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# Memo

#### **Boosters** meet

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

Parents of current players and incoming freshmen are invited to attend. The topic for this meeting is "A History of Salem Football." For information, call Bob Kilgore at 734-459-6393.

## **Relay for Life**

Organizers for this year's Canton Relay for Life, which benefits the American Cancer Society, already has sponsors lining up.

They include: Approved Mortgages (\$5,000), Johnson Controls (\$250), Canton Chamber of Commerce (\$500), Community Federal Credit Union (\$1,000), St. John Neumann (\$500), St. Thomas a Becket (\$500), the Hauck Family (\$500), Waltonwood at Cherry Hill (\$500), Wal-Mart (\$1,000), Greatland Title (\$500), for a total of \$12,500.

Organizers want to raise \$200,000 for the cancer society from this year's Relay for Life. The relay is scheduled for May 15-16.

#### **42nd Street**

The Park Players present 42nd Street, featuring a cast of some 60 actors, dancers and singers, March 25-27 in the Gloria Logan auditorium in Salem High School.

Performances are at 8 p.m. March 25-26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 27. Tickets are \$8 for all shows.

For more information, call (734) 416-7854.

## Learn pompon

The PHS Saberettes will hold a pompon clinic for girls in grades 3-8 9 a.m. - 1p.m. Saturday March 27 in the Plymouth High School cafeteria. Participants will learn a pom routine, receive a pom T-shirt and a snack. Participants are also invited to perform their routine on-stage in the PHS Variety show in May. Registration is 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 15 in the Plymouth High School Athletic Wing. The cost is

## **Beck traffic**

Regular Beck Road drivers be aware: Wayne County plans on closing the road between Five and Six Mile starting Monday.

County officials said southbound Beck will be closed for some two months. The detour for southbound Beck is Sheldon.

For more information on this road closure check out the Wayne County Web site at www.wayne.co.mi.us.

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# Child porn hearing delayed 1 week



Lary Howard of Canton (right) with his attorney, David Steingold, in 35th District Court Friday.

After listening to about 15 minutes of bickering between the defense and the prosecution on Friday, 35th District Judge Ron Lowe agreed to the prosecution's request for a one-week postponement of the preliminary exam for a Canton resident accused of possessing child pornography on his home computer.

Lary Howard, 56, a language arts teacher at Emerson Middle School in Livonia, has been charged with six counts of possession of child sexually abusive material. Each count is a four-year felony.

He was arrested after Canton Police received a tip from another resident in the household, according to Canton Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler. At Friday's scheduled hearing, assistant

Wayne County prosecutor Daniel E. Less asked the judge for a one-week adjournment. "There's a volume of evidence involved in

this case." he said. "Not all of it has been

brought to my attention until this morning. I would ask for an adjournment so that I can review the stuff that I did not know about with some expert and make a decision from that."

Defense attorney David S. Steingold objected to the request.

"My client was arraigned almost two weeks ago," he said. "This matter was scheduled for exam. They have available witnesses. That's hardly a reason for adjournment."

But Less said there were 90,000 images recovered from Howard's computer.

"I can't adequately go into this case without having a look at at least some portion of those 90,000 images," he said. At that point Lowe interjected.

"I have six counts," he said. "When they were brought were we supposed to divide the 90,000 pieces of evidence equally by six? I have six counts."

Less said the representation was made to him that there were six images.

"I don't want to move forward with those six," he said. "It will probably take me a week to make a determination on this."

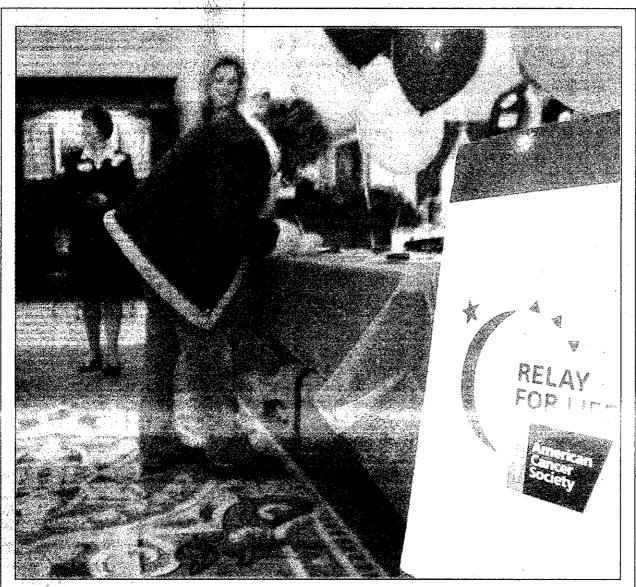
After listening to more debate, Lowe agreed to the postponement. "You asked for a one-week adjournment," he told the prosecutor. "I expect all the (allegations) to be on the table next week."

Less agreed and a new hearing was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. March 26.

uled for 8:30 a.m. March 26.
Outside the courtroom after the hearing,
Steingold maintained his client's innocence.

"They are not going to be able to prove that any of the images taken from the computer are illegal in nature," he said. "That is that they depict children less than 16 years old."

"The adverse publicity has been devastating to my client and his family. The sooner we can show that the charges have no basis in fact, the sooner my client can get back to work and get his life back to normal. My client is not guilty."



**Relay for Life** 

Volunteers sign up for Canton's Relay for Life at the kickoff Wednesday night. For the story and more photos, see page A4.



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

# Artist shares her gift with community

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

The love of art, and sharing it, is so much what Sharon Dillenbeck is about you have to wonder if she was born with a paint brush in her mouth and palette in her hand.

"I thought I was a hot shot artist," said Dillenbeck about the moment she graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

Hallmark was her target. American Greetings offered her a job right away. But she was so certain Hallmark wanted her she turned the first job down. But Hallmark didn't offer a job.

"I got so frustrated. I thought maybe I wasn't as good

PLEASE SEE DILLENBECK, A6

# Education is not just about the money

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER Staff Writer

Successfully educating children is much like baking a cake, according to state Rep. Ruth Johnson.

"It doesn't take any one thing. It's like the recipe, it takes all the ingredients," she said. But the Republican legislator, whose

district includes Orion and Oxford townships, said there is one ingredient that stands out from her days as a teacher in the Clarkston district.

"The single biggest ingredient is parental involvement. That's the flour of the recipe," she said.

Johnson, like educators and legislators from Wayne and Oakland counties, said that while financial resources are important, other factors weigh more heavily in driving education.

As a member of the House Education Committee, Johnson found her belief in



parental involvement reinforced during a tour of a school in Detroit.

The school's families were largely headed by single parents and 77 percent of the children qualified for free breakfasts, due to the poverty of the families. But

Johnson

scores on the Michigan Education Assessment Program tests were "way over" the state average.

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The success, Johnson said, was due to involvement, "lots of love and guided discipline"

## PARENTS ARE KEY

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

"Parents make kids retake the MEAP, unlike in Oakland County," he

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

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

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

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



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

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

## WHAT MONEY BUYS

Money is not at the top of that list, and may not have to be. With a relatively high per-pupil expenditure of \$9,035, the Troy district is still outspent by the Farmington, Southfield, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills districts.

Still, what will that \$9,035 buy? Teachers, 800 of them at a base rate for a first-year teacher of \$37,676.

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# Kentucky man sentenced in death of officer

**BUSINESS NOTES** 

A Kentucky man convicted last month of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Canton Police Officer Lew Stevens has been sentenced to three-15 years in prison.

The sentence was handed down Friday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia

Kurtis R. Bragg was convicted of the charge in a jury trial last month after a jury deliberation that lasted just over two hours.

Stevens was killed July 23, 2003, when his police cruiser, which was stopped on the

west side of Lotz Road just north of Van Born, was struck by another car driven by Bragg.

In court testimony Jeremiah McClure, who was a front seat passenger in the car, said that he and Bragg had been drinking at two bars a few hours before the crash.

He said they pulled into a

motel parking lot on Michigan Avenue and Bragg asked him if he had ever jumped any train tracks.

At that point, McClure testified, Bragg sped down Lotz Road at over 50 miles per hour, jumped the railroad tracks and hit the police car which was pulled off to the side of the road just south of the tracks.

After the sentencing, Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, said he hoped the sentence would bring a sense of closure to the family and the department.

"It was a very emotional day for the family, particularly Karen (Stevens' wife) and Lew's father and the number

of officers who were there for the sentencing," Santomauro said.

"We would hope that with the decision of the court it will be a step in the healing process for the family and members of our department. Hopefully this will help Karen cope with the tremendous tragedy she's had."

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#### **Q1 CELEBRATED**

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The 111,000-square-foot facility uses a combination of computer numeric control machinery and dedicated machinery.

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#### **NEW AGENT**

Kenneth Bailey of Canton joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving the area from his Northville office.

He recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared him for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property, casualty and life insurance.

Bailey's training included the agent career school at the Farm Bureau Insurance home

office in Lansing. Agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement and business.

Before joining Farm Bureau, Bailey was a drywall technician with Great Lakes Drywall

#### PET SITTERS CELEBRATE

Pet Nanny of Canton, owned by Jan Conner, joined more than 6,000 pet sitters in the U.S. and Canada in celebrating National Professional Pet Sitting Week March 7-13.

The annual celebration is designed to recognize the contributions of professional pet sitters and to create an awareness of this fast-growing industry.

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Maxence Fermines (fiction) ■"St. Patrick of Ireland: A Biography" - Philip Freeman (biography)

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# 10 years later, education funding equity still an issue

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### A CALL FOR CHANGE

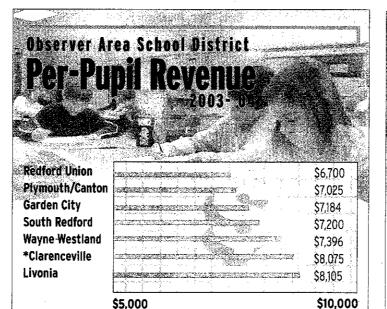
He's not alone in his thinking. In November, the Michigan State University Education Policy Center issued a 66-page report calling for changes in the way education is funded in Michigan.

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

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

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

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



\* A portion of the Clarenceville district serves students from Oakland County.

SOURCE: Wayne County School Districts

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

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

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

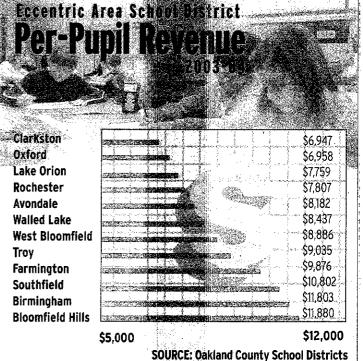
Granholm has suggested raising the cigarette tax by 75 cents a pack, something that doesn't sit well with Thomas. "We can't tie it to the economy," he said. "What we've gotten away from right now is a more secure revenue for schools."

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

#### LEGISLATION PROPOSED

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

State Rep. John



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **EDUCATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### THE BASICS – OAKLAND COUNTY

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

## THE BASICS - WAYNE COUNTY

A comparison of budgets, teachers and students served.

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

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

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

## SYSTEM INEQUITIES

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

This year the district has a

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

"We have an old fleet,"

Thomas said.
Three split classes were

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### **DEATHS**

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

Dennis Ruff, 54, of Northville Township, died March 12. Albert F. Remington, 87, formerly of Birmingham, died March 12.

Hampo Sandor, 74, of Plymouth.

#### POLICE

#### Window smashed

A resident of the 1200 block of Hereford told police someone

broke the passenger rear door window on his 1997 Ford Taurus. The incident occurred sometime between 9 p.m. March 10

and 9:40 a.m. March 11.

Window shot
A resident of the 4500 block of
Hanford reported that some
time between 10 p.m. March 9
and 6:45 a.m. March 10, someone broke the driver's door window of his 1999 Ford pickup that

was parked on the street.
Police said the damage might
have been done by a BB gun.
CDs taken

An employee of Outback Steakhouse said he came out of work about 11 p.m. March 10 and discovered his car had been broken into.

Someone broke out the passenger side window of his 2000 Jeep Cherokee and stole an AM/FM/CD deck and a case with 10 CDs.

# Relay for Life aims for \$200,000 goal



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Cancer survivor Carleigh Flaharty, former Canton Chamber of Commerce executive director, addresses volunteers at the kickoff for Relay for Life.

What Carleigh Flaharty thought was a "bug" – a chest cold or a head cold – back in 2001 turned out to be just a little bit more.

After visiting her doctor, who identified the swelling on the left side of her neck as lymph nodes, she went on a regimen of antibiotics. But after waking up one morning feeling "like a ton of bricks had settled on my chest overnight," her husband took her to the emergency room at Beaumont Hospital.

After spending a week in the hospital and undergoing needle and surgical biopsies she got the word on Dec. 14 she had been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma Nodular Sclerosis, Stage 2A.

Santa hadn't just delivered

the biggest lump of coal to me for Christmas," she told attendees at a Relay for Life kickoff meeting Wednesday night. "That year I got a lump of cancer."

Flaharty, former executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, was the main speaker at the Relay meeting at Walton Woods.

After undergoing chemotherapy, she got the news in May 2002 that she was in full remission. And in June after her final radiation treatment she was pronounced cancer free.

Flaharty shared her experience with other cancer survivors – or people who just want to help with this year's Relay – at the kickoff meeting. About 125 people attend-

ed. "There were a ton of teenagers in the room," said Debbie Zevalkink, coordinator of Canton's relay. "You could feel the energy in the room. People want to participate"

Flaharty said she was especially impressed with the number of high school and college students who showed

"It's really a powerful message to be sent to the community," she said.

At least 42 teams signed up for the relay, including 10 new ones. Zevalkink said there were 51 teams that took part in last year's rally and she is hoping for 60 this year.

Last year's relay in Canton raised \$170,000 net to benefit cancer research. Zevalkink said she's hoping to hit the \$200,000 mark this year.

"We've become a model for other communities because we're so successful," she said.

She attributed the success to the enthusiastic response from the community. Last year Canton won two of eight awards given by the American Cancer Society.

"For our kickoff meeting Waltonwoods donated their beautiful facility for us to use and Holiday Market donated the food and drinks that were served," she added.

The first team captains meeting will be held at Summit on the Park from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 18. Call Jamie Chapman at (248) 483-4320 or Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

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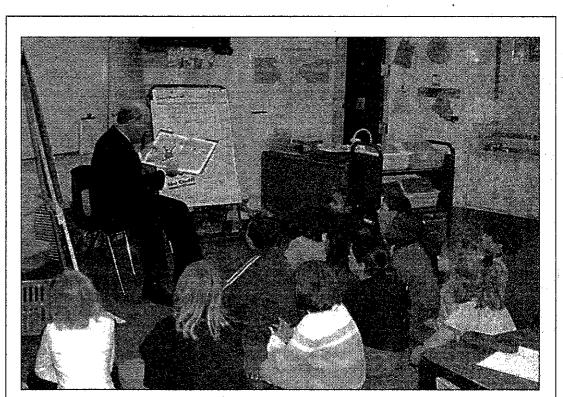
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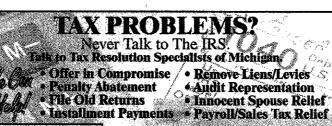
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# Local residents to lead St. Patrick's Day Parade

Today will be a day to remember for Meaghan Elizabeth Kalinowski, Keely Rose O'Grady, Mary Margaret Casey, Lindsay Eaton, Kelly Carey and Meaghan Haney.

As winners of the Court of St. Brigid and Maid of Erin competitions held by metro-Detroit's Irish community, the young women will lead Detroit's 46th Annual St. Patrick's Parade which steps. off on Michigan Avenue at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

The 37th Annual Court of St. Brigid Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernian's Rose Kennedy Division and the AOH Stephen Walsh Division, took place Feb. 14 at the AOH Hall, at Grand River and Telegraph in Detroit.

Elected queen was Meaghan Kalinowski of Canton Township. Kalinowski is a freshman at Eastern Michigan University majoring in interior design. Inspired by her late grandfather who had Parkinson's Disease, Kalinowski's goal is to one day open a handicapped-friendly hotel.

First runner-up is Keely Rose O'Grady of Livonia, a senior and a member of the National Honor Society at Divine Child High School. O'Grady plans to major in advertising and minor in psychology at Michigan State University in the fall. She competed at the state level for her school's pompon squad and took second.

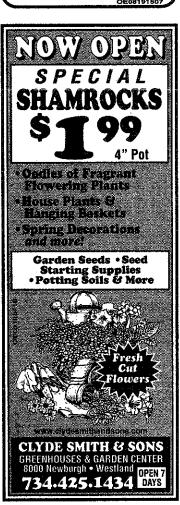
Second runner-up Mary Margaret Casey of Redford is a junior at Michigan State University. Her goal is to study law at the University of Notre Dame. Casey belongs to MSU's Pre-Law Society, and to a community-service fraternity that assists non-profit groups such as the Humane Society and the Ronald McDonald House.

The Court of St. Brigid offers young women aged 17-22 years who are Irish and Catholic the chance to win scholarship money and celebrate their Irish heritage, said Maureen Kelly, who chairs the

This year's Maid of Erin is Lindsay Eaton, a senior at Rossford High School in Rossford Ohio. Eaton studies Irish step-dancing with the Livonia-based Heinzman School of Irish Dance. A member of the Toledo Irish-American Club, Eaton also plays saxophone and enjoys

Livonia's Kelly Carey, a senior at Stevenson High School, is the Maid of Erin's first runner-up. A member of the Shannon Club and an avid hospital volunteer, Carey has

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been accepted to the nursing program at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

Meaghan Haney, second runner-up, is from Livonia and attends Lamphere High School where she is a member of the cheerleading squad. Her interests include acting and journalism.

Sponsored by the United Irish Societies, the Maid of Erin competition selects winners based on their knowledge and appearance. The queen

runners-up \$300. The Feb. 28 competition was held at the Gaelic League on Michigan Avenue in Detroit's Corktown.

The winners will represent the Irish community at functions throughout the year, said Anne Poppe, who cochairs the Maid of Erin with Sue Rennie.

The intent is to promote the Irish culture among young people," added Poppe, who hails from County Tipperary

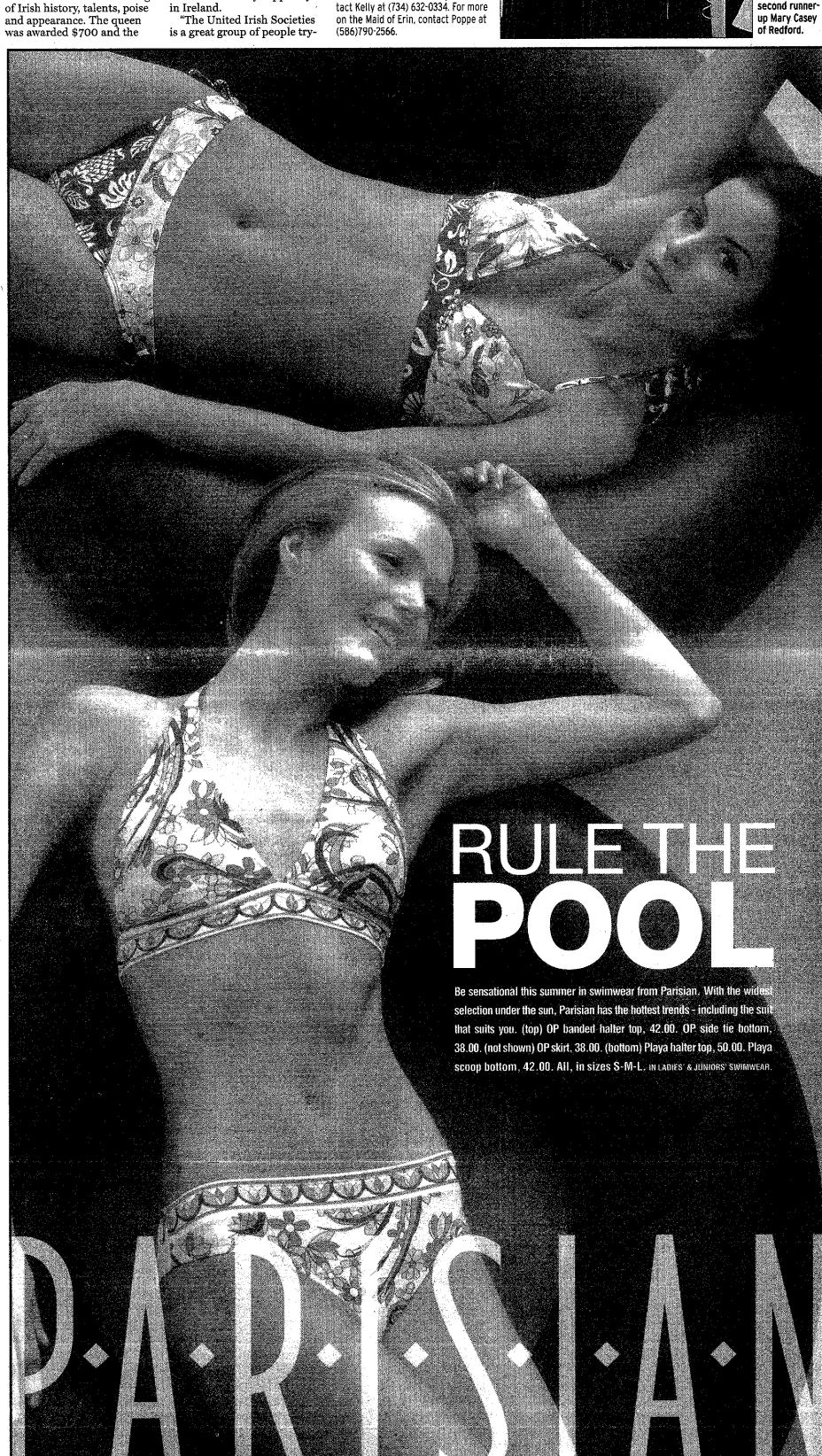
ing to keep Irish traditions going in Detroit," Poppe said. "Rain, hail or snow, that parade goes on. They work hard and definitely need more people in there to help them."

The parade honors the patron saint of Ireland. This year's theme is "A Traditional Parade for St. Patrick: An Irish Plaza for Corktown."

For applications and more information on the Court of St. Brigid, con-



Local members of the 2004 Court of St. Brigid are (from left) Queen Meaghan Kalinowski of Canton, first runner-up Keely O'Grady of Livonia and



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# Canton faces challenges with its state funding

In his state of the township address March 3, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack used a slide show to illustrate the partnerships the township has formed with volunteers groups, the schools and the arts community.

He also told the audience that Canton's Leisure Services Department has achieved national accreditation from the National Recreation and Parks Association, making it the only accredited department in the state and one of 46 in the country.

Pointing to some challenges he said that Canton is treated very poorly by the state in funding based on a per capita formula.

"We used to be able to spend up to a million

dollars a year on roads," he said. "We can't do that anymore."

He said it's also time to build two more schools in Canton.

"All communities up and down I-275 are building new buildings and facilities. If we don't keep pace it shows up in new construction and eventually property values," he said.

And he touched on a frequent topic, what to do with Central Middle School in Plymouth. "Some people think that spending \$19 million on Central is better then building a new school at \$21 or \$22 million," he said. "Using

that thinking you'd never buy a new school



Renee Merckx, a longterm care specialist. talks with Supervisor Tom Yack after his State of the Township address.

## DILLENBECK

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as I thought I was," said Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Studios - Once Upon an Easel in the Golden Gate Shopping Center.

That did it. Dillenbeck switched her career to retail while still in Pennsylvania. Her thought was to get into window dressing. Her first stop was Saks 5th Avenue.

"Instead of doing windows, they wanted me to sell," Dillenbeck said. And sell she did. When she moved to Michigan, she worked for a Pennsylvania company and then for Hudson's as an area sales manager. Her goal was to become a buyer and importer,



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which she did. "I love to travel and I appreciated the art and craftwork."

In Michigan, Dillenbeck married Larry who works in catastrophe insurance. With her sister, Donna, the studio is basically a family affair. She also contracts artists to teach classes. "I only paint ceilings and walls," Larry said.

Larry knew his retailing wife well. After the birth of their first daughter, Kristen, he gave Dillenbeck a drawing table. That pulled her back into art. She took more art classes. "I just kept practicing and painting."

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

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

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

An artist in her own right,



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

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

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

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

with the Inventor's Club, as well

as accepting commissions for her own paintings, and taking work with the corporate world.

"I teach the method I wastaught," Dillenbeck said. "I do it step-by-step. Draw first, learn to shade, learn to shadow, paint. I try not to compromise the students' ideas.

Dillenbeck takes great satisfaction in seeing her students return as college students and adults with the same vigor and interest in the arts that she worked to instill. "The kids keep coming back."

Time management is the

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

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

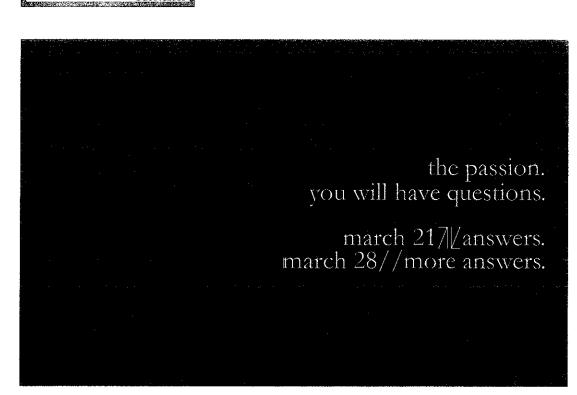
"My mom told me to get it checked," said Dillenbeck. When the MRI went on long beyond the expected hour, she knew something was up. She was operated on last November and is doing fine.

While giving to her students, Dillenbeck also makes time for her own art. "Oil painting is my true love. The smell of the oil - I like that." She considers herself one of the American impres sionists. She is particularly known for her paintings of children and children at the seashore.

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

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

f someone – God, say – put together a blue-ribbon

committee to find the best possible person to try to save blasted and troubled Detroit, it is easy to imagine Freman Hendrix as the more or less automatic choice.

Handsome, athletic, a political operator to the marrow,

Hendrix is

that rarity

seemingly

son with a

close-knit

family who

has abilities

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he is proudest of, the 53-year-

old U.S. Navy veteran could

say school reform, master-

minding Bill Clinton's tri-

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out casino contracts.

paign in the state or working

But he doesn't. Yes, he was

the guy who made it happen

for the eight years of Dennis

Archer's administration, as

deputy mayor and chief of

He presided over efforts to

Like Bobby Kennedy, he

dispatched his man's political

lessness (some said, too much

enemies with cheerful ruth-

ruthlessness), did the deals,

ran the office with efficiency

in vain) to get the city's

and dignity, and tried (mostly

bureaucrats to treat common

people as valued customers.

Yet what he really would

like people to know is that he

League baseball in Detroit,

scratch, coaching his son's

team and later serving as

commissioner.

was the guy who revived Little

putting together a league from

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Jack Lessenberry

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

Now, however, Hendrix is

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

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

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

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

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

And Hendrix is willing to commit the ultimate political

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of HomeTown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by email at jlessenberry@ homecomm.net.

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

n his State of the County speech last month,

Cakland County Executive
L. Brooks Patterson
announced a new economic
development initiative of his.
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"cold calls" to out-of-state and
international corporations to
try to entice them to invest in

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and Wayne County. In fact, I expect Mr. Patterson's sales pitches to unfold this way:

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CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: Where on earth is Oakland County?

BROOKS: We're in southeastern lower Michigan.

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: Is that near Detroit? BROOKS: Yes. But we're a bit parochial when it comes to

our geography.
CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: Tell me about some of your major cultural institutions. Do you have a world-class art museum or sympho-

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

MAKER: Where are they? BROOKS: In Detroit and Wayne County, along with other cultural gems like the Detroit Science Center, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, The Henry Ford, the Michigan Opera Theater and the Detroit Historical Museum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: How about major technology companies?

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

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: How come?

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

CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: Who cares?

BROOKS: Nobody, really. CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: Isn't Detroit hosting a Super Bowl pretty soon? BROOKS: Yeah, right after they host the Major League Baseball All-Star Game and before the NCAA Men's Final Four comes to town

before the NCAA Men's Final Four comes to town. CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: Sounds like a lot is

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

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

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

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

BROOKS: No, but we're only a quick drive to the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County International Airport in Romulus. Metro flies non-stop to London, Tokyo,

Beijing, you name it. CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: Doesn't Oakland County have a passenger air-

County have a passenger airport?

BROOKS: Sure, we've kind

of adopted Flint's Bishop Airport as our own. CORPORATE DECISION-MAKER: And where can

Bishop Airport take me?
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## **Buckeye bound**

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

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

## **Cavaliers take 2nd**

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

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

#### Dzialo sparkles

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

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

## Soccer recruit

Meghan Romer, a defender/midfielder last season for Canton HS, has committed to play soccer in the fall for Schoolcraft College. She ioins three other recruits signed earlier this year by SC coach Bill Tolstedt. Others who have committed are Jessica Saba of Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Nicole Saigh of Utica Ford II and Christina Stapleton of Allen Park. All have signed a letter of national intent to play for the Ocelots.

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

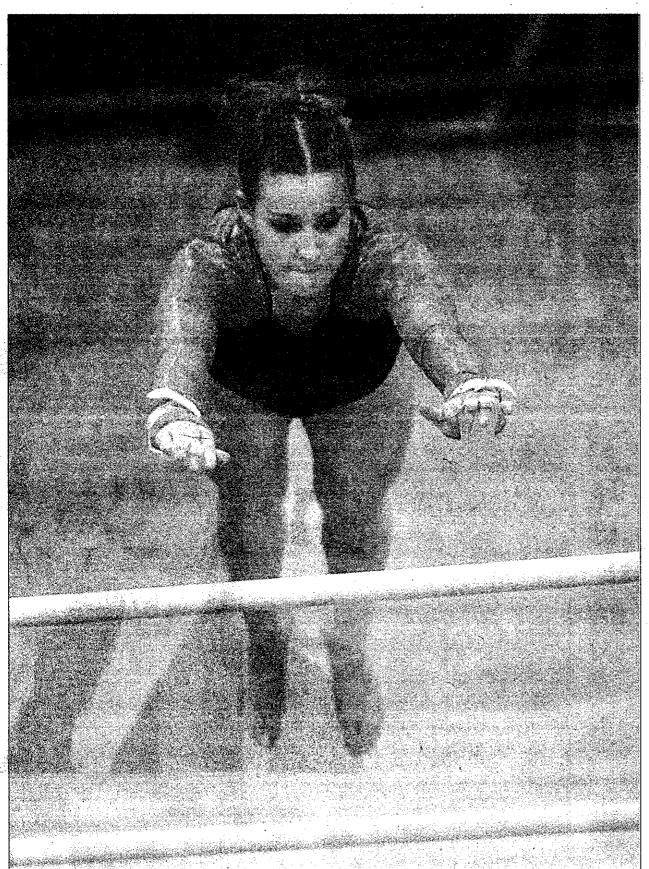
## **Baseball clinic**

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

"This is our first year

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

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



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

# Canton, Salem slip at state

# Chiefs take 9th, Rocks 10th

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

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

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

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

"We were hoping to be fifth to sixth. We weren't going to touch Farmington or Adams. During the year, we had beaten everybody else." The Chiefs were without Megan Chappo on beam

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

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

Canton's top scores included Kara Ahern's 9.45 on floor and Alyssa Kelley's 9.425 on vault.

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

"In the regional, we had eight girls and two falls (which were thrown out), and we had a school record. Today we had two falls and had to count both. "It's said you win or lose a meet on beam. We did

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

Ashley Aquinto, Sarah Bugosh and Elena Gueorguiev did all four events to lead Salem. Aquinto had a 9.3 on beam and 9.25 on floor, Gueorguiev 9.225 on bars and 9.15 on vault.

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

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

"That was the one the girls wanted to make happen and they did. Maybe next year we'll place higher. "It's a long season; they tired and they're hurting.

They need a break."

# Rangers top Whalers, 3-1

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

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

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

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

## Wisniewski honored

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

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

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

# CC just can't elude Redford's dominance

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

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

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

CC bows out at 17-6.
In this game of surge followed by counter-surge, one had to wonder if either side would have enough left in its tank to finish off their opponent. One key factor, however, favored Redford: The surge belonged to them, leaving the Shamrocks trying to answer.

Which they did, at least until the fourth quarter. That's when the Huskies' superior firepower began to take its toll. "That team could go all the way," CC coach Rick Coratti said of Redford. "I

"That team could go all the way," CC coach Rick Coratti said of Redford. "I thought we could, but that team . . ." CC didn't make it easy for the Huskies,

to be sure. Two of their players fouled out, and a couple of others were in trouble; if the game had gone overtime, it would have been trouble.

At least according to Redford coach Derrick McDowell. "We have five players who average in double figures (in scor-

who average in double figures (in scoring)," he said. "We only have six (players). If we go to our seventh, I get scared."

There are a lot of teams in the state that would like to have his troubles.

the Shamrocks on the ropes, it couldn't finish them.

The Huskies led 26-25 as the second quarter drew near its midway point; in

the next three minutes they scored nine-

Although Redford always seemed to have

straight points to go up 35-25. But CC wasn't finished. The Shamrocks

answered with an eight-point run that included layups off of steals by Robert Fragoso and David Herberholz, making it 35-33 at the half.

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

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

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

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# Shamrocks stop Kentwood in semis

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

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

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

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

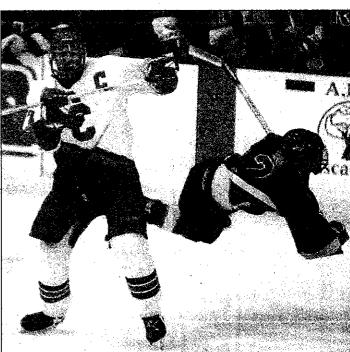
"I was just trying to put it on goal, I wasn't really thinking of scoring," said Burns. "I put it on net. If he hadn't stopped it, it was going in the upper corner."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Shamrocks opened the

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

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

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

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

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

# Prep bowling is gaining in stature

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

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was plenty of excitement during every event as the competition

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

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

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

The Clarenceville boys, made up of all underclassman, came within 22 pins of the semifinals.

A special mention goes to team lead-off man Tom Pavlovich, who under the Baker System with seven strikes out of a possible eight frames, plus a spare.

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

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

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

On the girls side, Sarah

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

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

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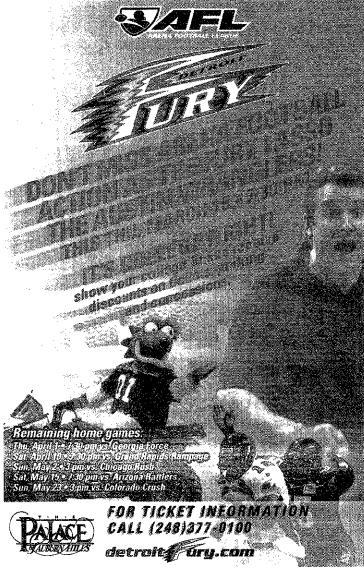
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Bowling Congress. We will not be able to find out the results of the balloting until late May, after the WIBC has its

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

National Bowling Stadium. Read all about it in next week's edition.

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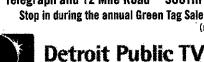
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## **BASKETBALL**

FROM PAGE B1 But in the next three minutes, Redford outscored the Shamrocks 9-2 to build their lead back up to nine — and this time there was no coming back. The closest CC would get down the stretch was six.

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

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

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

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

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

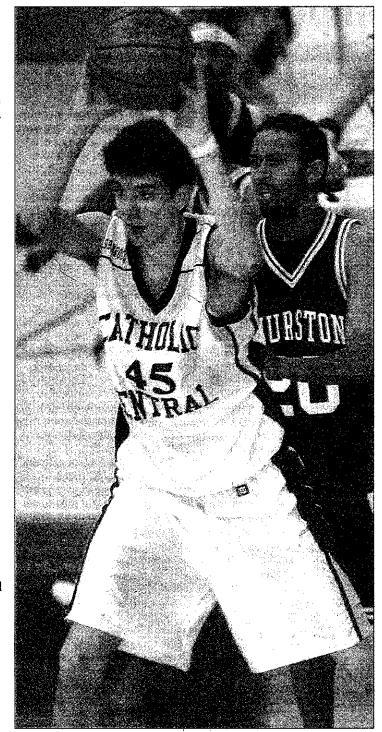
Redford got 18 points from Vernon Carr, 15 from Brandon Wolfe, 13 from Derrick Reynolds and nine from Jamaal

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

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

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

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



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

Urban Lutheran.

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

'We couldn't get over the hump," said Agape coach Chuck

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

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

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**GYMNASTICS STATE TEAM FINALS** March 12 at Plymouth HS

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137.425; 13. Birmingham Unified, 133.35. **Event results** 

Vault - 1. Tri-Farmington (Shannon Jodoin, Caitlin McPherson, Laura Merrell, Sarah Tomkovich), 37.225 combined score; 2. Adams (Cheryl DeGrandChamp, Danielle Dudek, Shannon MacDonald, Kelsey Puffer), 37.125; 3. (tie) Livonia (Paige Albers, Krista Osikowicz, Andrea Piśani, Alyssa Supplee), Portage (Katle Hicks, Cynthis Hughes, Corey Shauman, Stephanie Nixon), Northville/Novi (Julie Foucher, Jacqueline Gazette, Emma Platt, Marcie Fink), 36.45; 6. Forest Hills (Christy Keller, Lindsay Orgeck, Brandi Hagan, Jessica Ostertag), 35.25

Uneven parallel bars - 1. Tri-Farmington (Jodoin, Kelly Patrick, Alyse Quinn, Tomkovich), 37.1215; 2. Portage (Hicks, Hughes, Kristen Lowery, Emilee Walch), 36.3; 3. Brighton (Nicole Bastein, Lauren Dilullo, Nichole Drouillard, Rachel Page), 36.125; 4. Livonia (Lindsey Reed, Kacy Risner, Andrea Pisani, Alicia Fedrigo), 35.95; 5. Adams (DeGrandChamp, MacDonald, Puffer, Katle McGill), 35.85; 6. Northville/Novi (Sarah Ilkhani-Pour, Maggie Mills, Foucher, Janna Ramsey), 35,45.

Baiance beam - 1. Tri-Farmington (Jodoin, Patrick, Quinn, Sarah Houchins), 38.3; 2. Adams (DeGrandChamp, Dudek, MacDonald, Puffer), 37.025; 3. Livonia (Reed. Risner, Supplee, Lisa Thompson), 36.125; 4. Brighton (Bastein, Dilullo, Drouillard, Catie Carlson), 35.775; 5. (tie) Salem (Ashley Aquinto, Sarah Bugosh, Elena Gueorguiev, Meghan McCarthy), Portage (Hicks, Hughes, Lowery,

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

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# Wayne Memorial grad Johnson points way to NCAA dance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It was no cakewalk, it was close all the way through," Johnson said of the threegame tourney. "It was not easy (against Troy), but we did what we needed to do."

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

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

"I felt I needed to be at the funeral and I had enough faith in my teammates to hold things down," Johnson said. "He (McDaniel) was a guy I met when I first got to Wayne. We were on the same team in the ninth and 10th grade, then he moved away to Inkster.

"It's tough to realize he was gone, being there with him at the casket, instead of being at one of my games."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a for District-Wide Homeland Security Services. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 2, 2004 and should be addressed; Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, RE: Homeland Security Bid, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 5, 2004 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 1, 2004. in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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# Patriot grad Terek rules indoor meet

Livonia native and Franklin High graduate Paul Terek repeated Sunday as the 2004 USA Indoor Combined Events champion Sunday at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Terek, the 2002 Big Ten Athlete of the Year at Michigan State, posted six indoor personal bests in the seven-event heptathlon while scoring a total of 6,040 points, seventh best alltime on the American list.

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

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

#### TRACK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### SALEM LINEBACKERS

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

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

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

#### KVBSA MEETING

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

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

#### **WALKING CLUB**

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

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

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

#### **BASEBALL CLINIC**

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

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

#### BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMP

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

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

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

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

# Travel baseball team tryouts scheduled

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

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

■ The Michigan Indians U-

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

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

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

## Why are these improvements necessary now?

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

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Columbus, OH	12.52	23.99	
Cincinnati, OH	19.80	N/A	
Cleveland, OH	24.98	29.40	
Dayton, OH 👊	N/A	1320	
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customer communities in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Bay City, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton all pay significantly more for wholesale water and/or sewer service than does the average community that receives service from DWSD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Paint by numbers

# **Students** hope intern program pays off

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We're the largest residential painting company in the country," added Pam They were selected for their intern-

ships through a lengthy interview process. "It's a vigorous internship," Pam said.

"Not everyone who applies is accepted." Each has her own territory in Canton, based on the ZIP code. One has the 48187 area, the other 48188.

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

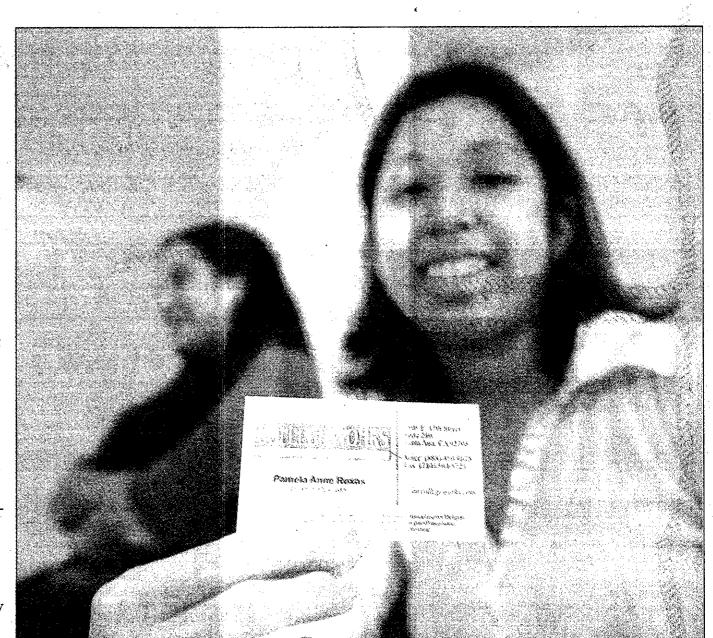
"It's so exciting," Theresa said. "I've

met half my neighborhood now." How much money can they make in

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

So what are these aspiring entrepreneurs studying in college?

Theresa is a pre-law major who wants to go into corporate litigation. Pam is a chemical engineering major who also plans to pursue a degree in psychology. But right now they're looking forward

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



Teresa Lo and Pamela Roxas have done about 17 estimates so far and have already contracted sev-

# Remembering the true meaning of St. Pat's Day

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

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

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

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

Patrick used simple methods to teach. He would bend down and pick up a shamrock to explain the Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. When

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

"St. Patrick's Day in Ireland is very religious. They start off with the whole family going to church." Sister Stamm noted the holiday brings out the Irish.

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

Mick Gavin was born in Ireland and like Sister Stamm will begin the day by pinning a shamrock on his lapel and heading off to Mass. A few hours later, he'll head over to the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland to kick off the 19th annual Irish Fest. The Redford fiddler founded the family-oriented event as an alternative to the celebrations going on in bars all over town. That first year 300 people enjoyed the music and step dancers.

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

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

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

At Livonia's Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Rev. it's cold and blowing outside, Sister Stamm brings out. Rodney Buland will trace the history of the Christian her shamrock plants to remind her of St. Patrick's Day, church in Ireland and the role of St. Patrick's during a She believes, "the shamrock means God and me and Celtic Concert Sunday, March 14. Buland studied you."

Celtic church history at the Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

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

"Patrick is commemorated also on the Lutheran cal-

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

## IRISH FEST

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

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

## CELTIC CONCERT

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

# Club will hold auction

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

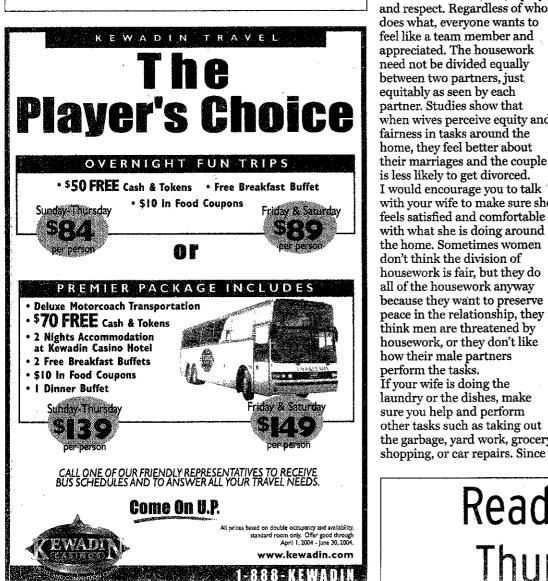
The auction includes items donated by members such as original artwork, an electronic keyboard, china, etc. Businesses have lent support by contributing gift certificates for merchandise, services and dining plus pottery, art supplies, and a Thomas Kinkade artist print valued at \$345.

Blue Willow accepts cash, check with proper ID, or Visa and Mastercard. All items must be paid for on the day of sale. Bring a friend with a truck!

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

8465 Lilley, south of Joy, Canton. Three Cities Art Club was founded in 1957 and represents artists from Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties.

Donations for the fund-raising auction are still being accepted. Contact Beverly Berini at (734) 422-4262 to donate. For further information about the event or the club, call Marilyn Meredith at (248) 262-9711.

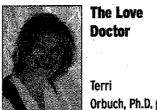


# Household chores must be fairly divided

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

Husbands are participating in tasks around the house more these days than ever before. But every study continues to show that women do the majority of work around the home, even when they work outside the

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



The Love **Doctor** 

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who does what around the house is a topic of conflict for many couples, I encourage partners to discuss the topic with each other.

Find out who does what around your house by answering the following Love Doctor Quiz. Rate each statement from 1-3, where 1 = you do the task, 2 =you both do the task equally, and 3 = your partner does the task.

Most of the time, who does the following tasks in your home?

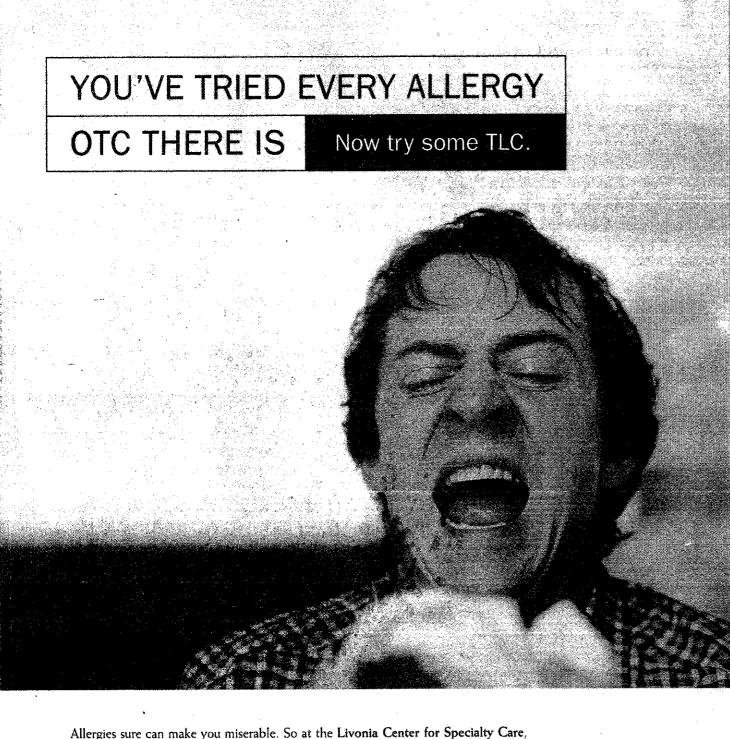
- 1. Prepares meals 2. Does dishes/dishwasher
- 3. Does laundry
- 4. Does grocery shopping 5. Does housecleaning
- 6. Communicates with families (phone, e-mail, holiday cards,

gifts) Add up your answers. Scores range from 6-18. Low Scores (6-9) mean that you do most of the tasks. High Scores (15-18) signify that your partner does most of the chores. Scores around 12 mean that you share equally in tasks around the home.

To submit a question, e-mail The LOVE Doctor on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com.

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

# Read Taste Thursday



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Knowledge Heals



# Star Struck

(March 14-March 17) By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

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

#### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

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

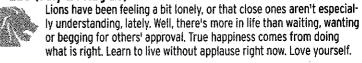
#### **GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)

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

#### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

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

#### **LEO** (July 24-Aug 23)



#### **VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sept 23)

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

#### **LIBRA** (Sept 24-0ct 23)

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

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

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

#### **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

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

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

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

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

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

## PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

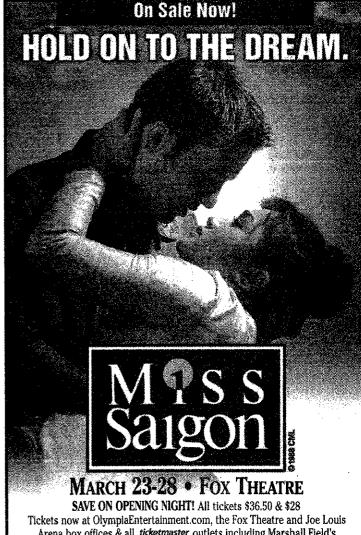
To be confident is an act of faith; therefore, if you approach personal difficulties with conviction, you are bound to triumph in the end. The Sun allied to Mercury at this time marks the beginning of a new chap-'ter in your life. Now it's up to you to write the first word.

**Dennis Fairchild** is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information, call 1 (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

# Male vocalists wanted

The Wayne Chapter of the **Barbershop Harmony Society** is hosting a Guest Night 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, in its new rehearsal hall at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland.

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



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# Veteran journalist will talk about Washington

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

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

Levey looks back on his time in Washington in a lecture for the Livonia Town Hall series Wednesday, March 17, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. He saw a lot of changes during that time, not all of them good.

"It isn't as much fun as it used to be. The two party system is acrimonious in the worst way. In 1967 senators were truly colleagues," said Levey who lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

"I'm going to tell some of my favorite war stories involving mostly presidents and the business of journalism, and take a look at the campaign."

Levey isn't predicting a winner in the 2004 presidential election but is predicting a turn around in the number of people who vote.

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



Levey

their parents. I wish campaigns could be aimed more at young people."

One wish Levey is beginning to realize is to write lengthier arti-

cles. He plans to do free lance work for The Washington Post, magazines, radio, and television. He says, he's not really retiring. He's not a shuffleboard type of guy who'll go off and live in a cabin in West Virginia.

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

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

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

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

Bob Levey looks back on his time in Washington, D.C., in a lecture for the Livonia Town Hall series 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. A lunch with Levey follows at

Lecture tickets are \$25, \$12 for lunch. Call (734) 420-0383.

#### Brown-Franz

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

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

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

A summer 2004 wedding is

Jennifer Condefer and Bryan

The bride is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Condefer

graduate of the University of

Notre Dame and is a computer

engineer employed by Hewlett

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hitz of Beverly

Brother Rice High School, the

University of Michigan and the

University of Notre Dame, and

A reception was held at the

Dearborn Inn, after which the

is an engineer employed by

General Motors Corp.

Hills. He is a graduate of

of Spokane, Wash. She is a

Hitz were married on Nov. 8 in

the chapel of Marygrove

Hitz-Condefer

College.

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planned in Dinuba, Calif.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Klapproth-Seilheimer

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Klapproth of Canton announce

Scott Seilheimer, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Randy Seilheimer of

of Birmingham Seaholm High

School and is currently attend-

ing Wayne State University.

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Western Michigan University

Wayne State University. He is

A June wedding is planned

and is currently attending

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at St. Hugo of the Hills

The bride-to-be is a graduate

Her husband is a graduate of

the engagement of their daughter, Jodie Suzanne, to David

#### Herriman-Hurley

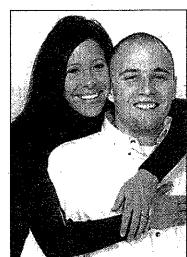
Vicksburg.

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

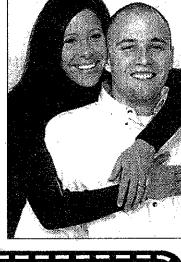
The bride-to-be is a product of Plymouth-Canton schools and is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

The prospective groom works for Coca-Cola.

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



Catholic Church, Bloomfield









couple took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii.

The newlyweds are making their home in Canton.

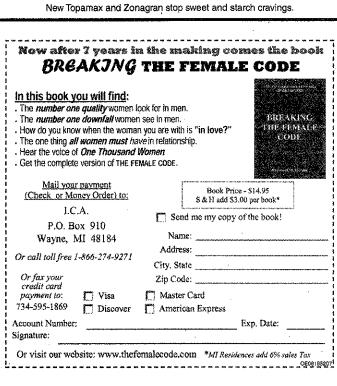
# Civitan Club seeking new membership in area

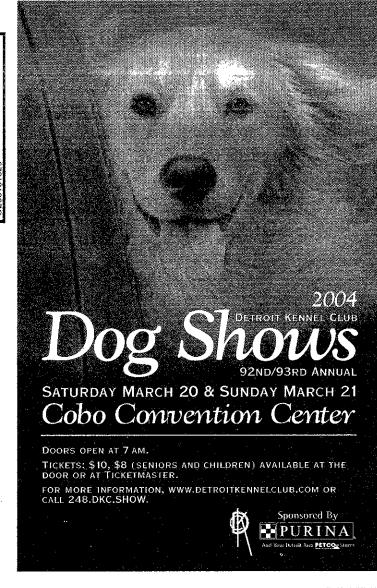
The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects.

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

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#### **LIBRARY PICKS**

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Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library, (734) 453-0750.

#### **Fiction**

- 1. "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown 2, "The Last Juror," John Grisham
- 3. "The Five People You Meet In Heaven," Mitch Albom
- 4. "Ransom," Danielle Steel 5. "A Death in Vienna," Daniel Silva
- Nonfiction
- 1. "Deliver Us from Evil," Sean Hannity 2. "The Passion: A Collection of Still Photographs taken on location during
- the Mel Gibson movie, "The Passion of the Christ" 3. "American Dynasty," Kevin Phillips
- 4. "The Price of Loyalty," Ron Suskind 5. "Perfectly Legal," David Cay **Johnston**

#### Parents' Choice New Children's **Poetry Books**

- 1. "Swimming in Action," John Crossingham
- 2. "Art is ...," Bob Raczka
- 3. "Animal Antics," Sam Schultz 4. "Skyscrapers," Elaine Pascoe
- 5. "Writing Winning Reports and

# Essays," Paul Janeczko

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# **Read Sports**

## **ALBION COLLEGE**

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

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

Ryan C. Johnson is a firstyear student majoring in economics and management. He

Picnic Basket

is the son of Carlton Johnson and Phyllis Johnson of

> University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

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

Plymouth and a graduate of

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

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

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

#### **MADONNA UNIVERSITY**

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

the past term. Plymouth residents

**CAMPUS NEWS** 

Christina Duke (dietetics) and Tinamarie Turowski (criminal justice) were also among the past term's graduates. The following Canton resi-

dents made the Dean's List at

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

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

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

#### **WESTERN MICHIGAN** UNIVERSITY

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

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

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

#### LAWRENCE TECH

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



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#### **AROUND TOWN**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Genealogical Society** 

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

Tilt comedy

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

Golden anniversary

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

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

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

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

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

strollers. College fair

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

Parks at (248) 341-5900. Madonna auction

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

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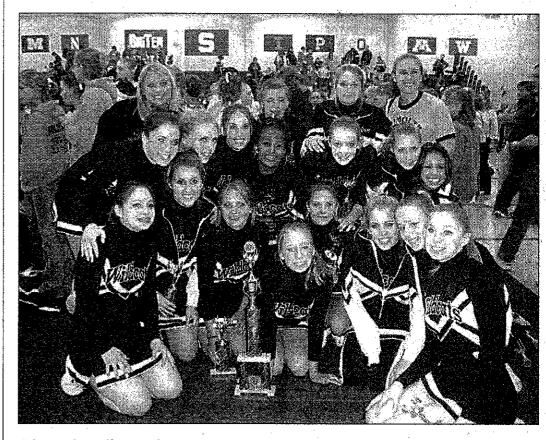
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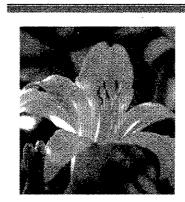
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**Cheerleading champs** 

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



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

www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com. BURRELL

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

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Hammac

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

LIMAURO Ruth April 1, 1925-March 10, 2004

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

REMINGTON

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

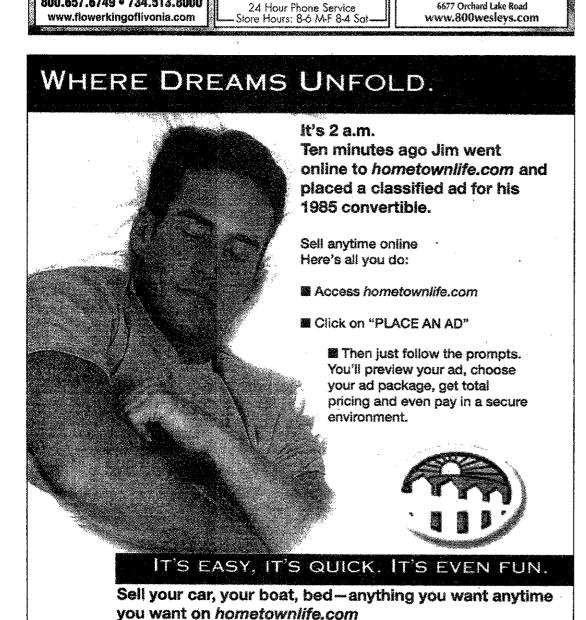
ROWE

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

SCHINGECK,

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

# Treatment helps overcome eating disorders

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

Then she began taking yoga.

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

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

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- For more information about the team approach being used by Beverly Price and Steiner Hinkins, call (248) 701-3114 about the Eden Process. For information on yoga and nutrition, call Price at (248) 538-8050 or visit the Web site www.integratednutrition.com.
- The next meeting for Beaumont's eating disorders support group (for patients, families and friends) is 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Beaumont Hospital, 10th Floor Classrooms A and B, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. There are also meetings for patients on Monday nights. For more information, call (248) 551-9790.

Nutrition and in groups at the Center for Yoga in Birmingham.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

"Every doctor has told me yoga would help me," said Hopp of West Bloomfield. "It's because of the process of relaxation. I also needed to find out what makes me eat and find ways to cope with that. I can't exercise. I'm 58½ years old and not waiting for instant results. It will probably be about a year before I meet my weight-loss goal.

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

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

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

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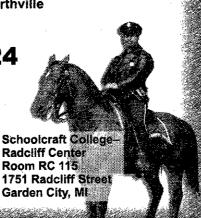
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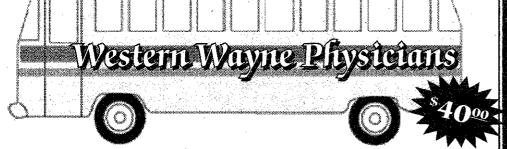
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# Experts to discuss findings on colon cancer

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

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

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

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

oping colorectal cancer and approximately 150,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year. Fortunately, colon cancer is highly preventable, and when discovered in its early stages, highly treatable. Unfortunately, according to the American

Cancer Society, less than half of the people who are at risk get recommended screen-

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Doctor covers treatments/

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Because of the seriousness, Sackeyfio is in favor of any approach, including the Eden Process, that can help patients.

"It's a deadly illness and we

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

"But it's not just young girls. I have a patient in her 60s. All of the family should be involved when they realize dieting has gone awry."

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However, in a few people the statin medications cause an unusual side effect. The drug affects your muscles. The problem can be an annoying irritation in leg muscles or can go so far as to inflame the muscle fibers causing serious weakness.

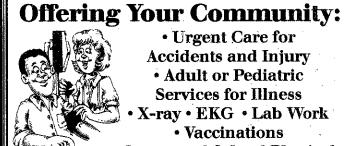
There is no test you can take before using the cholesterol lowering drug to know that you are at risk for this side effect. In most cases, but not always, your doctor can order a test to see if you are experiencing inflammation of muscles while you are taking the statin medication.

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

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

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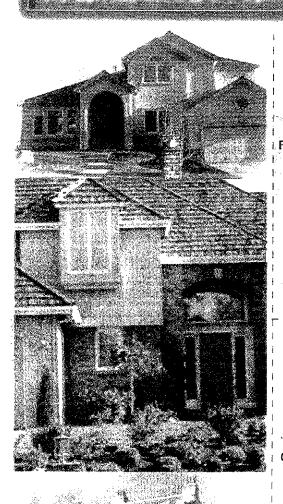
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**BY NORMAN PRADY** CORRESPONDENT

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

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

The builders combined the platted lots, 129.5 feet deep, into a pattern of , two 40-foot lots followed by a 60-foot lot "to give it a nice streetscape as you're driving down Pierce," Jehle said. The lots are on the west side of the street in the first block north of 14 Mile.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Both houses have two-car garages.

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

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

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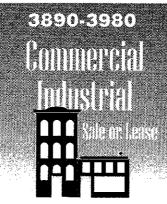




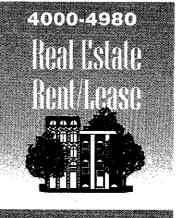


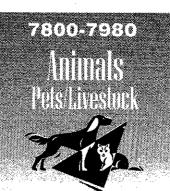




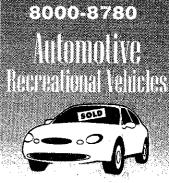


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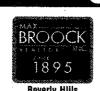
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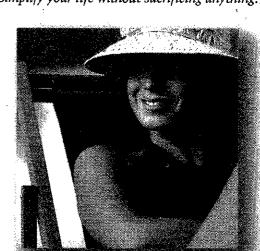
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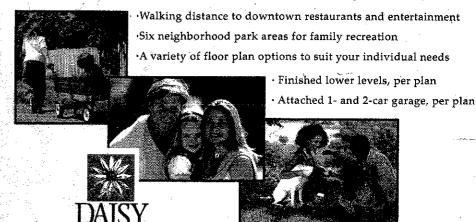
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# **Economist predicts rental** housing rise in coming years

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

NMHC chief economist Mark Obrinsky issued the

following statement:

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

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

"The key factor driving housing demand in the next decade will be demographics. And many of those demographic trends will clearly favor rental housing, especially the swell of echo boomers (currently between the ages of 8 and 27) and the continuing shift toward single-person households.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In addition, NMHC conducts apartment-related research, encourages the exchange of strategic business information, and promotes the desirability of apartment living. Source: National Multi Housing Council

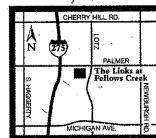
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# Owning a home getting easier for those first-timers

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

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

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

## **GUIDELINES**

These guidelines may help many prospective homeown-■ Where to start? Many

community service organizations and banks offer free home-buying seminars or oneon-one counseling. The Internet also provides a wealth of information. ■ What about credit? While

lenders look at many factors in evaluating your credit for a home purchase, two key variables are in your control: your record of making payments on time and your demonstrated ability to avoid excessive debt. If you think you have a questionable credit history, get a copy of your credit report. Doing what you can to clean up negative or incorrect information will help you qualify for a home loan. You can get your credit report at www.experian.com,

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

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

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

## **GET PRE-APPROVED**

■ Ask for a pre-approval letter to show real estate agents.

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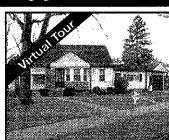


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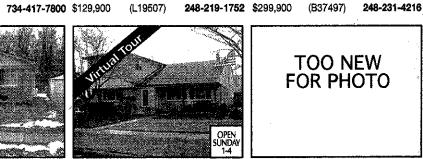
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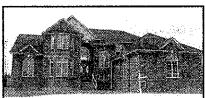
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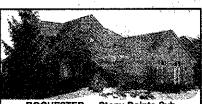
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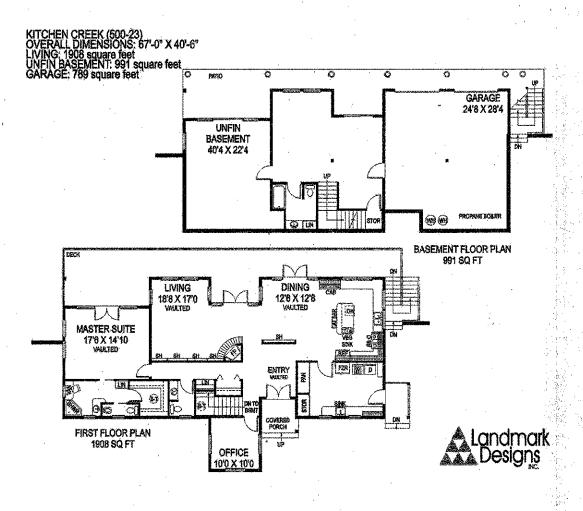
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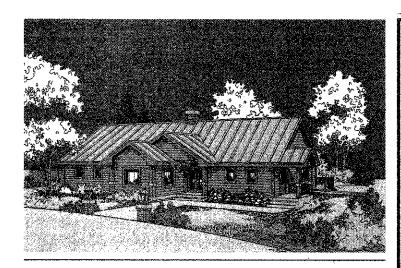
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■ Vary the heights of the objects to be used together to stagger the altitude. Groups of three often work best. One of these can be greenery.

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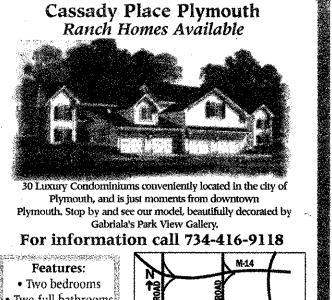
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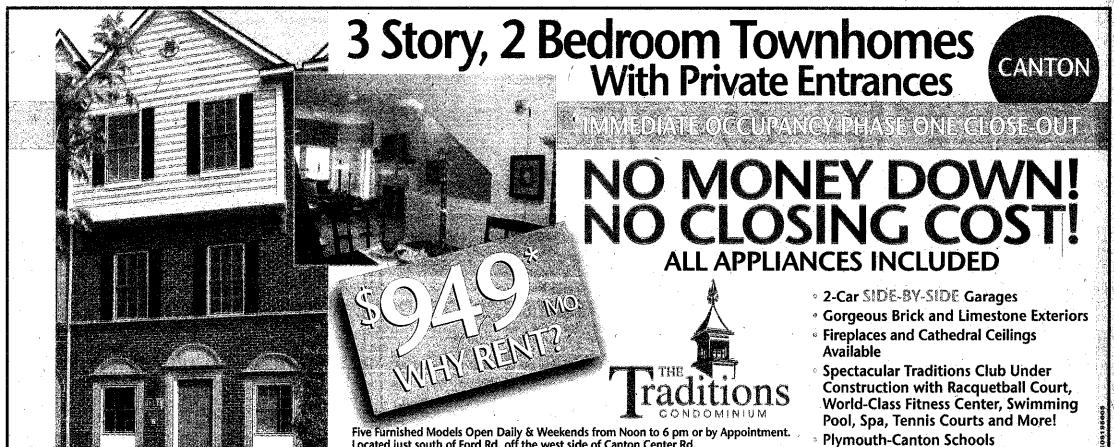
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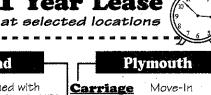
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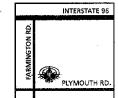
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# Mercury Sable turns 20, and it's getting better, not older

Advertising Feature







Anne Fracassa

#### By Anne Fracassa **Avanti NewsFeatures**

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

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

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

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

So that's my history with the Sable. This year, the Sable is even better with more refinements, better styling and more options than ever before. You can opt for a five-passenger or six-passenger seating arrangement. I would opt for the five passenger model for comfort, however. In the six-passenger arrangement, you can pick up the center armrest, which holds a storage bin,

coin holder and cassette storage, and allows you to pick up

that center passenger. Good in a pinch, but not on a long

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

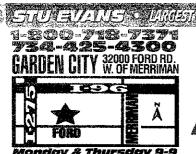
I have to tell you that the Sable was a quiet car. In city driving or freeway driving, it was really quiet.

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

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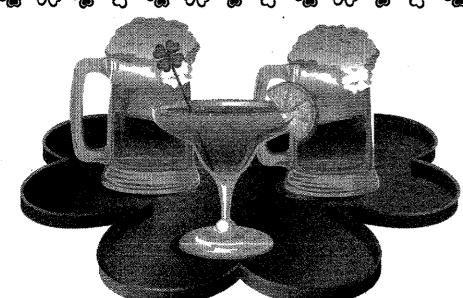
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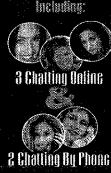
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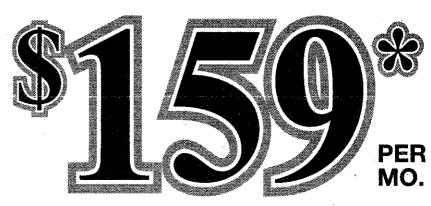
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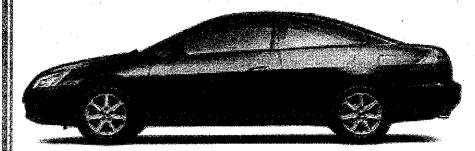
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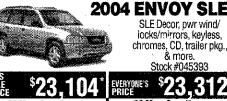
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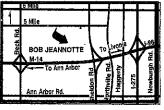
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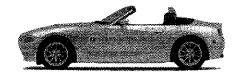
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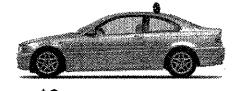
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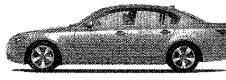
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