

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Cercena, 77, of Rochester, died May 9. Carolyn J. Cragen Cragen, 73, of Rochester Hills, died May 10.

Albert B. Firth Jr. Firth, 83, of Rochester Hills, died May 16.

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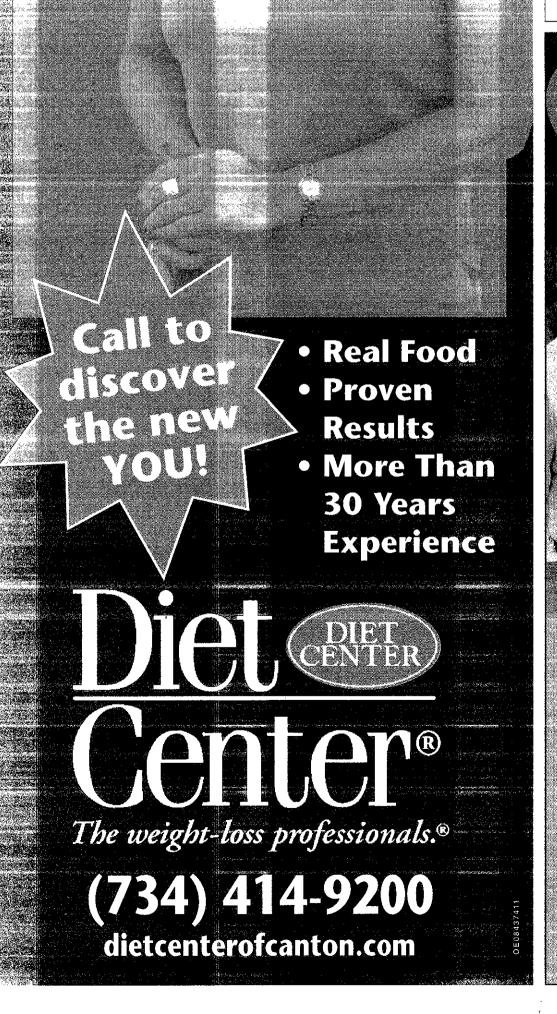
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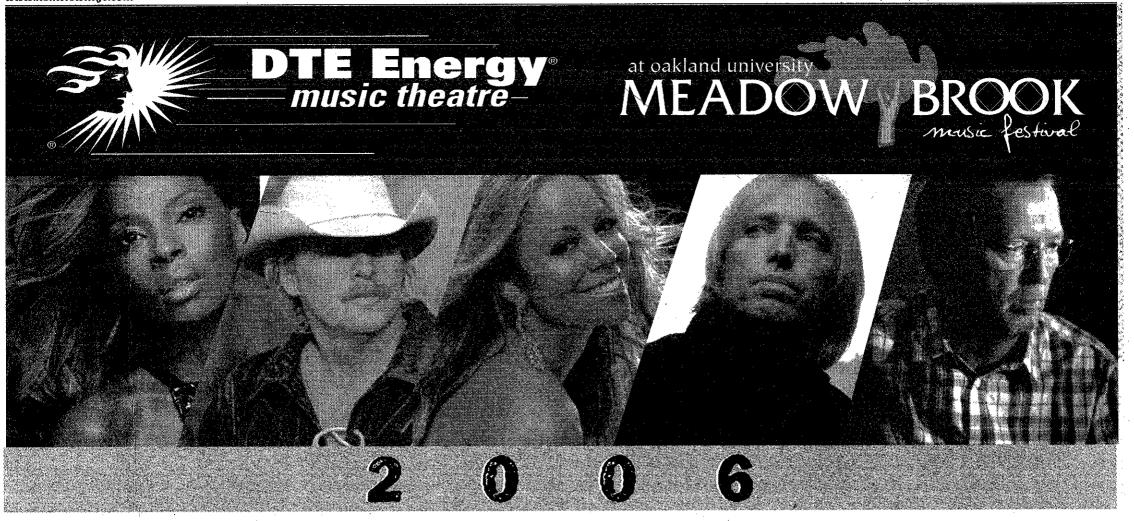
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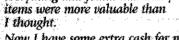




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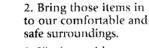
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SUNDAY PERSPECTIVES

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Mental health consumers should be the top priority

n Wednesday, speaker after speaker came forward to support the creation of an inde-pendent Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Authority.

County Commissioner Phil Cavanagh brought the second of three public hearings by the Wayne County Commission Task Force on Mental Health to the Livonia Civic Center.

The Task Force is getting public response to creating an independent authority in the hopes of preventing the state Legislature from cutting anywhere from \$30 million (Senate bill) to \$50 million (House bill) in state and federal funding for the county's Mental Health Agency.



Cavanagh expects the commission to move forward with an authority. Task Force members Laura

Cox. Bernard Parker and Moe Blackwell attended the hearing. **County Executive Robert** Ficano is opposed to an inde-

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pendent authority and favors changing the composition of the current Mental Health Board. Currently the county Mental Health Board has 12 members,

six appointed by the mayor of Detroit and six by the county executive (with approval of the commission).

Ficano wants the county to have an extra seat on the board and final authority over the operations of the Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Agency. He argues that the county puts up matching funding and has fiduciary responsibili-

Meanwhile, "transitional executive director" Richard Visingardi is on "administrative leave" until his contract runs out in June following a public disagreement with Ficano about how much money is at stake because the county failed to spend state and federal monies. That figure runs as high as \$228 million to as low as \$8 million.

As several speakers mentioned, the director's position has been a revolving door with eight directors in 10 years under Ficano and former County Executive Edward McNamara.

The two sides in this political debate were represented by two Mental Health Board members. Gary Burtka, an Allen Park councilman, was

appointed to the board by Ficano 10 months ago. He praised the "hard work" of the agency.

"An authority is not necessary," he said. "There are ways to make improvements without an authority. An authority does not ensure that checks and balances are in place."

His was the minority view Wednesday. Constance Rawley was appointed to the Mental Health Board in 1998 by then Mayor

Dennis Archer and reappointed by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick (whose father, Bernard Kilpatrick, is the chairman of the Mental Health Board).

When leadership changes, it creates uncertainty," she said. "We're not dealing with widgets, we're dealing with people. An authority is the one solution for this community."

Advocates and consumers of mental health programs rose to support an authority and the work of Visingardi, including his plans for streamlining operations at the agency.

One mental health professional said, "A highly qualified person would have to think long and hard before taking the job of director of the agency."

But the most poignant comments came from those who need the mental health agency and the services it provides.

"How is it going to work for us?" one asked. "Is it to be allocating the money for the things peo-ple in mental health need?"

A man who's mother and child had both been mentally ill said, "When you use the services, you feel you're begging.'

Teresa Blossom, spokeswoman for the Mental Health Agency, said in an interview last week that Ficano "wants the system to be the best that it can be."

In 2003, Ficano worked with Kilpatrick and Gov. Jennifer Granholm in creating a Detroit Wayne County Health Authority to provide physical health care for the uninsured and the underinsured. It was a major goal early in his administration and it was the right thing to do.

The circumstances are different. Ficano is trying to protect control of county funds. There are also questions about what happens to county jobs under an independent authority.

It won't be easy for the commission to craft legislation that answers those ticklish problems.

But it seems that the state Legislature is not going to back away from this issue and that a governor caught between a Democratic mayor and a Democratic county executive in an election year is not going to be too happy about sticking her neck out with another veto.

Blossom said Ficano wants a "local solution." That solution cannot be to continue pushing for a county controlled department when the opposition to that plan is so overwhelming.

As Ficano knows, this is not and should not be about power politics. It's about people with serious needs.

They need the stability of a mental health agency that isn't constantly at the center of a political whirlwind.

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There's another answer to the question of praying

here seems to be an awful lot of praying going on in Troy.

In the past few weeks, there have been three prayer ceremonies in the city and it has been a subject of controversy for months

Prayer is a good thing, I guess. It can soothe the soul and provide comfort in times of need.

But I know an even better thing to do than pray. Try this:

Get off your lazy butt and do it yourself. Let me repeat that:

Get. Off. Your. Lazy. Butt. And. Do. It. Your. Self.



Now, before you swoon with furious un-Christian anger, let me explain a bit. I know something of prayer. I went to Catholic school for 12 years. We prayed a lot. We prayed for the pope. We prayed for the pastor. We prayed for the

priests and nuns. We prayed for our parents. We even prayed for the type of person I grew

up to be. We went to church six days a week, including 7 a.m. Mass on Sunday, not to mention participating in the Stations of the Cross-on Fridays during Lent, May procession, Mass on various feast days and all manner of other occasions.

I prayed for the end of the school day every day.

We said the "Our Father" (The Lord's Prayer), Hail Mary, Apostles Creed and said the rosary piously.

If prayers were nickels, I'd still be living off the income generated all those years ago. But prayers aren't nickels. Nor are they something to be tossed around like loose change.

Prayers, from what I gathered over the years, really have no meaning unless they are treated as something special - not as tools of personal politics or philosophy or as a means of dividing people – but as a serious way of communicating with God.

Which brings me back to my proposed alternative. I think God is far too busy maintaining the vastness of the universe to listen to trivial prayers. Even more important, I think God really doesn't want to offer help unless we show good faith in ourselves. That means getting off your lazy butt and doing it yourself.

Don't pray for world peace. Do treat

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your neighbors as God wants you to.

Don't pray for understanding. Do talk to each other in a civil and respectful manner. Don't pray for the government. Do

change it. Get out there and vote and recruit the candidates who will do the best job for all of us, even those who don't pray.

Don't pray for the forgiveness of your sins. Just don't sin, or at least make the best effort vou can not to.

There is a place for prayer. When you're waiting for the results of your biopsy, prayer seems perfectly appropriate. There are things that are totally out of our control that could warrant God's intervention.

But the reality is that we control our destiny for the most part. We choose to do right or wrong, and prayer has nothing to do with those choices. And if we make a bad choice, we have the obligation to live with the consequences, not pray for God to fix the mess we made.

As for prayer breakfasts, lunches or dinners and big public demonstrations of prayer and the National Day of Prayer, again I say: Get off your lazy butt and do it: yourself.

Instead of devoting your energy to putting on a big show, do something truly meaningful. Live your life in the way God intended. That's far more important than mumbling words and showing people just how wonderfully pious you are.

I really don't think God is impressed with a big show. He/she can see through that.

So if you really want to live as God wants and fulfill the real meaning of prayer, get off your lazy butt and do it vourself.

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LOCAL NEWS

Teen accused of hacking into network

WAYNE-WESTLAND

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

An 18-year-old student is accused of hacking into the Wayne-Westland school district's computer network – 'crashing 5,000 computers in 29 buildings and forcing thousands of dollars in repairs, police said.

Wayne-Westland school fofficials confirmed "dozens" of computer system crashes between March 6 and May 8, but they don't believe the hacker obtained any personal or sensitive information, police Sgt. David Heater said.

"It appears to me that he did this just to sort of show that he could," Heater said. David Randall, a Belleville teen who takes computer classes at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, faces a hearing Thursday in Westland District Court on a charge of having unauthorized access to a computer. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison. Moreover, he could face disciplinary action by Wayne-Westland school officials, and his graduation could be threatened, Heater "said.

"He's denying any of this," the detective said. "He's sticking to his guns that he didn't do any of this."

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Randall attends the Academy of Business and Technology in Melvindale, but he takes special computer courses in Westland.

The computer network crashed each time during the early hours of the school day, affecting classrooms and administrative offices alike, Heater said.

District technology employees, with outside help, managed to get the system running again after several hours.

"They began to get better and faster at responding to it," Heater said. "They began to realize this was a deliberate attack on the system. They ruled out mechanical or technical problems."

District technology employees gradually traced the problem to the career technical center by unhooking computers in certain geographic areas of the district – and then building by building.

During the week of spring break, workers did some rewiring in the career technical center so that they could isolate the classroom where the attacks originated, Heater said. All students denied any knowledge of the attacks, but witnesses eventually came forward and pointed blame at the suspect, Heater said. Police and school officials hope that Randall's arrest will send a strong warning to students that they can get into serious trouble for such offenses.

Ultimately, they traced the problem to a specific computer lab, and they confronted 15 students in the room after the last attack occurred on May 8, he said.

All students denied any knowledge of the attacks, but witnesses eventually came forward and pointed blame at the suspect, Heater said.

Police and school officials hope that Randall's arrest will send a strong warning to students that they can get into serious trouble for such offenses. "Anyone with a criminal mindset can obtain the tools to do this kind of thing from the Internet," Heater said. "It's important to send a message that this is a stupid thing to do, and you can go to prison for this, because it's serious stuff."

Randall was arraigned Wednesday in Westland District Court, and Judge Gail McKnight released him on a \$50,000 personal bond. Randall has no criminal history.

During their investigation, police seized several computers from Randall's residence in Belleville, although authorities believe that all of the hacking occurred from the career technical center.

"It appears that this whole problem came from within the school system's network," Heater said.

On Thursday, Wayne-Westland school officials confirmed that they have a system in place to catch computer hackers – a system that ultimately led them to the career technical center.

School officials also said they don't believe that any sensitive information was obtained during the computer system crashes.

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Sports

Feds indict La Shish eatery owners

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Officials for the La Shish restaurant chain said Thursday's arrest of the company's financial manager, and arrest warrants issued for the chain's owner, won't have any effect on plans to expand the chain.

A 39-year-old Plymouth woman was arrested Thursday after federal charges were unsealed in Detroit against the owner and financial manager of the La Shish restaurant chain.

The indictments charge Elfat El Aouar, the chain's financial manager, and her husband, La Shish owner Talal Khalil Chahine, 51, of Dearborn Heights, on charges they evaded paying taxes on an estimated \$16 million in alleged undisclosed income.

The indictment alleges the couple maintained a double set of computerized books, records and balance reports, one actual and one altered. El Aouar was arrested Thursday morning at her home in Plymouth and arraigned Thursday afternoon. U.S. District Court Magistrate Donald Scheer ordered her released on a \$100,000 unsecured bond which included several restrictions, including 24-hour-a-day house arrest.

According to Gina Balaya, spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney, Chahine is believed to be in Lebanon. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Authorities say the couple skimmed money from the restaurants during a four-year period, 2000-03. The indictment alleges the couple maintained a double set of computerized books,

records and balance reports, one actual and one altered. According to authorities, the altered records artificially reduced the amount of cash actually received by the restaurants. The indictment charges Chahine and El Aouar "oversaw the maintenance of the double set of books, as well as the skimming and concealment of more than \$16 million in cash."

Authorities believe the cash was converted into cashier's checks, which were taken to Lebanon. They also say cash was skimmed by paying company employees all or partly in cash.

Chahine and El Aouar face four counts each of income tax evasion. Each count carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

But Charles Saad, marketing and public relations spokesman for La Shish, said little has changed in the wake of the indictments.

"This has been going on for a year, year-and-a-half, so it really comes as no surprise," Saad said. "We have an aggressive expansion plan, and we're hoping to open another three stores in the next six to nine months. On the store level, it's business as usual."

Saad said the chain, which includes a location in Canton, has been considering another site in Ann Arbor, Brighton and Ohio. "We have big hopes for the future," Saad said.

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Sisters Jenni (left) and Leanne Bonello (right) of Canton, and Emily Finch of Plymouth, students at Canton Charter Academy, recently took third place at the World Robofest Championship for their candle-making robot.

LOCAL NEWS

Ingenuity helps local girls in World Robofest Championship

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BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A high-tech twist on an old-fashioned chore led three girls to success at the World Robofest Championship in Southfield earlier this month.

The girls - Jenni and Leanne Bonello of Canton, and Emily Finch of Plymouth - took third place in the junior division of the competition, hosted annually at Lawrence Tech University, for a candle-making robot with a candle burning warning device.

"Emily got the idea from going to Greenfield Village," said fourth-grader Leanne Bonello. "Dipping candles seemed really boring and repetitive." So they formed a team, which they called "Girl Tech," and made a robot to do the work for them. They had to try a few times, revising and perfecting their design, before they came up with a machine that would build candles without lumps.

They entered the regional competition at their school, Canton Charter Academy, in April and

From regionals, they were off to compete in the World Robotics Competition May 13 at Lawrence Tech. The competition drew 68 teams from all over the United States. Canada, Mexico, China and South Korea.

won first place. From regionals, they were off to compete in the World Robotics Competition May 13 at Lawrence Tech. The competition drew 68 teams from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, China and South Korea.

Girl Tech took third place in the junior exhibition, and the girls brought a trophy back to their school, as well as Mindstorm Robotics kits for 'Canton Charter Academy. Each of the three girls also won \$2,000 per year renewable college scholarships to attend Lawrence Technological University.

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Mutchler the first of three to be promoted to lieutenant

After an extensive testing process, Canton Police Department promoted Sgt. Todd Mutchler to the rank of lieutenant. Mutchler's promotion is the first of three within the department, as three of Canton's five lieutenants are retiring this year.

According to Public Safety Director John Santomauro, eight very qualified candidates participated in one of the most extensive, challenging testing processes he has seen in 36 years of law enforcement. The components of the test provided an in-depth evaluation of the candidates' communication, written and leadership skills.

"Lt. Mutchler has had a highly successful career with the department and we view him as a valuable asset to the leadership team," Santomauro Mutchler, 42, started work as a patrol officer in Canton in 1988.

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Mutchler, 42, started work as a patrol officer in Canton in 1988. Mutchler has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Technology also from EMU.

During his 18 years of service with the department, Mutchler attended Police Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University, worked as a SWAT instructor for the Western-Wayne Special Operations Team, and received several awards including Officer of the Year in 1997.



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Mutchler lives in Manchester with his wife, Kay, and their three children Amanda, 16, Alex, 13, and Aaron, 6.



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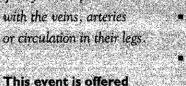
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Play golf today to benefit March of Dimes

The Shepard Family of Canton Township will host a golf outing fund-raiser for March of Dimes on Sunday, May 21, at Brae Burn Golf Club, 10860 W. Five Mile, Plymouth Township. Christian and Nicholas Shepard, (pictured here), the twin sons of Patty and Scott Shepard of Canton, were born three months premature and face lifelong medical problems. Premature birth is the leading cause of newborn death and lifelong disabilities. Since 2001, the Shepard family - with the help of family and friends - has raised more than \$40,000 for the March of Dimes. Funds are used to raise awareness and help prevent birth defects. Foursomes are still available at \$400. Individual golfers are welcome at \$100 per person. Golfers can also sign up the day of the outing. Shotgun start is 1:30 p.m. and includes 18-holes with cart, lunch at the turn and chicken or steak dinner along with other gifts and prizes. For more information, contact Patty or Scott Shepard at (734) 414-0696 or John Dean at (734) 728-5789. The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. 'Prematurity takes a devastating physical toll on babies and robs families of the full potential of their beloved children,' said Patty Shepard. 'It places a tremendous emotional and financial burden on everyone, including our health care system, businesses and society as a whole.'

Blue plate ending 24-year reign in Michigan

Michigan will discontinue its standard blue license plate and adopt a plate with improved features under legislation awaiting the governor's signature, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced last week.

The "Old Blue" plate design, as it is known, is used by 5.6 million motorists. It has been on Michigan vehicles since July 1982 and will cease being issued on Jan. 1, 2007. After that, the state will reissue new plates as they expire.

A new plate design has not been finalized but is expected to be similar to recently issued plates which have a fully reflective white background. There will be no extra cost to residents for a replacement plate.

"The Old Blue plate has had a good run in Michigan but it is time to move to a design that uses modern technology and improves visibility," said Land. "This change will also allow the state to use the same type of material for all of its license plates, which makes production more efficient."

The legislative package includes House Bills 5607 and 5979, sponsored by Rep. Philip LaJoy, R-Canton, and House Bill 4437, sponsored by Rep. Scott Hummel, R-DeWitt. The legislation would provide the necessary funds to the Department of State to cover expenses incurred in re-issuing the estimated 6 million new plates needed.

Land expects compliance with vehicle registration laws to improve as a result of the move to a new standard plate. After the reissue period is complete, those who are driving on expired license plates will be easy to spot by law enforcement officers. It is estimated that the additional revenue to the state generated from increased compliance would total at least \$15 million, which would more than offset the costs involved.

LaJoy said the new license plates will be good for the state.

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"From a public safety perspective, having license plates that are easier to read at night will assist law enforcement in keeping our streets safe," L'aJoy said. "That is good news for our citizens."

Michigan is the last state still using the glass-beads manufacturing process by which the blue and white plates are created. During production, tiny crushed glass beads with the consistency of sand are sprinkled on the wet white paint to give the characters on the plate limited reflectivity. Law enforcement groups and others favor the modern design material, which is a highly reflective off-white graphic sheeting that is more visible at night.

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Polymyalgia rheumatica is an arthritic condition which occurs after age 50 and most commonly between ages 70-85. Polymyalgia has the following features: 1) it comes on you rapidly, even overnight, or over 2-3 days; 2) you feel extremely stiff, but not weak, in the shoulders and thighs, and 30 low doses of cortisone completely resolve the stiffness over 3 days to a week.

You might imagine that this condition, being so distinctive, would be readily identified and easily treated. Such is not the case. In many instances of polymyalgia you improve in the afternoon. This change for the better may lead you to believe that recovery is coming, and that no doctor's appointment is in order. Other times, the stiffness is not so intense, and you pass off the problem as being part of old age. Finally, you or your family may see your change in behavior and activity as a sign of an emotional problem not a physical condition.

Condition. Problems of diagnosis can arise in your doctor's evaluation. Often , a laboratory test called the westergren sedimention rate is extremely elevated in polymyalgia rheumatica. Presence of this high value is strong confirmation that you may have polymyalgia. However, a normal or slightly elevated westergren sedimentation rate does not mean that you don't have polymyalgia. At times, too much faith is placed on the value of a normal test and the diagnosis of polymyalgia is dismissed when it should not be. Also, a misinterpretation of your muscle condition as inflammation may subject you to a higher dose of prednisone than is needed.

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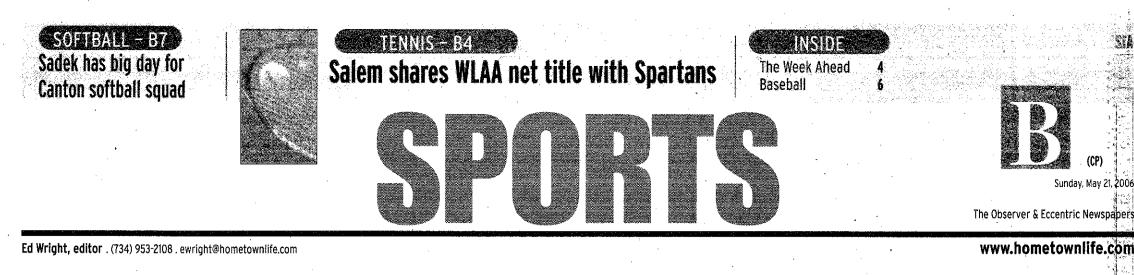
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Houdek's quick strikes lift Chiefs over Salem

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Amazingly, the recent monsoon-like weather stayed dry for Wednesday night's soccer game between Canton and Salem.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, Chief junior forward Becci Houdek reigned around the net at least for the game's first 10 minutes.

Houdek scored two goals faster than most of the fans could dry off their spots on the bleachers.

The quick strikes ignited

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what evolved into a 3-0 Canton victory.

"Becci did a great job of getting us off to a fast start," said Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team improved to 9-5-2 overall and 7-3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "I thought both teams played with a lot of intensity, which is to be expected with this rivalry.

'The biggest thing for us tonight was the way we were able to forget about our loss on

Monday (5-0 to Livonia Stevenson). I thought the girls bounced back well and played a complete game."

Speaking of bouncing back, Salem coach Joe Nora was satisfied with the way his team rebounded after the rocky start.

"We've had a tendency to get demoralized when we've fallen behind this year, but I thought the girls did a good job of coming back and playing hard after Canton scored those two early goals," said Nora, whose young squad slipped to 3-7-2. "We dedicated this game to our sen-

iors. It's tough losing 3-0 to your rivals, but the girls' effort was outstanding tonight. I'm encouraged because we are getting better."

Salem came close to lighting up the scoreboard first, but Kim Killion's blast from 12 yards out was stuffed by Canton goalkeeper Kelsey Bailey.

Houdek's first goal came on a rebound shot with 36:20 left. Seven minutes later, she hammered a header past Salem netminder Jill Slabey from close range

While Houdek's goals were

significant, they weren't as dazzling as the one freshman Lisa Pierce scored with 17:46 left in the game. Pierce received a pass from Kelsey Zemanski 40 yards from the net, dribbled through a host of Rocks before ripping a hooking shot into the upperleft-hand corner of the net from

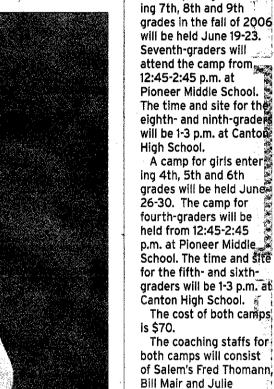
Since Lisa's only a freshman, we've been kind of working her in slowly," said Tomasso. "That goal was just a glimpse of what she's capable of doing."

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The coaching staffs for both camps will consist of Salem's Fred Thomann, Bill Mair and Julie Nicastri; and Canton's Brian Samulski, Scott Samulski and Jimmy Reddy. Players from both programs will serve as camp counselors.

Girls hoop camps

The Salem and Canton

A camp for girls enter-

girls basketball teams will be sponsoring two upcoming summer

camps.

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

Making a 'state'ment

Several P-CEP athletes qualify for state meet with clutch regional efforts

See Regional girls track story on Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Stevenson boys track-and-field team seemed to be ignited Friday night by the sparks coming from the blazing shoes of star sprinter Nano Adomako.

Adomako's school-record effort (10.67) in the 100-meter dash lit the fuse for a string of four consecutive Stevenson first-place finishes at the Division 1 Regional meet held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium. When the dust had cleared, the Spartans had compiled 97.50 points, out-distancing runnerup Livonia Churchill by 29.5. Canton (65), Plymouth (62.50) and

Detroit Cass Tech (62) filled out the

top five spots in the 16-team field. "I came out of the blocks slow and I was behind three people right

away," said Adomako. "Thankfully, I finished strong. Even though I got the school record tonight, I wasn't real excited. I know I can do better."

Following Adomako's record win, the Spartans racked up first-place points in the 800-meter relay (Adomako, Kevin Murawski, Patrick Clasgens and Brian Chandler), the 1,600-meter run (Matthew Rzepka) and the 400meter relay (Adomako, Chandler, Clasgens and Murawski).

"I've been waiting and hoping for something like this for a couple of years now," said Stevenson coach Scott Shaw, whose team finished in the middle of the pack at last year's

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Canton junior pole-vaulter Ryan Langdon cleared the bar at 12 feet, 7 inches to qualify for the Division 1 state meet June 3 at East Kentwood High School.

Instant classic

Plymouth edges Canton in extra-inning barn burner

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Cram large doses of high-intensity pressure, clutch hitting, slick fielding, pin-point pitching and late-game heroics into nine innings of softball and what do you get?

Answer: Friday's game between Plymouth and Canton.

The Wildcats lived life on the edge for the opening five-and-a-half innings before rallying to nip the visiting Chiefs, 5-4, on Melissa Butzow's twoout base hit that scored Erin Rodes in the bottom of the ninth. Butzow had missed the Wildcats' pre-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Jill Brennan (6) slides into home just as Salem catcher Maureen Bohr prepares to secure a throw during Wednesday's game at Salem. The Wildcats won, 10-1.

Stemberger leads Wildcats to 10-1 win

Plymouth's softball team started slowly, but finished with a bang in its cross-campus game at Salem on Wednesday.

After trailing 1-0 in the first, the Wildcats rebounded to seize a 10-1 victory. Plymouth scored two runs in the second inning, three in the fourth, two in the fifth and three more in the sixth to back the strong pitching of Claire Ostrowski, who scattered five hits and a walk.

Salem grabbed the early lead when Danielle DiPietro reached on an error, advanced to second on a fielder's choice then scored on Emily Pitcole's single. Kait McKinley added a double later in the inning.

"The girls always get excited to play Salem," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "They always want to play a top-notch game against their rivals."

The Wildcats' offense was led by Lauren Stemberger, who went contributed two doubles and four RBI. Kim Klonowski (2-for-3, two RBI, double), Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-4) and Erin Rodes (2-for-3) also had big games for the Wildcats.

Softball clinic

The Plymouth High School softball team's coaching staff will be ?? holding fast-pitch softball clinics on Sunday, May 28 and Sunday, June 4. Both clinics will be held at the Plymouth varsity softball field and run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.s The clinics will move to the Plymouth High School gym if it rains.

The cost of the clinics is \$40, which includes the cost of lunch and a Te shirt. For more information, contact Tom Bondy at (734) 455-5242; or e mail Bondy at Thomas.Bondy@unisys.c om.

Camp participants will learn the basic funda mentals of the game, including throwing, field ing, positional play, baserunning, sliding and hit ting.

Tennis meeting:

All returning Salem girls tennis players and incoming freshmen play ers are encouraged to attend a meeting on Monday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in the Salem cafet ria. Uniforms will be ordered at the meeting The season begins

Monday, Aug. 14. For more information contact coach Lin Ware at (734) 453-0669; or visit the team's Web site

at www.salemrocks.com Lady Warriors tall

The Plymouth-Canton Salem girls lacrosse team dropped an 8-3 decision to Ann Arbor Huron Thursday night. Heather Duncan scored two goals and Morgan Franke tallied one for the Lady Warriors.

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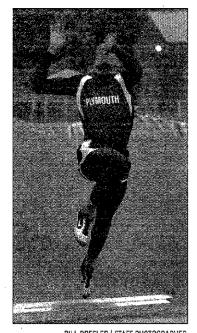
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Regional meet. "The key tonight was when we won the four events in a row starting with the 100. Also, Mitchell White won the high jump, which was big." Churchill coach Rick Austin was satisfied with his team's second-straight runner-up showing. The only team to out-point the Chargers in 2005 was Cass Tech:

"We had some outstanding performances tonight," Austin said. "We're sending seven to the state meet, which is great. My hat is off to Stevenson. They did a tremendous job. It was a good night for track and field in the city of Livonia."

Churchill's Ryan Santa won the pole vault by clearing the bar at 13 feet, 7 inches. The Chargers also received firstplace points from quarter-miler David St. Amant (50.03), twomiler Timothy Howse (9:50.36) and their 1,600-meter relay contingent of William Gutowski, Jacob McDonald, Andrew LaBerge and St. Amant (3:26.95).

Leading Canton's strong third-place showing were second-place pole-vaulter Ryan Langdon (12-7), first-place discus thrower Steve Paye (155-6) and senior captain Cyrus Azizi, who placed third in the 400-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's D.J. Coleman won the long jump at Friday's Division 1 Regional meet with a leap of 21 feet, 4 inches. The effort earned Coleman a berth in the June 3 state meet.

meter dash (50.32) and sixth in the 200. Azizi also contributed to two point-earning relay teams.

"I came down with food poisoning on Monday, so I was worried about how I'd do tonight," said Azizi. "Thankfully, I felt pretty good. I'm not disappointed with third. We had some guys who really came through in the field events like

Steve Paye and Ryan Langdon." Plymouth's fourth-place showing in its first Regional

meet with seniors brought a smile to first-year coach Kurt Britnell's face. The Wildcats qualified six athletes for the D1 state meet after getting shut out last year.

"I couldn't be more proud of this team than I am right now." said Britnell. "I thought we ran extremely well. We set a lot of school records and we had a lot of personal bests. Going in, I thought that if we would have qualified four guys for the state meet, that would have been great. Getting six qualified is fantastic."

Senior D.J. Coleman had an outstanding night for the Wildcats, winning the long jump (21-4) and crossing the line third in the 100 (10.87).

Redford Union was bolstered by the performances of Jared Owens, who finished first in the 200(22.14) and second in the 100, and Steve Brown, the runner-up in the 110-meter hurdles (14.76) and the third-place finisher in the 300 hurdles (41.43).

The top two individual placers in each event qualified for the June 3 state meet in East Kentwood. Athletes could also qualify for the state meet by surpassing pre-determined qualifying standards.

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DIVISION | REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD MEET May 19 at Canton H.S.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 97.5 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 68; 3. Canton, 65; 4. Plymouth, 62.5; 5. Detroit Cass Tech, 62; 6. Dearborn, 51; 7. Redford Union, 46; 8. Westland John Glenn 25; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 18; 10. Livonia Franklin, 11; 11. Salem and Detroit Cody, 6 each; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 5; 14. (tie) Wayne Memorial and Garden City, 2 each. FINAL RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state meet)

Shot put: 1. Adam Schnieder (Obn.), 49 feet, 6.25 inches; 2. Greg Copeland (WJG), 47-10.25; 3. Matt Shileikis (RU), 47-9.25; 4. Jon Robinson (LC), 46-9.75; 5. Adam Gorring (WM), 46-7; 6. Ryan Jonik (Canton), 46-1.25.

Discus: 1. Steve Paye (Canton), 155-6; 2. Bryan Henley (WJG), 143-5; 3. Gerald Lou (Ply.), 143-5; 4. Geoff Leskie (LS), 142-11; 5. Joe Zugaj (Canton), 138-2; 6. Robert Pennywitt (RU), 136-11.

High Jump: 1. Mitchell White (LS), 6-3; 2. Eric Thornton (Canton), 6-3; 3. Cam Scharchburg (Ply.), 6-1; 4. Andrew Rossow (Canton), 5-11; 5. Jacob McDonald (LC), 5-11; 6. Ian Thornton (WJG), 5-11.

Long jump: 1. D.J. Coleman (Ply.), 21-4; 2. Alante Whiting (WJG), 20-10.5; 3. Myles White (LS), 20-6.25; 4. Darius Williams (LF), 20-4; 5. Kenneth Hall (Cass), 20-3.25; 6. DeQuan Williams (RU), 19-10.25.

Pole vault: 1. Ryan Santa (LC), 13-7; 2. Ryan Langdon (Canton), 12-7; 3. Joe Pond (LS), 12-1; 4. Ben Ambrose (Ply.), 12-1; 5. Mike Sylvester (LF), 11-7; 6. (tie) Nate Sherwood (Ply.) and Andrew Cutshall (LS), 11-7

110-meter hurdles: 1. Nicholas McCampbell (Cass), 14.54; 2. Steve Brown (RU), 14.75; 3. Brandon Bufford (Cass), 15.14; 4. Nate Gholston (Ply.), 15.19; 5. Alan Culbertson (LF), 15.71; 6. Michael Gibb (Dbn.),

300 hurdles: 1. McCampbell (Cass), 38.04; 2. Bufford (Cass), 40.71; 3. Brown (RU), 41.43; 4. Myles White (LS), 41.62; 5. Tim Belcher (Canton), 41.74; 6. Gholston (Ply.), 41.85. 100 dash: 1. Nana Adomako (LS), 10.67; 2. Jared Owens (RU), 10.74; 3.

Coleman (Ply.), 10.87 (SQ); 4. Cortez Smith (Cass), 10.88 (SQ); 5. Mike Awada (DF), 10.9 (S0); 6. Eric Piwowar (Canton), 10.94 (SQ). 200: 1. Owens (RU), 22.14; 2. Brian Chandler (LS), 22.43; 3. DeShawn

Williams (Cody), 22.43 (S0); 4. Julian Easterly (Cass), 22.91; 5. Christian Jefferson (Cass), 22.98; 6. Cyrus Azizi (Canton), 23.09. 400: 1. David St. Amant (LC), 50.03; 2. Andrew Beaver (Dbn.), 50.14;

3. Cyrus Azizi (Canton), 50.32 (SQ); 4. Rossow (Canton), 51.0; 5. Dan Cragel (LS), 51.79; 6. Derek Buskey (LS), 51.82. 800: 1. Stephen Surducan (Dbn.), 1:57.87; 2. Brandon Grysko (LC),

2:00.45; 3. Noble Pegg (DEF), 2:01.53; 4. Kevin Wozniak (DEF), 2:03.99; 5. Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton), 2:01.1; 6. Kyle Wallath (Ply.), 2:04.19.

1,600: 1. Matt Rzpeka (LS), 4:32.9; 2. Grysko (LC), 4:33.7; 3. Christopher Greenup (Dbn.), 4:36.9; 4. Sean Dillon (Ply.), 4:38.7; 5. Brian Chambers (GC), 4:40.6; 6. Eric Zech (Canton), 4:41.7.

3,200: 1. Timothy Howse (LC), 9:50.36; 2. Anthony Scarparo (Ply.) 9:59.19; 3. Dan Wilson (LS), 9:59.2; 4. Dan Kapadia (Salem), 9:59.93; 5. Jimmy Walsh (Salem), 10:04.35; 6. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 10:06.11. 400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Adomako, Chandler, Pat Clasgens, Kevin Murawski), 42.5; 2. Cass Tech (Boubcar Cissoko, Smith, Hall, McCampbell), 43.66; 3. Plymouth (Gholston, LaBroderick Caldwell, Rico Tyus, Coleman), 43.67 (SQ); 4. RU (Dezmond Latham, Owens, Brown, Rico Walker), 43.92 (SQ); 5. Fordson, 44.31; 6. Canton, 44.86. 800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Adomako, Murawski, Clasgens, Chandler), 1:29.14; 2. Cass Tech (Easterly, Smith, Hall, McCampell), 1:29.58; 3. Canton (Piwowar, Dalton Walser, Rossow, Azizi), 1:29,84 (SO); 4. Plymouth (Tyus, Josh LeDuc, Caldwell, Coleman), 1:31.08 (SQ); 5. Churchill, 1:33.37; 6. Fordson, 1:33.49.

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Billy Gutowski, McDonald, Andrew LaBerge, St. Amant), 3:26.95; 2. Canton (Rossow, Whitlock, Andrew Manuel, Azizi), 3:27.78; 3. Dearborn, 3:29.39; 4. Stevenson, 3:29.9; 5. RU, 3:30.39: 6. Franklin, 3:34.33.

3,200 relay: 1. Dearborn (Greenup, Kassem Chehab, Anthony Mifsud,

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Surducan), 8:12.79; 2. Edsel Ford (Zach Abdullah, Wozniak, Angel Estrada, Pegg), 8:17.16; 3. Stevenson, 8:22.71; 4. Churchill, 8:24.45; 5. Plymouth, 8:27.83; 6. Franklin, 8:47.31. (SQ): meets additional state qualifying standard. GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 136 points; 2. Livonia

Stevenson, 76.5; 3. Livonia Franklin, 60; 4. Salem, 58; 5. Plymouth, 39; 6. Detroit Cody, 37; 7. Dearborn, 28; 8. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 27; 9. Detroit Cass Tech, 24; 10. Canton, 21.5; 11. Westland John Glenn,

FINAL RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state meet) Shot put: 1. Jenna Hudy (LF), 36 feet, 6 inches; 2. Kyndra Abron (LC),

 Jac-3; 3. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 35-11 (SO); 4. Robyn Whalen (LF), 34-6;
 Jill Boese (Dbn.), 31-3; 6. Sekna Abbass (Dbn.), 30-1.
 Discus: 1. Whalen (LF), 119-4; 2. Krupsky (LC), 116-10; 3. Kailee Hobbins (LC), 110-8; 4. Abron (LC), 108-8; 5. Hudy (LF), 106-7; 6. Kristin Avdisian (DEF), 105-7.

High jump: 1. Brittany Petty (Ply.), 5-4; 2. Alyssa Supplee (LF), 5-2; 3. Raven Clay (Cody), 5-2 (SQ); 4. Colleen Noble (Dbn.), 5-0; 5. Meghan Liwienski (LS), 5-0; 6. (tie) Kara Piorkowski (LS) and Izabela Paszkowska (C), 4-9.

Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo (Ply.), 17-6.75; 2. Megan Wilson (LF). 16-7.75; 3. Brittany Dorsey (Cass), 15-11; 4. Brittany McKinney (Canton), 15-7; 5. Elise Glass (DEF), 15-7; 6. Allie Plisko (LS), 15-3.25. Pole vault: 1. Maria Winkler (LS), 9-4; 2. Allie Vraniak (Salem), 9-4; 3. Jackie Demers (LC), 9-4 (SQ); 4. (tie) Meghan Powers (LF) and Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 8-8 each; 6. Lindsay Balutis (Dbn.), 8-8.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Clay (Cody), 14.57; 2. Brittany Lockhart (Salem), 15.45; 3. Diane Burek (LS), 15.87; 4. Casey Lynett (LF), 16.21; 5. Brittany Gentile (LS), 16.47; 6. Dana Eldred (Salem), 16.58.

300 hurdles: 1. Lockhart (Salem), 46.63; 2. Tauri Rothermel (LC), 48.25; 3. Lynett (LF), 48.35; 4. Clay (Cody), 49.71; 5. Gentile (LS), 50.05; 6. Eldred (Salem), 50.18.

100 dash: 1. Elise Glass (DEF), 12.08; 2. Lache' Wilkins (LC), 12.57; 3. Chanel Payne (WJG), 12.69; 4. Okolo (Ply.), 12.72; 5. Mandi Coppola (LC), 12.76; 6. Doniesha Flowers (Cody), 12.76.

200: 1. Glass (DEF), 25.63; 2. Dominique McIntyre (Cass), 26.42; 3. Ashley Parker (WJG), 26.6; 4. Wilson (LF), 26.69; 5. Mary Archie (Cass), 26.86; 6. Coppola (LC), 27.07.

400: 1. Allison Janda (Salem), 1:00.88; 2. An'Tonia Scott (Cody),
 1:01.15; 3. Wilkins (LC), 1:01.36; 4. Nicole Thornsberry (LC), 1:01.97; 5.
 Brttany Mrozek (LS), 1:03.27; 6. Carly Kosko (Dbn.), 1:03.59.

800: 1. Lisa Arrowsmith (LS), 2:16.15; 2. Samantha Mifsud (Dbn.), 2:22.87; 3. Janda (Salem), 2:25.4; 4. Kristen Frey (LS), 2:25.89; 5. Rebecca Rehberg (LS), 2:26.53; 6. Kelli Bargowski (Canton), 2:27.2. 1,600: 1. Frey (LŠ), 5:09.36; 2. Kylen Cieslák (LC), 5:11.02; 3. Rachel McFarlane (LC), 5:18.48 (SQ); 4. Becky McCormack (Canton), 5:18.49

(SQ); 5. Erica Hope (LC), 5:33.1; 6. Stephanie Perez (LS), 5:34.86. 3,200: 1. Cieslak (LC), 11:29.26; 2. Hannah Cavicchio (Salem), 11:39.28; 3. McCormack (Canton), 11:42.51; 4. McFarlane (LC),

11:43.84; 5. Megan Maceratini (LC), 11:45.0; 6. Megan Czerwinski (Dbn.), 11:56.02. 400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Jill Morton, Julie Hersey, Janet Hanchett,

Okolo), 51.02; 2. Cass Tech (Clotia Girglen, McIntyre, Shayla Dobbins, Archie), 51.1; 3. Churchill, 51.4; 4. Stevenson, 51.7; 5. John Glenn, 51.92; 6. Canton, 52.15.

800 relay: 1. Churchill (Thornsberry, Coppola, Alicia Fedrigo, Wilkins), 1:46.13; 2. Cody, 1:48.19; 3. John Glenn, 1:48.28; 4. Plymouth, 1:48.52; 5. Steenson, 1:48.82; 6. Canton, 1:50.64.

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Thornsberry, Cieslak, Fedrigo, Wilkins), 4:10.62; Z. Stevenson (Denee Meier, Mrozek, Rehberg, Arrowsmith), 4:10.62; 3. Salem, 4:10.84; 4. Dearborn, 4:15.46; 5. Edsel Ford, 4:22.36, 6, Franklin, 4:22.86, (Amber Cicala, Rehberg, Frey, 3,200 relay: 1, Stevenson (Amber Cicala, Rehberg, Frey,

Arrowsmith), 9:38.75; 2. Churchill (Lindsay Graciak , Hope, McFariane, Cieslak), 9:52.18; 3. Dearborn, 9:59.0; 4. Canton, 10:08.17; 5. Edsel Ford, 10:42.67; 6. Plymouth, 10:56.73. (SQ): meets additional state qualifying standard.





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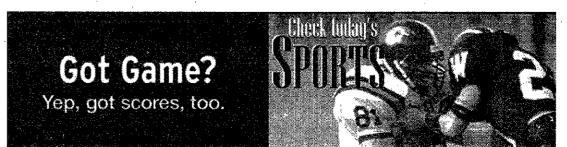
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Salem's Dana Eldred placed sixth in the 100-meter high hurdles Friday afternoon with a time of 16.58. Eldred was sixth in the 300-meter lows as well.



Churchill's relays chalk up huge points in D1 Regional meet

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill girls track-and-field team wasn't just good at Friday's Division 1 Regional meet at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity stadium.

The Chargers were relay, relay good.

TRACK AND FIELD

Bolstered by first-place finishes in the 800- and 1.600-meter relays, Churchill accumulated a staggering 136 points to nearly lap the 16-team field. Second-place Livonia Stevenson racked up 76.5 points followed by Livonia Franklin (60), Salem (58) and Plymouth (39).

"This was a team win," said Churchill coach Keith McDonald, whose squad won the event in 2003 before finishing second the next two years. "Everybody did their job. Everybody did what we talked about all week. I had high expectations coming into this meet and those expectations were met.

"We won it with depth. We only won three events, but we had a lot of seconds and thirds.'

Churchill senior captain Lache Wilkins was a freshman on the Chargers' previous Regional championship team in 2003. Her appreciation for the latest title runs much deeper than the first, she admitted.

"When I was a freshman. I didn't really understand how important this meet was," said Wilkins, who earned points in the 100- and 400-meter dashes as well as on the 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams. "When I was younger, I thought, ahhh, it's just another track meet. But over the years, I've grown to understand how big this meet

"I expected us to do well tonight, but not this good. It's nice for the seniors to go out with a bang.

Churchill senior captain Kylen Cieslak was responsible for the Chargers' lone non-relay first when she won the 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:29.26. Salem's Hannah Cavicchio was second in 11:39.28.

"It was a relief in a way that we were able to build an early lead tonight, but everybody still wanted to do well so they could qualify for the state meet," Cieslak said. "I knew this team had it in us all along. It was unbelievable how everybody came together tonight and performed their best.'

Garnering the all-important seconds for the Chargers were shot-putter Kyndra Abron (36 feet, 3 inches), discus-thrower Lauren Krupsky (116-10), Wilkins (12.57 in the 100), Cieslak (5:11.02 in the 1,600) and Tauri Rothermel (48.25 in the 300-meter low hurdles).

The Spartans' four firsts were more than any other team. Marla Winkler won the pole vault (9-4), Kristen Frey took the 1,600 in 5:09.36, Lisa Arrowsmith broke the tape first in the 800 (2:16.15) and Stevenson's 3,200-meter relay contingent of Amber Cicala, Rebecca Rehberg, Frey and Arrowsmith took gold with a 9:38.75 clock-

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Canton's Brittany McKinney crosses the finish line after completing a heat in the 200-meter dash Friday ***** afternoon. The Chiefs finished 10th with 21.5 points.

"I can't complain with how the girls performed tonight," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham. "I thought our girls ran well, but Churchill ran out of their minds. We were competitive within ourselves. I wasn't disappointed at all with our performance. Give credit to Churchill. They deserve

Franklin surged to a strong start thanks to a pair of top-notch field-event efforts from shot-putter Jenna Hudy (36-6) and discus-thrower Robyn Whalen (119-4).

Salem came on strong at the end when senior captain Allison Janda won the 400-meter dash (1:00.88) and senior Brittany Lockhart crossed the line first in the 300-meter low hurdles (46.63).

Pacing Plymouth's fourth-place effort were high-jumper Brittany Petty, who was first with a leap of 5-4, and long-jumper Stephanie Okolo, who outdistanced the field by almost a foot with a leap of 17-6.75.

The Wildcats' 400-meter relay squad of Jill Morton, Julie Hersey, Janet Hanchett and Okolo also took gold in 51.02.

Canton, which placed 10th with 21.50 points, was led by Becky McCormack, who placed third in the 3,200-meter run (11:42.51) and fourth in the mile (5:18.49).

The top two individual placers in each event qualified for the June 3 state meet in East Kentwood. Athletes could also qualify for the state meet by surpassing pre-determined qualifying standards.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Monday, May 22 Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at Northville, 4 p.m. PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24 WLAA cross-over games, 4 p.m. at Lakes Division sites Friday, May 26 Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27 Canton at Novi Detroit CC (DH), 11 a.m. Salem at EMU Invitational, TBA PREP SOFTBALL Monday, May 22 Salem at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m Wednesday, May 24 WLAA cross-over games, 4 p.m. at Western Division sites Huron Valley Lutheran at PCA, 3:30 p.m WLAA championship game Livonia Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m. Friday, May 26 Baptist Park at PCA, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 27 Allen Park at Plymouth, 4 p.m. **BOYS TRACK & FIELD** Wednesday, May 24 WLAA Conference Meet at P-CEP varsity stadium, 3:30 p.m

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GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Wednesday, May 24 WI AA Conference Meet at P-CEP varsity stadium, 3:30 p.m. **GIRLS GOLF** Tuesday, May 23 WLAA conference tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Course, TBA GIRLS SOCCER Monday, May 22 WLAA cross-over matches at Lakes Division sites, 7 p.m. B'ham Roeper at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 Calvary Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 26 Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m. **BOYS LACROSSE** Tuesday, May 23 Waterford at PCS, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24 **Division 1 regionals, TBA** UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES W-LEAGUE Thursday, May 25 Mich. Hawks vs. W. Mich. Firewomen at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27 Mich. Hawks vs. Cincinnati Ladyhawks at Lakota West (Ohio) H.S., 7 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

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Eagle kickers soar

State-ranked Plymouth Christian Academy led 4-0 at the half and never looked back on the way to a 9-0 whitewashing of Sterling Heights Bethesda Tuesday afternoon. The victory improved the Eagle record to 10-0-1 overall and 10-0 in the Michigan **Independent** Athletic Conference. Bethesda slipped to 0-8 and 0-7, respectively. Abby Lorion paced the winners with three goals. Jalese

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Salem shares WLAA net

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis season didn't quite go according to script on Wednesday.

Regular season champion Salem, 11-0 in dual matches, settled for a co-share of the overall title as host Livonia Stevenson scored a team-high 23 points to win the 12-school conference tournament.

Salem was runner-up with 20 points followed by defending champion Northville with 18; Livonia Churchill, 13; Canton, 12; Walled Lake Central, 9; Walled Lake Western, 8; Plymouth and Walled Lake Northern, 5 each; Livonia Franklin, 3; Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn, 1 each.

Stevenson garnered titles at No. 2 singles (Gino McCathney), No. 1 doubles (Jay McConnell and Mike Horgan) and No. 3 doubles (Yash Chauhan and Mike Carpenter).

Stevenson avenged its only WLAA loss of the season by splitting four flight finals versus the Rocks.

"After beating Northville this season, we were euphoric, but 24 hours later we lost to Salem," Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd said. "We had a super tourney, far better than Ì expected.

I knew we had a good team before the season, but I didn't know it would be this good. McCathney, a sophomore, held his top seed as he ran his

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record to 10-2 with a 6-0, 6-0 triumph in the finals over Churchill's Nick Payne.

McConnell and Horgan, the second seeds, won a three-setter in the finals over Northville's David Connett and Chris Doud, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-3. Chauhan and Carpenter, also top seeds, won a three-set

match against Salem's Jake Brunstein and Kevin Steinman, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3.

"That number three doubles team gets every i-ota out of their ability," Ladd said. "They may not be the most athletic, but they're always focused and they play smart. They've won every tiebreaker they've been in this year. There's no histrionics, no high drama with those two. They never got down on each other."

By virtue of its perfect dualmeet season and second-place league finish, Salem had cause to celebrate its first league title ever in the WLAA, along with its first since 1979 when it was a member of the Suburban Eight League.

The Rocks won a pair of singles titles, Blake Foster at No. 3 as he ran his overall record to 24-0 with a 7-5, 6-1 win over Northville's Kevin Zhang, while Neil Bakshi also improved to 24-0 with a 6-2, 6-1 victory for the No. 4 crown over Stevenson's Ian Petty.

"We got most of the points we projected, but we didn't get what we wanted in a couple of areas," Salem assistant coach Lin Ware said. "But overall we've had an incredible season. We have a couple kids who are

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24-0 and that's never happened. We did a great job this year because we had depth that we haven't had before.'

Michigan State-bound Jason Norville of Walled Lake Western captured the No. 1 singles flight with 62-0, 6-0 triumph over Lawrence Washington of Salem.

Canton's No. 2 doubles tandem of Alex Fabiszewski and Nimit Desai won their final against Chris Stojanov and Manesh Potluri of Stevenson in three sets, 6-2, 3-6, 6-0.

Northville's only win came at No. 4 doubles as Michael Hagan and Lee Schechter downed Salem's Steve Van Deusen and Matt Benson.

SALEM 4TH AT REGIONAL

The Rocks placed fourth at their Division 1 Regional tournament on Thursday in Ann Arbor, finishing 13 points behind perennial powerhouse Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron and Saline.

No. 4 singles player Neil Bakshi was the lone Rock to advance to the finals. Bakshi, who finished the season 25-1, was defeated by Huron's Steve Hanselman, 6-3, 6-4.

Salem players who advanced as far as the semi-finals in their respective flights were No. 1 singles player Lawrence Washington, No. 3 singles player Blake Foster, the No. 1 doubles tandem of Pawel Kargol and Dave Geick and the No. 3 doubles duo of Jake Burnstein and Kevin Steinman.

TENNIS RESULTS

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May 16-17 at Livonia Stevenson TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 23 points; 2. Salem, 20; 3. Northville, 18; 4. Livonia Churchill, 13; 5. Canton, 12; 6. Walled Lake Central, 9; 7. Walled Lake Western, 8; 8. (tie) Plymouth and Walled Lake Northern, 5 each; 10. Livonia Franklin, 3; 11. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial, 1 each.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Jason Norville (WLW) defeated Laurence Washington (Salem), 6-0, 6-2; semifinals: Norville def. Trevor Kogut (LC), 6-4, 6-2; Washington def. Chris McCathney (LS), 7-5, 6-3.

No. 2: Gino McCathney (LS) def. Nick Payne (LC), 6-0, 6-0; semifinals: McCathney def. Michael Chou (WLW), 6-3, 6-0; Payne def. Mike Keesey (Canton), 6-3, 0-6, 6-3.

No. 3: Blake Foster (Salem) def. Kevin Zhang (N), 7-5, 6-1; semifinals: Foster def. Ricky Roman (LS), 6-2, 6-1; Zhang def. Mike Morianti (WLC), 6-4, 6-0. No. 4: Neil Bakshi (Salem) def. Ian Petty (LS),

6-2, 6-1; semifinals: Bakshi def. Harry Zhang (N), 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); Petty def. Jay Cunningham (LC), 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jay McConnell-Mike Horgan (LS) def. David Connett-Chris Doud (N), 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-3: semifinals: McConnell-Horgan def. Alex Marinica-Mike Darouie (Canton), 6-2, 6-1; Connett-Doud def. Dave Geick-Pawel Kargol (Salem), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. No. 2: Alex Fabiszewski-Nimit Desai (Canton)

def. Chris Stojanov-Manesh Potluri (LS), 6-2, 3-6, 6-0; semifinals: Fabiszewski-Desai def. Andy Mills-Phil Irvine (N), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Stojanov-Potluri def. Doug Eggleston-Kevin Welch (P), 6-4, 6-3. No. 3: Yash Chauhan-Mike Carpenter (LS)

def. Jake Brunstein-Kevin Steinman (Salem), 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3; semifinals: Chauhan-Carpenter def. Austin Jenkins-Jason Raymond (N), 6-3, 6-3; Brunstein-Steinman def. Rvan Whittum-Robert Fortney (LC), 6-4. 6-3

No. 4: Michael Hagan-Lee Schechter (N) def. Steve Van Deusen-Matt Benson (Salem), 6-4, 6-0; semifinals: Hagan-Schechter def. Alex Clos-Paul Yandric (LC), 6-1, 6-2; Van Deusen-Benson def. Jordan Stav-Yoshi Hirabayashi (WLC), 6-0, 6-2. FINAL DUAL MEET STANDINGS

1. Salem, 11-0; 2. Stevenson, 10-1; 3. Northville 8-2-1; 4. Churchill, 8-3; 5. W.L. Central, 6-3-2; 6, Plymouth, 6-5; 7, (tie) W.L. Western, 4-6-1; Canton, 3-5-3; 9. W.L. Northern, 3-8; 10. Franklin, 2-8-1; 11. (tie) Wayne and John Glenn, 0-10-1 each. Lakes Division champ

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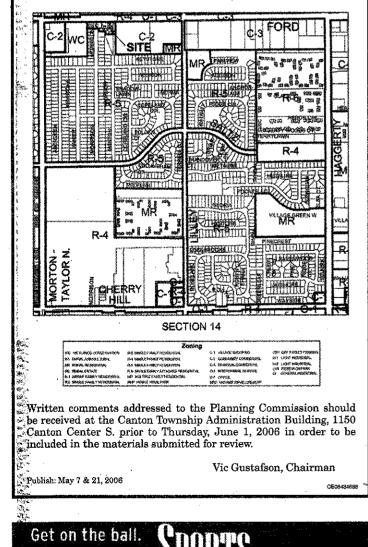
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> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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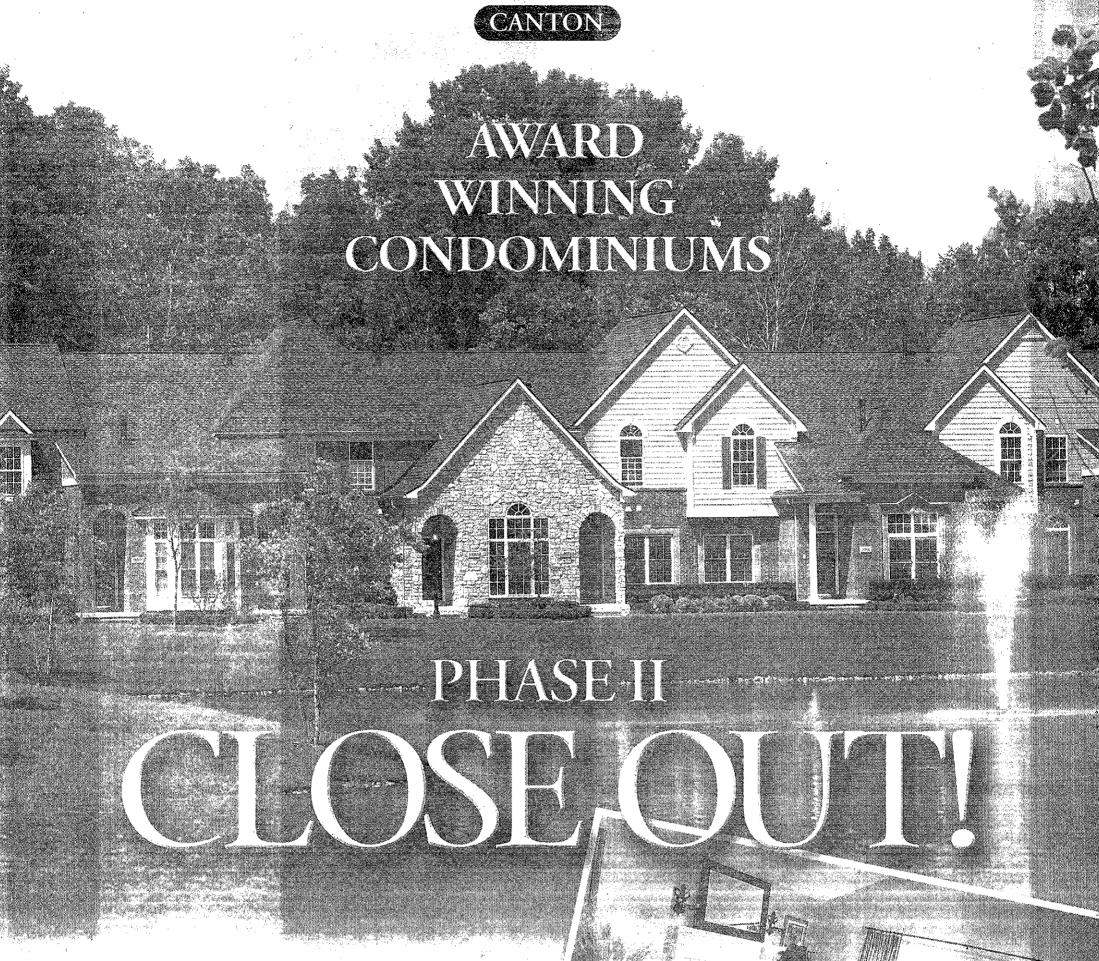
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Plymouth's Stotz no-hits Rocks

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Plymouth senior left-handed pitcher Bryan Stotz saved his best for the team's Senior Day game against cross-campus rival Salem Wednesday afternoon.

Stotz recorded the school's first no-hitter when he blanked the Rocks over seven innings in the Wildcats' 5-0 victory.

Plymouth led just 2-0 against Salem ace Josh Ritter until it was able to tack on single runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

"I am extremely proud of Bryan," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "This was our senior day and it couldn't have gone any better. Bryan would be the first to tell you that he really didn't have great command of his pitches early in the game.

"Salem put some good metal on the ball early in the contest, but we were fortunate to be in the right spots defensively. However, as the game went along, Bryan seemed to settle into more of a groove and got better at locating his tailing two-seam fastball. Bryan is very difficult to hit when he can get that pitch working.

"All in all, it was just a great day for him and the team in general."

Stotz's performance came on the heels of teammate T.J. Downey's one-hitter on Monday."



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Salem's Kevin Wiengrot receives a throw from the outfield as Plymouth's Tyler Locklear slides successfully into second base during Wednesday's 5-0 Wildcat victory.



Plymouth's Alex Harvey takes a rip at a pitch Wednesday afternoon in the Wildcats' 5-0 victory over Salem.

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Little delivers big hit in Chiefs' 2-1 win

On Wednesday at Canton, senior left-fielder Shawn Little delivered a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning to score Brad Barath with the winning run in the Chiefs' 2-1 triumph.

Barath led off the inning with a double and advanced to third on Justin Latin's fielder's choice grounder. Latin moved to second on a wild pitch before Chris Woudstra blooped a single down the right-field line. Neither runner could advance due to the shallow depth of the hit, leaving the bases loaded.

Little then ripped the second pitch he saw deep to left-center field.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 15-10 overall and 10-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Glenn slipped to 8-13 and 5-8, respectively.

Sophomore pitcher Erik Wright (3-1) scattered six hits and two walks over seven innings to record his third consecutive complete-game win. Wright struck out four.

Justin Reid pitched six strong innings for the Rockets, yielding six hits. He was relieved by Jeff Girgen in the seventh.

Glenn grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first when, with one out, Jerry Smith walked, advanced to second on an error and scored on Alan Siepierski's 'two-out infield single.

The Chiefs knotted the game at 1-1 in the fourth when Kyle Gring and Ben Vaughn singled. After both runners advanced a base on a passed ball, Blaine Paden brought Gring home with an RBI groundout.

Little went 2-for-3 with a walk and two stolen bases. Vaughn also contributed two hits and a steal.

Chris Kangas swung a hot bat for the Rockets, going 3for-3 with a double.

Players from both teams registered outstanding defensive plays. Barath made a fine run-

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ning catch in right-center in the first while senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh picked off a base-runner at first in the top of the seventh.

For the Rockets, Smith robbed Latin of at least a double in the fifth when he went horizontal to snag a drive that was headed for the right-center field gap.

STEVENSON 5, SALEM 4: Livonia Stevenson will settle for second place in the Lakes Division baseball race of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Spartans improved to 14-10 overall and 7-2 in the Lakes with a 5-4 win Friday at home over Salem.

Kyle Thom went 2-for-3 with an RBI and run scored for Stevenson. Matt Loney and Clayton Pack also had RBI singles.

Winning pitcher Andy Jones, a junior, went the first six innings. He allowed one earned run on just two hits. He walked six and struck out two. Matt Tuttle came on to earn the save as Salem rallied for two runs.

Losing pitcher Sam Ott, a freshman, went 3.1 innings for the Rocks (6-20, 3-6). He allowed four earned runs on three hits and four walks. He struck out three.

Joe Maltese and Billy Leddy had RBI hits for Salem.

JOHN GLENN 5, SALEM 1: Junior Jerry Smith fanned 11 over seven innings Thursday as host Westland John Glenn (9-13, 3-5) earned the WLAA-Lakes Division triumph over the Rocks (6-19, 2-6).

Smith allowed just three hits and walked only two. Ryan Sharp went 2-for-3

with an RBI to pace the Glenn offense.

Losing pitcher Joe Posler went six innings for Salem, allowing two earned runs on six hits and two walks. He struck out four.



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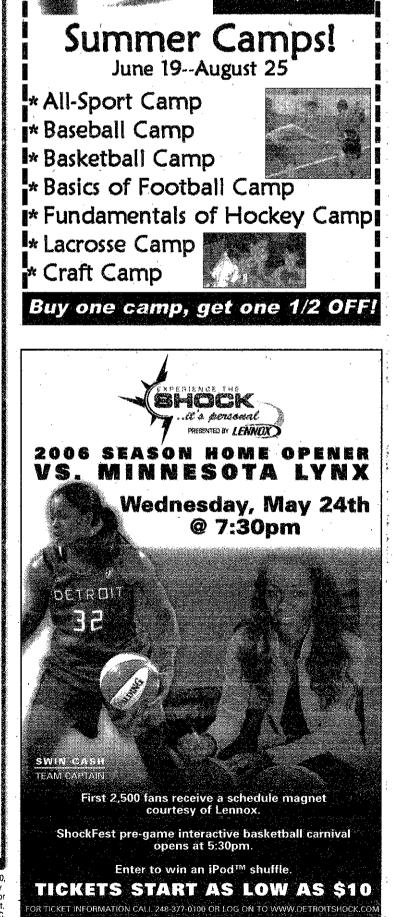
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vious 10 games with a thumb injury.

The victory improved Plymouth to 18-4-1; Canton slipped to 19-3-1. Canton leads the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division with just one loss heading into Monday's game against Northville. Plymouth has two league setbacks going into Monday's game at Wayne Memorial.

The winning run was set up when Rodes, a freshman, delivered a two-out single. She advanced to second on a passed ball before coming home on Butzow's line drive to right field.

"I was excited to see Melissa up there at that time because she always makes things happen," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "Melissa didn't seem nervous at all. She was very focused and she got the job done."

Plymouth erased a 4-0 deficit in the bottom of the sixth with four unearned runs.

Junior right-handed pitcher Claire Ostrowski earned the complete-game win for the Wildcats, yielding 12 hits and three walks while striking out six. Payne also went the distance, giving up nine hits while recording two strike-outs. Payne did not walk a batter.

The game was scoreless until the third when Canton's Brittany Scero, who reached base all five times she stepped into the batter's box, singled and later scored on Kim Beaudoin's fielder's choice.

The Chiefs extended their lead to 4-0 in the fifth thanks to **RBI hits from Lauren** Delapaz (triple), Alyssia Johnson (double) and pinchhitter Kimmie Keppen.

Plymouth's big inning was the sixth when it pushed across four unearned runs. With two outs and nobody on, Madison Dresser singled, Kim Klonowski reached on an error and Ostrowski brought home Dresser with a single. Freshman Beth Heldmeyer followed with a two-run single ··· right. Heldmeyer scored the batter later on the Chiefs' second error of the inning to knot the game at 4-4.

Canton put runners on first and third in the seventh but failed to score. In the ninth, Kimmie Keppen ripped a oneout double, but Ostrowski retired the next two batters to set the table for Butzow's heroics.

Sadek has big day for **Canton softball squad**

On Wednesday, Canton's Stephanie Sadek had a big day on the mound and at the plate, throwing a two-hitter with seven strikeouts while going 3for-4 with a triple in the Chiefs' 10-0 victory over Westland John Glenn.

The victory improved the Chiefs to 19-2-1 overall and 13-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Other offensive contributors to Canton's 10-hit attack were Rachel Wade (2-for-3, RBI) and Lauren Delapaz, who went 2-for-4 with two ribbies. Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook walked one and struck out one in

going the distance Junior Lisa Pecorelli collected two hits for Glenn, which dropped to 1-18.

SALEM 10. JOHN GLENN 0: Emily Pitcole collected three hits and pitcher Melissa Leach tossed a no-hitter Thursday as the visiting Rocks (11-13) downed Westland John Glenn (1-19, 0-9) in a WLAA-Lakes Division game.

Kait McKinley and Maureen Bohr each added two hits. Both doubled, while teammate Kelly Behr homered in the fiveinning mercy.

Glenn starter Brittany Holbrook took the loss.

Salem's Smith qualifies for D1 state golf tourney

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Only six shots separated Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill from going to the Division I state girls golf finals. Ann Arbor Pioneer, shooting four-player total of 341, advanced Thursday out of the Leslie Park regional along with runner-up Temperance Bedford (367) and Saline (368).

Stevenson and Churchill were next in the 16-team field with 374 each.

But not was all lost as Churchill sophomore Shannon Warner took medalist honors by five shots with a 74. She'll be making her second straight trip to the state finals, Friday, June 2 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (East Course) as an individual qualifier

Churchill coach Gary Harper was once again impressed with Warner's performance under tough conditions.

"The rough was long and the greens were slow, it was hard to get any speed," Harper said. "She's just a solid tourney player. She had it going early, twounder after three holes. She had a couple of bogeys on the back nine, but finished the tournament strong with birdie

doesn't have much trouble with length because she can just bomb the ball."

Last year Warner made the second-day individual cut with an 80-82-162, but finished out of the top 10.

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"This year I'd like to think she's a contender, that's for sure," Harper said.

Salem, which finished with a 396, put Ashley Smith in as an individual qualifier. She shot an 80 at the regional and will return to East Lansing after finishing tied for sixth.

Stevenson. 11-1 in dual matches and 10-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, received a sixthplace regional finish from Abbey Wolfe, who carded an 84.

Other Stevenson scorers included Chrissy McHeury and Abbey Wolfe, 93 each; Laura Sims and Priyanka Joshi, 104 each.

Ashley Bint added a 96 for Churchill followed by Sarah Walls and Lexi McFarlane, 102 each; Amanda Dobos 110.

"We'd like to have been there," He can be 'n "We obtain? well, we were service as success. out of ma-

Stevenson, fourth in last year's Division r state imais. actually finished to a them the regional by beating Churchill on fifth-player tiebreaker. "Sadly we didn't place in the top three," Stevenson coach Jason Delo said.



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"I'd have to say this is one of the most memorable games I've ever experienced," said Canfield. "Knowing we beat a top-notch team like Canton is a great feeling."

Scero went 3-for-3 with a pair of walks, yet managed to score just once. Also contributing multiple-hit games for the Chiefs were Delapaz (2-for-5, RBI, stolen base), and Keppen (3-for-5, double).

Ostrowski was 3-for-5 with an RBI and run scored. Dresser and Rodes both

chipped in with a pair of hits. The defensive play of the game unfolded in the bottom of the ninth when Canton second baseman Wade laid out to

rob Lauren Stemberger of a hit.

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on 18. She's just a gutsy player. Warner had little trouble adjusting to 5,300-yard layout. The longer the course, the better she is," Harper said. "She

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GEMS TRYOUTS

The Gems on Ice synchronized skating teams are currently holding private auditions for the 2006-07 season. The Gems, who skate out of the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth, will be fielding USFS juvenile, novice, junior and masters teams.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team should contact director Elise Metric at director@gemsskatingteams.com.

The Gems' Web site is www.gemsskatingteams.com.

SAND VOLLEYBALL

For the second-consecutive

year, a pair of sand volleyball tournaments featuring area high school players will be held this summer in Northville. Teams from Plymouth, Saline, Ann Arbor, Carleton, Northville and Novi competed in the 2005 Summer Challenge, which drew 14 squads.

This year's Summer Challenge varsity events will be held Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, July 23. There will also be a Freshman/Sophomore Challenge on Saturday, July 22.

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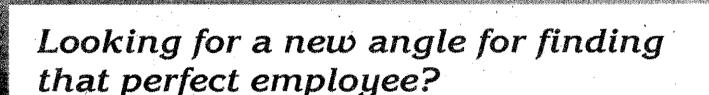
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Madonna University baseball team is sidelined

Just three more outs Friday and Madonna University's baseball team would have reached the NAIA World Series.

But St. Xavier broke the Crusaders' hearts by scratching out the tying run in the bottom of the ninth and then claimed the deciding game of the bestof-three NAIA Heartland Super Regional, 7-6, with a tally in the 10th on a bases-loaded wild pitch.

The crushing defeat at St. Xavier University in Chicago ended Madonna's great season with a record of 35-21, including. regular season and WolverineHoosier Athletic Conference titles and the program's first regional championship.

Madonna nearly won with a gutsy comeback. After trailing 4-1, the Crusaders pulled to within 5-4 with two runs in the sixth, on an RBI triple by junior shortstop Kyle Fedorka and an error. Then, MU took a 6-5 lead in the top of the ninth.

Starting the inning off with a single was Canton's Kevin Entsminger (Redford Catholic Central). He moved around to third on an error and groundout and scored the tying run on a single to right by senior third

baseman Ben Ramsey (3-for-5).

Ramsey stole second. advanced to third on yet another St. Xavier miscue and came in with the lead run on a twoout single to right by sophomore Dave Herrick

(Westland/Livonia Churchill). But the Cougars knotted the score 5-5 on a single by Nick Tantillo, setting up the tough 10th.

Fedorka (2-for-5) doubled and was at third base with two outs. But St. Xavier reliever Luke Gregerson - who gave up no earned runs in three innings - struck out Entsminger.

In the bottom of the 10th, the Cougars only got one hit, but still scored the winning tally thanks to a pair of hits-batsmen and three wild pitches.

The defeat spoiled productive days at the plate by Ramsey, Fedorka and senior second baseman Jason Barbeau (3-for-4. two runs). For the Cougars, who carry a 33-25 mark into the NAIA World Series in Idaho. Rvan Buchler went 4-for-4.

St. Xavier tied the series earlier Friday, with a 7-3 victory. Tossing a two-hitter over sevenplus innings was Cougars' starting pitcher Ryan Quigley.

A five-run sixth broke the game open, although the Crusaders tallied three runs in the eighth to get to within striking distance.

For Madonna, Barbeau hit a two-run homer in the eighth and senior first baseman Todd Kalmbach singled to drive in Herrick (who walked).

Although MU starter Greg Spanel took the loss, he deserved better, giving up just one earned run in 5 1/3 innings.

MU wins opener

Madonna got off to a good start at the regional, edging the

Cougars 3-2 on Thursday. The Crusaders scored in the first when Entsminger doubled and trotted home on a sacrifice fly by Ben Ramsey.

But the Cougars bounced back when Ryan Buchler homered off Madonna starter Derek Dufrane, who pitched an excellent game for the win (8 1/3)innings, five strikeouts).

MU went up 2-1 in the second on an RBI-squeeze bunt by senior catcher Justin Fabian, which brought home Kalmbach. The Crusaders added an insurance run when Kalmbach singled home Herrick, who doubled.

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PCS lacrosse team dumps Lincoln, 6-4

On Thursday, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team improved its record to 11-4 with a hard-fought 6-4 victory over Ypsilanti-Lincoln. The setback dropped the Railsplitters to 11-4.

"We overcame a slow start and finished quite strong," said PCS coach Mike Costello. "Our defense did a great job after the first quarter. We limited their chances and played with purpose.

"Again, Johnny Groat got us going. I thought Mitch French and Nick Cote played well. It was great to get Jared Ruark back in the line-up. He had been out for three weeks with tendonitis in his hip. Jared got one goal tonight and I'm sure that felt good.

^{*}Chris Sorensen made some key stops and allowed us to get back in the game after the first quarter. The defense stepped it up and we will need more of that in the last few games."

Groat and Cote both scored a pair of goals for the winners while Ruark and Mitch French netted single goals. Assists went to Cote (two), Ryan Gubert, French, John Savino and Sorensen.

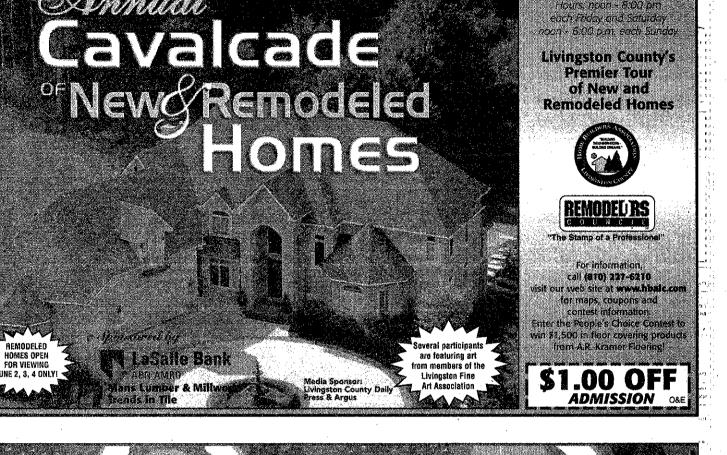
PCS outshot Lincoln, 32-25. The Warriors battled back from a 3-0 first-quarter deficit and 4-3 halftime deficit by outscoring Lincoln, 3-0, in the

ing Tecumseh 5-0 in the final quarter. PCS outshot their hosts, 41-19, and won the groundball battle, 45-30.

Gubert paced the offense with four goals. Groat added three and Cote had two. Singlegoal scorers for the winners were Pat Goulet, Joey Underwood and Savino. French (two), Groat, Cote, Savino, Alex Caryl and Underwood notched assists.

We played well throughout the game and turned it on in the second half," said Costello. "Our midfield lines all contributed as did our two attack units.

"Ryan Gubert is playing great lacrosse right now and it's great to see. Johnny Groat and Joey Underwood are all over the field. Mike Cooley played well again and it was good to see Pat Goulet get a goal."





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PCS will host Northville Thursday night in the first round of the state tournament. The game is set to commence at 6:30 p.m. The two teams split their first two games this season.

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scoreless.

PCS 12, TECUMSEH 4: On Tuesday, the Warriors broke open a tight game by outscor-

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Second-half rally lifts Bucks to season-opening win

BY DAN STICKRADT STAFF WRITER

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Struggling to find the back of the net in its own right, it took a goal by the Fort Wayne Fever to get the Michigan Bucks untracked.

Playing their season opener Wednesday in unfavorable rainy conditions at Rochester Stoney Creek, the Bucks overcame a 1-0, second-half deficit just two minutes into the half with four unanswered goals in a 31minute span to post a 4-1 triumph over the Fever in Premier Development League play.

"I was nervous after they scored that goal," admitted Bucks first-year head coach Dan Fitzgerald, an assistant coach last season. "I thought, boy, they are going to pack it in on us and make it difficult to score goals."

The Fever (0-1-0) played the Bucks (1-0-0) straight up for the remainder of the game and the Bucks' speed up top made them pay.

'We started to click in the second half," praised Fitzgerald. "We got it

going offensively."

Fever defenseman Misiko Bonivenger gave the Fever its shortlived 1-0 advantage in the 47th minute, when he headed in a cornerkick from John Michael Hayden.

That seemed to ignite the Bucks' offense like a volcanic eruption. Controlling play and consistently putting pressure on the Fever backfield, it was all Mid-Michigan after that point.

After coming into the contest as a substitution, Bucks forward Kenny Uzoigwe (Toledo) knotted the game at . 1-1 in the 60th minute, after he converted a penalty kick. The restart was awarded after a handball in the box. Uzoigwe went on to net the hat trick

for the Bucks.

Erik Nelson (Dearborn/Detroit Country Day grad) scored the eventual game-winner off a deflection at 66:30.

Uzoigwe notched his second goal in the 82nd minute. Nate Jafta (Lindsay Wilson College, Ky.) set him up with the ball inside the box, and Uzoigwe scored from close range. Chase Tennant (Rochester/University of Michigan)

began the play with a steal, sent the ball into the corner, chased down by Jaffe, who redirected the ball into the box to a wide-open Uzoigwe.

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The speedy Uzoigwe capped the scoring just seconds into extra time when he blasted home a pass from Mychal Turpin (Pontiac/Detroit-Mercy). The Bucks posted a lopsided 16-4 shots advantage in the game, including 13-2 with shots directly on goal. Bucks goalkeeper Dominic Cervi (Tulsa) picked up the win between the pipes, making one save.

Madonna golf coach steps down

Madonna University men's golf coach Bill Durham has resigned his position after three 'season citing increased responsibilities with his golf business.

Durham, a Livonia Churchill High graduate, works full time as director of golf for the City of Livonia public courses.

'This is a choice I have to make, but not one I want to make," Durham said. "Based on my current set of circumstances, I cannot devote the time I need to either coaching, my family, and my business.

"My original intention with the men's golf program at Madonna was to get a solid foundation built. I have enjoyed my time at Madonna immensely."

Durham, who started the MU program from the ground up, guided the Crusaders to a third-place finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (2004).

He also helped produce the first individual WHAC champion in MU history, Justin Goyt.

MU athletics director Bryan Rizzo will assume day-today operation of the men's program while a new head coach is sought.

"We'll miss Bill's passion for golf, his expertise and commitment he showed to the University," Rizzo said.

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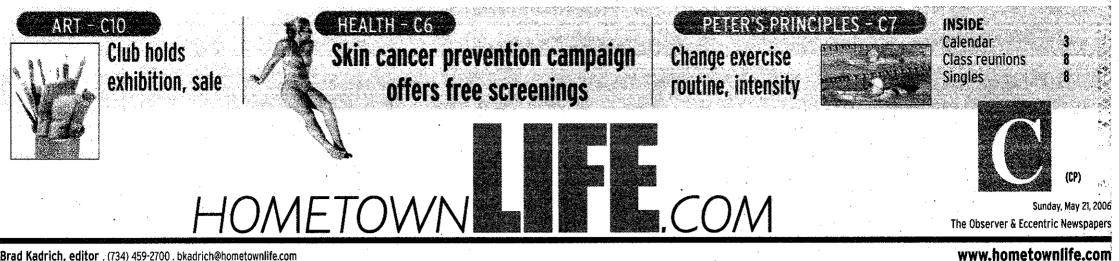
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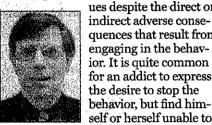


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'I'm empty; fill me up'

he online encyclopedia, Wikipedia, tells us that addiction is a compulsion to repeat a behavior regardless of its consequences. A person who is addicted is sometimes called an addict. There is a lack of consensus as to what may proper-ly be termed "addiction."

However, addiction is often applied to compulsive behaviors other than drug use, such as overeating or gambling. In all cases, the term addiction describes a chronic pattern of behavior that continues despite the direct or



ior. It is quite common for an addict to express the desire to stop the behavior, but find himself or herself unable to cease

Paul Melrose

Addiction is often characterized by a crav-

quences that result from engaging in the behav-

ing for more of the drug or behavior, increased physiological tolerance to exposure, and withdrawal symptoms in the absence of the stimulus. Many drugs and behaviors that provide either pleasure or relief from pain pose a risk of addiction or dependency.

Early psychoanalytic theory might suggest that people with compulsions or addiction are feeling empty and need to be filled up. That approach might help us understand the need to do something, like drink or gamble, or have a compulsion to spend, work, exercise. If one is feeling empty inside, that could do with a number of things: having a physical dependency; a disease; having a genetic predisposition; seeing something culturally reinforced; making poor choices.

Our president has warned us that as a society we are "addicted" to petroleum. I use that as an example of what might be a need to fill us up so that I can do what I want to do, now, to feel better. When we don't have gas, we cannot use the car, and that might prevent us from fulfilling many needs or desires. But there are many examples of this need to "fill me g, or satisfying an

Changing perceptions



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Rod Florka, who works in the pro shop at Pheasant Run in Canton, works with his little friend Evan Cassidy, 2, of Canton out on the range, while his mother, Dawn Cassidy, looks on.

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diate need, which we are learning can lead to psychological, emotional, physical, financial harm to self and others.

Internet addiction, whether simply to use the computer, or use it to find a social or sexual relationship, can hold one together when they have no social contact, but at the same time can isolate one from the world and relationships. A lot of what might be called an addiction can only be what is in the eye of the one behaving in this way, struggling with the substance or in the eye of the beholder, what your friend or spouse or child sees you doing. Of course, the one behaving is often in denial that his/her behavior may be having negative consequences for him/herself or the ones around him/her.

This urge or compulsion to make myself feel better now is from the point of view of many, layperson and professional, a serious problem. While our faith traditions and psychology support the need for healthy and happy people, the way to happiness does not seem to be just to satisfy my happiness here and now. What is missing, it seems, are two things: some criteria to make healthy or good choices for a person, and an agreed set of boundaries for a person to live within. In our society, our laws provide the most basic set. But our lifestyles, our family culture, or even the kind of narcissistic need which puts me first and that's it, work against moderation.

One must look into one self to determine when this much is too much. What is it that causes this behavior? In many cases, lack of a relationship to self, to others, to God, will create the sense of low self-esteem, pain from depression, or anxiety or failure, and many other things which will create an emotional, spiritual and psychological sense of pain which needs immediate relief. There are two responses that do not work: simply to choose to behave in a way that continues the behavior or addiction that masks the pain, or to blame my past, or society, or someone or thing outside yourself that this is why you feel this way.

Look for the professional assistance, the friendships, the activities, the spiritual or religious faith that will speak to you to keep you from not helping yourself but hurting yourself, such that you too remain either addicted, behaving compulsively, and therefore continue to feel empty and be unhappy.

Dr. Paul Melrose is the director of clinical services, and the newly appointed executive director, of the Samaritan Counseling Center. He can be reached at www.paulmelrose.com or (248) 474-4701. The center can be reached at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com or (248) 474-4701.

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

 \mathbf{rom} the spot a person tees off on the first hole at Pheasant Run Golf Club, he or she would have to travel more than 10 miles before walking off the course's 27th and final green.

Between those two points, golfers will find a challenging, but accommodating course that rambles through high-end condo and housing developments, but also through some natural areas, which include towering trees and beautiful wildflowers.

Sighting deer, hawks, blue herons and even the occasional covote is not uncommon at Pheasant Run. The aesthetics of the course are aided further by the fact there is plenty of water around, from large ponds to Mott Creek, which meanders along several holes.

It's not exactly your typical communityowned public golf course. In fact, in many respects, Pheasant Run, Canton's second municipally-owned course, is the pride and joy of the growing community.

When Pheasant Run opened in 1995, it was an 18-hole course. Another nine holes were added in 2002, bringing the course to its current 27 holes. The course was

PLEASE SEE PHEASANT RÚN, C4

John and Ann Weber (from left) and Debbie Simonie said they've loved living off the 26th hole of Pheasant Run for the past three years.



Pheasant Run Golf Club's West, par-5 27th hole features water, sand and a picturesque view.

When Pheasant Run opened in 1995, it was an 18-hole course. Another nine holes were added in 2002, bringing the course to its current 27 holes.

Gala proceeds help the developmentally disabled

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Emory Daniels is counting on Steel Magnolias to draw supporters of the Community Opportunity Center (COC) to this year's fund-raiser on Saturday, June 3. The Rosedale Community Players' production is sure to make 'em laugh, make 'em cry after they enjoy an elegant wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 6:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library.

When Julia Roberts, Sally Field, Dolly Parton and Shirley MacLaine starred in the 1989 movie, it was a big hit. While the COC doesn't like to rely on a single benefit, Daniels, the board president, is hoping to raise part of the \$100,000 lost in funding last year. The nonprofit organization provides services to nearly 100 persons with developmental disabilities who live in homes and apartments in Livonia,

Redford, Plymouth, Westland and Garden City.

Tickets are \$75 each or \$125 for two, and include the play and the reception featuring a shrimp bowl, red and white wines, a punch fountain, and a variety of desserts. For more information, call (734) 422-1020.

"We were among the first in Wayne County to provide housing for people with disabilities," said Daniels of Livonia. "We have a strong volunteer base and residents know they can rely on us. We'll always be there.

"We encourage them to find employment or to be active during the day so that they are out in the community in some way. We're interested in their well-being, not just providing a place to sleep."

The gala fund-raiser marks the third time the theater group has performed on

PLEASE SEE GALA. C10



Judy Durham (left) of Livonia, Lindy Bruton of Southfield, Tamara Gries of Allen Park, Nancy Florkowski of Redford and Julie Marzka of Canton perform in 'Steel Magnolias,' a comedy that takes place in a Louisiana beauty parlor.

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

1. "Beach Road," James

Mary Higgins Clark 3, "I Say a Little Prayer," E.

4. "Digging to America,"

5. "Promise Me," Harlan

1. "Marley and Me," John

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the **Downtown Development** Authority: concerts are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park: June 2 – Redhill, a modern Motown/rock-and-roll band new to the lineup, but they were a hit at the Fall Festival. 🖬 June 9 – Global Village, soul, R&B, funk June 16 – Double Cross Band, blues and soul, new to the lineup 📰 June 23 – Sarah Lenore Band

CONCERT SCHEDULE 📖 June 30 – Mass Transit, R&B and groove band

July 7 – No show due to Art in the Park

🔳 July 14 – TBD

n July 21 - Those Delta Rhythm Kings, swing, jazz and blues

July 28 – Westrin and Mowry, acoustic rock and pop Aug. 4 – Retrospect Band, modern hits, new to the lineup 📾 Aug. 11 – Rodeo Drive, modern country and radio hits. new to the lineup 🖬 Aug. 18 – Fifty Amp Fuse (formerly the Crackerjack

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AROUND TOWN

MHS program

The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties through May 31. The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road. People must provided proof if financial need, such as documentation from government-funded programs, at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state disability assistance, food assistance WIC program and Medicaid. To make an appointment, call (734) 722-1415. Hogs for cats, dogs

Motor City Harley-Davidson presents the sixth-annual "HOGS for Cats and Dogs" benefit for the Michigan Humane Society 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Motor City Harley-Davidson, 34900 Grand River in Farmington Hills. An early bird breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Breakfast and refreshments throughout the day provided by Gus O'Connor's Public House. An observation run departing from Motor City Harley-Davidson is open to all and starts at 10:00 a.m. - last bike in by 3:00 p.m. For more information call the dealership at 248-473-7433. Registration \$10 or \$5 with donation of a wish list item.

Charity golf

A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Clu in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, www.mtocgolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, "Diabetes and Neuropathy Pain Management" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 in the hospital's auditorium. Guest speaker is Timothy Wright, M.D., Pain Management, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge for the meeting, and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 5 Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961. Republican women meet The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25 at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia. Speakers will be state Sen. Laura Toy, state Rep. John Pastor and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox: There is a \$15 charge for the dinner, which includes lasagna, salad, dessert and beverage. Visitors and guests are welcome. For reservations, call (248) 320-5473.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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and speaker noon-1 p.m. in the hospital's South Lobby. Creative writing workshop

The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, "Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?" 3:45-6:15 p.m. Saturday, June 24, in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters, 31313 Brush, Madison Heights. Author Diane Burton offers tips for developing memorable characters which the reader will either root for or hiss at. Admission is \$25 for Michigan Horror Writers members, \$30 for pre-registered attendees, \$35 for registration after June 3 and \$40 for walk-ins. Attendees should submit a sample of their writing with their registration. For more information or to register email Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

Safe driving program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offers a two-day program, "AARP Safe Driving," 12:30-4:30 p.m. May 23-24. Attendance at both sessions is required. It's an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8950.

Ann Arbor Women

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club. hosts its 16th-annual Tables and Tea event, displaying elegant and whimsical table settings designed by club members and local retailers. The event takes place at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw (between Devonshire and Hill) 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 4.

Tickets go on sale in mid-May at the Club and at some designated places around town. Tickets will be available the day of the event at the Club. For more information, call Linda Atkins, (734) 741-8032.

Summer internships

Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in Education, Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org. To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with "Internship" in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117. West Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734994-3610.

Literacy Council tutors

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

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at vari-

ous times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-015 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for 🛛 😂 Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

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CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are 🖁 always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

MOPS meet

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

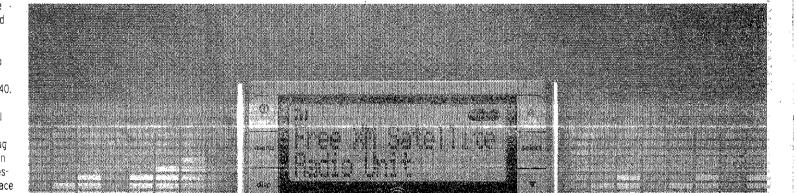
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues; has smallaroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church. 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact 🖁 Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

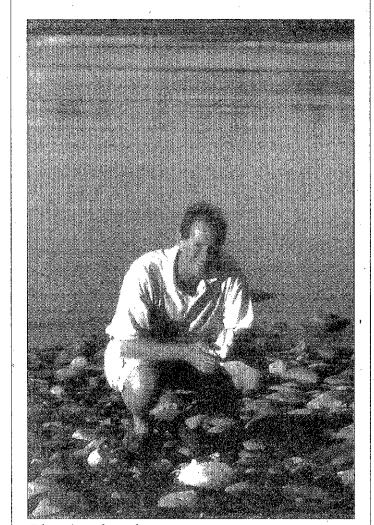
Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Martina at (734) 464-0481.

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





Charles in charge

The Plymouth District Library welcomes Plymouth resident Charles Barker, named one of Michigan's Notable Book Authors 2006 by the Library of Michigan, in a 7 p.m. appearance Wednesday, May 31. Barker will talk about his newest book, 'Under Michigan: The Story of Michigan's Rocks & Fossils.' Wayne State University Press called this work, 'An exciting trip below the surface of Michigan's rocks and fossils ... a wonderful resource for young explorers to use at home, in school, or on a trip across Michigan.' Barker is also the author and illustrator of 'The Day the Great Lakes Drained Away.' Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk at 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

Food choices

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation on how to make colorful food choices to improve your health, while increasing your energy and improving your mood, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31 at the Northville -Senior Center. Speaker is Registered Dietitian Katie Dooley of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The presentation is free, but registration is required. To register, call the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main, at. (248) 349-4140. Genealogical society

Society meets / p.m. June I, with guest speaker Tom Zielke, Jr., talking about "Preserving the Cemeteries in Marion Township." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place

Mercy hosts its annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration, as well as the ground-breaking for the hospital's new cancer center with a reception

The Livingston County Genealogical

Levan. On the same day, St. Mary

at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latte Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745. St. Mary's classes

📾 St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a presentation titled, "Menopause and Sleep Apnea: Detection and Treatment," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. Speaker will be registered sleep technologist Scott G. Wolk, RPSGT, EMTP, Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge, but registration is requested. For more information or to register, visit www.stmarymercy.org on the Web or call (734) 655-1100. 🗱 St. Mary Mercy hosts a community open house called "Kaleidoscope of Care" 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4. All

events are free and will take place on

the hospital grounds at 5 Mile and

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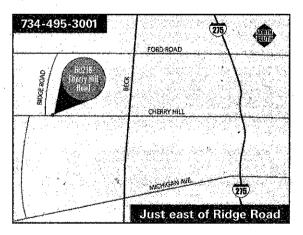
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City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2006-2007 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 5. 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the portable band shell in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2006-2007 City Budget.

PROPOSED 2006 CITY MILLAGE RATES: The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2006 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

The 2006 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2005 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.

The 2006 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2004 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 2.4200 mills, a decrease of .2300 mills from the 2005 tax rate.

The 2006 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.9700 mills, which is an increase of .2300 mills from the 2005 tax rate.

The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 15.7734 mills for 2006, which is the same as the 2005 total City tax rate of 15.7734 mills.

EQUALIZATION FACTORS: Wayne County established a tentative 2006 equalization factors of 1.0299 for the residential class of property, 1.1484 for the commercial class of property and 1.1016 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has increased assessments for the residential, commercial, and industrial classes for 2006 by the proposed factors, all 2006 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2006-2007 PROPOSED CITY BUDGETS: The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2006-200 as follows:

GENERAL FUND:

REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
Property taxes \$4,763,090	
Licenses & Permits 3,100	Buildings & Grounds 502,490
Federal Grants 0	Police Department 2.582.980
State-shared Rev 877,770	Fire Department 1,019,160
Sales of Service 497,950	Public Works Dept 636,000
Cemetery Revenue 179,500	Other Functions 199,900
Parking Revenue 51.000	
Other Revenue 828,490	
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REVENUE TOTAL \$7,200,900	EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$7,200,900
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MAJOR STREET FUND:	,
Gas & Weight Tax \$ 386,720	
Contrib & Other 25,550	
REVENUE TOTAL \$ 412,270	EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$ 412,270
LOCAL STREET FUND:	
Gas & Weight Tax \$ 156,920	
Contrib & Other <u>176,680</u>	
REVENUE TOTAL \$ 333,600	
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RECREATION FUND:	
Contrib. From G/F \$ 250,000	
Prog. Fees & Other 935,000	
REVENUE TOTAL \$1,185,000	
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WASTE & RECYCLING FUND:	
Property Taxes \$ 727,190	
Sales of Service 256,860	Debt Expenses 76,510
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carved out of an area covering more than 300 acres, in the shadow of Summit on the Park and Canton Township's administrative building.

ACCOMMODATING

While many of the holes are quite challenging, designer Arthur Hills made sure it could accommodate all levels of golf. As a result, there are wide fairways, large greens and four different tee boxes on each hole. There are hazards, but they are designed to be clearly visible to golfers.

"There's this perception out there that Pheasant Run is a course for professionals. It is really designed for anyone to play, and people are starting to realize it. We've really seen an increase with the number of ladies who are using the course, which is good for us and good for the game of golf," said Sean Fletcher, recreation



and facilities supervisor for Pheasant Run and Summit on the Park.

In this area of the state, Fletcher says the course is probably most similar to Fox Hills in Salem Township, Stonebridge in Ann Arbor and the course at Eastern Michigan University.

'We think we're verv competitive with them - not just geographically, but also the competitiveness of the course, design and cost," he said.

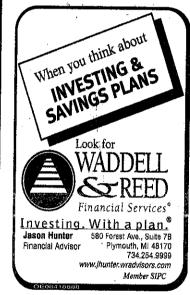
While the general perception is that Pheasant Run is expensive to play, especially compared with Canton's other golf course, Fellows Creek, officials say it is less than most people think, especially if the course is played on weekdays.

The cost really depends on what day and what time a person plays. During weekdays, it can cost as little as \$35 to play 18 holes. However, during weekends and holidays, when demand is the greatest, it costs a little more - as much as \$65 for a round of 18. There are discounts for Canton residents, who comprise about 40 percent of the people who play the course.

LEAGUES

There are 16 leagues at Pheasant Run, which include a little more than 300 regular members. Even when leagues are going, however, it doesn't preclude someone from getting on the course to play a round, according to Greg Bores, who has been the head pro at Pheasant Run for three years. When we have leagues

going, we still have open golf



on the other nine, so you really can get on the course just about any time. And that's the way it was designed," Bores said.

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Last year was a big one at Pheasant Run, with some 43,000 rounds of golf played the most in the course's history. That's about 6,000 more rounds than in 2004. But Canton officials are not resting on their laurels. Even during a time when golf rounds have dropped in the region, they would like to see the number of rounds increase at Pheasant Run.

One area where officials felt they could improve Pheasant Run was the clubhouse, particularly when it came to the food services. This year the menu was expanded at Fore Star Grill. Some people now come in for lunch or dinner without even playing the course. According to Greg Hohenberger, business supervisor for Canton Leisure Services, Pheasant Run is a great example of the quality programming and services that the department provides the community.

"I think it's very important in what we do," he said. "It's just one more piece of the pie in what we offer - golf, our many parks, the Village Theater. It all brings a little higher quality to lives of Canton residents."

For more information about Pheasant Run or any of the other programs Canton Leisure Services has to offer. visit the Web site www.cantonmi.org, or call (734) 397-6460.

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Financial plans for the Budget Stabilization Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund and the Equipment Fund are also included in the Budget Document.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS:

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE:

A complete copy of the 2006-2007 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

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Bring a buddy

Skin cancer prevention campaign offers free screenings

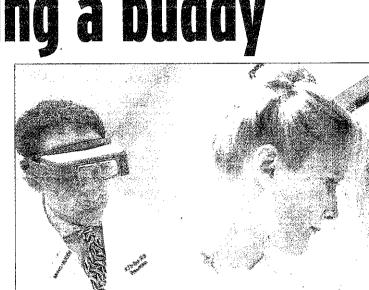
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Michelle Jasper thought it was only her sunglasses causing the pale pink mark on her nose, but decided to have it checked out anyway. The fact that it might be skin cancer never crossed her mind since she was in her early 30s and had no family history.

Much to Jasper's surprise, Dr. Khaled El-Hoshy diagnosed the irritated-looking area as basal cell carcinoma. Three months later, the skin cancer recurred. Now the Rochester Hills woman always wears a hat and sunscreen. Jasper keeps the visor down in her car as well because she believes that is where the sun damaged her skin.

She also visits El-Hoshy about twice a year for a skin cancer screening. UVA/B rays put skin at risk every time an individual steps outside or even sits near a window. That's why protection is important rain or shine, no matter the season.

"It scares you," said Jasper. "You wonder are you going to get more."



Dr. El-Hoshy gets a closer look at Jonek's skin.

SKIN CANCER INCREASING

El-Hoshy's skin cancer patients seem to be growing in number and getting younger. The Livonia dermatologic surgeon is uncertain whether the change is due to an increase in media awareness or the fact the population is aging. Over the last 15 years, he's increasingly diagnosed earlier cases of the disease. One out of every five patients he screens has skin cancer.

That frightening statistic has led him to offer free examinations in conjunction with the second annual Bring a Buddy campaign by Olay and the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery, an organization of board-certified physicians who are trained to treat the health, function and appearance of the skin and soft tissue with medically necessary and cosmetic (surgical and nonsurgical) procedures. Participating dermatologic surgeons across

the country are offering free skin cancer screenings during May and June so women and men can bring a friend or family member with them for a quick and easy visual inspection of the entire body by a physician trained specifically in the diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases and conditions.

El-Hoshy sees skin cancer patients at least a couple of times a day at the Somerset Dermatology Institute.

"We're trying to educate people about skin cancer. The earlier the detection means a much better cure rate," said El-Hoshy, an M.D. on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. He formerly had offices in Troy.

"Early detection leads to almost a 100 percent cure regardless of the type of skin cancer."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S. El-Hoshy used to



Dr. Khaled El-Hoshy, an M.D. at Somerset Dermatology Institute in Livonia, performs a skin cancer screening of patient Karen Jonek of Sterling Heights.

advise anyone over age 40 to go for an annual screening but he is now seeing skin cancer "patients as young as 28, because of tanning and tanning salons" and excessive sun exposure. With that in mind, he recommends screening by a dermatologist once a year in addition to monthly selfexams of the body including hard-to-see areas such as the scalp and back of neck.

Of the three different types of skin cancer, which include the highly-curable basal and squamous cell, malignant melanoma is the most dangerous and appears as a dark brown or black mole larger than the size of a pencil eraser. El-Hoshy says to just remember the ABCDE's of skin cancer when examining the body. Look for moles or spots that are Asymmetrical with irregular Borders or ragged or

blurred edges, with more than one Color, a Diameter larger than 6mm or the size of a pencil eraser, and Evolving or changing as time goes by. For more information and images. visit olay.com.

"When skin cancer shows up in 2006, it has been in the making since the 1970s with damage mostly done in the child and teenage years," said El-Hoshy.

"Basal and squamous usually present as a sore which doesn't heal for four weeks or a crusted red bump increasing in size."

COVER UP

El-Hoshy loves water activities so he always wears sunscreen (at least 15 SPF), a hat, long sleeved shirts and long pants, and UV (ultraviolet) protective sunglasses.

"Stay out of the sun at least

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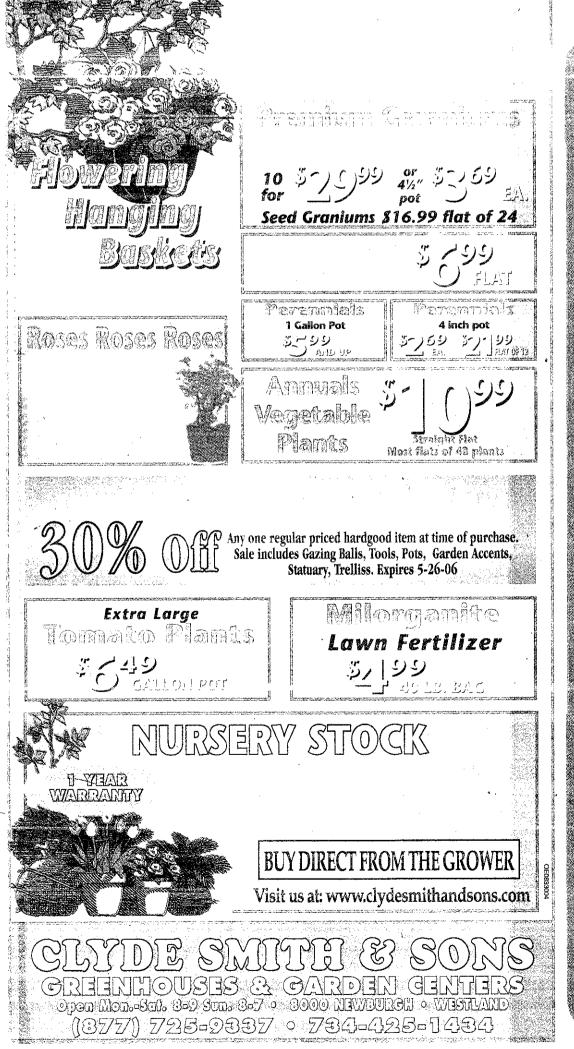
between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (when UV radiation is most harmful)," said El-Hoshy. "If you're a mom of a child six months or one year old get them wearing sunscreen, long sleeves."

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Australia has the largest amount of skin cancer in the world, says El-Hoshy. They teach school children about the dangers of the sun at an early age and schedule physical activities in early morning or late afternoon. It's a model the U.S. should begin following to

the free Bring a Buddy screenings, call (734) 462-9499. Somerset Dermatology Institute is located at 14555 Levan, Suite 410, in the Marian Pavilion at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

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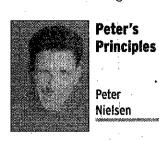
- 9 a.m. Forever Fit for Seniors taught by Mindy Hopkins
- 10 a.m. Yoga Chair Exercise taught by Karen Farkas
- 11 a.m. Senior Strength Training taught by Nancy Klein
- 11:45 a.m. Tap Dancing taught by Shirley Rebeck.

HEALTH

Change workout routine, intensity

Kathy from Mount Clemens has recently lost 35 pounds. However, her weight loss seems to have come to a halt and she e-mails asking what she can do to break through her wall.

Kathy, the first step is to stop focusing on the bathroom scale. Often a change reflects the pounds of body fluid you lose and gain everyday rather than how much fat you've lost. Also, because muscle weighs more than fat, you can



lose inches of fat without losing any weight. If you've stopped losing weight, it may be time for a little change. You may want to try increasing your workout intensity

by changing your cardiovascular vehicle. For example, if you were biking, try the treadmill or swimming instead.

You need to trick the body a little, so it's a good idea to change your routine every two months. It's also a must to increase your intensity and time. Those extra five or 10 minutes will really add up to extra calories burned!

Bonnie from Pontiac has been suffering from insomnia and e-mails asking about the possible health risks. Bonnie, getting enough sleep can be crucial to you body's ability to fight off disease. Researchers examined the link between sleep and a person's immune system, focusing on killer cells. These are the cells that fight off viruses and bacteria. During the study, a group of men got an uninterrupted eight hours of sleep for the first four nights. On the fifth night, they were only allowed four hours of sleep and the results were startling.

It's proof positive that for preventing disease, sleep can be just what the doctor ordered!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com.

MAY Fund-raiser

RE/MAX Showcase Homes hosts a fundraiser to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation 2-5 p.m. today at Beverly Park, 18801 Beverly Park, Beverly Hills. Make a donation and decorate a pink ribbon to line the Race for the Cure route or take a tethered ride in a hot air balloon from 2:30-4:30 p.m., weather permitting. For more information, call (248) 647-3200.

Baby Signs workshop

The Parent Workshop is designed for parents-to-be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months, and caretakers. Parents learn everything they need to know to about incorporating signing into everyday life 2-4 p.m. today. The Sign, Say & Play class is a six-week program for parents and babies ages 6-24 months to learn and practice simple signs in a fun, musical and play environment, series began May 12. Both programs appropriate for special needs children and their parents. Pre-registration required. Programs taught by Ruth HaberkornHalm, speech and language pathologist and certified Baby Signs instructor at The Kaufman's Children Center, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 737-3430 or send e-mail to rhh4962@aol.com.

Senior driving program Presented by St. Mary Hospital and American Association of Retired Person 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, May 23-24. Attendance at both sessions is required. The refresher course is for experienced motorists age 50 and older. Participants learn how sharpen driving skills and devel-

op strategies for adjusting to age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. They will also learn about effects of medications on driving. Cost is \$10. Preregistration required. Call (734) 655-8950.

Stress reduction workshop With guest lecturer Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., learn seven danger signs that indicate when your body is under too much stress, and Trigger Point therapy, a natural way to relieve tight and sore muscles 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23 and June 6, at 8524

Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444. Divorce support

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, presentation on building self esteem by conquering negative inner voice; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 p.m.) on first Monday of each month, at Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Volunteers wanted

Doctors at Beaumont Hospital are testing Comtan (entacapone), an approved drug, to determine if it extends the benefits of levodopa treatment in people with Parkinson's disease. Needed to participate in this research trial are people who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's who are taking no more than four doses of levodopa each day, and who are not yet experiencing uncontrollable movements. Participants must not currently be taking or have taken Comtan in the past. Call (248) 898-8595.

Beaumont hospital is looking for volunteers for several studies including a variety of treatments for prostate cancer, and a new type of oral anti-diabetic drug for type 2 diabetes. For the prostate cancer research, call (248) 551-4147 (Royal Oak) or (248) 964-0604 (Troy); or for type 2 diabetes studies, call (248) 655-5920. Unlocking health workshop

With guest lecturer Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., learn five keys to wellness, how to eat, drink, exercise and sleep correctly, discussion on how the mind and body function together 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 30 and June 13, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444. For more information or to register before May 31, call (734) 655-2980.

Golf benefit

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Golf Classic, an 18hole scramble featuring two shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, at Cattails Golf Club, South Lyon. Proceeds will help build a state-of-the-art cancer center at the hospital. Cost for individual par golf package is \$200.

UPCOMING

Sharing & Caring

Newly-diagnosed breast cancer support: Small group discussion for those diagnosed within the past year 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1, in the first floor classroom at the Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak: Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family an d friends. Call (248) 551-8585 for more information. **Northland Pacers Walk Around the World** Endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, in con-

junction with Providence Hospital begins June 2, with free noncompetitive walking and fitness program, includes health screening beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, June 2, in the Food Court at Northland Center, Southfield. Each registered walker receives a passport to record their progress, and a T-shirt. A healthy breakfast will be served and a speaker will address health issues and encourage participation. Walkers turn in their mileage logs each week. The mall then updates a world map that show the progress Pacers are making in their journey. It takes 24,901.55 miles to circle the globe. One lap through the center is equivalent to one mile. For more information, call (248) 569-6272 or visit www.shopatnorthland.com. The Northland Pacers walking program was begun in 1985.

Cancer Survivors' Celebration noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the South Lobby, followed by Cancer Center Groundbreaking, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. No charge. At the Open House, community members and their families can enjoy food, refreshments, interactive activities, such as face painting, Teddy Bear Clinic, Child-ID and Fingerprinting, a moonwalk, clowns and more. Special events include health screenings and Ask the Doctor, community rescue teams from Livonia Fire and Rescue, and Livonia Police Department and K-9 Unit, MedFlight Helicopter, Huron Valley Ambulance. Wayne County Sheriff motorcycles will be on hand. Musical entertainment by Sunset Boulevard Band. For more information, call (734) 655-1592, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Teens using drugs workshops

Part two 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 6; part one provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, part one is repeated every first Tuesday of the month, October to June; part two repeats the second Tuesday of the month, October to June, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, solclassroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilantia No charge and open to public. Parents, teens and people who work with teens are all welcome. For information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail to

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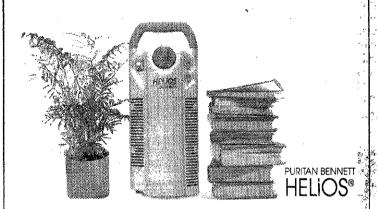
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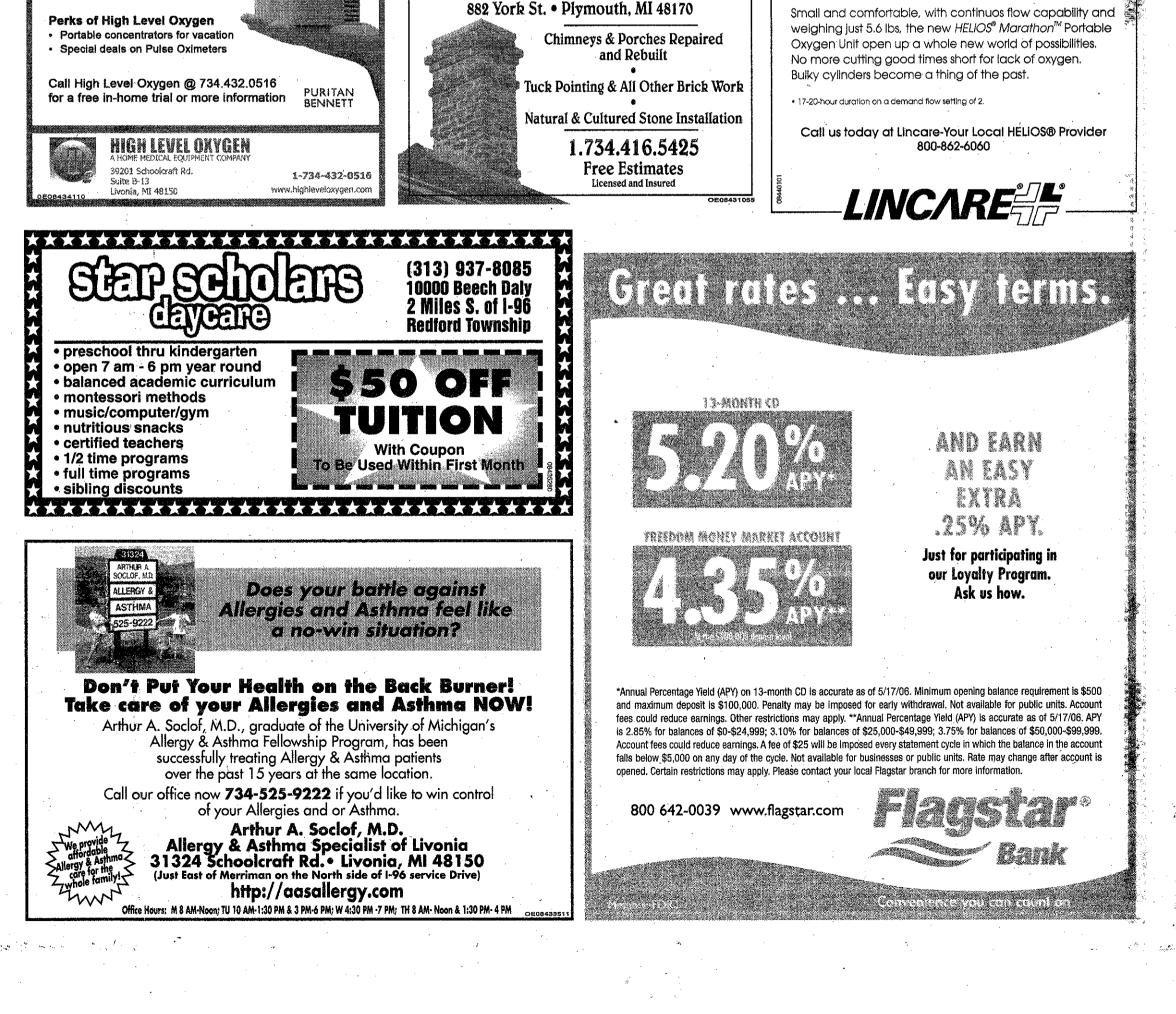
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CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimirs of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar; Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia. For more information call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016. **Denby High School**

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1956

Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

Detroit Cody Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton, \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden City 48135, Contact Pat (Pletzke) Wauford at Swaulor@aol.com; or Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 or Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion, 5-11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Doubletree Hotel, Novi. \$78 per person, \$83 after Aug. 18. For reservations, call (248) 348-5000.

Detroit Cooley Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or e-mail; jwork2friends@yahoo.com

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion will be held 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at the Troy Hilton. Anyone who attended Ford is welcome. Contact Ron Grant (home 248) 288-9376 OR (cell 586)-663-8844

Detroit Mackenzie

Classes Jan. June and Summer 1956 A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For more information, call Harold Kappen at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earth-

link.net. **Detroit Salesian High School**

Class of 1956 A 50 year rounian is planned for July

15, 2006 at the Royal Oak Elks Club.

Contact Tom Connelly (248) 546-4536 or Ron Altwies (734) 421-7143. **Detroit St. Theresa** Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for June 10, 2006, at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. N. in Livonia. A brunch is planned on June 11. For more information, call Mary Monroe at (734) 427-, 4526.

East Detroit High School

A 40-year reunion for East Detroit High School's Class of 1966 is Saturday, Aug. 12, at Zuccaro's, 46601 Gratiot, Chesterfield Township, Call Laura (Koster) Lavigne at (586) 263-0677 or visit www.edhs1966.com for more information.

Epiphany Grade School Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com. **Ferndale High School**

Class of 1975/1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at the Troy Somerset Inn, 2601 West Big Beaver Road, between 1-75 and Coolidge Road. For information and to register sign in at www.fhs75-76.org. Discount if you register before Feb. 15. Cost is \$65/person or \$120/couple. Forward payment ASAP to: FHS 75-76 Reunion, P.O. Box 20274, Ferndale, MI 48220 Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 29, 2006, at the Sheraton Detroit-Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road (I-275 at Eight Mile Road) Novi. To register send check for \$75 per person to Ferndale High School 1966 Class Reunion, C/O Joan Rockett Horner, 951 W. Oakridge, Ferndale

48220 Fordson High School Class of 1976

July 29 at George Murphy's on the Creek, 7 mile, Livonia, \$30 per person. Contact: fhs1976reunion30year@yahoo.com or http://home.comcast.net/~thelev76 Franklin High School

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-

core.com. **Grosse Pointe North** Class of 1991

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Livonia Bentley Class of 1956

A 50-year class reunion is planned for Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, at the Hilton Gardens of Plymouth. For

more information, contact Sandy (Mensch) Curtis at (248)426-7464 or Josie (Bonfante) Esper at (248)777-1648.

Livonia Chuchill Class of 1974

Planning a 50th birthday party for July 22 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club. Contact Paul Schmidt at (734) 255-3100, Ext. 245. Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun, (248) 363-5679, or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com. Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion is planned for July 29, 2006, at Fifth Avenue, Novi. For information contact Lauren Kronk at Ikronk@sbcglobal.net or (734) 718-3211, or Keri Gutekunst-Sims at kerisims0130@yahoo.com, or visit www.stevenson1996.com. Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Alumni can update their address by calling (734) 261-3264 or emailing celebrationstoremember@vahoo.com. Visit the Web site at ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Marriott's Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$55/person and are available now. Send checks payable to "Stevenson Class of '76 Reunion" -- mail to Dave Lindenmuth, 34357 Burton Lane, Livonia 48154. For more information email dlindenm@hotmail.com.

Marine Reunion

The Third Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion on Aug. 9-13, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wis. Headquarters Hotel, Hyatt Regency Milwaukee. Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of The Third Marine Division at any time since it was formed on Sept. 16, 1942, is eligible and cordially invited to attend. For membership and reunion information, contact Sgt. Major Bill Krueger, USMC Ret., (703) 451-3844.

ANNIVERSARY

Plymouth.

of Milton High School in Alpharetta and is continuing her education in psychology at Georgia State University. She is currently employed as a teller operations specialist at Bank of America in Atlanta. The prospective groom is a graduate of North Hall High School in Gainesville, Ga., and earned a degree in decision science at Georgia State University. He is currently employed as a software engineer for Beazer Homes in Atlanta.

ENGAGEMENTS



School.

Robert and Catherine their daughter, Pamela, to Brian Deangelo, son of Leonard and Carole Deangelo, formerly of Troy.

The bride-to-be receiver her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and is a second-year law student at

Smith-Blaskay

Glenn and Barbara Blaskay of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Bridget Blaskay to Timothy Smith, son of Donald and Marjorie Smith, of Farmington Hills.

Tim is a graduate of Farmington High School and Western Michigan University and is now a financial advisor. Bridget is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Madonna University and is a school teacher. Tim and Bridget will marry in May.

Gomez-Adams Maria Amparo Gonzalez and

German Gomez of Alpharetta, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Viviana Gomez, to Ross Milton Adams of Atlanta, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Adams of

The bride-to-be is a graduate



the University of Michigan Law

The prospective groom is a

A September 2006 wedding

reception at the Inn at St.

John's in Plymouth.

Chamberlain-Deangelo Chamberlain of Canton announce the engagement of

graduate of the University of Colorado and is employed by Quicken Loans. is planned for Resurrection Catholic Church, followed by a

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As space permits, the Observer &

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REUNIONS

The Jills of Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills are celebrating 50

Memorial Day Weekend. Friday, May

26, a reception will be held at Pine

27, the attending Jills will rehearse

Eake Country Club. On Saturday, May

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and perform at

7:30 p.m. in the Andover Auditorium.

more information, contact Dorothe

All Class Reunion for Belleville High

School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at

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Baker, chairperson, 139 Clarence St.,

Believille, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231.

Plans are in the works for the 7th

High School. Committee members

are planning for a tour of the high

Representatives from classes in the

1930s and on are arranging for alumni

classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses

are being collected of alumni, so con-

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A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept.

15-17, 2006, at St. John's Armenian

Baylerian (248) 735-4495, Barbara

Grajek Schanfrankek (248) 543-6353,

A 60-year reunion is planned for June

4, 2006, at Glen Oaks Country Club.

Both January and June classmates

Will celebrate over dinner and danc-

ing, January grads contact Al Weiss

(248) 737-9313 or Esther Bornstein

(248) 851-6625. June grads contact

Saulson (248) 932-5177.

Clarenceville High School

Barbara Keidan (248) 646-7199 or Saul

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9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at

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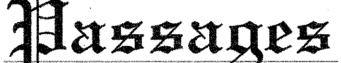
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(Age 64) Beloved husband Deanna. Dear father of Bill (Sue), Robert & Tom (Jacklyn). Loving grandfather of Billy & Michael. Dear Son of Elizabeth. Dear brother of Robert Klotz and Linda Waldeck.Was in General Motors overseas sales department for over 43 years before refirement and assistant baseball coach at Redford Union High School.Visiting was Thursday & Friday at Charles R. Step Funeral Home 313-531-1888.Services were Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia with Interment at Glen Eden Cemetery. Donations to Redford Union Athletics Dept. or Providence Hospital Assarian Cancer Center would be deeply appreciated.

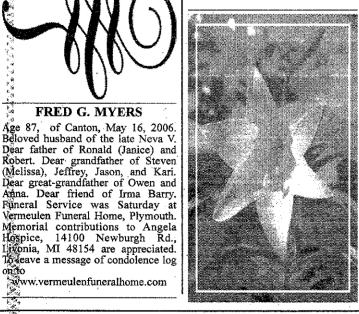
FRED G. MYERS

valiant fight against lung cancer. Born the eldest of six, in Detroit to Floyd and Dolores Perry on April 21, 1927, Fran attended Southeastern High School and the University of Detroit In 1950 she married Jervis Wattles She had been living in Dallas Texas for the past year with her good friend and sister-in-law, Ann Perry. She had found a loving home there with Ann and her devoted sons and daughters-inlaw. Prior to her move to Dallas, Fran had been living at the Silver Maple Retirement home in Lapeer Michigan where she had made many new friends. Fran, a long time resident of Warren, was very involved in the South Macomb Hospital Auxiliary, serving as its president for two terms. and also in the League of Women Voters. She enjoyed her thirty years as an interviewer for the Census Bureau. Fran is survived by her children, Brian, Susan (Phillip) and Mary Ann and her four beloved granddaughters, Megan, Taryn, Langley and Isabel. She is also survived by her sisters Genevra Stier, Nina Huthwaite (Bart) and brother Fred Perry (Dorothy). Preceding her in death were her brothers Edward Perry and Floyd Perry Jr. No service is planned. Remembrances may be made to the Michigan Animal Rescue League

MARY FRANCES WATTLES

(Fran) died on May 17 after a brief,

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"BETTY" ELIZABETH KNIGHT 1916-2006

Of Bloomfield Hills, Betty's Detroit heritage dates back to 1840's. She was blessed with beauty of person as well as strong intellect. There will be an interment service at Christ Church Cranbrook on Tuesday, May 23 rd. at 2:30. Betty is survived by her hus-band and childhood sweetheart, Robert B. Knight of 65 years (whose Detroit family began also in the early 1800's), son, W. Bruce Knight of Detroit, daughters, Nancy Croisant of San Diego and Virginia Knight of Montana plus eight grandchildren.



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Webbs celebrate 60th

Richard and June Webb of Garden City celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 18.

The Webbs were married May 18, 1946, at Calumet Methodist Church in Calumet, Mich. They have lived in Garden City for 54 years. The couple have three chil-

dren, daughter Lee Rich and husband Pat, son Paul Webb and wife Gail and daughter Nadine and husband Orv HartfordThey have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Richard worked in the paint department at General Motors for 32 years and has been retired for 26 years. June worked for eight years as a lunch monitor at Maplewood School.

Richard enjoys bowling and fishing. June enjoys bingo and theater. They both enjoy camping and going to casions. An open house is planned for family and close friends.

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The bride-to-be's grandparents are Matilde Uscategui de Gonzalez of Bucaramanga, Colombia and the late Alvaro

Sciberras-Brissman

Arthur and April Sciberras of Garden City announce the wedding of their daughter Evelyn Sciberras to Brian M. Brissman of Westland.

Brian is the son of Stephen and Christine Brissman of Dearborn Heights. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed by Johnson Controls.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy and is employed as the office manager at Dearborn Speech and Sensory.

A May wedding was scheduled at St. Dunstan Catholic

Loula-Natalini

Timothy and Margaret Loula of White Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn, to First Lt. Ryan Natalini.

Ryan is the son of Ernest and Jill Natalini of Plymouth. He is stationed with the 62nd Security Forces Squadron at McChord Air Force Base in Washington.

Amy currently works at the Tacoma Landmark Convention Center and Temple Theater, a historic landmark in downtown Tacoma, Wash. Amy and Ryan, both gradu-

ates of Michigan State University, live in the Puget Sound region of Washington.

Gonzalez Mutis and Sofia Serrano de Gomez of Bucaramanga, Colombia, and the late Climaco Gomez Plata.

The prospective groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Krieger of Hobart, Okla., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Idus Bradley (Pide) Adams, also of Hobart.

A March 2007 wedding is planned.



Church in Garden City.



A wedding is planned for 2007.

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Art club to hold exhibition, sale

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An open house reception will be on Thursday evening with an awards ceremony at 7 p.m. when over \$900 in cash and prizes will be presented to winners of this year's show. Enjoy refreshments while viewing the watercolor, colored pencil, oil, and fiber works by local award winning artists such as Sharon Dillenbeck, Cathy Vettese and Meena Schaldenbrand. Be sure to bring the kids. Most of the artists will be at the reception so this is an opportunity to meet and speak with the artists or commission a piece to meet specific requirements. Major sponsors include Parkside Gallery, D & M Art Studio and Ari-El Enterprises, Inc.

The judge of this year's show is local artist and instructor Karen O'Daniel. She earned a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and Education from Madonna University. Today, she teaches painting to adults and seniors

GALA

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COC's behalf after its regular season at the Upstage Theater in Old Redford. Billed as a comedy, Steel Magnolias revolves around a group of friends involved with the planning of a wedding in modernday Louisiana.

Nancy Florkowski of Redford plays Ouiser (pronounced Wheezer). Florkowski and her husband, Fred, have been members of the Rosedale Community Players for years, their daughter, Jenny, since she was age 5 or 6. Jenny, now an adult, recently returned from

Visitors of the Three Cities show will be able to vote for their favorite work of art in the People's Choice competition with a prize awarded to the winner at the conclusion of the show.

in Canton, Plymouth and Westland public schools. She exhibits her works in local art shows and has participated in fine art competitions, winning awards in the Cherry Hill Fine Arts Show and the S.S. Kresge Art Exhibit.

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Founded in 1954 by a group of local artists interested in providing an opportunity for sharing information and resources, Three Cities Art Club is one of the area's oldest clubs of its kind. Reports of the original three cities include combinations such as Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia, Plymouth,

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"She has the funniest lines,"

said Florkowski. "She's an old,

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baby because it takes a toll on

the body. Eventually she does

Rosedale Players audiences

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have seen it," said Florkowski. "The play is close to the movie and came out first. It's about death and how to cope with it. It's about friendship.

"It's a very touching story of closeness. The whole town is there for each other."

The curtain rises on *Steel* Magnolias 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3, in the auditorium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The reception runs 6:30-8 p.m. in the atrium.

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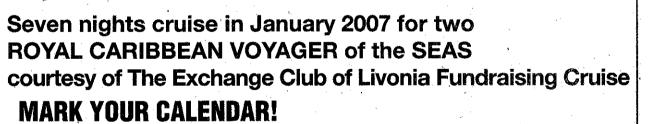


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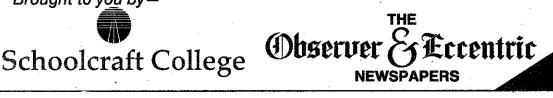
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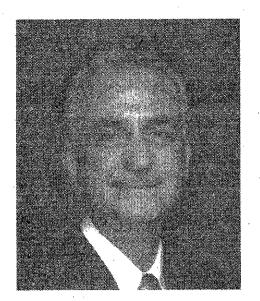


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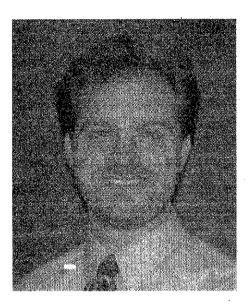
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Our Patients Are Excited To Talk About Their "True Life" Experiences With Chiropractic Care! (Their Stories Are On File At Our Office)

"My Husband's Seizures Stoped"

Saturday night, my husband Larry started to feel like another one of his seizures was coming on. He had his first one 2 weeks ago, brought on by an auto accident, when he was hit in the back of the head. During the last 2 weeks, Larry had to be helped everywhere he went or with anything he did. He was in a daze.

"My Son Couldn't Ride His Bike"

Nathan was 8 years old and couldn't ride is bike because he had been sick, constantly, for over 5 years. He has repiratory problems, sinus and ear infections, bronchitis and pneumonia. He had sinus surgery, ear tubes and was looking at more surgery soon.

"My son and I are proud to serve the Plymouth and Canton communities. We have and will continue to dedicate ourselves to the health and welfare of our community. You can call on us day or night, we will be here to help you!"

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Open Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 a.m.- Noon and 3-7 p.m. Tues. 5-7 p.m. A friend of the family came over and said we needed to see Dr. Mashike. It was late, but we called him, and he said he would meet us at his office. It was 10:30 p.m. when we got there. I had to fill out the paperwork because Larry couldn't even write.

Dr. Mashike x-rayed Larry and found that his top vertebrae had been pushed slightly into his spinal cord, causing pressure on the cord. With light pressure, the Doctor adjusted that vertebrae back into position. Larry actually got off the table, turned to Dr. Mashike and said it was like waking up from a 2 week nap. I could not believe my eyes, **he was back to his old self in a matter of seconds.** Chiropractic has been a God send for our familiy.

> Sincerely, Debi B.

(Note: Since going to Mashike Chiropractic that night, Larry has not had another seizure!)

"All Of Us Are Better!"

We were a family of health problems. Steve suffered from lower back pain for over 6 years, our children had sinus troubles, coughs, ear problems, chronic allergies and my daughter Anne had signs of Scoliosis. I had PMS and back and neck pain. Since undergoing chiropractic care, our children haven't been sick for almost one year now! I am much better and Steve can work and sleep normally again. His life and job are much easier now. I was a real skeptic before this, but the results speak for themselves.

The Mashikes are very caring people who were truly concerned about our family's health!

The entire family was stressed and we could not live a normal life because of our concern for our ailing son. A friend nagged us until I gave in and made an appointment with Dr. Mashike. I really didn't believe that chiropractic would help, but we tried everything else, and thought, OK, what do we have to lose.

We started noticing results within the first week of care and after two months, Nathan and the family were able to live a normal life again. I am so happy I can't believe it. Finally, what I dreamed and prayed for came true, and our son is happy and normal again and riding his bike all over the place. Thank you to our friend and Dr. Mashike!

Leigh R.

"Acid Reflux – Gone For Good!"

My husband and I own a fast paced business that is very stressful. I developed a **severe case** of acid reflux that caused me to have chest pain, shortness of breath and a restricted sensation in my throat. I went to a M.D. who diagnosed me with acid reflux and sent me home with a prescription of Tagament. This went on for 8 months, and **no relief.**

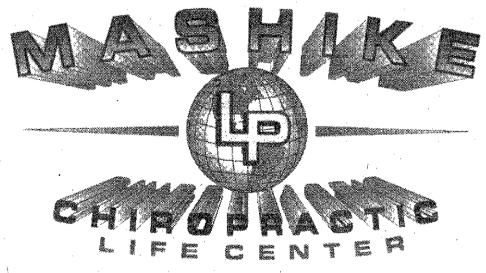
I decided to try a different approach and went to see Dr. Mashike, who saw an impingement of the nerves that control the digestive system. After 4 weeks of adjustments, the symptoms were almost all gone and after 8 weeks I had absolutely **no symptoms**, and I am still pain free today, one year later.

I recommend chirpractic for anyone who has acid reflux, it works and there is no medication to take!

Cindy H.

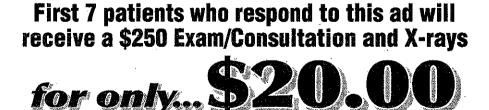
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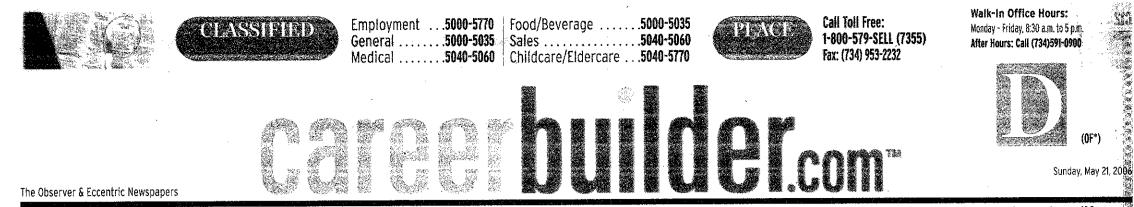
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Women build up their careers

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(NAPSI) - What do women want? When it comes to their careers, studies show, popular responses include options, opportunity, respect, geographical mobility and good pay.

Fortunately, for many women - and their families - that can describe many of the jobs available in the skilled trades. Trade occupations can include aviation technician, automotive painter, construction equipment operator, welder, carpenter, decorator, chef, horticulturist, IT support analyst, florist, electrician, tool and die maker and water-well driller, to name a few.

WHY THE TRADES?

Careers in the trades can offer a chance to contribute to society and the opportunity to be your own boss. Skilled trades touch every part of Americans' lives, from roads and homes to hospitals and schools. You can get hands-on training and a chance to "earn while you learn."

WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

Some jobs need modest physical strength and endurance, but most do not. Virtually all require intelligence and creativity, as well as good reading, math and analytical skills. Thanks to technology, skilled trades are not "dirty," as they once may have been. Knowledge of computer software and

mechanical systems is increasingly important.

OPPORTUNITIES ON THE RISE

This nation faces a looming shortage of skilled tradespeople. As the baby boomers retire over the next few years, the construction industry alone will be short more than one million workers.

WHAT ABOUT PAY?

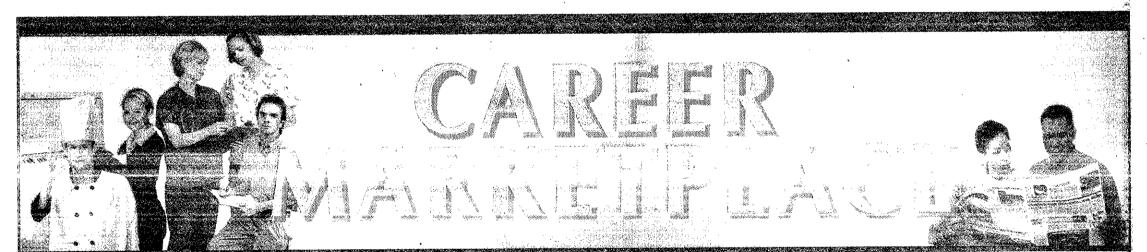
The salary ranges vary by job, location and experience, but a skilled electrician can easily earn \$70,000 a year. Apprentices and others may get less and the work for some is seasonal, while union members are often paid more than nonunion workers. report the experts at the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC).

The organization was founded in 1955 to create a support network and enhance the success of women in the construction industry. It now has thousands of members around the world and has advanced the causes of all women in construction, from trades-women to business owners. According to the group, educational and career resources play an integral role in facing the challenges of this evolving industry.

You can learn more online at www.nawic.org.



Careers for women can include some exciting and lucrative jobs in the skilled trades.

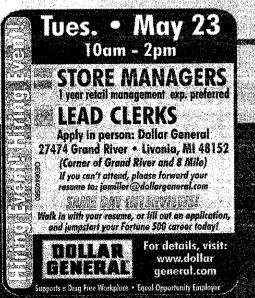


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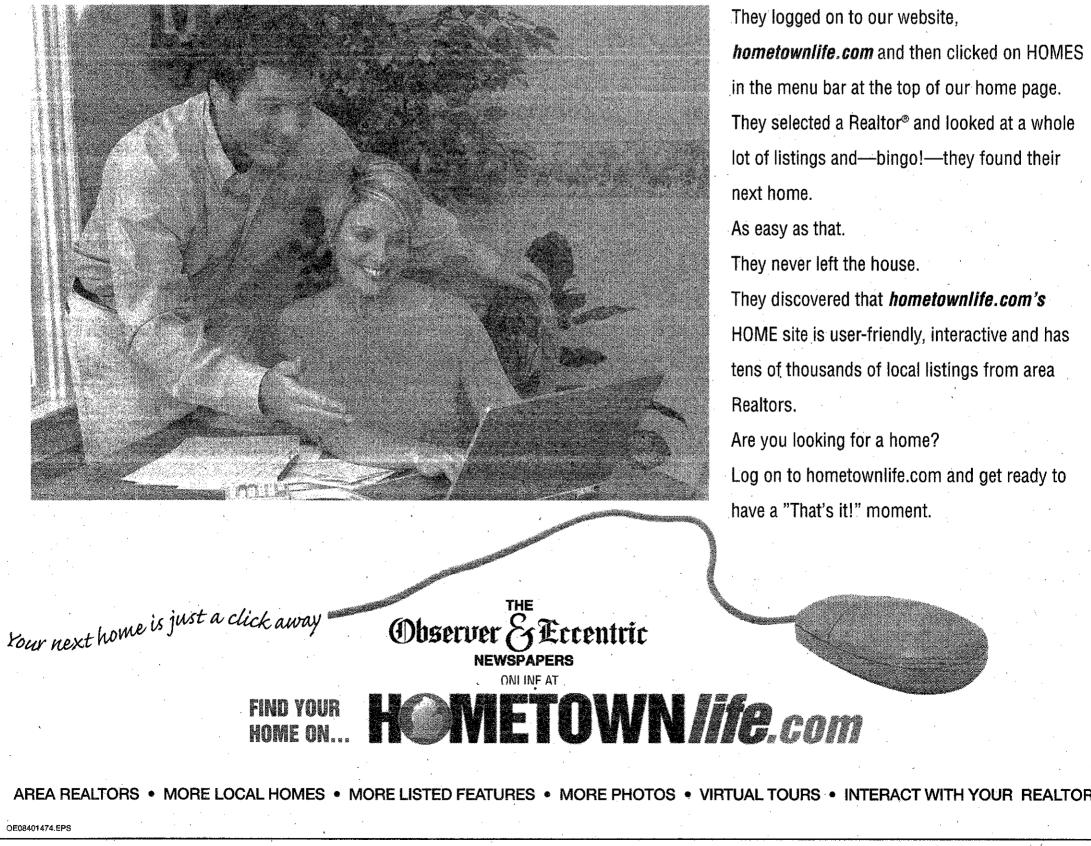
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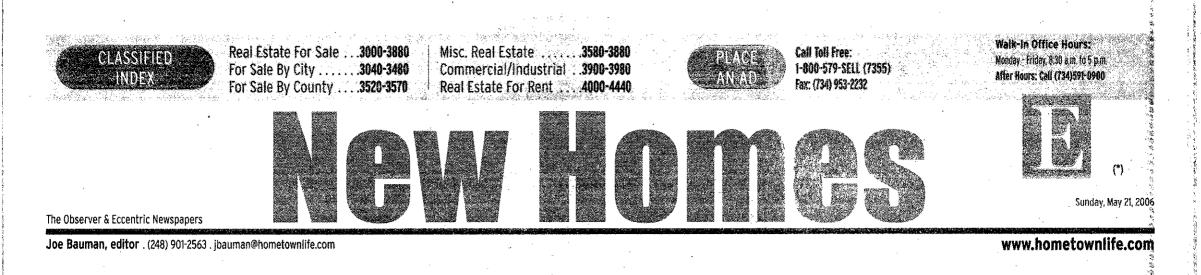
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Sitting on the front porch chatting with the neighbors as the children ride their bikes on the sidewalk or play hide and seek may have given way to the back deck.

But not at River Walk, a new 32-home community tucked between two existing subdivisions off Nine Mile Road between Farmington and Power roads in Farmington Hills.

Currently under construction by Windmill Homes, this single family residential development focuses on creating a sense of community.

Like the traditional subdivision, the local school Flanders Elementary

is practically at the back door. Children can walk to the school for class and after school and on the weekends to the playground, for a game of pick-up basketball or gather for a few innings of baseball on the nearby diamonds without having to leave their community to go play.

Plans include a walking path from the rear of the subdivision to the school site.

Owner Stuart Michaelson envisioned neighbors gathering in the front porches reminiscent of life before back decks and privacy fences took the neighbor out of neighborhood when he first eyed the well-treed land and the stream that runs ' through it.

You can just see yourself sitting on the front porch and getting to know your neighbors, he said.

That vision was shared by his partners Sami Harb and George Mager.

It s hard to find such a perfect site, Michaelson said.

While tucked away among the trees, River Walk is accessible to major thoroughfares including the Grand River expressway, Orchard Lake Road and I-696. Shopping amenities include quick access to Laurel Parkplace, 12 Oaks Mall and the shops and restaurants in downtown Farmington. Local grocers and pharmacies also dot the local business landscape.

The path to the nearby elementary and its amenities and the return of the sidewalk is also a draw to the residential neighborhood, he said.

Michaelson said the overall site plan takes homeowners down Cadillac Road where they are greeted by a heavily planted center island entrance, around which a handful of homes are planned. The main road crosses over a wood and stone bridge built over the small river meandering the property and leads to homes on both sides of the main street ending in a cul de sac.

The rear yards of each home abut a heavily wooded nature preserve with walkways planned for those interested in taking in the nature or just enjoying the change of the seasons.

River Walk offers three two-story colonial home styles, each with a variety of floor plan options. The three-bedroom Petoskey and Charlevoix and the four bedroom Harbor range from 2,400 to 2,900 square feet and are priced starting from the low \$300,000's.

Features based on the home chosen include a winding staircase, two-way fireplace, gourmet kitchens, hardwood flooring, intricate trim packages, large master suites with two walk-in closets, garden tubs, a large room over the front porch affording privacy for the resident teen-ager and bedrooms separated by a Jack and Jill bathroom for the younger set.

A second floor laundry room is standard.

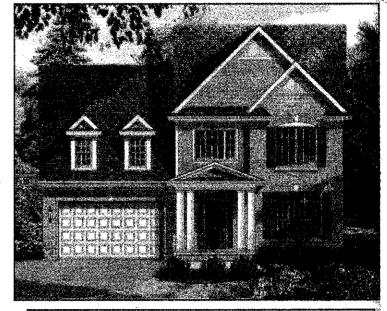
Other options include a deck and a garden room with a two-way fireplace, poured basements with ceilings at almost eight feet in height and a garden room tucked behind the attached two-car garage set back from the main home. The reputation held by

the Farmington Community Schools also convinced Michaelson and his partners that the site was perfect for new families.

A big plus for this community is the school district, Michaelson said. Farmington has a really great school district.

Recent Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests indicate students in the district are scoring much higher than state averages with many testing in the highest category.

For more information on River Walk or other Windmill Homes Developments, visit <u>www.windmillhomes.com</u> or call (248) 592-9292.



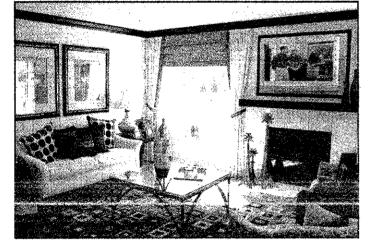
Also offered by Windmill HOMES:

Forest at Orchard Lake — detached ranch-style condos priced from \$424,000, located off Orchard Lake, north of 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. For more information, call 248-592-9292.

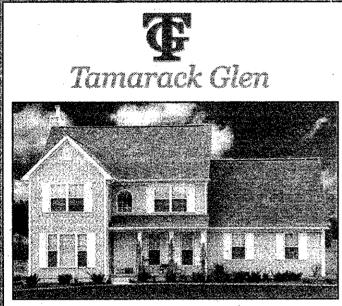
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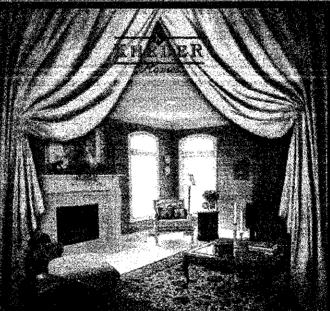
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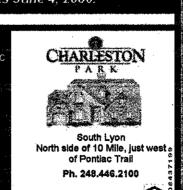
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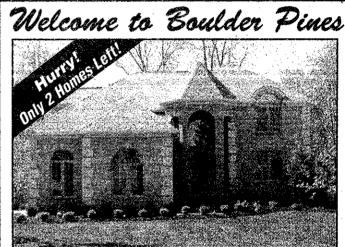
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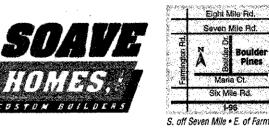
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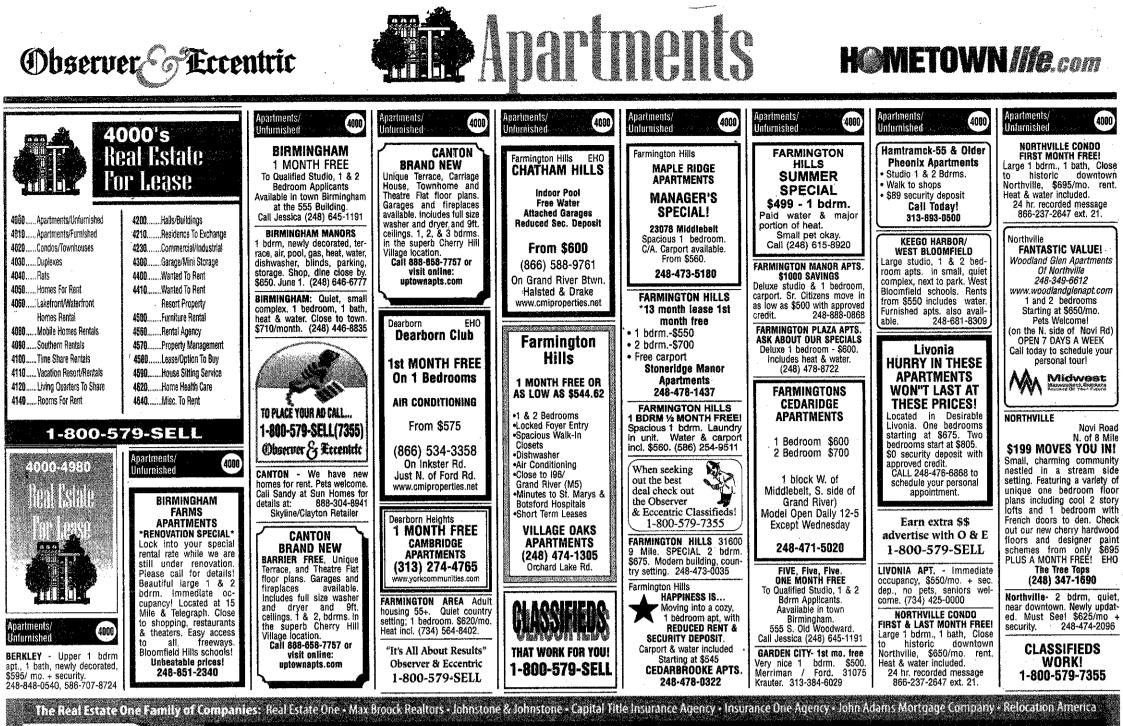
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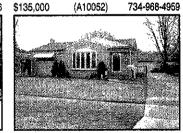


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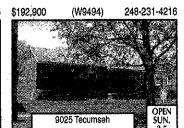


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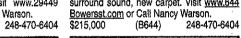
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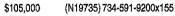


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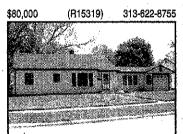


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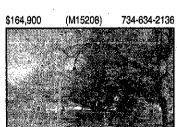




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Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar 10-11 a.m. Thursday, May 25,at the Livona office, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia 48154. This is a great way to explore a career in real estate. Find out all you need to know about costs, compensation, training, and pre-license requirements. For reservations, call (734) 266-9000.

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Free Investor Seminar for real estate agents. Come and see how you can learn more about becoming a better investor. The seminar will be 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 1, at Keller Williams, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth, MI 48170 and is limited to the first 30 agents who respond. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a seat.

Buying a home

There will be a Free Homebuyer Class 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at Fidelity National Title at Six Mile and I-275. It is put on by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage. A home inspector will attend. Attendees are both First Time Buyers and Experienced Buyers. It will cover: Why it is important to be preapproved and what that entails; what kinds of mortgages are available and to whom; how to avoid a "lemon" and have the house inspected professionally; have a buyer's agent working only for you not the seller; how to get seller concessions to help cover your closing costs; how to decide on a good offering price; what are all the papers involved in writing an offer, etc. Call for reservations at (734) 420-9600 or e-mail at: info@rfirestoneteam.com.

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes: Bloomfield Hills

Community Education in cooperation with the institute's Design Spirit will offer a

"Decorate Like a Designer" seminar 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 24, 31, June 7 and 14, at Andover High School, Room 133, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. The course will cover basic principles and how to apply them to your home. Hands-on exercises include measuring and sketching a room on graph paper as well as finding companion wall, furniture and flooring colors with samples of patterned fabrics. You should bring a small pair of scissors to class. Cost is \$119 plus \$5 for materials payable to the instructor, a graduate of New York's Sheffield School of Interior Design and the University of Michigan. Preregistration by Monday, May 22, to Bloomfield Hills Community Education. (248)

433-0885. ■ Henry Ford Community

College in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour Michigan state builder's license examination seminar 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, June 5, 7, 12, 14, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors/ developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions, \$208 for nonresidents plus \$20 for textbook and questions. Pre-register by Thursday, June 1. Call (313) 317-1500 to register with Henry Ford Community College.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present:

■ Executive Image seminar, "Using Bargaining Chips To Close the Sale," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Janine LaPorte and Rick

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Weaver of Executive Image Group will identify methods to hone skills and transform salespeople into buyer's partners using bargaining chips for prospective buyers. Cost, including continental breakfast, is \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$60 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

North Oakland County Golf Classic 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Beacon Hill, 601 Majestic Oaks Drive in Commerce Township. Fees include continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf (spikeless course), cart, refreshments and dinner. Fees are \$130 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers; \$55 for dinner only, \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$250 for a hole sponsorship with dinner. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Mid-Year Business Perspective 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 15, on "Where Are We Now That We're Halfway Through 2006?" at the Marriott-Pontiac at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway in Pontiac. David Sowerby, vice president and portfolio manager of Loomis Sayles & Co., will present the program, which will include what to expect in 2007. Fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for guests and nonmembers. To register, call (248) 862-

1033. BIA's Remodelors Council is sponsoring a Certified Graduate Remodelor seminar, "Customer Service," 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. **Chuck Breidenstein of Builders** Professional Services Group Inc. will present the program, which will include insight into customer expectations and behaviors and techniques for working with customers. Fees are \$140 for Remodelors

Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

A Certified Graduate Builder seminar, "Energy Efficient Construction," 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group will identify the principles of energy transfer and heat flow, energy and flow measurement and energy consumption. Fees, including breakfast, lunch and course materials, are \$140 for **Remodelors Council members** and \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ BIA's Sales & Marketing Council is sponsoring a seminar, "Closing Mastery with Roland Nairnsey, CSP, of New Home Specialists," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Fees are \$59 for SMC members,

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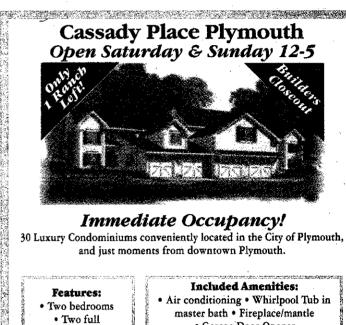
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\$79 for BIA members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Field Superintendent Designation Course 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 1, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The course, "Hiring, Training and Supervision," will examine common mistakes made in the interview process. Fees, including breakfast, lunch and course materials, are \$145 per person. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Lien law seminar 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Attorney Marty Burnstein will address creating a valid lien, protecting against liens and protecting your rights to payment with a construction lien. Fees are \$75 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$100 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1017.







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It's my home and I'll claim it if I want to: Picking the best way to hold title

What are some different methods to hold title to a house or condo?

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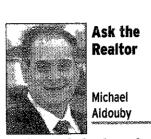
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There are several different methods to have title for a home. They have different ramifications and you need to pick the one that is best for your situation.

Some of these are:

Sole ownership also known as ownership in severalty. This method would be ideal if you are single and you want the title to be in your name alone.

Usually if a married person takes title in sole ownership, the spouse is often asked to sign a quitclaim deed giving up any ownership interest in the real property.



This might be done, for example, when a husband invests in properties but his wife is not involved with the realty investments.

A disadvantage is that when the holder of the title dies, the property is put in the hands of the probate court and that can lead to hurdles in getting the property transferred to the spouse. Joint tenancy with right of survivorship. In this case, all co-owners gain title at the same time, they each own equal shares and surviving coowners can end up having title to the entire property.

After a joint tenant passes away, the other joint tenants gain the title interest of the joint tenant who died.

An advantage is that probate costs and delays are avoided. However, a disadvantage is that a joint tenant can give his/her property to a new owner without permission of the co-owners.

Another disadvantage is that except for tenancy by the entireties, a joint tenant can sell or give his property interest to a new owner without permission of the other joint tenant(s).

Tenants in common. This could occur when two or more co-owners gain title to real property, especially when they are not married. This may be good for two or more real estate investors.

In this case each owner owns a specified interest in the property. It doesn't have to be equal. For example, one owner may own 60 percent and another 40 percent. The specific interest is stated in the deed.

This allows each owner more flexibility in deciding what to

do with his/her interest. Owners can transfer the interest to whomever he/she wants.

Some owners like this method for second marriages, where they can will their interest to children from the first marriage.

■ Revocable living trust. This is often the best way to hold title. In this case you could avoid probate costs and delays.

This is probably the best way to hold title to homes. There are many advantages, such as avoidance of probate costs and delays.

Other advantages are that the terms of the living trust remain private. Also, court There are several different methods to have title for a home. They have different ramifications and you need to pick the one that is best for your situation.

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challenges are very difficult.

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The unique layout begins with the basement level. A three-car garage is available to house all the family vehicles and a big recreation room is a spot designed for lots of activity. The 204 square foot shop, with separate entrance, is big enough for any project.

A full bathroom services this level and a custom elevator stands ready for a comfortable

ride to the upper floors.

The main floor is an exceptional example of the wise use of space combined for comfort, practicality and beauty. Here you can entertain with confidence in large, open rooms with plenty of windows for enjoying the view and ushering in the light.

A wrap-around porch, with waist high railing, frames the front of the handsome home. Your guests will admire the generous vaulted entry as you show them into the adjoining octagonal living room.

The dining room is placed between the kitchen and living room. The spacious U-shaped kitchen features an island cook top, double ovens, appliance garage, walk-in pantry and a cozy breakfast nook.

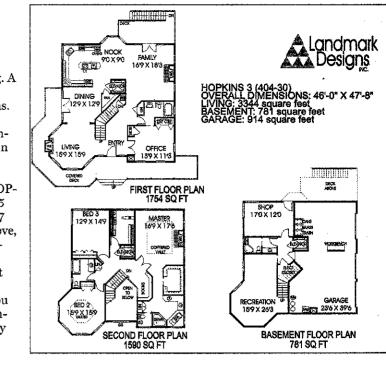
A big family room is situated nearby and opens onto a deck where a sunny day can be fully appreciated. A good-sized home office, with plenty of storage, is at the front of the house.

The upper level of the Hopkins III contains the elegant sleeping quarters. The huge master suite features a coffered vault above the bed area, a fireplace and a walk-in closet. The master suite also boasts a private bathroom with linen storage, twin basins, spa tub and an oversized shower. Bedroom two is octagonal in

shape, with a vaulted ceiling. A full bathroom serves as a buffer between the bedrooms.

Completing the top level, near the elevator, is a convenient utility room with built-in ironing board and table for folding clothes.

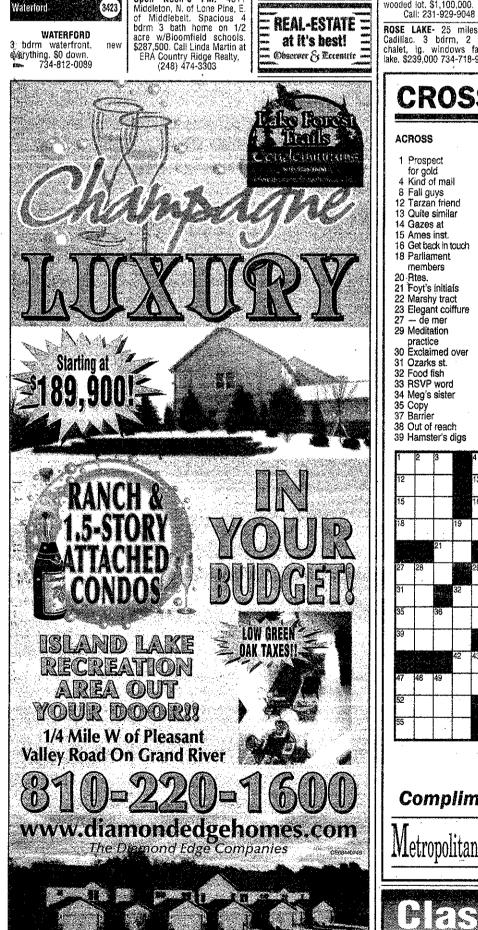
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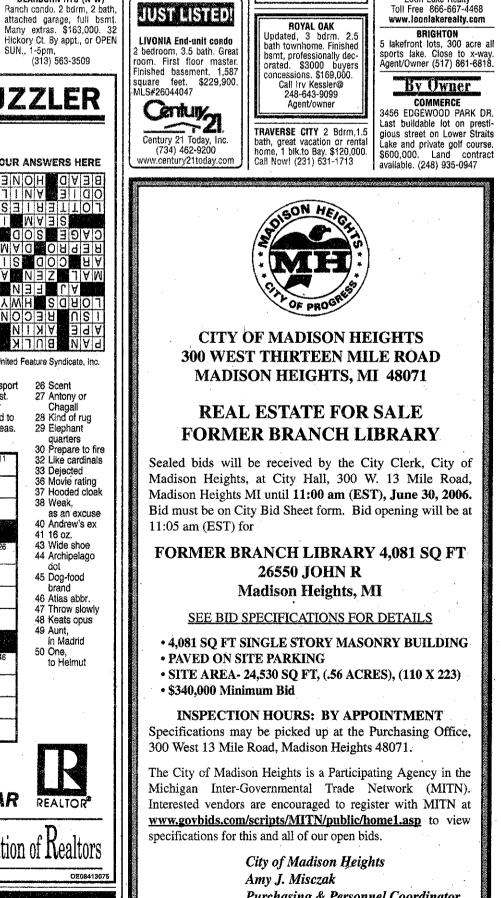


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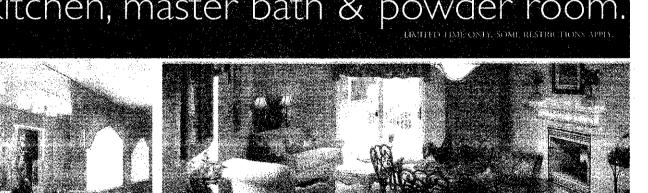














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