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42nd Street

The Park Players present *42nd Street*, featuring a cast of some 60 actors, dancers and singers, March 25-27 in the Gloria Logan auditorium in Salem High School. Performances are at 8 p.m. March 25-26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 27. Tickets are \$8 for all shows. For more information, call (734) 416 7854.

Youth wishes

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Committee wants to know what teens in the Plymouth community want to do for fun. The youth group has commissioned a survey asking teens what kinds of activities they would like to participate in. "It's a way for kids around Plymouth to have a say in what we do, and what's going on in their community," said Chelsea Darouie, chair of the group. "That way, we can base our activities on what they want. We'd like to start looking for things to do in the summer from some of the suggestions we get from the survey," she added.

Teens from Plymouth and Plymouth Township can participate in the survey, which is on the Plymouth Web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>

Cops battle Lions

Plymouth police officers will battle the Detroit Lions in a basketball game fund-raiser at Central Middle School. Jennifer Dergis, president of the Plymouth Police Officers Association, said money raised at the game will be used to purchase equipment for the department, such as night vision goggles and equipment for the bicycle patrol. The game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, in the Central Middle School gym, 650 W. Church St. in Plymouth. Tickets are \$20 each, \$35 per couple, and \$60 for a family pass to admit up to six people. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling a special hotline (734) 453-7476. The Detroit Lions who participate will sign autographs at halftime.

Beck traffic

Regular Beck Road drivers, be aware: Wayne County plans on closing the road between Five and Six Mile starting Monday. County officials said southbound Beck will be closed for some two months. The detour for southbound Beck is Sheldon. For more information, check out the Wayne County Web site at www.wayne.co.mi.us.

Witness pleads guilty to obstruction

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth man convicted in the December 1999 murder and dismemberment of his estranged wife is hopeful the admission by an internationally known

dog handler that she planted evidence in his case, among others, will get him a new trial. The U.S. Justice Department announced that Sandra Anderson, 43, of Midland pleaded guilty to five of 10 felonies in an August indictment,

including obstruction of justice and making false statements to federal agents. In one of those cases, Anderson is accused of planting a hacksaw blade with blood on it in the basement during a search of Azizul Islam's Roe Street

home. Prosecutors in the case didn't use the hacksaw blade as evidence because the blood on it didn't match the blood of Tracy Islam, some of which was found by Anderson's dog Eagle in the

PLEASE SEE WITNESS, A5



Artist Sharon Dillenbeck talks with Katherine Lou of Plymouth about the painting she is working on at the D&M Studios. Lou is recreating a master's work.

All for love

Artist shares gift with community through her studio

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The love of art, and sharing it, is so much what Sharon Dillenbeck is about. You have to wonder if she was born with a paint brush in her mouth and palette in her hand. "I thought I was a hot-shot artist," said Dillenbeck about the moment she graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Hallmark was her target. American Greetings offered her a job right away. But she was so

certain Hallmark wanted her she turned the first job down. But Hallmark didn't offer a job. "I got so frustrated. I thought, maybe I wasn't as good as I thought I was," said Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Studios - Once Upon an Easel - in the Golden Gate Shopping Center. That did it. Dillenbeck switched her career to retail while still in Pennsylvania. Her thought was to get into window dressing. Her first stop was Saks 5th Avenue. "Instead of doing windows,

they wanted me to sell," Dillenbeck said. And sell she did. When she moved to Michigan, she worked for a Pennsylvania company and then for Hudson's as an area sales manager. Her goal was to become a buyer and importer, which she did. "I love to travel and I appreciated the art and craftwork." In Michigan, Dillenbeck married Larry, who works in catastrophe insurance. With her sister, Donna, the studio is basically a

PLEASE SEE ARTIST, A6

Prose lawsuit hits fed appeals court

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Four-and-a-half years after declaring he was tired of being "bullied" by former *Plymouth Community Crier* publisher W. Edward Wendover and Plymouth city officials, the \$100 million federal lawsuit filed by Plymouth businessman Tom Prose will be headed to the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

"I think our chances are very good," Prose said this week, citing some lower court rulings in his favor. The hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday. Each side will be given 15 minutes to argue their position, and possibly take questions from the panel. The judges could rule on the spot, but the most likely scenario is a written ruling several months after the hearing.

"The sad thing here is how many people have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees, time, stock value and other things because of this guy's (Prose's) frivolous lawsuits," said Wendover. "There's no legal issue here." The troubles began when Prose and Wendover argued over an easement on Fleet Street, which belonged to Prose, but was used by Wendover as a loading dock for the newspaper.

However, that issue became somewhat secondary as Prose was upset by two charges of disorderly conduct filed against him. The first resulted in Prose being detained by police. In the second incident Prose was ticketed for swear-

ing at women and children. Both of the disorderly charges were eventually dropped, then reinstated by the prosecutor's office.

In the lawsuit filed Sept. 18, 1999, Prose claimed his civil rights were violated when Wendover, city officials and city police conspired to file charges of disorderly conduct. Along with Wendover, the lawsuit names as defendants his wife, Sally Repeck, former Plymouth police chief Bob Scoggins, Lt. Ed Ochal, former *Crier* employee Mike Carne, former Plymouth mayor Don Dismuke and Joe Koch and former city manager Steve Walters.

In his March 2002 ruling, U.S. District Court Judge John Corbett O'Meara ruled Plymouth police officers acted properly when they arrested Prose. However, Prose asked for a reconsideration of the ruling, and four months later O'Meara affirmed his decision to grant all the defendants summary judgment, which cleared them of any charges. Attorney Gus Morris of Cox, Hodgman & Giamarco of Troy, who is representing the city, said he expects the lawsuit to be dismissed by the federal appeals court.

"We expect the judges will affirm the decision of Judge O'Meara," said Morris, "and file a written opinion within 60 days." There is a state portion of the lawsuit, which is pending, that also asks for \$100 million in damages. It's currently on hold by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Giovan.

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Education is not just about the money

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
STAFF WRITER

Successfully educating children is much like baking a cake, according to state Rep. Ruth Johnson. "It doesn't take any one thing. It's like the recipe, it takes all the ingredients," she said.

But the Republican legislator, whose district includes Orion and Oxford townships, said there is one ingredient that stands out from her days as a teacher in the Clarkston district. "The single biggest ingredient is parental involvement. That's the flour of the recipe," she said.

Johnson, like educators and legislators from Wayne and Oakland counties, said that while financial resources are important, other factors weigh more heavily in driving education. As a member of the House Education Committee, Johnson found her belief in



Johnson

parental involvement reinforced during a tour of a school in Detroit. The school's families were largely headed by single parents and 77 percent of the children qualified for free breakfasts, due to the poverty of the families. But scores on the Michigan Education Assessment Program tests were "way over" the state average. The success, Johnson said, was due to involvement, "lots of love and guided discipline."

PARENTS ARE KEY

John Stewart, a House Republican from Plymouth, agrees with the importance of parents in his district. "Parents make kids retake the MEAP, unlike in Oakland County," he

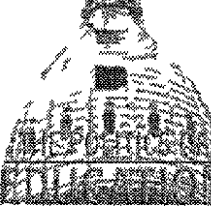
said. The result is that each of the western Wayne County high schools in his district - Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton and Northville - has large numbers of merit award winners.

Other legislators and educators cited additional factors that produce well-educated children, outside of the bottom dollar. While acknowledging the need for additional funding from the state, officials say that's not all it takes to educate our kids.

For his district, Stewart said, the hard work ethic sends most students on to prestigious colleges within a 24-mile radius.

In northern Oakland County, Troy School District officials have a well-thought-out list of what they think drives good education. Leadership, staff selection and development, community support, resources and strong curriculum development process - in that order.

Today's Lesson



Today's Lesson is a continuing series focusing on public education.

Coming Thursday, a program at UM Dearborn helps new board members learn the ropes.

WHAT MONEY BUYS

Money is not at the top of that list, and may not have to be. With a relatively high per-pupil expenditure of \$9,035, the Troy district is still outspent by the Farmington, Southfield, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills districts. Still, what will that \$9,035 buy? Teachers, 800 of them at a base rate for a first-year teacher of \$37,676.

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NEWS BRIEFS

POMPON CLINIC

The Plymouth High School Saberettes host a pompon clinic for girls in grades 3-8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 27 in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

Participants will learn a pom routine, receive a pom t-shirt and a snack. The participants are also invited to perform.

their routine onstage in the PHS Variety show in May/Registration takes place from 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 15 in the Plymouth High School Athletic Wing. Cost is \$35.

TAX GUIDES

Local residents wanting to see Michigan Tax Guides can

get them on the Web site of state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township).

Go to www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/patterson/ to find the guides.

LIBRARY PROGRAM

Oldies 104.3 WOMC and Community Financial will sponsor radio personality Jackie Purtan in March Home with a Book at the Plymouth District Library, at 4 p.m. Monday, March 15.

All area children are invited to this story time as Purtan reads several children's books. Registration is not required.



Purtan

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LINEBACKERS MEET

The next monthly meeting of the Salem Linebackers, booster club for Salem Football, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17 in Room #2703 at Salem High School.

Parents of current players and incoming freshmen are invited to attend. The topic for this meeting is "A History of Salem Football."

For information, call Bob Kilgore at 734-459-6393.

FRIEND/FAMILY DAY

Plymouth Church of Christ hosts "Friend and Family Sunday" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 21. Children's worship hour and attended nursery will be provided, as will coffee, juice and rolls served at 9:45 a.m. Plymouth Church of Christ is located at 9301 Sheldon in Plymouth.

LADYWOOD REUNION

The Ladywood High School Alumnae Association hosts its annual liturgy and luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at the school.

Cost is \$20, and all alumnae are welcome. RSVP online at www.ladywood.org or call (734) 591-1544.

Campaigning for kids

YMCA fund-raiser finances future for children

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

For Gina Peterson and the legions of people who care about the YMCA of Plymouth, it's all about the kids.

And that's the focus of the Y's 2004 "Strong Kids Campaign," a fund-raising drive aimed at a target of \$52,400 that will help fund five programs that are the heart of the YMCA's mission.

While the Y's summer camp program gets the biggest piece of the fund-raising pie, other programs include volunteer efforts and YMCA memberships.

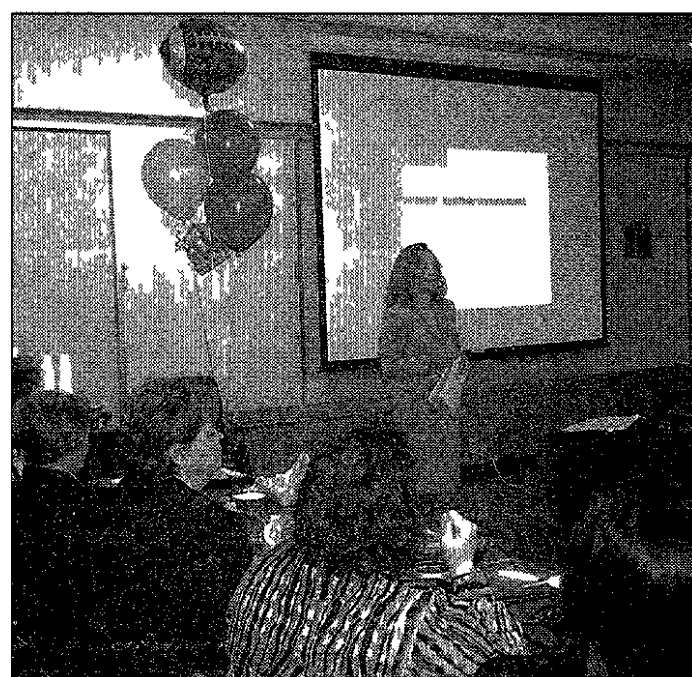
"We want people to support the Y, so it's important they know what we're trying to do," said Peterson, the Plymouth YMCA's executive director. "It's the people helping people."

The YMCA's summer camp program (\$30,400) has the biggest financial need. The YMCA operates a trio of day camps (for 3-5 year olds, for 6-11 year olds and for 12-15 year olds), providing an outdoor experience. Peterson said "challenges the body as well as the mind and spirit."

Last year's camp program served 428 kids, a third of whom needed financial help to manage it. This year's goal is to help 22 children through YMCA camps. Toward that end, the YMCA has worked with Plymouth-Canton schools to identify one child from each of the district's 15 elementary schools.

The financial aid is vital to the YMCA's cause, according to Peterson.

"We help a lot of people who have been financially stable for a long time, but suddenly find themselves in need," she said. "A lot of them are moms who have to go back to work. They're trying to be full-time moms, carry a full-time load at school and have full-time jobs."



Plymouth YMCA executive director Gina Peterson speaks to the group on hand for the kick off of the YMCA's 'Strong Kids Campaign' at the Comfort Inn.

Last year's camp program served 428 kids, a third of whom needed financial help to manage it. This year's goal is to help 22 children through YMCA camps.

Another prominent YMCA program that will benefit from the campaign is its volunteer effort. Working with the Wilcox Foundation, the Plymouth Y has developed a database of some 650 youngsters who last year performed more than 1,000 hours of community service.

A lot of agencies in our community were helped by our volunteers, Peterson said. "They rang bells for the Salvation Army, they helped out at Tonquish Creek and

the Council on Aging." Other YMCA programs helped by the campaign (with their fund-raising goal in parentheses) —

■ Youth programming (\$5,000) — The youth sports program consists of six seasons focusing on skill development, fair play and character development. The YMCA even offers a backyard swim program.

■ Program development (\$10,000) — The program committee will conduct a needs assessment to identify new programs.

■ Memberships (\$2,000) — The goal is to provide financial assistance to 100 children.

Peterson said the YMCA campaign will last about a month.

"We try to finish the campaign in about four weeks," she said. "Then we'll have a couple of weeks for a 'clean-up' phase, where people can complete some unfinished business."

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10 years later, education funding equity still an issue

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
STAFF WRITER

Mention Proposal A, the school financing mechanism that now is 10 years old, to a group of educators and you're bound to get the same reaction

"My contention is it's not equitable," Redford Union School Supt. Brian Motter said

Proposal A was designed to provide a base foundation grant per pupil after evening out disparities between low- and high-spending districts. In fact, it hasn't worked that way, with high-spending districts having been 'held harmless' in being allowed to levy an additional millage.

The result has been a range of revenue from \$11,880 in Oakland County's Bloomfield Hills to \$6,700 in Wayne County's Redford Union. (See accompanying graphs.)

But even within counties, there are discrepancies. Troy schools, relatively close to Bloomfield Hills, receive \$9,035 or nearly \$2,000 less per student. In Wayne County, Wayne-Westland schools at \$7,396 receive nearly \$700 more than Redford Union.

While educators say money isn't the sole driving factor behind producing well-educated students, without it districts such as Redford Union close buildings and put off buying buses and needed maintenance.

Frank Thomas, Redford Union's executive director of fiscal and operational services, puts the blame squarely at the foot of Proposal A.

"Proposal A has eliminated Redford Union's ability to go to our taxpayers (for a millage increase). We were just at that base amount when we couldn't go for a (hold harmless) millage," he said. "Proposal A was supposed to have taken care of the equity of doing business. We still don't have it."

A CALL FOR CHANGE

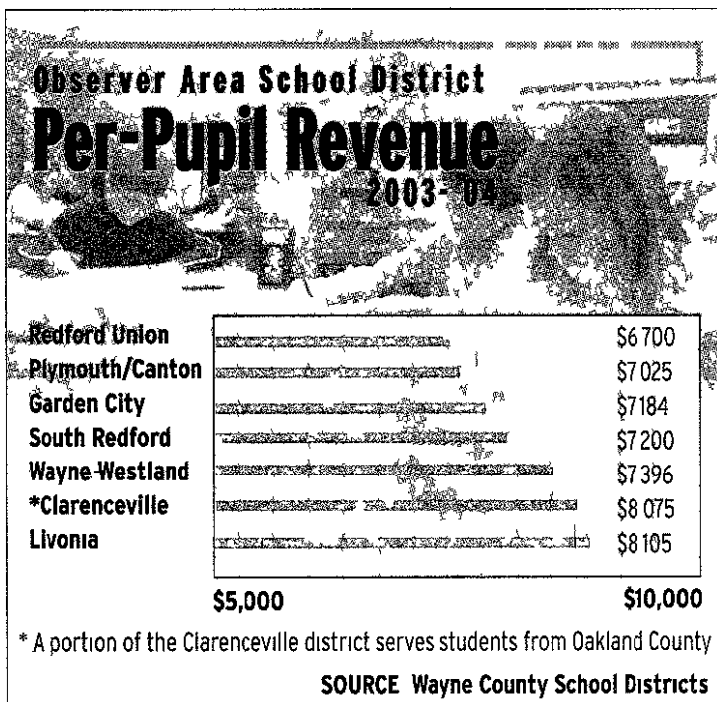
He's not alone in his thinking. In November, the Michigan State University Education Policy Center issued a 66-page report calling for changes in the way education is funded in Michigan.

That call is growing as state legislators debate Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed education budget that would restore cuts to the \$6,700 base grant to all but those districts which spend more than \$9,000 per student.

While the debate goes on, the *Observer & Eccentric* takes a look at some of the concerns with Proposal A.

The changes called for in the MSU study are designed to stabilize revenue for the funding of education, make it more equitable and take into account the cost of education in different regions of the state and with different students and programs.

"Proposal A affected school districts in very different ways," said David Plank, MSU professor and co-director of the Education Policy Center, which was established four years ago. "Some got pretty dramatic windfalls."

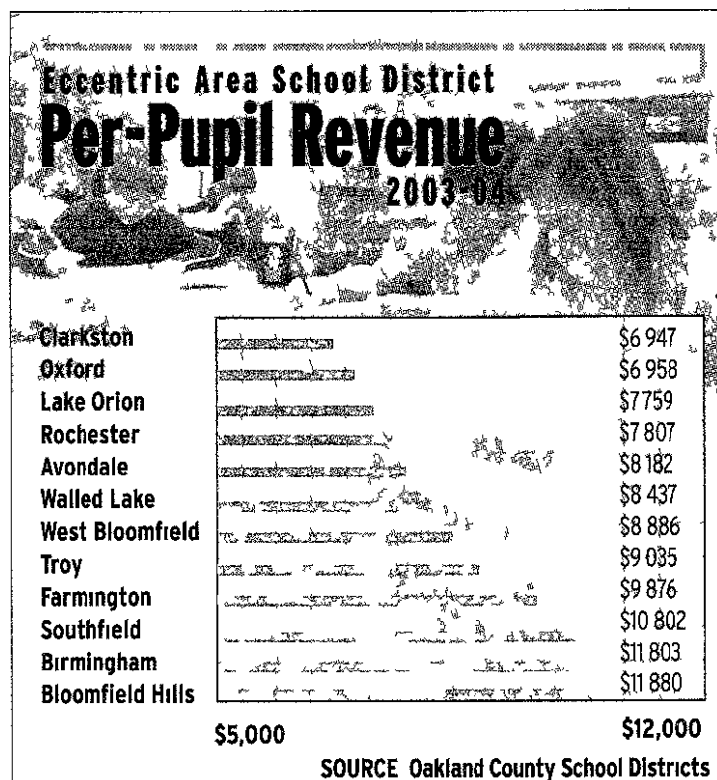


What we have found for the last two years, and now the third year, is that we've stepped back. We're trying to get back to \$6,700, but there is no accounting for inflation."

Thomas says going three years without an increase has hurt Redford Union. "When Redford Union opens on July 1 for the new school year, it will cost just \$1.5 million more just to open its doors. And that's with no new salary increases," he said.

The state also is strapped for cash and is looking for ways to supplement its income.

Granholm has suggested raising the cigarette tax by 75 cents a pack, something that doesn't sit well with Thomas.



We can tie it to the economy," he said. "What we've gotten away from right now is a more secure revenue for schools."

Plank said he and co-author David Arsen weren't recommending changes in taxes, but if there were to be a state tax increase, the best one to increase would be the property tax, he said. It's more stable and it's deductible from income taxes.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED

Among the recommendations in the report is that districts not be harmed financially when students leave the district, thereby reducing funding.

State Rep. John

Pappageorge, R-Troy, has introduced legislation into the House which he thinks will help Pappageorge said his bill would target families and communities — he specifically mentioned Clawson — with small houses.

Families growing now need more room. (With his bill) if they add on to a house and stay five years, they won't be taxed," he said.

This allows them to stay (in the school district), and it won't hurt because in five years there will be a bigger tax base."

State Rep. Ruth Johnson took a look at the tax increas-

es that were being proposed for education before Granholm's budget address.

"I don't think we need clever or creative ways to raise taxes," she said. "We have to maximize what we've got."

And for Johnson, maximizing what we've got means putting the emphasis on education.

Noting that Michigan ranks near the top nationally in education appropriations, Johnson said, "Education is one function that's not debatable at all."

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EDUCATION

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Again, that's nearly top of the line in Oakland County, but interestingly enough, Troy is outranked by Garden City schools in Wayne County, which pays its first-year teachers \$38,262. (See accompanying charts.)

Garden City Supt. Richard J. Witkowski contends, however, that teachers quickly move through the base level to the master's degree maximum. At that point, Garden City's salaries are at the mid-point of Wayne County school districts, he said.

Raw dollars can translate into buying power. According to Tim McAvoy, Troy schools community relations director, the district has 10,000 resumes from teachers online hoping to get jobs there.

But, he said, it is also a curriculum that includes advanced placement courses, Latin, Japanese and a gifted program in first grade that has produced 15 Michigan Blue Ribbon schools and six national Blue Ribbon schools in Troy.

Nearly 30 miles to the southwest, Supt. Brian Motter at the Redford Union School District in Wayne County believes the driving force behind good education is in the "relationship in the classroom between the teacher and students."

And Motter said the cash-strapped district uses that relationship — and the minimal \$6,700 state aid per-pupil allotment, \$2,300 less than Troy — to give the community what it needs. That may not be a college curriculum.

"Twenty to 25 percent of our students don't go on to college," he said. So the district offers auto shop and wood working programs, and that's why he thinks the MEAP tests are unfair.

"They don't measure what it takes to tear down an engine," he said. But Motter said Redford Union schools nonetheless are doing a good job because students are being trained so they won't be a burden on society."

"We've done it on a limited budget, \$6,700 is the lowest you can have," he said.

THE BASICS - OAKLAND COUNTY

A comparison of budgets, teachers and students served

District	Budget (in millions)	Teachers	Students
Avondale	\$35.57	266	3,856.3
Birmingham	\$97.33	640	7,834
Bloomfield Hills	\$92.6	469	6,002
Clarkston	\$65.4	473	7,847
Farmington	\$142.7	915	12,287
Lake Orion	\$58.4	420	7,578
Oxford	\$33	236	4,040
Rochester	\$131.8	825	14,123
Southfield	\$124	611	10,330
Troy	\$129	800	12,052
Walled Lake	\$140	1,047	15,100
West Bloomfield	\$66	450	6,800

THE BASICS - WAYNE COUNTY

A comparison of budgets, teachers and students served

District	Budget (in millions)	Teachers	Students
Clarenceville	\$17.7	128	1,928
Garden City	\$39	365	5,211
Livonia	\$157	1,249	17,388
Plymouth Canton	\$131.7	934	17,669
Redford Union	\$36.2	270	4,613
South Redford	\$29	220	3,500
Wayne-Westland	\$116	900	14,084

They may be doing it, but it's been tough. In fact for both districts, it's been tough, though they are miles apart and one is so-called rich and one so-called poor.

For Troy, cuts in state aid and the squeeze in other revenue meant it had to cut \$4.7 million from its budget, leaving the district with \$129 million. It also meant it dipped into its fund balance, now at \$23 million.

SYSTEM INEQUITIES

That points out what Motter says are inequities in the system. Frank Thomas, Redford Union's executive director of fiscal and operation services, said that the district operated for two years in a deficit. In 1999-2000, the deficit was \$1.4 million.

This year the district has a \$192,000 fund balance. The turn around came with some hard decision-making. The district put off maintenance items, tough when its newest building was built in 1963. Bus purchases were delayed.

"We have an old fleet," Thomas said. Three split classes were

instituted at each grade level, while two elementary schools were closed. Employee contracts were settled at a 'reduced rate.'

Two requests for a sinking fund were narrowly defeated by voters. "So now we hope nothing breaks. It's a matter of time," Thomas said.

Like Ruth Johnson and Troy school officials, state Rep. John Pappageorge believes resources go hand-in-hand with other elements in driving education forward.

The most important element by far is the teacher. We have to have good teachers and reward good teachers," said the Republican from Troy. "The second priority is administrative. But the third thing you have to have is enough dollars so the first two can do the job."

McAvoy poses the question: Do schools get community support because they are good, or are schools good because they get community support?

Troy officials say that research shows it's a "mutually reinforcing cycle. Without it, things go downhill."

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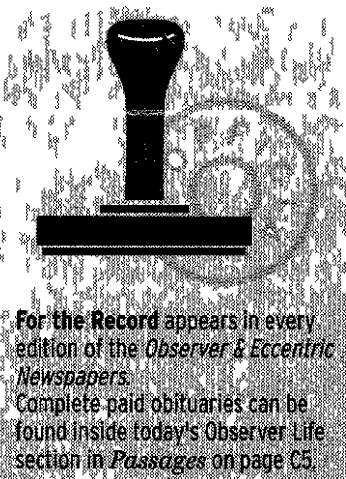
DEATHS

C
John L. Caton, 46, of West Bloomfield, died March 9

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Dennis Ruff, 54, of Northville Township, died March 12

Albert F. Remington, 87, formerly of Birmingham, died March 12

S
Hampo Sandor, 74, of Plymouth



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Observer Life section in Passages on page C5.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education conducts a workshop meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 in the board meeting room of the administration building on Harvey

AGENDA

- Overview of Vision Steering Committee Process
- Review of the Needs List
- Review and Discussion of District Enrollment Figures
- Review of the Construction of a New Elementary School Discussion
- Begin Discussion of the Need for a New Middle School
- Other topics

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between March 3-9

- Tuesday, March 9 - Industrial rescue run on Beck, residential rescue runs on Newport, on Weston, on Sheridan, on Portsmouth Crossing and on Creekwood Circle, vehicle accident on Sandalwood
- Monday, March 8 - Residential rescue runs on Ivywood, on Ann

Arbor Trail and on Deer; vehicle accident on southbound I-275 near of 5 Mile, rescue run at a public building on 5 Mile; commercial rescue run on Northville Road, industrial rescue runs on Halyard, carbon monoxide detector run on Oakland Court

- Sunday, March 7 - Residential rescue runs on Orangelawn and on Sheridan; investigation on McKinley, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on Main, industrial rescue run on Halyard
- Saturday, March 6 - Hazardous materials run on Plymouth Road, commercial rescue runs on General Drive and on Ann Arbor Trail, residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Greenview Place and on Harding
- Friday, March 5 - Commercial rescue runs on Beck and on Ann Arbor Trail, downed wires on Adams, on Palmer and on Schoolcraft, residential rescue run on Main, hazardous materials run on Oakwood, vehicle accident with wash-down on



POLICE BLOTTER

Plymouth Township Police are looking for help in their investigation of the fraudulent use of an ATM card at the Standard Federal Bank on Ann Arbor Road. The suspect is a male approximately 5-foot-10, dressed casually with short, sandy-colored hair. According to police, a customer used an ATM card at the bank,

then left the card in the machine after making a withdrawal. The suspect, who had been in line behind the customer used the card and withdrew \$300 from the customer's account, according to police. Police believe the suspect left driving a dark-colored truck. Anyone with information can call Detective Sgt. Bob Antal, (734) 354-3241

eastbound M-14 at Sheldon; rescue run on Liberty, carbon monoxide detector run on Point Crossing; rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road

■ Thursday, March 4 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Northville Road and on Greenbriar, vehicle accident with wash-down at

Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, industrial rescue run on Sheldon

- Wednesday March 3 - Industrial rescue runs on Halyard and on Plymouth Road, vehicle accidents at Schoolcraft and Wilcox and at Sheldon and M-14, residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Shadywood rescue run to a public building on 5 Mile

Irish eyes, stomachs get ready to smile

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Tucked away back in their little corner of Plymouth Township along Ann Arbor Road near I-275, staffers at the Plymouth Bennigan's restaurant feel that sometimes they get somewhat forgotten.

On St. Patrick's Day, though, the Plymouth Bennigan's is trying to change all that, at least for a day. Bennigan's will celebrate the annual Irish holiday with its first "Monte Cristo Eating Contest," a challenge to big eaters from around the area. The fun starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

"We're kind of tucked away back here, and sometimes we get missed in all the Plymouth restaurants," general manager Tim Patino said of Bennigan's, located behind the Steak & Ale near the Don Massey auto dealership "St. Patrick's Day is a fun, festive day as it is. We're just trying to make it more so, and to remind people about Bennigan's."

Patino is looking for some 20 contestants to come forth and try to eat as many Monte Cristo sandwiches as they can in the contest's 10-minute time limit. The Monte Cristo, one of Bennigan's signature sandwiches, is a triple-decker made of turkey, ham, American cheese and Swiss cheese.

Anyone can enter. The plan is to run four or five 10-minute contests, timing each contestant. The winner gets \$400. The evening will also feature T-shirts, gift certificates and door prizes. There will even be a registered nurse on hand "for safety's sake," Patino said.

To prepare, Patino surfed the Internet and accessed several sites dealing with competitive eating in order to glean the proper rules.

"You name a food product, they've had a contest for it," Patino said, smiling.

The Bennigan's contest isn't

Bennigan's will celebrate the annual Irish holiday with its first 'Monte Cristo Eating Contest,' a challenge to big eaters from around the area. The fun starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

the only St. Patrick's Day event happening. Others include

- Doyle's Tavern — will feature live music from Captain Jim, beginning in the late afternoon through the night. Captain Jim will play a mixture of Irish music, new music and classic rock. Bagpipers will also flavor the atmosphere in the afternoon and evening. Doyle's is located at 860 Fralick.

- Sean O'Callaghan's — The pub will feature live music from the Oyster Boys, a band straight from Galway, Ireland. The band will play Friday through Wednesday.

O'Callaghan's opens at 7 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. The pub is located at 821 Penniman.

- Jack Dunleavy's Grill — The Chris McCall Trio highlights the live entertainment at Jack Dunleavy's. The restaurant will feature lunch and dinner specials. It opens at 11 a.m.

Jack Dunleavy's Grill is located at 340 N. Main.

- Sheehan's on the Green — Celebrates its 27th year with its St. Patrick's Day celebration.

The day features Irish pipers all day, green beer, giveaways, corned beef and cabbage, corned beef sandwiches and Irish Stew. Sheehan's on the Green is located in the Oasis Sports Complex at 39450 Five Mile, east of Haggerty.

Dog Jog trots out May 8

The Kiwanis Dog Jog is right around the corner, scheduled this year for May 8 in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The annual event raises money for the Plymouth Kiwanis Club and the Michigan Humane Society. Last year's Dog Jog raised more than \$6,000. The event primarily features owners and their dogs taking part in a run or walk of approximately a

two-mile course through Plymouth. Owners solicit pledges based on completion of the course. There is a fee that covers the Kiwanis Club's costs and programs. Participants receive a T-shirt, a dog bandanna and a bag of items for the pets. Awards are given in categories such as best-dressed dog, biggest tail, owner/pet look-a-likes and other categories judges see as significant.

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Therefore it has been decided a Hearing be held on Wednesday March 17, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., at the Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the county shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

True copies of this notice are to be served posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

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Township honored for finance records

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards put a lot of time and effort into applying for the highest award possible from the Government Finance Officers Association.

The time and work paid off, as officials from the GFOA announced Plymouth Township has been chosen for a Certificate for Achievement in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for 2002.

Statistics aren't available for 2002, but only some 4 percent of governmental units in the state of Michigan earned such recognition in 2001.

"It means a lot to the township, and a lot to me personally," said Edwards, the township's treasurer since 1996. It's the highest recognition you can get in government accounting."

According to Edwards, the award is offered after a detailed analysis of the township's records. He said he had to go down to Wayne County to go through old records because not everything was available in township hall.

In a letter to Edwards, the GFOA congratulated the township on being able to secure the award.

"Congratulations for having satisfied the high standards of the program," wrote Stephen Gauthier, GFOA's director/technical services center. "We hope your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting."

Edwards said township residents benefit from such recognition because it shows the township has its financial records in order. Residents — or people considering moving to the township — can find past water rates, tax rates, school enrollments and even fire department activity in the comprehensive report.

"Depending on who's looking at it, it's easily attainable information about the township," Edwards said.

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WITNESS

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basement of the home. Later, it was determined the blood was that of Anderson.

Islam was convicted in October 2000 by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury of killing his wife, Tracy, and then dismembering her body and dumping the remains in a dumpster in Dearborn and in a field west of Toledo.

On Tuesday, during oral arguments for a new trial based on Anderson's falsified evidence, Circuit Court Judge Patricia Fresard called for additional briefs. Defense attorney

Michael Schwartz said Anderson's admission of guilt should be the turning point in his client getting a new trial.

She brought into this case false evidence, designed to cause my client to be convicted, he said, 'not based on the facts as they exist, but based upon false claims.'

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll, who led the investigation, obviously doesn't share Schwartz's view.

The disgusting antics of Ms Anderson, as heinous as they are, fortunately weren't used at the trial, and I think our case will stand," Carroll said. "We knew from the outset there was a problem with the hacksaw

blade and never used it in the case."

Schwartz acknowledged the blood-stained hacksaw wasn't introduced as evidence during the trial, but said there were several references made about the blade during testimony.

"There were references made to that particular hacksaw by Heather Spillane of the Michigan State Police crime lab, comments were made in front of the jury by prosecutors about a hacksaw, and an expert witness was brought in to speak about saws," said Schwartz.

"What the jury didn't know is that the saw itself was the subject of a perverted attempt to introduce bogus evidence into

the proceedings for the purpose of my client to be convicted unjustly.

Despite the optimism of Schwartz, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is confident the conviction of Islam will be upheld.

"The conviction has already gone through the appellate system and been affirmed," said Tim Baughman, chief of the county's appellate division. "We never contested that the dog handler did what she did, and the fact she is convicted doesn't change our approach."

"We don't believe that should cause a new trial because that's not what convicted him," said Baughman.

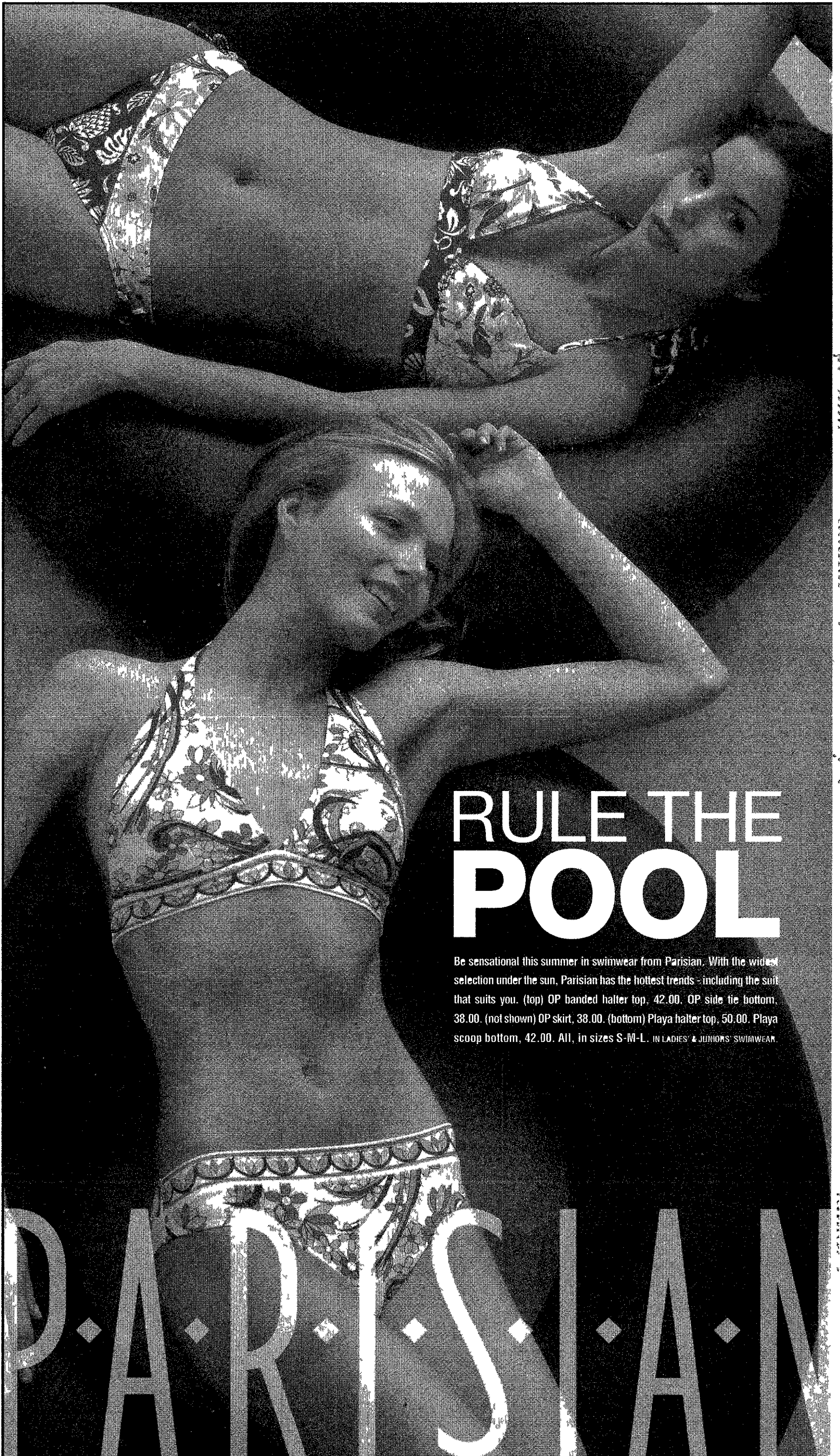
Carroll agreed with Baughman, saying the case against Islam is solid.

"We have enough evidence to convict him without using the planted evidence," said Carroll. "Even though she attempted to alter the case, I think her impact was minimal."

Anderson is charged in several other cases of planting human remains, and then announcing that Eagle had found them. In those other cases, the evidence found didn't match the victims.

Anderson could be sentenced up to 24 months in prison. No sentencing date has been set.

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Senator: Utility deregulation isn't working as planned

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

While in its advertisements, DTE claims the wolves are at the door, state Sen Bruce Patterson urges electrical consumers to contact their legislators or Gov Jennifer Granholm to change deregulation laws.

Patterson

Deregulation passed by the Michigan Legislature in 2002 was designed to prompt competition. But Patterson, R-Canton, now has doubts. "I'm not sure what we have in competition," he said. "I think what we have is something other than competition." The 2000 Michigan Electric Choice Program, also known as Public Act 141, has allowed large commercial and industrial customers to seek electrical service from companies other than DTE Energy, leaving retail customers — homeowners and small businesses — to face potential 20- to 30-percent rate increases when the existing rate cap disappears Jan. 1, 2006. "Right now, residents are paying 70 to 80 percent of the costs at the most," said Patterson, chairman of the state Senate

Committee on Technology and Energy. With fewer of the larger customers paying the costs, especially for the expensive infrastructure, those costs will fall on retail customers. Residents really don't have the chance to buy electricity at a lower price, Patterson said. Patterson's committee has conducted public hearings to determine what is right and what is wrong with PA 141, especially with the unintended consequences of the legislation that was designed to introduce competition and prompt lower utility costs for customers. "Is competition getting us to the end we want? Do we know where we want to go?" Patterson asked.

Though customers may feel they are paying more, rates today are less than those in 1993, Patterson added. Claming a steady erosion of profits in the aftermath of PA 141, DTE was given a partial and immediate rate increase by the Michigan Public Service Commission in February. The MPSC found that DTE has a revenue loss of about \$248 million, yet most customers won't feel a rate increase because of the cap. The MPSC ruled that DTE could increase its rate for a total of \$101 million or about 4 percent, which will be paid by large commercial and industrial customers who are not protected by the rate cap.

The commission has informed the Legislature — and we are very aware of the problems — that we believe we have the tools to address the concerns," said Gary Kitts, chief administration officer for the MPSC. According to Jim Padgett, director of regulatory policy at DTE, the interim ruling provides the requested immediate relief while the MPSC continues its study of the utility's case. Once complete, the MPSC can either leave the increase as is, choose to increase it or tell DTE it has to give a refund. According to the MPSC, rate cases are the appropriate method of addressing

issues and concerns, rather than legislating additional reform. DTE CEO Anthony Earley sees it differently. In a letter to customers, Earley wrote, "It is important for legislators to hear directly from people who will be affected by the unintended consequences of how PA 141 has been implemented." He also wrote, "Michigan's Electric Choice Program demands immediate attention. If left unattended, it will lead to a California-like energy crisis. I am referring specifically to rate increases of 20 percent to 30 percent for residential and small commercial customers, a financially crippled Detroit Edison, potential job losses in Michigan's electric industry and service and reliability problems."

According to Leslie Rich, a senior analyst for Bank of America Capital Management, who testified before the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology, utilities in Michigan are in limbo between a regulated and deregulated model. She also said the current business model under which Detroit Edison is forced to operate under PA 141 isn't a good one, especially with the utility's Wall Street standing diminishing.

Those customers who went to use alternate suppliers and who later wish to return to Detroit Edison may cause a problem, forcing the utility to buy additional power at a higher price, Patterson said. "This is just one of the issues Patterson believes need to be addressed. Another is the use of nuclear power."

"We have market segmentation, not competition," he said. Consumers need to ask their legislators an important question, Patterson said. "Have you thought of a fix yet? 2006 is looming and it is not too far away."

DTE Energy is a Detroit-based energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide.



The Dillenbecks Sharon, Larry and their daughter Erin, admire a watercolor by their oldest daughter, Kristen Dillenbeck.

ARTIST

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family affair. She also contracts artists to teach classes. I only paint ceilings and walls, Larry said. Larry knew his retailing wife well. After the birth of their first daughter, Kristen, he gave Dillenbeck a drawing table. That pulled her back into art. She took more art classes. I just kept practicing and painting.

While Kristen was in Montessori, Dillenbeck realized she didn't like how art was taught. Because of a heart problem, Kristen wasn't running and playing like the other kids, so Dillenbeck taught her to draw. It caught on with other parents whose children attended the school.

Soon, Dillenbeck was giving art lessons to children. At Larry's urging, Dillenbeck opened a studio in Old Village in 1983. Over the next 11 years, she had two studios in Old Village, the first all of 250 square feet of basement space. The M in D&M Studio is her original artist partner, Blade McClelland.

I had this dream way back when to teach how I felt it should be taught, Dillenbeck said. I am a hands-on-teacher. I paint with them."

An artist in her own right,

Dillenbeck is likely most known in Plymouth and Canton for her love of spreading the joy of the arts to children and adults. She was one of the first artists to demonstrate her skills when the now famous ArTrain made its annual stop in Plymouth's Old Village.

In 1984, Wayne County Community College opened a campus in Canton and contracted with Dillenbeck to develop classes and teach. By 1995, her curriculum was converted to Plymouth-Canton's adult education program.

You will see Dillenbeck and one of her many efforts and projects at the Plymouth Fall Festival and the Canton Liberty Fest. And her resume goes on, including currently teaching at Walled Lake Public Schools and Our Lady of Victory in Northville. Not to mention her popular art camps through Canton Leisure Services. She was recently appointed to the new Canton Arts Commission. She is also illustrating a children's book, on a chalk festival at Golden Gate Plaza, working with the Inventor's Club, as well as accepting commissions for her own paintings and taking work with the corporate world.

I teach the method I was taught, Dillenbeck said. I do it step-by-step. Draw first,

learn to shade, learn to shadow, paint. I try not to compromise the students' ideas.

Time management is the issue for Dillenbeck between teaching, the studio, which sells art supplies, she offers a myriad of classes, and being an artist, wife and mother. Art is something that Dillenbeck can lose herself in. "God gave me a gift and I have to use it."

God certainly has watched out for Dillenbeck. Last July she was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor. She had no symptoms she would have recognized as a problem, except occasionally feeling physically off-balance.

My mom told me to get it checked, said Dillenbeck. When the MRI went on long beyond the expected hour, she knew something was up. She was operated on last November and is doing fine.

While giving to her students, Dillenbeck also makes time for her own art. "Oil painting is my true love. The smell of the oil — I like that."

Her art shows her love of children. As for her own, she'd love to keep them young. Kristen, now 21, is at Michigan State University studying mathematics. Erin, 19, is at Schoolcraft in art education. Both are artists in their own right. She's not surprised. Art is just in the blood.

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Detroit's Freman Hendrix may be city's best bet

If someone - God, say - put together a blue-ribbon committee to find the best possible person to try to save blasted and troubled Detroit, it is easy to imagine Freman Hendrix as the more or less automatic choice.

Handsome, athletic, a political operator to the marrow, Hendrix is that rarity among politicians, a seemingly normal person with a close-knit family who has abilities and passions outside the world of power. When asked what

he is proudest of, the 53-year-old U.S. Navy veteran could say school reform, masterminding Bill Clinton's triumphant re-election campaign in the state or working out casino contracts.

But he doesn't. Yes, he was the guy who made it happen for the eight years of Dennis Archer's administration, as deputy mayor and chief of staff, sometimes publicly and more often behind the scenes. He presided over efforts to reform the schools.

Like Bobby Kennedy, he dispatched his man's political enemies with cheerful ruthlessness (some said, too much ruthlessness), did the deals, ran the office with efficiency and dignity, and tried (mostly in vain) to get the city's bureaucrats to treat common people as valued customers.

Yet what he really would like people to know is that he was the guy who revived Little League baseball in Detroit, putting together a league from scratch, coaching his son's team and later serving as commissioner.

"I always say if everybody who was so quick to jump on a

soapbox to bring some attention to themselves - if they spent time working in a youth recreation program - I think many of the problems we face today wouldn't be as bad."

Now, however, Hendrix is testing out the soapbox, trying to get the public's attention. The city he served is in a deepening mess, and he wants to be mayor.

Personally, he doesn't need the job. He walked away from politics without bitterness in early 2001, when his boss couldn't decide whether to run again. Hendrix then became chief operating officer of Strategic Staffing Solutions, an information technology company, and started making serious money for the first time in his life. He played golf, took some vacations, got his son and daughter in good colleges.

Last month he stepped down, however, to begin testing the waters for a run for mayor next year. Though he chooses his words carefully, he is plainly appalled by the present administration's priorities and ways of doing business.

The idea of spending unrevealed millions to buy the ruins of the old train station on the city's southwest side and convert it into a police headquarters strikes Hendrix as something close to, well, nuts. "The police station needs to be downtown, and they need a state-of-the-art new facility," he says, shaking his head.

He also thinks Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's other recent proclamation, that Detroit needs a new million-square-foot convention center, is overreaching too. (As with funding to pay for the train station, the mayor has been mysterious about much of the convention center details, including how to pay for it and where he plans to put it.)

And Hendrix is willing to commit the ultimate political

heresy and tell the truth, even when it hurts. Detroiters have taken to saying their town is a "world-class city" or on the brink of becoming one. Freman Hendrix, who himself was known to say that on occasion, now wishes he hadn't. "That's something we wanted to move towards, but we aren't even close. But we need strong leadership to start getting us there."

He thinks he could provide that leadership, combining his corporate and political contacts with the common touch that the somewhat stuffy Dennis Archer, a corporate lawyer, lacked. But the big question is whether he will get the chance.

Kilpatrick, who likes to call himself the "hip-hop mayor," will assuredly run again. So will Sharon McPhail, a city council member who is charismatic and controversial. Both have vastly higher name recognition than Hendrix, and perhaps the only thing they have in common is that they loathe him.

Hanging out in his northwest Detroit neighborhood coffee shop, "Free" hopes that there will be a general sense in the city that it is time for a rational, competent, compassionate grownup.

"Right now I am testing the waters," he says, spending a few months in boardrooms, on talk shows, and in the neighborhoods.

He wants to see if the money needed to run a major campaign is there, and trying to gauge whether the votes will follow. If not, he'll do something else. He wants, but doesn't need this job, which just may be a powerful argument for putting him in it.

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Brooks: For the best of Oakland, put them in touch with Wayne

In his State of the County speech last month, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced a new economic development initiative of his Oakland County's economic development team is making "cold calls" to out-of-state and international corporations to try to entice them to invest in Oakland County.

As a Wayne County commissioner, I wish Oakland County the best of luck. Because I'm confident their activities will benefit Detroit and Wayne County. In fact, I expect Mr. Patterson's sales pitches to unfold this way.

Phil Cavanagh

BROOKS Hello, I'm L. Brooks Patterson, the Oakland County executive, and I'd like to talk to you about moving your business to Oakland County, the third most affluent county in the nation.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Where on earth is Oakland County?

BROOKS We're in southeastern lower Michigan.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Is that near Detroit?

BROOKS Yes. But we're a bit parochial when it comes to our geography.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Tell me about some of your major cultural institutions. Do you have a world-class art museum or symphony?

BROOKS Sort of. There is the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. But they aren't located in Oakland County.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Where are they?

BROOKS In Detroit and Wayne County, along with

other cultural gems like the Detroit Science Center, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, The Henry Ford, the Michigan Opera Theater and the Detroit Historical Museum.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Are there any places we can take in a Broadway show?

BROOKS Definitely. In fact, two of the highest grossing theaters outside of New York are in Detroit: the Fisher Theatre and the Fox Theatre.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Higher education is a big priority at our company. Where is the closest national research university to Oakland County?

BROOKS Well, that would be Wayne State University in Detroit.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Our employees love festive ethnic shopping and restaurant districts. What do you have to offer?

BROOKS Nothing like they have in Wayne County, which boasts Greektown, Mexicantown, Corktown, Hamtramck, Warren Avenue in Dearborn and the Eastern Market, among other destinations.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER How about major technology companies?

BROOKS Well, we used to have Compuware, EDS and OnStar. But they all moved to Detroit.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER How come?

BROOKS I guess they discovered that an urban downtown environment is more stimulating than the mind-numbing suburban sprawl we have to offer them. But, hey, Oakland County did snag The Second City away from Detroit.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Who cares?

BROOKS Nobody, really. CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Isn't Detroit hosting a Super Bowl pretty soon?

BROOKS Yeah, right after they host the Major League Baseball All-Star Game and before the NCAA Men's Final Four comes to town.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Sounds like a lot is happening in Detroit.

BROOKS Yeah, but we've got the U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam coming to the Pontiac Silverdome this month.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Tell me about transportation. Do you have any major international border crossings?

BROOKS No. You have to go to Detroit and take the Ambassador Bridge or the Detroit-Windsor International Tunnel over to Canada, America's No. 1 trade partner.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER How about an international airport that can transport our workforce nonstop to our customers all around the globe?

BROOKS No, but we're only a quick drive to the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County International Airport in Romulus. Metro flies nonstop to London, Tokyo, Beijing, you name it.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Doesn't Oakland County have a passenger airport?

BROOKS Sure, we've kind of adopted Flint's Bishop Airport as our own.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER And where can Bishop Airport take me?

BROOKS It can fly you nonstop to Detroit eight times a day. That way, you can connect to the places you really need to go. Can I answer any more questions for you?

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER Just one. How can I reach someone from Wayne County?

Philip Cavanagh is the Wayne County commissioner representing District 9, which covers Redford Township, Dearborn Heights and Garden City.

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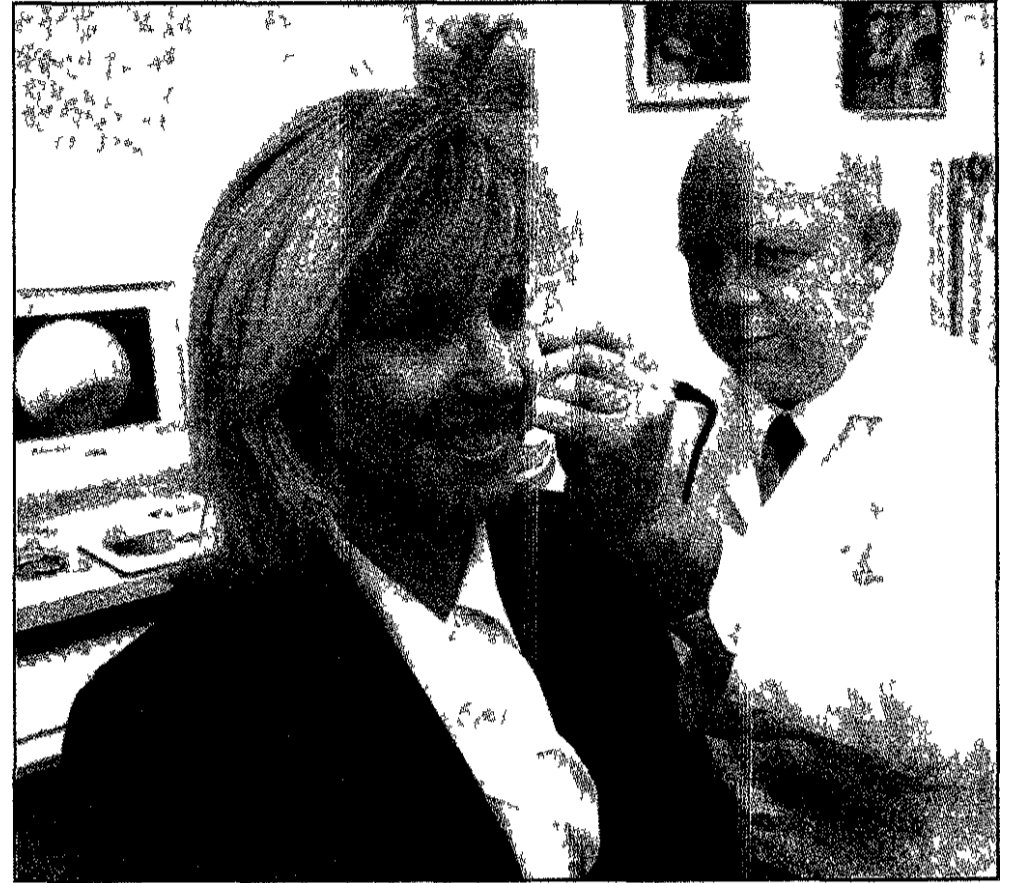
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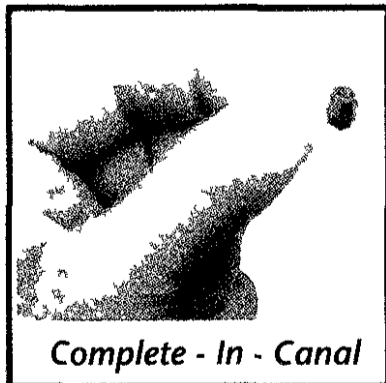
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Sidelines

Buckeye bound

Brandon Scero, a senior at Canton HS, has received a full scholarship to attend and play hockey at Ohio State University.

A forward, Scero grew up playing hockey in different programs in the area, including the Compuware teams. Most recently, he played for the U.S. National Development team.

Cavaliers take 2nd

The Canton Cavaliers, a seventh-grade AAU basketball team coached by Bob Biega and Ron Goble, reached the final of the Eastern Michigan AAU Basketball Tournament March 6 at EMU. The Cavaliers defeated the Hartland Eagles Blue 48-42 and Pinckney 54-26 before losing to the Hartland Eagles 58-50 in the championship game.

Team members are Kyle Biega, Zack Deloy, Ronnie Goble, Joe Posler, Matt Skubic and Matt Stoney of West Middle School, Eric Caron and Austin Kaczanowski of Discovery Middle School, and Joey Krizanek and Scott Zeck of Pioneer Middle School.

Dzialo sparkles

Ben Dzialo, a Salem HS graduate currently a freshman at Yale University, swam for Yale at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Open Swimming and Diving Championships Feb. 26-29 at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dzialo placed second in the 100-yard butterfly in 50.87 and was third in the 200 butterfly in 1:51.87. He also swam in four scoring relays, helping Yale place eighth in the 29-team event.

Soccer recruit

Meghan Romer, a defender/midfielder last season for Canton HS, has committed to play soccer in the fall for Schoolcraft College. She joins three other recruits signed earlier this year by SC coach Bill Tolstedt.

Others who have committed are Jessica Saba of Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Nicole Saigh of Utica Ford II and Christina Stapleton of Allen Park. All have signed a letter of national intent to play for the Ocelots.

"She's a pretty tough kid," said Canton coach Don Smith of Romer.

Baseball clinic

The baseball coaching staff and team at Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard High School is putting on a clinic for middle school players at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Fighting Irish gym. Cost is \$3 per player.

"This is our first year in our new building and we wanted to do something to let people know we want to do our part to promote baseball in the area," said coach Rich Shook.

The clinic will be in the school gym, at 4333 Whitehall Drive, just east of the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road exit off US-23. For more information, call coach Shook at (734) 455-1984.



Alyssa Kelley put together a solid performance for Canton at Friday's state team finals, scoring over 9.0 in three of four events.

Canton, Salem slip at state

Chiefs take 9th, Rocks 10th

Could've been better, could've been worse. Canton finished ninth and Salem 10th in the girls gymnastics state team meet Friday night at Plymouth High School.

The Chiefs had a 141.325 score and were less than a point out of seventh place while the Rocks posted a 140.275 total.

Tri-Farmington won its first state title with a 150.175 and finished well ahead of defending champion Rochester Adams, the runner-up at 146.95.

"We should've been up a couple places," Canton coach John Cunningham said. "The kids did well. You can't really complain about a 141 when you have to count two falls on beam."

"We were hoping to be fifth to sixth. We weren't going to touch Farmington or Adams. During the year, we had beaten everybody else."

The Chiefs were without Megan Chappo on beam after she injured an ankle warming up and was unable to finish the meet.

"Kate Staley stepped up and did a great job," Cunningham said, adding Staley learned she would be competing on beam two minutes before she went out.

Canton's top scores included Kara Ahern's 9.45 on floor and Alyssa Kelley's 9.25 on vault.

"We had a good vault," Cunningham said. "We glitched on bars. We should've scored better and fell all over beam. Beam was our downfall literally today."

"In the regional, we had eight girls and two falls (which were thrown out), and we had a school record. Today we had two falls and had to count both."

"It's said you win or lose a meet on beam. We did extremely well in the regional because of it, and we did poorly here because of it."

Ashley Aquino, Sarah Bugosh and Elena Gueorguev did all four events to lead Salem.

Aquino had a 9.3 on beam and 9.25 on floor, Gueorguev 9.225 on bars and 9.15 on vault.

"We're happy with what we did," Salem coach Dana Driscoll said. "It's always tough when you have four judges. The scores are a little lower than we're used to getting, but that's to be expected when you get to the state meet."

Qualifying for state was Salem's No. 1 goal, Driscoll added.

"That was the one the girls wanted to make happen and they did. Maybe next year we'll place higher."

"It's a long season, they're tired and they're hurting. They need a break."

Rangers top Whalers, 3-1

Michael Richards scored one goal and assisted on two others to give the Kitchener Rangers a 3-1 victory and the upper hand over the Plymouth Whalers in the race for playoff position.

The Rangers moved two points ahead of Plymouth with the win, they had one game remaining, the Whalers had two. The fourth-place team would host the fifth-place team in the opening round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, which begin this weekend.

Kitchener is 34-25-6-2 (76 points), Plymouth is 31-23-9-3 (74 points). Matt Lashoff opened the scoring for the Rangers with a power-play goal at 10:36 of the second period. The Whalers countered

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with a power-play goal of their own, scored by Andrew Fournier (from James Wisniewski and John Mitchell) less than two minutes later. But Kitchener was back on top before the conclusion of the period, getting a goal from Richards and then adding another from Andre Benoit midway through the third period. Brad Topping had 22 saves in goal for the Rangers. Paul Drew made 29 stops for the Whalers.

Wisniewski honored

James Wisniewski, the Whaler defenseman from Canton, was honored in a couple of categories in the OHL's Coaches' Poll.

Wisniewski, who is third in the league in scoring with 16 goals and 51 assists (67 points) despite playing 14 fewer games, was named the top offensive defenseman in the OHL's Western Conference and the player with the best shot. He was also third in the smartest player rating.

John Mitchell, a forward, was second in the most improved player standing and John Vigilante, another Whaler forward, was third in most underrated player. David Liffiton was third in the best defensive defenseman category.

CC just can't elude Redford's dominance

Give em an 'A' for effort, if you like. They deserve it.

But that won't take Redford Catholic Central past the district round of the Class A basketball tournament. Once again, Detroit Redford emerged with a district title, this one hosted by Livonia Stevenson, thanks to a 70-63 victory over CC Friday.

The Huskies, now 18-2, advance to the state regional at Macomb Delta, where they will meet the winner of the Detroit Mumford district at 7 p.m. Tuesday. CC bows out at 17-6.

In this game of surge followed by counter-surge, one had to wonder if either side would have enough left in its tank to finish off their opponent. One key factor, however, favored Redford. The surge belonged to them, leaving the Shamrocks trying to answer.

Which they did, at least until the fourth quarter. That's when the Huskies' superior firepower began to take its toll.

DISTRICT BASKETBALL

"That team could go all the way," CC coach Rick Coratti said of Redford. "I thought we could, but that team..."

CC didn't make it easy for the Huskies, to be sure. Two of their players fouled out, and a couple of others were in trouble, if the game had gone overtime, it would have been trouble.

At least according to Redford coach Derrick McDowell. "We have five players who average in double figures (in scoring)," he said. "We only have six (players). If we go to our seventh, I get scared."

There are a lot of teams in the state that would like to have his troubles. Although Redford always seemed to have the Shamrocks on the ropes, it couldn't finish them.

The Huskies led 26-25 as the second quarter drew near its midway point, in the next three minutes they scored nine-

straight points to go up 35-25.

But CC wasn't finished. The Shamrocks answered with an eight-point run that included layups off of steals by Robert Fragoso and David Herberholz, making it 35-33 at the half.

"Their fast break, they match it up," said McDowell. "They run it so well they cause mismatches."

Once again in the third, Redford started well, outscoring CC 13-4 to go up 48-37 with 3:42 left. That advantage eventually grew to 52-39 with 1:25 left in the quarter — the Huskies' biggest lead of the game.

The Shamrocks, of course, answered with six consecutive points and an 8-1 run to finish the third, making it 53-47 entering the fourth. And once in the fourth, CC became threatening, scoring four-straight to make it a one-basket game.

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Shamrocks stop Kentwood in semis

All Jimmy Burns did was follow a simple mantra that Redford Catholic Central hockey coach Todd Johnson had preached hundreds of times.

"You're never going to score unless you shoot," said Burns. "Goalies make the big saves up close, but the 30-footers are the ones they want back."

And Burns made East Kentwood goalie Sean Pero want a 30-footer back. Burns flicked a shot on goal from 30 feet that Pero made a simple flick save on, as he'd done hundreds of times.

Except this time, the puck flopped out of his glove, went behind him and rolled into the net — giving CC a 2-0 lead en route to a 2-1 win over the Falcons in Friday's Division 1 semifinal at Compuware Arena.

"I was just trying to put it on goal, I wasn't really thinking of

scoring," said Burns. "I put it on net. If he hadn't stopped it, it was going in the upper corner."

But not thinking of scoring led to a score — one that put CC into the Division 1 finals on Saturday night against Marquette, a 3-1 winner over Milford in the other semifinal. (Results of Saturday's final were unavailable at press time.)

"Making that was great, but we passed up 20 other shots that we should have taken," said CC coach Todd Johnson as his team was trying for its sixth-straight title on Saturday — which would be tops in hockey and 10th on the all-time list in Michigan, regardless of sport.

The win was déjà vu from 2002's title run, where the Shamrocks (20-6-3) beat East



CC's Mike Monterey (77) upends East Kentwood's Mark Siuda during the third period.

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Kentwood in the semis before playing Marquette in the finals. It also gave CC a 17-2-2 record - and a 12-game winning streak - after a 3-4-1 start. The Falcons fell to 19-9-1.

"I always believed that we had the talent to win, but I wasn't sure if they were willing to work as hard as our other teams to be successful," said Johnson. "The answer came from Christmas on. This team was looking for its identity."

Unlike the previous games in this playoff run, the tempo was a touch slower - something Burns attributed to slower ice at Compuware. But East Kentwood coach Ron Baum didn't think so.

"It took us the first half a game to catch up to their speed and the tempo," said Baum, whose team scored 38 goals in its four previous playoff games. "Being in our regional and quarterfinal didn't do us any favors when you're playing against the No. 1 team in the state."

The Shamrocks opened the

scoring with 4:54 left in the opening period as Drew Kahle flicked a pass from behind the net to Dan Barczuk at the top of the faceoff circle to Pero's left. Barczuk wound up and slapped the puck past Pero for the 1-0 lead with Kevin Horal getting the other assist.

After the goal by Burns (with Harrison Niemann assisting with 8:59 left in the third), the Falcons found life with 6:53 left as Adam Pilecki poked home a loose puck that CC goalie John Garza didn't quite cover to cut the lead to 2-1.

"I thought I had it covered," said Garza, "I was expecting a whistle. It wasn't like there was a shot. I had it smothered and was waiting for the whistle."

The Falcons peppered Garza for most of the third period, but the netminder beat back all but the unsmothered rebounds, making 20 saves in all. Pero made 17 saves in goal for East Kentwood.

"East Kentwood played awesome," said Johnson. "At this point in the season, you don't get style points. You play the game you have to play to win. I think we persevered."

Prep bowling is gaining in stature

It's all over but the shouting, as the inaugural Michigan High School Athletic Association bowling championships finished up last Saturday at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.



Ten Pin Alley
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Al Harrison

There was plenty of shouting, yelling and cheering as the atmosphere was more like a football or basketball game.

And there was plenty of excitement during every event as the competition drove the kids

and parents to a frenzy. You normally don't see this in your league bowling action, but the high school varsity program is gaining more and more support every year.

"I could not have asked for a better group of kids to work with, they worked really hard as we practiced every day after school," said Livonia Clarenceville coach Pam Jones, who guided both the Trojans' boys and girls squads to a quarterfinal finish in the Class B

state team tournament. "We had great support from the Clarenceville school system, including athletic director Tim Wilson and David Simowski, the school principal."

The Clarenceville boys, made up of all underclassmen, came within 22 pins of the semifinals. A special mention goes to team lead-off man Tom Pavlovich, who under the Baker System with seven strikes out of a possible eight frames, plus a spare.

That helped Clarenceville to Baker games of 243 and 203. In the girls team event, Clarenceville made it to the quarterfinals, losing to Mt. Morris. The overall team championship went to Bay City John Glenn as the defeated Sparta in the finals.

In the boys individual tourney on Friday, Trevor Jackson of Hudsonville Unity Christian defeated Cliff Spiker of Dearborn Heights Annapolis 266-169, 181-147, for the title. Jackson also had to get by Lee Diaz of Livonia Clarenceville in an earlier match, 223-172, 212-223, 128-173.

Diaz finished 14th with a set of 1,207, while teammate Jeff Brown of Clarenceville landed in 20th with a six-game block of 1,166.

On the girls side, Sarah

Jaeger of Livonia Ladywood defeated Anna Haggerty of Montrose, 231-183, 192-208, 264-244 to win the Class B singles title. Cassidy Sublette of Clarenceville finished 17th with a six-game block of 1048.

Coach Jones is eagerly looking ahead to next year. With all underclassmen and a year's experience, she believes the Trojans will have a good chance to win it all.

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That way the women will not have any knowledge of the men's vote results prior to their own balloting. The delegates will also be bowling in the ABC tournament held at the National Bowling Stadium.

Read all about it in next week's edition.

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But in the next three minutes, Redford outscored the Shamrocks 9-2 to build their lead back up to nine — and this time there was no coming back. The closest CC would get down the stretch was six.

Part of the Shamrocks problem: The ball wasn't in the right player's hands. In each of the first three quarters, Dan Waterstradt, CC's 6-foot, 9-center, scored eight points, he was limited to two in the fourth for a total of 26.

"I think that had to do with his coming out from the post, said McDowell. "I don't know why he did, but I was sure glad he did."

Coratti wanted to try and open up the lane for drives by his guards. "I told (Herberholz) to take it to the basket and try and get fouled," he explained.

It might have worked, if the Shamrocks had made a few more free throws. They converted 11 of 15, but in a game like this, against a team like Redford, there's no room for error.

Herberholz added 13 points for CC, Kyle Smith scored nine and Fragoso netted eight.

Redford got 18 points from Vernon Carr, 15 from Brandon Wolfe, 13 from Derrick Reynolds and nine from Jamaal Lock.

"We played hard," said Coratti. "I think if we could have hit a couple of threes, it would have made a difference. We usually have six or seven a game tonight we only got (two)."

"And we didn't make free throws down the stretch. That hurt us."

A lot of things hurt CC in this game, in particular its opponent. Face it: Redford is very, very good.

Borgess stops Agape

Canton Agape Christian attempted a second-half comeback Thursday, but the Wolverines couldn't quite manage it as they lost to Redford Bishop Borgess 64-55 in a Class D district semifinal at Detroit.



Dan Waterstradt did his part for CC's basketball team Friday, scoring 26 points against Detroit Redford.

Urban Lutheran Agape, which finished its season at 16-6, trailed 14-9 after one quarter and 34-27 at the half. The Wolverines managed to trim that to 42-39 after three quarters and pulled to within a point with 3:32 to play.

We couldn't get over the hump," said Agape coach Chuck Henry. Jordan Napier had a stellar

game with 31 points and nine rebounds. Charlie Henry contributed 13 points and six assists, and Gabe Molnar netted nine points.

Borgess, which lost to host Urban Lutheran in Friday's district final to finish at 9-13, got 15 points from T.R. Ellis, 14 points from David Davis, 12 from Steven Moore and 11 from Jason Maskins.

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GYMNASTICS STATE TEAM FINALS

March 12 at Plymouth HS
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Event results

Vault — 1 Tri Farmington (Shannon Jodon, Caitlin McPherson, Laura Merrell, Sarah Tomkovich) 37.225 combined score 2 Adams (Cheryl DeGrandChamp, Dan Elle Dudek, Shannon MacDonald, Kelsey Puffer) 37.125 3 (tie) Livonia (Paige Albers, Krista Oskowicz, Ancrea Pisan, Alyssa Suppée) 37.075 4 Northville/Novi (Katie Hicks, Cynthia Hughes, Corey Shauman, Stephanie Nixon) 36.925 5 Forest Hills (Julie Foucher, Jacqueline Gazette, Emma Platt, Marcie Fink) 36.45 6 Forest Hills (Christy Keller, Lindsay Orgeck, Brandi Hagan, Jessica Osterlag) 35.25

Uneven parallel bars — 1 Tri Farmington (Jodon, Kelly Patrick, Alyse Quinn, Tomkovich) 37.125 2 Portage (Hicks, Hughes, Kristen Lowery, Emilee Walch) 35.3 3 Brighton (Nicole Bastein, Lauren Dilullo, Nichole Drouillard, Rachel Page) 36.125 4 Livonia (Lindsey Reed, Kacy Risner, Andrea Pisan, Alicia Fedrigo) 35.95 5 Adams (DeGrandChamp, MacDonald, Puffer, Katie McGill) 35.85 6 Northville/Novi (Sarah Ilkhani, Pour Maggie, M. Hicks, Foucher, Janna Ramsey) 35.45

Balance beam — 1 Tri Farmington (Jodon, Patrick, Quinn, Sarah Houchins) 38.3 2 Adams (DeGrandChamp, Dudek, MacDonald, Puffer) 37.025 3 Livonia (Reed, Risner, Suppée, Lisa Thompson) 36.125 4 Brighton (Bastein, Dilullo, Drouillard, Catie Carlson) 35.775 5 (tie) Salem (Ashley Aquino, Sarah McGosh, Elena Gueorguiev, Meghan McCarthy) 35.475 6 Northville/Novi (Sarah Ilkhani, Pour Maggie, M. Hicks, Hughes, Lowery, Nixon) 35.475

Floor exercise — 1 Livonia (Albers, Pisan, Reed, Thompson) 37.8 2 Tri Farmington (Houchins, Jodon, Patrick, Quinn) 37.525 3 Canton (Alyssa Kelley, Kara Ahern, Audra Ahern, Kaitlyn Burns) 37.00 4 Adams (MacDonald, DeGrandChamp, Dudek, Puffer) 36.95 5 Brighton (Bastein, Carlson, Dilullo, Drouillard) 36.75 6 Northville/Novi (Foucher, Mills, Rachel Deneau, Trish Brownfield) 36.65



Salem's Sara Schmidt gets a hug from teammate Allie Vraniak during Friday's team competition. Salem finished 10th overall.

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Wayne Memorial grad Johnson points way to NCAA dance

Even under the glare of the ESPN-2 cameras and a national TV audience Saturday afternoon, University of Central Florida point-guard Gary Johnson remained focused on the task at hand.

It was the Atlantic Sun Conference championship game between the top seeds, Troy State (Ala.) and Central Florida, and an intense struggle developed with an NCAA men's basketball tournament bid hanging in the balance.

The Wayne Memorial High graduate certainly did his part, nailing four critical free throws down the stretch to preserve a 60-55 win in a game played at Belmont University (Nashville, Tenn.).

The transfer from Schoolcraft College, who had six points, four assists and three rebounds, is going dancing. He and his Golden Knights teammates are in the field of 64.

"Just because it's on ESPN, you can't play outside yourself," said the 6-foot-1 Johnson, who is averaging 7.7 points per game and has started 28

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games while leading UCF to a school-record 25 wins. "I knew what got us there and you can't do anything different just because you're on TV."

"It felt real good, it's just started to soak in."

Johnson, who averages 30 minutes per game, is a pass-first, shoot-second style of point-guard. He is a 77 percent free throw shooter and leads UCF in assists with a total of 122. Johnson, a defensive stopper, is also second on the team in total steals (54).

UCF, the second seed in the Atlantic Sun after going 17-3 in conference play, opened the tourney last Thursday with a 71-63 win over Jacksonville as Johnson scored 12 points and dished out four assists. He had seven points, two rebounds, six assists and no turnovers while playing 30-plus minutes in a 64-62 semifinal win the next night over host Belmont.

"It was no cakewalk, it was close all the way through," Johnson said of the three-

game tourney. "It was not easy (against Troy), but we did what we needed to do."

It was only two weeks earlier that Johnson got some unexpected and harsh news. He never anticipated he had to fly home during a crucial part of the season.

But the day Johnson was slated to start his 24th game of the year against last-place Gardner-Webb (N.C.), he flew home from Orlando to attend the funeral of his closest friend, Jermaine McDaniell, who died of heart failure at age 22.

"I felt I needed to be at the funeral and I had enough faith in my teammates to hold things down," Johnson said. "He (McDaniell) was a guy I met when I first got to Wayne. We were on the same team in the ninth and 10th grade, then he moved away to Inkster. It's tough to realize he was gone, being there with him at the casket, instead of being at one of my games."

The day Johnson flew home, his teammates delivered some welcome news as they held on for an 87-79 overtime win.

Coach (Kurt) Speraw could see I was hurting," Johnson said. "I told him I would have to have to leave and that I needed to be at the funeral. I had enough faith in my teammates that they could hold

things down."

"I had played in every game in high school, never missed a game in college, either, because of injury or because of grades. But I guess all streaks are made to be broken."

When Johnson returned two days later, he rejoined his teammates for a home game against Campbell, which resulted in a 106-56 blowout as Johnson scored eight points in 17 minutes.

Since he arrived last fall in Orlando, Johnson has filled the point-guard need both on and off the court for the Golden Knights.

"We knew we were getting a quality young man who had been coached very well in junior college by coach (Carlos) Briggs," Speraw said. "Plus, he came from a winning program that's been very successful. If I could get one player per year from a winning program like that, I'll be very successful. Gary's played his role very well."

Johnson, however, envisioned himself more than a reserve role player. He wanted to start and he set his sights on running the club from point-guard spot from the time he stepped on campus.

"At Schoolcraft we won over 60 games in two years and here was an opportunity to keep on winning," Johnson

said. "And I think the team fed off that. I thought the job was mine if I was the player he (Speraw) thought I was."

Johnson has scored in double figures nine times, including a game-high 24 against Belmont, a team which won against Big 12 foe Missouri back in December.

"We needed a quarterback to run the show and be unselfish, get the ball to the right people," Speraw said. "Gary's our leader in assists and he's had to make big shots. He's starting to shoot better."

Under coach Wayne Woodard, Johnson was primarily scorer at Wayne Memorial. But when he arrived at Schoolcraft, he had to change gears.

A back-up to the University of Detroit Mercy's Rulon Harris his freshman year with the 35-1 Ocelots, Johnson got a daily dose in the rudiments of playing the point.

"I learned a lot from Rulon," Johnson said. "At first I was upset that I had to play behind him, but I was still able to get some quality minutes. I wouldn't have had it any other way because he made me a better defensive player. Going against Rulon in practice every day made me better."

Johnson also credits Briggs, a former point-guard at Baylor University, for getting him squared away from a mental standpoint of playing the position.

"Coach Briggs is a unique type of coach because he's so in touch," Johnson said. "He's

played so long and he's played pickup with us. He taught me to be a point-guard, as far as learning time and score. He got me to slow down and use time off the clock."

Johnson blossomed his second season at Schoolcraft, helping the Ocelots to a 31-4 record and a berth for the third straight year in the NJCAA Division I Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. During his second year with the Ocelots, Johnson averaged a team-high 6.6 assists per game while averaging close to 10 points.

And it was in Hutchinson where Johnson, who was probably the most consistent Ocelot in their three NJCAA tourney games, who caught the eye of UCF assistant coach Tom Schuberth.

"Gary's a very personable young man and he wants to learn," Speraw said. "Going from a JUCO (junior college) to the Division I level is not easy, but he's getting better because he's so coachable. He's worked hard and is also wanting to learn more."

Johnson credits his brother Eric Williams, whom he lived with in high school, along with coaches Woodard and Briggs, for steering him in the right direction.

And there was also his close friend McDaniell, who had talked about going down to see Gary play in the conference tourney.

"I knew if he was still alive he'd be one of the happiest," Johnson said. "I know at least he'd be watching it on ESPN."

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Patriot grad Terek rules indoor meet

Livonia native and Franklin High graduate Paul Terek repeated Sunday as the 2004 USA Indoor Combined Events champion Sunday at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Terek, the 2002 Big Ten Athlete of the Year at Michigan State, posted six indoor personal bests in the seven-event heptathlon while scoring a total of 6,040 points, seventh best all-time on the American list.

Former University of Tennessee standout and 2003 NCAA decathlon champion Stephen Harris was runner-up with 5,989 followed by former Western Michigan standout and 2002 USA Outdoor Championships decathlon third-place finisher Phil McMullen with 5,898.

World decathlon champion Tom Pappas (Knoxville, Tenn.), who led after the first day of competition, did not compete in the pole vault on Sunday, choosing to rest his right shoulder following surgery there to remove cartilage on Jan. 27.

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Terek, who was fourth after the first day, set a new American multi-event record in his specialty, the pole vault, by clearing 17 feet, 9 inches.

He also had indoor personal bests in the 60-meter dash (7.04), long jump (22-2 3/4), high jump (6-6), 60 high hurdles (8.48), and 1,000 run (2:42.97).

He threw the shot put 50-2 3/4 after recording a personal best of 52-6 in an indoor meet last month in Boise, Idaho.

A year ago, Terek scored 5,870 points to beat runner-up Jeff Sander by 139 points for the Combine Events title.

"I'm happy to score over 6,000, but I also won by less than 100 points," said Terek, who currently trains in San Luis Obispo, Calif. "He (Harris) had a bad hurdles race and did not do as well in the pole vault. But it was a really steady decathlon for me, nothing big or bad. This is the starting point for the outdoor season."

Terek is gearing up for the U.S. Olympic Trials, July 16-17, in Sacramento, Calif. He was third in the 2003 USA Outdoor Championships decathlon and finished 12th in the 2003 World Championships in Paris.

"It's going to be a dogfight in the outdoor trials," said Terek, who is gunning for one of the three decathlon spots to represent the U.S. at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece. "I know what I have to fix and I have more confidence in the respect that I know and I can perform like this on a daily basis. This will give me even more confidence when I do really have good meet."

Terek moves on to the outdoor season, which includes stops at Cal-Poly, Tucson, Ariz., Mt. San Antonio Relays (Calif.) and Austria.

"Even though I'm tired, this week we'll build strength, heavy lifting even though we're still in recovery," he said.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SALEM LINEBACKERS

The next meeting of the Salem Linebackers Booster Club is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 2703 of Salem HS. Parents of current players or incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend.

The topic of this meeting will be "A History of Salem Football."

For more information, call Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

KVBSA MEETING

The Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Brighton HS cafeteria. The meeting is for any new and/or returning U-12 or U-14 teams.

For further information, call Jeff David at (810) 227-2332, or visit the Web site at www.KVBSA.com.

WALKING CLUB

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a new Walking Club beginning March 29. Everyday, on a drop-in basis, people will meet at the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer) and walk a variety of routes mapped out by the Recreation Department, or they can blaze their own trail.

There are no fees or registrations involved. The morning start time is 9:30 a.m., the evening start time is 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302.

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be in two sessions, the first on Saturday, March 27 and the second on Saturday, April 3, both in the Salem HS gym. Three hours of baseball instruction from the Salem varsity players and coaches, for players ages 7-15, is included. Lunch is provided as well, registration fee is \$20.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMP

Total Baseball in Wixom is featuring its Spring Baseball/Softball Camps, with instruction from Aaron Knieper, formerly of the Montreal Expos, Lee Bjerke, Michigan HS Coaches Hall of Fame member, and Jess Milosek, Bowling Green University softball.

Hitting, pitching, fielding, base-running and more will be covered in this camp on fundamentals. Participants will be put on the radar gun for arm speed.

The camp runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 12-14 at the Total Baseball Fields. Cost is \$135 per player, with a \$10 discount for the second child. Ages are 7-17 years. Space is limited.

Please call (248) 668-0166, or email them at totalballwixom@aol.com or check the Web site at www.total-baseball.com.

Travel baseball team tryouts scheduled

The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

The Michigan Indians U-

14 travel baseball tryouts will be 2:30-3:30 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays, March 20 and March 27, at Total Baseball in Wixom. Aaron Knieper, former pro player and full-time baseball instructor, will coach this team. The team will play in the Michigan Superior League and six tournaments, with indoor

training at Total Baseball. Please call in advance. Aaron Knieper, (248) 219-8205 or email him at arknieper@aol.com.

The Canton Mustangs U12 travel baseball team needs a few players for their 2004 squad. For appointments, call Jeff Gatt at (248) 752-7376.

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How much will my bill go up?

Every city or township served by DWSD will be different, but the average increase for all suburban customers is 3.9 percent, the lowest in four years. An average household uses 7,500 gallons of water a month (1,000 cubic feet). If that is what your household uses, a 3.9 percent increase will raise your water bill 77 cents a month, less than a cup of coffee these days. Your final bill is a combination of Detroit's wholesale charge to your local government plus charges added by your local government to cover the costs it incurs in delivering water to each household and business.

Why do you need an increase?

We have to comply with all state and federal environmental regulations. That is very expensive. For instance, we're modernizing our Wastewater Treatment Plant to keep it in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations. That alone is costing more than \$500 million. In addition, we're installing a computer system that keeps track of the entire water and sewerage network and lets us know immediately about any problems. That's costing almost \$250 million.

I thought you were trying to hold down your operating costs?

We're doing that. There is no increase in the new rate for the day-to-day operating budget of DWSD. In fact, the coming fiscal year will be the third consecutive year in which DWSD has avoided any increase in its operational and maintenance budget, a major accomplishment.

Why are these improvements necessary now?

Putting off the needed improvements will not make them go away. In fact, they would only cost more in the future. The City of Atlanta delayed making similar improvements through the years. Now, they face a situation where their water bills are going to triple - that's an increase of 300 percent - in the next five years.

How do DWSD rates compare to other water and wastewater systems?

Detroit's wholesale rates to its suburban customers are significantly lower than those charged by other service providers in the Great Lakes region. Suburban customer communities in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Bay City, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton all pay significantly more for wholesale water and/or sewer service than does the average community that receives service from DWSD.

DWSD RATES ARE CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN OTHER MIDWEST CITIES

*DWSD Wholesale Rate Comparison	Water	Sewerage
DETROIT	9.25	10.27
Wyoming, MI	6.90	12.80
Saginaw, MI	10.80	N/A
Bay City, MI	15.90	N/A
Grand Rapids, MI	18.26	16.78
Kalamazoo, MI	N/A	8.83
Columbus, OH	12.52	23.99
Cincinnati, OH	19.80	N/A
Cleveland, OH	24.98	29.40
Dayton, OH	N/A	1320
Average of Others	15.59	17.50
Difference from Detroit	69%	70%

*Price Per/1,000 cubic feet

Why didn't you adopt the moratorium on rate increases some have been urging?

Adopting a moratorium would violate state law because we are prohibited from adopting a deficit budget, which is what a moratorium would produce. In addition, a moratorium would violate the terms of our bonding covenants and place us in violation of cost-of-service rates formulation. The next time we try to sell bonds, it would cost us, and our customers, considerably more money.

How much of a profit does DWSD make?

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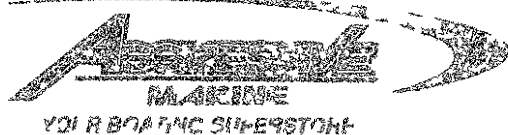
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Cathy Standish

It was a good thing

How could she do it to us, the women of America?

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We made wreaths from cranberries and bay leaves, we ground our hazelnut with our hands, we grew herbs in our bathrooms, and we made our beds with fresh sewn linen.

Through her we learned the art of entertaining and how to be a true hostess. She taught us to stack our home baked cookies on three-tier platters, she helped us discover the true meaning of witty, stylish repartee.

The epitome of every woman, she was the idol of every budding household. So composed was she that we just knew her beds were always made. She hosted her own television show, published her own magazine, and lent her name to an entire line of home goods. She was the empress and the entire domestic world was her empire.

She was, and is, Martha Stewart. Domestic Diva, Shrewd Businesswoman, Wife, Mother, Mogul, a shining example of a woman who had brought herself up by the bootstraps, a woman who had worked for her goals and achieved them.

It didn't seem to matter that many of her ideas were pilfered from friends and associates. After all, she understood the cool business practice of insider trading. Without Martha showing us the way, many women would not have realized that lying to the feds can be a good thing.

Why should Martha Stewart pay the federal government \$50,000 from her million dollar holdings? She had a business to run, an empire to build, stocks to invest in? Did the prosecutors not realize who Martha Stewart was?

The federal prosecutors, not appreciating who Martha Stewart really was, charged our idol, our diva, our shining example of womanhood and tried her in a court of our land. When a jury of her peers convicted Martha Stewart of fibbing to the feds, as her empire began to crumble, so did households throughout the land crumbled too.

How could we keep our homes without her tips, ideas and examples?

Without Martha women lost the desire to don their freshly ironed aprons and craft their own wallpaper. Lost were the cookies baked on parchment, lost were the window coverings designed from bed sheets, lost were the gourmet meals, and the hours of entertaining.

Now Martha could be heading for prison, soon to be a guest of the federal government.

Women of America will stand behind her! All through the country, the covert group of the Martha Militia stands ready, waiting for action, planning the jail break for our domestic diva.

With Martha on the lam, the domestic world will live safe from truth, justice and the American way. And for Martha Stewart, that seems to be a very good thing!

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com

Students hope intern program pays off

If enthusiasm is any indicator of success, Theresa Lo and Pam Roxas of Canton should have a profitable summer.

The two 18-year-olds, both freshmen at the University of Michigan, are going into the house-painting business in Canton. But they won't be wielding the brushes and rollers. They have crews to do that.

Pam and Theresa do the estimates, sign up the jobs, then turn the work over to teams of experienced painters.

It's part of an internship program sponsored by College Works Painting, a California-based company that trains selected students in business and leadership skills by teaching them the painting business from the ground up, then assigning them to specific areas as branch managers.

And they both sound as though they've been in the business for years.

"In Texas, a house paint job can last 10 years," said Theresa, who is originally from Lubbock. "In Michigan it's about four or five years."

"We're the largest residential painting company in the country," added Pam.

They were selected for their internships through a lengthy interview process.

"It's a vigorous internship," Pam said. "Not everyone who applies is accepted."

Each has her own territory in Canton, based on the ZIP code. One has the 48187 area, the other 48188.

And they've already started work. They've done about 17 estimates so far and have already contracted several jobs.

"It's so exciting," Theresa said. "I've met half my neighborhood now."

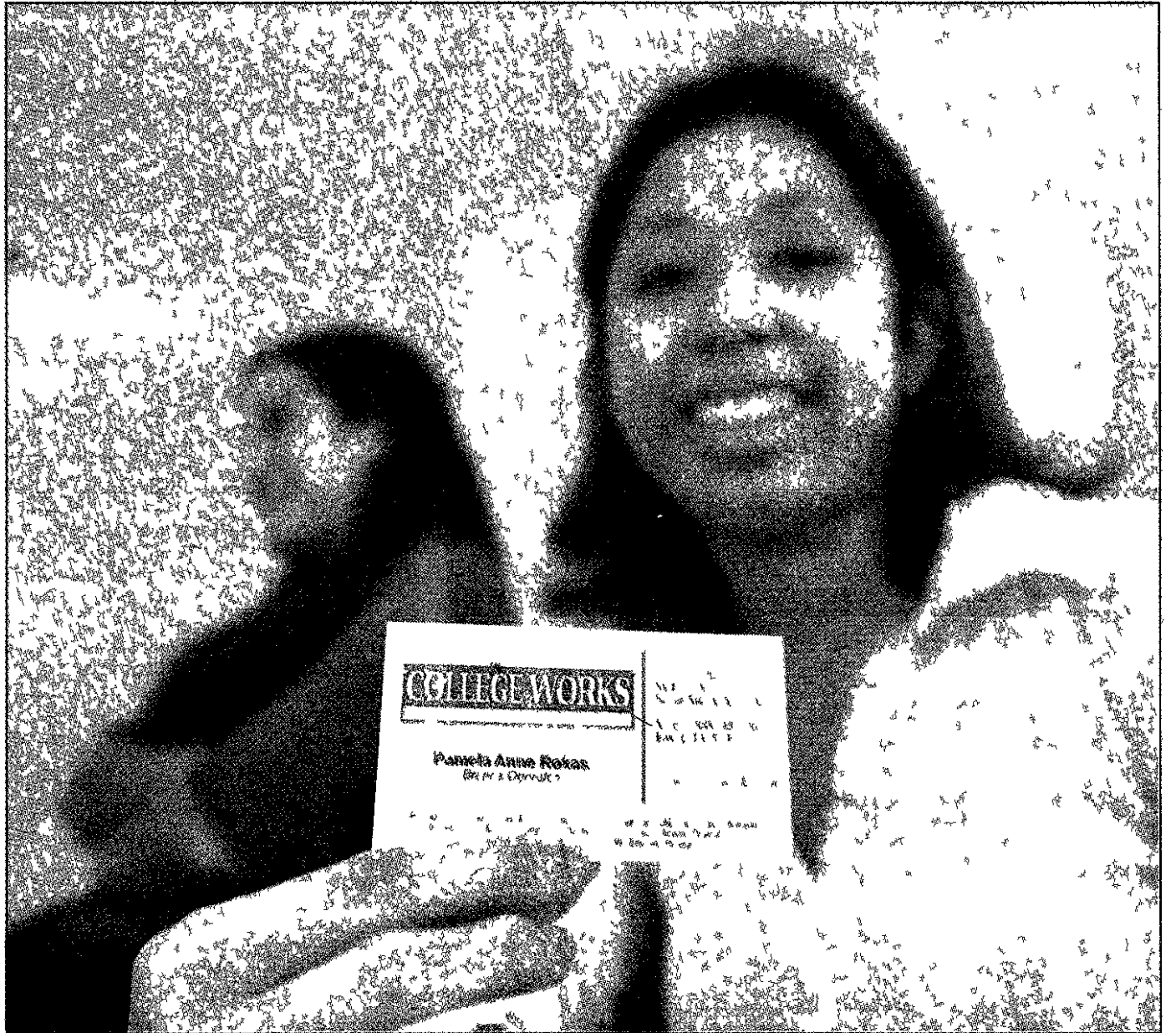
How much money can they make in this business?

"The amount you make depends on your effort," Theresa said. "It can be \$40,000 or even \$200,000. You get to see the fruits of your labor."

Added Pam, "There's a lot of responsibility involved. It's not like making \$7 an hour flipping burgers."

The painters themselves come from a variety of sources, including college students, people in their early 20s and people who have done painting for years.

Paint by numbers



Theresa Lo and Pamela Roxas will run a painting company this summer.

But regardless of the experience, they all go through training from College Works.

And, according to Theresa and Pam, the work is guaranteed.

"We'll walk by the house and if you don't like it we'll fix it," said Theresa. "There's no charge for the extra hours of work."

There's also a customer satisfaction record to be filled out and signed by the homeowner.

"Nothing is cashed until that record is signed," she said.

So what are these aspiring entrepreneurs studying in college?

Theresa is a pre-law major who wants to go into corporate litigation. Pam is a chemical engineering major who also plans to pursue a degree in psychology.

But right now they're looking forward to the summer.

"We hope to gross \$100,000 in revenue," Pam said.



Theresa Lo and Pamela Roxas have done about 17 estimates so far and have already contracted several jobs.

Remembering the true meaning of St. Pat's Day

Like her mother before her, Sister Ann Stamm will be pinning on a shamrock before heading to Mass on St. Patrick's Day. The three-leaf clover symbolizes the Felician nun's affection for the priest who converted thousands of pagans to Christianity in fifth century Ireland.

Sister Stamm and many other Irish Americans haven't forgotten the true meaning of the Catholic holy day that's turned into a secular holiday celebrated with green beer. They're recognizing the March 17 anniversary of St. Patrick's death in a variety of ways that begin with a trip to church.

As a professor and chairman of the religion and philosophy departments at Madonna University, Sister Stamm says it's especially important to remember the man and his mission. She learned about it from her mother, whose mother Annie Croughan came from Galway, Ireland, the country Patrick roamed for 30 years to deliver the message of God.

"People can read the life of Patrick," Sister Stamm said. "He was enslaved as a young man and went through a tremendous internal conversion. Once freed, he made a deliberate choice to do the exact opposite of what was done to him. He wanted to serve and free people from the real bondages — idolatry, bitterness, lack of forgiveness, intolerance. He dedicated his life to God as a priest with the idea to free all forms of enslavement."

Patrick used simple methods to teach. He would bend down and pick up a shamrock to explain the Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. When it's cold and blowing outside, Sister Stamm brings out her shamrock plants to remind her of St. Patrick's Day. She believes, "the shamrock means God and me and you."

"Patrick chose earth to point the way to heaven. There can be three and there can be one," said Sister Stamm, who spent two summers in Ireland writing with Cloverdale Poets and studying folklore.

"St. Patrick's Day in Ireland is very religious. They start off with the whole family going to church."

Sister Stamm noted the holiday brings out the Irish

"I love Irish music and play it all day long. I'm only one-quarter Irish, but on St. Patrick's Day I'm 100-percent Irish."

Mick Gavin was born in Ireland and like Sister Stamm will begin the day by pinning a shamrock on his lapel and heading off to Mass. A few hours later, he'll head over to the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland to kick off the 19th annual Irish Fest. The Redford fiddler founded the family-oriented event as an alternative to the celebrations going on in bars all over town. That first year 200 people enjoyed the music and step dancers.

"We draw 1,000 to 1,400 people," said Gavin, who was inducted into the North American Hall of Fame of Irish Music in Chicago in November. "We'll have a band called Chulrua coming from Ireland and me and my violin students will perform selections of Irish tunes and marches."

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is more of a family day like Thanksgiving. Our Irish Fest started out with a lot of good musicians who didn't want to get involved with the raucousness downtown. We've had a lot of support from community, schools of dance and musicians, out of town and local. We have Highland pipers coming from as far away as Traverse City and Grand Blanc.

In addition to the fiddles, pipes and pennywhistles, dozens of dancers from the O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Westland and Heinzman School of Irish Dance in Livonia will kick up their heels.

At Livonia's Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Rev. Rodney Buland will trace the history of the Christian church in Ireland and the role of St. Patrick during a Celtic Concert Sunday, March 14. Buland studied Celtic church history at the Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

"I think it's important for people to remember the primary purpose of Patrick was to bring the Gospel of the news of Jesus of God's love and Word to the people," said Buland, a Livonia resident and member of Holy Trinity Church.

"Patrick is commemorated also on the Lutheran cal-

endar because of his work. He's regarded as universal. He really focused on the west and northern parts of Ireland. Because the kings were the primary influence in areas they ruled, Patrick made a point of trying to convert kings and royals first."

IRISH FEST

Music, dance and corned beef and cabbage dinners 3 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday, March 17, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, east of Newburgh, Westland. Tickets are \$10, kids under age 15 free. For more information, call (313) 537-3489.

Patrick Orceau of Chulrua gives a fiddle workshop 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Finnish Center. The cost is \$25 adults, \$15 children.

CELTIC CONCERT

Michelle Nelson, flute, Dave and Bob Hawkins, trumpets; Dave Corfjiss, harp, Ann Buland, organ, the Trinity Chancel Choir and Trinity Bells, handbell ensemble-Bellabration, youth handchime ensemble, and Caroler's Children's Choir perform 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Rev. Rodney Buland traces the history of the Christian church in Ireland and the role of St. Patrick. Nine-year old Irish step dancer Megan Holton will perform a soft shoe reel and hard shoe jig. For information, call (734) 464-0211.

Club will hold auction

Three Cities Art Club will hold its annual Fund-raising Auction noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at Blue Willow Auctions in Canton. This free live auction is sponsored by Parkside Gallery and EASTFRAME as well as many other businesses in the area. Professional auctioneer Col. Thomas Moody will keep the action moving.

The auction includes items donated by members such as original artwork, an electronic keyboard, china, etc. Businesses have lent support by contributing gift certificates for merchandise, services and dining plus pottery, art supplies, and a Thomas Kinkadee artist print valued at \$345. Blue Willow accepts cash, check with proper ID, or Visa and Mastercard. All items must be paid for on the day of sale. Bring a friend with a truck!

You can preview the items daily at Blue Willow by calling ahead at (734) 326-9890 or (734) 414-5890. Blue Willow Auctions is located in Golden Gate Shopping Center at 8465 Lilley, south of Joy, Canton.

Three Cities Art Club was founded in 1957 and represents artists from Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties. Donations for the fund-raising auction are still being accepted. Contact Beverly Berini at (734) 422-4262 to donate. For further information about the event or the club, call Marilyn Meredith at (248) 262-9711.

Household chores must be fairly divided

Q My wife (the stay-at-home primary caregiver) frequently gets upset with me when I do housework. She tells me if I work all day, it's not fair if I come home and do the laundry. Should I stop helping and let her do everything around the house?

Husbands are participating in tasks around the house more these days than ever before. But every study continues to show that women do the majority of work around the home, even when they work outside the house. Housework is one of the most common battlefields of the American marriage. Couples frequently fight about the topic. Often times, the conflict is about issues of fairness, equity and respect. Regardless of who does what, everyone wants to feel like a team member and appreciated. The housework need not be divided equally between two partners, just equitably as seen by each partner. Studies show that when wives perceive equity and fairness in tasks around the home, they feel better about their marriages and the couple is less likely to get divorced. I would encourage you to talk with your wife to make sure she feels satisfied and comfortable with what she is doing around the home. Sometimes women don't think the division of housework is fair, but they do all of the housework anyway because they want to preserve peace in the relationship, they think men are threatened by housework, or they don't like how their male partners perform the tasks. If your wife is doing the laundry or the dishes, make sure you help and perform other tasks such as taking out the garbage, yard work, grocery shopping, or car repairs. Since



The Love Doctor

Terri Orbuch, Ph.D.

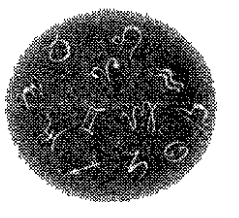
who does what around the house is a topic of conflict for many couples, I encourage partners to discuss the topic with each other. Find out who does what around your house by answering the following Love Doctor Quiz. Rate each statement from 1-3, where 1 = you do the task, 2 = you both do the task equally, and 3 = your partner does the task. Most of the time, who does the following tasks in your home?
 1 Prepares meals
 2 Does dishes/dishwasher
 3 Does laundry
 4 Does grocery shopping
 5 Does housecleaning
 6 Communicates with families (phone, e-mail, holiday cards, gifts)
 Add up your answers. Scores range from 6-18. Low Scores (6-9) mean that you do most of the tasks. High Scores (15-18) signify that your partner does most of the chores. Scores around 12 mean that you share equally in tasks around the home. To submit a question, e-mail The LOVE Doctor on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com.

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D. is a psychologist, sociologist, author, Oakland University professor, and research scientist at the University of Michigan. Her column appears every two weeks in the *Observer & Eccentric* newspaper. Listen to the Love Doctor on WNIC FM (100.3) 7-7:30 a.m. every Tuesday.



Star Struck

(March 14-March 17)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You need a break—that much is certain—but will friends and colleagues allow you one? Obviously, you're not feeling yourself at the moment, otherwise you would do as you please, regardless of the consequences. It's time to remember who you are. Ram.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Current astro aspects signify that you are about to be confronted with situations that call for diplomacy and patience. Even if loved ones or biz associates have been deliberately holding out on you, keep your anger in check and gather more concrete evidence before making accusations.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Life always offers us a second chance—especially for Twin born folks—and what happens over the next few days will help you to make a success of something you made a complete mess of the first time around. Give yourself a pat on the back for finally getting it right!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Don't bother trying to justify your actions—just get on and do what has to be done. The position of dynamic Mars in your solar chart indicates that you can take great strides this week, once you learn how to lighten up and pay less attention to what others think, say or do.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Lions have been feeling a bit lonely, or that close ones aren't especially understanding lately. Well, there's more in life than waiting, wanting or begging for others' approval. True happiness comes from doing what is right. Learn to live without applause right now. Love yourself.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Although there is a great deal of planetary activity in your opposite sign of Pisces, life will seem much less of a struggle once you recall what worked best for you in the past and apply it to your current situation. Above all, don't waste time smashing through obstacles you could easily avoid.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Communication is the key to your success this week and the more sociable you can be, the more you will achieve. However, for truly spectacular results, don't be too proud to enlist the help of others. On this occasion, at least, many hands really do make light work.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

You are frequently regarded as a fearless individual when, in fact, there are times when you're afraid and terrified. Now you must convey your true feelings and stop being so concerned about long-term aims and financial security. You may be surprised how many others are in the same boat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

There are bound to be moments when you wonder if you are waging a losing battle. Because potent planetary activity during the early part of the week relates to both emotional involvements and joint financial arrangements, some kind of major upheaval appears to be unavoidable.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

It is time to change the habits of a lifetime and openly discuss your emotional needs. Cap, try to remember that you share much in common with your opposite sign of Cancer, and you will certainly derive a great deal of pleasure now by embracing your feelings rather than ignoring them.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Certain challenges have still to be faced head-on, but in an odd sort of way you ought to be feeling more in control of situations—and certainly of your own emotional responses. Which is just as well, because this is the week to jettison anything unproductive.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

To be confident is an act of faith, therefore, if you approach personal difficulties with conviction, you are bound to triumph in the end. The Sun allied to Mercury at this time marks the beginning of a new chapter in your life. Now it's up to you to write the first word.

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Men who might be interested in singing with the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or in a barbershop quartet are encouraged to attend. The ability to read music is not a requirement. For information, call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652.

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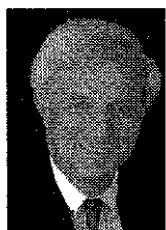
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Veteran journalist will talk about Washington

Bob Levey still laughs about the time he hung up on President Ronald Reagan when he was in the White House. *The Washington Post* journalist thought it was a wise guy on the city desk. After a second call, Levey realized it was the president telling him he'd sent \$250 for one of his fund-raisers.



Levey

Levey's column has raised \$17 million for various children's charities since it began appearing five times a week in 1981. Levey is as proud of his social contributions as the stories he's written about politics, Congress, campaigns, local news, and sports over the last 36-years. Until he retired at the end of last year, Levey was an award-winning daily columnist covering everything from presidents to people who swept the street. And his colleagues noticed. In 2001 he was named one of the three best columnists in Washington, D.C., by *Washingtonian* magazine for the fifth time.

Levey looks back on his time in Washington in a lecture for the Livonia Town Hall series Wednesday, March 17, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. He saw a lot of changes during that time, not all of them good. "It isn't as much fun as it used to be. The two party system is acrimonious in the worst way. In 1967 senators were truly colleagues," said Levey who lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

"I'm going to tell some of my favorite war stories involving mostly presidents and the business of journalism, and take a look at the campaign. Levey isn't predicting a winner in the 2004 presidential election but is predicting a turn around in the number of people who vote.

The number of people who vote has gone down in the last 50 years," said Levey. "It makes me crazy that 20 somethings aren't interested in voting. They have to be persuaded that their vote makes a difference. They're even more cynical than

their parents. I wish campaigns could be aimed more at young people." One wish Levey is beginning to realize is to write lengthier articles. He plans to do free lance work for *The Washington Post*, magazines, radio, and television. He says, he's not really retiring. He's not a shuffleboard type of guy who'll go off and live in a cabin in West Virginia.

"I was so privileged to be in the business. I worked for Katherine Graham 30 years, Ben Bradley 25 years. It was the privilege of a lifetime. They're both missed so incredibly much," said Levey.

"I would like to have done a wider range of longer pieces rather than dishing up a column every day for a quarter of a century. That's one good trend in the business. Gone are city editors who beat you over the head if you wanted to spend more than five minutes on a story.

Livonia Town Hall president Dee Dee Dittmar is looking forward to hearing Levey's stories about his years in journalism and politics. She's just delighted that the veteran journalist could fill in after author Micaela Gilchrist canceled to do a book tour in Germany.

"I'm excited about Bob Levey coming and excited about the new season we'll be announcing," said Dittmar. "We have a very literate audience. These are people who get excited about interesting people."

Bob Levey looks back on his time in Washington, D.C., in a lecture for the Livonia Town Hall series 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. A lunch with Levey follows at noon. Lecture tickets are \$25, \$12 for lunch. Call (734) 420-0383.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brown-Franz

Jim and Becky Brown of Dinuba, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Elizabeth Brown, to Brian Andrew Franz, the son of Paul and Patricia Franz of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Biola University in Los Angeles, and is a teacher at Harbor View School, TEDA in Tianjin, China.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy and of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is also a teacher at Harbor View School, TEDA in Tianjin, China.

A summer 2004 wedding is



planned in Dinuba, Calif.

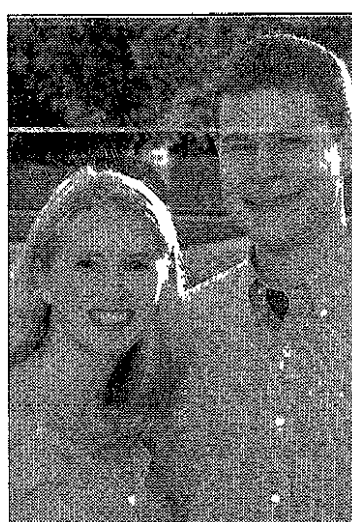
Klapproth-Seilheimer

Mr and Mrs Stephen Klapproth of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jodie Suzanne, to David Scott Seilheimer, son of Mr and Mrs Randy Seilheimer of Vicksburg.

The bride to be is a graduate of Birmingham Seaholm High School and is currently attending Wayne State University.

Her husband is a graduate of Loy Norrix High School and Western Michigan University and is currently attending Wayne State University. He is employed by Visteon Corp.

A June wedding is planned at St. Hugo of the Hills.



Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills

Hitz-Condefer

Jennifer Condefer and Bryan Hitz were married on Nov. 8 in the chapel of Marygrove College.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Condefer of Spokane, Wash. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and is a computer engineer employed by Hewlett Packard.

The groom is the son of Mr and Mrs Neil Hitz of Beverly Hills. He is a graduate of Brother Rice High School, the University of Michigan and the University of Notre Dame, and is an engineer employed by General Motors Corp.

A reception was held at the Dearborn Inn, after which the



couple took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii.

The newlyweds are making their home in Canton.

Herriman-Hurley

Doug and Pamela Herriman of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Nicholas Charles Hurley, the son of Michael and Mary Hurley of Plymouth.

The bride to be is a product of Plymouth Canton schools and is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

The prospective groom works for Coca-Cola.

An Aug. 6, 2004, wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township.



Civitan Club seeking new membership in area

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects.

This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information on joining the Civitans.

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- 1 Deliver Us from Evil Sean Hannity
- 2 The Passion A Collection of Still Photographs taken on location during the Mel Gibson movie The Passion of the Christ
- 3 American Dynasty Kevin Phillips
- 4 The Price of Loyalty Ron Suskind
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Parents' Choice New Children's Poetry Books

- 1 Swimming in Action John Crossingham
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- 1 The Da Vinci Code Dan Brown
- 2 The Last Juror John Grisham
- 3 The Five People You Meet in Heaven Mitch Albom
- 4 Ransom Danielle Steel
- 5 A Death in Vienna Daniel Silva

Nonfiction

ALBION COLLEGE

Several local students were named to the Albion College Dean's List at the completion of the fall 2003 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed during the semester.

Brandon L. Hill is a sophomore majoring in biology and minoring in French. He is the son of James Hill and Merilyn Hill of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Ryan C. Johnson is a first-year student majoring in economics and management. He

is the son of Carlton Johnson and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth and a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Caroline L. Reinhart is a senior majoring in anthropology and sociology and chemistry with a concentration in IDW-women's studies. She is the daughter of Fred Reinhart and Cindy Reinhart of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Katherine E. Smith is a junior majoring in political science and speech communication and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Tonya Smith of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. Smith was recently elected vice president of fraternity relations of Albion College's Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Sarah S. Pacciocco pledged Albion College's Kappa Alpha Theta sorority during the spring 2004 semester. Kappa Alpha Theta was founded at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. The "Thetas" raise money for the Court Appointed Special Advocates. Pacciocco is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Tarcisio Pacciocco and Jennifer Pacciocco of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Jeremy Boothroyd pledged the Albion College chapter of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity during the 2004 spring semester. Delta Sigma Phi is a social fraternity that was founded at the City College of New York on December 10, 1899. The "Delt Sigs" primary philanthropic interest is the March of Dimes. Boothroyd, a first-year student, is the son of Scott Boothroyd and Belinda Boothroyd of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Canton residents **Sara Ann Casper** (Spanish), **Gianina Cristiu** (nursing) and **Anna Merkerson** (sign language studies) were among graduates from Madonna University for

the past term.

Plymouth residents **Christina Duke** (dietetics) and **Tinamarie Turowski** (criminal justice) were also among the past term's graduates.

The following Canton residents made the Dean's List at Madonna University: **Keith Armitage, Aaron Barbee, Andrea Barbee, Chadwick Baugh, Craig Bax, Stephanie Birch, Angela Blank, Amanda Blumberg, Pamela Buchanan, Kellie Buczek, Jessica Burzynski, Sara Ann Casper, Michelle Corrigan, Gianina Cristiu, Kimberly DelProposto, Kathryn Demey, Daniel Fick, Justin Fishaw, Jim Fisher, David Fogoros, Jessica Geracz, Carol Gerus, Francine Girard, Sabrija Gocaj, Nathan Harwood, Andrew Hays, Stephen Hebel, Charles Huffman, Jennifer Jablonski, Tatanisha Jones, Dennis Kapp, Sean Klisz, Lindsey Moore, Joseph Mosquera, Jennifer Nowacki, Sarah Pack, Laura Parrett, Jennifer Pikula, Heidi Pohlman, Mary Putin, Rachael Querry, Merideth Rath, Mary Robinson, Janine Roper, Natalie Sayre, Christopher Schriber, Ruth Seitz, Kelly Smokovitz, Rita May Unis, Rachel Watson, Neil Wildfong, Anita Wood.**

The following Plymouth residents made the Dean's List at Madonna University: **Courtney Assemamy, Laura Berezak, Cindi Binder, Jeffrey Bonarek, Marilee Brindamour, Tina Marie Colaluca, Andrea Cook, Casey Cook, Kimberlee DaBiero, Michael Danczak, Jennifer D'Annunzio, Linda Denison, Christina Duke, Andrea Faris, Jennifer Frederick, Nancy Glodich, Marylu Hemme, Kimberly Holcomb, Lori Ingram, Brooke Jabara, Shirley Ann Johnson, Keron Krol, Amy Leshan, Bradley Litwin, Yesenia Marceles-Pietrangeli, Laura Lee Mercer, Michelle Mitchell, Michael Mockeridge, Susannah Mong, Melissa O'Connor, Ga-Eul Oh, Hyeon-Woo Park, David Poszywak, Virginia Ramsay, Anna Ray, Margaret Rubino, Amber Sandberg, John Schaupner, Mary Ann Schloop, Gina**

Sommariva, Tinamarie Turowski, Julia Ventura, Jamie Wakefield, Brian Williams

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Melissa Foley, a junior majoring in psychology and sociology, received a grant aimed at "Developing a Behavioral Coding System," in the 2004 spring Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award program. Foley's faculty mentor is Dr. Amy Naugle, assistant professor of psychology. A member of the Lee Honors College, Foley is a native of Canton.

The following Canton residents made the Dean's List for the fall semester at WMU: **Emily Chalifoux, Melissa Foley, Scott Franke, Leah Inman, Chloe Kind, Andrew Kogut, Zdenka Konecny, Jennifer Lenhart, Melissa Anne Marsico, Michael Morton, Michelle Ormond, Caroline Perpich, Shavonne Petts, Lindsay Pyle, Mary Radcliffe, Nora Reilly, Brian Rossow, Stephen Tietz, Leanne Trainor, Leon Walsh, Charleen Werman.**

The following Plymouth residents made the Dean's List at WMU: **Yvonne Ahlquist, Kimberly Holda, Michelle Yaremchuk, Leigh Babiasz, Jessica Blaschke, Tara Bowling, Karen Cieslak, Nicole Gilman, Brett John, Diana Kallie, Stephen Kelly, Erin Kenzie, Jason Maben, Natahe McBain, Megan Newhouse, Judy Oldfield, Robert Parent, Sarah Remski, Valerie Sabo, Ashleigh Shear, Natahe Shettleroe, Krista Slawski, Alexa Smith, Laura Stewart, Elizabeth Wilson.**

LAWRENCE TECH

The following Plymouth residents have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield: **Jeffrey Gatrell, Laura Henry, Jennifer Quandahl, Katherine Tighe and William Walker.**

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AROUND TOWN

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Main Street Therapy for Children and Families hosts an open house from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday March 20. The business is located in the Farmer's Insurance Building at 859 S. Main in Plymouth. The staff will be introducing themselves to the local community and participants can ask questions, get a bite to eat, schedule a free consultation and pick up free literature. Visit the Web site at www.mainstreettherapy.com or call (734) 612-0985.

Mom 2 Mom sale
Tri-City Christian MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is having a Mom 2 Mom Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3. Children's gently used clothes, maternity clothes, toys and miscellaneous items. \$1 admission. Located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton. For information call Pam at (734) 397-0819.

League of Women Voters
The League of Women Voters invites the public to learn about the challenges, opportunities and costs of the recently passed Help America Vote Act at a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library where both the Livonia city clerk Val Vandersloot and the Plymouth Township clerk Marilyn Messengill will participate in a panel discussion. For additional information call (734) 455-4726.

St. Mary registration
Open registration for St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne starts Monday, March 22. The K-8 school features state-certified teachers, local bus transportation, latchkey programs and partial scholarships to qualified students. The school is located at 34516 Michigan Ave. For more information call (734) 721-1240.

Art club auction
Three Cities Art Club hosts its annual fund-raising auction from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Blue Willow Auctions in the Golden Gate Shopping Center at 8465 Lilley south of Joy in Canton. Auction items include original art, a Kinkadee artist print, gift certificates, art supplies, easel, electronic keyboard and china. Call (248) 262-9711.

for more about the club call (734) 414-5890 to arrange a preview of auction items.

Genealogical Society
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile Dr. Martin Brosnan will speak on "You ought to have an auto." Computer and beginner genealogy classes start at 6:30. Classes and the meeting are open to the public free of charge. For information call Patricia Moon at (734) 425-3079.

Tilt comedy
Tilt Improv Group of Ann Arbor performs two shows in April (April 10 and April 24) at the Civic Theatre Rehearsal Studio, 322 W. Ann, two blocks west of Main. The first show is short form, comedic improvisation; the second is long form, where the cast takes suggestions from the audience. Tickets are \$5 and reservations are suggested. For more information call (734) 669-6241.

Golden anniversary
The River Park Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (formerly PSI) will be celebrating its 50th anniversary June 17. The group is looking for past/present members and guests to join in a celebration at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center on Northline in Southgate. The event starts at 6:15 p.m., cost is \$20 for dinner. For information contact Karol Polaczkyk at kpolaczkyk@hayeslemmerz.com or by calling (734) 737-5283 or Angela Devoy at adevoy@sme.org or by phone at (313) 425-3131.

Declaration of Independence
People in the area will get a chance to see an original copy of the Declaration of Independence during its display at Eastern Michigan University's McKenny Union from 4-6 p.m. March 15. The event is part of a nonprofit, nonpartisan campaign called "Declare Yourself" and is meant to encourage people to register to vote in the 2004 presidential election. A discussion of themes in the Declaration of Independence led by EMU political science professor Jeffrey Bernstein opens the day at 3 p.m. For more information call Charmica Miller at (734) 487-3045.

Madonna Open House
Madonna University in Livonia conducts an open house for prospective students from 1-4 p.m. Saturday

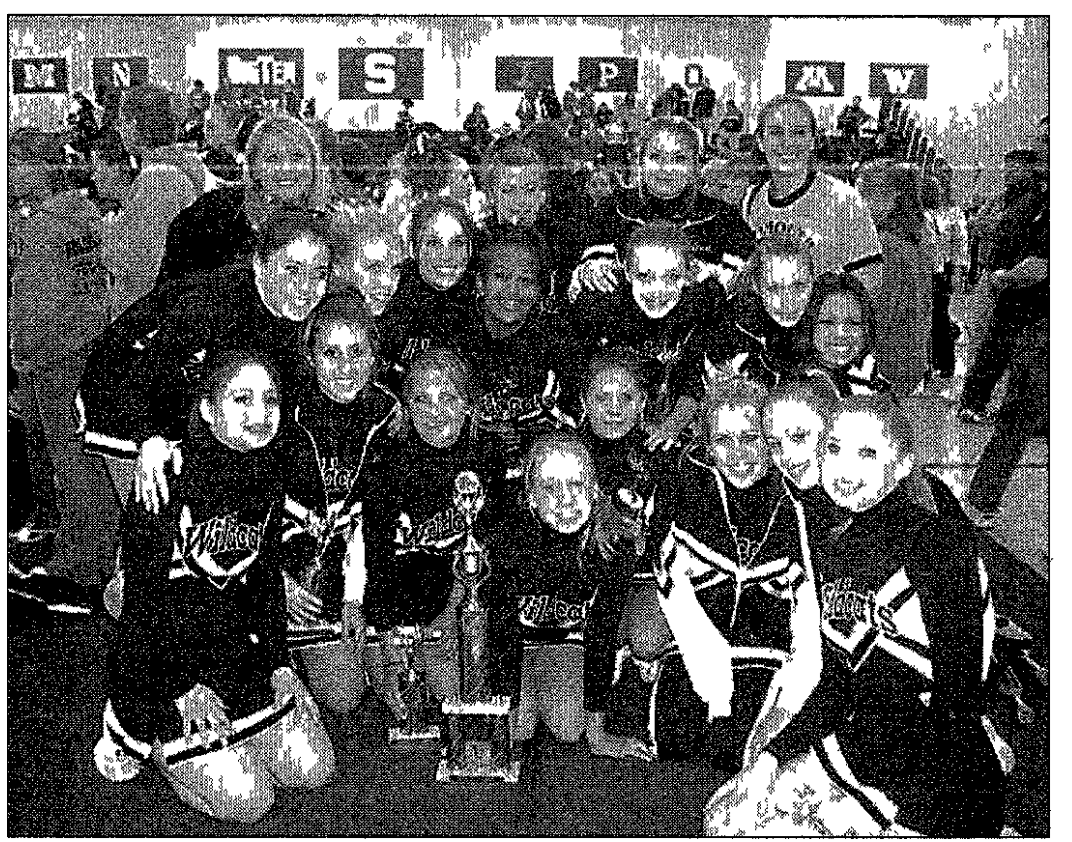
March 20 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus. Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty staff and students and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during day evening and weekend sessions. For more information e-mail muinfo@madonna.edu or call the admissions office (734) 432-5339.

Flea market
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts the 50th annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at 1830 Washtenaw Ave. Art, antiques, collectibles, books, jewelry, decorations, baked goods, toys and linens will be available. Antique appraisals will be done by DuMouchelle. Admission is free, no strollers.

College fair
The 16th annual Metro Detroit National College Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 17, at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren. The fair will hold a morning session from 9 a.m. to noon and an evening session from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Representatives from over 130 colleges and universities will be on hand. Special group information sessions will be held on topics such as ACT and SAT testing, financial aid and opportunities in higher education for minority students. The Metro Detroit National College Fair is free and directions to the Macomb Expo Center can be found at <http://www.nacac.com/exhibit/exhibit.cfm?code=04SMDE>. For more information contact Fair Chair Gretchen Parks at (248) 341-5900.

Madonna auction
Madonna University's Down Under scholarship dinner and wine tasting auction gala is set for 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. One winner will have a choice of either a fully equipped 2004 Chevrolet Corvette two-door coupe or \$25,000 in cash. For information go to www.madonna.edu or contact Rose Kachnowski at rkachnowski@madonna.edu or (734) 432-5421.

Winterfest beer tasting
The ninth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine takes place from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft's Livonia campus. Call (734) 462-4422 for ticket information.



Cheerleading champs

The Plymouth cheerleaders went to Michigan State University recently to compete in the Michigan State Open, and came home with some hardware. The Plymouth squad placed first in the junior varsity division. In the stunt group competition, Courtney Pickard, Breanna Wallace, Jenna Beauchamp and Amanda Kanaan took first place, while Chelsey Pickard, Allison Poremba, Kaylee Fox and Adrienne Bielak took second. Plymouth cheerleaders also took first place at the UCA regional competition. Team members include Alexandra Bates, Jenna Beauchamp, Adrienne Bielak, Carrie Brooks, Samantha Esper, Kaylee Fox, Laura Freitag, Beth Gutowski, Katie Hale, Amanda Kanaan, Samantha Panek, Brittany Petty, Chelsey Pickard, Courtney Pickard, Allison Poremba, Amy Ouambo, Alexandria Saker, Laura Tremonti, Amanda Waite, Breanna Wallace and Emily Zelenak. Coaches are Alisha Cieslak and Ashleigh Klimek.



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CHAPMAN,

Robert G., age 81, died March 10, 2004. Beloved husband of Veronica Dear father of Mark (Carla), Gary (Julie) & Larry Chapman. Loving Grandfather of Andrew (Cori) Kurucz, Mark Jr. & Colin Chapman and Great Grandfather of Lauren & Katy. Brother of Virginia (Bob) Young. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-1800, Friday, 2:30-4 & 6-8. Funeral Service Saturday at Rice Memorial United Methodist Church, 20601 Beech Daly Rd., Redford, MI 48240 at 11AM. Interment at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rice Memorial United Methodist Church or a charity of your choice. Online sympathy message www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

BURRELL

Mary E. Age 78 of Bloomington, MI since 1996, formerly of Plymouth for 18 years. Died March 10, 2004 in Bloomington. She was born April 24, 1925 in South Bend, Indiana. Mary was a homemaker. She belonged to the Full Gospel Church of Paw Paw. Mary loved crossword puzzles and taking care of her grandchildren. She is the wife of the late Charles, Dear mother of Sarah (Kenneth) Curtis of Alabama, Margaret (the late Paul) Cook of MI, Lena Vaughn of MI and the late George Harry Burrell. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. Her sister Virginia also survives. Funeral Monday 11am at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Friends may visit Sunday 2-9 pm. Memorial contributions for Mary's Headstone would be appreciated.

HAMMAC

Billy Ray, age 62 of Howell, died March 4, 2004. Bill married Carolyn October 20th, 1960 in Hancock County, TN. She survives. Also surviving are his daughters Charlotte (Mark) Boon (Cohoctah), Tami Hammac (Howell) his grandchildren, Nadine and Richie Lopez, his brother Robert Lee Hammac and his nephew, Steven Bates. Bill was preceded in death by his parents Grace and Eli Hammac, his brother Olen and his sister Hellen Cunningham. Services for Bill will be held by his family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel. Please sign Bill's guest book at www.BorekJennings.com

LIMAURO

Ruth, April 1, 1925-March 10, 2004. Ila Ruth Limauro, 78 of Oceans West Boulevard, a native of Seville, Georgia, died Wednesday at home in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. Mrs. Limauro a homemaker, moved to Daytona Beach Shores in 1990 from Birmingham, MI. She was a member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church of Beverly Hills, MI. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Harry, 7 children (and their spouses), Barbara Regan of Chicago, IL, Louis of Toledo, OH, Joseph (Melissa) of Lebanon, NH, Cynthia Limauro (Chris Popwicz) of Pittsburgh, PA, Harry (Robin) of Troy, MI, Michael (Martha) of Grosse Pointe Park, MI, and Thomas of Clawson, MI, five brothers, Olan T.J. and Melvin Watson all of Pitts, GA, Curtis Watson of Norcross, GA and Herman Watson of Valdosta, GA. Two sisters, Irene Pearce of Cordele, GA, and Deane Horne of Albany, GA. 23 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32129.

REMINGTON

Albert F., age 87, passed away March 12, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Bette, children, Peter Remington and Albert Remington, Jr. stepchildren Carol (Richard) Seif, Karen (Michael) McCauley, Elaine Lewis and Steven Lewis (deceased). 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 16, from 3pm-8pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward, Royal Oak. Funeral service will be held at St. Owen's Church on Wednesday, March 17, at 11am. Memorial tributes may be made to the Albert F. Remington Cancer Research Fund at Karmanos Cancer Foundation.

ROWE

Raymond, Age 74, of Cadiz, KY, died March 11, 2004. Mr. Rowe was born in Magnet, IN on January 16, 1930. He was a retired salesman for Sears. He served in the Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Cadiz United Methodist Church and the Methodist Men's Group & Choir. He is preceded in death by his parents, William Franklin and Kathryn May Louisa Rowe, sister Edna Rowe Knierim, and brothers Everett and Lester Rowe. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lorraine Lonske Rowe, his son & daughter in law, Dana Brent & Marlene Rowe of Novi, MI, his son & daughter in law, Douglas Whitney & Nancy Rowe, of Columbia, SC, his son & daughter in law, Gregory Evan & Juanita Rowe of Redford, MI, a sister, Alma Parker of Tell City, IN, and 10 grandchildren: Matthew Rowe, Danny Rowe, Anna Rowe, Rachel Rowe, Michael Rowe, Jennifer Rowe, Denise Rowe, Kevin Rowe, Katie Rowe, and Nichole Rowe. The funeral service will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2004 at the Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main St., Cadiz, KY.

SCHINGECK,

JUNIOR CHARLES "CHUCK" Age 80 of Plymouth died in his sleep Thursday, March 11, 2004 at West Trail Nursing Home. He was born the son of Reynoldo and Irene Schingeck, on May 15, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan and life began when he met and married his wife of 61 years, Jackie and ended as he would have wanted it to sleeping beside the woman to whom he committed his love daily. Chuck was a combat veteran of World War II, and a paternal veteran of 5 children: Yvonne, Jim, Nancy, Kevin and Brian, 14 grandchildren, Deborah Wallace, Bruce Wallace, Michael Wallace, Christine Ramone, Jeanette DeFrank, Stacy Fletcher, Robert, Corey, Adam, and Ryan Schingeck, Tom, Erica, Nicole, and Christopher Schingeck, and 16 great grandchildren. Chuck retired after 35 years of dedicated service from Sperry Vickers Aerospace in 1982. He and Jackie enjoyed many wonderful years of retirement in Lady Lake, Florida, where golf became a passion and point of pride and made many wonderful friends. He and Jackie returned 8 years ago to reside in Michigan, where they surrounded themselves with family. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 14, at 11 am at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation.

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Knowing the score a must

One of the first things I learned in broadcasting baseball games was that I had to give out the score every three minutes or the listeners would lose interest. I used an egg timer to develop this "habit."

In the game of baseball, knowing the score in every inning is an absolute must. The same is true in the game of life - especially in the later innings.

Having said that, I imagine you're wondering what "score" I'm referring to. Well, I recently read an article about a World Health Organization report recommending that older adults regularly assess how well they can carry out daily activities.

What score would you give yourself today? Do you consider yourself "winning" or "losing" at the challenge of living the healthiest life possible? How easily can you prepare meals, climb stairs, do housework and care for pets? Do you walk regularly even when it's not necessary?

Paying attention to the quantity and quality of our daily physical activity helps shift our perspective. Rather than desiring to be healthier so that we can be more active, we should become more active so that we can be healthier.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

Ernie Harwell the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with Miss Lulu, his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled *Life After Baseball*, is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

Treatment helps overcome eating disorders

Ever since registered dietitian Beverly Price began seeing clients with eating disorders in the 1990s, she felt there was something missing from the team approach used to treat anorexia nervosa, bulimia and bingeing.

Then she began taking yoga. The classes haven't changed her mind about the need for clients to see a psychiatrist or psychotherapist, dietitian and physician, but she is recommending yoga to them as a complementary approach along with Eden Process workshops by psychotherapist Renee Steiner Hinkins.

She and Steiner Hinkins have teamed up to offer yoga and the 21-week non-traditional therapeutic approach at Integrated Nutrition in Farmington Hills. Price teaches clients yoga privately at Integrated

Nutrition and in groups at the Center for Yoga in Birmingham. "Yoga brings mind and body together," said Price. Eastern medicine looks at yoga as a way to control emotions, heal disease. Renee is using an approach with a similar philosophy.

Through the Eden Process Steiner Hinkins encourages clients in various stages of the disease to develop coping skills. Her current class includes women who range in age from their 20s to their 50s.

"It's a positive, future-oriented approach," said Steiner Hinkins. "I don't allow discussions of unhealthy behavior. I begin by creating awareness of their self and how their eating disorder impacts their life."

Steiner Hinkins leads the women through structured workbook exercises to conquer stress and build assertiveness. Another approach, EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), helps clients work through past traumas by focusing on them.

Sherry Sagnaw never realized she had an eating disorder until signing up for the Eden Process. Owner of Get a Grip on Fitness in Keego Harbor, Sagnaw thought the experience would help her help clients at the studio. Instead, it uncovered feelings, she said, that had been festering since she was sexually molested as a youth.

Eating disorders can be caused by a number of factors including genetic/environmental, a chemical imbalance in the brain and trauma. Sufferers deal with the psychological illness by starving themselves (anorexia), bingeing and purging (bulimia), or not purging but using inappropriate behaviors such as fasting or excessive exercise.



Front to back: Kim Hubbard (foreground) of Fairhaven, Debby Abramson of West Bloomfield, Julie McLean of Ypsilanti and Jason Hulshof of Birmingham follow the yoga instructions of Beverly Price (standing).

Sagnaw, now 53, says in her younger years she swam a mile three-four times a week, weight-trained for two hours three-four times a week, and ran six miles a day several days a week until one day she couldn't stop eating and crying because she couldn't break the cycle. She'd sustained several overuse injuries by this point.

"I always thought I could resolve any eating issues by exercising more. The great thing about Eden is the more I got into it, I was able to see all of these behaviors and deal with them," said Sagnaw of Bloomfield Hills.

Diane Hopp uses the yoga Price taught her to control binge eating. For years she'd been on diets only to go off them and gain weight. A retired psychotherapist, she knew from teaching children to breathe properly that it could lessen anxiety.

"Every doctor has told me yoga would help me," said Hopp of West Bloomfield. "It's because of the

process of relaxation. I also needed to find out what makes me eat and find ways to cope with that. I can't exercise. I'm 58 1/2 years old and not waiting for instant results. It will probably be about a year before I meet my weight loss goal."

Since I started yoga breathing, I've been able to work through the urge to eat when I shouldn't. It's a good feeling to know I have control. I learned to understand my hunger."

Dr. Alexander Sackeyfio's eating disorder patients haven't reached the point of being able to work on emotional problems. Their bodies are so ravaged by anorexia and bulimia that his first concern is nutrition.

"An anorexic feels better when empty. A bulimic feels better when eating. Once they start starving themselves and exercising, it becomes part of a physical illness," said Sackeyfio, a psychiatrist and

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Experts to discuss findings on colon cancer

In observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is hosting a "Private Screening Goes Public" forum on Tuesday, March 16. Experts in the fields of radiology and gastroenterology will discuss the value and effectiveness of various means of detecting colon cancer, with a focus on the new technology called "virtual colonoscopy."

The forum, at the Blues complex at 53200 Grand River in New Hudson (near I-96 and Wixom Road), is free and open to the public. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the program scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to noon.

"We encourage everyone to hear the facts about colon cancer and screening techniques. Our goal is to promote discussion among physicians, payers and patients on medical technology," said Dr. Tom Simmer, Michigan Blues chief medical officer.

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer fatalities for men and women. There is a 1 in 16 lifetime chance of devel-

oping colorectal cancer and approximately 150,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year. Fortunately, colon cancer is highly preventable, and when discovered in its early stages, highly treatable. Unfortunately, according to the American Cancer Society, less than half of the people who are at risk get recommended screenings.

Simmer said the Blues forum will focus on "virtual colonoscopy." Due to recent media attention, there is a high degree of interest in the new test. However, Simmer said most discussions fail to mention important details people need to know about the test's effectiveness, limitations and cost, or the reliability of conventional tests.

To encourage a thorough and balanced dialogue, the Michigan Blues have invited two noted industry experts to present their findings and viewpoints at the forum. Dr. Beth McFarland, associate professor of radiology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, is the lead investigator on the university's study to

evaluate diagnostic performance of virtual colonoscopy, funded by the National Institute of Health's National Cancer Institute. She is also on the American College of Radiology's Commission on Research and Technology Assessment.

Also on the speaker's roster is Dr. Ronald Fogel, a senior staff physician in gastroenterology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Fogel is listed in the *Consumer's Guide to Top Doctors* for his specialty (stomach, colon and intestinal disorders).

Information gathered at the March 16 forum will be shared with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association's Technology Evaluation Center, which is preparing a report on virtual colonoscopy scheduled for publication in July. Virtual colonoscopy is currently considered experimental and is not covered by most insurers, including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

To register, contact Virginia Hosbach at (313) 225-0777 or vhosbach@bcbsm.com.

Doctor covers treatments

With new and promising drugs becoming available along with proven screening techniques, there's fresh optimism for colon cancer patients and people at risk for the disease. That's the message Dr. Philip A. Philip will be bringing to patients, their families and friends at the Karmanos Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 16. Philip is professor of Hematology and Oncology at Wayne State University and affiliated with the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Weisberg facility.

Philip's presentation will be held in conjunction with March designated as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month by the United States Congress in 1999. His talk will review the recent advancements in colon cancer prevention and treatment, when screening should be started, the various screening techniques available, and current treatment options. A free supper will be served prior to Philip's update.

If you would like to learn more about the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of colon cancer, plan to attend Philip's "Ask The Expert" presentation on Tuesday, March 16 at the Lawrence and Idell Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. You may want to bring a friend or loved one who may also want to learn how today's medicine is confronting and treating this disease. Phone ahead for the free supper and lecture reservations at (248) 538-6507.

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neurologist at Beaumont Hospital. He has a private practice in Farmington Hills. "It changes hormones and steroids in the brain, changes the way they use calories. They can use a few as 200 a day. Even a coma patient uses more than that. I have to make them better nourished. Anorexics are the most scared people

when it comes to food. When people say I'd like to have anorexia for a little while, they don't understand. They're so unhappy, so alone. It destroys the brain, heart, bones.

Bulimia is even more dangerous. They feel better after bingeing then purge and exercise. (By) purging you can choke on the vomit. The acid destroys your teeth, damages the kidneys. Bulimia causes changes in the brain. Serotonin is low so it causes them to be

impulsive, do things which are dangerous to most people. They tend to attempt suicide. We're seeing an increased death rate. It's the most lethal disease in psychiatry right now."

Because of the seriousness, Sackeyio is in favor of any approach, including the Eden Process, that can help patients. "It's a deadly illness and we

should do something about it but getting people into treatment is difficult when they're losing weight. If a mother suspects something is wrong, she should call their pediatrician, dietitian.

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If you develop muscle pain or weakness and are on statin therapy, the only way to confirm the drug is the cause is to stop the drug. You need to do so for three to four weeks. If your muscle pain or weakness resolves, then that result implicates the statin as the cause.

Your doctor can put you on another statin drug. In most instances, another one will not cause the same muscle effect. Because cholesterol lowering medications are associated with this risk, you will find your doctor almost always wants you to change your diet before prescribing a pill, no matter how easy that solution appears.

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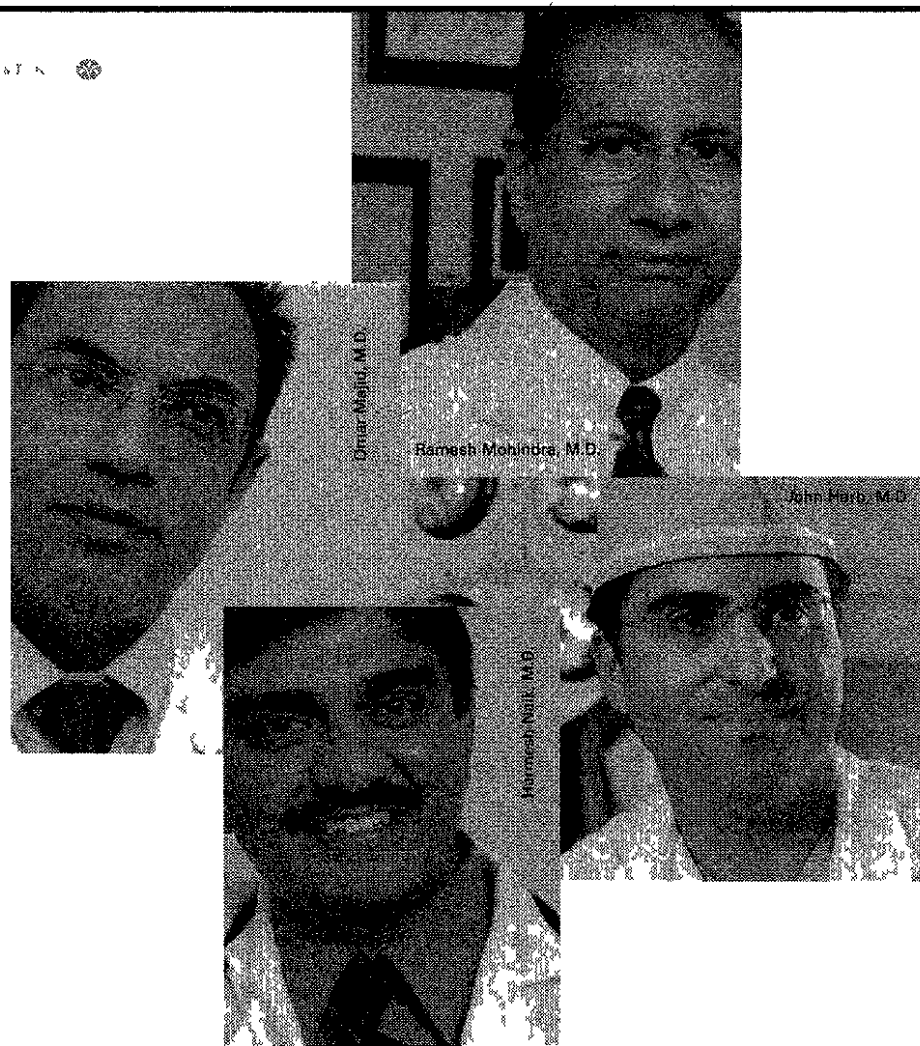
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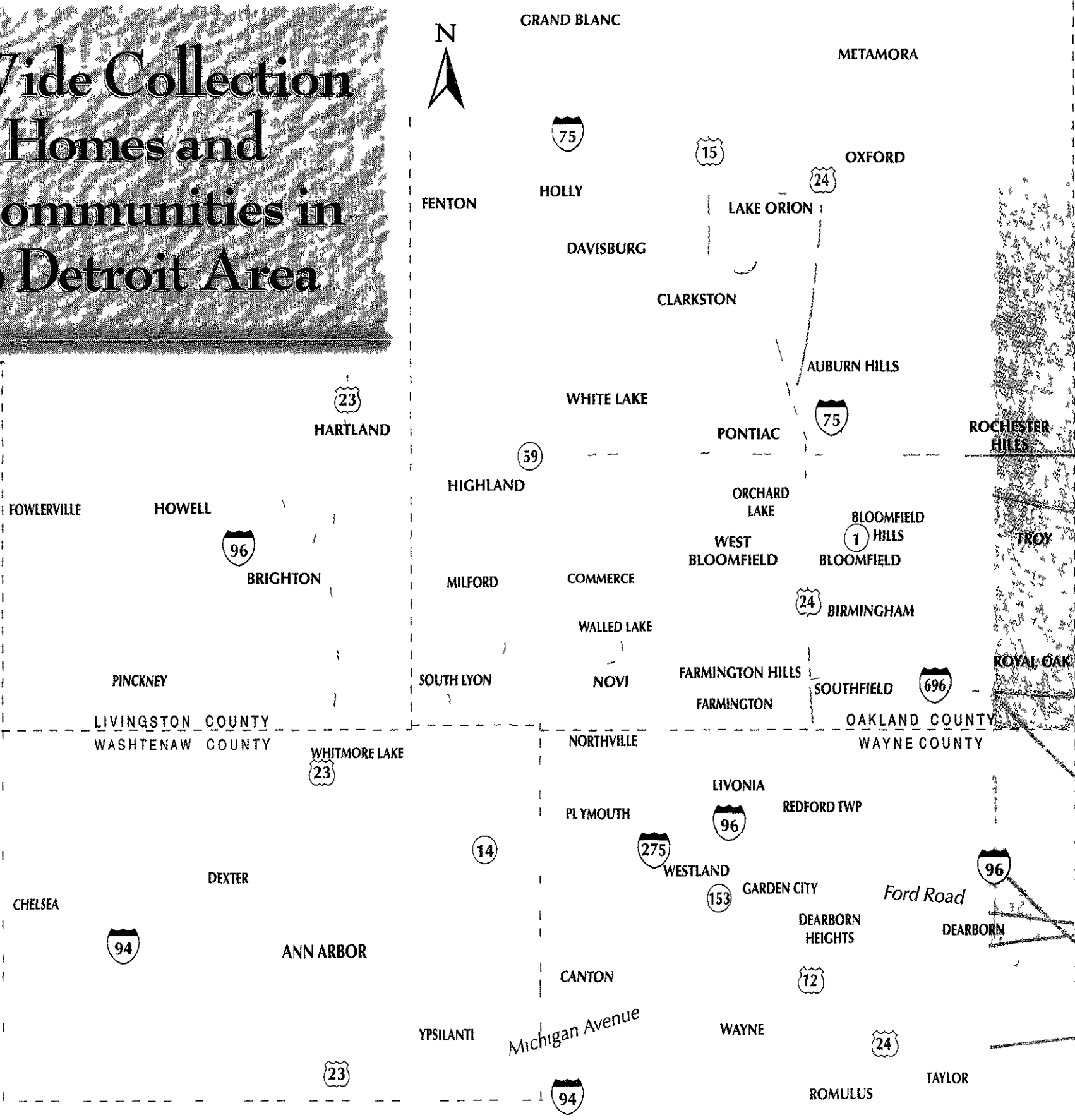
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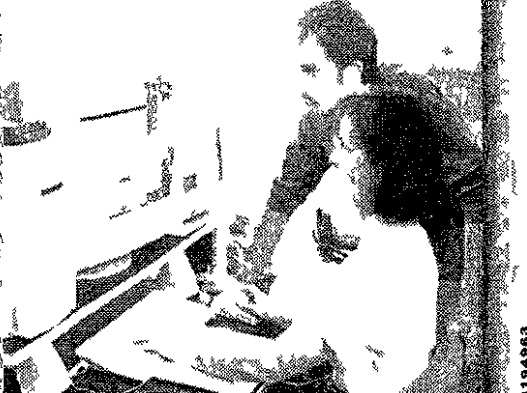
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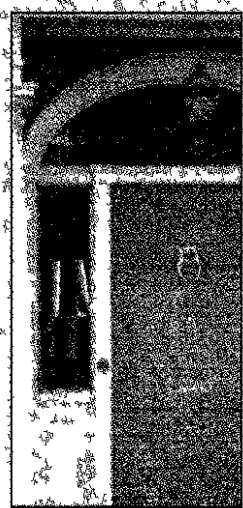
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Development creates 'nice streetscape' in Birmingham

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

What were they thinking in the 1920s? What kind of a house would you build on a 20-foot lot?

Well, 80 some years later, someone gathered up those 30 lots that had been laid out on Pierce in Birmingham, hooked them together in a new way and spread them back out as 14 home sites.

The someone was Robertson In-Town, a new division of longtime

'By opening up the stairways, we were able to get glass on three levels, including first and second floors and basement.'

James Jehle
Robertson In Town

builder Robertson Brothers Company, Bloomfield Hills, now specializing, they said, in "downtown" living.

According to James Jehle, the division's president, "the group was formed to provide to urban in-fill or individual lot situations the same expertise home buyers expect from our larger-scale communities."

The builders combined the platted lots, 129 5 feet deep, into a pattern of two 40-foot lots followed by a 60-foot lot "to give it a nice streetscape as you're driving down Pierce," Jehle said. The lots are on the west side of the street in the first block north of 14 Mile.

The 40-foot lots, Jehle said, are for the 'Pierce' design and the 60-foot for the 'Hamilton.' The architects are Laurence Hornbeck & Associates of Troy.

The Pierce, Jehle said, is 2,250 square feet with a second-floor laundry room, hall bathroom and three bedrooms, including a master suite with private bath and his-and-her walk-in closets.

Location of the stairways up and down, Jehle said, was a special consideration because of the lot size. "Whenever you have a house that's narrow and deep, the challenge is getting light in



The Pierce is one of two models offered by Robertson In-Town on Pierce Street in Birmingham. The Hamilton is also available, and features a second-floor laundry room.

"By opening up the stairways we were able to get glass on three levels, including first and second floors and basement," said Jehle.

The Pierce, he said, has a contemporary-lifestyle kitchen-nook-family room combination leading out to a future patio or deck.

At 2,704 square feet on the 60-foot lot, the Hamilton, also has a second-floor laundry room. Buyers can choose three or four bedrooms upstairs along with two or three bathrooms.

Both houses have two-car garages.

The houses, Jehle said, are designed within the local restrictions, meaning the house and garage cannot occupy more than 30 percent of the lot. Ceilings

are nine feet on the first floor and eight on the second. Basements are 8-foot-6, the deepest the builders could go, Jehle said, due to existing sewer lines.

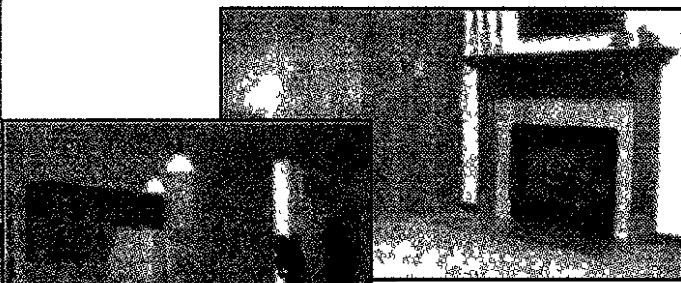
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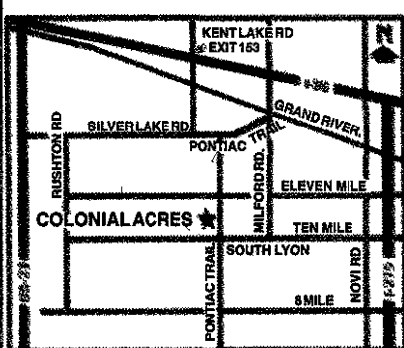
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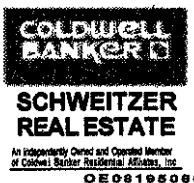
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Economist predicts rental housing rise in coming years

(PRNewswire) - The National Multi Housing Council refutes recent analyst claims that new federal and private-sector homeownership initiatives will automatically translate into meaningful losses for the apartment sector.

NMHC chief economist Mark Obrinsky issued the following statement:

"Housing demand is not a zero-sum game. Population growth - through natural population increase, continued high levels of immigration and increased life spans - will increase demand for both owner- and renter-occupied housing.

"While the recently announced homeownership initiatives may turn some renters into owners, the overall demand for rental housing should be on the rise for at least the next 15 years.

"The key factor driving housing demand in the next decade will be demographics. And many of those demographic trends will clearly favor rental housing, especially the swell of echo boomers (currently between the ages of 18 and 27) and the continuing shift toward single-person households.

"After declining for two decades, the population in the prime renting years (ages 20-29) is expected to increase 11 percent between now and 2010.

"Eventually more than 80 million echo boomers will move into the housing market, most likely as renters first. And there is no 'baby bust' expected behind this generation just a plateau.

Then there are continuing changes in household composition. The households most likely to own - married couples with children - are declining in number and now account for less than one-quarter of all households.

"Meanwhile, two-thirds of all new households in the past decade were non-family households (including single-person households), which have the lowest homeownership rates. By itself, this demographic shift would cause the rentership rate to rise by 70 basis points by 2010.

"Immigration will create even more new renters. More than a million legal immigrants a year have been entering the United States this decade. In fact, fully 50 percent of the expected population growth in the United States will be immigrants. And half of all

immigrants - and three-quarters of recent immigrants (those who have been in this country no more than five years) - are renters.

"Apartment demand will be further bolstered as the job market rebounds.

"Most of the twenty-somethings who had returned home or had doubled up with roommates to save on living costs while the job market was so weak will move out and once again form their own households.

"Even if the recent rash of election-year initiatives and new private-sector programs were to raise the homeownership rate by 3 percentage points over the current decade - a possible, but unlikely, scenario - the number of apartment renters would still rise by almost 1 million.

"Moreover, if the recent run-up in housing prices makes homeownership too expensive, the number of new renters expected in the next decade could easily grow from 1 million to 5 or 6 million, according to Harvard University's 2003 State of the Nation's Housing report.

"The new apartment supply expected to come online in the next few years is in line with these demand projections. This is good news for apartment investors and apartment operators.

Based in Washington, D.C., NMHC is a national association that advocates on behalf of the apartment industry and the nearly 15 million American households who live in an apartment.

NMHC's members are the principal officers of the larger and more prominent apartment firms and include owners, developers, managers and financiers.

The council operates a joint legislative program with the National Apartment Association that targets issues such as housing policy, multifamily finance, environmental affairs, tax policy, fair housing, building codes, technology, human resources and rent control.

In addition, NMHC conducts apartment-related research, encourages the exchange of strategic business information, and promotes the desirability of apartment living.

Source: National Multi Housing Council
Web site: <http://www.nmhc.org>

Owning a home getting easier for those first-timers

(NAPSI) - The dream of home ownership may be easier to achieve than many people realize. Mortgage interest rates are still low and more lenders are offering flexible first-time homebuyer programs.

Yet a recent study discovered half of non-homeowners have not acted to purchase a home because of perceived barriers, such as being 'afraid to make a costly mistake,' 'confused about the process of buying a home,' 'intimidated by mortgage application paperwork,' 'concerned about not being able to afford the home they want or need,' and believing they may not have enough money for a down payment and for closing costs.

"Purchasing a home can appear to be a daunting challenge," says Gene Morris, senior vice president, Bank of America Consumer Real Estate. "The good news is the mortgage process has become significantly easier. First-time homebuyers owe it to themselves to check into their options, which now include flexible mortgage programs that require no or low down payment."

GUIDELINES

These guidelines may help many prospective homeowners:

■ Where to start? Many community service organizations and banks offer free home-buying seminars or one-on-one counseling. The Internet also provides a wealth of information.

■ What about credit? While lenders look at many factors in evaluating your credit for a home purchase, two key variables are in your control: your record of making payments on time and your demonstrated ability to avoid excessive debt. If you think you have a questionable credit history, get a copy of your credit report. Doing what you can to clean up negative or incorrect information will help you qualify for a home loan. You can get your credit report at www.experian.com, www.equifax.com or www.transunion.com. If you've never

applied for credit, some lenders will consider your history of paying rent and utility bills.

■ Select a lender who understands your needs. Talk with several lenders. Ask friends and family for lender referrals. Real estate agents and community assistance organizations are good lender referral sources.

■ The lender you choose should have a strong reputation for customer service and offer first-time buyer options and financing ideas that take into consideration your situation. For example, many first-time buyer mortgage programs require only a low down payment or even no money down. Some programs feature no closing costs.

■ Get pre-qualified and pre-approved. The lender you select will make a preliminary assessment of whether it can make a loan to you based on your income, credit history and other financial criteria. This pre-qualification can mean a "pre-approval" from the lender - a confirmation it will fund your home loan if the information you presented is accurate.

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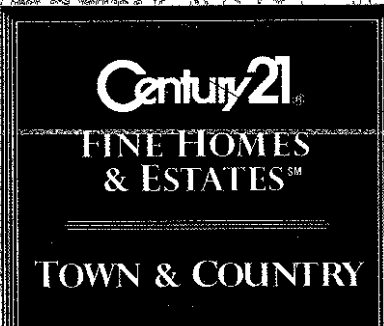
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You will love all the goodies! 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 bath colonial tucked away in the forest of Chelsea Park on a cul de sac and backs up to woods. Grand fireplace in FR. Fabulous fin walk out w/theatre area & BR or lib.

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TROY Large Traditional Colonial
With 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths ceramic tile in kitchen and foyer. Family room with marble fireplace and two sky lights. Professionally finished basement with wet bar. Double deck sprinklers. 1st floor laundry newer roof.

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ROCHESTER Stony Pointe Sub
Custom home dramatic two story ceramic foyer with circular staircases to upper & LL. open plan for gracious entertaining oak kitchen gathering area in LL. fin w/wet bar. 4 BR s 4 1/2 BA s 3 frplcs mature trees.

(B98POI) 248 652-8000 \$513,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Steal Of A Deal
Best of locations in town. Best location in sub. Cul de sac location for this beauty. 4 b g BR, high ceilings, center island in the kitchen, library, family room, living room. finished basement, circular driveway and more.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Contemporary
Lakefront home on the border of Franklin. 4 BR s, 4 full baths. master suite w/replace marble bath & built ins. indoor swimming pool w/sauna. LL w/pool room, dance floor & 2nd kitchen. Extensive deck overlooks lake.

(B29CHA) 248-642-8100 \$1,495,000



SOUTH LYON Too Many Fine Qualities
Spectacular best describes this stately 4 BR 3 1/2 BA custom colonial deep in golf community. Certainly nothing spared. \$100,000 in upgrades over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck.

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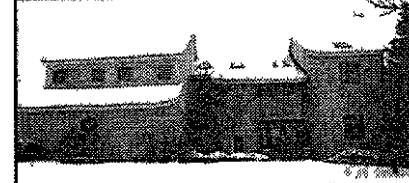
ROCHESTER Move Right In
4 bedroom 4 1/2 bath colonial with dual staircases two way gas fireplace large master bedroom suite side entrance garage and two story family room and foyer. Community pool and tennis courts.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD A Stunning 4 Bedroom
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(B04ROY) 248 626-8800 \$689,900




FARMINGTON HILLS Charming Cape Cod
3 bedrooms 2 baths. New England character with panoramic views of wooded ravine and stream. Wood floors. unique fireplace shower w/steam bath and newer appliances. Open floor plan & tiered brick patio.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
This home has all the bells and whistles. Granite in kitchen ceramic tiled & hardwood floors. W/O wooded lot. Fireplace in FR. 4 BR 2 1/2 BA 3 car garage grand MBR w/huge WIC & dressing area. Bonus room FFL.

(B80YAR) 248 349-5600 \$559,900




TROY Rare Find
On over one acre with Troy schools. 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths and finished walk out LL. Neutral throughout. Lots of storage. All apps are included. Immediate occupancy. Troy schools. Just start unpacking!

(B39BEA) 248-524-1600 \$409,900



ROCHESTER Smith Builders
1998 detailed construction. Walking distance to downtown 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath fin bsmt w/bar & bath neutral decor. GR marble fireplace hdwd frs crown moldings. cherry cabs fluted columns & extensive decking.

(B15DPA) 652 8000 \$474,500



SOUTH LYON Serenity And Elegance
Every update possible in exclusive tanglewood condo. Two tier decks overlooking fairway. finished lower level complete with a wet bar and den.

(B64SAW) 248 626 8800 \$455,000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Approximately 3/4 Acre Lot
With views of 18th hole on Forest Lake CC. 4 BR updated traditional home w/hwdwd & cer frs. cove ceilings. 6 panel drs & crown moldings. Lg FR LR DR MBR ste w/WIC & granite bath. LL w/FR bar & sauna.

(B75AYR) 248 642-8100 \$999,900




TROY Candidate For Architectural Digest
4 BR 5 BA custom built ranch w/over 6000 sq. ft. presents spacious GR w/cath ceiling gourmet kit w/hexagon kristal rm & cust cabs fully equipped kit in LL + BR & office. Hobbyist or collectors gar & 3 car att gar.

(B32ADA) 734 455-5600 \$693,000



ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial with full basement and three car garage on a large wooded lot. Many premium features throughout. Two story foyer and great room. Luxury master suite. Basement w/daylight windows.

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WATERFORD Gorgeous Lakefront
Remarkable once in a lifetime opportunity to own this beautiful serene 2.5 acre ranch with 275 ft. on Gerandout Bay on Cass Lake. This property offers a stunning atmosphere. Motivated seller.

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ORCHARD LAKE Nantucket New Construction
On Shores Dr. Upper Straits Lake. 1st flr master + 4 bed room suites. Approximately 135 sq. ft. lake front. 4 fireplaces. turret foyer custom trim and cabinets. South on Shady Beach from Old Orchard.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Soft Contemporary
Spacious home on approx 3/4 acre w/ wooded lot. 4 bed room 3 1/2 bath great room w/vaulted ceilings and master suite w/Jacuzzi. Lower level is perfect for in law suite w/full marble sunken tub and fireplace.

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NORTHVILLE Bed & Breakfast Feels Colonial
on 2 beautiful w/stocked pond! Traditional layout. LR formal DR huge FR w/panoramic view. Spa room master suite w/WIC. Unique keeping room 2 frplcs bsmt huge deck & tennis ct. REDUCED!

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FARMINGTON HILLS Look Out At Peaceful Setting
Backing to a wooded area from the deck or paver patio. First floor master suite great room with fireplace for dining room. finished lower level walk out with fire place sauna exercise room.

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COMMERCE Artist At Work
Approx 850 ft of waterfront peninsula priv DR in this 4 BR 3 1/2 BA masterpiece finished w/out custom detailed thru out. Hard to find beauty & tranquility in this intimate setting. Lower Straits treasure. Reward yourself.

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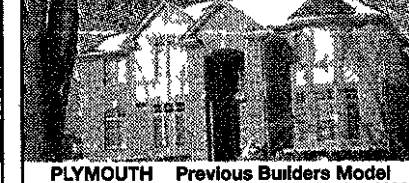
TROY Absolutely Gorgeous Home
GR w/cath ceilings lib/judges paneling & walk in closet. 2 frplcs huge walk in pantry in kit dual staircases open foyer w/overlooking bridge ceramic frs. partly fin bsmt w/daylight windows. Freshly painted inter & exter.

(B66SPR) 248-626-8800 \$675,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Birmingham Schools
4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial. Family room w/fireplace wet bar formal LR and DR. Kitchen w/breakfast area and large MBR suite. Newer HWH roof and some windows. Home warranty provided.

(B51CRI) 248-642-8100 \$419,000



PLYMOUTH Previous Builders Model
Large 4 bedroom 3 full & 2 1/2 bath colonial built in 2000 with 3 car attached garage finished basement great room with fire place library w/bay window. Siting on a large corner lot.

(B81CHA) 734-455-5600 \$549,000



TROY Large Colonial
With 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths first floor laundry library great room deck and wooded lot with a park across the street. Newer. Walkside windows roof cement patio an luxury master suite. Basement w/daylight windows.

(B73LON) 248-524 1600 \$409,000




WHITE LAKE Sunsets On White Lakefront
Updated ranch 3 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths. Walkout lower to over 70 w/2 permanent docks & boat house. Kitchen has movable island & doorway to E on deck. DR has wall of windows & open to LR & lib. Newer 2 1/2 car gar.

(B55RID) 248-363-1200 \$560,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Spacious And Inviting
Beautiful wooded site on cul de sac. 4 or 5 BR s 3 1/2 baths. 2 powder rooms. Huge updated kit with maple cabinets. breakfast rm w/skylights. High ceiling fire. Elegant lib. FR w/frplc formal LR & DR. Fin w/o LL. 3 car gar.

(B47WIN) 248 626 8800 \$599,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Beautiful Family Home
4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths built in 95 on cul de sac. White island kit w/doorwall to deck. MBR suite w/WIC shower & whirlpool tub. GR w/fireplace DR FFL & some hwd frs. Partially fin bsmt backs to commons.

(B35COU) 248-642-8100 \$409,900



PLYMOUTH Custom Build Dream House
Lovely 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage. 2 fireplaces finished walk out family room library master suite w/jetted tub dual staircases with 2 story foyer.

(B74FOX) 734 455-5600 \$600,000




CLARKSTON Custom Built Southern Colonial
Sited on private lot with lots to offer. Amenities include hand carved fireplace library with built ins. huge first floor master wing w/private den. Commercial bar and theatre room in finished lower level.

(B08ELK) 248-652-8000 \$940,000



COMMERCE Large Corner Lot
4 bedrooms 4 1/2 baths only floor plan of its kind. Extra large kitchen/breakfast area first floor master. Step inside and prepare to be overwhelmed. Too many awe some upgrades to list. Home Warranty.

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BLOOMFIELD Gracious Tudor
Sits beautifully on an estate size lot w/coy pond & fountain. 6 BR s 3 full baths & 3 1/2 baths. Inside you will find the charm of yesterday w/todays modern amenities. Updated pool tennis courts & landscaping.

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NORTHVILLE Incredible Value
Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub. Largest sq ft built by Mocerl. Upgrades marble granite cust cherry cabs. 2 story enclosed porch spiral staircase MBR w/3 way frplc sitting rm + bath fin LL w/kit bath & BR.

(B02MAN) 248-349-5600 \$1,199,000



PLYMOUTH Must See Cape Cod
4 BR home w/master suite Jack & Jill bath 3 BA up library formal DR loft dynamic fin bsmt butler entry 4 car att garage 2 way fireplace gourmet kit walk in pantry built in surround sound sprinklers & security.

(B99LAN) 734-455-5600 \$614,900



LAKE ORION Indianwood Golf Living
Well appointed custom ranch with finished walk out on 18th hole of course. Many custom features including granite counter custom cabinets mahogany front door and railings skylights and custom bar.

(B53KIR) 248-652-8000 \$645,000



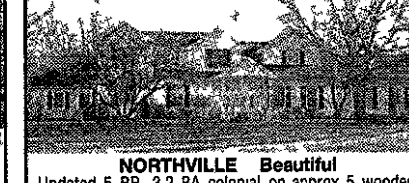
COMMERCE The Ultra In Family Living
Entertaining large family room w/vaulted ceiling & homey fireplace open to beautiful updated kitchen for dining room and a library. 20 x 40 ground granite pool deck & play area finished LL city water & sewer.

(B70TIM) 248 363-1200 \$479,900



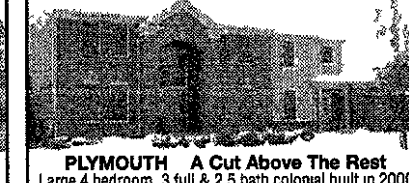
BIRMINGHAM Price Reduced!
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NORTHVILLE Beautiful
Updated 5 BR 3 1/2 BA colonial on approx 5 wooded acres. Updates include kit flooring roof term A/C. Great floor plan. Family room w/frplc formal DR. Large media rm. All season rm w/frplc & wet bar. 5+ car gar.

(B00NAP) 248-349-5600 \$759,900



PLYMOUTH A Cut Above The Rest
Large 4 bedroom 3 full & 2 1/2 bath colonial built in 2000 presents basement 3 car attached garage dual stair case gourmet kitchen w/island master bedroom w/sit wing area & master bath 2 way fireplace deck & patio.

(B75PLY) 734-455-5600 \$579,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Fabulous Subdivision
4 bedroom 4 1/2 bath brick colon w/fin open floor plan. Two story great room w/gas fireplace LR w/cer tile to floor windows bsmt finished w/full bath & work out room. 3 car side entry garage & in ground pool.

(B39CED) 248-652 8000 \$589,900



WATERFORD New Home In Cass Lake Community
Where lifestyle is truly remarkable. 3 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths walkout carpeted and prepped for full bath 3 car garage deeded dock in private marina & tennis court. Quality interior. Move in immedately.

(B62WOO) 248-363-1200 \$475,000



FRANKLIN Fabulous Custom Home
4 BR home. Newer construction beautiful open floor plan with cathedral ceilings & extensive hardwood FR w/fireplace. Luxury MBR & expands w/ deck overlooking landscaped yard. LL walkout w/patio. 3 car gar.

(B00BRU) 248-642-8100 \$799,000




ORCHARD LAKE Best Of Two Lakes
The views will amaze you. Orchard Lake in front and Upper Straits in back. 6 BR 3 1/2 BA contemporary home. Huge DR can entertain your largest group. Fabulous opportunity. Has not been available for 30 yrs.

(B47OLD) 248 349-5600 \$2,399,900



SHELBY TWP New 2003 Construction
Large quality built colonial with 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths two story foyer leading to great room. First floor master with sunken Jacuzzi separate shower. Library for dining kitchen daylight basement.

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ADDISON TWP Spectacular Home
And acreage just a short drive from Rochester & Tech center. Stunning views from every window of this dramatic contemporary GR first floor master w/luxury bath & custom closets. Granite & cherry kitchen.

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WHITE LAKE Privacy Is At Your Home
This 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath colonial on approx 1 1/2 acre wooded lot has lots of privacy. Open floor plan with finished walkout with built in bar.

(B80HIG) 248-363-1200 \$409,000

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Consider Kitchen Creek plan for a lot that slopes a bit

Do you need a home with a walkout basement because your land slopes? Consider Kitchen Creek. It has 1,908 square feet of upstairs living space, and 991 square feet of unfinished daylight basement along with a two-car garage. This home also has a metal roof and three different rooflines that add to the attraction of the facade.

A covered porch protects the entry to this great home. The vaulted dining room has French doors that open onto a rear deck that runs across the back of the home. The vaulted living room also has a set of French doors and numerous windows that bathe the room in natural sunlight. A corner fireplace radiates heat. On the wall adjacent to the fireplace is a row of shelves that are ideal for books or family mementos.

The country style kitchen is in the right rear of the house. In the center is an island that houses the dishwasher, a vegetable sink, and eating bar.

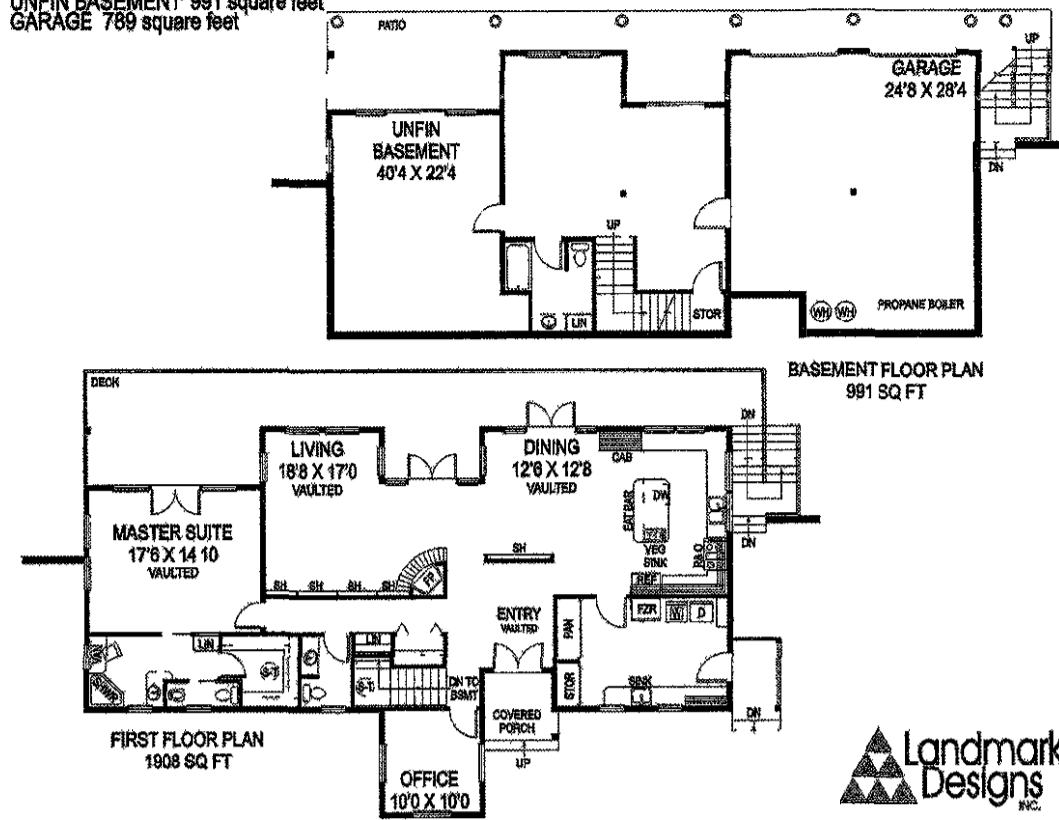
An extremely large utility room provides space for a pantry, storage, freezer, washer and dryer, sink, and counter for folding clothes. At the end of the room is a door leading outside.

Off the entry to the left is an office and stairs to the basement. A coat and linen closet are adjacent to the half bath. The vaulted master suite has French doors that open to the rear deck. The master bath has a vanity, corner shower, single sink, bidet, and a walk-in closet.

The unfinished basement is divided into three sections. One section is the two-car garage with two water heaters and propane boiler. The center section has storage, a full bath with a tub, and sliding glass doors that open onto the patio. The last section has sliding glass doors with windows on each side. These various sections could be converted to more bedrooms, a family or recreation room.

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KITCHEN CREEK (500-23)
OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 67'-0" X 40'-8"
LIVING: 1908 square feet
UNFIN. BASEMENT: 991 square feet
GARAGE: 789 square feet



Secrets to decorating

What would the house be without all of your knick-knacks, treasures, collections and photographs to make it truly home? Oftentimes you cannot display it all, so it's best if you determine before you start to decorate what has potential.

Arranging accessories does not have to be difficult. Here is what you should look for, courtesy of WomensForum.com:

- Evaluate items for color, perspective and height.

- Accessorize one area at a time from the collection.
- Vary the heights of the objects to be used together to stagger the altitude. Groups of three often work best. One of these can be greenery.
- Do not line up two or more items of the same size unless you are arranging the interior of your china cabinet.
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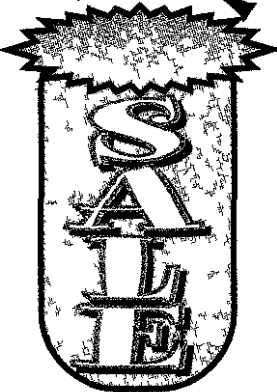
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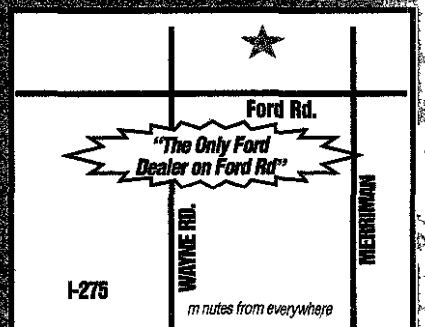


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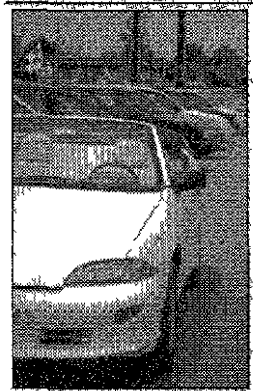
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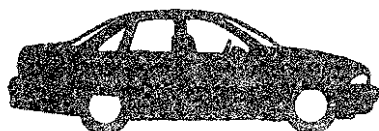
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Mercury Sable turns 20, and it's getting better, not older

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As the Mercury Sable approaches its 20th year gracing American roads, it seems to get only better and better. Twenty years. Amazing that a nameplate has been around that long, especially in this day and age of change, change change.

I first spied the Sable, albeit totally innocently, when I was handed a Ford of Europe annual report when I visited Ford offices in Rome, Italy in the spring of 1985. There right on the cover, was a beautiful picture of the Sable.

I was in Italy with my parents, my husband, my uncle and aunt and their newly-wed son and daughter-in-law. I remember showing them the materials I had received during that Ford visit and my mom oohing and aahing over the Sable.

When it was unveiled that fall (that's when they showed new models) at the Ford preview, I was really surprised. By October, my parents had bought one. Then another, and another. They truly enjoyed that car.

So that's my history with the Sable. This year, the Sable is even better with more refinements, better styling and more options than ever before. You can opt for a five-passenger or six-passenger seating arrangement. I would opt for the five-passenger model for comfort, however. In the six-passenger arrangement, you can pick up the center armrest, which holds a storage bin, coin holder and cassette storage, and allows you to pick up that center passenger. Good in a pinch, but not on a long haul.

By the way, the Sable is still offered in a station wagon configuration, if you see it necessary. That gives the top of the line LS premium package a seven- or eight-passenger option.

There are two engines available on the Sable: the 3.0-



2004 Mercury Sable Vehicle type: Sedan or wagon. Power: 3.0-liter V6. Mileage: 20 city / 27 highway. Where built: Chicago Price as tested: \$26,970.

liter 12-valve overhead cam Vulcan V6 and a 3.0-liter 24-valve V6. Both are designed to travel 100,000 miles before the first tune-up. Maintenance free. Just about.

Acceleration was constant, on the city roads and on the freeway. I didn't feel the need to worry that it wouldn't get up to speed when I wanted it to.

Power is delivered through a front-wheel-drive system and a four-speed automatic transmission that has a host of shift quality improvements this year. Anti-lock brakes are standard, too. And is variable assist power rack-and-pinion steering. That's a plus.

As for safety, you have to understand that after all these years, Ford has perfected the safety issues for the Sable and it's reflected in the fact that the Highway Traffic Safety Administration has voted the Sable a five-star crash test designation for front passengers since 1999. That's a pretty nice badge to put on a passenger car.

Inside was comfortable. The seats were comfy, the instrumentation was absolutely above board in accessibility and the controls were where I wanted them to be for my

comfort zones.

I have to tell you that the Sable was a quiet car. In city driving or freeway driving, it was really quiet.

I did have one complaint. The driver's seat didn't conform to my driving habits. I love my seats to be at the most upright position. I have a bad back and it makes a difference to me. The Sable didn't at all get straight enough for my liking, although it wasn't as if I was uncomfortable throughout the week. I didn't take for a long, long ride, but I wonder that if I did, I would feel fatigued. I need that ultimate straight-back support that I couldn't get with the seats in the Sable.

If that's my only complaint, call it lucky.

I have a long history with this vehicle. I can't imagine being displeased with it. I don't think you will be displeased either. Go take a look. What are the ads saying today? Look again. I think you'll be surprised.

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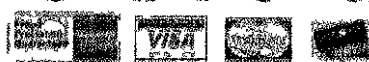
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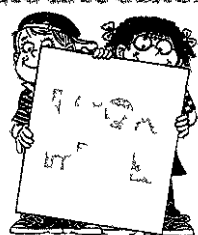


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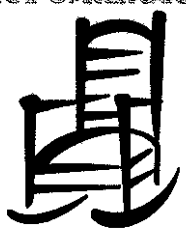
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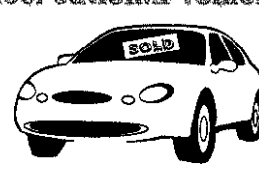
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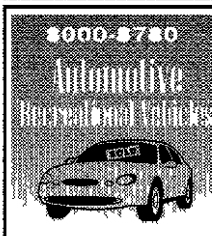
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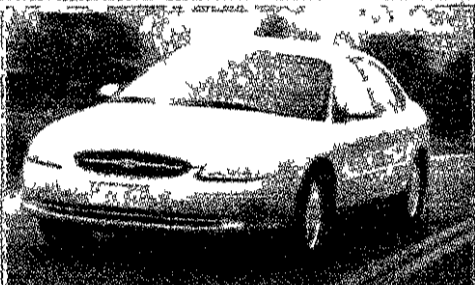
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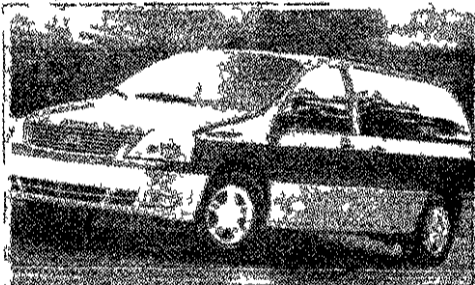


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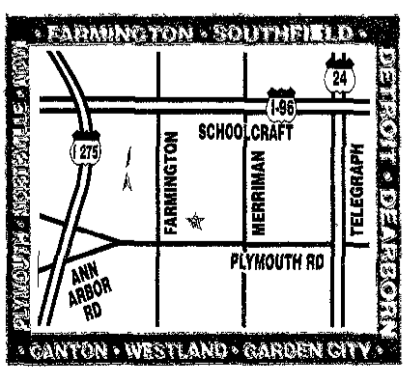
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