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Festivals could be budget losers

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth International Ice Spectacular and the Plymouth Fall Festival, events that draw thousands of visitors to downtown Plymouth annually, could be the biggest losers as the Plymouth City Commission

struggles to balance its budget. The city, which usually gives each festival more than \$16,000 in services and manpower, would cut that amount to \$200 per day, meaning organizers of each festival would have to come up with the rest of the some \$20,000 in costs — such as police protec-

tion and other city services — incurred by the city while supporting the festivals. That decision, which came in the form of a revised special-events policy the commission will consider adopting, is part of the commission's effort to find \$500,000 in spending cuts or revenue gains to balance its

annual budget, which must be adopted by the city's second commission meeting in June. The recommendations were developed by city finance director Mark Christiansen and presented to the commission at budget sessions this week. Another budget meeting is scheduled Monday. The new

special-event policy applies to all city events. The proposal, obviously, doesn't sit well with festival organizers. "That's 10 percent of our budget," said Mike Watts of Watts-Up, Inc., the ice festival

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A6

If you could give your Mom a bouquet of flowers for Mother's Day what would you write to her on the note? The Plymouth Observer is giving away a gift of flowers courtesy of Wesley Berry Florist to a lucky reader who submits the best note to Mom as selected by Brad Kadrich. Remember this note goes on a tiny florist card so try to keep it around 25 words or less. Entries must be posted by midnight Monday May 5. The winner will be announced on Mother's Day May 11. Please submit your note to Mom to Plymouth Observer Brad Kadrich 794 S Main Plymouth MI 48170

Prayer meeting
Plymouth Township officials have proclaimed Thursday May 1 as a National Day of Prayer in the township and those wishing to spend some time in prayer and reflection will have their chance. Anyone from the public is invited to join the group which will meet at 6:45 a.m. in the meeting room at the Plymouth Township complex located at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information contact Bob Smith at (734) 453-3869.

Bottle drive
The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission has scheduled another bottle drive this time May 3-4 in Plymouth Township. They plan to work from Territorial to Ann Arbor Road and from Sheldon to Beck over those two days. Residents in this area can place their returnables out on their porches for the members to retrieve or have a member knock on their door to get the bottles and learn more about the PCYAC. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Relay for Life event scheduled for the weekend of May 17 to raise awareness of and help fight cancer. Many of the members also plan to be a part of the relay.

Patterson hours
State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) conducts office hours from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at the Northville Town Hall, 41600 Six Mile in Northville. Meetings which are open to the public will be held throughout various areas of Patterson's 7th District; no appointments are necessary. Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township are all in Patterson's district.



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Snakes galore

Emily Tanksi of Canton, 5, gets up close and personal with Samson, a boa constrictor, at the Plymouth Library Thursday. Michael Brophy of R E P T I L E , Inc. (Reptile Education Programs To Increase Learning Excitement) of Troy brought several of his cold-blooded friends, including an African Sulcata (Spur-thighed) Tortoise, an Australian Bearded Dragon and several varieties of snakes. Several area children and some of their parents spent close to an hour listening to the presentation and asking questions, and then got an opportunity to get a closer look, with some parent volunteers helping out.

Incumbent trio pulls city petitions

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Three of the four Plymouth city commissioners who will be leaving office in November have given indications they are considering seeking re-election.

Mayor Bill Graham and commissioners Dan Dwyer and Michele Potter secured nominating petitions Friday afternoon at City Hall, all indicating they have interest in seeking one of the four available seats in this year's election. The three are currently completing

four-year terms on the commission. Commissioner Colleen Pobur, who has spent six consecutive years on the commission, is term-limited and can't seek re-election.

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A9

Exec faces 50 at town meeting

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano drew a round of applause from the Town Hall audience at Canton's Summit on the Park Thursday night when he responded to a question about what the county could do to help veterans and troops involved in the war in Iraq.

"We haven't announced it yet," he said, "but we have close to 20 Wayne County employees who are engaged in the conflict in the Middle East. For the first time we've extended all their benefits to their families and we've also given them credit for their jobs so their seniority doesn't stop. When they return their promotional



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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano answers questions during a Town Hall meeting.

PLEASE SEE FICANO, A10

Township police get new recorder

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth police and fire dispatchers could have replays of emergency calls at their fingertips after the Plymouth Township board Tuesday approved the purchase of new recording equipment for the police department.

The board at its regular meeting agreed to spend some \$19,000 to purchase a voice and radio recording system from DSS Corp., a Southfield

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Township adds to fund balance

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Talk to Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann, and it's effective financial management. Mention it to township treasurer Ron Edwards, and it's a matter of simple accounting and keeping up with financing.

Either way, each agrees the township being able to add some \$350,000 to its fiscal 2002 budget totals is a good thing, particularly in the current economy.

The money came as deferred revenue from the previous year, which didn't come in within the 60 days allotted to count it on the budget. According to Edwards, that means the township had to add

it to the 2002 budget. "You bill things out, and if you don't receive the money within 60 days of the end of the budget year, you have to defer it," explained Edwards, who said some \$250,000 of the \$350,000 addition came from deferred revenue from 2001.

Mann and Edwards agree the addition to the fund balance came despite a drop in building permits, decrease in interest income, and four cuts in the last two years in state revenue sharing.

"We were able to maximize our savings in a number of areas, not the least of which was an estimated \$200,000 savings from a reorganization of the finance department, a reduction in utility payments

with a change in vendors, and cutting expenses whenever possible," Mann said.

The addition raises the fund balance for Plymouth Township to some \$5.5 million. Edwards estimated deferred revenue this year could exceed \$250,000. The healthy fund balance leaves the township in good shape for the moment, he said.

"The township is doing all right right now, but interest rates are still going down, revenue sharing will probably be cut further, so that could change," Edwards said. "If tax revenue went down, or the state cut revenue sharing again, it wouldn't take long for that \$350,000 to disappear."

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AROUND TOWN

GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is set to hold its annual golf outing in July at Northville Hills Golf Course, and chamber officials are still looking for some sponsors.

Sponsorships ranging from \$200 to \$750 for things such as tickets, longest drive prize, tee box sponsors, tee signs, golf carts, driving range/pro shop, candid photos and the skins game are still available.

Anyone interested in helping sponsor the annual outing can call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

WINE TASTING

Plymouth Marketplace hosts a wine-tasting extravaganza from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 3 at the VFW Hall, Post 6695 on Mill.

Advance tickets are \$25 per person, tickets will be \$30 at the door. The event features more than 80 different wines and beer, along with hors d'oeuvres and deli items prepared by Plymouth Marketplace Deli.

Proceeds will benefit CYO programs. Call (734) 453-2535 for reservations and tickets.

NEW MEMBER

Plymouth resident Brian Ludtke has joined the Bingham Farms-based residential mortgage compliance and consulting firm Wetzel



Trott as its chief operating officer. Ludtke joins Wetzel Trott from Southfield-based Homestead USA, where he served as vice president and controller. He also spent several years with both Deloitte & Touche and Republic Bancorp, Inc., in various senior management roles.

As COO, Ludtke assumes senior operations responsibility for the growth of Wetzel Trott through the development and implementation of new programs and processes.

Ludtke, who received his bach-

elor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University in 1989, has been a certified public accountant in Michigan since 1992.

He resides in Plymouth with his wife and son.

SENIOR PARTY

The Senior party committee is accepting donations, either monetary or door prize gifts, for the seniors from any source. Anyone wishing to donate can call Sue Pomatowski, (734) 453-2570, or Lisa Hajduk, (734) 397-3432.

Parent volunteers are needed for decorating and chaperoning. Decorating volunteers should call Dottie Kelly, (734) 397-1423, chaperone volunteers can call Mary Ann McKinnon, (734) 459-0133, or Barb Martin, (734) 453-7161.

Tickets for the party can be purchased for \$35 at school on Thursdays in May during the lunch hour at Plymouth or Canton cafeterias. In addition, ticket sales will take place during lunch hours May 28-30 and June 2-4. Tickets can also be purchased through the mail by sending a check, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Bob Boyko (734-451-1893), 49308 Harvest, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Any students who purchased tickets during registration at the beginning of the school year and have NOT received their tickets please submit a self-addressed stamped envelope to Bob Boyko.

SHOWCASE PLYMOUTH 2003

Taste and see what makes Plymouth great at the Showcase Plymouth 2003 event 5-7:30 p.m. May 5 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center (Five Mile and Sheldon Road). 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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beverage and a chance to win over 50 great door prizes.

For more information call (734) 453-1540 or www.plymouthchamber.org

MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Spaces are still available for the first annual Luca Ingle Memorial Golf Outing, benefiting The University Congenital Hear Center at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The scramble-style outing is scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start on Saturday, May 31 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. A donation of \$150 gets the participant 18 holes of golf on the classic course with a cart, hot dogs, chips and beverages on the course and a dinner reception with full bar.

There will be contests at several holes and a 50/50 raffle with many prizes. Tickets are available for the dinner reception and bar only at a cost of \$50. Program sponsors are available beginning at \$100 and hole sponsors are available beginning at \$150.

For more information e-mail Erika & Kenny Ingle at emaningle@yahoo.com.

Luca Ingle was born with congenital heart disease on May 8, 2002. He was one of 40,000 babies in the United States that year who were diagnosed with this leading cause of birth defect related deaths.

Luca was a patient at the University of Michigan Congenital Heart Center, located within C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. This internationally respected facility performs approximately 850 children's heart operations per year.

SUMMER ART SHOPS

Performing Arts, Show Choir, Visual Arts and Youngest Artists camps are scheduled for this summer at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth.

Kids ages 5-18 can participate in these week-long camps between 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. starting June 23. Fees start at \$60.00 for PCAC members. For more information, visit the PCAC's Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call 734-416-4278.

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Cops piecing puzzle together as murder takes bizarre turns

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The murder at a Canton Days Inn sparked such a bizarre series of events that even veteran Canton police officers were astounded as they unfolded.

"As we went along each day, we said it's like a script from a movie," said Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler.

It started with the discovery on Easter Sunday of the body of Canton resident Jessica Smith, 23, in a Michigan Avenue motel room. That was followed by the discovery on Monday of the body of her alleged killer, Thomas Joseph Copperstone, 47, of Belleville in Washtenaw County. He died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

On Wednesday, Belleville police found what they believe was the body of Copperstone's 19-year-old daughter, April, buried in a crypt-like fruit cellar on his property. Exactly how she died may forever remain a mystery.

And when her mother, Susan, Copperstone's ex-wife, went to the Belleville police station on Monday, after learning that Copperstone's body had been found, she filed a missing person report on the daughter, but ended up in the Washtenaw County jail after being arrested for outstanding warrants. She was released on Wednesday.

Canton and Belleville police are now awaiting the results of three autopsies, fingerprint analysis and ballistics test results to try to put all of the pieces together.

The body of Smith, a 1997 graduate of Canton High School and a computer science major at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, was found by a housekeeper at Days Inn just after noon on Easter. She had been shot five times with a 9 mm and a 22 caliber weapon.



Smith

After learning the room had been rented the day before by Copperstone, police put out an alert for him in the early morning hours of Monday, April 21, a Chelsea resident reported Copperstone's vehicle, a 2002 Jeep Liberty, was parked near a game preserve in western Washtenaw County.

Using a tracking dog, police found his body about 200 yards from the Jeep. He was dead from a single gunshot wound to the head. A 9 mm automatic handgun was lying on the ground and police recovered a 22 caliber, six-shot revolver from a duffel bag that lay nearby.

Police also learned that April, Copperstone's developmentally disabled daughter, had been missing for months.

On Tuesday night Mutchler got a call from Copperstone's sister.

"She called and said 'Sgt Mutchler, I know what happened now and where April's body is. My brother Jim has this information in a letter he received from Tom,'" Mutchler said.

The brother turned the letter over to Canton police, who in turn passed it on to Belleville police.

In the letter, according to Mutchler, Copperstone indicated he met Smith at Leggs Lounge in Van Buren Township, where she worked occasionally as a dancer, in November 2001 and that she visited him at his house.

While she was there, according to the letter, Copperstone claimed that Smith was drunk, took his 22 caliber pistol from his gun safe, walked into April's room and shot her. He said he was in a different room at the time and thought it was an accident, but buried the body in the back yard after

Jessica threatened to tell the police he did the shooting, according to the letter.

He also said in the multiple-page, hand-written letter that he had decided not to let her get away with it, Mutchler said. "She has to pay," Mutchler said. Copperstone wrote in the letter.

Smith's mother, Anne Winter, with whom Smith lived, said she thinks the letter is a pack of lies.

"As far as this letter goes," Winter said, "there is no way in hell that could ever have happened. She is an extremely sensitive person. There's no way she could have kept something like this to herself. She would have spilled her guts and gone to the police. He did something wrong if he went out and killed himself."

As to allegations that prostitution might have been involved, Winter said, "I don't believe that. Not at all."

Mutchler said the truth may never be known.

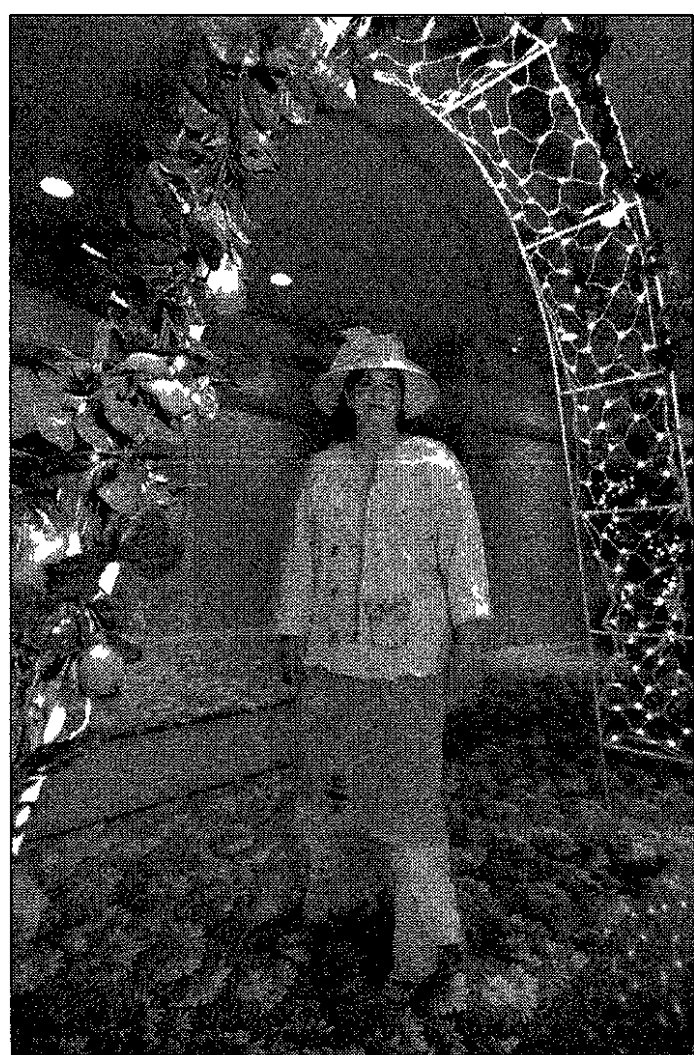
But the letter trail itself had some strange twists.

Mutchler said the brother had received two letters from Copperstone earlier in the week. The second letter, which was received April 17, directed him to a storage unit in Southgate. Jim Copperstone did not get in the storage unit until Tuesday evening, April 22. There, Mutchler said, he found the multiple-page letter outlining Copperstone's version of events.

Asked if there was any possibility that another person was involved in the deaths of Smith and Copperstone, because of the two separate weapons employed, Mutchler said the police always keep an open mind.

"But in light of the information we have recovered and the two handguns, I think we can safely say he was in possession of both and was a single actor in the homicide," he said.

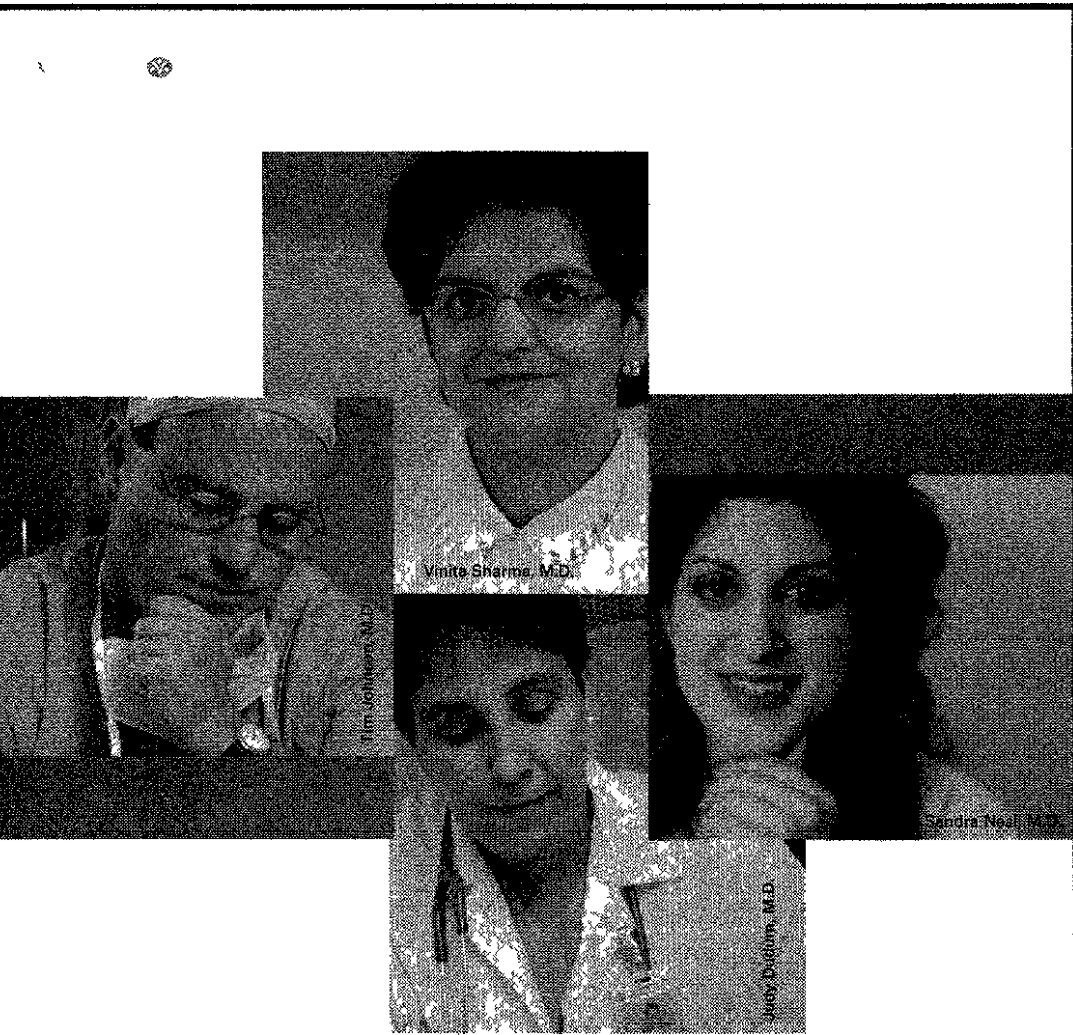
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(Above) Ainsley Melrose of Berkley 4 from left Emmie Dickman of Northville 4 Max Hatley of Northville 3 and Ian Melrose wait backstage just before stepping out onto the runway for the annual Chamber of Commerce fashion show Wednesday at Plymouth Manor. (Left) Maura Ward of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Bake shows off one of the outfits at the luncheon. The event was the chamber's recognition of Administrative Professionals Day.

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Teen driver killed in Ridge Road accident

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old Plymouth Township resident was killed Wednesday when a construction backhoe pulled in front of his 1995 GMC Jimmy in an accident that happened on Ridge Road between Powell and North Territorial.

According to Plymouth Township police, dispatchers received a call around 3:30 p.m. Wednesday from a motorist who had witnessed the accident.

From results of preliminary investigations, police believe the backhoe driver may have pulled out into the Jimmy's lane of travel.

"We're still investigating, but

we feel the backhoe driver may have pulled out, said Sgt. James Jarvis of the Plymouth Township Police Department. "The (Jimmy) ran into the backhoe."

The crash, which is still under investigation by township police, closed Ridge Road for some three hours Wednesday.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded, and the 17-year-old was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti, where he was pronounced dead.

The driver of the backhoe was treated and released at the scene.

Jarvis said no decision has been made on whether the 24-year-old Columbiaville man driving the backhoe will be charged.

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Habitat set to hand out annual volunteer honors

When officials at Habitat for Humanity-Western Wayne County gather for dinner next week to honor their top annual volunteers, they'll have a lot to celebrate.

Sheila Friedrich, Habitat's executive director in western Wayne, announced the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will honor two local men and a Livonia company for their volunteer efforts.

The dinner is set for Saturday, May 3 at Atlantis Restaurant, on Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275, in Plymouth Township.

Redford Township resident Ray Carbott, Canton Township resident Jim Fausone and Livonia-based Thrivent top the affiliate's list of honorees this year.

Ray Carbott

A member of the Board of Directors since 1997, the Redford resident has been active on the building committee since 1995, having worked

on all 15 completed Habitat houses. In 1983 Ray retired from the Detroit schools after 35 years of teaching, with 22 years spent counseling troubled high school youth.

He and his wife, Teresa, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their six children and 11 grandchildren. They are active in the St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Redford.

Each year Carbott has contributed 400-500 hours of work at the building site, getting particular enjoyment from painting. He has personally solicited donations to paint nine of the 15 houses.

Jim Fausone

A Canton Township resident and Northville attorney, Fausone concentrates his legal practice in business matters, environmental regulation and litigation. Fausone practiced with Dykema Gossett from 1982-1993 before withdrawing from the partnership to

become president of an industrial services, waste transportation and environmental contracting company. He left that position in 1995 to start the law firm Fausone, Taylor & Bohn, LLP.

Fausone, chairman of Habitat's fund-raising committee, understands entrepreneurs as he has started three businesses over the last ten years, all of which he continues to operate. He is a 1981 magna cum laude graduate from Gonzaga University Law School and received his undergraduate degrees in environmental engineering and oceanography from the University of Michigan in 1976.

Fausone is a board member of the University of Michigan College of Engineering Alumni Society and is also a former member of Young Presidents' Organization.

He and his wife, Carol Ann Fausone, live in Canton Township.

Thrivent

Formerly Aid Associations to Lutherans, Livonia-based Thrivent has played "a significant role in providing affiliate leadership as well as monetary donations," according to Friedrich. Thrivent has been a co-sponsor of two homes, donating \$20,000 toward the completion of each.

Created by the merger of Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a unique blend of financial savvy and service to members and communities. They are a Fortune 500 financial services organization, providing financial expertise, personal customer service and financial products and services. A caring, faith-based membership organization dedicated to helping nearly three million members live better lives and give back to their communities, Thrivent will be represented by Park Jarrett at the awards dinner.

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Hospice gearing up for second 'art dash'

Arbor Hospice & Home Care announces Art Dash 2003, set for Thursday, May 15th at 6:30 PM at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth.

Proceeds from the highly anticipated event will benefit Arbor Hospice and its Northville office, which cares for hundreds of patients each year throughout the Novi, Northville, and Plymouth areas.

"In its first year, Art Dash sold out within just a few weeks and we expect the same eager response this year," said Laurie Marrs, co-chair of the Art Dash event. "Not only did the event bring the community together for a truly unique occasion, but it raised awareness as to the all-important mission of Arbor Hospice & Home Care and its impact on hundreds of families throughout the region."

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., patrons will enjoy a light buffet

with beverages and have a chance to "eye" the 100 pieces of art donated by area artists, valued from \$200 up into the thousands of dollars.

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Tickets are \$200, which admits up to two attendees per ticket. Only 100 tickets are being sold to this event, so interested parties are encouraged to register early to reserve their space. To register for Art Dash or for further information, please contact Glenda Gordon Kime at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662-5999, Ext. 152, or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care on-line at www.arborhospice.org.

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Barbara Lorelli (standing third from left) is the creator of the 1999 Grand National Championship banner presented at the April 8 Plymouth-Canton Band Boosters' meeting at Plymouth High School. While the band receives trophies and medals from Bands of America for top placement, the banners displayed at the school are handmade creations. The P-CEP band has placed in the top 10 bands in the country at the Bands of America Grand National Championships for the last 15 years with first-place wins in 1990, '91 and '99. Lorelli, a band mom who volunteers to make repairs on the uniforms, offered to make the banner when no one could remember who made the 1990 and '91 banners. She estimates the banner took some 50 hours to complete. "And," she said, "I sewed a little 'made by' label on the back of this one." Standing with Lorelli are a few of the members of the 1999 P-CEP Band. They are (at left) Peter Lorelli and Andy Sigworth. On the right are John Harvey, Liz Vink, Brian Leidel, David Harvey, Jeremy French, Jessica Sigworth, Evan Reissenweber, Brian Fleming and Joe Fournier.

Meeting details pageant changes

The Michigan Junior Miss Scholarship Program has announced a new at-large program will be held in August in Spring 2004 the opportunity to qualify for the state program held in Alpena.



Former Junior Miss Diane Sawyer of ABC-TV's Good Morning America with Plymouth's Katie Lorenz, the 2002 Michigan Junior Miss first runner-up, during a visit to the GMA studio in January.

Junior Miss Program in February 2004, and the opportunity to represent their state at America's Junior Miss in Mobile, Ala., which is televised nationally.

The America's Junior Miss Program was founded in 1957 and is the oldest and largest scholarship program for high school senior girls. It has helped thousands of girls pay for their educations and pursue their ambitions. More than \$18 million in cash scholarships and \$32 million in college granted scholarships are available each year.

Past participants include Diane Sawyer of ABC, Deborah Messing, co-star of NBC's *Will and Grace*, Julie Moran and former Miss Michigan USA, Jill Dobson. For more information visit www.AJM.org or www.geocities.com/MIJUNIORMISS

local program. Girls compete in the areas of scholastics, talent, stage presence, fitness and interviews.

Contestants qualifying for the State program will compete for cash scholarships and tuition grants at the Michigan

An informational meeting will be held for girls and their parents wishing to learn more and to pick up application forms at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at Jan's Dance Connection, 26032 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights.

Questions can be addressed to Lydia Soroosh at (734) 426-4744, or email yvonnelorenz@comcast.net or JMSickle@aol.com.

Formerly, only those girls participating in a local program could go on to compete at the state level. The new at-large program is open to all senior girls living in the southern Michigan area who have no

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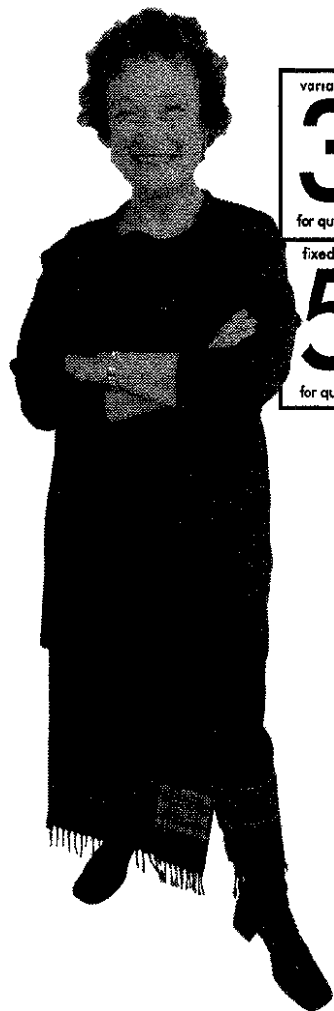
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Fund-raiser supports college scholarships

BY JONI HUBRED
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Bill and Sharon Bollin are half-way toward the goal of raising \$100,000 to establish a college scholarship in their daughter's name.

On May 17, you'll have a chance to help them reach that goal.

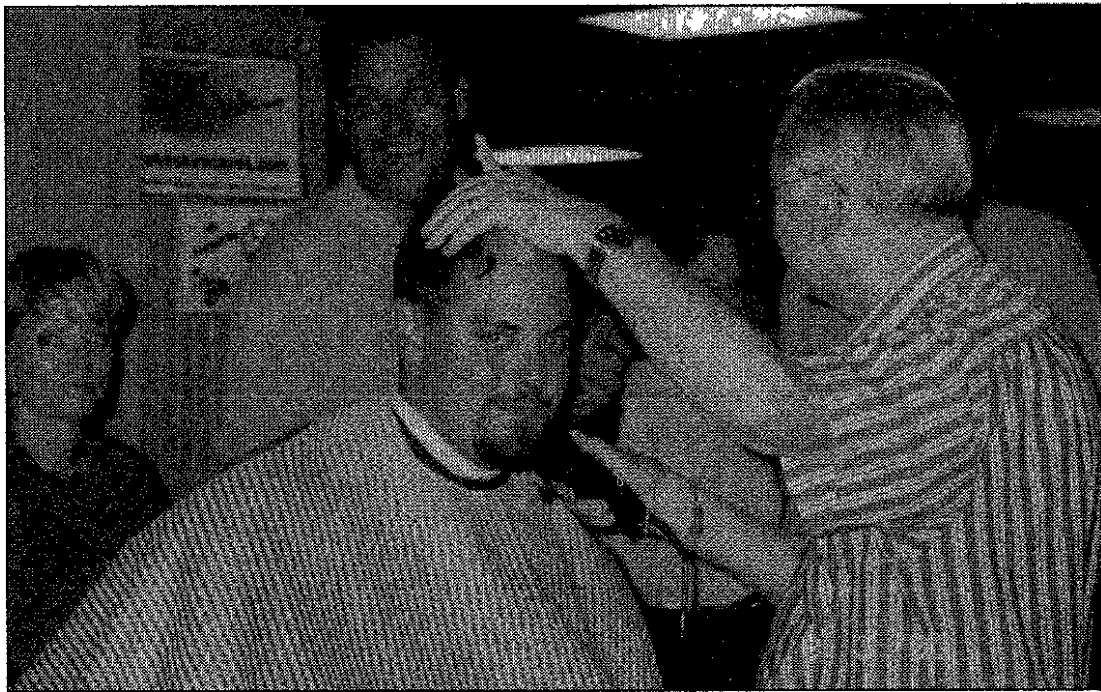
"We're hoping after this we only have to do one more," Sharon said of the bowling fund-raiser, to be held at Drakeshire Lanes. "It's hard when you're doing it for your own child."



Leah Bollin

Their aim is to help kids like their daughter, Leah, who died two years ago, at age 23. A Lake Superior State University student, she had trouble in school because of learning disabilities related to a diagnosis of epilepsy.

The Harrison High graduate had tried attending LSSU when she was 17, but came back home because of difficulties with her studies. She took classes at Oakland Community College and worked part-time.



Leah Bollin's brother, Rob, got his head shaved at last year's event by barber Chuck Budesky, who has cut three generations of Bollin hair. Last year's haircutting event raised more than \$2,000.

After seeing her brother Rob graduate from LSSU in 1999, she decided to give it one more shot and was almost through her schooling when the accident occurred. The University awarded her a posthumous degree last year, which Rob accepted.

Leah was killed in a car accident on August 16, 2001, while on her way to work. She had controlled her condition with medication, but on the day she died, authorities believe a seizure caused her to lose control of the car.

More than 600 people attended Leah's memorial service, where almost \$10,000 was donated. Bill and Sharon, who own Bollin Electric in Plymouth, hit on the idea of establishing a scholarship fund that would both keep their daughter's memory alive and help students with epilepsy and related disorders.

This year, the family hopes to award at least two scholarships, the applications for which are reviewed by a committee. Scholarships are renewable each year, as long as students remain academically eligible at Lake Superior State.

In part because her daughter also suffered from misperceptions about epilepsy, Sharon Bollin now speaks to school children about being "different." She brings along a Miniature Pinscher the family

adopted after Leah's death, the dog had been brought to the Humane Society after suffering horrible abuse.

The scholarship effort has been boosted this year with the donation of food from Gimopolis restaurant in Farmington Hills. Bowlers can participate in two sessions, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., with a silent auction in between.

Everything we make goes toward the scholarship," Sharon said. "We don't take out any expenses. That's what our contribution is."

She said Drakeshire is a perfect venue for this type of event, held for the first time last year. The family raised almost \$25,000, which put total scholarship contributions at \$52,000.

A minimum \$50 donation includes food, pop and beer, the silent auction is \$25 per ticket and raffle tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six. For entry forms or more information, call (734) 459-0070 or (248) 553-4776.

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organizer "We can't spend money we don't have, and I think the benefit to the community in revenue and additional business doesn't warrant this."

"Obviously it's not my call, and we'll deal with it. We all know times are tough," it won't necessarily make the event go away, but we're under a lot of pressure with fund-raising. I would hope they would reconsider that."

There are several other large changes coming as the city tries to find the extra half-million in its budget. Some of the proposed changes came in the recreation department, where increasing fees and cutting the six-week neighborhood parks program could add more than \$120,000 to the city's coffers.

Fee increases proposed by recreation head Steve Anderson could bring more than \$86,000 in revenue to the city. Cutting the neighborhood parks program, which employs a dozen part-time workers, would shave expenses by more than \$34,000.

But Anderson told commissioners Thursday he'd like to save the program in some form. It gives city children something to do for those six weeks, and is the kind of program on which Plymouth prides itself.

"It's one of those things that make Plymouth unique," Anderson said. "It's hard to come to you guys and to say, 'Where do you want to go with it?'"

Commissioners appeared to agree, and city manager Paul Sincock said Friday the program may be spared.

A potential bone of contention could be the proposal to charge the estimated \$29,000 expense for downtown street lights to the Downtown Development Authority, rather than having the city pay for that expense.

Bob Mundt, who sits on the DDA board, said DDA members have expressed concern the city is trying to balance its budget on the back of the DDA.

"I wonder if that even falls under the charter of the DDA," Mundt said. "My initial view is that would fall outside our province. I think there needs to be some discussion between the city and DDA."

The city is trying to avoid laying off current workers, although no one is eliminating that possibility. One saving element of the budget could be the sale of the so-called Bathey property, in which the city has had some degree of interest.

The commission directed the planning commission to come up with a land-use plan for the property and, although multi-use seems to make the most sense, that process hasn't yet been completed. There may still be time to use the potential sale of the property to help ease the budget crisis.

"I think this (plan) is overly aggressive because we're going to make money on that property," commissioner Colleen Pobur said of the administration's proposals. "I think whatever we do should be a blend."

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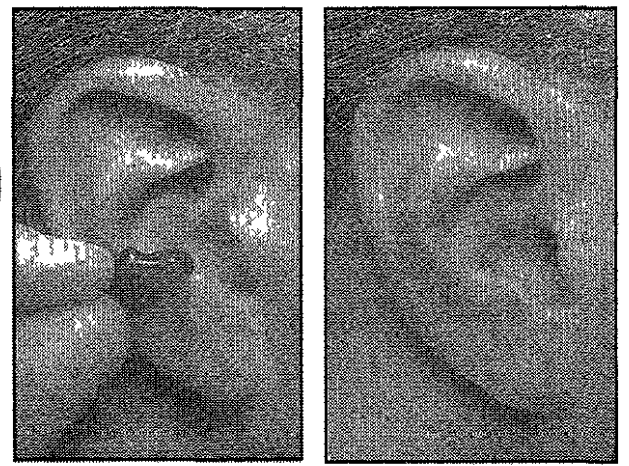
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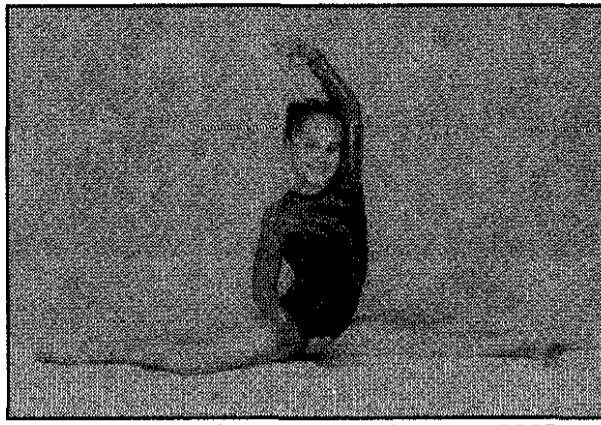
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opportunities and everything else will be exactly the same as if they never left for active duty"

Ficano fielded questions from a crowd of about 50 people at his first Town Hall meeting in western Wayne County. He plans to conduct similar meetings in the future.

Also in response to the veterans question, he said that on May 3, with help from Home Depot and other organizations, his appointed officials will go to the homes of the troops and help in doing spring cleaning in their yards. He said they are also working with veterans' groups in the county.

"I appreciate the applause," he said, "but it's the appointees who deserve the credit."

In preliminary remarks before taking questions, Ficano said Wayne County has had a \$55 million structural deficit in the budget. On top of that, he said, there's been an additional \$8 million in cuts from the state.

"We have fixed the structural problem," he said. "We'll have a balanced budget. And there will not be layoffs."

He said he has reduced the number of appointees from about 350 to 75 and each of them took a 14-percent pay cut when his administration took over.

Asked about the status of regional service centers,

Ficano said there was good news and bad news. "They've been on the drawing board for such a long time that if we had built a lot of infrastructure, we might be reducing it right now because of something called the Internet," he said.

He said the county is looking at some out-county locations where regional services would be located so people won't have to go downtown and visit maybe two or three different buildings.

"If we get our act together in the future," he said, "we can offer a lot of those services over the Internet."

So-called E-government, he said, is going to be the wave of the future.

He drew laughter from the audience when he was asked why Detroit and Wayne County were not given federal funds for homeland security.

"Are we not important as the border city?" the questioner asked.

"We are, but the president's from Texas," Ficano quipped.

On a serious note he said he was disappointed that this area did not receive any of the funds.

"It's a security issue, but it's also an economic issue," he said. "The United States biggest trading partner is Canada and about 70 percent of that commerce actually goes through this area. I think it's short-sighted that we are not the one that receives some of that money."

A question about the emer-



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Gail Lafayette of Canton listens to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano during a Town Hall Meeting Thursday evening at the Summit on the Park.

ald ash borer was turned over to Patrick Hogan, director of roads for the county.

"We count ash trees in the right of way on a regular basis," Hogan said, "and each time we count we find more that are taken down. At last count we estimate that there will be at

least 10,000 ash trees that it will be necessary for us to take down."

He said about 6,000 have been taken down already.

"We have talked to a number of people about the potential of doing something to help these trees survive," he said. "All the experts are telling us that there is no system out there right now that will help the ash tree to survive."

One questioner asked Ficano his feelings about two county-owned golf courses.

"First of all, they lose on the

average about \$5 million a year," he said. "We're concerned with that. We're definitely looking at different ways of operating the courses."

He said he would have a recommendation to the county commission within the next year.

"We're looking at anything from selling them to turning over ownership with some kind of fee arrangement back to the county," he said. "We want to make sure they at least break even."

County Commissioner

Lyn Bankes, a Republican whose district includes the cities of Plymouth and Northville, Plymouth and Northville townships, and a part of Livonia, listened attentively to the 90-minute session from a seat in the front row.

He did a good job," she said. Then smiling, she added, "For a Democrat."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack moderated the forum.

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Fine Arts Concert
Pianist Paul Sullivan graces the stage at First Presbyterian Church of Northville for a concert in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. Sunday May 4 Contact Dr Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349 0911 for more information

Ann Arbor Youth Chorale Auditions
The spring auditions are being held May 13 in the choir room of Huron High School in Ann Arbor Contact Erin Ciafin at (734) 996 4404 for more information

School Registration
Music matters at the School for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor and registration for summer camps classes and lessons has officially begun For further information call (734) 995 4625 or log on to the school's Web site at www.spa.aia.org for a complete listing of classes and camps

WSSC 2003 Awards Breakfast
Being held at 8 a.m. Sunday April 27 at the Plymouth Cultural Center Cost is \$10 per person Tickets available at regular club meetings or by mail

Caregivers Conference
A free caregivers conference is being offered for seniors and anyone meeting the needs of older senior adults The conference will be held at the Summit on the Park in Canton from 6 8 45 p.m. Wednesday May 7 Everyone is welcome To register call (313) 937 8291

Crafters
Crafters are needed for the 16th annual juried show on Saturday Oct 18 The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School Call Jan at (734) 844 1707 or e-mail theways@comcast.net

Bicycle Rides
Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers and ABBTS will start at 6 p.m. every Monday in April at the downtown Plymouth parking lot behind the Penn Theater and The Gathering For more information call tour leader Alan Van Kerckhove at (734) 455 9144

Preschool Registration
Willow Creek Co Op Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2003 2004 classes for 3 and 4 year olds Call Sherry Haskell at (734) 326 5735

for more information
Inline Roller Hockey Leagues
Skatin Station II in Canton is accepting registration for the spring season One game a week Call (734) 459-6401 for more information

Crafters Wanted
St Thomas a Becket Church in Canton is accepting applications for the Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec 6 All interested crafters please contact Gloria at (734) 981 0279

Volunteer Training
First Step the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence is looking for volunteers Call (734) 416 111 Ext 202 for more information

Plymouth Community Council on Aging
Free health screening for seniors 13 p.m. April 29 at the Plymouth Township Friendship Station Please bring the name of your physician and relevant health history information Please pre register by calling (734) 453 1234 ext 236

Plymouth Community Chorus
The annual spring concert entitled *Broadway Legends* will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday May 3 and Sunday May 4 at the new Northville High School Call (734) 455 4080 for information on ticket purchase or go to www.plycommunitychorus.org

Drug Workshop
This is a two part series Part One Teens Using Drugs What To Know will be presented on Tuesdays May 6 and June 3 from 7 30 9 p.m. at St Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Classroom EC4 5305 Elliot Drive Ypsilanti It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems Part two is What To Do and will be presented Tuesdays May 13 and June 10 from 7 30 9 p.m. This will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is identified and will include a recovering teen speaker

Preschool Registration
The Plymouth Salvation Army is open registration for its preschool programs for Fall 2003 The 3 year old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4 year old program runs Monday Wednesday and Friday For more information call Peggy at (734) 459 1358 or (734) 453 5464 Ext 25

Fish Fry
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an All You Can Eat Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse from 5 9 p.m. The cost is \$8.75 per person

Patricia Ann Woznick
A memorial service for Patricia Woznick, 73, of Plymouth will be held at a later time
Mrs Woznick was born Sept 5, 1929 in Detroit and died April 22 in Plymouth She was a registered nurse
Survivors include daughters, Karen Cornwall, Anne Garcia, Sharon Pfafi and Patricia Woznick, sons, Joseph Woznick and Michael Woznick, eight grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren
Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home

Nellie R. Weronka
Services for Nellie Weronka, 79, of Detroit, were held April 25 at McCabe Funeral Home with the Rev C Richard Kelly officiating Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery
Mrs Weronka was born June 21, 1923 in Detroit and died April 20 in Dearborn
Mrs Weronka was preceded in death by husband, John Weronka.
Survivors include son, Dennis (Amy) Weronka of Canton, and grandchildren, Diana Rose and Rachel Weronka
Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel

Joseph John Babis
Private services for Joseph Babis, 86, of Canton were held at an earlier date
Mr Babis was born March 25, 1917 in Terre Haute, Ind., and died April 17 in Superior Township He was a retired police officer for the City of Dearborn
Survivors include wife, Florence Babis, son, Dale (Irene) Reynolds, daughters Linda (Bill) Galbraith and Sharon Elliott, nine grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren
Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel

Jessica L. Smith
Services for Jessica Smith,

23, of Canton were held April 25 at St Thomas a Becket Catholic Church with the Rev C Richard Kelly officiating
Jessica was born April 28, 1979 in Livonia and died April 20 in Canton She was a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School in 1997 and was attending the University of Michigan for computer studies
Survivors include parents, Ron Smith and Anne Winter, sister, Samantha (Mike) Baker, niece, Shelby Baker and nephew, Zachary Baker
Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society
Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel

Betty L. Steinhebel
Services for Betty Steinhebel, 60, of Canton, were held April 25 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev Joseph Malha officiating Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia
Mrs Steinhebel was born Dec 23, 1942 in Decatur, Ill and died April 22 in Superior Township She was a technical

assistant for U.V.A. Machine in Plymouth She came to the Canton community in 1977 from Livonia and attended St John Neumann Catholic Church She was a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association She loved her family, cats and was an avid Red Wing fan She was a loving wife, mother and niece
Mrs Steinhebel was preceded in death by her brother, John Gunter
Survivors include husband of 32 years, John of Canton, children, Jenny Steinhebel of Canton, John Steinhebel II of Clinton Township, Rebecca (Matt) Wressell of Troy, and Jason (JoEllen) Steinhebel of Canton, sister-in-law, Margaret Gunter, uncle, Bud (Genevieve) Rettke of Lincoln, Neb., and aunt, Vera Gardner of Decatur, Ill
Memorial contributions may be made to St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor
Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

Muriel Louise Cobb
Services for Muriel Cobb, 99,

of Livonia will be held April 28 at St John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev George Charnley officiating Burial will be at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.
Mrs Cobb was born Oct 31, 1903 in Welland, Ontario, Canada and died April 23 in Livonia
She was the bookkeeper for American Blower in Detroit and came to the Livonia community in 1996 from Canton She was a member of St John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton and the Canton Zesters senior group She loved to read, travel and sew She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother
Mrs Cobb was preceded in death by her husband, David D Cobb in 1983, two brothers, and two sisters
Survivors include daughters, Patricia Hartz of Plymouth and Jacquelyn (Chester) Kubik of Dearborn Heights, 12 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild
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Duggan targets dead-beat parents

Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan said Tuesday that the county would prosecute 1,000 dead-beat parents this year for failure to pay child support.

Duggan made his announcement at a press conference with Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox and Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

More than 200 parents have already been charged in 2003 with failure to pay child support, a four-year felony, by the new Felony Non-Support Unit of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, staffed by five full-time prosecutors. Those charges have been supported by the sheriff's Friend of the Court Enforcement Unit, which has two detectives and 11 deputies. The sheriff's unit has made 120 arrests since Jan. 1. In the first three months of 2003, these prosecutions have resulted in 83 convictions that will result in \$12 million in overdue child support to custodial parents, according to the prosecutor's office. Attorney General Mike Cox, who has made the collection of child support payments a major priority statewide, is supporting the Wayne County prosecutions by handling the most complex cases - those involving out-of-state parents or those adept at hiding their income.

The prosecutor's office has set up a hotline for parents who want to have their cases reviewed for possible felony prosecution. (313)224-0465. Cases that meet four criteria will

be given priority.

■ Case is within the jurisdiction of the Wayne County Friend of the Court

■ At least \$5,000 is owed to the custodial parent in past due support

■ At least one child on the order was born in 1982 or later

■ There is reason to believe the non-custodial parent has the ability to pay and is willfully refusing

If a case fits the above criteria, contact the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office hotline or send your name, phone number and case number by e-mail to felonynonsupport@3cc.co.wayne.mi.us

After receiving the complaint, the FNS Unit investigates and, if necessary, files charges against the non-paying parent. At the same time charges are issued, a letter is sent to the defendant explaining they can avoid arrest by sheriff's deputies if they contact a deputy to make arrangements to turn themselves in within 48 hours. If they choose not to call, the case is then turned over to the sheriff's arrest team and the defendant will be picked up. The surrender rate has been close to 50 percent.

Prior to 2001, fewer than 10 deadbeat parents were prosecuted in Wayne County each year. Beginning in October, 2002, Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly obtained \$300,000 in federal money for the Prosecutor's Unit, matched by a \$150,000 appropriation by the Wayne County Commission.

Schoolcraft graduates 1,300 on May 3

More than 1,300 students are eligible to receive diplomas at Schoolcraft College's 38th commencement, Saturday, May 3.

Graduates will hear Thomas D. Watkins Jr., state superintendent of public instruction, deliver the commencement address. Guests must have tickets to attend the ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m.

The college will confer honorary degrees on Watkins, Orin Mazzoni Jr., president of Orin Jewelers Inc., and a longtime Schoolcraft Foundation supporter, Laura Toy, state of Michigan senator for the 6th District, whose support was

crucial in the college's receipt of state funding for the new VisTaTech Center, and Dr. E. J. McClendon, an educational leader in the Plymouth community.

On Friday, May 2, 114 public safety graduates will convene for their ceremony, where they will hear Michigan Court of Appeals Justice Michael Talbot deliver the commencement speech.

Commencement speaker Watkins took over as superintendent in the state's educational office April 2001. Among his former public and private positions are deputy chief of staff for Gov. James Blanchard, director of

the Department of Mental Health, special assistant to the president for public school initiatives at Wayne State University where he played a key role in creating Michigan's first charter school, and president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Fla.

Watkins earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University and a master's degree in social work administration from Wayne State University. Currently he is completing requirements for a doctorate in education administration at Wayne State.

Justice Talbot, who will speak at the public safety graduation, served as a visiting judge in the Wayne County Circuit Court, the circuit courts of Ingham, Oakland, St. Clair, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe and Emmet counties and in the Michigan Court of Appeals. As a judge, he has served on the City of Detroit Common Pleas and Recorder's courts and the Wayne County Circuit Court.

This year's distinguished alumnus is John Covach, associate professor of music at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who attended Schoolcraft in the late 1970s.

Former lieutenant governor dies at 91

Martha Wright Griffiths, former Michigan lieutenant governor and congresswoman, died Wednesday at her Armada, Mich., home following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Griffiths, 91, was a longtime advocate of civil rights and women's rights, and also noted for reforming Social Security laws and welfare laws, along with other projects.

She is known for giving a congressional speech Feb. 8, 1964, that cemented the word "sex" into the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, legislation not originally intended to address gender discrimination. Title IX is part of the 1972 amendments to that Civil Rights Act.

Mrs. Griffiths, in the summer of 1970, blasted the Equal Rights Amendment out of congressional committee where it had been buried for 47 years. She then shepherded the ERA successfully through Congress

until its March 22, 1972, emergence as a proposed constitutional amendment.

Mrs. Griffiths was preceded in death by her husband, Hicks, also an attorney. The two met and eloped as undergraduates at the University of Missouri. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in 1934 and her law degree from the University of Michigan in 1940.

She was elected to the state House in 1948 and served four years. She lost her first bid for Congress in 1952, served as the first woman Detroit Recorder's Court judge and was elected to Congress in 1954. She served in the House until 1974.

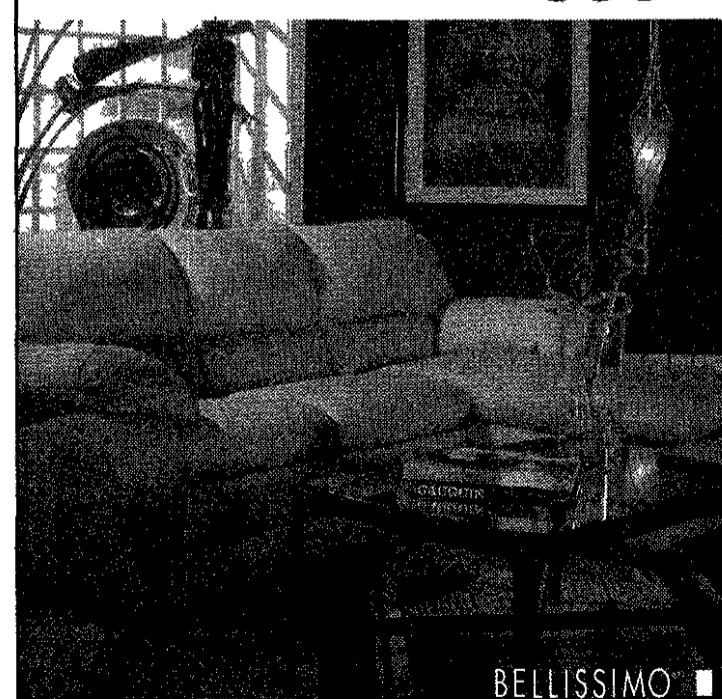
As Michigan's first elected woman lieutenant governor in 1982, she served two terms through 1990. Former Gov. James Blanchard drew criticism, including from Mrs. Griffiths, with his decision not to choose her again as his running mate. Mrs. Griffiths was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 1983 and into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1993.



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The celebration which is sponsored by Vegans in Motion runs 1:30-4:30 p.m. and features presentations, door prizes, food and products for sale, skits and demonstrations on making our planet healthy and whole.

Admission is \$5 with children under 12 admitted free. Greger, who served as an expert witness defending Oprah Winfrey in her defamation trial, will speak at 2 p.m.

For details, contact Unity of Livonia at (313) 541-0162.

Help whip cancer

The Pampered Chef will help whip cancer in a campaign to assist the American Cancer Society in raising awareness and funds for breast cancer early detection programs.

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Customers also can make a cash donation to the American Cancer Society by rounding any product order to the nearest dollar or more at any Help Whip Cancer Kitchen Show or in cooking demonstration in May. Others can host a Help Whip Cancer kitchen show fund-raiser. Money raised at this show will be donated directly to the American Cancer Society.

For more information on the Pampered Chef Kitchen Shows or items, call Colleen Finley, independent kitchen consultant for The Pampered Chef at (248) 203-1683.

Enjoy pimientos

Elvis used it as his special hamburger topping. It's a must for tea parties in Birmingham (Alabama, not Michigan).

Take a bite of pimientos, a favorite comfort food of the South, whether it is on sandwiches, burgers or vegetable spreads.

After all, May is National Pimiento Month. Try this Two-Minute Pimiento Spread: Drain the diced pimientos from a 4-ounce jar, then mix with two cups of grated cheddar cheese, a dash of Worcestershire sauce and salt to taste.

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Cover and refrigerate for a sandwich spread or add mayonnaise for a creamy chip and vegetable dip.



Camelia Flores presents enchiladas suizas with tomatillo sauce.

Ole!

It's time to celebrate Mexican food with Cinco de Mayo

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Mexican food is so American now that it is hardly considered ethnic cuisine.

And with Cinco de Mayo approaching on May 5, many restaurants will be celebrating the event with everything from Mexican food specials to mariachi bands.



Camelia Flores grinds cumin with garlic cloves.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates a victory by Mexican soldiers over the French at Puebla, Mexico, on the morning of May 5, 1862.

While it is an important date in history, it is also a chance for food lovers to celebrate Mexican cooking and its offspring of Southwestern and Tex-Mex, whether you enjoy a mild poblano pepper in a chile relleno or slow burn of a jalapeno on a quesadilla. You may enjoy the simplicity of a taco or burrito, the fine texture of shredded beef or pork inside a chimichanga, or the subtle flavors of a chicken enchilada. And then there's salsa with its irresistible mix of chopped tomatoes, cilantro and garlic mixture, which has grown immensely over the past 20 years as a condiment in America's kitchen.

GOOD FLAVORS

Take a look at those Mexican influences — chili powder, cilantro and tomatoes. "I love the flavor of it," said Camelia Flores, owner of Camelia's Authentic Mexican Cuisine at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. "You just like the spices. You get used to those flavors."

Luis Gomez, owner of Margarita's Mexican Restaurant on 12 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak, was born in Guadalajara in Jalisco, Mexico. He features

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Schoolcraft's culinary team competes for regional title

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When sports fans think of college athletics, they may think of the storied rivalries of Duke-North Carolina in basketball or Nebraska-Oklahoma in football.

But a rivalry is also brewing (or perhaps stewing?) between Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Johnson Community College in Kansas — not in sports, but in culinary arts.

Schoolcraft College's Salon team, the school's culinary arts competitive team, outscored Johnson two years ago in a competition of 12 state championship teams to win the right to represent the Central U.S. region in a national competition. In July, Schoolcraft won the national culinary title.

Johnson returned the favor last year. Johnson took first place and Schoolcraft took second at the Central regional competition, then Johnson won the national Salon title.

This year, the table is set as those two schools returned to represent Michigan and Kansas this weekend at the regional competition, this year in Houston. Teams from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska, Texas,

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Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Fetzer Vineyards, headquartered further north in Mendocino County, was a modern pioneer in the Central Coast, sourcing grapes from the renowned Bron Nacido Vineyard since 1979.

Fetzer broke ground for its own Central Coast project, Five Rivers Ranch, in 1999. This ranch in Paso Robles has nearly 500 planted vineyard acres, which like all Fetzer properties, is organically farmed.

The Five Rivers Ranch name comes from the original land deed on the property and refers to the five rivers in the central part of the region.

These rivers (San Benito, Salinas, Santa Maria, Santa Ynez and Sisquoc), together with the western border Santa Lucia Highlands mountain range, the Gavilan range on the east and Sierra Madres to the south, define the diverse growing region.

To establish the brand, Fetzer began introducing varietal wines in the Five Rivers Ranch portfolio in only six states in August 2001. More states were added in 2002 and now the wines are available in Michigan. At this juncture, these wines are from purchased grapes but some, such as Cabernet Sauvignon, will transition to estate vineyards as they come on line, beginning with harvest 2003.

REASON FOR EXCITEMENT

There have been other Central Coast wine projects, so why are we so jazzed about this one? First, it's Fetzer, a winery with bona fide heritage that cares about environmental stewardship and takes pride in being innovative wine industry leaders. All three are the reasons for the enormous success of Fetzer's Bonterra brand of wines from organically-certified vineyards.

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MEXICAN

FROM PAGE B1

more of a Tex-Mex cuisine, with corn tortillas, which are considered authentic Mexican (Incidentally, don't order a drink by the same name of the restaurant - Gomez doesn't serve them. He named the restaurant after his mother.)

Cinco de Mayo is "overplayed" by some Americans, Gomez said, but he appreciates the history of the event. "It was certainly important, but it wasn't the main battle," Gomez said. "You could compare it to a veterans day, but it isn't as big as the Fourth of July." Mexico's actual Independence Day is Sept. 15.

Gomez's menu features vegetarian fare, roasted on an open flame, including onions, jalapeno and tomatoes, ceviche, burritos and pico de gallo, fajitas with the standard steak or chicken. Those vegetables are characteristic of Mexican cooking, he said.

Mark Stefanovski, owner of Little Mexico II in Westland, said diners enjoy the authenticity of Mexican dishes and spices his restaurant uses of jalapeno and cayenne peppers.

"It's not your everyday cuisine," Stefanovski said.

His restaurant also serves tripe soup (menudo) and chicken mole (chicken covered with a spicy chocolate sauce) along with the traditional dishes. "You'll only get the diehard Mexican food lovers to order those dishes," Stefanovski said. "Usually people order the enchiladas, fajitas and tacos."

For Camelia Flores, garlic and cumin (or comino) are key ingredients. She too considers her food Tex-Mex-influenced. "You ground (cumin) up from the seed," Flores said of the cumin. "You use it fresh."

That bowl used to grind the mix is called molcajete. A stone is used to grind it by hand. "You have to be careful with cumin," she said. "If you overdo it, you can ruin it."

GARLIC NEEDED

Fresh garlic is a must, as well. "You can really taste the difference if you try garlic powder. The fresh garlic really makes the difference. You can just taste it," Flores said. She doesn't use the prepared chili powder. She uses ancho chiles (which are dried poblanos), boiled and seeded, then ground to a powder. "That's

one of the things that's important to me - making our own powder," Flores said. Beef cuts which cook well on the grill are important in Mexican dishes, such as Delmonico steak and ribeye steak, she said.

Chile rellenos (which are fried poblano chiles stuffed usually with cheese) are also growing in popularity. These chiles, like other peppers, should be roasted over an open flame to help peel them and roast them.

"They get a little charcoal flavor and it does enhance the flavor a little bit," Flores said.

Fresh tomatoes are not key to just a good salsa, they are critical to a good pico de gallo, too. "The sweeter the tomato, the better the pico de gallo," Flores said. "And cilantro and tomatoes are the key ingredients to salsa."

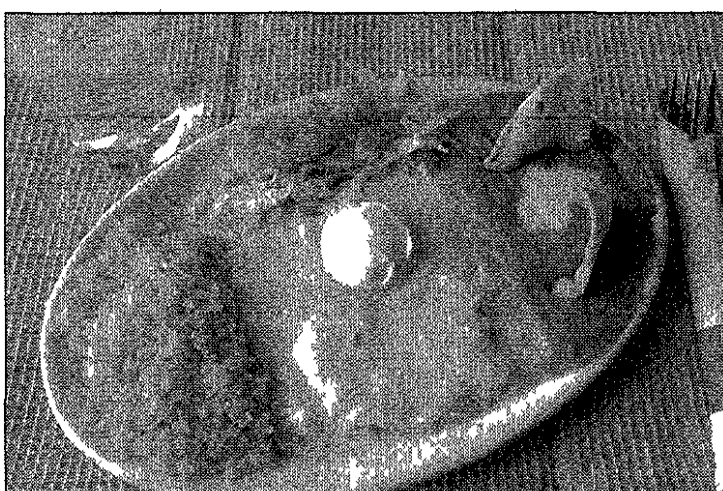
"We don't make ours real watery or real chunky. We like to blend it so it has a certain texture to it."

Flores agrees that Cinco de Mayo is somewhat commercialized, but she likes that. She plans on providing mariachi bands, a Mexican dance group and clowns for entertainment along with steak fajita specials.

"It's fun," Flores said. "Everybody just wants to have a good time."

Many of these restaurants are planning Cinco de Mayo dinner or drink specials, mariachi bands and clowns. Call those restaurants for details. Call Camelia's at (248) 474-0902, Little Mexico II at (734) 467-1910, Margarita's at (248) 547-5050 or other favorite Mexican restaurants.

Flores also will be participating in the 2003 Salsa, a salsa cookoff competition between Detroit area Mexican restaurants, 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at the Boogie Fever Cafe, 22901 Woodward in Ferndale. Tickets are \$20 in



These enchilada suizas feature a tomatillo sauce.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CALENDAR

Taste of the Nation
Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation dinner will feature food, wine and beer from more than 50 chefs, restaurants and wine distributors on Sunday, April 27, at the Somerset Collection South in Troy. Patron party is 6-7 p.m. and general public is 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$100 from Kristen Hickey at Unique Restaurant Corp. at (248) 646-0370 ext. 216 and \$200 per patron from Variety Children's Charity at (248) 258-5511.

Party Planning
Learn how to throw a fabulous party and enjoy it too. Benefit from 36 years of professional party planning experience of Harold Baldwin by participating in this class Monday, April 28, 7-9 p.m. at Seaholm High School. Class fee is \$39. For more information call (248) 203-3800.

From Scratch
Children aged 2-5 can learn to cook an entree or dessert in a class session at From Scratch, 29831 Northwestern Highway. Each kindercook will complete a recipe page for a cookbook. Children can be enrolled for as many dates as you wish. The class meets 10 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 30, May 7 and 21 and June 4. The class fee is \$18. For information call the Birmingham Community Education at (248) 203-3800.

Taste of West Bloomfield
Enjoy this wonderful opportunity to bring family and friends and sample the cuisine of 24 area restaurants at the Taste of West Bloomfield II, a.m. 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Henry Ford Medical Center, 6777 Maple Road. Tickets are \$10 per person (children 10 and under are free). The event benefits the Greater West Bloomfield Community Coalition for Youth and the West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. There is entertainment and a raffle. Prizes include a restaurant gift certificate, massage and more. Tickets are available in advance at the Chamber of Commerce office at (248) 626-3636 or at the door.

Mother's Day class
Young aspiring chefs aged 5-9 can create a keepsake apron for mom, then it's onto the kitchen for chocolate fun. The class fee is \$25. The class is scheduled for 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at From Scratch, 29831 Northwestern Highway. For information call the Birmingham Community Education at (248) 203-3800.

Wine Tasting
More than 500 wines from wineries in the Great Lakes region will be judged including ice wines from Canada at the Eighth Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Judging and Walk Around Tasting, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, inside Building J. Wineries will be judged for gold, silver and bronze medals. Restaurants including Steve & Rocky's, Travis Pointe Country Club, Confectionately Yours, Bakery, Great Oaks Country Club and Morels will prepare dishes to pair with the wines. Tickets are available for \$45 per person. Entertainment provided by the OCC Jazz Band. All proceeds benefit scholarships and travel scholarships for students at the Culinary Studies Institute at OCC. Call (248) 522-3700 for information.

Cuisine du Jour
Chef Kipp Bourdeau of Bistro Bourdeau in Auburn Hills will discuss Mastering Marnades, Getting Reacquainted with Your Grill and Fast Summer Desserts at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Specialties Showroom, 2800 W. 11 Mile in Berkley. Please mail registration and payment to Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 or call (248) 377-2300 for information.

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Summer Sauce Makes a Great Meal

TEAM

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Oklahoma and Missouri also are competing

STATE TITLE

Schoolcraft took this year's state title when the culinary arts team won the Michigan Salon competition at Schoolcraft on March 15

Mark Donovan, of Wayne-Westland, Jeremiah Brown of Petoskey, Adam Kline of Charlevoix and Brandon Taylor, along with alternate David Koshizawa of Canton, represent the Schoolcraft team

The five are members of a Salon class that began in September

The team dynamics are an important part of the competition, said Kevin Gawronski, a certified master chef and instructor-coach of the Salon team

"It's not enough to be a great cook for the competition, you have to be a team player

"You see how they work, you see how they interact, give them tests and how they respond to pressure"

Students learn how to cut, and cut, and cut, to hone their knife skills

Then they create recipes, and revise, and revise again and keep the recipes current in terms of seasonality

The menu for the state competition reads like one of a top-notch restaurant - torchon of ruby trout (with its essence, early spring vegetables and wild sea trout roe) created by Brown, Donovan's medley of duck (pan-seared breast with confit of leg in creamed cabbage, cherry wood smoked sausage, liver dumpling and potato pizelle), baby farm greens (with Meyer lemon vinaigrette, spicy sweet pecans, poached pear and a Charlotte of chevre and gorgonzola cheese) by Kline and Taylor's pumpkin and butternut squash cream (featured with a red currant compote and a ginger cake)

Gawronski expected that menu to change up until the last minute "Fiddleheads are coming in, as are the wild leeks, baby white asparagus and fava beans," Gawronski said Even morels may make their way onto the menu

"(Seasonal produce) was a key issue and it helped us a lot (in 2001)," Gawronski said "We completely changed our dishes in the competitions in April and July We have an abundance of products at that time of year" That team revised an entree from rabbit to duck

"I think the judges appreciated it," Gawronski said "It is critical for them to learn the seasonality of dishes and keep in mind the produce available"

For example, cabbage may change to braised wild leeks, Michigan trout will be used, a cheese may be revised from an imported one to a Vermont-based goat cheese

MORE COMPLEX

As the students hone their proficiencies with the dishes, they can add complexity to the flavors, Gawronski said "Every second is occupied, but with more practice, the more polished they become and the more comfortable they are They have more time to put more complexity into the dish"

Students will be scored 15 percent on knife skills, 25 percent on kitchen skills and 60 percent on the hot food competition

On knife skills, students will have to chop potatoes, slice carrots, dice onions and flute two mushrooms within a specific time period and to a specific size

Gawronski was confident that the team will do well this weekend

"The team dynamics are great, and you couldn't ask for a more dedicated team," Gawronski said "I have something in mind for them, and they go ahead and add to it Their willingness to win is unbelievable"

The team is scheduled to return on Tuesday

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OCC presents great wines of the Great Lakes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Darlene Levinson, instructor at Oakland Community College, believes Michigan wineries and in other Great Lakes states and Canada don't always get a fair shake from consumers

"The general public thinks that the California wines are it (the best wines), but we'd like to educate the public that this area grows wonderful wines, too," Levinson said

Wine lovers can taste and learn about regional wines on Wednesday, May 14, at the eighth annual Great Lakes

Wine Competition at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills

Visitors will be able to sample from a selection of approximately 500 bottles of wines from 75 vineyards in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ontario

"It's the event for our scholarship fund," Levinson said "It is the event for the scholarship fund" Proceeds from the event will benefit scholarships for culinary students This event has helped raise \$70,000 over the past eight years, Levinson said

Earlier that day, 24 judges will select winners from the

wine samples The public will sample many of those same wines that evening

The ice wines continue to grow in popularity

"They are luscious, but they are hard to make," Levinson said

"They make them in limited quantity, so you're drinking gold People don't realize that every sip is about \$5 (in cost) of an ice wine"

Ice wine is a wine created by allowing grapes to freeze on the vine

The grapes are picked while they are frozen "And you get a luscious, sweet wine," Levinson said

Madeline Triffan, wine direc-

tor at Unique Restaurant Corp, calls Michigan a "perfect" wine-making state, and even though the weather favors the white wines "we are getting better at making exceptional reds," Triffan said

"The wines are very aromatic and the Mawbi Vineyard and the Chateau Grand Traverse make some of the best sparkling white wines and champagnes that the world has ever seen"

More than 500 wines will be entered for judging

One of the judges is Joseph Schagrinn, president of the International Wine Tasters Guild, who is delighted with the growth of the OCC wine

competition in such a short time

"I enjoy the event because it is fine-tuned and it is represented by so many vineyards from the region," Schagrinn said

Pine Lake Country Club, Steve & Rocky's, Fox and Hounds, P F Changs, Loving Spoonful and Travis Pointe Country Club are among several restaurants preparing Great Lakes foods to sample with the gold, silver and bronze medal winning wines

More than 20 restaurants will prepare dishes patrons can enjoy with the tastings of wine Tickets are \$45 per person The OCC Jazz Band also will perform

WINE

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"A long-term objective of Five Rivers Ranches," said Doug Defferari, Fetzer's Key Markets Brand manager, "is a Central Coast image and the perception of a Fetzer brand raised to a higher level in the \$10 to \$13 category"

Since this is the hottest wine category today, the objective is important "In last year's slowed economy," said Defferari, "the \$10 to \$13 price category grew 10 percent Twenty-five percent of all California wines are in this category but they create 61 percent of the revenue"

In this category, Fetzer has some savvy competitors such as Beauheu Vineyards Coastal, Mondavi's Private Selection (formerly Mondavi Coastal), Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay and Beringer's Founder's Estate wines Healthy competition brings consumers better wines at sensible prices We're all for that

And on that point, all Five Rivers Ranch wines have a suggested retail price of \$13 but because they are being aggressively marketed here, check around You can probably find them for \$10

TASTING

■ 2001 Five Rivers Ranch Chardonnay, Monterey County, expresses the lively tropical

WINE PICKS

Rarely do we taste several wines from the same winery and rate them all excellent Silverado Vineyards 2001 Sauvignon Blanc (\$14), is one of the most vibrantly crisp and delicious whites we've tasted at this price Next the food-focused 2001 Silverado Chardonnay (\$20), worth every penny for its bright fruits, toasty oak notes and creamy silky texture One of the nicest over \$20 merlots we've tasted in a long time is 1999 Silverado Merlot (\$25) This is a cabernet lover's merlot with dark berry fruit, chocolate nuances, nutty notes and a long luxurious finish

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fruits and citrus tones of cool climate Monterey A solid fruit core of flavors lingers through the finish

Food/cheese pairings: shellfish, salmon, snapper, trout or baked poultry/Swiss, Jack and parmesan

■ 2001 Five Rivers Ranch Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara County, has enjoyable bright cherry, dried leaves and mushroom characters, typical of the varietal

With lots of juicy fruit on the palate, it finishes velvety and smooth

Food/cheese pairings: grilled lamb, roast chicken or duck/brie, aged goat and teleme

■ 2001 Five Rivers Ranch Merlot, Central Coast, sports lively raspberry jam aromas and flavors It has substantial

structure and a solid finish

Food/cheese pairings: grilled chicken, salmon and tuna/smoked gouda, cheddar and parmesan

■ 2001 Five Rivers Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Coast, with deep, dark color has a red rose-like floral aroma that leads to cherry flavors, accented by hints of vanilla It's a steal as a 100 percent cabernet

Food/cheese pairings: grilled lamb or beef/camembert, parmesan and aged Jack

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BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Smokey Robinson, LeAnn Rimes, Ringo Starr and, of course, Pearl Jam — this year's summer concert series at DTE Energy Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival — is a mix of nostalgia, experimental and nearly everything in the middle.

Series tickets go on sale at noon today. The popular "pick-your-own plan" Summer Series allows patrons to create their own ticket package.

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'I try to keep things as positive as possible. My first priority is to make sure everybody's having a good time, but within that bubble of bliss there has to be the serious moment.'

Perry Farrell
musician and Lollapalooza founder

free lawn tickets

Lollapalooza, Friday, July 18, with the awaited return of its mastermind Perry Farrell, is the alternative highlight — especially with Jane's Addiction as its headliner.



Ozzfest, with Ozzy headlining, is one of the hottest tickets at DTE this year. Marilyn Manson and Disturbed will also perform

This year's festival includes Queens of the Stone Age, The Donnas, Audioslave, Incubus and Jurassic 5.

Just like the first memorable Lollapalooza, Jane's Addiction will headline the show that mixes music, politics, games and technology into a surreal rock n' roll carnival atmosphere.

In addition, it always includes political and environmental action opportunities.

"I try to keep things as positive as possible," Farrell says about his shows. "My first priority is to make sure everybody's having a good time, but within that bubble of bliss there has to be the serious moment."

Ozzfest — with Ozzy, Marilyn Manson and Disturbed on Friday, July 25 — will gratify the death rock and metal crowd. Poison's show, with special guest Vince Neil, should tickle glam lovers.

The Doors, with The Cult's Ian Ashbury as frontman Friday, June 20, is probably the most surprising union, Neil Young & Crazy Horse is one of the most anticipated.

The only absence seems to be a big hip-hop show — but that could change as new dates are added to the schedule.

The rap show of the summer concert season so far is Emmem at Comerica Park, and that will be hard to beat.

This year's DTE season begins Friday, May 23, with ZZ Top, Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Double Trouble. Eddie Money, who's been kicking off the summer series for years, performs on Saturday, May 24. Beck kicks

off the Meadow Brook Music Festival series Tuesday, June 10.

Wait, there's more — because that's just a slice of summer.

For an evening with a calmer tone, consider the Wine and Food Festival, Friday-Sunday, June 27-29, or Beatlemania Saturday, Aug. 23, at Meadow Brook.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra's five-week summer series at Meadow Brook begins with *The Romance of Rachmaninoff*, Friday-Saturday, July 11-12.

New this year are Casual Fridays, featuring a dress-down casual atmosphere followed by Saturdays of Summer.

Both nights will offer classical masterworks and internationally renowned soloists. Sundays with the Family programs are designed to appeal to kids of all ages, and feature pre-concert activities for children.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

What: Tickets go on sale for the summer series at DTE Energy Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival.
When: Noon Sunday, April 27
Where: The Palace Box office in Auburn Hills, and www.Palacenet.com. Series tickets may also be charged by phone by calling (248) 377-0100.

Friday-Saturday night DSO concerts begin at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. DSO's summer season continues weekends through Aug. 10.

"Series tickets have been a tradition at DTE Energy Music Theatre going back to its early days in the 1970s and we are happy to keep the custom alive," said Tom Wilson, president and CEO of Palace Sports and Entertainment. "With this year's changes to the program, offering free pavilion tickets and including Meadow Brook shows, we feel we have made the packages even more attractive."

Bonus shows for free tickets include everything from Detroit Public TV's Kids' Club Live with Arthur, Sesame Street's Elmo and Clifford the Big Red Dog, Wednesday, June 25, Carrot Top, Tuesday, July 22, Eddie Money, Saturday, May 24, The Trinity Irish Dance Company Thursday, July 31; Doobie Brothers Sunday, Aug. 24, and more.

DTE is the nation's most-attended outdoor amphitheater. The Palace was voted Arena of the Year eight times by Performance magazine and twice by Pollstar magazine.



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Kids can help Dora find 'City of Lost Toys'



Dora and her pal, Boots the monkey, come to the Fox Theatre May 7 in 'Dora the Explorer Live! - Search for the City of Lost Toys.'

BY KEELY KALESKI STAFF WRITER
Ask any kid under 8 and they'll tell you that 'Dora rocks.' 'She's smart, empowering, courageous and fun,' said Christina Bianco who gets to pretend she's Dora in 'Dora the Explorer Live!'

Dora is 7 and bilingual - she speaks Spanish and English. Her best friend is Boots, a monkey. 'I'm dressed like Dora and have the same mannerisms,' said Bianco.

Dora has a dilemma. She's lost her teddy bear and thinks it might be in the 'City of Lost Toys.' They have to get there before Swiper the Fox.

With the audience's help, she and her friends embark on an adventure filled with obstacles. They'll be checking with Backpack, getting directions from the Map, and keeping an eye out for Swiper the Fox.

He's quick and sneaky and the only way to stop Swiper before he swipes something is for Dora, Boots and the audience to call out, 'Swiper, no swiping!'

'We have to find the best way to get through the numbers pyramid,' said Bianco. 'The numbers are in English and Spanish.'

Through the show, Dora introduces Spanish words or phrases to communicate with her friends, overcome obstacles and reach goals. Tico the squirrel only speaks Spanish.

Dora translates for Tico and Boots so that they can understand each other. Although the program is targeted to preschoolers, Bianco says she sees kids as old as 8 screaming out answers during the show.

Before you even ask the question they're shouting out the answer. Kids love nothing more than knowing something you don't.

There are lots of special effects, things that pop out of nowhere, and trap doors with hidden slides.

'The sets are amazing,' said Bianco. 'Parents will have a great time.'

'Dora the Explorer Live!' is directed by Gap Hoppe and written by Chris Gifford who created the TV show with Valerie Walsh and Eric Weiner.

The show airs weekdays on Nick Jr. and Saturdays on CBS. For more information, visit www.nickjr.com.

Win tickets to the show

Tell us about the adventures you've planned for your children this summer to win tickets to 'Dora the Explorer Live!'

Send entries, along with your address and daytime telephone number, to Keely Kaleski, Assistant Managing Editor.

Entries must be received by Friday, May 2. There are lots of special effects, things that pop out of nowhere, and trap doors with hidden slides.

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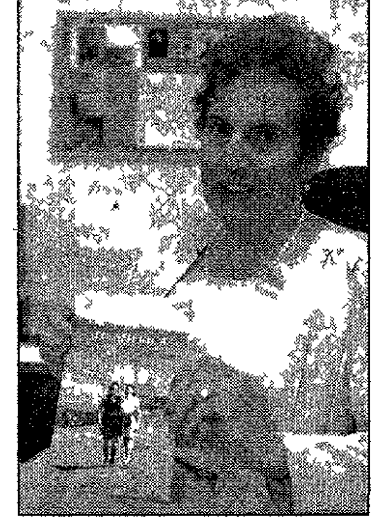
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A large grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, Star John R at 14 Mile, Star Rochester Hills, Star Southfield, Star Westland 18, Star Great Lakes Crossing, Star Theatres, Star Michigan, Star Emagine, Star Madstone Ann Arbor, Star Michigan Theater, Star M.J.R. Theatres, Star Birmingham Palladium 12, Star United Artists Theatres, and Star United Artists-Commerce 14. Each listing includes showtimes and prices.

From Ireland to America, a dream come true



Dr. Sheila Becker and her book 'My Dream from Ireland to America'

The American dream isn't a myth for Dr. Sheila O'Sullivan Becker of Birmingham, formerly of County Cork, Ireland. It really happened.

She was the eighth of 17 children, Becker left home at 15. She writes about her journey in 'My Dream from Ireland to America.'

It's an inspiring story. Becker's life story could be a made-for-TV movie. Her father was an alcoholic and abusive.

'In my family it became 'fight or flight,' she writes. I too was determined to remove myself from that terrible environment.

She grew up on a farm near the Clara Mountains. Life was hard, but not without joy. A neighbor, who had become a nun in a cloistered order in England, came home for her father's funeral.

Becker joined the order, but only lasted nine months. 'We were only allowed to speak for 15 minutes a day,' she said.

With help from her sister Eileen, Becker got a job as a maid. She lost that job and got another one helping the housekeeper in a rectory.

Still, Becker dreamed of a better future, and saved her money to go to nursing school. She graduated with six letters after her name, S.R.N. and S.C.M. - State Registered Nurse and State Certified Midwife.

Unemployment was high in Ireland, and after she graduated, Becker answered an ad in a medical publication put out by Grace Hospital in Detroit offer

ing to sponsor nurses to come to America, as the hospital was understaffed. That was in January 1955.

'I made more money in one day than I did in England for a month,' she said.

While working at the hospital she met Jay Becker, who was to become her husband. She had become friends with the daughter of one her patients, who arranged a double date.

Jay lined up his best friend Jack as Sheila's escort. The four of them went to a German sing-along place called the Dakota Inn, but could only stay for a short time because Sheila was on duty early the next morning.

They met by accident the following Saturday in back of church after confession. Sheila mentioned that she was going to San Francisco to visit her sister and brother Jay gave her his address and asked her to send him a postcard.

'Upon my return, Jay called for a date and I accepted. Meanwhile, Jack knew of this and asked me for a date at the

same time. I hemmed and hawed and didn't have the heart to tell him about my arrangement with Jay, but managed to fumble some sort of excuse.'

Jack was the best man at their wedding on May 4, 1957, which culminated a whirlwind courtship that began in October 1956. They had two children - Margaret, born in 1958, and Catherine, born in 1960. After her children were born, Sheila quit working full-time to raise her family. She worked one weekend a month to 'keep my hand in it,' she said.

Create memorable portraits

Outdoor, informal portraits can be the most exciting and attention getting of all your people pictures. Here is some advice on how to capture these most memorable shots on film.

First, remember that outdoor portraits should be natural. Your subject should be dressed in what they enjoy and the way they wish to appear.

Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Teenagers, for example, who are inseparable from that old pair of faded jeans should be photographed wearing them. Or that favorite sweater should be part of the shot. If your subjects are dressed in what they feel comfortable with, they'll appear far more relaxed in the finished pictures.

Build a rapport with your subjects. Whether it's a family member, friend, or even a stranger, taking a few moments to chat will relax both of you. Also, your subject will be more likely to follow your posing suggestions.

Look for a meaningful outdoor setting. A cluster of trees, a quiet pond, an old farmhouse, even an urban setting will all provide a natural scene. Just make sure your setting complements, rather than dominates your subjects.

Sometimes you may just "stumble" upon a good out-



MONTE NAGLER

Yapa Village in northern Thailand provided many photographic opportunities including this portrait of the 'longneck' women.

door portrait opportunity I was visiting Yapa village in northern Thailand where the "long-neck" women of the Karen Tribe live.

Natural lighting and moving in close got me the picture shown here.

For outdoor portraits, I prefer a normal focal length lens. This way, the subject will be shown in a pleasing size relationship with the surroundings. A wide-angle lens may distort or make the subject appear too small in the picture.

A telephoto, unless it's a head-shot you're after, may cause you to lose too much of the background.

Very important, pay close attention to lighting! Back or side lighting will enhance the

picture and make your subject stand out from the background.

Even consider using fill-in flash to add further "sparkle" to your subject's face. Remember, direct frontal lighting, unless it's an overcast day, will cause unflattering shadows and squinty eyes that will most assuredly spoil your shot.

Shoot a number of pictures with facial expressions characteristic of the subject's personality. You're bound to capture that special mood, that fleeting expression that "says it all" about your special subject.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953-2047.

AT THE GALLERIES

Making contact: Please submit items for publication to Linda Chomin two weeks in advance of the event. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279.

OPENING RECEPTIONS

David Klein Gallery

Los Angeles based figurative painter Dan McCleary 1-4 p.m. Saturday May 3. Exhibit continues to Saturday May 31. 163 Townsend Birmingham 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday Saturday. www.dkgallery.com (248) 433-3700.

Revolution

Detroit artist Peter Williams 5-7 p.m. Saturday May 3 includes new paintings and watercolors. Exhibit closes Saturday June 14. 23257 Woodward Ave. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday Saturday. www.revolutn.com (248) 541-3444.

PF Galleries

Two woman show of contemporary paintings by Pamela Cosper and abstract drawings by Lois Teicher 7-10 p.m. Saturday May 3. 213 E. 14 Mile Road at Main St. Clawson 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday (248) 593-5997.

Lemberg Gallery

Jane Hammond Shanghai Costumes new paintings and unique paper objects 5-7 p.m. Saturday May 3. Exhibit continues to Saturday June 14. 23241 Woodward Ave. Ferndale. www.lemborgallery.com (248) 591-6623.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

David Deutsch new paintings and photographs 6-8 p.m. Saturday May 3. Exhibit continues to Saturday June 21. 700 Livernois Ferndale (248) 541-4700.

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Allen Berke Recent Paintings 5-7 p.m. Saturday May 3. 23255 Woodward Ave. Ferndale 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (248) 548-3770.

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Ariana Gallery

Exhibition of Sculptural Glass 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday 119 S. Main St. Royal Oak (248) 546-8810.

Artifacts Art Club

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Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center

Byzantine istoria an installation by Therman Statom to Friday May 2. 1516 Cranbrook Road Birmingham Children's workshops with Statom Tuesday Thursday April 29 May 1 (248) 644-0866.

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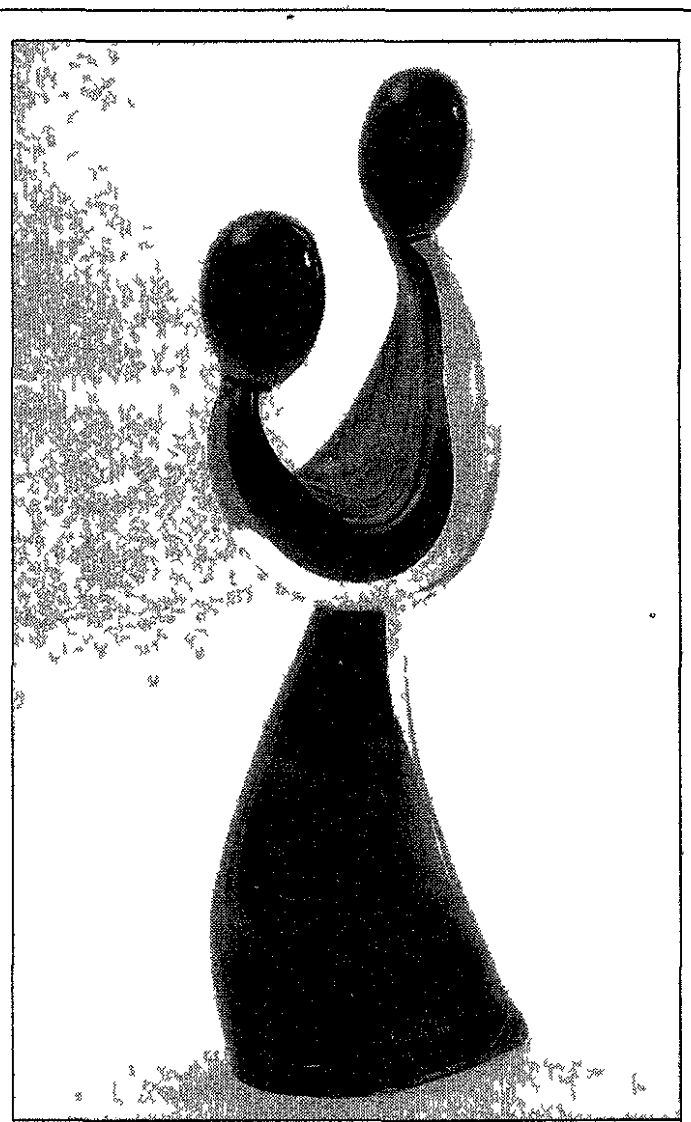
"They Won't Let Me Be Good" an exhibit by Niagara, continues to April 30. The 80-piece exhibit includes rare early work, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9901.

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

Metro Glass Alumni & Students of College for Creative Studies continues to Wednesday April 30 at the Jewish Community Center 6600 Maple West Bloomfield Raffle of Steven Weinberg sculpture 5 p.m. Wednesday April 30 (248) 432-5448.

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31st International Glass Invitational



Just Friends

Just Friends by Dino Rosin, is one of the glass works on display at Art Leaders Gallery, 33030 Northwestern Highway in West Bloomfield through Wednesday, April 30. Rosin is among the over 30 national glass artists featured in Discover The Brilliance of Glass, a National Glass Month celebration. The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Call (248) 539-0262 for information, or www.artleaders.com.

continues to May 10. 202 E. Maple Birmingham and 4400 Fernlee Royal Oak (248) 554-0590.

Hermitage Gallery

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Museum of African American History

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- A store that sells Bonne Bell bronzing gel for Lilhan.
- A store that sells one-quart size glass thermos filler for Mary.
- A store in the Farmington area that sells Simply soda for Janice of Farmington Hills.
- A store that sells a flag lapel pin was sold at the Hallmark store at Laurel Park. There are a couple of versions with a Navy Seal in blue, Marine Corps seal in red, Army seal in Green. The size over an inch high and inch wide, seal is approximately 3/4-inch in diameter for Robert of Canton.
- Someone to knit or crochet an outfit for an 8-inch Kewpie doll for Carmen of Livonia.

- A store that sells BVD T-shirts for Mrs. B.

- A store or company that buys used computers and monitors for Joyce.

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- A store that sells Secret unscented antiperspirant roll-on for Kathy.

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Great Bear Lodge is a Northwoods-themed indoor water park resort with 271 luxury suites, 100-game arcade, two restaurants, and fitness center

Splash and play at Great Bear Lodge

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

Standing shoulder to shoulder in the midst of Ohio's only indoor water park, a gaggle of pint-sized youngsters, teenage guys and gals, and forty-something adults gazed upwards at a bucket, perched almost 50 feet above their heads.

Grownups grinned. Fidgety kids pretended to be brave. All eyes watched as the bucket filled with water.

Yet, when the 1,000-gallon bucket tipped forward, dousing the crowd, shrieks, giggles and laughter vibrated throughout the park.

Spaaa-LAASSH!
Welcome to Fort Mackenzie, an interactive tree house/water fort at the Great Bear Lodge in Sandusky.

The fort, sporting suspension bridges, cargo nets and web crawls, features a fun play zone for guests like the DiCello family of Livonia.

"The whole climbing structure was one of my favorite parts," said Annette DiCello, 13, a student at St. Michael's School in Livonia.

Annette, her 11-year-old sister, Emma, and their mom, Mary, enjoyed a "girls only" weekend at the resort with friends.

Standing beneath the fort's bucket was like standing in a waterfall and having all the water come down at once, Annette said. "It was one big rush!"

Mary preferred to observe from a distance. "Every time the bell would ring, the kids would go charging (to the fort)," she said. A bell sounds every few minutes to let guests know that the bucket dumping is about to begin.

"The kids had a blast!" said Mary, who enjoyed relaxing in an inner tube on the lazy river ride and sitting in the adults-only whirlpool for a "few minutes of peace and quiet."

She was impressed with the cleanliness of the lodge and the pleasant staff.

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Cub Paw Pool, equipped with a zero depth entry, features tumbling buckets for the younger set. A fitness center and gift shops are also available.

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident who writes about food and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



The four-story, 1,000 Gallon Tipping Bucket is a highlight at Great Bear Lodge

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 ■ Take the ferry to Put-in-Bay to shop, tour a

cave, visit Perry's Monument and more. Check www.put-in-bay.com.
 ■ Ride an antique carousel at the Museum of Carousel Art & History, US Route 6 and Jackson St., Sandusky. Call (419) 626-6111 or go online www.merrygoroundmuseum.org.
 ■ The Sandusky State Theatre, a historic venue at 107 Columbus Ave. in Sandusky, presents Broadway musicals, top-name entertainment and stage productions. Call (877) 378-2150, (419) 626-1950 or visit www.state-theatre.com.
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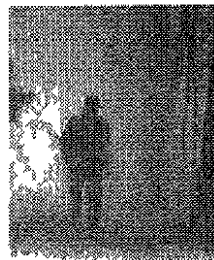


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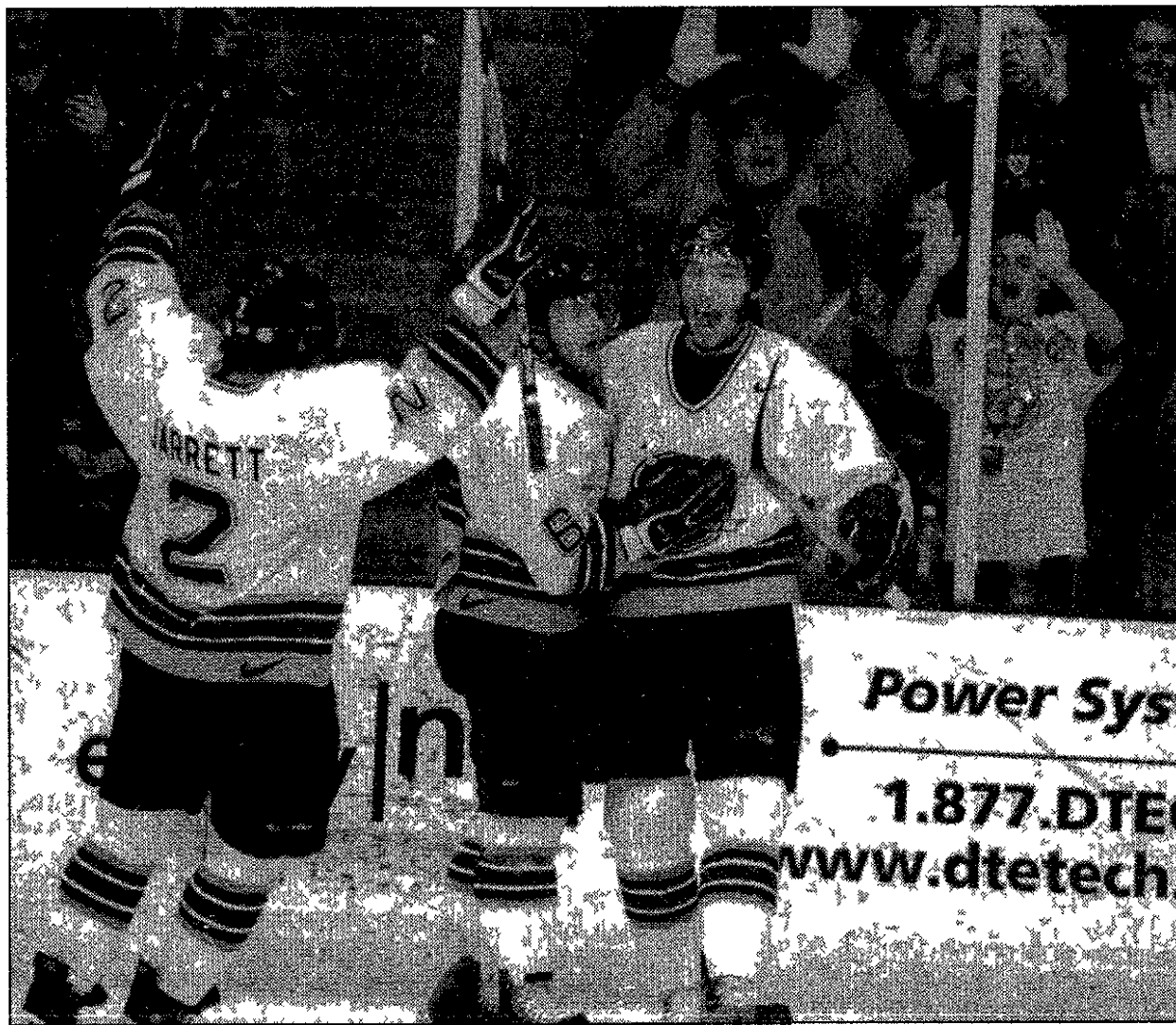
The Detroit Downriver Diesels, a minor league football team and member of the North American Football League, are having their last tryout for players age 18 and up at 1 p.m. Saturday May 10 at Dearborn Heights Robichaud High School. Registration begins at noon. All home games and practices will take place at Robichaud. Participants must bring cleats and work out gear. There is a \$25 registration fee. For more information, call head coach John Kavanagh at (734) 775 3314.

Softball clinic

The Canton High School softball clinic is scheduled for Saturday May 3 at the school's softball diamond. The clinic will be run by Canton High School varsity players and coaches and will include instruction in batting techniques, fielding, throwing skills, base running lessons and other practice drills. The session runs from noon to 4 p.m. and is for players ages 9 and older. Cost is \$25 and players should bring all necessary equipment to go through a full softball practice such as gloves, cleats, sliding pants and workout clothes. For more information, call Colleen Brown at (734) 455 1614 or e-mail her at cbrown57@comcast.net.

College notes

Salem grad Steve Gordon picked up a victory on the mound for Albion College's baseball team last week. Gordon allowed one run on seven hits in the nine-inning win over Adrian. He is now 3-3 on the season with a 4.22 earned-run average, second best on the team. Fellow Salem grad and Albion teammate Chris Trott batted .357 in action last week, collecting five hits in 14 at bats. Canton High School graduate Laura Stewart is getting the job done for Western Michigan University's softball team. She leads the team's pitching staff with a 1.88 earned-run average, has recorded 66 strikeouts and five wins on the hill so far this season. The Broncos sit in first place in the Mid American Conference's West Division with an 11-5 league mark. Eastern Michigan University's Anthony Tomey (Catholic Central) was named the Mid American Conference West Division pitcher of the week. The senior picked up two wins in relief over the week end against Western Michigan - allowing one hit and eight strikeouts in 4 2/3 innings on Friday and striking out four of 12 batters in Sunday's game. Tomey has three wins on the season - tied for first in the MAC West.



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Plymouth's Cole Jarrett (2), Karl Stewart (6) and Chris Thorburn celebrate Thorburn's second goal in Tuesday's Game 4 against the Kitchener Rangers. The Whalers had another reason to celebrate Thursday night, taking a 3-2 series lead on the Rangers thanks to a 2-1 overtime win.

Gagnon's OT goal gives Whalers 3-2 series lead

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

OHL PLAYOFFS

In their playoff series against the London Knights, the Plymouth Whalers learned some valuable lessons about winning. Those lessons are being put to good use in this series with the Kitchener Rangers. Forward Jimmy Gagnon scored his second goal of the game 5:10 into the first overtime period to

give the Whalers a 2-1 win over the Rangers in Game 5 of their OHL Western Conference Finals, played at Kitchener in front of 5,788 fans. Plymouth's win gave the team a 3-2 series lead over the Rangers. Game 6 was scheduled for Saturday night at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Results of the game

were not available as of press time. Gagnon doubled his goal total from the playoffs in this game. He sent a wrist shot through the five-hole of Kitchener goaltender Scott Dickie on a 3-on-2 rush to give Plymouth its second road win of the series. Gagnon has been a great character guy and faceoff man for us all.

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C2

Proposed playoff split a spiteful move by coaches

There is something about a pack mentality that can bring out the worst in a group. High school football coaches are no exception.

Individually, many of them are among the brightest, most articulate, most far-thinking people I've ever met. As a group, that isn't always the case. Specifically, I refer to a proposal by some members of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association that would basically separate the public



Paul Beaudry

and private schools into their own tournaments. They don't want this for every sport, mind you. Just football, conveniently ignoring (once again) the potential implications it may have on other sports. Wow. It's a short-sighted, spiteful, petty plan designed by a few coaches who have come up against private schools - generally Catholic, but not always - and lost. Since they can't beat them on the field, they'd ban them from the tournament. And no, it's not specifically designed to get rid of Redford Catholic Central.

PLEASE SEE SPLIT, C4

Golob's big two-way game leads Madonna women

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

MADONNA

Splitting doubleheaders has been the norm for the Madonna baseball and softball teams of late. The softball team maintained that recent pattern Thursday. The Crusaders split a twinbill with Tri-State University, losing the first game 5-4 before bouncing back with a 7-0 shutout in the second game. Madonna is now 27-12 overall and 14-9 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Tri-State is now 25-15 overall and 13-12 in league play. In the nightcap, the Crusaders needed just two innings to generate all the offense they needed, scoring four times

in the second inning and three more in the sixth. Pitcher Sarah Golob picked up the shutout on the mound, scattering four hits while striking out four and walking only one in a fine performance. Golob was her own best friend in this game, complementing her solid outing on the mound with a big day at the plate. She went 3-for-4 with five RBI in the game and keyed the second-inning outburst. Mary Warchuck loaded the bases.

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, C3

S'craft guard Sherrell signs with Wyoming

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

After taking official visits to Wyoming and Washington State, Schoolcraft College guard Dion Sherrell has decided to wear a Cowboy hat.

The 6-foot-3 guard, who missed 15 of Schoolcraft's 35 games with a broken foot, has been corralled by coach Steve McClain and will head to Laramie, Wyo. Sherrell, rated the nation's No. 4 combination junior college guard by one preseason basketball publication, transferred to Schoolcraft after playing one season at Wichita State. He is a graduate of Detroit Henry Ford High School.

Sherrell, who was the Ocelots' top scorer before going down with the foot injury in a mid-December overtime loss against Kankakee, averaged 12.7 points per game for the 31-4 Ocelots, who reached the NJCAA

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Division I National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., for the third straight year.

He becomes the fifth Ocelot to sign with a Division I school, joining teammates Marcus Bennett (UNC-Charlotte), Gary Johnson (Central Florida), Torvorn Baker (University of Detroit Mercy) and Ronald Dorsey (McNeese State).

Washington State and new coach Dick Bennett (formerly at Wisconsin) made a late push for Sherrell, who returned to the Ocelots' lineup late in the year.

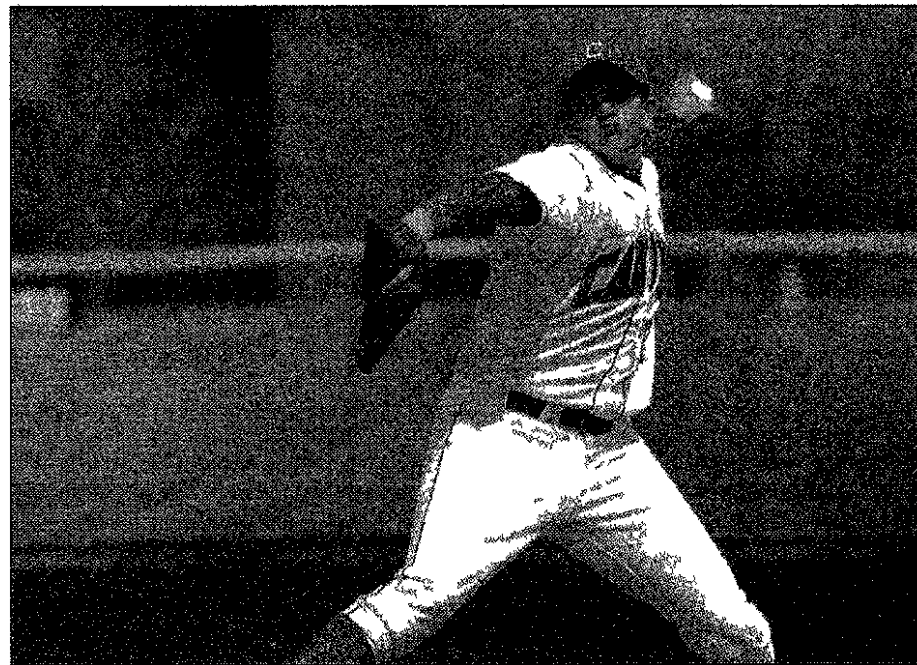
But Wyoming, which had shown early interest, eventually won out. The Cowboys finished 21-11 last year and reached the second-round of the National Invitational Tournament before losing at North Carolina.

"Dion is a good fit for their program because they like to run and he's a guard who can score in a lot of different ways," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "Dion can get to the basket, he can pass and he creates his own shot. He's a combination guard."

Washington State, however, may now be targeting 6-3 guard James Holmes of Schoolcraft, who finished the season with a flurry, averaging 14.4 points per game off the bench.

Division I schools began to swoop in after learning recently that Holmes met both ACT test score and NCAA core curriculum requirements coming out of Belleville High School (where he led the Tigers to a berth in the 2002 state Class A semifinals).

PLEASE SEE SHERRELL, C4



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Richard DeMeyere delivers a pitch during Friday's game against Rochester Adams.

Chiefs complete perfect week

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

Spring Break turned out to be a very good week for the Canton baseball team, even though most of its players stayed in town.

The Chiefs went 4-0 this week, including wins Friday afternoon over Rochester Adams (9-4) and Farmington (8-6), both games played at Canton High School.

The team enters the bulk of its league schedule with a 5-6 ledger, and hosts Livonia Churchill tomorrow afternoon for a 4 p.m. start.

Friday's wins, over two of the better teams in Oakland County, showed the team's improved defense and more balanced offense, two areas the team has improved the most in recently, according to coach Scott Dickey. "We had a couple injuries early in the

season, so it took us some time to get everything together," the coach said. "We've been hitting the ball better and executing on the little things better in games."

Rich DeMeyere got the win on the mound for the Chiefs, fanning six batters. Pat McConahy took the loss for Adams.

The Highlanders were led by McConahy and Alan Guy, who had two hits apiece.

Matt Kay went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and three RBI to charge the Chiefs' offense. Jake Powers went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Andy Howald added a pair of hits for Canton.

In the second game, Canton downed Farmington thanks to some late heroics from Kay, one of its top hitters this season. He broke a 6-6 tie with a two-run

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through the playoffs," said Whalers coach Mike Vellucci. "It helps when you have a lot of depth on your team, and different guys can step up with big goals. In the last game, it was (Chris) Thorburn and (Chad) LaRose."

Thorburn and LaRose are the team's two leading scorers in the playoffs, but Gagnon has been more of a role player and defensive presence for the Whalers in this playoff year.

In addition to his overtime game-winner, Gagnon broke a scoreless tie at the 9:31 mark of the second period, popping in his third of the playoffs. Jonas Fiedler and Sean Thompson picked up assists on the first goal, while Tim Sestito and David Liffon had helpers on the second.

Vellucci said his team got off to a slow start, and felt fortunate to get out of the first period with a 0-0 score.

"They got a lot of shots on us," he said. "But we came back and were much stronger in the second period."

For the second straight game, Whalers goaltender Paul Drew was huge between the pipes.

After being pulled from Games 2 and 3 in the series, Drew has answered the bell in Games 4 and 5, saving 62 out of 65 shots in those games.

"He's been unbelievable the past couple games," Vellucci



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Jimmy Gagnon, shown here in action from last week, came up big in Thursday's Game 5. He scored both of the team's goals, including the game-winner 5:10 into overtime, to lift the Whalers to a 2-1 win over the Kitchener Rangers in the OHL Western Conference Finals.

said of his goaltender. "(Game 5) was one of his best in the playoffs. He also had a great game at London in a game we won 2-1. He's a tough competitor and knows how to bounce back."

Vellucci said the London series helped to make his team playoff tough, which has been apparent in its last two playoff wins.

"London is a great playoff team, and I don't think they get the kind of credit they should," Vellucci said. "They just battle you to the very end. We missed some guys in that series and we had to play through some adversity. But I think we learned a lot in that series and it's showing."

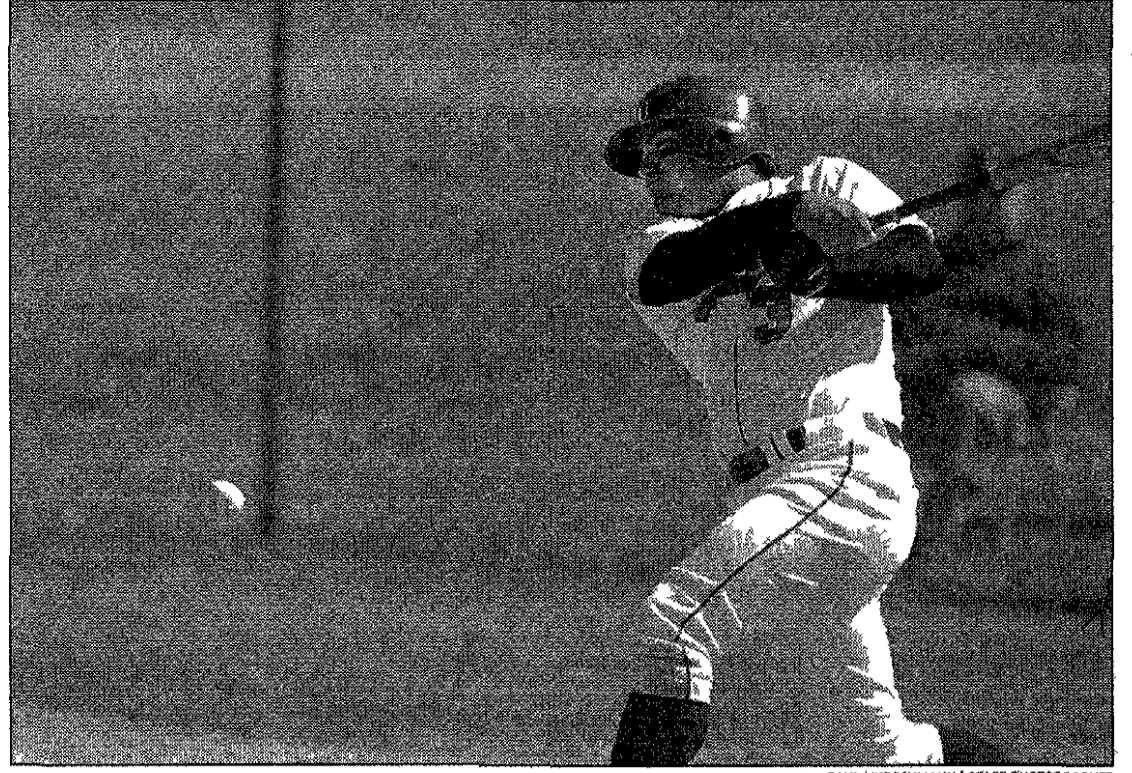
Kitchener had rolled through

the playoffs until this series, winning eight out of its nine games in the first two rounds. The Whalers defeated London in seven games after sweeping past Owen Sound in the opening round.

Forward Derek Roy scored Kitchener's lone goal, 9:10 into the third period to tie the game 1-1. Neither team scored a power play goal on a combined nine chances, including five for Plymouth.

Vellucci said he expected Kitchener's toughest game of the series in Game 6.

"They will be a desperate team, but we're used to playing that way," he said. "We've approached all our games like that, where the next one is the most important."



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Madonna's Mario D Herin connects against Concordia. He went 1 for 3 with a run scored in the team's 6-2 loss Wednesday afternoon.

Madonna men struggle to find offense in losing 3 of 4

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

The bats were taken out of the hands of the Madonna baseball team once again Friday afternoon.

The Crusaders were held to a total of 10 hits in losing both ends of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill to Tri-State University, 4-3 and 5-1 at Tri-State.

Madonna falls to 18-26 overall and 4-16 in league play with the losses. Tri-State is now 11-29 and 7-15.

Madonna took a 1-0 lead in both games, but couldn't make it stand up in either contest. The Thunder scored all four of their runs in the sixth and seventh innings to hand the Crusaders a demoralizing loss in the opener.

The team was led by Matt Rogley's (Redford Union) three hits in three at-bats. Mark Cole had a hit and a run batted in, while Craig Jerore and Mario D Herin each had a hit.

A home run from Dave Nester represented the only

offense from the Crusaders in the second game. Tri-State's Nate Whewell pitched seven strong innings, striking out five while allowing just four hits. Devn Cole (Garden City) took the loss for Madonna, as he allowed six hits and five runs in five innings of work.

MU splits with Concordia

The Crusaders split another doubleheader Wednesday, winning one and losing one against Concordia in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play at Ford Field. The team dropped game 1, 6-2, only to rebound with a 5-3 win in the second contest.

Madonna is now 18-24 on the season, and 4-14 in WHAC play. The Cardinals are 13-35 overall and 5-17 in the league.

Madonna pitcher Sterling Mintzer (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) lived up to his first name with his game on the mound in the nightcap. He went all seven innings, striking out six batters while allowing just one earned run and walking three.

Leadoff hitter Joe Green pro-

vided the spark to the Crusaders offense, going 2-for-4 with 2 RBI and two runs scored in the victory. Catholic Central grad Chris Woodruff belted a double and triple, scored once and drove home a run in the game.

The Crusaders opened up a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third, only to see the Cardinals tie the game with two in the top of the fifth. In the bottom of the fifth, Madonna responded with three runs to take the lead for good.

In the first game, the defense betrayed the Crusaders, as they committed five errors in the field. Concordia scored four runs in the top of the sixth to break open a close game. The Crusaders also left 12 runners on base, proving to be their own worst enemy in this contest.

Rogley went 2-for-3 with a run scored and Tony Kern was 3-for-4 to lead Madonna's offense.

The Crusaders return to action today at St. Francis (Ill.) for a noon set.

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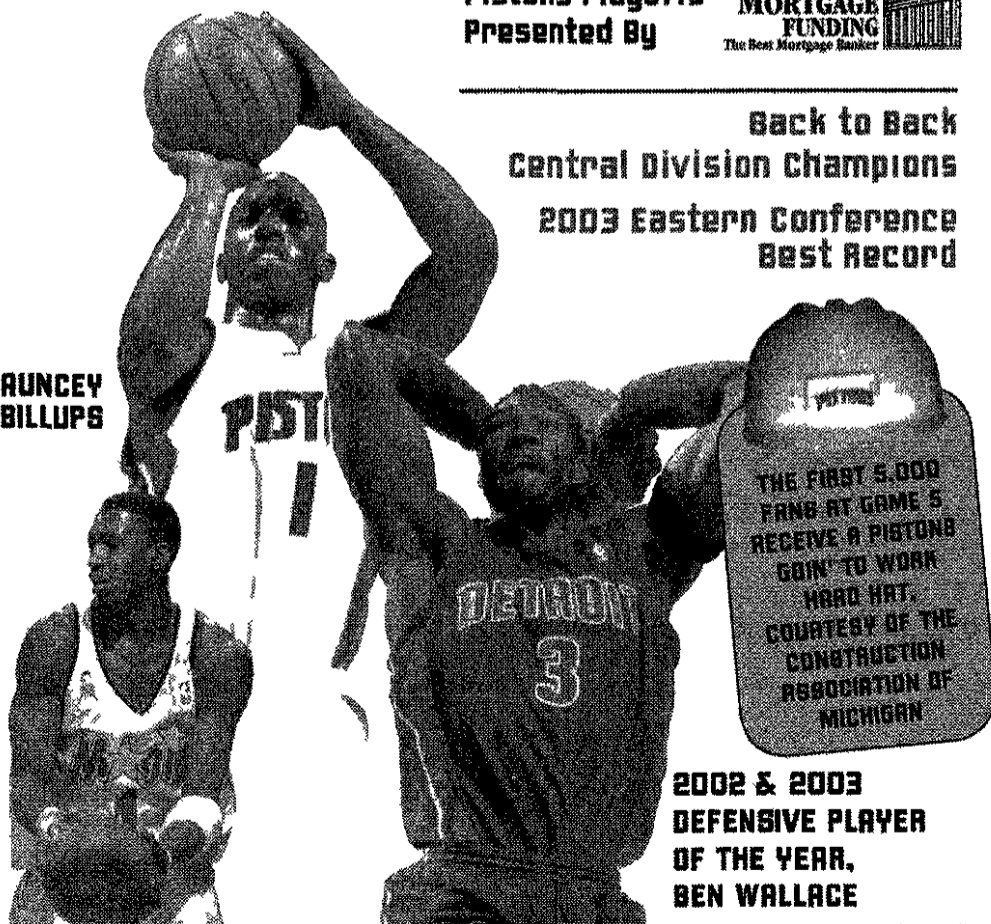
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with a walk, and Golob followed with a two-run single to put Madonna out from 4-0. Catcher Jessica Liptak reached on a fielder's choice that scored two runs earlier in the inning.

Golob blasted a three-run home run in the sixth to close out the scoring in the game. Warchuck and Kathryn Tray scored on the round tripper, to give Golob more than enough run support.

Emily Cunningham, Krystle Shina and Jamie Bobrowski each had a hit and a run scored for the Crusaders.

Madonna came within one out and a couple of seventh-inning errors from sweeping the Thunder. But Tri-State took advantage of the chances Madonna gave it in the final frame to come from a 4-3 deficit to win 5-4.

Lindsay Fischer and Alysha

Wagenknect scored unearned runs for the Thunder in the bottom of the seventh to win the game.

Shina led the Madonna offense by going 2-for-3 with three RBI in the game. She had two doubles to spark the Crusaders.

Bobrowski scored twice and went 2-for-3 in the contest. Warchuck and Arn Fowler each scored runs also.

Madonna took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when pitcher Jennifer Tenyer smacked a double, scoring Warchuck. A double by Shina in the fourth scored Bobrowski to push the Crusaders ahead 2-0.

Shina brought home two more with a double in the top of the sixth to make it a 4-1 game. Tri-State answered with two runs in the bottom of the sixth, setting up its rally in the seventh.

Wednesday, the Crusaders travel to Saginaw Valley State University for a doubleheader against the Cardinals.

BASEBALL

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double in the bottom of the sixth to help win the game.

Carl McDevitt, who won a game on the mound against Swartz Creek earlier in the week, picked up another "W" against the Falcons, pitching the sixth and seventh inning, striking out two batters.

McDevitt and Ryan Powell each had two hits for the Chiefs, while Kevin Conlon

and Howald each slammed two-run doubles.

Wednesday, the Chiefs swept past Swartz Creek with wins of 5-3 and 12-0.

Kay won his second game of the season in the five-inning, 12-run win. He also went 3-for-4 with five RBI in the shutout.

McDevitt didn't allow an earned run and struck out seven in the game. One victory Howald had two hits and a stolen base off Swartz Creek and Central Michigan University-bound pitcher Jeff Richardson.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday April 28
 Churchill at Canton 4 p.m.
 Northville at Franklin 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Stevenson 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Allen Park 4 p.m.
 Luth N West at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Agape 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday April 29
 N Farmington at Stevenson 4 p.m.
 Luth North at Luth Westland 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday April 30
 Salem at Churchill 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Franklin 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Northville 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton 4 p.m.
 A.A. Pioneer at Redford CC 4 p.m.
 Hamtramck at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
Thursday May 1
 Stevenson at Redford CC 4 p.m.
 Luth Westland at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 2
 Canton at Franklin 4 p.m.
 Salem at John Glenn 4 p.m.
 Wayne at W.L. Central 4 p.m.
Saturday May 3
 (all double-headers)
 Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist 10 a.m.
 Fordson at Franklin 11 a.m.
 Taylor Kennedy at Stevenson 11 a.m.
 Wayne at Garden City 11 a.m.
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 Canton at Churchill 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville 4 p.m.
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 Allen Park at John Glenn 4 p.m.
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 Franklin at John Glenn 4 p.m.
 Northville at Stevenson 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton 4 p.m.
 Hamtramck at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
Thursday May 1
 John Glenn at A.A. Huron (2) 4 p.m.

H.W. Regina at Ladywood (2) 4 p.m.
 Luth Westland at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Bethesda 4:30 p.m.
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 Brandon Invitational 9 a.m.
 Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist 10 a.m.
 Salem Invitational 10 a.m.

PREP BOYS TRACK
Monday April 28
 Redford CC at Divine Child 4 p.m.
Tuesday April 29
 Livonia City Meet at Stevenson 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 1
 Franklin at Churchill 3:30 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Stevenson 3:30 p.m.
 Wayne at John Glenn 3:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth Westland 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
 Observerland Relays at Farmington High 3:30 p.m. field events 6:30 p.m. running events

PREP GIRLS TRACK
Tuesday April 29
 Livonia City Meet at Franklin 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday April 30
 H.W. Regina at Ladywood 4 p.m.
Thursday May 1
 Churchill at Franklin 3:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at W.L. Central 3:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wayne 3:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth Westland 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
 Stevenson Invitational 10 a.m.
 Stafford Relays at W.L. Western 10 a.m.
 Ram Relays at Flat Rock TBA

PREP GIRLS SOCCER
Monday April 28
 W.L. Western at John Glenn 5:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Churchill 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Franklin 7 p.m.
 Salem at Stevenson 7 p.m.
Tuesday April 29
 Luth Westland at Luth N West 4:30 p.m.
 Bishop Foley at Ladywood 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday April 30

Churchill at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Wayne 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem 7 p.m.
Thursday May 1
 Luth Westland at Hamtramck 4:30 p.m.
 Ladywood at Notre-Dame Prep 7 p.m.
Friday May 2
 Franklin at Wayne 7 p.m.
 Troy at Stevenson 7 p.m.

PREP BOYS TENNIS
Monday, April 28
 Redford CC at Warren DeLaSalle 3:30 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Central 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Wayne 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem 4 p.m.
Tuesday April 29
 A.A. Huron vs Redford CC (S craft) 4 p.m.
Wednesday April 30
 Northville at Churchill 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Franklin 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Stevenson 4 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Salem 4 p.m.
Friday May 2
 Redford CC at PH Northern 4 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Western 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Northville 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wayne 4 p.m.
Saturday May 3
 CC at Grand Blanc Inv. 8:30 a.m.
 Franklin Monroe Inv. TBA

PREP GIRLS GOLF
Monday April 28
 Churchill at W.L. Central 2:45 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville 3 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem 3 p.m.
 Ladywood vs Mercy (Glen Oaks) 3 p.m.
Tuesday April 29
 Stevenson vs Wayne (Fellows Ck) 2:30 p.m.

Glenn vs A.A. Huron (Fellows Ck) 3 p.m.
Wednesday April 30
 Churchill vs Nville (Whispering Willows) 2:45 p.m.
 W.L. Central A.A. Huron Stevenson at Fox Creek 2:45 p.m.
 Glenn vs Canton (Fellows Ck) 3 p.m.
Thursday May 1
 Ladywood vs Regina (Gowanie GC) 3 p.m.
Friday May 2
 Kensington Invitational 11 a.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Western 2:45 p.m.
 Glenn vs Wayne (Fellows Creek) 3 p.m.
 Stevenson at Traverse City TBA
Saturday May 3
 Stevenson at Traverse City TBA

PREP LACROSSE
Monday April 28
 N.D. Prep at Ladywood 6 p.m.
Tuesday April 29
 Troy at Redford CC 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 1
 Forest Hills at Redford CC 5 p.m.
Saturday May 3
 Novi at Redford CC 1 p.m.

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Wednesday April 30
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SPLIT

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but it would. It's designed to keep the playoffs safe from Muskegon Catholic Central And St. Agatha And Lutheran Westland And Warren Zoe Christian And any other school where parents have to pay tuition to send their sons in search of a place they feel is better suited for them.

(Note: This column will not get into the 'do private schools recruit or don't they' argument. For brevity's sake, yes, a few do, but not necessarily in football. The majority of them don't. If they did, every state final in every sport would feature two private schools. End of discussion.)

The public school coaches are sick and tired of what they feel is an disproportionate number of private state titles in recent years - 13 of the 32 titles since the playoffs expanded in 1999.

If they're looking for blame, they'd better take a long look in the mirror.

The football coaches allowed

this to happen with overexpansion.

And instead of paring down the number of teams in the playoffs to solve the problem they created, several of the 610 public coaches want to exclude the 57 schools they feel are the root of their inability to win state titles.

At this point, a history lesson is in order.

When the Michigan High School Athletic Association ended years of mythical state titles and created the first true championship in 1975, 16 teams made the playoffs - four teams in four classes, all making the playoffs on the strength of a point formula. That expanded to 32 teams in 1977 and doubled to 64 teams in 1985.

After the 1989 playoffs, private schools had won 23 of 60 state championships in 15 years.

The football coaches successfully lobbied once again to expand the playoffs, beginning in 1990, to divide classes A, B, C and D, so 128 teams would compete for state titles - eight classes, four regions, four teams in each region.

Under this format, private

schools didn't flourish - winning just 18 of 72 titles in the nine years, a 25 percent clip, well below the 38 percent in the first 15 years.

But coaches wanted more - specifically, 512 teams in the playoffs - a full nine-game schedule plus six postseason contests.

The MHSAA wouldn't expand to 512, but expanded to 256 teams allowing every team - public and private - with six wins to get in automatically.

Three years later, it still isn't good enough.

The public coaches want to lump all of the private schools into their own tourney at the conclusion of the regular season. The 18 largest schools would be in newly formed Division 9, the next 19 in Division 10 and the last 20 in Division 11.

Sixteen schools in each private division would make the playoffs, regardless of record, and the tourney would be seeded like the NCAA basketball tourney. Private schools would have a four-game playoff run, ending the week before Thanksgiving, while the public schools would continue to have five

The public-school dissenters graciously offer that it would allow more teams in the playoffs.

Allow me to graciously offer this: What a bunch of garbage.

It unfairly penalizes private schools for the success of a few and the finger-pointing excuse-making of many.

This doesn't exclude public schools that have open enrollment within the district, such as - oh, Farmington Harrison, which has won 12 state titles in 28 seasons - or districts of choice, which draw students from outside it.

As for the private-school "playoffs," it would make a mockery of the regular season. Of the 48 schools, 20 of them would have been from the Detroit Catholic League, which has its own championship.

Based on last season's final playoff point tally, it would allow first-round matchups such as 1,068 all-male Redford CC (8-1 in the regular season) against 3-6, 552 co-ed Lansing CC. Or a game between backyard rivals Orchard Lake St. Mary and Grand Rapids South Christian. Or 8-1 Traverse City St. Francis and 1-8 Rochester Lutheran Northwest.

In February, a survey was sent to the principals, athletic directors and superintendents of football-playing schools. The results aren't out, but if they were smart, they'd look at the big picture, see how it affects the future of all sports in the state and said no separation, no way.

The plan's fate is inevitably in the hands of the MHSAA, which will probably reject it because of the ripple effect it would have on the 23 other sports such as basketball, soccer, or cross country, which aren't petty enough to demand separate tourneys.

But it should be rejected because this group of petulant football coaches need to realize that their sport does not wag the dog.

Their whining has diluted the pool of playoff teams. The solution for overexpansion is more expansion. It's like left-handed pitching in pro baseball or quality goaltending in the NHL. There are so many teams playing that the talent pool isn't as strong.

Same thing in football. One coach told CC's Tom Mach that his team will always make the playoffs because

they'll always have at least 6-3 record. There was a time that a 6-3 record didn't make the playoffs, so the pool was stronger. The coaches wanted more teams in, now they whine that they don't win enough titles.

Sorry, fellas. You can't have it both ways.

Instead of exclusion, the coaches need to find ways to build their programs up. To realize that maybe if their school sends seven players to Division I colleges and the private school that beat them sends two kids to Division III, maybe it isn't the players in the program or the playoff system that needs fine tuning.

If they can't beat the best - be it public, private, open enrollment or school of choice - then they should find ways to improve instead of a short-sighted plan that will have long-term harm for all sports in the state.

How's that for a solution?

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Holmes, who was Schoolcraft's top scorer during the second half of the season, is an attractive recruit because he has three years of eligibility

remaining. He is also being courted by Creighton, Dayton, Central Michigan, Wright State and Eastern Michigan. He also went through a workout with Oklahoma.

The only other Ocelot eligible to sign with a Division I school is 6-9 center Andre Scott, who

averaged 10 points and six rebounds per game. The Washington D.C. native (DeMatha Catholic) was scheduled to visit the University of Washington.

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Livonia's Daniels wins college hockey's top coaching prize

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Even though he was an accounting major at Michigan State, Bob Daniels had other ideas than crunching numbers. The Livonia native, despite working three years inside the Renaissance Center in Detroit



Bob Daniels
Coach of Year

as an auditor for Merrill Lynch, figured he needed to go in a different direction. Pursuing his love for coaching hockey, Daniels just completed his 11th season at Ferris State University where he led the 31-10-1 Bulldogs to their first NCAA Tournament berth in school history, the school's first Central Collegiate Hockey Association crown

For his efforts, Daniels was honored Saturday night by the American Hockey Coaches Association in Naples, Fla. with the Spencer Penrose Award, given to the Division I men's Coach of the Year. He is the sixth CCHA coach to receive the honor

"It's exciting, I'm excited to get it, yet I'm humbled at the same time," said Daniels, a Churchill High graduate. "There are over 400 coaches from the Division I, II and III level who will be there. It means a lot to me."

Ferris, enjoyed its best season in school history, capturing the CCHA regular season title. The Bulldogs had their 12-game winning streak snapped by Michigan in the CCHA playoff final last month, 5-3, at Joe Louis Arena.

In the NCAA Regional, Ferris ousted North Dakota, 5-2, before being eliminated by eventual champion Minnesota, 7-4

"I've always coached, it's something I've always been interested in," Daniels said. "After I graduated from State (1982), I continued to coach. When I was working at the Ren Cen I coached a junior team in Redford called the Hennessey Engineers

"I knew I had to follow my dream and I always liked the college coaching atmosphere." Daniels was a three-time Coach of the Year in the North American Hockey League before entering the collegiate ranks, first as an assistant with Illinois-Chicago and then with Ferris before landing the head coaching position with the Bulldogs in 1989

His 11-year record at Ferris is 180-207-33. After finishing ninth in the CCHA in 2001-02, and losing star goaltender Phil Osaer (of Livonia) to the pro ranks, Ferris was not expected to be a serious contender for the CCHA title in 2002-03. But the Bulldogs, led by CCHA Player of the Year and Hobey Baker finalist Chris Kunitz, finished atop the standings with a 22-5-1 record

"It was a fun year, not only in terms of wins and losses, but it was also very rewarding from a coaching standpoint," Daniels said

Big Rapids, home of Ferris State, is definitely a university town. Nearly 10,000 of its 15,000 residents are students. And Daniels wouldn't want to be any other place

"It's bigger than people

think," he said. "Ferris State is a hockey school, we've always drawn (fans) and we've gotten great support. There are a lot of proud alumni and it's a big deal for them"

Daniels admits there are "obvious benefits" to taking his school to an NCAA tourney. But he feels he's also been given the support

"In the 14 years here I've always been treated well," Daniels said. "We're a fully funded program. We have 18 full-ride scholarships. The administration at Ferris has given what we've needed to get the job done. And you can't through their efforts"

As a youth growing up, Daniels played in the Livonia youth travel program until

midget-age where he jumped to the AAA and club levels, eventually playing in the junior ranks for Paddock Pools

And Daniels hasn't strayed from his roots, concentrating close to home when recruiting. "The core of our players come from Michigan, after that we go throughout North America, that's our primary recruiting ground," he said. "We like to hit the Detroit area for sure"

And although Kunitz has used up his eligibility and has signed with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, the Bulldogs should be a formidable foe again next year in the CCHA with the next three point-getters return along with a starting netminder Mike Brown,

who will be a junior

"We've set up a pretty good program and team for next year," Daniels said. "I don't know if we'll match what we did this year, but we'll still be solid. I don't see us slumping much. Recruiting has definitely picked up and I think we can be among the elite next year and be in the hunt"

During the off-season, Daniels supervises a series summer youth hockey camps in Big Rapids

"It runs six weeks, we'll get 670 kids just for the overnight camp," he said

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MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to FS 713 78 on 05/07/03 at 10 00 A M

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92	CHEV	1G1JC5446N7129373
88	FORD	1FAPP2129JW239623
93	SUBA	453BC633XP9648296
95	DODG	1B8ES47C6SD503553
98	CHEV	1GCCS14X8W8196848

Mayflower Auto Transport
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(734) 459 0053

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH CITY COMMISSION VACANCIES LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will be accepting petitions from qualified registered voters to fill upcoming vacancies on the City Commission for the City of Plymouth

Petitions can be obtained from the City Clerk's office at 201 S Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during the hours of 8 00 a m through 4 30 p m, Monday-Friday, Four (4) positions will be vacated and filled after the November 4, 2003 General Election. Depending on the number of petitions filed by May 13th, 2003 there may be the need for a Primary Election held on August 5, 2003 in the City of Plymouth

Any questions regarding this matter, please contact the City Clerk at 734 453 1234, ext 234 or the Deputy Clerk at ext 225

LINDA J LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2003 AT 10 00 A M AUCTION IS TO BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING 6375 HIX RD WESTLAND MI 48185

PLEASE NOTE THE BIDDING WILL START AT THE TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES

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1990 DODGE CARAVAN	MAROON	2B4FK253XLR688003
1992 FORD ESCORT	BLUE	1FAPP1J35NW184126
1986 MERCURY COUGAR	BLUE	1MEBP9235GH680178
1994 MERCURY TRACER	RED	3MARMI0JXRR633208
1989 FORD F 150 PICKUP	BROWN	1FTEF15Y9KPB17076
1990 ACURA 4 DOOR	BLUE	1JH4DB1564L8015364
1990 JEEP CHEROKEE	GRAY	1J4FJ87L0LL184719
1991 FORD ESCORT	BLUE	1FAPP14J5MW264262
1995 FORD TAURUS	BROWN	1FALP52U8SG142599
1989 FORD F150 PICKUP	SILVER	1FTEX14NXXKB50007

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday June 9 2003

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration

This Notice is given by order of the board of education

THOMAS WYSOCKI,
Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

REZONE FROM: R-1 H Single Family Residential and IND, Industrial Districts

REZONE TO: C 2, General Commercial District

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, May 21 2003

TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township, on its own motion will hold a public hearing to rezone parcels 010 99 0013 000 and 010 99 0014 000 from IND, Industrial and R-1-H, Single Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial District. Application 1789/0403

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 139

Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R78-010-99-0013-000 and R78-010-99-0014-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8 00 AM to 4 30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734 453 8131 ext 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township MI 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office 42850 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170 Phone (734) 453 8840 TDD users 1 800 849 3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

REZONE FROM: IND Industrial and ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor Districts

REZONE TO: R 2 A, Multiple Family Residential District

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday May 21 2003

TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcels 060 99 0009 000, 060 99 0008 000, 060 99 0003 000 and portions of 060 99 0002 000 lot 78 and lot 79 of Tomlinson Estates Sub from IND, Industrial and ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor Districts to R-2-A, Multiple Family Residential District. Application 1790/0403

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 140

Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos R78-060-99-0009-000, 060-99-0008-000, 060-99-0003-000 and portions of 060-99-0002-000, lot 78 and lot 79 of Tomlinson Estates Sub.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 5, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

DANISH IMPORTS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE THE SOUTH PORTION OF PARCEL NO 133 02 0075 306 FROM O 1, OFFICE TO C 3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Canton Center Road

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, May 1, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish April 10 and 27 2003

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 5, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

DIVIDOCK REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 033 99 0004 707 FROM C 2 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL TO R-4, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (4 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located on the southwest corner of Warren and Canton Center Road

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday May 1 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Rx briefs

Nursing shortage

Wayne State University will host Partnerships in Nursing a summit addressing the nursing shortage and its implications for the community employers and patients beginning 8:30 a.m. Tuesday April 29 at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center WSU Detroit

Julie Sochalski of the University of Pennsylvania a leading expert on nursing workforce issues will be the opening presenter. A panel discussion will follow including commentary from Robert Riney senior vice president of Henry Ford Health System Iris Taylor president Harper University & Hutzel Women's Hospitals and Mariane Udo senior vice president Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Space is limited. Reservations are required by calling (313) 577 4708

Mental health program

Horizon Treatment Center in Livonia is offering a new outpatient mental health and substance abuse program. The family owned center located on the corner of Middlebelt and Joy recently earned national accreditation through the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations

The center which staffs master's degree prepared clinicians provides a full range of mental health services including:

- Children and adolescent assessments and counseling
- Substance abuse assessments
- Drunken driving assessments
- Assistance with emotional difficulties
- Assistance with bereavement issues
- Youth assistance
- Domestic violence counseling

To learn more about Horizon Treatment Center call (734) 421 8272 or visit www.horizontreatment.com

Yoga

Need to improve your posture or strengthen your back? Or just meditate and relax? St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a Better Backs Yoga Class and a Hatha Beginning Yoga Class both ongoing six week sessions starting in May

Better Backs Yoga will be offered on Wednesdays May 14 through June 18 and June 25 through July 30. The Hatha Beginning Yoga Class will be offered on Tuesdays May 13 through June 17 and June 24 through July 29

Better Backs Yoga uses specific poses to strengthen and maintain the health of the spine and back muscles. This class encourages you to refrain from moving into any pose or position that causes pain. Meditation and breathing techniques are included

Hatha Beginning Yoga brings peace to your body and mind. It strives to increase flexibility energy level and strength at your own pace in a noncompetitive setting

For more information or to register contact the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Massage Therapy Department at (734) 655 1145. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile at Livonia. For additional information visit www.stmarymercy.org



DEPRESSION AND THE ELDERLY

Geropsychiatry Units marks 15 years at Botsford General Hospital

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Depression is not a normal part of aging says psychiatrist Dr. Bruce Sack, clinical director of Botsford General Hospital's Geropsychiatry Program. But it can be overlooked by both family members and primary care physicians. This is because depression in the elderly often presents itself differently than it does in an adult or adolescent.

While a few local hospitals have carved out a small number of beds for elderly patients from their adult psychiatric inpatient units, Botsford has maintained a dedicated unit for geropsychiatric patients for the past 15 years. The 25-bed unit has gained a reputation in the health care community as being able to successfully treat patients 55 years or older who exhibit a complicated interplay of physical and psychological problems related to aging.

It is easier to treat frail elderly people who are suffering from combinations of emotional and physical illnesses in an environment designed to meet their needs. Older adults have special needs," said Sandra Plumer, the unit's director since it was founded.

And their caregivers should be very knowledgeable about medication interactions and the physical ailments of the elderly, she adds. Our physicians are board-certified in geriatric psychiatry and consult as a team with other medical specialists of Botsford's staff to stabilize the patient's condition.

The unit's staff works hard to provide a warm and supportive environment for the patients, said Sack. We evaluate everything in a patient's life to determine the cause of the behavioral and mental changes. We also screen for things like incompatible medications, a sadly common problem for older adults with multiple medical conditions.



The team discusses cases during a morning staff meeting.



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It takes a team to treat geropsychiatric patients at Botsford. Pictured: program director Sandy Plumer, MSW MA; therapist Dawn Bistany, MSW; therapist John Robertson, MA; nurse manager Ofelia Arganoza, RN MS BSN; Jayne Yatczak, OTR; clinical intake coordinator Arbi Papaghanian, MSW ACSW; Dr. Theodore Ruza, DO; Deana Hamady, MSW CSW; medical director Dr. Bruce Sack, MD.

RECOGNIZING SYMPTOMS

In general, a person may be predisposed to depression because of a family or personal history of the condition or exposure to acute psychosocial stress. He or she may exhibit a depressed mood, crying spells, or feelings of hopelessness and helplessness.

Symptoms of depression in the elderly often are more difficult to detect. They may include paranoia or signs of "dementia syndrome of depression," once called pseudo dementia, said Sack.

Motivation plays a role. They (elderly patients) may perform poorly on psychological tests one day and do well another day. Older people can have a typical masked depression. They don't complain of being depressed. They don't recognize it.

The elderly may also exhibit a form of hypochondria,

believing they have a medical illness but presenting no clinical signs. They remedy this condition through alcohol abuse, pain killers and various hypnotic drugs. Sadly, said Plumer, elderly patients often use over-the-counter medication because they cannot afford a doctor.

Then there's the perception of social prejudice. "The elderly still have a huge stigma about mental illness and depression," said Dr. Theodore Rusa, a psychiatrist and the Botsford program's associate clinical director.

The somatic - or physical - symptoms exhibited by Rusa and Sack's patients include cardiac and gastrointestinal problems, and laxative abuse (constipation can be a symptom of depression). In addition, some patients may have multiple referrals from different

PLEASE SEE DEPRESSION, C7

It's Race for the Cure registration time

It's a scene that occurs in more than 100 cities nationwide. It's dawn on a weekend morning. Runners start to gather, race numbers get pinned on thousands of women. Several men walk by in pink T-shirts, thanking loved ones for being there, proud to be there themselves. These are breast cancer survivors being honored at the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of celebrating survivors and remembering lost loved ones at the Komen Race for the Cure Series, the world's largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks. For 20 years, the Komen Race Series has been a celebration of life, hope and honor, giving a voice to millions of women and men who no longer want to suffer in silence and

allowing survivors a powerful means to demonstrate to the world that breast cancer can be beaten.

In the early 80s when the Komen Foundation started the Race for the Cure series, breast cancer wasn't a subject discussed openly as it is today, said Maureen Meldrum, race co-chairwoman. There was a need among those women battling this disease and their families to express themselves and seek out others who had similar experiences. The Komen Detroit Race for the Cure is not simply a fund raising event; it celebrates breast cancer survivorship and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease.

It's time again to lace up your athletic shoes and join the fight against breast

cancer. The 12th Annual Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, will be held Saturday, June 21, at Comerica Park in Detroit. Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of Michigan, is the honorary race chairwoman. Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick and Carlita Kilpatrick are honorary race co-chairman and co-chairwoman.

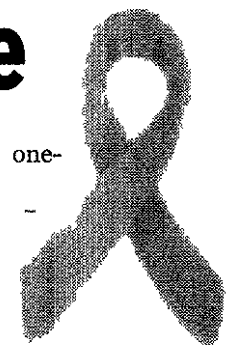
This year's event includes:
■ 6:30-9:30 a.m. - packet pickup
■ 7 a.m. - Shop for the Cure and sponsor booths open
■ 7:9 a.m. - survivor breakfast
■ 8 a.m. - survivor/memorial ceremony
■ 8:30 a.m. - warmup
■ 9 a.m. - 5K run for women and

men, 5K co-ed walk one-mile walk

■ 10:30 a.m. - awards ceremony

Entry fees are adults 18 and over \$20 by May 30, \$25 by June 13 and \$30 thereafter, youths 6-17 and seniors 65 and older \$10 by May 30, \$15 thereafter, children 5 and under free but must be registered.

Online and manual registration is now available. Participants may register online at www.karmanos.org/raceforthe-curedetroit/ or call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266) 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. week-



PLEASE SEE RACE, C7

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

APRIL

Blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday April 28 at the Plymouth Church of Christ 9301 Sheldon Road Plymouth To make an appointment call (734) 453 7630 Walk ins welcome

Yoga

Botsford Center for Health Improvement 39750 Grand River Novi 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

Yoga

The Oakwood Complementary & Alternative Medicine Center on Warren in Westland will offer an ongoing class called Beginning Hatha Yoga The next eight week session will meet every Tuesday evening from 6:15 p.m. or 7:45 p.m. beginning Tuesday April 29 You will learn yoga postures and breathing techniques to promote better flexibility strength and relaxation Please call (800) 543 WELL to reserve your spot The total cost is \$68

MAY

Women's workshop

Have you ever said "I don't know what I want in my life but this isn't it?" Suzanne W. Jones a psychotherapist and addictions counselor in private practice in Northville will offer a 12 week Women's Workshop and Support Group 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday May 2 The workshop utilizes *Your Heart's Desire* workbook and will help you identify authentic life goals eliminate self-defeating beliefs and assist you towards emotional and spiritual growth Cost is \$360 Contact Jones at (248) 767 9402 or e-mail suzzannewjones@yahoo.com

Chronic illness/unemployment

A free seminar sponsored by the Detroit Area Wegener's Granulomatosis Support Group will discuss chronic illness and employment issues 7 p.m. Wednesday May 7 at Botsford Hospital 28050 Grand River Farmington Hills in Classroom 2 East A (directly above the emergency room) The speaker will be Sharon Lotocky a social worker and the executive director of the Chronic Illness Coalition Call Erin Williams at (313) 278 8868

Stress

Learning how to manage stress could make a big difference in how you feel The Oakwood Complementary & Alternative Medicine Center will offer a class called an Introduction to

Mindfulness Meditation and Relaxation 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday May 7 You will learn meditation techniques to help you relax and improve your overall health Call (800) 543 WELL to reserve your spot The cost is \$25

Fibromyalgia

The Livonia CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group will feature Dr. John Halmaghi 7 p.m. Thursday May 8 at the Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile Road Livonia Halmaghi will discuss migraine and TMJ dysfunction pain Call (248) 346 3164

Fibromyalgia conference

The Michigan Fibromyalgia Awareness Day conference will take place from 10 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 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

Health camp

Plan now to enjoy your most invigorating and health promoting vacation in a beautiful private camp near Grayling Mich. May 11-18 Smoking cessation expert Dr. Arthur Weaver and a team of health professionals will provide the latest scientific knowledge regarding prevention of disease Eat healthy vegetarian meals exercise learn to control stress and kick the smoking habit Activities include horseback riding canoeing golfing hiking ceramics and basket weaving All cabins are clean and heated \$425 per person per week \$800 for a married couple Call (248) 349 5683 or (313) 531 2179

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 11 Call (734) 615 4012

Cosmetic labels

Do you really know what's in your cosmetics and skin care products? Learn how to read and interpret product labels and discover ways to enhance your unique beauty using natural

products Enroll in Natural Beauty offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday May 15 at the Center for Lifelong Learning Henry Ford Community College 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren) Dearborn Heights 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday May 15 Cost \$21 To register call (313) 317 1500

Lung disease

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia will offer a Senior Health Connection Program titled Living with Lung Disease 1-3 p.m. Wednesday May 21 Dr. Gregory Stone pulmonologist will present an overview of the most common chronic lung diseases Call (734) 655 8940 or (800) 494 1650 (out of area callers only)

Dyslexia

The Michigan Dyslexia Institute Detroit Metro Center 30230 Orchard Lake Road Suite No. 130 Farmington Hills will have an Advocacy Training Workshop 7-9 p.m. Wednesday May 21 Parents advocates professionals and students can learn to participate in their own IEP as related students with dyslexia Call (248) 737 0044

Scleroderma

The Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter will host an education event to discuss localized scleroderma and skin care with Dr. Michael Dorman The event takes place at 7 p.m. Wednesday May 21 the Scleroderma Foundation Conference Room 30301 Northwestern Hwy Suite 309 Farmington Hills Reservations required Call (248) 865 7529 or (800) 716 6554

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

ONGOING

Self-help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self help groups may visit the Michigan Self Help Clearing House at the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service Web site www.mpas.org If you have a disability rights issue contact the MPAS at (800) 288 5923

Bipolar

The MDDA Bipolar Support Group meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Beaumont Hospital Administration Bldg. 3601 W. 13 Mile Road Royal Oak Call Kathie at (248) 544 1097

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month Call the WRC at (734) 462 4443

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 28 Call Joan Lee at (734) 464 7810

Bereavement

Together to Share a grief support group meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on

Middlebelt Road in Livonia The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield Call (800) 770 9859

Overeaters Anonymous

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park Novi 47601 Grand River Avenue Novi HelpLine (313) 438 HELP or (248) 474 9456

Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to Providence Hospital sponsored AA meetings held Noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center Novi 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty) Novi Call (248) 348 9362 Noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center Livonia 37595 Seven Mile Road Livonia Call (734) 953 1188 and 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Providence Hospital 16001 W. Nine Mile Road Southfield Call (248) 333 4911

Gambling

The Gamblers Anonymous Support Groups meets 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 Five Mile Road Livonia in Classroom 4 Call (734) 655 2944 or (800) 494 0277 Group is open to anyone with a gambling dependency

Cancer

Join Focus on Living a cancer support group offered 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia The group is designed to help cancer patients and families come together to help each other in living with a cancer diagnosis and treatment Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society Call (734) 655 8940 or (800) 494 1650

Tremor Disorder Support

Shari Finsilver of Orchard Lake leads a local support group for those who suffer from Essential Tremor a debilitating and incurable movement disorder The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield Contact Finsilver at (248) 683 4138 or Finsilver@earthlink.net or visit www.tremorsupport.com To learn more about the International Tremor Foundation visit www.essentialtremor.org or call (888) 387 3667

Parents Supporting Parents

Parents coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage stillbirth or newborn death meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Providence Hospital Southfield 16001 W. Nine Mile Road Southfield Call (248) 849 5342

DEPRESSION

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emergency rooms for somatic complaints

Unfortunately, these complaints can skew a patient's relationship with his or her primary care physician, said Sack "They may see their primary care doctor as a quack In turn, the primary care doctor doesn't perceive it (the complaint) as a psychiatric ailment"

FAMILY MEMBERS

Family members need to know that most likely the elderly will not seek help, said Rusa But they will display passive symptoms of depression They may stop taking medicines for heart problems, diabetes and high blood pressure, stop going to the doctor, and start giving away things In addition, if they never had a will before, they may insist on making one

Family members also need to be aware of substance abuse, said Rusa

"Everybody seems to push off the fact that an 80-year-old could use heroin or speed When they say they have one highball a day the question is, 'How big is the glass?'"

Other elderly patients may insist that their habit of taking sleeping pills for the last 40 years - or chronic use of pain killers or minor tranquilizers - is not harmful Wrong, said Rusa Such medication "can cause substance-induced depression"

Although not always a factor, living in isolation, especially if compounded by lack of social stimulation, can contribute to depression A dulling of the senses - not being able to hear or see - can compound the condition

"They may misperceive a sound," said Sack "Leaves rubbing against glass may sound like someone trying to break in"

HOPE

Mental illness in the elderly is treatable and can be helped, said Rusa, adding that there are two components in helping the elderly heal physicians and families

Because most patients are

unable to recognize they need mental health treatment, two-thirds of the patients in Botsford's Geropsychiatry Unit are admitted on an involuntary basis The program loses people because family members are hesitant to commit a loved one, said Rusa

Images from the movie *A Beautiful Mind* are strong People envision strait-jackets, cold sheets, shock treatments Oh, gosh, this just set us back 40 years"

Involuntarily committing an elderly patient requires that a family member fill out a petition Two physicians, one a psychiatrist, must sign a certificate In addition, a court-appointed attorney and a psychiatrist are involved in the process

Confidentiality is of prime importance in overseeing the unit, says Sack A patient's privacy is well-guarded "Someone can't call and find out if a person is a patient"

The average stay in the Geropsychiatry Unit is 11 days The goal of the treatment team - nurses, therapist, social workers, psychiatrists and medical specialty doctors if necessary - is to reintegrate patients into society at their highest possible level of functioning Aftercare plans help patients maintain progress made in the hospital

Sack, Rusa and Plumer cannot understand the public's tendency not to view mental illness on par with physical illness, especially since statistics indicate one in five persons will suffer some psychiatric disorder in his or her lifetime

"It requires medical and biomedical treatment," says Sack "People who have received treatment are the best spokespersons We can't reach the public like someone who has come out of treatment and tells others about it"

Patients may be admitted to the Geropsychiatry Unit 24 hours a day Referrals come from physicians, psychologists, social workers, other mental health professionals, social service agencies, clergy, family members or friends However, the unit's psychiatrists make admission decisions For more information, contact the unit's intake staff at (248) 471 8723

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RACE

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days or visit the New Balance Troy or Farmington Hills stores to receive a manual entry form

The Race Expo will be held 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday,

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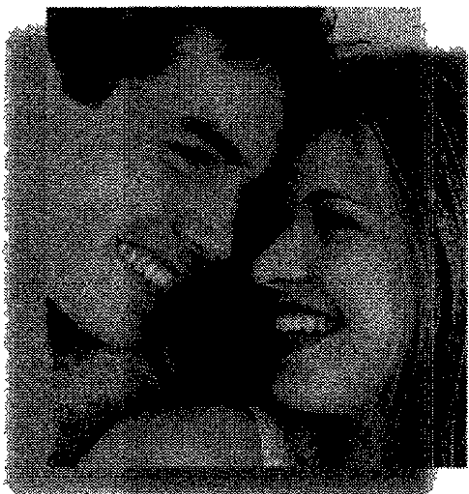
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Crash victims who drink sustain worse injuries

ANN ARBOR - Vehicle crash victims who have alcohol in their systems at the time of the crash suffer worse injuries, and are more likely to sustain a severe injury than those who haven't been drinking, a new University of Michigan study finds.

The difference, which was seen in both drivers and passengers of crashed vehicles, in victims of all kinds of crashes, and in people whose blood-alcohol levels were under the legal limit to drive, suggests that alcohol does something to the body that increases its vulnerability to injury.

The new results will be published in the April issue of the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research* by a team from the U-M Health System and the U-M Transportation Research Institute.

PURPOSE

Among other things, the researchers hope their finding could improve emergency medical treatment for all types of injuries, if first-responders, doctors and nurses ask whether patients have been drinking when they triage and evaluate them.

They also hope it will spur research on exactly what alcohol does to the human body on the microscopic level - perhaps leading to therapies that could reduce the impact of injury in people with alcohol in their systems.

"Drivers and passengers who had any level of alcohol in their bodies were, on average, more than one and a half times as likely to experience a serious injury as someone who hadn't been drinking, and their injury severity was 30 percent higher, controlling for the severity of the crash they were in, whether they were wearing their seat belt, or whether they had a high alcohol tolerance," says Dr. Ronald Maio, a U-M emergency medicine physician who helped lead the study. Maio directs the U-M Injury Research Center.

"We as a society may be grossly underestimating the burden of injury attributable to alcohol, and the need for more research and preventive efforts," Maio adds.

"Until we can learn more about this effect and how it can be prevented, anyone who drinks before getting in a motor vehicle, even as a passenger, should give themselves more time to sober up, and stop drinking long before they leave."

DATA

The data were drawn from 1,362 motor vehicle crash victims ages 18 years or older who came to the emergency rooms of two different Michigan hospitals and were treated and released, admitted to the hospital, or died from their injuries.

The patients had been driving or riding in cars, vans or

pickup trucks, motorcycle accidents were excluded. Just over three-quarters of the patients had been driving the vehicle at the time of the crash. Twenty-one percent of the patients had been drinking prior to the crash.

The study took into account the patients' medical conditions, their scores on a standard scale of injury severity, results from tests of their blood alcohol levels, answers to questions about their alcohol use, and information from police reports on the nature and severity of the crashes they were in, including seat belt use, which allowed them to estimate the strength of the crash forces.

Maio and his colleagues believe it is the most detailed study of its kind ever performed. Previous studies that suggested no connection between injury severity and alcohol did not include considerations of crash severity or the full range of injury.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes killed more than 17,440 people in 2001, and injured 300,000 more, costing \$4.5 billion. Alcohol is well known to reduce the judgment and performance of drivers and others engaging in activities that require concentration, quick reaction, and precise movement.

ALCOHOL LEVELS

This knowledge has led to

laws that set limits on the level of alcohol that drivers can have in their blood, most commonly set by states at 0.08 or 0.1 percent of blood volume. It has also led to major public-health campaigns aimed at preventing drunk driving - such as efforts to encourage those who have been drinking to let someone else drive them home. A federal law passed in 2000 requires all states to have a legal limit of 0.08 by October 2003, or risk losing federal highway construction funds. Fourteen states have yet to comply.

But the U-M study shows that that even drivers and passengers with blood-alcohol percentages less than 0.1 percent suffered worse injuries and had higher likelihood of severe injury than those who were completely sober.

"Basically, this shows that alcohol can make one's risk of injury from a crash worse, and in fact the effect may be strongest in relatively minor crashes," says Maio. He notes that the effect of alcohol on injury varies with blood alcohol levels.

Though the exact mechanism for the increased injury is still a mystery, the researchers point to animal studies showing that alcohol affects the membranes of cells. The kinetic energy of a vehicle crash could be enough to burst cell membranes that have been altered by alcohol, thereby increasing the severity of injury, Maio says. But only fur-

ther research will tell for sure.

In the meantime, the researchers suggest that emergency medicine staff - at the crash scene and at the hospital - should begin taking alcohol intake into account when triaging and treating crash victims. Other injuries that result from some sort of impact - such as falls or assaults - may also be affected by alcohol intake, Maio suggests, though further research is needed.

And, as society grapples with measuring and reducing the impact of alcohol-related crashes, the researchers say their data should be taken into account.

"Because excess injury results even at alcohol levels below 0.10 percent, previous analyses of alcohol-related injury costs may have underestimated the true cost of alcohol in motor vehicle crashes," they write.

Tour de Cure benefits diabetes group

The Michigan office of the American Diabetes Association is seeking local cyclists to participate in the 2003 Tour de Cure, an annual national cycling event to raise awareness and funds for diabetes, the nation's sixth leading cause of death.

Funds raised will support research and programs that will improve the lives of people affected by Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, including the over

700,000 adults and 6,200 children living in Michigan.

"Many people will participate in Tour de Cure for the camaraderie and cycling challenge. But the real awareness comes in knowing that every mile they ride and every dollar they raise brings us that much closer to a cure for this disease," said Andrea Maddox, American Diabetes Association executive director in Michigan.

"With nearly 2 million people in Michigan at risk for developing diabetes in the future," she continued, "the need for awareness has never been so great."

Tour de Cure will be held June 22 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. The event features a variety of routes for families and amateur cyclists. The ADA expects 1,000 participants and volunteers. To register for the tour,

please contact the American Diabetes Association at (888) 342-2383 or visit their Web site at www.diabetes.org/tour.

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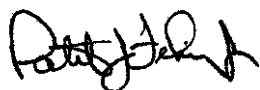
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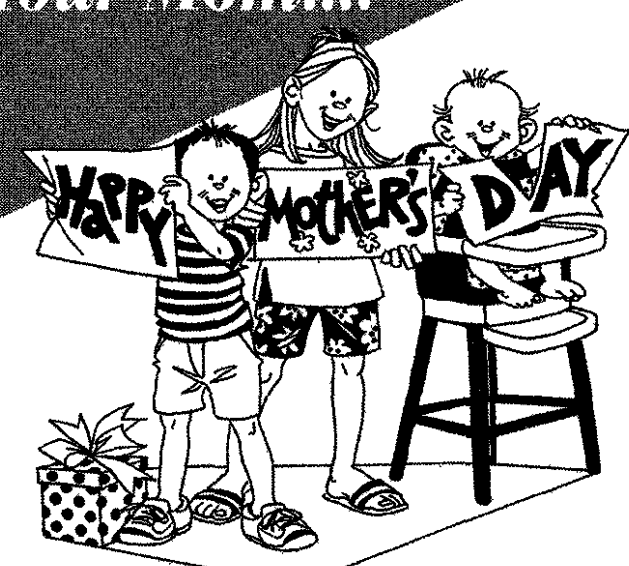
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Caffeine may trigger migraines

If you are one of the millions of migraine-sensitive Americans who need caffeine to rev you up for work in the morning or pick you up off your desktop in the afternoon, you may actually be triggering a debilitating headache that will keep you out of the office altogether.

Researchers at the U-M Health System are now studying the relationship between migraine headaches and your daily caffeine habit.

Migraines are very common. 6 percent of men and 18 percent of women suffer from these disabling headaches at some point in their lives – most commonly between the ages of 25 to 55. Of those people, 60 percent have at least one fairly severe migraine every month – often severe enough to warrant calling in sick, says U-M neurologist Dr. Linda M. Selwa.

"Migraines differ from tension headaches in that they're usually only on one side of the head. They are often severe enough to be associated with nausea and to make sufferers shy away from light and sounds. Many have visual disturbances, and often migraines are not able to keep up with their usual daily activities," says Selwa.

Chris Holden has suffered from migraines for more than 20 years. "The pain goes to an entire side of my head. My ear hurts, my teeth hurt. It feels like someone's jabbing me with a pick. I get sensitive to light,

CAFFEINE TRIVIA

- The actual source of caffeine is the coffee bean, tea leaf, kola nut and cacao pod.
- The caffeine for colas and other products is derived from the process of decaffeinating coffee and tea.
- Medically, caffeine is useful as a cardiac stimulant and also as a mild diuretic (it increases urine production).
- Caffeine is an addictive drug. Among its many actions, it operates using the same mechanisms that amphetamines, cocaine and heroin use to stimulate the brain. (source: <http://home.howstuffworks.com/caffeine.htm>)

very sensitive to smell, and the nausea and vomiting begin. At their worst, my migraines are totally debilitating."

TRIGGERS

For those unlucky enough to suffer from migraines, the triggers are lurking everywhere. Stress, sleep deprivation or fatigue, skipped meals or certain foods, sensory overload in the form of bright lights, loud noises or strong smells, certain types of physical activity, and hormone fluctuations can bring on the severe and lasting pain of a migraine.

But what about caffeine? Known medically as trimethylxanthine, caffeine has been linked to everything from sleepless nights and jitteriness to birth defects and breast cancer. Yet caffeine is likely the most popular drug in the world – about 90 percent of

Americans consume it in one form or another every single day.

Now Selwa and her colleagues at the U-M Health System are studying the importance of caffeine as a trigger for migraine.

"Many of my patients have told me stories about needing caffeine when they feel a headache coming on, or having headaches on the weekends when they haven't had their usual work-day amount of caffeine," she says.

"In fact, caffeine is a key ingredient in almost all of the over-the-counter migraine medications. That's because caffeine is useful in stopping a headache once it starts," she continues. "The unfortunate thing is that, in patients who use caffeine chronically, they're much more likely to get a migraine as the caffeine begins to wear off."

NO CAFFEINE

Participants in Selwa's study are asked to stop consuming caffeine entirely for a period of one month to determine if they will continue to have intermittent migraines or if the headaches will subside. Selwa often provides patients with medicines to make the transition easier, particularly for those who are highly addicted to the caffeine.

"In several patients, we've been able to get them off their migraine medications as long as they stay away from caffeine," says Selwa.

"Dr. Selwa identified that I was drinking a lot of caffeine on a daily basis, something I knew but didn't think twice about," says Holden. "It was extremely difficult to go off it because I'm a caffeine addict, and it took about two to three weeks to flush it out of my system, but then the migraines reduced in frequency and severity. It was amazing!"

"To this day, I stay away from caffeine in foods and chocolate, and may soon be able to decrease or stop my medication," Holden continues.

For more information, visit the following Web sites:

- University of Michigan Health System

http://www.med.umich.edu/1h/br/aha/aha_mihead_crs.htm

- American Council for Headache Education (ACHE)

<http://www.achenet.org>

- National Headache Foundation

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U-M Web site explains everything about genes

So scientists just announced the completed sequencing of all the genes in the human genome, but you still don't know what a genome is. And two guys named Watson and Crick discovered something 50 years ago about DNA, but you have no idea why it's such a big deal. And you're tired of feeling intimidated because your kids know more about genetics than you do.

Now there's a new University of Michigan Health System Web site that can help. Called "Genetics: The Symphony of Life," it provides basic information about genetics and medicine for the general public, students, teachers or anyone who is interested in genetics but needs a plain-English explanation of the science. The site is available at www.med.umich.edu/genetics.

This multi-media Web site uses the metaphor of notes, instruments and musicians in a symphony orchestra to explain basic concepts about genetics. Featuring music, video and photos of the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra, the site helps people understand how genes, proteins and cells work together to create life's symphony. Simple answers to basic questions like "What is a gene?" or "What is a protein?" are provided.

The Web site also describes current research by scientists in the U-M Medical School and how what they discover in the laboratory today could change tomorrow's medicine. Every page includes a mini-lesson on genetics and medicine. For example, Why are mice so important to the study of human genes? What is a DNA microarray and how does it work?

The Web site is indexed by disease or medical condition, so users can choose to browse through the entire site or go directly to pages of interest. People with a special interest in breast cancer, for example, can learn about genes regulating metastasis – the spread of aggressive forms of breast cancer to other organs in the body.

A glossary defines all scientific and medical terminology. Additional resources – including books, Web sites, career information and how to make an appointment for genetic testing or counseling at a UMHS clinic – are provided for those who want to know more.

Like the real symphony of life, the Web site will grow and change over time. So check back often for additions or updates.

MIGRAINE FACTS

■ Symptoms include throbbing or pounding headache, extreme sensitivity to light or sound, blurred vision, nausea and vomiting and numbness or tingling of the face or one side of the body. These symptoms may last from a few hours to a few days.

■ The American Headache Society classifies migraines as either with aura or without aura. An aura is an unusual neurological manifestation or brain symptom that can sometimes accompany the pain and nausea of a migraine, most commonly a visual one such as jagged or flashing lights.

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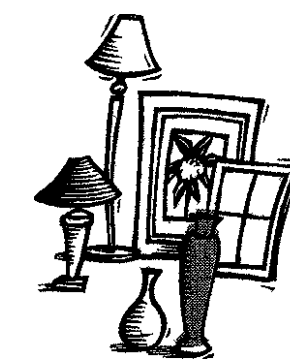
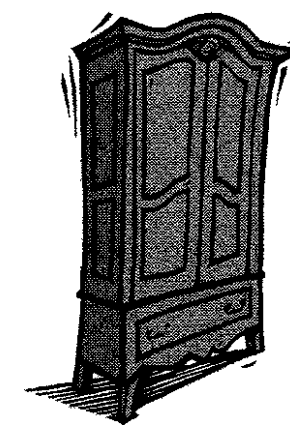
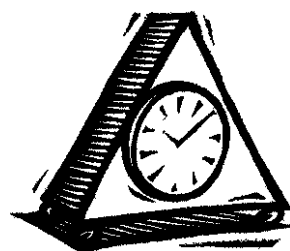
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■ "The Detroit Free Press Marathon & Relay" in Detroit on Oct. 5

■ "Dublin Marathon" in Dublin, Ireland, on Oct. 27

For more information, attend one of the following free, no-obligation information meetings:

■ 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, Holiday Inn, N. Campus, 3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor

■ 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, KLM Bike & Fitness, 2680 S. Rochester Road, Rochester

■ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, Royal Oak Community Center, 3500 Marais, Royal Oak

■ 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, Running Fit Store, 6919 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

■ 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, Troy Marriott, 200 West Big Beaver, Troy

■ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, Dick's Sporting Goods, 45230 Northpointe Blvd., Utica

■ 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, Running Fit Store, 17783 Haggerty Road, Northville

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Doctors make advance on kidney stone cause

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Scientists at the Indiana University School of Medicine believe they are on a trail that could lead to the cause of kidney stones, and it's a different path than most researchers have traveled.

Researchers say their findings could signal a breakthrough in a field that has seen little new information for years.

"For the first time, we know where to start looking for the initial changes" that lead to kidney stones, said Andrew P. Evan, a professor of anatomy and cell biology.

From 5 percent to 10 percent of the population is expected to develop a kidney stone during a lifetime. The hard masses can build up on the inner surfaces of the kidney and cause cramping, blood in the urine or infection.

Until now, scientists had primarily looked at high levels of calcium oxalate in urine as a key culprit behind kidney stones, and they believed that some kind of cell injury was needed before the stones would form.

But in research published this month in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, Evan and his collaborators zeroed in on calcium phosphate crystals found in patients undergoing biopsies for kidney stones.

The crystals formed at the tips of papilla inside the kidneys, where processed urine drains down to the ureter leading to the bladder.

Researchers found that when tissue covering calcium phosphate crystals erodes and they come in contact with calcium oxalate in urine, a chemical reaction apparently causes the two substances to bond and begin to form kidney stones. Evan and his colleagues still

have questions. Though calcium phosphate is found in bones, teeth and plaque that can build up in arteries, why do the crystals form? What causes the tissue that covers them to wear away? And what can be done to prevent the process?

Despite those questions, the research, funded with a \$5.6 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health, is encouraging, said F. Richard Bringhurst, a physician in the endocrine department of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Bringhurst treats patients with kidney stones and has experienced them himself.

"If they've got something that indicates a lead on what's the next step, that alone could be important," he told The Indianapolis Star for a story published this week. "There have been no new ideas about treating kidney stones in the last 20 years."

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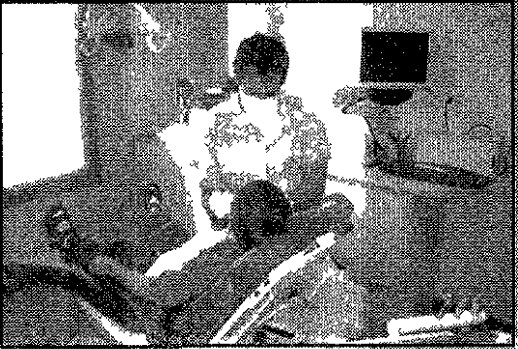
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Several styles of homes – ranch, bi-level, and colonial – are offered at Country Walk, a detached condominium community in the early development stages off Savage Road east of Martynville Road in Van Buren Township.

Most floor plans – designed and constructed by Crosswinds Communities – are available to purchasers for less than \$200,000.

A total of 416 homes are planned for the site. Construction will start soon on the models, which are expected to be finished by September.

For now, prospective buyers can visit identical models at Crosswinds' Rosewind community on Martz Road a couple miles east of Whitaker Road in Ypsilanti Township.

"Van Buren is the next Canton," said Bernie Gheberman, CEO at Crosswinds. "We've got a lot of premium sites. It's got a lot of trees. It's a low density site, 17 (homes) per acre."

"If you do a demographic study of the area, several hundred thousand jobs are within a 30-minute drive of Van Buren. You've got the airport, Visteon now, a lot of jobs in that area. People tend to live near their jobs," he said.

"Our bread and butter is more house for less money. We design efficiently – no wasted materials or wasted labor procedures. We develop our own land, too," he said.

Country Walk is especially well priced for move-up buyers, Gheberman added, saying, "Everyone has a profit in their house now."

Prices will range from \$178,990 for a three-bedroom, two-bathroom bi-level of 1,670 square feet to \$209,990 for a 2,772-square-foot colonial with four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Those prices reflect slab construction without a basement. All homes include at base

price two-car garage, dishwasher and vinyl flooring and carpeting throughout. Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

Unfinished basements are \$10,000 to \$24,000 extra, finished lower levels an additional \$13,000 to \$24,000.

Other upgrades include jet tub and separate shower in some master suites (\$4,990 to \$6,500), fireplace (\$3,000 to \$3,300), air conditioning (\$2,300 to \$2,730) and cathedral ceiling (\$1,990).

"These plans have been extremely successful for us at Rosewind," said Colette B. Scholten, vice president of sales and marketing.

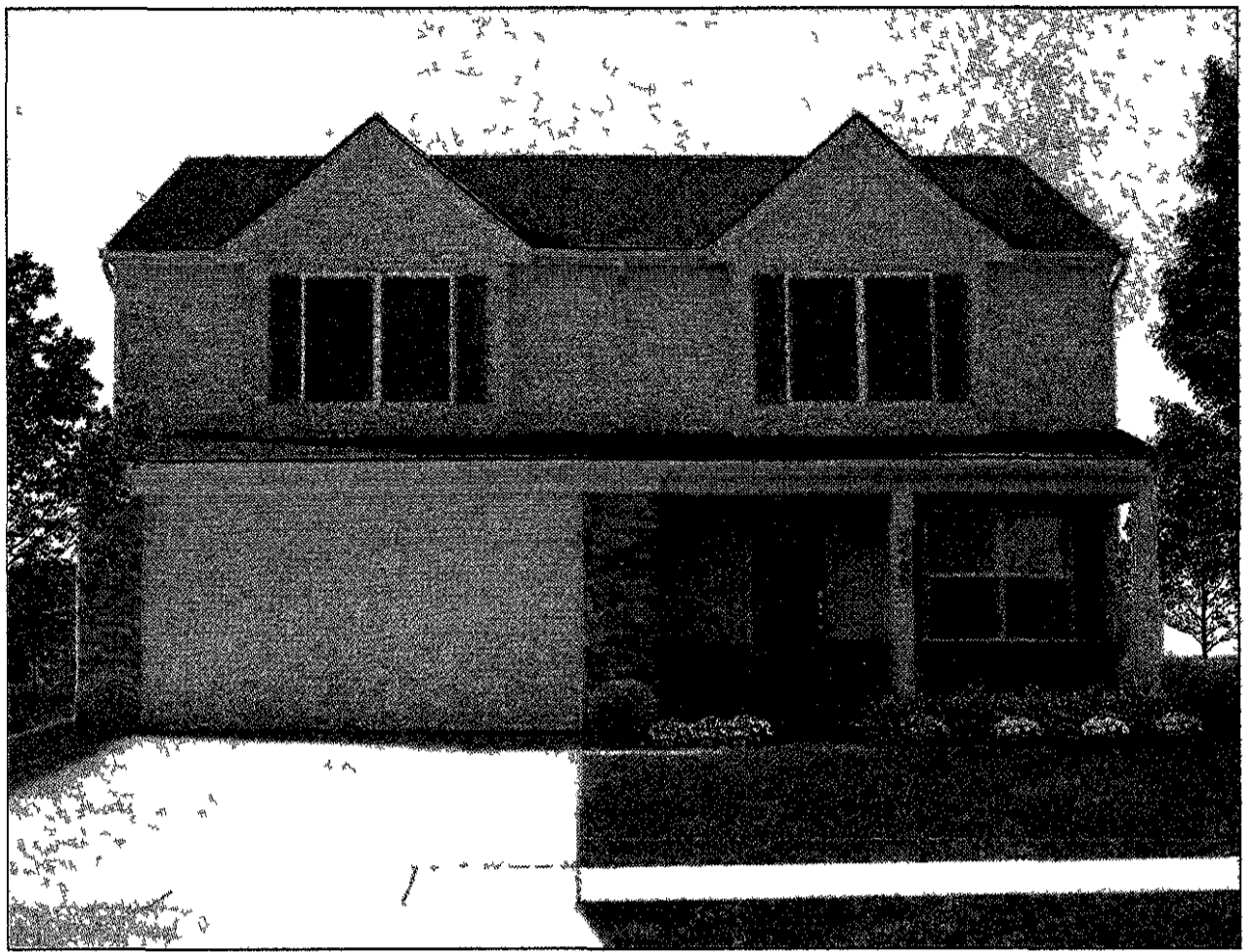
Crosswinds' whole philosophy is to get people into purchasing their own homes. Our buyers have enjoyed open floor plans. Options are available to personalize the home any way they want to," she said.

There are other reasons to recommend Country Walk. The community is close to several Metroparks, plus I-94 and I-275 freeway access.

"The location is phenomenal," Scholten said. "It's close to Belleville Lake, a mile from quant downtown Belleville – a great family area for outdoor activities."

It's only 15 minutes from the airport, 15 to 20 minutes from downtown Ann Arbor with all the cultural and shopping opportunities there, she added.

The development will include nature areas, ponds and playscape area, Scholten said.



This colonial features a large gathering/entertaining area on the main floor that could be used for many purposes. The laundry is upstairs with all the bedrooms.

Donna Chandler, sales associate at Rosewind, said walk-throughs there are impressed with the openness and variety of the floor plans.

The models have some interesting features. The Devonshire, a bi-level, situates the family room, laundry and a half-bath at garage entry level, a living room, dining area and three bedrooms up nine steps from the front door.

The Newcastle, a colonial, has a functional mud room/storage/utility configuration off the kitchen, a loft, laundry and three bedrooms upstairs.

Both the Omni, also a colonial with the laundry upstairs,

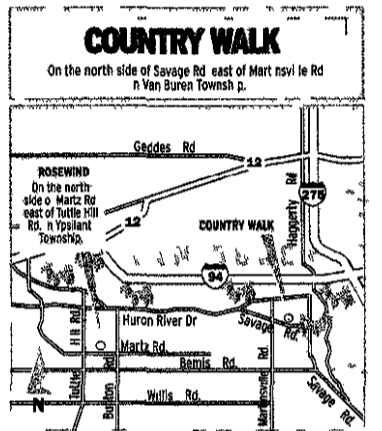
and the Newcastle contain a large gathering area on the main floor that can be put to a lot of use purposes.

A story-and-a-half home with first-floor master is still on the drawing board.

Country Walk, to be serviced by city water, sewers and sidewalks, is within the Van Buren public school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$31.12 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owner of a \$160,000 home there would pay about \$2,500 the first year.

The annual association fee is projected at upwards of \$50 per month.



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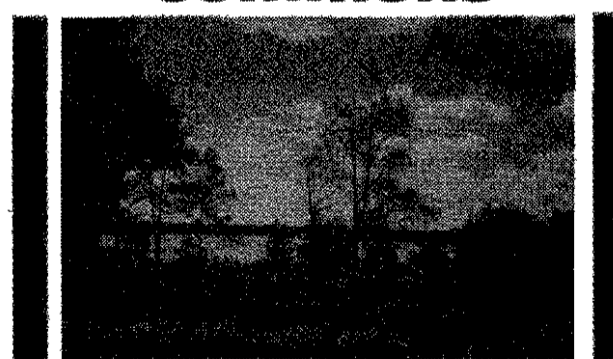
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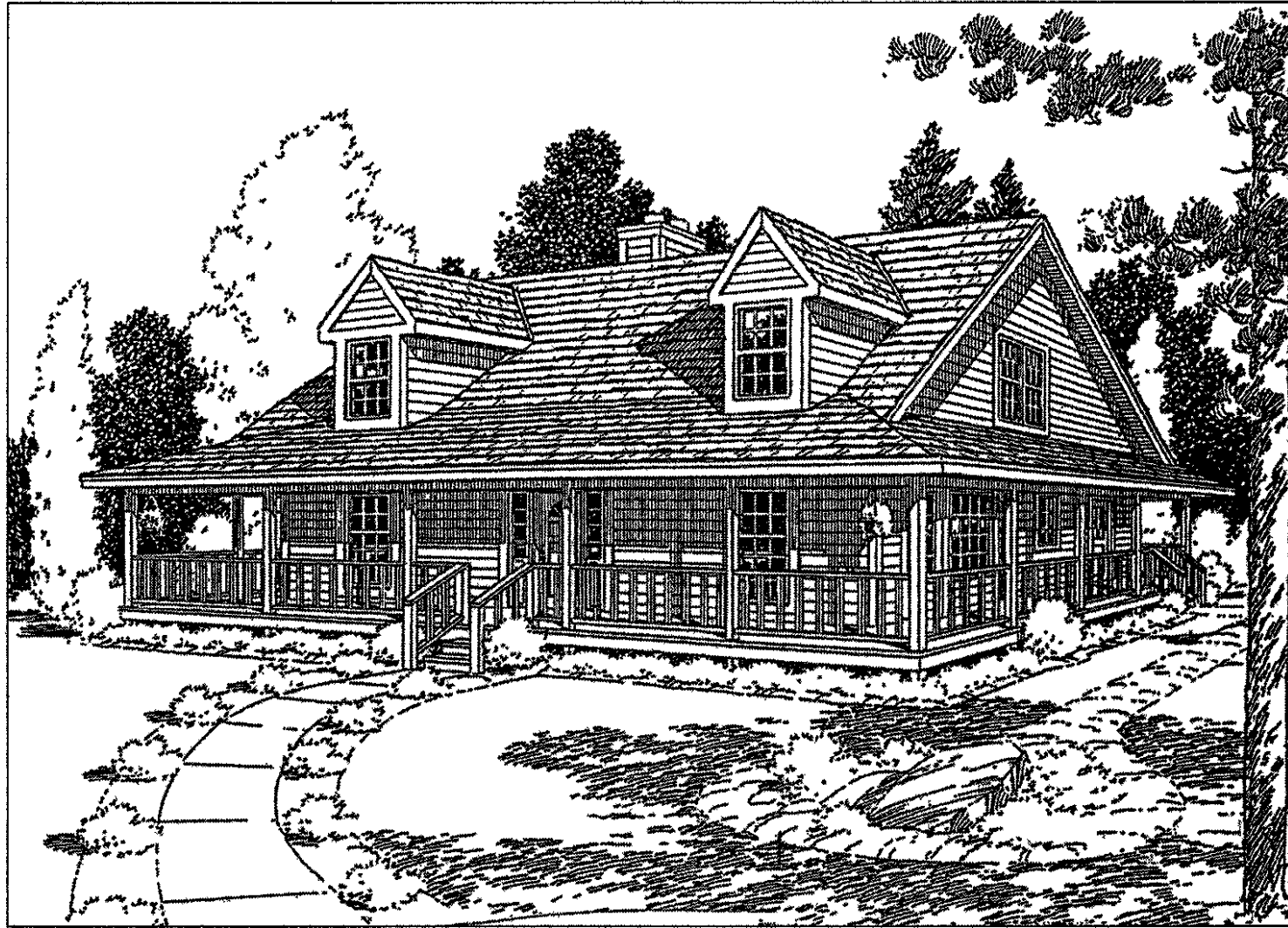
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Country star's boyhood hangout draws little interest

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Despite the popularity of country music star Dwight Yoakam, no one has rushed to purchase his family's former home in the southeastern Kentucky hamlet of Betsy Layne.

The three-bedroom house where he honed his musical talent as a young boy went on the market a month ago.

That it hasn't sold has surprised tourism officials, who see the property as an attraction for people traveling through the mountainous region where many of Nashville's biggest stars were born or raised.

"I could see a country music lover making a good income supplement, buying the house and opening it to fans," said Fred James, spokesman for the Kentucky Tourism Cabinet. "It has appeal, no question about it."

American Way Realty, a Century 21 affiliate in Prestonburg, lists the price of the wood-frame, single-story house at \$89,500. An advertisement published locally says the house, which has two bathrooms, is completely remodeled and has new carpet. James said he believes the house would have sold immediately, if it had been advertised more widely.

"I believe people are going to want to see it," he said. "It will be sold the first time the house hits the masses."

Yoakam was born in Pikeville and lived in the house only briefly as an infant before his parents moved to Columbus, Ohio.

He returned often to spend time with his grandparents, Luther and Earlene Tibbs, in the house, said Billie Jean Osborne, a country music promoter from Betsy Layne.

Tour buses now are common throughout the region, bringing groups from as far away as Canada to see the hometowns

and the former homes of their favorite singers.

But those buses can't maneuver on the narrow road leading up Pike Floyd Hollow to the house where Yoakam would sit on the porch and play his guitar during weekend visits with his grandparents.

Lots of fans drive by the house, said Trudy Hunter, whose son, Randy Hunter, owns the property.

"You can tell who his fans are," she said. "They slow down real slow looking at the house. Then they stop, get out and take pictures. There are people from all over the country who come."

The house is only about a mile from U.S. 23, the four-lane route through eastern Kentucky that has been officially designated the Country Music Highway because of the many stars who grew up in communities it runs through.

Those stars include Naomi and Wynonna Judd of Ashland, Ricky Skaggs of Blaine, Loretta Lynn and Crystal Gayle of Butcher Hollow, Patty Loveless of Pikeville, and Billy Ray Cyrus of Flatwoods.

Kentucky tourism officials, trying to capitalize on the region's ties to country music, have begun developing museums and performance halls to cater to the fans who visit eastern Kentucky.

Osborne, who lives in Betsy Layne not far from the house where Yoakam's grandparents lived, said eastern Kentucky has developed a mystique among country music fans. They want to see the hometowns and former homes of their favorite singers.

That, she said, includes the tiny community of Betsy Layne, which had a huge influence on Yoakam's music.

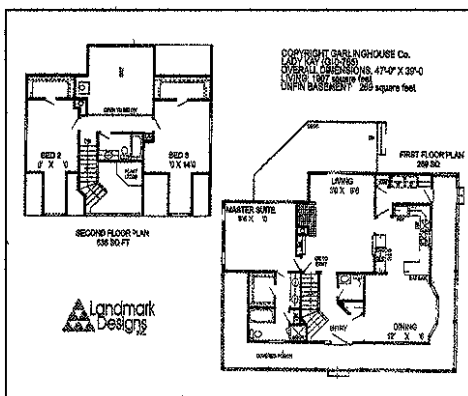
"There are people who have money who could come in here and make a show place out of it," Osborne said.

Welcoming home has wrap around porch

The classic look of a farmhouse is exemplified in the Lady Kay. It has a large wrap around porch and two dormers on the front of the home. It has one other classic feature and that is there is no attached garage. Farmhouses of early years always had a detached garage or barn.

The Lady Kay has 1,907 square feet of living space and an unfinished basement of 1,269 square feet. If needed, the basement could be finished into more bedrooms or a recreation room.

The front door is centered in the wrap around porch, bringing guests into the home facing the dining room on the right or the living room straight ahead. The dining room is very open with a bay window on the right side of the room. To the rear is the kitchen. It has the open shape of a "C" with a smaller counter across containing the range and oven. An eating bar is on the end of the main counter facing the dining room. At the rear of the kitchen is the utility room with a built-in pantry and storage closet.



A long living room with sliding doors to the back deck occupies the center rear of the Lady Kay. A large fireplace or wood stove is situated on the left wall with a shelf adjacent. Between the coat closet in the entry and the living room is a half bath.

The left side of Lady Kay is master suite. It has sliding doors that also open onto the rear deck as well as windows

that bathe the room in light on the left. The walk through master bath has a walk-in closet on the left with "his and her" sinks on the right. Further in is a full bath with tub and a shower as well as a linen closet.

Upstairs are two more bedrooms. They each have a dormer window with a large walk-in closet. Between the two rooms is an area open to the living room below. A full bath with a tub and a linen closet just outside are next to the stairs. There is also a plant ledge (actually over the half bath downstairs) where real or artificial flowers can provide color to both floors.

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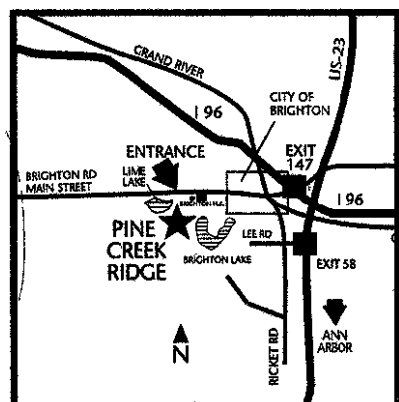


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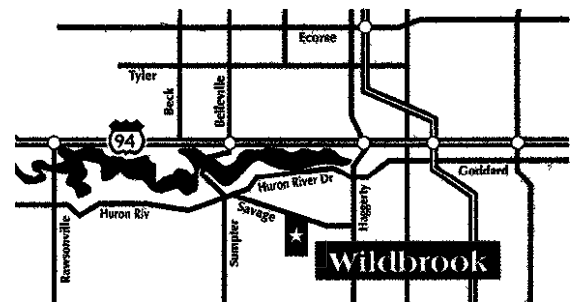
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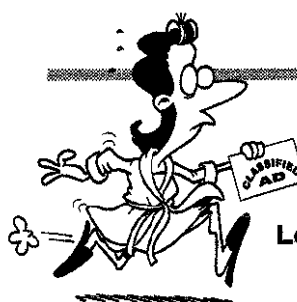
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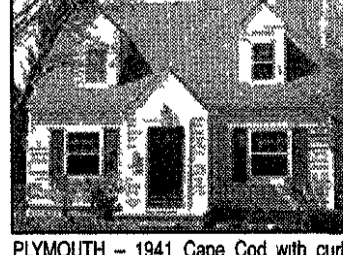
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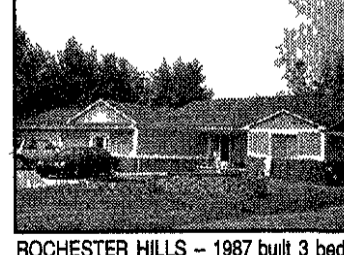
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No bubble, economists say; Research continues in solar savings today

Across the nation, average sales price of single-family homes have risen 25 percent since January 2000. In Michigan, it's been reported that median house prices have increased by 21 percent over the last four years.



Joseph Krul

of housing price bubbles. He stressed the substantial financial and emotional costs to homeowners of selling, buying and moving, which is very different from other investments like stocks.

Because of this dramatic increase, the media and many Wall Street analysts have speculated about the existence of a housing "bubble" that is quivering and may burst at any time.

It is speculated that if the bubble bursts, the housing market would share the same fate as the stock market and the dot-coms, riding high one day and a risky investment the next. Since many Americans rely on their homes as their main investment and as their leading source of capital, this prediction is especially troubling.

Generally speaking, price bubbles involve rapid price gains that are fueled by speculative fervor or unrealistic expectations. These price gains aren't supported by economic fundamentals.

The explosion of the high-tech component of the stock market is the most recent example of irrational exuberance, and the subsequent collapse of this market occurred when earnings expectations came back to reality. The generation of this bubble, and the subsequent bust, required massive inflows and outflows of investment capital over short periods.

Could this type of thing occur in the housing market? Most experts don't think so.

For one thing, the inventory of homes on the market relative to sales is historically very low. This suggests that supply has not gotten too far out of line with demand.

In addition, people haven't been irresponsible in cashing out equity when they refinance. Mortgage and home equity borrowing only account for 40 percent of the equity value of American homes.

Last July, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress not to worry about bubbles in house prices despite well-publicized concerns on this front. "We've looked at the bubble question and we've concluded that it's most unlikely," he said.

Greenspan focused on major differences between the stock and housing markets that illustrate the practical impossibility

of housing price bubbles. He stressed the substantial financial and emotional costs to homeowners of selling, buying and moving, which is very different from other investments like stocks.

Greenspan also pointed out that unlike the strategic purchase and sale of stocks to increase wealth, housing markets are localized and few people can or will jump from market to market in order to pursue house price gains or to avoid price declines.

In October, chief economists from the nation's two mortgage powerhouses - Fannie Mae's David Berson and Freddie Mac's Frank Nothaft - echoed Greenspan's views that no housing bubble exists.

"The simple answer to the question of whether there is a housing market bubble is no," Berson said. "In fact, price gains could go higher if constraints on new construction continue to intensify over the next decade."

Most analysts predict that annual home price appreciation in the 3-to-5-percent range seems a reasonable expectation for the next few years. While that's slower than the pace of recent years, it's well above the forecasts of consumer or gross domestic product price inflation.

Systematic analyses of data haven't yielded any evidence of a national house price bubble. There are isolated areas of the country, however, where unrealistic income, financial wealth or house price expectations generated a surge in demand.

There are also areas, such as Silicon Valley, where a downturn in the area's major industry such as high technology left house prices hanging at unreasonably high levels.

Today's low interest rates make housing extremely affordable. In addition, unlike many other investment options, homebuyers and their families will be able to enjoy their housing investment each day for years to come.

Joseph Krul is a board member of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. He also serves as chief operating officer and executive vice president for Standard Federal Bank.

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Every minute, the sun bombards Earth with enough energy to supply its power needs for a year. Yet only two one-hundredths of a percent of all the electricity fed into the U.S. grid originates from sunlight.

The world still largely relies on diminishing supplies of environmentally unfriendly and politically destabilizing fossil fuels. Despite decades of research, it's still cheaper to burn coal than get power from the sun.

But photovoltaic technology is improving efficiency and lowering costs for solar power, and experts believe the development will in the next few years drive solar adoption far faster than any government incentives or environmental concerns.

"Today, if solar energy were available in a quantity and at a cost comparable to fossil fuel, it would be a revolutionary change," said Stephen Emedocles, business development director at Nanosys Inc.

The Palo Alto-based startup is working on photovoltaic cells so small and cheap that they can be sprayed or even painted onto surfaces.

Solar power research is proceeding on two fronts. Making cheaper versions of crystalline silicon cells that comprise 80 percent of the solar market, and creating less expensive photovoltaic technologies with the reliability and efficiency of crystalline silicon.

All the research is built on semiconductors, which absorb the sun's photons. Electrons are bumped along a predictable path by those photons until the current flows into something useful, such as an appliance.

Though the cost of making traditional solar cells has decreased dramatically over the past 20 years, buying electricity generated by fossil fuels is still cheaper than installing a solar-powered generator at a home or business.

Still, solar systems eventually pay for themselves. How long it takes is mostly a matter of geography.

A medium-size system, which costs about \$52,500, would pay for itself in 11 years in San Jose, where buyers would receive about \$20,520 in rebates from the California Energy Commission and \$3,478 in state tax credits, according to BP Solar, which sells solar panels.

The calculation assumes a monthly electricity bill of \$200 to \$250. By comparison, the same system under the same circumstances in Tampa, Fla., would take 32 years to pay off because of the absence of rebates or tax credits. In less sunny Lincoln, Nebraska, it would take 33 years. In rainy Seattle, 35 years.

Many manufacturers also offer warranties of 20 years or more.

Another savings driver - some utilities charge industrial users more for electricity during peak periods, which are usually during summer afternoons when air conditioners are running full speed.

That's the same time that solar power generation peaks. "Even without any incentives from the government, the systems do pay back," said Dan Shugar, president of PowerLight Solar Electric Systems. "They just pay back toward the end of their life."

Rural folks embrace cellular technology

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Cellular phones were once more curiosity than necessity - a convenience when they worked, and an object of abuse when they didn't.

But technology has improved dramatically in recent years, as have calling rates. And with improved service, Wyoming and other sparsely populated areas of the nation have been quick to embrace wireless.

A recent survey conducted by Western Wats, an Utah research firm, indicates rural customers are becoming increasingly reliant on cellular phones for business and personal needs.

Western Wats polled 1,000 customers of Western Wireless Corp., in areas with population of eight people or less per mile. The results indicate an increasing reliance on wireless communication, with 51 percent of wireless users saying their cell phone has at least partially replaced land line phones.

Twenty-three percent said they regard a cell as their primary phone, and 15 percent of those polled plan to eventually replace a land line with cellular.

Western Wireless, which operates Cellular One service in Wyoming and 13 other Midwestern and Western states, commissioned the survey.

President Mikal Thomsen said his company made a conscious decision more than a decade ago to focus on rural customers, and the decision is beginning to bear fruit.

"As little as four years ago in Wyoming, the average customer had about 125 minutes of use. Today it's something over 400," Thomsen said. "A lot of that is changing the

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rate plans. But an awful lot of it is people are just coming in and saying 'OK, I'm not just going to just use a cellular phone while I'm on the road in between wired phones'."

Just in the last year, our company has seen a 30 percent increase in the number of minutes per month over its entire million-person customer base. It's been pretty remarkable," Thomsen said.

Cell phones have become so efficient and versatile, some customers are electing to go totally wireless - a decision Rebecca Tennille, senior manager of media relations for Qwest, calls "cutting the cord."

Tennille said statistics compiled by The Yankee Group, a firm that analyzes the telecommunications industry, indicate up to 3 percent of customers nationwide are strictly wireless.

"We see it a lot in college students, we see it mainly for second-line, wire-line replacement - people using wireless in lieu of a land line. Wireless competition is very robust and healthy, especially in rural areas like Wyoming," said

Tennille. Cell phone usage in the West is strong because wireless adapts well to rural life.

Spencer Brennan, 30, is a methane-gas consultant from Sheridan, and a Western Wireless customer. Brennan spends numerous hours in his pickup and said cell phones are ideal for his work and mobile lifestyle.

"With all your long-distance carriers and everything else, you have to fight with them every month. Half the time, a land line, you don't even use that stuff and you still get charged for it," he said. "My cell phone, I pay \$150 a month for two phones - one in my truck and one that I carry with me - and I make all the calls and talk to anybody I want to."

"I'm out in the field a lot. I wouldn't know what to do without it," he said.

Land-line companies aren't ready to tear the wire out of the ground, however. Tennille pointed out that Qwest, which provides much of the land-line service in Wyoming, has a cellular branch of its own.

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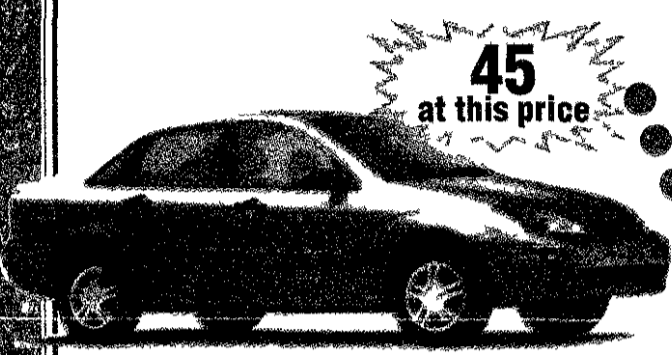
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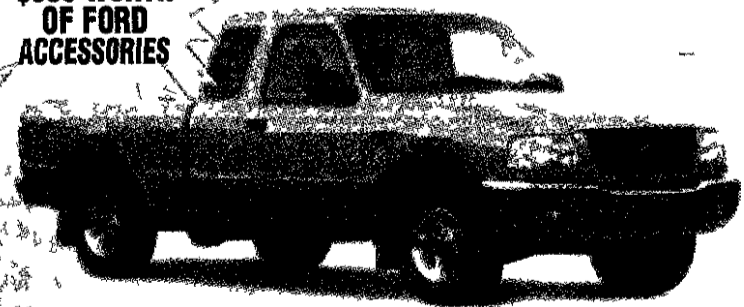
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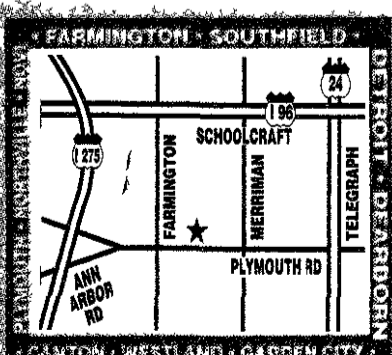
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2003 Mitsubishi Outlander disappoints

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I waited for months to get into the 2003 Mitsubishi Outlander I had asked our car supplier for it so many times I was getting tired of asking I'd seen the commercials on TV for it, seen pictures and documents about it and was sure this was going to be another winner in Mitsubishi's strong lineup of vehicles, because Mitsubishi has had nothing but first-class product for as long as I can remember.

I loved the commercials. And what I loved even more was the price -- just above \$20,000. For what's classified as an SUV.

My husband Hawke was shopping for a new vehicle and he was strongly considering an Outlander I pushed him toward a Ford Explorer even though he was leaning toward the Outlander, based mostly on Mitsubishi's track record. The price was vastly different, too (Outlander was lower).

And now I know why Mitsubishi's Outlander is a lot smaller than the Explorer. It's also lower to the ground, lacks power, isn't nimbly and is not elegant. I was surprised at how much poorer it was from my perceptions of what had been written about it by other auto critics. If 20/20 ever does another hit piece on the ethics of auto journalists, the producers there should use Outlander road test reviews as the basis for their next report. There's a whole lot not to like and critics who say different are wearing rose-colored glasses.

Look, I've always loved Mitsubishi's. Everything Mitsubishi has ever made except this vehicle has always impressed me. But nobody bats 1,000 forever.

Hawke ended up buying a black Explorer and has told me repeatedly he's grateful he did, because it's been great. His lone disappointment has been the substandard service we've received at the backshop of our Ford dealership.

I drove Hawke to lunch last week at a Tim Hortons in this Outlander. He didn't immediately recognize it from the TV commercials, because on TV they concentrate on the smiling faces and people having fun inside instead of showing you in detail what the inside and outside of the car really looks like. He was blunt and sarcastic (no surprise there).

"THIS is the Outlander?" Hawke said, embellishing his disappointment by contorting his face.

From a product viewpoint, about the only thing I liked on the Outlander was its bold, aggressive styling. Sheetmetal flows effortlessly around the entire vehicle. The front treatment, with its bold headlamps, larger-than-life grille and the unique fog lamps, truly say Mitsubishi.

The Outlander is Mitsubishi's latest entrant in what's becoming a fast-growing crossover market. Its more car-like



2003 Mitsubishi Outlander. Vehicle class: Sport utility vehicle. Power: 2.4-liter 16-valve inline 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 20 city / 25 highway. Where built: Kurashiki, Japan. Price as tested: \$24,485.

than SUV-like.

That being said, let me tell you more about the Outlander. Again, although it's classified as an SUV, it is part of the growing crossover segment. Crossovers are the best of both worlds -- with all the utility of an SUV. A kind of a sedan/minivan/SUV.

There are four distinctive models of the Outlander to choose from: LS or XLS front-wheel-drive or full-time all-wheel-drive. I drove the XLS all-wheel-drive model. This model has all the amenities you desire in a package that's easy to swallow: \$24,485.

The Outlander's four doors open wide for easy entrance and exit. The liftgate swings up and out of the way. It opened so far up that my nine-year-old couldn't reach it to close the door. My 11-year-old could reach it, but had to work to close it. Once you got it down halfway, it was easier to close.

Slip inside and you'll find a lot of legroom and headroom. Look at these numbers -- a total of 96.1 cubic feet of passenger volume, a floor-to-ceiling height of 67.6 cubic inches and headroom of 38.5 inches. The seat belts are easy to reach and slip around you easily as well. Heated leather seating surfaces are very comfortable. Rear seat passengers have plenty of room, too.

The instrumentation is easy to read and understand. Easy to reach, too. The surfaces were not impressive, however. They look awkward and unappealing, even harsh. The steering wheel and transmission shifter are leather-wrapped.

The center instrumentation stack made me smile because the AM/FM/CD audio system was way up top and easy to reach and adjust. One thing that annoys me is an audio system that is low on the center stack so you have to take your eyes completely off the road to adjust it. Give Mitsubishi an A+ for this move.

Also up top is a chrome-ringed analog clock that's easy to adjust with two very discreet buttons embedded in the ring.

The clock is nice-looking and reminded me of the analog clocks on the first Infiniti sedan that came out 14 years ago.

In the rear cargo area, there's plenty of room to stow all your worldly belongings without a problem. The rear seats fold down so you can really carry a lot of stuff. The cargo load area is also located right about where your knees are, so loading and unloading anything is a breeze.

Under the cargo floor is the spare tire, which is great. And you can purchase an optional cover for the cargo area that hides your stuff.

The Outlander is powered by a 2.4-liter 16-valve inline four-cylinder engine married to a four-speed Sportronic transmission that's rated at 140 horsepower. The gated transmission can be used as fully automatic or it can be moved to the right for clutchless shifts.

Ride and handling are adequate, but without the oomph that I've come to expect from Mitsubishi's products. The Outlander is outfitted with four-wheel independent suspension.

All the safety issues are taken care of in the Outlander. Stuff like dual front air bags, side impact door beams, child safety locks, child seat anchors, three-point safety belts and anti-lock brakes.

The standard equipment list is as long as a career criminal's rap sheet. This is equipment that's not normally on a vehicle priced this low. I'm talking about AM/FM/CD stereo with six speakers, cruise control, remote keyless entry, intermittent wipers, rear washer/wiper, cabin lighting that dims, rear center armrest with cupholders, cruise control, power door locks, air conditioning, vanity mirrors, two 12-volt outlets, rear cargo tie-down hooks, floor mats, roof rails and 16-inch alloy wheels.

That's certainly a standard list that can make a grown man cry for joy. But there's more to a vehicle than a good price.

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