

OBITUARIES

JOANNE J. BLEILER

Services for Joanne J. Bleiler, 60, of Grosse Ile, were held March 17 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi with the Rev. John Budde officiating. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Bleiler was born Oct. 31, 1949, in Detroit and died March 14 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker, an avid Red Wing fan and enjoyed bowling, gardening, playing cards and animals.

She is survived by husband, William; son, Jeffrey (Amy); daughter, Toni (Fred) Velimure;

mother, Mildred; brother, James (Linda) Hogan; and nine grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her father, Joseph.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society, P.O. Box 21482, Auburn Hills, 48321-4182.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

MARIANNA TWOREK

Services for Marianna Tworek, 86, of Farmington Hills, were held March 16 at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Tworek was born April

23, 1911, in Bychawa, Poland, and died March 12 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She worked as a clerk for the Polish Electric Company in Poland and enjoyed gardening, sewing, cooking, music and travel.

She is survived by children, Alicja Woloszyn and Hanna Obertynski; and grandchildren, Tom and Agatha.

Memorial contributions can be made to Orchard Lake St. Mary's School, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake 48324.

Arrangements made by A.J. Diamond & Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak.

Local girl gets into the swim



Spectacular finish: The Miami University Collegiate Team wraps up its recent performance in the 2000 Chevrolet United States Synchronized Team Skating Championships at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUSCKEBAUM

Costick Center hosts karate championship

The Japanese Shotokan Karate-Do Association (J.S.K.A.) is sponsoring the annual Junior Karate Championship at the William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

The championship, for students ages 6 to 15 and from

beginner-through-black belt level, is at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 26. The tournament will feature competition in individual form, sparring and team form. The public is invited to attend. A \$5 donation for all ages is welcome.

The Costick Center is at 28600 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road. J.S.K.A. is based in Dearborn Heights, with branches in Farmington Hills, Rochester, Southfield and West Bloomfield. Call 734-724-9311 for information.

By BRAD KADREICH
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Going into last week's 200th Chevrolet Synchronized Team skating championships, Plymouth coach Carrie Brown figured her novice team might have the best shot at a medal.

Turns out she was right. The novice team picked up the pewter medal, finishing fourth of 13 teams and leading the Gems on Ice triumvirate to three solid showings at the national competition, held at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

"They had a real good program," Brown said. "We didn't think of winning or getting a medal. They just wanted to skate a nice, clean skate, and that's what they did."

There was even a measure of revenge for the novice team. The only team in the competition the Plymouth team hadn't beaten,

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from Dearborn, finished fifth.

"We had a couple of bobbles, but there was a lot of pressure on the kids because it was the nationals," Brown said. "I think all three of the teams did really well. They did the best they could."

Meanwhile, Marie Pacini of Farmington performed with the Gems Novice team. The girls chose the theme "BEE-lieve" after one of them found a children's book called, "Buzzy the Bumblebee."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUSCKEBAUM
She's a bee-liever: Chris Pacini of Farmington awaits her daughter Marie's performance with the Gems Novice team.

CAMPUS PIPELINE

David P. Crabill pledged the Albion College chapter of Delta Tau Delta fraternity during the 2000 spring semester.

Delta Tau Delta is a social fraternity that was founded at Bethany College in Bethany, W. Va. on March 5, 1858.

The "Deltas" support the Habitat for Humanity and Adopt-a-Highway programs. Crabill is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management. He is the son of Preston M.

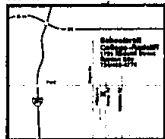
and Barbara W. Crabill of Farmington and a graduate of North Farmington High School. Albion College is a private liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

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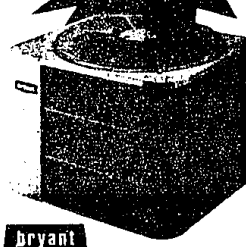
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