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Lawmakers take on Detroit water rates

Broadcast honors

Salem High seniors Greg Angel (right) and Chris Jagalla, broadcasters at student-run WSDP 88.1, received awards from the Michigan **Association of Broadcasters** Foundation at the annual



Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference.

Angel earned first-place honors and Jagalla a secondplace in Sports Broadcasting.

"Both Greg and Chris are very talented and they're very deserving of the recognition," said station manager Bill Keith.

The MAB Foundation is dedicated to promoting, supporting and enhancing the broadcast industry for the good of all Michigan citizens through education, research, public service, historical preservation, information dissemination and a commitment to diversity in all aspects of the broadcast industry.

WSDP is owned and operated by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station is staffed by students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools.

Easter feast

Don't feel like cooking on Easter Sunday, but would like to relax and enjoy a delicious holiday meal?

Canton Leisure Services is hosting an Easter Brunch at the Summit on the Park **Banquet and Conference** Center 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 20. Have brunch with the Easter Bunny and enjoy the fine food stations that include salads, seafood, prime rib, ham, chicken, vegetables and pasta as well as a breakfast buffet serving waffles, assorted quiche, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon, pastries and cereal. To view the complete menu. go online to leisure.cantonmi.org.

The cost is \$23.95 for adults and \$11.95 for children 4 to 12 years. Children 3 years and under are admitted free. Reservations are required, with payment, and can be made at the Summit on the Park Banquet Sales Office, 46000 Summit Parkway, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to buy tickets over the phone, call (734) 394-5487.

School petitions

School election petitions are now available for anyone wishing to declare candidacy for the June 9 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election.

Forms are available at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey, Deadline for filing is 4 p.m. April 7. Petitions must contain at least 40 valid signatures of registered voters. The deadline to withdraw once you've filed a petition is 4 p.m. April

For more information, call (734) 416-3095.

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Trustee: 'Our dollars deserve a voice'

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Some suburban officials say Senate Bill 195 is needed to curb frustrations over water rate increases. Still others say it's a short-sighted, anti-Detroit piece of legislation.

The Michigan State House of Representatives passed the bill

Wednesday in a 63-41 vote, and it will soon be presented to the Senate.

The bill was written mainly because suburban officials have had little luck getting explanations regarding water rate increases, even when increases are as high as 20 percent.

Bruce Patterson, state senator from the 7th District, which includes Canton and Plymouth townships and the city of

Plymouth, thinks there is no reason why water in the suburbs has to be so expen-

"This is the Great Lakes region. We are setting on or near the largest concentration of fresh water in the world."

Patterson said he supports suburban representation on the water board.

"Do I support suburban representation on any water board? Absolutely, yes." Patterson said.

They have to stop passing along charges that are excessive," he said.

One issue has been that Detroit has not been aggressive in tracking down those in the city who don't pay their bills.

'If somebody in Detroit isn't paying, who is," Patterson asked. It was a Patterson amendment to current bills that requires disclosure of charges that exceed the actual cost for providing water services. The amount would be

itemized annually on the customer's bill. If the bill passes the way it stands, Canton, as one of the five largest commu-

PLEASE SEE WATER. A4



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Scary ... Oh, so scary

Mike Maciag of Plymouth, 10, makes his scariest face as author Johnathan Rand of the American Chillers series attempts to teach the assembly at All Saints Catholic School in Canton how to do their best scary laugh. To learn what's happening here, see story and pictures on page A3.

Principal to be fired at OLGC

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Anyone from the Our Lady of Good Counsel parish who showed up at last week's parish council meeting expecting answers as to why longtime principal Tedd Behn is being let go walked away largely unhappy.

The Rev. John Sullivan, the OLGC pastor, made the decision in February not to bring back Behn, the principal at OLGC School for 17 years. The school educates more than 600 students in grades K-8.

Sullivan has, to this point, been very quiet about the decision not to renew Behn's contract. On the administrative intent form the principal filed in January, Behn indicated his plan to return to the role. However, when he got it back from Sullivan, the pastor had written, "I feel it is time for an administrative change."

PLEASE SEE OLGC. A5

CCF sees its assets increase

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

The Canton Community Foundation's annual report for last year was out this week, showing that the nonprofit organization saw its assets increase by \$100,000.

Actually, the report was due out late last year, but problems with the new phone number for the new office in the Human Services Center delayed the report.

The report covers the 2001-2002 fiscal year which ended May 31, 2002. Total assets have gone from \$759,070 in 2001 to \$860,251 in

2002. "It's is good news, although actual donations are down for this fiscal year," said Joan Noricks, CCF presi-

dent. "We were able to increase our grants and allocations (\$75,464 in 2001 to \$83,661 in 2002).

A large part of the assets are investments to support five CCF endow-

PLEASE SEE ASSETS, A5

Legislator fights for MEAP scholarships

STAFF WRITER

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, has taken the leadership role in persuading Gov. Jennifer Granholm to reinstate the Merit Award Scholarships for high school students who receive high marks on the state MEAP tests.

Stewart also represents a part of Canton Township.

Granholm, in her budget address March 6, proposed scrapping the \$2,500 scholarship given to any student who fares favorably on the MEAP, in favor of a \$500 Michigan Opportunity scholarship, targeting students with demonstrated financial need.

Stewart's state House territory includes the Plymouth-Canton school district, which the past two years has won the Governor's Cup for the highest

number of Merit Award scholarships in its class. Of the 533 Canton High School students who took the high school MEAP tests in 2002, 284 received MEAP scholarships totaling \$710,000. At Salem High School, of the 525 students who took the tests, 273 ranked high enough to be awarded a scholarship, giving another \$682,500 to local

PLEASE SEE MEAP, A4

Construction find brings questions

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

During renovation of Canton Township's DPW yard on Sheldon Road last year, construction workers came up with what appeared to be some interesting pieces of history.

The logical person to give them to was Greg King. King, a parks technician and member of the township's historic district commission, is used to getting pieces of history tossed his way. For years, King has helped with the upkeep of township cemeteries, repaired several headstones, and learned about the history of the families who were buried there.

However, this time, King may have a real history

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Greg King poses with pieces of what appears to be part of the foundation of a school.

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WSDP airs music appreciation show

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WSDP, 88.1FM, will air Musical Kaleidoscope on Tuesday, March 25, at 5:45 p.m.

The show is produced in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Discovery Middle School.

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FINE JEWELRY

dents' musical appreciation. It also subtly promotes social studies and language arts skills in a "Top 40" radio format. The theme of the show is sports and Discovery Middle

School students Ryan Harrison, Nick Feria, and Christina Lozier will host it. The show will feature music from Chris Thile, Queen, Dr. John, the Beach Boys, and John Fogerty.

recordings from classical to

contemporary to broaden stu-

Three student announcers from Discovery Middle School are selected for a two-month commitment. They work with the production team from 88.1 FM to write and record the show. The station's team includes Bill Keith, station manager and Ryan Alloway, Salem sophomore.

During the first month, they produce a show from a predetermined script. During the second month, the students are asked to develop a script from scratch. They select the theme, music, and create the script.

Jo Hulce from the Arts Council, found the program elsewhere and approached WSDP to develop a local version.

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New Toyota gets egged by vandals

A resident of the 51000 block of Mott Road told police someone stole \$300 in currency and coins from her home while she was out shop-

She said about 4 p.m. on March 11 she took some money out of a money box to go to the store. She put the box back on the top shelf of a closet.

When she returned home about 8 p.m. she went to put some money back in the box and discovered it was missing.

She said the window in her son's room was open and there were muddy footprints on a mat in the room.

WINDOW BROKEN

A resident of the 8700 block of Walton reported that

someone smashed the front window of his 1991 Honda Accord while it was parked at his house.

The incident occurred between 10:30 p.m. March 11 and 1 p.m. March 12. Damage was estimated at \$250.

CAR EGGED

A Canton resident told police he parked his brand new car in a parking lot of a business on Ford Road recently and as he was going into the store noticed two kids in the lot near his car.

He said he watched them for a few minutes, and when they appeared to be leaving he went into the store. When he came out he found eggs broken on the roof of his 2003 Toyota Celica.

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He said when he got the eggs off, the paint was damaged and scratched by the eggs and egg shells.

RING MISSING

A resident of the 41000 block of Hanford told police she was home sick on March 11. While she was home a cable repairman came over. She said she was with him almost all of the time he was in the house.

ring valued at \$1,500 missing.

But that night she noticed a

COMPUTER STOLEN

SERVING OUR NATION

A construction worker

someone took a \$1,500 laptop computer, mouse and power cord from a construction trailer at Canton Center and Rudgate.

He said the trailer wasn't locked and the computer was on a desk inside. The incident occurred between 2:30-4:30 p.m. on March 12.

THEFT FROM GARAGE

A resident of the 42000 block of Ashbury told police someone entered his unlocked garage and took a chainsaw valued at \$820 and a powerbraid valued at \$195.

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Nicholas Gerald Eicher

Specialist Nicholas G. Eicher of Canton was born Aug. 29, 1981. He graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in June of 1999, and is currently serving in the Army.

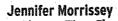
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Eicher enlisted in January of 2001. His boot camp training was spent at Ft. Knox, Ky. He graduated from boot in April, 2001. Eicher was then sent to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, Md. for his M.O.S. training in HVAC Systems. He

graduated from AIT in June

Eicher's orders then took him to Ft. Stewart, Ga. where he served with Delta Co., the 703D Main Support Battalion, 3d Infantry Division (mechanized), for a year and a half. PFC Eicher was promoted to Specialist on Aug. 1, 2002. He received both the Army Achievement Medal, and the **Army Commendation Medal** while serving at Ft. Stewart. He became a certified combat lifesaver during his tenure at

Specialist Eicher has been stationed at Camp Casey in South Korea since November of last year. He is the son of Gene and Marie Eicher of Canton.



Ft. Stewart.

Airman First Class Jennifer Morrissey was born and raised in Michigan. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1995 and is currently serving in the Air Force.

Morrissey is assigned to the 728 Air Control Squadron, 33rd Fighter Wing at Elgin Air Force Base in Elgin, Fla. A possible deployment can happen at dents for Serving Our Nation. Pictures any moment.

Morrissey's parents are Craig and Patricia Walker of Canton.



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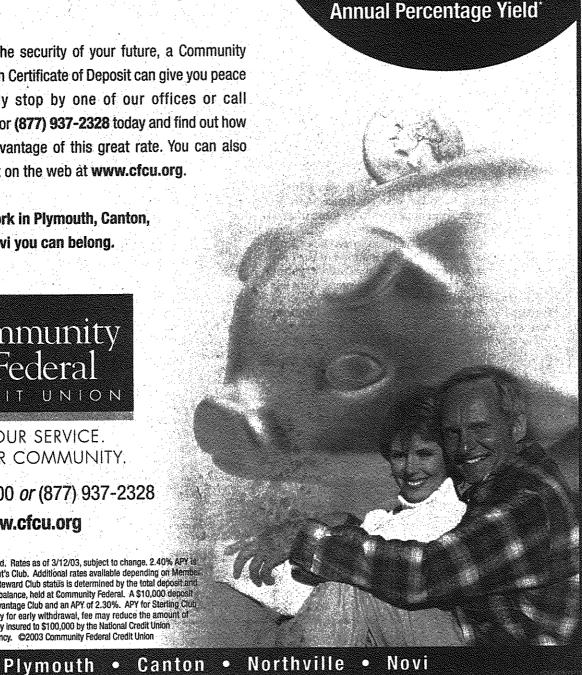


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CANTON CONNECTION

PARENTING SEMINAR

"Understanding Your Teenager," a seminar given by nationally known speaker and author Dave Veerman, will be presented 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Veerman has worked for 26 years with Youth for Christ. including serving as National Campus Life Director for Youth for Christ/USA. He has authored 27 books, including Getting Your Kid to Talk and Parent Passages.

Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. The church is at 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon. To register, contact the church at (734) 453-5280. For more information, contact Youth Director George Hunger at the church.

GRIEVING

Canton's Griffin Funeral Home will host annual grief counseling workshops on two days this spring.

Thursday, March 20, The Path of Grief will be discussed. Thursday, April 24, Pitfalls along the Path of Grief will be the topic.

Both sessions will be conducted free at the funeral home by Cathy Clough and the staff of Hope Center for Grief Support.

The workshops run from 7-8:30 p.m. Call Griffin at (734) 981-1700 to sign up. If you decide to come at the last minute, that's OK, too. Griffin Funeral Home is at 42600 Ford

"If you are an adult grieving after the death of a loved one, we hope you'll plan to attend," said David Griffin.

"Learning to cope after the death of a loved one is difficult, but not impossible.

"Knowing what normal grief feels like and what you may expect helps you deal with the pain and the emotions."

HOPPING

You're invited to join the Easter Bunny for his very first Breakfast at the Summit 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, in the banquet center. A light continental breakfast will be served while the kids enjoy entertainment and a visit.

Breakfast will be served 9-10 a.m. with open seating. The menu will include: danish. muffins, bagels, cereal, juice, milk and coffee. Tickets are on sale at the Summit's front desk now through April 2. Fee is \$7 for ages 11 and up; \$3.50 for children 3-10; and free for children 2 and under.

Tickets will not be sold at the door and seating is limited, so be sure to get your tickets early. Pictures with the Bunny are available for \$1.

FRAMING

The best photo in the world can be diminished by the way it is displayed, just as a not-sogreat photo can be enhanced by its presentation.

"Make Your Own Picture Frame" at the Canton Public Library noon Saturday, March

This free program is open to teens in grades six-12 only. For information or to register, phone (734) 397-0999.

BUNNIES, BUDDIES

Third- and fourth-graders can make new friends, enjoy a snack or two, and talk about fantastic books at the Canton Public Library.

The next "Book Buddies" meeting will be on Thursday. April 3 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Registration by phone or in person started March 10. The April "Book Buddies"

selection will be Bunnicula, Deborah and James Howe's comical "rabbit-tale of mystery."

Characters add local flavor

Author tells students reading 'is a place you go'

BY PAUL HURSCHMANN STAFF WRITER

Michigan Mega-Monsters. Ogres of Ohio. Florida Fog Phantoms.

Children are no longer afraid of just lions and tigers and



Author of the American Chillers series, Johnathan Rand, describes what he does when he writes.

bears, oh my!

With the American Chillers series of books by author Johnathan Rand, young readers now have all sorts of fearful characters to haunt them in their dreams.

Rand paid a visit Thursday to All Saints Catholic School in Canton to tell of his history and talk about his books, as part of National Reading Month.

Rand told the young audience he had been to Africa earlier in the morning, before coming to their school. The response came back more than a bit skeptical.

"Reading is not something you do," said Rand, explaining his morning adventure, "It's a place that you go.

"I have traveled to exotic places all over the world, and you know how I do it? I open the door and step through," he added, saying that a book does not have a cover, but a door leading to wonders unknown.

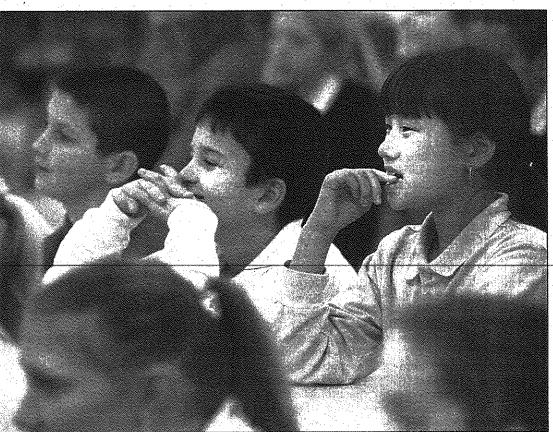
Born, in Pontiac, Rand moved to Grayling with his family after finishing the fourth grade. He and his wife and two dogs currently live in Topinabee, about 25 miles south of the Mackinac Bridge. They travel to schools throughout the area to promote the books, and to promote reading.

Rand's enthusiam for the printed word is evident from his message to the kids.

Starting his career as a disc jockey, Rand turned his interest in writing to copywriting for radio advertising. His experience on air makes him an engaging speaker and his love of reading kept the All Saints crowd glued to the edge of their seats for the better part of an hour.

His American Chillers series grew out of his Michigan Chillers series, which began with scary stories based on Michigan towns such as Aliens Attack Alpena or Poltergeists of Petoskey. Rand enjoys using alliteration in the title whenever possible, such as Kreepy Klowns of Kalamazoo or . Dinosaurs Destroy Detroit.

He expanded the focus to



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Gregory Zdan, left, and Alex Handley, both 10 from Canton, listen intently to author Johnathan Rand during a school assembly.

other states and came up with the American Chillers series when he started receiving letters from kids around the country who had visited Michigan and picked up the Michigan

Chillers series. He thought it would be a bit overwhelming to write about cities in every other state, choosing instead to write the American Chillers, with one phurschmann@oe.homecomm.net book for every state.

"The books are really, really good," said Anna Vincenti of Novi, 13. "And, they're really scary. I love these books."

Lions Club hosts open house

The Canton Lions Club is hosting an open house 7 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

The address is 42600 Cherry Hill, Canton but you can enter the parking lot off of Lilley; the meeting is on the third floor.

The open house is to inform attendees about the benefits of membership, club activities and what the motto "It's Great to be a

Lion, We Serve" means to those who belong. Attendance is free and the evening's activities will consist of an informal light dinner, a short program and socialization.

Since 1968, the Canton Lions have served their local community through fund-raising, work, grants and donations to the blind, visually impaired and severely handicapped individuals. The oldest service club in Canton, the Canton Lions have seen a considerable increase in membership in the last year and a

Lions Club President, Bob Boyer, attributes

The evening's activities will consist of an informal light dinner, a short program and socialization.

the growth "to the fact that we stick to our mission of giving 100 percent of the proceeds of our fund-raisers (such as the Liberty Fest Pancake Breakfast) back to the community to assist hundreds of local residents with their vision related needs."

The Canton Lions Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

For information about the open house or club membership call Nancy Williams at (734) 207-0212.

Summit aquatic staff gets 'gold'

Canton's Summit on the Park aquatic center staff, led by **Recreation Coordinator Jim** McNellis, have been recognized by Ellis & Associations, Canton's Aquatic Risk Management firm, for earning the prestigious Gold National Aquatic Safety Award (not Silver, as previously reported) pursuant to consistently 'exceeding" safety criteria for

This is the third consecutive

Gold Award for the staff, and seventh award overall.

The aquatic staff was the subject of unannounced safety audits and scored an average of 96 percent on factors of patron surveillance, lifeguard skill performance,

administration/record keeping and in-service training stan-

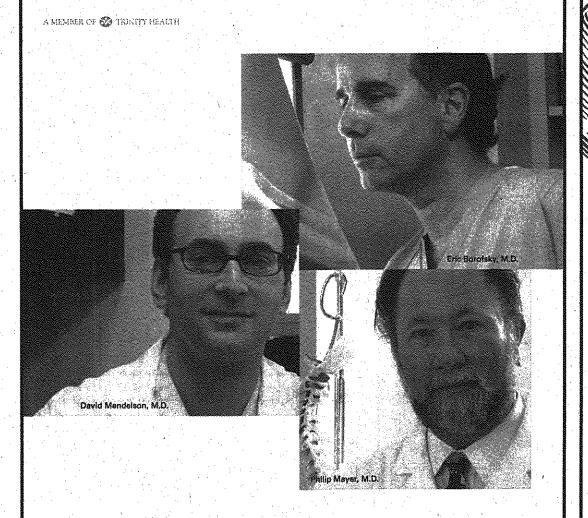
Despite hosting nearly 170,000 guests in 2002 (which is the most in its seven year his-

tory), lifeguards at the Summit reduced their number of rescues/assists more than 50 percent compared to 2001 data.

The success of this achievement is due in large part to the commitment of the supervisors to implement a pro-active scanning lifeguard surveillance strategy along with an ongoing commitment to professionalism, teamwork and accountability.

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CONSTRUCTION

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lesson on his hands. Along with two headstones found at the construction site, King was given several pieces of stone. Putting them together, like a jigsaw puzzle, the three-line inscription says "Frac District N ... Plymouth + Canton ... Erected A.D. 1883."

"I had no idea until we put this together that it was a cornerstone," said King. "I cleaned it up the best I could, and started gluing it together."

The limestone pieces all fit in concert, but a key piece was missing. The upper right hand corner, where the inscription is cut off at the "N".

"I figure it stands for 'number," said King, "but what number is it? I've done some research on it, but I don't know where the school is."

Frac, or fractured, districts were one-room schoolhouses that enrolled children from a wide area. The stone that was found seems to indicate the school taught students from Plymouth and Canton.

"One-room schoolhouses were early school districts unto themselves, and they were supported by the families that went to that school," said Ronni Curtis, president of the Canton Historical Society.

"Without the number, it will be difficult to tell which school the stone came from," said Ruth Wiles, who keeps such records for the Canton Historical Museum. In fact, Wiles' children are from five generations of family members who attended one-room schoolhouses, until Canton Center and Cherry Hill were closed in 1956. Canton Center School now serves as the township's historical museum.

"The schools had a threemember board, and the families helped do whatever the teacher needed done," said Wiles, who couldn't find an inscription in her history books of fractured districts that mimicked the stone.

"Many of the schools were given names of families, like Geer School and Stone School," said Beth Stewart, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum. Because of the Plymouth and Canton names on the stone, Stewart guesses "it might have come from Stone School, which was located at North Territorial and

Frac, or fractured, districts were one-room schoolhouses that enrolled children from a wide area.

Ridge roads."

King will eventually repair the stone with a special patching cement sold by Cathedral Stone Products in Hanover, Md., which specializes in architectural stone repair. In fact, in order to get the mixture, King had to spend a week in Maryland learning how to use the special mortar.

"I will send them a piece, and they will mix mortar to match," he said. "It will look roughly like it, considering the age of the stone."

King calls the stone "a real find. I'm passionate about history, and this just fell into my lap."

For Plymouth-Canton school officials, it's a real piece of his-



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This stone, apparently from a Plymouth-Canton schools' building circa 1883, was found when workers were digging at the Canton DPW site on Sheldon.

tory they'd like to restore and display.

"I think while we are still trying to figure the historical nature, it's part of the history of our district," said Frank Ruggirello, district director of community relations.

"We feel there's value in reconstructing the piece, and using it somewhere in our schools."

King speculates the stone could have been carved for a cornerstone of a new building, or may have been moved to be part of a newly constructed building, at the time. He's spent hours on the Internet investigating one-room schoolhouses in hopes of coming up with the elusive number.

"I'm not going to carve anything until I know I'm right," King said. "Once I carve it in stone, it will literally be carved in stone."

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MEAP

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Stewart's district also covers Northville, where 70 percent of those who took the test received scholarships, the highest percentage in the state.

"That's due to the public high schools, and the aggressive work ethic of the students and parents in my district," said Stewart, a member of the state House higher education subcommittee. "Most of the students in my district go to college and use the scholarship, and parents are grateful for it."

Deb Madonna of Plymouth Township has a son who is a junior at the University of Michigan and was awarded a Merit Award Scholarship. Another son is graduating this year, and will use the \$2,500 to help defray costs at the U-M.

The scholarship could determine if some kids go to college or not," said Madonna.

"The \$2,500 could play a bigger part for students attending Schoolcraft College, or maybe commute to Eastern

Michigan.'

Several years ago, before the scholarships were tied to the MEAP tests, many students across the state protested by not taking the tests. Gerald Ostoin, Salem principal, says students there have always showed up for the tests, but admits taking the money away could discourage some.

"The scholarships enable a lot of kids who may not be able to go to college to have an opportunity," he said.

Stewart said with a 10-percent cut in the higher education budget (3.5 percent this year and a 6.5 percent proposed next year), scholarships take on more significance.

"I hope to get the governor to compromise," said Stewart, who is hoping to meet one-onone with Granholm before May 1.

FROM PAGE AT

nities (not counting Detroit) in Wayne County, would have a say electing one of the board members. The five mayors or supervisors would elect, by simple majority, a board member.

"Also, we need to be sure the system is secure (from terrorism). Water is too important. It is not something we can do without," Patterson said.

Canton Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said it was simple fairness:

"Our dollars deserve a voice. The suburban communities send a lot of money, a lot of trust toward Detroit water. Water is a necessity and they are our lifeline. It is only fair these communities have a say in how this vital utility is managed and protected."

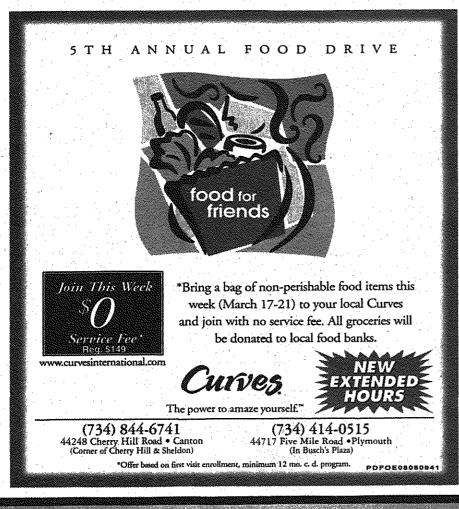
The suburban population has to be represented in some fashion. I hope it isn't seen as a bad thing that the suburbs want a voice in how it's managed," she said.

"I think it's a great idea, because it puts local control, accountability and oversight over Detroit water," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann. "They have failed to prove they're able to oversee and administer the system in a sound, financial manner."

"There were a number of questions asked about water rate increases. Many of the questions have never been answered (by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department) satisfactorily," said Livonia City Councilman Don Knapp Wednesday night, as that city adopted a resolution in favor of the bill's passage by the state. "It was very frustrating. There was nothing we could do to hold them accountable."

The bill - which was before this week two bills, House Bill 4206 and Senate Bill 195, but were merged Wednesday would establish a five-member board authority board to oversee the DWSD.

Representatives from Detroit, and Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Genesee counties, would be appointed to the board, which the bill's sponsors say is fairly representative of DWSD's customers



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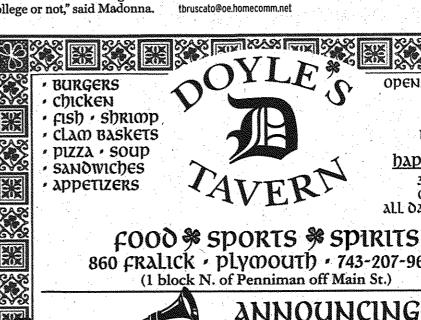
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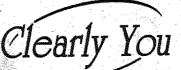
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ment funds.

"Two of the endowments are new funds for this report. One, of course, honors Meredith Whalen of Canton, who died in the World Trade Center. This was an awesome young woman. She worked as an intern for us one summer and even then she had her eye on the prize," Noricks said.

The five endowed funds include Whalen's, Yazaki North America's, Plymouth Symphony Youth Music Initiatives Fund, the Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund, and the Canton Community

Foundation Fund.
It's been a busy time for CCF; a few days ago they moved into the new, second floor digs at the Canton Human Services Center in Cherry Hill Village.

"I think we have established ourselves as a trusted and effective link between donors and the causes they care about. We are driven by donor intent. You can be assured your money goes where you want it to go.

"Endowment funds are our business. The Canton Community Foundation is being recognized as an agency that can be trusted, that this is what we do best," she said.

The new building will give the CCF added visibility and credibility, Noricks said.

Among the grants last year:

Startup funds of \$10,000

for the Symphony Youth Initiative.

■ Growth Works, Inc.'s Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors, \$1,000, for educational materials.

Huron Valley Ambulance, \$10,000, third of five payments on a bus for transporting seniors and the at-risk population.

■ A \$10,000 Character
Counts award for a community
coordinator to help with afterschool and community activities based on the theme of
character development.

Special Olympics, \$3,600. Funds for the Chamber of Commerce's leadership development program, \$800.

About \$8,200 went for all area 8th grade students (about 1,200 of them) to attend a substance abuse prevention program at St Jospeh Mercy's Exploration Station.

Western Wayne Parish Nurse Partnership, \$1,000, for community education.

© Central Middle School, \$500 for a choir and band

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Caring Resources, \$1,000 for storage for donated goods.

Salute to Service, \$625, for the annual veteran's event at the Summit.

■ A variety of scholarships for students, ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. "There are thirty distinct scholarship opportunities," Noricks said.

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OLGC

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That's the only thing Behn has heard to this day. Behn said he hasn't spoken to or met with Sullivan since the decision was made.

"I was shocked," Behn said Tuesday. "I've been here 17 years, and I thought I'd retire from here. And I'm not ready to retire."

SHOCK AND SURPRISE

Apparently, Behn wasn't the only one surprised by the decision, which is Sullivan's to make as the pastor of the parish under Archdiocese of Detroit rules. According to Richard Laskos, public relations associate for the Archdiocese of Detroit, the archdiocese has no standing in the decision.

"He may call the Archdiocese for input," Laskos said. "But that decision is the pastor's."

However, Sullivan hasn't explained the decision to anyone in the parish, and parents, angered by the lack of communication, showed up in droves last Monday for the parish council meeting.

The majority of parents on hand thought they were coming to hear Sullivan explain the decision. However, Sullivan declined to do so in anything more than vague general terms.

"I will not, I cannot divulge all of those (reasons)," Sullivan told the gathering. "That's not your position to know. If someone loses a job, he knows why. If he doesn't want to tell you, that's up to him.

"(Behn) was a good principal, and he did a lot of good things over the years," Sullivan added. "Now, there's an administrative period and there needs to be a change."

The lack of explanation further fueled some anger among those in attendance, many of whom were upset about being left out of the decision-making process to begin with.

Maureen Callahan, who has been a member of the parish for some three years, was one of those upset about the lack of information.

"When we don't understand why decisions are being made, and we feel that we are being shut out from the decision-making process, we become fearful of what these changes may mean," Callahan said. "With no explanation given as

to the reasons for the recent changes, we are left to speculate, which is enormously unfair to Mr. Behn, to our pastor, and to our school's fine reputation."

SOME SUPPORT

Not everyone at Monday's parish council meeting was angered by the decision to let Behn go. A few people expressed willingness to accept the decision as Sullivan's to make, and tried to move forward in replacing Behn.

"I don't know if all of the anger will be gone (after the meeting), but it's a start," said Stan Olszewski, a member of OLGC since 1977. "People who are concerned about the school are concerned about a portion of their kids' lives. Father had to make an administrative decision to move us forward."

Much of the discussion during Monday's meeting centered around communication, leading some to believe that was Behn's downfall. When asked why the problems weren't addressed in a performance review, Sullivan responded, "Who says they weren't?"

But Behn said no such performance review has ever taken place.

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"If he has a review he says was signed by and discussed by both of us, I'd like to see it," said Behn, who is currently looking at other employment opportunities. "He's never

given me a job review."

Sullivan said the decision to let Behn go was not "a whim of mine," but rather had been one three years in the making. But Behn said Sullivan has never expressed any dissatisfaction

with his administration.

Sullivan, who has been the pastor for some 10 years, called teachers at the school "exceptional" and said he had no doubt they would stay on. Also staying, according to Sullivan, is assistant principal Jack

According to Sullivan, a search committee to find Behn's replacement will be formed at April's parish council meeting. The committee, he said, would be comprised of teachers, staff, the parent-advisory board and the parish council.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to start interviewing in May," Sullivan told the assemblage. "Hopefully, we'll be able to announce a new principal before the end of the school year."

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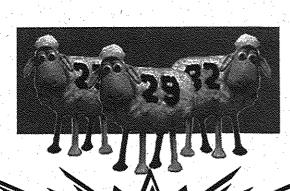
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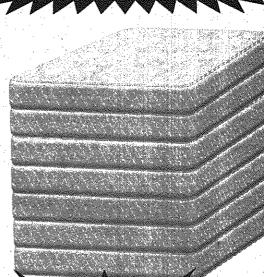
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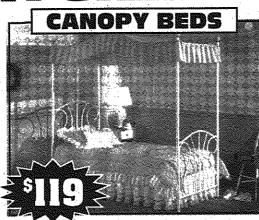




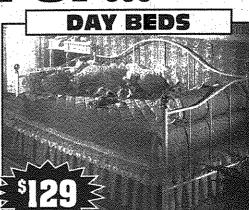












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Santomauro will speak

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Third Thursday Breakfast will include an update by Canton's public satety director, John

Thursday, March 20.



Santomauro. Breakfast starts promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Marian G. McGraw Services for Marian McGraw, 86, of Canton Township were

held March 15 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mrs. McGraw was born May 22, 1916, in Grand Rapids and died March 12 in Southfield. She was a purchasing agent for the City of Detroit.

Mrs. McGraw was preceded in death by her husband. William McGraw.

Survivors include sons, William (Nancy), John (Barbara), Michael (Marilyn), Robert (Mary), and Brian: daughter, Kathleen (Frank) Verdejo; brother, Jack (Beverly) Loomis; sister, Janette Foran; 15 grandchildren; and 16 greatgrandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Westland Chapel.

DDA will meet on Wednesday

The Downtown Development Authority will meet 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the supervisor's conference room in the

Canton Township Administrative Building, 1150 S. Canton Center

OBITUARIES

Judith A. LaGrow

Services for Judith LaGrow. 53. of Canton were held March 15 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mrs. LaGrow was born Aug. 6, 1949, in Detroit and died March 12 in Canton. She was a secretary for the Plymouth-Canton school system.

Survivors include husband, Tim LaGrow; daughter, Heather (Jim) Kavanaugh, Amber LaGrow, and Amy LaGrow; one brother; and nine sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to LaGrow Scholarship, Educational Excellence Foundation, Attn: Carole Kody, Tanger Center, 40260 Five Mile, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

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Steppin' out

Megan Ring of Plymouth, 16, a junior at Canton High School, performs Irish dance numbers for the entire student body Friday at Fiegel Elementary Friday, in recognition of Monday's St. Patrick's Day holiday. Ring was invited to



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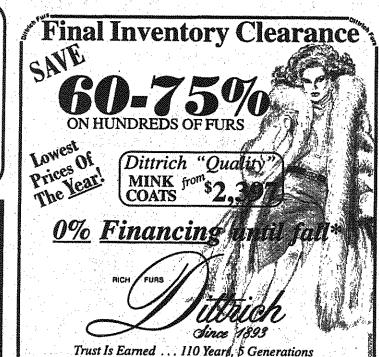
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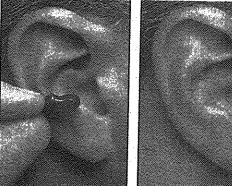
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Sheriff warns about dangers as ice melts

With outdoor temperatures on the rise through March, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans is alerting the public to the dangers of falling through the ice into a body of water. To make certain his department is ready to respond to a need for an underwater rescue, Sheriff's Dive Team members recently were out performing exercises in 30-degree water along the banks of the Detroit River in Trenton.

The team was working on it's 'quick change" operation, where a diver returns to the surface once his oxygen tank is empty and is quickly fitted with a new tank so he can immediate resume their search or rescue efforts.

A former member of the Sheriff's Dive Team himself, Evans knows the importance of a quick response to such an accident.

"The most critical factor in making an under water rescue is time," Evans said.

"By running through exercises in all types of weather conditions, we will be able to respond effectively in any situation and hopefully save a life."

Evans also stressed the need to be prepared for any possibility when going out onto a frozen body of water.

He said precautions should include carrying ice claws to help you pull yourself back out if you fall in and wearing a life vest beneath your coat.

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What if a companion falls through thin ice?

- Keep calm and think out a solution.
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- victims. Use some item on shore to throw or extend to the victim to pull them out of the water such as jumper cables or skis,
- or push a boat ahead of you. If you can't rescue the victim immediately, call 9-1-1. It's amazing how many people carry cellphones.
- Get medical assistance for the victim. People who are subjected to cold water immersion but seem fine after being rescued can suffer a potentially fatal condition called "after drop" that may occur when cold blood that is pooled in the body's extremities starts to circulate again as the victim starts to re-warm.

"There is no such thing as a safe ice," Evans said.

"Especially with warmer temperatures, anyone venturing out onto an ice-covered water way should assume it is unsafe. Some simple precautions may help avoid a needless

Schoolcraft Foundation plans golf tournament

Raising funds for student scholarships can be downright pleasant when it involves 18 holes of golf played on a pristine course with good friends. That prospect awaits golfers who register for the Schoolcraft College Foundation Golf Classic Monday, June 2, at the Washtenaw Country Club in

Ypsilanti. Golfers can tee off in the morning or afternoon and enjoy 18 rounds of challenging play at one of Michigan's finest private courses. All proceeds benefit Schoolcraft students through Foundation scholarships or classroom improvements.

Individual golfers can register for the 8 a.m. start for \$200 or the 1:30 p.m. start for \$250. Both times include 18 holes of golf, a cart, access to the driving range and putting green, breakfast for the early golfers, lunch, door prizes and dinner. There are opportunities to be a hole sponsor for \$350, or to join the President's Club for \$1,200, which entitles members to golf for four and preferred starting time.

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However, taking methotrexate creates a risk of a low blood count, liver damage, and upset stomach. In addition, a rare complication includes lung irritation that can appear as pneumonia. In 2000, a new drug, Enbrel, became available for rheumatoid arthritis. Patients using this medication included a number whose arthritis overlapped with psoriatic arthritis. Use of Entirel cleared skin lesions, and decreased joint swelling. Further experience indicated that the combination of methotrexate and Entirel worked well and quickly, better that either

This enhanced effect makes sense, as methotrexate works to stop immune cells from multiplying, and Enbrel blocks a chemical that prevents the activation of immune cells already in the body. The effect of these two drugs does not come without risk. Enbrel can cause increased susceptibility to muscle and skin infections, particularly if you are a diabetic. This potential problem is additive to the possible side effect of methotrexate noted above. However, in some instances clearing of the psoriasis and arthritis permits remaining only on Enbrel.

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Stabenow, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and others appeared Monday at a news conference releasing new figures on health insurance in Michigan and announcing initiatives to bring health care to those now uninsured. "Certainly in the richestcountry in the entire world we can find enough of a prioritization for us to say that the most basic physical needs of our citizens should be a priority for us,"

DETROIT (AP) - The num-

ber of Michiganians without

health insurance has risen to 1

million, and the cash-strapped

get medical care to those who

need it, political leaders said.

Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie

state can and must take steps to

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, U.S.

BY DAVID GOODMAN

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Granholm said Monday. The proposals include extending insurance to tens of thousands of children who now lack it despite being eligible for coverage under Medicaid or the MIChild programs. They also include expanding the network of last resort providers to help those without health insurance.

Stabenow said 41 million Americans are without health insurance. As a reference point, she said that figure also equals the total population of Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio.

"Now if every single man,

woman and child in all of those states had floods, had hurricanes, droughts, the federal government would be rushing because it would be a disaster. It would be a crisis," Stabenow said. "We are here today to say this is a crisis."

The report and recommendations are part of the national initiative, Cover the Uninsured Week, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. In Michigan, a wide range of health providers and advocacy groups have joined the initiative.

"One in every four Michigan residents under the age of 65 has been without health insurance sometime in the past two years," said Henry Ford Health System chief executive Gail Warden.

Yet 75 percent of the uninsured are employed. Michigan's uninsured ... often delay needed health care, live with illness and die younger than those who have health coverage."

"People who are without health coverage for any period of time are at risk of devastating their personal health and financial well-being," said Dr. Lisa Lavizzo-Mourey, chief executive of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

According to the report:

2.29 million Michigan residents under age 65, or 26.3 percent, were uninsured at

some point in 2001-2002. About 1.6 million of them were uninsured for six months or

- On average, 10.4 percent of Michigan residents were uninsured in 2001, up from 9.9 percent in 2000.
- Michigan ranked 14th in the nation in the percentage of residents with health insurance in 2001, down from 12th in 2000.
- Nationally, 41 million people were uninsured in 2001, up 1.4 million from 2000.
- 161,500 Michigan children lack health insurance despite being eligible for coverage under Medicaid or the state's MIChild insurance program. Michigan returned \$96.5 million in federal aid in 2002 allocated to provide health insurance for low-income children. Twenty-five percent of children eligible for Medicaid coverage and 48 percent of those eligible for MIChild coverage were not enrolled in those programs in 1999. "Today, the situation is dire," the report said.

"Especially during difficult economic times, it is critical that we all address the crisis faced by vulnerable populations. These are our neighbors, co-workers and our communi-

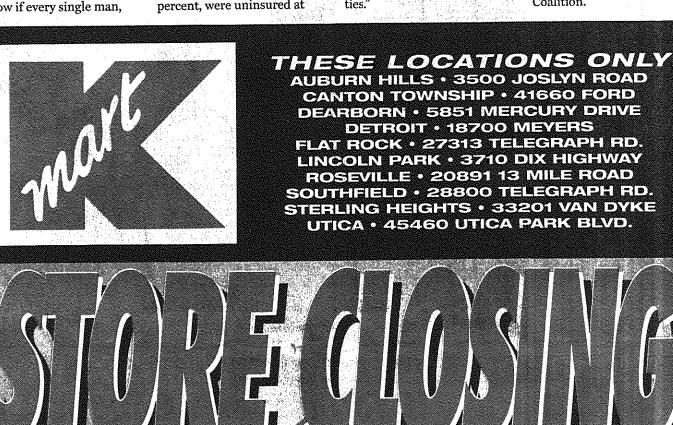
State political leaders decry rising number of uninsured The report called for:

- Seeking and making full use of all available federal health insurance aid as well as aid from foundations and other nonprofit sources.
- Publishing and distributing information on MIChild, Medicaid and other insurance options for low-income people, as well as information on clinics where the uninsured can get treatment.

"Children needlessly remain uninsured due to lack of information about available coverage reaching parents in lowincome families."

- Restoring and expanding school-based health services, using Medicaid and other funding sources.
- Expanding the network of "safety-net" health services for the uninsured.

"The week provides opportunities for people from all walks of life and every point of view to come together to increase the visibility of the problem, help their uninsured neighbors and begin a reasoned public discussion of proposed solutions to this problem," said Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan **Executive Vice President** Marianne Udow, chairwoman of the Access to Health Care Coalition.







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Tropical Escapes

Enjoy wines at Tropical Escapes, a wine tasting and auction gala to benefit student scholarships and educational projects at Madonna University, at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia. The wine tasting and silent auction are scheduled for 5:30 p.m., while dinner and the live auction will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wines, art, crystal, fine jewelry and unique items are among items to be sold at the silent auction. Entertainment will be provided by the Livonia Symphony String Quartet. Tickets are \$125 per person.

For information, call (734) 432-5421 or visit www.madonna.edu (click on Auction 2003).

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Cortina garners top honors

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD

CORRESPONDENTS

In culinary circles today, no subject gets more attention than food and wine matching. Many theories abound from it doesn't matter, drink what you like, to "rules" such as brie is quite nasty with most red wines, except less fruity and earthier styles of Pinot Noir. (A good rule, by the way.)

It seems, though, that all this chatter has only contributed to consumer confusion on how to choose the perfect wine to complement a dish.

At the eighth annual Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza, local wine purveyors and restaurant chefs teamed to impress us, and the palates of area food and wine writers, with their "matching" skills. This year, the annual Mardi Gras event benefited the area chefs scholarship fund and Team Macomb, which will compete in the 2004 World Culinary Arts Salon in Germany.

GETTING IT RIGHT

For food and wine pairings, area wine purveyors worked with several chefs the same way a home cook does. The chef chose the recipe and then there was collaboration on the best wine match. Or using personal wine knowledge, the chef called the pairing directly.

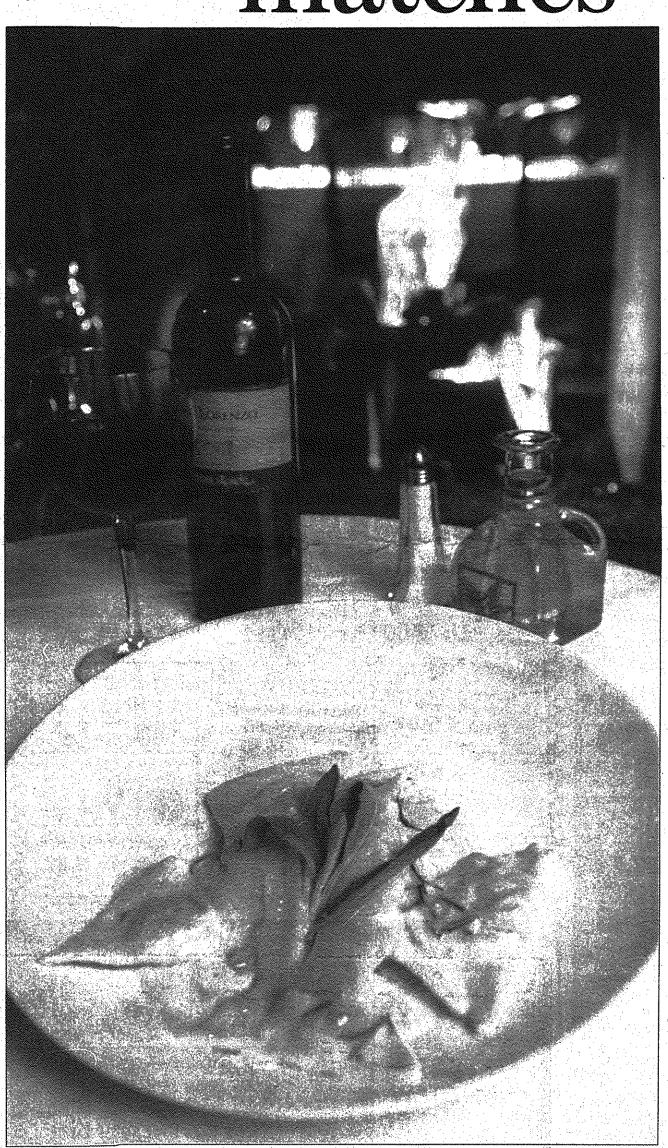
"For a good harmony, the weight of the wine must match the weight of the food," said Anne Keller, on-premise sales manager for AHD Vintners. Keller along with other area wine purveyors used another good recommendation: the correct wine never overpowers the dish.

"Moderate oak in a wine doesn't overpower," said Carl Boehm of Decanter Imports. "On the other hand, unoaked red wines may lack needed richness to match a dish. The best food wines are medium bodied, not blockbusters, that may be impressive on a restaurant wine list or when served for a special dinner prepared at home, but they do not necessarily enhance a dish. They're often too big and powerful."

TOP HONORS

At the competition, Ristorante Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills garnered top honors for Ravioli Fatta in Casa Ripieno di Agnello e Rosemarino (Lamb Ravioli in Rosemary Cream Sauce). AHD Vintners' Keller chose 1999 Allegrini La Grola (\$20), a new wave red blend of Corvina, Rondinella, Syrah and Sangiovese from Italy's Verona region, as the perfect wine to accompany the recipe of Chef

PLEASE SEE MATCHES, B2



The warmth of the fireplace at Ristorante Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills adds intimacy to a winning recipe. Above, Chef Jeffrey Hoffman places lamb filling for the ravioli on the dough.

If it's important to you, it's important to us.



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Jeffrey Hoffman, known as Chef Hoffa.

"Both the Corvina and Syrah contributed fruit," Keller said, "and the spicy character of Syrah complemented the delicate, fresh rosemary cream."

Cafe Cortina's Italian food is cutting edge. "In the early years," said owner Adrian Tonon, "my parents, Rina and Adriano Tonon, who founded the restaurant 26 years ago, were often ridiculed for the food they served. Back then, as it is today, this is the food from our northern Italian roots in

"While sticking to the heart of this cooking, Chef Hoffa keeps it cutting edge by absorbing what he learns on trips to Italy and working in kitchens there. The Cipriani in Venice is a model for us. I worked there and Chef Hoffa has been influenced by what he's learned there, too."

Judging by the second-place winner, The Hill Seafood & Chop House in Grosse Pointe Farms, the dish need not be

Hill, Executive Chef Michael Connery presented Grilled Georges Bank Sea Scallops on Gouda and Ancho Pepper Risotto with truffle oil, topped with a roasted red pepper tuile. Decanter's Carl Boehm paired the dish with a Tuscan wine, the 2000 Fonterutoli Badiola (\$15).

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"To make the pairing, we started with seven wines," Chef Michael said. "As we tasted wines with the dish, we realized that the wine had to match the richness of the risotto without overpowering the scallops."

Both Chef Michael and Boehm quickly assessed that a white wine was not going to make it. To them, the Fonterutoli, with its kiss of oak, was perfect because it matched the risotto richness and also highlighted the scallops.

NEW DIRECTIONS

The event's host, Chef Jeff Baldwin of Mac & Ray's in Harrison Township, took an Asian direction and third place with his Seared Sea Scallops with Asian Slaw on a Crisp Wonton. It paired well with 2000 Sterling Vineyards North

Coast Sauvignon Blanc (\$12). "Asian preparations have

Chef Jeff noted. "The recipe

included soy sauce, which is salty, and lime iuice which added acidity. With these ingredients, sauvignon blanc feels good on the palate and offers refreshing flavor

explosions. Chef Jeff dusted the scallops lightly in flour, seasoned with salt and pepper, then using a hot pan, seared them in sesame oil for two to four minutes per side, depending on

Chef Rocky Rachwitz and Chef Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky's in Novi prepared Sauteed Lake Perch served over Basmati Rice and Wilted Spinach with Brown Butter Balsamic Vinaigrette, sprinkled with hazelnuts. This dish with the 1998 Byron Santa Maria Chardonnay brought fourthplace honors.

It showcased a succulent preparation of lake perch but to us, the spinach bed created a conflict with the wine's oakiness. So, it's important to note every item on the dish.

Chef Steve's secret for great perch is heating a pan to medium for two minutes then adding clarified butter (about 1 1/2 tablespoons for a 10-inch saute pan). While the butter is heating, he seasons the perch fillets with salt and pepper and dredges them in paprika-seasoned flour, then shakes off any excess. He sautes the fillets

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After the ravioli are cooked in a simmering pot, Chef Jeffrey Hoffman, known as Chef Hoffa, adds them to the rosemary cream sauce.

belly side down for one minute and a half-minute on the other side.

A tie for fifth place showcased ultimate fusion cuisine. **Executive Chef Patrick Roettele** of Beverly Hills Grill served Mustard and Sesame Seed Crusted Ahi Tuna with Hoisin-Wasabi Sauce on a bed of roasted shiitake mushrooms and mizuna green salad. It was paired with 2001 Yalumba Shiraz from Australia (\$16).

"The earthiness of the mushrooms and the spicy wasabi tied the dish ingredients to the wine," Chef Patrick explained. "The wine's natural fruit sweetness and sweetness of Hoisin, worked the 'sweet beats heat'

"Spiciness was driven home without coming off as hot." Traveling in for the event

from the Tin Fish in Fair Haven were Chefs Jeremy Baker and

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Jason Carrette. Their Seafood Gumbo, Jambalaya and Jalapeno Cornbread, paired with 2001 The Crossings Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand (\$16) also stood in fifth place.

"New Orleans-style food is difficult to match with wine," said John Marasco from Vintage Wine Company.

"I chose The Crossings Sauvignon Blanc because it had a high acid profile along with grapefruit-citrus characters that cut the spiciness, so that this element of the dish did not overpower the wine. An oaky chardonnay would never have married with these dishes."

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ANCHO SMOKED GOUDA RISOTTO

1 to 3 tablespoons unsalted but-

1 Spanish onion, finely chopped 1 cup dry white wine

2 cups arborio rice

8 cups chicken broth 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

1/4 cup grated smoked Gouda cheese

1 teaspoon kosher salt

Black pepper to taste

2 dry ancho peppers reconstituted in white wine

Seed ancho peppers and soak in white wine to reconstitute. After peppers are reconstituted, place in blender and puree to a fine paste. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large straight-sided nonreactive saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until golden brown, about 5-6 minutes. Add the wine and ancho puree and cook until it has almost completely evaporated, about 4 minutes. Add the rice and stir until it is well-coated.

Add 1 cup of the broth, stir well, scraping the bottom and sides of the pan, and cook until it has been absorbed by the rice. Continue adding broth, one cup at a time, stirring well after each addition, until liquid has been absorbed, about 18-20 minutes. Stir in parsley, Gouda cheese, salt, pepper and 2 tablespoons butter. Serve immediately. Makes four to six servings.

Recipe courtesy of Chef Michael Connery, The Hill Seafood and Chop House of Grosse Pointe Farms.

LAMB RAVIOLI IN ROSEMARY CREAM

SAUCE For Pasta Dough:

2 cups Five Roses flour

2 teaspoons salt 3 eggs

1 tablespoon olive oil

Place flour in a bowl, large enough to mix the dough. Mix flour with the salt. Make a well in the center of the flour to hold the eggs. With a fork, whip the eggs and slowly incorporate the flour. When a dough begins to form, work it together with your hands. Knead the dough until it is smooth. Let the dough rest for about 10 minutes, then roll it out

thin to make ravioli with the fol-

lowing filling. For Lamb Filling:

1 pound ground lamb

2 eggs 1/4 cup breadcrumbs

2 teaspoons salt 1/4 cup Parmesan

Saute the lamb until fully cooked. Cool slightly and mix in the remaining ingredients.

For Rosemary Cream

2 tablespoons butter

1 tablespoon rosemary

2 cups cream

1/2 cup seasoned stock Saute the rosemary with the

butter then add the cream and stock. Add blanched ravioli and cook until smooth and velvety. Garnish with shaved Montasio.

Jeffrey Hoffman, Ristorante Cafe Cortina of Farmington Hills.

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Baking 'The Fishes of April' and Easter bread

e're a quarter of the way through the Lenten period, which precedes Easter.

Traditionally, it was a strict time of fasting but nowadays it's a time

when just some

foods are given

up as an act of

spiritual disci-

bread often

takes on an

even more

that hearty

are not too

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important role

at mealtimes to

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During Lent,

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Nevertheless, compromises are made. For instance, in Alsace, France, pretzels are made without butter during Lent. And Orthodox Christians eat plain slices of bread sprinkled with just a little olive oil.

When Easter comes late, as it does this year, April Fool's Day falls only a little after the midway point of the Lenten period.

So, some encouragement is needed for the French on

April 1. On that day, in France, peo-

ple eat shortbread cookies in the shape of fishes. And in Saint-Etienne, a large

flaky pastry is baked shaped like a fish.

It is also known as St. Peter's fish. It is baked at Give Thanks

Bakery and it is enjoyed by people from all nations who visit our European bakery. After the long Lenten period,

Easter Sunday arrives (April 20 this year) to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

And bread plays an important role in this Christian festival.

There are innumerable varieties of bread indigenous to different countries and different localities within many of these countries.

One of the most interesting is from Italy. There it is called Colomba Pasquale. In English - Easter Dove Bread.

Apparently, in the twelfth century, the people of Milan waged war against the oppressive Emperor Frederick Barbarosa. And they were victorious.

As they celebrated, two white doves appeared in their city. They took this as a heavenly signal, so the Milanese bakers created Colomba Pasquale. They made loaves in the shape of doves. In those days they did so by hand but today we use paper forms in the shape of a dove.

The loaves actually go into the oven in the paper forms for baking.

Easter Dove Bread looks wonderful and tastes heavenly. Like the better known Italian dessert bread, Panettone, it is rich in eggs, butter, honey and candied orange rind and orange

The top surface is coated with a delicious blend of almonds, egg whites and sugar.

This great Italian creation actually tastes best a day after baking.

If you can resist eating it all up in one sitting (few can!), you can store it for up to three

Simply wrap it well in plastic film and keep it at room temperature. Don't place it in your refrigerator.

Sadly, few bakeries in America bake authentic Colomba Pasquale anymore because it is so labor intensive. But like many things that are

truly special, it's well worth the By using a naturally fermented starter instead of commercial yeast, wonderfully complex

flavors can be achieved. It takes time (3 days, in fact) but I think doves from Heaven deserve being remembered with tender loving care.

Gerald Matthes is the owner of Give Thanks Bakery in downtown Rochester. Visit the bakery's Web site at www.givethanksbakery.com or call (248) 601-1542.

Forget Dr. Atkins...you can enjoy the pasta without guilt

STAFF WRITER

Good news: high protein, low carb diets are unhealthy.

It's good news because it means great foods like pasta. cereal and French bread can remain in our diets.

Silvia Veri, a registered dietitian with Beaumont Hospital's Weight Loss Center explained the problems with trends towards the controversial Dr. Robert Atkins' diet.

It only works for the short

"Limiting carbohydrates forces the body to burn its own fat," Veri said. "A diet high in protein, and usually fat as well. is satisfying and reduces hunger, but high protein/low carb diets essentially eliminates a whole food group. When one limits food choices, one can experience short-term weight loss because caloric intake is decreased."

Start the day with food that tastes good, if breakfast is dull it will be more tempting to grab

a candy bar or fast food burger at lunch. Veri recommends breakfasts balance protein, starch, and fruit with 100-calorie portions of each. For example, try a three-quarter cup of Kashi Go Lean cereal with onecup skim milk (or soy milk) and one banana.

"Eating breakfast within the first or second of waking stimulates metabolism. An all-carb breakfast will not satisfy and you'll be hungry soon after," Veri said.

Learning to cook whole foods and reducing portion size is one of the best ways to lose weight because it makes us more aware of what we are actually consuming, said Barbara Beznos of Integrated Nutrition LLC in Farmington Hills. And the result is better quality

Beznos said more important

than diet fads is America's over- related...just to start. It's also all attitude toward food — it needs to change.

Fast food, instant processed dinners and the marketing trend that bigger portions are better is much of the problem. Beznos said Americans need to shop locally for quality produce foods and cook it home. Doing so gives us control: Control over portion size, flavor, cooking methods and the types of

oils that are used Veri agreed.

"We are in a society that values more for less so I can understand why people may complain if portions are small." Veri said. "Portions at an average restaurant are too large. Patients often tell me that portions in Europe are smaller, but they have been satisfied by the meal. So, I believe mentally people feel better if they are getting more food for their money, but in reality their not necessary physically hungry for

The health problems with Atkins are cholesterol

calcium related.

Excessive protein intake. especially from animal sources, increases calcium loss over time and may contribute to the development of osteoporosis, Veri said.

For those looking for healthy high protein foods, eggs, tofu and beans are good ideas.

So is it healthy to avoid the carbs we love?

It depends. Not all carbohydrates are nutritionally equal. Some are preferred carbohydrates like whole grains, beans, fruits, and vegetables which the body needs. Others are unpreferred like refined flour, products made with refined flour

like white bread, crackers. cookies, cakes and muffins. Also, sugar falls under this cat-

So what's a good goal for a healthy, but interesting diet?

Veri suggests getting 30 percent of total calories from protein, 40-50 percent from good carbohydrates (beans, grains, fruits and vegetables) and 20 percent from fat (mostly monounsaturated fat). Protein sources should come from lean poultry, fish, lean sources of pork and red meat, beans, egg whites, and low-fat dairy, and

So grab some pasta and beans or omelet breakfast and enjoy!

Make a lowfat and unique breakfast

PROTEIN RANCHOS HUEVOS

1 package firm tofu 1 portabella mushroom 1 small green pepper 1 tomato chopped

1 onion 1 clove garlic 1 tablespoon dried basil or oregano

1/4 teaspoon chili powder 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder I flour tortilla for each serving 11/2 teaspoons turmeric (for col-

oring and flavor) Salsa of your choice 1 can of black beans Pinch of cumin, optional Cilantro for seasoning

Squeeze the block of tofu gently to drain out water. Set aside. Sauté diced together diced mushroom, onion, green pepper, tomato and garlic. In a separate bowl crumble tofu into pan. Mix in garlic, basil or oregano and

Transfer mixture to veggie mix and cook 5-10 minutes until any excess liquid is gone. Salt/peppe to taste and put aside.

Drain canned beans, and warm on the stove top. Mix in chili powder and cumin. Serve on a warm tortilla with some beans and salsa to the side. Serve with whole wheat toast.

Recipe from www.vegweb.com

HEALTHY OMELET

6-8 egg whites or 11/2 -2 cups egg substitute 1/4 cup of each-onions, green peppers, tomatoes, and

2 cups fresh spinach 1/2 cup reduced-fat shredded cheese (Kraft 2 percent milk cheese)

Salt, pepper, and any seasonings, to taste Cooking spray (Pam)

Spray pan and saute onions and green pepper until soft. Add tomatoes, mushrooms, and spinach and cook until the spinach wilts.

Add egg whites or egg substitute to vegetables.

Add salt, pepper, and seasonings to taste. Let it cook until done. Lastly,

add shredded cheese until it Recipe courtesy of Silvia Veri, registered dietitian of Beaumont

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MILLET MUESLI

1/2 cup cooked millet 1/2 small very ripe banana (or vanilla flavored soy milk, to

1/2 apple chopped (Fuji, Braeburn or Red Delicious)

·1 tablespoon walnuts, pecans or almonds, chopped Some sweet white grapes, halved

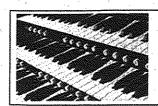
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Cook millet. Put a few teaspoons of millet in a saucepan, add cold water, enough to cover one-half inch above the grain line, bring to boil, stir, cover, turn down heat to simmer gently till

Add a little water if needed while cooking. Millet is done in about 20 minutes.

Mash the banana till creamy. Add the rest of the ingredients, mix well.

(Millet is best used for this dish while still warm. However, you may cook a larger quantity of millet and quickly freshen a desired portion in the microwave.)



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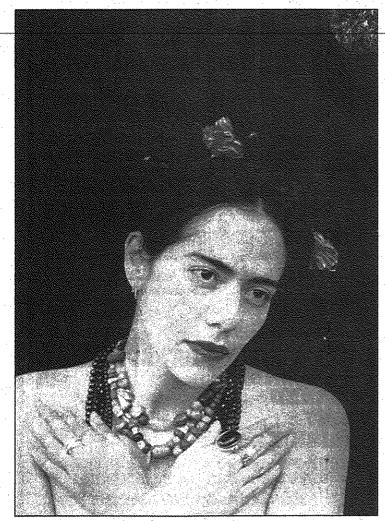
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'Sabor Y Salsa' - A sizzling Latin experience

Lila Downs and Eddie Palmieri perform Latin and world sounds in Dearborn



Oscar-nominee Lila Downs sings eclectic Mexican and other roots music. She performed authentic Mexican music in the movie 'Frida.'

BY LANA MINI

Searching for something different?

The sounds of Mexico blended with Afro-Caribbean and Chilean rhythms and jazz piano can be heard Wednesday, March 19, at the Ford Center for Performing Arts in Dearborn.

Lila Downs - a new, strong force in roots music - opens the show. You might recognize Downs' face, and voice, from the movie Frida where she can be seen singing to actor Selma Hayek. You can also watch Downs perform at the Oscars on Sunday, March 23. Her mesmerizing operatic trained voice mixes Mexican and Mayan tunes with blues, folk and jazz. Later, Latin jazz pianist, composer, band leader Eddie Palmieri, known as the "Sun of Latin Music," will perform with his new band La Perfecta II. Palmieri introduced thrusting trombones to Afro-Caribbean rhythms more than 40 years ago.

SINGING STORIES

Downs' career has skyrocketed from performances in small Latino clubs to the Oscars. Her background is interesting; she's also an anthropologist.

"We spent years performing in clubs throughout Mexico," Downs said. "I loved that feeling and now we're bringing that spirit to the stage. I feel something when I sing roots music that I didn't experience when I performed opera. In these songs I'm singing stories that I feel need to come

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Downs honors her mixed heritage through music. Her mom is Oaxaca Indian - which is where she, and the artist Frida, embraced the tradition of wearing their long black hair in braids wrapped on top of the head. Her father is Anglo-American and she bridges those cultures with an eclectic sound. Equally important to the music, Downs said, is the ability to entertain. Her tribal Mexican clothing has sex appeal. She sings life is hard, but should be appreciated, and about equality, crying women and the sea.

'We have a Latin sound," Downs said of her band that includes her husband. "We are evolving and include North African and South American rhythms. Our band members are from different areas of the world, Chile, Mexico. The music has hard

bass rhythms that have wonderful male energy. I like that edge to the music."

Her band includes drums, percussion, saxophone, harp, violin and ethnic folk instruments. Still, the North African hard edge doesn't erase soulfulness, and sometimes heart-breaking lyrics. Downs sings about the hardships of Mayans and women in the Mayan language, and English.

JAZZY LATIN

Pianist/composer Palmieri burst out of New York's Palladium Ballroom onto the world stage in the 1960s with La Perfecta. After spending 40 years developing Afro-Caribbean music and organizing the Latin Jazzy Grammy, he's back to his roots with La Perfecta. He'll perform early salsa, charanga, and instrumental mambo.

Palmieri is known for his energy. La Perfecta's music often reaches points of climax with polyrhythms and Yoruba religious rites derived from slaves living on Caribbean islands.

"Eddie is a legend," Downs said. "It is going to be honor to sing at this show. My whole band has been very lucky, we've worked very hard and know we are blessed with this gift of song."

The show, produced by the New Detroit and the Arab Community Center for Economic Social Services, is part of the Concert of Colors series. Co-sponsors include Madonna University's Office of Multicultural Affairs. Proceeds benefit Latin charities.

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'Midnight's Children' has humor, keen sense of history

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Salman Rushdie's Midnight's Children is a major theatrical event. Its importance as a cultural collaboration transcends its value as drama.

Vet, though flawer sionally tedious, Midnight's Children is still strong theater encompassing a dizzying sweep of 20th century history and world cultural influences.

The Royal Shakespeare Company production, which concludes a five-day day run at the University of Michigan's Power Center for the Performing Arts at 1:30 this

afternoon, is a dramatization of Rushdie's epic tragi-comic novel that won Britain's prestigious Booker literary prize. Rushdie, working with Simon Reade and director Tim Supple, has worked to condense the novel's epic propor-'tions into a workable, timerestricted theatrical form.

The resulting work has humor and a keen sense for history and rich cultural allusions. But the plot is often confusing, the theatrical effects sometimes create more confusion than excitement and at three hours running time, the production plays over long. But in a metaphor of the play, what a

rich chutney it is.

More than 20 actors, many of them Asian, take on 40 roles carrying three generations of a Muslim Indian family through the dark tragedy of India's history. The story is literally told by one Saleem Sinai, born at the stroke of midnight Aug. 15. 1947, when India became inde-

pendent of Great Britain. The story he weaves for the simple, loving Padma, is one of magical realism, fact and fancy mingling and colliding to give us a greater truth.

The story has elements of The Prince and the Pauper,

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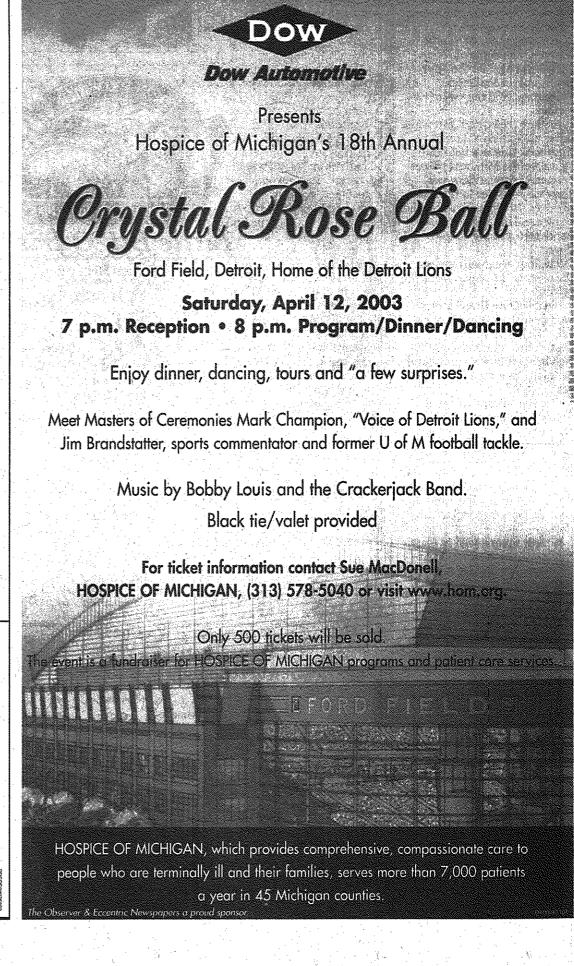
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India's Bollywood films, tall tales and docudrama. Sinai tells of his maternal grandfather with a huge and talented nose, his mother and her beautiful sisters growing up comfortably middle class while surrounded by poverty and endless warfare and about the tragic failure of free India.

Giant screens project newsreels from the beginnings of Gandhi's independence movement through Nehru's rise to power, the split with Pakistan, the fight for Bangladesh and the neverending war over Kashmir. The screens also project Sinai's dreams, Bollywood scenes and other images. Special effects also help recreate battles and massacres.

The title refers to all the children born at the midnight hour of India's independence, endowed with mystical powers and disturbingly alive in Sinai's dreams. This part of the story is never effectively dramatized and sometimes overwrought.

But the allusions and ideas are exciting. American popular tunes are sung by several characters, a suggestion of the power of American culture. The stress between India's Hindu and Muslim populations is a reflection of the tension now gripping the world at large.

The acting is uniformly excellent. Zubin Varla is on stage throughout as Saleem, distraught and torn like his nation. He plays school boy, young lover and prematurely old man at 29 with energy and conviction. Sameena Zehra is amusing as the matter of fact Padma, a simple woman who loves Saleem. In a cast so large, there is a wealth of fine acting. Notable is Meneka Das as Amina, Saleem's pampered, unhappy mother and Mala Gheda as his movie-star aunt, so in love with Western

Rushdie was in attendance at Wednesday's performance in Ann Arbor.

The production is being presented by the University Musical Society and UM in cooperation with Columbia University, where former UM President Lee Bollinger is now president. It will travel to New York City for performances at the Apollo Theater.

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utdoor, informal portraits can be the most exciting and attention getting of all your people pictures. Here's some advice on how to capture

these most memorable shots on film.

First, remember that outdoor portraits should be natural. Your subject should be dressed the way he or she enjoys and the way they really appear. Teenagers, for example,

Focus on who are inseparable **Photography** from that old pair of faded jeans and battered tennis shoes Marty should be pho-Nagler tographed wearing them. If your subject is

with, they'll appear far more relaxed and natural in the final photograph. Build a rapport with your subject. Whether it's a family member, friend, or even a stranger, taking a few moments

dressed in what they feel comfortable

to chat will relax both of you. Also, your subject will be more likely to follow your posing suggestions.

There are numerous outdoor settings



I came across this delightful subject plowing his field in Guilin, China. A telephoto lens allowed me to capture all the detail in his wise face.

you can choose, a cluster of trees, a quiet pond, an old farmhouse, even an

urban setting will provide a natural scene. Just make sure your setting com-

pliments, not dominates your subject. If you prefer, move in close to simplify and blur out the background as I did in the picture shown here.

I prefer a normal or short telephoto focal length lens. This way, the subject will be shown in a pleasing size relationship with the surroundings. A wide angle lens may distort your subject or make them appear too small in the picture. A telephoto lens (unless it's a head shot you're after) may cause you to lose too much of the back-

Pay close attention to lighting. Back or side lighting will enhance your subject and make them stand out from the background. Remember, frontal lighting will cause unflattering shadows and squinty eyes that will most assuredly spoil your shot.

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

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

'Bringing Down the House' goofy Hollywood fluff

ecause of pre-publicity blurbs, I walked into Bringing Down the House, thinking it was going to be something of a cross between You've Got Mail and The Lonely Guy.

And I suppose it is fair to say it bears a passing resemblance to both. After all, it begins with



Victoria Diaz

an Internet relationship between two people who have never seen each other - Peter Sanderson (Steve

Martin) and

Charlene

Morton (Queen Latifah). And, busy lawyer, Martin's character is a bit of a lonely guy, too, at

least in the beginning. But that Internet "mystery" is soon out of the way and, though Peter Sanderson continues to pine for his one, true love, we couldn't really describe him as lonely for most of this outlandish comedy.

His life begins its turnaround when Charlene shows up at his front door one evening. He's divorced, and excited about the mysterious Internet "date" he's arranged between them.

Turns out (of course), Charlene isn't at all what he expected. Big, buxom, beautiful and black, she's also an escaped convict. Peter is anticipating, shall we say, something different? This uptight, law-abiding pillar of the community is certainly not expecting a convicted felon. His first thought is to get her out of his house. His second is to keep her out of his life.

Predictably (though it's entertaining in spots, this movie is not exactly filled with surprises), the high-spirited, sharp cookie Charlene has other ideas. Declaring herself innocent of the crime she went to jail for, she

wants her reputation and record cleared, and she figures Peter is just the man to do it (never mind that he's a tax attorney). She'll help, of course, since she's spent much of her jail time studying the law, and can toss around such terms as "exculpatory" with equanimity and aplomb. This may look like a job for Superman, and Peter is definitely

what the heck - it's a Steve Martin movie, and all kinds of weird things can happen. And sure enough, they do. Martin shows his singular "white bread" stuff in the hiphop 'hood, for instance. Queen Latifah's Charlene, in a long,

not Clark Kent in disguise, but

loud, and boisterous episode, "knocks the bulimia out of" a Tae-Bo twit at the local country club. And that sterling performer, Joan Plowright, Enchanted April playing an aging dowager attached to a

William Shakespeare, ends up dancing on a table in the midst of a barroom brawl. Jean Smart (Sweet Home

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Alabama), as Peter's ex-wife, Kate, adds spark, as does Eugene Levy (American Pie), in the role of Howie, who seems to the manner born when it comes to appreciating Charlene's unique charms.

Eventually, Bringing Down the House reaches a rather goofy, but happy conclusion, and most moviegoers will probably leave the theatre a touch warmer-hearted for having seen this exuberant bit of Hollywood fluff. (Though some may occasionally perceive its humor as more racist than racy.)

Deliciously colorful to look at, the movie is directed by Adam Shankman, and, in fact, contains much of the same eyeappeal as The Wedding Planner, another film directed by Shankman.

Bringing Down the House marks the screenwriting debut of Jason Filardi.

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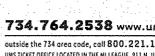


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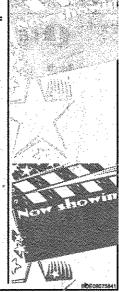
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Artists sing the blues in new CD featuring local talent

Uncut Detroit

Live Studio

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE STAFF WRITER

Blues is a genre that often doesn't get the credit it deserves, perhaps because it's so low-

Surrounded by the popularity of hyper rock and raucous rap, it's long been shoved into the smokiness of Chicago barroom scenes. For some, perhaps their only acquaintance is transitional rock/blues artist Eric

Clapton.

A local radio hopes to jump-start an interest in the genre by releasing the third CD in a blues anthology, featuring classic Detroit blues artists - some of them legends.

Station WHFR-FM, the independent, noncommercial radio station at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, presents the release of Uncut Detroit III, featuring 14 songs by seven artists: the bugs Beddow band, Thornetta Davis and Brett Lucas, Kenny Parker Band, Robert Penn Blues Band, Miz Eileen Orr and The Blues Kings and Queens, Harmonica Shah and Howard Glazer, and Joe Weaver and R.J.'s Rhythm Rockers.

"All of the artists on this CD as well as the other two in the series (Uncuts I and II) are local, metro Detroit blues artists," said Susan McGraw, general manager of WHFR. "Blues doesn't get the recog-

want to focus on our hometown people and let them show off on this particular CD." Though all the artists have roots in the local blues community, many people don't know

about them, McGraw said.

"This album, as well as the

other two, is a good first introduction. It's diverse and there's enough variety for people to appreciate it. We didn't sacrifice quality for diversity.

"Most of the artists have been performing all their lives. They are blues artists, through and through." McGraw said the CD con-

tains a good mix of "straight blues," as well as rhythm and blues, as performed by bugs Beddow. "They would be considered the party band, getting people

up to dance, where the others

offer a more traditional sound."

All the artists have "paid their

dues," McGraw said. "They are ready to be released." According to McGraw, each song was recorded in a single take at Roscoe's Recording studio in Detroit. The technique unusual to the standard multitrack studio recording - provides a sound similar to a live performance, yet allows the

A record release party is scheduled 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak.

artist to explore unique studio-

music arrangements, she said.

Included are live performances by Beddow, Orr, Parker and Shah. There will be no cover charge but direct tax-deductible donations to WHFR can be made at the door and copies of the previous two CDs, Uncuts I and II, will be available for purchase.

The new CD. released by Venture Records in Dearborn, will soon be available at local music stores. Uncut Detroit III is also available through the radio station, for the discount-

845-9842. Mail orders are also accepted. Send checks or money orders to WHFR, attention Susan McGraw, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, MI 48128.

ed price of \$12, by calling (313)

The station plays a diverse mix of many music styles, but blues is actually one of the most popular, McGraw said. The artists featured on Uncuts I, II and III are "tremendous" people to work with, she said. "They are amazing. They're

like a family." WHFR prides itself on giving a voice to unknown musicians, she said. "We play the music that is being played very little

(on commercial radio stations). There are so many wonderful musicians just dying for a place to be heard. Once it gets commercial, we stop playing it. And we make room for the next new "We decided over 10 years

ago we would make that our mission and that's the way it is." WHFR can be heard within a 10-15 mile radius of Dearborn, on 89.3 FM and worldwide on the Internet at www.whfr.fm.

For more information, call

WHFR at (313) 845-9676 or

(800) 585-HFCC, Ext. 9676.

Exhibit features local photographers

Photography is about looking seeing, and grasping the potential of an image before your eyes, says Darryl Baird who juried the seventh annual Exposures photography competition at Lawrence Street Gallery in Pontiac. "The magic of the image may lie in the moment, the event, the juxtaposition of dissimilar objects, or an expression of a simple moment."

Take a look for yourself, and see the exhibit through March 28 at the gallery. Highlights are works by Laurence Diggs of Livonia, first place color, and Ken Zynda, Lake Orion, third place.

Robert Bartley of West Bloomfield won third place in the experimental category. The exhibit includes traditional, digital and experimental photography - 51 pieces

by 32 photographers from around the Baird is an accomplished photographer and assistant professor of art - photography, digital imaging and graphic design at the

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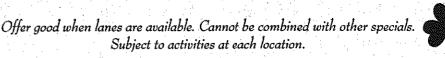


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'Rent' cast: There's no day, but today

Dramatic rock opera comes to Opera House Tuesday

STAFF WRITER

It's a rock opera with a vivacious message that appeals to young and hip, mature and cultured audiences.

"Rent jolts viewers physically, mentally and spiritually if you're willing to let it seep in," said Kevin Spencer, who portrays Roger. He's performed it nearly 500 times in two years and embraces its underlying theme of love and immediacy.

Rent, inspired by La Boheme, is the Pulitzer Prizeand Tony Award-winning rock musical that's coming to the Detroit Opera House, Tuesday-Sunday, March 18-23.

The musical was originally geared toward Generation X and celebrates a community of New York artists circa 1995. They're perplexed by hardships they endure while trying to live their artistic ideals. Art. creativity, HIV, hope, love and heartbreak are prevalent

Spencer is an interesting character to watch both on and off stage. The Canadian actor had an ascending musical career before joining Rent. The guitaristdrummer-vocalist performed in Lilith Fair and for the Queen of England. His band Mezzanine. described as Bach-meets-Peter Gabriel-produced-by-Radiohead, was gaining serious label, fan and media attention before Rent called for his voice.

So for the moment, Rent is Spencer's love.

The recurring message is 'there's no day but today,' but you don't realize it until the end," Spencer said. "If we stopped measuring our accomplishments with money, stock or oil and instead measured life with love and how we treat others, then the world would be even more beautiful than it is today. It's not just a theater production, it's an experience."

Rent features musical direction by Tim Weil and choreog-

IF YOU GO

What: Rent

When: March 18-23

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway

Shows: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets: On opening night March 18, prime seats are discounted \$13 off regular price. Tickets that night are \$20-\$42.50. Tickets for remaining shows \$20-\$55.50, available at the Detroit Opera House or Fisher Theatre, or call (248) 645-6666. For information, call (313) 872-1000 or visit www.nederlander.com.

For more about Rent, visit www.rentthetour.com

raphy by Marlies Yearby. Widely publicized is that Rent's creator, Jonathan Larson never saw the play's success. Larson died unexpectedly of an aortic aneurysm in 1996, hours after Rent's final off-Broadway dress rehearsal.

"Larson's writing was genius not because he writes great songs and scripts, but the way the music tells the same story as the lyrics," Spencer explained. "When I sing a song where the lyrics tell the same story as the music, I have no choice but to be completely absorbed by it."

His character, Roger — who has HIV, but not AIDS — constantly fights with himself. He needs to learn to love himself. Spencer understood Roger's



The cast of 'Rent' comes to the Detroit Opera House this week.

character even before Rent.

dark place," Spencer said. "I was doing things that weren't healthy for me. I went through a hard break-up from a serious long-term relationship, personally I wasn't in a positive place. I can understand some of the pain, the 'poor me' feeling that the character Roger endures.

"Rent is for anyone with an open mind."

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haracter even before Rent. "Before Rent I was in a pretty From 'Rent' to Mezzanine and back again

STAFF WRITER

Kevin Spencer, who plays Roger in Rent, is the guitarist for the Canadian band

The band was gaining serious momentum by MTV, its fans,

Rent entered Spencer's life. Rent came to Spencer, not

and big record labels before

vice versa. He wasn't originally thrilled about the idea of leaving his bandmates - his friends.

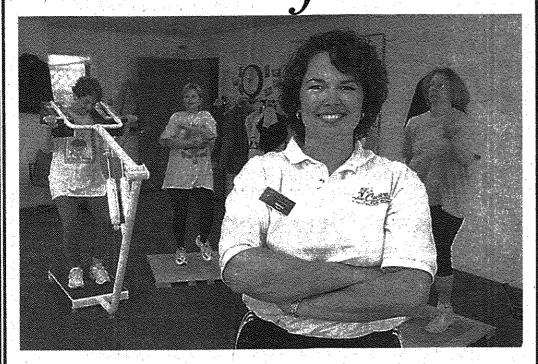
"I talked with the band and they knew that Rent is serious stuff," Spencer said. "And they know I'll be back."

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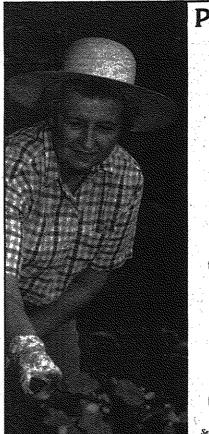
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BY NORMA AND WENDY SCHONWETTER CORRESPONDENTS

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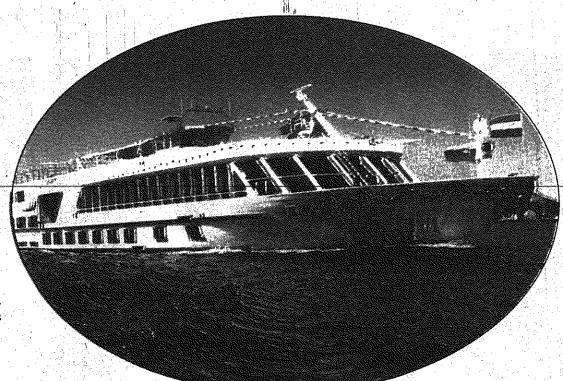
When you pull up into port, intriguing new places are just a stroll away. Imagine a vacation where you visit vibrant cities and quaint towns. A river cruise offers many advantages - no packing and unpacking, plenty to do on board, three gourmet meals a day, daily sightseeing tours, airfare and transfers. There are no hidden costs. It's a tremendous value.

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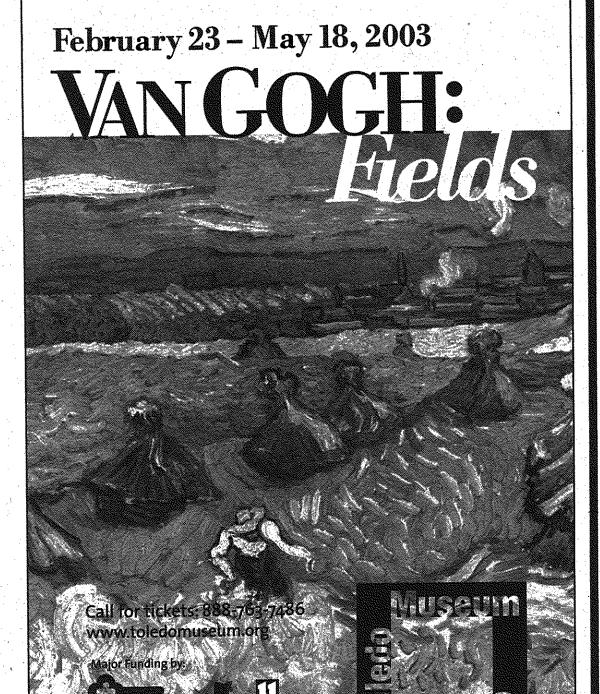
Expedition to Peru

The Detroit Zoo is recruiting volunteers to participate in two ongoing conservation projects in the Peruvian rain forest. The first is April 26 to May 3 and May 9-16. The second expedition, a Herpetology Census to Manu, departs in mid-may. The cost is \$1,200 per person, plus airfare, includes room, board, and guides. Volunteers

must be at least 21 and in good physical condition. Call (248) 398-0903, Ext. 3130 or e-mail

sstinton@detroitzoo.org. Volunteers on the Adopt A School expedition in April and May to Iquitos, Peru will help provide educational materials to over 3,000 children living in the Amazon region. Volunteers will also have opportunities to explore the rain forest. On the Herpetology Census to Manu, volunteers will help survey reptile and amphibian populations. Volunteers will help photograph and identify all specimen's found. St. Louis

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located at

1042 S. Mill Plymouth. The object of the clinic is to improve fundamental basketball skills, such as ballhandling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding. The clinic will be conducted by Steve Morland and the Pistons

Space is limited; cost is \$20. Pay cash at the door; register 15 minutes prior to the start of the clinic.

Included in the clinic are trophies for the Pistons free throw championship, a free Pistons ticket, contests and prizes.

To confirm a spot on the sign-up sheet, call the clinic hotline at (248) 377-8653 and leave your name and phone number.

Coaches needed

Plymouth HS needs a head pom pon coach and a head cheer coach. Those interested should fax their resume to athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700 or call him at (734) 582-5702

Meetings

A meeting for parents of boys in grades 3-through-8 who are interested in playing football in the Catholic Youth Organization

is scheduled for 7 Wednesday, April 2, at Our Lady of Good

Counsel's gym. The school is located at 1151 William St., Plymouth.

The meeting is for boys in the following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A' Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James and St. John Neumann.

For more information, call Joe Hamp at (734) 432-0031. An organizational meeting for current and future

student athletes who will attend Plymouth HS and want to play hockey will be at 7 p.m. March 20 in the Plymouth HS cafeteria.

For more information, call Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518 or athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

The Plymouth/Canton Lacrosse Parent Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 in the Canton HS cafeteria.

Parents of all current and future lacrosse players are encouraged to attend this meeting.

For more information, call Nina at (734) 981-3290 or email them to SEGanz@aol.com.

The Salem Football Linebackers Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in Room 2703 at Salem HS. Parents of current and incoming Salem football players are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Mike Scherbaty at (734) 981-7135.

breakthrough to regenerate a teen's heart. C6





PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Whalers' Chad LaRose (17) looks for someone to pass to Friday. He had three assists against the Greyhounds, but the goal he scored was major news — it was his 61st of the season, a team record.

He scores! LaRose gets his 61st

STAFF WRITER

Chris Thorburn got a hat trick. John Mitchell scored twice.

Those aren't the goals Plymouth Whalers' fans will remember from Friday's 6-2 win over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds Friday at Compuware Arena,

It's the other one. The goal that gave the Whalers the lead for good, the gamewinner, the one that just beat the horn ending the second period.

That memorable play was started by the Plymouth goalie, Paul Drew, who until then had been his team's only true star. He got the puck to Thorburn, who passed it to an open Whaler on the right

The Whaler skated near the top of the circle in the Greyhounds' end, took aim and sent a shot whistling toward the lower-left corner of the Sault Ste. Marie net. Goalie Joey Biasucci couldn't stop it; the puck caught the corner, giving

Plymouth a 2-1 lead with just 1.9 seconds left in the period.

And also giving the puck-shooter, Chad LaRose, his 61st goal of the season which happens to be a team record, breaking the mark of 60 set by Sean Haggerty in 1995-96.

At that point the sellout crowd of 3,815 erupted. They didn't need to be told the

goal was a record-setter. "It was nice to see the fans give him a 🦤 standing ovation like that," said Whalers' coach Mike Vellucci afterward. "No one

deserves it more than Chad."

It proved to be an important goal in other ways, too. Until then, Plymouth's overall performance had been lackluster. Thorburn scored the game's first goal with 4:59 left in the opening period, skating down the left to field a pass from LaRose, who drew the goalie toward him on the right side.

But after that, play by both teams bogged down. With 5:38 remaining in the

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C2

SC goes against 3rd-ranked Redlands

STAFF WRITER

Similarities abound between firstround opponents Schoolcraft College and Redlands (Okla.), which square off in Tuesday's opener of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

Three years ago Schoolcraft (30-2) was an unknown in the NJCAA Tourney, but now is making its third straight appearance under coach Carlos Briggs (171-26

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record in six seasons). Redlands (32-1), No. 3 in the final rankings, is making its inaugural debut after winning last year's NJCAA Division II championship in Steve Eck's first year as coach.

The two teams meet at 12:45 p.m. (CST) Tuesday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena. The winner plays Wednesday against either defending champion Dixie State (Utah), 27-5, or Three Rivers (Mo.), 29-4, which kicks off the 16-team tournev at 11 a.m. (CST).

Eck, however, is no stranger to Hutchinson. He guided Butler CC (Kan.) to an 80-22 mark, including three trips to the 16-team Division I tourney.

Eck, whose team finished 30-5 last year, is a combined 438-61 in 26 years as either a high school and college coach.

Redlands, located in El Reno, Okla., advanced to the nationals with a 61-59 victory over Connors State (Okla.).

PLEASE SEE PREVIEW, C4

Baker: Makin' his move

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

If Torvoris Baker can't find a ride to and from Schoolcraft College, he uses alternative means for his commute.

"I take the SMART bus at Seven Mile and Grand River," said the Ocelots' starting center, who lives off McNichols and Mansfield in Detroit. "Sometimes I use my uncle's Grand Am."

Despite the daily inconvenience, Baker hasn't been stalled in his quest to play Division I basketball.

The 6-foot-6, 205-pound Detroit Cooley High graduate has thrived playing for the 30-2 Ocelots, who will be making their third straight appearance in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I tournament, which starts Tuesday in Hutchinson, Kan. against 32-1 Redlands (Okla.).

After transferring from Eastern Michigan University, Baker has averaged 15 points and a team-high 10.9 rebounds per game. This season he is shooting an amazing 70.9 percent (220for-310) from the field.

His steady and consistent play under

the boards earned him Eastern Conference MVP and All-Region 12

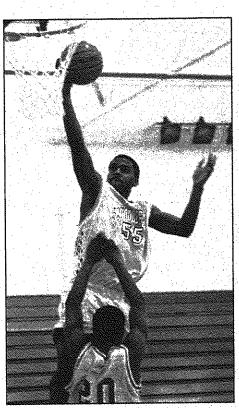
"You see a guy struggling like that just trying to get back-and-forth to school and you want to see a guy like him go on and succeed," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs. "Sometimes the bus is late and it makes him late to practice, but he's usually on time 90 percent. And if he's not, I've seen him sprinting across the (school) parking lot to make sure he's on time."

Baker has Barry Sanders-like qualities. He speaks softly and lets his game do the talking.

"Just how hard he plays and how tough he is makes him stand out a lot," Briggs said. "He's old school. He doesn't showboat after making a big play, he just turns around and goes back down the court. And he does it every night."

Baker was a three-year varsity player at Cooley. He was not much of a scorer in high school, but a capable rebounder who earned honorable mention All-Detroit Public School League honors.

PLEASE SEE BAKER, C4



ERIC BRONSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Schoolcraft's Torvoris Baker (55) has loomed large this season for the 30-2 Ocelots, who face Redlands (Okla.) in Tuesday's NJCAA Division I opener.

After all, it's all in fun, right?

here are times when it is very, very easy to be cynical about sports. Lately, that time can also be

known as every waking moment.



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fessional hockey team countering its free-spending regular season by jacking postseason ticket prices higher than what your parents paid for

This is, after all,

a time of 18-year-

old phenoms get-

Of the local pro-

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shoe contracts.

their first house. Of college coaches teaching phony classes then deflecting their

overzealous desire to win by challenging their players' credibility. And just when you think it is all

about the Benjamins, how TV contracts matter more than human contact, how image has surpassed substance, along comes something that gives you hope that maybe sports can be fun again. Moses Proctor might not see his

name in the sports section again. Neither will Chris Kelly. Or Emeka Udema. Or Quinn Ebner. It would be wonderful if they did, a testament to the triumph of the human spirit and an iron will.

In truth, they probably won't - at

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second period, the Greyhounds got the equalizer from Mike Amodeo, who knocked in a rebound that slipped away from Drew. Matt Herneisen and Jeff Doyle assisted.

That set the stage for LaRose's goal, scored on Plymouth's 18th shot of the game - compared to 26 at that stage by Sault Ste. Marie.

It was a nothing game, real ly," Vellucci said. "We just need to get ready for the playoffs."

The Ontario Hockey League starts its playoffs Friday; Plymouth probably gets under way at Compuware Arena on

The Whalers took a 42-14-8-2 record (94 points) into Saturday's game with Western Conference (and Midwest Division) leader Kitchener, which was 46-13-5-2 (99 points). The Whalers have clinched first place in the West Division; they will be the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

The Grevhounds were fourth in the West Division at 26-32-6-3 (61 points) entering Saturday.

LaRose's goal certainly brought his team to life. Just 2:53 into a fight-filled third period, Thorburn picked up a rebound in front of the Greyhounds' net and lifted it over Biasucci, making it 3-1. Karl Stewart and LaRose who had three assists to go with his goal — assisted.

With the Greyhounds trying to apply pressure in the Plymouth end, the Whalers got a quick break, James Wisniewski (from Canton)

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sending the puck to Tim Sestito, who took it down the left wing before centering it to Mitchell for the finish and a 4-1 lead with 15:49 left.

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Thorburn completed his hat trick just 1:06 later, taking a pass from LaRose and circling the net before getting Biasucci to commit and scoring. Mitchell's 17th goal of the season, assisted by Jonas Fiedler, with 11:00 remaining increased the Whaler lead to

Trevor Daley got Sault Ste. Marie's second goal, finishing a centering pass from Tyler Kennedy with 7:40 remaining. Daley was the centerpiece in a week that featured former NHL goalie John Vanbiesbrouck, the team's coach, general manager and part-owner. Vanbiesbrouck apparently used a racial slur against Daley, who is black; he then resigned his positions with the team and put his share up for sale.

Kitchener's win Friday meant the Whalers would be the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

It also meant Vellucci would rest his wounded, which included second-leading scorer Ryan Ramsay; Cole Jarrett, leading scorer among Whaler defensemen; defenseman Martin Cizek; left wing Sean Thompson; and right wing Nick Vernelli.

"We'll play everybody else (against Kitchener Saturday and Windsor Sunday)," Vellucci said. "I'll tell them, 'Show me what you can do. Earn your minutes."

One Whaler, at least, has done that already.

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Walter Ray rules Taylor bowling fray

he professional bowlers are unique. They seem to have a whole different

world of their

Ten Pin Allev

Harrison

own, sort of like walking on clouds. Having been around them for several days in the week past, I

impressed by one common denominator, they are all very talented in the ability to project a bowling ball

accurately for the 60 feet of lane surface.

Their ball action is explosive, they know exactly how to execute on each and every shot whether a strike or difficult

But they are only mere mortals, each with their own nuances, superstitions and all.

They live with the intense pressure that goes with the ter-A simple mistake could cost

them a chance to cash in for the tournament. We had the Professional

Bowlers Association World Championships event the past week in Taylor. The pro-ams and qualifying

rounds were held last week at Taylor Lanes. The semifinals and finals

were held at the Taylor

Their ball action is explosive, they know exactly how to execute on each and every shot whether a strike or difficult spare. But they are only mere mortals, each with their own nuances,

Sportsplex, a facility more known for hockey than bowl-

superstitions and all.

Special lanes and grandstands were temporarily installed for the event on Saturday and Sunday, playing to a packed house and a national TV audience.

There were several local pro bowlers, PBA members who took advantage of zero travel expenses to take a whack at the dream of winning the \$120,000 top prize.

Among them was Ryan Wilson of Garden City who was in on the action during the qualifying rounds, having stood as high as 32nd place out of 262 pro entries.

He was doing very well until he ran into a tough pair of lanes and saw many of his plus points disappear.

The competition narrowed

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the field down to the four finalists for Sunday.

In case you missed it, the finalists were Parker Bohn III, Pete Weber, Brian Kretzer and the eventual winner, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., who took home the \$120,000 check for first place.

All of the final matches were closely contested, and just like you and I, many great shots failed to carry the 10-pin, and even the top pros can get 'tenpin-itis."

In the first final match, Williams defeated Weber, while Kretzer beat Bohn and finally it was Walter Ray over Kretzer, who took home \$50,000 for coming in second.

Third and fourth cashers each pocketed \$20,000 for their efforts. The PBA National Championships have contracted to come back to the Detroit area for the next three years after many years in Toledo. Williams is the all-time PBA money leader with \$3,028,301 coming into this tournament. This win virtually locks up "Player of the Year" honors for him as well.

In the latest Alro Steel Michigan Junior Majors Association (MJMA) action, the 15th annual doubles tournament was held recently at Excite-a-Bowl in Kalamazoo.

On the boys side, Justin Stewart (Grandville) and Evan Relich (Garden City) won their second event of the season each by running up the ladder all the way to victory. They each win

\$200 in scholarship money. For more information on

MJMA monthly competition, call Dan Ottman at (248) 689-8696 or check out the web site at www.mjma.net.

On the local scene, 10year-old Taylor Sunman of Livonia recently rolled a 163 game, way above her average. somewhere in the 90s.

She did it in the Pinbusters YABA league at Merri Bowl

Taylor is a student at Botsford Elementary in Livonia.

At Woodland Lanes in Livonia, Barry Tikey, Jr. of the Ford Parts league recently came through with a perfect game.

Wonderland Lanes in Livonia had lots of excitement as Ken Bashara, the proprietor there rolled a 300 game in the West Side Proprietors travel league.

While Jim Hopkins had a 300 game with a 813 series in the Saturday Night Live League and John Dahl of the Kings and Queens had a 299 score.

Maybe some of these topnotch locals should have bowled in he PBA tour at Taylor.

On the road again . . . next stop, Knoxville, Tenn. for the **American Bowling Congress** annual convention and to bowl in the ABC tournament. Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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There will be eight tables available. Play will be divided into three groups: A - 1900 or above USTTA rating, or the equivalent; B - 1600-1900 rating; or C — under 1600.

Individual round robin play will be for small groups, with top players advancing to the second round of playoffs.

Registration is limited; cost is \$15 per player. Top three players in each division will be awarded trophies. Entry deadline is March 8.

Checks should be made payable to CAGD (Chinese Association of Greater Detroit) and set to Yong Huang, 17549 White Pine Ct., Northville, MI, 48167.

For more information, call Yong Huang at (248) 380-0936 (home) or at (734) 416-7253 (work).

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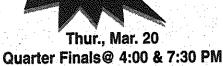
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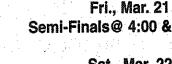
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least not for a while. But they will today.

Because Friday, they and their teammates capped weeks of practice, preparation and anticipation by beating a combined squad of Garden City's varsity and junior varsity basketball teams, 77-49.

In and of itself, beating the Cougars wasn't a difficult task. Eleven teams did that during the regular season. And the Cougars didn't exactly go full out — heck, Dave Loney played with a tennis shoe on one foot and a flipflop on the other in deference to a bum ankle.

But for the Broncos of the Burger Center for Students of Autism, this win was the Super Bowl, the NCAA championship, the Stanley Cup.

These students live every year for this game. If they don't play, they sing. If they don't sing, they lead cheers. If they don't cheer, they watch.

And they enjoy. And they fill themselves with a pride and an emotion that you rarely get to see.

It is raw, it is natural, it is real.

"We've been practicing every day and the kids just love it," said Burger's co-coach Andy Holmberg, who with Natalie Kajkowski has been preparing the Broncos for this event. "They start asking in October, 'When are we playing this game, who are we playing?" This is their season."

There are 290 students at the Burger Center, in various ages and various degrees of autism - by definition, a state of mind characterized by daydreaming, hallucinations and a disregard of reality and they come from 34 different districts in Wayne County.

Some 40 of them played basketball Friday, which could have made for interesting ways to juggle playing time if they didn't play the Cougars 6-, 7- or 8-on-5.

And for four years now, Greg Williamson has been

happy to bring members of his Garden City teams down to Burger and play Red Klotz and the Washington Generals to the Broncos' Harlem Globetrotters.

"They had too much height and ability for us,"
Williamson said. "We went down in flames."

The Broncos had their own cheerleaders from the school, but Garden City cheerleaders came down to help out. Heck, not only were they cheering for the Broncos, but they were fun." booing louder than anyone when a Cougar - their own classmates — would make a basket. And yes, when Adam Walentowicz threw up a brick, they responded with the universal jeer of "airball."

"I never thought I'd get booed like this in my own city," said Marco DiMichele, who got his share of baskets and shame. "But the benefits are great. Playing against these kids is our favorite game of the year."

And if the Garden City players liked it, the Burger players loved it.

A game couldn't be complete unless it had a national anthem. A choir from Burger took care of that and also sang a version of I'm Proud to Be An American that left the crowd roaring — first in laughter, then in praise.

"I wanted to do this, I like to sing," said 6-year-old Coty Diaz from Garden City, who belted out his portion of the song along with five of his classmates. "I had a lot of

When they were introduced, the Broncos ran out on the court with hands raised and grins you couldn't wipe off their faces with a Brillo pad. Jason Phelps ran out high-fiving his team. Alex Bogue skipped out on the court with a big ol' smile. Michael Barrett raised his

hand in salute to his team. By the end of the first quarter, the Broncos led 22-12. Walter Kinsel had a few baskets, Joey Aynes had the first one and Eric Little added a couple of more layups, even though he had to be prompted more than once to head toward the right basket.

But they didn't have to score to have a good time.

"I did really well, even though I shot and missed," said 10-year-old guard Jonathon Robbins of Canton. "I still stole the ball and I did real well on that."

Robbins stopped, took a big swig of water, and kept talk-

"I'm just sitting here hoping to get my stamina (yes, he said stamina) back up and get back in there. You see, I run fast. And I'm waiting to get back in the game and maybe score."

Chrystal Rose couldn't contain herself and it was infectious. Trying to slow down Rose, a 12-year-old from Taylor, was like nailing Jell-O to the wall. She was everywhere, getting the ball, playing defense, cheering on her teammates and embodied what the game was about having fun.

"I enjoy playing," Rose said during the break. "Yes, I'm having fun. I can't wait to go back in.'

She wasn't the only one. Michael Neal, a diminutive

10-year-old guard from Westland, not only liked playing, but liked watching his teammates do well.

"The best part of the game was watching (a teammate) because he was the best player," Neal said. "I did OK, he did great."

After the game, the players celebrated with hugs, highfives, raised hands and any other way they could find.

Chris Sheppard walked around looking for people to

The 14-year-old ("But I'll be 15 next week, so write that down") from Allen Park scored a couple of baskets in his first Burger-Garden City game and was looking forward to next year.

"I had a good game. I thought I did good," Sheppard said. "I liked the way I played and I practiced a lot for this. I can't believe we won. This is

And it was great for every-

one - player, student, parent, fan, cheerleader, anyone who watched. It wasn't about money or titles. It was about triumph of the spirit.

"I think it's a great learning experience for both sides," Williamson said. "This game provides memories that will stick with you for a lifetime. Look around. There are kids still smiling and the game ended 15 minutes ago."

And as if to prove a point, as one walked out of the gym, you couldn't help but notice big Alex Bogue, who scored sometime in the second half. Bogue, with a smile as big as all outdoors, turned to a teacher in the hallway and exclaimed:

"Hey! Did you see my shot?'

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Jonathon Robbins of Canton takes aim for his Burger Center team during the first half of their game against Garden

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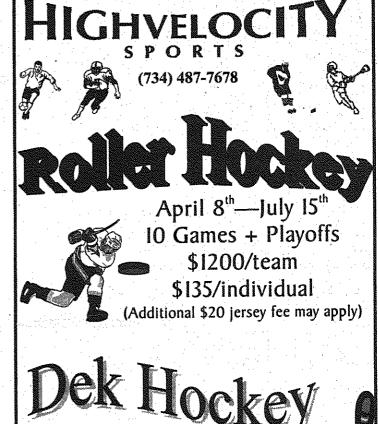
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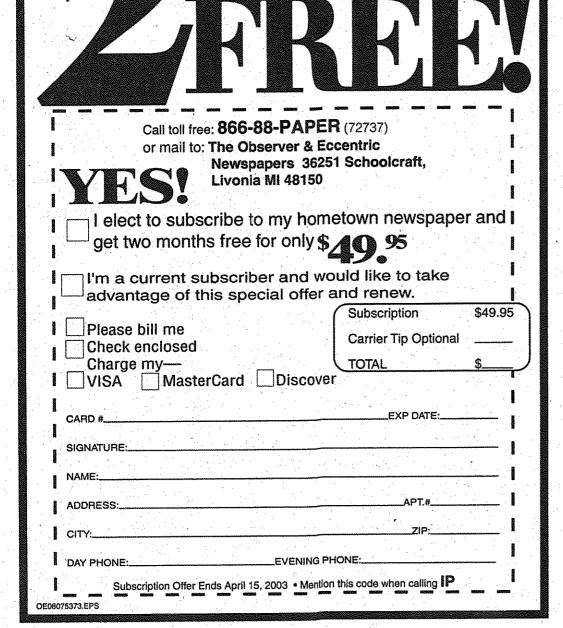


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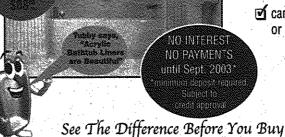


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A partial NCAA qualifier, Baker enrolled last season at Eastern Michigan where he spent his freshman year practicing with the Eagles and coach Jim Boone.

Baker thought he would get eventually earn a scholarship, but the last available ride went to Ohio State transfer JaQuan Hart.

He decided over the summer to transfer and he didn't have to look far on the map, landing at Schoolcraft, which just completed a 35-1 season and a third-place finish in the NJCAA Tournament.

"I talked with Coach Briggs and he said if I came here, worked and played hard, I get some good looks," Baker said. "He lived up to his words.

"He works me hard and when he thinks I'm slacking off, he gets on me and makes sure I never quit on a play."

Baker has approximately 15 to 20 scholarship offers on the table.

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Baker has approximately 15 to 20 scholarship offers on the table including Butler, University of Detroit Mercy and Wisconsin-Green Bay of the Horizon League; Toledo and Ohio University of the Mid-American Conference; Missouri-Kansas City and Sacramento State - just to name a few.

"Torvoris was promised a scholarship, but he made a decision to reopen the recruiting process," Briggs said. "He has improved a lot just in his footwork, ball-handling and knowledge of the game. And his confidence level is up.

"He doesn't talk much. I'd like to see him become more

vocal because if he says something, it would signal to his teammates that he means it."

In the Region 12 championship game, a 78-77 overtime victory against Vincennes, Baker finished with 12 points, including two big free throws late in OT. He also grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds.

"I've learned some new post moves, but my job is to go get the ball," Baker said. "I've learned to box out more. I've always been a rebounder. It just comes natural."

Never one to show much emotion, Baker let his guard down a bit after the win over Vincennes.

"He had a big smile on his face at the foul line when he hit those two free throws," Briggs recalls. Baker turns 20 next Sunday

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PREVIEW

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Taj Gray, 6-foot-8, 220pound freshman center from Wichita (Kan.) East, leads the Cougars. Redlands also gets solid guard play from 6-2 freshman Andre Heard and 6-5 sophomore Nick Ponder, the first man off the bench.

"Gray's a very good inside player, very active for a freshman," said Briggs, whose team was ranked No. 8 in the final NJCAA poll. "They're known for their defense. They pressure Detroit Cooley. full-court man-to-man.

"We have to handle their fullcourt pressure, attack it with dribble penetration and look to score once we get into the halfcourt.

"And obviously we have to rebound the ball and play good defense ourselves."

The Ocelots have used a balanced scoring attack this season led by UNC-Charlotte signee Marcus Bennett, a 6-4 guard from Detroit Renaissance who is averaging 17 points per game.

Bennett is joined in the backcourt by Wayne Memorial's Gary Johnson, a 6-1 sophomore who averages 8.7 points, 6.5 assists and three steals per

The starting center is 6-9 Andre Scott, a Washington, D.C. native who played at DeMatha High School and the University of Rhode Island. He is averaging 10.1 points and 6.6

from Detroit Pershing, will start at one forward along with 6-6 Torvoris Baker from

in Hutchinson as a key reserve for the Ocelots, is averaging 12.2 points per game, while cent from the field. Baker also leads Schoolcraft with 10.9 rebounds per game.

6-3 freshman guard from Belleville, is averaging 14.2 points and shooting 40.6 percent from three-point range. Guard Dion Sherrell, who missed 15 games with a broken foot, has returned to the lineup and is averaging 13.8 points. The Detroit Henry Ford product is a transfer from Wichita

Other key reserves include 6-7 freshman Marcus Johnson (5.1 ppg) of Dearborn Heights Robichaud; 5-9 point-guard Aaron Squirewell, Detroit DePorres via Saginaw Valley State; 6-4 guard Darryl Vinson, Ann Arbor Huron; 6-5 center David Garrett, Detroit Redford: and 6-7 center Shaun Foster,

Other matchups Tuesday 7, vs. San Jacinto (Tex.), 24-9: South Plains (Tex.), 31-2, vs. Monroe (N.Y.), 28-2; No. 2 Southeastern Illinois, 31-1, vs. No. 1 Southeastern (Ia.), 33-1;

The first round concludes Wednesday at noon as Northwest Mississippi, 22-9, followed by Okaloosa-Walton

Saturday night.

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Pursuant to State Law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at Stow & Go Self Storage, 41999 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan on APRIL 4th, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. Then entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit, CASH ONLY!

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the District-Wide Trash Bags. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Jerry York in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2955. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 28, 2003. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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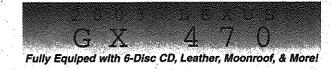


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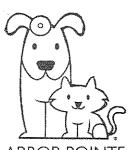
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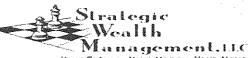
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Tickets for the event are \$5 per person and include a hot dog lunch. To purchase tickets, call the Student Activities Office at (734) 464-4422.

Cholesterol screening

Farmer Jack and the Greater **Oakland Visiting Nurses** Association continue to host "Farmer Jack Healthy Tuesdays" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The ongoing program offers free blood pressure and glucose screening. and a non-fasting, total cholesterol screening for \$5.

"Everyone 21 years and older needs to know what their cholesterol numbers are. If 200 or lower, testing should be done every five years," said Patti Moore, Community Wellness manager for the VNA.

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Beaumont grant

Beaumont Hospital's Research Institute has been awarded a \$50,000 pilot grant by the Michael J. Fox Foundation to support its Parkinson's disease research.

"We are proud to be one of a select group of institutions to be funded by the Michael J. Fox Foundation," said Beaumont neurologist and lead researcher Dr. Peter LeWitt. "The grant allows us to continue working toward pinpointing early warning markets that may eventually lead to better treatments and a cure for this disease."

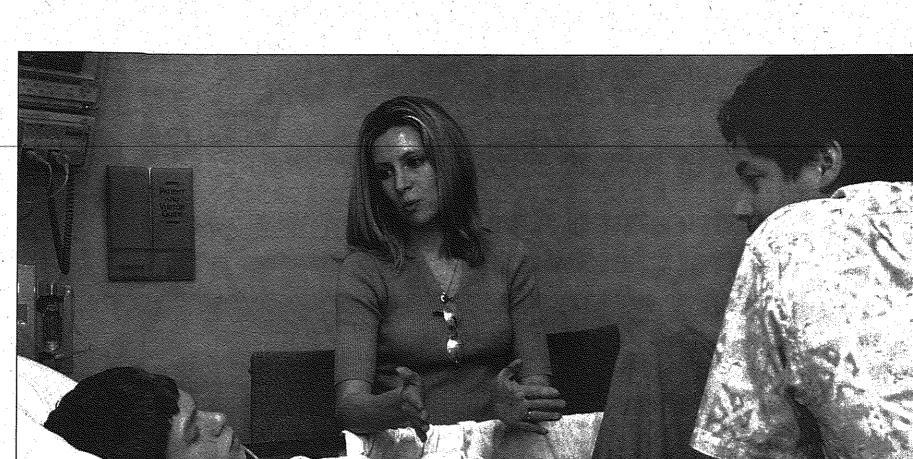
Diabetes study

Dr. George Grunberger of the Grunberger Diabetes Institute in Bloomfield Hills, is participating in the largest diabetes prevention trial to date and is looking for individuals who are at risk for diabetes to take part. The trial spans 40 countries and will enroll more than 7,500 patients. The study will evaluate two medications, currently FDA approved for other uses, to determine whether they safely and effectively delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular events such as stroke and heart attack.

Study participants must not have diabetes, must be at least 50 years old and have some of common risk factors for developing diabetes: family history of diabetes or early heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, current cigarette smoking, overweight and prior conditions such as stroke or heart attack.

Doctor visits, physical exams, lab tests, diet and exercise counseling, and study medication are provided at no charge. Financial compensation is also provided.

To learn more about this study, call (248) 335-7740 or visit www.gdi-pc.com.



The Bonnville family, Dimitri, 16, mother, Tami, and father, Craig, spend time together in the prep room prior to Dimitri's stem cell transplant.

Medical breakthrough

New procedure at Beaumont helps young man's heart regenerate

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

octors around the world will be watching how a 16-year-old Michigan boy does following a first-ever experimental treatment at Beaumont Hospital after he was shot through the heart with a nail gun.

Doctors used stem cells from the patient's own blood to try to repair heart damage. Experts believe the procedure could be used to regenerate other organs, as well.

"People not just in cardiology will take a keen interest in this," said Beaumont cardiologist Dr. Steven Timmis. "This will have implications for all organ systems in everything from spinal injuries to heart attacks, to just about any other serious medical condition in which there is death or irreversible injury to tissue. We're at

the dawn of a new age." Dimitri Bonnville's ordeal began on the morning of Feb. 1 not long after he started work as a handyman. Bonnville was at work on a painting job when a 20-year-old co-worker pointed a nail gun at him and shot it at his chest.

"He said, 'Do you want me to shoot you in the foot?' and I said, 'No, shoot yourself," said Bonnville, explaining what happened minutes before a silly prank would forever change his life. A few hours after he left his home. Bonnville's parents were called.

Doctors at Beaumont gave Bonnville a 50-50 chance of surviving the sur-

"They opened him right up and took out the nail," said his stepmother, Tammera Bonnville. "A week later, he started bleeding internally and his lung collapsed."

Doctors told Bonnville's parents that

he had severe heart damage to onethird of his heart and that he would be a candidate for a heart transplant someday. They gave the family another

option - the new stem cell treatment. When they presented this idea, we discussed it with Dimitri and he said, 'Whatever you can do so I can live," said Tammera Bonnville. "He wanted to try anything. We started researching it and basically getting as much information as we could get. But being the first person in the world getting it,

there wasn't a lot of information. "From what we understood at the time it was basically the last resort," she said. "Heart transplants don't last forever. Being a 16-year-old athletic child, we were trying to get him back to a new normal."

RECOVERY

A month after the stem cell transplant, it was hard to believe Dimitri Bonnville had any health problems at

"Everything hasn't really changed that much - other than I can't do nothing," said Bonnville earlier this month on a Wednesday morning following a press conference at the hospital where doctors revealed the new procedure.

Beaumont cardiologist Dr. Cindy Grines had been researching the stemcell treatment when Bonnville was admitted to the hospital Feb. 1.

Dimitri was taken to urgent care near his Almont home in rural Lapeer County and then rushed to Beaumont Hospital. Doctors removed the nail that lodged in his heart and actually served as a plug that prevented him from bleeding to death. Shortly afterward, Bonnville suffered a massive heart attack.



Dimitri Bonnville rests while stem cells are extracted from his blood.

"In the past, heart muscle was thought to be irreversibly damaged," said Grines, director of Beaumont's cardiac catheterization laboratories, who developed the treatment for Bonnville. "Everyone thought once those cells were dead there was nothing you could do."

However, laboratory studies have shown that stem cells from the blood can help bring new life to damaged

On Feb. 17, Bonnville began a fourday regimen of Neupogen to stimulate the production of stem cells in the blood. Doctors harvested his stem cells with a special blood collection machine and using a heart catheter transplanted the stem cells into an artery that supplies blood to the front of the heart.

The operation lasted less than 60 min-

Five days later, a defibrillator was implanted in his chest to control the irregular heartbeats he is now susceptible to as a result of the damage caused by the heart attack.

"We're hoping these patients with massive heart attacks will live a more or less normal life," said Grines.

HOPEFUL

Before the accident, Bonnville, an 11th-grade student at Almont High School, was involved in wrestling, soccer, baseball and football. He also had a passion for snowboarding.

We'd like to see him do some of that stuff again," said Tammera Bonnville. There are no guarantees, but we're very hopeful."

The procedure will now be offered to other Beaumont patients who show no chance of recovering damaged heart muscles. "Patients won't have the side effects of medication," said Grines.

"Since it's their own cells, they won't

reject them." When the heart is injured, it goes through a process of progressive deterioration, becoming weaker and weaker until a person needs a heart transplant. A stem cell transplant represents a fairly noninvasive way to regenerate the heart muscle, "whether you're 16,

60 or 70," said Timmis. "Our hope is that we can prevent the deterioration and have some improvement in heart function," he added. This is an area of research that's truly in its infancy. We have an awful lot to learn. Dimitri is a bit of a pioneer. And I think it's important to emphasize the

PLEASE SEE HEART, C7

Liver recipient urges more organ donations

STAFF WRITER

Dr. Michael Hagan knows he wouldn't be alive today if it weren't for his liver donor.

"I feel the real hero in this story is the donor family," said Hagan, a Bloomfield Township physician who spoke Tuesday, March 11, to the Plymouth A.M. Rotary

Hagan told his story of spending 12 years as an emergency physician and then contracting hepatitis B, most likely from a patient. He needed a career change, so went into administration with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

Hagan received his liver transplant several years ago at the University of

Michigan. He shared the story of his lifesaving operation, and encouraged Rotarians and their loved ones to sign up to become organ donors.

Hagan felt symptoms of liver failure, and was told there was an 80 percent certainty he had less than 18 months to live. He was placed on the transplant list.

Michigan has some 2,369 people awaiting a transplant, he said, with the national figure over 80,000. Michigan is ranked near the bottom in organ dona-

"They actually advised me to go out of state," Hagan said. "It was a very difficult

He spent about two years on the list, at one point preparing for surgery and learning the donor organ was unacceptable. "The doctors told me I had probably fined to home some six months by a less than two weeks to live."

He's done well since surgery, with fatigue his only problem. Hagan takes antirejection medications.

SEEKING INFORMATION

He learned his donor was a 21-year-old woman with a healthy liver. "So the prognosis was pretty good for me." Hagan wanted to learn more about the young woman and her family.

He wrote a letter through the Gift of Life but didn't receive a reply. He learned the donor was from Sparrow Hospital in

Hagan, past president of Birmingham-Bloomfield Families in Action, was con-

seizure reaction to medication. During that time, he wrote and called those who had offered prayer and encouragement.

Five years ago, Hagan had lost a son. A reporter at the Lansing State Journal he knew was aware he'd been on the waiting list. She told him of a Lansing woman who had been on a ventilator for five days after being shot.

Hagan went to the state library in Lansing to check back issues. He found the likely donor's name. He then joined Gift of Life, for which he continues to volunteer, and founded an American

Liver Foundation chapter here. When he read in a Detroit paper that

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courage he exhibited with this pioneering technology."

The procedure might be used to improve other organs, he said. Research on the subject has been ongoing by other area hospitals, as well.

For instance, the University of Michigan Medical Center published a study in the March issue of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology addressing muscle cells taken from patients' legs that were shown to have grown in their hearts.

NORMALCY

Dimitri's parents are still trying to find some sort of normalcy in their lives. Tammera

ORGAN

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the murder trial in the young woman's death was about to start, he felt he needed to be there. "I was very determined to go to Lansing."

The six-week trial was his first time in a courtroom. He met the prosecuting attorney, who was curious about the only white person in the courtroom, but Hagan didn't reveal his ties due to patient confidentiality.

Later, when that lawyer learned who Hagan was, he said he felt as if a part of the victim was alive in the courtroom. That motivated the lawyer.

"He would talk to the family and to me." Hagan told of his son's death and the family accepted him.

At one point in the trial, another family member arrived and asked about Hagan. She was told he was part of the family. "She had no idea how true that was," he said.

The prosecutor suggested sending a letter through the victim's rights advocate, and Hagan agreed to do so when the trial ended. He prayed with the family; Hagan, who was raised Catholic and spent six years at Sacred Heart

ing in their prayers. When they learned who he was, the father told of how he had trouble with the decision on organ donation. He's now living in Atlanta, Ga., and found his

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Tuesday, March 18. They also will

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brain attack," is ranked as the

March 27. Appointments will

third leading killer in the

Bonnville and her husband, Craig, have four other children. Dimitri is the oldest.

"It definitely changed our lives forever," said Tammera Bonnville. "It makes you realize how important family is, not to sweat the small stuff and to love your family, because you never know."

Dimitri returned home in early March and was told to stay on a low-stress, low-exercise routine. "We're taking it slow," said Tammera Bonnville. "We're really not sure what he's able to do yet.

Dimitri is waiting to return to school and is scheduled to start cardiac rehabilitation. "It's pretty tough," he said. "I leave it to all the doctors. I have faith in my doctors. I was never really, really religious, but I honestly think twice about it now. I wish it never would have happened. If I could take it all back I would."

anger has gone away. The father tells people "I have a relative up in Michigan who's white." Hagan also joked that his

average age is now only 37.

VITAL MESSAGE

"You, too, can become part of this story," the physician told Rotarians. He encouraged them to call Gift of Life at (800) 482-4881 or visit giftoflifemichigan.org on the Web. (Registration can be done online through Michigan's Department of State Web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.)

Hagan's active with Gift of Life and the American Liver Foundation, along with the United Network for Organ Sharing. "I cannot understand racial prejudice, I cannot understand violence," he said, drawing on his own life experience.

Hagan's niece was killed by a drunken driver and became an organ donor. "It has helped my sister tremendously," he said.

"Your story is really a very dramatic one," Plymouth Rotary A.M.'s Bob Scoggins told Hagan. Scoggins, retired Plymouth police chief, noted the donor quilt hanging in the meeting room at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"So that's a very dramatic statement right there," Scoggins said, adding Hagan came highly recon mended by Westland Rotarians, where he spoke recently.

"He comes with high credentials," Scoggins said.

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Weight control

Informational seminars for Beaumont Hospital's Weight Control program will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 or 25; or 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 or 26; and on scheduled Saturdays. The seminars are held at the Beaumont Weight Control Center, 4949 Coolidge Highway (north of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. The Center specializes in the treatment of people who are mildly to severely overweight.

Grief support

Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road. Livonia, offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday. Next meeting is 1 p.m. March 25, and 6:30 p.m. both days. Call Joan Lee at (734) 464-7810.

Yoga

Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi, will offer "Gentle Yoga for Beginners" 10-11 a.m. Mondays. The first six-week session begins March 10; the second beings April 28. The fee is \$55. The class emphasizes stretches for strength, flexibility, relaxation and energy enhancement. Learn techniques to help alleviate insomnia, anxiety and stress. Includes breathing and meditation exercises. To register, call (248) 477-6100.

Thyroid

The Michigan Thyroid Support Group meets on a monthly basis. Call Tracy Green at 734-453-7945 or e-mail mithyroid@yahoo.com or visit our web site at http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid Menopause naturally

Center for Lifelong Learning, Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren, east of Telegraph), Dearborn Heights, will host two discussions on hormones by pharmacist Scott Popyk:

Filling the Gap for Men" 6:30-8:10 p.m. Thursday, March 20. Popyk will describe the symptoms of hormone declines and discuss how natural hormone replacement can benefit men. CEHFS 4049, Section 119076 for general public, \$19. CESBU 4049, Section 119076 for nurses (1.5 nursing contact hours),

To register, visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2 or Low vision

"Peer Support" offers emotional support, coping skills and information for people with visual problems. The groups will meet 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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The hearing will be held:

Tuesday, March 18, at Beaumont Hospital's Medical Office Building, 5th Floor, Beaumont Eye Institute, 3535 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak, Call (248) 551-2020.

Prostate cancer

Join Dr. Fred Lee, of the Weisberg Cancer Center, for a discussion on "Diagnosing & Staging Prostate Cancer" 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 18. The center is located at 31995 Northwestern Hwy, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 538-6514.

Autism

Everyday Miracles Autism Support Network will host a discussion, "Special Diets for Special Kids," featuring the author of the book by the same title, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at Zion Lutheran Church, 143 Albany, Ferndale. Tickets are \$20 for group members and \$25 for non-members. Seating is limited. Advance ticket purchase required. Support group meetings are held at various locations the second Monday and Tuesday of each month. Contact Laurey Tedeschi at (248) 398-6220. Online message board available (everydaymiraclesautism@yahoodgroups. com).

Stroke screening

Advanced Screening will assess your risk for heart attack and stroke Thursday, March 20, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. A complete vascular screening package (including stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aorta/aortic aneurysms and ankle brachial index/hardening of the arteries) is \$99. A complete vascular/cardiovascular screening package (vascular screening, heart muscle test, blood-cholesterol and EKG) is \$199. Screens can be performed individually. Pre-registration required. Call (800) 541-8110.

Post-polio support

The first meeting of the Southeast Michigan Post-Polio Support Group will be 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 22, at the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, 4328 Livernois, Troy. The church is about a half mile north of Wattles (17 Mile Road) on the east side of the street, Call (734) 425-0788 or (313) 885-

Mini-med school

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing to

Amendments and technical changes to the Retirement

Ordinance; most of these amendments bring the Ordinance

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the Retirement Commission to address ongoing inequities.

Thursday, March 20, 2003 Commission Chamber, 10:00 a.m.

Wayne County Building

600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Commission Clerk's Office, 462 Wayne County Building, 600

Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226. (313) 224-0903.

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be reviewed at the

If you've missed your calling to become a doctor but would still like a glimpse of medical school, it's not too late. The U-M Medical School is now enrolling students in its third annual Mini-Med School, 7-9 p.m., every Tuesday from April 8 to May 13, on the Medical School campus. The tuition is \$75 per person; complimentary parking will be provided. Program will focus on infectious disease and cover a range of subjects including the nature of the microbial world; immunization and vaccination; diagnostic laboratory procedures and the uses and abuses of antibiotics; opportunis-

tic infections in immunocompromised

patients and HIV/AIDS; respiratory and gastrointestinal infections; the evolution and ecology of infectious diseases; emerging infections; bioterrorism and biological warfare. Space is limited, and registration forms and payment must be postmarked no later than March 25. For a copy of the regis-

tration form, visit www.med.umich.edu/medschool/minimed or call (800) 742-2300 and enter category 6540.

Quit smoking

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, will host the Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, in the Kalman Auditorium. The first 45 minutes is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, they pay a onetime fee of \$59. Call (800) 848-2822. Colorectal health

A colorectal health presentation will be offered at St. Mary Mercy Hospital entitled "Colorectal Health" on March 29 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Registration and a light breakfast starts at 9 a.m. Presenting will be Khalil Nahra, MD, Colorectal Surgery, on topics that include risk factors, prevention strategies, screenings, diagnosis and treatment options of colorectal health. Call (734) 655-8800.

APRIL

Cosmetic surgery Join Dr. Jennifer Kim, assistant profes-

sor of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, in a small group discussion of the risks and benefits of facial cosmetic surgery. The presentation takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the U-M Center for Specialty Care, 19900 Haggerty Road, Room 103, Livonia. Limited to 12. Reservations required. Call (734) 432-7650 or (800) 493-3223.

Baby fair

Second annual Beaumont Baby Fair, with displays, information, prizes and mini-classes on comfort measures in labor, dad caring for baby, what to do if your child is choking and more. Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Beaumont Hospital, Admin. Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Call (248) 551-3887. Toxins

Arbonne International will sponsor a "Women's Toxin Awareness Seminar" 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Canton Summit in the Arts 11 Room, Learn how toxins in the environment can cause allergies, hormonal imbalance and sickness. Call Colleen Weaver at (734) 397-7789. Health fair

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

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

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Clinic offers safety tips for spring break adventure

once meant packing up the van and driving I-75 to Florida. Fast forward to Spring Break 2003, however, and you're likely to find high school seniors dancing at Acapulco nightclubs, families touring the jungles of Costa Rica, or a church group traveling on a missionary trip to Kenya.

"People are definitely getting more adventurous with their vacations," says Linda Johnson, R.N., of the International Travel Health Clinic at Henry Ford Medical Center - West Bloomfield. "We're now skiing in Chile or scuba diving in Honduras."

These adventure trips can put travelers in harm's way, however, if they are unprepared for their new surroundings. Johnson has treated people who returned from trips with unexpected souvenirs - from worms and insect larvae under their skin, to hepatitis and even malaria.

To help prepare vacationers for foreign travel, the Henry Ford International Travel Health Clinics offer a full-range of health and safety education services. Individuals, families and groups receive personal health counseling and immunizations when necessary. They are educated about potentially harmful food and the safety of drinking water, as well as environmental factors such as insects and sun exposure.

Using a sophisticated Webbased program, the clinic also provides travelers who are concerned about terrorism with current travel advisories from agencies such as the U.S. State Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and World Health Organization (WHO). Up-todate information about area crime, attacks against Americans, local disease outbreaks and natural disasters can help travelers know what they may encounter and pre-

pare, when possible. Henry Ford International Travel Health Clinics are held at Henry Ford Medical Center West Bloomfield (248/661-7350) and Henry Ford Medical Center - Sterling Heights

Spring break for Michiganders To help prepare vacationers for foreign travel, the Henry **Ford International Travel** Health Clinics offer a fullrange of health and safety education services. Individuals, families and groups receive personal health counseling and immunizations when necessary. They are educated about potentially harmful food and the safety of drinking water, as well as environmental factors such

(586/977-6490).

If you are gearing up for a vacation in a foreign country this spring break, the Travel Health Clinics offer some of the following advice:

as insects and sun exposure.

Before you go: Do your homework on the country. Take time to learn some of the language, and about the people and culture. Study maps to acquaint yourself with the area. The fewer surprises, the safer you'll be. Take embassy location and contact numbers with you just in case.

Get a Hepatitis A vaccine.

Spread through contaminated food and water, Hepatitis A is a highly infectious disease of the liver. It is the number one most frequently occurring disease in travelers that is preventable with a vaccine. The CDC and WHO recommend vaccinating travelers to areas including Mexico, parts of the Caribbean, Africa, Asia (except Japan), the Mediterranean basin, eastern

Europe, the Middle East, and Central and South America. Depending on your destination, you also might need other vac-

cinations. Pack insect repellent and sunscreen. To ward off insects and mosquitoes that transmit infections, be sure to wear lotion or repellent containing 30 percent DEET. Sunscreen should be waterproof and offer SPF 30 protection. Because sometimes these items can be difficult to find in the middle of Michigan winter, the Travel Health Clinic offers some

options. Learn how to manage existing medical conditions. People with a chronic illness managed by medication might need to have those medications adjusted due to the impact of travel and time changes. They also are advised to take extra medications in case of an emergency or delay in returning home. Always pack medications in carry-on luggage.

While you're there: Pass up the fresh foods sold on the street. The food likely is not washed and may give you a bout of diarrhea to something more serious like Hepatitis A.

Don't rent a car. Car accidents are the leading cause of death among Americans traveling in foreign countries, says Travel Health physician Dr. Mark Selitsky, who suggests taking a tour with a guide or using public transportation.. "Unfamiliarity with the area, inability to read road signs in a foreign language, lack of understanding of traffic laws, or a lack of traffic laws altogether can make driving in a foreign country dangerous."

■ Take precautions when swimming or snorkeling in the ocean. Each year, swimmers and snorkelers are swept to sea when they are caught unaware by an ocean current. Ask your hotel or tour guide about local currents. Never swim or snorkel alone; go with a partner, or better yet, a guide who knows the area well. Look for designated swim areas with lifeguards.

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HEART SAFE LIVONIA

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, recently received the American Heartsaver Award from the American Heart Association for creating the Heart Safe Livonia, an organization that provides public awareness and serves as consultants for automated electronic defibril-



St. Mary Mercy Hospital recently received the Heartsaver Award from the the American Heart Association. Pictured, left to right, Marianne Simancek, Ginger Ramsay, Paul Derwich of Livonia Public Schools and Julie Sproul.

2000.

Besides St. Mary Mercy Hospital, members include Livonia Public Schools, Livonia Fire and Rescue, the City of Livonia, legislators and other city representatives.

Donations to Heart Safe Livonia are encouraged to assist in the purchase of AEDs for local organizations. To assist, or to receive more information, contact Ginger Ramsay at (734) 655-

HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM

The Hon. James L. Ryan, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth District, has been appointed to the Community Care Board of Trustees for the Henry Ford Health System. Henry Ford Community Care operates a number of services including senior services, hospice/end-of-life care, occupational health, dialysis, home health care and home products. Ryan lives in Redford.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AWARD

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Services has received the first-ever Five Star Community Investor Award from the American Cancer Society (ACS), Great Lakes Division, Inc. This award is given to hospitals that are active in fighting cancer on multiple fronts through the ACS AT Work Program.

The hospital qualified by participating in many facets of the ACS mission, such as offering

low- or no-cost screenings to eligible individuals, hosting the Men's Health Fair, providing cancer support groups, offering classes on smoking cessation and educating youth on the hazards of tobacco use, and participating and sponsoring the Relay For Life fund-raiser.



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MEDICAL STAFF OFFICERS

New medical staff officers at St. Mary Mercy Hospital for 2003-2004 include Dr. Prasad Mikkilineni, chief-of-staff; Dr. Khalil Dirani, chief-of-staff elects; and Dr. John Iljas, secretary/treasurer. New members at

large include Dr. Jay Daitch and Dr. Hector Rodriguez, who will join Dr. Roy Misirliyan and Dr. Gregory Stone.

Mikkilineni of Bloomfield Hills, whose office is in Livonia, has been an internist at St. Mary Mercy since 1982. Dirani of Bloomfield Hills, whose office is in Livonia, was 2002 Chief of Staff and has been with St. Mary

Mercy since 1980. He is a board certified anesthesiologist. Iljas of Novi, whose office is in Livonia, specializes in vascular surgery. He has been with St. Mary Mercy since 1997 and serves as the medical director of the St. Mary Mercy Wound Care Center.

NEW HOSPITAL OFFICERS

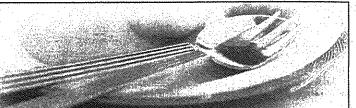
St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, has named Julie Moran, St. Clair Shores, as the new director of Information Services. Moran comes to St. Mary Mercy Hospital from Trinity Information Services, Farmington Hills, where she served as System Design Manager since 2000. She has over 20 years of health care management experi-

Moran holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from American University, Wash. DC, and a Master's of Public Administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The hospital also has named Mike Gusho of Birmingham as vice president and chief financial officer. Gusho worked for Trinity Information Services, Farmington Hills, where he served as vice president, Finance and Administration, since 2000. He has worked for Trinity Health for almost 14

Gusho has been a Certified Public Accountant for 16 years and holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

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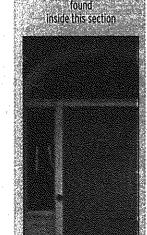
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One conversion leads to another near Belle Isle

J&J Slavik of Farmington Hills, which transformed a warehouse built more than 100 years ago into apartments in the late 1980s and early 1990s, is now renovating those apartments into condominiums.

The Lofts at Rivertown is on the north side of Jefferson Avenue about a quarter mile from the Belle Isle Bridge in Detroit. The plan calls for 172 units a handful of studios and penthouses.

most one- and two-bedroom residences. With redevelopment of the downtown entertainment district in full swing, the partners decided that the time was right to make the conversion. Also, some residents specifically asked for it, said Jamie Murray, J&J Slavik president,

"There's a resurgence of people who want to live in the city," he said. "This is like Chicago or New York with exposed brick, wood-beam ceilings, exposed duct work. This is such a unique product."

"People coming through told me they couldn't believe how lovely the building looked," said Ilene Wolf, sales represen-

"They're impressed with how the building has been maintained, the integrity of the original architecture.

"Then they'd drive around and see restaurants, clubs, Comerica Park, Ford Field," she added.

Some of the residents refer to the community as a fun zone, Murray said. And why not, considering that the

Lofts at Rivertown includes a fitness center with sauna; community room with TV, billiards table and kitchen; indoor and outdoor spa tubs; and an outdoor swimming pool.

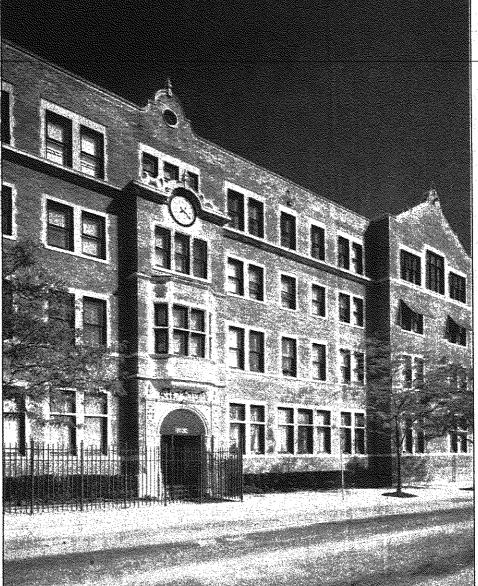
'We have a whole neighborhood here," Murray said. "You can come here and feel secure and safe."

The parking area behind the property - which includes space for at least one vehicle per unit in carports - is fenced and monitored from a gatehouse.

Belle Isle with all of its recreational opportunities is within view. Another park with access along the riverfront is planned directly across the street.

"It's affordability and lifestyle that bring people down here," Murray said. Forty-four different floor plans are available.

A studio condo of just under 700 square feet carries a base price of \$100.000. A one-bedroom/one bathroom residence from 800 to 1200 square feet ranges from \$112,000 to



Apartments will be refurbished into condominiums at a historic warehouse on the edge of downtown Detroit.

\$168,000.

A two-bed/two-bath unit from 1,100 to 1,400 square feet goes from \$150,000 to \$225,000. Penthouses, 2,200 to 3,500 square feet, range from \$399,000 to \$700,000.

Everything is new in the baths and kitchens - toilet, tub, sinks, cabinets, counters, plumbing and light fixtures. New kitchen appliances - range, refrigerator and dishwasher - are included.

New vinyl flooring will be installed in the kitchen and laundry, ceramic or porcelain tile in baths, carpeting

throughout the rest of the home. Closets include California-style shelving, sectionalized/compartmentalized.

Residences will be painted throughout. Windows will be replaced on a needbasis. Existing washers, dryers and furnaces in each unit are included at base price. The parking lot was resurfaced last year and work on the roof will proceed as needed.

A couple of units have been refurbished as models.

A one bedroom of 1,019 square feet includes an entertaining/dining area,

living room, bedroom, laundry and bath at a base price of \$142,660.

A bilevel of 1,255 square feet with a living room, dining area, bedroom and bath on one floor, plus a great room, bedroom, bath and terrace up a circular staircase, carries a base price of \$175,700.

The model, with upgrades, is about \$195,000.

The Lofts at Rivertown is within the Detroit school boundaries. The city's property tax rate is \$53.70 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction.

That means the owners of a \$150,000 condo there would pay about \$4,025 in city taxes the first year.

Detroit residents also pay a 2.65-percent city income tax.

The monthly association fee, which includes water, is \$258.50. Electric heat is metered to individual units. Pets are allowed.

Stephen Schudlich purchased a onebedroom. "I've always been sort of an urban rat kind of guy," he said. "I like the freedom

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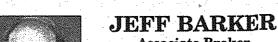
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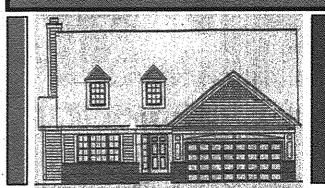
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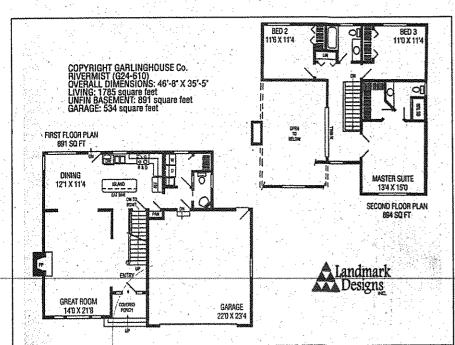
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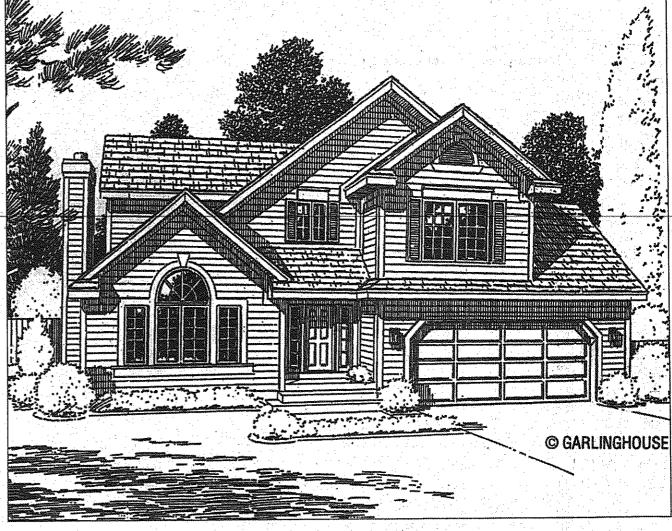
It's an attractive home that has 1,785 square feet of living area over two stories and an unfinished basement of 891 square feet that can be used at a later time for more living space.

Entering the Rivermist brings guests directly into the great room. It has a fireplace on the left side and designer windows in the front.

To the rear is the dining room that can be accessed through the great room or down a hall from the entry. Corner windows bathe the dining room with light and make it a great place to sit for morning coffee and reading the paper.

The kitchen occupies the center rear of the Rivermist. It has an L-shaped counter area with an island in the middle. The eating bar is in the island. A door to the back yard is between the kitchen and the dining room.

Around a corner from the kitchen is the utility room with a walk-in storage area that could be used as the pantry



along with the built-in pantry on the rear wall. A half bath is also in this area. The door to the two-car garage is at the end of the hall.

All the bedrooms are upstairs.

French doors open into the main suite, which has a large window in the front. The master bath with an oversized tub is adjacent to the walk-in

Bedrooms two and three face the rear of the home with a full bath between. Each bedroom has a large wall closet and large window.

A huge linen closet is in the hall. The master suite is in the right front Part of the area is open to below with a half wall in the hall area. This allows a view of the great room from upstairs.

The Rivermist with its lines and open living would be great in any type of setting. It would complement any neighborhood and be quite livable for a family with children.

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China works to tame, populate western provinces

(AP) - Metro Detroit has developed comparatively easily

west and north. But you've seen it differently in the old movies: Men. progress and cash moving west-

ward into a rugged expanse,

laying railroad track and tam-

ing the environment to bring

the civilization of the east to a

hinterland that could only be described as wild.

It happened in America during the 19th century, in Australia during the 20th. In the 21st century, it's China's

Since 2000, the central government in Beijing has been pouring money into a highenergy project to develop its poor western provinces, including the heavily Muslim region of Xinjiang and the mountainous one-time kingdom of Tibet.

Now, as China's new leadership targets low living standards in the countryside as its most urgent problem, it's giving western development more priority than ever. It's a staggering task they

The west's economic output

is a fraction of the east's. Improving its lot involves

tackling 2.65 million square miles that are home to 367 million people, 29 percent of China's population, including

an assortment of ethnic minorities warv of increased central control.

"To implement such a colossal program in such a colossal area in an orderly way is an incredible challenge," said Li Zibin, deputy director of the Cabinet office that oversees western development.

Part of China's effort - the part it doesn't discuss as much - involves increasing the population of the regions in question by persuading millions of Han Chinese, the country's most populous and patriotic ethnicity, to move west.

Hundreds of thousands have already been sent in. Such migration, leaders pre-

sume, will help cement fundamental ties to Beijing in regions culturally and sometimes physically isolated. In the meantime, China is

ardently courting foreign investment. Major electricity and gas pipeline projects are under way. And money from every corner of the nation is being sent toward the sunset.

"This year, the strength of western development will be accelerated even more," said Wang Chunzheng, vice minister of the powerful State **Development and Planning** Commission, the engine of China's finances.

Though China has neither stagecoaches nor six-shooters, the comparison to the American West is apt nonethe-

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encountered minority groups that were, in their governments' estimation, backward.

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China is laying track to connect the nation; a railroad is under construction through the western province of Qinghai, aimed at linking restive Tibet with the Han-dominated east. Planners in Beijing say they

looked at various countries' models of settling and developing "backward areas" - including approaches used by Japan, Italy, Canada and especially the United States. "They learned lessons from

their experience," Li said of American westward expansion. "Their environment was damaged, and they had to spend a lot of money and time to fix it. We want to borrow their successful experiences, but not the

unsuccessful ones." So far, the government

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reports progress. It cites figures saying the economy grew 9.9 percent in

the western regions last year, faster than the national average

of 8 percent. And more than \$60 billion is being spent to control desertification, protect forests and

renew grasslands depleted by grazing, according to Wang Zhibao, another western-development official.

What the leadership wants the most, though, is a west that reflects the prosperous east, with domestic and international brand names everywhere, economic enthusiasm replacing the outpost mentality and communities full of people happy enough not to turn

on their government. "I would like them to see buildings built. I would like them to see the environment protected. I would like them to see people living better

He paused, then added: "I would like them to see a better investment climate where they can feel safe putting their money."

lives," Li said.

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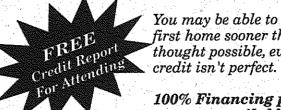


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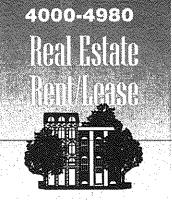
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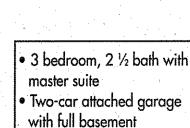
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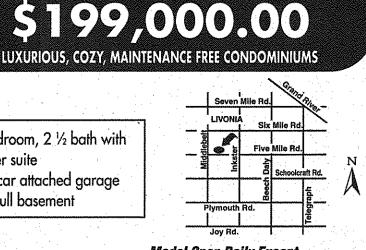
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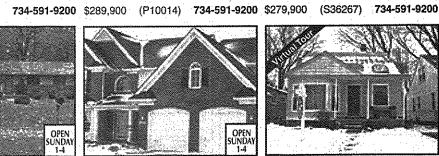
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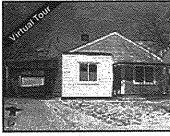


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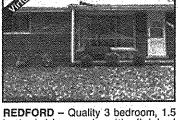
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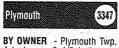
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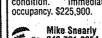
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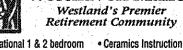
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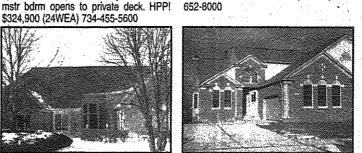
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Neighborhood not a shrine

Residents near Ground Zero ready to move on

BY HELEN O'NEILL
AP CORRESPONDENT

They have seen how the world can turn deadly in an instant, how carefully built lives can be shattered

They have trudged through the wasteland that was once their neighborhood, clutching their few belongings, picking their way through the smoke and the rubble, feeling the way displaced citizens of war have felt through the ages. Homeless, helpless and ignored.

They are the residents of 125 Cedar St., the tiny red and yellow brick loft building that once thrived in the shadow of the World Trade Center, and miraculously withstood the towers' collapse 18 months ago.

The 12-story building still stands, like a symbol of defiance, the closest residential building to Ground Zero.

The residents, many of them artists who work from their homes, are defiant, too.

Defiant in their determination to return home – to the studios many built with their own hands, when they took over the abandoned building 26 years ago.

Defiant in their determination that their neighborhood become a neighborhood again, rather than a place of pilgrimage – or inspiration for war

"On the one hand, I understand the desire to avenge the loss and prevent future attacks," said Andy Jurinko, an artist who lives in 3N with his wife, Pat Moore, a fashion estioner. "But I don't see the connection between what happened to us and what is about to happen in Iraq."

And yet the connection is made daily in the yawning pit beneath his living room, where great stadium lights shine on the construction workers toiling to build a new transportation system in the place where the towers once stood.

For many this is the place, psychologically at least, where war

Tourists still flock here, leaving

notes and flowers by the fence. So do fighters heading to the Gulf.

Several months ago, Jurinko and Moore watched as a unit of camouflaged soldiers marched down their street and stood on the roof of the firehouse just beneath their kitchen window. The soldiers paused for a few minutes and gazed solemnly at Ground Zero, before marching off again. Another day, a group of Navy cadets in white dress uniforms held

a ceremony at the same spot.
Jurinko understands the connection, though he finds it disturbing.
His wife cannot bear the idea of worshiping at one killing site before marching off to another.

REMINDERS

She gets furious at the tourists. We are not exhibits, she screams at people who snap pictures outside her building. This is our home.

And yet it is not the same home. Reminders of the destruction are everywhere – in the boarded-up sandwich shops that once bustled with business from the towers, in the "terror tables" of the hawkers selling videos of the buildings collapsing, in the lobby of 125 Cedar itself, still daubed in orange paint with the words "FDNY. SEARCHED. HAZARDOUS."

For more than a year, the 12-story building remained piled with debris and "death dust," while despairing tenants, in moonsuits and gas masks, tried to clean it themselves. Finally, when it seemed the world had forgotten or didn't care, the city's Department of Environmental Protection hired contractors to finish cleaning it last fall. It took another few months for paintwork and other repairs, and tenants have just started moving back.

For some, the return is euphoric, a victory over terror.

Others still feel tortured by what they saw – and still see.

Del Rivero moved back to 8N in December, but mentally, she says, her great airy space with its freshly painted walls doesn't feel like home. On every corner, every pillar, every

window, she is haunted by what used to be: the photograph that once stood, the artwork that once hung.

UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE

From his penthouse apartment on Cedar Street high above ground zero, 65-year-old Peter Davies has a unique perspective on war. After all, he says, twice in his life he has had a front row seat.

The first was during World War II. As a child in Cardiff, Wales, Davies lived through the bombs, the air raid sirens, the rubble and the dead. He lost relatives in the fighting. A classmate disappeared when his house was bombed just a few blocks from where Davies lived.

So it was with an eeric sense of deja vu that Davies experienced the skyscrapers tumbling onto his garden patio, where he used to sip his nightly cocktail and watch the lightshow of the towers. The suddenness of the attack was different, he said. But not the randomness of who lived and died, who suffered, who

Davies' apartment is also a gallery for the ancient Turkish weavings he collects and sells. He feels at home in Turkey and has visited Iraq. These countries and their people are not abstractions to him, he says. They are as real as his neighbors in Cedar Street.

One neighbor, Mary Perillo, has videotaped long interviews with Davies and the others to make sure that what happened to them does not become an abstraction either. She wants to preserve the reality of their experience, the rawness. Otherwise, she fears it will become just another story that gets diluted in its constant retelling.

But already she can see that happening. Memories fade, or get distorted.

Reality too.

"Yes, what happened outside my window changed me and changed my neighborhood," Perillo said. "But I am more concerned with the way it changed my country."

Demographic studies project need for more housing

A report from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments projects the population of the sevencounty southeast Michigan region will reach approximately 5.5 million by 2030, up from the current 4.9 million people.

The SEMCOG report also predicts an increase in formations of households and demand for new, reconditioned and existing homes.

"Southeast Michigan is currently experiencing a population growth rate of about 1/2 percent per year, and that will continue through 2030," said Jim Rogers, data center manager of SEMCOG.

Rogers told a recent meeting of the Working Group on Density and Land Use of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan that the population growth and a changing makeup of households will create a demand for 400,000 additional primary residences in the next 30 years.

SEMCOG is a voluntary association of local units of government in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne and St. Clair counties.

SEMCOG predicts baby boomers will work later into life than earlier generations and will opt to live on their own. Also, the number of newly created households with children is expected to remain at about the same level as was created by the generation of baby boomers.

A lack of decline in housing demand by existing residents coupled with the increased demand for housing due to the region's increase in population will strain the resources of available housing.

According to SEMCOG, buildable

According to SEMCOG, buildable land in the seven county area is 38 percent of total acreage.

SMART GROWTH

The housing demand-versus-land dilemma is now getting attention in Lansing. Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently appointed the Michigan Land Use and Leadership Council to study the issue on a statewide basis.

Meantime, the BIA has responded to the growth issue by forming the Michigan Smart Growth Coalition and the Working Group on Density and Land Use.

At a recent meeting of the BIA Working Group on Density and Land Use, Richard Komer, of Wineman &

Komer Building in Southfield, said, "We need more density in housing. There is too much infrastructure required for low density housing of one unit or fewer per acre."

Bob Verasan, builder liaison for DTE Energy, added his concerns about utility costs.

"It isn't only water and sewer costs that increase with large lot zoning, but electrical utility costs increase, as well. Someone has to pay for it," he said.

State Sen. Gilda Jacobs,
Huntington Woods, indicated that
older areas need to be rebuilt to keep
people there. She added that remodeling of older homes will be necessary
to provide better accessibility as the
population ages, and it may be necessary to tear down current homes and
rebuild.

Darshan Grewal, builder and developer of Singh Development in West Bloomfield, has been working on revitalizing older cities including Garden City, St. Clair Shores and Detroit.

Grewal says he faces many challenges because each municipality has its own set of rules and ordinances. He says a regional government would alleviate difficulties in dealing with different set of requirements in different areas.

But Grewal knows the reality is creating that single rule will be difficult. "Getting local government to agree is a big challenge and will require compromises," he said.

However, Irvin H. Yackness, executive vice president and general counsel for BIA, agrees that at least a single view ought to be taken on what is to be done with the future of land use in the region.

"It is essential that our current population and the 233 local units of government in this area plan for the substantial growth we face. The individuals and families of southeastern Michigan need adequate housing options that cannot be met by existing homes in the area," Yackness said.

"There are many facets to meeting this region's substantial housing needs, including planned growth in the newer suburbs and the outlying areas, higher density housing in some areas, as well as rebuilding and repopulating of the inner cities and first ring, older suburbs," Yackness said. "We need to take a balanced approach."

A Downtown

Simple suggestions to improve home improvements

(NAPSI) – With interest rates recently reaching record lows, home improvements are capturing the imagination and the wallets of Americans everywhere. While budget and aesthetic considerations are important, safety should be at the top of any "to do" list.

"Home improvement projects can be great investments, which is why consumers collectively spend \$366 billion on them each year," said Dan Liparini of MetLife Auto & Home. "But unless safety comes first, all your money and hard work can literally go up in smoke."

MetLife Auto & Home offers these suggestions to improve the safety and integrity of your home improvement project:

Before you start any project involving electricity, ask a qualified electrician to make certain you have enough wattage and that your wiring is up to code.

Before you install appliances, consider accessibility to outlets. Through proper

planning, you can cut down on exposed wires and extension cords. If necessary, add outlets near your new appliances.

Think about installing ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) – in the event of a short, these circuits turn electricity off before severe injuries or electrocution can occur.

Upgrade your safety devices. Smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and home burglar alarms can save your life and protect your investment.

In the kitchen, if you have small chil-

dren, install kid-safe features such as oven-door locks, surface warning lights, and stove knob covers.

In the bathroom, owners of older

In the bathroom, owners of older homes may want to replace their shower pans with more leak-resistant shower systems, in order to avoid water damage. If you have a fireplace, consider upgrading its energy efficiency. Air circulation devices or a pellet stove can help with

energy efficiency and safety.

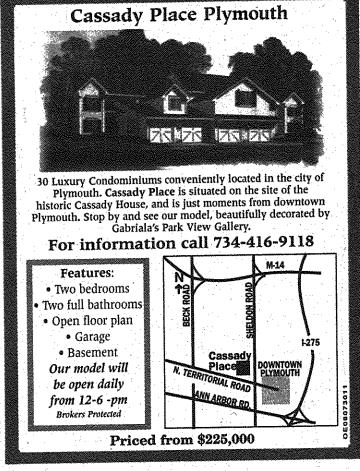
Once you've completed your improvements, make certain that you've adequately protected your investment. Check with your insurance agent that the amount of insurance protection on your property is adequate.

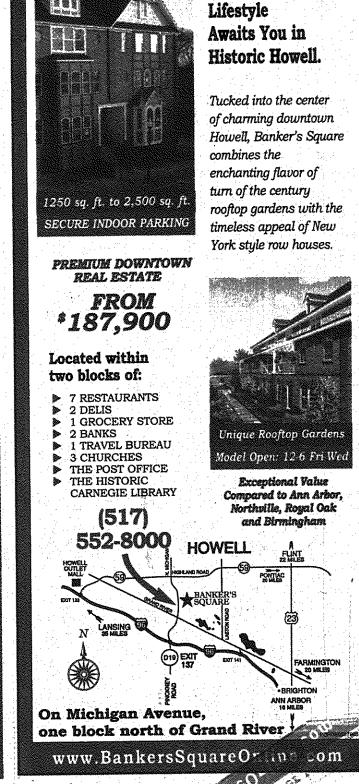
"Improvements increase the value of a home," said Liparini. "Make sure your coverage accommodates this. Also, check to see whether your homeowner's policy has 'replacement cost' coverage, which guarantees that damage to your home will be covered, even if the coverage limit is inadequate. This is important if your house is destroyed and needs to be completely rebuilt."

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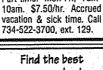
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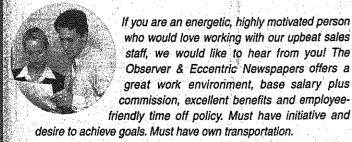
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BY ANNE FRACASSA



Anne Fracassa

Mail was heavy this week. Most Observer & Eccentric readers wrote to tell us how much they liked our report on the military DUKW vehicles used during World War II and the Korean war. They also wrote to tell us those vehicles are tourist attractions in more states than we thought. Read on. Then enjoy this week's road test of the Audi A4.

Dear Anne:

I read your article in the West Bloomfield Eccentric. My mom, son, and two sisters went on a ride in one of these in Tampa. ... We went through Ebor City and went into the water and back out again. ... Wisconsin Dells is NOT the only place to see thema; son with the control of t

Hello Angishor 2-WITATWA-Ligustofinished reading your interesting article on the ducks in Wisconsin. I found it quite interesting, as I have ridden the ducks. Perhaps you would be interested in noting that the DUKW I rode was in Branson, MO., where there is a small fleet which takes people out onto Table Rock Lake and nearby vicinity.

Our particular driver was extremely good and felt like a part of history, as his father had been assigned to the DUKW duty during WWII. I thought you might be interested in this small bit of information and minor correction regarding Wisconsin being the only place where you can ride them.

Nancy Austin, Plymouth

Dear Anne:

I enjoyed your article, especially because I saw (a DUKW) operating as a tourist attraction in Copper Harbor in the '90s. It fouled the air with billowing exhaust and a racket highly undesirable in an area valued for its natural beauty.

Imogene Zimmermann, Bloomfield Township

On to the new Audi A4...

I was disappointed, at first. Awww, another 5-speed manual to deal with. And we're supposed to get some nasty weather, too. Would've been much more comfy with an automatic. Oh, well, you take 'em as you get



2003 Audi A4 is fun and functional

'em. But slipping behind the wheel of the Audi A4 Avant outfitted with a 1.8 liter turbo-charged dual overhead cam five-valve is an experience you won't forget in a few days.

This turbo charged four cylinder pumps out 170 horsepower. Might as well be 670 horsepower the way this thing moves when you tap the accelerator.

Spirited, responsive, commanding and king of the road is what this is. The A4 is also available in the 3.0-liter model that I haven't driven and wonder whether I want the wonderful chance to get a ticket every time I'm in the driver's seat. The temptation to speed is fierce with all that power under the hood.

It actually felt like it was ready to jump out of its skin because I wasn't pushing it hard enough. The Audi A4 package seems small enough on the outside, but looks can certainly be deceiving. It looks like such a small car, but on the inside, where it matters most, there's plenty of room for everything you need to put there. The back seat is comfortable enough for at least two adults -- no, just two adults -- even on a long trip. Although cloth seats are standard equipment, give yourself a treat and opt for the leather seats. You can even get them heated up front. Also optional are 12-way power adjustable seats with power lumbar for both front and driver. I can't stress the comfort of the seating surfaces and the seating itself. I never was fatigued or tired during short or long trips. The heated seats made cold winter mornings, afternoons and evenings nothing more than a nuisance. There were six settings of exactly how hot you wanted those seats, too. Totally unnecessary. Zip it all the way to "six" and I was fine the entire trip. Sure was ccccccold this week. And, the interior of the A4 heated up so quickly, you were turning it down before you even realized you had been in the car more than four minutes. The interior layout of instrumentation and controls is quite logical, with everything within the driver's reach without a stretch. Stereo and CD controls were easy to negotiate, even in heavy traffic that demanded your eyes on the road at all times.

The exterior of the A4 is extremely eye-catching, with heads turning at most corners - and it wasn't even red. It's got an aggressive stance, without looking like it would scare the competition away. The rear treatment is powerful. I would like a better system to open the rear hatch, however. It took repeated presses of the key fob to make it work properly. Even my girls were annoyed when trying to get their skating gear out of the rear. Nothing makes them more nervous when they know their coach is standing out on the ice waiting for them and they're out there fooling around with key fob buttons on rear latches.

I mentioned the optional 3.0 -liter engine available on the A4. I've got to mention that it produces 220 horses and still meets the requirements of the Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle (ULEV) standard. The zero-to-60 mph rating is 7.1 seconds.

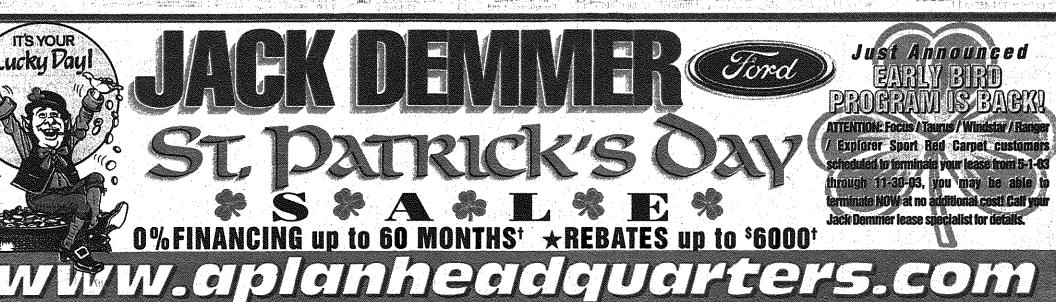
The ULEV is something I don't mention often because out west is where it's most important. With gasoline prices soaring the way they are, we'll be hearing a lot more about ULEV standards and what they'll mean for the future of our own vehicles that we'll be purchasing

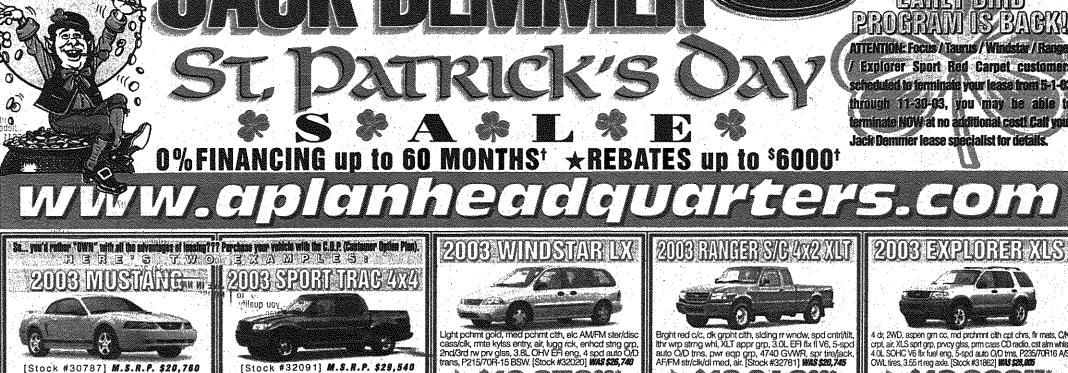
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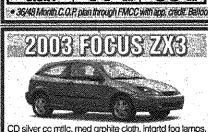
What more can you ask for? Try one of these for yourself and let me know whether you find it as fun ... and functional ... as I did.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com

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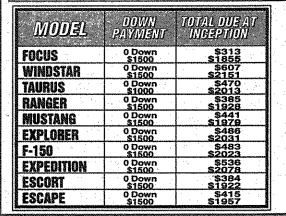
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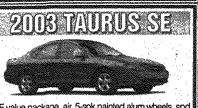
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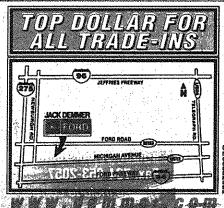




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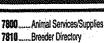
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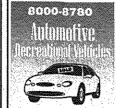
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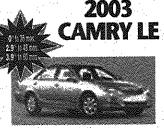
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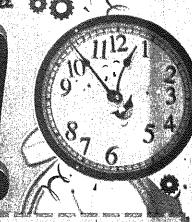
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