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Grief workshop

A free arief workshop will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road.

The workshop will offer help to normalize the grieving process and explain the "Pitfalls Along the Path of Grief." It will be conducted by Jeri Cornwell of the New Hope Center for Grief Support. Cornwell, a registered nurse, has been facilitating grief workshops since 1999. To register or for more information, call the funeral home at (734) 981-1700

Motable educator

Former Gallimore and Hoben Principal Joyce Reefer Deren will be honored by the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma as their 2003 Woman of Distinction. The society will present her with the honor May 7 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Prior to retirement, she was in public education for over 31 years, 25 of those years as an elementary school administrator in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Earlier she was recognized as an Extra Miler by the school board of Plymouth-Canton for her many services to the students of the district. Currently she is personnel manager of the Dodworth Saxhorn Band which plays at Greenfield Village. She is responsible for finding musicians for all the engagements. She has been a charter member of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, located in the Plymouth-Canton area. since 1982.

Dig up roots

Want to find out if you're descended from rovalty? Canton Leisure Services is sponsoring Genealogy 101 Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. April 29 through June 17 in the Arts II room in the Summit. The cost is \$45 for senior residents (ages 55° and older) and \$50 for nonseniors and non-residents. Register at the senior desk in the Summit's Parkview Room.

Instructors Margaret and Bill O'Neill will show how to use the tools available to trace genealogy, from magazines to computers. Students will learn interview techniques, how to use the right software or simply how to trace roots with paper and pencil. The O'Neills wrote "Our Roots Began in Ireland" and have extensive experience with genealogy research. Call (734) 394-5485 for details.

Fishing derby

Get ready to make sure your child's fishing reel is in good working order. The annual Kids Fishing Derby on May 3, sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, is planned 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. for children ages 12 and under and noon to 3 p.m. for children ages 13 to 16. Heritage Park's ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout and children are invited to catch up to three fish each. Open fishing will begin at 3:30 p.m. for residents of all ages, and no license is necessary. Cost is \$2 per child and each child will receive an "official" fishing derby ribbon. Call (734) 394-5460 for details.

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Federal dollars sought to fix ash tree problem

STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has joined other members of the Michigan Congressional delegation in asking for federal help to combat the ash tree problem in southeastern Michigan.

The delegation sent a letter to U.S. Management and Budget Director Mitchell Daniels asking him to promptly support a



McCotter five million

trees in the area That was good news to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

request from "If he's able to pull it off, the federal that's great." Yack said. "We've Department of already lost 4,000 trees in Canton and that's just in the Agriculture for \$16.4 million to rights of way. That doesn't include those on private propercombat the emerald ash ty, in parks or golf courses." borer, which McCotter and other members has killed about

of the delegation sent a letter to USDA Secretary Ann Veneman the first week in March asking her to support an earlier request from Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm to provide

federal assistance. Granholm asked for both financial and technical assistance from the USDA before the ash borer re-

emerges this spring.
"The emerald ash borer has devastated local ash trees and we need funding now,"
McCotter said. "The more time is lost, the more trees are lost."

At the state level both State Sen. Bruce Patterson. R-Canton, and State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, have

introduced resolutions in the House and Senate asking for federal assistance.

"Now that we have identified the problem," Patterson said, "we cannot stand idly by watching our quality of life and a great natural resource die. "Michigan needs the technical and financial assistance from Congress and the USDA before it's too late."

PLEASE SEE TREES. A7



PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crowds at this year's Marshmallow Drop exceeded last year's event, which drew 2,500 people, according to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

Marshmallow Drop kicks off Easter break

BY STEPHANIE CASOLA STAFF WRITER

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

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

Randy Schroeder, a musician who lives in Redford, brought his 2-year-old daughter Bailey Ann. She was all smiles after gathering her marshmallows. The event is divided by age, so all children have an opportunity to collect the chewy treats. "I think this is so cool,"

Schroeder said. "I think she liked it. I wish we could get this many people out for a benefit

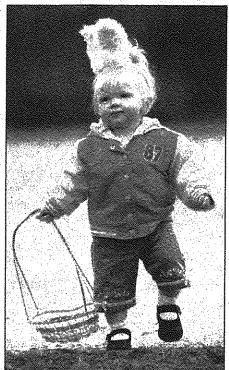
Wayne County Sheriff's Corp. Brian Ferris estimated the crowd was much larger than last year's group of 2,500.

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

Redford's Cheryl Caskey found out about the Marshmallow Drop by reading the Observer and decided to bring family and friends along.

"We came to Mud Day, so I was kind of looking for it," she

PLEASE SEE DROP, A8



Annalisa Nuorala, 16 months, toddles out of the Nankin Mills drop zone with a basket full of marshmallows. Annaliisa is from Redford.

Organization recognizes efforts of duck devotee

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Don Vlcek of Plymouth Township recently channeled his passion for all things out-of-doors into a passion for fund-raising.

Vlcek, pronounced "Vole-check," became the 27th winner of the Michigan Ducks Unlimited Russ Bengal Award at the organization's state convention in Midland. The honor goes to members who raise

large amounts of money for Ducks Unlimited over a number of years. In this case, Vlcek raised more

than \$450,000, which exceeded his

goal by more than 50 percent. "Basically, I go up to someone and ask them for contributions," he said. "Next thing I knew, everybody

from all over the state was trying to help." Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands

and associated habitats for North

America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people, according to its mission statement, from www.ducks.org.

Vlcek is a former vice president of Domino Farms, where he worked from 1978 to 1994. He has lived in Plymouth Township since 1988, when he moved from the city of Plymouth.

He said his Beck Road home is

PLEASE SEE HONOR, A8

Revision of CSX underpass project unsettles many

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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

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

At the April 7 meeting, city leaders, on a 4-3 consensus vote, agreed to continue with the underpass construction project only if the cost remains at \$503,250, which commissioners approved in November 1999. Voting in favor of the project were commissioners Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle, Colleen Pobur and Phil Pursell.

However, all seven commissioners indicated they were not interested in financially supporting the

Officer suffers setback, undergoes surgeries

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

The Arizona Republic reported Tuesday, April 15 that Sitek had already undergone two surgeries,



Phoenix police Officer Robert Sitek is undergoing exploratory surgery to discover the cause of an elevated fever after being shot four times during a traffic stop. He was a 1986 Plymouth Salem graduate and a former Canton resident. He's pictured above with his mom, Kathleen Sitek of Canton:

where doctors removed parts of his colon and small intestine. He lost an equivalent of all the blood in his body five times over. Doctors were unable to remove two of the bullets, and deemed

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LOOKING AHEAD Beauty and the Beast

Disney's Tony Award-winning musical playing April 29 to May 18 at the Fisher Theatre features Laura Dysarczyk.









Annette Medrek

Services for Annette Medrek,

90, of Canton will be held on

April 21 at St. John Neumann

Catholic Church with the Rev.

George Charnley officiating.

Mrs. Medrek was born

March 9, 1913, in Detroit and

died April 17 in Canton. She

Jeanette Cipoila and Teresa

Dajnowicz of Canton; seven

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Services for Ramanlal

were held April 18 at L.J.

Griffin Funeral Home in

Shah, 87, of Farmington Hills

Mr. Shah was born Dec. 18,

1915, in India and died April 17

in Dearborn. He worked as a

Survivors include sons,

daughters, Taru (Pravin) Shah

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Griffin Funeral Home Canton

Gajewski, 82, of Canton, were

with the Rev. George Charnley

Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn

officiating. Burial was at St.

Mrs. Gajewski was born

June 6, 1920, in Detroit and

died April 11 in Canton. She

was employed for a time as a

Gajewski; daughter, Barbara

Switalski; brother, Anthony

Szachacz; and sisters-in-law,

Pikulski; sister, Bernice

Survivors include son, Alex

with the family at griffinfuner-

and Mrudula (Kirit) Parikh;

ten grandchildren; and ten

great-grandchildren.

alhome.com.

Victoria Gajewski

Services for Victoria

held April 15 at St. John

Neumann Catholic Church

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Pravin (Renu) Shah and

Bhupendra (Gida) Shah;

Ramanial P. Shah

civil contractor.

grandchildren; and one great-

Survivors include daughters,

Burial will be at Holy

was a homemaker.

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LIBERTY FEST PARADE

The Canton Liberty Fest Parade committee is looking for groups who would like to take part in this year's parade scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 21.

It will be the second annual march through Heritage Park, following a successful debut last year. The theme will once again be patriotic.

Staging will begin at 8 a.m. in the rear parking lot of Summit on the Park. The parade will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and will proceed through the park for about 11/4 miles.

Entry forms can be requested by calling co-chair Deborah Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188. Entries must be received by May 30. Entrants will receive a map and additional staging information about one week before the parade.

LIVING SCIENCE CAMPS

The Living Science Foundation offer camps in Plymouth, Livonia and Northville for local students throughout the summer

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months. Camps are hands-on, interactive and based on science activities that are designed to be informative, interactive and fun. Camps begin June 9-13 World of Animals, LSF Headquarters Plymouth (734) 207-8291; July 7-11 Rainforest, Northville (248) 349-0203; July 14-18, Rainforest, Livonia (734) 744-2602; July 28-Aug. 1, Animal Family, Livonia (734) 744-2602; and Adventure Camp Aug. 18-22 LSF Headquarters Plymouth (734) 207-8291. Visit

www.sciencefoundation.org

SPRING BOOK SALE

Secondhand prose, the Friends of the Canton Public Library's used bookstore, is offering an April spring special: Purchase two gardening, craft or hobby books and get one free.

Most selections cost 50 cents to \$1. The store is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

TAX FREEDOM DAY

In case you missed it, April 17 was Michigan Tax Freedom Day. According to State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Tax Freedom Day represents the date when taxpayers are no longer working to pay taxes.

Tax Freedom Day illustrates the share of the nation's income that goes to pay federal, state and local taxes. It assumes that income is earned evenly throughout the year and that individuals initially devote all of their earnings to paying their taxes.

The day that people are free to spend their income on other goods and services is Tax Freedom Day.

In 2000 Michigan celebrated Tax Freedom Day on April 27, 10 days later than this

"I am pleased to know that Michigan taxpayers are paying fewer taxes than three years ago," Patterson said, "and that we are ahead of the nation. However, we must continue to lower the number of days Michigan taxpayers are a slave to government."

OBITUARIES

Helen Gajewski and Sophie Gajewski.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

Janet Bell

A memorial gathering for Janet Bell, 63, of Plymouth was held April 16 at the American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Mrs. Bell was born Sept. 9, 1939, in Plymouth and was a lifelong resident of Plymouth. She was a homemaker who enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and loved to be with her sons and grandchildren.

Survivors include husband of 44 years, Charles S. Bell, Sr. of Plymouth; sons, Charles (Barb) Bell, Jr. of Plymouth and Robert Bell of Canton; three grandchildren; and sister, Joy French of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 32.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

John P. Maloney

A Memorial service for John Maloney, 75, of Plymouth, will be held April 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Mr. Maloney retired after 30 vears at Burroughs/Unisys in Plymouth and had served in World War II and the Korean War. He was a longtime resident of the City of Plymouth and served on the Plymouth Planning Commission (1985-94) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (1989-92).

He was also a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish, the Plymouth Elks and Kiwanis Clubs.

Survivors include wife, Mary E. (Bette) of Plymouth; children, Michael (Gail) of Canton, John (Kathy) of Shelby Township, and Molly (Mike) Light of Dallas, Texas; and grandchildren, Jacob and Nicholas.

Memorial contributions may

be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, 806 Airport Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Leona M. Schomberger

Services for Leona Schomberger, 88, a lifelong resident of Plymouth were held April 19 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Doc Ortman of Our Lady of Good Counsel officiating.

Mrs. Schomberger died in her home with all five of her children present after a long illness. Mrs. Schomberger was a housewife and court clerk for her husband, Justice of the Peace Martin Schomberger. She was a faithful member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church since 1932. She was also a member of the Altar Society, Funeral Guild and Ladies Guild, and the Daughters of Isabella. She was a devoted member of the VFW Auxiliary Gamble Post 6695 and former member of the Navy Mothers and the American Cancer Society.

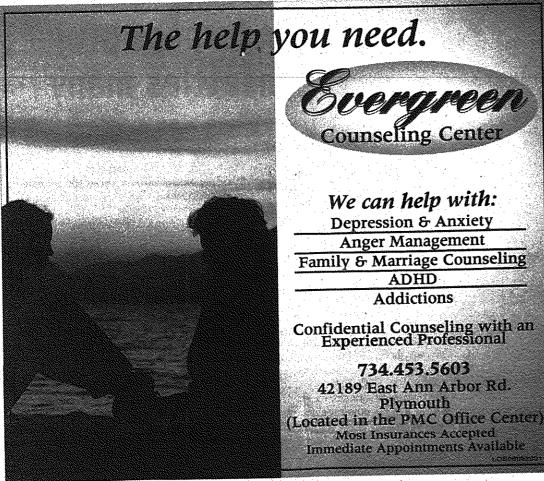
Mrs. Schomberger was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Martin; brothers, John, Walter, Clarence, and Joseph; sister, Dorothy Clark; and sisters-in-law, Vera and Adel (Mickey) Holman.

Survivors include children, Martin J. (Shirley) Schomberger of Plymouth, Elizabeth A. (James) Wick of Lake Ann, Louis R. (Mary) Schomberger of Pellston, Ralph J. (Linda) Schomberger of Allen Park, and Joyce J. (James) Scollen of Ft. Myers, Fla; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandsons; brothers, Robert H. and Charles G. (Marie); sisters-in-law, Catherine and Dorothy Holman; many loving nieces, nephews and other family members; and special neighbors Anita and "Fritz" Honke and family.

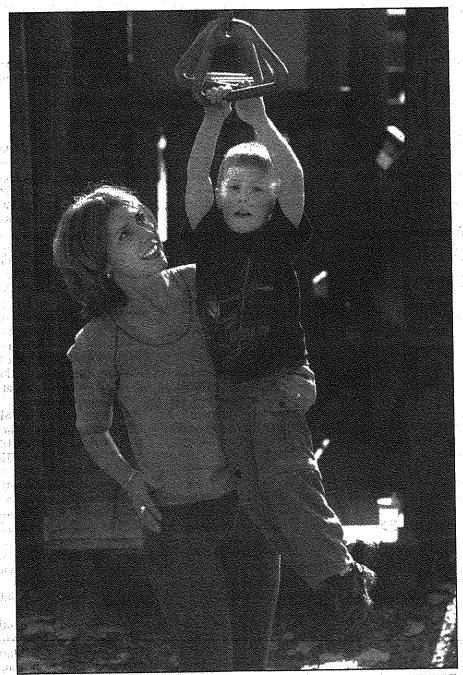
Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral

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Hang in there

Jordan Pearcy of Canton, 5, gets a little help from mom Gina as he works the monkey grips in with the playscape at Plymouth Township Park recently.

Shoplifter caught with liquor flees, later arrested

Canton Police are investigating a series of car vandalism and break-in incidents.

The incidents appear to be

unrelated. A resident of the 2400 ----block of Cranbrook reported he parked his car outside his residence on April 17. At about 9:30 p.m. ne said ne neard noise but wasn't concerned about it.

When his wife returned home about 10:30 p.m. she noticed that someone had sprayed red paint on the side of the white Ford van.

A Wickfield Court resident told police that sometime between 11 p.m. April 16 and 2:30 a.m. April 17 someone broke the right passenger side window of her vehicle and stole a purse containing her checkbook and credit card statements.

A resident of the 500 block of Canterbury Court said someone stole stereo speakers valued at \$600 from his car.

The incident occurred between 8 p.m. April 16 and 7:30 a.m. April 17. He said the car was locked and there was no sign of forced entry.

resident of the 8 block of Mornington said between 6 p.m. April 16 and 6 a.m. April 17 someone stole all four tires off his 2003 GMC Envoy. The vehicle was left sitting on landscape blocks.

A Hawks Nest Court resident reported that someone stole a wallet containing \$50 cash, a cell phone and two checkbooks from his car.

The vehicle was parked in front of his house but was not locked. The incident occurred between 9 p.m. April 15 and 7:30 a.m. April 16.

SHOPLIFTER NABBED

A man with expensive taste but poor timing was arrested after an attempted shoplifting at Farmer Jack on South Canton Center early April 16.

The store night manager said he was the man walking across the parking lot between 4 and 4:15 a.m. with a blue basket containing six bottles of liquor. He approached the man felons with outstanding warand asked to see a receipt.

The manager told police that because of the hour, he knew the man couldn't have purchased the liquor. When confronted, the man set the basket down and left in a blue Dodge. Police stopped the vehicle a few minutes later and the man was arrested. The six bottles of gin, tequila and vodka were returned to the store.

By Jack Gladden

Evans: Programs, cooperation key in department's progress

STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

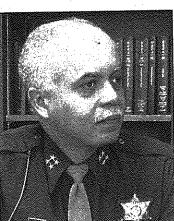
"This was a period when the county had a lot of unincorporated townships and the sheriff's department provided primary police protection and there has been an evolution, and now there is no community in Wayne County that doesn't have its own police department," Evans said.

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

'My job in Livonia is to talk to (Livonia Police Chief) Pete Kunst and say 'Pete, what is it that I can do so you can accomplish your mission to make your community safer," Evans said.

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

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



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

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

NOT A FEUD

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

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

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

and Ficano on the other was

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

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

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

NEW PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"It's a world of colors and hands-on discovery in our new Gymboree Arts program," said Tami Brandon, director of Gymboree Play and Music of Canton. "Art inspires the imagination and helps children build physical and social skills as they paint, draw and create!

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A Gymboree teacher leads parents and children through age-appropriate activities in two class levels:

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC

Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Gymboree center adds new slate of classes Senior Alliance golf outing in the works

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON STAFF WRITER

Organizers of The Senior Alliance 2003 Golf Classic are looking forward to a day of "fund-raising and friend-raising" in June, according to Mike Simowski, executive director for the Area Agency on Aging

Ninety-five cents of every dollar raised June 9 at the West Shore Golf and Country Club will benefit an older adult through The Senior Alliance. The Wayne agency is a nonprofit organization that helps older adults live independently in their own home for as long as possible. Support for seniors and caregivers is extended in the form of home-delivered meals (meals-on-wheels), care management, prescription drug assistance, family caregiver support and wellness and life supporting services.

"It's better all the way around if we can help seniors stay in their homes as opposed to going into a nursing home. It's better for them and it costs the state less money," said Bill Campbell, TSA marketing/resource development manager.

With the state of Michigan in economic turmoil the senior agency has seen financing over the last few years decrease.

"We receive funding from the state, federal government. local communities and through grants but those resources can't provide for all our needs so we make every effort, for our clients benefit, to look for money in the private sector," Campbell said.

Campbell said the agency served 20,000 people last year out of 171,000 in the region. Their service area consists of a network of 34 communities (including Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland and Livonia) in western and southern Wayne County.

"In the next 20-30 years the senior population is expected to double," Campbell said. "The

received her Bachelor of Arts degree

from Miami University during fall com-

mencement exercises in December.

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infrastructure doesn't exist right now to handle that kind of growth. That's why it's important to create a strong foundation for our organization to insure we'll be there helping seniors and caregivers for generations to come."

With a goal of \$10,000 in mind, Simowski says Campbell is ambitious about the "new and improved" golf tournament scheduled June 9 at the

Grosse Ile private golf club. The 18-hole scramble will begin with a continental breakfast during registration followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Golfers have the opportunity to play for prizes, including a set of Wilson 'Fat Shaft' golf clubs, during a longest-drive competition and closest-to-the-pin challenge. A 'senior cup' will be presented to the winning foursome during the dinner ceremony.

The private club venue for the event was appealing to golf committee members as well as the dinner menu created by world class chef and West Shore Golf and Country Club General Manager Matt Hurst. The 2003 committee involved in the planning included Patrick Baxter, Bill Campbell, Jim Knopp, Doug McIntosh, Chuck Skene and Anthony Woods. "He wanted to put his personal touch on the meal and it's something we have no doubt will make people want to come back year after year," said Simowski. "We picked the Grosse Ile club because it's someplace people can't play every day like a public course. We wanted this fund-raiser to be a special day for golfers, an event we hope they look forward to for years to come."

Lunch and beverages will be served at the half-way point. Cocktails begin at 1:30 p.m. and dinner at 2:30 p.m. If you are interested in making a donation to the Area Agency on Aging call (734) 722-2830 and ask for Bill Campbell. He is also taking reservations and

will provide sponsorship information. Individuals can play for \$100 - \$400 for a four-

Sponsorships include: Grand Master (\$5,000): Tickets for 16 individuals (four foursomes), name/logo on event banner/signage/advertisements and in The Seniority News (11,000 bi-monthly distribution); TSA Web site recognition for 12 months; logo on tee signage; and signage on tee/putting green.

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"We have no doubt this will be an enjoyable day for everyone involved and a wonderful opportunity for people to help us with our work for the seniors and caregivers in our communities," said Simowski.

Other upcoming fund-raisers for The Senior Alliance include a blues concert at the Wayne Community Center (Howe and Annapolis roads) May 30 and a black tie affair, Open Your Heart, Nov. 14 at the Hellenic Cultural Center (Joy Road) in Westland.

The West Shore Golf and Country Club is located at 22843 West River Road. on the island of Grosse IIe. For more information about The Senior Alliance and the services they provide visit www.aaalc.org

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

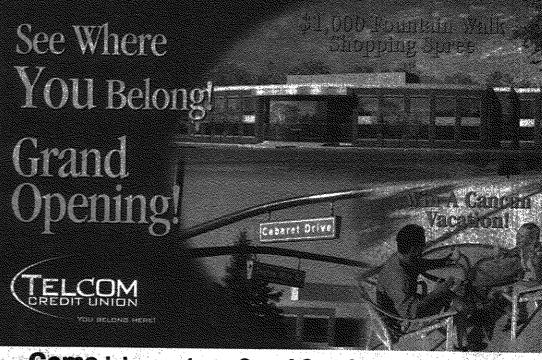
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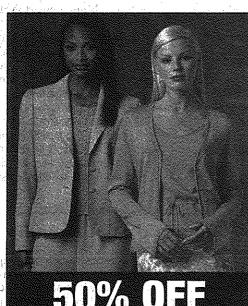
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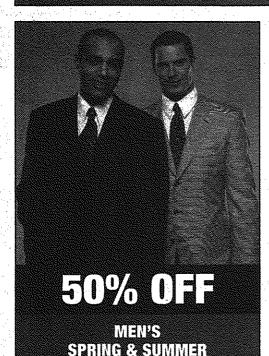
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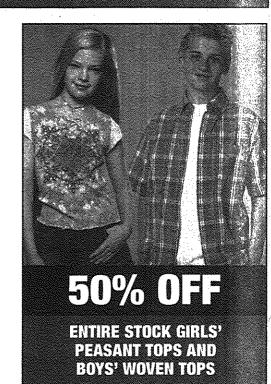
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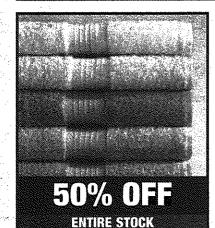


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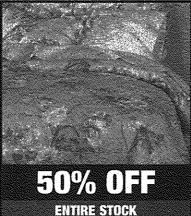
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Whereas these so-called therapies are potentially harmful and their effectiveness has not been substantiated by any scientific research in the last four decades, and Whereas the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Counseling

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

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

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

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Ash tree drop-off TREES site in Plymouth

STAFF WRITER

State agricultural officials have set up four area sites where local communities, businesses and homeowners can drop off ash trees infested by the emerald ash borer.

The tiny exotic pest from Asia has devastated ash trees within a six-county area in Southeast Michigan. Many cities have been busy cutting down dead and dying trees. However, to effectively kill the larvae inside the tree, the wood must be either burned or chipped.

Since most communities don't have access to chippers that can handle large logs, Michigan Department of Agriculture officials have been looking for potential drop-off sites where communities can take advantage of the state's equipment.

Last week, state officials announced they have set up initial sites in Pontiac, Macomb Township, Plymouth Township and Westland.

According to Kendra Anderson, the state's director of operations for the emerald ash borer project, the four sites will only accept ash timber.

"We'll take chips, limbs, logs. Essentially any shape or size of ash tree. This isn't to get rid of the pallets grandpa has stored away behind the barn," she said.

The state currently has one chipper moving around to the four sites.

The four cities involved are donating space and labor. Anderson said the state would ideally like to find a couple more cities to participate, although their is no monetary

payment involved. "The payment to host a yard is the opportunity to get rid of their dead trees, which is worth quite a bit of money. It will also save them the cost of transporting the trees. We're looking. for a city with a lot of trees that will come down, so there is a real benefit for them," she said.

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enlarged nerve causes intense pain.

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You might think that the reason for sudden foot pain is easy to

To qualify as gout, the pain must be at the base of the first toe. If the pain is anywhere

else in the foot, the cause is not gout. The properties of the joint at the first toe, called the first MTP (Metatarsal-Phalangeal), are such to make that joint the targeted one for gout.

The first MTP is far enough away from the body's core temperature to cause gout crystals to cool and aggregate, and the joint is big enough to support the number of

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

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Physicians are aware of these other reasons for foot pain. Do not be surprised that your doctor doesn't treat you for gout even though your pain looks and acts like it. Nature

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Bill Zikewich, Southfield's

programs, had the remnants of

about 200 trees cut down from

a city golf course transported

to the Plymouth drop-off site

last week. He hired a contrac-

"You either have to haul

them yourself, and tie-up your

labor, or you contract it out to

someone with a loader, so they

can do the work for you. Right

now, we have the money to do

it. We'll have to wait and see

what the picture looks like in

According to Zikewich, there

are still about 2,000 ash trees

likely have to come down this

million ash trees will die this

summer, and an equal amount

will begin to show initial signs

of infestation. So she expects

the yards to be busy all sum-

She said once the trees are chipped, the chips will be sent

to a Genesee County electricity

burned for fuel. So at least a lit-

"I guess you could say we're

trying to make lemonade out of

tle good will come of the infes-

plant, where they will be

a lemon," Anderson said. The addresses for the four

drop-off sites are as follows:

located at 575 Collier Road. Macomb Township, at the

Mid-Michigan Recycling

Asplundh Tree Expert Company, located at 13101

Mile Road.

Eckles Road.

Pontiac, at the landfill.

Company, located at 24935 21

Plymouth Township, at the

Westland, at the depart-

For more information about

the drop-off sites, or to host a

site, contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture at

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ment of public works yard,

located at 37137 Marquette

Anderson estimated up to 6

on city property, which will

the future," he said.

summer or next year.

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tor to do the job at a cost of

about \$1,800.

superintendent of parks,

forestry, and environmental

LaJoy held a hearing in Lansing two weeks ago on the problem and said he's planning to hold a public hearing in Canton after the legislature reconvenes in another week.

Six counties in southeast Michigan have been quarantined because of the problem. Under the quarantine it is illegal to move ash trees, branches, lumber, firewood and wood chips larger than one inch in diameter outside those counties. The quarantine area includes the counties of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe. Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne. The problem has also spread into Windsor and Yack said he has heard that it has now shown up in Toledo, Ohio.

"If this isn't sequestered in some way, it's going to go across the state," Yack said. "It's like the SARS thing. It's not just treatment, we need to eradicate it." He said the federal dollars would be particularly welcome since the state already has its hands full with economic

"I'm not sure what the money would be used for," he said. "Probably just replacing trees is only part of it."

Like SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) the Emerald Ash Borer is believed to have originated in China. It's thought to have entered the U.S. embedded in wooden shipping pallets.

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CLARIFICATION

A student photographed with the story "Retro reality check: Canton students learn pioneer lessons at school" was identified incorrectly. The correct name of the Dodson Elementary School student is Megan Lemieux.







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Plymouth will replace damaged trees

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

'The program has been around for years, but it's getting better known because of the Emerald Ash Borer problem.

Sherrie Pryor Municipal Services Department

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

Under the program, city residents can choose from 11 different species of trees ranging in price from \$135-\$225. City workers plant the tree(s) at no additional cost. Applications are being taken through April 30, and can be obtained by calling the Municipal Services Department at (734) 453-7737, or on the city's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Meanwhile, state lawmakers

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

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

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

"Ultimately, the entire state of Michigan is at risk, if we don't get this contained" said Patterson. "Michigan State University has some potential treatments, but they won't necessarily guarantee getting rid of the bug." A similar resolution has been introduced in the State House by Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township.

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underpass at a revised figure of nearly \$715,000. They sent a resolution to Wayne County officials asking for answers to questions about the costs. A response was received Thursday by City Manager Paul Sincock, one day earlier than the commission's Friday dead-

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

the result of increases of: \$150,000 for preliminary engineering of water main relocation design.

\$300,000 for the Detroit Water and Sewer Department water main relocation. According to city officials, Wayne County indicated it would try to recover the cost from Detroit.

■ \$150,000 for the staging of the water main for summer construction.

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

ON THE RISE

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leaving them in.

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

According to Maillard, the current estimate of approximately \$9.6 million has

removing them riskier than

This recent setback comes as

devastating news for the family, especially after he showed

promising signs Wednesday

from his coma and showed

looking good ... he wasn't

responding with anything,"

some response signs.

Kathleen Sitek said.

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morning, when he was roused

"Thursday, things were not

Sitek was shot late Saturday,

April 12 when he and his part-

ner pulled over a motorist for driving erratically. The suspect the city's share at almost \$618,000, with the township's participation increasing to just under \$1.3 million. The figures don't include another \$96,000 for the city, and \$30,000 for the township, to construct new sidewalks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

was reportedly shot and killed

chase, which included travers-

Sitek is a 1986 Plymouth

sity track team member.

Ballantine, has said that

Salem graduate and was a var-

His best friend and fellow

Phoenix police officer Geoff

he hopes that Sitek's prime

physical condition helps him

was nearly fanatic about stay-

ing in shape and working out,

according to Ballantine.

well-wishers donate to the

of giving gifts and flowers.

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Sitek was an avid runner and

Sitek's family has asked that

fund, in Robert Sitek's name at

Standard Federal Bank, in lieu

by Sitek's partner, Officer David Thwing, after a foot

ing a brick wall.

recover.

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NANCY L. LITTLE, Attorney, 2125 University Park Drive, Suite 250, Okemos, Michigan 48864

Date of Birth: January 23, 1911.

The decedent, Ewald P. Hack, who lived at 2000 N. Canton Center Road,

representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2 Woodward Avenue, #1307, Detroit, Michigan 48226-3437 and the

Personal Representative: Patricia M. Howard, 11170 Morton Taylor, Belleville, Michigan 48111. Telephone (734) 699-9343.

Attorney: Nancy L. Little, P-43113, 2125 University Park Drive, Suite 250, Okemos, Michigan 48864. Telephone (517) 708-0000

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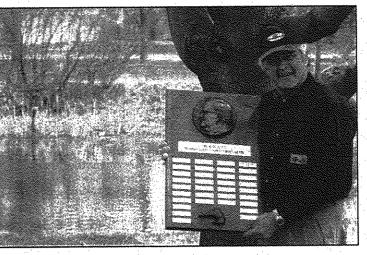
an outdoor lover's dream, and has kind of a reputation for attracting waterfowl, such as mallards and Canada geese.

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

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

BRANCHING OUT

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



Don Vicek is the 27th winner of the Michigan Ducks Unlimited Russ Bengal Award. He's a strong believer in managing wildlife populations through controlled hunting.

mother duck to-be. Unfortunately, the story did not have a happy ending, as a raccoon snatched up the eggs

and ate them.

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fluffy treats.

Managing wildlife populations through controlled hunting is something in which

said. "I think it's wonderful."

around, tempted and trying

Lindgren, of Livonia, grabbed

the field. She said the best part

Her friend Alexis McDonald,

only one marshmallow from

a 5 year-old from Redford,

loved it "when we heard the

marshmallows were coming."

approached the field for the

first time, both children and

adults gazed in anticipation.

helicopter and knew the

As the helicopter

not to eat the dirt-speckled

Five-year-old Lainie

was watching them fall.

The children scurried

Vlcek is a firm believer. His children, Jimmie, 14, and Torrie, 12, both come with him on hunting trips. Vlcek in turn learned to hunt from his father, Don Sr., when he was 9.

He turned into an art critic of sorts when he was asked to

Margaret Bender, of Plymouth,

"We're having a good time,"

turnout considering the weath-

The raindrops waited until

already gathered their marsh-

that," said Ferris. He's worked

few years and never tires of

seeing all the families.

us as good guys."

at the Marshmallow Drop for a

"I love the kids," said Ferris.

"That's the best. They get to see

Children waved at the police

officials and came up to pet

the horses that accompanied

them. Then, families headed

to the pavilion to trade in

'We put in a special order for

brought her sons Tommy, 9,

she said. "They got a good

most of the families had

mallows from the field.

and Alex, 6.

judge the 1995 Federal Ducks Stamp Art contest in Washington, D.C., along with Gary Burghoff, best known as 'Radar O'Reilly" from M.A.S.H.

ART COLLECTION

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

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

Over in Ann Arbor, a 5,000unit housing development was built in his favorite hunting spot. "For 23 years, I'd hunted the same pond," he said.

marshmallows for a handful of

"I ran and I ran," said Dillon

goodies - a chocolate bunny.

marshmallow Peeps and an

Farmington Hills. "I liked it

He was carrying a baseball

hat full of marshmallows as his

2-year-old sister Gina smiled

"I think it was a great suc-

Marshmallow Drop is the first

of many warm-weather events

It's a good way to kick off

the county plans each year.

Easter," Mabry added.

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Hess, a 4-year-old from

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Easter pinwheel.

when we ran fast."

and stood nearby.

cess," said Beth Mabry,

County Parks. The

spokesperson for Wayne

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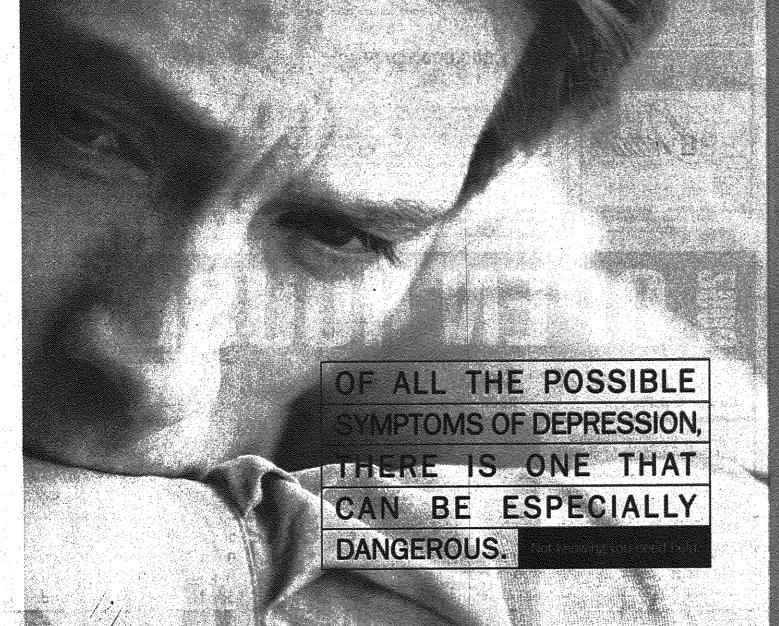
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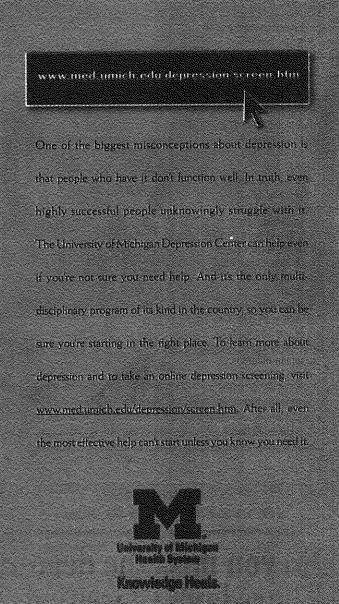
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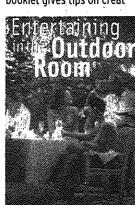




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Weber Grill offers a book that not only includes recipes, but also includes information on entertaining outside for the summer.

"Entertaining in the Outdoor Room" is a booklet that lists how party hosts can set up an outdoor room (which is considered a backyard, brick patio, deck or balcony). The 40-page booklet gives tips on creat-



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

Catfish are jumpin'

Catfish traditionally has been viewed as a traditionally Southern delicacy, but that hasn't limited farmraised catfish's popularity in restaurants across the country.

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

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

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

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

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Symbols of the Season

Chocolate bunnies, eggs reign on Easter

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

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

chocolate bunny ears.

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

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

Diane Lynch Morley Candy

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

and egg molds.

bottom on up.

Diane Lynch, of Morley, says the company will sell literally thousands of chocolate bunnies and

eggs this year.

"Milk chocolate is the biggest seller, hands down," Lynch said.

"Adults usually prefer solid bunnies, hollow are fun for kids because they're easier for them to

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

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

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

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



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

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

BY KEN ABRAMCZYI STAFF WRITER

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

the food for the photos.

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

National Public Radio.

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

A group of Observer & Eccentric editors and staffers sampled some of the fare consumed by our troops. This taste test was the idea of Sue Mason, the community editor of the Westland and Garden City Observer newspapers, whose neighbor happened to give a few to her husband for use during hunting season.

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

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

rooms in sauce, and chicken in Thai style sauce.

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

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

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

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

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ROTINI SALAD ALFREDO

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

> 13 ounces rotini (corkscrewshaped) pasta 11/4 cups chopped red bell

> 1/2 cups blanched peas 1/4 cup chopped green onion 3 cups plain nonfat yogurt 3 cups reduced fat mayonnaise

1/2 cup grated Parmesan 1/2 teaspoons dried basil or

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

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

Source: The Global Gourmet

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

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

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

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Baking bread through the ages Birmingham.

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

course taught

by Alan Scott

build a brick

plans to build

property in the

on how to

oven. She

one on her

Upper

Give Thanks

Peninsula to bake artisan bread. I told her

Gerald how professor Mathes David James of Oakland University has achieved that, in a dome-shaped oven he

built in the woods next to his home. (In times of power failure and ice storms there is something to be said for that enterprise!)

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

OVENS OF THE WORLD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AS THE ROMANS DO

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

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

Today, at the Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester, we have a modern oven from France which incorporates many of the old principles and marries them with new techniques. So the three decks are made of stone to ensure heat retention - as did bricks in early days but at a touch of a button, we can release steam into the baking chambers. This helps to achieve the beautiful golden color and crisp crusts. And just as important - consistently wonderful bread, day by day.

That's something the early Egyptians would have found difficult to achieve.

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

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

After 15 minutes of heating, the meals are ready.

First on the menu, boneless pork chop with Jamaican style sauce with noodles. The foil packet is snipped open, and the pork and noodles mix ... well, it sort of oozes out of the

pack. "It's much better if you don't see it coming out of the packays Kenee Skogn health and community life reporter. "It's not a visual that's appealing."

But the rest of the troops come around.

"I thought it was good," Jagdfeld said. "The meat is fla-vorful and moist and it tastes

like a pork chop to me."



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Skoglund called the beef with mushrooms in sauce the "The creaminess adds to it,"

Skoglund said. "It's like a creamed corned beef." Varga and I compared it to Dinty Moore - without a lot of taste, but I thought it was substantive when compared to the others. Mason wanted more salt (as if the 650 milligrams

weren't enough). Brown said the beef "tasted

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

An oatmeal cookie received a thumbs-up from the crew.

To drink, the kits contained a powder similar to Kool-Aid. Each kit contained a spoon, which was a solid piece as far as plasticware goes.

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

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

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

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

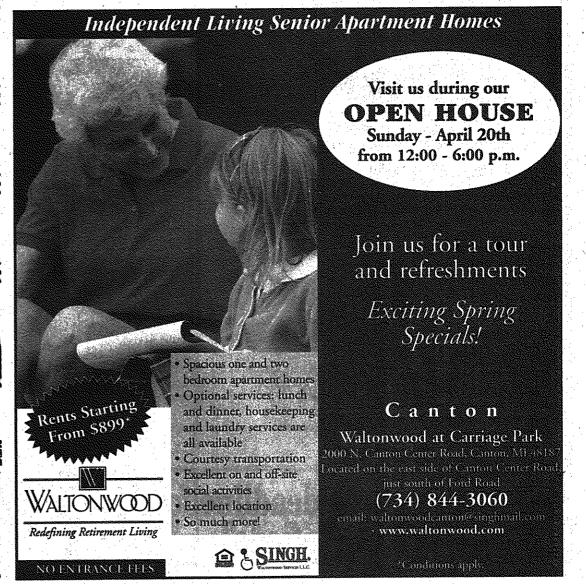
Brown called the foods compact and easy to prepare. "They're nice and hot, which is good," she said.

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

And here's a taste to the troops.

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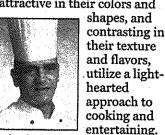




Canapés are a light-hearted approach to entertaining

oing a little entertaining? You'll want to learn about canapés and frivolities. These small pieces of food,

attractive in their colors and shapes, and



Michigan's The occasion will probably Best be the biggest factor in decid-**Chef Colin** ing what to

Brown offer your guests. Is it a business meeting or the conclusion of a deal and therefore fairly formal? This occasion obviously requires a different approach from that of inviting a few friends around for a drink and a little something to

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

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

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

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

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

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

Determine how much time and help you have as well as how much can be (and/or needs to be) done the day before and what needs to be done at the last moment.

■ Decide how much time you want to spend in the kitchen at the last moment. You should plan to spend as little as possible so you can be with your guests.

Decide what to serve when. It is always advisable to start your party with a selection of cold canapés. The sweet side of the affair

should start halfway through the event so that people who want to leave early have the opportunity to savor the entire

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

HAZELNUT MACAROONS

2 egg whites Pinch of salt

3/4 cup of superfine sugar

1/4 cup skinned hazelnuts, roasted and ground

1/4 cup ground almonds 2 tablespoons ground hazelnuts Whipped cream

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

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

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

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

ORCHESTRA OF VEGETABLES WITH DIPS

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

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

EGGPLANT DIP

1 large eggplant 1 small clove garlic

3/4 teaspoon salt

I tablespoon tahini paste (sesame paste)

1 tablespoon lemon juice 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin 11/2 teaspoons olive oil 1 teaspoon freshly chopped pars-

pinch of chili powder

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

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

SPICED NUTS

almonds, hazelnuts, cashew

I tablespoon unsalted butter 1 tablespoon vegetable oil 2 cups assorted blanched nuts:

nuts and brazil nuts 2 teaspoons medium-hot curry powder

1 teaspoon sea salt

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

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

CRUSTED BRIE WITH CRANBERRIES

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

2 pounds Brie cheese

2 tablespoons of all-purpose flour

3-4 eggs, beaten

5 cups of fresh white bread crumbs Oil for deep frying and cranberry

sauce to serve Cut the Brie into small 10ounce wedges and turn in the

flour until evenly coated. Dip each wedge into the beaten egg, and then coat in the breadcrumbs. Repeat the egg and bread crumbs one more

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

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

PRAWN AND GINGER DIP

1/2 cup peeled, cooked and finely chopped shrimp 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro

1 teaspoon finely chopped ginger

1/2 cup cocktail sauce (Recipe below)

Cocktail sauce:

1/2 cup mayonnaise

2 tablespoons tomato ketchup

1 tablespoon orange juice 1 tablespoon natural yogurt

1 tablespoon brandy

1/2 teaspoon chopped dill Salt and freshly ground pepper Mix all ingredients togeth-

er and serve chilled. **Chef Colin Brown** is Executive Chef of The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Look for his column in Taste on the third Sunday of the month. You can e-

mail him at www.chef@townsendhotel.com.

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TASTE CALENDAR

Italiano Night

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

at (734) 432-5421. Taste of the Nation

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

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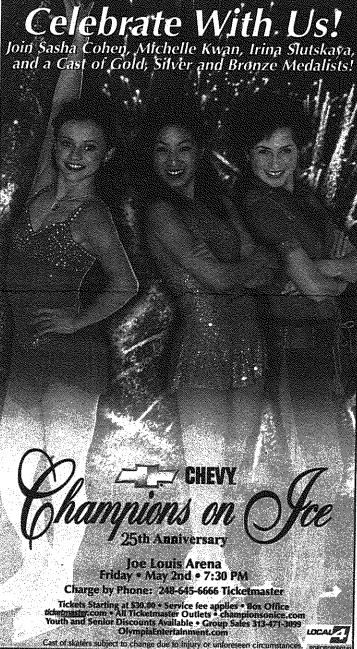
p.m. at Seaholm High School, Learn organizational skills, short cuts to dazzle guests and cost cutting, and how to create themes from invitations. Class fee is \$39. For more information, call (248) 203-3800.

Southern Cooking

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

Wine Tasting

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





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'Cowgirls' stomp at Baldwin

Classic trio goes country in new comic musical

Classical and country music intermingle in a Kansas honkytonk music hall in Cowgirls opening Friday at Stagecrafters' 2nd Stage in Royal Oak.

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

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

Cowgirl Trio.

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

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

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

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

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

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

'COWGIRLS'

When: April 25 to May 11. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 25-26, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 27 and May 4; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 1-3, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11. Where: Stagecrafters 2nd Stage at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets: \$10, call (248) 541-6430

Suzanne Tutak of Birmingham mans the lights, and Mark Hammel of Lathrup Village did the sound design. Tom Daniel is master carpenter and John Kosik, did the light design. Both live in Southfield.

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

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



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

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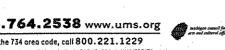


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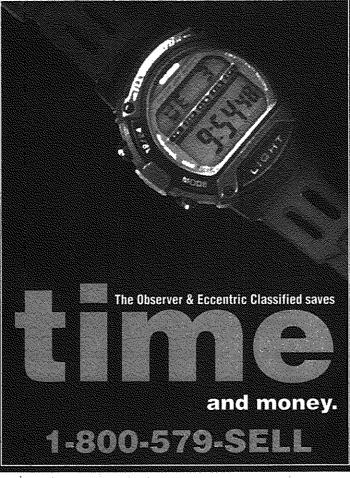
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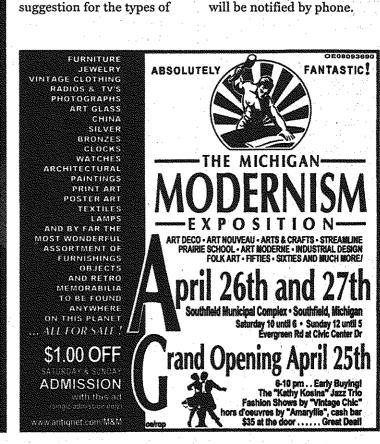
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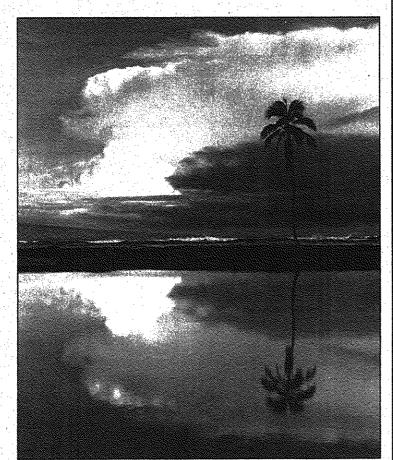
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Water is the greatest source of reflections as shown in this shot taken in Hawaii.

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Grace's 'Twisted Web' moves

TWISTED WEB

By Tom Grace (Pocket Books, \$6.99, paperback).

his action-packed adventure takes place in such farflung spots as Antarctica, Paris, New York, Tucson, the Grand Cayman Islands, Argentina, and various spots in Michigan (including Livonia). It reacquaints readers with former Navy SEAL, Nolan

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who lives on

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Ann Arbor in a

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beneath the icy continent. As Collins and his wife enjoy a glass of bubbly to celebrate their departure, a plane approaches a Lockheed LC-130R, "a variant of the venerable C-130 Hercules transport equipped with skis mounted to her fuselage so she could land on ice."

Though the plane is ahead of schedule, the hard-working scientists aren't complaining, since they're looking forward to a good meal, a warm bath, and other recreation as soon as they reach Christchurch, New Zealand.

They'll never enjoy the R & R, though. The crew that emerges from the plane is not the crew the scientists expected to transport them home. Instead, the men on the plane are killers who are after something in the research lab - something that may even hold the key to life itself. Soon, Collins and his wife are dead, and the villains are aloft with their stolen goods.

As much of this is happening, Kilkenny parachutes over Antarctica (at 35,000 feet, no less) from another plane. He performs this feat just in the nick of time, too, since the plane is soon taken out by a heatseeking missile. Then, borrowing an iceboat from the other Antarctica research station (operated by Russians) he tries to single-handedly wipe out the villains at the American station. He doesn't get them all, but he does manage to wipe out several, and actually downs one of the two planes involved in the

This story zips back and

another, as the plot thickens. At some point, one of Kilkenny's most respected colleagues is accused of a double-murder in Ann Arbor. Kilkenny gets connected up with a former agent from China named Roxanne Tao (onscreen, Lucy Liu would be perfect in this role). And we get to soak up some information about genomes, and how some folks might make a killing

at the stock market. Twisted Web also serves as a fast-moving and fairly picturesque travel guide, plus it will probably prove especially intriguing for those who have a special interest in vintage aircraft. (The most admirable and sometimes the most entertaining - thing about this book is Grace's exquisitely careful research. Its weakest point is the relative flatness of its characters - although, of course, characterization is often not at all the point in action-adven-

ture tales.) In addition to writing fiction, Grace is an architect - and occasionally, his description of structures, and over-use of such dry phrases as "cylindrical modules," "cruciform configuration," "triangular quadrant" tends to suck some of the juice from his story.

Ultimately, though, this is a comparatively small matter. Most readers will probably be looking forward to Grace's next novel after closing the covers of this book. Dark Matter is set for publication in Spring 2004.

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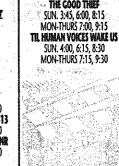
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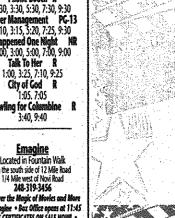
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Spend a weekend in Ottawa during tulip time

BY NORMA AND WENDY SCHONWETTER

Tulips haven't always been just a pretty face. In the 1600's, tulips started a craze because they were prized for their beauty, rarity - and status. Bulbs were sold by weight, usually while they were still in the ground. Fortunes were doubled in the blink of an eye. Poor men became rich, and rich men

became filthy rich without doing a day's

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

prices for their bulbs. Word quickly spread, and the market

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

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

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

Ottawa, Princess Margriet was born. This information is well-known in Canada, particularly Ottawa, but not to

people in the U.S. The Ottawa Tulip Festival May 3-19

features millions of tulips, creating an exotic mosaic of color and beauty. This vear's festival celebrates Australia's tulips.

Ottawa is host to over five million springblooming tulips and other flowers

that are planted in masses along the Rideau Canal, Governor's House, Parliament Hill, national museums, outside the Casino (45,000 tulips) and other government buildings.

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



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

Not to be missed in Ottawa are the world-famous tulip beds at Dow's Lake. Commissioners Park at Dow's Lake features 300,000 blooms and a display that relates the story of the gift of tulips and lasting friendship between Canada and the Netherlands. For a real experience visit the Via Rail Tulip Café in the park. Dine in the midst of the tulip beds, where a new French chef will give you an opportunity to eat tulips in tulip yogurt or tulip petals in your salad.

Festivities culminate on the final weekend (May 17-18) with the Canadian Parade of Lights on Dow's Lake, followed by fireworks. Gatineau, on the Quebec side, fea-

tures the Tulip Explosion floral show highlighting tulip designs by Australian and Canadian floral designers.

GREEN CAPITAL

Ottawa is situated at the junction of the Rideau, Gatineau and Ottawa Rivers. Samuel de Champlain was the first European to explore the region in 1613. The construction of the Rideau Canal in 1832 created a link to the St. Lawrence River.

Capital of Canada since 1857, Ottawa is known as the "Green Capital."

Surrounded by an "emerald necklace" of parks and wilderness areas, it offers endless bike paths and recreational trails. Ottawa's Parliament is accessible to the public. Go to the Visitors Welcome Centre for informa-

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

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

Ottawa's museums include the Canadian Museum of Civilization and IF YOU GO

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For Tulip Festival information call (800) 66TULIP.

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

Gatineau Park offers hiking trails, bike paths, in-line skating, camping and wildlife. The Ottawa River boasts some of the best whitewater rafting in

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



The Glass Museum opens a window to the past

BY JENNIFER WILMES **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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

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

For most people in town, the

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

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

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

Newsome has been curator

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

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

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

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

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

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

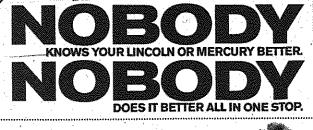
Today, approximately 20 pieces of this line are housed at the museum, just minutes away from where the pieces were produced.

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

The 350 pieces in the line are sought today by collectors from "coast to coast," Connally said. "They are hot collector items." The richly colored and uniquely shaped vases, bowls and decanters in Connally's line are completely mouth blown and hand crafted. Items in the museum are tagged with the name of the designer and the kind of glass or line to which each piece belongs. Most items in the museum have been donated or loaned by factories or private owners.

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

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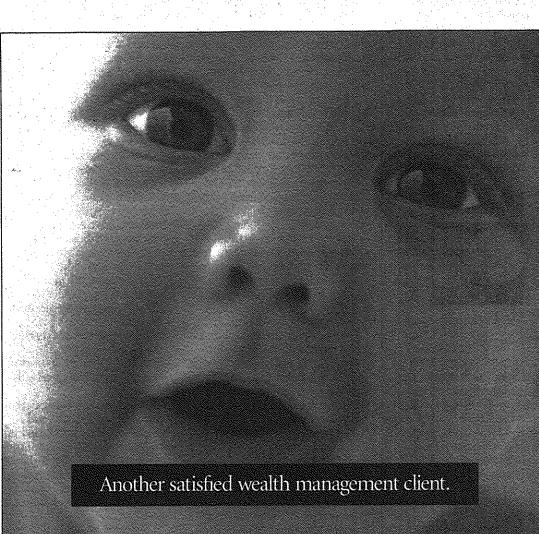
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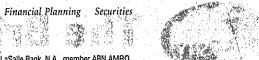


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In the Crossfire

Competing in the Elite under-18 division, the Canton Crossfire, an under-17 Premier League boys soccer team, reached the semifinals recently of the Northern Ohio Cup held in Cleveland.

Members of the Crossfire, coached by Jim DeVries and Pete Alexander, include: Phil Calleja, Livonia Franklin; Greg Ekmeian, Wayne Memorial; Roger Saks and Andrew Davis, Livonia Stevenson; Jake DeVries and Brandon Nobel, Lutheran Westland; Sam Kocsis, Garden City; Ross Maltby, Joe Hess and Matt Tomasso, Canton; Peter Bierzynski and Dan Curmi, Redford Catholic Central; Stephen Gizicki and Michael Newton, Salem; Aaron Helisek, Farmington; Jeff Kusch, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day; Jain Bryant, Southfield Christian.

MHSAA records

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

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

Bucks tickets

Tickets for the Mid Michigan Bucks minor league soccer team are now on sale. The Bucks kick off their

2003 campaign Saturday, May 17. The team's first local game will be played at **Canton High School on** Saturday, June 14.



Ticket information can be obtained by calling (989) 781-6888, or you can visit www.mmbucks.com. Group discounts are available, and reduced-price advance tickets can also be purchased at various locations in the area.

The Bucks are a Premier **Development League soccer** team, featuring standout players from Michigan as well as from elite amateur players nationwide.

Clinic canceled

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

College notes

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

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

Rangers best the Whalers, tie series

BY BRAD MONASTIERE STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

But the home-ice disadvantage proved to work

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

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

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

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

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C2

Canton's Farkas will play in All-Star game

STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

offense." The East squad features 11 Dream Team performers and 15 all-staters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Johnson signs with Central Florida

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

He became the third Ocelot to sign this week

SCHOOLCRAFT at the Division I school, ioining 6-5 former 3.7 Dorsey (McNeese State) and Torvoris Baker (University of Detroit-Mercy).

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

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

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

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

In addition to Johnson, Dorsey, Baker and

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Salem, Canton breeze by soccer foes

It was quite a streak, having to play five soccer matches in six days. And now that it's over, Salem coach Joe Nora is quite happy.

The Rocks went into their spring intermission by winning all five of those games, four of them in the final six minutes by scoring a single goal (take note, Red Wings).

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

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

Marissa Sarkesian scored twice in the first half for the Rocks. Jordan Falcusan assisting on the first and Tara Duncan on the second. In the second half, it was Falcusan's turn; she scored twice, with Sarkesian assisting on both.

Heather Jones and Kristen O'Beirne divided time in goal for Salem.

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

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



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

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

Chiefs take 2

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

The Chiefs pulled out a 2-1 win

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

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

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

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

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

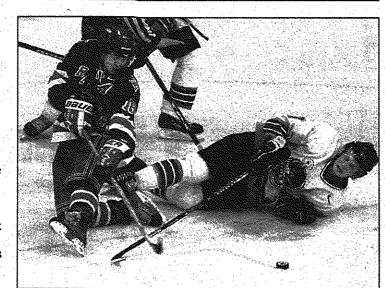
tonight." Forward Petr Kanko keyed the Rangers' second-period outburst, figuring in all four of the team's goals, including

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

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

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

od," Vellucci said. The lone bright spot for the Whalers came with 2:22 left in



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Salem vs. Adrian, 4 p.m. (DH) Wednesday, April 23 Belleville at Wayne (2), noon at Hartland Inv., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m Rochester Adams at Canton, 11 a.m. Tri-State (Ind.) vs. Madonna (Ford Field), 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 26 Canton at Chelsea Tournament, 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26 (all double Redford CC at H.W. Notre Dame, 11 a.m. PREP BOYS TRACK

Tuesday, April 22

Thursday, April 24

Friday, April 25

PREP SOFTBALL

Friday, April 25 Redford CC at Jackson Relays, TBA. PREP BOYS TENNIS

Saturday, April 26 Redford CC at A.A. Huron Tourney, 8 a.m. PREP LACROSSE Friday, April 25 Redford CC at Brother Rice, 1 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers) Tuesday, April 22 Bethel (Ind.) vs. Madonna (Ford Field), 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 Madonna vs. Concordia (Ford Field), 2 p.m. Friday, April 25

> Saturday, April 26 Madonna at St. Francis (III.), 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27 Madonna at St. Francis (III.), noon. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

(all double-headers unless noted) Tuesday, April 22 Madonna at Hillsdale (1), 4 p.m. Thursday, April 24

Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26 Aquinas at Madonna (Ladywood), 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS **WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS** (best-of-7 series)

Sunday, April 20 Plymouth at Kitchener, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22 Kitchener vs. Plymouth Whalers 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Thursday, April 24 (if necessary) Plymouth at Kitchener, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26

(If necessary) Kitchener vs. Plymouth Whalers 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Monday, April 28 (If necessary) Plymouth at Kitchener, 7 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

Late rally lifts Chiefs over Vikings

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

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

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

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

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

Canton's game-winning rally

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

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

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

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

Conlon was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Michelle Roelofs, who pitched the first 2/s innings and gave up four runs on six hits. Conlon tossed the last 4²/₃ innings and allowed two runs on five hits and two walks, striking out four.

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

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

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

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

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

out of Belleville High School. Holmes, who averaged 14.4

points game this season coming off the bench, was lightly recruited out of high school.

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

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BOYS TRACK

CANTON 113 **WAYNE MEMORIAL 24** April 16 at Plymouth HS

Discus: 1. Brad Waidmann (C), 131-feet, 1-inch; 2. A.J. Simmons (WM), 127-1; 3. Chris Snider (C),

Shot put: 1. Simmons (WM), 47-9-1 1/2; 2. Bryan Frawley (C), 43-11 1/2; 3. Snider (C), 41-6 1/2. High jump: 1. Waidmann (C), 5-11; 2. Rodney

Preston (C), 5-4; 3. Bryan Hearst (WM), 5-4. Long jump: 1. Dan Driscoll (C), 19-9; 2. Terrance Boyd (C), 17-7; 3. Andy Rossow (C), 17-5. Pole vault 1. Driscoil (C), 11-0; 2. Rich Hensel (C). 10-6; 3. Joe Jackson (WM), 10-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Steve Killjanczyk (C). 15.4: 2. Preston (C), 17.5: 3. Jackson (WM), 18.2. 300 hurdles: 1. Kilijanczyk (C), 41.9; 2. Brian 100: 1. T.J. Dillard (WM), 11.1; 2. Corey Walser

(C), 11.1; 3. Brandon Reeves (C), 11.3. 200: 1. Dillard (WM), 22.3; 2. Devin Thomas (C), 22.4 (new school record; old record held by Brian Carney and Corey Walser, 22.6); 3. Rossow

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the win.

400: 1. Jesse Williams (C), 53.7; 2. Shane Azizi (C), 54.9; 3. Matt Trevarthen (C), 56.2. 800: 1. Aaron Lanning (C), 2:09.5; 2. Al Lanning (C), 2:17.3; 3. Ramon Kinloch (WM), 2:19.3.

1,600: 1. Scott George (C), 5:09.1; 2. Al Lanning (C), 5:12.2: 3. Sam Manees (C), 5:19.5. 3,200: 1. George (C), 11:11.0: 2. Dave Otting (C), 11:11.2: 3. Steve Mills (WM), 11:42.0.

4x100 relay: Canton (Driscoll, Thomas, Reeves, Walser), 45.3. 4x200 relay: 1. Canton (Driscoll, Soash

Rossow, Thomas), 1:34.0. 4x400 relay: Canton (Aaron Lanning, Cyrus Azizi, Mike Rykalsky, Soash), 3:52.3. 4x800 relay: Canton (Phatell Whitlock, Manees, Andrew Leinart, Ray Eisbrenner), 9:18.1.

Dual-meet record: Canton, 4-0 overall, 4-0 in LIVONIA STEVENSON 88 SALEM 49

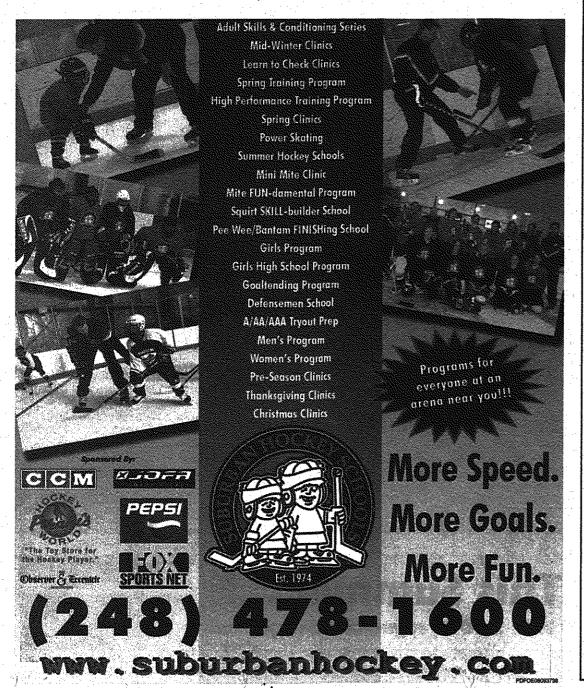
April 16 at Stevenson Shot put: Hady Rahman (LS), 49 feet, 7 inches; discus: Rahman (LS), 132-4; high jump: Nick Reed (LS), 5-8; long jumps: John Mitchell (LS), 189.5; pole vault: Jayson Wurtz (S), 10-0; 110-meter hurdles: T.J. Winiwiecki (S), 15.89; 300 hurdles: C. Thomason (S), 43.39; 100 dash: Dave King (LS), 11.7; 200: M. Wilson (S), 23.54; 400: Brett Gerken (LS), 54.06: 800: Trevor Hearns (LS), 2:06.88: 1,600: Justin Hajduk (S), 4:45.0; 3,200: Hajduk (S), 10:21.57; 400 relay: Stevenson (Brian Gasser, Brian Chandler, Brandon Kneefel, King), 46.67; 800 relay: Stevenson (Gasser, Gerken, King, K. Hearns), 1:36.0; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (K. Hearns, T. Hearns, Collin Hall, Gerken), 3:47.38; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (T. Hearns, K. Hearns, Jeff Holycross, Doug Novack), 8:27.0.

Stevenson 2nds: Matt Gillespie, 1,600, 4:45.0; 3,200, 10:27.2; Chandler, 100, 11.73; 200, 23.67; long jump, 18-0; Dan Dinardi, 300 hur-54.51; Joe Gonzalez, high lump, 5-6; 3rds: T. Hearns, 400, 55.9; Gasser, 200, 23.82; King, high jump, 5-6; Anselment, 110 hurdles, 17.27; Brian Nakoneczny, discus, 115-5.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-0 overall, 2-O WLAA-Lakes Division.

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recorded 12 saves in getting

Wednesday, the Chiefs rolled past Walled Lake

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

PCA blanks Zoe

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

Christian at Plymouth.

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

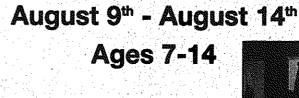
PCA is now 2-0-1 overall, while Zoe falls to 0-2 with the



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Indiana Tech quiets Madonna's bats

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

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

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

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

HARTLAND INVITATIONAL

April 16 at Hartland

Team results; 1. Northville, 249; 2. Ann

Arbor Pioneer, 260; 3. Dexter, 263; 4.

Farmington, 272; 5. Hartland Gold, 277; 6.

Salem, 280; 7. Canton, 285; 8. Brighton, 291; 9.

Linden, 292; 10. Novi White, 294.

out 10 and issuing only two walks.

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

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

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

Salem placers: t-6. Smith/Siedlaczek, 83; t-

Canton placers: t-14. Slupik/Hugeshian and

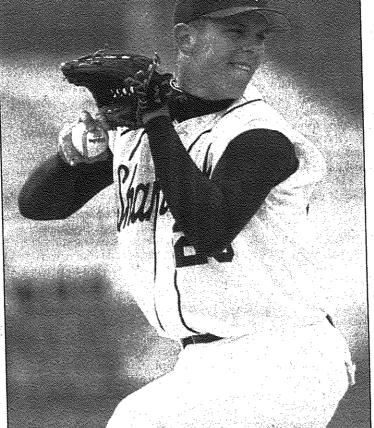
Farmington placers: 10. Mazanka/Nuccitelli,

Corwin/Schwan, 93; t-29. Depp/Treadwell, 99.

Young/Mitchell,

Powers/Brockschmidt, 103,

85; t-14. Laird/Pappalardo, 93.



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

CC sweeps past De La Salle

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

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

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

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

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

In the second game, CC jumped out to a 4-0 lead and held on for the win. Mike Monterey (3-0) earned the victory in relief of Amble and went 5% innings, giving up four hits and five strikeouts. Dan Czuchaj went the distance and suffered the loss, giving up seven hits and five walks with eight strikeouts.

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

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

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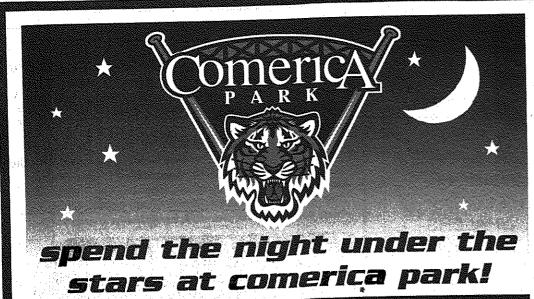
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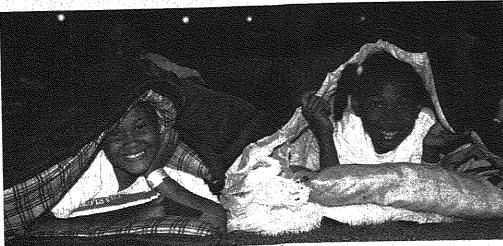
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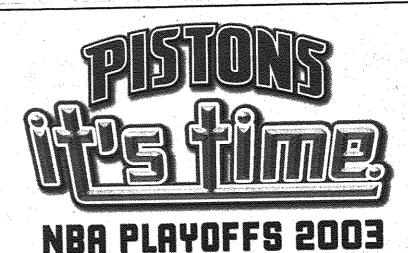
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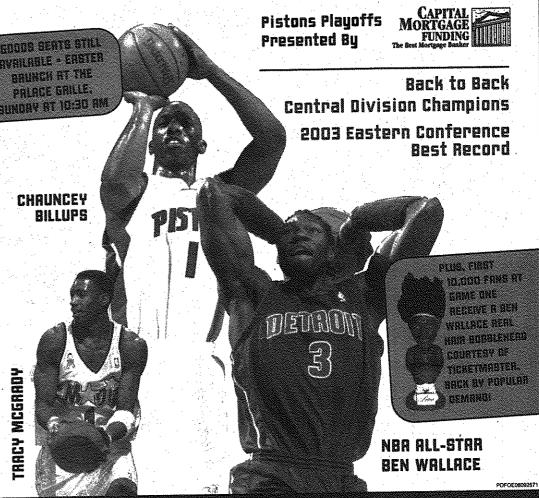
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LIVONIA STEVENSON 86 SALEM 51 April 16 at Plymouth

High jump: 1. Bethany Bartlett (S), 5-feet, O-inches; 2. Liewienski (LS), 4-11; 3. Lindsay Miles (S), 4-6.

Long jump: 1. Lisa Gasser (LS), 14-4 3/4; 2. Lynden Gault (S), 14-1 1/2; 3. Carolyn Heaney (S), 13-7 1/2.

Discus: 1. Jennifer Early (S), 109-10; 2. Anna Wilson (S), 107-4; 3. Andrea Hurn (LS),

Shot put: 1. Early (S), 30-9 1/2; 2. Wilson

(S), 30-8; 3. Maggie Fisher (S), 29-7. Pole vault: 1. Ashley Aquinto (S), 8-0; 2.

Jennifer Perkins (LS), 7-6; 3. Elizabeth Sturdy (LS), 6-6, 100-meter hurdles: 1. Kaitlin Armstrong

(LS), 16.0; 2. Andrea Lang (S), 17.3; 3. Miller 300 hurdles: 1. Armstrong (LS), 50.6; 2. Lang (S), 52.3; 3. Stephanie Knight (S), 54.4.

100: 1. Sturdy (LS), 13.3: 2. Alison Collins (LS), 13.3: 3, Bartlett (S), 13.4. 200: 1. Linda Montgomery (LS), 26.5; 2.

Kristy Sobran (LS), 27.2: 3. Gault (S), 27.5. 400: 1. Linda Montgomery (LS), 1:00.9; 2. Amanda Sculthorpe (LS), 1:03.9; 3. Allie Vraniak (S), 1:04.8.

800: 1. Laura Friedman (S), 2:31.5; 2. Lisa Montgomery (LS), 2:32.5; 3. Kelly Gibbons 1,600: 1. Heather Sirko (LS), 5:27.5; 2. Lisa

Montgomery (LS), 5:31.0; 3. Lauren Kane (S), 3,200: 1. Sirko (LS), 11:54.1; 2. Kane (S),

12:21.6: 3. Sara Pilon (LS), 12:26.0. 4x100: 1. Stevenson (Collins, Sturdy,

Diane Burek, Perkins), 54.0. 4x200: 1. Stevenson (Lara Herron. Armstrong, Sobran, Linda Montgomery),,

4x400: 1. Stevenson (Lisa Montgomery, Sculthorpe, Herron Linda Montgomery).

4x800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Lisa Montgomery, Gibbons, Andrea Giczewski,

Dual-meet records: Salem, 1-1 in the

WLAA Lakes Division, 2-1 overall; Stevenson, 2-0 in Lakes, 3-0 overall.

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April 16 at Wayne Shot put: 1. Jessica Johnson (C), 34-feet, 6-1/4 inches: 2. Dorian Mac (C), 25-2: 3. Danielle Miller (WM), 24-5 1/2,

Discus: 1. Kara Jones (C), 76-2 1/2; 2. Miller (WM), 75-8; 3. Reeser (C), 69-9 3/4. Long jump: 1. Jennifer Anderson (WM). 15-6; 2. Andrea Nyberg (C), 15-5; 3. Franklin

High jump (tie): 1. Khelli Wade (WM) and Connella Simmons (WM), 4-10 each; 3. Cindy

Rotramei (C), 4-8. Pole vault: 1, J.O. Williams (C), 8-0; 2,

Pam Reasor (C), 7-0. 100 hurdles: 1. Dominique Gray (WM). 18.4; 2. Williams (C), 18.4; 3. Kate Calille (C),

300 hurdles: 1. Katle Cezat (C), 53.7: 2: Calille (C), 55.4; 3. Williams (C), 55.7. 100: 1. Christina Redd (C), 12.7; 2. Nyberg

(C), 13.6: 3. Fallon French (WM), 13.7. 200: 1. Redd (C), 26.5; 2. Tiffany James (WM), 26.6; 3. Nyberg (C), 27.2.

400: 1. Michelle Lager (C), 1:04.9; 2. Sarah Stobbe (C), 1:05.1; 3. Dayle Ford (C), 1:05.9. 800: 1. Sarah McCormack (C), 2:46.0; 2. Becky McCormack (C), 2:48.0; 3. Tonda

Shimbo (C), 2:56.0. 1,600: 1. Sarah McCormack (C), 5:42.0; 2. Becky McCormack (C), 5:58.0; 3. Shimbo (C),

3,200: 1. Sarah McCormack (C), 13:43.2; 2. Becky McCormack (C), 13:43.5; 3. Kristen Tedders (WM), 13:43.6.

4x100 relay: Canton (Nyberg, Jessica Levely, Rotramel, Redd), 52.6. 4x200 relay: Canton (Amber Lee, Levely,

Stobbe, Redd), 1:52.0. 4x400 relay: Canton (Lager, Williams, Ford, Lee), 4:40.0.

4x800 relay: Canton (Stobbe, Levely, Becky McCormack, Erica Stoney), 11:17.0. Dual-meet record: Canton, 2-1 in the WLAA, 2-0 in WLAA Western Division.

Clinton River is on the mend

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

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

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

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

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



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAST CALL FOR SALMON STAKES

The 25th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes is slated for April 25. The tournament raises money annually for family counseling and mental health agencies across the state. To date, the charitable tournament has raised \$1.5 million.

Raffle/entry tickets for the tournament are on sale now at all Chuck Muer restaurants, including Meriwethers in Southfield, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights and Charlies Crab in Troy.

Tickets are \$10 and are good for entry into the tournament and a raffle, which will be drawn at the weigh-in.

Anglers will compete for cash prizes for the biggest king, coho, steelhead and brown trout weighed during the tournament.

There are several raffle prizes, including the grand prize of an all-expenses-paid, four-night trip for four to Walt Disney World and Universal Studios. Other raffle prizes include a weekend at Mission Pointe Resort on Mackinac Island, a private suite for up to 16 people at a Tigers game, a weekend trip to Toronto and \$300 in Muer Restaurant gift certificates.

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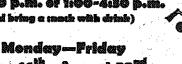


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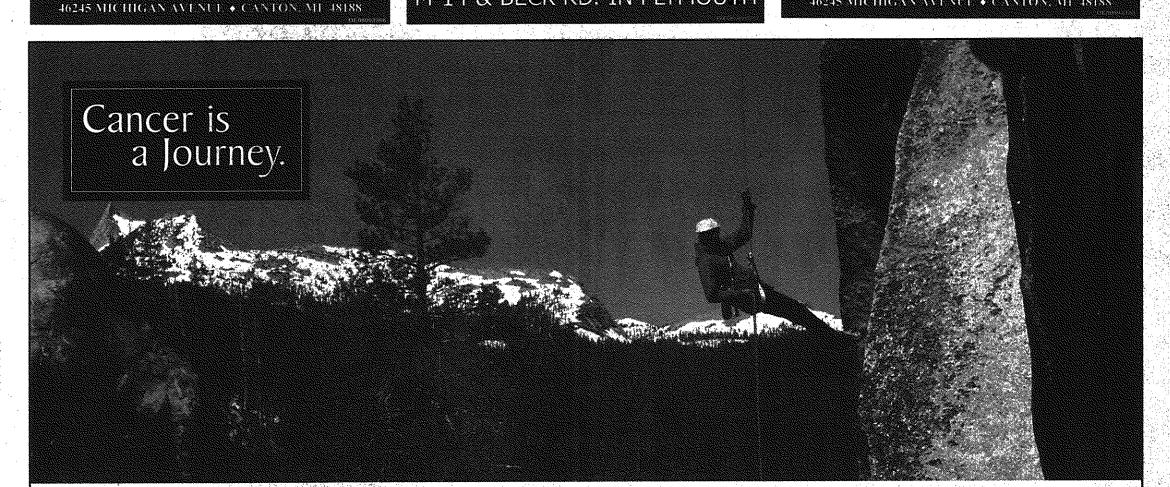


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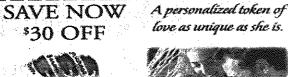
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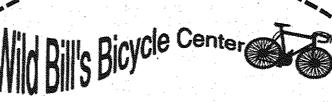
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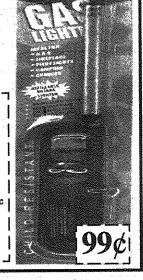
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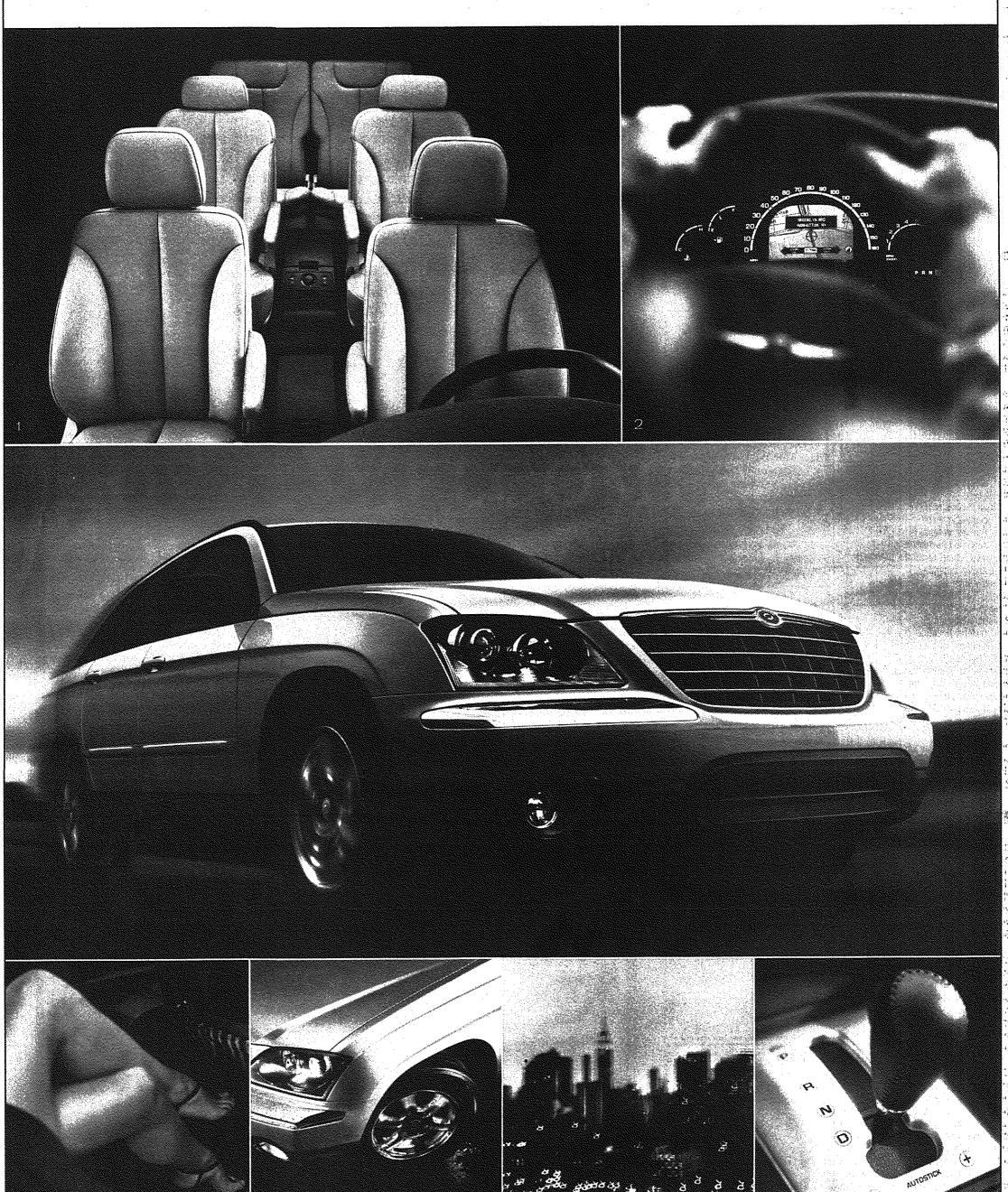
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Prostate screen

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

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

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

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

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

Yoga classes

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

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

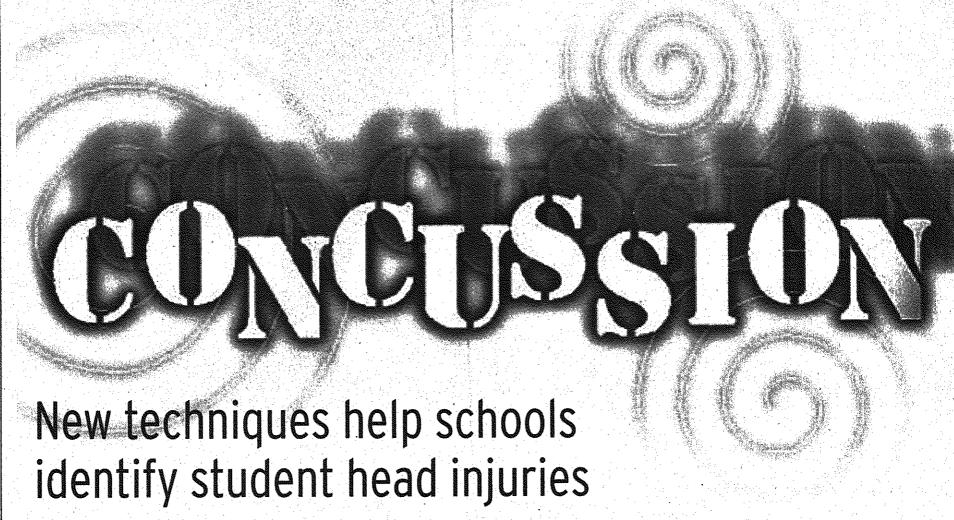
The Hatha Beginning Yoga Class will be offered on Tuesdays, May 13-June 17 and June 24-July 29, Learn to bring peace to your body and mind, and increase flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting.

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

Stop stroke

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

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



BY KATHLEEN O'DONCHUE CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

VIGILANCE

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

What are school districts doing to address concus-

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

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

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

GUIDELINES

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

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Carolyn Nelson **Botsford Hospital physician**

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

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

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

compared to look for any changes associated with con-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE SEE CONCUSSION, C8



Proper care can keep children from serious injury

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

Here are some facts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Collision/contact sports are associated with higher

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

Most injuries occur during practice rather than games. Despite this fact, a third of parents do no often

take the same safety precautions during practice, as

they would have for a game.

■ Children who do not wear or use protective equipment are at greater risk of sustaining injuries. Lack of awareness about potential injury, inappropriate or unavailable equipment, and lack of money to purchase equipment are some of the reasons children do no use protective gear.

Sports injury prevention tips

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

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

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

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

"It takes a lot of the huge gray area out of the issue of concussions, and a conscientious coach is going to worry about the health and welfare of that athlete," Janda said. Janda's institute has studied the practice of heading the ball in soccer.

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

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

After the second year,

greater than 50 percent had symptoms. "We started to see the kids that were heading the ball the most were experiencing a decrease in their memory abilities," Janda said.

Janda recommends using a lightweight ball similar to a beach ball to practice heading and avoiding heading whenever possible.

Gone are the days when we

simply accepted an athlete getting his "bell rung." As Janda explained, "Concussions can carry longterm significant complications such as permanent memory and thinking deficits and the ultimate effect: It can lead to premature death."

Michigan poll: Use your head, wear motorcycle helmet

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

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

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

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

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

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

Statistics show that motorcyclists flirt with dan-

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

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

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

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

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

Know and abide by the rules of the game.

Have an emergency plan for injuries. If possible, have an adult trained in first aid and supplies available. Have emergency phone numbers for parents available.

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

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

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

Wear light colored clothing, "breathable" clothing and hats (when possi-

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

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

Use misting water sprays on the body to keep

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

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

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

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

APRIL

Grief support

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

Share and care

Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center offers a program for people with cancer, their family members and friends. Share and Care is a discussion and support group that allows participants to discuss common concerns, exchange information about cancer and its treatments, share feelings related to the impact of the illness. and explore coping methods. Next meeting is 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at the Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center. Call (734) 712-5314.

Health fair

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

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

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

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

Headache

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

Fibromyalgia conference

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The 2003 Mazda Tribute is one very nimble SUV.

brake system.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Try one and have fun.

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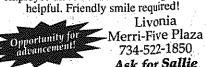
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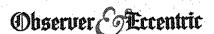
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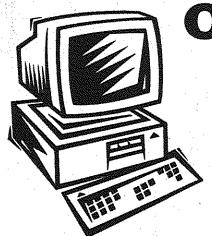
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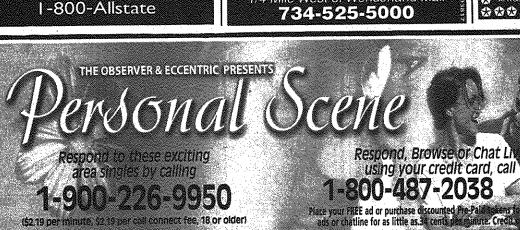
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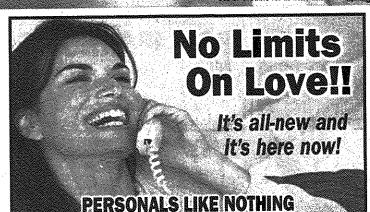
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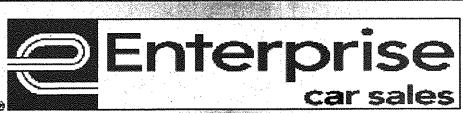
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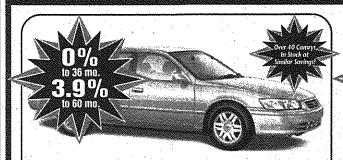


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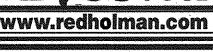
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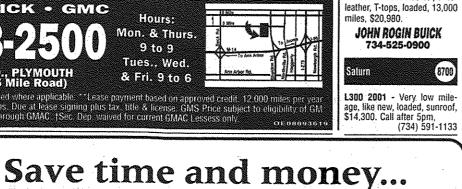
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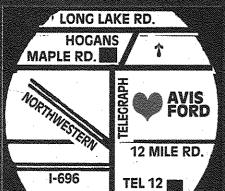
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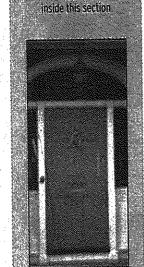
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The question is — what were judges looking for when selecting the winners of the 13th annual Parade of Homes contest?

New homes were selected at eight different price points in a competition sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Standard Federal Bank in conjunction with the recent Builders Home Show.

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

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

Here's a brief summary of the winners:

M Attached condominiums priced up to \$250,000. The Crestwood II, Moceri

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

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

Price is \$175,990. Crestwood II, (248) 373-8600, is in Oakmonte at Silvercreek, off Silver Bell Road west of Adams, Auburn Hills.

M Attached condominiums priced over \$250,000. The Dover, MJC Homes.

This duplex condo contains 1,796 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and 2% bathrooms, two-car attached garage and fire-

Price is \$288,900. The Dover, (248) 652-1047, is in Mill Stream Village, on

Tienken between Dequindre and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills.

Homes priced under \$300,000.

The Bradford, Fairview Builders.

This brick two-story of 1,800 square feet showcases three bedrooms, 21/2 baths, great room with cathedral ceiling, fireplace, first-floor laundry and two-car garage.

Price is \$188,000.

The Bradford, (248) 330-4478, is in the Ford Heights Subdivision, on Bennett between Wanda and West End (north of Eight Mile), Ferndale. ■ Homes priced \$300,000 to

\$335,000. The Wellington, Delcor

Homes. This two-story contains 2,208 square feet of living space with four bedrooms, 21/2 baths, vol-

ume ceilings and wood porch. The community includes numerous lakes and a golf

course. Price is \$316,130. The Bradford, (248) 969-3200, is in Hometown Village of Waterstone, Seymour Lake/Burdick Road west of

Lapeer Road, Oxford. ■ Homes priced \$335,000 to \$400,000.

The Charlotte, Columbia Homes.

This story-and-a-half of 2,900 square feet showcases four bedrooms and 31/2 baths, including a Jack-and-Jill upstairs, a guest suite and the master. The home's exterior has five gables.

Price is \$335,900.

The Charlotte, (586) 716-4222, is in Windridge Estates, off Ridge north of Washington, New Baltimore. Homes priced \$400,000 to

\$500,000. The Bloomfield, Singh

This two-story of 3,383 square feet includes four bedrooms, 31/2 baths, spacious island kitchen/nook with



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

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

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

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

The Oxford, Estate Builders/Millcreek Building.

This colonial of 3,540 square feet contains four bedrooms and 31/2 baths, volume ceiling in the foyer and family room, a two-way fireplace, luxury master with sitting area and three-car garage.

Base price is \$549,000. The Oxford, (734) 414-7610, is in Oxford Park, Gyde Road between Ridge and Beck, Canton.

Homes priced over \$700,000.

The Cotswold Lane, J.E. Hemphill.

This rambling 5,000-squarefoot story-and-a-half, under construction, has three bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths. The house also features such luxury touches as custom cabinets, granite countertops, stone fireplace and limestone, stone and brick exteBase price is \$980,000.

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

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

erate- and low-income buy-

The 1,250-square-foot colonial with three bedrooms and 21/2 baths carries a (subsidized) price of \$120,000. It's on Going Street south of Auburn Road.

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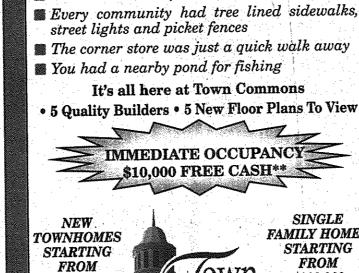




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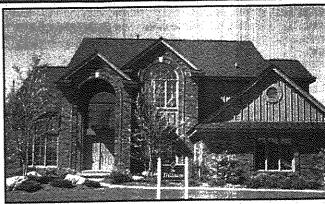
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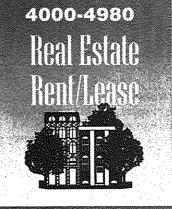






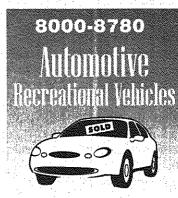
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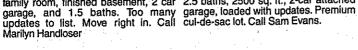


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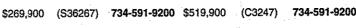
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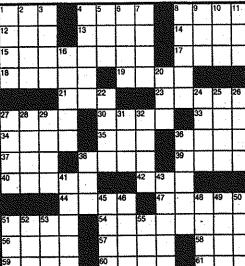
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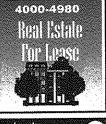
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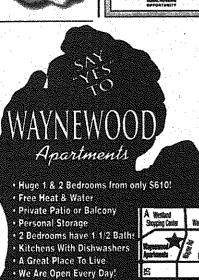
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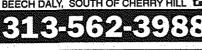
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Ranch! 3 BRs, 3 BAs. Ceramic fover,

newer hdwd firs in 2 BRs, GR w/full brick

FP, vaulted ceiling w/wood beams. Kitchen

has solid oak cabs, sunny breakfast room

opens to deck, professionally finished LL.

master bedroom opens to private deck. HPP! \$319,900 (24WEA) 734-455-5600

PLYMOUTH - Custom Contemporary

Home. Exquisite thru-out! 3 story atrium

foyer, spiral oak staircase, GR w/frplc

opens to sunroom, kit w/newer granite

counters, formal DR w/hdwd floors, library

or music room, master suite has fireplace,

jetted tub, finished LL walk-out to inground

pool. \$685,800 (77WES) 734-455-5600

ROCHESTER HILLS - Rookery Woods

former model with four bedrooms, 2.5

baths and side entrance garage. Marble

and hardwood floors, granite counters,

crown moldings. First floor master bed-

room, library, Great Room, wood deck. Incredible home. \$499,900 (09HER) 248-

ROCHESTER HILLS - Lovely, move-in

condition colonial with three bedrooms,

2.5 baths, finished basement and nice

landscaping. Oak kitchen with wood floor,

ceramic foyer, gas fireplace, glass block windows, sprinklers and wood windows.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Beautiful, profes-

sionally decorated four bedroom, three

bath colonial close to freeways and shop-

ping. Central air, formal dining room, fami-

ly room, alarm system, central vac. Newer

carpeting and vinyl flooring. Home Warranty. \$344,900 (74PAR) 248-524-

TROY - This four bedroom, 3.5 bath colo

nial features a three car side entry garage,

master bedroom suite and beautifully fin-

ished basement with bath, rec room,

bonus room and more. Formal dining

room, FFL, vaulted GR with FP and

Berber carpeting. \$435,000 (90DOR) 248-

\$314,900 (88PRI) 248-524-1600

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LAKE ORION - Opportunity Knocks. Approximately 500+ ft of frontage on quiet bay of all sports lake. Lakefront home with wraparound views, 3 lakefront cottages, close to prestigious Indianwood Country Club. Separate lot at the end of street. \$795,000 (80CUS) 248-652-8000



OAKLAND - Fabulous custom home in desirable Goodison Hills behind Paint Creek cider mill and trail. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters, hardwood floors, family room fireplace, circular staircase, French doors and spa. \$539,483 (83HIG)



OAKLAND - Tastefully decorated home with 1st floor master suite. Located on culde-sac. Three bedrooms up, library, great room with fireplace, maple cabinets in kitchen, three car side entry garage, large lot and sun room. \$514,900 (39BAR) 248-



ORION - Charming European Tudor in prestigious St. Andrews Estates. Private location away from other homes. On third tee of Indianwood Golf Course, Builders close out sale on 4 bedroom new built home. \$499,900 (61BER) 248-652-8000



OXFORD - Over \$80K in Extra Touches. Designer showplace, professionally landscaped, gas fireplace, four skylights, 9 ft ceiling with granite island, lavish master bath with jetted tub. 3 car garage, finished basement with bath and second kitcen. \$459,977 (31BAY) 248-652-8000



LAKE ORION - Fabulous Executive Home. Lovely court lot. Two story foyer, living and family rooms, 4 bedrooms, large 2002 island kitchen w/granite counters. Butlers pantry, marble fireplace, some hardwood and marble floors, 2 staircases. \$424,900 (13LAK) 248-652-8000



ENVIABLE BRICK 1.5 STORY - 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, under construction. Budget smart special w/a canal front bonus on approx 6 acres. Intriguing 1.5 story highlights an airy interior, volume ceilings, plus double entry doors. Fabulous ktichen w/work island. \$559,500 (30COR) 248-363-1200



ALL SPORTS LAKEFRONT - Beautiful views from this main lake setting. Contemporary open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, spacious rooms. Stunning master suite w/2nd fireplace, hot tub & more, lake views. Generous water frontage, 2 garages, quick US 23 access. \$549,900 (79RUN) 248-363-1200



CAN IT REALLY BE TRUE? This amazing 6-7 bedroom colonial sits on approx 3/4 acre and offers 120' of frontage on a private all sports lake. New paint & carpeting, huge master with balcony, inground pool, hot tub, finished basement & a 2nd 3 car garage. \$449,900 (49CAR) 248-363-1200



LAKEFRONT ISLAND CEDAR Gorgeous soft contemp, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, euro kitchen, great room w/soaring cellings, living room w/fireplace, spiral oak staircase, study built in 1990, C/A, hardwood floors, ceramic, French doors, deck w/hot tub, brick pavers, large lot. \$424,800 (40COL) 248-363-1200



FANTASTIC 1.5 STORY - DRASTIC REDUCTION - Large cer fover, 1st floor master suite/ceramic BA/large WIC, soaring ceilings, open floor plan, huge country kit/island/ceramic fir, for DR, 3.5 baths, FR/FP, mantel, prof. fin walkout w/kit & strge. Deck/patio on approx .5 acre, wood, 3+ BR. \$369,900 (55JES) 248-363-1200



GOLF COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE - House overlooks 13th green. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, garage, 3 car+ brick paver courtyard, cedar closet, fireplace, crown moldings, wainscoting panels, thermo massage rub, rev osmosis system, large kitchen, oak cabs, snack bar, lot of house to own. \$319,900 (17HAV) 248-363-1200



LAKE ORION - Newer Built Brick Colonial. Center entrance colonial w/a back staircase to family room located in prestigious preserve sub. Neutral decor, expansive deck, community tennis courts, pool, clubhouse, playground & subdivision lake access. \$325,000 (26AUB) 248-626-



ROCHESTER - Swim in the pool offered by the sub. 4 bedrooms with 2.5 baths, 2 story contemporary home, 3 car side entry garage, 2 story foyer w/hardwood floor, family room w/high ceiling & fireplace. Sprinkler system, 1st floor laundry, spacious island kitchen. All appliances included. \$429,900 (31CAS) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD - This home must be seen to be appreciated from the astounding curb appeal to the fine details on the inside. Featuring 2 master bedrooms for your pleasure, 1 up & 1 on entry level. The kitchen is spacious & the laundry is conveniently placed on the first floor. \$489,000 (10DEL) 248-626-8800



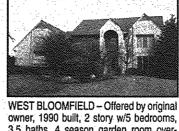
MILFORD - Huron Riverfront. Scenic 1.3 acres (approx.) in Milford Village with almost 200 ft. on river. Newer 4 bedrooms with formal dining room, great room with fireplace. Hardwood and granite floors. Big kitchen w/island & breakfast room. Private, up north setting. \$369,900 (33HOU) 248-



MILFORD - Milford Village - Historic. Original 1881 ward schoolhouse, 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. 12 ft ceilings in dining room & living room w/fireplace. Hardwood floors. Updated electric, furnace, C/A & plumbing. 2 car carriage style garage w/upper level. Park-like lot. \$339,900 (10SEC) 248-626-8800



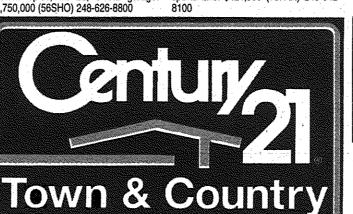
ORCHARD LAKE - Exquisite Upper Straits. New construction 2003. French Tudor w/approx 135 ft of lake frontage. Approx. 7800 sq. ft. of livable space, Brazilian cherry & marble granite t/o, FF master suite, 4 BRs on the 2nd floor and 4 custom frplcs, fin LL, 3 car garage. \$2,750,000 (56SHO) 248-626-8800



owner, 1990 built, 2 story w/5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 season garden room overlooked by white formica kitchen w/island. Large foyer, formal DR, LR, library & 2 story FR w/fireplace. MBR w/his & her WIC's, patio, finished basement & 3 car garage. \$519,900 (46SIL) 248-642-8100



Fabulous newer 2 story contemporary w/walkout. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, large master bath w/Jacuzzi and library w/French doors. 1st floor laundry, 3 decks, custom designers home on all sports lake. \$424,900 (15PAR) 248-642-



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WEST BLOOMFIELD - 5 bedroom, 5.2 bath contemporary on approx. 5 acres on all sports lake. Living room, great room, family room, library and top of the line kitchen. Finished walkout LL and 4 car garage. Simply one of the most fabulous Lakefront estates in the area, \$5,900,000 (39MID) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM - Walk to downtown! Executive home w/maple & granite kit, fantastic MBR suite w/WIC & marble master bath. FR w/frpic, lib w/French doors, 2nd floor laundry & 2nd floor sitting room w/porch. Hardwood floors, finished basement with 9 ft ceilings. Great wrap around porch. \$899,900 (67WAS) 248-642-8100



NORTHVILLE - Better than new, a fabulous home! 4 large bedrooms, master suite w/garden bath, FR w/two way fireplace to gourmet kitchen w/granite counters. Private den, LR, formal DR, walkout LL w/full kitchen & additional baths. This one has it all - transferee perfect!!



NORTHVILLE - Fabulous home! 4 large bedrooms, 2 fireplaces, FR, LR, library, cherry cabs in kitchen w/granite countertops. Butlers pantry, fin w/o LL, neutral decor & hardwood floors, 3 car garage, located deep in sub. Move right in!! \$639,000 (31BRO) 248-642-8100



FARMINGTON HILLS - Detached condo w/1st floor master bedroom suite, living room/dining room combo w/2 story ceiling, white kitchen, family room with fireplace and access to deck, 2 car garage. \$379.000 (04TAN) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM - Located in Pembrooke Sub. Updated 4 bedroom brick bungalow w/2 full baths. Updated kit, master bath, newer windows & roof. Large master suite w/library, hardwood floors & finished basement, 4 car heated garage, large deck, all appls included. \$304,900 (89DOR) 248-



SOUTH LYON - Welcome Home. Move in & enjoy golf course living. First floor master, oak kitchen w/walk-in pantry & finished basement. Spacious rooms, 2 story great room w/2-way fireplace, 2 story breakfast room. Beautifully landscaped w/ceder deck & great views. \$489,900 (80SPY)



WIXOM - Spacious Colonial. This immaculate home offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths & great room w/vaulted ceilings & fireplace. Neutral decor. Close to nature preserve & schools. \$309,900 (76TRA) 248-349-5600



The look of yesterday with all of today's conveniences, 4 spacious bedrooms, Hardwood floors & custom details, Kitchen has ceramic counters. First floor laundry, Formal-living room. Dining room & family room. Front & rear porches. \$479,000 (13ROU) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Treat Yourself & Your Family. Stunning newer 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car garage. Kitchen opens to DR & FR for great entertaining. Large master suite w/jetted tub & walk-in closet. Partly finished lower level. Landscaped yard w/sprinklers & 2-tiered deck, \$324,900 (59SAV) 248-349-5600



This meticulously maintained 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home has a spacious FR w/fireplace. First floor laundry, formal DR & bsmt. Master BR w/WIC & full bath. Quality updates t/o. Fresh paint & decor too. Sprinkler system & a huge garage w/opener. \$324,900 (85PAR) 248-349-5600



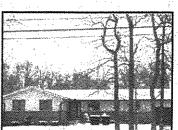
BRIGHTON - Country Club Living. Absolutely gorgeous. This will go fast. Hardwood floors, master bedroom w/2 walk-in closets, fin LL w/wet bar, study, rec room, full bath & bedroom. Family room w/built-in entertainment center, Clubhouse w/pool, tennis, exercise room & 3 boats to



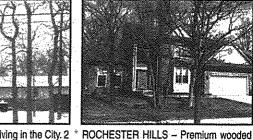
NORTHVILLE - Full of Character! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath New England Colonial on 2 acres. Hardwood floors, crown moldings, living room w/fireplace & French doors. spa room, hearth room w/10' brick fireplace, deck, gardens, pond, tennis court & gazebol \$475,000 (00BEC) 734-455-5600



HIGHLAND - Lakefront Cape Cod. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, FR & DR w/covered patios all on approx. 5 acres of land, lakes and wetlands. Approx. 800 ft frontage on 2 lakes and your own putting green. Garage allows for 2nd floor addition. \$260,000 (04GAF) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Country Living in the City. 2 acres, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, deck, full basement, newer roof, hot water heater, ceramic baths. Splittable land, \$335,000 (60GRA) 734-455-5600



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lot backing to a heavily treed private natural setting. Four bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with island kitchen, oversized deck, hardwood foyer and MBR suite with vaulted ceiling, jetted tub and separate shower. \$355,000 (18WOO) 248-524-1600



DEARBORN - Spectacular Home at TPC. Luxurious gated community offers hdwd firs in spacious foyer, library & gourmet kitchen which has white cabinets, wine rack & built-in appliances, basement, rec room & 2 car attached garage. All offered in this 3 bedroom, 3 full & 2 half bath home, \$559,900 (36TUR) 734-455-5600



with newer kitchen, Andersen windows, first floor laundry, master suite with huge Jacuzzi tub and finished basement. Premier cul-de-sac location deep in the sub with paver patio and Troy schools. \$379,900 (82DUR) 248-524-1600

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