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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Input on DDA: Westland residents will have an opportunity at 5:30 p.m. Monday to voice their opinions on efforts to spruce up two of the city's major corridors during a public meeting at the Westland public library.

TUESDAY

Child safety: Parents are invited to attend a free workshop on "Teaching Personal Safety to Children" 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, by Youth Living Centers, 30000 Hiveley Road, Inkster. For more information, call (734) 728-3400.

WEDNESDAY

From Beethoven to Mozart: The Arianna String Quartet will perform the music of Mozart and Beethoven noon Wednesday in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Livonia. The concert is free.

THURSDAY

Off to see Oz: John Glenn High School's production of "Oz" opens at 7 p.m. Thursday at John Glenn Auditorium. Tickets at the door are \$4 for students and \$7 for adults.

On 42nd Street: Churchill High School presents the 1930s Broadway musical "42nd Street" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Carli Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

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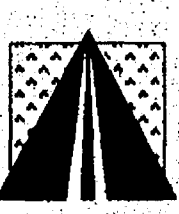
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Wayne-Ford tops accident list

The Wayne-Ford intersection kept its long-standing No. 1 ranking for accidents, and the overall number of roadway crashes in Westland climbed from 2,094 to 2,247.

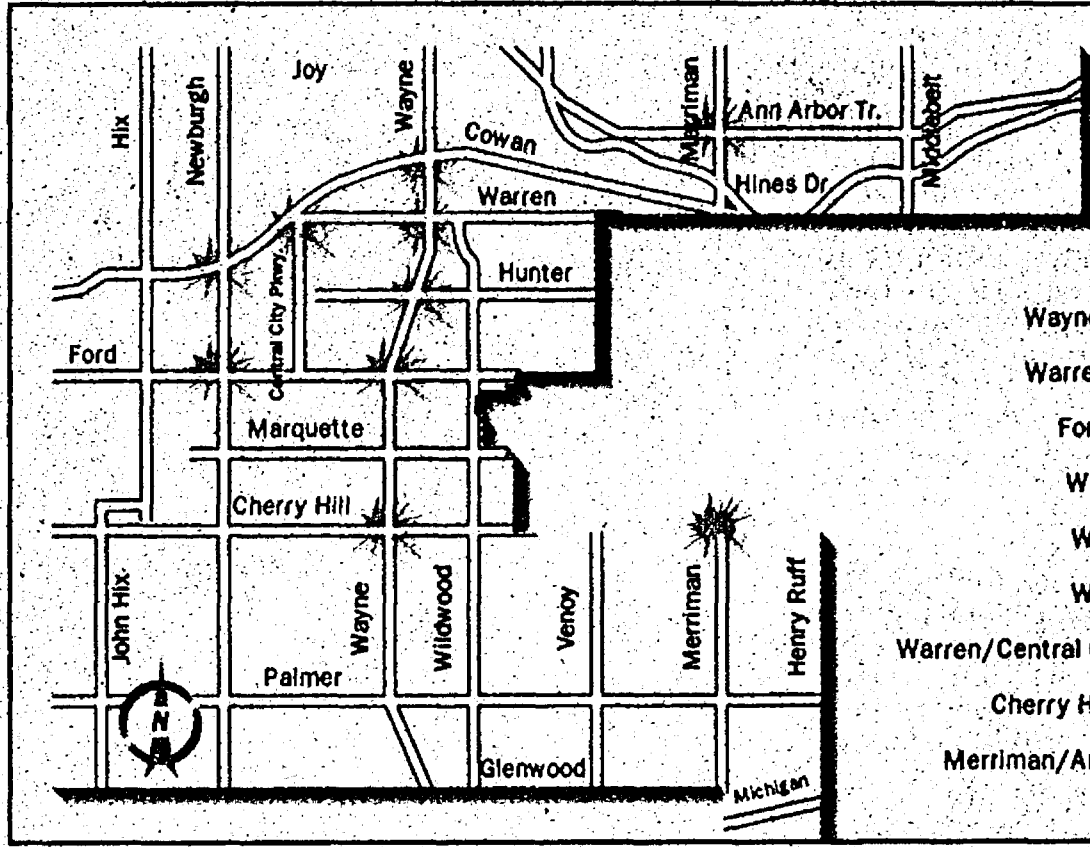


More drivers collided at Wayne and Ford roads than at any other Westland intersection in 1997, a newly-released study shows.

The Wayne-Ford intersection kept its long-standing No. 1 ranking for accidents even though the number of crashes dipped from 110 in 1996 to 90 last year, Westland police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

He attributed the decrease to closer police scrutiny of drivers making improper left turns out of commercial driveways near the intersection.

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10 worst intersections in Westland

A comparison of accidents in 1997 and 1996

Wayne/Ford	90	110
Wayne/Cherry Hill	73	67
Warren/Newburgh	72	83
Ford/Newburgh	69	63
Wayne/Warren	67	60
Wayne/Hunter	61	53
Wayne/Cowan	47	40
Warren/Central City Parkway	45	21
Cherry Hill/Merriman	43	43
Merriman/Ann Arbor Trail	43	1997
	41	1996

It's all about education

Teacher of year: Nominated by Schweitzer Elementary colleague Carol Osterling, Patricia Colligan, was chosen by a committee of judges that reviewed 236 candidates for the Teacher of the Year award. Now she will be honored - along with Westland's top father, mother and high school senior - during the mayor's State of the City address at 7 p.m. April 8 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road.



For top teacher, job is a calling

This is the third in a four-part series on the Salute to Excellence winners.

After finishing her spelling assignment, 9-year-old Stephani Rowley quietly left her desk and began writing on a chalkboard in a rear corner of teacher Patricia Colligan's classroom.

"I like my teacher," she wrote, not realizing she was being observed as she passed a few spare moments near the end of another school day at Schweitzer Elementary School.

Turning away from the chalkboard, Stephani smiled when asked to explain why she likes her teacher.

"Because she teaches us about things like the Titanic, the planets, the body system, the community we live in, the judges and the government," she said. "Plus she's

nice."

Colligan has now reached a milestone in her 11th year of teaching by being named Teacher of the Year as part of Westland Mayor Robert Thomas' 1998 Salute to Excellence Awards.

Nominated by Schweitzer colleague Carol Osterling, Colligan was chosen by a committee of judges that reviewed 236 candidates. Now she will be honored - along with Westland's top father, mother and high school senior - during the mayor's State of the City address at 7 p.m. April 8 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road.

"This is humbling," Colligan, 50, said during an after-school interview in her Westland classroom, where she

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District OK'd over objections

Canton officials will allow for a \$1.3-million special assessment district to build a road and drag water and sewer to a planned corporate park that neighbors the Holiday Park Nature Preserve.

Burton Katzman Development Company and other property owners will pay back the \$1.3 million through an assessment on tax bills over the next 10 years.

The township board unanimously agreed to the SAD Tuesday despite opposition from residents of Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Westland and representatives from the Holiday Nature Preserve Association and Friends of the Rouge River.

"If Canton agrees to bankroll this, then we lose most of it, if not all," said Jack Smiley of Westland, who sits on the board of directors for the Friends of the Rouge River.

Canton resident Dave Thomas told board members, "Nothing will replace what took nature hundreds of years to make. I think it's time to save the few natural areas we have left."

A group of preservationists has been attempting to get Wayne County Parks and Recreation to extend the 530-acre Holiday Nature Preserve by buying a portion of the Koppernick property.

"Once (Koppernick Corporate Park) goes through it will be totally enclosed by 'progress,' if you will," said Doug DiMeglio of Canton.

The Koppernick Corporate Park is planned for an area that extends between I-275 and the C&O railroad tracks, between Koppernick and Warren. The Holiday Park is to the east of the railroad tracks in the city of Westland.

The Tonquish Creek, which feeds into the Rouge River, also runs at the southern edge of the property.

Chuck DiMaggio of Burton Katzman said current plans are to build two office/warehouse buildings approximately 66,000 and 91,000 square-feet in size on property nearest I-275.

They don't have plans for the property closest to the nature preserve, he said.

"We initiated discussion with the county to buy the property before we were even made aware of the (Holiday Nature Preserve) group," said DiMaggio.

Burton Katzman last met with Wayne County Parks and Recreation March 13, he said. DiMaggio said a price has yet to be mentioned, although Canton Supervisor Tom Yack estimated 50 acres to cost about \$6 million.

Thomas suggested Burton Katzman

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Lowell's future could involve use by Livonia

A lease that's been a "good deal" for both the Livonia and Plymouth-Canton school districts for nearly 20 years could come to an end in the year 2000 if elementary school enrollment continues to climb in southwest Livonia.

The old Lowell Middle School, now leased from Livonia Public Schools by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for \$90,000 a year, could resurface as Livonia's fifth middle school if attendance numbers show a need for another middle school, said Superintendent Ken Watson.

The school is in the city of Westland, in the south-

ern portion of the Livonia district.

"There's been no proposal yet, it's too early to talk, and we've made no recommendations to the board yet," said Watson, stressing that all discussion is premature.

"This could surface next fall, as we look at the numbers and our finances."

At this point, Plymouth-Canton officials are assuming the worst - that Livonia will not renew its lease of the Westland school when the lease expires in August 1, 2000.

District officials are now debating whether to ask

residents to approve a bond issue to build a new middle school in Canton. Plymouth-Canton currently houses 730 middle school students at Lowell.

The lease expires in 1999, but the Livonia Board of Education will extend it for at least one more year, to 2000, Watson said.

"This is next year's problem for Livonia to consider," Watson said.

Dave Watson, Livonia's director of operations, said new housing developments in the southwest corner of Livonia most likely will lead to more students.

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Accident from page A1

Overall, the number of roadway crashes in Westland climbed from 2,094 to 2,247 during the two-year period.

"People have too much to do in a car," Brokas said. "They're using cell phones and fiddling around with CD players. Men are shaving in the car and women are putting on makeup."

"A lot of our accidents are occurring because people are speeding and not paying attention," he added. "A lot of our accidents are rear-end accidents."

Brokas, who heads the Westland Police Department's traffic bureau, cited the Warren-Central City Parkway intersection as particularly troubling in 1997.

Even though it ranked only No. 8 for accidents, the number of crashes soared in one year from 21 to 45.

"That one's got me worried," he said. "We've looked at it, and it's basically people running red lights."

Patrol officers last fall launched a more intense effort to watch the intersection and issue tickets to drivers who race through red lights — an effort that Brokas hopes will reduce accidents.

In another troubling statistic, Brokas noted that Westland ranks No. 2 in Wayne County — behind Detroit — for traffic deaths, and it ranks No. 6 in Michigan.

"And we don't even have any expressways," he said.

Despite Westland's ranking for fatalities, the number of traffic deaths actually dropped from eight in 1996 to six in 1997.

In total crashes, Wayne and Cherry Hill roads gained on the Wayne-Ford intersection, ranking No. 2 as the number of crashes climbed from 67 to 73, Brokas said.

Warren and Newburgh ranked No. 3, dropping a notch as the number of accidents dipped from 83 to 72 during the two-year period.

Ford and Newburgh placed fourth and saw a slight increase in accidents, despite measures by county road crews to heighten safety by installing new left-turn

signals on Ford Road.

"That made Ford Road traffic back up more," Brokas said, "but we believe it will level out when the motorists get used to it."

Moreover, the severity of Ford-Newburgh crashes appeared to ease. More minor accidents occurred compared to previous years that saw more injuries from head-on collisions, Brokas said.

Wayne and Warren ranked No. 5 in crashes — an intersection that consistently ranks in the top 10 because it is situated in the city's heavily traveled retail district that includes Westland Shopping Center.

Rounding out the 10 worst intersections were Wayne and Hunter; Wayne and Cowan; Warren and Central City Parkway; Cherry Hill and Merriman; and Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail.

The latter two intersections actually tied for accidents — they had 43 each — but Cherry Hill and Merriman ranked one notch higher because it had more injury crashes, Brokas said.

Westland is seeing more fender-benders than before due to heavier traffic from new condominium subdivisions and new businesses, Brokas said.

Changes sought

To reduce accidents, Westland police officials would like to see changes in at least two specific areas:

■ Signs to prohibit right turns on red at Newburgh and Ford would help, Brokas said, but local police officials haven't been able to convince county and state officials to concede.

■ Local police are studying the possible need for new road stripes on Hunter at Wayne to create left turn lanes from Hunter.

Brokas said Hunter has one lane of traffic in both directions, although the lanes are actually 1 1/2 lanes wide.

Motorists tend to treat Hunter as two lanes in each direction, particularly as they approach Wayne Road for left turns.

"It's confusing," Brokas said.



Flag line: John Glenn's 20-member Flag Line took second place in its category with a score of 83.6 for its performance of "What's Up."

On winterguard Schools flag down awards at event

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

A flurry of winterguard flags, sabers and rifles, and the body-vibrating rumble of drumlines, filled the gymnasium of John Glenn High School on March 21. More than 600 students in 34 different units participated in the first annual John Glenn High School Winterguard & Drumline Show at the school. The show, sponsored by the John Glenn Music Boosters, was titled "See the Grace, Feel the Thunder."

"This is our first competition that we've been able to host," said Cindy James, co-chairperson of the event along with Carol Fenner and Jan Crawford. "We've been on the circuit for five years," added James who is also co-director of the John Glenn Flag Line and Rocket Explosion (a more advanced team) along with Scott D. Cramer, music director at John Glenn.

The program, which ran from 3:30 p.m. until nearly 10 p.m., drew a larger crowd than anyone had expected. It was estimated that more than 800

came to watch the spectacle of color, dance, music and dramatics offered by the high school students and one group from Michigan State University.

Among the spectators was Neil Thomas, principal of John Glenn and his wife, Helen de Julio, principal at Marshall Middle School where rehearsals take place, Lori Brickman, assistant principal at John Glenn, and Ed Turner, Westland school board member. James said all were very supportive of the program.

John Glenn's 20-member Flag Line took second place in its category with a score of 83.6 for its performance of "What's Up." Rocket Explosion, with 24 members, took fourth place and earned a score of 66.5 in the Scholastic A Winterguard category with a graceful interpretation of "Return to Pooh Corner." The 27-member John Glenn Drumline, G-Force, took first place in the Percussion Independent Open category with a score of 71.4 for its thunderous rendition of "Riverdance."

The guards have a maximum five-and-a-half minute performance with a total time including setup and exit of eight minutes. Any additional time used results in penalty points.

The drumlines have a total of 10 minutes with a maximum seven-minute performance time explained Todd Stehle, John Glenn's drumline instructor. "We practice hours and hours for a seven-minute show," he said.

Other Observer-area teams included Garden City's Winterguard competing in the Michigan A category where it captured second place and a score of 82.7 with its rendition of "Little Girl Blue."

The 30-member Livonia Franklin Winterguard took third place in the same category with its dramatic portrayal of "Ghost." This is the fourth year for Franklin's competing guard and its performance earned a score of 81.2.

Franklin added a competing drumline this year for the first time. The drumline earned a fourth place in the Percussion Independent Open category

with a score of 71.4. The 18-member drumline performed the music "Psycho." Franklin Music Director Kristi Jasin gave high marks to her instructors, parents and principal Mike Fenchel, for the success of the programs. Of her students she said, "It's been a joy to see them compete. I'm really proud of them."

The Plymouth Canton Educational Park has not had a competing winterguard for the past five years noted Michelle Langley, guard instructor at PCEP. "They're all new to this," she explained. Langley, a 1992 graduate of the complex, had been in winterguard all four years at the high school and was pleased to have her students participate in this year's competitions.

Plymouth-Canton captured second place in the Scholastic A category with a score of 74.6 for a humorous portrayal of "P-C Ballet."

The state championships for winterguard and drumline will be held April 4 and 5 in Saginaw.

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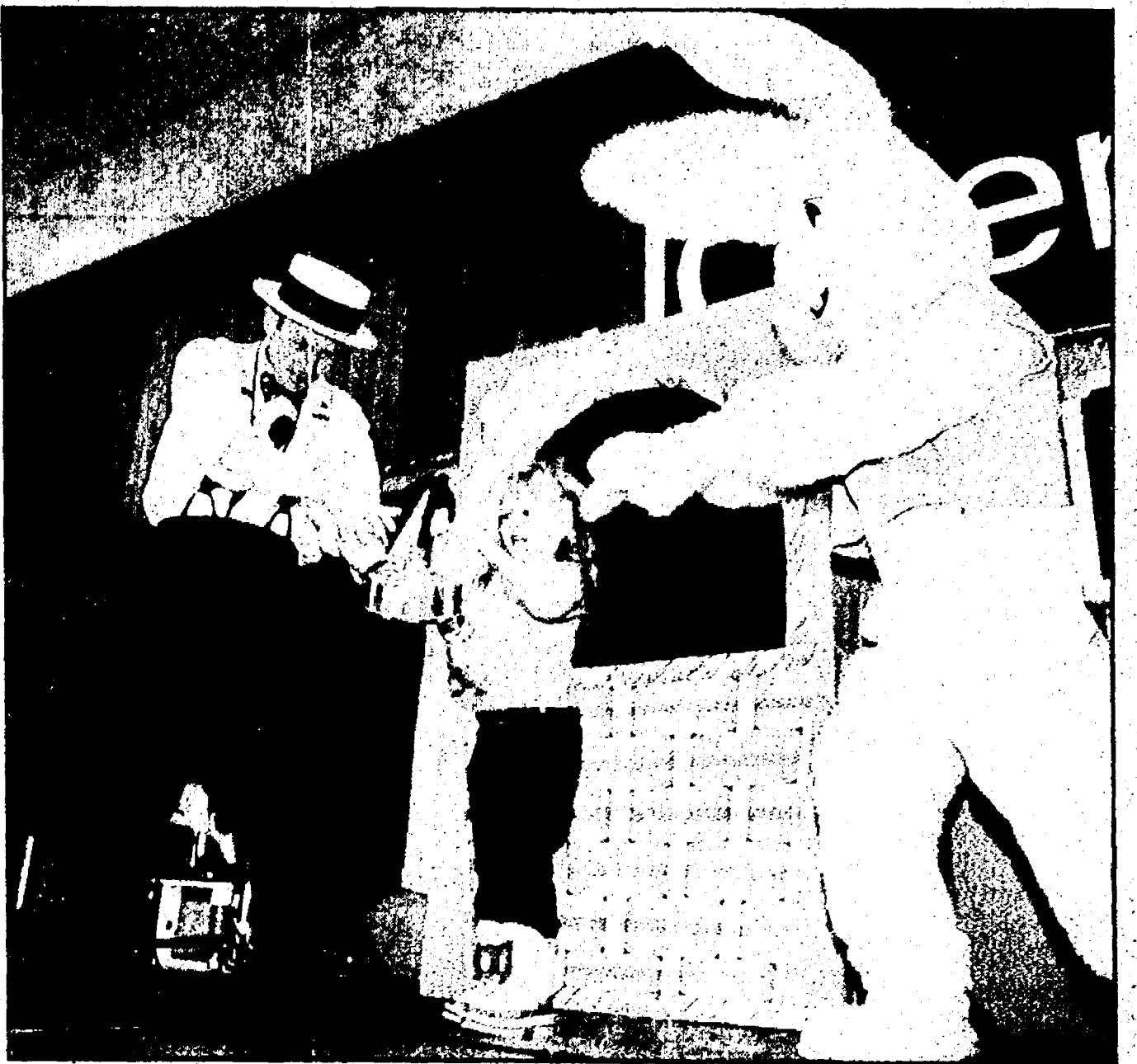
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Big on bunny



Bunny magic: Above right, The "Bafflin' Bill" magic show and the Westland Center Easter Bunny, who arrived March 21 at Westland Shopping Center, entertain a large crowd of children and their families. Bafflin' Bill Schulert (left) of Lake Orion and the Easter Bunny perform a magic trick with help from Nicole Wiater, 6 of Inkster. Above, Shayna Guel, 15 months old, of Westland, wearing bunny ears, is in awe of the Easter Bunny.

All smiles: At left, Kendall Allmand, 4, of Canton (left to right), Melissa Cover, 4, of Westland and Rachel Oetzman, 3, of Livonia enjoy the show.

Local woman pleads no contest

A 30-year-old Westland woman who pleaded no contest to embezzling money from a Livonia fast-food restaurant must repay the owner nearly \$63,000.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Brian K. Zahra also sentenced Jessica Leigh Kittka to five years' probation and court costs of \$165. Kittka, the former day manager of the Burger King on Plymouth and Stark, pleaded no contest in July to embezzling \$62,977.84 from the eatery.

Burger King went to police after bouncing checks in early 1997 and then finding that daily cash deposits between Dec. 17, 1996, and Jan. 5, 1997, had not

been made.

Guilty plea

A man police say tried to take a car from a Westland woman last April after crashing a stolen car near Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia received a two- to 10-year prison sentence in June.

Kenneth William Durbal, 29, pleaded guilty to one charge of possession of stolen property, and a charge of attempted unarmed robbery was dropped.

Durbal was sentenced as a habitual offender. Circuit Judge William Leo Cahalan gave him credit for 76 days served in the county jail.

Durbal, of Dearborn, was

arrested early on April 11, 1997, after crashing a 1988 Chevrolet Corsica into a light pole and a utility pole on Seven Mile. He was being chased on westbound Seven Mile as a suspect in a string of thefts of cigarettes from gas stations in several communities.

After the crash, he ran to a bagel shop and tried to get past the Westland woman, who was arriving for work at the shop, and into her 1979 Chrysler Newport, Livonia police said. She locked him out, and a Livonia officer arrived and arrested him at gunpoint.

The Corsica had been reported stolen in Redford Township.

Teen hit by bullet at party dies

Loving, outgoing and determined.

Annie Donna Saravolatz had the world in the palm of her hand.

The 17-year-old junior at Rochester High School looked forward to career in medicine or computers. She played soccer, rode horses and dreamed of owning a Hummer one day, just like Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Those dreams were shattered when she was accidentally shot in the head by a stray bullet at a Jan. 24 house party in Hamtramck.

Saravolatz was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital, where she remained unconscious for eight weeks before passing away Saturday. Her funeral was held on Tuesday.

"It's so unfortunate," her

father, Milos Saravolatz, said. "But I think the lesson here is not to handle guns and to get away as quickly as possible if you're around a gun."

"It just seems like too many of our kids have this care-free attitude about guns."

Hamtramck police believe a gun was passed around at the house party on Comstock when it ended up in the hands of a 16-year-old girl and discharged.

The bullet hit Saravolatz in the head before striking another girl, Rachael Lennox, in the face. Lennox, 16, also a student at Rochester High, was treated for a broken jaw and missing teeth.

The girl who fired the gun is a student at the Alternative Center for Education in Rochester Hills. She's charged with reckless discharge of a firearm and

possession of a weapon. Two other people connected with the shooting, including a Westland man, also face felony charges.

Police are withholding the girl's name because she's a juvenile, but say more serious charges may be sought in light of Annie's death.

Her father will always remember his daughter's zest for life and acceptance of others.

"One of her teachers at Rochester High told me she couldn't believe how many students from different backgrounds came up to talk about Annie," he said. "Students who were scholastic, students who were active in sports — and some a little in between."

"But that's the way Annie was."

Lowell from page A1

"If you look to see where there are fairly decent-sized tracts of land left in Livonia, it's in that corner," he said. "They could put good size homes on small lots. It won't take many of these developments to warrant the need for more school space in that corner."

Lowell is one of a number of school buildings not used by Livonia schools for its K-12 programs. In 1995, the district compiled a report of these buildings, outlining their future potential.

Besides Lowell, the list includes Clay, Cooper, Ford, Jackson, Jefferson, Perrinville, Rosedale, Wilson, Dickinson and Bryant.

The 1995 report states that Lowell one day could be used to "reduce enrollment in other Livonia

buildings through realigning grades."

The report also describes Lowell as a potential "backup building" for either elementary or middle school students.

Watson, the superintendent, described the lease as a "good deal" for both districts. Plymouth-Canton gets a middle school at minimal cost. Livonia gets both an extra \$90,000 a year from the lease, plus a building that is kept up by Plymouth-Canton schools.

Plymouth-Canton administrators estimate they spend about \$300,000 a year to maintain the building. The district also has updated the school with new technology.

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Teacher from page A1

teaches 17 third-graders and five second-graders. "I'm just representative of all the teachers here," she said. "I really don't think I'm any better than anyone else."

Childhood ambition

Colligan recalls wanting to be a teacher when she was a third-grader. She was influenced by an aunt who went to college at age 40 to become an educator.

Colligan had an easy childhood. Her mother stayed home to care for three children while her father climbed the work ladder to become assistant vice president of Michigan Bell.

"It was like the Beaver Cleaver family," Colligan said, referring to the old television sitcom "Leave It To Beaver."

"I thought everybody had a great childhood," she said.

Colligan certainly wanted to ensure that her own children did. Rather than pursue her career early on, she stayed at home to care for her twins - Amy and Katie, now 26, and Maggie, 23 - until the girls grew out of early childhood. She let her husband, now-retired Wayne Police Chief John Colligan, provide for the family.

Colligan learned early in her teaching career that not all children have the same advantages she had. She worries about children who get bounced from parent to parent and to foster homes, and she is distressed by past incidents such as when two students brought guns to her former sixth-grade class.

"You can't be a teacher without caring, and there have been times when students disappointed me," she said. "When something bothers me, I go home and talk to my family about it."

Colligan's classroom is an inviting place for her students. She tries to make them feel loved and boost their self-esteem, and it shows:

- Pictures of each student adorn one wall with the words, "We are busy bees."

- Each week, one student's name is drawn from an apple jar for special privileges such as being first in line, passing out papers and receiving a pencil and candy, among other treats. "It's not based on popularity; everybody gets to do it," Colligan said. "It's like their 15 minutes of fame."

- A long list of spelling words is posted on the wall, allowing students to check a word indepen-

dently.

- Students who finish certain assignments before others are allowed to quietly visit a "book nook" in the room and choose a book to read.

- Colligan lets students have a pizza party if each pupil reads 800 minutes and receives a gold medal in her Reading Olympics program.

Student views

"She's a good teacher," David McCrary, 9, said. "Some teachers just talk really loud and they don't let you get your work done. But Mrs. Colligan lets you do your work."

"I like it when we learn about social studies and experiments," he added.

"She teaches us about our community," 8-year-old Colleen O'Brien said. "And she doesn't yell."

David Usheroff, 8, said his teacher isn't just nice, but "really, really, really nice."

Each afternoon before students leave, she makes them promise out loud to finish such tasks as studying their spelling words and practicing their multiplication.

In her spare time, Colligan golfs, does water aerobics and is active in Wayne Civitans. She also worked on the Playscape committee that built a huge wooden play structure in Westland's Central City Park.

As she was interviewed recently, her former student Patrick Palise, now a Wayne Memorial High School ninth-grader, came by to visit after making the honor roll. Colligan had encouraged him in the past to strive for such achievements.

"This makes me really happy," she told him.

After Palise left, Colligan said, "It's the nicest thing when students come back like that and visit. It makes me feel like I'm a lasting part of their lives."

That's the way she wants it.

"I can't imagine doing anything but teaching," she said. "I love working with the kids. It's so nice to see them get excited and to see them really try to learn. They grow so much in a year."

"I just want them to leave my class loving school and feeling like they're learners," she said. "I think teaching is like the ministry. It's a calling."

She seems almost apologetic that she gets paid for teaching. "It's like a job I would do whether I got paid or not."

Next, Student of the Year.



PHOTOS BY RON FOSKEY

In formation: Members of the Dan Morris K-Nine Drill Team, also known as the Dogmatics, performed for residents of Presbyterian Village in Westland.

These dogs know the drill

Presbyterian Village in Westland went to the dogs recently.

The Dan Morris K-Nine Drill Team, also known as the Dogmatics, performed for residents on March 20.

Members of the club and their dogs performed a drill routine to music and other tricks.

Fifteen people and their dogs belong to the club, which is an offshoot of the Dan Morris Dog Training Academy in Livonia. Members were handpicked by Morris after successfully completing training of their dogs.

Performing as a drill team, the club marches in area parades and gives performances at retirement homes and hospitals and for Girl and Boy Scout events, according to Chris Morris, whose husband has owned and operated the business for more than 25 years - 17 in Livonia. Dan Morris is director and chief executive officer of the club.

All sorts of dogs, French poodles, terriers, Dobermans, shepherds, cocker spaniels, English springers, golden retrievers, Labrador retrievers, and a couple of mixed dogs, make up the team. Practice is two hours a week.

The training academy offers obedience training for dogs as well as training dogs in guard protection.

The training is to teach safety practices with dogs, for children to be safe around animals and to entertain as well, Chris Morris said.



Pet gift: Striker displays his gift from Presbyterian Village in Westland.



Greetings: Ada Adams, 96, takes time to greet Jake the dog, before the show.

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donate the property. "Just think of the tax deduction," he said.

The planned boulevard will extend one-third of a mile south from Koppernick almost splitting the property in half. The road ends in a cul-de-sac before reaching Warren and the Tonquish Creek floodplain.

A storm water line will run on the east side of the road skirting along the property the Holiday Nature Preserve Association is attempting to save as parkland. Some of the trees will have to be removed, DiMaggio said.

The water and sanitary sewer lines will run on the west side of the property. The water line tun-

nels underneath the Tonquish Creek. A 4.5-acre detention basin will be built to service the entire site.

Canton officials said they would act on a proposal by Thomas to develop a task force of township board members, environmental groups and residents to inventory remaining natural areas in Canton.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin also encouraged residents to call the county parks and recreation department to dedicate a portion of the parks mileage for local efforts such as preserving the Koppernick area.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21
Adult Book Discussion Group
The adult book discussion group will discuss "The Poet" by Michael Connelly. Quotations from the works of Edgar Allan Poe are the grisly calling card of a savage and cunning serial killer. Paperbacks and books on tape are available. Call to reserve a copy.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

2 p.m. Saturday, April 4
Stop In and make a fun craft to take home at Creation Station. No registration required. The program is designed for kids 4-10 years old. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Children's Activity Room.

7 p.m. Monday, April 6
Sleepytime storytime including stories, books, movement activities and more that will help the family share a love of reading. No registration required. Children's Activity Room.

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7
Toddler Tales, Community Meeting Room A.
Preschool Time, Children's Activity Room. No registration required for either program.

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8
Toddler Tales, Community Meeting Room.
Preschool Time, Children's Activity Room. No registration required for either program.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 19-25 is National Library Week and the library is celebrating with the

following special programs for children:

2 p.m. Sunday, April 19
Create your own book - This hands-on project takes you step-by-step through the process of making your own book in the Children's Activity Room. Space is limited; registration is required. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Monday, April 6, at the Children's Service Desk.

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 22
Nursery Rhyme Time, a just for Me Preschool Time, will feature the songs and stories of Mother Goose. Special appearance by Mother Goose herself. No registration required. Children's Activity Room.

2 p.m. Saturday, April 25
Magic of Libraries - Magician Gordon Russ Investigates "The Mystery of the Lost Library Card" in the Community Meeting Room. The show is filled with wild, crazy, colorful young characters from around the world. Registration is required and will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, April 6, at the Children's Service Desk.

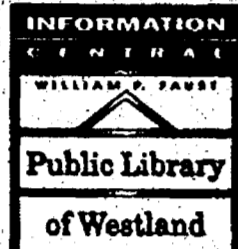
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The Friends' Spring Book Sale is in the planning stages and your assistance is needed. If you have a few hours to help set up, run the sale or put books away then contact Joe Burchill at (734) 784-4441.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Are you a whiz on the Internet? Would you like an opportunity to share your "surfing" knowledge with others? The library is looking for volunteers to assist library patrons with the Internet. Shifts are available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings and on the weekends. A basic knowledge of the

Internet and search engines is required. Call (734) 326-6123.



PLACES AND FACES

Quite a spell

Winners of Wayne-Westland's 18th annual Earl Chorbagan Spelling Bee were honored Monday night by the Wayne-Westland school board. The top winner was Amanda Wilson of Adams Middle School, followed by runner-up Brittany Colwell of Walker-Winter Elementary School. Wilson is expected to participate in a regional competition March 30. The spelling bee is named after a former district educator.

All that jazzercise

Musical Chairs, a new "jazzercise" program for people over 40 who like to exercise, will begin Tuesday, April 7, at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The program, to be led by Robert Cassidy, provides a low-to-moderate workout for older adults, and it is aimed at improving strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. Classes will be held 10-11 a.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Participants may sign up at the Friendship Center. Call 722-7632 for more information.

Contest winners

Four Westland students were among the winners in the "Stand Strong - Stay Sober" 1998 MADD poster/essay contest: Nathan Hill, first place in the grades 10-12 poster contest; Tim Cummings, second place, grades 10-12 poster contest; Jessica Erlingis, first place, grades 4-6 poster; and Stephanie Falkiewicz, third place, grades 4-6 poster.

Kids' safety

Parents are invited to attend a free workshop on "Teaching Personal Safety to Children" being offered Tuesday, March 31, by

Youth Living Centers.

The workshop will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. at YLC, 30000 Hively Road, Inkster. It will provide basic information about what is personal safety, how to address personal fears and what simple games and teaching tools can be used with children. Information about signs that a child is at risk of mistreatment and how to respond appropriately also will be provided. The training will be facilitated by Sandra Murphy, local parenting and prevention expert. For more information, call Murphy at (734) 728-3400.

Tree sale

In its eighth annual tree sale, Global ReLeaf is offering bare root trees especially selected for their ability to prosper in both urban and rural settings.

Funds raised through the tree sale support neighborhood tree plantings throughout the state.

This year's varieties include: Fallgold Ash, Autumn Applause Ash, Celebration Maple, Red Maple, Crimson King Norway Maple, Autumn Blaze Maple, Green Mountain Sugar Maple, Greenleaven Linden, Mountain Ash, and five selections of Flowering Crabapple: Royalty (red), Snowdrift (white) Prairiefire (bright pink), Jewell (white) and Adams (pink). All trees are 5-7 feet in height and lightly branched. Orders must be prepaid by April 8. Quantities are limited. Prices are \$18 each or mix and match for \$85, 10 for \$160. Prices include Michigan sales tax. Send check or money order to Global ReLeaf of Michigan Tree Sale, P.O. Box 524, Flint, MI 48503-0524. Be sure to indicate the desired pickup location. Pickup locations and dates include: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, Carl Dollhopf, 35859 Joy Road, Westland.

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Couple's shows teach Bible lessons

Using puppets, illusion, drama and music, Salvation Army Maj. Edward Jarvis II and his wife, Margaret, will try to teach the Bible during programs today (Sunday) through Wednesday at the Westland Salvation Army, 1300 Venoy Road south of Palmer.

"The Bible is usually taught through the spoken word," Capt. Mark Welsh of the Westland-based organization said Friday. "The goal here is to present the Bible in today's terms through different forms of expression."

Programs will be held at 11 a.m. today (Sunday) and at 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Welsh said.

The Jarvises have skits such as "In the Land of Oz," "Rappin' Rabbit" and "Puppet Evangelism" to try to teach youngsters about the Bible.

Maj. Jarvis II was commissioned as a Salvation Army officer in 1959 and has a doctorate in Christian counseling. Margaret Jarvis is an accomplished puppeteer.

The couple is known among magicians as Jarona and Company, and they have performed in more than 40 states and abroad. In 1985 they were



Showtime: Salvation Army Maj. Edward Jarvis II and his wife, Margaret, use puppets in their shows.

named by their peers as one of the top gospel magical troupes in the United States.

For three years the Jarvises hosted their own weekly televi-

sion show in their native Wisconsin. It was titled "Sal's Corner" and featured Sparkles T. Clown.

OBITUARIES

MILDRED L. WARMBIER

Funeral services for Mildred Warmbier, 77, of Westland were March 26 in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Westland, with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating were the Rev. Keith Schreiner and the Rev. David Furno. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Warmbier died March 23 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: son, Donald; daughters, Janet Gainer, Marlene Brandenburg and Sandy Laraway; brother, Art Zimnie; sister, Esther Irvin; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Warmbier was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, former longtime Wayne-Westland school board member.

SAMUEL L. JOHNSON

Funeral services for Samuel Johnson, 73, of Westland will be 11 a.m. Monday, March 30, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Officiating will be Rev. Robert KinCannon. Burial will be at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek.

Mr. Johnson, who died March 25 in Westland, was born in St. Louis, Mo. Prior to moving to Westland, he was a Plymouth resident. He worked at Schoolcraft College in the maintenance department with building and grounds, retiring in 1985. He came to the Plymouth community in 1944 from Missouri. Mr. Johnson served in World War II, receiving the Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon W/2 Bronze Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon W/1 Bronze

Battle Star, three Overseas Service Bars and Good Conduct medal. He enjoyed riding his bike.

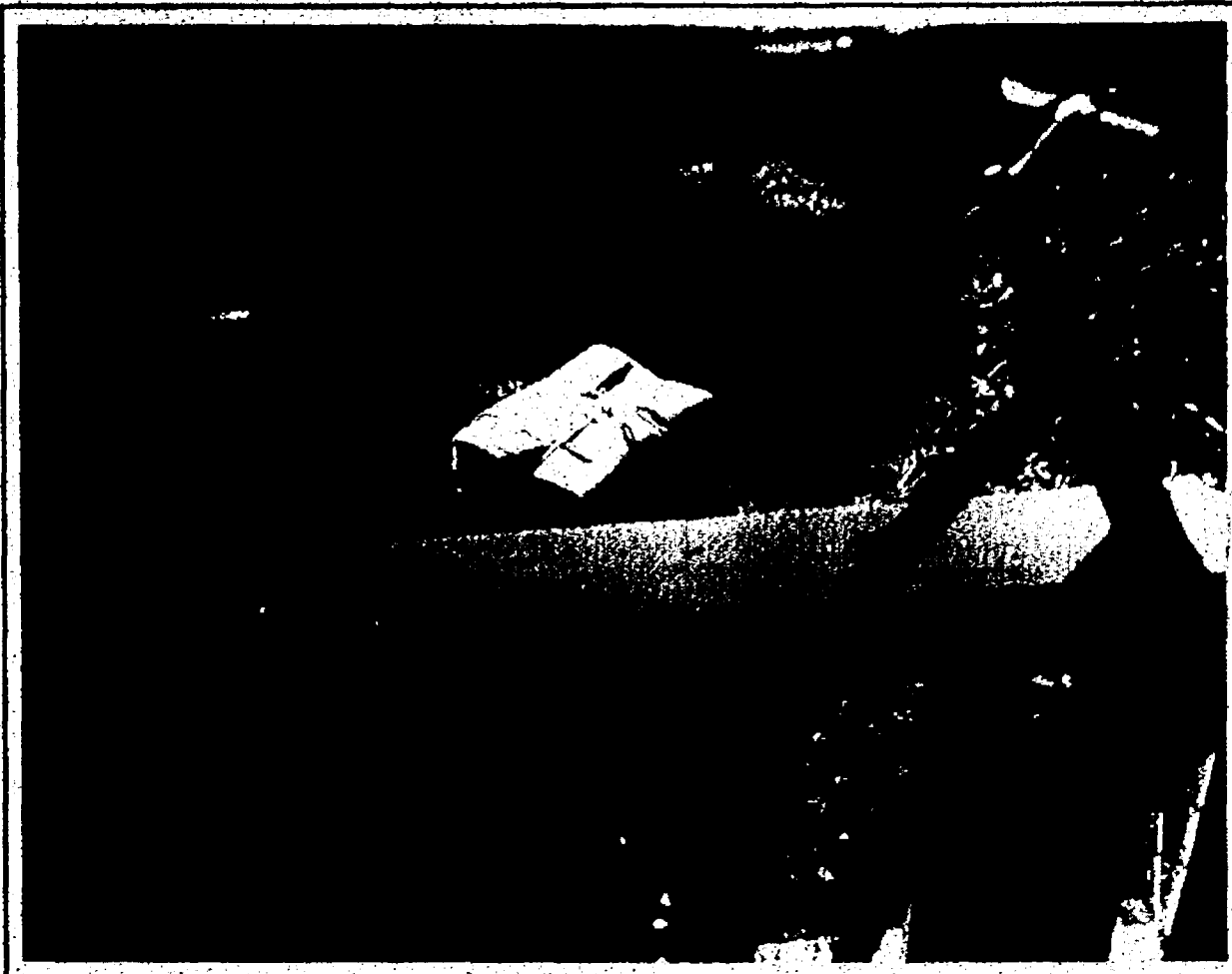
Surviving are: wife, Lorene "Tinnie"; son, Jim Johnson of Canton Township; daughter, Brenda Marker of Westland; brother, Howard Johnson of Westland; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

ADA F. MACQUEEN

Ada MacQueen, 73, of Dearborn Heights died March 23 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home with visitation on March 28.

Surviving are: husband, Leslie; son, Mark; daughters, Sharon of Westland, Judy and Janet; brother, Herbert McCann Jr.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



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S'craft eyes tuition hike

Schoolcraft College students can expect to see a \$1 increase in tuition and fees this fall semester.

Since that increase falls below the rate of inflation, students can claim it as a tax credit.

College administrators proposed Wednesday to trustees that students who live in the district should be charged \$54 per credit hour. That total includes a \$1 student activity fee incorporated in the tuition total and an increase in the technology fee from \$1 to \$2 per credit hour.

This year they paid \$53 total per credit hour, consisting of \$51 in tuition fees, a \$1 student activities fee and a \$1 technology fee.

For an in-district student with 12 credits that means a total bill of \$648, up from \$636. The college district includes the school Clarenceville, Garden City,

Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi school districts.

The \$1 fee increase constitutes a 1.8 increase in total tuition and fees for resident students. "This is well below the 2.3 percent increase which the state has set as a limit to qualify for the Michigan college tuition tax credit," said Butch Raby, vice president of business services.

Students who live outside the district will pay \$76, up from \$75, per credit hour.

The tuition proposal was released with a \$41.3 million budget for 1998-99. Trustees also scheduled a public hearing on the budget for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in the board's conference room in the administration building. The tuition rates will be set once the budget is approved along with the millage rate.

Some of the budget highlights:

Raby predicts that enrollment will increase less than 1 percent.

The 1.8521 mills will generate nearly \$16.5 million in property tax revenue, up 5 percent over last year's \$15.7 million.

Gov. John Engler has proposed no increases for community colleges, Raby said, but the state House has proposed 1.5 percent.

Raby distributed a comparison of tuition at community colleges for the 1998-99 school year which showed a \$2 increase at Henry Ford Community College to \$53, a \$1 hike at Macomb Community College to \$53.50, and \$1 increase at Washtenaw Community College to \$53.

Ragan and Board President Patricia Watson commended Raby for his work on the budget, which holds the "base" tuition rates at the same level as last year.

Hearing set on college millage rate

The assessment for Schoolcraft College will cost taxpayers slightly more this year, but only from the growth in the taxable values of homes and businesses.

The millage - which is used to figure property taxes - was proposed at 1.8521, which is unchanged from last year.

The college's board of trustees received news of the proposed rate Wednesday from Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president for business services.

That means a home with a sales value of \$100,000 or a taxable value of \$50,000 will pay \$92.61 this year.

"They should see about a 2.7 percent increase on their tax bills, so if they paid \$100 last year, it will be about \$102.70," Raby said.

The Schoolcraft district includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi school district.

The college board of trustees has to meet state statutory obligations on the budget and taxation, so they approved Wednesday a resolution of "an intent to levy the full 2.27 mills ... as may be modified" by provisions under

the Headlee Amendment, which limits increases of property tax collections by governmental units to inflation. Headlee and the increase in taxable values of homes will roll back the millage to 1.8521, according to estimates.

The millage will be set after a public hearing on the \$41.3 million budget. Trustees scheduled the budget hearing for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22.

The college's state equalized valuation for the entire district is estimated at \$8.94 billion for 1998-99.

County library for disabled moves to Westland April 1

Wayne County's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped moves Wednesday, April 1, from its Van Born Road location in Wayne to a new facility in Westland.

Patrons will find several advantages to the new location:

The building is located on the more accessible Michigan Avenue, meaning patrons can use public transportation to get to the library.

A separate room is set up for patrons to work with computers and adaptive equipment.

The 120,000 "Talking Book" tapes will now be more conveniently stored on movable shelving.

"We're ready for the next century with this building," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "I am pleased we are able to upgrade services to the many residents who rely on them. And everyone should be reminded that the service is free."

The new office, a one-story red-brick building, located at 30555 Michigan Ave., across from the Kay Beard Building near Merriman Road, is a former credit union. The 7,500-square-foot building will house seven librarians and five student assistants.

Residents of Wayne County who are unable to read standard printed materials as a result of a permanent or temporary visual or physical disability qualify

for service. This includes individuals who are unable to hold or turn pages of print books.

Persons with reading disabilities qualify if they are certified as having a physical disability by a medical doctor.

Both individuals and organizations, such as schools and nursing homes, may enroll in the Talking Book program. The library also has 200 descriptive videos available. A narrator describes what is happening; closed captions indicate the dialogue.

How people apply: The Wayne County Regional Library staff will be glad to send residents an application for enrollment in the program. Residents complete the application and have it signed by a "certifying authority" and mail it to 30555 Michigan Ave., Westland, Mich. 48186.

Persons who are visually or physically disabled may have the application signed by a doctor, optometrist, visiting nurse, counselor, etc. Persons who are reading-disabled must have the application signed by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy.

"The layout at our new building is so much better," said Pat Klemens, Wayne County librarian. "We plan to hold a grand opening soon to show the public just what a great facility it is."

To request an application, call (734) 727-7300 or call toll-free at 1-888-968-2737.

Library serves special needs

The Wayne County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has 125,000 recorded books, tapes and records. About 4,000 large print books are available. About 4,000 users are registered at the library.

Materials are available at no charge to qualified residents. Here are answers to some questions about the library:

Who may use the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped?

Residents of Wayne County who are unable to read standard printed materials as a result of permanent or temporary visual or physical disability qualify for service.

What is available at the library?

Hundreds of books on tape are mailed from the library each day at no expense to persons who qualify. In addition, the library makes available about 50 recorded magazines. There is even a studio for recording custom-order books.

Large print books are Available for adults and children in 14-point print and larger.

Entertainment and educational videos, described for the visually impaired also are available.

The Library for the Blind does not offer recorded textbooks or music, since these are available from other private or commercial sources.

How do people get the materials?

Items are delivered free directly to a postal address by the U.S. Postal Service. Mailings to and from the library may be sent via "Free Matter for the Blind

and Physically Handicapped." Braille is provided to all qualifying residents of the State of Michigan by the Library of Michigan Service to the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

What if a resident needs special equipment to read the materials?

Equipment to play the Talking Books is provided on extended loan.

What else does the library have for special-needs patrons?

A closed-circuit TV enlarger, a Kurzweil Reading Edge (a machine voice "reads" printed material that is placed on the machine), and a Kurzweil voice-synthesized computer. Perkins Braille, tape recorders and magnifying aids are available on loan.

What's the Web site address for the library?

wayneregional.lib.mi.us

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There are endless ways to cook and serve chicken. Unfortunately, every once in awhile, the safety of eating chicken makes headline news.

There are two types of bacteria that we usually associate with raw chicken: salmonella and campylobacter. These organisms can be killed by heat or their growth inhibited by refrigeration.

Always cook chicken thoroughly. The juices should run clear, not pink. On a meat thermometer, white meat should register 170°F and dark meat 180°F. If you don't have a meat thermometer, cook the chicken until it's "falling off the bone."

Storage

Chicken is very perishable and should be kept refrigerated or frozen. When buying chicken, choose packages with little or no liquid on the bottom. Avoid buying any chicken where the package is torn: If the bird has not been stored airtight, it has probably lost moisture. Just-bought chicken can be stored in the refrigerator for about two days. Always place a plate or tray under refrigerator-stored chicken to stop the possible dripping juices from contaminating other food.

If you find that you can't use the chicken in two days, freeze it. Maximum freezer storage time for well-wrapped chicken is one year (for uncooked) and six months for cooked chicken dishes.

Never defrost a chicken on the countertop at room temperature. Place the still-wrapped chicken in the refrigerator to thaw. Whole frozen chicken will require 12 to 16 hours to thaw; Pieces will need four to nine hours. If you have planned ahead when you initially froze the chicken and packaged only what you needed or packaged pieces separately, you can cook the chicken frozen without thawing. Add 15 to 30 minutes additional cooking time for frozen chicken dishes.

If you have to cut up a chicken, wash your hands before and after touching the bird. Wash the cutting board, utensils and work area with hot soapy water. Any of the juices or bacteria from your hands or equipment could be spread to other foods. Be very cautious and very clean when fixing chicken. Never marinate chicken on the kitchen counter; Always marinate in the refrigerator. Throw the marinade away or, if you plan to serve it, boil it thoroughly. Better yet, make a new batch that does not have any of the raw chicken juices in it. Always rinse the chicken before cooking.

Cooking chicken in the microwave does not kill harmful salmonella and other bacteria. The reason is that microwave ovens heat food through molecular friction. This leaves the surface temperature too uneven to kill bacteria.

Cook the chicken in a regular oven at 350°F until the meat thermometer reads the right temperature or until the juices run clear. When cooking chicken, remember that white meat cooks more quickly than dark.

Fat savings

There is a fat savings if the skin of chicken is removed. Chicken skin is almost pure saturated fat, so removing it cuts the fat almost in half. Poultry is a good source of the B vitamins, zinc, magnesium, and a high-quality protein food. Chicken is a short-fibered meat, and that makes it easy

Please see **CHICKEN, B3**

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Celebrate Easter
- Focus on Wine



Family Favorite: Char Kerman makes this special Pineapple Kugel for Passover.

PASSOVER DISHES

PASS GENERATION TO GENERATION

When Char Kerman and her family gather to celebrate Passover, which begins at sundown on Friday, April 10, Pineapple Kugel is one of the dishes they'll pass to one another.

"It's a recipe my mother always used when I was younger," said Kerman who recently moved to Clarkston from Bloomfield Hills. "It could be served for dessert, it's very light."

Kerman and her family, husband Brian, and three grown children, Sean, Staci and Jodi, will be together for Passover. "I set a beautiful Seder table," she said. "We have the traditional Seder plate with bitter herbs, shank bone, charqois, parsley, roasted egg, and salt water."

There will be matzah and a cup of wine for Elijah, and they will retell the story of Passover - which commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery, and exodus of the Jews of Israel from Egypt.

Seder means "order" of the service. It is a ceremonial dinner marked by the retelling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt through prayers, songs and ceremonial foods.

As a reminder of the lamb eaten by Jewish families on the eve of Passover in biblical times, a roasted lamb bone is placed on the Seder plate. Horsesradish or Maror are the bitter herbs, which remind Jews of the bitterness of slavery.

Charosis, a sweet mixture of chopped apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine, symbolizes the mortar made to hold together the bricks the Jews produced while slaves in Egypt. Karpas is a green vegetable, usually parsley or celery used to symbolize spring and renewal. It is dipped in salt water, which symbolizes the tears of the Jews in Egypt. A roasted or hard-boiled egg is placed on the plate as a token of grief for the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. A special cup of wine is placed on the Seder table for the prophet Elijah, the messenger who will foretell the coming of the Messiah. During the service, there is a time when the door of the house is opened and Elijah is invited to enter.

During their Seder, the Kermans will read the Haggadah, which means "the telling" of the story or narrative. The head of the household serves as the leader of the Seder, directing the reading of the Haggadah. Everyone present participates.

No leavened bread is eaten during Passover, and certain other foods containing yeast or other leavening agents are forbidden by Jewish law to be eaten at this time. In their haste to leave Egypt, there was no time for bread to rise.

"Our food has changed over the years," said Kerman. "But once a year we eat what we grew up with. Passover brings everyone together."

Please see **PASSOVER, B2**

CELEBRATE PASSOVER

■ **Matzah Factory** - 1:15-4:30 p.m. Sundays, March 29 and April 5 at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The last tour is 3:15 p.m. Prepare matzah, and learn about Passover. There will also be Passover crafts. Admission \$3 per child, accompanying adults free, call (248) 661-1000 for information.

■ **Intergenerational Passover Story Time and Charoset Factory** - 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8 at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Hear the story of Passover read to children in the library, then join them in making different kinds of Charoset, a traditional fruit and nut mixture eaten for Passover. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the lobby, everyone is invited to try their hand in making Charoset from around the world. Recipes will be provided. No charge. Call Marcy Randel (248) 967-4030 for information.

■ **Michigan Radio presents "A Taste of Passover"** - 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9 on WUOM 91.7 FM Ann Arbor and WFUM 91.1 FM Flint. Program will feature the Klezmer Conservatory Band with host Theodore Bikel. The recipe for cooking the perfect matzo ball will be revealed during this program recorded in front of a live audience in New England Conservatory's historic Jordan Hall, Boston. It features Passover music from around the world, providing a taste of the many ways the holiday is celebrated.

Andiamo restaurants

- Andiamo West, 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills (248) 865-9300.
- Andiamo Italia Ristorante, 7096 E. 14 Mile Rd., Warren (810) 268-3200.
- Andiamo Trattoria, 20930 Meek Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods (313) 886-9933.
- Andiamo Lakefront Bistro, 24026 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores (810) 773-7770.

Andiamo chefs wow judges at Extravaganza

Editor's note: With their ability to impress diners, our local chefs are "Kitchen Magicians." Look for "Kitchen Magicians," which features these creative culinary professionals, on the last Sunday of the month in Taste.

ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

You've read it before - the sauce makes the dish. It can even create a prize-winning recipe!

Andiamo Italia Ristorante's Executive Chef Larry Fanale learned his sauce lessons well as he trained under Master Chef Aldo Ottaviani, Andiamo's corporate executive chef. Rigatoni with superb homemade



Bolognese Sauce paired with 1991 Luigi Righetti Amarone \$27, won Chef Larry and Andiamo Italia top prize in the competitive Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza on Feb. 24.

Fanale didn't stop with one food and wine pairing. With the same Amarone wine, he showed that it matched with his preparation of Roasted Peppers with Sausage in Marsala Wine Sauce. This versatile dish can be made without the sausage in a meatless preparation. Dressed up in a potato basket, it will wow your friends as it did the competition judges.

Actually, Andiamo swept the competition. The best table display award went to Andiamo West and Executive Chef Lee Sharkas for his creative presentation of Tiramisu in Chocolate Cups. It was paired with the dessert wine 1996 Domaine de Coyeux Muscat Beaugues de Venise, \$12 for a 375mL bottle.

Wine pairing for all three winning culinary creations was made by John Marasco, vice-president of sales for Vintage Wine Co. in Roseville, a 28-year veteran of the wine industry.

"The higher acidity of the Amarone balanced the higher acid of the Bolognese sauce," he said. "In this case, two negatives made a positive and created a smooth and velvety impression when the food and wine were tasted together. The chat flavor of the roasted red peppers

Please see **CHEFS, B3**

Cafe Cortina offers their fresh tomato sauce to go



Family secret: Adrian Tonon (left to right), Executive Chef Jeffrey Hoffman and Sous Chef Jeffrey Blinder show the best way to serve Cafe Cortina's Venetian style garden fresh tomato sauce, Pomodoro Veneziana - over pasta with fresh basil.

Simplicity is the beauty of "Pomodoro Veneziana," Ristorante Cafe Cortina's Venetian style, garden fresh tomato sauce now available at the restaurant, and local specialty markets.

"This is the sauce I remember waking up to Sunday mornings," said Rina Tonon who owns Cafe Cortina, an elegant Northern Italian restaurant in Farmington Hills. "It's so Italian. My mother would begin making it early in the morning."

Customers have been asking the Tonons to bottle and sell their tomato sauce for years.

Adrian, Rina's son, got interested in the concept of bottling and marketing the family's tomato sauce, and did some research. One of the people he talked to was Jim Hiller of Hiller's Market, who encouraged him to develop the product.

On Feb. 1 they began manufac-

Ristorante Cafe Cortina

Where: 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday. Open for private parties only on Sundays.

■ Cafe Cortina's Venetian style garden fresh tomato sauce "Pomodoro Veneziana," is available for purchase at the restaurant, Shopping Center Markets, Merchant of Vino, Nino Salvaggio International Marketplace in Farmington Hills, Market Square in Birmingham, and other specialty markets. Call the restaurant for information.

turing "Pomodoro Veneziana," and one of the first places to offer it was Hiller's Shopping Center Markets. A 16-ounce jar of "Pomodoro Veneziana," sells for \$4.99. The house on the label is the Tonon fam-

ily home in Italy, where Adrian's father, the late Adriano Tonon, was born.

"This was Adrian's project," said Rina who is well pleased with the result. "Adriano is probably smiling on him."

The sauce is made with plum tomatoes and basil, not dried basil, onions, celery, carrots, sugar and salt. "It's a sauce for the new millennium," said Adrian. "The freshness and quality is there, it's low-fat and simple."

Adrian is a graduate of the Michigan State University Hotel and Restaurant Management program, and completed a six month apprenticeship at Hotel Cipriani in Venice, Italy.

"I always had a passion for cooking," said Adrian. "I grew up in the business, but I wasn't sure that's

Please see **SAUCE, B3**

Andiamo chefs share award-winning recipes

See story Taste front.
The creator of the Bolognese Sauce is Master Chef Aldo and the recipe bears the name Bolognese Alla Aldo in his honor. This sauce is a menu offering at all the Andiamo restaurants.
Roasted Peppers with Sausage in Marsala Wine Sauce, also a Chef Aldo original, is served on request at all properties.
SAUCE BOLOGNESE ALLA ALDO
1 Spanish onion
2 celery stalks
2 carrots
1/4 bunch fresh parsley
1 1/2 tablespoons dry basil
2 cloves garlic
1/8 pound pancetta
1 1/2 cups extra virgin olive oil

1/2 pound ground veal
1/2 pound ground pork
1/2 pound ground beef
1/2 teaspoon marjoram
1 pinch thyme
3 tablespoons salt
2 pinches pepper
1/4 cup Burgundy-style wine
6 tablespoons tomato paste
2 (32 ounce) cans pear tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
3 cups water
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
1 teaspoon sugar (optional)
Begin by grinding in a food processor or blender, onions, celery, carrots, parsley, basil, garlic and pancetta. Heat a large sauce pan

with olive oil and cook the above mixture until hot.
Add veal, pork, beef, marjoram, thyme, 1 tablespoon salt, 1 pinch pepper and cook until meat is browned. Add wine and cook until completely absorbed. Add tomato paste, chopped tomatoes, water, 2 tablespoons salt, 1 pinch pepper, and let simmer until hot.
In sauté pan, heat whipping cream, add to the tomato sauce and mix thoroughly. Note, sugar may be added if sauce is too tart. Simmer until the oil rises to the top. Remove excess oil and serve tossed with pasta. Serves 6.
Recipe compliments of Chef Larry Fanale, Andiamo Italia Ristorante.

ROASTED PEPPERS WITH SAUSAGE IN MARSALA WINE SAUCE
3 roasted red bell peppers, cut as rough julienne
3 roasted yellow bell peppers, cut as rough julienne
3 roasted green bell peppers, cut as rough julienne
1 pound cooked Italian sausage, sliced
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 cup Florio dry Marsala
2 cups water
salt and pepper to taste
2 pinches chopped parsley
2 garlic cloves
Olive oil to coat bottom of sauté pan

In a large sauté pan, heat olive oil and garlic cloves until garlic is brown. Remove garlic and discard.
Add roasted peppers and sausage. Sauté until warm. Add Marsala and cook until absorbed.
Add tomato paste, water, salt and pepper to taste. Cook until desired consistency is obtained. Serves 6-8.
Chef's note: For added interest, individual portions of this recipe can be served in a potato basket. To make baskets, use a V Slicer Plus (available at Kitchen Glamor \$35). Slice potato using waffle cut. Place three waffle cuts in a Bird's Nest Basket (available at Kitchen Glamor \$13). Deep fry in oil at 325

degrees F. until golden.
Recipe compliments of Chef Larry Fanale.
The recipe for Chef Aldo's original Tiramisu is in his book "The Magic of Chef Aldo" \$24.95, sold at all Andiamo restaurants.
When Chef Lee Sharkas prepared Tiramisu in Chocolate Cups, he used the filling in Chef Aldo's original recipe. Using a pastry bag he filled 4 chocolate cups with filling then topped lightly with cocoa.
Chocolate cups can be made by melting unsweetened chocolate in a double boiler over low heat. Using a pastry brush, brush inside of 2-ounce plastic molds with melted chocolate. Harden chocolate at room temperature and pop out cups. Serves 4.

Sauce from page B1

what I wanted to do. My apprenticeship in Italy sealed my decision on what I wanted to do - carry on Cafe Cortina's quality reputation.
That reputation, built by Rina and her husband Adriano, who passed away in 1993, is synonymous with quality. Last year Cafe Cortina won a Distinguished Restaurants of North of America award, and the National Restaurant Hospitality Magazine just honored them for their

wine list.
Adrian is general manager, but also maitre d'. "I pick out a lot of wines for customers," he said. "Every night is a show, this is an entertainment business. You drive here, it's an experience."
This summer, look for improvements in the family garden opposite the parking lot, which supplies fresh herbs and vegetables all summer.
"We've also been working to

carry Tonon Wines exclusively at the restaurant," said Rina. "They're available all over Europe, but not here. The winery is operated by cousins in the Venetian Region of Italy where Adriano grew up, near Venice."
With her son in the restaurant helping, Rina has more time to travel, and relax, although she's still very much involved in the restaurant.
"Adrian has inspired me," she said. "I feel fortunate that he has

chosen to continue the legacy of the Tonon family at Cafe Cortina."
Jeffrey Hoffman, a graduate of Hyde Park Culinary Institute, was appointed executive chef six months ago. "He has the same passion we do," said Rina. "He cooks with his heart."
Sous Chef Jeffrey Blinder was trained by the Tonon family. "We've known him for years," said Rina.

complemented the slightly burnt character of the Amarone. Additionally, the sweetness of the Marsala matched the concentrated fruit of the wine."
About the competition
In its third year, the Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza, attracted 800 foodies looking to sample food and wine pairings created by Metro-Detroit's top chefs.
The event, held annually at Mac & Ray's harborfront restaurant in Harrison Township, benefits the Michigan Culinary Team and Scholarship Fund. This year's event raised more than \$50,000.

to taste each other's food in a restaurant setting."
Up close and personal
Both winning chefs are 29 years old and started at Andiamo Italia together six years ago. Fanale was a saute sous chef and Sharkas a dinner chef. Fanale has been executive chef at Andiamo Italia for the last four years. Sharkas became executive chef at Andiamo West with its opening in June.
Fanale who admits "I love to cook," said he started working at age 11 in a bakery. As an educationally challenged student with dyslexia, he credits his teachers for helping him overcome his handicap.

Chicken from page B1

to digest. This is important if you're feeding children, older

people, or those who have digestive problems. The bland, mild

texture is good for people on special diets.
When cooking chicken, use a good recipe to maintain the low calorie, low fat and low sodium advantage.
The color of the skin of a chicken does not have anything to do with nutritional value; it has to do with what the chicken has been fed. Fresh chicken should be bright, not gray looking.
Chicken soup just may hold off a minor illness or be the best cold treatment. Making chicken soup with carrots, celery, onions, parsley, onions, garlic and spices gives a boost to vitamin A in your diet. Chicken soup can help thin the mucus in your lungs so you can get rid of the germs. Soup is just one of the hundreds

of ways to fix chicken.
Chicken takes on the flavors of the herbs, spices or vegetables added to it. Tomatoes, cheese, hoisin sauce, fennel seeds, pasta, teriyaki, limes, cilantro, and chutney are just a few ways to make chicken more flavorful.
Chicken certainly doesn't have to be boring, and you can make it the meat of choice. Handle chicken safely, make sure the chicken is cooked well done and served the way you like it.

"The goal is to provide funding for Metro Detroit high school and trade school students who plan to pursue a culinary education at the college level," said Birmingham restaurateur Norm LePage, who has been instrumental in planning the Food & Wine Extravaganza.
Additionally, funds are used to support the Michigan Culinary Team's participation in the World Culinary Salon, a chefs' olympics, held every four years.
The Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza is both a chefs-helping-chefs and a toque-to-que competition. "It sharpens my skills," said Fanale, who plans to try out for the next Michigan Culinary Team.
"It brings the area's best chefs together and we get around to see what others are doing at their tables. We're all working 80-hour weeks and rarely get out

While following studies toward a business degree at Macomb Community College, he realized he'd only be happy cooking and pursued a degree through Oakland Community College's Culinary Apprentice Program at age 21.
Sharkas has been cooking since age 13 when he began making pizzas at Larco's Restaurant. After 10 years there, he joined the Andiamo restaurant group and worked directly under Chef Aldo for five years. He describes himself as a "European at heart and lover of old-country foods."
Both Fanale and Sharkas credit Master Chef Aldo for honing their skills. "He refined my techniques," Fanale said.
"He taught me that sauces must be intensely flavored. Marsala sauce must be made to order." Fanale added that it takes three hours to make a good chicken stock from scratch.
"The veal stock begins by roasting veal bones in an oven with onion, carrots and celery. It takes time to make a great sauce," he said.

Passover from page B1

We sit around as a family, and just share happy times. It's wonderful. Everyone looks forward to being together."
"Kugels can be sweet or savory," said Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Claypot Cooking," and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!" who writes a column for the American Institute of Cancer Research. "During Passover when noodles are off-limits because they are made with flour, kugels are made using potatoes, crumbled mat-

zos, matzo meal, or coarser matzo farfel."
A kugel is a baked pudding. Jacobi said the word "kugel" was originally given to a traditional dish made by European Jews. As far back as the Middle Ages, a pudding was made to go with the Sabbath dinner's long-simmering stew or pot roast. Cooked in the center of the pot with the stew, this pudding and many other baked puddings became known as kugels.
See recipes on B3.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County. For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.

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Sweet or savory kugel too good to pass up

See related story on Taste front.

PINEAPPLE KUGEL

- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 8 eggs (separated)
- 1 can (19 ounces) crushed pineapple, well drained
- 1 grated lemon rind (be sure to remove all the pith)
- 1 cup matzo meal
- Optional Topping
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1/8 cup sugar

Beat the egg yolks, add 1 1/3 cups sugar, pineapple, lemon rind, and matzo meal. Stir well. Beat the egg whites until stiff, and fold into mixture.

Preheat oven to 325°F. Lightly grease a 9- by 13-inch pan. Pour kugel mixture into pan. If you like, sprinkle sugar (about 1/8 cup) over finely chopped nuts, and sprinkle over kugel before baking.

Bake for approximately 30 minutes, until the kugel is a soft brown color. Test the same as you would a cake.

Recipe compliments of Char Kerman.



Richly satisfying: Experiment with vegetables when making kugel. Spinach and Eggplant Kugel is a healthy combination of vegetables, yet as richly satisfying as some traditional recipes.

Cook's tip: Char says you can substitute Spice Islands lemon peel for the freshly grated lemon peel.

SPINACH & EGGPLANT KUGEL

- 2 pounds eggplant, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes

- 10-ounces frozen chopped, defrosted
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 apple, peeled and shredded
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 egg, plus 2 egg whites, beaten
- 1 piece matzo
- 1 teaspoon unsalted butter

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Spray a nine-inch square baking dish and two non-stick cookie sheets with cooking spray.

Arrange the eggplant in a single layer on the cookie sheets, cover each one loosely with aluminum foil and bake for 10 minutes. Uncover the eggplant and turn the cubes. Recover the pan with foil and switch the position of the pans in the oven. Bake until the eggplant is soft when pierced with a knife but still maintains its shape, 5-10 minutes. Place the eggplant into a large bowl.

Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F.

Squeeze the spinach dry. Mix it with the eggplant. Add the onion, apple, and salt and stir to com-

bine. Mix in the eggs and season with pepper. Crumble in the matzo and blend well.

Spread the mixture in an even layer in the prepared baking dish. Dot the top with the butter.

Bake at 350 degrees F, until the top is browned and crisp. Let the kugel sit 10 minutes before cutting and serving hot or warm.

Nutrition information: Each of the six servings contains 110 calories and 2 grams of fat.

Recipe compliments of Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Claypot Cooking," and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!" for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Start your day with an 'eye opener'

AP - Eggs are a favorite breakfast dish and Eye Opener Eggs, a variation on the egg theme, is a nutritious and tasty start to the day.

Eggs cooked this way, in small gratin dishes or ramekins and baked in an oven or toaster oven, are traditionally called "shirred eggs."

They may sound fancy, but they are a snap to prepare. You could pop them into the oven before getting dressed, and

they'll be ready to eat when you are.

Make your choice of toppings from bacon, cheese, ham or chives.

EYE OPENER EGGS

- 4 eggs
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Cooked crumbled bacon

- Shredded Cheddar cheese
- Diced cooked ham
- Snipped chives

Preheat the oven to 325 F. For each serving, break and slip 2 eggs into a greased ramekin, shallow baking dish or 10-ounce custard cup.

In a small dish, mix water, hot pepper sauce and salt.

Spoon one half of mixture over eggs in each dish, gently mixing it in with the whites of the eggs,

being careful not to break the yolks.

Top with your choice of crumbled bacon and shredded cheese or diced ham and chives.

Bake until whites are completely set and yolks begin to thicken but are not hard, about 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and serve immediately.

Makes 2 servings. Recipe from Tabasco.

Easy Chicken Bruschetta ready in 30 minutes

AP - This recipe from Joan Baker, of Estacada, Ore., is one of the 100 winning recipes from the recent Pillsbury "Quick & Easy" BAKE-OFF cooking contest.

It was featured in the 30-minute main dish section.

CHICKEN BRUSCHETTA

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Topping
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 4.5-ounce jar sliced mushrooms, drained

- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup loosely packed chopped fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 3 medium Italian plum tomatoes, seeded, chopped
- 4 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 ounce (1/4 cup) shredded fresh Parmesan cheese
- Fresh basil sprigs, if desired

Spray broiler pan with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle chicken with garlic powder, 1/4 teaspoon

salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper; place on sprayed broiler pan.

Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat for 6 to 8 minutes on each side or until fork-tender and juices run clear.

Meanwhile, heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add mushrooms, garlic and 1/4 teaspoon salt; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until garlic is tender, stirring occasionally.

Add onion, chopped basil, tomatoes, vinegar and 1/8 teaspoon pepper; cook 30 to 45 seconds or until thoroughly heated. To serve, arrange chicken on individual

plates. Sprinkle with half of cheese. Top each serving with mushroom mixture; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Garnish with basil sprigs.

Makes 4 servings.

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Healthy kids day

Celebrate kids' health in spirit, mind and body at any of 10 southeast Michigan YMCA branches April 4 for a free day of games, tours, refreshments, fun, tips on being healthy and fit, youth/adult fitness assessment, program demonstrations and more. Farmington Family YMCA drop-in from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. call (248) 553-4020; Livonia Family YMCA 6:30-8:30 p.m. (open swim, moon walk) call (734) 261-2161; Wayne-Westland YMCA from 12:30-2:30 p.m. drop-in, call (734) 721-7044.

Hard of hearing

The public is invited to attend the Westland chapter of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at MedMax in Westland. TECH 2000 will conduct a focus group to assess the needs of the hard-of-hearing community in terms of hearing technology in public places. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway, just north of Westland Mall.

Parkinson's disease

A half-day conference on Parkinson's disease will take place Saturday, April 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Westin Southfield-Detroit, 1500 Town Center in Southfield. The cost is free to patients and caregivers. Topics will include points in diagnosis and treatment; new medications; and ask the experts. To register call (313) 876-3073.

Clean out, restock medicine cabinet

With the cold and flu season just about behind us, now might be a good time to clear the clutter in your medicine cabinet. "It's amazing how fast a stock-pile of medicine can grow, especially over the winter months," said Christyne Lawson, M.D., family practice physician at Providence Hospital. "But you can easily and inexpensively be ready for any minor injuries or illnesses by getting rid of expired medicines and stocking the shelves with the essentials that every home needs."

Lawson says that all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, including creams and ointments, that have passed their expiration date or are not in their original containers have probably lost their effectiveness and should be discarded. Also, medications not clearly labeled should be thrown away because they could be mistaken for something else.

Lawson suggests the following items for all household medicine cabinets:

- Band aids, bandages, gauze and tape in various sizes; antibiotic ointment; thermometer.
- Pain and fever medicine like acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Aspirin should not be taken by individuals under 21 due to risk of Reye's Syndrome.
- Antihistamine syrup or tablets for minor allergic reactions like sneezing or rash.
- Tweezers for removal of splinters and small ticks.
- Syrup of Ipecac for accidental poisoning. Always consult with your doctor or poison control center before using.
- Telephone numbers taped to the inside cover, including ambulance, family doctor, poison control center and pharmacy.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about these or other medications.

LEARNING PROPER IMMEDIATE CARE CAN BENEFIT INJURED

FIRST AID 101

The fundamental idea of first aid is the initial administration of care following an injury or illness. And while everyone isn't a nurse or paramedic, there are some basic measures that can be taken immediately to benefit the victim before professional medical attention can be sought.

One of the most important considerations is to remain calm. Thorough actions can mean the difference between stabilizing the patient or causing further harm. Performing first aid procedures in a panicked state increases your risk of misjudgment and does nothing to reassure the victim.

Livonia dispatcher Fran Toth said remaining composed when calling 911 quickens the process and helps medical personnel en route be more knowledgeable of the situation. "If people are getting hysterical we tell them 'You have to calm down,'" said Toth a 12-year veteran of the dispatching department.

Toth said having information of the victim's condition is important as the dispatcher will need to know if the individual is conscious or breathing — then make an assessment if intervention (such as CPR, Heimlich maneuver) is necessary.

When it comes to first aid for the treatment of minor and common injuries, there are many misconceptions about remedies that actually hinder the healing process.

According to Lt. Clint London, Garden City Fire Department paramedic, basic first aid can be administered following an injury or illness prior to the arrival of professional help. London also encourages persons to take a first aid and/or CPR course through their local American Red Cross, American Heart Association chapter or hospital to improve their understanding of practical medical treatments.

■ Minor burns

One of the most popular misunderstandings about burns is that butter or oil can be administered to soothe the pain from a minor burn. *False.* London said butter, oils, grease, ointments and lotions are not a good idea because they might induce infection and be more painful. Also, ice and burns don't mix. The ice won't do anything for the pain but make it worse.

First, make a determination as to the degree of the burn and whether you should call 911. As with any injury or illness, paramedics, emergency medical technicians and hospital personnel are trained to care for the sick and should be contacted if you are unsure about a course of action. Get help immediately.

However, if the injury is minor you can take some degree of intervention, then seek medical attention from your primary physician, hospital or urgent care facility.

The symptoms of a burn include redness, pain and swelling. Typically, the skin will become moist and oozing blisters will appear within several hours. Carefully remove clothing from the burned area if it isn't stuck to the skin. Flush with cool water, cover the burn with sterile bandages and seek medical attention.

London, a 10-year veteran of the Garden City Fire Department, said one of your biggest worries relating to burns is the danger of infection. Thoroughly wash your hands with soap, avoid coughing on the affected area and bandage the burn with loose, sterile dressings (not adhesive bandages). Avoid putting pressure or causing friction to the burn and do not disturb blistered skin.

■ Minor cuts

Minor cuts typically show signs of pierced skin with bleeding and pain. If the cut is

deep and bleeding appears heavy, apply gentle but firm pressure and call 911.

If the cut is minor, bleeding should cease in a short time. Apply pressure to the area and rinse thoroughly with mild soap and water. Make an effort to keep the soap out of the cut to avoid further irritation. Apply a sterile bandage and follow up with a physician, depending on the severity of the cut.

London said the use of tourniquets to stop blood flow actually puts the victim in danger because the device cuts off circulation and blood flow — possibly leading to the loss of a limb.

"In my years on the job I have never once had to use a tourniquet," said London. "Tourniquets are used in last resort situations." London instead suggests direct pressure be applied to the wound and elevation. If the cut is on the arm or leg raise the wounded area higher than the heart to slow bleeding.

Bandages should be changed regularly to keep the area clean and dry during the healing process.

■ Electric shock

Symptoms of electric shock caused by exposure to an electrical current include burns at contact points, muscle spasms, unconsciousness and difficulty breathing. Call for help immediately. If the source of the electricity has not been turned off do not touch the victim with your bare hands. The body can conduct electricity from one person to another.

■ Insect bites/stings

Indications of a bite or sting include itching, redness, pain and swelling. If the victim is allergic and having difficult breathing and swallowing, call 911. If there is no known allergy attempt to gently remove the stinger (do not squeeze area of bite or sting with tweezers). Wash with soap and lukewarm water and apply a cold compress. Follow up with a physician.

Monitor the site for the next 24 to 48 hours for infection (inflammation, pain, redness). Seek additional medical treatment if necessary.

■ Broken bones

Evaluate the severity of the broken limb including

whether bone is protruding through the skin. Seek medical attention right away. If no bones are showing, find the position of comfort or create a homemade splint to secure the arm in hopes of minimizing the bones from moving together.

If bone has broken through the skin, make sure the victim is as comfortable as possible until help arrives and cover the open area with a sterile bandage. Do not breathe or cough on an open air wound.

■ Poisoning

Call 911 and poison control (1-800-POISON-1) if you suspect poisoning. The Poison Control Center will advise you on a course of action. Be prepared to tell the center, if you know, what the victim consumed that led to the poisoning. Symptoms can include unconsciousness, convulsions, difficulty breathing, sweating, vomiting and diarrhea.

Poison Control might advise you to collect vomit and urine if possible for testing by the hospital. Remain calm when speaking to the Poison Control Center to expedite treatment. Poisons act fast and you should, too.

■ Shock

Shock, a life-threatening and deteriorating condition, is the effect of any sudden disturbance or agitation of the mind or emotions that can lead to very low blood pressure and the rapid shut-down of the body's vital functions. London said shock can occur from a traumatic disturbance and stress following an injury or accident.

"If someone goes into shock that's an indication something is seriously wrong," said London, who advised getting help immediately.

Symptoms of shock can include pale, clammy skin; general weakness; rapid, shallow breathing; rapid, weak pulse; and confusion caused by the loss of blood and body fluids (due to hemorrhage, burns, dehydration, severe vomiting, diarrhea).

Other causes:

Severe pain, heart attack, toxicity (blood poisoning), spinal injuries, overwhelming fear.

Intervention is necessary to treat a shock victim until medical help arrives. Depending on the severity of other injuries, control bleeding and treat the victim by having him/her lay back with legs elevated. If you suspect a head or back injury, do not move the victim. Keep the victim warm and comfortable and monitor breathing and pulse rate. Remain calm.

Just as important as a smoke detector, flash light, and fire extinguisher can be to your safety so too are first aid kits. Many area stores and medical supply retailers sell prearranged kits that include many necessary items for basic first aid in the event of minor injuries. No kit should ever take the place of calling 911 if you are unsure about an illness or injury.

However, a first aid kit can include several items (see chart) to treat minor injuries.

In the event of an injury or illness remember to check the victim for a Medic Alert bracelet for a pre-existing condition, allergy or illness. This is important to know when calling 911, as is remaining calm.

The Livonia dispatcher said special directions about the victim's location should be relayed to the dispatcher including if doors to a residence are locked or specifically where the victim can be found (upstairs, basement, backyard, vehicle, etc.) to benefit the rescue team.

Basic first aid should never take the place of treatment by a physician or professional medical personnel. Keep in mind first aid has its limitations. London said 911 should be contacted if you are unsure about anything to ensure your and the victim's safety.

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CLIP AND SAVE - POST NEAR PHONE

First aid, CPR classes offered locally

Several area hospitals including the local American Red Cross chapter offer basic first aid and CPR courses. Call each individual site for more information.

BOTSFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL
A Life in your Hands ... CPR, BCLS and first aid classes. Sponsored by Botsford General Hospital and Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile, Southfield. Fees: \$20 for CPR; \$25 for BCLS; and \$35 for first aid. Call, (248) 356-3900, Ext. 258.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL
Several American Heart Association courses, Basic Life Support (BLS) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), are offered for adult heartsaver, health care providers and child/pediatric.

Basic Life Support (BLS) Pediatric Heartsaver Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training 6-10 p.m. April 21, St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Preregistration required. Call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650. Pediatric Life Support

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Pediatric Basic Life Support CPR Class 6-10 p.m. April 21 in the St.

Mary Hospital Auditorium, located near the Five Mile entrance. Cost, \$20 per person. Advance registration is required. Call 1-800-494-1650.

SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM
Heartsaver/Basic Life Support (BLS) American Heart Association "Community Heartsaver Class" teaches healthy lifestyle behaviors to avoid cardiovascular disease, CPR on adults, children and infants and how to assist a victim of a foreign airway obstruction using the Heimlich maneuver. Completion cards are issued at the end of class and are valid for two years. Call for dates/times. Infant/Pediatric Basic Life Support (BLS)

This course is intended for those over 12 years old interested in acquiring basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, household safety tips, CPR and choking rescue skills for infants and children ages 1-8. Includes lecture, demonstration, mannequin practice and video review. Review of materials prior to class is strongly recommended. Call for dates/times. Basic Life Support Instructor Course This course is intended for instructors

learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, CPR and choking rescue skills. Call for dates/times.

For information call (734) 712-5400.

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CPR and First Aid Programs Standard First Aid with CPR

The course teaches participants how to respond to injuries and illness in a systematic way, handling life-threatening problems before more serious problems occur. This course does this by combining life-saving techniques with traditional first aid information and skills. This course also includes certification in Adult CPR.

Two four-hour classes. Generally held in the evening. Presented to community groups upon request. Contact Loreen Schunder, 791-1489. CPR and First Aid Programs Adult/Pediatric CPR Learn adult and infant/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation and airway obstruction management. One four-hour class, cost: \$15. Contact

Please see CLASSES, B5

First Aid Essentials

Suggested first aid kit items for your home and automobile:

- Sterile bandages such as sterile gauze pads (4x4 and 2x2), eye patches and sterile cotton balls.
- Assorted sizes of adhesive bandage strips.
- Butterfly bandages.
- Elastic wraps (for wrist, ankle, knee and elbow injuries).
- Absorbent, sterile cotton.
- Other important items to keep on hand in your home or car include a blanket, cotton-tipped swabs, tweezers, thermometer, blunt surgical scissors (cutting adhesive tape).
- Bee sting kit if there is a known allergy or prescribed medication.
- Ipecac syrup (to induce vomiting only as directed by the Poison Control Center, 800-POISON-1).
- Antibiotic ointment, calamine lotion and hydrocortisone cream (stings, poison ivy and oak).
- Antiseptic solution (hydrogen peroxide for superficial wounds).
- Flashlight, first aid manual, change for a telephone call, tissues, paper/pencil and soap.
- Flares and fire extinguisher.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MON, MARCH 30

FOOD/BEHAVIOR RELATIONSHIP Barbara Reed Stitt, Ph.D., will speak on the relationship between food and behavior, free of charge and open to the public at the Novi Hilton (Haggerty Road north of 8 Mile) at 7 p.m. No reservations are necessary. Call Nancy Rigby, (313) 563-7236.

WED, MARCH 31

LIVING WITH DIABETES "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes" diabetes Education Class, four-week class, eight sessions, 7-9 p.m., Pavilion Conference at St. Mary Hospital Room G (South Entrance off Levan Rd.) Class fee \$75. To register, call (734) 655-8940.

WED, APRIL 1

PRE-POSTNATAL EXERCISE The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week (90 minute) pre-natal exercise class through May 6. Meet in Pavilion Conference Room A from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost, \$35 per person. Call (734) 800-494-1615.

CHILD CPR Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class beginning at 7 p.m. and approved by the American Heart Association. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330.

THUR, APRIL 2

CHILD BIRTH CLASS

This class is designed for first-time families seeking to birth at the Family Birthing Center of Providence Hospital. Six-week class is \$65 and runs from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call (248) 424-3919.

ELDERWISE Elderwise will kick off its spring program from 1-3:30 p.m. in the Senior Health Building, 5361 McAuley Dr. Ann Arbor. A short presentation of the courses to be offered (music, theatre, literature, history) will be given. Elderwise is a program for people over age 50 to continue learning in retirement. Call (734) 572-2035.

SIBLING CLASS The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital will offer a Sibling Class from 6-8 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room A. Children are invited to attend and learn about being a big brother or big sister. Cost, \$10 per family. Registration required. Call 800 494-1615.

FRI, APRIL 3

DISABILITIES JOB EXPO The Assistive Technology Expo is the job fair for persons with disabilities that will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center (Cobo Hall).

SPORTS SAFETY TRAINING Teaches coaches and others basic first aid skills for athletic injuries, sports related injury prevention and artificial respiration, CPR for adults and children. Course length is seven hours. Fee includes cost and materials, \$40. April 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and April 10, 9 a.m. to noon. Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

SAT, APRIL 4

HEALTHY KIDS DAY Celebrate kids' health in spirit, mind and body during a free day of games, tours, refreshments, fun, tips on being healthy and fit, youth/adult fitness assessment, program demonstrations and more. Farmington Family YMCA drop-in from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. call (248) 553-4020; Livonia Family YMCA 5:30-8:30 p.m. (open swim, moon walk) call (734) 261-2161; Wayne-Westland YMCA from 12:30-2:30 p.m. drop-in, call (734) 721-7044.

NORTHWEST ALAMO CLUB The Northwest Alamo Club (a private social club operated in an alcohol-free environment) will open its doors to the public on April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and April 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by for refreshments, info. on sober/fun activities, Saturday night dance. Located in the strip mall (s.e. corner of Joy Road and Beechday) 25605 Joy Road, Dearborn Hgts.

BABY CARE CLASS The baby care class helps families learn newborn care in advance such as bathing, holding and dressing. From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, \$20. Call (248) 424-3919.

HERBAL KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOP Woodland Indians Trading Co. presents Healing and Wellness from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North American Indian Assoc. (22720 Plymouth Road east of Telegraph), \$50 workshop fee. Herbal products, books, jewelry, and crafts for sale. Fee includes materials and lunch.

Health-O-Rama provides free, low-cost health screenings at convenient locations

All Project Health-O-Rama sites will offer free basic health tests and services throughout the months of April and May.

The following are free services each Project site will offer: blood pressure, height/weight, vision, glaucoma, counseling and referral services, nutritional counseling, pulmonary function, medication counseling, hearing, health education information and displays.

Individual sites will also provide various screenings for a minimal cost. Sponsoring hospitals and medical centers remind consumers that the screenings should not take the place of a regularly scheduled physical with a primary care physician.

Botsford General Hospital and the Botsford Health Development Network will sponsor Project Health-O-Rama Tuesday-Thursday, April 7-9. Botsford will also offer the screenings Wednesday and Thursday, May 13 and 14, at the same location from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free and low-cost health screenings will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. throughout Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road (Seven Mile and Middlebelt). For more information call (248) 477-6100.

Blood panel of 23 profiles, \$22. PSA (prostate specific antigen), \$25

CA 125, \$25. H. Pylori test, \$15. Colorectal cancer kits (take home), \$8. Body composition analysis, \$5. Bone density screens, \$25. Mammogram (call for information) (248) 543-7982. HIV at-home test kits, \$35.

Oakwood Healthcare System Project Health-O-Rama screenings from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15, at Laurel Park Plaza, 37700 Six Mile Road (at Newburgh). Presented by the Oakwood Healthcare System and Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne.

Most health screenings are free. Those which require fees are: Body fat composition, \$5. Colo-rectal cancer screening kit, \$8. H. Pylori blood test, \$15.

Blood panel testing. (Continue taking medications), \$22. Ovarian cancer test, \$25. Osteoporosis screening, \$25. PSA blood test, \$25. HIV/AIDS home screening kit, \$35.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, April 21-23, at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, 29859 Plymouth Road (Plymouth Road at Middlebelt).

Most health screenings are free. Those which require fees are listed below:

Body fat composition, \$5. Colorectal cancer screening, \$8. H. Pylori blood test, \$15. Blood panel testing, \$22. Ovarian cancer test, \$25. Osteoporosis screening, \$25. PSA blood test, \$25. HIV/AIDS screening kit, \$35. For more information, call 800-543-WELL.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will host Project Health-O-Rama, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Canton Summit (Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes roads).

The Canton Summit will be the site for free health screenings such as hearing, vision and glaucoma testing, podiatry (foot) screenings, body composition analysis, and nutritional counseling.

Low-cost screenings include: Blood panel chemistry, \$22. Prostate cancer test, \$25. Ovarian cancer test, \$25. Bone Density, \$25. Gastro-intestinal, \$15. Take-home HIV test, \$35. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine for more information, (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

Detroit Medical Center will host a one-day Health-O-Rama site at the Westminster Church in Detroit, 17567 Hubbell (at W. Outer Drive), Detroit from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 27.

Free services include pulmonary function, ask the eye doctor, self-breast exam instruction, medication counseling, counseling/referral and nutrition counseling.

Low-cost testing includes Blood Panel (23 Profile), \$22. Mammograms. PSA blood test, \$25. CA-125, \$25.

H. Pylori, \$15. Colorectal kit, \$8. HIV testing kit, \$35. Mission Health Medical Center, 38959 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh in Livonia is offering a variety of health screenings from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

In addition to the routine free services, other free exams include foot exams, self-breast exam education, hypnosis and stress relief. Ask the Dermatologist session, Ask the Pharmacist session and dental/oral exams.

Low-cost screening services: Body composition test, \$5. Bone density test, \$25. Pulmonary function, \$5. Pap tests, \$10. Blood panel (23 profiles), \$22. PSA blood test, \$22. CA-125 test, \$25. Colorectal cancer screening kits, \$8.

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, Five Mile and Levan roads, will host Project Health-O-Rama 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

Free and low-cost screening tests and services for adults age 18 and over will be available at this 19th annual event.

Low-cost screenings: Blood Panel of 23 profiles, \$22. CA-125 cancer antigen blood test for women, \$25. PSA blood test, \$25. Colorectal cancer screening kits, \$8. H. pylori blood test, \$15. HIV Test Kit, \$35. Pulmonary function, \$5.

For more information, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

Other Project Health-O-Rama sites include: The Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (between Wayne Road and Newburgh), April 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

UAW Local 735, Community Service Commission, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Facility is located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Screenings are open to anyone 18 years of age and older. All test results are confidential. Call the Project Health-O-Rama Hotline, beginning March 31 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., (248) 424-8600.

Classes from page B4

Loreen Schunder, 791-1489. PROVIDENCE MEDICAL CENTER Heartsaver/Basic Life Support

This course is intended of those 12 years and older interested in learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR and choking rescue skills. Does not meet requirements for the day care providers. \$25, Livonia: April 14 and May 12.

INFANT/PEDIATRIC CPR This course is intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, household safety tips, CPR and choking rescue skills for infants and children one-to-eight years old. This course includes lecture, demonstration, mannequin practice and video overview. \$25. Livonia: 6-9 p.m. April 28 and May 26. Call 1-800-968-5595.

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL Child/Infant CPR offered 7 p.m. monthly (April 1 and May 6). Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour

class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call 458-4330 for class times and registration.

ADULT CPR Three-hour evening class conducted 7 p.m. April 15 and May 19 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, teaching one person rescue through a film, lecture, demonstration and return demonstration. Registration required. Call 458-4330.

AMERICAN RED CROSS Call the Livonia chapter of the American Red Cross for the following courses, (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. American Red Cross standard first aid and adult CPR. Course

length is seven hours and \$33 fee includes materials. April 13, 6-10 p.m.; April 14, 6-10 p.m.; April 16, 6-9 p.m.; and April 20, 6-9 p.m.

American Red Cross standard first aid and adult CPR. Course length is seven hours and \$33 fee includes materials. April 28, 6-10 p.m., and April 30, 6-9 p.m.

Training teaches, coaches and others basic first aid skills for athletic injuries, sports-related injury prevention and artificial respiration, CPR for adults and children. Course length is seven hours. Fee includes cost and materials, \$40. April 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and April 10, 9 a.m. to noon.

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Seinfeld-mania, television devotee sites clog cyberspace



MIKE WENDLAND

The world seems transfixed by the imminent demise of the Jerry Seinfeld show on NBC. And as the word goes ... so goes the World Wide Web.

Seinfeld mania has captured cyberspace.

Start with the site that bills itself as the "Seinfeld-est Spot on the Internet" (<http://www.seinfeldiest.com/>). As soon as you log on, you start hearing a MIDI sound file of the show's theme song. From there, you can move to a downloadable archive of tiny little video clips from some of the favorite episodes.

You'll have to squint. The video plays in an inch by inch widow, but contains almost all of the classic scenes from recent

episodes. The site is filled with trivia from the show, including an interactive quiz about silly moments from past shows or bizarre relationships between characters. But where most of the action is these days is on the "Say it Isn't So!" section that details the latest news about the final episode and what may or may not happen to the stars.

Also found here is bogus synopsis of the yet-to-be-taped final episode called "The End." While the online script is not bad and indeed did fool a lot of Seinfeld fans for a couple weeks, it is, insist show producers a fake.

Think this is a bit much? There's a whole web ring (<http://www.seinfeldiest.com/rings/rings.html>) of related sites devoted to the sitcom. At last count, there were links to no less than 49 other sites. Among some of the more unusual:

■ A fan's online "Shrine to Seinfeld"

(<http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/Set/8747/>), proving that some people really do need to get a life.

■ Episode guides (<http://www.auburn.edu/~hollaj/seinfeld.html>) that synopsizes every single show.

■ Jerry's sayings (<http://www.seinfeldiest.com/templates/sos.html>), offering Seinfeldisms that have crept into our vocabulary, like "Not that there's anything wrong with that," or "Get out!" and "Yama hama."

■ A collection of Kramer Soundbytes (<http://www.angelfire.com/ny/shiney/kramer.html>), devoted to the clumsy neighbor's best one-liners.

There are even more sites devoted to The X-Files. My count with the Alta Vista search engine returned almost 300 sites devoted to that show of the bizarre. Try Fox's site (<http://www.thex-files.com/>) for the official line — just do a

search on "X-Files" using any popular web browser.

Another show with an amazing cult following on the Internet is Mystery Science Theatre 3000, or MST 3K as it's referred to on the Net. This wacky take off of bad science fiction flicks airs on the Sci-Fi Channel on cable and has over 200 sites. The official site can be found at <http://scifi.com/mst3000/>.

The multimedia capabilities of the Web are also heavily utilized by these TV sites. My favorite online source for audio files and sound clips is called The Sound Archive (<http://www.betabase.com/sound/s/>).

And if you want to capture your own sounds, there's a Web site (<http://www.dancopublishing.com/x-files/howto.htm>) that shows you how to do that, too.

Here are some of the more specialized and unusual. Sites devoted to television shows.

Cop TV Shows from the Minging Company (<http://coptv.mingingco.com/>) - And you thought COPS was all there was? This site chronicles dozens of them, offers mailing lists and online bulletin boards.

■ LinxNet television Index (<http://www.linxnet.com/tv.html>) - Whew! This is the most extensive program guide you'll find, linking you to detailed information about almost every program out there.

■ TV Game Shows of the World (<http://www.dcs.qmw.ac.uk/~chidgey/Humour/GameShow.html>) - This is a British site that describes mythical game show offerings from other countries and manages to spoof all game shows everywhere.

■ Freshwater Fishing Shows (<http://fishing.mingingco.com/library/weekly/aa060997.htm>) - I had to include this because, well, I had absolutely no idea that there is so much cable space that

there are currently more than a dozen shows devoted to... fishing. My favorite name? "Go Fish," which airs in Georgia.

There was a survey that came out in this week's edition of Advertising Age magazine that measured the dramatic effect the Internet was having on television viewing. Nearly 22 percent of the 100,000 Web users surveyed by investment bank Hambrecht & Quist and ad network LinkExchange said they regularly sacrifice TV for surfing time.

Another survey I read last fall said the average Net surfer cuts their weekly TV viewing by six hours. I wonder how many of them are scrolling through TV sites on the Web.

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AT YOUR SERVICE

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In my opinion, you should find a repair facility displaying this symbol. ASE This symbol stands for Automotive Service Excellence. The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence was founded in 1972 as a non-profit, independent entity dedicated to improving the quality service and repair, through the voluntary testing of automotive technicians. Shops that display and hire ASE technicians are within the highest

degree of certifications within our country.

GOOD REFERENCES: Talk with people you know and ask them if they could recommend a shop. Ask them whether they were satisfied with the work they had done and whether they feel they got value and good service for their money. You may also check with agencies such as the abetter Business Bureau, your state or local Consumer Affairs Department or Motor Vehicle Department to make sure the shop you select has no significant outstanding complaints against them.

CONVENIENT LOCATION: Whenever possible, deal with a local shop where the personnel will get to know you and your vehicle. Always try to find a shop that has abilities to repair any type of mechanical problem that may arise. Ideally, you would like to find a shop that can perform your oil changes and regular scheduled maintenance as well as replacing a motor or transmission if required. Lastly, if you find a shop that is not so geographically convenient, if they want your business, they will accommodate

you to or from your home or workplace as good customer service.

FAIR PRICING: Find out your shop's hourly labor rate to get a general idea of the prices you can expect. In the Detroit Metro area, a fair labor rate will range from \$60.00 to \$70.00 per hour. A shop that employs ASE technicians may be at the higher end of the scale. Keep in mind that this is only a guide and it may be ultimately less expensive to pay a little more for the services of a more experienced technician at a better equipped shop. YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR!

PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE: A clean and orderly shop is a good indication that people take pride in their work. Employees should be in uniforms and the customer should never have a problem trying to determine who works there, along with persons being in charge.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS: To a great extent, your satisfaction will depend upon how well communication is relayed. Does the Service Advisor treat you with courtesy and listen to your explanation of why you are bringing

your vehicle in? Do they make certain that they understand exactly what work you want done? Are they careful to ascertain how much you are willing to spend and when you need your vehicle? Do they offer you courtesy transportation? Do they clearly explain, in nonprofessionals' terms, what is wrong with your vehicle and choice if any? Is your vehicle returned washed and free of any grease marks?

These are just a few of many questions that should be addressed. Good customer relations also depend upon good record keeping in the sense that all questions about maintenance and warranties are easily dealt with by a shop where personnel have access to your vehicle's history. Again, this is the importance of dealing with just one shop. Ideally, a shop should have computerized customer records. In summary, a superior shop will educate their customers about what a truly professional service facility is all about. Then, and only then, the customer will realize what separates the paparazzi from everyone else.

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Club lights library atrium

Color excites Billie Thompson. The jewel tones in a new series of abstracts by the Livonia watercolorist richly attests to that fact. Thompson along with two dozen other members of the Livonia Artists Club will exhibit their works Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5, in the light-filled atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library. The show is dedicated to club founder Olive Harrington, who died last year.

"I think I've been heading this way for a long time," said Thompson. "I love color and form and in its purest form (color) is abstract."

Overcoming obstacles

Thompson began painting seriously about seven years ago. She is a member of the Livonia Arts Commission and education coordinator for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

"Unfortunately life interferes," said Thompson. "You work. You raise kids and time slips away."

37th annual Festival of Arts

What: Livonia Artists Club members exhibit a mix of mediums including painting, monotype, colored pencil, and pastel. The show will honor club founder Olive Harrington, who died last year.
When: 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5.
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, 32777 Five Mile Road, (east of Farmington Road).

Thompson frequently enters shows where artists compete for ribbons and prizes. Judge Suzanne Haskew will award best of show; first, second and third place; honorable mentions, and the Grumbacher Award for best use of color for the Livonia Artists Club show.

Haskew is president of the Village Fine Arts Association and owner of the Murky Bottom Studio in Milford. "It's a judged not a juried show," said Thompson. "Every piece entered is shown. It's one of the few shows in the area to handle entries that way. It gives beginners a chance. It encourages them tremendously."

Exhibit
Livonia Artists Club members are allowed to exhibit up to five paintings each in the show. An unframed area of paintings will offer works at reduced prices. Pick up a monotype for as little as \$2 or a larger painting for \$60 and frame it yourself.

"We're excited about the show," said Yvette Goldberg, exhibit co-chair with Ruth Ann Platt. "Besides paintings, we'll have wood carving by Paul Maceri. He was one of the original members of the club."

Many members also belong to other clubs including the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Farmington Artists Club, and Palette and Brush Club. So what sets the Livonia Artists Club apart from other area organizations of like minds?

"People enjoy the Livonia Artists Club because it's small and friendly and laid back," said Thompson. "For a small club, the Livonia Artists Club has many excellent, professional artists, and we have quite a few oil painters. Most clubs have a majority of watercolorists."

The Livonia Artists Club meets monthly at the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information, call Yvette Goldberg at (248) 476-2313 or Marge Masek at (313) 464-6772.



Color her excited: This is one of the new abstract watercolors that Billie Thompson will exhibit in the Livonia Artists Club show.

Choir rises above differences for Requiem

★ St. Genevieve Choir director Laverne Lieberknecht agrees with the adage that music is universal. No matter what a person's race or creed, everyone understands the emotion written between the lines.

While working on a master's degree in choral conducting at Wayne State University in 1991, Lieberknecht came up with the idea for the St. Genevieve Choir to present a Good Friday concert. Once the concerts became reality, Lieberknecht's dream was to build a choir consisting of singers from a multitude of religions and choral organizations to perform the annual program.

This year the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir will present John Rutter's "Requiem" with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra under conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk Friday, April 10. The singers represent more than 25 Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist and community choir groups from St. Genevieve, St. Michael's, Newburgh United Methodist Church, the Livonia Civic Chorus, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Madonna University Chorale Singers, and Schoolcraft College, to name a few.

"We decided to open up membership to anyone who wanted to sing," said Lieberknecht. "We only get together about six weeks before the Good Friday concert. It truly is interdenominational and music is the international language."

Written in 1985 by Rutter, the 40-minute "Requiem" was not styled as a setting of a Requiem Mass (otherwise known as the Mass for the Dead) as laid down in Catholic liturgy. It was taken from several different texts including the Requiem Mass and the 1662 Common Book of Prayers. The seven sections form an arch-like meditation on themes of life and death. The first and last movements consist of prayers on behalf of humanity. Movement two and six are psalms, and three and five, personal prayers to Christ. The central Sanctus affirms the divine glory of Christ.

When Lieberknecht attended a

music workshop with Rutter a few years ago, the composer revealed that he'd traveled to Paris to research Faure's "Requiem" before returning to Cambridge, England, to write his own. The choir has performed both requiems. This is the first time with a symphony orchestra. In past years, a chamber orchestra and harp provided accompaniment.

"I think a lot of people come because it fits in with the Easter theme and makes Holy Week and Easter special," said Lieberknecht.

"And what makes this requiem interesting is that it's sung in both Latin and English. During the Agnus Dei, while the men sing in Latin, the women sing in English."

Nearly five dozen singers responded to the flyers Lieberknecht sent to area high schools and churches the first year she gathered singers to form the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir. The fact that 60 to 70 singers return year after year to perform in the Good Friday concert attests to the choir's popularity and the commitment of its members. This is the fourth time, Bill Scruggs will sing Rutter's "Requiem" with the choir. Scruggs

joined the St. Genevieve Choir 39 years ago.

"It's a very beautiful Requiem," said Scruggs of Livonia. "It's the beauty of the melody that's sort of haunting throughout the piece. It's a challenging piece of music, one of the more difficult ones because of the timing."

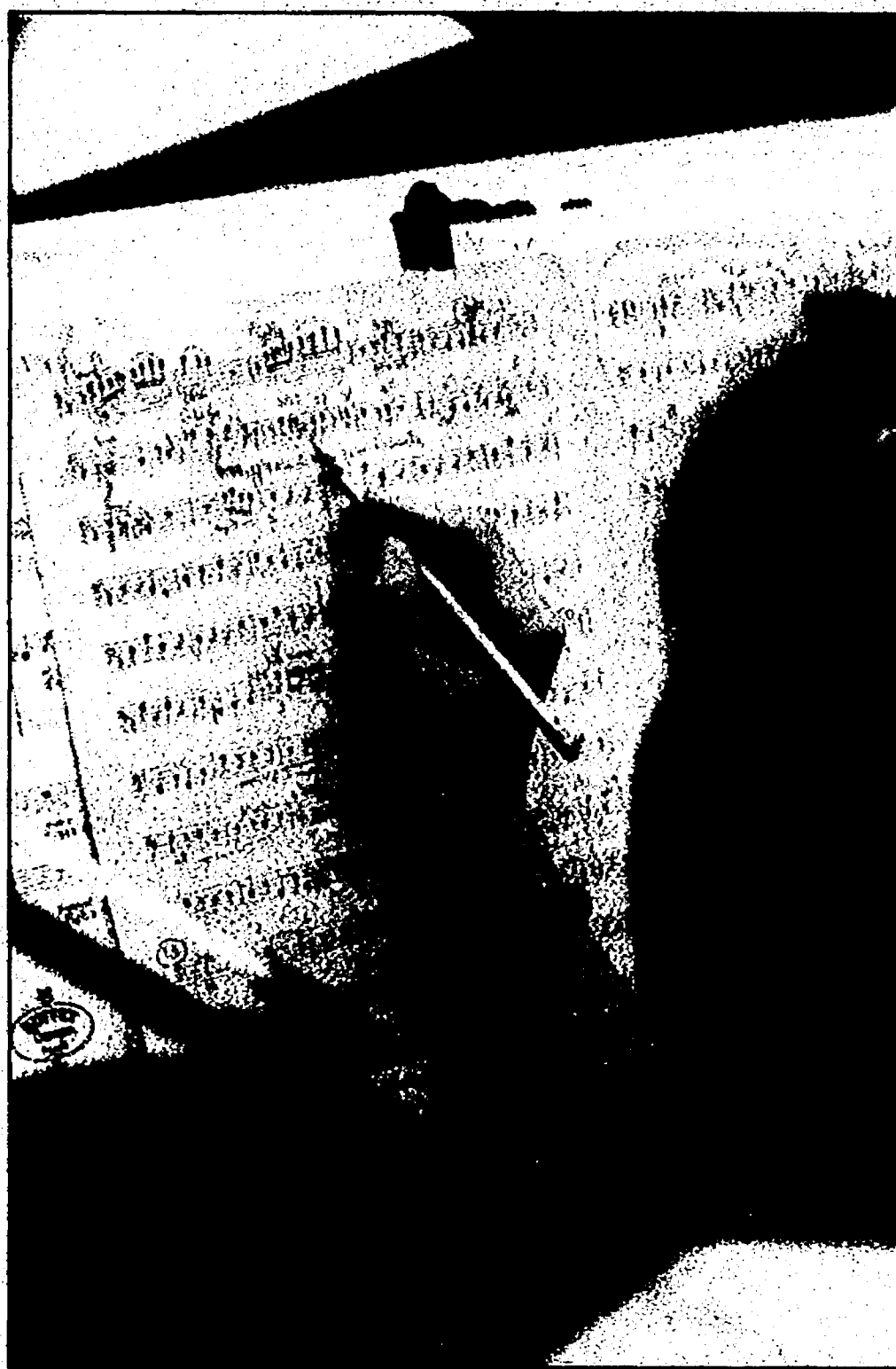
The setting for the "Requiem" is the 1300-seat St. Genevieve Church designed by architect Joseph St. Cyr. Livonia Symphony president Robert Bennett describes the church as "modest but elegant." The architecture gives a "warm feeling of being inside a giant parasol supported by massive wooden beams. The wide aisles and a gently sloping floor coupled with the unique ceiling/roof design, creates an atmosphere of beauty and strength." According to Lieberknecht, "because there's so much wood, the acoustics are just marvelous."

Good Friday Concert

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert joins with the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir in a presentation of John Rutter's "Requiem." Harpsichordist/composer William Albright performs the first movement of his "Concerto for Harpsichord and Strings."
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10.
Where: St. Genevieve Church, 28933 Jamison Avenue, (south of Five Mile Road, east of Middlebelt), Livonia.
Tickets: \$12.50, and available at the Livonia Civic Center Library, St. Genevieve office, or by calling Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666, or the Livonia Symphony at (734) 421-1111/464-2741.



Rare Occasion: LSO conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk puts down his baton to join concert master Xiang Gao in a performance of Vivaldi's "Concerto for Two Violins."



Writing history: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra scores a first by performing a Good Friday Concert with the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir.

"We're excited about where we're playing, the venue, it's rather a unique structure," said Bennett. "That plus the fact we're playing Rutter's 'Requiem.' It's a piece of music that's not as depressing and maudlin as other requiems. It speaks of the spirituality of life. This could be a nice experience for people, much more emphasis on strings and woodwinds and very little brass. It's all in keeping with the time of year."

In addition to the "Requiem" the orchestra will perform the first movement of William Albright's "Concerto for Harpsichord and

Strings." Albright, a professor of music and composition department chairman at the University of Michigan School of Music, will play the harpsichord.

Albright joined the faculty at the University of Michigan School of Music 28 years ago. He earned a doctorate in music composition from the Ann Arbor university.

Over the years, Albright, an accomplished organist and pianist, has written everything from oratorios to operas. The "Concerto for Harpsichord and Strings," written

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DANCE

Spring collection: Dancers prepare to kick up a storm

Anne Bresler knew after the bright lights of Broadway cast their spell on her in third grade that theater and music were in her future.

She had gone to see the musical "Les Miserables." The dancing and singing proved so powerful that performing on the "big stage" has become the goal of this 15-year-old Churchill High School student.

In preparation for that day, Bresler rehearses several times a week for local performances. She along with the rest of the Dance Ensemble West company will present "Dance Collection - 1998" Saturday, April 4, at Plymouth Canton High School's Little Theater.

The non-profit dance company's senior (ages 14-18) and junior (ages 10-14) divisions will perform an eclectic program encompassing everything from ballet to modern dance. All of the dancers study at Dance Unlimited of Plymouth.

A senior company member, Bresler will dance the 11-minute modern ballet "A Simple Journey" set to the music of

Dance Ensemble West

What: "Dance Collection-1998," a dance concert with performances by the nonprofit company's senior and junior divisions.
When: 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4.
Where: Plymouth Canton High School's Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road (at Joy Road), Canton.
Tickets: \$9. For more information, call (734) 420-4430.

the Forrest Gump soundtrack, "Replaced By Everyday" to music by REM, and "The Roll Dance."

"I've always wanted to be a performer," said Bresler. "It's all I want to do. Dance Ensemble West has given me the opportunity to do that."

Bresler and Sarah Kwas, a fellow Dance Ensemble West member, have had a lot of late night rehearsals lately. Both are students in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School and will dance in the all-school production of "42nd Street" April 2-4. They're also preparing with Dance

Ensemble West to perform in the Michigan Youth Art's Festival May 7-9 in Kalamazoo. Dancers from all over Michigan recently adjudicated for the honor.

Bresler never seems to tire of the hectic schedule and neither does the 17-year-old Kwas, who plans to be an actress on Broadway. Kwas will dance four numbers with Dance Ensemble West's senior company and by herself in "Fusion." She describes the choreography of the solo number as "an upbeat jazzy style of dance with ballet steps to it."

"I'm all right as long as I eat right and get a lot of sleep," said Kwas, a dancer since age 4. "I always want to dance. Dance lets me express myself. I love to perform."

Nine-year-old Rebecca Birman is looking forward to dancing with Dance Ensemble West's junior company for the first time. Her favorite number on the "Dance Collection" program is "I

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Spring collection: Dance Ensemble West will perform a collection of ballet and modern dance works in an April 4 concert. Pictured are members of the senior company including (back row from left) Kristina Daraskavitch, Christi Badgero, Heather Fountain (artistic director), Cathy Ehalt, Kim Svenson, (middle row left) Andrea Miller, Sarah Carlson, Anne Bresler, (front row left) Devin Burnstein, Sarah Kwas, and Beth Berzac.

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FROM BEETHOVEN TO MOZART
The Arianna String Quartet perform the music of Mozart and Beethoven noon, Wednesday, April 1 in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Five and Six Mile, Livonia. The concert is free.

The Arianna String Quartet, artists-in-residence at Eastern Michigan University, will present a program including Mozart's "String Quartet in B-flat Major" and Beethoven's "String Quartet in F Major, Op. 135."

The quartet has quickly established itself as one of America's finest chamber ensembles. The quartet received the 1996-97 Chamber Music America Ensemble Residency Program Matching Grant and will participate in the 1997-98 Musical Celebration of the Millennium. From its base at Eastern, the quartet has established a community outreach program for public schools and retirement centers statewide.

FINAL DAYS
The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts the "Point of View" exhibit by the Palette and Brush Club through April 2 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

According to Robert J. Wilbert juror's statement, the strongest works in the exhibit are figure paintings. Those he selected, "Catnap" by Olga Pawlowaki and "Y" by Toni Stevens of Ply-

mouth, for first and second place awards "were accomplished in many ways—drawing, use of the media and the sense of the relationship between the artist and the model. What especially set them apart was their sense of structure compositionally; I was pleased to see that addressed so forcefully."

Wilbert, professor emeritus in the department of art and art history at Wayne State University where he taught for 38 years, awarded third place to Tina Dupke for "Walkin' Shoes." Honorable Mentions went to Mary Jordan Ehler for "Deer Isle Bridge—Maine," Ruth Neuman for "Flower Study" and Janet Storm, "Lemons." All of the winning works were for watercolors except for "Lemons," an acrylic.

ARTIFACTS ON EXHIBIT
The Livonia Arts Commission showcases the work of Artifacts Art Club members in the annual spring show April 1-30 at Livonia City Hall, 93000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington.

Members will exhibit oil, watercolor, pastel, photography, colored pencil, and sculpture. For the first time, one member displays computer art.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. For further information about the club, call Sherry Eid at (734) 591-3094.

The arts commission is also highlighting the art of Livonia Public School students April 3-24 in the showcases and fine arts gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

ON STAGE
The Coffee Studio is looking for musicians and poets to read their works and perform during Open Mic nights every Wednesday. Sign up time is 7:30 p.m.

From 9 to 11 p.m. Fridays, April 3 and 17 guitarist Julie Fountain will play folk music. There is no cover charge.

The Coffee Studio is located at 600 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-9288.

MEET FOLK ARTIST
For nearly 30 years, Mary Beth Baxter has been working in the American primitive tradition. The Northville native returns home noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4 to sign autographs, greet customers and share her knowledge of folk art at M.T. Hunter, 201 East Main Street, Northville.

Baxter graduated from Penn State with a degree in art education. Her work has been published in Colonial Homes, Country Living and Early American Life. Baxter currently lives on Cape Cod where she owns The Hopkins House, a shop featuring folk art, primitives, Americana, and antiques.

For more information, call (248) 399-1101.

COLLAGE VI
Schoolcraft College's music department presents a program spotlighting the Chamber Singers, Community Choir, Wind Ensemble, SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz Prime, the computer generated MATS MIDI Band,

and the piano program 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4 in the Radcliff Center Community Room, 1751 Radcliff Road, (south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriam), Garden City.

Admission is free, donations accepted. For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5218.

ARTISTS EXHIBIT IN REGIONAL
Sherry Eid and Judy Granata of Livonia; Nancy Janosi, Westland, and Marilyn Gorman, Birmingham will display their work in the Midwest Color '98 Exhibition April 2-80 in the gallery of Avon Lake Public Library, 32649 Electric Boulevard, Avon Lake, Ohio, (330) 494-8951.

The second annual regional exhibition of colored pencil art was organized by the Canton, Ohio; Detroit, and Chicago, Illinois Chapters of the Colored Pencil Society of America. This year, 75 art works were chosen from 150 entries.

SCULPTURE SHOW OPENS
Pastels and canvas are making way for bronze and steel in an exhibition continuing to April 24 in the Washtenaw Community College Art Gallery in the Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.

The public is invited to an opening reception for the exhibit, "Selinute ... Diamonds over Bombay ... Gilead," by sculptor Susanna Linburg 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8.

The exhibit features Linburg's series "Portals and Arches" in bronze and steel, and an earlier series in bronze, "Caryatids."

Gallery hours are noon to 2 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 6-9 p.m. Monday to Thursday. For information, call Judith Hommel at (734) 973-3360.



Good Friday concert: Violinists Xiang Gao (pictured) and Volodymyr Schesiuk will perform Vivaldi's "Concerto for Two Violins."

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in 1991, was commissioned by the Cleveland Art Museum in celebration of its 75th anniversary.

"It's very traditional, written in traditional concerto form," said Albright. "Some of it is neoclassical and some of it is somewhat brash and dissonant."

Also on the program is the first movement of Vivaldi's "Concerto for Two Violins" featuring LSO conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk and concert master Xiang Gao, the Adagio from the Mankurt Ballet by Moldobasanov, and the Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" by Mascagni.

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Dream of Jeannie" because there are "lots of leaps and it's sort of fast." Birman initially got her start with Dance Ensemble West's apprentice company, with which she still dances.

"We get to perform more and learn more dances that are harder in the junior company," said Birman, a student at Tonda Elementary in Canton. "I love dancing because you get to have fun and it's fun when you get to show people what you learned."

Birman's mother Brenda believes that taking four dance classes a week instilled the confidence necessary for her daughter

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Rebecca Birman
Student

to run for secretary of the student council. From the time Rebecca was 3 years old, Brenda took her to see Michigan Opera Theatre productions of Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella as well as "The Nutcracker." The two recently saw the Rockettes perform during the Holidays at Music Hall.

"Dancing gives her more confidence in herself, to get up in front of people you don't know," said Brenda Birman. "Dance gives her grace, confidence and poise. I think it's important." Barbara Raschke founded Dance Ensemble West 10 years ago to give dancers like Bresler, Kwas and Birman the opportuni-

ty to perform on a professional level. The company recently performed for seniors at the American House. Upcoming programs take the dancers to Tonquish Creek Manor April 3 and to the Canton Senior Citizens clubhouse in June. The apprentice company with the help of the junior company will present a fun adaptation of Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals" April 29-30 for pre-schoolers at the Jackson Center in Livonia.

"The company also gives the dancers the chance to see how their dancing is an integral part of the arts," said Raschke, "and to learn additional discipline and to make a commitment to a group. Even if they don't go on to dancing, it shows they can make a commitment to a group."

Annie Bresler's mother, Sue, encourages her daughter to dance and perform with the company.

"As a parent I want to see my children involved with something emotionally healthy," said Sue Bresler. "Anne's passionate about dance, theater and the performing arts. If kids can be involved with an activity today it's important. It keeps them connected with a positive peer group."

"Dance is just so healthy," continued Sue Bresler. "For teenagers today if they're not in sports, dance is an athletic, a physically healthy activity."

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AUDITIONS, COMPETITIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALES
ELIZABETH GARDNER VOCAL AWARD, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5; applicants must be 18-22 years old; requirements: one selection from area, old Italian, foreign language art song, 20th-century art song, all selections must be memorized; fee: \$6; deadline: postmarked no later than March 28, 1998. Applicants must be Michigan residents. Previous winners of award are not eligible. Applicants must provide accompanists. Auditions held at First Baptist Church, Willis Street, Birmingham.

CANTON TOWNSHIP CALLS ARTISTS
Invitation to all artists to participate in 7th Annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '98 on June 20-21. Artists must submit slides of painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise. Deadline: April 15. Sponsored by Canton Township Parks and Recreation and D&M Studio's. For information, (734) 453-3710.

DANCE AUDITIONS
Detroit Dance Collective seeks a male dancer to perform with company from March-May 1998, and for next season, August 1998-May 1999. Must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and training in ballet. Paid by the project for all rehearsals, performances and teaching positions. Company rehearses 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Bring resume and letter of recommendation during rehearsal times. Central United Methodist Church, corner of Woodward Avenue and Adams, just south of the Fox Theatre. Auditions arranged by appointment; (313) 965-3544.

MARQUIS THEATRE
Auditions boys and girls ages 8-16 for "Hansel and Gretel," 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Actors will be asked to recite a short poem of their own choosing, not more than two minutes long. Performances May 8-June 6. (248) 349-8110.

MICHIGAN THEATRE & DANCE TROUPE
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TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two formal concerts in May and December, and various other local community engagements. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099. (248) 879-0138.

WOMEN IN ARTS ENTRIES
Twelfth annual art exhibit, "Our Visions: Women in Art," accepting entries in visual art and poetry. Deadline April 1, 1998. Exhibit runs May 11-29. Womencenter, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-7500.

WORKSHOP ON SHAKESPEARE
7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 28. Preview selected plays in production at Canada's 1998 Stratford Festival. Leading the workshop will be Niels Herold and Bruce Mann of Oakland University. Fee: \$250. Register by April 1, 1998.

YOUTH ART COMPETITION
"Friends of Polish Art," in conjunction with Orchard Lake Schools, is sponsoring annual Youth Art Competition for students ages 12-18. Competition open to all students in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. Works should be related to a Polish theme. No more than three entries per person. Cash prizes awarded. Deliver to Orchard Lake Galleria 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Works must be ready for hanging or display, including mat, frame or stand. Art will be on public exhibit through May with opening and award presentation 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3. For more information, call John Surma (248) 541-3697.

BENEFIT

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Far Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts presents two events featuring the skating skills of children and adults with disabilities. 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29, "A Salute to Broadway," an ice show. Both events held at the Birmingham Ice Arena. Donations accepted. (248) 646-3347.

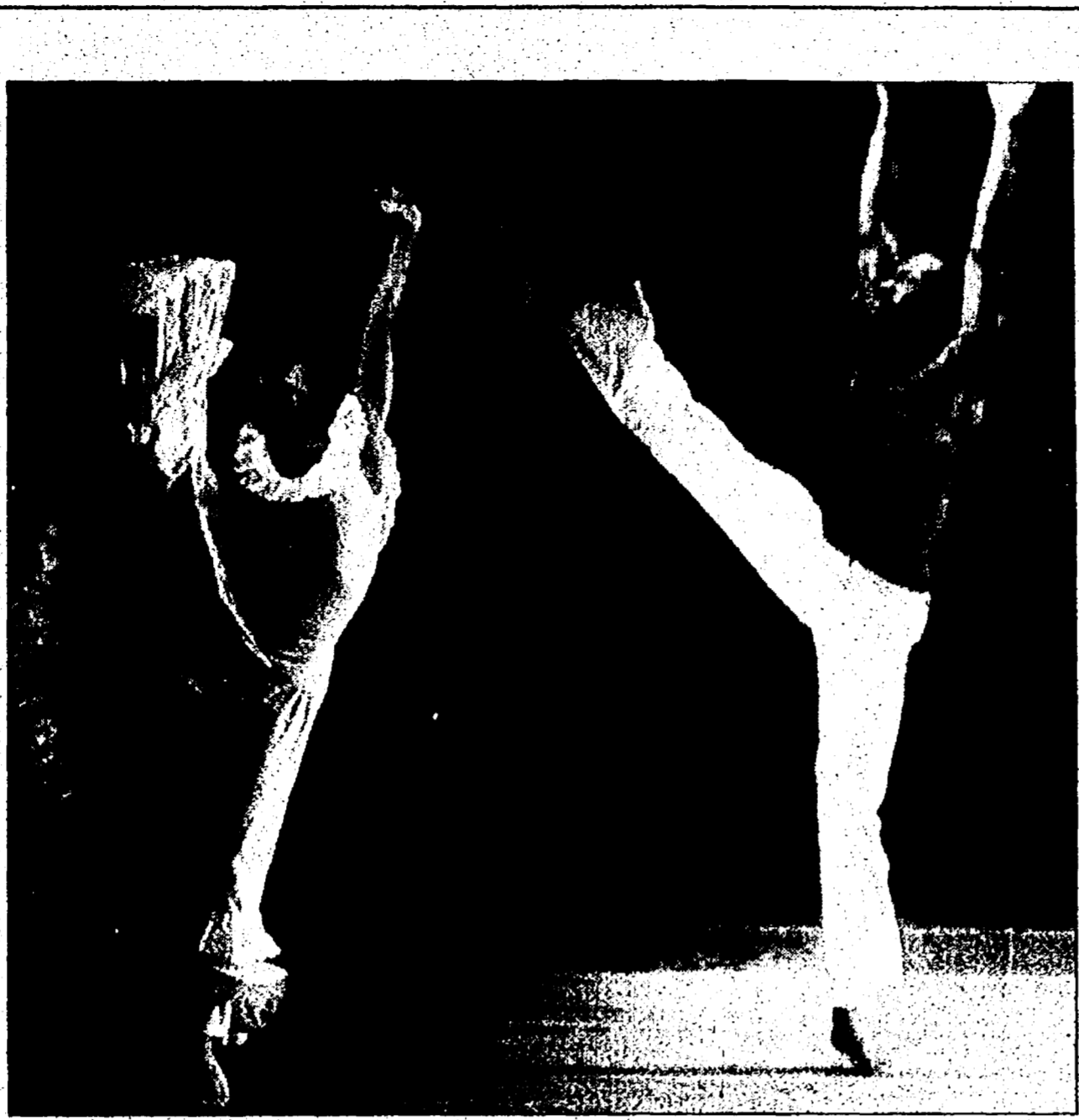
CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Spring classes begin week of April 20. Including watercolor, collage, weaving, bead stringing, photography and stained glass. 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004, ext. 113.

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Adult art classes in oils, pastels and drawing. Children's after-school classes in drawing, painting and crafts. 4417 S. Commerce Road, Commerce Township; (248) 360-5772.

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MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOPS
Tinderbox Productions offers acting and musical theater workshops for beginners to advanced students, grades 1-12. Classes run through April 19. Clarenceville High School. Brochures available at Livonia Civic Center Library, Redford library or call (313) 535-8962.

ONCE UPON AN EASEL
Painting and drawing workshops 10 a.m.-3 p.m., April 13, 15-16. \$30 per student. 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton Township; (734) 453-3710.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Register for spring classes, April 20-June 13. Children's classes. Adult courses include basketry, ceramic bead-making, clay, collage, drawing, matting, painting, photography, sculpture, tapestry and watercolor. 407 Pine Street, downtown Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Pottery Workshops - 8-12 year olds, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 4; adult classes, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4. Fee: \$50. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4278.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Registration for Summer Day Camps, non residents can register beginning May 8. Also available specialty day camps in art, theatre, soccer and dance. "Designing for Today's Interiors," taught by designer Eileen Mills 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning April 2; four-week class, fee: \$100. 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 354-9603.

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With Conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth and tenor Douglas Ahlstedt, as part of "Opera Pops" featuring selections from Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Verdi's "Un di se ben rammentomi" and Puccini's "Nessun dorma." 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Orchestra Hall, Detroit; With Conductor Donald Runnicles and pianist Eldar Nebolsin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or

<http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY, ANN ARBOR
American String Quartet's world premier of a program of Beethoven and Fuchs, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE'S VIVACE SERIES
3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, pianist Louis Nagel in a program, "Speaking of Music," a combination of music and commentary of Bach, Debussy and Schumann. Tickets: \$15, general; \$14, seniors/students; (248) 788-9338 or (248) 288-3953. 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 477-1410.

WAGNER IN CONCERT
3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, "Musical Magic," featuring radio personality Dave Wagner, formerly of WQRS-FM, in a special organ performance with flautist Suzanne Bona. Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8860.

WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With sopranos Ellen Chickering, Jan Albright and Barbara Willsle, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$17, \$15 seniors, \$5 children ages 12 and younger. \$13 groups of five or more. (810) 754-2950

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT
Organ concerts featuring music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel, 12:35 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 170 East Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking. Ford Auditorium Underground Garage. (313) 259-2206.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Double Your Pleasure" concert featuring father and son pianists Joseph and Michael Gurt performing Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Novi High School Auditorium, 24064 Taft Road, Novi. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, \$6 children K-12th grade. (734) 451-2112. Afterglow at Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

MUSIC STUDY CLUB OF METRO DETROIT
3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, "From Classical Violin to Jazz: Gave Bolkosky & Friends." Tickets: \$7, general; \$5, students. Birmingham Temple 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 851-4307.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, "Classics on the Lake" series featuring Alexander Zonyc, Ervin Monroe and Dave Wagner. Shrine Chapel on St. Mary's College campus, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. Tickets: \$12, \$20; (248) 683-1750.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT
8 p.m. Monday, April 6, "Tokyo String Quartet." Tickets: \$5-\$39. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALES
1998 Scholarship winners will be featured in recital 1 p.m. Thursday, April 9. Program will present scholarship recipients Jean Kang, Soojung Chang, Meg Murphy, Caitlin Lynch, Yoko Minawa. Open to public. Donation: \$2. The Community House of Birmingham, 360 S. Bates Street; (248) 475-5978.

COMMUNITY BAND

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND
Spring Symphony concert 3 p.m. Sunday,

March 29, at Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads), Farmington Hills. \$3, \$2 students and available at the door, senior citizens free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or <http://www.mystery.com/fcb>

DANCE

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER
An afternoon of international dancing, and live music and dance instruction by Galata (2-4:30 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.). Sunday, March 29, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$12. Reservations by Friday, March 20. (248) 698-9527 or rbantle@bizserve.com

P.N.A. CENTENNIAL DANCERS
The 18th annual extravagant dance recital with the Polish Centennial Dancers, the Radomian Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, and The Emil Zapalski Band, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$6 in advance. \$7. (734) 453-7161

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATRE
Tuesday-Sunday, March 31-April 5. Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 874-7850

MICHAEL FLATLEY'S LORD OF THE DANCE
8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, March 31-April 3, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$60. All ages. (313) 983-6611

STREB: POCAPION
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4. Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$15-\$35. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST
"Dance Collection 1998" with performers by the company's senior and junior divisions, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Plymouth Canton High School's Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road (at Joy Road), Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430

EXPOSITION

MICHIGAN MODERNISM
April 25-26, an exhibition and sale of 20th century design, including art nouveau, art deco, arts & crafts, Gothic revival, surrealism, folk art and more. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 547-5716.

FAMILY MUSIC

MUSICAL VARIETY
7 p.m. Friday, April 3, "Family Fortissimo," a program from classical to foot-tapping music. Special guests include the Musical Muller Family, Versatile Vermiglios, Nifty Noteslines, Nostalgic Nuckolls, Kinetic Kennells. Donation: \$3. Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road; (248) 349-0490.

LECTURE

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY
2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, "The Magic of Night Photography," an exhibit and lecture by Marij Silk, Borders Books, downtown Birmingham, 34300 Woodward

Avenue; (248) 203-0005.
FRENCH ART
2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Rosalind Savill will lecture, "Fit for kings and Collectors: 18th-Century French Art." Lecture is part of celebration of reopening of DIA's 18th-century French galleries on April 1. Detroit Institute of Arts, Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE
2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, Lecturer/performer Madhavi, director of Indian Dance Perspective, discusses "Rhythm in Motion: Indian Classical Dance Now and Then." Detroit Institute of Arts, Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

MEETING

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB
7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, featuring guest speaker oil painter Richard Finger. Public invited, admission free. Farmington Community Library on Twelve Mile Road; (248) 478-9243.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through March 29 - "Beautiful Scenes: Selections from the Cranbrook Archives by Buzz Spector," "Chairs of Words," a visual essay by Carla Harryman; through April 5 - "Art on the Edge of Fashion," "Olga de Amaral," "Selections from the Permanent Collection for Younger Visitors." 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through May 3 - "Hunters of the Sky," an exhibit on the falcon through an array of mounted specimens and video footage. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday; (248) 645-3200.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through June 21 - "Affirmations," the sculpture of Richard Hunt; through June 30 - "The Life & Times of Paul Robeson." Coleman A. Young Exhibitions Room, 315 E. Warren, Detroit; (313) 259-4109.

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY
Through June 30 - "A Victorian's Passion for Egypt: David Roberts, 1796-1864." Roberts' drawings and paintings during his travels through the middle eastern country. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; (313) 763-3559.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Through Sept. 30 - "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," produced by the Michigan State University Museum and the Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services. 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7934.

OPERA

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth, mezzo-soprano Hilary Nicholson, tenor Douglas Ahlstedt and baritone Nicholas Loren, performing a variety of songs from operas including "La Boheme," "The Barber of Seville," and "Rigoletto." 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

READING

THE WRITER'S VOICE
12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. LA poet Stellasue Lee, and local writers Kim Webb, Michael Madias and Ellen Hildreth. Woodward, Room 3234, Wayne State University campus, Detroit; (313) 577-2450.

BALDWIN LIBRARY
7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays. "Let's Talk About It," a reading and discussion program, April 2 - "The Ghost Hour" by Pat Barker. 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 647-1700.

WRITING

CRANBROOK RETREAT FOR WRITERS
Register for retreat with more than two dozen renowned authors in various length workshops, from 3-7 days. Areas include poetry, fiction, memoir, nonfiction, screenplay and children's book writing. Cost: \$630. 7-day workshop: \$450, 5-day workshop: \$280, 3-day workshop. On campus housing available. For information, (248) 645-3492. Cranbrook Educational Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
April 3 - 5:30 p.m., "A Celebration of Paperweights," in recognition of Michigan Glass Month, featuring internationally known glass artists Paul Stankard and 93 paperweights. U of M - Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, 307MIL; (734) 593-5087.

ARIANA GALLERY
April 3 - 11th Annual Glass Show, "North of the Boarder," featuring Canadian artisans. Through April 30. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

CRAIG GALLERY
April 3 - Grand Opening, featured artist: Lyle Morris. 810 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 7156.

DECORATIVE ADDITIONS STUDIO/GALLERY
April 3 - 6:30 p.m., "The Photography of Frank Andree," 725 S. Adams Road, Birmingham. For information, (248) 540-2465.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
April 3 - Livonia Public Schools Student

Exhibit. Through April 23. 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road; (734) 421-2000, ext. 351.

BBAA
April 4 - 6 p.m., "Michigan Metalsmithing: 50th Year Anniversary," a juried exhibit. Through April 25. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0868.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
April 4 - 7 p.m., "New Works/Oil," excursions from an artist's journal by Fran Wolok. Through April 25. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
April 4 - 7 p.m., "Documenta USA," an exhibit based on an open invitation of artists to show their works in any medium. No work will be refused. Actual showing schedule from 8:40 p.m. 231 W. Lawrence Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

NETWORK
April 4 - 7 p.m., "The Clarity of Seduction," an exhibit that explores the use of transparent and translucent materials. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

SHAWQUIGO GALLERY
April 4 - 7 p.m., a solo exhibit of the ceramic artistry of John Woodward. Through May 2. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-1070.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through March 29 - 4 p.m., "Clinton River Studios," the work of Peter Hackett, Jeff Hale, Mark Rutkowski, Greg Utech and Daniel Vernia. Images of the Rochester factory district along the Clinton River. Wilson Hall, across from Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University; (248) 370-3005.

CARY GALLERY
Through April 4 - 6 p.m., "Jeffrey Abbott: Paintings and Drawings." 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through April 10 - "1998 M.F.A. Graduate Thesis Art Exhibition, Part II," 150 Community Arts Building, Wayne State University, Detroit; (313) 577-2203.

HILSBERRY GALLERY
Through April 11 - "Fairfield Porter: Paintings, Watercolors, and Drawings." 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through April 12 - "The Dark Sublime," recent paintings of Anton Weiss, and stone sculpture by Michigan artist Maureen Gray. 162 Old N. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through April 13 - "Straight Ahead, Just Jazz," works by Joseph E. Grey II. Watercolors, line drawings and acrylics depicting many jazz greats. Artist reception 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4682.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through April 17 - "Oakland County Parks Photo Exhibit." Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

KIDD GALLERY
Through April 18 - 6 p.m., "The Master's Eye," a collection of paintings and drawings by Larry Rivers. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through April 18 - Sam Chung, Gail Kendall, Frank Martin, Polly Ann Martin, Mark Pharis, Marie Woo, Craig Hinshaw, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through April 19 - "The Print: An Exhibition of Michigan Printmakers." 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (734) 994-8004, ext. 122.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through April 25 - "A Gallery of Stars," the books and art of Michigan Children's book authors and illustrators, featuring Margaret Hillert of Birmingham, Patricia Hooper of Bloomfield Hills, Cyd Moore of Beverly Hills, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

HILL GALLERY
Through April 25 - "Jeane Highstein: Sculpture, Drawing." 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

SWANN GALLERY
Through April 25 - "The Human Connection," a figurative art exhibit of sculpture, paintings, ceramics and photography. 1250 Library Street, Detroit



Cruisin': New oil paintings by Fran Wolok are currently on exhibit at Lawrence Street Gallery, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

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The book isn't specifically about baseball. It's a vehicle for Anderson to reveal a philosophy of life woven around some major events in his life. It's more a motivational book than a sports read.

Ewald sets the stage in alternating chapters, then Anderson takes off in a first-person account that's pure Sparky.

The thrust of the message — it's nice to be important, but more important to be nice.

Here's life according to George "Sparky" Anderson:

■ Ain't it a shame that we seem to judge everything today on the amount of money we make?

■ Sometimes I wish people would just slow down a bit to appreciate the things they've got. They might find out what they're wishing for ain't as good as whatever they've got.

■ Except for spitting and telling a lie, there ain't nothing easier to do than quit. Quitting is for losers.

■ Sometimes our so-called failures are the direct result of

another person's success. Let's don't be afraid to give credit where it's due.

■ Don't waste a minute worrying about what somebody else is thinking. As long as you do the right thing, who cares what they say?

■ If you show people that you notice them and that you care, I guarantee you they'll show you how much they appreciate it.

■ The trick is to do it right the first time. That's what I want every young person to realize as soon as they can. Make the right decision the first time and you don't have to play no 'what if' games.

■ I think the worst thing anybody can have written on their tombstone is that 'he had potential.'

■ Feeling sorry for yourself is a lonely proposition. Lend a hand to someone in trouble and you'll never be alone.

■ The office or the factory or the school room ain't a comedy club. But you can get a lot more done wherever you are if you take the time to enjoy yourself.

Anderson comes across as a sincere, logical guy when he explains in detail why he refused to manage replacement players during the height of baseball's labor problems in 1995.

Anderson seems human and vulnerable when he and Ewald discuss why Sparky left the team for a couple of weeks during the 1989 season.

Anderson also touches on several personal regrets.

Those include memories never made with his three children due to a consuming work drive and the bitterness he nurtured for years after he was fired by the Cincinnati Reds.

Those regrets also include not quitting the Tigers after Jim Campbell and Bo Schembechler were fired during the transition from the Monaghan to Ilitch ownership eras plus an unhealthy obsession to win for personal glory.

Recollections shared by his grown children and former players included by Ewald reinforce many of Anderson's points.

Readers learn some interesting snippets about Sparky's baseball life — that he spent 16 years playing or coaching in the minor leagues, his major league playing career lasted exactly one season and he signed in 1969 to manage the Reds for \$28,600.

Ewald, a close friend of Anderson, called the book a labor of love.

"This one, I tried super hard," Ewald said. "Everything he expressed in there I know he genuinely feels. I was only the messenger. I wanted to make sure I didn't drop the ball."

Anderson spoke about his good fortune in life during a phone interview.

"I don't think of myself as a celebrity. I don't think of myself as special. But I think special things have happened to me. I can't tell you why. No one person could have so much luck and success without more people being involved."

His motivation for participating in the book?

"I wanted to do one more thing I thought would help young people," Anderson said.

"They Call Me Sparky," would be an especially good book for adolescents. Kids are impressed by sports figures and Sparky certainly has a way of talking their talk.

There's plenty of nuggets for parents, teachers, coaches and business people, too.

"They Call Me Sparky" will be released at a special premiere party 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Sparky Anderson and other sports luminaries including Alan Trammell, Kirk Gibson, Al Kaline, Mickey Lolich, Joe Dumas, Bobby Ross and Schembechler are scheduled to appear.

Proceeds benefit CATCH, Caring Athletes Team for Children's & Henry Ford Hospital, a children's charity founded by Sparky.

For party tickets, call CATCH at (313) 876-9399.

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BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)
Tax seminar, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31; Karen Newman will perform 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, (248)737-0110.

HALFWAY DOWN THE STAIRS
Story time: Start Your Engines. 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at the store 114 E. Fourth St., Rochester (248)652-6066.

BORDERS (ANN ARBOR)
Michael Connelly discusses and signs his book "Blood Work," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2; Patrick McGrath discusses and signs his book "Asylum," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at the store 612 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734)668-7652.

BOOK SHOWS
The Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper Show features more than 120 dealers from the United States and Canada, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 5, New Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. Admission \$4.

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BRIGID O'FARRELL sign "Rocking the Boat: Union Women's Voices, 1915-1975," 4 p.m. Monday, March 30; Betsy Sholl reads from "Don't Explain" 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31; Miriam Bodian signs "Hebrew of the Portuguese Nation," 4 p.m. Thursday, April 2; at the store 313 South State Street, Ann Arbor 734-662-7407.

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ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Children's book illustrations exhibit through April 25 at the Gallery, 536 North Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY
Meet & Eat series features garden writer Janet Macunovich, noon Monday, March 30; health-education series on respiratory care, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 30; Friends film series, "Caught," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 at the library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, (248)948-0460.

CARL SANDBURG LIBRARY (LIVONIA)
Mary Jo Firth Gillett, winner of the 1997 Third Coast Poetry competition, reads from her works 7 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the library, 30100 W. Seven Mile, Livonia (248)476-0700.

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Singers perform at area Borders

Singer/songwriter Rick Monroe will play cuts from his newly released debut CD "Legends Diner" at local Borders Books this week.

He'll be at Borders Books in Birmingham, 34300 Woodward, Ave., (248)203-0005, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Borders Books in Farmington Hills, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, (248)737-0110, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 and at Borders Books in Rochester Hills, 1122 S. Rochester Road, (248)652-0558, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4. You can also check out his website, <http://www.rickmonroe.com>.

His music has been described as "Blue Jean rock 'n' roll, hot Southern bluesy rock, and some times heart-touching soul." One critic said listening to Monroe is like "shaking hands with an old friend."

Also of note:
Karen Newman, the voice of the National Anthem at Red Wings games at Joe Louis Arena, performs a live mini-concert 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 737-0110 for more information.

The concert marks the release of Newman's pop-rock CD, "Moment in the Wind." A portion of the proceeds from sales of the CD will be donated to a trust fund for the families of Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergei Mnatsakanov.

If you've attended a Red Wings game at Joe Louis Arena in the last five years, you've heard Newman sing the National Anthem. Because of her close relationship with the Red Wings, Newman is celebrating the release of her CD by giving benefit concerts around metro Detroit to raise money for the trust fund. Proceeds from Newman's CD sales will help ensure financial security for the purpose of education for Konstantinov's and Mnatsakanov's children and for their recovery/rehabilitation.

FINE ARTS

Lyric Chamber Ensemble offers a bonbon

"A bonbon filled with snow" was the way French composer Claude Debussy described the music of Edvard Grieg.

But inside Grieg's distinctively melodic-Nordic freshness is more than a mere trifle of cool delight. There's a percolating passion that'd make Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky put down their pop-sicles.

This Sunday, four members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will perform the feverish-paced Grieg Quartet as part of the Lyric Chamber Ensemble's spring concert, "Three plus Four plus Five."

The DSO members will also join renowned pianist Louis Nagel in Brahms' Quintet in F minor, Op. 34.

Rounding out the program will be The Schuster Family Trio performing a movement from Mendelssohn Trio in D minor, Op. 49. The two brothers and a sister trio are the Lyric's featured "emerging artists."

The performance of the Grieg Quartet is also a preview of the piece to be performed during the DSO's European tour, which begins in May.

"There's an unbelievable appreciation for classical music

In Concert
What: "Three plus Four plus Five," featuring a trio, quartet and quintet in a program of Grieg, Brahms and Mendelssohn, sponsored by Lyric Chamber Ensemble.
When: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5
Where: Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward (at Lone Pine Road).
Tickets: \$18, students/seniors; (248) 357-1111.

throughout western Europe," said Geoffrey Applegate, second violinist with the DSO who'll perform the Grieg and Brahms pieces this Sunday as part of a quartet and quintet.

"The audiences turn out and the enthusiasm is almost like playing a rock concert," he said.

Instead of traveling abroad, local groupies can congregate at the acoustically pleasing Birmingham Unitarian Church, concert site for many nomadic classical music groups.

'The audiences turn out and the enthusiasm is almost like playing a rock concert.'

Geoffrey Applegate
 Musician

Applegate calls the Grieg piece "tuneful and possibly the most exciting" music for string quartet ever written.

Not so small praise from a 12-year veteran of the DSO who has performed pieces by all the major classical composers.

Expanding chamber

Over the years, the Lyric Chamber Ensemble has continually shown innovative flair in expanding the notion of chamber music.

While many concerts have featured hard-core composers like Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms, others have featured pop composers like Gershwin.

"There's a lot of room for experimentation," said Valerie Yova, executive director of Lyric.

Nearly two-thirds through its current season, it seems audiences have approved.

Both February's concert, "Valentine Rag," featuring

Alexander Zonjic, and the annual Piano Festival held earlier this month, attracted large audiences.

Next year, according to Yova, the concert schedule will likely include more ethnic and folk music and jazz along with a tango dance concert.

The Lyric Chamber Ensemble also has a mission to showcase local musicians.

"We're not only trying to provide a forum (for chamber music), but we want to give our audiences a chance to meet local musicians," said Yova.

A distinguishing feature of Lyric Chamber Ensemble concerts is a great-and-meet the musicians period after performances, she said.

"Chamber music is very intimate," said Yova.

"We want to give people a chance to know some of the local musician celebrities."

Bonbons are extra.



Melody makers: DSO musicians turned string quartet, include Marcy Chanteaux, left, James Van Valkenburg, Geoffrey Applegate (seated), Lenore Sjoberg.

Rhymes and reasons are plentiful at Elizabeth Stone Gallery

Nearly anyone who's picked up a book owes a bit of gratitude to Margaret Hillert of Beverly Hills.

As the author of 76 beginning-to-read books, the retired first grade teacher has an uncanny style that combines the music of words and the utility of language.

"You probably read one of my books when you were in school," she said matter-of-factly.

Fair enough. Hillert was probably the first influential author for many students.

Hawthorne, Melville, Twain, Fitzgerald and Hemingway came after Hillert.

Anyone with kids under 6 are probably reading along to Hillert's books each night.

A few years after she began teaching in the late 1940s, Hillert started "doodling" her own version of the "Three Bears" in a basic vocabulary.

Her doodling turned into a series of primers for young readers, who learned about language while reading about playful bears, pigs and cats.

Then, in the early 1960s, her first book written in the "Dick and Jane" genre was published.

Today, Hillert's total number of published books is just two less than her age.

Sixteen years after she retired from the classroom, she continues to teach.

Not so far away

Hillert is among the nine Michigan authors and illustrators featured at the Elizabeth Stone Gallery's current exhibit, "Books and Art of Michigan Chil-

What: "A Gallery of Stars: Books and Art of Michigan Children's Book Authors and Illustrators"
When: Through April 25
Where: Elizabeth Stone Gallery, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040
Featured authors/illustrators: Wendy Halperin, Mark Herrick, Margaret Hillert, Patricia Hooper, Debra Reid Jenkins, Cyd Moore, Linda Rymill, John Sandford, Ann Tompert
Internet: <http://www.esgallery.com>

dren's Authors and Illustrators." Hillert's book, "The Sky Is Not So Far Away" is a dreamy, comforting landscape inspiring young readers to wonder about the world.

Other local artists in the exhibit include poet Patricia Hooper of Bloomfield Hills, author of "Bundle of Beasts," and the delightful "How the Sky's Housekeeper Wore Her Scarves."

And illustrator Cyd Moore of Beverly Hills, whose fanciful art appears on the best-selling "Alice & Greta."

The children's books and original illustrations at Elizabeth Stone Gallery, however, aren't exclusively for readers under 12 years old.

The subject might be about childhood, but it's art collectors and adult-readers who've been stopping by the gallery.

"I think people are tired of all the negative things in the world," said Elizabeth Stone.

"Good literature brings back a sense of wonder," she said.

Sense of enchantment

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about cause and effect, empirical verification and the coherence theory of truth, there was simply a place called "the world."

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In Hillert and Hooper's words and Moore's illustrations the world of "once upon a time" comes to life for anyone - at any age - who can simply recite, "I wonder."

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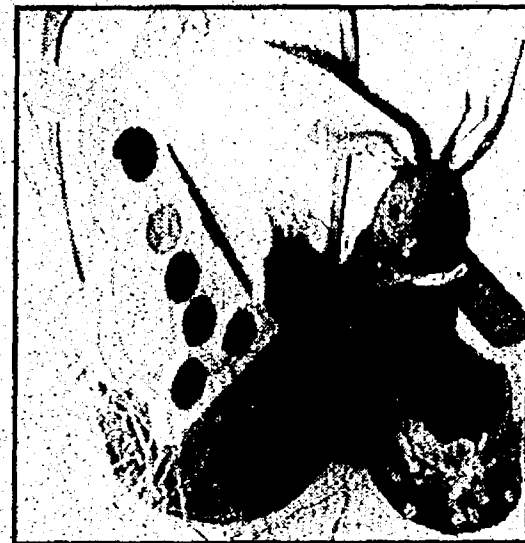
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Hare styles: These little gems are at Pier I Imports, from \$3.

Funny bunnies hop into baskets at Eastertime

Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way, April 12! If you've been hunting for things to put in kids' baskets, here are some ideas:

At the top of the list are Ty Beanie Babies. These soft, bean-filled critters are as popular as ever with boys and girls of all ages — even adults collect them. They won't rot teeth and make great stand-alone gifts or Easter basket fillers.

Un-retired Beanie Babies cost \$5 to \$7 each, depending on where you shop and if you can find them at all (stores tend to sell out faster than shipments arrive).

SHOPPING CENTERED



DONNA MULCAHY

I recently found them for \$5.99 at the Country Peddler, Livonia Mall, for \$5 at Jacobson's and at the F&M on Middlebelt in Livonia.

Beanie Babies are collectors items because Ty, the company that makes them, retires each one after a while. But the animals lose their value if their red and gold, heart-shaped tags are missing or damaged, so never cut them off. You can buy clear plastic tag protectors for about 25-cents each at most stores that sell Beanie Babies.

Enesco makes a line of pastel-colored, bean-bag animals called Precious Moments Tender Tails. Some of the animals have already been retired. I found them for \$7 each at McDevitt's Hallmark at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Other Hallmarks carry them, too.

You can find bean-bag dolls of animated Disney characters at The Disney Store, for \$6 each, some Warner Brothers characters at Jacobson's for \$7 each, Rug Rats and Sesame Street characters at Crowley's for about \$6 each, and a variety of bean-bag dolls at Target, \$2.99 and up.

Just be careful about giving a bean-filled doll to any child under 3, because the beans could spill out and a child could choke on them, if the doll develops even a tiny tear.

If Beanie's aren't your bag, then how about giving your child a famous bunny in the form of a book or stuffed animal. I know of seven (besides the Easter Bunny).

There's Bugs Bunny, Winnie-the-Pooh's friend Rabbit, Buster from the popular "Arthur" books and PBS TV show, and the bunnies in the famous children's books, "The Velveteen Rabbit," "The Runaway Bunny," "Pat the Bunny," and "Guess How Much I Love You?" Look for these books at your favorite book store.

Try the Warner Bros. Studio Store for Bugs Bunny stuffed animals and The Disney Store for Pooh's Rabbit. I found Buster, Velveteen Rabbit and "Pat the Bunny" stuffed animals in the children's department at Hudson's, and big "Runaway Bunny" stuffed animals for \$15 at Target.

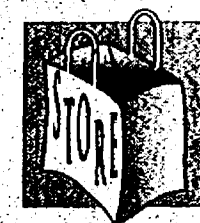
At B. Dalton Books you can buy the mother and baby bunny from "Guess How Much I Love You" for \$12.99 a pair, with the purchase of the hardcover version of that book, which sells for \$15.99.

At Target you can also get: Bunny Babies dolls by children's photographer Anne Geddes (photos of infants in bunny costumes), \$19.99 each; Hot Wheels or Match Box cars for under \$1; Easter Egg Hunt Barbie & Kelly, \$19; and a six-pack of egg-shaped sidewalk chalk by RoseArt for \$2.99.

You can buy a girl's handbag at Sears (\$5 and up) and fill it with your child's favorite candy. (Now you can get big Reese's or Butterfinger chocolate bunnies from.)

Most Hallmark stores sell Easter or springtime lapel pins, \$2.95 to \$4.95; Snowglobes collectible figurines by Dept. 56, \$15 and up; and WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) woven friendship bracelets for \$1.50.

New shoe stores open around town



Because North Americans spend almost \$18 billion dollars each year on footwear, it comes as no surprise that shoe stores are popping up all over, and remain one of mall owners' most lucrative tenants.

Three new shoe retailers are opening stores in Michigan — Columbus-based Magnifete, Chicago-based Chernin's Shoes and Nashville-based Jarman's Shoes.

For the 91-year-old Chernin's, their first store outside the Chicago market opens April 4 at the Novi Town Center, a second is planned for The Oakland Plaza in Troy in May.

Chernin's sells name brand shoes for every member of the family from manufacturers Kenneth Cole, Johnston & Murphy, Hush Puppies, Timberland, Rockport, Stride Rite, Nike, Adidas, Fila, Skechers, Vans, Nunn Bush and Florsheim.

Magnifete, opening at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, specializes in plac-

ing hard-to-fit customers with easy-to-find shoe sizes — 9 to 14 for women, and 11 to 18 for men, in a range of widths — narrow to wide.

Magnifete will carry more than 100 styles of both dress and casual footwear from 50 name brand manufacturers who usually sold these larger sizes by special order only.

Magnifete is a division of Shoe Corporation of America, based in Columbus, Ohio, which operates leased shoe departments in more than 500 department stores nationwide.

CEO Dennis Tishkoff is pioneering this new concept of shoe selling, crediting baby boomers for the niche.

"A significant — and growing — percentage of the adult marketplace



Eureka! Hard-to-fit shoe shoppers will find their "odd sizes" the specialty at Magnifete in the Fairlane Town Center.

requires larger shoe sizes and widths," he said. "These men and women have either sacrificed comfort for style or style for comfort. They've paid inflated prices for custom service or ordered from catalogs only to find the shoe they bought did not look or fit as they expected."

"Magnifete will have these large shoe sizes in stock with trained fitters on hand to insure they fit comfortably and

affordably."

Jarman Shoes, recently opened at Northland Center in Southfield, Summit Place Mall in Waterford, Fairlane Town Center and Eastland, sells casual, dress and athletic shoes for men, but draws a fair share of fashion-forward women, who buy Jarman shoes for the unisex look. Jarman is a division of the Jenesco Corp.

Resale clothier finds the world is her oyster

BY AMY MESSANO
SPECIAL WRITER

If you dream of owning an Armani suit or drool when you see Joan and David shoes (but know you can't afford them), think again.

Nicole's Revival in Westland could be your best bet for a hassle-free, easy-on-the-checkbook shopping spree. You could walk away with your very first pair of Ferragamo shoes, but you must be willing to pick through racks of "gently used" upscale clothing and accessories.

Store owner, Nicole Christ, 27, who credits God for her energy and success, has carved out a niche for her shop through years of hard work and aggressive, innovating marketing ideas.

That perseverance is paying off in the form of national exposure. Besides being mentioned on the Crook and Chase cable TV show, *Moneysworth* magazine named Nicole's Revival "one of the best high-end consignment stores in the U.S."

Nicole's Revival draws shoppers and suppliers from West Bloomfield, Clarkston, Royal Oak and Livonia — savvy customers who know how to make their fashion dollars stretch.

The store is the largest reseller of men's apparel in Michigan and the third largest in the country.

Nicole's men's section has everything from golf and cigar accessories to Hermes ties and Armani suits. And that suits Gloria Schneider of Westland, just fine. She's picked up a couple of those suits for her husband.

Schneider, an addicted Nicole's shopper, has been coming to the store since it opened five years ago and has found lots of treasures along the way.

Her favorite, a \$500 pair of Chanel shoes she got for \$80. "I've come a long way since I started coming here," Schneider said. "Nicole will help me find whatever I need. She even sent me to a good hairdresser."

Schneider, decked out in bargains from the store, Chanel sunglasses, Bernini earrings, a leather Kenneth

Cole purse and a Donna Karan top (she got it for \$8) has even converted her daughter and husband to resale shoppers.

"Nicole knows her regular customers and she'll call me when something arrives in my size that she knows I'll like," Schneider said. She admits to leaving the store with garbage bags full of goodies.

The best bargain Renee Williams of Inkster can recall is a \$4,000 Stephen Yeager gown she bought for \$150.

"Nicole makes the difference," Williams said. "Not only does she have a great variety of sizes and styles, but she genuinely wants to help her customers."

Christ goes the extra mile for her customers from fashion shows that feature models of different ages, shapes and sizes, to a newsletter, a website (www.nicolesrevival.com) and "resale party nights" available to groups of 10 or more complete with refreshments and discounts.

For customers who spend \$500 in one trip to Nicole's, the next visit will be in a chauffeured limousine that will pick up and drop off customers from any location.

"I have customers from Ohio and Canada and if that's where the limo needs to go, then that's where it will go," said Christ.

The most popular resale activity that Christ coordinates for her customers are resale bus tours.

For \$35, bargain hunters enjoy a continental breakfast with an informal fashion show, a box lunch of your choice, coupons and appetizers while browsing.

Christ said the tours are "fun-filled days and a great way to meet people and find some great bargains."

Nicole recently expanded her tours to include resale shops in Chicago. She's even planning a European resale tour that will hit Paris and London.

Christ got the idea while e-mailing other resale store owners in Europe. She just returned from a scouting mission to check out possible shopping sites.

"I'm so excited about the idea," Christ beamed. The European tour is still in the planning stages, but she hopes to take 20 to 30 people and to keep the cost to less than \$1,000.

"I love this kind of shopping," said Gloria Schneider. "This is my sport."

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Beauty at the Oscars is in the eye of the beholder

Am I getting old? Are you? Do you look at the latest crop of "actresses" and ask yourself "Who is that?"

I certainly did while watching the 70th anniversary of the Academy Awards on Monday evening (and Tuesday morning!)

Are you shocked that on the same stage with 70 years of Oscar winners, including Anne Bancroft, Luise Rainer, Teresa Wright, and Shelly Winters, they ask Neve Campbell to be a presenter. Okay, she looked presentable.

But for Ashley Judd (the less said about that dress the better), and Drew Barrymore (daisies in the hair; sleeveless dress-let's hit the gym, Drew) to present, and Cloris Leachman, Shirley Temple and Kathy Bates to be presented as "oldies but goodies" — something is terribly wrong.

Now that I got that off my chest, let's talk about the most important event of the evening... how they looked!

Cher: We know how patriotic she is, but did she really have to come as the Statue of Liberty (such an attractive look on a 51-year-old!)

Eva Marie Saint: Now this is how a star should look. The hair, makeup, the elegance. Understatement is everything! (Did you hear that Madonna

and Ms. Winslet?)

Linda Hamilton: Amazing that the wife of James "Titanic" Cameron arrived at the Oscars with clippies in her hair! What was she thinking?

Minnie Driver: Super! Everything worked. She is 5'11", the hair, the dress... everything was in proportion!

For the opposite, did you see Elisabeth Shue? Big girl, broad shoulders, should never wear the hair slicked back (makes the rest of her look disproportionately larger).

Faye Dunaway: Magnificent. The makeup was classic, the hair just right. Here is a true "star."

Sigourney Weaver: Tell her that Prada designs for refugees, not the classy actress that she is.

Helena Bonham Carter, Judi Dench, Gloria Stuart, Julianne Moore: All were wonderful examples of how women of various ages should look.

Angelica Huston: A classic beauty. But it is time for a change of look (perhaps shorter, lighter hair that flatters her magnificent bone structure?)

And the winners are:

• **Best Makeup:** A tie. Anastasia's singer Alleia. Everything worked... the makeup was flawless, the hair divine. Marlee Matlin — What a beautiful young woman! The hair was ideal on a perfectly featured face... A great improvement. Obviously marriage has worked wonders for Marlee, since she no longer "hides" behind the glasses and hair.

• **All Around Perfection:** The unique Sharon

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

Stone. When I worked for Ann-Margret, she took great pride in telling her friends she "worked with the best in the biz. Hair, makeup stylists." Obviously that belief has been passed on to Ms. S. Have you ever not seen her looking 100-percent? And a smart cookie as well. Superb! This is the future of Hollywood glamour (for proof of that, shall we not discuss Frances MacDormand?)

• **Most Improved Hair:** Michael Bolton. Nuff said.

• **Most Beautiful Woman in the World:** Who amongst us has not been in love with Julie Christie at some time in our lives? Pardon me while I guffaw. If I had to pick one woman in cinema who represents exactly what I believe a woman should look like, it's Ms. Christie. That face! That profile! Yikes!

I know that many of you disagree with the above, but all it represents is my opinion and you are certainly entitled to yours. While I'm at it, one more parting shot...

Am I alone in believing that Judi Dench and Robert Duvall were robbed? Did you see "Mrs. Brown" or "The Apostle"? Don't miss them.

I would like to hear from you personally. I promise to answer. You may reach me at 1-800-944-6588 to find out if I am going to be appearing in your neck of the woods in April or May. My new web site is: jeffreybrucecosmetics.com, and if you care to "e" mail me, please do so at jubb@worldnet.att.net

Beauty pageant contestants preview Parisian fashions

Parisian department store at Laurel Park Place, Livonia, presented spring fashions modeled by former Miss Teen/Miss Michigan contestants, at a fashion luncheon last week for current pageant teens.

Hosted by the UFO Modeling Agency, the afternoon included tips on beauty and poise. The agency invites teens interested in the pageant to call (248) 332-0800. The event takes place at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Troy, May 24.

Modeling Parisian gowns are (from left) Kelly Ryan, Sarah Habitz, Jonelle Ryan and

Kathleen McConnell. Parisian's Midwest regional special events director Jane Bassett coordinated the show which included interview suits, swimwear, gowns and shoes. Following the program contestants and their mothers enjoyed dessert in the Parisian Room and went shopping.



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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call *Where Can I Find?* (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in next Sunday's column. Thank You!

What we found:

- Ceramic soup crocks can be found at **Amazing Sayings Orchard Lake Road and 14 Mile in Farmington Hills (248) 932-5110**, or **Kitchen Glamour in Redford**.
- **Sunglass bifocals** were spotted at **Hudson's, Oakland Mall, Troy, in the Optical Department**.
- **Lily of the Valley fragrance** is carried in the **Caswell-Massey catalog (800) 328-0500**, or through **Beauty Boutique (440) 828-3008**, by **Coty for \$3.99**. **Jessica McClintock** has a similar fragrance sold through area **Hudson's** stores. **Avon** also carries the fragrance **Forest Lily**.
- **Lamp parts** can be found at **Poor Richard's Barn (248) 391-2421**.
- A reader has this tip for **Axon** users. "Try **Biz**, it works just as good," she said.
- A **3D puzzle of the London Bridge** can be found through **Bits & Pieces in Washington**, call (800) Jigsaws for \$29.95.

We're still looking for:

- **Susan** wants a **Westmoreland milk glass ABC plate**. It's a 7-inch collectible with a beaded edge.
- **Angie** from **Rochester** needs **Coppertone #15, tan/tone**.
- **Russ** is looking for reproduction photos of old **Detroit factories**.
- **For Jan**, a **Little Goldenbook, We help Daddy**, from the 1960s.
- **Karen** is looking for a small bud vase, 6-8" in the shape of a fish, clear or colorful.
- **Joanne** is looking for an outdoor game **Scram Ball**. It has different color wrist bands, the ball has sides to it. It was out a few years ago.
- **For Donna**, **Richard's Tea Bags**.
- **Mary Jane** is looking for a store that can put names or figures on T-shirts like the one that

used to be in the middle of Tel-Twelve Mall. The names were machine-stitched.

- A **curling iron with mist** by **Revlon** or **Clairol** for **Betsy**.
- A set of **CareBear twin sheets** and pillowcases for **Julie Ann**.
- **Marcia** wants a recording of **Jesus, you're the center of my joy**, CD or cassette.
- **Joyce** is looking for **Fiber Glass Magic** sold by **Magic American Chemical Corp.** of **Cleveland, Ohio**.
- **Nora** wants a diamond stylist for a **Panasonic stereo, SE 2015** made in the 1970s.
- A **David Niven video** never released, **Stairway to Heaven**.
- **Donna** needs 2-3 boxes of **EHM Satinerna Sand II floor tile** from **ColorTile**. It was made in **Brazil**, 11 5/8 x 11 5/8 in size. It's a sun color.
- The **Disney movies: Lady and the Tramp, 101 Dalmatians**.
- A video of the musical **The Music Man**, for **Diana**.
- **Joan** wants doll clothes patterns for **Martha and George Washington** handmade porcelain dolls.
- **Patty** wants **Request designer blue jeans**.
- **Veronica** is looking for an **Avon chess board** from the 1970s; it is large.
- **Eleanor** wants **Clearview Professional Glass Cleaner** and products.
- **Jean** is looking for **yellow toilet tissue**.
- **Nora** is looking for a dinner plate in **creme with a gold edge**. It was sold at **Target**, made in **Italy**. **ESTE-ZE**, sold for \$3.50.
- **Becky** is looking for **Grand Manor towels** and wash cloths.
- A small **brass duck** for **Jenny**. (It fits in the palm of a hand).
- **Ed** is looking for the trivia game **Is the Pope Catholic?**
- **Linda** is looking for a book that describes how to make doll clothes for the **Teeny Tiny Mini Tiny Tots** dolls by **Geck**.
- **Lynette** is looking for a dress by **Pablo**.
- **The Terms of Endearment** sound track and a **Rutger Hauer movie** for **Joanne** of **Livonia**.

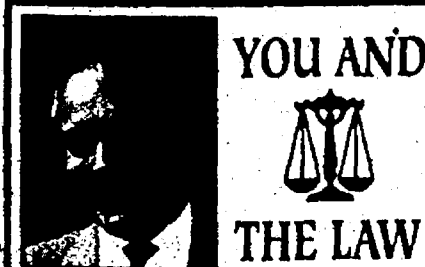
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Crate & Barrel opens new store

Crate & Barrel opens its first furniture store in the Detroit area, Thursday, April 2, downstairs from and adjoining its expanded housewares store on the second level of Somerset Collection South in Troy.

The expanded housewares and new Crate & Barrel furniture stores will reflect the company's select point of view in home furnishings. Created by international and American designers and craftspeople, Crate & Barrel merchandise emphasizes value, color, distinctive lines and new shapes.

This store will showcase an eclectic mix of furniture that fits into many local lifestyles. Shoppers will find sofas and chairs, wooden pieces from dressers to cocktail tables, dining room sets, beds and bedroom furniture, and accessories from antique chests to contemporary lighting.



by Stuart M. Feldheim
Attorney at Law

AVOIDABLE ULCERS AND THE LAW

This coming year it is estimated that over two (2) million people will suffer pressure ulcers or bed sores (typically of the heels) in American hospitals and nursing homes. The vast majority of pressure ulcers are preventable if doctors and nursing staff properly identify those patients at risk for development of the ulcers and then take proper precautions to avoid them.

A patient's sensory perception, activity level, mobility and nutrition status are some of the important factors that should be assessed on a "Braden Scale" for predicting pressure sore risk. Patients who sustain pressure ulcers can be helped to achieve fully healed, intact skin with proper diagnosis and prompt optimal wound care.

The law requires hospitals and nursing homes to take reasonable care to try and avoid the development of pressure ulcers in their patients. The law further requires that pressure ulcers be properly treated when they occur. A failure to do so is negligence for which an injury claim can be filed.

If you have a relative or close friend who has developed a pressure ulcer, you may wish to consult with the LAW OFFICES OF STUART M. FELDHEIM at 30300 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 108, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. For a free consultation call toll free 1-888-305-4900 or 248-932-1505. There is no fee if we don't win your case.

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TRAVEL

Zoo offers opportunities to explore Peru's rainforest

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Zoo is offering some unusual travel opportunities this year that will allow a traveler to visit an exotic location, experience high adventure and do a good deed.

As a result of an on-going primate census project in Peru, the zoo is seeking volunteers to help with an Adopt-a-School program to furnish supplies for schools along the Amazon River and its tributaries. The zoo also needs volunteers for its ongoing research and census programs.

Terry DeRosa, director of conservation and animal welfare at the zoo, said the primate census project began in 1993, first along the Rio Tapiche and then, also, along the Rio Napo. It is a joint project involving the Detroit and Dallas zoological parks, the Peruvian National University of the Amazon, Explorama Lodges, International Expeditions and Senor and Senora Roberto Botondo.

"When the river is high, you can paddle along and take a census from the trees, but when the water is low, it's hard to navigate the river," DeRosa said. "We wanted a second site along the Napo River which has the addi-

tional merit of having an Explorama lodge there, used by tourists who visit the rainforest. We use it as a research site and spend six months on the Rio Tapiche and six months on the Rio Napo."

The Adopt-a-School program was started in 1994 by teachers who were staying at the Explorama lodges and is co-sponsored by CONAPAC and the ACEER Foundation, two non-profit institutions working for the conservation of the Peruvian Amazon Rainforest.

"People who have visited the lodge, many of them teachers, saw the schools didn't have information about conservation, it wasn't part of their curriculum and they didn't have school supplies," DeRosa said. "In Peru, they teach by a rote method. If they don't have paper, it makes it difficult for them to learn."

Each April, when the Peruvian school year begins, Adopt-a-School delivers supplies to the 256 schools in the region. A school classroom can be adopted for \$300, which buys enough supplies for a year. In 1997, the program raised \$14,000 for 2,200 school children.

The Detroit Zoo is seeking 15 volunteers to deliver supplies. Five volunteers will be needed

for each of three weeks, April 11, 18 and 25. The cost of volunteering is \$1,700 plus roundtrip airfare to Iquitos, Peru. Volunteers will stay at the Explorama lodge, organize supplies (notebooks, pencils, folders etc.), deliver supplies by boat and have time to explore the rainforest.

In addition to delivering supplies, the program also reinforces a conservation message. Increased hunting in the rainforest has endangered many primate species and other animals. The area has several primates (pygmy marmosets, saddleback tamarins, moustached tamarins, night monkeys, red titi monkeys, white-fronted capuchins and others).

"Working with the uakaris (red-faced, bald-headed monkeys), we found animals getting deeper into the forest because of increased hunting pressure," DeRosa said.

He said many of the larger primates such as tapirs and anteaters are already gone.

"In December I went down there to see what was going on," he said. "There was a lot of hunting pressure. People are moving along the river, more villages are popping up. People claim a stake of land. That's what they do for a living, they go into the forest to find food for their families or to take to market."

DeRosa said when he was there in December, he found one village where they had created a community garden behind the school to grow food and raise domestic animals such as guinea pigs as food in an effort to relieve some of the hunting pressures. They are also taking the conservation program seriously.

"The process of delivering the school supplies is a big ceremony," DeRosa said.

Local dignitaries attend and



New supplies: Peruvian school children are happy to receive their new supplies delivered by the Adopt-a-School program.

the schools sign a contract that they will teach the conservation curriculum.

"The people are very friendly, helpful and interested in preserving their natural heritage," he said. "They don't take it for granted and are willing to use alternative methods for their families."

The zoo has a full-time researcher in the area, Suzi Leonard, who has spent five years studying primate behavioral ecology in the Peruvian Amazon for the zoo and in cooperation with the National University of the Peruvian Amazon.

"We are trying to document what the primate population is and over time is the population getting better or worse and to make long-term decisions on how to preserve those still in the for-

est," DeRosa said.

In August, the zoo will send down an expedition to study bird, reptile and amphibian populations in addition to primates. For that expedition, the zoo needs 12 volunteers for two weeks. The cost for a volunteer is \$2,800 plus airfare to Iquitos. In addition the zoo needs volunteers for its on-going primate census, the volunteers a month through the year. Volunteers pay \$1,000 plus airfare.

The zoo, in cooperation with the Dallas Zoo, is currently surveying a 250,000-acre, sparsely populated area north of the Rio Tapiche and Rio Napo areas for possible recommendation to the Peruvian government that it be set aside as a nature preserve.

All of these programs are part of the zoo's ongoing outreach,

which includes community programs, cooperative programs with other zoos and captive breeding programs for endangered species. The zoo has also expanded its work with local universities to provide hands-on experience in zoo work for juniors and seniors interested in zoo careers.

DeRosa said the zoo wants "to be part of the process."

Participation in these programs does not require special skills. The zoo will train volunteers. To find out more about these programs or to sign up, contact Terry DeRosa at PO Box 39, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0039 or by phone at (248)398-0903, ext. 3231, by fax at (248)691-4194 or by e-mail at tderosa@detroitzoo.org

Ready for a new year: Peruvian teachers are ready for a new year with school supplies provided by Adopt-a-School.



GREAT ESCAPES



Relaxing: Toscano Gemignani takes a break in his olive orchard near Florence, Italy. His niece Anria Del Pizzo is hosting a trip to Italy and his olive orchard.

Great Escapes features various travel news items. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279. Or e-mail hgallagher@homecomm.net

ITALY TOURS

Anria Del Pizzo is organizing a tour of Italy for Sept. 17 to Oct. 1. The tour will include three nights in Venice, five nights in Florence and four nights in Rome. Highlights include a visit to St. Marks Basilica and the Ducal Palace in Venice; sites in Florence featuring mini-lectures as your tour museums, churches, cafes and other sights; and in Rome, the

Catacombs, the Coliseum and the Vatican. Special highlights include a dinner at Anria's cousin Alberta's in Florence and a visit to her Uncle Toscano's olive orchard to watch how extra virgin olive oil is pressed.

Cost of the tour is \$2,600 and includes air fare, rail-pass, accommodations, breakfast and a personal tour.

For reservations, call Anria Del Pizzo at (248)474-4519.

David Groen is organizing a tour of Italy including Turin,

Venice, Florence and Rome, including a papal audience, May 4 to June 4. For additional information, call Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Plymouth at (800)874-6470 or (313)455-5810.

B&B GUIDE

The 1998 Michigan Lake to

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Crusaders sign 2 more

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham received two more volleyball commitments to play for the Lady Crusaders in the fall.

Abraham now has four in the fold including Jennifer Wind, a 6-foot middle hitter and outside hitter from Birmingham Groves, and Fort Wayne, Ind. native Nicole Burns, a 6-0 middle hitter who is transferring from Coastal Carolina.

They will join Livonia Ladywood's 5-10 outside hitter MaryLu Hemme and 6-1 middle hitter Donna Birkenhoffer of Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Mite Flyers win title

The Livonia Mite Flyers defeated the Livonia Mighty Ducks, 4-3, to win the championship game of the Shamrock Tournament held recently at Glacier Pointe Ice Complex in Port Huron.

After a five-minute overtime, the game was decided by a three-man shootout.

The Flyers, coached by Mark Tuttle, reached the final with a 4-1 win over the Port Huron Bulldogs. They also defeated the Kentwood of Grand Rapids, 3-0, and tied the Livonia Leafs, 4-4. Their only loss occurred against the Muskegon Chiefs, 5-3.

Members of the Flyers include: Shawn Maples, Andy Moran, David Wells, Eric DeWulf, Robbie Beattie, Joe Garbutt, Evan Anton, Ben Hoyt, Michael Grant, Ted Drews, Jesse Calus, Jeff Burduss, Adam Wagner, Greg Michael, Kevin Ruzyllo and Matt Tuttle.

Assistant coaches include Don Miller and Dave Garbutt. The team is sponsored by Alpha Title Agency, Inc. and Equivalent Base Company.

Senators rule in Chicago

Winning four of five games, including a 5-2 championship win over the Darien, Ill. Huskies, the Livonia Hockey Association Pee Wee B Senators captured the Chicago Sports Weekend Extravaganza Tournament (March 20-23).

Defenseman Ryan Droze was named tournament MVP.

Members of the Senators, coached by Dave Stevens, include: Joe Bisque (goalie), Patrick Cooper, David Dylegowski, James Leonard, Michael Perri, Jeffrey Martell, Chris Stevens, Ryan Droze, Ryan Grattan, Cory Clearman, Derrick Lasecki, Nick Kostoff, Doug Sparks, Mike Martini, Kevin Bendert and Michael Bialaski.

Assistant coaches are Sam Martini and Mike Droze. The team managers are Kathy Cooper and Colleen Lasecki.

Squirt Devils victorious

The Livonia Squirt Devils wrapped up a successful season recently by winning the Grand Rapids Spring Showdown Invitational with a 4-2 win over the Farmington Hills Heat.

Nick Karebian led the Devils with nine goals in four games, including a pair of hat tricks. Teammate Nick Leadford added eight assists and two players. Kyle Kolasinski was named defensive forward for the year.

The Devils opened tourney play with a 5-1 win over the Grand Rapids Centennial Stars followed by a 4-2 triumph over Grand Rapids Pfeiffer Lincoln Mercury.

Goalie Sam Burrows notched the shutout in an 8-0 semifinal win over the Heat, a team the Devils defeated in the finals of the Farmington Christmas Tournament.

Rounding out the Devils, coached by Steve Kolasinski, include: Jamie Donahue, Colin Fitzgerald, Brad Fischer, Cody Brehm, Jeff Wilson, Alex Burrows, Frank Gribeck, Andrew Cesario, Alan Perreault, Garrett Swenze, Chris Roskelly and Alan Fritsch.

Assistant coaches include John Karebian, Steve Cesario, Gary Leadford and Terry Jobbitt.

Team sponsors include Mr. Bob's Chicken of Redford, RSI Wholesale and Rhe-Tech, Inc.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Off to the races: Preps get in gear

BOYS TRACK PREVIEW

This season's boys track-and-field season begins with many questions.

Can Westland John Glenn repeat its incredible success of last season despite losing most of its core athletes?

Will Livonia Franklin be able to recover after losing Paul Terek, the state's best all-time in the pole vault?

Was Livonia Churchill's first league meet in four years last season a sign of better things to come?

Can Livonia Stevenson rebound from its first losing season in some time?

Can an undermanned Wayne Memorial squad compete in its tough Mega Red division?

And can Lutheran Westland win its sixth straight Metro Conference title?

These questions and many more will be answered in what may become a surprising and unpredictable track season.

Westland John Glenn

Last season was one for the record books as Glenn won the Western Lakes Activities Association title and its first regional championship ever.

The Rockets were loaded; led by All-Observerland performer David Jarrett, who set the school record in the long jump, 23-6 1/2 before finishing second in the state championship.

Glenn also lost some of the area's top athletes, including sprinter Steve Hester, distance runner Joe Wojtowicz and thrower Mike Samples (state qualifier).

"A lot of our nucleus is gone," said coach Jess Shough, whose team has only four seniors. "I don't like to use the word 'rebuild,' but we have a lot of holes to fill."

One area Shough doesn't have to worry about is the 100-meter dash where senior Harden James returns. James set a school record in the event with a 10.7, and also won the WAAA and regional title.

Junior Reggie Spearman is the only other returning sprinter for Glenn. Juniors Robert Fant, Javon Perkins, Devin White, Stephen Lawson and Kaven Hugley will provide the depth.

Despite the loss of Jarrett, the long jump will be in good shape as seniors Andre Dawson and Tim Moore and White all return.

The high jump will also be a strength behind Moore, last year's league champion, White and senior William Bozer.

"We have experience in the jumping events as two of our three jumpers that scored in last year's league meet return," Shough said.

Junior Dan Pullam is the only returning pole vaulter as several freshmen will battle for time.

Sophomore Yaku Moton, who set the freshman record in shot put last season, should be improved, while junior Kurt Boardman returns in the discus. Freshman Nick Samples, sophomore Jim Doherty and juniors Ricky Wells and Derrick Jarrala will also throw.

In the 400, runners will include James, Jason Crofton and juniors Dujan Kelley and Brian Jones (a transfer from Detroit Mumford). Junior Kevin Derwich will run the 400 and 800.

Also competing in the 800 will be juniors Josh Keyes and Kevin Durigan and sophomores Jeff Ruppel and Tom Tourikis. Juniors



Charger standout: Livonia Churchill's Ryan Kearney, a junior, is one Observerland's premier athletes. He is proficient in a number of events including the 300-meter hurdles where he set a school in 39.45.

Justin Keyes, P.J. Wolocko and Eric Sleep will run the distance events.

Shough has confidence in the hurdle events with Moore, Bozer, Josh Keyes and sophomore Dorian Brown.

"To repeat what we did last year requires a lot of depth," Shough said. "We have a lot of young athletes so it will be difficult for us. We're building a nucleus for next year, but will then lose a quality runner in Harden. If not next year, we should be there the year after."

Livonia Churchill

The Chargers won their first meet last season in four years with a victory over Plymouth Canton.

Such a feat may not sound like a lot, but the victory is a sign of a program on the upswing, according to third-year coach Rick Austin.

"We're a more athletic team than we have been in the past," Austin said. "Our goal this season is to win the city meet, which is a realistic goal for us (Tuesday at Stevenson)."

Churchill lost All-Observerland performer Nathan Jerome to graduation. Jerome was a three-year MVP and placed ninth in the state in the 1,600 run (second in the WAAA).

But the good news for the Chargers is that junior Ryan Kearney is back. Kearney won the regional title in the 110 and 300 hurdles last season, is the two-time defending league champ in the 300 hurdles, finished fifth in the state in the 300 hurdles and holds the school record of 39.45.

"He's the elite athlete in our program,"

Austin said. "He's gotten stronger and can now bench press over 240 pounds, which will help him in the high hurdles."

Kearney will also run 200 dash (22.6), 400 run (52.2) and perform in the high jump (6-2).

Joining Kearney in the hurdles will be sophomores Brant Hauck, Corey Lake and Jordan Mattison.

With Terek graduated, senior Matt Weber looks to claim the league's top pole vault position. Weber jumped 12-0 last season, but Austin believes he can clear 13-0 this season. Junior Brandon Lapointe will also compete in the event.

Junior Guy Diakow (133-4 in the discus), sophomore Joe Gaura and senior John McFadyen will handle discus and shot put. All three throw more than 42-0 in the discus, while seven Chargers can toss the shot put over 100-0.

"I believe the throwers can set the tone in a meet," Austin said. "I hope the intensity of our throwers will rub off on the rest of the team."

The high jumping will be handled by Hauck, Kearney and sophomore Justin Urbanowicz. The long jump will feature sophomore Jason Evans.

Austin is also happy with the depth he has in the distance events. The distance crew consists of: Senior Matt Minor, sophomore Jason Richmond, juniors Aaron Veik, Joe Robinson, Josh Montheil and John McCallum — a transfer from Arizona who reminds Austin of Jerome.

The biggest question on the team is the effectiveness of Churchill's sprinters.

"The problem we have run into this year is the same as last year — we don't have a lot of

speed," Austin said. "We have changed our training philosophy which help us be more competitive in the 400 run and up. But because we don't have anyone that can touch an 11.0 (in the 100 dash), we're looking to train harder and longer."

In addition to Kearney, Austin expects a group of young sprinters to carry the load including: Junior Peter Lin, sophomore Eiji Takizawa and Shane Ramin, and freshmen Tim Stiles, Chris Anderson and Nathan Pickelhaup.

"This team wants to win a division title and I don't think we're that far away," Austin said.

Livonia Franklin

Life without Paul Terek will be something the Patriots — and coach Dale Lee — will have to get accustomed to.

This will be Lee's first year in his four years at Franklin without Terek.

"He's left a huge gap," Lee said. "To lose an athlete of his caliber who can score points in virtually every event is tough. We had a good idea what he developed into when he was a freshman, but he exceeded all expectations to become the best pole vaulter ever in the state. And his versatility was very valuable."

Terek, now at Michigan State, set the state record last June at the Class A finals by clearing 16 feet, 6 inches. He already owns the MSU indoor record as a freshman at 17. Despite the loss of Terek, the Patriots still

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Pistons partners in the community

Heather Hughesian, a sixth grader at Plymouth's Central Middle School, couldn't have been happier if there was a dance scheduled Wednesday afternoon at the school gymnasium.

The only thing that could top the music she heard was the instruction given by Coach Steve Moreland, the Director of Camps and Clinics for the Detroit Pistons.

Moreland was there giving a Team Player Basketball Clinic, which is part of the Pistons' Partner Program. The 1 1/2 hour session is a follow-up to a Jam Session the Pistons had for the entire Central Middle School student body earlier this year.

The Pistons also had a Central Middle School Night at a recent game at the Palace as part of the program.

Playing on the jam box as the Central Middle School students entered the gym was Space Jam, a series of songs from a science fiction movie about Michael Jordan and friends Bugs Bunny and Marvin the Marican. "Marvin the Marican — he's the best," said Hughesian, whose love for Space Jam equals her love for basketball.

The series of drills and instructions given by Moreland were just as inspiring. Moreland teaches the students shooting, ballhandling, passing and defensive drills in an entertaining, yet informative manner.

He stresses winning attitudes first and doesn't just have the students going through the motions. He makes them sweat.



Shooting technique: Steve Moreland of the Pistons instructs youngsters at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

"It's the bomb," Hughesian said. "He's enthusiastic and he makes me work hard. I like to work hard."

Even the defensive drills were fun, her friend Renee Cline, a sixth grader, added.

Moreland even had the attention of a student on the injured list — Pat Cox, who couldn't participate because he was on crutches, the result of a hockey injury.

Cox still received his Pistons' shirt, an autographed picture of star Grant Hill and a certificate of participation

for showing.

"He's out here injured, let's hear it for him," Moreland said as the students gathered around at the end of the clinic.

Moreland and his wife and children lived in Plymouth in the early 1980s and is familiar with the basketball staffs at Plymouth Canton and Salem high schools. He could see the interest in the sport starts in the middle schools.

"By practicing in the sixth through eighth grades you put yourself in the

position to play at Salem and Canton and there is not any group of better coaches in one community than Bob Brodie and Fred Thomann (at Salem) and Bob Blohm and Danny Young (at Canton)," Moreland said. "I can already see young players committed at a young age. They must have visions of playing in varsity programs."

Moreland gives all facets of the game equal time but shooting is his specialty. Last fall, he worked with Hill on his shooting technique when the Pistons' star was struggling with his shot.

Moreland talks to students about the importance of self esteem, being a team player, reading ("read to succeed," he says) and keeping positive peers.

He reminded one of the students to wear his new shirt while working out — the words Team Player are etched across the front.

"What does 'Team' mean?" Moreland asked. "Together Everyone Accomplishes More."

Moreland signed the backs of their new shirts as the students were getting ready to leave for home.

"You don't have to kneel for me," said the 6-foot-5 Moreland, sitting in a chair. "I'll kneel for you because you're special."

The Pistons offer camps for boys and girls throughout the summer. Cost is \$149 per camper each four-day session. Call (248) 377-0104.

ALL-OBSERVER HOCKEY TEAM

All-Area team talented bunch

Being a Trenton High graduate and former goaltender, Jeff Hatley knows what it takes to win a state championship.



Jeff Hatley Coach of Year

And the sixth-year coach at Livonia Churchill nearly realized that dream this year, taking his alma mater to the limit in an exciting regional final before losing 5-3 (after the game was tied 3-3 with just under seven minutes to go).

Churchill has been to the regional final two of the past three years, losing to eventual state champion Trenton both times.

This season, Hatley guided the Chargers to a 19-5-3 record, including a second-place finish in the Suburban High School Hockey League and a district title.

For his efforts this year, Hatley has been named Observer-Land Coach of the Year.

"Our success this season was the result of the players, their parents, and the coaching staff's commitment to the team," Hatley said. "We were once bounce away from being on the home stretch to a state championship."

"We're going to have a substantial player turnover next season. But when you have a good program, talented players graduate and get replaced by other talented players."

For Redford Catholic Central it was another banner year.

The Shamrocks, the 1997 state Class A champions, finished 18-4-3 and won the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League's tough West Division ahead of state champion Trenton. CC was knocked out by state runner-up Grosse Pointe South in the regional final.

And not to be ignored was the effort of Livonia Stevenson (17-7-2), which captured the SHSHL title for the second straight year. The Spartans and Churchill lead the All-Observer first-team with two selections each.

CC landed one player on the first team and three players on the second team.

Introducing the All-Observer hockey team:

Table listing hockey team members: FIRST TEAM, SECOND TEAM, THIRD TEAM, COACH OF THE YEAR, HONORABLE MENTION.

hockey team:

rick mamon, Sr. goalie, Redford CC: A Class A all-state selection for the second straight year, Mamon posted a 1.86 goals against average with a save percentage of 89.

He was best during the season's stretch drive, ironically after being benched for three games midway through the season after battling a slump.

"I told him we'd go with our best goaltender and early in the season there was a question of whether he was our best," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "We sat him three games and he came back and just won people. By the end of the season he was the best goaltender in the state - hands down. He really got it together."

Brandon Martola, Sr. defenseman, Liv. Churchill: Finished second in the Mr. Hockey voting by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association.

The Dream Team and All-Suburban pick was the leader of the Churchill penalty killing unit which scored six short-handed goals and gave up only six power-play goals coming back from Christmas vacation.

"Often times the group he led out-chanced the opponents when we were short-handed," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said.

The four-year standout is being recruited by Air Force, Northland College and Eastern Michigan.

"Brandon replaced assistant coach Jamie Allen as the 'best player ever to play for Churchill,'" Hatley said.

Greg Job, Sr. center, Liv. Franklin: The four-year standout tallied 191 career points, including 59 this season with 31 goals and 28 assists to repeat as a first-team All-Observer choice.

Job ranks third among Patriot all-time scoring leaders behind Tim and Charlie Olschanski.

He made Class A All-State for the second straight year, finishing second in the voting among forwards.

"Greg stepped up from last year - he led us on and off the ice," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "He was dangerous more off the puck than with the puck."

Job, who will likely pursue a career in education, is considering going to Henry Ford Community College or Eastern Michigan.

Darin Fawkes, Sr. right winger, Liv. Stevenson: Finished the year with 12 goals and 25 assists with only three minutes in penalties.

The deceptive winger had a plus-43 rating as he made the All-Suburban and Class A All-State squads.

"Darin was our quiet leader and the speed of our team," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "He was a pleasure to have on the team - just a hard worker, who led by example and someone who always came ready to play."

Jeff Lang, Sr. left winger, Liv. Stevenson: After playing for the AA Plymouth Midget state championship team, Lang made the most of his only year in high school hockey with 22 goals and 20 assists and a plus-34 ranking.

The All-Suburban pick also received 26 All-State votes. He collected just 10 penalty minutes.

"Jeff's a real gritty player with a lot of determination," Harris said. "He was extremely focused. Darin (Fawkes) was our quiet leader, while Jeff was our vocal leader."

The Academic All-State pick sports the ninth highest grade-point average among state players with a 3.95.

"He's a kid with a lot of potential," Harris said. "He'll be a congressman or a CEO some day."

SECOND TEAM

Mike O'Keefe, Sr. goalie, Redford Union: O'Keefe's win-loss percentage suffered because the Panthers endured a rebuilding year and finished with a 5-17-2 overall record.

He had a 3.6 goals against average, a save percentage .935 and two shutouts among his four victories. The Panthers finished last in the South Division of the SPHL so to make first team in a vote of league coaches says a lot for his ability, RU coach Kirk Hunter said.

O'Keefe has been Hunter's No. 1 goalie since the hockey program started at RU in the 1996-97 season.

"I wouldn't trade him for anybody, for the overall kid he is and his work ethic," Hunter said. "He's quick, hates to get beat - even at practice. It's like a showdown, every shot in practice. I planned on putting him up for all league and some of the coaches made sure I did and that made it that much easier to promote him."

Tony Keshishian, Sr. defenseman, Redford CC: St. John lights up when Keshishian's name is mentioned because he remembers from where he came a year ago. The Shamrocks were stacked on defense in 1997 when they won the Class A title and Keshishian often times was on the taxi squad, not worthy of a spot in the lineup.

This year he not only joined the lineup, he excelled on the blue line. Along with his defensive capabilities, Keshishian added five goals and 10 assists.

"What a great story," St. John said. "He was our seventh defenseman, played on the taxi squad sometimes last year. He had so much dedication, busted his butt all off-season. He ran all summer long, comes back, leads the defense... and has this success."

Greg Berger, Sr. winger, Redford CC: Berger was an effective two-way forward for the Shamrocks and finished with 11 goals and 12 assists. He had a hat trick in their come-from-behind victory over Royal Oak in the Class A district quarterfinals.

His 64 shots on goal were second on the team to teammate Keith Rowe.

"He's a dedicated, hard-working hockey player," St. John said. "he's always encouraging everyone else, pushing himself."



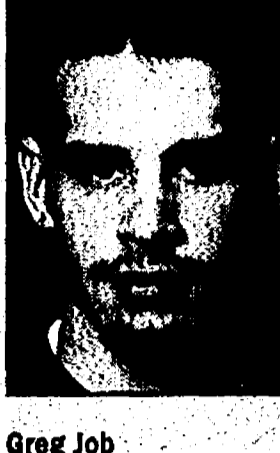
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Greg Berger Redford CC



Ryan Sinks Livonia Stevenson



Jason Tardif Redford CC



Matt Grant Livonia Churchill

Ryan Sinks, Jr. center, Liv. Stevenson: Led the Spartans with a team-high 44 points, 19 goals and 25 assists.

Sinks also was a plus-32 en route to All-Suburban honors.

"Ryan is solid as a rock," Harris said. "His shot is heavy, hard and quite accurate. Hopefully he'll come back next year with a lot of determination to lead the team to the finals."

Jason Tardif, Sr. center, Redford CC: Tardif led the Shamrocks in scoring with 30 points, including 10 goals and a team-high 20 assists. A speedy centerman, he also won 66 percent of his

face-offs.

"He's fast with a quick shot," St. John said. "One of our leaders."

Matt Grant, Sr. center, Liv. Churchill: The rangy senior was first among Chargers in league scoring (ninth overall) with seven goals and 15 assists for 22 points (in 14 games).

The All-Suburban pick was 20th in the All-State (Class A) voting among forwards.

"Matt was a dominate player for the Chargers, somebody who knows how to use his size and protect the puck from opposing players," Hatley said.

Victory is Taylor-made

COLLEGE SPORTS

A designated hitter is supposed to carry a big stick. Madonna University's J.R. Taylor did just that last Tuesday in a 17-9 road win over Saginaw Valley State University.

Taylor smashed a pair of home runs and knocked in four to lead the Crusaders to their sixth win of the year.

Taylor wasn't the only one who had his hitting shoes on. Third baseman Daryl Rocho also knocked in four runs while collecting four hits - including a home run of his own.

The Crusaders trailed 6-3 heading into the top of the fifth, but rallied for seven runs to take command. Madonna (6-8) added a five-run seventh for insurance.

James O'Connor was the beneficiary of the hitting explosion. He was the third of five Madonna pitchers on the day and lasted three innings to get the victory.

Lady Crusaders split Madonna University divided a

COLLEGE SPORTS

road softball double-header with Spring Arbor College Wednesday.

Madonna took the opener 6-0 as pitcher Angie VanDoorn tossed a four-hitter. She struck out five while walking three in seven innings of work.

Offensively, Vicki Malkowski led the way. The catcher knocked in a pair of runs and had two hits. First baseman Courtney Senger also had a pair of runs batted in.

The tables were turned in game two as Spring Arbor blanked Madonna 5-0.

The Crusaders (8-5-1) were held to two hits by Spring Arbor's Amy Frederick. Stephanie Dye and Kristy McDonald were the only Madonna batters with hits against Frederick.

Janel Leschinger went the distance for Madonna on the mound. She allowed nine hits and two earned runs. The Crusaders committed four errors in the game.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. The Wayne County Commission will hold two public hearings this week: The Ways and Means Committee will consider the continuation of the Wayne County Transit Authority and the SMART system. The hearing will be held on: TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1998. Hearing Room 402, 11:30 a.m. Wayne County Building 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI. The Wayne County Commission will hold public hearings on: 1. A resolution to extend the Wayne County Transit Authority; and 2. Three ordinance amendments to increase golf and park system fees for Warren Valley and Inkster Valley Golf Courses. The hearing will be held: THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998. Commission Chambers, 10:00 a.m. Wayne County Building 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI. Copies of the proposed amendments to the ordinances and resolutions may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 408 Wayne County building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 244-0903. Publish: March 29, 1998.

Warriors trounce Aquinas. While Southgate Aquinas' boys basketball team may be enjoying success at the Class D state tournament, the girls softball team had nothing to celebrate Friday. Lutheran Westland trounced host Aquinas 11-1 in the season opener for both squads. Sharon Greer reached base all five times, including two walks and two RBI to lead the Warriors. Kierra Decker also had two hits and two RBI. Greer, Decker and Katie Heiden all had doubles in a seven-run first inning that knocked Aquinas starter Kim Doute out of the game. Heiden picked up the win as she went all six innings, scattering seven hits. She struck out two and walked four. "I was pleasantly surprised today," Westland coach Ron Gentz said. "Aquinas is a good team, but we played very well. And I'm always happy when we make no errors."

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Livonia
Wednesday, April 1
Wednesday, April 15
9:30 a.m.
at Bill Knapp's
16995 S. Laurel Park Dr.

South Livonia
Wednesday, April 1
Wednesday, April 15
2 p.m.
at Bill Knapp's
32955 Plymouth Rd.

Plymouth
Friday, April 3
Friday, April 17
2 p.m.
at Bill Knapp's
40900 Ann Arbor Rd.

Westland
Friday, April 3
Friday, April 17
9:30 a.m.
at Bill Knapp's
36601 Warren Ave.

THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA-WESTLAND SPORTS CARD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit (2), 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 2
Redford Union at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
Luth. W'ld at SF Christian, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 3
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
(all double-headers unless noted)
Redford Union at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
Berkley at Churchill, noon.
Notre Dame at Redford CC, 2 p.m.
Thurston at Wayne, 2:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, March 30
Churchill at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Clareville at Escora, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 2
Franklin at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
SF Christian at Luth. W'ld, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Friday at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Spary (2), 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
(all double-headers unless noted)
Stevenson at Redford Union, 11 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, March 31
City meet at Stevenson, 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 2
Salem at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Thurston, 3:30 p.m.
Country Day, S'held Christian at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 2
Churchill at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Country Day, S'held Christian at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Spartan Relays at MSU, TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, March 30
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

N. Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1
Churchill at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 3
John Glenn at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Groesse Ile, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Fairlane, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Tuesday, March 31
Madonna at Cornerstone (2), 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Madonna at St. Xavier (2), 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 5
Madonna at St. Xavier (2), 11 a.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 2
Madonna at Cornerstone (2), 3 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Madonna at Concordia (2), 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 5
Madonna vs. Rochester College at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.

Hartland top Spartan tanker

Amy Hartland stood out for the Spartan Aquatic Club at the 13-and-over state championships held March 20-22 at Saginaw Valley State University.

The Spartans took fourth overall in the team standings with 875 points.

Competing in the Girls 15-and-over division, Hartland took firsts in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly. Her time of 58.43 was a Junior National cut, putting her into the Junior National meet over the weekend in Long Island, N.Y.

She also finished eighth in the 200 breaststroke and 400 individual medley; 10th, 500 freestyle; 11th, 100 breaststroke; and 16th, 200 IM.

Hartland was the fourth overall point-getter in her division followed by teammates Kris Utley (sixth), Christina Mocerri (seventh) and Meghan Mocerri (ninth).

Andrea Yocum, competing in the Girls 13-14 age division, won the 200 breaststroke; finished second in the 200 and 400 IM and 100 breaststroke; third, 300 butterfly; 11th, 100 butterfly; and 12th, 200 backstroke.

Yocum was the fifth overall point-getter in her division.

In the 12-and-under state championships March 20-22 at Rockford, Spartan Aquatic finished 13th overall with 269.5 points.

There were also several outstanding performances in the meet. (See results above.)

AGE-GROUP SWIM

OTHER SPARTAN FINISHERS

Boys 15-and-over: Steve Domin — third place, 50-yard freestyle, 100 butterfly; eighth, 200 and 500 freestyle; Chris Sanker — 11th, 1,650 freestyle; Dan Lynch — sixth, 1,650 freestyle; 14th, 100 breaststroke; 16th, 500 freestyle and 200 breaststroke; Brent Mellis — third, 1,650 freestyle; fifth, 1,000 freestyle; 13th, 500 freestyle; 16th, 200 backstroke.

Girls 15-and-over: Meghan Mocerri — fourth, 1,650 freestyle; fifth, 1,000 freestyle, 400 IM; sixth, 500 freestyle; 11th, 200 butterfly; 16th, 200 IM, 200 backstroke; Christina Mocerri — sixth, 1,650 freestyle; seventh, 500 and 1,000 freestyle; eighth, 200 backstroke; 12th, 100 backstroke, 200 and 400 IM; 15th, 100 and 200 freestyle; Kris Utley — second, 500 freestyle; third, 1,650 freestyle; fourth, 1,000 freestyle; ninth, 200 IM; 10th, 200 breaststroke; 12th, 200 freestyle; 16th, 200 butterfly; Leslie Nimer — 11th, 1,650 freestyle; 15th, 200 butterfly; Marilyn Bray — eighth, 200 butterfly; 11th, 1,000 freestyle; 14th, 400 IM; 16th, 100 and 200 breaststroke; Maria McKenzie — 15th, 100 butterfly.

Boys 13-14: Robert Cambridge — 11th, 200 butterfly; 14th, 200 backstroke.

Girls 13-14: Deidre Schwirng — ninth, 100 breaststroke; 14th, 400 IM and 50 freestyle; Kysta Lynch — 10th, 200 backstroke; 12th, 200 butterfly; Emily Sondergaard — 10th, 200 butterfly; Jessica Koch — 11th, 200 butterfly.

RELAY RESULTS

Boys 15-and-over: Lynch, Domin, Sanker, Mellis — third, 800 freestyle; fifth, 400 medley; sixth, 400 freestyle.

Girls 15-and-over: Mocerri, Mocerri, Hartland, Utley — fourth, 800 freestyle; fifth, 400 freestyle; Mocerri, Mocerri, Hartland, Bray — fourth, 400 medley; Natalie Aristeo, Nimer, Bray, McKenzie — 12th, 400 freestyle; McKenzie, Bray, Nimer, Katy Nicol — 12th, 800 freestyle; McKenzie, Utley, Nimer, Nicol — 13th, 400 medley.

Girls 13-14: Yocum, Schwirng, Lynch and Danielle Blair — fifth, 400 freestyle; Koch, Sondergaard, Blair Tyler and Jessica Hrivnak — 11th, 400 freestyle; Yocum, Blair, Schwirng, Koch — seventh, 800 freestyle; Lynch, Hrivnak, Tyler and Ali Stewart — 11th, 800 freestyle; Lynch Yocum, Blair, Schwirng — sixth, 400 medley; Stewart, Hrivnak, Koch, Sondergaard — 16th, 400 medley.

12-AND-UNDER RESULTS

Boys 11-12: Jack Tyler — 10th, 100 butterfly; 13th, 50 backstroke; 15th, 50 butterfly; 16th, 100 IM.

Girls 11-12: Michelle Aristeo — fourth, 100 backstroke; ninth, 200 IM, 50 backstroke; 14th, 500 freestyle; Ashley Eilers — 12th, 50 backstroke; 15th, 50 butterfly; Kara Eschbach — fifth, 50 breaststroke; seventh, 100 breaststroke; 14th, 100 butterfly; Elizabeth Cambridge — seventh, 100 butterfly; Katy Sondergaard — eighth, 100 butterfly.

RELAY RESULTS

Boys 11-12: Tyler, Joe Lynch, Robert Lowes, Matt Swift — 15th, 200 freestyle.

Girls 11-12: Aristeo, Eilers, Cambridge, Eschbach — fifth, 200 medley; Eilers, Cambridge, Eschbach, Andrea Giczewski — seventh, 200 freestyle.

Boys 10-and-under: Brad Farris, Chas Maul, Michael Maul, Joe Bashara — eighth, 200 freestyle.

Girls 10-and-under: Farris, Amber Hutchinson, Stephanie Sawda, Elizabeth Hrivnak — 13th, 200 freestyle and 200 medley.



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the Small Fry Fishing Club patch) and the quarterly newsletter Fish On.

because the show supports the restoration of wildlife habitat across the state. A portion of the proceeds from the show is earmarked for wildlife habitat restoration in Michigan.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

JUNIOR ARCHERS A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield.

CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus.

YOUTH FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will hold a Youth Fly Fishing School, 9a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center.

CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School.

FOUR SEASONS The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center.

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 in Taylor.

BANQUETS

BIG GAME HUNTERS The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual fund raiser and banquet on Sunday, April 26, at the Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia.

MEETINGS

NRC The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-9, at the St. Joseph Hotel in St. Joseph.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is April 1-24.

LICENSES

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expire March 31.

CATCH AND RELEASE A special catch-and-release trout season runs April 1-24 on a designated section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

SPEARS/BOWS Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs April 1-May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46.

RABBIT Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

PIKE Pike season opens April 25 on inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula.

SMELT Smelt netting season runs through May 31 south of M-72 and April 1-May 31 north of M-72.

STURGEON Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT Trout season opens April 25.

WALLEYE Walleye and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKIE Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs across the state that serve troubled children, adults and their families.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

Contour Power Grips team sets world marrk

Last week this column mentioned the leading team in the Ladies City Tournament (DWBA) at Sterling Lanes.

TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

tially of team members from the Cloverlanes All-Star Bowlerettes League which competes on Monday nights at 8:30 p.m.

This team took second place with 3,384 with Renee Teasner and Carmen Allen, who are regulars on Contour No. 1 in the league, plus Kathy Siemiesz, Dawn Hood and Marianne DiRupo.

There are occasions when a youngster such as Tim Allen, a 14-year-old bowler from Livonia, can really stand out.

Carrying a 165 average, Tim shot a two-game set of 277-237 in the Cloverlanes Junior/Majors Wednesday league.

He had recently been outfitted with a new "Sea Wolf," which enables him to throw a nice hooking shot, and his scores are going up.

Up so much that the first thing he did after finishing was to call his mom, Jan, and ask what was her highest ever. Tim now has bragging rights on his mother, and their averages are now both at 165.

At 14, this is "As Good As It Gets!" I am sure, his parents, Terry and Jan, are proud of Tim. His next ball should be a "Hammer," very appropriate for someone named Tim Allen.

For the seniors, there is a new game in town. This is a newly formed organization — Great Lakes Senior Bowling Association.

The first tournament on the schedule is 9:45 a.m., Saturday, April 25, at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. This is scratch competition for seniors (men and women) at least 50 years of age, Super Seniors 62 and up.

The payoff will be \$1,000 for first place based on 100 entries, and \$125 for the last qualifier. The qualifying rounds will be 6 games, with the top 32 advancing to the finals.

For further details, call Ed Malinowski at (313) 522-9315.

The ladies are not the only ones with a city tournament going on. The Greater Detroit Bowling Association Men's City Tournament got under way on March 21 at Thunderbowl Lanes. It will run through April 19.

The first set of results are in and no new records were set. Early team leaders are Seneca Sport Club on games of 1103-1089-1029 plus a 359 handicap for a 3580 total; doubles were led by Kenneth Arbie, Jr. and David Hedding at 492-406-452 plus a 194 handicap for a total of 1544.

The singles leader is Melvin Brandon, who bowled 268-212-204 plus a 145 handicap for an 829 score. The big guns have yet to bowl, so some of these early leaders may topple.

This column is usually based upon local happenings, but I will deviate at this time for a report from Jamestown, N.Y.

The Jamestown Women's Bowling Association is also having its City Tournament and the Wilcox Bros. Team has the lead with a total of 3,442.

These veteran ladies are captain Dorothy Wilcox, 78; Martha Chapman, 63; Eleanor Wilcox, 81; Rosemary Wilcox, 90; and Blanche Swaney, 59.

Most are from Sugar Grove, Pa. It's remarkable to have these seniors leading all the younger generations. Bowling is alive and well just about everywhere.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

BOWLING HONOR ROLL Cloverlanes (Livonia) All-Star Bowlerettes: Cindy Black, 278-247-221/746; Gari Beattie, 246-235-236/737; Deborah Blalock, 249-255-233/717; Diane St. Louis, 214-246-244/704; Karen Hagan, 234-211-255/700; Pat Chall, 257-190-244/691.

259/674; Bill Robertson, 258/697. Grandale: Bill Zurenko, 300. Friday Kings & Queens: Don Chambers, Sr., 299. Men's Trio: Dave Norwick, 280/694; Dennis Seeman, 274/730; Joe Gumbis, 267/768; Ken Kibit, 258/730; Chris Niemiec, 670; Chuck Myers, 703.

248/684; Frank Kashawilk, 690; Earl Hussett, 207-191-264/652; Dave Petrusch, 225-216-213/654. Tues. Delphi: Roy Williams, 266; Roy Hixon, 262. Westland Lane (Westland) Queen Pins: Lisa Soulliere, 268/718; Janice Baker, 233/678; Kristi Edwards, 260/541; Carol McLaughlin, 248/674; Jenny McLaughlin, 223/594.

St. Eugene's Men: Ken Fister, 289. Mayflower Lanes (Redford) GoodNeighbors: Gloria Mertz, 197; Jackie Setulides, 500. Monday Seniors: Art Kuznar, 258/700; Frank Federico, 259/642; John Bierkamp, 244/628; Howard Davis, 242/626; Travis Mosier, 255; Ed Patrick, 246/653; Andy Paratotto, 254/651.

My children and I had a great time at the Bluebird Festival in Jackson, Michigan a couple weeks ago. Not only did we enjoy the festival itself, we enjoyed the trip to and from the festival.

NATURE NOTES



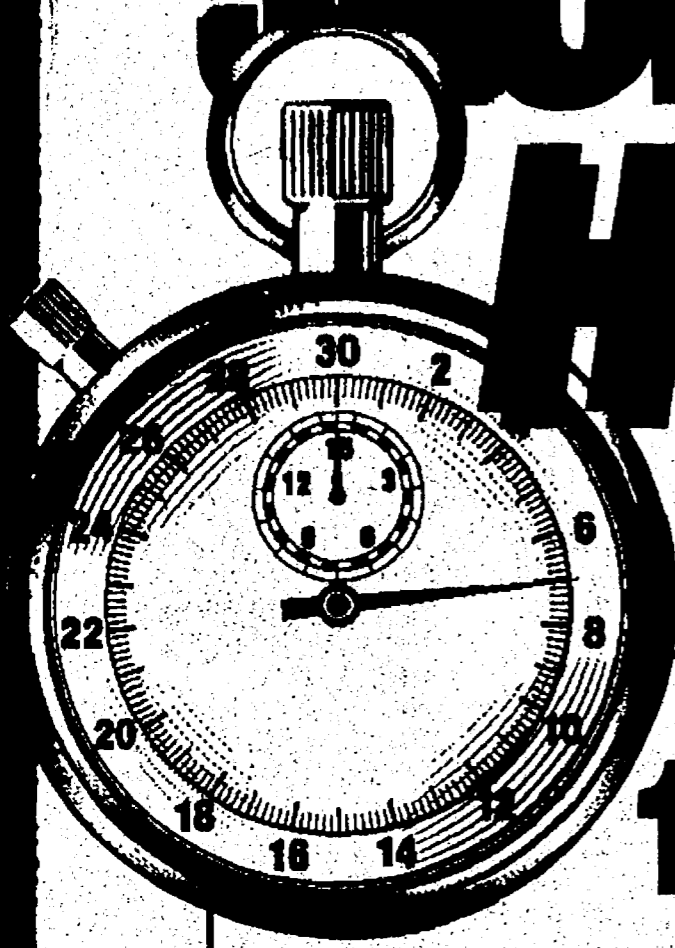
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the 15th. The cooler temperatures made it hard for it to catch rising warm air currents on which to soar. It was flapping more than usual as it skimmed the campus buildings.

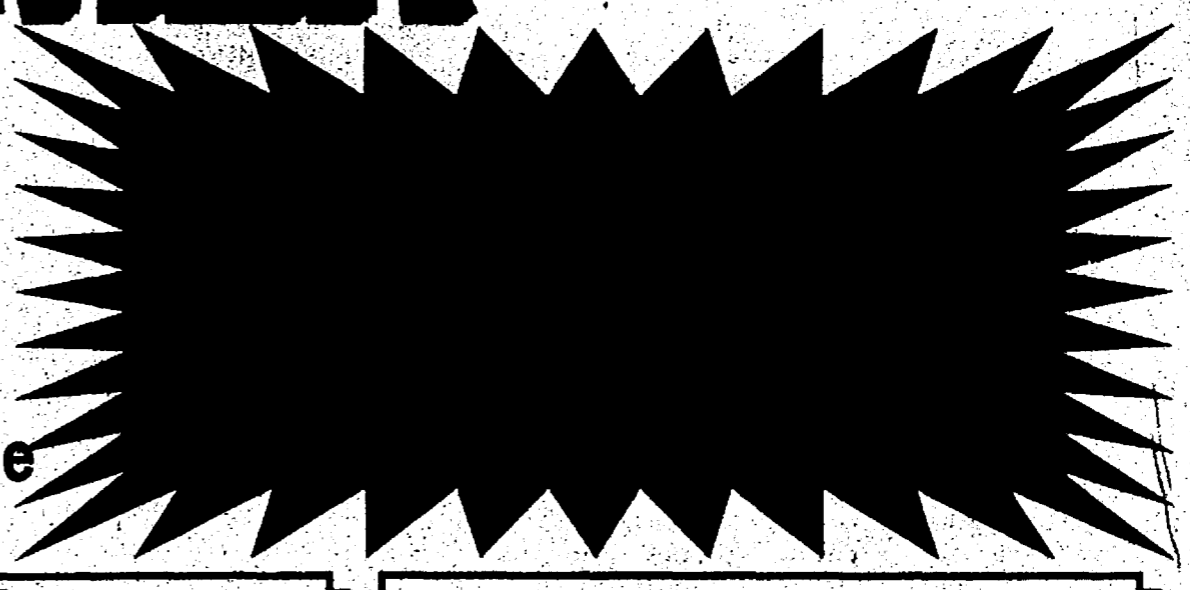
This has allowed them to increase in numbers, which has forced some birds to nest in more suburban areas. Nesting in these areas often results in success.

tions in the state. Northern counties in the lower peninsula have very few nesting birds, but the upper peninsula is another strong hold for cranes.

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