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Theatrical invite

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc. would like to invite the community to a special event at the Cherry Hill Village home of Jerry and Diane Cuper 3-5 p.m. Sunday, April 4. A theater hard-hat tour will begin at 4:30 p.m. Tax-deductible donation of \$50 per person can be applied toward sponsoring a seat if you should decide. For more information, please phone Jennifer Tobin, (734) 394-5484.

Celebrate seniors

The *Observer* & *Eccentric Newspapers*, in cooperation with Schoolcraft College, presents a senior citizens expo - "Celebrating Senior Life in America" - Wednesday, May 19.

The event is expected to draw thousands of older adults to Schoolcraft's new VisTaTech Center on Haggerty. For more, please see page A6.

Learn to skate

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 46615 Michigan Avenue, is offering a spring Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction. Tot Time is Tuesdays or Thursdays, while Learn to Skate will be Thursdays and Saturdays.

A new adult class will begin this session 6-7 p.m. Thursdays. All classes are eight weeks and begin April 3 and end June 5.

For more information, call Arctic Edge at (734) 487-7777.

Hot stoves

Members of the Salem High School Culinary Arts team said before competing in the state competition that winning a national championship didn't matter, all they wanted was to go to Florida for the contest.

They get their chance now, after winning the state competition earlier this month in Grand Rapids, where their recipe for lamb shank, salad and chocolate and strawberry-passion fruit mousse won them first-place honors from the Michigan Restaurant Association.

The national competition is April 25-27 in Orlando.

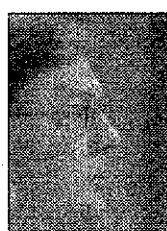
By the way, the public can taste food prepared by students in the culinary arts program at the Rock Cafe, located in Salem High School. It's open 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday-Friday.

Porn case against teacher dismissed

A Canton resident accused of possessing child pornography on his home computer has been cleared of all charges after the Wayne County Prosecutor's office asked that the case be dismissed.

Lary Howard, 56, a language arts teacher at Emerson Middle School in Livonia, was charged earlier this month with six counts of possession of child sexually abusive material. He was arrested after Canton Police received a tip from another resident in the household.

His preliminary hearing was postponed for two weeks after Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Daniel E. Less requested an adjournment. Less said



Howard

there were 90,000 images recovered from Howard's computer and he needed more time to go over the evidence.

Judge Ron Lowe, of 35th District Court, agreed to the adjournment but told the prosecution, "I expect all the (allegations) to be on the table then (March 26)."

At Friday's hearing Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Pelito, filling in for Less at the last minute, said she was not familiar with the case but that "the prosecution is asking the court to

dismiss the case without prejudice."

That would leave the door open for the prosecution to bring additional charges in the future.

And Lowe bristled at the request.

"I specifically instructed the prosecution office two week ago when they asked for the adjournment that they would have to be here today with any charges they were going to bring against this man - any additional counts," he said.

"The concept of dismissing without prejudice doesn't seem to close the book on this case as much as I expected to be able to close the book today. Today was put up or shut up time."

After his brief lecture, Lowe dismissed the case "with prejudice," meaning the prosecution cannot return with additional charges.

Howard's defense attorney, David S. Steingold, said after the hearing that the prosecution simply had no case.

"There were some images," he said, "but they were of the proper age. In order to prosecute the case they had to prove that the women were under age. There was no proof that they were under age. They had no case."

Steingold had some harsh words for the prosecution and the media.

"Even though my client has been exonerated, he's still marked," he said.

Discovery students lend a hand to ill schoolmate



Traci McGuire and her son, Micah Weakland, are both battling health problems.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday was a good day for 13-year-old Micah Weakland.

He sat in a wheelchair in the living room of his home and talked about missing his friends at Discovery Middle School, whom he hasn't seen since October.

"I like going to school because I'm stuck inside the house with nowhere to go," said Micah. "At least when I go to school, I've got something to do. I miss playing with my friends."

"My favorite subject is science because I'm good at it," he said. "My least favorite is social studies, but this year it was one of my favorites because of my teacher, Mrs. (Barbara) Dabiero."

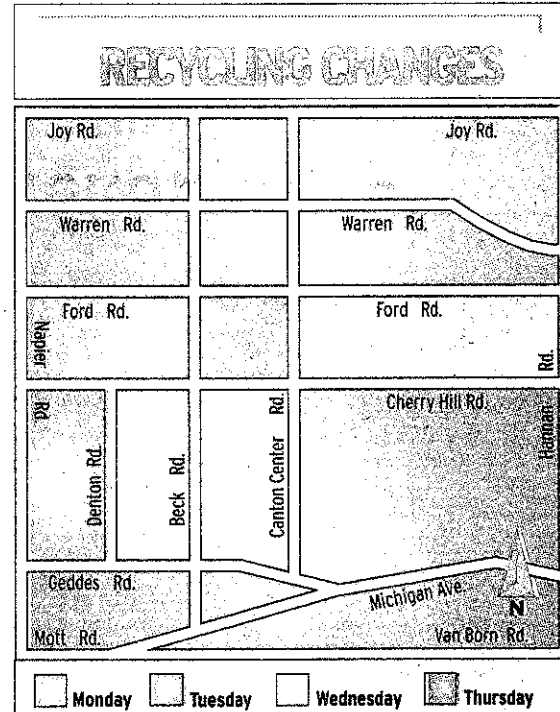
"I look forward to going back. It will be a lot of fun."

It was a good day because Micah was up for about a half-hour and able to remember school and his classmates. But most days Micah mainly sleeps and can't remember recent events.

And, according to Micah's mother, Traci McGuire, on other occasions it gets much worse.

"Some days, it's like he's a 2-year-old and he cries because of the seizures," she said. "It's hard for us because Micah was always out playing - baseball, basketball, foot-

PLEASE SEE MICAH, A8



Growth prompts change in trash pickup days

Some residents of the western portion of Canton will find that their trash pickup days have changed beginning Monday, April 12.

The areas affected are south of Ford Road and west of Canton Center. (See map for days in your area.)

Paul Denski Jr. of Canton Waste Recycling said the changes are made necessary due to the tremendous growth in the western portion of the township.

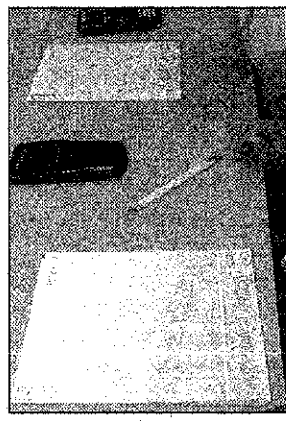
"The current route has been the same for 30 years," he said. "On Wednesdays we used to get done in the morning. Now we have to send every truck out on Wednesday just to get it done in one day."

He said the new routes and schedules should be sufficient for the next 20 years.

For a map of the affected areas, go to the Canton Web site at www.canton-mi.org or check the April FOCUS newsletter.

For information, call CWR at (734) 397-5801.

MEAP takes on growing importance for local schools



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The eighth-grade mathematics MEAP test sits atop desks, awaiting the start of the exam.

By now, the acronym has become all too familiar.

The MEAP, or Michigan Education Assessment Program, tests come around each year and spring for students in the state's public schools.

For those who take the test, like Rachel Frederick, it isn't close to the most crucial exam of the year.

Rachel is an eighth-grader at Emerson Middle School in Livonia. She's well aware throughout the school year of exactly when MEAP testing begins, but she said she isn't too concerned about it.

"Our teachers help us out with the stuff that they teach us," Rachel said. She's not likely to stress out over

How tough is it? Some sample questions from MEAP tests. Page A4.

the MEAP, she said, though it did disrupt her school schedule. "It takes time away from our regular classes," she said.

Classes at the middle school were shortened to allow for an hour of MEAP testing each day. And Rachel's schedule was so turned around that some of her morning classes weren't held until the afternoon.

The process might be more disorienting than the exam itself. Rachel described the tests as "boring."

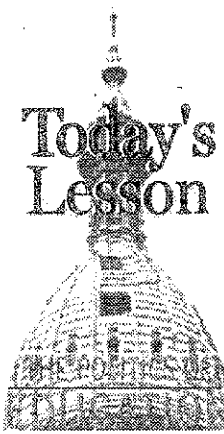
"I think final exams are much more harder," she said.

MEAP'S IMPORTANCE

Today, MEAP is more than a measure of what students have learned by those checkpoints in education. Now, MEAP results are translated into Michigan School Report Cards for public schools. Scores are also scrutinized for federal requirements in the No Child Left Behind Act.

And high school students who score well on the MEAP High School Test can earn money -

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LOOKING AHEAD

Seriously Shakespeare
The 2004 Stratford Festival has some program: a whopping 174 performances. See Thursday's Filter section.



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Hearing delayed in drowning case

A hearing for a Canton mother accused of drowning her 11-month-old son has been delayed again after her attorney asked the court to be allowed to conduct an independent competency exam.

Jennifer Ann Avery was charged last year with first-degree murder, felony murder and first-degree child abuse after her son, Bryan, drowned in the bathtub of her apartment.

Her attorney, Donald W. Teichman, requested a competency exam at that time and she was sent to the Ypsilanti forensics center for evaluation.

At Friday's hearing Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Felito said the forensics center had found Avery competent to stand trial, but that her attorney had requested an independent evaluation.

Thirty-fifth District Court Judge Ron Lowe granted the request for an independent evaluation and said he would schedule another hearing for sometime in May.

However he denied the defense request to send Avery, who is in Wayne County Jail, back to the forensics center for maintenance.

"I don't believe I have the authority to send her back to forensics for maintenance," he said. "I gave a positive answer to send her back to the general population (jail) from the forensics center. They said they needed the bed."

Teichman said the original forensic report was that Avery was incompetent, then she was found to be competent.

"That's pretty common that the forensic center will change their minds in order to expedite things," he said.

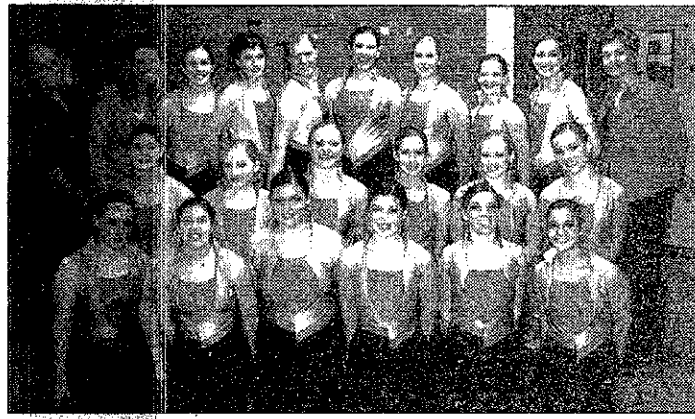
Winter Guard set for Central show

The 20-member Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard has added one more performance to its busy schedule, and the Plymouth-Canton community is invited.

The Guard appears at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 at Central Middle School. Music and dance will come alive with the spinning of flags, rifles, and sabers. Admission is free.

The Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard, coached by Jennifer LeSeth, is one of several programs sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters and includes students from Canton, Salem, and Plymouth High Schools.

The PCMB is best known for its award-winning marching band, which is directed by Marc Whitlock. Winter Guard provides an opportunity for the PCMB Marching



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will be at the MCGC State Finals Competition at Saginaw Valley State University April 3.

Students who are or will be attending high school at the Plymouth Canton Education Park in the fall are invited to try out for the PCMB Marching Band Color Guard. Tryouts begin Tuesday, April 20 at 3:30 p.m. with an information meeting in the Plymouth High School Band Room followed by skill introduction and practice.

Sessions will continue until final guard selections are made Thursday, April 29. To learn more about Winter Guard/Color Guard, members will be available to answer questions after their performance at Central Middle School and again on April 7 during High School Activities Night at Salem High School.

Band Color Guard to practice their art and perform throughout the school year.

This year's Winter Guard began practice within weeks of the final PCMB Marching Band performance in November. It has appeared

in the Winter Guard International Regional Competition in Chesterton, Indiana, as well as Michigan Color Guard Circuit competitions in Linden, Harper Woods, Troy, and South Lyons. Its final appearance

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Residents want another I-275 interchange at Ford

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Some residents suggested a new I-275 interchange in Canton. Others say Lotz Road needs paving, while some think a road to Lilley — behind the businesses — would help reduce congestion on Ford Road.

The 30-some residents and Downtown Development Authority members who attended the second public workshop in the continuing study of Ford Road wrote their suggestions on Post-It notes and stuck them to the appropriate spot on an aerial map of Canton's major commercial corridor Thursday night.

"I really appreciate the number of comments you've made on the back wall," said Jeff Edwards, a transportation planner with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Participants' opinions will be used as MDOT officials and its consultants, the Corradino Group, make their way through a study of access to businesses and traffic on Ford. The study addresses the access points along Ford — entries to shopping areas and subdivisions — as well as traffic on the state-owned east-west route.

Practical solutions for Ford Road are expected to be delivered in a completed study by September, consultant Joe Corradino said: "Our job is to make you as informed as possible."

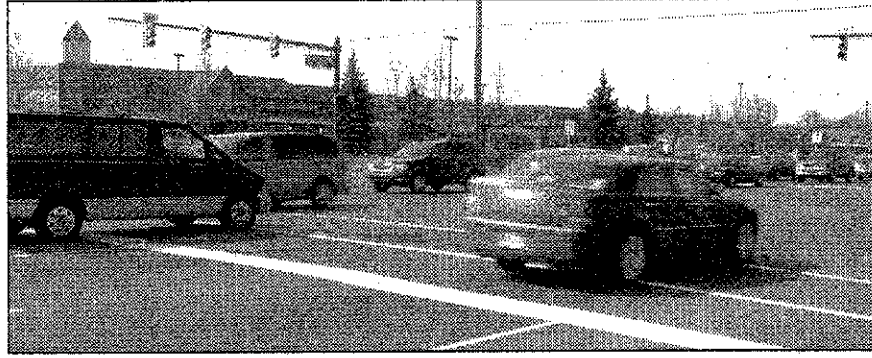
That has been easier said than done. At the first public workshop in February, only about 10 business people and residents participated, despite hundred of invitations. After 4,500 invitations were mailed for Thursday's workshop, attendance improved. The next workshop is expected in May.

Residents discussed Ford in three different sections: Lotz to Haggerty, Haggerty to Sheldon and Sheldon to Napier. The study covers the area included in the DDA.

Discussion focused on what to do with the many entrances to businesses along Ford Road that cause stop-and-go traffic and, consequently, accidents. "We're going to try to manage the points of entrance and exit and reduce the friction," Corradino said.

Ford Road has 95 driveways and 32 points of intersection conflict.

"Some businesses said the traffic is not bad," Corradino said. "A lot of workers have told us they can't get to



The intersection of Ford Road and Lilley is one of the trouble spots along the east-west corridor.

lunch on the corridor and make it back within an hour."

Some residents expressed concern about closing entrances and creating service drives behind the buildings, that could give access to the north-south roads without using Ford Road.

"I think this is going to be our most vulnerable piece," said a resident, who described himself as a truck driver. His concern is for small businesses on Ford, between Haggerty and Sheldon.

"We need to protect them," he continued. "To close driveways for the better of the collective doesn't sit well with me."

Yet another resident, however,

questioned whether potential shoppers avoid the stores because of Ford Road congestion and other traffic woes.

"Do we have the power to devalue the property?" the truck driver asked. "Let's respect everybody's rights. We want a good, safe access."

Of the Sheldon to Napier portion, which on the west side is primarily residential, residents asked about showcasing the neighborhoods.

Traffic signals, congestion and access were of concern to residents for all three portions of Ford. A narrow boulevard has been suggested, as well as realigning driveways. Business

owners, Corradino said, want parking that faces Ford protected.

"We have this push-pull we have to try to deal with," Corradino said.

While a new interchange off I-275 is believed by many residents to be a solution, Edwards and Corradino cautioned that it could never happen, would be expensive and — though a task force is currently discussing it — could take some 20 years.

"The volume of truck traffic forced to use that interchange to get on and off I-275 — barely one truck gets through on a light because they have heavy loads," DDA member Tim Ford said.

Some work is planned, including a right turn lane from I-275 to Lilley, as well as widening of Warren, Morton Taylor and Canton Center, Edwards said.

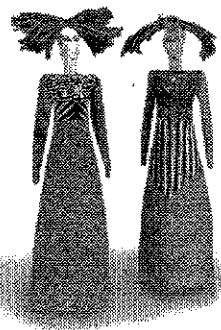
Other residents said that Ford Road is not well-lighted, which causes accidents. Others want a roadway behind the hotels on Haggerty that allows traffic from I-275 to access Haggerty, without using Ford.

"There have to be tough decisions made," said a resident.

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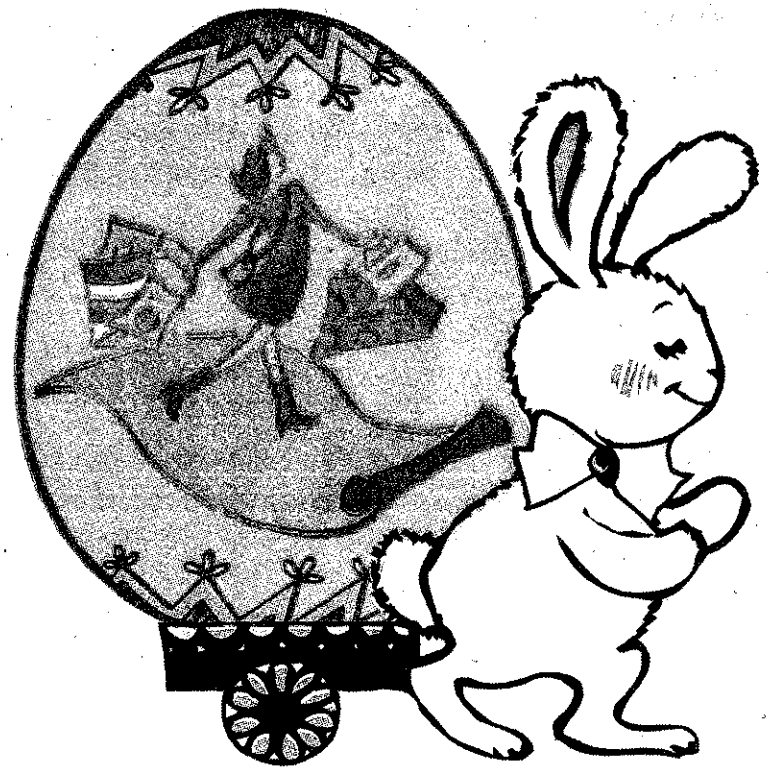
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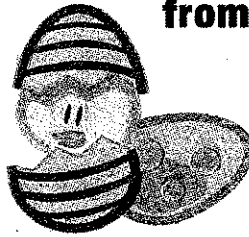
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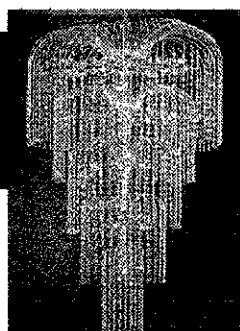
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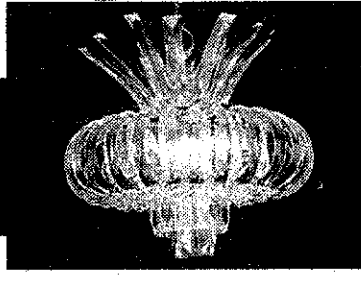


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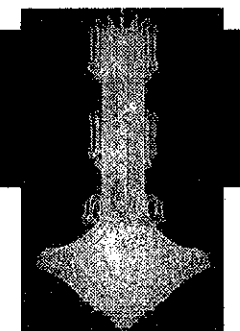


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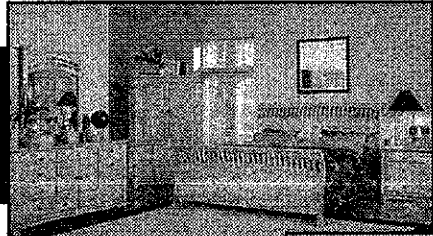


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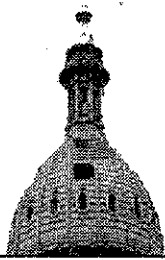
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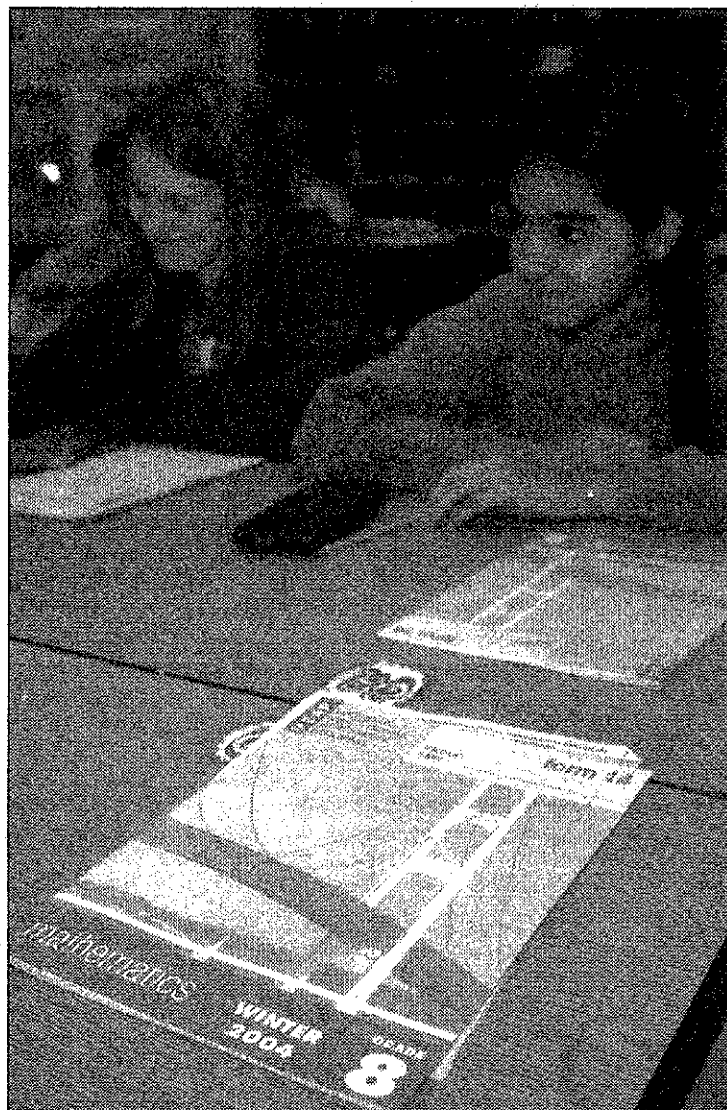


Sample MEAP 2002
Level - High School /Science

Question 1

A form of lake succession called eutrophication occurs when a lake fills with inorganic debris and eventually becomes a field. Water draining into a lake carries nutrients and organic compounds, which stimulate growth of algae and microorganisms. This growth forms an opaque mat on the lake's surface and lowers the level of dissolved oxygen produced by plants in the lake. Decaying fish bodies and other sediments accumulate on the lake bottom, until gradually the lake becomes land.

3. There is much eutrophication taking place in Lake Mitchell, but in Lake Sarah there is relatively little. You read that this is partially due to the runoff of the different kinds of forests surrounding each lake. Which of the following would have to be true in order to support this claim?
- A. The trees are taller around Lake Sarah than around Lake Mitchell.
 - B. The trees are taller around Lake Mitchell than around Lake Sarah.
 - C. The forests around Lake Sarah lose their leaves in fall; those around Lake Mitchell do not.
 - D. The forests around Lake Mitchell lose their leaves in fall; those around Lake Sarah do not.



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eighth-grade students await the start of the 2004 MEAP test in mathematics back in January at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

Some interesting facts about MEAP testing

■ **What is it:** The Michigan Educational Assessment Program – commonly called MEAP – exams were originally developed to test students knowledge in four core academic areas: Math, reading, science and social studies.

■ **When was MEAP first given:** During the 1969-1970 school year, the tests were created to measure academic achievement over time, and help focus assistance where it is needed.

■ **Where does it come from:** The Michigan Department of Education updates and alters the standardized exams to meet changing state and federal requirements. Questions in all areas are written by Michigan teachers or publishing houses that specialize in developing assessments. Then, items are "piloted" in schools before they become part of the official test bank.

■ **How is the data used:** The MEAP test is distributed

throughout a school district by a curriculum director. The administrator teaches staff members how to give the tests, collects and sends the materials to the Department of Education, receives the results and analyzes the data on all levels – from the district to individual schools, sections and students. The information is used to find and fix weaknesses in the district's own curriculum.

■ **Who takes the MEAP:** Currently, the exams are given in grades four, five, seven, and eight. A High School Test, the HST version of MEAP, is available for sophomores seeking dual enrollment, juniors and some seniors.

■ **How is it scored:** Test scores fall into four major categories. From lowest-to-highest performance, those levels are: Apprentice, Basic, Met Michigan Requirements and Exceeded Michigan Requirements.

Sample MEAP 2002

Answer 1

The correct answer is **D**

High school students are expected to understand resources needed for eutrophication to occur as described in the item prompt. Based on the differing lake conditions, the student needed to identify a reasonable hypothesis for this difference based on the type of forest that surround each lake.

Sample MEAP 2002
Level - Elementary /Math

Question 2

Carmen increased her reading time each day for one week. On Monday she read 30 minutes, on Tuesday 45 minutes, and on Wednesday 60 minutes. Based on this pattern, how much will she read on Saturday?

- A. 130 minutes
- B. 105 minutes
- C. 90 minutes
- D. 15 minutes

Sample MEAP 2002

Answer 2

The correct answer is **B**

This benchmark expects elementary students to:

* Summarize and extend arithmetic and geometric sequences (sequences based on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) by stating their rules.

* Solve problems using number patterns.

Sample MEAP 2002
Level - Middle School /Math

Question 3

Carlos enjoys renting movies. The local video store offers two pricing plans to its customers as shown below.

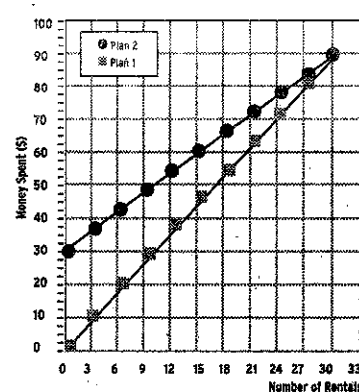
Plan 1	Plan 2
Each video rental is \$3.00	Annual membership fee of \$30 Each video rental is \$2.00

Complete the following. Show all of your work and explain your answer.

How many rentals are needed to make Plan 2 more economical than Plan 1?

Sample MEAP 2002

Answer 3



- A. 31 rentals in a year are needed. At 30 rentals the 2 plans cost the same per movie. After 30 rentals Plan 2 is cheaper per movie.
- B. If you only rent a movie a month Plan 2 would not be economical since 12 movies would cost \$54 compared to \$36 with Plan 1.
- C.
- D.

This is a 4-point response because the student (A) correctly indicates that at least 31 rentals are needed, (B) gives a reasonable explanation to support that answer (C) gives a valid example where Plan 1 would be more economical, and (D) provides a logical explanation for this example.

MEAP

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a \$2,500 Merit Award Scholarship to use toward college. Steve Wasko, executive director of community relations for the West Bloomfield School District, said the scholarship has been an incentive for students to take the exam.

"Up to this point (the HST) has not been mandatory," Wasko said. "We are looking at the possibility. We're in the discussion phase."

No Child Left Behind requires 95 percent participation on the tests. Without it, a school fails to show adequate yearly progress.

"Only three high schools in Oakland County achieved AYP at the high school level," he said. "By far and away, the (schools) did not have the participation rate. There are a lot of very, very fine school districts in Oakland County, some of the best in the state."

Wasko called it a catch-22 and a high-stakes competition.

Educators, like Michael Holuta, agreed. Holuta, principal of Jefferson Barns Elementary in Wayne-Westland schools, has been with the district for 22 years. He said MEAP is not an accurate reflection of all that goes on in the school, "there is so much more."

To bolster success on the exams, Holuta and his staff

provide special events like MEAP rallies, videotapes and family nights to inform parents and students about good testing strategies. Students received MEAP shirts and were provided with breakfast, a chance to stretch and to get focused before taking the tests.

"There is a lot of pressure on students," Holuta said. "That's a concern as a building. We wanted to relieve the pressure and give them every opportunity to do their best."

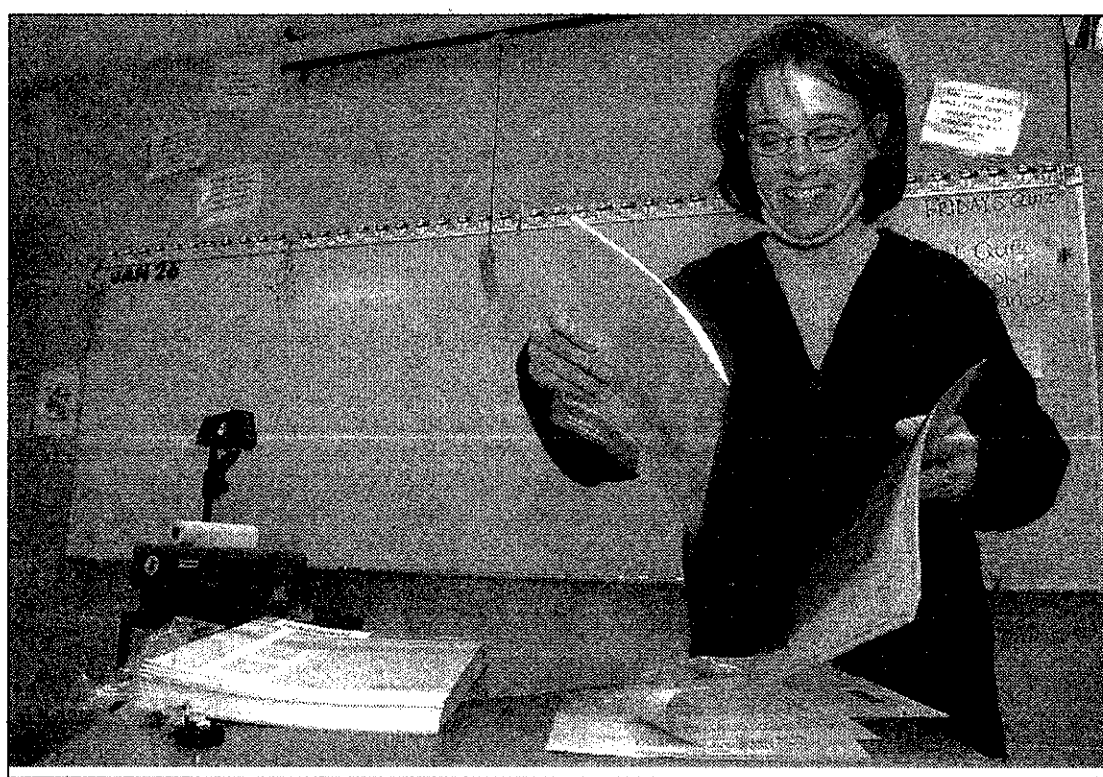
Wasko said parents in the West Bloomfield district have been "somewhat suspect and leery of the MEAP test," especially at the high school level.

"There is a lack of information about what the test really accomplishes," he said. "Parents of children who are already accepted to colleges fear what might happen if their children do not do well on the MEAP."

All they can do now, is encourage students to take the test.

South Redford Schools in Wayne County passed a resolution this year which requires all Thurston High School students to take the HST and earn a basic score to graduate. Students who fail a portion can re-take it or complete a special project for credit.

South Redford Curriculum Director Cherie Cornick has plenty of experience when it comes to MEAP. In the 1970s, she analyzed test questions. Later, as a member of the



Eighth-grade mathematics teacher Sheila Neils prepares to hand out the MEAP test for math back in January at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics, she created questions for the Math MEAP.

CHANGE OF FOCUS

Cornick has since witnessed major changes to the exams, and the way they are used. She said the MEAP was initially created to show what information students learned. Now, with the strict requirements of

No Child Left Behind, Cornick said the test focuses more on whether or not students have met the federal standards of adequate yearly progress.

The state returns information on what percentage of students got the answers right, but doesn't give details on which wrong answers were chosen. By analyzing wrong answers, educators could tell when students were guessing, or when they shared a

common misconception. They no longer have that option.

"It doesn't help us instructionally in the same way," Cornick said.

In the case of the 2003 MEAP, results were returned nearly one year after tests were taken. Holuta likened that to sending out a report card one year later – the information loses importance.

Wasko said late or inaccur-

rate information from the state has made MEAP a test with "limited value" for schools.

Still, the biggest change is yet to come.

In December the state's Board of Education adopted new grade level content expectations which are likely to go into effect during the 2005-06 school year.

By then, all students in grades 3-8 will take the new MEAP tests in math and reading. "This was a real surprise to all of us," Cornick said.

Under No Child Left Behind, the state rewrote expectations – showing exactly what students must know and by when.

"We're talking about some very complex ideas," Cornick said. "This set of standards expects some concepts to be mastered two years (earlier than before)."

Holuta said he, too, has seen expectations on students grow. "Kids come in with more knowledge today," Holuta said. "They have been exposed to much more than they had been in the past."

Students at all levels are impacted by these changes and higher expectations, he said. "That's fine, but what's the impact?"

Cornick expressed concern about the importance that is placed upon these exams, especially since results are published.

"It certainly has focused people," she said. "The question is, 'Is it focused in the right direction?'"

CAMPUS NEWS

RECENTLY ELECTED

Albion College student Katherine E. Smith was recently elected vice president of fraternity relations of Albion College's Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

"Being elected to an executive role shows the trust and respect chapter members have for these students' leadership abilities," said Cressie Smith, Albion College Greek adviser. "I'm continually impressed at the abilities of these students to manage both their own school work and the chapter operations."

Katherine E. Smith is a junior majoring in political science and speech communication. She 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.

ACADEMIC HONOR

Freshman Lujie Zhang, daughter of Xiangtong Zhang and Bei Bei Xu of Canton, has earned a Gold A at the Culver Academies. Attained with a grade-point average of 3.7 or better, the award is the highest academic honor attainable during a given semester and is Zhang's first such distinction.

Thanks to her outstanding academic record and potential, Zhang is one of five current freshmen attending Culver as a Batten Scholar. Named in honor of Frank Batten '45, the renewable scholarship has an estimated four-year value of more than \$100,000 and includes tuition, room and board, required fees, uniforms and books. In addition, it covers the cost of participation in one of Culver's spring break work projects during the sophomore year, as well as an off-site, summer-study program after the junior year at a college or university in the United States or abroad.

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GRADUATED

Michelle Magat and Paul Russette of Canton graduated in December from Kettering University in Flint.

Magat earned a bachelor of industrial engineering. Russette earned a bachelor of mechanical engineering.

DEATHS

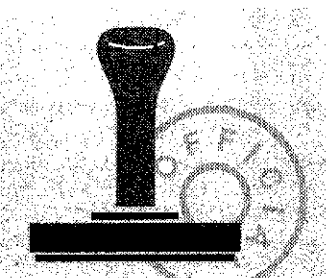
B
Isabelle Bastion, 90, of Canton, died March 26.
William R. (Frog) Bloomfield, 64, of Rochester Hills, died March 18.

C
Cynthia L. Carter, 49.
H
Thomas C. Hagerty, 18, formerly of Canton, died March 22.

L
Robert C. Longe, 75, of Rochester Hills, died March 17.

P
Vaclav Pesek, 80, of Rochester Hills, died March 21.

S
Guy Douglas Smith, 82, of Livonia, died March 23.



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

V
Noah Breden Verbeke, of Clarkston, died March 22.

W
Elizabeth L. Warner, 94, of Bloomfield Hills, died March 1.

BREAK-IN
A home under construction in the 40000 block of Cinnmon Point was broken into on March 22.

The intruders broke out a window and unscrewed a garbage disposer from under the sink. They didn't take the disposer, but did take two boxes of doorknobs.

LAWN JOB
A resident of the 1000 block

of King Court reported that someone did \$10 worth of damage to his front lawn.

AMP TAKEN
A resident of the 46000 block of Waddington said someone stole an amplifier from his car while it was parked.

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Experience with Rheumatoid Factor has brought out the information that its presence is associated with a wide variety of inflammatory reactions, and that often when the inflammation resolved, the rheumatoid factor antibody remains. Worse still, experience shows that you can have active and apparent rheumatoid arthritis and have no rheumatoid factor present. In this case, the reason is that there are several pathways that lead to rheumatoid arthritis, and the series of events including rheumatoid factor is only one way.

Also, time has shown that medications can lead to giving you a rheumatoid factor test, but this occurrence has no predictive value concerning your future risk for any arthritis.

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Businesses are invited to exhibit their services and/or products at the event, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sponsorships and booth opportunities are available ranging from \$2,995 to \$895. Early bird rates are in effect until April 1. Exhibitor registration deadline is April 15.

In addition to offering booth space, exhibitors will also appear in a special senior citizens expo section to be distributed Thursday, May 13, in more than 200,000 newspapers — 15 editions of the *Observer & Eccentric*, plus four *Hometown Newspapers* (Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Milford).

Statistics show that the mature consumer has the highest net worth of any age group — more than \$7 trillion, according to *The Media Audit*, January 2004 survey. Health care service and equipment providers, along with financial firms, Schoolcraft College Music Department, travel and leisure busi-

nesses and others, are invited to participate in this event. Free parking is available and golf carts will provide a shuttle from the parking lot to expo entrance. More information is available online at www.hometownlife.com or contact Young at (734) 953-2155 or by e-mail at cyoung@oe.homecomm.net.

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BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, Bob Boyer adopted one. Now he wants groups, neighborhoods, individuals or churches to adopt some too.

"We have 40 roads in the township that need adopting," said Bob Boyer of Boyer's Meat Processing on Barr Road. Boyer adopted one mile of Geddes. "I got one company to adopt five sections of roads," Boyer said.

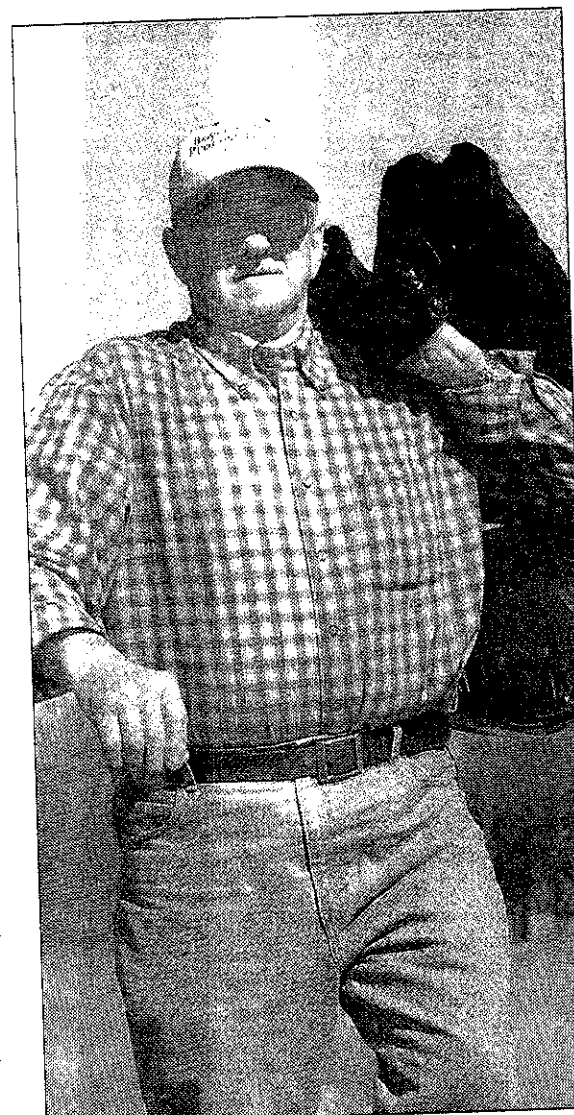
Projects are what this community volunteer and activist knows. "I took it on as another project - to get all the roads adopted."

Adoption means cleaning up the roads three times a year, basically in summer. That means picking up the trash that gathers along the roads. "I already got four roads adopted. By summer, I want all the roads adopted."

Boyer says adoption is open to anyone - families, businesses, subdivisions, you name it.

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Prototype banking

Personal customer service is name of the game at Republic

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But the service goes beyond coffee and cookies. While large banks have been moving away from local branches and toward electronic banking, Black said Republic considers branch banking a consistent growth strategy.

And the Canton branch, both the building and the service, is a prototype for the company, which has 100 offices in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

"We've tried to get people to come in to see us," he said. "People often don't feel like

they're getting the level of service they'd like at some other banks. They're made to feel like a number. Here, our employees know your name."

Although the Canton office only employs seven people, it still offers the services of a personal banker.

"The idea is to develop a personal relationship with the customer," Black said. "You can sit in an office with your personal banker and do transactions in private."

Of course if you just want to cash a check or withdraw money from an account, you can go to the traditional customer representative windows. But, since the personal banker has a cash drawer in the office, you can also complete those routine transactions there.

Another service offered by Republic is their mortgage business.

"Company wide we had \$4 billion in mortgage business last year," Black said.

But even with such a large volume, the emphasis again is on personal service.

"We have localized processing for mortgage services," he said. "People can turn around mortgage loans right here and we give a level of service not seen in other places."

Black said the company's philosophy is that "happy employees will take great care of their customers."

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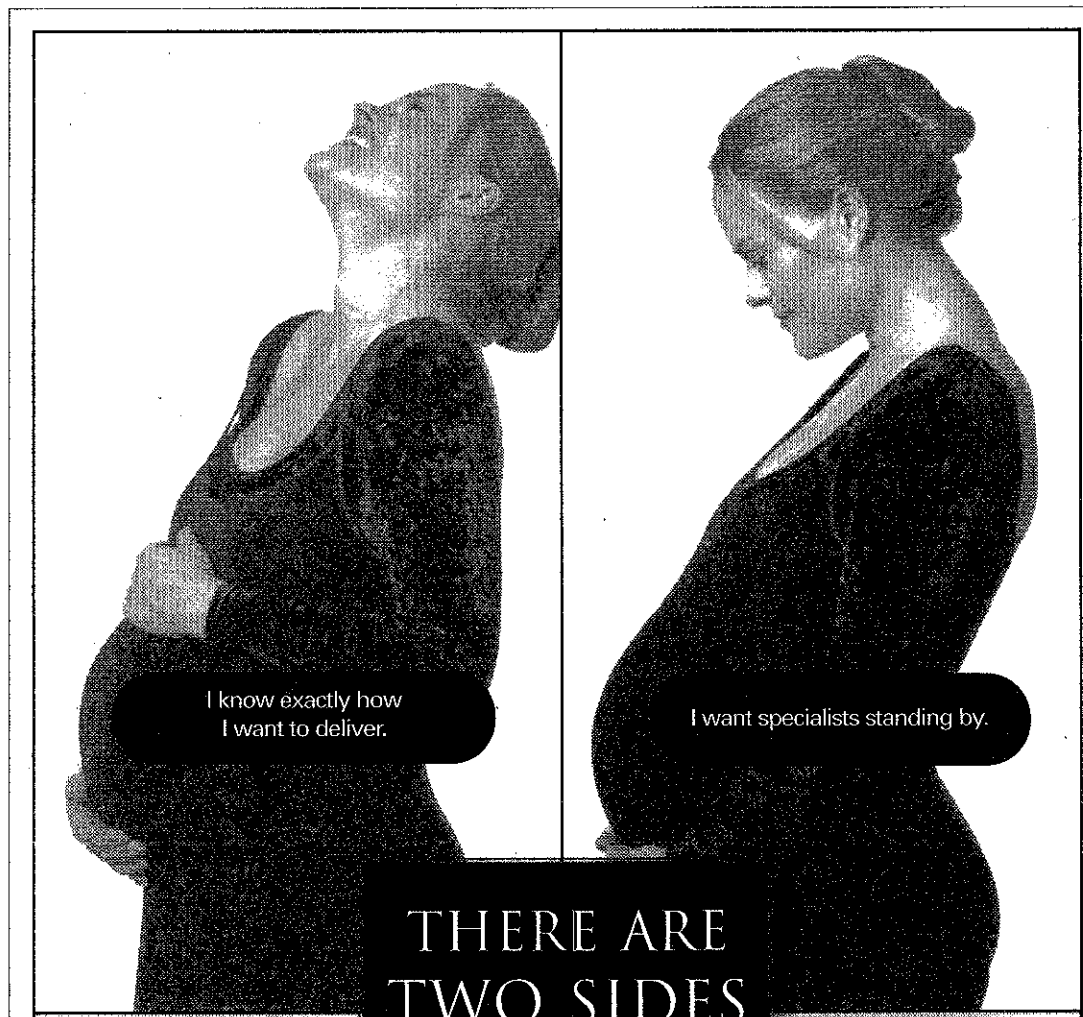
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MICAH

FROM PAGE A1

ball. He was hyper — and now he's like a porcelain doll. When I hug him, I'm afraid I will hurt or break him.

"The last time he was at school was a couple of days after the Halloween dance," said Traci. "He had grand mal seizures and suffered a concussion, so at that point the doctors said it would be better to stay home."

However, Micah's limitations makes it hard for Plymouth-Canton Schools homebound teacher Gina Tock.

"At this point in time, I'm limited in what I can do with him academically," said Tock. "He can't do what sixth-graders do."

A DIAGNOSIS

Last July, Micah suffered a concussion while playing at Heritage Park in Canton. An hour later, he was vomiting and having seizures.

Micah was first diagnosed with epilepsy. But when medication failed to curtail the seizures — in fact they got worse — a specialist at Children's Hospital detected an abnormality on the right side of Micah's brain. At this time, the cause of his condition still is unknown.

Tests are being conducted to see if Micah is a candidate for brain surgery. However, the family wonders if that's really an option.

"If we have the surgery, it's like we're damned if we do and damned if we don't," said his grandmother, Barbara McGuire. "If we have the operation, he won't have any emotions or speak well. Would we rather do that than let him live like he is now? It breaks your heart."

While the family struggles to help Micah, another battle looms. Shortly after Micah left school, Traci McGuire, 34, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I had been hurting and felt a lump for some time," said Traci. "I found out it wasn't just in the breast, but in the lymph nodes. Right now it's at stage three, and we're trying to shrink it with chemo. It's at a point that if I had surgery, it might spread."

Some days, Micah and Traci are so ill it's up to Barbara, her husband, Michael, and Micah's two sisters — Cassandra, 15, and Mariah 10 — to care for the both of them.

But, through it all, the family — all of whom reside in the elder McGuire's home in southeast Canton — keeps faith.

"Sometimes, when bad things happen, we take them for granted," said Traci. "But we can't see the big picture. Only God sees the big picture, and eventually down the road we'll find out why."

There have been several rays of light, including support from Discovery Middle School. When Micah had to leave school, students and teachers continued to send cards, games and e-mail to keep in touch.

"We're trying to cheer him up," said classmate Steven Walega, 12, of Canton. "We made him a basket with cards, candy, books, games. Things for him to do."

And, at times, Micah remembers those



Traci McGuire and her mother, Barbara, help Micah up the stairs to his room.

thoughts of encouragement.

"They still send cards, and even though Micah can't read them, I read them to him and they make him laugh," said Traci.

GIVING HELP

Students also helped organize a fund-raiser that netted \$1,250 for Micah's family.

"Some came from large checks, like a \$300 donation from one family," said Roche LaVictor, Discovery principal. "But the rest came from the kids. The secretary's desk was piled with money they brought in that day. I was really proud of them."

"It's the right thing to do," said Courtney Noonchester, 11, of Canton. "And it makes me feel happy and excited that I did something to help somebody."

A week earlier, the Discovery staff collected \$340 and bought a Meijer gift card.

"We're not a family that asks for help, but the gift card was such a blessing," said Traci, who had to take a leave of absence from her job as a manager at Chili's restaurant. "It came in handy because I really needed the gas money."

The effort to help Micah and his family continues. A letter is being sent to employees throughout the school district, asking for donations. An account has been opened at Community Financial, which kicked off the campaign by donating \$200.

"They're part of the Plymouth-Canton family, so we should do as much as we can," said LaVictor.

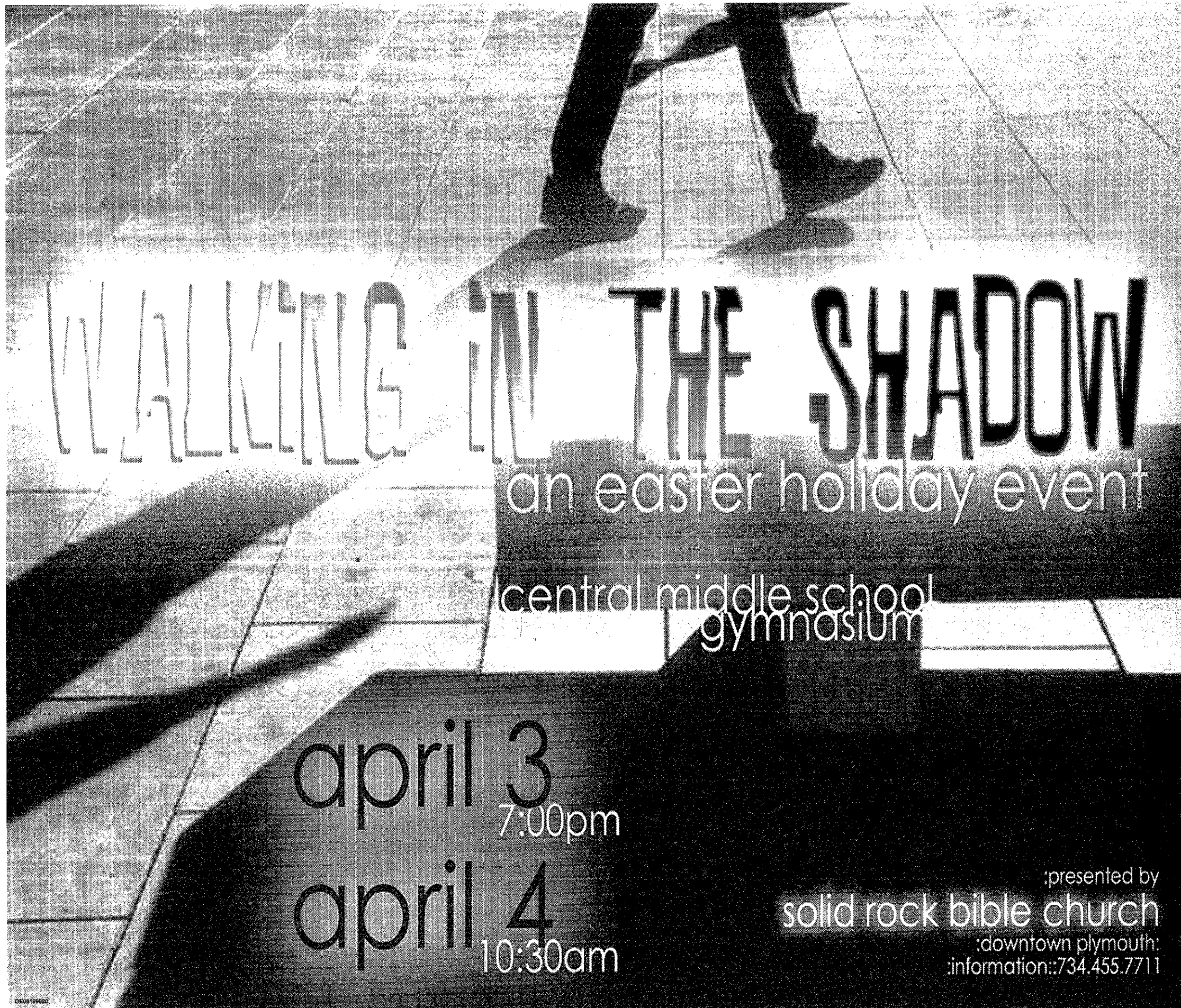
Traci is amazed at the generous support of the community.

"Words can't express the gratitude that we have," she said. "God works in strange ways, and you never know where help comes from."

"If I can just keep that faith strong enough, then maybe a miracle will come our way."

Donations to the Micah Weakland Fund can be given at Community Financial branches in Plymouth, Canton and Northville; or sent to Community Financial, 500 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48187.

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There'll never be another quite like Millie Jeffrey

Years ago, the late Bella Abzug put it best, at a roast for the most influential behind-the-scenes woman in Michigan history. "In the beginning, God created man," she said. "To make up for this, She gave us Millie." If that was true, it seemed like for once, men got the short end of the stick. Mildred Jeffrey, tiny, elfin, somewhat less than five feet tall, was, simply put, perhaps the most amazing person I have ever met.

She was one of Walter Reuther's closest aides, and the first woman to head a major department of the United Auto Workers union. She had helped secure equal pay and equal treatment for the thousands of women who worked in the war plants during World War II, when she was head of the UAW's women's department.

She helped a young Democratic candidate for president, fellow named John F. Kennedy, win over suspicious labor and black support in Michigan in 1960. She ran his brother Bobby's presidential campaign in the state in 1968.

Years later, at a feminist meeting, she told a female member of Congress that the time was right for a woman on the national ticket. She then threw herself into making that happen, and it did. "Without Millie, a woman candidate for vice president could never have been possible," that same woman, Geraldine Ferraro, would say.

Millie Jeffrey's motto could have been, "You can do whatever you want, as long as you don't mind who gets the credit."

But in fact, it was deeper than that. "Some of the candidates I've been proudest to work for, like Geraldine Ferraro, lost," Millie told me a couple of years ago over a glass of wine one night at a hangout near the Wayne State campus. "You learn in losing, and you build on it, and you never give up."

That morning, she had walked across campus to visit one of my classes to say hello to a speaker she had known years ago in the UAW. She asked me whether I had any promising young women students, and chatted with some of them. When I asked her if she wanted a ride somewhere, she said, no, she felt like walking. "How old is that lady?" a student asked me.

"Only 90," I said.

Wednesday, her heart stopped beating at last, a few months short of her 93rd birthday. Among her last visitors were two other promising young women: Jennifer Granholm, the governor, and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Both had said publicly they would never have gotten where they were without Millie.

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Four years ago, I got a call from the White House. One of President Clinton's speechwriters had been told I knew her pretty well, and wanted some advice. The president had decided to give her the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and he wanted some ideas on what he could say. That August, six feet, five inches of President Clinton bent down to place the medal around the neck of Millie Jeffrey, all of 4-foot-11.

She whispered something, and he looked startled — then threw his head back, gave her a big hug, and laughed with genuine delight.

"OK," I asked her later. "What did you say to him?" Millie grinned. "Mr. President, many say that if you were the candidate, you'd have been re-elected."

As usual, she knew her man. But unlike many older people, Millie doesn't dwell on the past. She always wanted to talk about what was going on now. On one of the last times we talked, I asked what she thought the future would hold.

She smiled, looking a bit like Ruth Gordon in *Harold and Maude*. "More of the same. Tougher questions than we faced in the '30s, in a world infinitely more complex, more dangerous, more challenging."

When the Equal Rights Amendment had finally failed it had been, I knew, a terrible blow. She shrugged. "We were devastated at first. But then I said, this is not the end. And it made me want to fight all the more."

"What brings me comfort and courage is to continue the struggle, the struggle for truth, justice and freedom."

Final victory, she knows, will never be won. "But the struggle itself gives meaning and purpose to life," she said. How much of the same I thought, had she given to us all.

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Jack Lessenberry

Executive, senator agree mental health mess needs fix

Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and state Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, agree that administration of mental health in Wayne County has been a mess for years. They don't agree on what should be done about it.

When Ficano came into office last year he set a goal of getting the county's budget in order. The stumbling block has been mental health.

"We came in and there's a lot of reform that we wanted to happen with an agency that was out of control," Ficano said at a recent meeting with *Observer* editors. "Right now it's at about a \$17 million deficit. The problem with mental health, the way it's set up, it has six appointees from the city of Detroit, six from Wayne County and you have these constant stalemates."

Ficano said that under the current setup, the board can run up deficits that all come from the county's general fund and not Detroit's.

"To me that's unfair and creates a disadvantage for us," he said.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Health Board oversees services for 75,000 residents with mental illnesses and disabilities, contracting through six primary providers.

Hammerstrom has introduced a series of bills that would take control over the agency and transfer it to an authority, similar to the recently formed Detroit-Wayne County Airport Authority. The nine-member authority would have two representatives appointed by the mayor of Detroit, one by Detroit City Council, two by the county executive, one by the Wayne County Commission, two by the governor and one by the state director of the department of mental health.

Ficano proposes, instead, to create an 13-member board with the county executive appointing a majority seven members.

"(Ficano's plan) does nothing to address the real problem," Hammerstrom said in a phone interview. "It makes it more political. The feds want us to move away from bureaucratic systems, they'd love to have it all be privatized but we think there are good things here. In Wayne County they are the opposite of how the feds want to go."

Ficano argues that Hammerstrom's proposal is an attempt to capture Medicaid funds to prop up the state's budget.

"They're short of money. I think they're

just looking at the money to balance their budget," he said.

Hammerstrom says the federal government has gotten tough about Medicaid funding and the state could lose funding because of the problems in Wayne County.

Ficano has been working to set things in order. In November, he placed Patricia Kukula, the agency's interim director, on administrative leave. Her contract was terminated in January.

Ficano said many practices were not cost-effective. He said service providers were being paid regularly without having to provide a bill of lading showing services had been delivered.

"We did some basic things," Ficano said. "All documents have to be legally written, there were handshake deals for \$80,000 contracts."

He said the agency had also failed to file an acceptable recipients rights procedure as required by the state.

"They set it up that you appeal to the agency that's providing the service and you can imagine where those appeals went," Ficano said.

The state Senate has been holding hearings on the group of bills introduced by Hammerstrom.

"Ficano talked about the good things they're doing and they are good things," Hammerstrom said.

But, she argued, they do not solve the real problem, which is creating a credible authority. She said her home county, Monroe, was one of the first to have an authority. Only Kent, Genesee, Macomb and Wayne do not have an independent authority. Hammerstrom said Oakland County has had an authority for several years.

"I would love for him (Ficano) to talk to Oakland County," she said. "Now you have a bureaucratic system."

After losing control of the airport, the county is understandably anxious to hold on to control of mental health services.

But it is ironic that Bob Ficano has made regionalism a major theme for his administration and yet is so adamantly against an authority.

What is clear is that something needs to be done to assure that the mentally ill receive the care they require, that the county does not lose essential federal funding and that politics take a back seat to good government.

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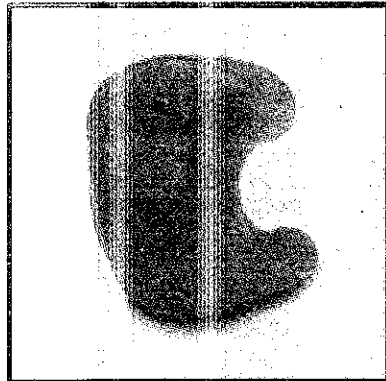
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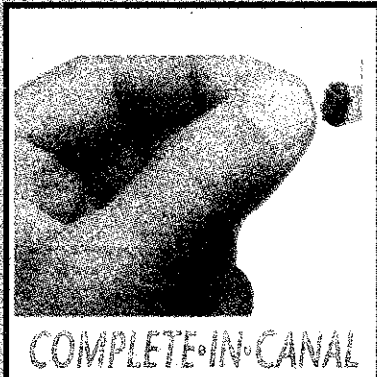
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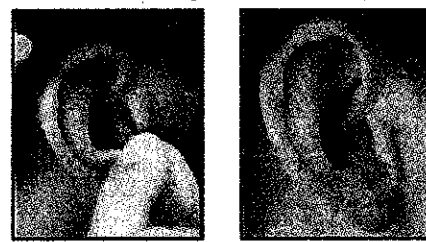
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Sidelines

Top Brits

A pair of Salem graduates, senior pitcher Steve Gordon and junior outfielder Chris Trott, have played important roles in Albion College's 7-7 start to the baseball season.

Gordon, a righthander, stopped previously-unbeaten Rose-Hulman (Ind.) Institute of Technology 3-2 in the opening game of the Rose-Hulman Invitational March 20.

It took Gordon just 101 pitches to stop the host team, allowing one earned run on six hits and a walk in the complete-game victory.

Trott batted .385 in the four-game tournament as the Britons went 2-2. Trott produced five hits including a double with two runs batted in.

For the season, Gordon is 2-1 with a 4.76 earned-run average in 17 innings pitched; he's allowed 10 runs (nine earned) on 17 hits and five walks, striking out 11. Opponents are batting just .236 against him.

Trott has played all 14 games in right field for Albion, batting .340 with 17 hits in 50 at-bats. He has two doubles, a triple, 11 runs scored and 10 RBI — and he has played errorlessly in the field.

Cobras tryouts

The Motor City Cobras 11-and-under travel baseball team will hold spring tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50 to 60 games during the season, plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Don Haase at (734) 326-8904.

Booster meeting

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in Room 401 of Plymouth HS. All parents of current Plymouth football players, or parents of new Plymouth HS players, are encouraged to attend.

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.

Mustang tryouts

The Canton Mustangs U12 travel baseball team needs a few players for its 2004 squad. The Mustangs play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association, with 20 league games and 4-to-5 weekend tournaments (approximately 35 games in all).

For tryout appointments, call Jeff Gatt at (248) 752-7376.

Whalers blank Rangers, clinch series

Perhaps, as Plymouth Whalers' coach Mike Vellucci insisted, Friday's game at Kitchener wasn't easy.

Maybe it was a hard, tough struggle. But the final score didn't indicate it. What it did show was one team that wanted it more than the other, was willing to make the sacrifice.

One team that played like a team, which is why Plymouth dominated the Rangers 5-0 Friday in Kitchener, clinching the best-of-seven games series by a 4-1 margin.

The Whalers advance to the second round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs against the winner of the Guelph-Owen Sound series. Opening

game of their next series is likely Friday; the site has yet to be determined.

"It was a hard-fought game, definitely," insisted Vellucci. "Our guys played really hard, they blocked shots all game long."

"This epitomized what our team did all series long."

It was certainly an impressive finish to the series, with Ryan Nie filling in for injured all-star goalie Paul Drew and again turning in a superb performance. Nie collected his second-straight shutout; in the five-game set, he allowed just 10 goals against one of the OHL's top offensive teams and the league's defending champs.

"He's playing very well," said Vellucci

of Nie. "He's making the first save and our guys are clearing the second and third chances."

At the start of the series, Vellucci insisted special team would be the decisive factor. He was right; in this game, Plymouth converted two of its five power-play chances, while keeping the Rangers off the board on eight power-play opportunities.

There were several contributors offensively for the Whalers, but none more important than team captain James Wisniewski.

The Canton HS graduate didn't score a goal, but he assisted on all five of those the Whalers scored.

"He was involved all night long," said Vellucci. "He was spectacular."

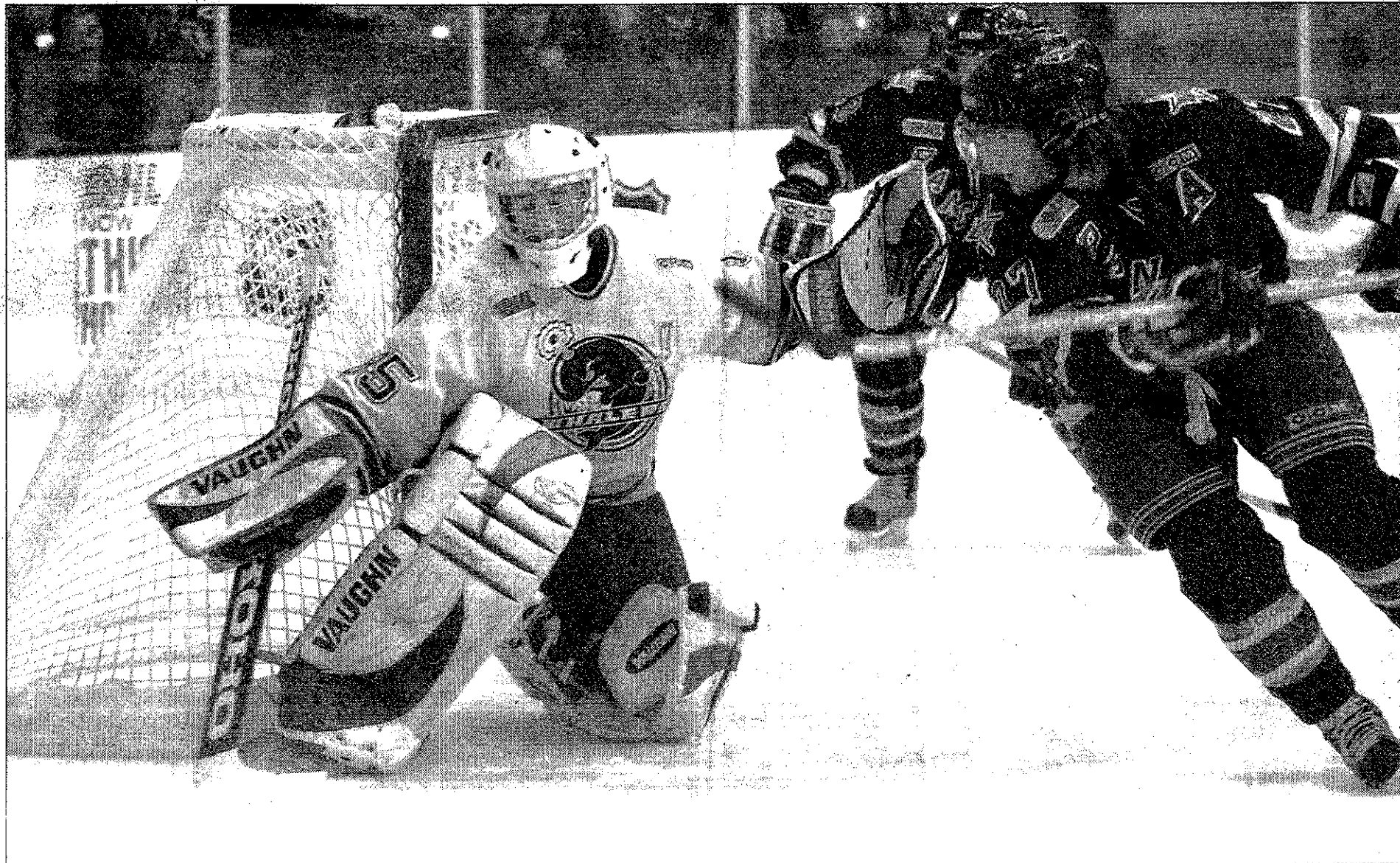
John Mitchell also enjoyed a big night with two goals and an assist, giving him five goals for the playoffs.

Tim Sestito, Mike Knight and Mike Letizia also scored goals, with Mitchell and Sestito getting power-play markers.

It was more than enough scoring for Nie, who was unbeatable, stopping all 26 Kitchener shots.

Brad Topping started in goal for the Rangers and surrendered all five Plymouth goals before being replaced by Carlo DiRienzo in the third period.

The Whalers led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 after two.



Goalie Ryan Nie turned away 26 shots in guiding the Whalers to a second-straight shutout and the series win over the Kitchener Rangers.

Salem girls track coach decides to leave

Mark Gregor developed the Salem girls track team into as formidable a program as existed in the state. But after 18 seasons, those days are over.

Gregor has resigned as girls track coach. He has been replaced by someone he used to coach on the Salem football team, Kevin Conte.

"My teaching schedule is an elementary schedule," Gregor said, noting his school duties didn't conclude until 4 p.m., making practice difficult to schedule.

When he had assistants helping him get practices started, he could manage it. But soon problems developed in that as well, and "we ended up practicing later last spring," he said.

That, combined with having two young sons at home (ages 7 and 5 years) that he wanted to spend more time with, convinced Gregor it was time to move on.

"In my 17 or 18 years of coaching, I developed some good relationships," he said.

He also developed some very good teams. From 1997-2000 his teams won four-straight Western Lakes Activities Association championships. They also won several state regional titles and, in 1992, were the runners-up at the Class A state finals.

"We had some good ones," Gregor recalled when asked about the athletes he coached.

Among the best were Tonya Wheeler, a 1993 graduate who won two-straight 400-meter state championships; Sarah Hamilton, a standout in the 100 meters; and Tiffany Grubaugh, who captured the state title in the shot put and was fourth in the discus at the 2000 state final.

"Our girls were always very dedicated," he said.

Something they learned from their coach.

Gregor won't completely cut himself off from coaching at Salem.

He will remain a defensive line/tight ends assistant coach with the football team.

"We're committed to turning that program around," he said.

Canton's boys seek to repeat as WLAA's best

Asked where his team could go from here, after capturing a Western Lakes Activities Association championship and going to the state meet, Canton boys track coach Bob Richardson hardly hesitated.

"We've got a lot back, but we can only equal it," he said. "You can't be better than undefeated."

Which is just what the Chiefs were last season. Despite not having a single home dual meet, they were 7-0 in duals, 4-0 in the Western Division.

Although Canton wasn't perfect last season, it was pretty darn good. In fact, Richardson — who has coached the Chiefs since 1979 — described it as "probably the best (boys track) team in the history of the school."

"The young kids learn from the older ones and want to do the same things."

That means matching last season's performance, which included a second at the regional and seventh at state meet. A lot has been lost, to be sure: graduation has taken sprinters Corey Walser and Jesse Williams, distance runner Aaron Lanning, pole vaulter/long jumper/sprinter Dan Driscoll, middle-distance runner Brian Soash, hurdler Steve Kilijanczyk and thrower Bryan Frawley.

They won't be easy to replace, but Richardson figures he has enough coming back to keep the Chiefs at or near the top of the WLAA.

It starts with senior co-captains Brad Waidmann, who will compete for Canton in the high jump, the shot put and discus, and the hurdles; Devin Thomas, a sprinter who set school records in the 100-meters and 200-meters, and was part of the record-setting 4x100 relay team; Jon Chapman, a pole vaulter who cleared 13 feet last year and was the Observerland champion; and Ray

Wisniewski signs with Blackhawks

James Wisniewski had something to prove. When the Plymouth Whaler defenseman, and Canton HS graduate, was drafted in the fifth round by the Chicago Blackhawks in 2002, he was disappointed. He had been projected as a first or second round pick, but his size — he stands 5-foot-11 — and a knee injury suffered the previous season cost him.

"I thought I was picked in the wrong spot," Wisniewski said, "and I wanted to prove that to them. I wanted to get better every year, just keep improving my game."

Which he has done, particularly this year. And that led Wisniewski to signing a contract with the Blackhawks last week.

"It's a big relief," he said prior to Friday's Ontario Hockey League playoff game at Kitchener. "It's a lot of pressure gone. I don't have to prove anything to anyone, I'm just having fun with my game right now, trying to win for my team."

On a Whaler squad thought to be in a rebuilding phase, Wisniewski was elevated to team captain — allowing him to gain one of the goals he set for himself in the preseason.

That hasn't been the only thing that was ele-



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James Wisniewski has steadily improved in his career with the Plymouth Whalers. As team captain, he has been instrumental in taking them to the second round of the OHL playoffs.

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Spring break softball, baseball camp set

A baseball and softball camp (ages 7-17) will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, April 12-14, at Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom.

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Participants will also be clocked on a radar gun for arm speed.

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The website is www.totalbaseball.com.

New girls track coach wants to put the Rocks on track

Tough act to follow. That's what Kevin Conte, a 1998 Salem graduate who ran middle distances for Geoff Baker's Rock teams, is facing as he takes over for Salem's long-time girls track coach Mark Gregor.

But he's not walking into a rebuilding situation. Salem, which ruled the Western Lakes Activities Association from 1997-2000, fell off a little bit last season, placing fourth at the conference meet and seventh at the state regional.

Conte can't be sure how well his current team matches up with previous ones; this is his first experience as a head coach, after all.

But "we're returning a lot of kids from last year, and we should be pretty strong in the distance events," he said.

"This year we're just going to get the program up and going and try and maintain it the way it was going."

And see what improvements can be made. "I know last year was the first year they didn't send anyone (individually) to state," he noted.

"I think we're doing real well. Things are moving along

pretty smoothly."

Although there is a certain experienced foundation to build on, what Conte doesn't have is a large number of seniors — in fact, there's just four on the team.

Still, there are areas that look promising, in particular the middle distance and distance events.

"Our strength is definitely in our middle distance and distance squads," Conte said, then added, "We also have a lot of girls with good foot-speed."

The distance crew is led by juniors Lauren Kane and Laura Friedman and senior Liane Griffiths. All three will run anything from the 400 meters to the 3,200.

Other middle distance to distance runners to watch are sophomore Marisa Carpinelli, junior Cindy Edwards and freshman Sarah Kosteva.

In the sprints, there's senior Drew Franklin, junior Lynden Gault, sophomore Allie Vraniak, junior Lindsay Miles, junior Sarah Jose and senior Stephanie Knight.

Of course, nearly all of the aforementioned are multi-tal-

ented. Gault and Miles will also be key factors in the high jump; Miles and Jose will compete in the long jump; Vraniak set the school record in the pole vault last year and can also run middle distance; and Knight and Lang will be joined by junior Dana Eldred in the hurdles.

The shot put and discus events will be anchored by senior Carly Schwan and juniors Anna Wilson and Maggie Fisher.

Any move up in the WLAA standings won't be an easy one to negotiate. The Rocks will need to match recent league powerhouses Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill. They also finished behind Canton at the conference meet last season.

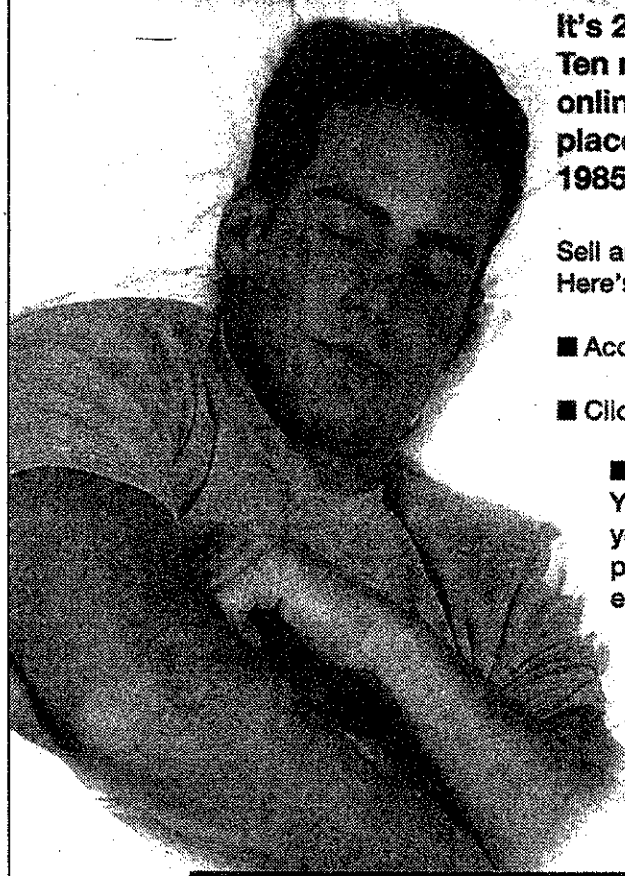
Conte can't be sure if they can accomplish that, at least not now.

And he isn't that concerned at present. It's the end of the season he's aiming for.

"I hope we can progress as fast as coaches and make some noise at the league meet and regional," he said.

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Eisbrenner, who figures to lead the Chiefs' middle distance crew.

If Canton is to succeed, it will need to be as effective this season in the field events, an area of strength in recent seasons.

Waidmann and Chapman are part of that strength; others to watch are senior Mike Lanius in the high jump and long jump; junior Rodney Preston in the long jump and pole vault; seniors Chris Snider and Lester Booker, and sophomore Joe Zugaj, in the shot and discus; senior Rich Hensel and junior Derek Reeves in the pole vault; and sophomore Andy Rossow in the long jump.

Joining Waidmann in the hurdle events will be senior Corey Stewart, junior Matt

McClellan and Preston. In the sprints, Thomas will be accompanied by Rossow, Lanius, Stewart, senior Brandon Reeves, and juniors Kevin Burdette and Dave Calille.

A pair of sophomores, Cyrus Azizi and Phaltiel Whitlock, will handle the middle distance events with Eisbrenner, with seniors Scott George and Sam Manees, juniors Steve Cheek and Dave Otting, and sophomore Al Lanning the main distance runners.

Two freshmen to watch are Steve Paye in the hurdles, discus and high jump, and Eric Zech in the distance events.

"Our field events have always been strong," said Richardson, "and we'll be strong in the sprints again. Our young distance crew is developing — I see some improvement there."

Canton will also be on its own track once again. Closed last season for reconstruction,

it's ready to go now and in top shape, according to Richardson.

Still, it won't be easy to recapture the WLAA title with solid young teams like Livonia Churchill and Walled Lake Western lurking.

And that's just how Richardson sees his foes.

"When you've got the bulls-eye on your back, people want you, they want to knock you out," he said. However, his experienced coaching staff — Paul Bedford (distance), Matti Kilpelainen (pole vault, jumps, hurdles), Darrell Burton (sprints) and Landon Burkhardt (throws) — will give the Chiefs the edge.

That and the one element necessary in any run for a title. As Richardson noted, "Good things happen when you work hard."

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THE REGULAR ELECTION of the School District will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004. Two members of the Board of Education will be elected for a term of four (4) years (July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2008).

Nominating petitions for candidates seeking election to the Board of Education are available in the Board office at 20210 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Petitions must be filed in the Board Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2004.

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Bucks rebuilt and ready for new season

It's been a busy off-season for Mid-Michigan Bucks general manager/co-owner Jim Duggan.

Not just with the Bucks, either. Duggan is leading the effort to bring a Major League Soccer franchise to Detroit. To accomplish this, he first must get a commitment from the public — for 5,000 season tickets.

"If we succeed at that, if we can get a commitment for 5,000 by Sept. 30, we'll be in great shape," he said.

The 10-team MLS, Duggan noted, will add two new franchises in 2005 and two more in 2006. Detroit won't get a 2005 team, but it's still in the hunt for a 2006 squad.

"This summer is going to be the big push," he said as he was on his way to Friday's annual general meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association. "We want to be sure we reach everybody. The soccer groups are the key to



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that."

Whatever happens with the possible procurement of an MLS franchise, the Mid-Michigan Bucks — a Division IV team playing in the Great Lakes Division in the Premier Development League — will still be in operation this summer, and Duggan expects them to be more potent than ever.

And last season they were pretty potent, posting a 15-4-1 record and winning the division title.

Don Gemmell returns as coach, and most of the team will be back, too. Among those who won't be back are former Oakland University standout Paul Snape and Tino Scicluna, a Redford native and former midfielder who has taken over as Madonna University's men's soccer coach.

Also gone is Jason Perry, another OU player who was drafted by the MLS' Los Angeles Express and is playing in Syracuse. Although the Bucks' roster isn't completely set quite yet — they don't open practice until May 1st — among those who will return are keepers Jeff Wiese (from OU) and Peter Dzubay (Michigan), Knox Cameron (U-M), Simon Omekanda (Rochester Adams), John Minagawa-Webster (Monroe), Eric Nelson (Dearborn), Ryan Alexander (Southfield/U-M), Nate Norman (Rochester), Tony Stark (Schoolcraft College), Kevin Taylor (U-M), Doug Rice, Nate Kraft and Mychal Turpin (Southfield). Some of the newcomers already signed should make the Bucks even better, like Jacob Peterson, a Portage native playing for the University of Indiana, and Joseph Kabwe, a native of Zimbabwe who attends

Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.). "Having (nearly) the whole team back is a big plus for us," said Duggan. "We don't just want to qualify to play an MLS team (in the U.S. Open Cup), we want to beat them."

The talent the Bucks have attracted may be good enough to do just that. According to Duggan, 14 of the team's players were first team all-conference selections in their respective leagues.

"There's no doubt this team will be better," Duggan said. "So will everyone else in the league. But this is definitely our best team ever."

There will be one important change: The Bucks have found a home. They will play all nine of their regular-season home matches this season at Berkley's Hurley Field. Their home-opener will be May 18 against Fort Wayne (Ind.).

And, Duggan hopes, everything will just continue to get better.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BADMINTON TOURNEY

Northville Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its third annual Midwest Stephen Race Badminton Tournament, Friday through Sunday, May 7-9, at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

Race was a player who was instrumental in building badminton popularity in the mid-west.

Last year, 110 players participated from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Indiana and Ontario. Tournament officials expect 120 participants for the 2004 Olympic gold medal winner Tony Gunawan.

For more information, call Joe Barberio at (248) 449-9947.

CHEER COACH WANTED

Livonia Stevenson is seeking a head varsity sideline and competitive cheerleading coach.

Those interested should contact Stevenson athletic administrator Lori Hyman at (734) 744-2660, Ext. 48116.

SPORTSMEN'S BANQUET

The Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville, will stage its second annual Sportsmen's Banquet, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 17.

The banquet will feature wild game chef Johnny Kolakowski, along with guest speaker R.G. Bernier, a white-tail deer tracker.

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Tickets are \$35 (no sale the day of the event). For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

SOFTBALL UMPIRES WANTED

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking experienced adult umpires for the 2004 season.

Games begin in mid-April and are scheduled throughout the week for both adult modified and slowpitch softball.

Umpires are paid \$22 per game. Those interested should call Gary Thomas at (248) 476-8163.

NORTHVILLE SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Northville Parks and Recreation will be offering an adult women's softball league, starting Tuesday, May 6, along

with an adult co-ed softball league, starting Sunday, May 4. Cost for each league (12 games) is \$410 per team.

For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an 18-week adult co-ed golf league starting Monday, May 3 at Brae Burn Golf Course.

Fee time start is 5:29 p.m. The cost is \$450. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an adult co-ed kickball league starting Friday, May 14 (minimum 15 games). The entry fee is \$240 per team (umpire fees extra). There will be double-headers. For more information, call

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BADMINTON PROGRAMS

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COACH WANTED

Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a junior varsity boys soccer coach for 2004 upcoming season.

Those interested should call athletic director Tim Wilson at (248) 473-8926 or varsity coach Cassandra Gray at (734) 564-0993.

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, March 29
 Clarenceville at M.H. Madison, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30
 S'field Christian at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Det. Urban, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31
 W. Bloomfield at Wayne, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 1
 Franklin at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wyandotte at Redford CC, 4 p.m.
 A.A. Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 2
 Garden City at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Highland Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
 (all double-headers)
 Roeper at Huron Valley, 10 a.m.
 John Glenn at Redford, 11 a.m.
 Monroe at Wayne, 11 a.m.
 Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, noon.
 N. Farmington at Canton, 1 p.m.
 Redford Union at Franklin, 1 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, March 29
 Stevenson at E.H. Harrison, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Allen Park, 4 p.m.
 Clarenceville at M.H. Madison, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30
 Stevenson at Dearborn, 4:30 p.m.
 S'field Christian at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 1
 Churchill at Farmington, 4 p.m.
 Crestwood at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Garden City at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 2
 Highland Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30
 Huron Valley at Det. Urban, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
 (all double-headers unless noted)
 Canton, Salem at Taylor Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Luth. N'west at Huron Valley, 10 a.m.
 Stevenson at Redford Union, 1 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, March 29
 Franklin at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
 Thurston at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Monroe, 4 p.m.
 Novi at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Dearborn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 A.A. Pioneer at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30
 Ladywood at Marian, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31
 Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Allen Park at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Saline, 5:30 p.m.
 Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 1
 Franklin at G.P. North, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 2
 Dearborn at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Taylor Truman, 5:30 p.m.
 Churchill at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
 Woodhaven at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Saginaw Heritage, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
 R.O. Shrine at Luth. Westland, noon.

Troy at Salem, 1 p.m.
 Seaholm at Canton, 1 p.m.
 Divine Child at Ladywood, 2:30 p.m.
BOYS TRACK
Wednesday, March 31
 Clarenceville at Riverview, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 1
 Franklin at Thurston, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
 Patriot Relays at Franklin, 9 a.m.
 Crestwood Charger Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Redford CC, Canton, Pinckney at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 11 a.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Tuesday, March 30
 Wolverine Invitational, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31
 Clarenceville at Riverview, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 1
 Franklin at Thurston, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
 Patriot Relays at Franklin, 9 a.m.
 Crestwood Charger Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, March 29
 Thurston at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Northville vs. Redford CC (Scruff), 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30
 N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31
 Redford CC at Novi, 3:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Troy, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 1
 F.H. Harrison at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at F.H. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 2
 Wayne at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
 Salem at Monroe Invitational, 9 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Saturday, April 3
 Grosse Ile Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE
Tuesday, March 30
 Brother Rice at Redford CC, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 2
 G.P. North at Ladywood, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
 Wooster (Ohio) at Redford CC, 1 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
 (all double-headers)
Sunday, March 28
 Olivet at Macoma, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30
 Tiffin (Ohio) at Macoma, 1 p.m.
Friday, April 2
 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
 Spring Arbor at Madonna, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 (all double-headers)
Tuesday, March 30
 Concordia at Madonna at Livonia Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
 Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 4
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
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DEK, ROLLER HOCKEY

High Velocity Sports (HVS) of Canton is now accepting registrations from individuals and teams for the spring roller hockey session. The season runs April 12-July 18; registration deadline is March 29. Individuals that sign up without a team pay \$135 per player plus a \$20 jersey fee. The team fee is \$1,000 for teams that pay in full by March 29, \$1,200 for teams that pay by their first game. The fees include 10 games plus playoffs.

A developmental dek (floor) hockey league (without inline skates) is available for 4-6 year olds. The playing surface is split in half so that four teams can play at once. All equipment is provided and players are taught the proper stick-handling techniques and general rules of the game. The fee is \$65 per player. Dek (floor) hockey is also offered for adults. The season and deadlines are the same as the above-listed roller hockey dates, however the team fee is \$800 if paid by March 29 or \$1,000 by the team's first game. The individual fee is \$85 per player.

For the more seasoned roller hockey player, HVS offers a Cub league for 5-7 year olds. This league is for children that can already skate and are ready to play in league games. HVS also offers youth roller

hockey leagues for Atom (8-and-under), Mite (10-and-under), Squirt (12-and-under), PeeWee (14-and-under), and Midget (17-and-under) players. The adult roller hockey leagues include Copper (recreational), Bronze (intermediate), Silver (competitive), Gold (ultra-competitive), Coed and Over-30 leagues.

For those trying to improve their skills, youth and adult drop-in roller hockey clinics are available. Drop-in roller hockey for youth and adults is also available. Check www.hvsports.com for updated days, times and fees. For more information on roller or dek (floor) hockey at HVS, or to register, please visit us at www.hvsports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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

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

■ The Michigan Indians U-14 travel baseball tryouts will be 2:30-3:30 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays, March 20 and March 27, at Total Baseball in Wixom. Aaron Knieper, former pro player

and full-time baseball instructor, will coach this team.

The team will play in the Michigan Superior League and six tournaments, with indoor training at Total Baseball. Please call in advance: Aaron Knieper, (248) 219-8205 or email him at arknieper@aol.com.

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool. The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class. (Webbed water gloves provided. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.)

The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility.

It is also therapy for sports injuries. Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own. You must wear your own water shoes to each class. For more information, or to register, call (734) 466-2925 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

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SUNDAY HEALTH CLUB

The Sunday Health Club at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275, will be open for 26 Sundays for 2003-04.

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For more information, call (734) 462-4448, or visit www.schoolcraft.edu. (Click

on schedules and registration forms, and on fall 2003 non-instruction health and fitness.)

ADULT REC HOCKEY

Adult recreation hockey leagues playing out of the Plymouth Cultural Center, Arctic Pond in Plymouth and Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, will be offered Sunday evenings now through March.

Among the leagues offered include men and women over-21, -30, -40 and -50, along with an adult novice league.

Drop-in hockey for seniors over-50 is available each Tuesday and Friday morning at the Arctic Pond.

For more information call the Arctic Pond at (734) 207-7663, or to obtain a registration form, visit www.rspi.net. You can also call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658; or email him at john@rspi.net.

DROP-IN HOCKEY

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer ice time for drop-in hockey from 9-11 p.m. on Fridays, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Cost is \$10 per player per session; the first four goalies skate for free. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

YMCA COACHES WANTED

The Livonia YMCA is seeking part-time gymnastics coaches for its recreational program.

Applicants must be available to teach evenings between 4-8 p.m. and must be willing to work with a variety of levels and age groups.

Anyone interesting in join-

ing the YMCA coaching staff will receive training from current staff members. Some experience in the sport is preferred.

For more information, call Vanessa Marsh at the YMCA at (734) 261-2161.

PITCH, HIT & RUN CONTEST

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is staging its 2004 Pepsi, Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Ford Field (Diamond No. 2).

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. the day of the event. There is no cost.

Age divisions include 13-14, 11-12, 9-10 and 7-8. (Age is determined as of July 17, 2004.) Age group winners have a chance to advance and possibly compete at Comerica Park.

For more information, call (734) 466-2414 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

POMPON WORKSHOP

Girls ages 7-14 interested in learning pompon are invited to a spring workshop with the Livonia Churchill varsity team from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, April 3, in the school's gymnasium. (Churchill is located at 8900 Newburgh Road, just north of Joy Road).

Those attending will be taught basic moves and a routine, which they will perform for parents later that day.

Cost is \$30 per participant (includes T-shirt, music CD and a snack).

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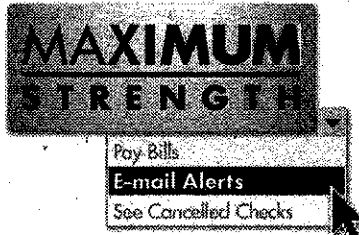


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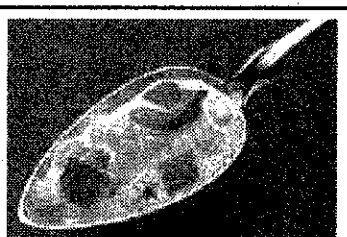
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Bowling at EMU was a hit

It was a sensational show the Professional Bowling Association put on last Sunday during the ESPN finals televised live from Eastern Michigan University's

Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

I would have been there, except that my Saturday flight from Reno, Nev. arrived a bit late and didn't land until about 4 a.m. That's just to tight with-out enough sleep.

Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

According to Taylor Lanes manager Erin Dobbins, "Everything went very well, starting with the pro-am and ending with the exciting finals."

If you missed it, Tom Baker of Buffalo New York won the championship and a \$120,000 check.

Stopped by a solid 10-pin in the 10th frame, Mika Koivuniemi out of Finland, and now residing in Ann Arbor, gave Baker a real run for the money, not to mention home field advantage with all of Ann Arbor cheering for him.

It was a great win for the 49-year-old Baker, his first PBA Major title to go along with nine other championships in his many years of competition on the pro tour.

Another local bowler, Brandon Hilgendorf of Warren, held second place in the early rounds. Not bad considering the 17-year-old held his own in combat against all of the seasoned veteran pro bowlers.

Earlier during the week, I was in Reno for the American Bowling Congress annual convention, which was combined with the ABC national tournament. The ABC tourney runs from late February through June.

The Greater Detroit Bowling

Scores were generally lower than expected, but we all really tried even though some of our scores might make you wonder.

Association directors formed three five-man teams and bowled in the team event Thursday morning followed by the singles and doubles on Friday.

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In the Friday legislative session, there were over 1,200 casting ballots for the proposed merger of the men (ABC) and women (Women's International Bowling Congress).

I cannot tell you the results of the vote, because I don't know it. Neither does anyone else. The ballots are in sealed containers and will not even be counted until after the WIBC holds their voting at their convention in May. In that way they cannot be influenced either way by how the ABC men voted.

Aside from the legislation on Friday, there were several seminars during the entire week on a variety of subjects.

Topics ranged from better coaching to the Winlabs on-line program, which much of the bowling industry has adopted.

Winlabs creates a basic computer system for everything in bowling, logging league averages up and current, league schedules, along with the secretary and treasurer functions. GDBA headquarters uses this system.

Other seminars and workshops concerned included such subjects as ABC rules and stan-

dards, high school bowling, followed by a Saturday morning workshop summing up all that had transpired. One of the highlights of the week turned out to be the Delegates Appreciation Night on Friday.

It consisted of a nice buffet (Southwest style) and some entertainment by Rain, a Beatles tribute band. Rain looked liked the Beatles and sounded just like them, played their songs and sang just like the Beatles of some 40 years ago.

It was most appreciated by the huge crowd as a good number of them were of that generation when the Beatles came landed in America.

There were raffles and lots of door prizes and certainly a night to remember.

If you have never been to Reno, try to get there on a vacation or ski trip someday.

It is only about 45 miles from beautiful Lake Tahoe and the scenery there is worth the trip. Of course, Reno is an old gambling resort town with lots of newer hotels and casinos. Visitors can get hitched quickly or unhitched just as quickly.

The streets are lined with either souvenir or pawn shops. Many delegates stayed at the El Dorado, which connects to the Silver Legacy and the Circus-Circus.

One can gamble away all their money or make a quick killing.

I saw a little bit of both. I am not a gambling man, but I would play some slot machines a bit, and I have a special number for roulette (12). I sat down to watch the roulette table and the very next number to come in was 12. I figured then that I missed the boat, so I just watched again as another 12 came in. So I really did miss the boat in that instance.

It's just like we say in bowling, "timing is everything."

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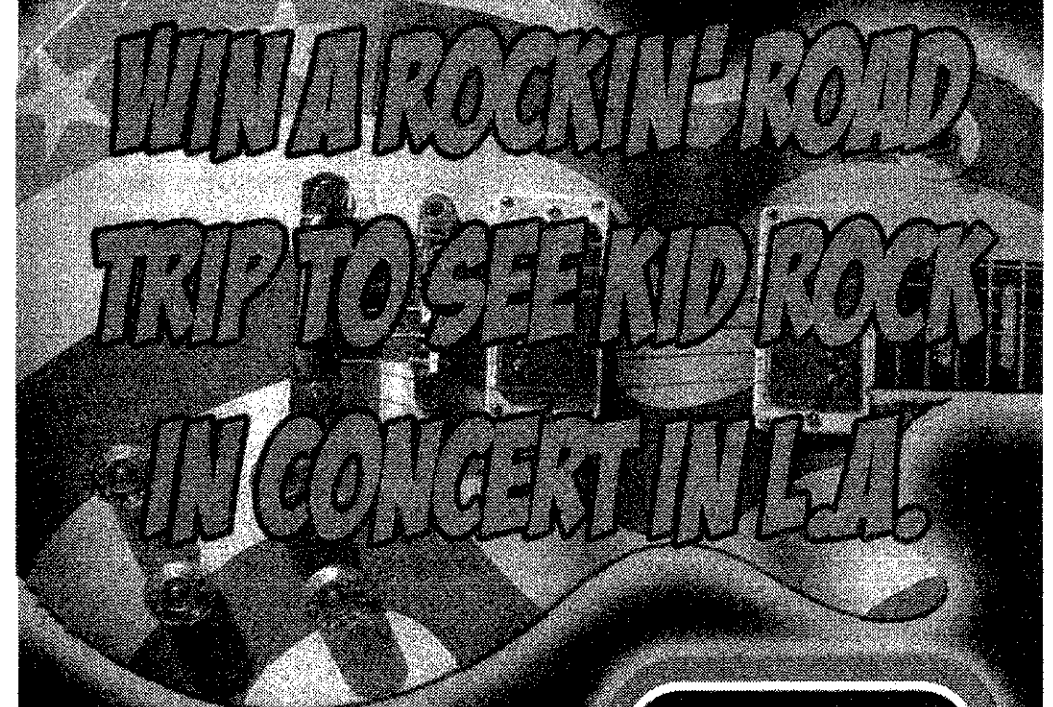
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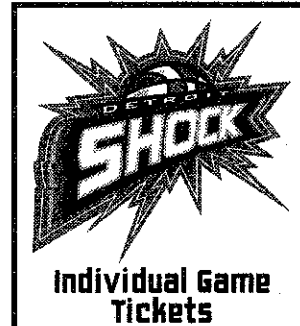
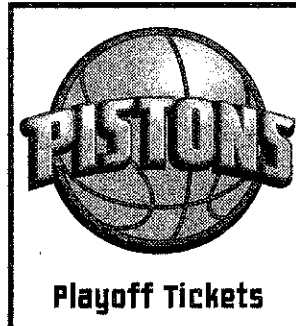
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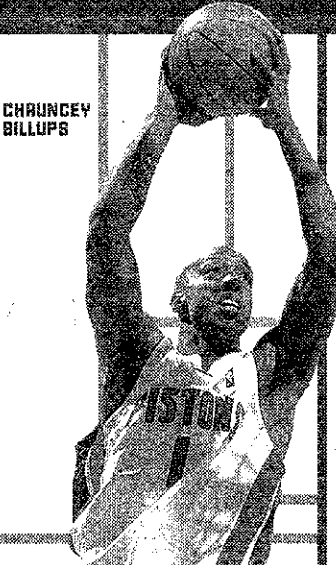
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WISNIEWSKI

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vated. Although limited to 50 regular-season games by a trip to the World Junior Tournament and his now famous five-game suspension (for informing an opponent he "didn't fight Euros" — an official overheard the remark and considered it a "racial slur" for Europeans), Wisniewski was still able to score 17 goals and get 53 assists in 50 games, scoring 70 points.

His other goals were realized as well: winning the World Junior Tournament and making the OHL all-star game.

His signing his contract with Chicago brought him very close to a clean sweep in the goal-accomplished department. The possibility of an NHL player lockout made his signing even more imperative.

"You don't want to wait too long," he said. Wisniewski's game has improved each and every year, but this season it has really taken a leap forward. If being named team captain is a difficult assignment for some players to handle, it hasn't been for Wisniewski.

He has become the OHL's most dangerous offensive threat on the blue line, reaping the league's hardest shot award.

Pressure doesn't affect him; the Whalers, who lost nearly all of their top scorers from last season, have been dependent on the effectiveness of the power-play unit.

Wisniewski quarterbacks that unit, which has become one of the best in the OHL. As Whaler coach/general manager Mike Yellucci noted after a 2-0 victory in Game Four of the Kitchener series, "We don't score a lot of even-strength goals. We rely on our power play."

"I don't feel any extra pressure," Wisniewski said. "I just try and play my game."

He's come through big-time in the Kitchener series, scoring three goals and adding two assists in the first four games.

The difference in his game this season is both mental and physical. "My positioning" has improved, he noted. "I dropped some weight from last year and I feel a lot quicker out there."

"And I'm getting older and more confident in myself."

His improvement has been noticed by the Blackhawks, who were particularly impressed by his plus-32 rating during the regular season — one of the top marks in the OHL. It certainly convinced them to sign him, which means this is almost certainly his last season with the Whalers.

And that leaves just one last goal still on his agenda: winning an OHL championship. With all-star goalie Paul Drew likely sidelined for the playoffs with an ankle injury, Plymouth's chances are not great.

But anything's possible in the playoffs. "That would be a tremendous accomplishment," said Wisniewski. "That would top everything."

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SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to riverrat122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabers at (248) 258-5502 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

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The one-man rabbit hunt

Safe ice is history and open-water fishing is still a few weeks away. Turkey season opens in just over a month, but gobblers have yet to break out of their wintering flocks so scouting is a bit premature right now.

With my options running out I decided it was a good day for a rabbit hunt.

But I couldn't find anyone who wanted to hunt with me. I guess I should expect that, though, since I was trying my best to coax a buddy into joining me on a dogless rabbit hunt.

Most rabbit hunters use beagles to locate and run rabbits, then set up in a position so they can intercept the chase as the rabbits circle around. But that's not to say you have to pass on an opportunity to spend an afternoon in the field just because you don't have access to a good rabbit dog.

Solo rabbit hunts can be productive and enjoyable, but you need to alter your tactics just a little.

The main thing to remember is to move slowly and keep your eyes open. Since you don't have a dog's nose to locate the rabbits you have to rely on your own keen eyesight.

Cottontails have a tendency to wait until you're right on top of them before exploding into a dead run as you fumble to draw a bead of the fading target.

They'll sit tight for as long as possible. It's their survival instinct taking over. They know the more they move around in the open, the better chance they have of being picked off by a hawk, fox, coyote or hunter.

As I crested a small hill covered with a thick growth of grey dogwood a big cottontail exploded from beneath a cluster of brush and made a beeline for a nearby creek bottom. My reflexes were a bit rusty and when I touched off a shot from my 16 gauge side-by-side, I was about two feet behind my quarry.

Rabbits 1-0. Remember to move slowly and stop every 10 yards or so when solo hunting for rabbits. Be sure to watch your back, too. Rabbits that sit tight as you walk by will often get spooked when you stop, and dart out into the open.

The second thing to remember is to be sure you're hunting in rabbit habitat.

Mature hardwoods and open fields are not the best places to hunt rabbits. They prefer areas with heavy cover like brushy fields, fence rows and briar patches. Find a grassy CPR field along some cut corn and you've likely hit the jackpot.

I worked my way through the brushy cover to the edge of a cut corn field. In the corner of this field there is a huge brush pile the farmer made by stacking all the branches that had fallen into the field over time. As I kicked one of the branches sticking out of the pile, a rabbit dashed out the other side and headed for the fence row. I was ready this time. My reflexes sharpened a bit by the last miss, I was able to draw a good bead this time

and made a clean shot before he hit the heavy cover.

Rabbits 1, hunter 1. Rabbits love to hide out in brush piles so be sure to check them all — big and small. Kick, rattle and shake the pile to flush out anything that might be hiding within.

It's not out of the question to stalk a rabbit. A fresh snow like we had earlier this week is perfect.

As I worked my way around the cornfield I saw several sets of tracks, including one that was as fresh as a newborn fawn. They led out of the corn and directly through a patch of pickers. I walked slowly along the tracks until I entered an overgrown creek bottom. A rabbit emerged up ahead, but he was too quick for me and I never got off a shot in the heavy cover.

Rabbits 2, hunter 1. While I'm out rabbit hunting, I'm always on the lookout for sheds — antlers that have fallen off white-tailed bucks. Bucks shed their antlers every winter and it's fun to run across an antler, or better yet, a set of antlers, especially if you rabbit hunt in the same area in which you deer hunt. Find a shed and it will give you an idea of which bucks made it through the fall and winter.

Just because the fishing season is on pause doesn't mean you have to sit home and hibernate. Rabbit season runs through Wednesday.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

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Music outreach worthy of pride

Supporters of the Plymouth Symphony should be very proud of their CLASSical Music Outreach to the Schools Program, a collaborative effort between the PSO board, staff, education committee, conductors, musicians and PCCS music teachers.

The program has been very successful and the Plymouth Symphony continues to add new musical experiences for children. Last fall PSO launched Celebration Strings, the first phase of the Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Lindsay Riemer, who doubles as assistant conductor to Nan Washburn.

As monies for the arts become harder to find, you may be curious to know how an organization can add musical programming for children. The answer is very simple: Work, coordination, commitment to children, music, money, creativity and ... imagination.

At the core of CLASSical Music Outreach is a dream that Luan Brownlee had to enhance children's musical education and to put children and music in the same room as often as possible.

Brownlee is a retired teacher, chairperson of the PSO's Education Committee, education coordinator for the Plymouth Historical Museum, and a dreamer.

But dreams are only as powerful as the people who believe in them. Luckily, Don and Colleen Soenen's generous financial support added music to Luan's vision.

PSO musicians visit Plymouth-Canton third-graders and introduce the children to the music and instruments of the symphony. As fourth-graders, the same students attend PSO's "Kids' Concert" at Salem High School Auditorium.

Often when parents ask their child what they did on a field trip, they get "I don't know" or "not much." Here's what your fourth grader heard and saw at the "Kids' Concert."

Nan Washburn, director and conductor, reintroduced them to PSO musicians and their instruments. Author Scott O'Dell (aka PCCS music teacher, Duncan Jones) narrated the story of the Island of the Blue Dolphin as the orchestra played an original piece of music commissioned by Washburn.

Lindsay Riemer conducted "Shepherd's Hey" by Percy Grainger. Nan taught the children how to lead an orchestra and then invited the audience to stand and join her as she conducted "Ode to Joy."

Every year, Washburn asks the children the same question, "How many of you have ever composed a song?" Almost every hand goes up. Long before Nan asked that question at the first Kids' Concert, Luan Brownlee already knew how the children would answer.

Elliot Stout of Allen School plays the cornet and is learning to play the drums and recorder. He said, "I liked the symphony, especially the great variety of instruments. Some of the kids thought it sounded like one instrument

PLEASE SEE MUSIC PROGRAM, C2



Ricky Smith of Canton relaxes while strumming his guitar.

Budding career

Canton resident caps first year as a country music performer

Ricky Smith didn't take top prize in the first episode of *Gimme the Mike!* Detroit! But the 18-year-old Canton resident came in second - losing by one point of the judges' votes and picking up 32 percent of the wildcard vote from viewers. He wasn't complaining.

"It's not always about winning," he said. "I do this for the fans and that's what it's all about. I have the best fans around."

The six-episode show, a kind of local version of *American Idol*, is airing on WDIV-TV.

Ricky was philosophical about not coming in first.

"*Gimme the Mike!* was a great show," he said. "I had so much fun working on the project, too bad it's over."

And the young country singer, who started singing at family parties a few years ago - he can't remember how many - is not going to be an American Idol.

He started performing publicly last year using recorded music as a backup. He managed to line up an impressive - and busy - schedule, performing at events ranging from private parties to the Clinton County Fair, Westland Festival, Wayne County Fair, Canton Relay for Life and Liberty Fest, just to name a few.

This year he's added a four-man band to his show and is lining up what he hopes will be an even busier schedule.

"I like to put on a high-energy show," he said, "running around on stage and enter-



Ricky Smith chats with a reporter about his dreams of a country music career.

taining the crowd. You have to entertain people as well as sing."

And his father, Dan, - an admittedly proud father - said Ricky was a big hit in his first year of performing.

"Everywhere he performed last year, he's coming back with a better time slot this year," he said. "Things just keep expanding."

Dan said he's not a performer, but he is a singer - well, a karaoke singer.

"Dad's an Elvis nut," Ricky said. And Elvis was a big influence on Ricky ("I'm a huge fan," he said.) along with Tim McGraw and Kenny Chesney.

The freshman at U-M Dearborn was born in Wayne and grew up there and in Canton, where he graduated from Salem last year. But when he talks, there's a little bit of country in his voice.

He said he doesn't hear it, but friends have noticed it.

"I ran into a friend at a graduation party last year that I hadn't seen since I was 13," he said. "He looked at me and said, 'You have an accent now.'"

It's got to be those songs he sings.

In addition to adding a band to his show, he's expanding the types of music.

"This year we'll be doing Eric Clapton, Lynrd Skynrd, Jimmy Buffet and, of course, Elvis," he said.

He and the band will be performing at Canton's Relay for Life on Saturday, May 15, from 10:30-11:30 p.m. in Heritage Park. He'll also be at the Liberty Fest on Saturday, June 19, from 6:30-7:50 p.m.

And, like all good performers, he's added a Web site that he maintains himself. You can learn more about Ricky, the band, check his schedule, add comments to a message board and even download some of the music. Visit www.rickysmith-music.com.

Cultural awakening

Michigan Chinese School keeps language, arts alive

Eric Wu rushes from the language classroom eager to escape the drudgery of deciphering Chinese characters.

Now comes the fun part of the day, when the Farmington Hills boy and 170 other students explore the arts and culture their parents experienced back home.

The Michigan Chinese School is a little bit of Taiwan in Livonia - at least for a couple of hours - every Saturday. In class, children from preschool to high school learn the language their parents speak in the hallways of Schoolcraft College, where MCS rents 12 rooms.

Although 95 percent of the families come from Taiwan, students from Hong Kong, mainland China, and non-Chinese backgrounds travel from Farmington Hills, Canton, Plymouth, West Bloomfield and as far away as Lansing to discover their roots. Parents

frequently take part in classes to brush up on calligraphy or the Lion Dance, which is performed at weddings and celebrations such as Chinese New Year.

Originally located at Canton High School in the early 1980s, the Michigan Chinese School offers two hours of language followed by hour-long classes on Chinese toys, string music, folk dance, calligraphy, painting, origami, tai-chi and martial arts. It is a member of the Michigan Chinese Educator Association with schools in Troy, Madison Heights and Ann Arbor.

"I believe for globalization children need to learn our other language, and we would like the kids to understand where their parents are from," said Principal Ted Jan of Farmington Hills. "If possible, they can use Chinese for mentoring, to talk to their grandparents."

Jan is having as much fun as the children during a visit to Yu-Chun Wang's



DONALD J. ALLEY

Chelsea Lee, age 8 of Farmington Hills, is learning to play traditional Taiwanese and Chinese folk tunes as well as some American music at the Michigan Chinese School held at Schoolcraft College.

class on traditional Chinese toys and games. He picks up one of the feather kickers Wang is teaching the students to make and use. It's a game he and Wang played often as kids.

Each week, Wang focuses on toys such as a dragonfly helicopter made

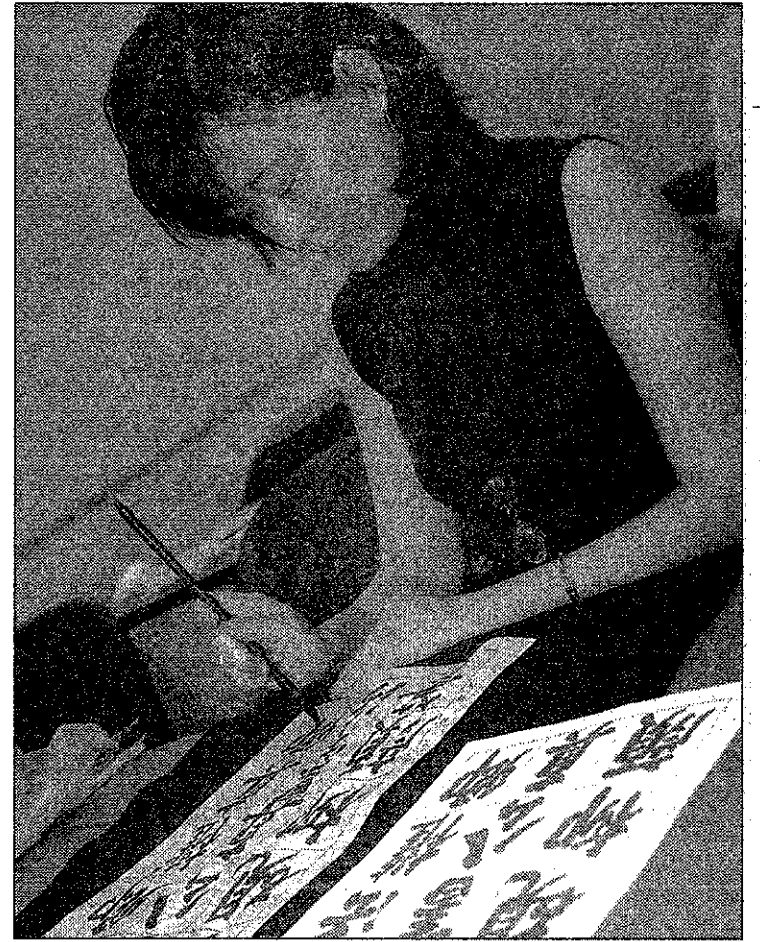
from bamboo or hand puppets. For Chinese New Year in January, they made lanterns from empty cans just as children did 30 years ago.

"We want them to understand our

PLEASE SEE CHINESE, C2



Ezra Chang, age 8 from West Bloomfield, and his mom Melling learn to make a "feather kicker." The feather kicker is the Chinese version of the Hacky-Sack, where kids continually kick the toy in the air either alone or in groups.



While the Michigan Chinese School is designed primarily for kids, some of the parents take the opportunity to get back in touch with their heritage as well. Here, Patty Fu of Farmington Hills makes a traditional scroll.

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Chinese culture," said Wang of Livonia. "I hope my children can know their roots. They need to know our roots."

According to extra-curriculum director De-Shiou Chen, it's the origami and folk dance classes that appeal to kids.

"We get a lot of feedback from parents," said Chen of Canton. "Extra-curriculum activities encourage kids to stay in school. They're learning Chinese culture, heritage through activity."

TRADITIONAL CHARACTERS

On a sheet of paper, vice-principal Steve Poe draws two Chinese characters — one traditional, one simplified.

Here at the Michigan Chinese School, volunteer parents teach traditional.

"Mainland China teaches simplified, but ancient Chinese books were written in traditional," said Poe of Canton. "There's a long history behind it. For deeper understanding, I prefer my kids learn traditional first."

West Bloomfield parent Ya-Chun Tsai feels the same way. His two American-born chil-

dren have studied at the school six years.

"I like my kids to be bilingual, have multiple-culture training for their future," said Tsai. "At the school, they have a chance to speak and practice. Sometimes they don't like to learn. Teachers here have humor and are very friendly. It's like a family party."

Tradition is taught in each of the classrooms, whether it's art and painting with Quan Chen of Canton or martial arts and tai-chi with Y-Li Yung Chen Li of Westland who at 86 has been teaching for 65 years; 25 of them at the Michigan Chinese School.

SOUND OF MUSIC

Rachel Wang calls out more bow, more sound to the seven students in the MCS Youth Orchestra. Principal cellist with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra since 1995, Wang teaches Taiwanese and Chinese folk tunes primarily in Chinese but sometimes slips into English.

The Farmington Hills resident studied cello in high school in Taiwan then left in 1987 to pursue a master's degree at University of Michigan. She conducted a youth orchestra while pursuing a doctorate at the University of Texas in Austin.

"I hope that soon the Chinese orchestra can present Chinese music in America," said Wang, who gives a concert with the Livonia Symphony at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville on Palm Sunday, April 4. "We play classical composers but also Taiwanese and Chinese folk tunes. One of the reasons I teach here is because my 8-year-old son has never played cello before with orchestra. Here he can."

Like Wang, Brenda Chen decided to teach Chinese at the school because of her two children ages 13 and 11. Chen was a middle school teacher in Taiwan before coming to

America with her husband, Ted Jan, in 1987. Their children have studied at MCS since preschool.

"It's so important we want our children to know Chinese culture and be able to communicate with grandparents and cousins in Taiwan," said Chen, who also tutors students at Kumon Math and Reading Center in Farmington Hills. "Chinese is difficult. You have to practice to make it perfect. My children speak English in school seven to eight hours a day, then they totally forget Chinese. Children are so capable. They understand this is a privilege."

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when the whole symphony played together. But I really like picking out the individual instruments, like the bassoon. And believe me, without that bassoon, it (the song) would have sounded a whole lot different!"

Some people dream in black and white. Others dream in color. A few people hear music as they sleep. Luan Brownlee's dreams are as vivid as her red hair. If you want to know what Luan sees (and hears) in her dreams, think Beethoven. Close your eyes. Imagine that you are standing in the middle of 1,465 fourth graders. Watch as they raise their batons. Listen as they conduct "Ode to Joy."

If you're the parent of a fourth grader, ask your child if they remember what "glissando" means. (Here's a hint: It was demonstrated on the trombone, piano, harp). And if you want a real treat, ask them to play a song that they've composed.

If you're the parent of a third grader, mark your calendar. Chaperone next year's trip to Plymouth Symphony's "Kids' Concert." I'm sure there are other things that you could be doing, but nothing more important or impressive.

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Accepting differences can help with in-laws

Q. I have been married for three months. I am having trouble with my husband's parents. I would greatly appreciate any information on how to deal with my new in-laws.



The Love Doctor

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D.

The relationship that you have with your husband's family or your in-laws can be difficult at times. This is particularly true for wives and their mothers-in-law, and the difficulties can start very early in a marriage, even at the wedding. There are three stages of a marriage when this relationship can be most stressful: When the couple first gets married, when the couple has their first child, and when an in-law is ill. Since you are a newlywed, you are right at that first challenging period of time. You may feel that you just can't meet the expectations of his family, while at the same time wanting to be accepted by them. Any differences between family backgrounds become more apparent at these three stages as well. Studies show, however, that it

is important for the stability of a marriage (and men's marital happiness) that wives feel close to their husband's family. This is not necessarily the case for husbands and their wives' families. This is true because wives frequently do most of the communicating with both sets of families. Wives are more likely to make contact and maintain family relationships in general.

Here is a quiz to see how close you feel to your in-laws:

1. In general, how close do you feel to your in-laws?
3=very close, 2=fairly close, 1=not too close, 0=not at all close

2. How often do you and your spouse see or have contact with your in-laws?
3=very often, 2=fairly often, 1=not too often, 0=not at all often

3. How often do you, by yourself, see or have contact with your in-laws?
3=very often, 2=fairly often, 1=not too often, 0=not at all often

Add up your points across the three questions. The higher the score, the closer you feel to your in-laws.

Here are a few Love Doctor tips on how to improve the relationship with your in-laws.

- (1) Respect each other and your differences, rather than try to change each other. Remember, you don't have to agree on everything, but be sure to validate and acknowledge their thoughts and feelings.
- (2) Try to accept that, in most circumstances, the relationship between a mother-in-law and a

daughter-in-law will never be as close as that of the relationship between a mother and a daughter. Mothers tend to be protective of their sons, and most mothers-in-law do not think that their daughters-in-law are deserving of their sons.
(3) Finally, in any relationship, especially with your in-laws, everyone needs to feel special and important. So, do your best to help them feel that way.

To submit a question, e-mail The Love Doctor on her web site at www.detroitlove-dr.com.

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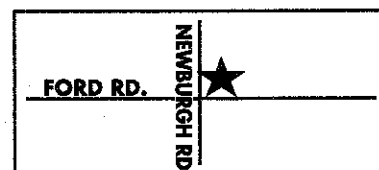
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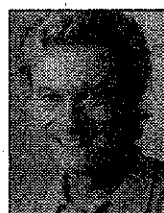
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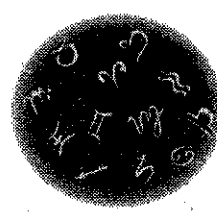
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

A recent change or personal turning point is about to bear fruit. Listen to the advice of someone just a tad older or more experienced. You may think you know all the answers, but what you are about to learn could make the difference between success and failure.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You may feel tempted to break with routine and do something completely out of character this week thanks to Mercury entering your sign. If you have the support of a certain key person, all the better. If not, be prepared to stick your neck out and do it anyway.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Anyone who thinks you're too indecisive will have to think again, as you show how quickly you can react when there is something valuable at stake. Just don't react in typical Twin high octane-quickness that you trip over your feet. Think twice, be nice... and then let 'em have it.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Your strength of character will be put to a test as the week begins, and you'll come through with flying colors! Anyone who thinks you can be coerced into giving what you don't want to give is in for a rude awakening. Wear well your hard outer shell, MoonKidd!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

You can sense that something pretty big is going to happen and you're determined that you won't miss out, right? Just be careful that the event you react to is the main event and not a sideshow. Save your enthusiasm until after the Full Moon on April 5th.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Unless you stand up for your rights this week, you are liable to be taken for a ride— or for granted— by someone who should know better (... especially one who knows YOU better!) While it's true that they have their own problems, that's no reason for them to take them out on you.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

You are far too adept and clever at understanding other people's viewpoints and motivations to take umbrage over what is probably an insignificant slight or affront. Your best course of action is to do nothing for the time being. Go 'on hold' rather than on defensive!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Your determination to have your say appears to be creating quite a stir both at home and at work, and no doubt you have been told that you are out of line. However, your ruling planet now retrograde now is bound to lead to some kind of upheaval. Examine first; don't overreact.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Tuesday and Wednesday's Moon in your element simply means that there is no reason to feel anxious and unsure of yourself when dealing with emotional ties or domestic matters. The moment has come to state precisely what you expect and what you will never accept, tolerate, or condone.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

The \$64,000 question is this: Should you give way over an intensely personal or moral issue or really make a song and dance? No one, no matter how close, must be allowed to change your plans or prevent you from making important changes in the working pattern of your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Make a concerted effort to remain positive this week despite increasing demands on your time and energy. What may appear to be a tiresome and boring chore could in time prove to be the beginning of a new and fulfilling project. After all, "spring" is in the air.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Colleagues or loved ones may appear to be calling the shots, but you are the only one with a clear picture. Don't overstep your bounds, but don't allow anyone to undermine your confidence, either. Study all the possible outcomes to discover the quickest and least hazardous route.

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AROUND TOWN

Friends of Maybury meeting

The Friends of Maybury State Park meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1 at the Northville Public Library to discuss upcoming activities. For more information, call (248) 349-2687.

Artwork critique

Farmington Hills artist Jeri Fellwock will display some of her own work and critique others' work during an appearance for the Three Cities Art Club from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 5 at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Building, located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (248) 262-9711.

Marshmallow drop

Wayne County hosts its annual Marshmallow Drop in two locations April 9, at 9 a.m. in Elizabeth Park in Trenton and at 11 a.m. in the Hines Park-Nankin Mills area. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped, and kids can turn them in for prizes.

Bowling party

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake 2004 bowling party takes place from 1-3 and 3-5 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Colonial Lanes, 1950 South Industrial Lane, in Ann Arbor. This "I Love the 80's" themed celebration is one of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County's most important annual fund-raisers and all proceeds go directly to matching children in need with a responsible caring adult mentor. For more information, to register, or to contribute please visit us at www.bfks.kintera.org/washtenaw or (734) 973-1900.

Adoption information

Adoption Associates, Inc. of Farmington Hills hosts a domestic infant and international (China, Russia, Guatemala) adoption information meeting from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-5566. There is no charge for this event.

Arts and crafts show

Handcrafters sponsors its 22nd-annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show April 3-4 at the Northville Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. 8 Mile at Sheldon in Northville. More than 90 juried artists will be on hand. Show hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 3 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. April 4. Admission is \$2. No baby strollers.

Women business owners

Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at the Lake Forest Golf Club, 3110 West Ellsworth in Ann Arbor (1.5 miles south of I-94 and Ann Arbor-Saline Road). Speaker this month is Maggie Bayless of Zingerman's, who will discuss "The Art of Giving Great Service." Free to members, \$10 guest fee at the door. For more information or to register, go to www.wbo-mich.org or call (734) 332-9300.

Ski travel show

The Metro Detroit Ski Council hosts the 2004-2005 Ski Travel Show from 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, followed by

a spring ski dance with live entertainment from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is free, the public is invited.

Mom 2 Mom sale

Tri-City Christian MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is having a Mom 2 Mom Sale from 8:30 a.m.-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.

Spring break art camp

The Ann Arbor Art Center offers a week-long spring break camp for children ages 9-11 from April 12-16. Participants may register for both morning (9 a.m.-noon) and afternoon (1 p.m.-4 p.m.) sessions, or just one. Activities will include glazing a piece of pottery, drawing, painting, and more! Cost is \$86 for members and \$95 for non-members, with a lab fee of \$15 for both. To register or for more information on spring break camp offered at the Ann Arbor Art Center, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101, check out the Web site at www.annarborartcenter.org or drop by 117 West Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

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.

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.

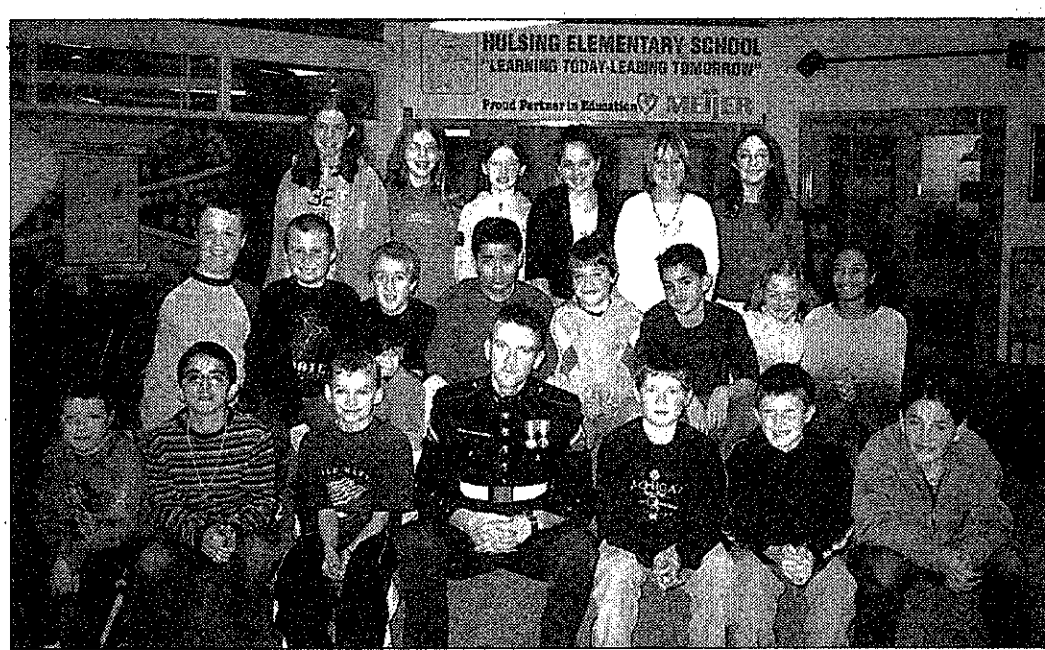
Golden anniversary

The River Park Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (formerly PSI) will be celebrating their 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 additional information please contact Karol Polaczky at kpolaczky@hayes-lemmerz.com or by calling (734) 737-5283, or Angela Devoy at adevoy@smc.org or by phone at (313) 425-3131.

Winterfest beer tasting

The ninth-annual Winterfest Beer Tasting, sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine, takes place from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus. Patrons must be 21 or older and provide identification at the door. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at Merchant's Fine Wine locations or in the Student Activities Office at Schoolcraft College by calling (734) 462-4422.

Junior gardeners



Pen pals

Lance Cpl. Evan Vanover poses with students in Jodi Ring's fifth-grade class at Hulsing Elementary during a recent visit. Vanover was one of the military members to whom students wrote letters in their annual military mail campaign. Vanover is the soldier who found the dog tags of former POW Jessica Lynch.

Washtenaw County MSU Extension hosts a Junior Master Gardener Class for children ages 9-11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays from May 6-June 10 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. In this hands-on program, participants and their parents will explore various gardening topics in a casual atmosphere. Cost for the class is \$35. For application and deadline information, or for additional details, call (734) 997-1678.

Rafting trip

The 16th-annual Schoolcraft College White Water Rafting Trip takes place on the Lower New River in West Virginia June 4-6. Cost is \$141 per participant and includes two nights' camping, a live band on Saturday night, three meals and rafting on Saturday. First payment of \$65 is due April 9. For more information, call the Student Activities Office, (734) 462-4422.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice, 3840 Packard in Ann Arbor, is looking for caring, dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running and clerical services. Call Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, (734) 973-1145, for more information.

Plymouth Optimists

Entertainment 2004 Books on sale with all proceeds to help children throughout southeast Michigan. Price is \$30 and is home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

Fish Fry

The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5-7 p.m. Also, Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

Foster Care

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to

parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971-5776 to find out how you can help.

Entertainment books

Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2004 Entertainment Books to help fund their musical scholarships and charitable activities. They can be ordered by calling (734) 459-6829.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2004 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

CLUBS

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

LBN

Local Business Network is a business networking organization dedicated to helping you grow your business. The Plymouth chapter meets on the first and third Friday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Old Village Law located at 771 N. Mill in Plymouth. Please call Eric Morris at (313) 278-5070 or Scott Montgomery at (734) 462-2277 for further information.

Kiwanis Evening Club

Meetings are held at Atlantis

Restaurant 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782.

Exchange Club of Canton

Meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Roman Forum, 41601 Ford Road in Canton at 6 p.m. Areas of activity are Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities and the Prevention of Child Abuse.

P/C Vietnam Vets of America

Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the Plymouth VFW Post No. 6695 on Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1964 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit Web site www.geocities.com/edenright/PlymouthCantonVVA528.html.

BNI Plymouth II

The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road. The group is looking for new members. Call (734) 459-5696 for further information. West Suburban Stamp Club Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

BPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more information and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

SEPA

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPA (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets 7-9 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, contact Rich Ham-Kucharski, (734) 844-1714.

MOPS-Plymouth

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft,

Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0515. Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman, (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland

The group is looking for moms who are interested in meeting with other mothers for encouragement, teaching, support and friendship. Meetings are the first and third Fridays of each month from September through May. Child care provided for ages birth to 5 years. Call (734) 728-2600 for more information.

La Leche League

Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join in for lunch for more information on the community and international service projects. For more information, e-mail Mary Beardsley at ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and more. For more information, contact Wendi at (734) 394-2542.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees

Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good causes and having a good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 11th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi at (734) 398-5845.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

BNI

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Denny's, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriman, Livonia. The Plymouth I Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

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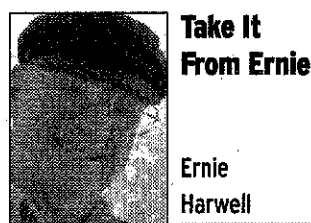
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<p>Isabelle, age 90, of Canton Township, Michigan. Born March 4, 1914, in Poughkeepsie, New York. Died March 26, 2004, in Superior Twp., Michigan. Survivors: son: Randolph (Cindy) Bastion of Canton Twp., Michigan. Grandchildren: Michelle Drys of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Aimee Guddeck of Redford, Michigan; Andrew Bastion of Newaygo, Michigan; Jayson of Newaygo, Michigan. 6 Great Grandchildren. Brothers: William Skovan of Clinton Corners, New York; Joseph (Ann) Skovan of Poughkeepsie, New York. Preceded in death by husband Loyde, and son Loyde Bastion, Jr. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1962 from New York. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. She loved to read. She was a loving Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. Funeral: Monday, March 29, 2004, 10:00 A. M. at The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, Michigan. Memorials may be given to the Plymouth/Canton Education Excellence program. Visitation: Sunday, 1-3pm.</p>	<p>Cynthia L., 49, born June 18, 1954. Beloved mother of Brandy, loving grandmother of Karlee, daughter of Joe & Tommie Nixon. Also survived by sisters Jeanie Lee and Brenda Everson, brothers Kenny Nixon & Russell Nixon, nieces Tuesday Poore and Kristie Lee, nephew Tim Nixon. Great Aunt of Elissa Poore and Trevor Nixon. Memorial gathering held Friday, March 26 at Kerrington, 15975 Eureka Road, Southgate. Memorial contributions can be made to First Step, 26650 Eureka Road, Taylor, MI 48180</p>	<p>Guy Douglas Age 82. March 23, 2004 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Irene. Dear father of Darcy (Cary) Quint and Darryl (Kathy). Loving grandfather of 5. Dear brother of Charlotte (Cecil) Brewer. Visitation Sunday 4-9 PM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Funeral service Monday, 11:00 AM. Interment in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Please sign online guestbook: www.rgharris.com</p>
	<p>HAGERTY Thomas C. passed away March 22, 2004 at the age of 18. Thomas perished in a car accident just east of Weaverville, CA. Thomas is survived by his parents, Donna Hartshorn of Lewiston, CA and David Hagerty of Canton, MI; and his brothers Joseph Hagerty of San Ramon, CA and James Hagerty of Patterson, CA. Additionally, he is survived by paternal & maternal grandparents and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.</p>	<p>WARNER Elizabeth L., age 94, March 1, 2004. Wife of the late Dr. Harold G. Warner, former officer and Director of General Motors Corporation. Mother of the late Carol Ann Warner. Survived by nephews, Kenneth W. Fowler of California and James W. Fowler of New York. Memorial service, Kirk In The Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Wednesday, March 31st at 1:00 p.m. Memorial tributes to the music Endowment Fund. Kirk In The Hills, 48302-1335</p>

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First, consult your doctor. Next, start slow and increase your level of exercise gradually. Even a little exercise is better than none. Just walking three to four times each week for 30 to 40 minutes will deliver many benefits. In fact, the U.S. Surgeon General says 30 minutes of moderate exercise cumulative each day is enough to keep us in shape.

Finally, remember that pain during exercise is a sign that something is wrong. If you experience unusual pain while exercising, slow down or stop until you have again talked to your doctor.

These three simple tips are your keys to improving your health "in the best way."

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.

Massage not just luxury, but medical treatment

BY LAURA COLVIN
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't so long ago that massage was a luxury reserved mostly for professional athletes and the pampered well-to-do.

Not so anymore. The American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) estimates that the percentage of adults receiving a massage has doubled since 1997, with the most significant growth seen in those using the treatments for complementary health care.

More and more, doctors and hospitals are recommending massage therapy to help treat conditions such as high blood pressure, arthritis and lower back pain. It's all part of a wider movement toward more holistic health care.

"The buzz word now is integrative medicine," said Dr. Clinton Greenstone, medical director at Oakwood Hospital's Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Center in Westland. "We're now integrating into conventional therapies what were once alternative approaches."

The treatments are meant to go hand in hand with traditional medicine, he said, and therapies such as massage, those involving human touch, are some of the most commonly recommended by health care professionals. But it's not the same as a trip to the spa every now and then.

"If you're going in a couple of times a week to work on a particular medical condition then it's a real therapy and not just a feel-good relaxation technique," said Greenstone. "Some use the therapy to help with their fibromyalgia, or their chronic pain syndrome or their carpal tunnel. (There is) a distinction between the therapeutic effect of massage therapy, versus a relaxation technique."

Massage can also help reduce stress, boost immunity, alleviate insomnia, tension headaches and other chronic pain.

And, physicians are increasingly recommending massage therapy to help patients cope both physically and emotionally with cancer.



Barbara Welcer (left), a registered nurse, demonstrates Touch Therapy massage on Carolyne Samul of Dearborn.

"The treatment of cancer is quite crude these days," said Greenstone. "We cut things out, we poison (patients) with chemotherapy, we fry them with radiation. These things are quite toxic and the therapy itself can be detrimental to the overall quality of life. If we can counter that, then we're doing them some good."

ALLEVIATES DISCOMFORT

So, while massage certainly won't cure cancer, it can and often does help alleviate some of the discomfort and anxiety that goes along with the disease and its treatment. One study cited by the AMTA suggests that massage performed by a well-trained therapist helps reduce pain and build up of lymphatic fluid in women undergoing treatment for breast cancer. And, perhaps just as importantly, it may help women reconnect with their bodies after the invasive surgeries.

How does it help? According to the AMTA, massage therapy is defined as the hands-on manipulation of muscles and other soft tissues of the body.

Simply put, the manipulation - the pres-

sure and movement of the massage therapist's hands - elongates muscle fibers and increases blood and lymph flow. Translation: more oxygen and nutrients reach the body's cells and more waste is carried away. This is beneficial to anyone, as the body is able to rejuvenate and heal itself more readily when it is cared for. But massage can be especially valuable to sedentary or bedridden patients, as proper circulation and lymph flow depend on muscle contractions that occur during exercise - or massage.

Nancy Carlson is a registered nurse and massage therapist, who, through special funding, is able to provide cancer patients at Oakwood Hospital with free massage. Although the patients aren't always up to a full body treatment, special training has allowed her to bring comfort to many.

"There've been some patients where all I've done is a little bit of very light foot massage, and it was one of the most relaxing things they've felt," she said. "It takes their mind off the pain, so there are immediate results for the patients."

Another benefit of massage, both to cancer patients and others, is a reduction in stress, whether from a life threatening illness or everyday troubles.

"There are certain chemical markers in the blood that measure stress level - cortisol is one of them," said Carlson, "and (researchers) have found that people who've undergone massage, even very gentle, light, comfort oriented massage, have lowered stress markers in the blood."

MOTHERS-TO-BE

And while pregnancy is an exciting, happy time for many women, there's no doubt that it is also a time of considerable transformation and bodily stress.

A therapist certified in prenatal massage can help the mother-to-be get relief from lower back pain caused by the weight gain up front. It can also relieve stress on joints, reduce swelling in hands and feet, and help prepare the muscles used during childbirth.

"The average first-time childbirth is about 18 hours," said Teresa Doherty, a certified massage therapist who works in the massage therapy department at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "During pregnancy, she's literally getting ready for a marathon."

Doherty sees clients at St. Mary's for a wide variety of concerns. Many are pregnant women referred by the hospital's OB/GYNs.

Certified in prenatal massage, Doherty not only helps the patients find relief on the massage table, but also educates them in caring for themselves once they leave the office.

"I send them home with lots of exercises, tools to create relaxation, breathing techniques, and I teach various positions that will bring relief during pregnancy," she said. "I want to empower people to begin taking control of their own health and well-being."

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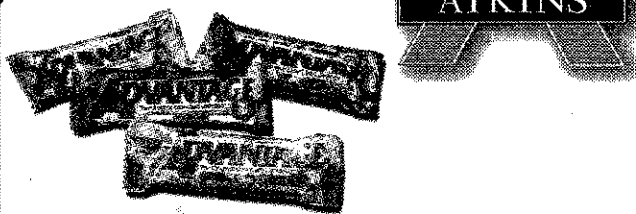


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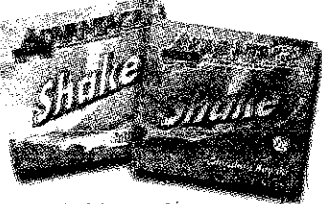
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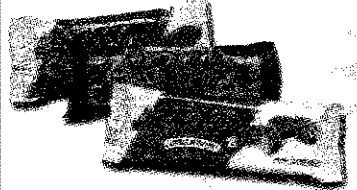
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Artist to critique works

Three Cities Art Club presents Farmington Hills artist Jeri Fellwock at their next meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Plymouth Township Clerk's Building, 42350 Ann Arbor Road (northeast corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads).

Fellwock of Farmington Hills has been exhibiting her work in galleries and juried shows since 1990. Her work is in the corporate collections of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan in Detroit, Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. She is a member of the Farmington Artists Club, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Michigan Watercolor Society and the Birmingham Society of Women Painters.

Fellwock will show some of her work then critique work submitted for her comments. Her free advice will help you improve your technique and give you insights into new directions to take your art.

For members interested in participating, please bring a couple pieces of your work. Everyone will learn through her shared insights. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information about the event or the club, call Marilyn Meredith at (248) 262-9711 (weekdays) or e-mail her at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com

Retired assistant dean thinks new sculpture is the cat's meow

Midge Carleton doesn't like having her photograph taken but she's making an exception for the new ocelot sculpture she and husband Ladd donated to Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Unveiled on the mall in front of the Forum Building in late February, the bronze symbolizes Carleton's 30 years of devotion to the school, first as a nursing instructor and later as assistant dean of the nursing, science and physical education departments.

From 1988 to 1997, she was responsible for overseeing the academic and athletic success of seven intercollegiate athletic teams. The ocelot is their mascot.

"I didn't even know they had a mascot when I took over the athletic department and physical education department," said Midge Carleton of Novi. "I bought stuffed ocelots, and T-shirts and sweat pants with the ocelot on them after I had a student in the graphics department draw an ocelot."

Years later she would work closely with artist Sharon Sommers, who created the sleek, regal bronze cat estimated to cost \$16,500. Husband Ladd, a retired Channel 7 photographer, captured the process from beginning to the final casting at a foundry in Clarkston.

"I thought people should know what it was if they're going to call the teams Ocelots," said Carleton, who'd been involved with sports since her children were in Little League. "We have an ocelot at home very similar to an ocelot. I love animals. I was brought up on a farm with 1,000 laying chickens."

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Carleton was the mother of four small children when she came to teach a psychiatric nursing course at



Midge Carleton and her husband Ladd donated this bronze sculpture to Schoolcraft College. Midge Carleton was assistant dean for the athletic and physical education departments from 1988 to 1997.

Schoolcraft College for 8 weeks in 1970. She never left.

Before moving to Michigan, she held a variety of professional staff nursing, administrative and nurse education positions in Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. In 1993, Carleton's years of involvement in nursing education were recognized when the Michigan League for Nursing bestowed its Distinguished Service Award on her.

"It's an excellent place to work," said Carleton. "I enjoyed being with the students. I didn't want to move into a higher administrative position. I enjoyed the students coming into the office to talk and with their problems. I'm most proud of working with students."

"I helped faculty carry out

their ideas rather than force anything on them. They came up with great ideas and you help them realize. I had a job to do and I did it. Sometimes it was difficult because I had to say no."

Carleton will miss the students and staff but wants to spend more time with her six grandchildren - and travel. This weekend she left for a Civil War Cruise followed by a trip to Maine where she and Ladd, her husband of 47 years, have recently purchased a home. From there it's on to Nova Scotia.

"I enjoyed seeing athletes that go on to the tournaments," said Carleton. "You support the good students, encourage the bad to be better. That's not just in academics, sports. That's everything. That's life."

Carleton's friend, Midge

Ellis, thinks the former assistant dean is much too modest about her contributions, especially to the athletics department. In fact, Carleton was so dedicated that she stayed on until a replacement was found in December 2002 even though she retired in June of that year.

"When Midge was involved with athletics, it got more positive attention because she saw to it that it did," said Midge Ellis, a Livonia resident who worked with Carleton during the 17 years that Ellis coordinated special events at the college. "There were rules for the athletes. She was very instrumental in getting that grade point average up. If they didn't, they sat on the bench. The grade point average of athletes rose while she was there."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 4/02/04 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI a public auction of the following:

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Plymouth, Michigan

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan, will accept sealed bids up until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 for employee group insurance program providing the following coverage:

- SECTION 125 CAFETERIA BENEFITS PLAN TO INCLUDE:
- FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT
- MEDICAL/HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE
- PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE
- DENTAL INSURANCE
- VISION INSURANCE

Specifications and proposal forms are available at the Office of the Administrative Services Director during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL A. STONE
Administrative Services Director

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO PURCHASE LAND

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools solicits all interested and qualified persons to submit offers for the Board's sale of approximately 15.2 acres of land located on the South side of Warren Road, East of Ridge Road in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan. It is located 1 mile North of M-153 (Ford Road) and 1 1/2 miles East of the County line. The parcel number for this land is 71-030-99-0001-002. The property is currently zoned with a Rural Agricultural District (RA) classification, however, special conditions could allow for residential or other uses.

The land is described as: "Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8 described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 8, thence S 0° 15' 03" E, 1,896.65 feet, thence S 89° 47' 20" W, 642.83 feet, thence N 0° 10' 37" W, 948.19 feet, thence N 89° 46' 35" E, 581.57 feet, thence N 0° 15' 0" W, 948.31 feet, thence N 89° 45' 50" E, 60 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 15.2 acres more or less and is subject to any and all restrictions, easements and rights of way of record.

Any interested persons may contact Mr. Kenneth Jacobs, Director of Support Services, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at (734) 416-3156 for additional information. Offers to Purchase are due to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 30, 2004. Offers must be in clearly marked "Offer to Purchase Land" and attention to Daniel Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing.

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

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Electrical Improvements for Farrand Elementary School, Hoben Elementary School, Canton High School, and Tanger Center**. Specifications and bid forms will be available for viewing on or after March 29, 2004 at the office of the District's architects, TMP Associates, located at 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302; the McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge Plan Room in Southfield, MI; the Reed Construction Data Plan Room in Novi, MI; or the Construction Association of Michigan, in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Sealed bids are due on or before 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 15, 2004 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE: Electrical Improvements Bid, PCCS E.J. McClendon Building, 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.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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WAYNE COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter IV, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, seven or more freeholders have petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue:

All of Jewell Avenue, 60 feet wide, as dedicated for the use of the public in McMullan Brothers Huron Hills Subdivision, being part of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 21, T. 3S., R. 8E., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 61 of plats on Page 54, Wayne County Records.

Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the county shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

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

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
Real Estate, 3rd Floor
Attention: Curtis M. Brochue
415 Clifford Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226
313-224-7759

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

WALWORTH COUNTY

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Case No. 04-CV-00095

TO: Thomas Buccci
12066 Medford Court
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN: To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff Trostel, Ltd. has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within forty-five (45) days after Sunday, March 28, 2004, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is 100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53202 and to plaintiff's attorney, Howard, Solochek, & Weber, S.C., whose address is 324 East Wisconsin Avenue, #1100, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. You may have an attorney help you to represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within forty-five (45) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 24th day of March, 2004.

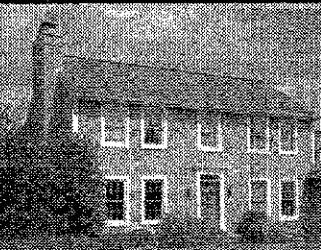
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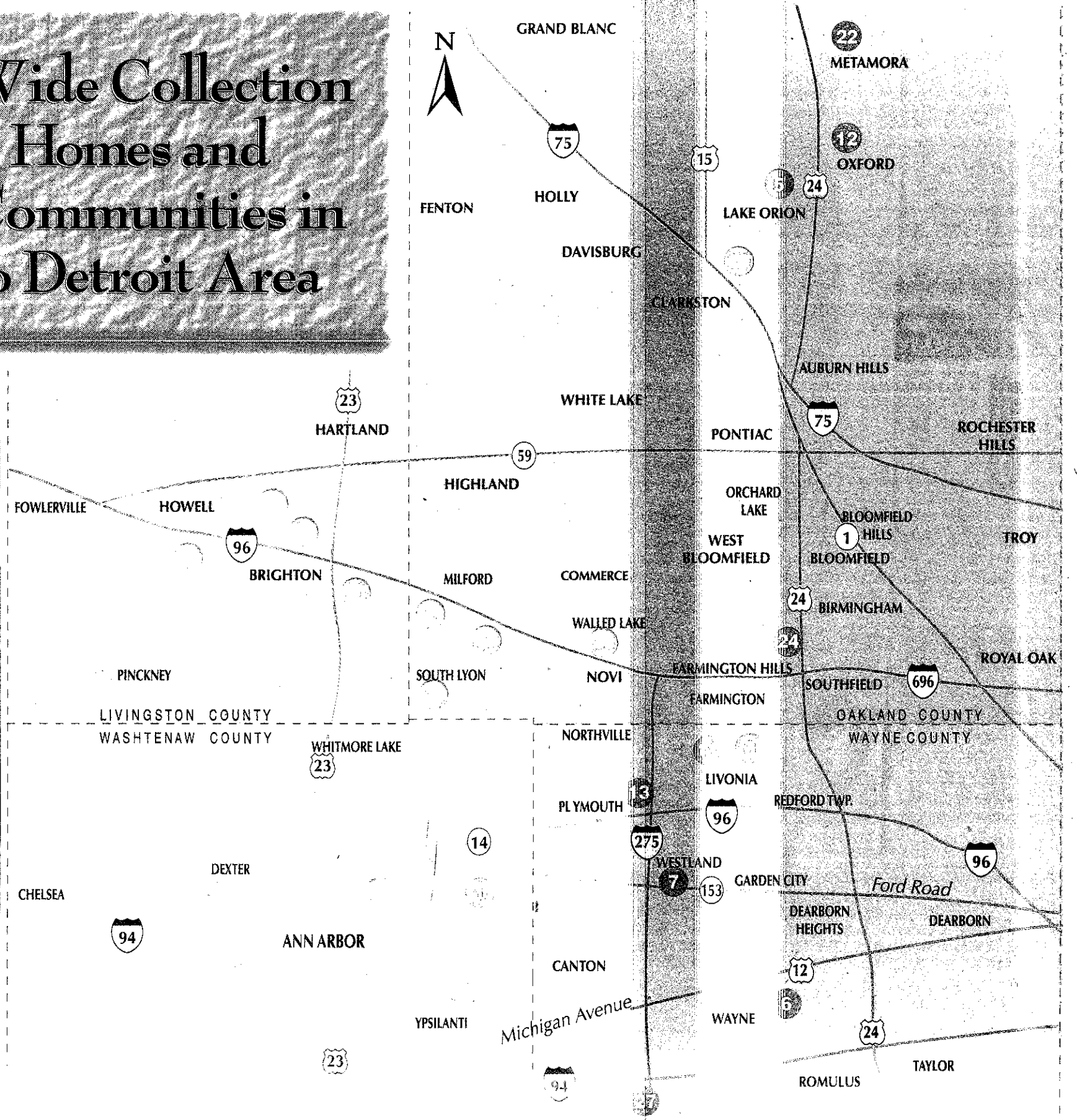
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Tips for marrying windows and lifestyles

(MS) — Exchanging vows on your wedding day isn't the only time in life you'll say "I do" to a long-term commitment. When selecting building products for the construction of a new home or the renovations of a cherished older home, you make a long-term commitment to the products that will shelter your family for many years.

Experts at Simonton Windows, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of vinyl windows and patio doors, advise that before making a purchase, it's important to research the products you select for your home and to make sure those products — especially your windows — match your long-term needs.

Here are some questions to ask yourself before purchasing new construction or replacement windows.

- How long do we intend to live in this house?
- How important is low maintenance and easy care to us in the products we want in our home?
- Will any older relatives be living with us now or in the future?
- Are we planning on having young children living in this home at any point?
- How important is natural sunlight to us in our ideal home?
- Do we enjoy small, cozy spaces in a home or larger, open rooms?
- Do we want lots of ventilation in our home throughout the year, or are we more comfortable with air conditioning and heating units being in operation?

MATCH EXPECTATIONS

The answers to these questions can lead you down the path toward ordering windows that perfectly match up with your long-term expectations for your home.

"The single hung windows you decide will work fine in your home today may be unacceptable in five years if you have young children," says Simonton's Vice President of Marketing, Chris Monroe. "At that time, it may be better to have double hung windows to gain ventilation from the top of the units while keeping the bottom sash safely closed to prevent accidents.

"However, if you're a middle-aged family interested in double hung windows and intending to live in your home for several decades, you may want to think again. The easy operation of crank-out

casement windows may be preferred over the stretching and lifting required to operate Double Hung windows."

Looking for some tips to make certain you choose the right windows for your home? Try these:

Tip 1 — Analyze your lifestyle. For example, if one family member thrives on gardening, consider adding a garden window in a kitchen or laundry room. The "bump out" feature of the garden window offers the opportunity for growing plants and herbs year-round in any climate.

Tip 2 — Ask yourself lots of questions. If you're a homeowner who responds positively to the question about liking "nooks and crannies" and cozy spaces in your home, this may signal a lifestyle that cries out for window seats and breakfast nooks created with bay and bow windows. Imagine your delight with a front bay window that displays holiday decorations each year or a bow window in a master bedroom that serves as a quiet reading place.

Tip 3 — Determine how much sunlight you like. If you crave "wide open spaces" in your home, consider large walls of windows and picture windows to capture views and bring in more natural light. You may also appreciate the advantages of slider windows that offer larger views and massive amounts of ventilation.

Tip 4 — Decide how much maintenance you want to do on your windows long term. If you have a fast-paced lifestyle with little time for household chores, then no-hassle vinyl framed windows may be your best choice. Many people rely on the easy care of vinyl frames so that they don't have the continual burden of scraping and repainting window frames year after year.

Tip 5 — Think about keeping your windows clean. If you have a multi-story home with windows that are difficult to reach from the outside, request self-cleaning glass for the exterior of your windows. Having this unique glass means you'll spend virtually no time at all during the year maintaining the outside of your windows. Or, if you prefer, select tilt-in double hung windows that make it easy to clean your windows from the inside of your home.

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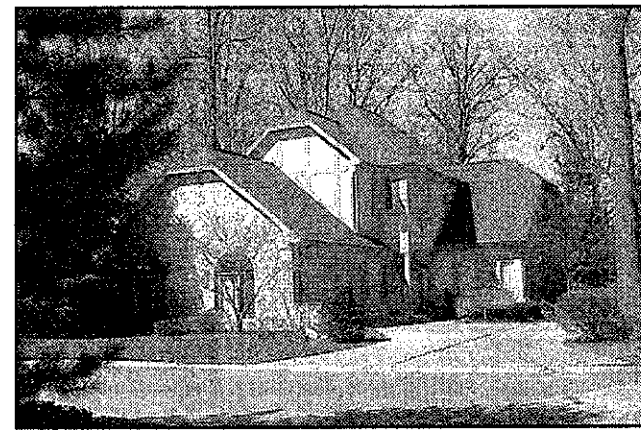
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The entry to the Lauretta is between the vaulted dining room and the vaulted living room. The living room has two skylights in the front as well as three large windows that overlook the front yard.

The dining room is open and adjacent to the elongated kitchen to the right. L-shaped counters contain a dishwasher, dual sinks, range and oven and refrigerator. An angular island in the center has an eating bar. The nook has large windows, a skylight and a door to the side deck.

Behind the kitchen is a large utility room with a long workbench, freezer, sink and the washer and dryer. A door goes into the two-car garage as well

as a door opens to the in-law/guest suite entrance. At the rear of the entrance is a door that opens onto the deck. The suite has a wall closet, full bath with a shower and single sink, as well as a great-sized suite area.

Two bedrooms are in the rear of the Lauretta with a full bath between. An elongated storage closet is across from the bathroom.

The vaulted family room is open with two skylights and French doors that open onto the rear deck. A two-way fireplace with a wood box is between the family room and the dining room. This provides a cozy feel on those cold winter nights.

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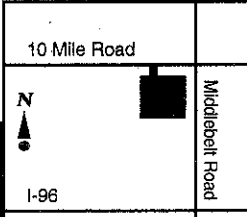
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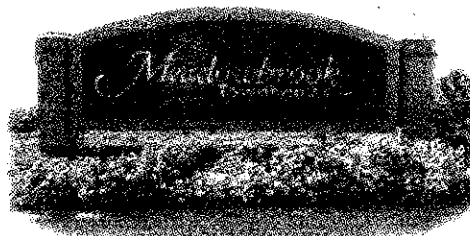
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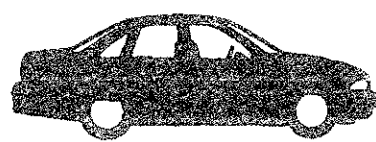
2004 Ford Taurus Gets A Softer Look

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**By Anne Fracassa
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Well, it's gone. Thank God for small favors.

I'm talking about that gaping hole in the front of the previous generation of Ford Taurus that made it remind me, along with the huge headlamps, that this was a larger-than-life car, instead of a car.

Mean, aren't I?

Sorry. Never liked that look. At least now the front of the 2004 Ford Taurus has been softened with the addition of pretty grille inside a much smaller hole. Gone are those hideous front headlamps as well, replaced by teardrop lenses. Even the bumper is stylish, sporting an air dam.

In fact, the new exterior redesign not only freshens this nearly 20-year-old model, but changes it by putting it in a new light. The design is actually a little sportier than all the previous models, making it look like it's destined for the younger buyer. Even the rear treatment has been changed – for the better. Since 1985, Ford has sold an average of 350,000 Taurus' every year, culminating in 6 million Taurus' sold today.

Ford says Taurus is also one of the top 10 best-selling vehicles in the U.S. There are two body styles available: a four-door sedan and four-door station wagon. The sedan will seat five or six passengers and the station wagon is capable of seating up to eight passengers. There are also four trim levels to choose from: LX, SE, SES and the top-of-the-line SEL.

Most are sold in the SE and SES levels.

Driven this week was the top-of-the-line SEL. More than enjoyable to have everything you could ever want in a vehicle. The option list is so long that you won't want for anything. Comfort is the key, here.

Powertrain choices are paramount when choosing a vehicle you'll be driving for several years. You want enough power to get you where you want to go and sometimes you want that in a hurry.



2004 Ford Taurus. Vehicle class: Midsize passenger vehicle. Power: 3.0-liter V6 engine. Mileage: 20 mpg city/27 mpg highway. Where built: Atlanta and Chicago. Price as tested: \$26,485.

No worries with the Taurus. Powered by a 3.0-liter Vulcan V6 overhead valve engine that promises 155 horses under the hood is more than what you bargained for in the standard model. You can also opt for the 3.0-liter dual overhead cam Duratec V6 that affords you 201 horsepower for optimum power as well. All are equipped with a four-speed automatic transmission with adaptive shift control programming. As always, the Taurus is a front-wheel-drive vehicle.

Safety has been always a key component for Ford vehicles and Taurus is no exception. The Taurus station wagon has been selected by Parents Magazine as one of the best for families, so safety is an issue with them, too.

Other awards have been given – a double five-star rating from the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (the highest given by NHTSA) for frontal collision crash tests and a “Best Pick” from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in an offset front crash test. Taurus had won that award for the past five years in a row.

Not bad.

On the inside, Taurus is well laid out, with buttons, controls and knobs all within easy reach and easy to understand. Seating is comfortable and planned well, too. The driver's seat is powered and lumbar controls make the difference in daily driving. In the rear, there's a 60/40 split/fold rear seat as well.

Let's mention safety for a moment. There are dual-stage air bags, like I mentioned earlier, along with an antitheft system, sided impact door beams, child seat tether anchors, child safety rear door locks, battery saver feature, remote keyless entry, keyless entry keypad and anti-lock brakes.

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The Taurus has grown up a lot since its inception and introduction in 1985. I think it's time for you to take another look at this vehicle and see if it's right for you.

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<p>2004 TAURUS SE</p> <p>Merlot clear coat metallic, air, painted alum wheels, remote keyless entry, speed control, 3.0L engine, rear spoiler. Stock #40888. Was \$21,360</p> <p>NOW \$12,137**</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: left;"> <thead> <tr> <th>39 Month Lease Renewal**</th> <th>Mo. pymt.</th> <th>Due at Signing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A Plan</td> <td>\$224⁹⁹</td> <td>\$478¹⁴</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X Plan</td> <td>\$249⁹⁹</td> <td>\$504²⁴</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"DD" Plan</td> <td>\$254⁹⁹</td> <td>\$510²²</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: left;"> <thead> <tr> <th>66 Mo. Flexbuy with renewal</th> <th>Mo. pymt.</th> <th>Due at Signing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A Plan</td> <td>\$195⁹⁹</td> <td>\$1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X Plan</td> <td>\$209⁹⁹</td> <td>\$1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"DD" Plan</td> <td>\$212⁹⁹</td> <td>\$1000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><small>Flex Buy payments shown are for first 36 mos. Months 37-66 increase by \$50 per mo.</small></p>	39 Month Lease Renewal**	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing	A Plan	\$224 ⁹⁹	\$478 ¹⁴	X Plan	\$249 ⁹⁹	\$504 ²⁴	"DD" Plan	\$254 ⁹⁹	\$510 ²²	66 Mo. Flexbuy with renewal	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing	A Plan	\$195 ⁹⁹	\$1000	X Plan	\$209 ⁹⁹	\$1000	"DD" Plan	\$212 ⁹⁹	\$1000	<p>2004 FOCUS ZTS</p> <p>Auto, air, power windows, power locks, tilt, speed control. Stock #41458. Was \$16,965 Includes 5 year/100K power train warranty!</p> <p>NOW \$10,969**</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: left;"> <thead> <tr> <th>36 Mo. Lease Renewal**</th> <th>Mo. pymt.</th> <th>Due at Signing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A Plan</td> <td>\$200⁹⁹</td> <td>\$348⁹⁹</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X Plan</td> <td>\$223⁹⁹</td> <td>\$372⁹⁹</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"DD" Plan</td> <td>\$229⁹⁹</td> <td>\$378⁹²</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	36 Mo. Lease Renewal**	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing	A Plan	\$200 ⁹⁹	\$348 ⁹⁹	X Plan	\$223 ⁹⁹	\$372 ⁹⁹	"DD" Plan	\$229 ⁹⁹	\$378 ⁹²	<p>2005 ESCAPE</p> <p>Duratec 23-23.3L I4 engine, 4 speed auto O/D trans, roof rack w/cross bars, convenience group. Stock #50045. Was \$20,435</p> <p>NOW \$15,058**</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: left;"> <thead> <tr> <th>24 Mo. Lease Renewal**</th> <th>Mo. pymt.</th> <th>Due at Signing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A Plan</td> <td>\$196⁹⁹</td> <td>\$298⁹⁷</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X Plan</td> <td>\$234⁹⁷</td> <td>\$338⁹⁹</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"DD" Plan</td> <td>\$242⁹⁴</td> <td>\$347⁹²</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	24 Mo. Lease Renewal**	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing	A Plan	\$196 ⁹⁹	\$298 ⁹⁷	X Plan	\$234 ⁹⁷	\$338 ⁹⁹	"DD" Plan	\$242 ⁹⁴	\$347 ⁹²	<p>2004 MUSTANG</p> <p>40th Anniversary Pkg., V6, rear spoiler, speed control, air, 6 CD changer, 16" alloy wheels. Stock #40363. Was \$21,440</p> <p>NOW \$12,935**</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: left;"> <thead> <tr> <th>36 Mo. Lease Renewal**</th> <th>Mo. pymt.</th> <th>Due at Signing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A Plan</td> <td>\$218⁹²</td> <td>\$426⁹²</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X Plan</td> <td>\$245⁷⁹</td> <td>\$455⁹⁰</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"DD" Plan</td> <td>\$251⁷⁶</td> <td>\$461⁸⁷</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	36 Mo. Lease Renewal**	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing	A Plan	\$218 ⁹²	\$426 ⁹²	X Plan	\$245 ⁷⁹	\$455 ⁹⁰	"DD" Plan	\$251 ⁷⁶	\$461 ⁸⁷	<p>2004 FREESTAR SE</p> <p>3.9L OHV EFI engine, 4 speed auto O/D trans, air, 3.54 ratio reg. axle, electronic group, cross bars, rear cargo net & more. Stock #42202. Was \$28,120</p> <p>NOW \$17,958**</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: left;"> <thead> <tr> <th>36 Month Lease Renewal**</th> <th>Mo. pymt.</th> <th>Due at Signing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A Plan</td> <td>\$247⁹⁹</td> <td>\$562⁴¹</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X Plan</td> <td>\$279⁹⁹</td> <td>\$596²⁹</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"DD" Plan</td> <td>\$313⁹⁹</td> <td>\$572²⁹</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: left;"> <thead> <tr> <th>66 Mo. Flexbuy with renewal</th> <th>Mo. pymt.</th> <th>Due at Signing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A Plan</td> <td>\$298⁹⁹</td> <td>\$1200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X Plan</td> <td>\$316⁹⁹</td> <td>\$1200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"DD" Plan</td> <td>\$319⁹⁹</td> <td>\$1200</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><small>Flex Buy payments shown are for first 36 mos. Months 37-66 increase by \$50 per mo.</small></p>	36 Month Lease Renewal**	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing	A Plan	\$247 ⁹⁹	\$562 ⁴¹	X Plan	\$279 ⁹⁹	\$596 ²⁹	"DD" Plan	\$313 ⁹⁹	\$572 ²⁹	66 Mo. Flexbuy with renewal	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing	A Plan	\$298 ⁹⁹	\$1200	X Plan	\$316 ⁹⁹	\$1200	"DD" Plan	\$319 ⁹⁹	\$1200
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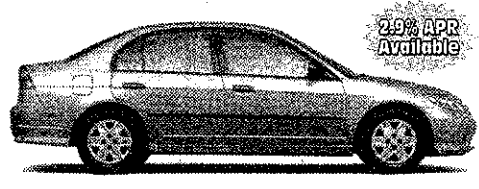
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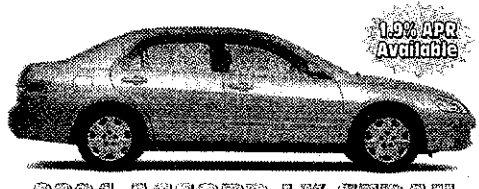
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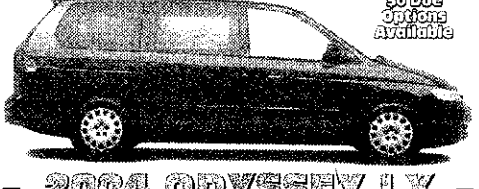
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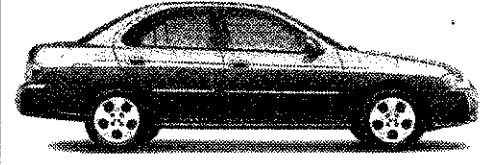
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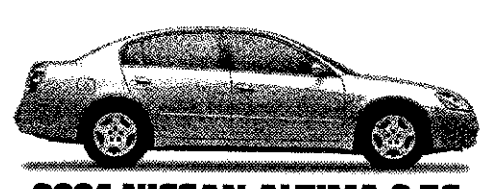
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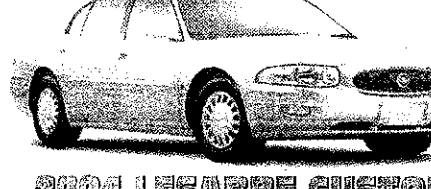
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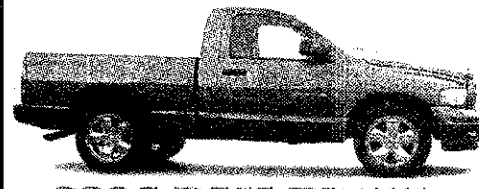
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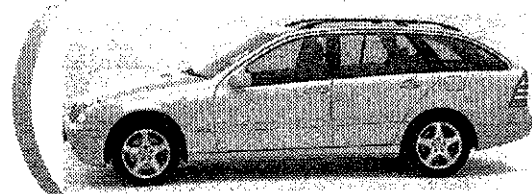
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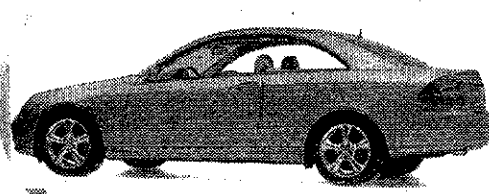
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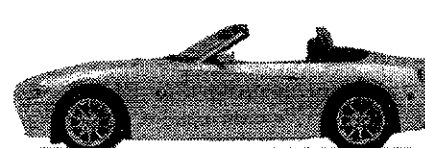
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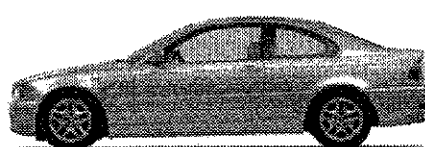
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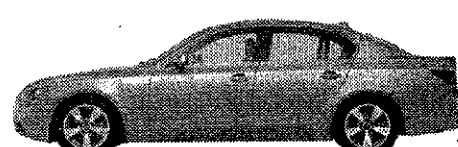
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4-speed auto, air, tilt, pwr wind/locks, alum wheels, AM/FM/CD. Stock #040960	Air, 4-speed auto, tilt, cruise, pwr wind/locks, 3.8 (V6), 16" alum wheels, AM/FM/CD. Stock #040855	Air, 5-speed man trans, rear defrost, mats, AM/FM/CD & more. Stock #040382	Air, 3.4 V6, 4-speed auto trans, pwr wind/locks, tilt, defogger, AM/FM & CD. Stock #2828
GMS SALE PRICE 24 Mos. SmartLease	GMS SALE PRICE 24 Mos. SmartLease	GMS SALE PRICE 48 Mos. SmartLease	GMS SALE PRICE 24 Mos. SmartLease
\$12,692* \$109** mo.	\$17,021* \$139** mo.	\$13,021* \$149** mo.	\$18,724* \$289** mo.
<small>\$1895** Due At Lease Signing</small>	<small>\$1895** Due At Lease Signing</small>	<small>\$1895** Due At Lease Signing</small>	<small>\$1895** Due At Lease Signing</small>

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2004 CENTURY CUSTOM	2004 RENDEZVOUS CX	2004 LeSABRE CUSTOM	2004 RAINIER CXL 2WD
Pwr wind/locks, tilt, cruise, auto, air, 3100 V6 and much more. Stock #044221	Pwr wind/locks, tilt, cruise, auto, air, V6, keyless & more. Stock #044343	AM/FM/CD, pwr wind/locks, tilt, cruise, auto, air, 3000 (V6) & more. Stock #044312	Leather, pwr wind/locks, tilt, cruise, auto, air, V-6, AM/FM/CD & more. Stock #044184
GMS SALE PRICE 48 Mos. SmartLease	GMS SALE PRICE 24 Mos. SmartLease	GMS SALE PRICE	GMS SALE PRICE 24 Mos. SmartLease
\$15,957* \$144** mo.	\$19,527* \$193** mo.	\$19,690*	\$28,058* \$270** mo.
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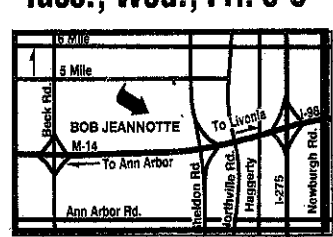
2004 ENVOY XUV	2004 SIERRA 4x4	2004 ENVOY SLE	2004 YUKON 4x4
SLE pkg., power windows & locks, chrome wheels, trailer pkg., CD & more. Stock #045428	Auto, air, locking differential, CD and much more. Stock #045247	SLE Decor, pwr wind/locks/mirrors, keyless, chrome, CD, trailer pkg., & more. Stock #045393	SLE Pkg., pwr wind/locks/mirrors/seats, CD, keyless trailer pkg., & more. Stock #045367
GMS SALE PRICE 36 Mos. SmartLease	GMS SALE PRICE 48 Mos. SmartLease	GMS SALE PRICE 36 Mos. SmartLease	GMS SALE PRICE 48 Mos. SmartLease
\$28,839* \$276** mo.	\$18,833* \$216** mo.	\$23,104* \$259** mo.	\$32,605* \$387** mo.
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