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No silver lining in budget talks

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Raising taxes, increasing garbage bag tag fees, charging more for city services, cutting city departments and laying off police officers were some of the ideas city commissioners tossed around to cut \$500,000 from the city's projected \$6.6 million 2003-04 budget.

During the first of several budget sessions, commissioners Thursday night looked at a balanced budget that was

predicated on \$322,000 in revenue derived from the sale of the Bathey property on Mill Street, which is owned by the city, and another \$140,000 in additional fees from the Downtown Development Authority.

"I think we're playing a dangerous game trying to maintain services at the current incoming revenue pace, and then being creative with the sale of the property," said Commissioner Dan Dwyer. "I think we're trying to avoid some real tough decisions because

they're not easy. They're things that make Plymouth a fun place to be.

"We're in a spot where we either need to raise taxes, or cut services," he said.

Commissioner Ron Loiselle agreed with Dwyer. "I think that's a more appropriate solution to the problem," said Loiselle. "We have a serious problem. We have to get more money or cut services."

However, Commissioner Michele Potter isn't ready to jump on the "raise taxes" bandwagon.

"I would never vote to go back to voters and ask for more taxes," said Potter. "We've come up with some creative ideas on how to balance what we have here without cutting services."

"I think the next step would be to look at streamlining every process throughout the city," she added. "If that means getting things done more efficiently with less people, then that's what it means."

Commissioner Stella Greene agreed.

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A4



Staff appreciation

In honor of Administrative Professionals Day, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has planned a Staff Appreciation Day luncheon noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 (registration begins at 11:30 a.m.) at the Plymouth Manor.

The \$25 per person price includes a flower to each honored staff member, local celebrity fashion show, guest speaker (Marlena Reigh/Voice Image) lunch, door prizes and a special drawing for Staff of the Day. Call (734) 453-1540.

Notable educator

Former Gallimore and Hoben Principal Joyce Reifer Deren will be honored by the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma as their



2003 Woman of Distinction. The society will present her with the honor May 7 at Fox Hills Country Club. Prior to retirement, she was in public education for over 31 years, 25 of those years as an elementary school administrator in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

Earlier, she was recognized as an Extra Miller by the school board of Plymouth Canton for her many services to the students of the district. Currently, she is personnel manager of the Dodworth Saxhorn Band which plays at Greenfield Village. She has been a charter member of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma located in the Plymouth Canton area since 1982. The organization promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Hats off

LaBelle Management recently recognized Mike Broadwater as their April 2003 Employee of the Month at the company's Plymouth Bannigan's Crew members are selected for the honor based on job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Township dispatchers Bob DeVore and Angela Conroy work the afternoon shift Thursday. Dispatchers across the country are being recognized during National Telecommunicators Week. For a tribute to dispatchers, please see page A8.

Dispatch work no easy task

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Whether an emergency dispatcher answers a 9-1-1 call placed by a frantic mother of a choking child, or a police officer's call for backup on the radio, their *modus operandi* always has to be to stay cool, calm and collected.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderrington said that National Telecommunicators Week is a good time to learn about how important dispatchers' jobs really are.

"It's not really a glamorous job. A lot of people forget about how grueling the job really is. A lot of people forget that dispatchers are critical to our operation - things can go from total calm to total chaos in a matter of seconds."

Dispatchers tend to sit in darkened

PLEASE SEE DISPATCH, A8

Planting of trees on tap

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The City of Plymouth will be planting trees the first two weeks in May to replace those destroyed by the infectious Emerald Ash Borer.

Six southeastern Michigan counties - Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne - have been quarantined after five million of the area's 28 million ash trees were killed by the infestation.

Under the quarantine, it's illegal to move ash trees, branches, lumber, firewood and wood chips larger than one inch in diameter outside the six counties.

In Plymouth, approximately 200 ash trees have been affected by the Emerald Ash Borer.

"At least 75 of the dead and dying trees have already been removed from public right of ways," said Sherrie Pryor of the Municipal Services Department. "Another round of trees will be removed later this spring."

The city has a cost-sharing tree planting program for residents who want to plant trees on the public right

PLEASE SEE TREES, A7

Underpass project has many unsettled

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Wayne County officials have responded to concerns by Plymouth city commissioners about the increasing costs of the Sheldon Road-CSX grade separation project.

However, questions remain if the answers by Wayne County will keep commissioners from voting at Monday's meeting to rescind their support, along with one-half million dollars, for the venture.

At the April 7 meeting, city leaders, on a 4-3 consensus vote, agreed to continue

with the underpass construction project only if the cost remains at \$503,250, which commissioners approved in November 1999. Voting in favor of the project were commissioners Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle, Colleen Pobur and Phil Pursell.

However, all seven commissioners indicated they were not interested in financially supporting the underpass at a revised figure of nearly \$715,000. They sent a resolution to Wayne County officials asking for answers to questions about the costs. A response was received Thursday by City Manager Paul Sincok, one day earlier than the commission's

Friday deadline.

In the memorandum by Kevin Maillard, director of engineering for Wayne County, the hike in the project costs are the result of increases of

- \$150,000 for preliminary engineering of water main relocation design
- \$300,000 for the Detroit Water and Sewer Department water main relocation. According to city officials, Wayne County indicated it would try to recover the cost from Detroit.
- \$150,000 for the staging of the water main for summer construction.

PLEASE SEE PROJECT, A7

Marshmallow Drop kicks off school break

BY STEPHANIE CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The 19th Annual Great Marshmallow Drop at Westland's Nankin Mills drew a giant crowd Friday morning, despite looming cloudy skies.

Parents from across the county brought their children to see 20,000 marshmallows fall like fluffy, sweet snowflakes from a helicopter high above the park.

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Crowds at this year's Marshmallow Drop exceeded last year's event, which drew 2,500 people, according to the sheriff's department.

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Recovering officer suffers setback

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Phoenix police officer and former Canton resident shot and wounded during a traffic stop last week has taken a turn for the worse at an Arizona hospital.

Officer Robert Sitek was listed in critical condition as he went into surgery Friday, after doctors discovered he was suffering from an unusually high fever, most likely caused by an infection, his mother Kathleen Sitek reported.

Doctors weren't able to immediately pinpoint where the infection was concentrated and planned to do exploratory surgery, she said.

"He's not responding like he was," Sitek said, choking back tears as she spoke via mobile phone from Phoenix late Friday morning. She and her husband Richard, both of Canton, have been in Phoenix for a week, closely monitoring the situation. His younger sister, Nicole, 25, also flew to Phoenix.

The Arizona Republic



Officer Robert Sitek is undergoing exploratory surgery to discover the cause of an elevated fever after being shot four times. He's pictured with his mom, Kathleen Sitek.

reported Tuesday, April 15 that Sitek had already undergone two surgeries, where doctors removed parts of his colon and small intestine. He lost an equivalent of all the blood in his body five times over. Doctors were unable to remove two of the bullets, and deemed removing them riskier than leaving them in.

This recent setback comes as devastating news for the family, especially after he showed promising signs Wednesday morning, when he was roused from his coma and showed

some response signs.

"Thursday, things were not looking good. He wasn't responding with anything," Kathleen Sitek said.

Sitek was shot late Saturday, April 12 when he and his partner pulled over a motorist for driving erratically. The suspect was reportedly shot and killed by Sitek's partner, Officer David Thwing, after a foot chase, which included traversing a brick wall.

Sitek is a 1986 Plymouth Salem graduate and was a varsity track team member. His best friend and fellow Phoenix police officer Geoff Ballantine, has said that he hopes that Sitek's prime physical condition helps him recover. Sitek was an avid runner and was nearly fanatic about staying in shape and working out, according to Ballantine.

Sitek's family has asked that well-wishers donate to the fund, in Robert Sitek's name at Standard Federal Bank, in lieu of giving gifts and flowers.

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SUMMER T-BALL

The city of Plymouth is now accepting registrations for its Summer Co-ed T-ball league for 5 and 6 year olds. The league is non-competitive and is designed to promote recreation and sportsmanship.

The season will run from June 21 to Aug 9. Practice will be held once a week, after work hours. All games will be played on Saturdays. Registration will take place April 1-18 at the Recreation Office during office hours.

Cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$65 for non-residents. A birth certificate is required for registration. Players must be born July-December 1996, January-December 1997 or January-July 1998. Call (734) 455-6620 for information or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

80TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating its 80th anniversary this spring, the Plymouth District Library is looking for library memories from Plymouth residents, as part of their new "Why I Love My Library" program. These thoughts could include a funny library story, a favorite book or movie title or how the library has changed over the years.

Patrons may fill out a "Why I Love My Library" form at the library or on the library's homepage at plymouthlibrary.org.

Patron forms will be posted around the library and around town through May. Call Susan Stoney at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

PCAC SLATE

"Reflections on the Family and Growing Older" is the topic of a two-part open exhibit at the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Community Arts Council, with the help of the Plymouth Council on Aging.

Written depiction's of events or turning points that shaped who you are today along with photographs will be on display at the library May 5-30, while art images of the same theme will be exhibited at PCAC May 19-31.

Anyone interested in submitting work for these exhibits should call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 for an entry form and return it by April 22.

Other PCAC offerings:

■ **Art Classes for Spring** — Parents can take a pottery class with their children or let them learn the art of the Woodaabe Tribe in Africa. How about a class that teaches the principles and elements of design that every artist uses to make art?

These classes and others are being offered beginning April 26 at the PCAC. For more information, visit the PCAC's Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

■ **Adult Theater Workshop** — Shakespearean actress and director Gillian Eaton will lead adults and teens in an interactive approach to creating theater through language and process drama as both a spectator and participant at the Plymouth Community Arts Council from 6-9 p.m. April 25 and from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

AROUND TOWN

April 26 Cost is \$75 for PCAC members, \$85 for nonmembers.

Call (734) 416-4278 for more information or to register.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

A slide show will introduce you to some of our beautiful local butterflies. Learn about "host" plants that the caterpillars and adult butterflies rely on for food sources. Then get ready to dig in the dirt and help our naturalist plant a beginning butterfly garden on the Nankin site. Scouts needing service projects are welcome to attend. The program is scheduled from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Program will be held at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Call (734) 261-1992.

PEACE ORGANIZATION EVENT

Everyone is invited for a suspenseful evening of fun at the Detroit Chapter of International Peace Organization's 22nd Annual Fund-raiser Extravaganza. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a \$7,500 raffle will begin from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center (44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth).

The event will provide funds for CISV-Detroit to host summer camp (11- and 15-year-olds) this year and to celebrate the mission of promoting peace through cross-cultural friendships. For more information visit www.cisvusa.org or www.cisvusa.org/detroit/.

LIBRARY EVENT

The Plymouth District Library presents "Snakes and Lizards and Turtles, Oh My!" Meet Michael Brophy at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 24, to learn more about our cold-blooded friends. Register at the Reader's Advisory desk or call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

SHOWCASE PLYMOUTH 2003

Taste and see what makes Plymouth great at the Showcase Plymouth 2003 event 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center (Five Mile and Sheldon roads). Free parking. There will be over 60 booths featuring Plymouth products and services, Taste of Plymouth's 15 best eateries and pizzerias, honor the Plymouth Service Club's Volunteer of the Year, scholarship award for citizenship, meet Mrs. Michigan at the chamber booth and receive an autographed photo.

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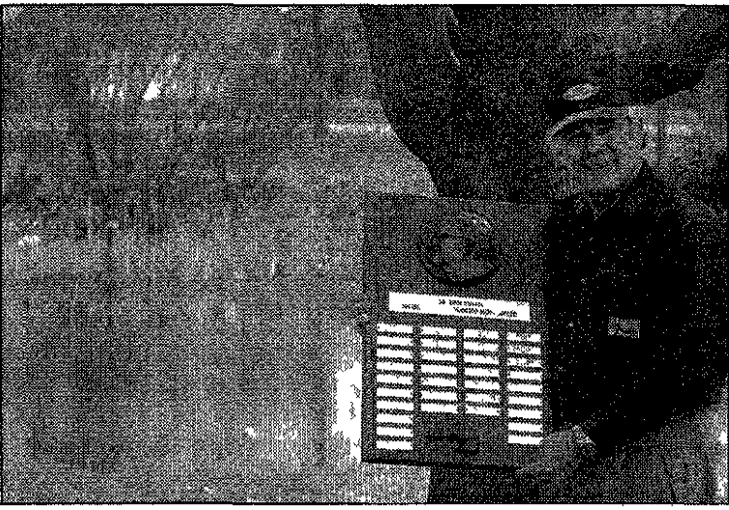
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Don Vleck received the Russ Bengal Award of Michigan Ducks Unlimited

Group lauds efforts of duck devotee

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Don Vleck of Plymouth Township recently channeled his passion for all things out-of-doors into a passion for fund-raising. Vleck, pronounced "Vole-check," became the 27th winner of the Michigan Ducks Unlimited Russ Bengal Award at the organization's state convention in Midland. The honor goes to members who raise large amounts of money for Ducks Unlimited over a number of years.

In this case, Vleck raised more than \$450,000, which exceeded his goal by more than 50 percent. "Basically, I go up to someone and ask them for contributions," he said. "Next thing I knew, everybody from all over the state was trying to help."

Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people, according to its mission statement, from www.ducks.org. Vleck is a former vice president of Domino Farms, where he worked from 1978 to 1994. He has lived in Plymouth Township since 1988, when he moved from the city of Plymouth.

He said his Beck Road home is an outdoor lover's dream, and has kind of a reputation for attracting waterfowl, such as mallards and Canada geese.

"I had 107 ducks in this little pond one morning," Vleck said, adding that the notoriously elusive wood duck, and a rare snow goose have been spotted on his property.

"I tried to get (the wood duck) to nest, but it's such a nervous bird," he said.

BRANCHING OUT

The waterfowl habitat doesn't end at the pond's shores. A little nook under the porch steps became, at one time, a nesting place for a mallard. This meant that Vleck's family had to find another way to get in and out of the house to avoid disturbing the protective mother duck to-be.

Unfortunately, the story did not have a happy ending, as a raccoon snatched up the eggs and ate them.

Managing wildlife populations through controlled hunting is something in which Vleck is a firm believer. His children, Jimmie, 14, and Torrie, 12, both come with him on hunting trips. Vleck in turn learned to hunt from his father, Don Sr., when he was 9.

He turned into an art critic of sorts when he was asked to judge the 1995 Federal Ducks Stamp Art contest in Washington, D.C., along with Gary Burghoff, best known as "Radar O'Reilly" from *M.A.S.H.*

ART COLLECTION

Also an art collector, Vleck owns the complete collection of both federal and "First of State" art prints of waterfowl stamps, of which there are fewer than 10 worldwide.

He also believes in conserving wildlife habitat, too. He said that once upon a time, a subdivision across the street from Vleck's was home to pheasants, deer and a variety of other wild animals.

Over in Ann Arbor, a 5,000-unit housing development was built in his favorite hunting spot.

"For 23 years, I'd hunted the same pond," he said.

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Evans: Programs, cooperation key in department's progress

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

It's been 100 days since he took office, and Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans can already see his department's progress. There's a renewed level of cooperation with local police, a reinstated cyber-crime unit and a push to get money from non-supportive parents.

Evans, appointed to replace Robert Ficano when Ficano was elected county executive, recently met with *Observer* editors to discuss his first three months and his plans for the future.

He said his first priority has been to redefine the role of the sheriff's department, which he said has remained unchanged for at least the last 50 years.

"This was a period when the county had a lot of unincorporated townships and the sheriff's department provided primary police protection and there has been an evolution, and now there is no community in Wayne County that doesn't have its own police department," Evans said.

Evans said the sheriff is now a support for those police departments. Sometimes, as in the case of the struggling Highland Park, the support is substantial, but in the western suburbs it tends to be more technical.

"My job in Livonia is to talk to (Livonia Police Chief) Pete Kunst and say 'Pete,

what is it that I can do so you can accomplish your mission to make your community safer,'" Evans said.

Evans has spent time meeting with Wayne County chiefs to find out what they want and to avoid what he calls "turf wars" over duplicate services such as operating road patrols in a community.

As an example, Evans pointed to the FAST task force with Detroit, which teams 17 Detroit police officers with 16 sheriff's deputies to round up felons with outstanding warrants.

"Taking them off the streets makes the city safer. We've now arrested 500 of those people," Evans said.

Evans said the size of the sheriff's department allows it to supply services — helicopters, a crime lab and the Internet crime unit — that are too expensive for most of the county's police departments.

NOT A FEUD

Evans' first weeks in office were marked by disputes with his predecessor over department funding. These disputes were linked in press reports to long-term animosity between Ficano and Evans and County Prosecutor Michael Duggan. Duggan was part of a panel that appointed Evans to the sheriff's position.

Evans said he and Ficano now have a good working relationship. "It was strained early on

and I don't know if it was strained with him or it was strained with his office," Evans said. "You have to be careful with whom the strain is and who the antagonist is. I won't minimize it. I felt like the kid who had someone trying to take his lunch money. Since then the lines are drawn more clearly and we're working together."

Evans said he doesn't want to be part of "the triangle that doesn't exist." He said press coverage accurately reported the disputes but that the conclusion there was a feud with he and Duggan on one side and Ficano on the other was inaccurate.

Evans has faced many of the same fiscal problems of other government departments, the budget he inherited from Ficano was already over-budget for the first quarter of the fiscal year.

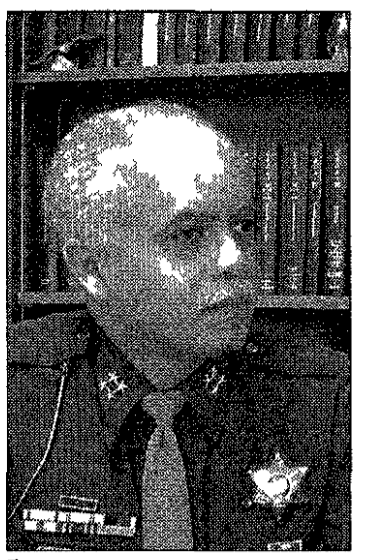
He said he might have had to overspend if he had been in Ficano's position, but that he didn't know the circumstances.

"We'll have to cut. You have to work smarter. If you work smarter you get some breaks that allow you to do some things," he said.

NEW PROGRAMS

Evans said a recent decline in jail occupancy has helped free up some money for other programs, the most publicized of which is the cyber-crime unit.

"I'm sad to report that we can catch pedophiles as long



Evans

as we want to," he said. "We get one every five or six days, usually a significantly adult male who thinks he's talking to a 13-year-old girl and arrives on the scene for a rendezvous with sex toys. We could do that forever."

Evans said he thinks it is equally important to work with schools and parents to provide tools to keep young people from becoming victims of sexual predators.

He's proud of another program that he said has successfully collected money from non-supportive parents. The program investigates whether parents sought out a Friend of the Court civil warrant actually had the ability to make their payments.

"Then we'll charge them with a felony warrant, which will get their attention far more than a civil warrant and see where that goes," he said.

He said since instituting the program, the department has made 115 arrests and raised more than \$2 million with a promise for another \$1.7 million.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Leslie and Kristin Harcourt and a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is a sophomore majoring in chemistry. She is the family relations co-chair of the event.

Culver Academy
Lujie Zhang, daughter of Xiangtong Zhang and Bei Bei

Xu of Canton, has been awarded a Batten Scholarship at The Culver Academies, beginning with the 2003-04 school year. Lujie is an eighth-grader at East Middle School, straight-A student who enjoys dance, piano, tutoring math and is a member of P/C school district.

TAG Program. She also is president of the school student council, in the math club, holds the position of editor-in-chief of the school paper and will compete on April 26 in both the Michigan social studies and science Olympiads.

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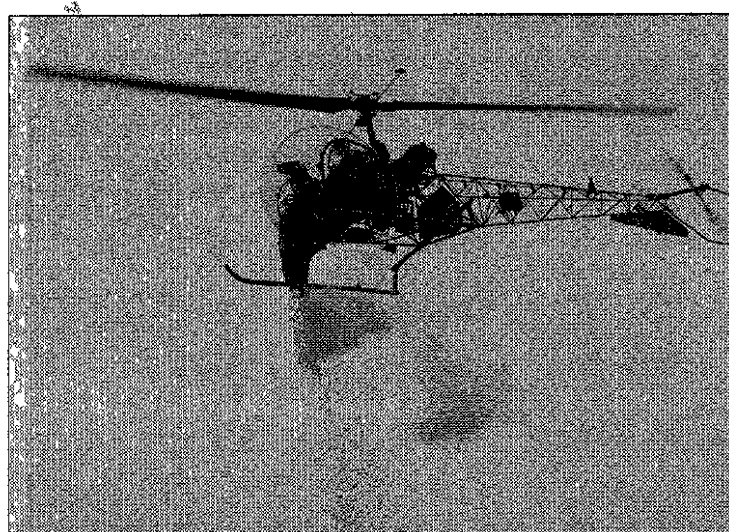
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Wayne County Parks sponsored its 19th Annual Marshmallow Drop Friday morning. Kids and parents awaited the arrival of this helicopter which released 20,000 sweet treats on the field at Nankin Mills.

DROP

FROM PAGE A1

Randy Schroeder, a musician who lives in Redford, brought his 2-year-old daughter Bailey Ann. She was all smiles after gathering her marshmallows. The event is divided by age, so all children have an opportunity to collect the chewy treats. "I think this is so cool," Schroeder said. "I think she liked it. I wish we could get this many people out for a benefit show."

Wayne County Sheriff's Corp. Brian Ferris estimated the crowd was much larger than last year's group of 2,500.

It's something to do with the kids, said Jennifer Booth of Canton. "My stepson is from England. This is the first time he's ever done anything like this."

Redford's Cheryl Caskey found out about the

Marshmallow Drop by reading the *Observer* and decided to bring family and friends along. "We came to Mud Day, so I was kind of looking for it," she said. "I think it's wonderful." The children scurried around, tempted and trying not to eat the dirt-speckled fluffy treats.

Five-year-old Laimie Lindgren, of Livonia, grabbed only one marshmallow from the field. She said the best part was watching them fall.

Her friend Alexis McDonald, a 5-year-old from Redford, loved it. "When we heard the helicopter and knew the marshmallows were coming

As the helicopter approached the field for the first time, both children and adults gazed in anticipation. Margaret Bender, of Plymouth, brought her sons Tommy, 9, and Alex, 6.

"We're having a good time," she said. "They got a good turnout considering the weather

er. The raindrops waited until most of the families had already gathered their marshmallows from the field.

"We put in a special order for that," said Ferris. He's worked at the Marshmallow Drop for a few years and never tires of seeing all the families.

"I love the kids," said Ferris. That's the best. They get to see us as good guys."

Children waved at the police officials and came up to pet the horses that accompanied them.

Then, families headed to the pavilion to trade in marshmallows for a handful of goodies — a chocolate bunny, marshmallow Peeps and an Easter pinwheel.

"I ran and I ran," said Dillon Hess, a 4-year-old from Farmington Hills. "I liked it when we ran fast."

I think it was a great success, said Beth Mabry, spokeswoman for Wayne County Parks. The Marshmallow Drop



Annalisa Nuorala, 16 months, of Redford toddles out of the drop zone.

is the first of many warm-weather events the county plans each year.

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BUDGET

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commissioners should work to make cuts before raising taxes.

"I think we owe it to residents to first look at the budget and make sure there aren't any places we can still make cuts or reasonable adjustments before we entertain raising taxes, she said.

BRAINSTORMING

Some of the discussions included the possibility of dismantling the city's building department, and cutting back on the number of police officers. City Manager Paul Sincock told commissioners the city has lost an equivalent of 10 full-time employees over the past 12 years.

Commissioners also talked about increasing revenue streams, such as charging a fee to collect tax bills, developing a fee for event applications, and increasing collections to offset the city's costs for the 137 special events held, most of which are downtown.

"We gave away \$52,000 in services without batting an eye," said Sincock. "The only events that pay us in full are

Art in the Park (\$29,000) and commercial film productions (\$3,100).

Sincock noted the Plymouth Ice Spectacular costs the city \$16,400 in municipal and police services, the Good Morning U.S.A. Parade on the Fourth of July another \$6,000, and the Memorial Day Parade \$2,000.

In his budget message, Sincock listed virtually no growth in tax revenues, significant increases in health care costs, declines in state revenue sharing money, and increasing costs for utilities as causes for concern in revenues and expenditures.

We have a number of challenges, obviously, presented by declining revenue sources, he said. "We've got to become creative in attempting to address city commission goals, as well as service levels in the city."

NOT NEW

This has been brewing for a number of years," said Finance Director Mark Christiansen. "If we want to maintain the same level of services it's time to at least consider that (tax increase) alternative. This is a pretty bare bones budget." The city had a \$706,00

budget fund balance at the end of the 2001-02 fiscal year. However, the city used nearly \$400,000 to balance the current budget, and then used another \$250,000 to make up for cuts in state revenue sharing money.

That leaves the city with only \$57,000 in surplus funds at the end of the 2003-04 year, if the sale of Bathey and the DDA transfer money is used.

"I think the money was very appropriately spent for the benefit of the community and residents," said Mayor Bill Graham. "It's not necessarily our fault the economy went to hell-in-a-handbasket, and revenue we were depending on faded away, whether they be state shared revenue or property tax revenue."

Commissioners agreed to hold focus group sessions to meet with city residents and find out if they would rather cut services or raise taxes. "I don't have a problem raising taxes, but I do have a problem reducing services," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur. "We're not bleeding yet, but we're damn close."

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Banks often unload those repos to car dealers at rock bottom prices, allowing dealers to resell them for retail value. But bargain seekers can take head this week. Auto Liquidators of North America has selected Cueter Dodge in Ann Arbor, Michigan to be the official liquidation for 228 of these incredible bargains.

This Monday, April 21st through Saturday, April 26th, Cueter Dodge of Ann Arbor will have 228 bank repos, lease returns and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and pass those savings on to their customers.

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Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just a \$29 fee* and then start making payments. "It's that simple," said Henry. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the

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Almost every type and price range of vehicle will be available, from luxury to 4x4s to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all-time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Henry said.

Auto Liquidators of North America has flown in extra sales and financial staff from these states to assure Cueter Dodge's customers prompt, courteous service and the best finance terms possible. Henry said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event. So chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2000 guaranteed value and customers are encouraged to bring their title or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.

"The opportunity bargain-hunters have been waiting for is here, Monday through Saturday in Ann Arbor. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making payments. Customers won't find a faster, easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Henry said.

After the mega-sale ends on Saturday, April 26th at 4:00 p.m., Cueter Dodge will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to (734) 971-5000. Cueter Dodge is located at 3365 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

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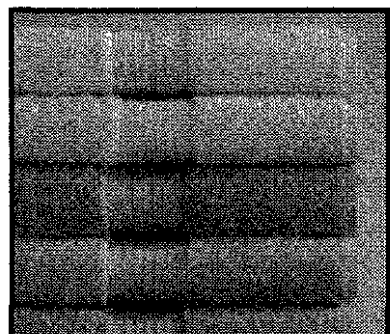
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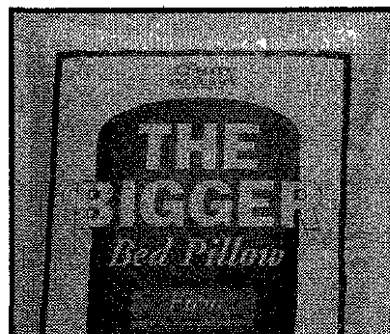
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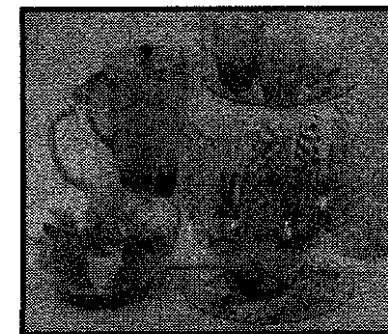
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A Declaration By "The People of Faith/Spirit In Michigan"

Whereas 'reparative therapy', also known as 'conversion therapy', is based on an understanding of homosexuality that has been rejected by all major health and mental health associations, and

Whereas these so-called therapies are potentially harmful and their effectiveness has not been substantiated by any scientific research in the last four decades, and

Whereas the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Counseling Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, the National Association of School Psychologists, and the National Association of Social Workers, together representing more than 477,000 health and mental health professionals, have concluded that homosexuality is not a mental disorder and thus there is no need for a 'cure,' and

Whereas many people of faith, including national religious organizations and local churches, temples, and synagogues believe that all persons are made in the image of God, to be valued, respected, and loved,

We, the undersigned, unite to express our objection to all those groups who use untruth and misinformation to confuse & mislead the citizens of Michigan. We pray that God's love will truly win out, and that fear, hatred, and ignorance will one day disappear. We urge families and friends to embrace their gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender loved ones, and to celebrate life within the rich and beautiful diversity of creation, because...

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FIRE LOGS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from April 9-17

■ Wednesday, April 16 - Residential rescue runs at Park, Orangelawn, and Northview, smoke investigation run on General, public bldg /school rescue run on Church, industrial fire run on westbound M-14 west of I-275/275, vehicle accident rescue run on Ann Arbor Rd east of Lilley with special wash down and on Ann Arbor Road and Massey, and commercial rescue run on Beck.

■ Tuesday, April 15 - Residential rescue runs on

Haggerty and Burroughs, commercial rescue run on Beck, open burning fire run on McClumpha, vehicle accident rescue run on west Ann Arbor Trail and Mill, vehicle fire run on Canton Center, grass/brush fire run on Beck and North Territorial, and industrial fire run on Helm

■ Monday, April 14 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, McClumpha, Grant, N Main, Grant, and Haggerty, public bldg /school rescue run on Greenbriar

■ Sunday, April 13 - Residential rescue runs on Starkweather, Eastside Drive, Crabtree Court, Pinetree, and

South Sheldon Road, commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and North Territorial, and industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks Blvd

■ Saturday, April 12 - Residential rescue runs on St Andrews Square and Russell, commercial rescue runs on Haggerty, Sheldon, and Haggerty

■ Friday, April 11 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road and Landsay, three commercial rescue runs on Haggerty, and grass/brush fire run on Holbrook and CSX.

■ Thursday, April 10 - Residential rescue runs on North, Normandy, Herald,

industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks and N Sheldon, public bldg /school rescue run on S Mill, vehicle accident rescue run on eastbound M-14 and Schoolcraft with special wash down, and Ann Arbor Road

■ Wednesday, April 9 - Residential rescue runs on Holbrook, St Andrews Square, Lexington, and Northview, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks Blvd, vehicle accident rescue run on Beck north of M-14 and eastbound M-14, west of Robinwood

TREES

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"City residents can get a tree at wholesale, the price the nursery sells it to us, and we plant the tree at the city's expense," said Pryor "The program has been around for years, but it's getting better known because of the Emerald Ash Borer problem"

Under the program, city residents can choose from 11 different species of trees ranging in price from \$135-\$225. City workers plant the tree(s) at no additional cost

Applications are being taken through April 30, and can be obtained by calling the Municipal Services Department at (734) 453-7737, or on the city's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

Meanwhile, state lawmakers from representing Plymouth and Canton have introduced legislation calling for Congress to provide financial and technical assistance to help combat the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer

A resolution by Sen Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, has cleared a Senate subcommittee

"They figure the Emerald

'Ultimately, the entire state of Michigan is at risk, if we don't get this contained.'

Bruce Patterson
state senator

Ash Borer has been lurking for about eight years, but they weren't able to identify the cause of this problem with the ash trees," said Patterson "There are 15 species of ash trees, three of which are particularly problematic and susceptible, and it's going to be at least as devastating as the Dutch Elm disease

"Ultimately, the entire state of Michigan is at risk, if we don't get this contained" said Patterson "Michigan State University has some potential treatments, but they won't necessarily guarantee getting rid of the bug"

A similar resolution has been introduced in the State House by Rep Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township

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OBITUARIES

Ramanlal P. Shah

Services for Ramanlal Shah, 87, of Farmington Hills were held April 18 at L J Griffin Funeral Home in Canton

Mr Shah was born Dec. 18, 1915, in India and died April 17 in Dearborn. He worked as a civil contractor

Survivors include sons, Pravin (Renu) Shah and Bhupendra (Gida) Shah,

daughters, Taru (Pravin) Shah and Mrudula (Kirt) Panikh, 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren

Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

Arrangements made by L J Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel

Annette Medrek

Services for Annette Medrek, 90, of Canton, will be held on Monday, April 21, at St John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev George Charnley officiating. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield

Mrs Medrek was born March 9, 1913, in Detroit and

died April 17 in Canton. She was a homemaker

Survivors include daughters, Jeanette Capola and Teresa Dajnowicz of Canton, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild

Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home

PROJECT

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■ \$450,000 for railroad force account work, which is estimated by CSX to total \$950,000

ON THE RISE

Three years ago, the separation project was estimated to cost \$8.8 million, with \$5.25 million to be paid with a federal grant. At that time, the city passed a resolution to pay \$503,000, while Plymouth Township trustees agreed to just over \$1 million

According to Maillard, the current estimate of approximately \$9.6 million has the city's share at almost \$618,000, with the township's participation increasing to just under \$1.3 million. The figures don't include another \$96,000

for the city, and \$30,000 for the township, to construct new sidewalks

City officials have also expressed concerns and dissatisfaction that CSX has yet to sign on the dotted line for its estimated share of \$500,000

"The county has been working with CSX on the language of the agreement since Sept 2002. As of this date (April 16) the county does not have any formal agreement with CSX, however CSX is required by law to participate 5 percent of the project cost," read the memo by Maillard

The memorandum also indicates Wayne County expects the city to pay the increased share of the project "The \$503,250 share of the city is based on a planning estimate derived in 1998 that did not foresee all the increases. As in any project the actual final amounts will be determined when construction is com-

plete"

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said his administration will do whatever it can to keep the project on track

"At this point, the additional commitment of money will be needed for the project to go through," Ficano said "We're going to be as cooperative as possible"

A Ficano spokesperson said if Plymouth city commissioners vote to pull out of the project, "we would re-evaluate to see how we would continue"

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Another cause of foot pain is tendonitis of the peroneal brevis tendon. This condition occurs because the tendon anchors into the base of the fifth toe. This site is closest to the shoe. If your footwear is tight against your foot, the shoe will rub at that point. The irritation can cause sudden pain to the tendon that looks and feels exactly like gout.

Sudden and intense pain can result for a neuroma between your toes. In this condition a normal nerve ending becomes enlarged and hypersensitive. Slight pressure against the enlarged nerve causes intense pain.

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Police chief pays tribute to work of dispatchers

This piece was written in 1994 by Chief Thomas Wagoner of the Loveland Colo Police Department in connection with National Telecommunicators Week

Someone once asked me if I thought that answering telephones for a living was a profession I said, "I thought it was a calling" And so is dispatching I have found in my law enforcement career that dispatchers are the unsung heroes of public safety They miss the excitement of riding in a speeding car with lights flashing and sirens wailing They can only hear of the bright orange flames leaping from a burning building They do not get to see the joy on the faces of worried parents as they see their child begin breathing on its own, after it has been given CPR Dispatchers sit in darkened rooms looking at computer screens and talking to voices from faces they never see It's like reading a lot of books, but only half of one Dispatchers connect the anxious

conversations of terrified victims, angry informants, suicidal citizens and grouchy officers

They are the calming influence of all of them — the quiet, competent voices in the night that provide the pillars for the bridges of sanity and safety They are expected to gather information from highly agitated people who can't remember where they live, what their name is, or what they just saw And then, they are to calmly provide all that information to the officers, firefighters, or paramedics without error the first time and every time

Dispatchers are expected to be able to do five things at once — and do them well While questioning a frantic caller, they must type the information into a computer, tip off another dispatcher (if they have one), put another caller on hold, and listen to an officer run a plate for a parking problem To miss the plate numbers is to raise the officers ire, to miss the caller's information may be to endanger the same officer's life But, the

officer will never understand that

Dispatchers have two constant companions, other dispatchers and stress They depend on one, and try to ignore the other They are chastened by upset callers, taken for granted by the public, and criticized by the officers The rewards they get are inexpensive and infrequent, except for the satisfaction they feel at the end of the shift, having done what they were expected to do

Dispatchers come in all shapes and sizes, all races, both sexes, and all ages They are blondes, brunettes, and redheads They are quiet and outgoing, single, or married, plain, beautiful or handsome

No two are alike, yet they are all the same

They are people who were selected in a difficult hiring process to do an impossible job They are as different as snowflakes, but they have one thing in common They care about people and they enjoy being the lifeline of society — that steady voice in a

storm — the one who knows how to handle every emergency and does it with style and grace, and, uncompromised competence

Dispatchers play many roles therapist, doctor, lawyer, teacher, weatherman, guidance counselor, psychologist, priest, secretary, supervisor, politician, and reporter

And few people must jump through the emotional hoops on the trip through the joy of one caller's birthday party, to the fear of another caller's burglary in progress, to the anger of a neighbor blocked in their drive, and they are expected to walk down to their car with steady feet and no queasiness in their stomach — because they are dispatchers If they hold it in, they are too closed If they talk about it, they are a whiner If it bothers them, it adds more stress If it doesn't, they question themselves, wondering why

Dispatchers are expected to have The compassion of Mother Theresa, the interviewing skills of Oprah

Winfrey, the patience of Job, the knowledge of Einstein, the humor of David Letterman, the looks of Melanie Griffith or Don Johnson, the energy of Charo, the wisdom of Solomon, the gentleness of Florence Nightingale, the voice of Barbara Streisand, the answers of Ann Landers, the investigative skills of Sgt Joe Friday, the faith of Billy Graham, and the endurance of the Energizer Bunny

Is it any wonder that many drop out during training? It is a unique and talented person who can do his job and do it well And, it is fitting and proper that we take a few minutes or hours this week to honor you, the dispatcher, for the job that each of you do That recognition is overdue and it is insufficient But, it is sincere

I have tried to do your job, and I have failed It takes a special person with unique skills I admire you and I thank you for the thankless job that you do You are heroes, and I am proud to work with you

DISPATCH

FROM PAGE A1

rooms monitoring radios, answering telephones, entering data into computers and relaying information to emergency personnel But the duties they perform above and beyond their job descriptions are the most important — and least appreciated, according to Thomas Wagoner, Loveland, Colo, police chief

"Dispatchers play many roles therapist, weatherman, guidance counselor, psychologist, priest, secretary, supervisor, politician and reporter," Wagoner wrote in "A Tribute to Dispatchers"

Plymouth Township dispatcher Kitty Parrilla has been on the job for 18 years

"I love the job I couldn't see myself doing anything else," Parrilla said

"A lot of people think it's just answering the phone and talking on the radio But it's also seeing the proverbial doody hitting the blades, Parrilla added

This is when the adrenaline really kicks in for dispatchers, causing their excitement and blood pressure levels to esca-

late A recent life-or-death emergency call involved a mother reporting that her baby wasn't breathing

In cases like this, dispatchers must be able to sort out the facts, calm the person reporting the facts and relay those facts accurately, and quickly, to emergency personnel

In this case, the baby survived But sometimes even a dispatcher's best efforts fail

"If I did everything I thought I could do, I don't take it home with me," said dispatcher Donna Innes, who has been a dispatcher for four years "It's great when you can help somebody and you actually feel that you made a difference"

Melanie Turley, who has eight years dispatching experience, said that even though dispatchers work behind the scenes, the gratification of helping people is still very close to their hearts "It's rewarding just knowing that you had a part in helping somebody whose dad had a heart attack, Turley said

Too many calls fielded by dispatchers are mundane Some people call asking about festival dates, school closings and other issues that wind up tying up phone lines for callers

with real emergencies, said "Rocky" Rockwell, communications supervisor with the Plymouth Township Police Department He is in charge of all 10 full-time dispatchers

Plymouth Township dispatchers are represented by the Police Officers Association of Michigan, and those at the top of the scale make \$17,077 per hour, or about \$35,000 annually Three years ago, the city and township merged the dispatching operation, which operates out of the township police station at Mill and Ann Arbor Road

Turnover is a problem with the profession, according to Rockwell For some, job stresses get to be too much to bear and others quit because of low pay Up until only recently, as many as four township dispatchers called it quits annually

Rockwell said they are trying to do a better job of retaining dispatchers

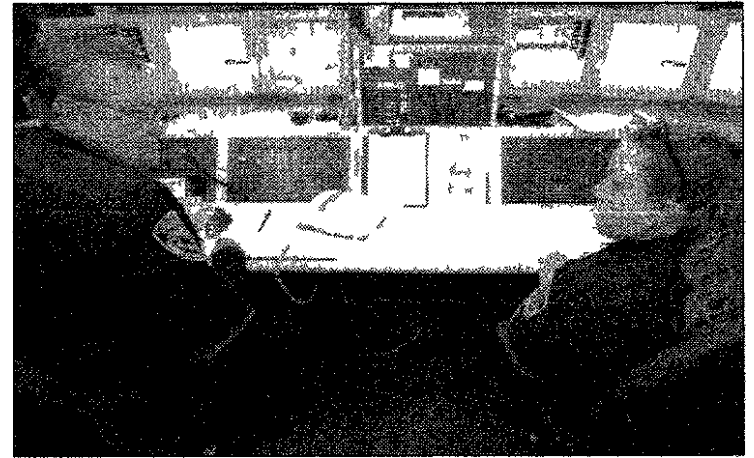
"If they have problems, they can come talk to me," he said The department even tries to resolve family-oriented issues by allowing dispatchers to switch shifts

"We try to be flexible," he said

The dispatchers said that the camaraderie of the job is a great stress reliever

"Our shift is awesome We all play off of each other very well," Parrilla said

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Plymouth Township dispatchers Bob DeVore and Angela Conroy work the afternoon shift Thursday

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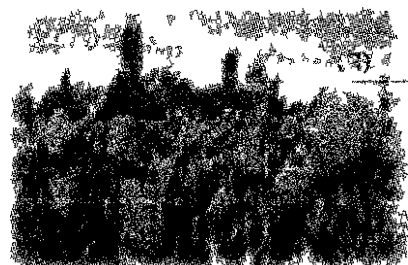
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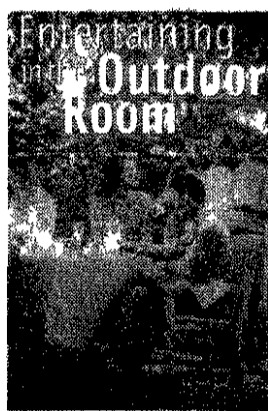


Side dish

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The booklet is available for free for anyone who calls the Weber Grill Line and asks for the booklet while supplies last The Grill Line is 1 800 GRILL OUT (1 800 474 5568) It is open for calls seven days a week until Labor Day from 7 a m to 11 p m Callers can receive grilling information tips recipes and meal planning ideas

Catfish are jumpin'

Catfish traditionally has been viewed as a traditional Southern delicacy but that hasn't limited farm raised catfish's popularity in restaurants across the country

In fact Michigan is ranked 10th in the nation in catfish consumption Texas leads the U.S. followed by Illinois Tennessee California Florida Arkansas Louisiana Mississippi Georgia and Michigan according to the The Catfish Institute

Catfish are light enough to adapt to a variety of seasonings whether blackened pan or deep fried baked or steamed

The Catfish Institute is offering free seasoning blends and recipes to consumers Spice blends include Fireworks Catfish Rub Farmer's Market Herb and Blue Ribbon BBQ

Consumers also can receive recipes including Fireworks Catfish Fillet with Fireworks Catfish Tacos Farmer's Market Herb Catfish with Farmer's Market Pasta Salad and Blue Ribbon BBQ Catfish Fillet with BBQ Catfish Wraps

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Symbols of the Season



Chocolate bunnies, eggs reign on Easter

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Happy Easter By now the kids have probably found the hidden eggs and basket and are enjoying a sugar jolt from chocolate bunny ears

We visited Morley Candy factory in Clinton Township just before Easter to get a glimpse of production during one of the company's busiest times of year The candy specialists hand-poured chocolate into huge and tiny candy bunny and egg molds

'Milk chocolate is the biggest seller, hands down. Adults usually prefer solid bunnies, hollow are fun for kids because they're easier for them to eat.'

Diane Lynch
Morley Candy

Barbara Czarniak, a 20-year employee at Morley, knows how delicate chocolate can be — which is why she is an expert basket designer She also knows the many ways that people eat chocolate bunnies Ears first, tail first or the

bottom on up Diane Lynch, of Morley, says the company will sell literally thousands of chocolate bunnies and eggs this year

"Milk chocolate is the biggest seller, hands down," Lynch said "Adults usually prefer solid bunnies, hollow are fun for kids because they're easier for them to eat"

And speaking of chocolate why not ask the family Do they know why we color Easter eggs and why we eat chocolate bunnies?

The Easter bunny has its origin in pre-Christian lore The hare was considered the most fertile animal and served as a symbol of life during spring A Latin proverb indicates that all life comes from the egg

In Egypt, Persia, Greece and Rome also in pre-Christian times, eggs were hung from trees as a symbol of a prosperous spring crop Often the eggs were decorated at spring festivals before being hung



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Above, Barbara Czarniak, a 20-year veteran with Morley Candy wraps a five pound hollow chocolate bunny The first candy bunny originated in Germany in the early 18th century Top, workers put together Easter baskets at Morley Chocolates in Clinton Township

PLEASE SEE EASTER, B2

Ready-to-eat meals of war aren't all that bad

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Meals ready-to-eat were sampled by a group of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers staffers

Photographer Jim Jagdfeld summed up the Meals Ready to Eat (or MREs) when we set up the food for the photos

"The guys in the service call these Meals Rejected by Everyone," he quipped, citing something he heard on National Public Radio

And that just might be the case with some of the meals, but actually there were some that weren't all that bad

A group of Observer & Eccentric editors and staffers sampled some of the fare consumed by our troops This taste

test was the idea of Sue Mason, the community editor of the Westland and Garden City Observer newspapers, whose neighbor happened to give a few to her husband for use during hunting season

Out of respect to our troops in Iraq, we decided to experience the foods they consume — under, of course, much different circumstances

We sampled similar food distributed to Michigan Marine reservists — jambalaya with ham and shrimp, apple slices in spiced sauce, beef strips in teriyaki sauce, boneless pork chop in Jamaican style sauce with noodles, beef with mush-

rooms in sauce, and chicken in Thai style sauce

The complete meals are enclosed in a solid plastic bag that can be cut open with a pair of scissors or a Swiss Army knife Each MRE has a heating bag foil packets of the main and side dishes, a bag of sugar packets and a small bottle of Tabasco sauce, a dessert, bread or crackers, cheese and candy

The main dishes are stocked with sodium (47 percent for the beef strips in teriyaki sauce) and moderate to high on the fat level (ranging from 13 percent on the beef with mushrooms to 24 percent on the pork chop and the beef strips dishes)

The entrees have limited nutritional value The teriyaki contains 30 percent of the minimum requirement of iron, the jambalaya has 20 percent Vitamin C and 15 percent iron, and the beef with mushrooms and pork chop also has a little iron and Vitamin C Protein levels range from 20 to 30 grams Calories range from 220 to 350

The packages are easy to prepare — a simple tear of a clear plastic bag, then a small amount of water to activate a heating element inside the bag Foil packets containing the entree and side rice dishes slide

PLEASE SEE WAR, B2

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ROTONI SALAD ALFREDO

We don't have to suggest what to do with extra Easter chocolate but here's a recipe for the leftover eggs that goes beyond the traditional egg salad

- 13 ounces rotini (corkscrew shaped) pasta
- 1 1/2 cups chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cups blanched peas
- 3/4 cup chopped green onion
- 3 cups plain nonfat yogurt
- 3 cups reduced fat mayonaisse
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil or

- dill weed crushed
- 1 tablespoon garlic salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 10 to 12 hard cooked eggs shelled and chopped

Cook pasta until al dente, drain. In a large bowl, combine the pepper, peas and green onions gently stir in pasta. In a separate bowl blend the remaining ingredients, except for the eggs. Stir the dressing into the pasta. Gently combine the eggs into the salad. Cover and chill until serving. Serves 12

Source: The Global Gourmet

EASTER

FROM PAGE B1

The edible candy bunny was first used as a symbol of Easter in 18th century Germany, where it was made of pastry and sugar. Also in Germany, children made

nests of grass and placed them in their yards. They believed the Easter Bunny would fill these baskets with brightly decorated eggs during the night.

Eggs and bunnies are a celebration of life. Easter is a celebration of Christ's resurrection, so timing has blended the two.

Baking bread through the ages

A friend of mine, Susan Lawrence, came by the bakery the other day, excitedly anticipating traveling to Minnesota to take a three-day



Give Thanks

Gerald Mathes

course taught by Alan Scott on how to build a brick oven. She plans to build one on her property in the Upper Peninsula to bake artisan bread. I told her how professor David James of Oakland

University has achieved that, in a dome-shaped oven he built in the woods next to his home. (In times of power failure and ice storms there is something to be said for that enterprise!)

Anyway, as I write this article during the recent snowstorm, I am warmed a little by remembering the amazing variety of bread ovens I've seen in different places around the world.

OVENS OF THE WORLD

A few years ago, I was in Egypt on business and I went to the Cairo Museum. My time was short there, so I hired a guide to speed me through the

large building. You can imagine how baffled he was when I spent only minutes at the King Tut exhibit, but stood fixated in front of a 5,000-year-old loaf of bread! Next to it, were molds which were once filled with dough, sealed and then set over fire to bake. (Breads, discovered in the pyramids, sealed in bowls and buried for the deceased's journey to the next world, were baked in this way.)

The Egyptians are credited with inventing leavened bread. On the tomb of Ramses III there is a painting of a cylindrical oven - made of hardened clay. It looks like a truncated cone set on the ground - open at the top and with an air-intake hole at the base. A fire was lit at the bottom of the oven and once the sides were hot the fire was extinguished, leaving the embers to retain the heat.

The dough was shaped and then slapped against the inner walls. At just the right moment, the bread was speared by the baker with an iron implement before it fell down to the bottom of the cone oven.

In Dubai, a year after my visit to Cairo, I watched flat bread baked in much the same fashion as the early Egyptians did. The difference was that the oven was set into the ground. Two bakers shaped the

dough into discs. A third baker loaded the oven and then used two iron spears to remove the breads baked on the oven walls. It took a lot of dexterity. I suspect I would have been unable to stop most of the loaves falling into the bottom of the oven!

In North Africa, breads are still baked in a covered terra cotta platter which is placed below hot ashes. This method was used widely in ancient Greece and Rome.

I grew up in England and I heard that the Romany gypsies in Ireland use a covered cast-iron kettle to contain the dough. They then bury it under embers created by burning blocks of peat moss from nearby fields. The Bible mentions bread baked in camel dung embers. No kettle was used! The embers were piled up to cover the dough. Certainly, that bread couldn't have been called bland.

AS THE ROMANS DO

It was the Romans who first developed the dome-shaped oven, set above a horizontal surface or floor, upon which breads were placed after the embers (which heated the oven) were swept away. Today, you can see a modern interpretation of this ancient idea at Cucina Leone, the wonderful new take-out restaurant in

Birmingham. In 1986, I interned at Daniel Leader's "Bread Alone" bakery in the Catskill Mountains in New York. There, Dan had an oven-builder from France install two huge brick ovens, each of which had a hearth under the floor. The hearth is connected to the oven through an opening which involves a moveable device, allowing the baker to direct the flames towards various areas of the oven. The ovens were built with refractory bricks and with thick iron doors. Dan used lumber cut from the nearby forest for fuel.

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into the bag. The bag is set back inside a cardboard box originally holding the foil packets.

After 15 minutes of heating, the meals are ready. First on the menu, boneless pork chop with Jamaican style sauce with noodles. The foil packet is snipped open, and the pork and noodles mix well, it sort of oozes out of the pack.

"It's much better if you don't see it coming out of the package," says Renee Skoglund, health and community life reporter. "It's not a visual that's appealing."

But the rest of the troops come around.

"I thought it was good," Jagdfeld said. "The meat is flavorful and moist and it tastes like a pork chop to me."

I added, "If I'm in the mid-



Sue Mason (left), community editor for the Westland and Garden City Observer and Julie Brown presentation editor test jalapeno cheese while Taste editor Ken Abramczyk empties a food packet at the food sampling.

dle of the desert and bullets are flying, that's pretty darn good."

Dave Varga, community editor of the Livonia and Redford Observer newspapers, thought the pork had "pretty good flavor with a nice spice to it, possibly cummin." Ingredients listed were spices and a slew of other flavorings.

Next up the jambalaya with ham and shrimp. That packet emits an ammonia-like aroma that doesn't sit well with the taste corps.

Skoglund said it had a "smoky fishy" taste, while Mason describes it as a "very fishy" taste. Julie Brown, presentation editor for the Observer & Eccentric, uses just one word: "Eeww!"

But Jagdfeld liked it. (Like Mikey, I guess. He'll eat anything.) I disliked the smell of it, so I disliked the taste, too. Varga thought it was too

smoky. We opened the chicken with Thai-style sauce. Two of us thought it was bland, another described it as "how cat food might taste" (as if any of us would dare taste cat food).

Skoglund called the beef with mushrooms in sauce the best.

"The creaminess adds to it," Skoglund said. "It's like a creamed corned beef." Varga and I compared it to Dinty Moore - without a lot of taste, but I thought it was substantive when compared to the others. Mason wanted more salt (as if the 650 milligrams weren't enough).

Brown said the beef "tasted better than it looks." Later we tapped into the beef teriyaki. The beef actually has some texture to it. "You know you're actually eating beef," Mason said. Brown didn't like it because the dish was too greasy. Heck, I thought it was good.

An oatmeal cookie received a thumbs-up from the crew. To drink, the kits contained a powder similar to Kool-Aid. Each kit contained a spoon, which was a solid piece as far as plasticware goes.

Chocolate mint cake was "too dry. That will need several glasses of milk to get it down," Skoglund said. (Yeah. In the middle of the desert, I thought.)

A nut raisin mix resembled the traditional trail mix that can be purchased at any store, so "there's no surprise there," Brown said.

We each had our favorites. Varga liked the jalapeno cheese. Mason enjoyed the wild rice and the teriyaki beef. Brown deemed the pork chop the best. I liked the teriyaki, followed closely by the pork chop.

We summarized our findings. "Nice side dishes," Mason said. "The entrees are passable, but I wouldn't want to make it standard fare. I'm glad I'm not eating those things."

Brown called the foods compact and easy to prepare. "They're nice and hot, which is good," she said.

They won't leave you clamoring for more, but if you are considering risking your life to save others or to liberate another country in battle, well, the meals aren't all that bad. In fact, they may be a luxury in 100-degree temperatures in the middle of danger.

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The occasion will probably be the biggest factor in deciding what to offer your guests. Is it a business meeting or the conclusion of a deal and therefore fairly formal? This occasion obviously requires a different approach from that of inviting a few friends around for a drink and a little something to eat.

If it's a get-together before lunch, you will not require enormous quantities of food. However, if it's a two- to three-hour affair at noon or early evening, it needs to be quite extensive.

There's nothing worse than a lack of food at a party and you certainly don't want your guests to fall over after their second or third beverage!

Season and location always need to be given a lot of consideration. There is no point in

serving expensive asparagus or raspberries in January when something like smoked salmon would be the right things considering the price and season.

The time of year will also determine the location of the party - whether you plan a party in the garden during the summer or in front of the fire in fall. The location will also influence the style of food, the presentation and the service or indeed the whole theme of the party.

Now comes the fun part of choosing the canapés. Here are a few useful guidelines:

- Determine how much time and help you have as well as how much can be (and/or needs to be) done the day before and what needs to be done at the last moment.
- Decide how much time you want to spend in the kitchen at the last moment. You should plan to spend as little as possible so you can be with your guests.
- Decide what to serve when. It is always advisable to start your party with a selection of cold canapés.

The sweet side of the affair should start halfway through the event so that people who want to leave early have the opportunity to savor the entire menu.

Now here are a few of my favorites for your enjoyment.

HAZELNUT MACAROONS

- 2 egg whites
- Pinch of salt
- 3/4 cup of superfine sugar
- 1/4 cup skinned hazelnuts roasted and ground
- 1/4 cup ground almonds
- 2 tablespoons ground hazelnuts
- Whipped cream

Whisk the egg whites with a pinch of salt until stiff, then whisk in the sugar a spoonful at a time until the mixture is thick and glossy. Fold in the ground almonds and hazelnuts.

Use the mixture to fill a piping bag fitted with a three eighths inch Nozzle (Tube) and pipe about 60 small drops on baking trays lined with parchment paper.

Sprinkle half of them with chopped nuts. Bake in a preheated oven at 350° F for 15-20 minutes until golden brown. Leave to cool on a wire rack.

Sandwich the macaroons together with a little whipped cream using the nut sprinkled macaroons for tops. Makes 30.

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An arrangement of beautifully prepared vegetables looks attractive and can also be used as a center table decoration.

The rule is to provide plenty of everything - always insure that the dips are strong in taste and well seasoned so they form a contrast to the vegetables.

EGGPLANT DIP

- 1 large eggplant
- 1 small clove garlic
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon tahini paste (sesame paste)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon freshly chopped parsley
- pinch of chili powder

Wash the eggplant and cut a few slits in it with a sharp knife. Place on a baking sheet and bake in a preheated oven at 375° F for about 30 minutes until the skin is black and the eggplant soft.

Cut the eggplant in half and scoop out the flesh. Place in a food processor with all remaining ingredients. Purée till smooth and season to taste.

SPICED NUTS

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 cups assorted blanched nuts: almonds, hazelnuts, cashew nuts and brazil nuts
- 2 teaspoons medium hot curry powder
- 1 teaspoon sea salt

Heat the butter and oil in a roasting pan. Add the nuts, curry powder and salt and toss well until evenly mixed.

Roast the nuts in a preheated oven at 375° F for about 20 minutes, turning occasionally until golden. Leave to cool, then toss well. Serve at once or store in an airtight container. Makes 2 cups.

CRUSTED BRIE WITH CRANBERRIES

The warm mildness of Brie and the sharpness of the cranberries are a great combination. Makes 30.

- 2 pounds Brie cheese
- 2 tablespoons of all purpose flour
- 3 4 eggs beaten
- 5 cups of fresh white bread crumbs
- Oil for deep frying and cranberry sauce to serve

Cut the Brie into small 10-ounce wedges and turn in the flour until evenly coated.

Dip each wedge into the beaten egg, and then coat in the breadcrumbs. Repeat the egg and bread crumbs one more time.

Heat the oil and deep-fry the wedges until golden brown. Drain on kitchen paper and spoon a small amount of cranberry sauce onto each one.

Press a cocktail stick (toothpick) into each one and serve immediately.

PRAWN AND GINGER DIP

- 1/2 cup peeled, cooked and finely chopped shrimp
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped ginger
- 1/2 cup cocktail sauce (Recipe below)

Cocktail sauce
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons tomato ketchup

1 tablespoon orange juice
1 tablespoon natural yogurt
1 tablespoon brandy
1/2 teaspoon chopped dill
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Mix all ingredients together and serve chilled.

Chef Colin Brown is Executive Chef of The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Look for his column in Taste on the third Sunday of the month. You can e-mail him at www.chef@townsendhotel.com

TASTE CALENDAR

Italiano Night

Madonna University in Livonia features Italiano Night at 5:30 p.m. Saturday April 26 in the University Center Dining Room. This event features all you can eat Italian buffet wines and silent auction featuring unique jewelry collectibles and sports memorabilia. Tickets are \$20 per person before the event or \$30 at the door. Alumni, faculty, friends and staff are encouraged to purchase tables of 10 for \$200. Proceeds benefit scholarships and educational projects. The dining room is located in the Residence Hall on campus at 14221 Levan. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit our Web site at www.madonna.edu and click on Auction 2003 or contact Rose Kachnowski, University Advancement at (734) 432-5421.

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Doris Tackett, test editor for *Taste of Home* magazine, will demonstrate the wonderful art of southern style cooking. Fried chicken, milk gravy, home made biscuits and pie will be featured. This class is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Friday April 25 at Nanny's Kitchen, 304 East Street, Rochester, MI 48307. Cost is \$45 per person. For information, visit www.nannyskitchen.com or call (248) 651-1622.

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As the show opens, the Coghill Trio, pregnant pianist Rita, a "new age" lesbian violinist Lee, and uptight violinist Mary Lou, are practicing Beethoven in Hiram Hall, a rickety saloon in Rexford, Kansas home of the world's largest ball of twine. The trio soon learns that the bar's salty owner, Jo who is not very good at discerning accents, thought she booked the Cowgirl Trio.

Desperate for a gig, the ladies insist they can rise to the occasion. Equally desperate is Jo who needs a hit act for the make-it-or-break-it grand re-opening of her cash-strapped bar. With only 24 hours to go, Jo, with a little help from barnmaids Mickey and Mo, set out to transform the Coghill Trio into the

Cowgirl Trio

The crossover debut of the Cowgirl Trio is a success as the three women trade their piano and violins for a mandolin, guitar and fiddle and cut loose with their newly-honed honky-tonk stylings. Suddenly classical and country music don't seem so apart.

All six cast members play the music on stage. They play piano, violins, guitars, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, tambourine, autoharp, harmonica and a couple of surprise country instruments.

"These actors are musicians too and some are learning to play instruments for the show that they never played previously," said Dolly Scheibelhut who is directing the production. "The two violin players are both learning the banjo and ukulele."

Scheibelhut describes the show as a truly entertaining musical comedy experience.

It's based on the book by Betsy Howie with music and lyrics by Mary Murfitt.

David McIntosh of Beverly Hills choreographed the show. Lorrie Janick of West Bloomfield is the producer and Karie Silcock of Troy, assistant producer.

'COWGIRLS'

When: April 25 to May 11
Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday April 25-26 7 p.m. Sunday April 27 and May 4 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 1 3 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday May 9-10 2 p.m. Sunday May 11

Where: Stagecrafters 2nd Stage at the Baldwin Theatre 415 S. Lafayette Royal Oak
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Suzanne Tutak of Birmingham mans the lights, and Mark Hammel of Lathrup Village did the sound design. Tom Daniel is master carpenter and John Kosik, did the light design. Both live in Southfield.

The cast includes Kim Renfrew Gebbie of Rochester Hills as Jo.

Stagecrafters' 2nd Stage is an intimate 100-seat theater carved out of the balcony of the Baldwin Theatre. The group uses the space to mount a season of three productions, usually with a bend toward contemporary American works, in addition to their regular season performed in the Baldwin Theatre.



Lisa Kimmel (left to right), Susan Patee, and Lia Ann Smith are featured in Stagecrafters' 2nd Stage production of 'Cowgirls'.

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In the wildly speculative marketplace, even the threat of government crackdowns couldn't halt the illegal trading of the hottest commodity in 17th century Holland. The bottom fell out of the market during 1637, when a gathering of bulb merchants could not get the usual inflated prices for their bulbs. Word quickly spread, and the market crashed.

Tulipmania still exists. People swarm the countryside the world over to view tulip fields in bloom.

The Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa began in 1945 when Queen Juliana of the Netherlands presented Ottawa with 100,000 tulip bulbs. This

gift was given in appreciation of the safe haven that Holland's exiled royal family received during World War II, and in recognition of the role Canadian troops played in liberating the Netherlands. While the family was in Ottawa, Princess Margriet was born.

This information is well-known in Canada, particularly Ottawa, but not to people in the U.S.

The Ottawa Tulip Festival May 3-19 features millions of tulips, creating an exotic mosaic of color and beauty. This year's festival celebrates Australia's tulips.

Ottawa is host to over five million spring-blooming tulips and other flowers that are planted in masses along the Rideau Canal, Governor's House, Parliament Hill, national museums, outside the Casino (45,000 tulips) and other government buildings.

Downtown at Major's Hill Park is the Community Art Garden with 200 five-foot tall painted tulips, concerts, and the International Friendship Village



Millions of blossoming tulips draw visitors to Ottawa. This year's festival celebrates Australia's tulips.

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Lake, followed by fireworks. Gatineau, on the Quebec side, features the Tulip Explosion floral show highlighting tulip designs by Australian and Canadian floral designers.

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Peace Tower offers the best view of the surrounding area from the observation deck.

Also worth seeing are Rideau Hall, the historic residence and office of Canada's Governor General. You can tour the residence and gardens, and enjoy the 19th century architecture while listening to free outdoor concerts. Nearby, Rideau Falls tumble into the Ottawa River.

Ottawa's museums include the Canadian Museum of Civilization and

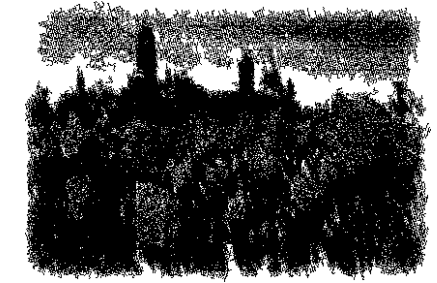
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Children's Museum, the Canadian Museum of Nature and National Gallery of Canada.

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Ottawa is a terrific destination that offers something special for everyone in the family. It's about a nine-hour drive from Detroit or a little over two hours by air from Windsor. It's a good destination.



The Glass Museum opens a window to the past

BY JENNIFER WILMES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sunlight streams through the windows of The Glass Museum in Dunkirk, Ind., shining on a colorful part of Indiana history.

The museum in the state's self-proclaimed glass capital is filled with about 5,500 pieces of glass from 115 factories from around the world, including local glass factories, Indiana Glass Company and Saint-Gobain Containers.

For most people in town, the

museum "is part of their heritage," curator Mary Newsome said.

Since glass production at Indiana Glass has stopped, the museum is even more important because it preserves the area's history, said Newsome, a former Indiana Glass employee.

Most of Newsome's time at the museum is spent cleaning and rearranging the glass bowls, decanters, vases and mugs and variety items that fill the display cases and cover the walls.

Newsome has been curator

since 1997, when former curator Kenneth Webster died at age 88. Webster had been curator of the museum since 1977, soon after the museum was completed.

"He had a soft spot in his heart for the glass industry," said Dunkirk Roy Sneed, president of the board of the Dunkirk Public Library, which owns the museum. "He deserves some credit for the start of the museum."

After Webster retired, he was at the museum five to six days a week bringing in glass

and donations without pay. "It was a work of pride from his heart," Sneed said.

"He would buy a piece with his money or the museum's money, when there was some, and then he would dedicate it to the museum," Sneed said. "He wasn't above coercing someone (into donating a piece.) He was such a likable fellow. It was hard to say no to him."

In 1968, Indiana Glass designer Thomas Connally started creating a new line of glass called Greenwich Flint-Craft.

Today, approximately 20 pieces of this line are housed at

the museum, just minutes away from where the pieces were produced.

Connally, who lives in Muncie, said he has fond memories of his 23 years at the Dunkirk factory. "To create something that appealed to the consumer was gratifying," he said.

The 350 pieces in the line are sought today by collectors from 'coast to coast,' Connally said. "They are hot collector items." The richly colored and uniquely shaped vases, bowls and decanters in Connally's line are completely mouth-blown and hand-crafted.

Items in the museum are tagged with

the name of the designer and the kind of glass or line to which each piece belongs. Most items in the museum have been donated or loaned by factories or private owners.

The museum was built in 1976. Its construction was prompted by efforts from the Dunkirk Lions Club, the city, the glass factories and the Dunkirk Public Library. The museum was designed by former Indiana Glass designer and library board president Arthur Harshman.

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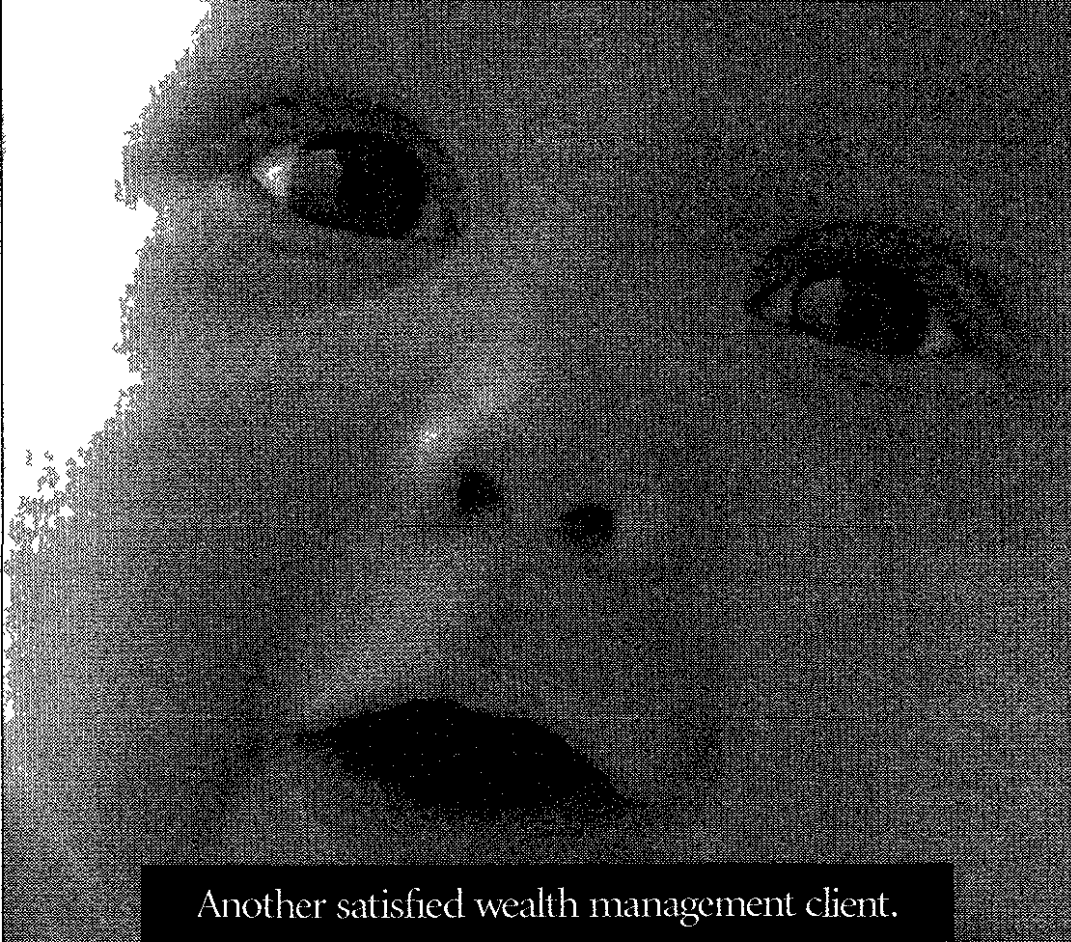
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Sidelines

In the Crossfire

Competing in the Elite under-18 division the Canton Crossfire an under-17 Premier League boys soccer team reached the semifinals recently of the Northern Ohio Cup held in Cleveland. Members of the Crossfire coached by Jim DeVries and Pete Alexander include Phil Calleja Livonia Franklin Greg Ekmeian Wayne Memorial Roger Saks and Andrew Davis Livonia Stevenson Jake DeVries and Brandon Nobel Lutheran Westland Sam Kocsis Garden City Ross Mallby Joe Hess and Matt Tomasso Canton Peter Bierzynski and Dan Curmi Redford Catholic Central Stephen Gizicki and Michael Newton Salem Aaron Helisek Farmington Jeff Kusch Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day Ian Bryant Southfield Christian

MHSAA records

The Michigan High School Athletics Association is trying to update its all time records for all of its sanctioned sports. The MHSAA is calling on coaches athletic directors and anyone affiliated with high school sports to pass on this information to the MHSAA.

Send the MHSAA press clip printings or any other published information about all area all conference season and career statistics. You can send this information by mail (preferred option) to 1661 Ramblewood East Lansing MI 48823 7392. You can also reach them by fax at (517) 332 4071.

Bucks tickets

Tickets for the Mid Michigan Bucks minor league soccer team are now on sale. The Bucks kick off their 2003 campaign Saturday May 17. The team's first local game will be played at Canton High School on Saturday June 14.



Ticket information can be obtained by calling (989) 781 6888 or you can visit www.mmbucks.com. Group discounts are available and reduced price advance tickets can also be purchased at various locations in the area. The Bucks are a Premier Development League soccer team featuring standout players from Michigan as well as from elite amateur players nationwide.

Clinic canceled

The Livonia Stevenson High School baseball clinic scheduled for Saturday May 10 has been canceled. Refunds will be sent to those who prepaid.

College notes

Oakland University's Mara Mazzoni (Livonia Stevenson) carded scores of 85 79 for a two day total of 164 to finish 14th in the Western Michigan University Bronco Invitational women's golf tournament held April 13-14 at Moors Golf Club in Kalamazoo. WMU led the 10 school field with a 625 total. OU was ninth with a 697.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kitchener's David Clarkson (left) dukes it out with Plymouth's Cole Jarrett (2) during Friday night's OHL Western Conference Finals. The Rangers evened their series with the Whalers with an emphatic 6-1 victory at Compuware Arena. Game 3 is at 7 p.m. tonight at Kitchener.

Rangers best the Whalers, tie series

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

OHL PLAYOFFS

It was not a very Good Friday for the Plymouth Whalers.

The team returned home for Game 2 of its OHL Western Conference Final against the Kitchener Rangers, and found itself on the wrong end of a 6-1 decision at Compuware Arena in front of a standing room-only crowd of 3,667.

The win by the Rangers — as decisive on the ice as the score would indicate — knots the series at a game apiece, with Game 3 scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight at Kitchener.

After gutting out a seventh-game win over the London Knights in the previous round, the Whalers didn't miss a beat in taking game one at Kitchener.

But the home-ice disadvantage proved to work

the other way as well in this game, as the Rangers controlled the play at both ends of the ice for the one-sided win.

The teams played to a scoreless tie in the first period of play, but the Rangers started cashing in on their numbers chances in the second period, scoring three goals in a 5:36 span to take command of the contest.

Kitchener coach Peter DeBoer, a former Whalers head man, said the team did a better job of winning the battles along the boards, which led to the puck control and scoring chances edge it had all night.

"It might be oversimplifying things a bit, but winning those battles was key."

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C2

Canton's Farkas will play in All-Star game

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd Carter has coached some fine football players during his 29-year tenure as coach at Wayne Memorial and Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

But now Carter will coach the cream of the crop as he will guide the East squad against the West in the 23rd annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

"It's exciting, it's a lot of work, but I'm looking forward to it," said Carter, who recently stepped down as head coach at Wayne. "I've already put together my playbook and you have to mail it to the opposing team. You can only use three trick plays and you can't blitz. You play a 50-defense. The game is made for offense."

The East squad features 11 Dream Team performers and 15 all-stars.

Among the local players selected are Henry Love, a 6-foot-1, 215-pound defensive end from Wayne, John Rehberg, a 6-4, 215-pound tight end from Livonia Stevenson, Pat Clark, a 6-4, 240-pound lineman from Division I state champion Redford Catholic Central, Dan Farkas, a 6-2, 250-pound defensive lineman from Canton, and Quintin McKenzie, a 6-foot, 205-pound inside linebacker from Redford Thurston.

Love and Clark are headed to the University of Toledo, Rehberg to Wayne State, and Farkas to NCAA Division II champion Grand Valley State. McKenzie is undecided.

Carter will also have at his disposal Farmington Hills Harrison running back Marcus Woods, who is headed to Missouri, along with tailback Anthony Jackson of Detroit Murray-Wright. The quarterbacks are Southfield's DaJuan Warren (Illinois) and Dundee's Nick Gildersleeve.

The West, coached by Dave Larkin of Jemison, features quarterback Mark Catlin of Division II Central Michigan and Saginaw linebacker Lamarr Woodley, headed to Michigan.

More than 200 players were considered for each squad. Forty-four players, with representation from each of the eight divisions, were selected.

Carter's staff will include Adam Korzenewski and Rick Corona, both of Birmingham Brother Rice, Earl Moore of Murray-Wright, Wayne Morris of Woodhaven, and his son Mark, an assistant coach at Walled Lake Central.

Carter, who posted a 73-89 record in 18 seasons at Wayne (two stints), will be coaching running backs and the secondary this fall at Livonia Churchill.

"I look forward to it, it's going to be fun, I'll just show up and coach," he said.

Johnson signs with Central Florida

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

SCHOOLCRAFT

Gary Johnson hasn't been to Disney World yet, but he calls his signing an NCAA basketball letter-of-intent with Central Florida University "a dream come true."

The 6-foot-2, 175-pound point guard from Schoolcraft College and Wayne Memorial High School is headed for the 40,000-student campus in Orlando after receiving interest from Division I schools such

as Akron, Robert Morris (Pa.), Oakland University, Hampton Institute (Va.) and Bethune-Cookman (Fla.).

Johnson, who started for the 31-4 Ocelots, averaged nine points and a team-high six assists per game, while shooting 40 percent from 3-point range.

He became the third Ocelot to sign this week

at the Division I school, joining 6-5 forward Ron Dorsey (McNeese State) and Torvoris Baker (University of Detroit-Mercy).

Central Florida, coached by Kirk Speraw, is coming off a 21-11 season.

"I'm proud of Gary, it shows what a junior college can do," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "Some guys who come to our program are already Division I players, but Gary made himself into a Division I player."

"He was a borderline D-I player who became a mid-major player. He's learned how to compete. He's come along way as a player and a student."

Johnson, who will graduate from Schoolcraft next month with an associate's degree, is carrying a 3.2 grade-point average. He plans to study business and English and pursue a degree in education.

In addition to Johnson, Dorsey, Baker and

PLEASE SEE JOHNSON, C2

Salem, Canton breeze by soccer foes

It was quite a streak, having to play five soccer matches in six days. And now that it's over, Salem coach Joe Nora is quite happy. The Rocks went into their spring intermission by winning all five of those games, four of them in the final six minutes by scoring a single goal (take note, Red Wings).

On Wednesday, they completed that five-game stretch with a 4-0 triumph over Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchill at Salem.

"The girls really answered the call," Nora said. "We've got the ball rolling. I hope we can pick it up after the break."

Marissa Sarkesian scored twice in the first half for the Rocks, Jordan Falcusan assisting on the first and Tara Duncan on the second. In the second half, it was Falcusan's turn, she scored twice, with Sarkesian assisting on both. Heather Jones and Kristen O'Berne divided time in goal for Salem.

The win gave Salem a 5-0-1 overall record, 2-0 in the WLAA. Churchill fell to 0-6.

When the Rocks return from spring break, they will face another major challenge. They begin anew at Livonia Stevenson, a game that traditionally decided



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Salem's Jordan Falcusan (11) guides the ball upfield in a recent game against Livonia Churchill. Falcusan and the Rocks defeated the Chargers, 4-0.

who would win the WLAA's Lakes Division title and ultimately play for the conference championship. That game is April 28 at Stevenson.

Chiefs take 2

Canton ventured out of WLAA play long enough to record a win over one of the better teams in Oakland County.

The Chiefs pulled out a 2-1 win

Thursday over Birmingham Seaholm in a non-league contest at Birmingham. The win improves Canton to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in league play.

Erica Ahrens supplied all the offense for Canton, tallying both goals in the win over the Maples. Rachel Perry picked up an assist and goalkeeper Brianna Wolcott

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WHALERS

FROM PAGE C1

for us," DeBoer said "We jumped on those loose pucks and made things happen for ourselves"

After putting together two of their better efforts in back-to-back games this season, the Whalers couldn't counter-attack after the Rangers would make a rush

"We took some gambles that didn't work and it led to some breaks for them," said Whalers coach Mike Vellucci "They have a lot of power on their team and can score from anywhere, as they showed tonight"

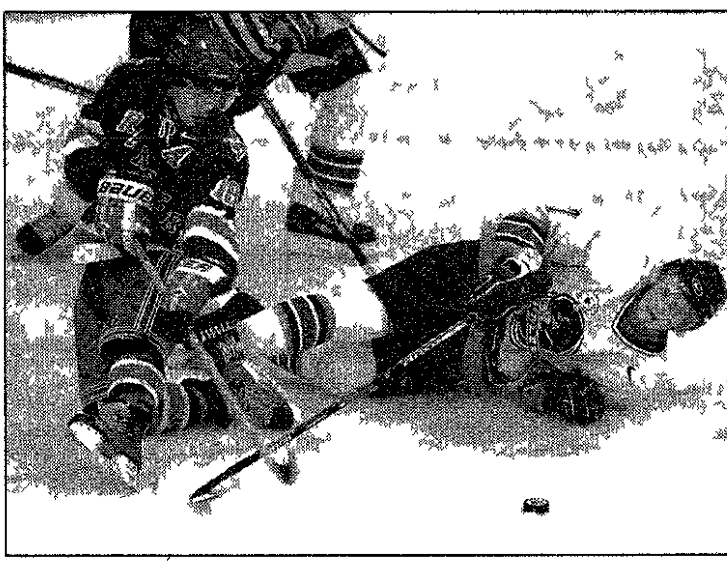
Forward Petr Kanko keyed the Rangers' second-period outburst, figuring in all four of the team's goals, including scoring a pair himself

He helped to start the scoring on a breakaway shot that deflected off the post, but behind Whalers goaltender Paul Drew Forward Nathan O'Nabigon banged in the rebound to put the Rangers on the board just 1:41 into the second period

Kanko tucked a shot into the upper right corner around the halfway mark of the period to double Kitchener's lead to 2-0 Michael Richards and Kanko then scored 48 seconds apart to increase the lead to 4-0

"I thought we started the first period fine, but we were a little flat in that second period," Vellucci said

The lone bright spot for the Whalers came with 2:22 left in



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kitchener's Michael Richards (18) slides along the ice, along side Plymouth's John Mitchell The Rangers put the Whalers on ice with a 6-1 win in Game 2 of the OHL Western Conference Finals

the second, when forward Chad LaRose scored a power-play goal on a nice backhand shot off a hard pass from defenseman James Wisniewski

The goal was LaRose's eighth of the playoffs, but just his second in the team's past seven games He scored 64 times in the regular season

The Rangers squashed any chances of a Whalers comeback in the opening moments of the third period Center Derek Roy swatted in a loose puck off a 3-on-2 break to put Kitchener up 5-1

Steve Eminger finished off the scoring with a power play goal with 9:34 left in the contest

Eminger's goal came at the tail end of a five-minute power play Plymouth's Steve

Phillips was given a match penalty at the 14:24 mark of the third period, and faces a possible suspension

DeBoer said his team wasn't taking anything for granted after the big win

"I think both teams are good road teams, and you can see in some of the NHL series, home ice doesn't mean much," he said "After the thumping we took in game one, I won't need to remind these guys to stay sharp for game three"

Vellucci said his team has responded well to adversity all through the playoffs, and didn't have to look back too far for an example

"We lost game six to London, 5-1 and we came back strong the next game," he said "This team prides itself on responding to adversity"

JOHNSON

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Marcus Bennett (UNC-Charlotte), three other Schoolcraft players are expected to sign soon with Division I schools

Guard Dion Sherrell, who averaged 12.7 points, but missed 15 games with a broken foot has visited both Wyoming and Washington State

Andre Scott, a 6-9 center from Washington D.C. who averaged 10 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, has visited the University of Washington

But the most startling news came last week when Briggs received word that 6-3 guard James Holmes, who played brilliantly down the stretch during Schoolcraft's tournament run, has three years of eligibility remaining after the NCAA cleared both his ACT and core curriculum courses

out of Belleville High School Holmes, who averaged 14.4 points game this season coming off the bench, was lightly recruited out of high school

Holmes already has offers on the table from Detroit, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Missouri-Kansas City and Creighton He also has been contacted by Oklahoma and Penn State

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Tuesday April 22
Salem vs. Adrian 4 p.m. (DH)
Wednesday April 23
Belleville at Wayne (2) noon
Canton at Swartz Creek 1 p.m.
Thursday April 24
Wayne Memorial John Glenn at Hartland Inv. 10 a.m. noon 2 p.m.
Salem at
Friday April 25
Rochester Adams at Canton 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Saturday April 26
Canton at Chelsea Tournament 9 a.m.
Saturday April 26
(all double-headers)
Redford CC at H.W. Notre Dame 11 a.m.
PREP BOYS TRACK
Friday, April 25
Redford CC at Jackson Relays TBA
PREP BOYS TENNIS

Saturday April 26
Redford CC at A.A. Huron Tourney 8 a.m.
PREP LACROSSE
Friday April 25
Redford CC at Brother Rice 1 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Tuesday April 22
Bethel (Ind.) vs. Madonna (Ford Field) 3 p.m.
Wednesday April 23
Madonna vs. Concordia (Ford Field) 2 p.m.
Friday April 25
Tri State (Ind.) vs. Madonna (Ford Field) 1 p.m.
Saturday April 26
Madonna at St. Francis (Ill.) 2 p.m.
Sunday April 27
Madonna at St. Francis (Ill.) noon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers unless noted)
Tuesday April 22
Madonna at Hillsdale (I) 4 p.m.
Thursday April 24

Madonna at Tri State (Ind.) 3 p.m.
Saturday April 26
Aquinus at Madonna (Ladywood) 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS
(best-of-7 series)
Sunday April 20
Plymouth at Kitchener 7 p.m.
Tuesday April 22
Kitchener vs. Plymouth Whalers 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena
Thursday April 24
(if necessary)
Plymouth at Kitchener 7 p.m.
Saturday April 26
(if necessary)
Kitchener vs. Plymouth Whalers 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena
Monday, April 28
(if necessary)
Plymouth at Kitchener 7 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced

Late rally lifts Chiefs over Vikings

It didn't look good for Canton's softball team, going into the bottom of the seventh inning Walled Lake Central had just put two more runs on the board to pad their lead to 6-3

"No, I was thinking it didn't look real good," said Canton coach Jim Arnold

His players made him change his mind The Chiefs got their rally, scoring four times in the bottom of the seventh to pull out a 7-6 triumph in this Western Lakes Activities Association contest Wednesday at Canton

The win boosted the Chiefs' record to 6-1 overall, 2-0 in the WLAA

"It was a very exciting ball game," said Arnold "I don't remember another one like that. And I don't want another"

Canton's game-winning rally in the seventh started with a single by Renee Ross After Colleen O'Brien sacrificed her to second, Molly Conlon reached base on an error, putting runners on first and third

Lisa Sprankle singled in one run, putting runners at the corners once again Amber Pilot's sacrifice fly scored another, making it 6-5 with two out and a runner on second

Heather Richardson brought home the tying run with a base hit Caitlin McNicholas' walk put runners at first and second

for Rachel Wade, Canton's freshman second baseman, and Wade delivered with a single, scoring Richardson from second

Conlon was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Michelle Roelofs, who pitched the first 2 2/3 innings and gave up four runs on six hits Conlon tossed the last 4 2/3 innings and allowed two runs on five hits and two walks, striking out four

Wade had two hits and two runs batted in for the Canton Sprankle had two hits and an RBI, and Jonelle Brown and Ross each had two hits Pilot finished with a triple and an RBI

BOYS TRACK

CANTON 113
WAYNE MEMORIAL 24
April 16 at Plymouth HS
Discus: 1 Brad Waxmann (C) 131 feet 1 inch
2 A.J. Simmons (WM) 127 1/3 Chris Snider (C) 115 0
Shot put 1 Simmons (WM) 47 9 1/2 2 Bryan Frawley (C) 43 11/2 3 Snider (C) 41 6 1/2
High jump 1 Waxmann (C) 5 11 2 Rodney Preston (C) 5 4 3 Bryan Hearst (WM) 5 4
Long jump 1 Dan Driscoll (C) 19 9 2 Terrance Boyd (C) 17 7 3 Andy Rossow (C) 17 5
Pole vault: 1 Driscoll (C) 11 0 2 Rich Hensel (C) 10 6 3 Joe Jackson (WM) 10 0
100 meter hurdles: 1 Steve Kiljanczyk (C) 15 4 2 Preston (C) 17 5 3 Jackson (WM) 18 2
300 hurdles: 1 Kiljanczyk (C) 4 19 2 Brian Soash (C) 4 30 3 Jackson (WM) 49 4
100 1 T.J. Dillard (WM) 11 1 2 Corey Waiser (C) 11 3 Brandon Reeves (C) 11 3
200 1 Dillard (WM) 22 3 2 Devin Thomas (C) 22 4 (new school record old record held by Brian Carney and Corey Waiser 22 6) 3 Rossow (C) 23 7

400 1 Jesse Williams (C) 5 37 2 Shane Azzi (C) 5 49 3 Matt Trevarthen (C) 5 6 2
800 1 Aaron Lanning (C) 2 09 5 2 Al Lanning (C) 2 17 3 Ramon Kinloch (WM) 2 19 3
1600 1 Scott George (C) 5 09 1 2 Al Lanning (C) 5 12 2 3 Sam Manees (C) 5 19 5
3200 1 George (C) 11 10 2 Dave Otting (C) 11 12 3 Steve Mills (WM) 11 42 0
4x100 relay Canton (Driscoll Thomas Reeves Waiser) 45.3
4x200 relay 1 Canton (Driscoll Soash Rossow Thomas) 1:34 0
4x400 relay: Canton (Aaron Lanning Cyrus Azzi Mike Rykalsky Soash) 3:52 3
4x800 relay Canton (Phatell Whitlock Manees Andrew Lemart Ray Eisbrenner) 9:18 1
Dual meet record: Canton 4 0 overall 4 0 in the WLAA

95 pole vault: Jayson Wurtz (S) 10 0 10-meter hurdles: T.J. Winniecki (S) 15 89 300 hurdles: C. Thomas (S) 43 39 100 dash: Dave King (LS) 11 7 200 M. Wilson (S) 23 54 400 Brett Gerken (LS) 54 06 800 Trevor Hearn (LS) 2 06 88 1600 Justin Hajduk (S) 4 45 0 3200 Hajduk (S) 10 21 57 400 relay Stevenson (Brian Gasser Brian Chandler Brandon Kneffel King) 46 67 800 relay Stevenson (Gasser Gerken King K. Hearn) 1:36 0 1600 relay Stevenson (K. Hearn T. Hearn Collin Hall Gerken) 3 47 38 3200 relay Stevenson (T. Hearn K. Hearn Jeff Holycross Doug Novack) 8 27 0
Stevenson 2nds Matt Gillespie 1 600 4 45 0 3200 10 27 2 Chandler 100 11 73 200 23 67 long jump 18 0 Dan Dinarci 300 hurdles 43 88 Novack 800 2 08 86 Hall 400 54 51 Joe Gonzalez high jump 5 6 3rds T. Hearn 400 55 9 Gasser 200 23 82 King high jump 5 6 Anselment 110 hurdles 17 27 Brian Nakonecny discus 115 5
Stevenson's dual meet record 3 0 overall 2 0 WLAA Lakes Division

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recorded 12 saves in getting the win

Wednesday, the Chiefs rolled past Walled Lake Central 5-0 Aherns added a single goal, while sophomore

Andrea Johnson scored twice Kara Marsh and Katie Raheer each added a single tally for the Chiefs

PCA blanks Zoe

A balanced offensive effort helped Plymouth Christian Academy to a 4-0 win Thursday over Warren Zoe

Christian at Plymouth

The Eagles were sparked by a pair of first-half goals by Sarah Roberts Jessica Cleary and Marta Warszawska each added a second-half tally for PCA

PCA is now 2-0-1 overall, while Zoe falls to 0-2 with the loss

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Indiana Tech quiets Madonna's bats

The bats were taken out of the hands of the Madonna baseball players at Friday afternoon's game.

Led by starting pitcher Dustin Sebastian, Indiana Tech notched a 4-1 win over the Crusaders at Ford Field in a non-league contest. Madonna falls to 15-21 on the season with the loss, while the Warriors improved to 30-10.

The Warriors scored three times in the second inning and added one more in the fifth to net all the offense they needed.

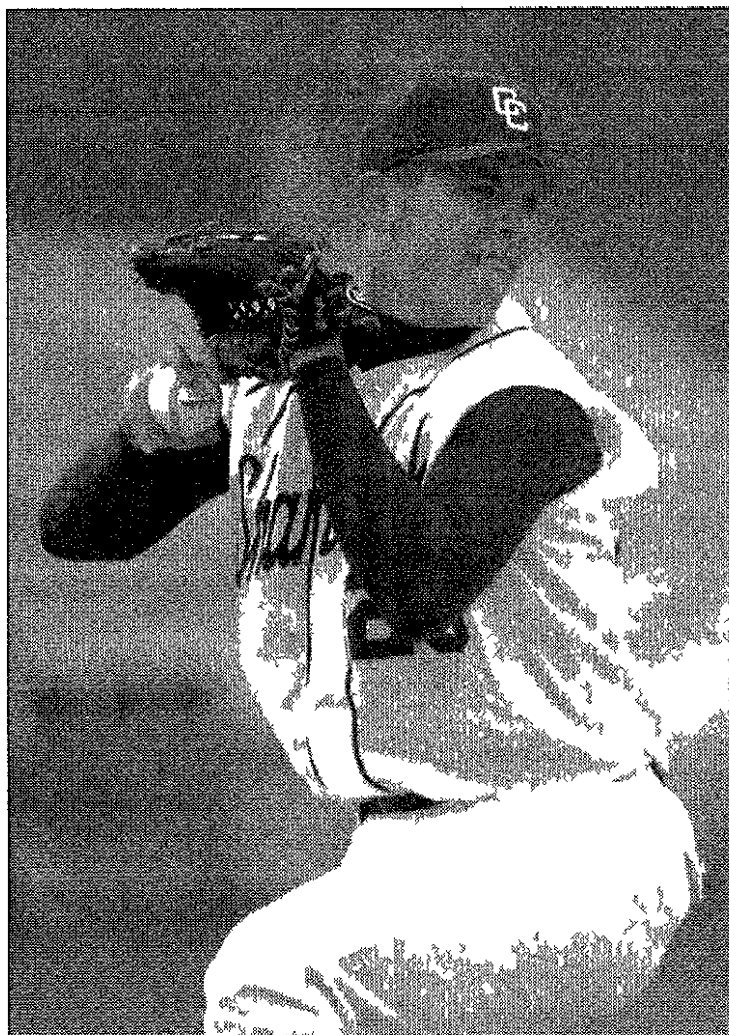
Sebastian pitched eight innings, holding Madonna to just four hits while striking

out 10 and issuing only two walks.

No Madonna batter reached base more than once. Senior infielder Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) had a hit and run batted in, while Joe Greene, Matt Rigley (Redford) and Eric Lightle each picked up hits for the Crusaders.

Devin Cole (Garden City) pitched six strong innings in relief of starter Luke Anderson. Cole allowed four hits and one run in six innings of work.

Jake Parman delivered a two-run home run to spark Indiana Tech's second-inning rally.



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CC's Jeff Schulz finishes his windup during the team's doubleheader against Warren De La Salle. Schulz pitched a shutout to help the Shamrocks win their

CC sweeps past De La Salle

Pitching and defense did the job for Catholic Central on Wednesday as the Shamrocks shut down Central Division rival De La Salle in a doubleheader - 2-0 in the opener and 4-1 in the nightcap.

"Defense did the job. We made some pretty good plays, especially in the infield," said CC coach John Salter as his team improved to 7-2 overall and 5-2 in the Central. "In the second game, we made some outstanding plays to keep them from scoring more."

In the opener, CC held the Pilots (4-3, 2-2 Central) to just one hit off winner Jeff Schulz - a one-out, fifth-inning single by Matt Lewis. Schulz (1-1) struck out seven, but walked 10 as the Pilots stranded 10 runners. Alex Avila took the loss, giving up seven hits, two walks and five strikeouts.

The winning run came in the first as Kyle Crepeau doubled, Ryan Gallagher singled and Mike Monterey drove in Crepeau. CC added a run in the

sixth as Schulz singled and Anthony Sabo came in as a courtesy runner. Drew Amble then scored Sabo on a double.

In the second game, CC jumped out to a 4-0 lead and held on for the win. Mike Monterey (3-0) earned the victory in relief of Amble and went 5²/₃ innings, giving up four hits and five strikeouts. Dan Czuchaj went the distance and suffered the loss, giving up seven hits and five walks with eight strikeouts.

Ryan Gallagher went 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Amble singled, walked and had an RBI as did Eric Vojtkovsky.

"They had their chances in this one, but we stopped them on defense," said Salter. "Crepeau made a bare-handed stop on a chopper at short, Todd Tindall made two diving stops and Aaron Pauling made a running, back-to-the-plate, arm-extended catch in center field that could have gone for a double or a triple."

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Salem placers: t 6 Smith/Siedlaczek 83, t 19 Young/Mitchell 94, t 34 Powers/Brockschmidt 103.

Canton placers: t 14 Slupik/Hughesian and Corwin/Schwan 93, t 29 Depp/Treadwell 99, Farmington placers: 10 Mazanka/Nuccitelli 85, t 14 Laird/Pappalardo 93.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 86 SALEM 51
April 16 at Plymouth
High jump 1 Bethany Bartlett (S) 5 feet
 2 Liewienski (LS) 4 11 3 Lindsay Miles (S) 4 6
Long jump 1 Lsa Gasser (LS) 14 4 3/4
 2 Lynden Gault (S) 14 1 1/2 3 Carolyn Heaney (S) 13 7 1/2
Discus 1 Jennifer Early (S) 109 10 2
 Anna Wilson (S) 107 4 3 Andrea Hurn (LS) 104 0
Shot put 1 Early (S) 30 9 1/2 2 Wilson
 30 8 3 Maggie Fisher (S) 29 7
Pole vault 1 Ashley Aquino (S) 8 0 2
 Jennifer Perkins (LS) 7 6 3 Elizabeth Sturdy (LS) 6 6
100 meter hurdles 1 Kaitlin Armstrong (LS) 16 0 2 Andrea Lang (S) 17 3 3 Miller (LS) 18 0
300 hurdles 1 Armstrong (LS) 50 6 2
 Lang (S) 52 3 3 Stephanie Knight (S) 54 4
100 1 Sturdy (LS) 13 3 2 Alison Collins (LS) 13 3 3 Bartlett (S) 13 4
200 1 Linda Montgomery (LS) 26 5 2 Kristy Sobran (LS) 27 2 3 Gault (S) 27 5
400 1 Linda Montgomery (LS) 100 9 2 Amanda Sculthorpe (LS) 103 9 3 Allie Vranjak (S) 104 8
800 1 Laura Friedman (S) 2 31 5 2 Lisa Montgomery (LS) 2 32 5 3 Kelly Gibbons (LS) 2 35 2
1600 1 Heather Sirko (LS) 5 27 5 2 Lisa Montgomery (LS) 5 31 0 3 Lauren Kane (S) 5 32 0
3 200 1 Sirko (LS) 11 54 1 2 Kane (S) 12 21 6 3 Sara Pilon (LS) 12 26 0
4x100 1 Stevenson (Collins Sturdy Dane Burek Perkins) 54 0
4x200 1 Stevenson (Lara Herron Armstrong Sobran Linda Montgomery) 1 53 1
4x400 1 Stevenson (Lisa Montgomery Sculthorpe Herron Linda Montgomery) 4 22 7
4x800 relay 1 Stevenson (Lisa Montgomery Gibbons Andrea Giczewski Sirko) 10 21 2
Dual meet records Salem 11 in the

WLA Lakes Division 21 overall Stevenson 2 0 in Lakes 3 0 overall

CANTON 108 WAYNE MEMORIAL 28 April 16 at Wayne
Shot put 1 Jessica Johnson (C) 34 feet
 6 1/4 inches 2 Dorian Mac (C) 25 2 3
 Danielle Miller (WM) 24 5 1/2
Discus 1 Kara Jones (C) 76 2 1/2 2
 Miller (WM) 75 8 3 Reeser (C) 69 9 3/4
Long jump 1 Jennifer Anderson (WM) 15 6 2
 Andrea Nyberg (C) 15 5 3 Franklin (WM) 13 8
High jump (tie) 1 Khelli Wade (WM) and
 Connelia Simmons (WM) 4 10 each 3 Cindy Rotramel (C) 4 8
Pole vault 1 J Q Williams (C) 8 0 2
 Pam Reasor (C) 7 0
100 hurdles 1 Dominique Gray (WM) 18 4 2
 Williams (C) 18 4 3 Kete Cahille (C) 18 8
300 hurdles 1 Katie Cezat (C) 53 7 2
 Cahille (C) 55 4 3 Williams (C) 55 7
100 1 Christina Redd (C) 12 7 2 Nyberg (C) 13 6 3 Fallon French (WM) 13 7
200 1 Redd (C) 26 5 2 Tiffany James (WM) 26 6 3 Nyberg (C) 27 2
400 1 Michelle Lager (C) 104 9 2 Sarah Stobbe (C) 105 1 3 Dayle Ford (C) 105 9
800 1 Sarah McCormack (C) 2 46 0 2 Becky McCormack (C) 2 48 0 3 Tonda Shimbo (C) 2 56 0
1600 1 Sarah McCormack (C) 5 42 0 2 Becky McCormack (C) 5 58 0 3 Shimbo (C) 6 05 0
3 200 1 Sarah McCormack (C) 13 43 2 2 Becky McCormack (C) 13 43 5 3 Kristen Tedders (WM) 13 43 6
4x100 relay Canton (Nyberg Jessica Levely Rotramel Redd) 52 6
4x200 relay Canton (Amber Lee Levely Stobbe Redd) 1 52 0
4x400 relay Canton (Lager Williams Ford Lee) 4 40 0
4x800 relay Canton (Stobbe Levely Becky McCormack Erica Stone) 11 17 0
Dual meet record Canton 2 1 in the WLA 2 0 in WLA Western Division

Clinton River is on the mend



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

The steelhead was admirable – in the six- to seven-pound range – and he put up a noteworthy fight, as lake-run rainbows normally do. But when I finally slipped the nylon mesh beneath the beautifully chromed fish and hoisted it from the water, the thrill of catching one of Michigan's most noble gamefish was magnified by the location from which it was caught.

I had not made a three-hour trek up north to the famed Betsie or Manistee rivers. Instead, I was right here in southeastern Michigan standing on the leaf-littered bank of the Clinton River.

That catch occurred several years ago when the Clinton River steelhead fishery was still emerging. It's certainly no secret now. Anyone who chases steelhead and lives within an hour or so drive of the river has surely cast a line into the murky waters of the Clinton River.

The future of that fishery received a huge boost yesterday when the Fisheries Division of the Michigan DNR stocked 30,000 one-year-old steelhead into the river. The hopes are that at least some of these fish will supplement the fishery by returning to the Clinton to spawn in two or three years.

"The DNR does not stock steelhead trout in just any river," said Jim Francis, fisheries biologist with the DNR. "These fish are in high demand all around the state. We are real

fortunate this year to get this many fish, twice as many as we typically get for the Clinton River."

The steelhead stocking effort is part of a larger program, the Clinton River Restoration Project, which is being conducted by the Clinton River Watershed Council, the Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Clinton Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Vanguard Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the city of Auburn Hills, the DNR and Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services.

The goal of the project is to "generate public support in the Clinton River watershed as a valued recreational resource through efforts to improve the water quality, aesthetics and access to the Clinton River and its tributaries."

The first phase of the overall project, which will begin this summer, is to assess and develop the coldwater potential and public access opportunities in an 18 mile stretch of lower Galloway Creek and the middle mainstream section of the Clinton River.

Since the water temperatures in this section of the river are close to what cold water species (trout) prefer, biologists hope the assessment will show that with some improvements to the stream, like enhancing the gravel bottom and creating shady habitat, it could support the introduction of brown trout.

The bottom line to all of this is that the Clinton River has rebounded from the depths of despair. What was once a smelly, polluted aberration of a river is once again a free-flowing water resource capable, we all hope, of sustaining a limited, but refreshing sport fishery.

The annual spawning runs of steelhead, walleye, northern pike and other species is a very positive indicator as to the health of this river and the quality of its waters, Jessica Pitelka Opfer, executive director of the Clinton River Watershed Council said in a release.

"Seeing all the fishing activity along the river in Rochester Hills and Shelby Township all the way down the river to Clinton Township is proof that these fish runs are a regular happening each spring."

The Clinton River watershed covers 760 square miles through Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer and St. Clair counties. More than 1.4 million people live in the 60 communities through which the Clinton River flows before reaching Lake St. Clair.

Kudos to the Clinton River Watershed Council for having the foresight and determination to work toward restoring and enhancing one of southeastern Michigan's most prized water resources.

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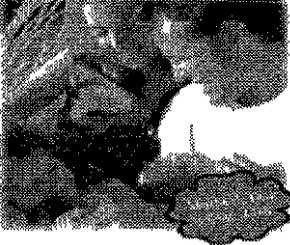
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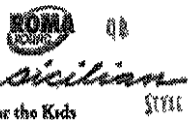


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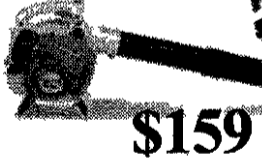
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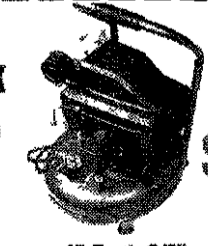
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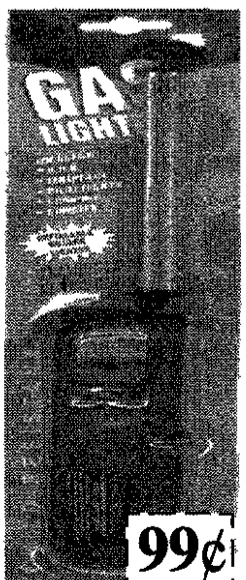
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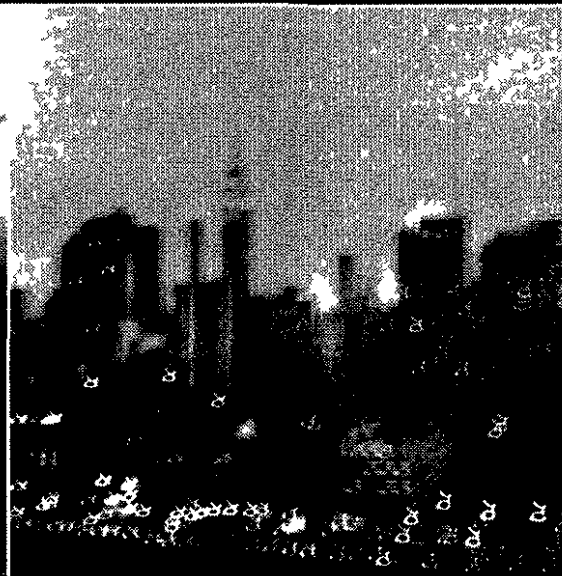
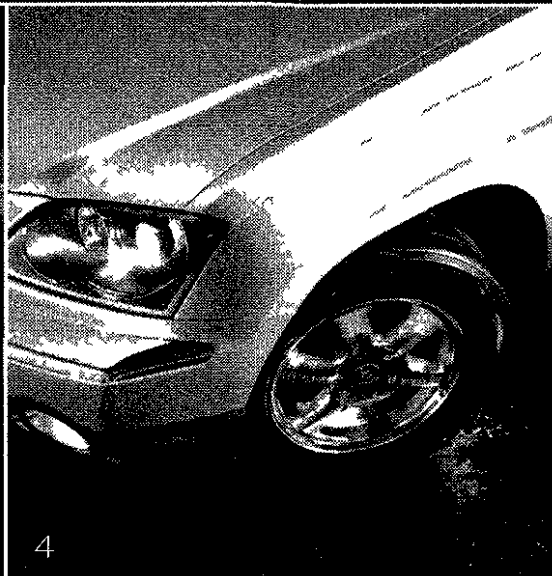
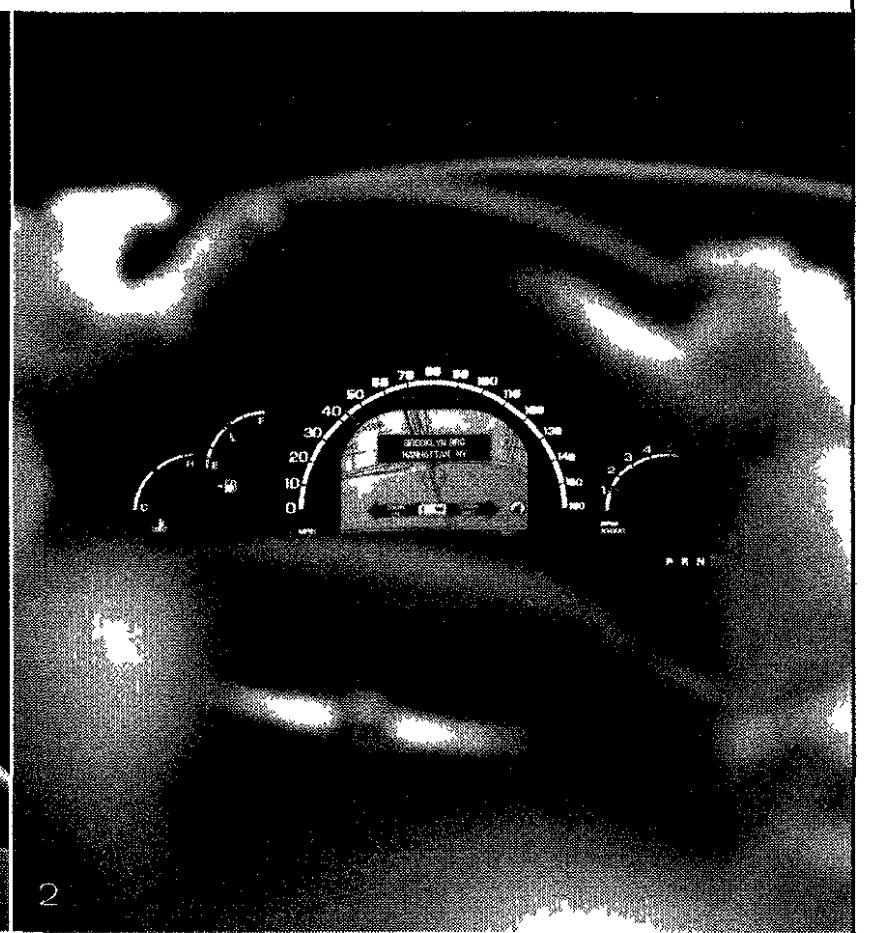
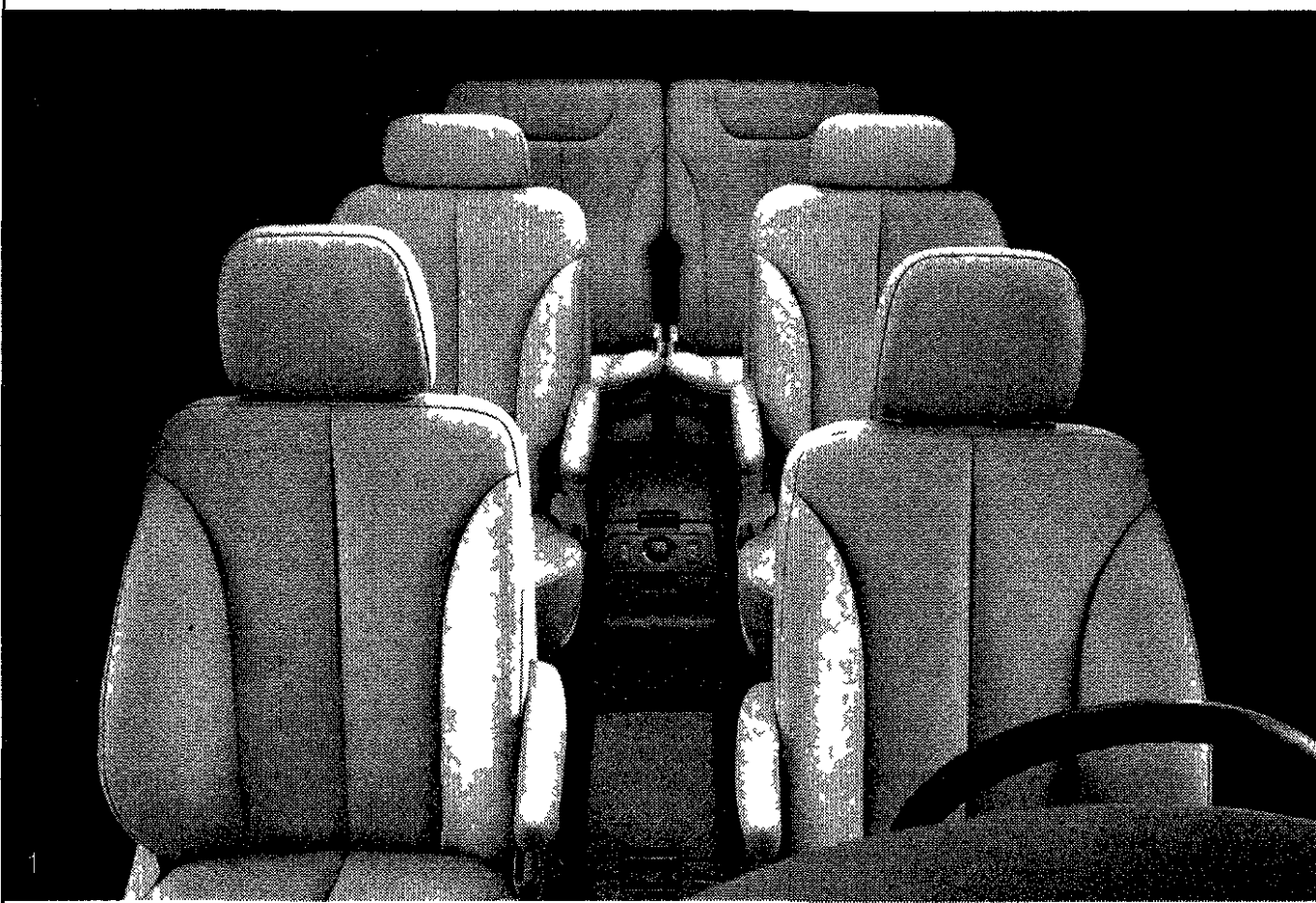
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Rx briefs

■ Prostate screen

Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center will offer prostate cancer screenings 4-5 p.m. Thursday April 24. The Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center is located on the campus of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor.

The screenings are free to men who have never been screened or those with an inability to pay. For all others the screening is \$15. They will be held in the radiation oncology department take approximately one hour to complete and involve two simple tests.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. The best defense is early detection through annual screening because there are no symptoms in the early stages of prostate cancer, said Dr. Miljenko Plepich, director of Radiation Oncology at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

African American men and men with a family history of prostate cancer should begin annual prostate screenings at age 40. All other men should begin annual screening at the age of 50.

To register for a free prostate screening, please call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine toll free at (800) 231-2211.

■ Yoga classes

Need to improve your posture or strengthen your back? Or just meditate and relax? St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia will offer a Better Backs Yoga class and a Hatha Beginning Yoga class in May and June. Both classes run six weeks.

Better Backs Yoga will be offered on Wednesdays May 14, June 18 and June 25, July 30. Learn specific poses to strengthen and maintain the health of the spine and back muscles. Meditation and breathing techniques are included.

The Hatha Beginning Yoga Class will be offered on Tuesdays May 13, June 17 and June 24, July 29. Learn to bring peace to your body and mind and increase flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring a blanket. For class times and to register, call the St. Mary Mercy Message Therapy Department at (734) 655-1145.

■ Stop stroke

The American Stroke Association and the Metro Detroit Operation Stroke Initiative will offer two free workshops to learn about stroke. Metro Detroit's No. 3 killer and a leading disability. With the focus on reducing the risk factors for stroke and knowing the warning signs, this program will feature area medical professionals' personal stories from other stroke survivors, a heart-healthy cooking demonstration, health screenings, exhibits and prizes.

The morning seminar will take place 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Henry Ford Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. The afternoon seminar will take place 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Beaumont Hospital Auditorium, 3601 West 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. For the Henry Ford Fairlane event, call (248) 827-4214. For Beaumont Hospital, call (800) 633-7377. Both events are free.

CONCUSSION

New techniques help schools identify student head injuries

BY KATHLEEN O'DONOHUE
CORRESPONDENT

When 14-year-old Livonia cheerleader Andrea Varga was being tossed in the air during practice of a stunt a month ago, she didn't land right. Instead of her teammates catching her, they slowed her fall a bit and she landed on her head. "I was shaky and had a headache," Varga said.

Her school's athletic trainer did a quick assessment of Andrea, and a visit to an urgent care facility confirmed the diagnosis of a mild concussion. Out of play for a week, Andrea returned with no additional symptoms. The worst part for her was missing a cheerleading competition the next day.

While her case was mild, much concern is brewing in the medical community about proper diagnosis of concussion and the time period to exempt the athlete from play. Concussion is a bruising to the brain and can range in severity. A second head injury while still recuperating from an initial concussion — an event termed "second-impact syndrome" — is especially dangerous and can be fatal.

Carolyn Nelson, Botsford Hospital physician and frequent sideline mother of three athletes, often runs out on the playing field when a child is "down." Nelson has witnessed a couple of concussions during football games.

"Most (concussions) are grade one, and they can go back in the game if they're OK," Nelson said. "Some may go unnoticed if no one's asking questions, but that probably happens less so now because there are a lot of volunteer physicians at the games."

VIGILANCE

Nelson said parents should watch for confusion, severe headache and nausea, and assess the child's ability to concentrate if concussion is suspected. Other symptoms may include blurred vision, double vision, dizziness, ringing in ears, "seeing stars" and loss of memory. Nelson advised taking a child for medical attention any time a loss of consciousness occurs.

What are school districts doing to address concussions?

West Bloomfield High School athletic director Dwayne Jones has seen concussions in his athletes, but never a serious one. "Anytime there is a head or spinal cord injury or if the kid is dazed or passes out, we immediately call 9-1-1 for an ambulance," Jones said. "We always waver on the side of caution."

Trainers have experience in checking cranial nerve function, which tests function of the head nerves. "The proactive trainer will see a hit or potential injury and immediately go up to the (athlete) and start asking questions," said Bryan Burnstein, a Plymouth Canton High School trainer who has seen many concussions. "If I have to go out on the field, the kid comes out — no matter what."

Athletic director Sue Heinzman added, "There is lots of research suggesting multiple concussions in same season (results in) severe restrictions for any contact activity."

GUIDELINES

Bethan Vaughn, North Farmington High School's athletic trainer, said there are "general guidelines

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Botsford Hospital physician

using rating systems to evaluate concussions.' While she points out there are several rating systems, she uses a composite to assess for possible concussion. Her assessment includes mental and physical evaluation.

Vaughn sees concussions often, especially in contact sports like football and basketball. "In high school athletes, many problems are not reported, and there are probably cases where kids experience concussions, shake it off and don't mention it," Vaughn said. "If a child with concussive symptoms does not return to normal in 15-20 minutes, they are sent to the doctor."

The issue of different rating systems for concussion is troublesome for clinical psychologist Michael Czarnota, who uses a program that tests concentration, memory and reaction time. Baseline testing is done on every athlete prior to participation in sport, then if a concussion occurs during the season, they are given a "parallel version" of the test, and post- and pre-concussion tests are

compared to look for any changes associated with concussion.

The program was developed through a study by Mark R. Lovell, published in the *Journal of Neurosurgery* in February 2003.

Czarnota, a consultant for the Ontario Hockey League, offered the program to the Plymouth Whalers, who are adopting it. It has also been offered to numerous school districts, and Novi schools will be using the program.

"(The tool provides) something objective to use to determine when somebody can return to play," Czarnota said. "It's consistent information kids can take with them throughout their athletic career."

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. David Janda, director of the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, endorses the program.

"Concussions in sports is a huge issue, and it's really beneath many people's radar screens," he said, adding that concussion is the most common self-injury pattern in all of sports.

Janda said repetitive injury to the head can become cumulative or additive over time. He cites as an example former boxer Muhammad Ali. "He is not the same man today as he was in 1963, and this is because of repetitive concussive events," he said.

Janda has written a book, *The Awakening of a Surgeon*, and has appeared on Oprah Winfrey's show to try to empower parents, athletes and coaches with what he calls, "weapons of mass instruction." He believes the vast majority of sports injuries are preventable.

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Proper care can keep children from serious injury

April is National Youth Sports Safety month. Injury prevention saves children from harm.

Here are some facts:

■ Participation of children, especially girls, in organized and informal sports continues to grow. Nearly three-quarters of U.S. households with school-age children have at least one child who plays organized sports. Sports participation is beneficial to children in many ways. It can improve physical fitness, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork, as well as promote a sense of personal satisfaction and accomplishment.

■ Growth in sports has contributed to an increase in injuries. Children are more susceptible to these because they are still growing and are in the process of gaining motor and cognitive skills.

■ Over half of all organized sports related injuries could be prevented.

■ In 2001, nearly 110,000 children ages 5-14 were treated in hospital emergency room for baseball or softball related injuries and 79,000 were treated for soccer related injuries.

■ Children ages 5-14 account for nearly 40 percent of all sports related injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms.

■ Older children are more likely to suffer from sports related injuries and overexertion than younger children.

■ Most sports injuries can be prevented. Where and when injuries occur.

■ Collision/contact sports are associated with higher injury rates.

■ Most injuries occur during practice rather than games. Despite this fact, a third of parents do not often take the same safety precautions during practice, as

they would have for a game.

■ Children who do not wear or use protective equipment are at greater risk of sustaining injuries. Lack of awareness about potential injury, inappropriate or unavailable equipment, and lack of money to purchase equipment are some of the reasons children do not use protective gear.

Sports injury prevention tips:

■ Enroll your child in an organized sport through schools, community clubs, and recreation areas where trained adults are in charge.

■ A good pre-participation (PPPE) physical should be done. This can detect predisposing factors insuring that the athlete can participate safely and have the best season possible. A good PPPE should include,

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CONCUSSIONS

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What airbags are to cars, this (assessment) tool is to concussion," he said

CONCERNS

Both Czarnota and Janda are puzzled that school districts are not clamoring for a universal tool that helps recognize concussion and determines when the athlete should return to play

"It takes a lot of the huge gray area out of the issue of concussions, and a conscientious coach is going to worry about the health and welfare

of that athlete," Janda said Janda's institute has studied the practice of heading the ball in soccer

Heading involves hitting the ball with the head, sometimes contacting with a 60 mph ball

The study, conducted over a two-year period, observed soccer players and a control group — kids who didn't play soccer At the end of the first year, Janda found that more than 50 percent of the players complained of recurrent concussion symptoms long after practices were over However, memory appeared intact

After the second year,

greater than 50 percent had symptoms "We started to see the kids that were heading the ball the most were experiencing a decrease in their memory abilities," Janda said Janda recommends using a lightweight ball similar to a beach ball to practice heading and avoiding heading whenever possible

Gone are the days when we simply accepted an athlete getting his "bell rung" As Janda explained, "Concussions can carry long-term significant complications such as permanent memory and thinking deficits and the ultimate effect It can lead to premature death"

PREVENTION

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but not limited to a thorough history, weight, blood pressure, pulse rate, examination of eyes, ears, nose and throat and auscultation of the heart and lungs Flexibility and strength should also be checked

Children should always wear appropriate protective equipment Be sure it is the proper size and adjusted correctly This may lessen the chances of injury

Maintain safe playing conditions Clear the area of debris Be aware of broken glass, rusty nails, rocks and other items that could cause injury

Know and abide by the rules of the game

Have an emergency plan for injuries If possi-

ble, have an adult trained in first aid and supplies available Have emergency phone numbers for parents available

Provide proper training and skill building when learning a new sport Warm-ups and stretching before practice and games will increase muscle temperature making muscles more elastic and flexible

Cooling down exercises loosen the body's muscles that may have tightened up during exercise

Match and group children according to skill level, weight and maturity

Wear light colored clothing, "breathable" clothing and hats (when possible)

Ensure that children drink an adequate amount of liquids to stay properly hydrated Kids need 8

ounces of fluid every 20 minutes, plus more after playing Water should be the first choice, followed by fruit juice and sports drinks Be sure that breaks are provided

Use misting water sprays on the body to keep cool

Don't forget the sunscreen to reduce the chances of sunburn and potential skin cancers

For more information visit the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation Web site at www.nyssf.org and The National Safe Kids Campaign at their Web site www.safekids.org

Sources www.nyssf.org, www.safekids.org and www.niams.nih.gov

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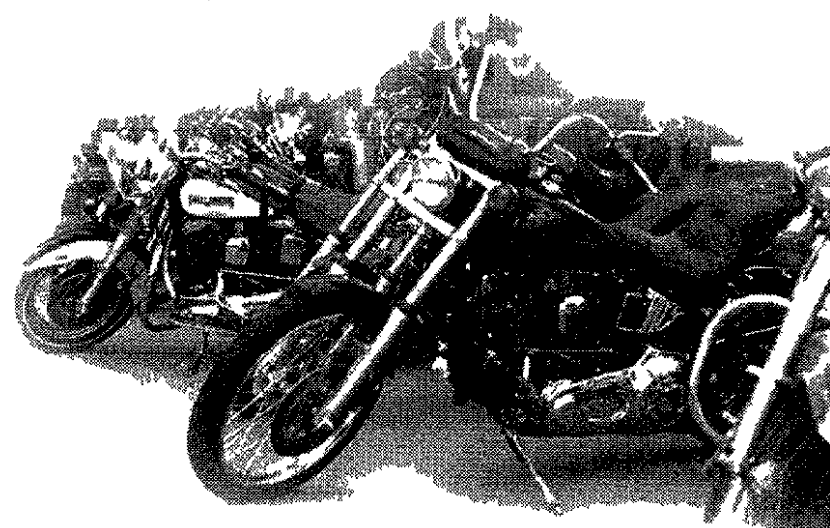
Michigan poll: Use your head, wear motorcycle helmet

Seventy-five percent of Michigan residents support Michigan's mandatory motorcycle helmet law, including the majority of male voters 18-34 years old, according to a poll recently released by the Heads First Coalition The finding comes as no surprise to those in the health care community

"Head injury is the leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes," said Michael Dabbs, chairman of the Heads First Coalition and president of the Brain Injury Association of Michigan "Michigan residents understand the inherent and often fatal dangers that are part of motorcycle riding"

Michigan's mandatory helmet law, enacted in 1969, requires motorcycle operators and riders to wear helmets at all times The law has saved countless lives and prevented thousands of injuries for more than 33 years

House Bill 4325 and Senate Bill 321, both introduced last month, would allow those 21 years old and older to operate a motorcy-



cle without a helmet if they have had licenses for two years and completed a motorcycle safety course

"This legislation flies in the face of the 75 percent of Michigan residents who support Michigan's mandatory helmet law," said Dr. James Applegate, president of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians "Many members of our organization call helmet repeal legislation, like the impending House and Senate bills, 'organ donor laws' because as the number of non-helmeted accident victims rise, so does the number of available organ donors"

Statistics show that motorcyclists flirt with dan-

ger the minute they get on their bikes Motorcyclists were approximately 21 times more likely to die in a crash than someone riding in an automobile, per mile traveled in 2000, according to the national Highway Traffic Safety Administration And a non-helmeted motorcyclist is 40 percent more likely to suffer a fatal head injury in a crash than a helmeted motorcyclist

"The Heads First Coalition is committed to preserving the life-saving motorcycle helmet law," said Dabbs "We will continue to remind legislators and the public about the lives and opportunities lost when heads are not put first"

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

APRIL

Grief support

Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Road Livonia offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday Next meeting is 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. April 22 Call Joan Lee at (734) 464-7810

Share and care

Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center offers a program for people with cancer their family members and friends Share and Care is a discussion and support group that allows participants to discuss common concerns exchange information about cancer and its treatments share feelings related to the impact of the illness and explore coping methods Next meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday April 22 at the Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center Call (734) 712-5314

Health fair

Attend NorthRidge Church's first ever health fair! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 26 Spring into Good Health is for the whole family We'll have booths set up throughout our Activity Center and Chapel for things like physical fitness fire safety child safety heart disease and diabetes information We'll have hearing evaluations and cholesterol testing and smoking cessation information There will also be a massage table Call (734) 414-7777 ext 225

Vision loss

Henry Ford Health System ophthalmologist Dr. Lylas Mogk will lead a discussion on vision loss from macular degeneration through a free public symposium Macular Degeneration Living Fully with Vision Loss 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 26 at the Holiday Inn Livonia Experts will present information on recent advances in

macular degeneration prevention treatment and research Continental breakfast RSVP by April 16 Call (800) 363-7575

Yoga

Botsford Center for Health Improvement 39750 Grand River North will offer a six week session of Gentle Yoga for Beginners 10:11 a.m. Monday beginning April 28 The fee is \$55 The class emphasizes stretches for strength flexibility relaxation and energy enhancement Learn techniques to help alleviate insomnia anxiety and stress Includes breathing and meditation exercises To register call (248) 477-6100

Headache

Dr. Barry Hobbs will discuss new research about the causes of headaches and migraines 6:30-8:10 p.m. Tuesday April 29 at the Center for Lifelong Learning Henry Ford Community College 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren) Dearborn Heights Cost is \$19 Nurses may register for nursing contact hours at an additional fee To register call (313) 317-1500

MAY

Fibromyalgia conference

The Michigan Fibromyalgia Awareness Day conference will take place 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday May 10 Macomb Community College in Warren The conference will feature leading researchers from the University of Michigan's Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Program one of the largest and most well-funded fibromyalgia research centers in the country Registration fee is \$25 and includes lunch Space is limited and pre-registration is required Call Sharon Waldrop for a registration form at

(248) 235-1221 or email Fibromyalgia@comcast.net by Wednesday April 30 The conference also will feature Michigan legislators representatives from the Arthritis Foundation National Fibromyalgia Association a Social Security disability lawyer and an exhibit area with book sales and fibromyalgia related products and services

Cravings

Do you respond to stress with cravings for chocolate steak or potato chips? Biochemist Sandy Baumann will teach you the physiological reasons for such cravings in her class Why Women Crave Chocolate & Men Love Steak 6:30-8:40 p.m. Tuesday May 13 27 at the Center for Lifelong Learning Henry Ford Community College 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren) Dearborn Heights Cost is \$59 plus a \$5 material fee to the instructor Nurses may register for nursing contact hours at an additional fee To register call (313) 317-1500

Cancer loss

The U.M. Comprehensive Cancer Center's Grief and Loss Program will offer Coping Through Transitions a support group for adults who have lost a loved one to cancer 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays May 14 to June 11 The group is held at the Nichols Arboretum's James D. Reader Jr. Urban Environmental Education Center in Ann Arbor Free Register by May 1 Call (734) 615-4012

Blood drive

VFW Post 9885 6440 N. Dix Road Westland will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Thursday May 29 Walk-ins welcome For an appointment call Larry Tebor post surgeon at (734) 377-8329 or (734) 261-2807 and leave name telephone number and time desired

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"The Parade of Homes features the best of the best," said Steve Perlman, BIA president "Master builders have built homes for everyone, from attached condominiums to estate homes worth up to \$3.5 million"

A total of 111 homes were nominated. Most may be toured

Here's a brief summary of the winners

Attached condominiums priced up to \$250,000.

The Crestwood II, Mocer Companies

This residence of 1,149 square feet includes two bedrooms and two bathrooms, patio or balcony, all appliances and attached garage

The community itself features a clubhouse with pool and spa, plus a tennis/sports court

Price is \$175,990

Crestwood II, (248) 373-8600, is in Oakmonte at Silvercreek, off Silver Bell Road west of Adams, Auburn Hills

Attached condominiums priced over \$250,000.

The Dover, MJC Homes
 This duplex condo contains 1,796 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and 2½ bathrooms, two-car attached garage and fire place

Price is \$288,900

The Dover, (248) 652-1047, is in Mill Stream Village, on

Tienken between Dequindre and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills

Homes priced under \$300,000.

The Bradford, Fairview Builders

This brick two-story of 1,800 square feet showcases three bedrooms, 2½ baths, great room with cathedral ceiling, fireplace, first-floor laundry and two-car garage

Price is \$188,000

The Bradford, (248) 330-4478, is in the Ford Heights Subdivision, on Bennett between Wanda and West End (north of Eight Mile), Ferndale

Homes priced \$300,000 to \$335,000.

The Wellington, Delcor Homes

This two-story contains 2,208 square feet of living space with four bedrooms, 2½ baths, volume ceilings and wood porch

The community includes numerous lakes and a golf course

Price is \$316,130

The Bradford, (248) 969-3200, is in Hometown Village of Waterstone, Seymour Lake/Burdick Road west of Lapeer Road, Oxford

Homes priced \$335,000 to \$400,000.

The Charlotte, Columbia Homes

This story-and-a-half of 2,900 square feet showcases four bedrooms and 3½ baths, including a Jack-and-Jill upstairs, a guest suite and the master. The home's exterior has five gables

Price is \$335,900

The Charlotte, (586) 716-4222, is in Windridge Estates, off Ridge north of Washington, New Baltimore

Homes priced \$400,000 to \$500,000.

The Bloomfield, Singh Homes

This two-story of 3,383 square feet includes four bedrooms, 3½ baths, spacious island kitchen/nook with



This spacious story-and-a-half, The Cotswold Lane, took top honors in the most expensive homes category

wood floor, library, living room, dining room and family room

Base price is \$499,900
 The Bloomfield, (248) 471-6644, is in Willowbrook Farm, off Meadowbrook between 10 Mile and Grand River, Novi

Homes priced \$500,000 to \$700,000.

The Oxford, Estate Builders/Millcreek Building

This colonial of 3,540 square feet contains four bedrooms and 3½ baths, volume ceiling in the foyer and family room, a two-way fireplace, luxury master with sitting area and three-car garage

Base price is \$549,000

The Oxford, (734) 414-7610, is in Oxford Park, Gyde Road between Ridge and Beck, Canton

Homes priced over \$700,000.

The Cotswold Lane, J E Hemphill

This rambling 5,000-square-foot story-and-a-half, under construction, has three bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths. The house also features such luxury touches as custom cabinets, granite countertops, stone fireplace and limestone, stone and brick exterior

Base price is \$980,000

The Cotswold Lane, (248) 620-2711, is in Bridge Valley, Holcomb Road north of I-75, Independence Township

The Aspen, built by Skylar Homes, was the blue-ribbon winner in the Unity Park (Pontiac) Neighborhood Home Showcase category — affordable housing for mod-

erate- and low-income buyers

The 1,250-square-foot colonial with three bedrooms and 2½ baths carries a (subsidized) price of \$120,000. It's on Going Street south of Auburn Road

Information on all 111 houses in the Parade of Homes can be found on the BIA Web site, www.builders.org

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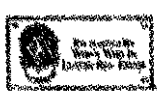
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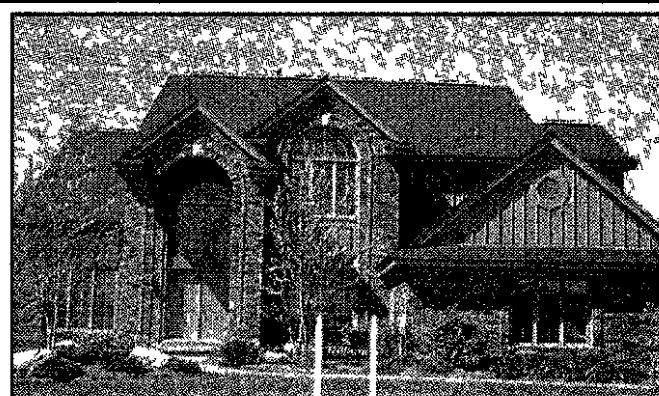


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Anne Fracassa

Slipping behind the wheel of the 2003 Mazda Tribute, you tend to think this small sport utility vehicle would come up short on functionality and maybe even on performance.

Turn that ignition key and you'll find that performance and function are the key to the success of the Tribute.

Introduced in 2001, the Tribute is sister to the Ford Escape and is built in suburban Kansas City, MO.

There are three trim levels of the Tribute DX, LX and ES, with the ES being the top-of-the-line level. In the DX is a 130 horsepower, dual overhead cam 16 valve 2.0-liter in-line four cylinder mated to a five-speed manual transmission.

Both the LX and ES are powered by a 3.0-liter dual overhead cam 24-valve V6 capable of 200 horsepower. With it comes a four-speed automatic transmission. You can choose your Tribute with front-wheel drive or opt for the on-demand four-wheel-drive system that Mazda calls "Rotary blade coupling," so you can take your Tribute wherever and whenever you want to go.

Acceleration and merging on the freeway was a snap with this V6 engine and whenever it needed a little prodding, it took very little to get it going around a slow-moving tractor-trailer.

As with most Mazdas, the handling and ride characteristics are masterfully done because of its tuned suspension and solid rigidity. Not only does the Tribute have unibody construction, but also there are body reinforcements in the roof, side sills and floor, making this vehicle as solid as solid can get.

I must mention that there's standard power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering, as well as standard front disc brakes and a four-wheel anti-lock



The 2003 Mazda Tribute is one very nimble SUV.

brake system.

I enjoyed the nimble feel of the Tribute, which also tends to have you perceive it as smaller than it really is. Most SUVs, even the small ones, aren't as nimble as the Tribute.

What's new about this year's Tribute the major interior upgrades it receives. On the ES, leather seating surfaces are much more comfortable and you can opt to have them heated to keep you warm during winter. There's also a two-tone dashboard and the center stack is covered in brushed aluminum. The sun visors now have small lights and the rear view mirrors can be heated.

There's seating for five, but I think that's a stretch. My kids were comfortable back there, but confided in me that a long trip would've made them uncomfortable and more room was needed.

But put down the rear seat and you've got nearly 64 cubic feet of cargo space, which is enough to allow plywood sheeting -- but the rear liftgate window has to be open. And when you choose the option of a trailer towing package, you'll be able to tow up to 3,500 pounds.

The Tribute has a minimum ground clearance of almost eight inches. You don't need running boards on this one, either. It's easy to pop into and out of without a lot of effort.

There are a couple of nice amenities you'll find on the Tribute that you won't find in other smaller sport utility vehicles. Stuff like an in-dash six-disc CD changer and a six-way power driver's seat.

The audio system that's standard on the LX and ES models is a 190-watt AM/FM/cassette/six-disc CD changer that features seven speakers strategically located throughout the cabin. All six of the CDs can be loaded at once through just one slot. There's no magazine to play with.

And a pleasant change to make your life easier is the addition of a remote key fob to access the rear gate, rather than having to manually open it on your own.

The week was a pleasant one in the Mazda Tribute. Between the nice ride, ample power and performance and the fact that it was nice to drive a smaller sport ute that was big on everything, it was a really nice week.

Try one and have fun.

Write Ann Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com

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