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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Dinner and music: A 5 p.m. spaghetti dinner followed by a 6 p.m. concert featuring "The Resurrection" gospel group is scheduled for today at Warren Road Light & Life Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road in Westland.

MONDAY

City council: Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. Monday in council chambers at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford.

WEDNESDAY

Library board: The Westland library board meets at 7 p.m. at the library, 6123 Central City.

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Police say economy cuts crime

Crimes in Westland such as burglary, stolen property, vehicle theft and arson declined in 1998 - for a second consecutive year, new statistics show. Westland police say a strong economy is a factor.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A downturn in Westland crime has been attributed to a robust economy that continues to provide jobs, police officials say.

Crimes such as burglary, stolen property, vehicle theft and arson declined in 1998 - for a second consecutive year, new statistics show.

"The biggest thing is the economy," Police Chief Emery Price said. "If people are busy and occupied, that cuts down on their idle time. The economy is strong now."

Crimes such as felony assaults, child

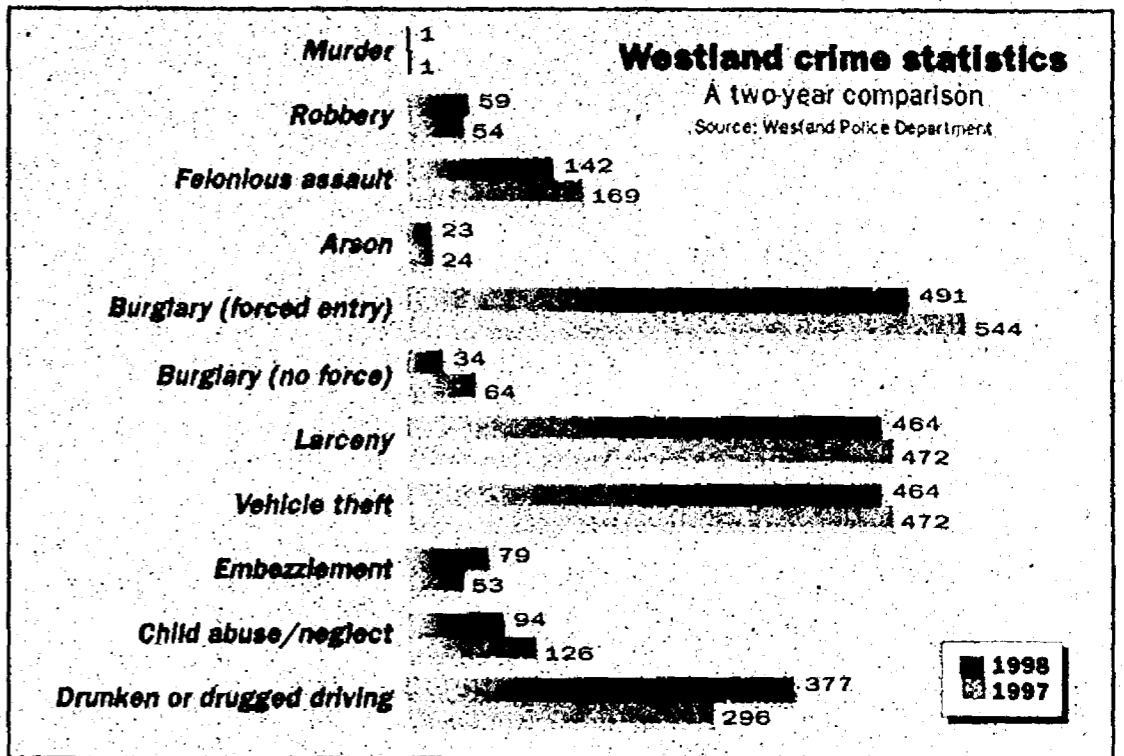
abuse and weapons offenses also dropped in 1998, as the city savored an enduring downturn in most offenses against people and property.

"I think we're gradually progressing. A lot of crimes are going down a small amount, but they're going down every year," police Lt. Steve Ryskamp said.

Overall, violent crimes including murder, criminal sexual conduct, robbery, aggravated assault and arson decreased 9 percent from 1997 to 1998, according to a year-end report provided by Ryskamp.

Property crimes including burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft dipped

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Fish and ships



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



All eyes: Above, Madison Elementary kindergartners Sarah Kovacs, 5, (left) and Alysia Escobar, 5, watch illustrator Tom Woodruff as he teaches them how to draw fish and other water animals. Woodruff spent the day with different grades showing the students how to draw items relating to the Great Lakes and water. The school's theme for March is water. At left, Woodruff shows the way to draw fish and other water-related items to kindergartners. He also spent time with the other grades showing how to draw a steam ship and a sunken ship.

Residents: Treatment unequal

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland Meadows mobile home park residents claim they received unequal treatment when they refused to pay lot rent increases imposed March 1.

Resident Betty Caufield said she got a written warning that she could face eviction unless she paid a \$15 increase, which boosted her monthly bill to \$395.

"It was paid, reluctantly," she said. Marcia Kelley said she withheld a \$15 increase that would have raised her lot rent to \$370, but she didn't receive any threats from management.

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MedMax closes doors

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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Looks like MedMax, a futuristic health care superstore whose prototype Westland store debuted in August 1996, may not meet its original corporate goal of becoming a national chain of more than 200 stores by 2001.

The word is out MedMax in Westland has closed.

"We have closed three stores in the Detroit area, and we're closing other stores outside the area to stem losses," said Phoenix Management President Tal Briddell.

In addition to Westland, MedMax has Michigan stores in Troy, Farmington Hills, Taylor and Clinton Township. Briddell wouldn't confirm which

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Educators give Realtors lesson in district changes

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Touting Wayne-Westland as a comeback school district, officials are diligently trying to influence public opinion about local education.

In their latest move, school officials Tuesday boasted about Wayne-Westland's rebound during a luncheon with real estate professionals and local city government leaders.

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

A crowd filled the 52-seat Cafe Marquette, inside the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, as school officials sought to educate a real estate industry that sells homes in the 14,600-student district.

School officials are continuing to combat perceptions that residents moving to Westland should - if they have

children - buy homes in the Livonia district portion of the city.

To that end, officials Tuesday cited numerous improvements and gave real estate professionals some myth-shattering packets of information.

"These Realtors sell the homes to people, and if they don't live directly in our community or have children in a

particular school, they may not be aware of all the improvements," said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general administration.

School officials want Realtors and others to know that

■ Wayne-Westland has emerged from a \$278,000 deficit in 1993-94 to boast a \$14 million budget surplus.

■ The district had no money for new construction six years ago, but it is now

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Winterguard contest

The John Glenn Instrumental Music Boosters will be sponsoring their second annual Winterguard contest Saturday, March 20.

"See the Grace, Feel the Thunder," contest will display talent of 30 different units (24 guard units and six drumlines) from the United States and Canada.

The event will be held 5-10 p.m. at John Glenn High School, Westland. The admission cost is \$5.

How to sign

Former Detroit Red Wing star Gordie Howe will host a book signing event noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Henry Ford OptimEyes Super Vision Center in Westland.

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Proceeds from the sale of the book "and HOWE" will benefit the American Diabetes Association for diabetes research. The purchase is tax-deductible.

Henry Ford OptimEyes is partnering with the American Diabetes Association to host this event because diabetes is a major risk factor for diabetic retinopathy, one of the leading causes of blindness in the United States. Henry Ford OptimEyes performs a diabetic eye evaluation as part of its routine eye examination. When diagnosed early, blindness from diabetes is often preventable.

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Westland Jaycees

The Westland Jaycees have several upcoming events planned. The club is hosting a bowling fundraiser 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Vision Lanes in Westland to benefit Jeffrey Clem of Westland. Cost is \$18. The club will sponsor a Vegas Night 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Harris Kehler Hall. An Easter Egg Hunt will feature 8,000 eggs and different age groups plus the Easter bunny 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Westland Jaycee Park. A social night is planned for 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the Library Pub and Grill. Cost is \$15 a person and includes beverages and appetizers.

Local seniors to compete in state Junior Miss

Two Wayne-Westland high school seniors are competing this week in Alpena for the title of Michigan's Junior Miss.

Kristen Fidh from John Glenn High School, Wayne-Westland's Junior Miss, and Courtney Cagnon, the first runner-up, designated Wayne Memorial's Junior Miss, will leave today to begin interviews and rehearsals.

The main event is on March 20.

The winner of the Michigan Junior Miss title competes in America's Junior Miss National Finals in Mobile, Ala., in June.

The program includes competitions in talent, scholastic achievement, physical fitness, interview skills and overall presence. Twenty-two high school seniors from around the state are vying for more than \$9,000 in cash scholarships and more than \$200,000 in college scholarships.



Fidh



Cagnon

Fidh will be performing a Broadway Jazz dance routine in her talent presentation, and Cagnon will be singing a selection from "The Sound of Music."

Throughout the week, the teens will meet with Alpena dignitaries and community groups, acting as ambassadors.

Michigan's Junior Miss, Wayne-Westland's Stephanie Mead, captured the honors last year and will be on hand in Alpena to pass on the title.

MDA benefit



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

In the lockup: Sam's Club managers were locked up recently in their store for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Above, Tammy Gilbert, manager in training, tries to raise pledges by phone. The challenge to each manager was to raise \$1,000, which will go for summer camps and research, according to program coordinator Andrea McLellan.

Unequal

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"I did the same thing and I got nothing," she said. Some residents refused to pay rent increases because they believe their concerns about living conditions have been ignored.

Manager Richard Duhl didn't return a Wednesday telephone call seeking a response to allegations of unfair treatment at Westland Meadows, a mobile home park northeast of Van Born and Merriman.

Kelley questioned why Duhl - or anyone in authority - would threaten only some residents with eviction.

"I'm no different from anyone else. For him or the office to strike out selectively is a foolish thing," Kelley said.

When residents raised their concerns publicly in February, Duhl accused them of stirring up controversy because they simply didn't want to pay higher rent, but he has since stopped responding to questions.

Joseph Boyle Sr., a Westland Meadows partner, couldn't be reached, but his son said he would ask him to return a phone call.

Some residents disagree with Kelley, Cauffield and others who have criticized what they consider to be poor maintenance, inadequate security and a lack of enforcement of park rules.

One anonymous letter-writer claiming to be a resident told the Observer that Westland Meadows critics are hurting property values. The writer said residents should expect rent increases just as they anticipate price hikes for groceries and other necessities.

But some residents have said they're not getting better services for higher rent.

To be fair, Kelley and Cauffield conceded during separate telephone interviews Wednesday that some conditions have improved in their neighborhood.

Kelley said it appears that management has forced some residents to move improperly parked cars and to remove Christmas lights.

"I think that's great," she said. Cauffield said she has noticed improved cleanup efforts around a Dumpster area.

"Now you could eat your dinner off that ground," she said.

But Kelley and Cauffield said residents remain concerned about issues such as mobile homes that appear to be slowly sinking on lots, which don't have concrete slabs.

Residents sought answers to some of their concerns in a letter to Boyle, but Kelley said the letter was apparently mailed to the wrong address and was returned in the mail.

City officials have told Westland Meadows residents that they have no authority to become involved in issues on the private property.

Some residents have threatened to seek state intervention, but they now plan to talk first with an attorney.

Issues will be discussed at 7 p.m. Tuesday during a meeting in Garden City at the Knights of Columbus hall on Ford Road between Merriman and Henry Ruff, Kelley said.

MedMax

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Other locations have closed. MedMax's 18,000-square-foot Westland facility featured wide aisles and low shelves stocked with 20,000 products, from back braces to allergy masks to wheelchairs and specialized shoes. It also had a nutrition center, including a juice bar, and a pharmacy.

A spokesman at company headquarters in Southfield said MedMax founder Kevin Browett is no longer with the company. MedMax's board of directors hired Philadelphia-based Phoenix Management Company 10 days ago to assess the company's current viability and report back to them.

Bridell emphasized that MedMax has not filed bankruptcy under Chapter 11 or Chapter 13.

Garden City Hospital, which has an outpatient physical therapy facility adjacent to MedMax in Westland, enjoyed a partnership with the company that included sponsorship of various health programs at the site.

"When they first approached us, we put our diabetes education program over there because it actually helped our patients who were a bit west of us," hospital spokesman Terry Carroll said.

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5 percent. Police officials said the city may be emerging as a safer place to live because of beefed-up patrols and community police programs that place officers in certain neighborhoods, where they get to know residents and business owners.

Positive trend

"The reduction in crime statistics across the board this year carries over from last year as a trend in the right direction," police officials noted in a report to city leaders. "Our emphasis on quality of life issues and community service seems to be having its desired effect. Our efforts will continue this year as we move (toward) the next century."

However, Price stressed that encouraging crime trends can always be reversed if economic times get tough.

"The true test will be when the economy goes bad," he said. "I think that's when you'll start seeing an increase, particularly in crimes like domestic violence."

Not all violent crimes dipped in 1998. The number of robberies actually climbed to 59 from 54 in the previous year.

More embezzling occurred in Westland in 1998, with 79 incidents compared to 53 for 1997, the new report shows.

Police Lt. Marc Stobbe has said an increase in embezzlement may be one downfall of a healthy economy. More jobs mean that more people have an opportunity to steal money.

And, with more people employed, companies have a smaller field of job-seekers from which to choose the best workers.

Liquor violations rose from 50 to 74 during the two-year period - an increase that Ryskamp attributed to closer scrutiny of stores that sell to minors.

More motorists also got caught driving after getting drunk or using drugs. Those offenses

increased from 296 in 1997 to 377 in 1998.

On patrol

Sgt. Peter Brokas, who heads the traffic bureau, has attributed successes in those areas to efforts such as a five-day "Drive Michigan Safely" initiative that starts today (Sunday). Extra officers will be assigned to street patrols to watch for drunken drivers.

Following are some highlights of the latest crime report:

- Only one murder was reported in Westland in 1998 - that of 3-year-old Darius Deshawn Conaway. His mother's boyfriend still faces trial amid allegations he killed the boy while baby-sitting him.

- Incidents sniffed out by police dogs numbered 645 in 1998, marking a 277 percent increase. That's because last year was the first full year for the program, Ryskamp said.

- Criminal acts involving sexual penetration decreased from 78 to 73 during the two-year period.

- Felonious and aggravated assaults dropped from 169 incidents to 142.

- Arson dipped slightly from 24 reports in 1997 to 23 last year, but arsons have fallen by 50 percent between 1996 and 1998.

- Reports of fraud declined from 288 in 1997 to 236 last year. However, the number of forgery and counterfeiting incidents rose from 54 to 65.

- Reports of family child abuse or neglect dropped significantly during the period, dipping from 126 incidents to 94.

- The number of newly registered firearms fell from 859 to 681 during the two-year period. Ryskamp said gun-owners likely bought weapons in 1997, rather than waiting, because they feared the possibility of more restrictive legislation.

Malarkey's reopens



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Irish celebration: Daniell Gearns pours a drink at Malarkey's in Westland. The longtime Westland business, once located on Wayne Road, has reopened in the former Mike McGowan's location in time for St. Patrick's Day. A St. Patrick's Day party is planned for 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, featuring sing-alongs, bagpipes and Simon O'Talley's Irish Spring Band. Corned beef and green beer will also be part of the festivities. The business is located at 35750 Warren, a quarter mile west of Wayne Road in Westland.

Man bound over in chase

BY RENE SKOGLUND
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Byrl Green of Taylor, who is accused of attempting to run down a Westland police officer at the end of a high-speed chase, was bound over Thursday to Wayne County Circuit Court for a March 25 arraignment on information.

The felony charges include: assault with intent to murder, auto theft, receiving and concealing a stolen van, felony fleeing and eluding, and breaking and entering.

The chase began after police responded to a break-in at the Vision Lanes Bowling Alley on Ford Road east of Hix in Westland at 5:33 a.m. March 2. West-

land police chased the van west down Ford Road and then on I-275.

Westland police briefly lost sight of the van before it was spotted at an I-275 rest stop near Palmer Road.

Canton officers using police dogs tracked through a wooded area at the same time Westland Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski was looking in a nearby residential area.

While Trzybinski was outside his police Explorer, a man slipped into the vehicle and attempted to run over Trzybinski. Another high-speed chase ensued along Palmer, over the I-275 overpass to Haggerty, where it continued south until the man veered into a field.

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implementing a \$108.3 million bond program for classroom technology and school building renovations/additions.

- A 1993-94 audit revealed glaring deficiencies in classroom curriculum. A five-year plan is now in place, and officials are spending \$2.3 million a year for new textbooks.

- Students had to pay to participate in limited extracurricular activities earlier this decade, but the school board has restored district-funded programs including middle school and ninth-grade athletics.

- The district provided transportation only for elementary students in 1993-94, but has since restored it for all students. Officials have spent \$1.1 million on new buses.

- The district is involved in partnerships with outside organizations ranging from Detroit Diesel to Greenfield Village.

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas said this week that he has been impressed by the district's rebound, although he said

many in the community still have the "wrong perception" of local schools.

Sherman said officials are working to change that perception - not only with events like Tuesday's luncheon, but also through monthly cable programs and district newsletters.

"We're starting to get more and more feedback that the com-

munity is aware of our improvements," she said.

School board member Ed Turner said he believes that Wayne-Westland students can effectively compete with their counterparts elsewhere.

"I'll put our top students up against the top students of other districts anytime," he said. School officials say it takes

time to overcome negative perceptions of past years, but they say they will continue to try to spread good news about the district.

Sherman noted that, by fall, Wayne-Westland will have construction projects occurring at 10 of the district's 28 school buildings.

"We've moving," she said.

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Funding higher education

Engler seeks tier system, end to tax credits

BY TIM RICHARD
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The University of Michigan is unique because it's "a precious treasure" that does brain research.

Oakland University is unique because its enrollment is booming, particularly at the expensive graduate level.

Michigan State University is unique because of its faculty efficiency (up 11 percent) and its lid on tuition hikes.

Wayne State University is unique because it has research status while serving "place-bound" heads of families who are "under-prepared."

Eastern Michigan University, first teachers college west of the Allegheny Mountains, is unique because it prepares more teachers and school administrators than any college in the nation.

But that wasn't what the House Appropriations subcommittee on university budgets was looking for March 10 as it pondered Gov. John Engler's proposed \$1.48 billion higher education budget for fiscal 2000. His base support is up 1.5 percent while the prison system is due for 8.6 percent more.

Engler is proposing two changes the university presidents dislike:

A four-tier system of funding per resident student: 1) at \$8,500 each, MSU, Michigan Tech, U-M Ann Arbor and Wayne; 2) at \$4,700, Oakland, U-M Dearborn and Western Michigan; 3) at \$4,600, Central, Eastern and Ferris; and 4) at \$4,500, U-M-Flint, Saginaw Valley, Grand Valley, Lake Superior

and Northern.

Engler's budget message says the four tiers reflect "comparable programs and use statewide average costs."

"It's a beginning. We need a start," said second-term Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, a member of the panel.

"Everyone says, 'We are each our tier,'" complained Rep. Jon Jellema, R-Grand Haven, a third-termer. "This (tier funding) is a step in the right direction." He called the universities' opposition "a little disheartening."

Ending tax credits for students' families where colleges hold down tuition hikes. Engler wants to reallocate it to give 1.5 percent more to every university that holds tuition hikes to 3 percent or less.

Godchaux said the tax credit, passed in 1995 and sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, "hasn't done what it's supposed to do." Universities beat the system by "bumping it up big one year and then easing off in the second and third years," she said.

In general, the 15 state universities get one-third to half their revenue from the state general fund budget, one-fourth from student fees and the rest from private gifts, research contracts and federal grants.

Since the 1970s, state aid has declined as a percentage. Rep. Hubert Price, D-Pontiac, got nods of assent when he asked if universities would like to see a balance of two-thirds state, one-third tuition, in their budgets.

Here is how university presidents responded to committee questions:

U-M Ann Arbor

President Lee Bollinger called the tier formula "unwise. It takes away the role of the Legislature to make annual complex judgments. Every single university is special. Abandon the idea of formula funding altogether."

Engler's formula, if enacted, would force up U-M tuition 4 to 5 percent, Bollinger predicted. "Historically, university resources have tracked personal income growth in the state which has been 5 percent a year." Income growth in 1999 was 3.5 percent. He would like 5 percent more but could cap tuition if he got 3.5 percent more.

U-M-Ann Arbor enrollment has been stable at 36,000 to 38,000 for 30 years. U-M has expanded summer and non-degree offerings.

He said the Engler formula puts all engineering programs - civil, nuclear, mechanical - into one lump, though their costs vary. "We will offer new majors in biological science," he said, pointing to ongoing work on Alzheimer's disease.

Like most other presidents, Bollinger wants money from the tuition tax credit built into base funding rather than being doled out as incentives.

Engler proposes \$333.3 million for U-M-Ann Arbor versus the current year's \$323.5 million

or \$8,952 per student.

Oakland U.

"This is our fourth consecutive year of record enrollment," said Gary Russi, president of the eighth largest state university. OU has 14,300 and expects to go to 17,000 by 2005.

And the greatest growth has been at the costlier graduate level. OU ranks third only to U-M and Wayne State in number of graduate degrees awarded.

"We have 20 new degree programs," he said, citing the master of business degree in health care and the pioneer work of the Eye Research Institute.

Russi was one of the few presidents to support Engler's tier plan because "it recognizes per-student disparities, it recognizes there are enough similarities to warrant grouping by instructional programs, it applies a floor across-the-board before the formula is applied, it uses \$4,500 as a benchmark, and it doesn't take funding from other universities."

Russi agreed the tuition tax credit should be scrapped, but the money should be built into

Schoolcraft to host public safety job fair

Sam James, a police officer for the city of Ann Arbor and assistant coordinator of the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College, loves his career. A graduate of the academy and the son of a police officer, James says he likes being a role model in the community and literally held to a higher standard of behavior than most people.

"The thing I like most is that no day is the same," he said. "There is always variety. In the same hour, you can deal with people from all backgrounds and educational levels. It's always challenging."

James and representatives from more than 60 public safety agencies will be on hand at Schoolcraft College's Public Safety Career Fair 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, to talk about career opportunities, answer questions and accept resumes. The fair will be held at the Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff Street, Garden City.

James said modern law enforcement encompasses

many fields including information services, data processing, statistics, crime prevention, psychological profiling, public relations and training.

"We are looking for people with educational backgrounds from all areas," he said. "Our current academy classes have a number of people with degrees, including one with a law degree and another in fashion marketing."

Candidates for public safety careers should possess integrity, maturity, a sense of dedication and duty, be self-motivated and require little supervision, James said. In addition, they need computer and public relations skills.

"Many agencies have implemented community policing, and communication skills are essential," James said. "You have to be a person with tact and patience, because you will have a great amount of responsibility as well as power."

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State lobbying effort

Area lawmakers team up to ban waste imports

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Congress may start allowing states to limit the disposal of waste imported from Canada or transported from other states.

Three bills have been introduced in U.S. Congress allowing states to either limit or even ban the disposal of out-of-state waste sent to Michigan landfills. That move would help two lawmakers in western Wayne County in their drive to ban the import of solid waste from Canada or other states into Michigan.

Currently, out-of-state waste transportation and disposal is governed by the federal Interstate Commerce Act, so the state of Michigan cannot prohibit the waste until Congress revises the act to allow states to regulate solid waste transportation.

U.S. Sen. Charles Robb, R-Va., introduced a bill to give governors the power to limit the amount of out-of-state waste. Robb's legislation would freeze garbage imports to 1998 levels and halt the import of waste from those states which have demonstrated an inability to manage trash within their borders.

U.S. Rep. Paul Gillmore, R-Ohio, proposed a bill to allow states to tax waste, regulate it or move it, while another Gillmore bill would prohibit waste from any other state or country.

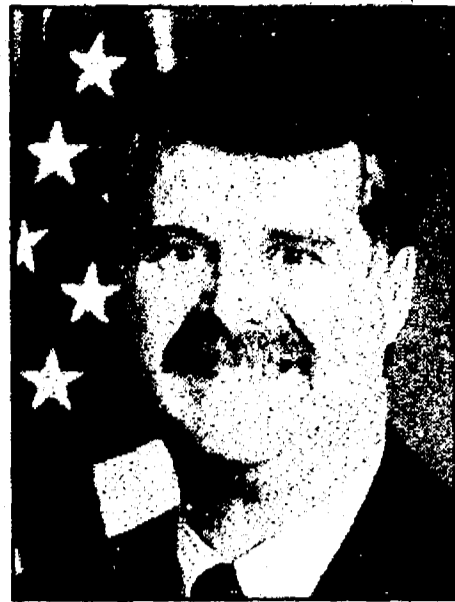
State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-



House action: State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, introduced a bill in the House prohibiting a hauler from transporting or disposing out-of-state solid waste in Michigan.

Canton, would prefer a ban. Bennett and state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, introduced legislation in the Senate and House prohibiting a hauler from transporting or disposing out-of-state solid waste in Michigan.

Bennett's district houses three landfills that accept imported and out-of-state trash in Canton, Van Buren and Sumpter townships. Bennett wasn't critical of those specific landfills, but said he just wants it banned. "It's not any individual site, it's just the



Senate action: State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, introduced legislation in the Senate prohibiting a hauler from transporting or disposing out-of-state solid waste in Michigan.

practice of it." Michigan's land should be guarded and protected as an asset, Bennett said.

"We have some of the most inexpensive (landfill) rates in the country."

Bennett and Patterson hope they can get legislative approval on their respective bills, then submit them to Congress where he can use the bill as a lobbying point.

"We will continue to encourage any steps in Congress that will give us the authority to keep

Michigan from being a garbage dump for other states," said Patterson.

From Oct. 1, 1997, to Sept. 30, 1998, Michigan landfills housed 46.7 million cubic yards, an increase of 3 million or 7 percent over the previous year, according to the report on solid waste issued in February by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's solid waste division.

Canadian waste constitutes 2.5 million cubic yards, or 5.5 percent of all waste deposited in Michigan landfills, and an increase of 5.2 percent over the previous year. All out-of-state imports total 12.3 percent of the waste disposed in Michigan landfills.

Bennett hasn't contacted members of the Michigan congressional delegation yet. "It gives me a foot in the door. It will tell them 'This is the will of the Michigan Legislature, help us carry out that will,'" Bennett said.

Bennett also knows that any national ban will affect trash exports out of Michigan, particularly hazardous waste transported to Canada.

"I can only assume that if we put barriers one way, we'll have barriers the other way," Bennett said.

Bennett suspects that this issue, along with most other issues involving the federal government, "will take a very long time" to get action.

SMART to offer free rides on St. Pat's night

Statistics show that almost half of the traffic fatalities on St. Patrick's Day are alcohol-related, and the worst day for traffic deaths, according to Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

That's why the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county branches of MADD and the Suburban Mobility for Regional Transportation have announced that SMART will offer free bus rides after 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, to make St. Patrick's Day a safer holiday.

For three years SMART and the Macomb, Oakland

and Wayne MADD chapters have committed themselves to making St. Patrick's Day a safer holiday.

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McNamara, Solomon agree on spending for auditor, commission

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Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has withdrawn his veto of the county commission's approval of additional funds for the auditor general's office and county commission expenditures.

McNamara sent a letter on March 1 to Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon informing him of his decision.

"As a result of the agreement reached at our meeting last Thursday, I hereby withdraw the veto of enrolled ordinance 99-49 submitted by my office on Feb. 15 relat-

ed to additional funding for the Commission and Auditor General," McNamara wrote.

McNamara had vetoed a \$445,000 budget transfer intended for Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy's office and county commission expenditures. On Feb. 4 county commissioners had approved a budget amendment to increase Dunleavy's budget by \$320,000 and increase the commission expenditures by \$125,000. The money was taken from the general fund.

In his veto letter, McNamara had informed Solomon he wanted the money spent for the county prosecutor's office to address what he called a "serious back-



Solomon

log" of homicide investigations.

"Objectively, you must concede that the citizens of Wayne County will appreciate a greater benefit derived from the investigation, arrest and prosecution of suspected felons as opposed to additional legislative oversight," McNamara said.

Last Thursday, commissioners referred budget adjustments of \$315,000 for the prosecuting attorney to its Ways and Means Committee.

Solomon would not comment on what agreement was reached with McNamara. When asked about the \$315,000 for the prosecutor's office, Solomon said: "We haven't finalized that yet. All I can say is he's withdrawn the veto."

Solomon said he and McNamara were "trying to move the county forward."

"We came to an agreement, but there's nothing to tell on the agreement," Solomon said.

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According to James, patrol persons in a police department earn a starting salary of about \$30,000, which can grow to \$50,000. The Schoolcraft Police Academy has a placement rate of 90 percent or more, and agencies recruit at the Garden City center on a weekly basis. James added this is an excellent time to seek a career in law enforcement because many departments have personnel retiring after 25 years on the job.

The same turnover phenomenon is occurring in fire departments, said Clyde Rivard, coordinator of the Fire Technology Program at Schoolcraft and a lieutenant with the Livonia Fire Department. However, he cautioned that it is more difficult to get into the firefighting field than the public safety arena because departments are smaller and the turnover rate is lower.

Rivard, who wanted to be a firefighter from the time he was a small boy, said every day is different, and the job is challenging, secure and rewarding. "Firefighters appear when an emergency is in progress," he said. "People can see us do our jobs and know we are handling the problem."

Candidates for the Fire Technology Program should be high school graduates with good driving records, physically fit, self-directed, self-confident, responsible and compassionate, Rivard said. The program has a placement rate of about 85 percent, but graduates who complete the program in May must wait until the following February to apply for a job, which is when municipalities accept applications. Starting salaries are about \$28,000, Rivard said.

The Schoolcraft Fire Technology Program includes two-year full- and part-time curricula leading to an associate degree, and a one-year program leading to a certificate.

To earn an associate degree with the academy, candidates must be at least 18 years old, and if they are not sponsored by a policy agency, must have 41 semester hours of college credits in appropriate subjects.

Both James and Rivard agree the proportion of students sponsored by safety or firefighting agencies has dropped, and now the majority of students take classes before getting a job. Students who successfully complete the programs must pass state certification exams.

In addition to representatives of the Schoolcraft programs, other agencies at the career fair include police and fire departments from Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Eastern Michigan University, East Lansing, Fraser, Grand Rapids, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Pittsfield Township, Port Huron, Romulus, Royal Oak, Southfield, Southgate, Taylor, Troy, Van Buren, Waterford and Westland; public safety departments from Beverly Hills, Highland Park and Oak Park; Huron Valley and Medstar ambulance companies; the Michigan Army National Guard, Michigan Department of Corrections and Michigan State Police; the U.S. Air Force, Border Patrol, Coast Guard, Marshal Service, Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation; Detroit Metropolitan Airport and the Wayne County Sheriff and Human Resources departments; and Meijer, Sears and Target security departments.

For more information, call (734) 462-4421. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275 in Livonia.

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base funding, not doled out as incentives. Without the tuition restraint grants, OU students can expect a 3.9 percent hike in tuition and fees; with them, tuition will rise "at or below 3 percent."

Engler proposes \$47 million for OU versus the current year's \$43.5 million or \$4,170 per student.

Michigan State

"The faculty course load is up 11.7 percent," said President M. Peter McPherson. "For five years we have held tuition (increases) at the CPI (consumer price index) rate of 2.8 percent. We'd have \$14 million more if we had charged (tuition hikes) at the rate of increase of the Big Ten."

That was music to Jellema's ears, and he encouraged MSU to keep on that course.

McPherson went on, "Our study abroad program, with 1,600 students, is the largest in the country. We'd like to double it to 3,000. It's gotta be a program for the average family."

But McPherson said MSU's funding is \$1,800 per student behind others in its tier. "I'm being raided for faculty because of salaries by the best institutions in the country."

With 43,000 students, MSU still is growing, he said.

McPherson endorsed Engler's plan to drop the tax credit plan but would prefer the money be rolled into base funding rather than given as incentive grants.

Two lawmakers twitted McPherson about a land grant

university's taking on an urban mission. "What sets you apart from Wayne State?" asked Rep. A.T. Frank, D-Saginaw.

"The urban-rural distinction is not clear," McPherson replied.

Engler proposes almost \$300 million for MSU. Currently, MSU gets \$279 million or \$7,623 per student.

Wayne State

One side of WSU is a "comprehensive national urban university," a research institution in Detroit that has populated the state with professional people.

Another side of WSU is "place-bound" students with families to support, not always fully prepared for college, high maintenance costs because of so many part-time students and older buildings, a need to install fiber optic technology, and high costs for upper level courses because so many students have transferred after two years at a community college.

State aid has been generous, "but not as generous as it may appear," said President Irvin Reid.

Reid said he would prefer that funds from ending the tax credit program be used in base funding rather than doled out as an incentive.

Lawmakers zeroed in on whether WSU uses "open enrollment" for admissions rather than setting high standards. Reid's answer:

■ High school graduates seeking freshman admission need a 2.75 grade point average. Other-

wise they need the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

■ Many WSU students are transfers from community colleges and have demonstrated they can do university work.

■ Many take "pre-matriculation courses" to prove they can be admitted into degree programs.

Engler proposes \$237 million for WSU. Currently it gets \$223 million or \$9,991, highest per-student allotment in the state.

Eastern Michigan

"The governor's budget puts more pressure on tuition," warned EMU President William Shelton.

He opposes the four-tier funding formula because "I prefer real dollar support for students. As long as we use percentages, we'll never find a magical formula."

With just a 1.5 percent increase in base funding, he said, EMU students would see a tuition hike of 5.6 percent. But if the tuition tax credit money is folded into the base, tuition hikes could be held to 3 percent, Shelton said.

Enrollments have been stable at 23,500. Shelton hopes for 24,500 by next fall.

Though known as a teachers' college, EMU also has developed business programs, notably a "compressed MBA program for Masco Corp. employees" in Taylor, Shelton said.

Engler proposes \$80.7 million for EMU. Currently, it gets \$76 million or \$4,364 per student.

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Madonna University's registration for spring/summer 1999 term begins Monday, March 29, and continues through Friday, May 7, for new and returning students.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5

p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays (except Friday, April 2, when the office will be closed) and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays (except April 1 when the office will close at 5 p.m.).

Classes begin the week of May

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Fax-in registration for all students is available until April 23. There is no application fee.

For more information, call the Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339.

2 UNIQUE



KELLI LEWTON

Final touches make lasting impression

When I make that dish it doesn't look as good as yours" or "it always tastes good but doesn't look nice."

These comments, and many more like them, are consistently being brought to my attention by students and clients alike. In a professional kitchen, there are many stations including: broiler, soup and sauces, and pastries to name a few. But the one station where presentation skills are put to the test is my personal favorite Garde-Manager "Gar mu jay."

Playground for creativity

Early in my career, I found this station to be a virtual playground for culinary creativity. My first (what I considered) real position of substance in the restaurant world was at Opus One in Detroit with then Executive Chef Peter Loren.

I ran the day shift Garde-Manager department. My days were filled with fabulous tasks such as making mosaic terrines, pates, designing flow, layout and garnish for extravagant buffet platters, and my most favorite of all, making ice cream. I still hold my ground that I was the first person to make Oreo cookie ice cream.

At Opus One I acquired one of my present day "oooh and aah" skills — making butter roses. Although, I swore at the beginning I'd never be able to meet production demands of this difficult task, Chef Loren would just grin and say, "just practice you'll get there," and I did.

A Garde-Manager's duties could vary from A to Z, depending on the house where he or she worked. This department normally produces all cold sauces, dressings, pates, terrines, salads and cold hors d'oeuvres.

Ingredient for success

The key ingredient for successful presentation of a dish is attention to detail and proper garnish.

The new professional chef defines garnish as: "An edible decoration or accompaniment to a dish."

For example, let's take a commonly prepared dish such as beef tenderloin, always a nice addition to a cocktail buffet. It presents nicely as a main center item, and is a substantial and elegant food for entertaining. When approaching the task of garnishing a tenderloin platter, some questions you might want to ask yourself are, "What do I like to eat with beef?" "What goes with beef tenderloin?" After thinking, you might come up with a design such as: Herb & Pepper Crusted Tenderloin of Beef presented with caramelized balsamic onions, roasted peppers, a sprig of thyme and a roasted bulb of sweet and sticky garlic all arranged on a large white platter with petite rolls for sandwich making.

These items combined will make a fabulous presentation, and taste good too. It is what you want your presentation to be — functional, good tasting, and pleasing to the eye.

Have you ever been to a restaurant with a few friends, where everyone ordered something completely different, but each plate came garnished with a big hunk of purple kale? You quickly move it to the side, or off the plate completely, to better maneuver your food without "purple forest interruption."

These are the principles Garde-Manager work against. The whole concept, in a nut shell, is that garnish should be related to and in good taste with the main item.

Corn relish would be a fabulous addition to a turkey platter, perhaps garnished with a bouquet of sage.

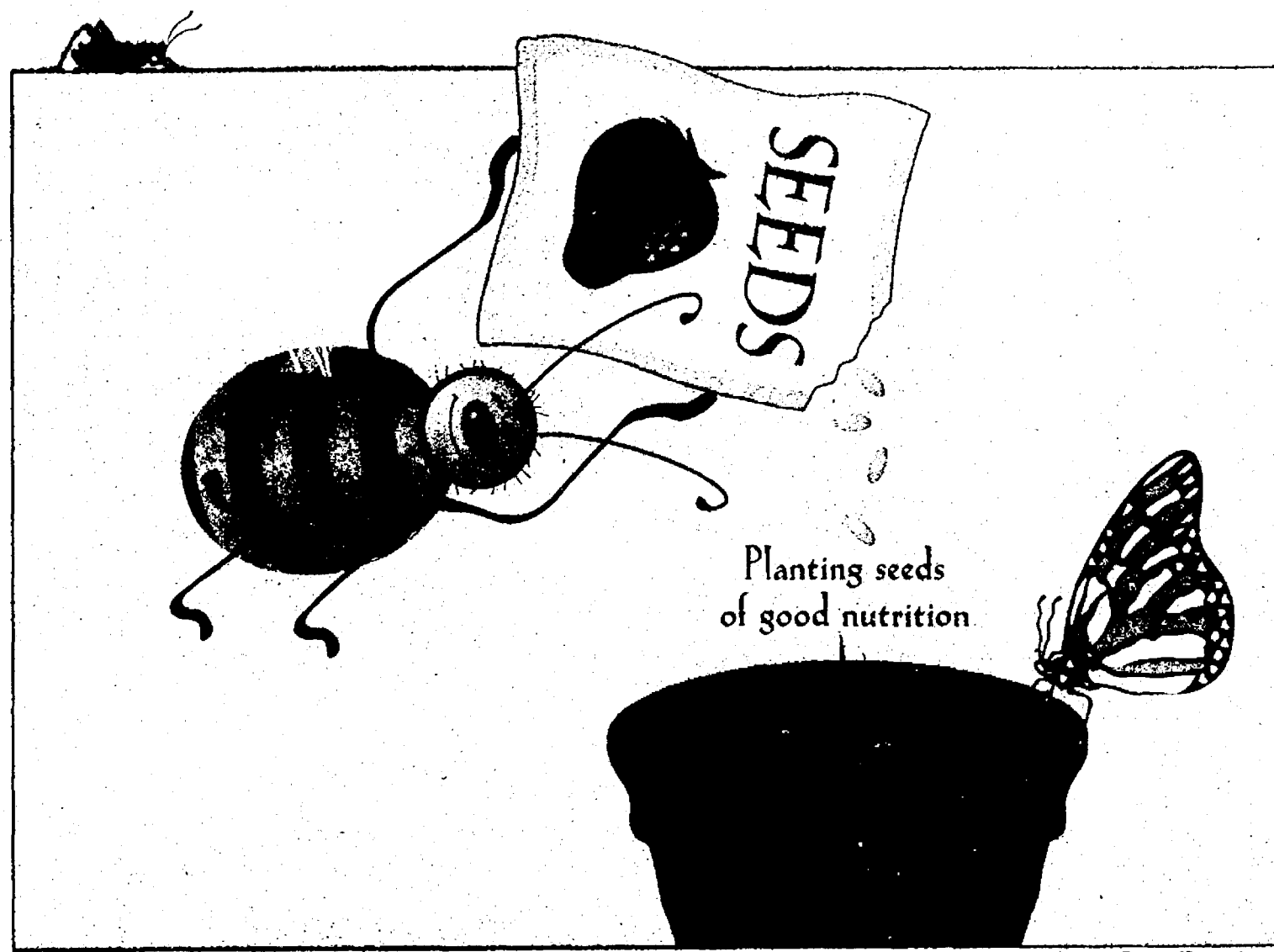
Shrimp cocktail with lemon wedges is another example of garnishing. The

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Passover desserts



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

SPRING INTO ACTION

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Take a Fresh Look at Nutrition" is the theme of this year's National Nutrition Month celebration.

Since this is the time when we begin to think about gardening, I'd like to plant seeds of good nutrition in your mind. You can plant them in your garden once the threat of frost has passed.

A garden doesn't have to be elaborate to be enjoyable. In fact, you don't even need a yard. A few pots placed on a sunny deck or porch can provide a summer and autumn's worth of wonderful herbs, vegetables and fruits.

When planning your garden there are a few factors to consider: the herbs, vegetables and fruits that you enjoy eating, the adaptability of those plants to Michigan's growing conditions, the amount of space you have, and how much time, energy and money you want to invest. I urge you to think about planting for variety.

Turn over a new leaf

Green leafy vegetables such as spinach and kale are ready to plant and harvest early. They are a great source of potassium and fiber.

Swiss chard is easy to grow. It is a source of beta carotene, and delicious when quickly blanched and seasoned with salt and pepper.

Arugula, another leafy vegetable, will add zip to your salad bowl. Most salad greens are easy to

Frozen flavor

Here's a trick from Lisa Iacobelli, a wonderful Italian cook. Whether you grow your own herbs or purchase them fresh from the supermarket, here's a good way to preserve them.

First, thoroughly wash and dry your herbs. Remove leaves from stems, particularly if the stems are tough. (Lisa only removes the large stems from basil. The smaller, tender stems she leaves intact.)

Put the cleaned, dried herbs in a freezer bag, seal, label and freeze. When thoroughly frozen, crumble the herbs and remove all air from bag. To use, just add some of the frozen, crumbled herbs right into soups, stews and pasta sauces.

My friend sprinkles frozen basil and oregano right on top of her homemade pizzas. You can really taste the fresh difference.

grow, and along with peas and onions, can be planted outdoors in mid- to late March.

Green beans, green onions, cucumbers and zucchini are also quite hardy and will add variety to your diet. Carrots are a great source of beta carotene. Starches such as potatoes or corn give us carbohydrates.

Herbs you start from seed now can flavor dishes year-round. Easy-to-grow herbs include parsley, cilantro, oregano, sage, mint, marjoram, rosemary and thyme. All of these are perennials, and will come up year after year.

Sowing seeds

Tomatoes and peppers are good vegetables that must be started indoors in mid-March or purchased at a nursery for late May or early June planting. Watermelon and cantaloupe can be started indoors as well. Sowing seeds at home can be rewarding and educational. Children love to see the seed they plant grow into food. It's a good way to teach them about eating a variety of vegetables. Many times children are more willing to try a new vegetable if they watched it grow from a seed.

Grocery store fresh

We are very fortunate since we can enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables all year long. Produce from around the world arrives fresh daily.

In March strawberries, rhubarb, asparagus and artichokes are in peak season.

April brings tomatoes, oranges and snap beans into our markets in greater supply and quality.

Look for cucumbers, bell peppers and sweet corn in May.

Be adventurous. Try a fruit or vegetable that you haven't tasted before.

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Roll out the red carpet on Oscar Night

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Oscar Night is special for movie lovers and a good excuse to have a party. After all, you'll be up half the night watching the show on TV, so why not have some company?

"We're rolling out the red carpet, and people are getting dressed up," said Harriet Jacobson of West Bloomfield, one of the producers (committee chairwomen) for the "Reach for the Stars Academy Awards Night Celebration," at the Hollywood style home of Rose Ann and Bernard Rosenthal in Waterford. The event will benefit the Organization for Educational Resources and Technological Training, which raises money for ORT students in the U.S., Russia, Israel and around the world.

"Reach for the Stars Academy Awards Night Celebration" is open to all ORT supporters who are first time donors of \$100 or who upgrade last year's contribution by at least \$25. For more information about ORT or the Reach for the Stars event, call (248) 855-9820. Guests will be entered in a national drawing for two round-trip tickets to Los Angeles and a weekend visit for two at the Summit Hotel Bel Air.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Party preparations: Michael Jacobson (left), Cindy Franklin (center) and Harriet Jacobson are getting ready for a "Reach for the Stars Academy Awards Night Celebration." Chocolate roses are one of the many surprises awaiting guests.

Oscar Party Tip Sheet

- **Think Hollywood** - Dress up as your favorite celebrity and encourage guests to do the same. Add style and flair to your room with a few inexpensive party favors like gold-colored napkins, paper plates and balloons.
- **Keep your guests on the edge of their seats** - Hold an Oscar pool. Ask guests to select their "picks" from a printed sheet of nominees for major categories, including "Best Movie" and "Best Director." Add a few categories of your own like "First Oscar Winner Whose Speech is Cut Off by the Band," or "First Oscar Winner to Thank the Academy." Create a dramatic finale by awarding the winner of the pool with a bouquet of flowers.
- **Spotlight on food** - Serve a variety of hot and cold dishes that are easy yet elegant. Arrange the stations at convenient locations around the Oscar-viewing area to ensure easy access to the food and a clear view of the TV. This also helps keep people out of the kitchen while you work.

AMERICAN DANCE ASSOCIATION

Add Lentil Sauced Rotini to your cancer fighting arsenal

LENTIL SAUCED ROTINI

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, chopped
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced
- 2 cups reduced-sodium vegetable broth (I like Pritiken)
- 1/2 cup green lentils, rinsed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme or 1/4 teaspoon dried
- 6 Italian plum tomatoes, chopped (2 cups)
- 4 cups spinach leaves, washed and torn
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 12 ounces Rotini, cooked according to package directions
- 4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated

Cook Rotini according to package directions.

In a nonstick skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onions, carrots and garlic. Sauté for 3 minutes, or until the vegetables are softened.

Add broth, lentils, bay leaf and thyme. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Add tomatoes. Cover and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the lentils are tender.

Stir in spinach. Cover and cook for about 5 minutes, or until spinach is wilted. Season with pepper. Add to warm, cooked rotini. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Serves 6.

Food values per serving:
Calories, 354; fat, 1.2g; saturated fat, trace; sodium, 108mg; cholesterol, 23mg.
Food exchanges:
4 starches, 4 vegetable

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

I trust that you didn't trade your bran flakes for a doughnut after you heard the news that fiber might not prevent colon cancer. Hold on to that can of beans, too, it may come in handy after this brief discussion.

Cancer is a complex disease. It's not likely that a single nutrient will turn out to be the sole protector. But, there's no argument that a high fiber diet lowers your chances for other diseases like high blood pressure, diverticulosis, non-insulin dependent diabetes, stomach and lung cancer.

My shortest and best dietary advice is to increase your intake of fruits and vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy, while reducing your intake of meat, sugar and alcohol. Besides, it may turn out that the fiber level in the study under discussion (at the bottom of the 25-35 grams recommendation) was too low to be effective.

This was the thinking that led to this month's recipe selection. Lentil Sauced

Rotini is low in fat and loaded with fiber and vegetables. It also has lots of those cancer fighting antioxidants like lutein in the spinach and lycopene in the tomatoes. All these nutrients, and a wonderful flavor, combine to make this recipe one of my favorites.

Rotini is macaroni in a corkscrew shape. I make it my pasta choice often. Those little squiggles trap the delectable sauce better than plain spaghetti. The small amount of freshly grated Parmesan cheese in the recipe adds less than 2 grams of fat per serving, it's really a flavor bargain.

Lentils are the short order cook's friend. Unlike other dried beans, they are thin skinned, need no soaking, and cook more quickly than their dried bean cousins. Green lentils are actually green to brown and cook to a soft texture and taste.

The sauce takes well to cooked meat, poultry, canned fish or shellfish for an additional flavor accent. But you don't need it for protein. B-complex vitamins or iron. You may find this recipe a tasteful reason to try more vegetarian main dishes.

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Jacobson, co-producer, Cindy Franklin of Farmington, and their committee are busy putting finishing touches on centerpieces, and making chocolate roses for the event, which features a star-studded dessert buffet, celebrity auction, "creative" black tie attire, and surprise celebrity appearances. Musician Renni Kaufmann will sing and play movie themes.

"The women who are on the committee will be acting like press photographers snapping photographs of the guests as

they arrive," said Jacobson. "Al Muskovitz 'Big Al' from the Dick Purtan Show on Oldies 104.3 FM-WOMC will interview guests as though they themselves are Oscar nominees. We'll have valet parking too."

There's no magic to creating a magical event, just a lot of hard work and planning. Jacobson knows, her husband Michael is a magician and has a few tricks up his sleeve to entertain guests.

"We want guests to mingle and have fun," said Jacobson. "When they arrive we'll put a name tag

on their back. It will be the name of a movie star like Sean Connery or Lauren Bacall. The person has to guess who they are. They can ask up to three questions. Once they guess who they are they can turn in their name tag."

Each guest will receive a ballot and have the chance to guess the winners of the Academy Awards. A prize will be given for the most correct answers.

Be creative with decorations. "We're using top hats with stars and balloons," said Jacobson. "If

you've got some old movie reels those would make nice decorations too."

Since the Academy Awards ceremony isn't starting until 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, Jacobson and her committee decided to serve desserts. "We'll have hors d'oeuvres, pop corn, caramel corn and other snacks too," she said.

It's not too late to call a few friends and plan a party of your own.

The menu doesn't need to be elaborate. Do what caterers for

the stars do, be a little cheesy. According to a recent survey of star caterers from New York, Los Angeles and Washington D.C., 93 percent of caterers surveyed said they would put cheese on their Oscar party menu.

According to the survey, Cheddar (75 percent), Brie (74 percent), Swiss (61 percent) and Gouda (55 percent) were the most popular cheeses served at parties. Caterers' favorite cheese pairings included fruit (53 percent) and bread and crackers (51 percent).

Mary Bergin, executive pastry chef at Spago restaurant in Las Vegas, recommends pairing cheese with Fuji apples or Red Flame seedless grapes and flavorful breads like caraway rye.

"People are passionate about the glitz and glamour that comes from Hollywood's biggest night," said Bergin. "Hosting an Awards party not only gives diehard fans a front seat at the Awards ceremony, it allows them to sit in the director's chair and create their own spectacle with food and fun."

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lemons are useful to the dish and add color and texture to improve the overall taste as well as visual appearance of the shrimp cocktail.

Here are some basics to keep in mind:

- Make sure items are the appropriate size (especially for passed items).

- Use a clean, sharp knife for precision.

- Your serving vessel, i.e. size, shape and color, are important to the overall look of your presentation.

- Use functional garnishes — no purple kale!!

- A spritz of olive oil or vinegar on platters lends an extra

special touch.

- Fresh herbs and seasoning are a must!

Give yourself enough time, so you won't be rushed at the most crucial finishing stages.

- Simply elegant is a good rule of thumb vs: not overdone, cutesy or too fussy.

- Employ proper cooking methods.

- Include complimentary dishes in your presentation for total menu balance.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of College's Culinary Arts program. Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

Share a recipe

Look for recipe to share in Taste on the third Sunday of the month.

We're always looking for recipes. If you've got one to share, send it to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

If your recipe is chosen, we'll send you a cookbook along with our thanks.

Beef tenderloin platter delicious presentation

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton.

BRUSHETTA MIXTURE

- 3 Roma Tomatoes, diced
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon sun-dried tomatoes, diced
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon Kosher salt
- Pinch black pepper
- 1 baguette, sliced

Combine all ingredients, mix well. Put mixture on baguette slices to serve as an appetizer.

WARM ARTICHOKE DIP

- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 1 1/2 cups cream cheese
- 3/4 cup artichoke hearts
- 1 cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- Pinch white pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup prepared pesto

- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley
 - 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- Grind artichoke hearts in food processor.

Add cream cheese and parsley and continue mixing. Add in all other ingredients and mix thoroughly. Place in oven-proof dish.

Bake for approximately 20 minutes in a 350°F oven. Serve.

BEEF TENDERLOIN PLATTER

- 1 whole beef tenderloin
- 2 tablespoons prepared pesto
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (oven roasted) whole bulb garlic for garnish — cut in half (see garnish instructions)
- 1 thinly sliced red onion (see garnish instructions)
- 1 roasted green or red peppers (see garnish instructions)
- 1/4 cup Balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Clean tenderloin. Season with salt and pepper. Rub with Pesto and chopped garlic.

Broil or Grill to sear all sides. Finish in a 350°F oven until internal temperature reaches to 115°F-125°F, about 15-20 minutes.

Use meat thermometer to check doneness.

Let rest — refrigerate.

Cut off butt piece and slice remainder to 1/4-inch medallions.

GARNISH INSTRUCTIONS AFTER PREPARING SET ASIDE

Garlic: Cut bulb in half and bake in 250°F oven until soft and caramel in color, with salt, pepper and herbs — 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

Onions: Sauté thinly sliced onions in Olive Oil until caramelized. De Glaze pan with Balsamic Vinegar.

Peppers: Roast under broiler until skin turns black and softens — remove from broiler cool then peel off skin — Slice in thin strips.

TO ASSEMBLE PLATTER

At the end of platter arrange garlic, onions, peppers and butt piece

Arrange sliced meat in a fanned pattern

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 A couple of candy molds (rose shaped)
 (all three items can be purchased at Kitchen Glamour stores)
 You will also need a double boiler or microwave.
 Partially fill the bottom of the double boiler with water.
 This water should not touch the insert. Water should not boil but should be very hot.
 When the water reaches a hot

temperature (but not boiling!) it should be removed from the burner.

Now you put the whole bag (1 pound) of Chocolate Melts into the insert and stir with a wooden spoon until they melt.

If you choose to microwave the chocolate, instead of using a double boiler, please be careful as the chocolate can burn.

Pour chocolate into mold but just half way, (this may be easiest to do with the use of a spoon). Work quickly and use a couple of molds so that the chocolate doesn't harden too quickly.

Insert sucker sticks into the chocolate rose at least 1/3 up from the bottom and roll it (turn it so there is chocolate all around the stick) and then pour in the rest of the chocolate so that you fill the complete mold. Tap mold to get rid of air bubbles.

If you are in a hurry, you can put the chocolate roses in the freezer, or refrigerate until hard.

When roses are solid, you turn the mold over and tap it so that the roses fall out (gently!).

Roses are delicate so keep them in a cool place.

Recipe compliments of Harriet Jacobson.

Cook's tips: You can purchase little plastic bags and ribbons. Put the rose in the bag, and tie ribbon around the stick. Give roses away as party favors or decorate your table with them.

MOCK STRUDEL

- 3 cups flour
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 3/4 cup oil
- Scant teaspoon baking powder
- Scant teaspoon baking soda

- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- Filling**
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts of your choice
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- Cinnamon to taste
- Apricot jam (strawberry or blueberry jam can also be used)
- To sprinkle on top**
- Cinnamon
- Powdered sugar

Mix flour, orange juice, oil, baking powder, baking soda and vanilla together, and form into 5 balls. Refrigerate for 1/2 hour.

Roll into oblong pieces and spread with filling.

Sprinkle cinnamon on top of strudel and bake for 40 minutes at 350°F.

Cut in individual pieces (easier to cut while still warm) and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Recipe compliments of Cindy Franklin

BAGEL CHIP NACHOS

- 1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped, about 3/4 cup
- 1/4 cup red onion, diced
- 1/4 cup parsley, finely chopped
- 1 (3 to 4 ounce) package of lox, or smoked salmon, cut into small pieces
- 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cut into chunks
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup grated white Cheddar cheese (2 ounces)
- 4 cups shredded lettuce

- 1/4 cup capers
- 2 tablespoons ready prepared oil and vinegar dressing
- 2 (6 to 8 ounce) bags plain or flavored bagel chips

In a medium bowl, combine tomato, onion, parsley, lox and hard-cooked egg, set aside. Place cream cheese and milk in 2-cup microwave-safe bowl.

Microwave on high power until melted, about 1 minute to 1 minute 30 seconds. Stir until smooth.

Arrange half of the chips on a large 12-inch platter. Combine lettuce, capers and dressing. Spoon over chips. Top with remaining chips. Pour cream cheese over top of chips. Sprinkle with tomato mixture and grated cheddar cheese. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of the American Dairy Association.

Spring into the new season with these tasty dishes

See related story by Peggy Martinelli-Everts on Taste front.

VEGGIE TOSTADAS

- Serves 8
- 2 medium zucchini
- 2 (3-ounce) cans sliced mushrooms, reserving liquid
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped radishes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 small green pepper, chopped
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 8 corn tostada shells
- Tabasco sauce to taste
- Salsa

Fat-free sour cream

Preheat oven to 350°F. Sauté vegetables in mushroom liquid on stove top until translucent. Add Tabasco sauce to taste if desired.

Spoon vegetables on top of tostada shell and top with cheese. Bake for five minutes until cheese is melted.

To serve, top with salsa and a dollop of fat-free sour cream.

Nutrition information per serving (excluding sour cream and salsa):

Calories: 184; Protein 9g; Fat 12g; Sodium 282mg; Carbohydrates 11g. Percent of calories from fat: 57.

STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB FRUIT CRUMBLE

- Serves 9
- 3 cups sliced fresh or frozen rhubarb (1/2-inch pieces)
- 1 cup cubed peeled apples
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2/3 cup quick-cooking oats

Combine rhubarb, apples and strawberries. Spoon into a greased 8-inch square baking dish.

Combine sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over rhubarb mixture. Set aside.

In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in brown sugar and oats. Sprinkle over rhubarb mixture. Bake at 350°F for 40-50 minutes or until lightly browned.

Serve warm or cold with a scoop of ice cream, if desired.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 22; Protein 2g; Fat 6g; Sodium 120mg; Carbohydrates 42g. Percent of calories from fat 26.

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Stalk fresh rhubarb at your favorite supermarket

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

Forget the robin and the lilac bud. Rhubarb lovers know spring is here when the first pink stalks appear in the garden or supermarket produce department.

In days gone by, rhubarb was considered a spring restorative, an antidote to a winter diet high in meat and low in fiber. Today we recognize that rhubarb offers lots of vitamin C as well as calcium and potassium, in addition to healthful dietary fiber.

When choosing rhubarb, select firm and tender stalks; avoid those that are very thick or wilted. One pound yields three cups of sliced rhubarb. To preserve its crisp texture, wrap raw rhubarb tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to one week.

Although rhubarb is a vegetable, it's most often used like a fruit in desserts and sauces. The stalks have a tart flavor because of the oxalic acid present. This acid occurs in much higher, toxic concentration in the leaves, so never eat rhubarb leaves.

Basic rhubarb sauce preparation involves stewing. Add about 1/4 cup water and cup sugar to a pound of cut-up

rhubarb. Cover and cook gently for five to ten minutes. Season with orange juice, lemon juice or ginger, if you wish. Spoon the rhubarb sauce over waffles or pancakes at breakfast. Or, add dried fruits such as prunes, raisins or apricots, or fresh fruit like strawberries, to make a compote for a delicious low-fat dessert.

Add new flavor to your favorite muffin recipe by tossing in some rhubarb pieces. Or, make rhubarb chutney, delicious with pork or duck, by combining sugar, honey, dried cherries, red wine vinegar, mustard seed, cinnamon, allspice, cayenne pepper and salt, and cooking until syrupy in a non-reactive pan. Stir in minced red onion, sliced celery and rhubarb, and cook until the rhubarb is just tender. Add orange zest, minced jalapeno pepper (without seeds), and cook a minute more. Then stir in a bit of lime juice, remove from the pan and serve at room temperature or chilled.

Rhubarb is perhaps best known for its use in pies and tarts, often paired with strawberries. Other good rhubarb desserts include low-fat versions of rhubarb crisp, cobbler (try the recipe below!), or sorbet.

RHUBARB STRAWBERRY COBBLER

3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon finely grated orange rind
4 cups coarsely chopped (3/4-inch pieces) rhubarb
2 cups sliced strawberries
Topping:
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons margarine, chilled and cut in bits
2/3 cup non-fat buttermilk

In bowl, combine sugar, flour, cinnamon and orange rind. Add rhubarb and strawberries; toss to mix. Spread mixture in 8-cup shallow glass baking dish; bake in 400°F oven for 10 minutes.

Topping: In large bowl, mix flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Using fingers or two knives, cut in margarine until mixture is size of small peas.

With fork, stir in buttermilk until mixture is moistened and soft dough forms. Drop by spoon-



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Spring treat: Rhubarb is often paired with strawberries. Orange peel adds additional flavor to this Rhubarb Strawberry Cobbler.

fuls in 6 evenly spaced mounds on hot fruit. Bake in 400°F oven for 25 minutes or until top is golden.

Nutrition information: Each of the 6 servings contains 270 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Melanie Polk is a registered dietitian, and Director of Nutrition Education for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Osteoporosis is a disease that affects the skeleton and causes a progressive reduction in the amount of bone tissue. The core of the bone becomes less dense and on the surface bone loses thickness. This causes weakening of bone and predisposes to fractures.

Bone mass peaks around age 35 then gradually decreases with age. Female gender, menopause, Caucasian or Asian ethnicity, advanced age and family history of osteoporosis are known risk factors. Low dietary calcium, cigarette smoking, high caffeine intake and decreased physical activity are additional risk factors. Post menopausal women, in particular, have increased risk. Few years after menopause with the decline of estrogen production, evidence of osteoporosis may be seen. Complaints such as low back pain, stopped posture and decreased height, even compression fractures of the spine, hips and wrists are not uncommon.

Older adults and those at risk should have medical evaluation and measurement of bone density when indicated. Regular weight-bearing exercise and daily calcium and vitamin D supplement can help maintain bone strength and prevent fractures. Additional treatments and medications are also available. (L1223)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with minty brownies

AP — Minty Chocolate Brownies are a nice, color-coordinated finale for a festive St. Patrick's Day meal.

They have a cakelike texture that is easily whipped up by using unsweetened cocoa powder. A creamy, green-tinted layer is spread over the fudgy brownies and then topped with a simple chocolate glaze.

When the brownies are cut, there's the surprise of mint in every bite. Little leprechaun helpers can cut the brownies out in a shamrock shape, the classic symbol of St. Patrick's Day, with a cookie cutter.

MINTY CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) plus 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
2 cups granulated sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 eggs
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 and 2/3 cups powdered sugar
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon water
1 teaspoon mint extract

4 drops green food color
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 350° F. Grease a 13- by 9- by 2-inch baking pan. Place 1 cup (2 sticks) butter in large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH 2 minutes or until melted. Stir in granulated sugar and vanilla. Add eggs; beat well. Add cocoa, flour and baking powder; beat until well blended. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack.

Prepare Mint Cream Center by combining powdered sugar, 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, water, mint extract and food color. Beat until smooth. Divide and spread evenly on brownies. Cover; refrigerate until cold.

Prepare Chocolate Glaze by placing remaining 6 tablespoons butter and chocolate chips in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH 1 minute or until mixture is smooth when stirred. Cool slightly; pour over chilled brownies. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. Makes 24 servings.

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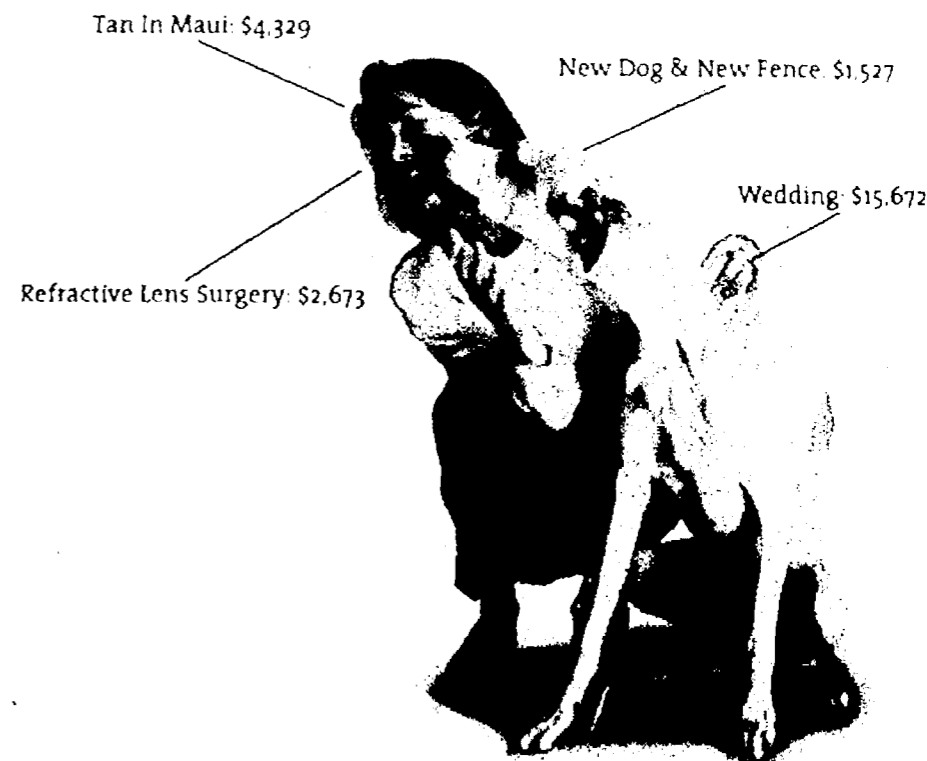


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Holistic health fair

The Association of Michigan Myomassologists Inc./International Myomassologists Federation will present their annual Holistic Health Fair 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21, at the Livonia Holiday Inn (across from Laurel Park).

The fair will feature a team of massage therapists performing free 15-minute modified massages and special massage techniques for the physically challenged. Also: a hypnotherapist, blood sugar and blood pressure testing, vendors selling preventative health care products such as vitamins, magnets, massage tables, oils, music, etc.

Paul Bauer will conduct a class on "Healing the Body through Music," from 1:30-5:30 p.m. both days. Cost, \$65, IMF members; \$85, nonmembers. For information, call (734) 522-7381.

Patients needed

The Division of Infectious Diseases at Henry Ford Hospital is seeking HIV-positive patients for a national study to investigate the effectiveness of an immune-based therapy in treating patients with human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV. Patients must be HIV-positive, at least 18 years old, taking anti-HIV drugs, have at least 350 CD4+ cells, never taken rIL-2 and never have had an AIDS-related illness.

For information, call (313) 916-7664.

Fibromyalgia, diet

Fibromyalgia, 40-30-30 support group meeting and lecture will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Beaumont Hospital auditorium in Royal Oak. Call Sharon for information, (248) 344-4063.

Stop smoking

Better Living Seminars is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking Clinic" conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver at Plymouth Canton High School, Little Canton Theatre, 8415 Canton Center Rd., south of Joy Road.

The seven night program has no fee, although donations are accepted. Pre-registration is not required. Clinic dates are March 18; Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26; and Monday, March 29 from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (248) 349-5683 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no charge, donations are accepted.

Open houses

The new Henry Ford medical centers in Canton (6100 Haggerty) and Plymouth (14300 Beck) will host open houses Sunday, March 21. Activities include child ID fingerprint, canned food drive for First Step, appearance by Plymouth Whalers mascot, meet the staff, blood pressure/vision screenings, etc.

Canton's will take place from 1:30-5 p.m. and Plymouth's from 12:30-4 p.m.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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THE GIFT OF LIFE

New driver's license program increases donor list by 140 percent

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The Secretary of State's office and the Gift of Life Agency are singing the praises of a new program launched in July, 1998 that has increased the number of state residents listed on the organ donor registry by 140 percent.

According to Secretary of State Candice S. Miller, the office began mailing out special organ donor registry enrollment cards with driver licenses and personal identification cards last summer following a series of bills signed by Gov. John Engler in July. It was the first legislation passed in Michigan in more than a decade concerning organ and tissue donations.

Individuals who wish to have their name placed on the registry only need to sign the enrollment card and place it in the provided, stamped and addressed envelope. The card is mailed to the Secretary of State's office where the information is forwarded to GOL.

"We've made it convenient for residents to make their personal wishes known," said Miller.

The new Michigan driver license and ID cards have space on the back for writing organ donor information, eliminating the need for an organ donor sticker. The cards are formatted for optical scanning so the names and addresses can be transferred to a computer file and sent to Gift of Life for the organ donor registry.

In the past six months the registry has grown from a list of approximately 16,000 to 40,000 noted Miller. "We're averaging 2,000 new names a week. That's a national success story."

In 1998, Michigan ranked 45 out of 50 states in donation rates. Today the Gift of Life agency reports being 21st on the list and is encouraged by the dramatic increase in the number of prospective donors and the potential for saving lives.

Meet the need

Sadly, 10 people die each day in the United States due to the lack of organs available. As of March 1999, 29 Michigan patients have died while waiting for a transplant and approximately 2,400 persons

are presently waiting for a transplant. Miller said the list will have to grow to 500,000 enrollees to adequately meet the needs of individuals requiring an organ transplant. Michigan, in 1998, saw the greatest number of transplants in the state's history as there were 805 total donors.

According to Elizabeth Boyd, communication director for the Michigan Department of State, in order for the program to be successful, persons should also communicate their wishes with family members and loved ones.

"The decision remains with the family but it's important to share your wishes," said Boyd. "If someone didn't talk with their family and a death occurs, the license or enrollment on the registry is an indicator of the persons preference."

Important details

The Ann Arbor-based Gift of Life Agency maintains an organ and tissue donor registry on a confidential, 24-hour basis. The computerized database is available for hospitals and families to know the wishes of patients regarding organ and tissue donation in the event of death.

While filling out the driver's license or ID card information on the back of the cards is important, it is not a legally binding document and therefore your family has the final decision.

"Along the way, we continue to emphasize that making your wishes known to family and friends remains the best way to make sure your wish to be a donor is carried out," said Miller.

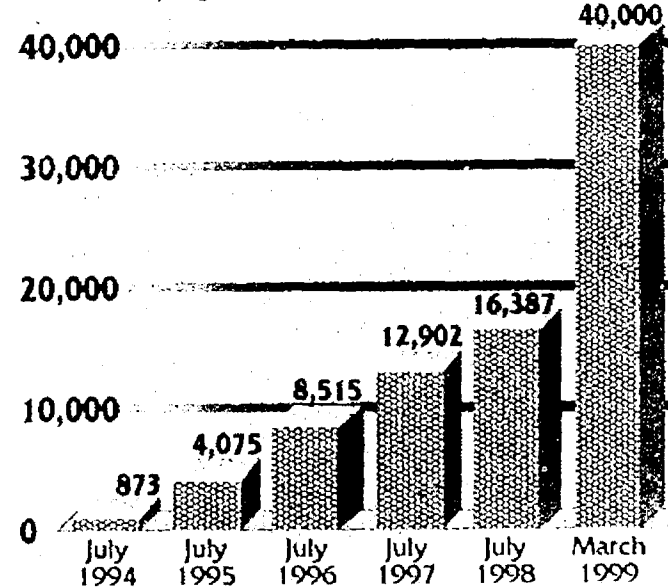
Following Engler's signature of the three-bill package in July, he has declared April 1999 as Donor Awareness Month in hopes of furthering the efforts of the Gift of Life Agency and the Secretary of State's office. The declaration encourages "heightened awareness and education about the need for organ and tissue donation," so that families confronted with the death of a loved one have "the comfort of knowing that the gift of donated organs and tissues endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life."

"We are very pleased with the Secretary of State's office and the state Legislature for their tremendous help in educating the public about the value of and need for organ and tissue donors," said Tim Reynolds, executive director, Gift of Life Agency. "They have recognized that the shortage of organ and tissue donors is a public health issue that needs intensive public education."

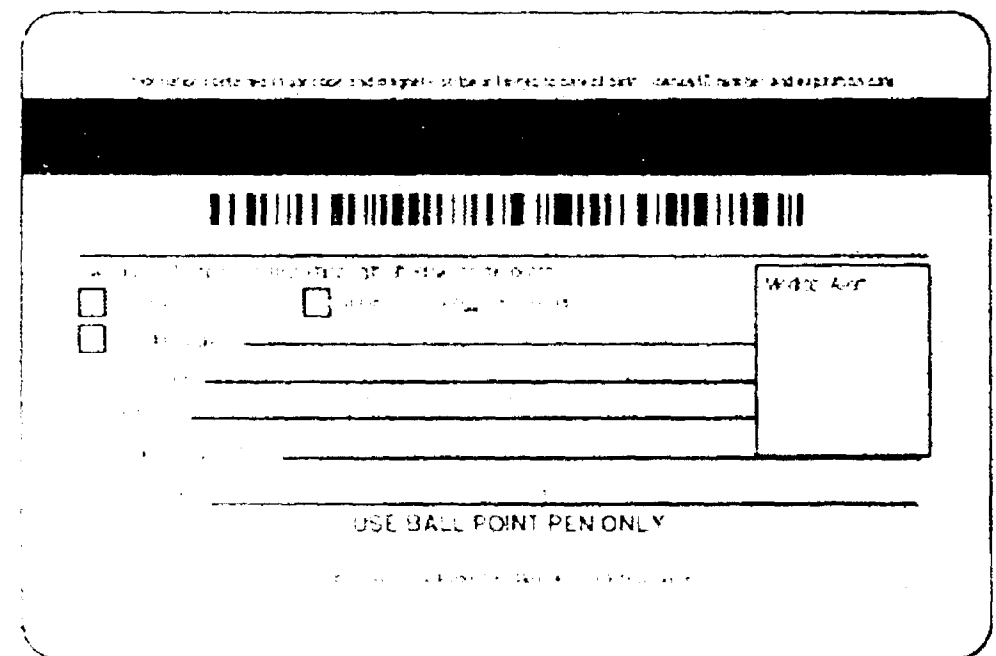
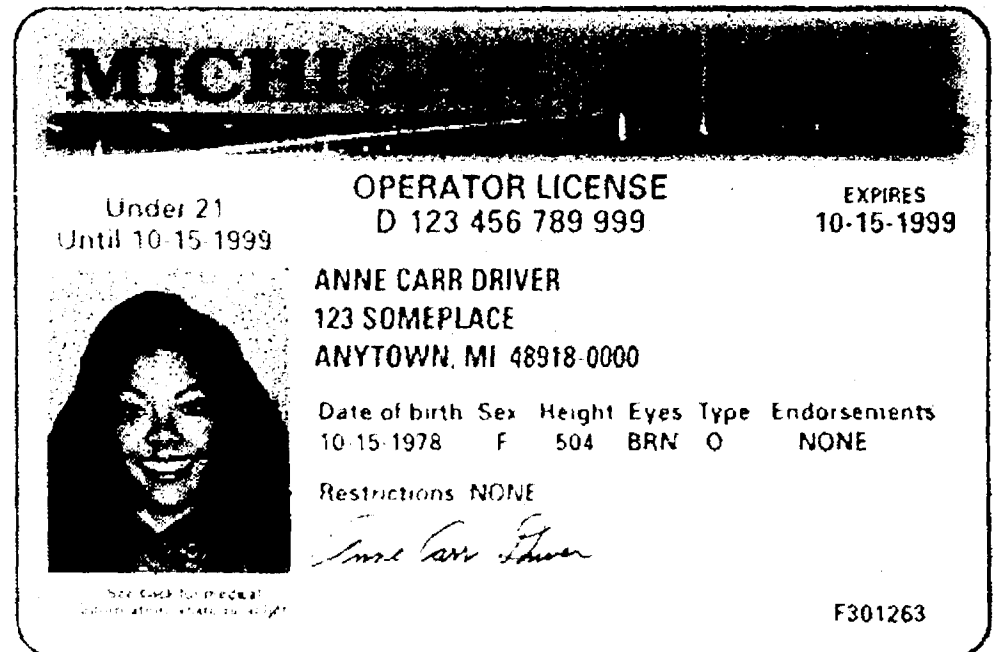
The month of April is also nationally recognized as Donor Awareness Month, and April 19 has been declared Buddy Day. The annual partnership between the Secretary of State's office and the Gift of Life Agency brings a transplant recipient, with the help of a donor family member, to each state to meet with donor families and share their stories.

For more information contact the Gift of Life Agency at (800) 482-4881.

Organ and Tissue Donor Registry
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Registrations soar: The driver's license donor program has increased the number of registered donors by 140 percent since July of 1998.



Important information: The new Michigan driver license no longer requires the adherence of a sticker on the back of the card for organ and tissue donation declarations. Once completed the cards are optically scanned and the information is automatically forwarded to the Gift of Life Agency.

More information on how to donate organs

It's possible to download an organ donor card from the Internet that you are encouraged to carry with you and share with your family by visiting www.organdonor.gov on the World Wide Web.

For more information on organ and tissue donations call:

- The Coalition on Donation, a nonprofit alliance of major professional, patient, health, science, transplant and voluntary organizations. Its purpose is to increase public awareness of organ and tissue donation, correct misconceptions about donation, and increase willingness to donate. The number to call to request a donor card: (800) 355-SHARE.
- United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) is a non-profit organization that was awarded the contract by the Department of Health and Human Services to operate the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) and to develop a national system to assure equal access for all patients needing organs for transplantation. The number to call for transplant information, both general and organ specific is (888) TX-INFO1.
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The Counseling and Referral stations offer participants the opportunity to talk with a medical professional regarding any of the screening tests and services they received on site and any other concerns they may have.

Medical volunteers can refer individuals to other free and low-cost prevention programs for conditions such as hypertension, cancer, smoking and weight management. All sites will also offer the following low cost, optional laboratory evaluated tests including:

Blood panel test of 23 profiles \$24. This comprehensive blood panel includes profiles on glucose, thyroid calcium, HDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides. Take all prescribed medications. A four hour fast is recommended, water, plain tea or black coffee only.

Prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test for men \$25. An annual PSA test is recommended beginning at age 50 for the general population and at age 40 for African American men. It is recommended that men planning to take this test refrain from ejaculation for 48 hours prior to testing.

Cancer antigen (CA-125) blood test for women \$25. This blood test may detect reproductive problems in women.

Colorectal cancer screening kits \$5. This take home kit is used to detect

colorectal cancer and precancerous polyps.

H. Pylori blood test \$25. Screens for antibodies to the bacterium that causes ulcers and stomach cancer.

Waiver of liability form \$10. For those who wish to participate in the program without a physician's order.

Free First Step Program. The W.K. Kellogg Eye Center, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor, MI 48105-1994. (734) 764-3262.

Free Hearing Screening. Hearing screening is available at the following sites: St. Mary's Hospital, 3641 E. Michigan, Livonia, Michigan, 319-1100; St. Joseph's Hospital, 319-1100; St. Mary's Hospital, 3641 E. Michigan, Livonia, Michigan, 319-1100.

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■ Wonderland Mall, 29859 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, March 23-25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Mercy Health Services, 34605 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, March 30, 31 and 1 p.m.

■ William Castack Activity Center, 29800 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, March 24, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Special test and services are also being offered at sites where the resources are available. Test include podiatry, hearing, sickle cell, self breast examination instruction, prostate/rectal, mammogram, pap.

\$10-\$25: FKG, skin cancer, oral/dental.

For more information on a site at the Health-O-Rama special testing, please call the Project Health-O-Rama at (313) 424-8600, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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MARCH 16-17

HEALTH-O-RAMA

Oakwood Healthcare System presents "Project Health-O-Rama" 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Laurel Park Place Mall. Many health screening tests will be performed: Blood panel testing is \$24. Prostate specific antigen testing is \$25. Colorectal cancer screening test is \$8. Bone density screening is \$25. Body composition testing is \$5. Other tests are free. Call (800) 543-9355.

TUES, MARCH 16

CANCER SURVIVORS

The U-M Cancer Center is seeking men and women ages 18 and older who have completed cancer treatment within the last 3 years to participate in focus groups on March 16 or 24 (evenings). Eligible participants must have combined traditional treatments (surgery, chemother-

apy, and/or radiation) with complementary therapies (such as massage, visualization, herbal supplements, spiritual, etc.) The groups will be held in Ann Arbor, and participants will receive \$50. Call the Cancer AnswerLine nurses at (800) 865-1125.

LYME DISEASE

Support group meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. Call Connie at (734) 326-3502.

LUPUS MEETING

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter meets 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty. Randy Schad, a registered pharmacist from Beaumont Hospital, is the guest speaker. Topic: "Help Me Make Sense Out of All the Medicines I Take for Lupus." Call Andrea Gray, (734) 261-6714.

STROKE SUPPORT

For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at the Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call (734) 458-4396.

WED, MARCH 17

FOCUS ON LIVING

A self-help group for cancer

patients and their families, meets the third Wednesday of each month. Call (734) 655-8940.

THUR, MARCH 18

STOP SMOKING

Better Living Seminars is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking Clinic" conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver at Plymouth Canton High School, Little Canton Theatre, 8415 Canton Center Rd., south of Joy Road. The seven night program has no fee, although donations are accepted. Pre-registration is not required. Clinic dates are March 18; Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26; and Monday, March 29 from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (248) 349-5683 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no charge, donations are accepted.

SAT, MARCH 20

HOLISTIC HEALTH FAIR

The Association of Michigan Myomassologists Inc./International Myomassologists Federation will present their annual Holistic Health Fair, Saturday and Sunday, March 20, 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Livonia Holiday Inn (across from Laurel Park). The fair will feature a team of massage therapists performing free 15-minute modified massages and special massage techniques for the physically challenged. Also: a hypnother-

apist, blood sugar and blood pressure testing, vendors selling preventative health care products such as vitamins, magnets, massage tables, oils, music, etc. Paul Bauer will conduct a class on "Healing the Body through Music," from 1:30-5:30 p.m. both days. Cost, \$65, IMF members; \$85, non-members. For information call (734) 522-7381.

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery. Class based on the Lamaze method that increase knowledge of the birth experience. One-day workshop from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost of class is \$55. To register call (734) 655-1100.

TOURETTE FUND-RAISER

The Tourette Syndrome Association will be holding their 13th annual Bowlathon at 12:30 p.m. at Vision Lanes in Westland, 38250 Ford Road to raise funds for Tourette Syndrome awareness. For information call, (734) 641-8181 (bowling alley); or (734) 525-6245 (Debbie).

MASSAGE

Massage for Health. Certified massage therapist Ginger Frig of Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center discusses the many benefits of massage for cancer patients. Free, beginning at 7 p.m. Call (248) 477-6100.

TAI CHI

Tai Chi to improve your breath-

ing. In conjunction with the American Lung Association, this monthly support group provides educational resources, emotional support and hope for those with lung diseases. 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's Zieger Center, classroom 2. Call (248) 477-6100.

MON, MARCH 22

AROMATHERAPY

Karen Farrell presents Part I of a four-part series on aromatherapy. Learn the fundamentals of quality aromatherapy beginning at 7:30 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 305-5785.

STANDARD FIRST AID

Course teaches standard first aid and adult CPR. Two certificates are issued for completion. Course length is seven hours. Fee includes cost/materials, \$36. Begins March 22 from 6-10 p.m. and March 29 from 6-9 p.m. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

TUE, MARCH 23

FIBROMYALGIA

Fibromyalgia, 40-30-30 support group meeting and lecture. Dr. Martin Tamler will host the 40-30-30 nutrition meeting at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The meeting will be in the auditori-

um at 7 p.m. Please call Sharon for information at (248) 344-4063.

DEFIBRILLATION INSTRUCTION

Designed especially for business and industry, Red Cross' newest program focuses on the lay rescuer in the workplace. This course combines OSHA-compliant Adult CPR and Automated External Defibrillation (AED), the two skills needed to save the life of a sudden cardiac arrest victim. Prerequisite, current CPR for Professional Rescuer Instructor. \$50, March 23, 30 from 6-10 p.m. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

A one-session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call (734) 458-4330 to register.

WED, MARCH 24

HEALTH INSURANCE

Medicare, Hospital, Home, Nursing Home - Do you pay? Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia from 7-8 p.m. What happens when your health insurance won't cover your needs? Who pays for care that you need at home? Does Medicare pay for Assisted Living facilities? Call (877) 345-5500 (toll-free).

Correction Notice

In our March 14th ad, we advertised the following promotion: "Buy any Amplifier '169 and Up and Get a Free 12" Pioneer Subwoofer."

However, this offer does not include Rockford Fosgate amplifiers. All other information about this offer is correct.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.



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Upon earning her medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. DiMaggio went on to complete her internship and residency at Providence Hospital. She is a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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Doctor welcomed

Oakwood Healthcare System recently welcomed Asif Munir, M.D., to the critical care program at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Munir specializes in critical care and internal medicine and is

board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Critical Care Medicine. Asif is a resident of Farmington Hills.

Werba honored

In support of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute the Detroit Chapter of the Public



Munir

Relations Society of America will recognize Gabriel Werba as its 1999 "Creatives for a Cure" honoree for his outstanding contributions to the practice of public relations through his professionalism and civic leadership.

Werba is accredited in public relations, Fellow PRSA, and co-founding principal of Durocher, Dixon and Werba, LLC.

New counseling office

A new counseling office is currently accepting clients for individual, couple and group counseling in addition to divorce sup-

port groups for youth provided by a licensed social worker/counselor beginning the week of April 5 in the evenings.

For more information call Morning Sun Counseling, Six Mile and Newburgh Road (37677 Professional Center Drive).

A sliding scale is available for those without insurance and with limited insurance. Groups will be age appropriate with one for children and one for adolescents.

Local migraine sufferers sought for research study

Quest Research Institute is seeking people who suffer from the sometimes debilitating effects of migraine headaches for a study of two drugs.

The objective of the study is to compare effectiveness of a triptan class medication (study drug) to sumatriptan (IMITREXO), an already approved medication to treat migraines. It is believed that this triptan (study drug) may have fewer side effects than sumatriptan, therefore the quality of life for migraine sufferers would be improved.

According to Donna C. Skupien, president and COO of Quest

'The benefits of participation are that migraine sufferers will get the opportunity to try a promising new medication, which would not otherwise be available to them.'

Donna Skupien
—QRI president

Research Institute. "We are looking for 50 men and women, 18-65 years old, who experience 2-12 moderate to severe migraine headaches a month for the study."

"The benefits of participation," says Skupien, "are that migraine sufferers will get the opportunity to try a promising new medication, which would not otherwise be available to them."

All research center visits are free of charge as well as the study medications. At completion of the study, participants will receive a small stipend for their time and travel. Screening will remain open until March 15.

QRI is at 29877 Telegraph, Suite 103 in Southfield. For information call (248) 353-3440 or visit QRI: www.centerwatch.com/quest.htm

Chelation Therapy offers new hope...

The practice of medicine is under a tremendous change in the United States. There is overwhelming scientific and clinical evidence proving that chronic degenerative illnesses such as heart and vascular disease, diabetes, stroke, arthritis and Alzheimer's Disease can be prevented and, in some cases, reversed.

For example, a 1960 study published in the American Journal of Cardiology reported that EDTA chelation therapy - a inexpensive, non-surgical and safe treatment for cardiovascular disease - eliminated pain associated with coronary artery blockages in 87 percent of patients.

Chelation therapy is an intravenous infusion of EDTA (a synthetic amino acid) and a mix of several vitamins and minerals removes metal toxins that have accumulated over a lifetime. The presence of metals have been closely linked to cardiovascular disease and other chronic, degenerative, age-related illnesses.

Eighty-five percent of Americans will suffer from some type of circulatory disorder and nearly 50 percent of Americans will die as a result of cardiovascular disease. For people facing serious health matters, it is crucial to know that there are choices that do not involve surgery, high risk and great expense. Moreover, published studies or traditional treatments such as bypass and balloon angioplasty show these procedures to be ineffective in providing long-term, lasting relief from heart and vascular disease, unlike chelation therapy.

The scientific basis of chelation therapy rests in the thousands of favorable scientific articles written about it. The emotional element of this treatment rests with the hundreds of thousands of people who are living proof that chelation therapy consistently produced dramatic results and that safe, effective and inexpensive choices do exist.

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Recruiter named

Holly Bhasin, of Westland, has joined Walsh College as a recruiter/admissions advisor at the Novi campus. In her new position, Bhasin will be responsible for advising students at Schoolcraft, Washtenaw and Henry-Ford community colleges.



Bhasin

Marketing VP

Jack Zagrodzki has been named vice president of Marketing for the family-owned and operated Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop and Toy Shops of America. Zagrodzki will be coordinating the launch of Toy Shops of America, a global e-commerce retail and specialty toy shop affiliate partner program and the on-line version of The Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop.

Top broker

Neil R. Warling of Cushman & Wakefield has been named one of the firm's top 100 brokers for 1998. He is a three-year veteran of Cushman &

Wakefield and was responsible for negotiating transactions as the purchase of a 60,000 square foot wet lab facility on behalf of Parke Davis and Co. in Plymouth; and the build to suit lease of two 40,000 square foot medical office buildings for the University of Michigan Medical Center in Brighton and Canton.

New CEO

Farmington Hills based Realcomp I Ltd. has named Karen S. Kage as its chief executive officer. Kage had been Realcomp's Director of Business Operations through September 1998, at which time she was appointed to the post of Interim CEO. Realcomp II Ltd. is a Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and provider of real property information to approximately 9,200 Southeastern Michigan REALTORS®. Kage brings with her 20 years experience working in the MLS and real estate industries.

Valassis promotion

Valassis Communications of Livonia recently announced the promotion of Kathy Heatley to manager of media purchasing. She started her career at Valassis in November, 1995 as a media buyer. In her new position, Heatley will develop Valassis/newspaper partnerships and increase solo promotions within markets.

Privacy concerns plagues PC industry, consumers



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK
How upset are you by caller ID? Do you think the federal government should force the phone companies to get rid of the feature? Recall the caller ID boxes? Are you e-mailing petitions to Congress? Boy-

cotting the phone? How about the fact that the telephone directory lists your name and number? Gasp!! Are you outraged? Silly, huh?

That's what this growing controversy over Intel's new Pentium III chip and an obscure bug found last week in Microsoft's Windows 98 is like.

Privacy and consumer watchdog groups are having hissy fits over the fact that Intel, in what I think is a laudable effort to ensure security for online transactions and to aid large corporations in keeping track of their computers, included a unique Personal Serial Number (PSN) on each of the new Pentium III chips it is selling.

Intel has been flabbergasted by the flap. They honestly expected people would approve of the feature. Indeed, survey after survey shows that one of the biggest drawbacks to e-commerce is a public perception that such transactions are not secure.

The new chip, with its unique serial number, would ensure that the computer placing an e-commerce order is indeed owned by the person making the order.

Now granted, there are some problems with that.

Suppose you order on a machine at work, or at a friend's house. It would be a major hassle explaining why the registered owner of that machine's chip is different than the person placing the order.

What a mess

But the Pentium III controversy has turned into a public relations disaster. From the ACLU to the Center for Technology and Democracy to the National Consumers League, consumer organizations are pressing the U.S. Federal Trade Commission to investigate the issue and order Intel to remove the chip from the market.

"At its core, the Pentium III PSN establishes a system that supports the wide spread tracking and monitoring of individuals' online behavior," says Jerry Berman, executive director at the Center for Democracy and Technology. "It stands to undermine consumers' efforts to control the use of their information. Our experience warns that without real consumer control and policies limiting their use, unique identifiers threaten privacy."

As originally set up by Intel, the PSN was always "on." That's

the equivalent of the telephone company publishing everyone's name and phone number, or not allowing unlisted telephone numbers in the phone book. And I agree with the privacy watchdogs. That was NOT a good idea.

But as the flap developed, Intel came up with a way to disable the PSN, or, to use my telephone book analogy, for a customer to be "unlisted."

It's the same with Caller ID. Most of us know that if you don't want your phone number to be displayed to someone who has the Caller ID feature, you simply punch in a code: *67.

When you buy a Pentium III, you get printed instructions on how to disable the PSN feature by downloading a simple fix from the Net.

Privacy advocates wait that some people won't know how to do that. I suppose some people, don't know how to punch in the Caller ID disabling code, either. But if people are that upset about the potential for privacy violations, they shouldn't use the phone or buy a computer. Or they should learn how to disable the features.

The bug found last week in Microsoft's Windows '98 is even more obscure. Under certain con-

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seals and gaskets, and transmission seals and gaskets.

New construction

Dana Corporation of Ohio has announced plans to build a 108,000-square-foot Automotive Customer Support Center in Farmington Hills. Construction is expected to be completed by September, 1999. The eight-acre site is located between Twelve Mile Road and I-696. The new facility will be organized around customer automotive platforms, with sales, engineering, and research and development capabilities targeted at problem-solving of issues related to noise vibration and harshness (NVH), ride, and engine performance.

Innovative product

Compuware Corporation of Farmington Hills announced XPEDITER/Code Coverage, a new system-wide test analysis product that helps organizations confidently deploy mainframe-based applications. XPEDITER/Code Coverage helps improve application quality through a unique risk management capability that helps identify potential application failure points prior to production.

Racing venture

Johnson Controls of Plymouth, under its HomeLink® product brand — will be the primary sponsor for Lansing-based

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The success of the first general job fair by these two subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications, Inc. of Livonia, Michigan has prompted the expansion of the job fair to include 104 companies recruiting employees.

This general job fair will feature recruiters from 104 companies including:

Accountants Connection, Accountant Service Temps, Accountemps, Advo, Alternative Living Services, American Express Financial Advisors, Broder Bros., Building Communications, Century 21 Town & Country, Capital Investment Group, Career Pro Center, Charter Township of Canton, Comerica Bank, Contempra Staffing, Conway Central Express, Cyber Source, DADCO, Dart Development Corp., Day Personnel, Denny's, D.O.C. Optics, Draw-

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Job seekers are encouraged to come with up to 104 resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews. Admission is free of charge. Appropriate attire is recommended. Five Ericsson cellular phones will be given away courtesy of Champion's Cellular Warehouse in a random drawing during the job fair.

Job seekers who attend the job fair are eligible to win by dropping off a business card or resume at the Champion's Cellular Warehouse table in the lobby of Laurel Manor. Each phone has a value of \$155.

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ditions, it is possible for a hacker to detect a Microsoft customer ID number assigned when a person registers a copy of Windows '98.

So? The number is just that. A number, with no name attached. And the way under which a hacker could potentially detect it is so convoluted that it's hard to imagine this ever being a real problem. Still, Microsoft says it will post software "patches" on its Web site (www.microsoft.com) to disable the feature that attaches the registration number to customer documents.

Should you be concerned about all this? Should you stay off the Net? Sell your computer? Only if you think Caller ID and the telephone book invade your privacy.

Meantime, here are some Web sites you can check out to investigate the controversy yourself.

■ The Center for Democracy and Technology (www.cdt.org) - This watchdog group is leading the fight against the Pentium III chip. Their site explains their position and concerns and, if you agree, gives you some suggestions on how to voice your concerns, too.

■ The Electronic Privacy Information Center (http://epic.org) - An excellent site with detailed discussions on all sorts of privacy issues related to computers and the Internet.

■ CNET New.com (www.news.com) - This computing news site has a roundup of numerous stories on the controversy over the Pentium III and the latest on the Microsoft security bug.

■ Intel (www.intel.com) - Incredibly, Intel's public site has not a word ... nothing ... on this controversy. This shows how

dense big corporations can be and how, when criticized, they still tend to hunker down and pretend the controversy will go away. Missing a great opportunity to defend their Pentium III and counter the critics, Intel's PR bungling on this is evident by the lack of material on their Web site.

No wonder they're getting so much heat from their critics. They're doing nothing to try to douse the flames.

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WOMEN'S ECONOMIC CLUB
Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will discuss current legal issues, as well as her experiences as the state's first female attorney general, at the Women's Economic Club noon luncheon Tuesday, March 16, at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. For reservations, call (313) 963-5088.

CAREER WOMEN

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meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh. The Metro Livonia Chapter meets same time at American Table, 33501 W. Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

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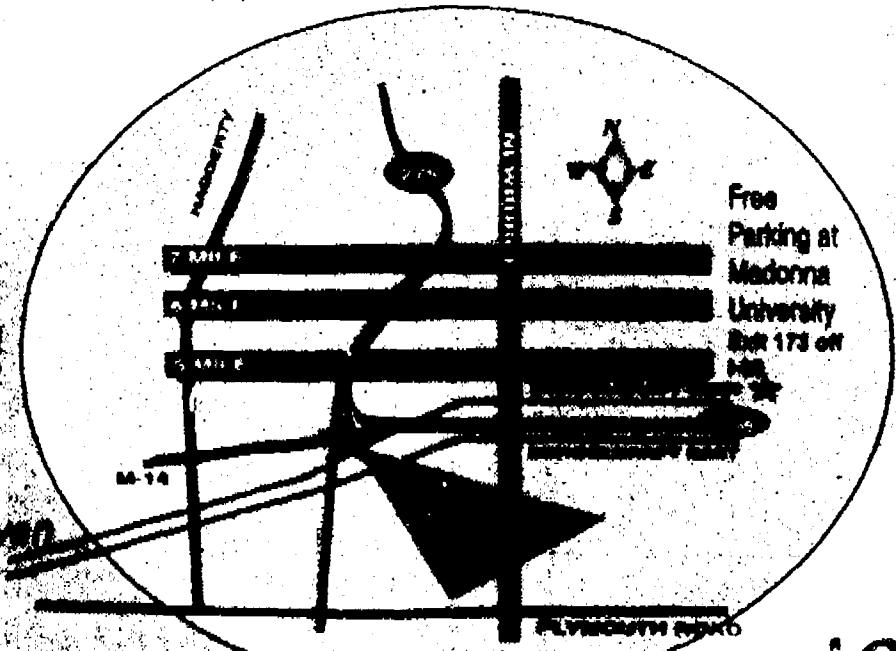
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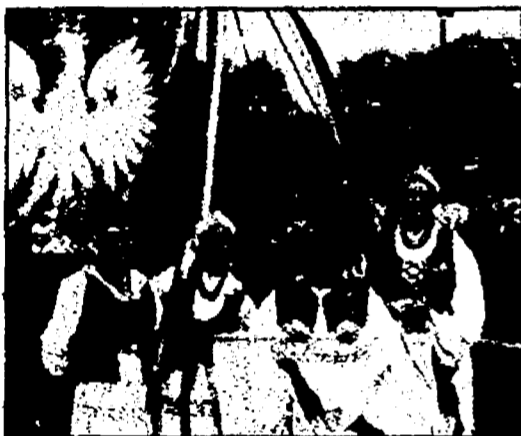
Time to start planning arts celebrations

October may seem like it's a long time away, but not if you're planning an event to celebrate National Arts & Humanities Month. Americans for the Arts is offering 101 ways on its web site—<http://www.artusa.org/upcoming/nahm.html>

You don't have to be an arts organization to show your allegiance to theater, music, dance, literature and the visual arts. It can be as easy as hanging a banner or reading a book aloud to schoolchildren. Invite local musicians to perform in a public place. Theater groups and other performers could hold open rehearsals and invite the public.

Businesses could adopt an artist for the month and show his or her work. Arts councils could schedule tours of their facilities so the public can learn about all of their programs. To develop a fuller appreciation of the dedication and perspiration called for in creating the arts, take a class in modern dance, drawing or writing.

For more information or an action kit for National Arts and Humanities



Swieconka: Cathy Miszak (left), Gloria Platek, Suzan Marzec, Al Nowak, Christa Zabauski, Lee Nowel (background), and Vernita Scott perform with the Radomianie Folk Dance Ensemble at a Sunday, March 28 Polish Easter Brunch.

Month, call Americans for the Arts at (202) 371-2830.

If you're planning an arts event in October, let me know about it. I will list it in my column. In the meantime, there are plenty of arts programs available to enjoy. Here's a guide to what's going on:

Cabaret Concert

The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra plays well-known music by Strauss, Haydn and Rimsky-Korsakov 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Thurston High School in Redford. The concert is free.

On the program: "Rosamunde" by Franz Schubert, "Barber of Seville" by Rossini, "Jalousie" by Jacob Gade, and "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakov.

"We're going to have a variety of composers and styles, sort of a pop concert, music that people recognize," said John Gajec, orchestra conductor/music director. "The music is new to the players. They're happy because they like the variety."

Women's History Month

Lynette Brown takes on the role of mid-nineteenth century women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Admission is free. To register, call (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Brown, public information director for the American Association of University Women of Michigan, began bringing Stanton to life in 1995. Stanton, along with Susan B. Anthony, led the struggle for women's causes for 50 years.

Easter celebration

If you enjoy celebrating Easter Polish-style or would like to experience the tradition, the Radomianie Folk Dance Ensemble's Swieconka Brunch

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HOMETOWN CANVAS

MAKING ART MATTER

FACING THE MUSIC

New audiences bring new challenges to Roundtable

Editor's note: On Tuesday, March 9, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers hosted its fifth roundtable discussion — "Facing the music: Orchestras, chamber and vocal music groups make overtures to attract a changing audience, pay their pipers and build an audience for tomorrow," at the Southfield Centre for the Arts.

Serving on the panel were — Volodymyr Schesliuk, conductor, Livonia Symphony Orchestra; Carla Lamphere, executive director Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra; Don Soenen, president Plymouth Symphony Board; Tim Hamann, board member Detroit Oratorio Society; Maury Okun, executive director Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings; and Charles Marks, president Southfield Symphony Orchestra.

These discussions have been our response to the American Canvas Report, published in October 1997 by the National Endowment for the Arts. The report recognizes the important role art — visual and performing — plays in enhancing the communities we live in. It also cautions that arts organizations are in danger of extinction because many Americans "fail to recognize the direct relevance of art to their lives."

Attracting a younger audience that will sustain them in the future is the biggest challenge arts groups face. When the discussion turns to classical music, alarm bells go off. Most of the people attending concerts are in their 50s.

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Running a symphony orchestra, chamber ensemble or choral group isn't easy. Despite decreases in government funding, corporate giving, and, in some cases, lower attendance, representatives of groups attending our March 9 roundtable discussion are optimistic about the future of classical music in metro Detroit.

A number of factors spell trouble for the groups, not the least of which is an aging audience. The lack of an all-classical music radio station in Detroit and recording companies cutting fewer classical CDs further darken the art form's future. Guest panelists didn't seem to think so, though. Since most don't compete for the same audiences these classical music lovers believe they can overcome the odds by working together.

Challenges ahead

"I'm looking forward to a bright but challenging future," said Maury Okun, executive director of the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings. His group, in existence for 15 years, has collaborated with St. Hugo of the Hills and Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills to produce the successful Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival every summer.

"The best organizations always have the best boards," said Okun. "We like to have people on our board who like to attend our concerts. In smaller organizations it is the quality of the board that counts."

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings "spends a great deal of time" looking for board members. "A good board member begins in the heart of the member," said Okun. "You want people who can do things for your organization, people who can bring stuff to your organization. You want to have people who get along. It's a real pleasure to work with people you like. It brings other people together."

Dwindling board

The Southfield Symphony, now in its 37th year, has gone from 33 board members to seven working on 23 committees. Southfield Symphony president Charles Marks is attempting to lead the effort to raise funds and public awareness for the group but said, "community orchestras can't do it without a board."

"We have board members who have never come to a concert," said Marks. "They're only interested in raising money. If we had all the money we needed, I don't know how we would run it. There's not a residential community in Southfield that supports the symphony. We have musicians who come from 38

communities. Only four or five are from Southfield."

Building an audience

Overall, panelists agreed that building an audience is one of the biggest challenges classical music groups, professional or semi-professional, must address if they hope to exist in the 21st century. Thanks to a generous grant from board president Don Soenen and his wife, Colleen, the Plymouth Symphony, in partnership with public and private schools in Plymouth and Canton, is introducing third and fourth grade students to classical music with hopes they will develop an appreciation for it. Soenen believes the board hasn't "done a very good job of developing an audience at an early age."

"Students need the opportunity to meet real musicians," said Soenen. "Kids need to get to know musicians and learn how to make music a key part of your life. Make room for music in your life."

Laying blame

Although panelists agreed educating the young on the finer points of classical music is the ticket to creating future audiences, several of the panelists said it's not their responsibility. Unfortunately, who's responsible for the lack of interest in classical music won't matter two decades from now when there is no one in the audience.

"Our immediate audience building won't take place in the schools," said Okun. "It may happen, but it's a long-term investment. If we believe ourselves to be curators of a certain type of music, then it's our responsibility to take it to the community."

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, along with educational outreach, is employing a number of strategies to increase audience size from encouraging tickets holders to bring their grandchildren to hosting young artist competitions. Offering guest passes to season ticket holders and gift certificates to nonprofit arts organizations such as the Oakland Youth Orchestra acquaints prospective audience members with the BBSO. Board executive director Carla Lamphere admits 65 percent of the BBSO audience is over age 50, and that's why the orchestra is "trying to build an audience for the future."

When someone attends a concert for free 10 times, Lamphere calls and asks them to buy a ticket to one of the concerts. Other strategies include offering singles a group rate. All seem to be working as BBSO audiences have grown over the last five years.

"When WQRS stopped we had to buckle down and find out what the people wanted," said Lamphere. "We passed out questionnaires. We are one of the best deals in our community. The buzz word is kids. Foundations and larger corporations won't look at you if you don't have kids involved."

Funding

Funding is critical when costs for a concert can range from \$15,000 to \$25,000 in musician and rental fees depending on the group. In addition to raising ticket prices and approaching businesses one-on-one for sponsorship, Soenen thinks educational programs go a long way in garnering financial support. In the last four years the Plymouth Symphony, now in its 53rd year, raised its budget to \$220,000 from \$100,000 and initiated a \$200,000 endowment fund. Much of the funding comes from the community. Now, the orchestra is returning the favor with educational programming such as the two free concerts the orchestra performed for fourth grade students in February at Plymouth Salem High School. Not to miss a beat, parents in the audience received free tickets for an upcoming concert as enticement to continue enjoying the music.

"Our success gives us reason to be optimistic," said Soenen. "Reaching out to the community through education can be a theme that helps with funding and building community interest. It's an opportunity to give something back to the commu-

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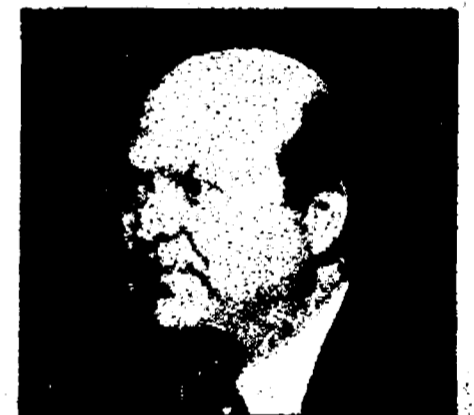
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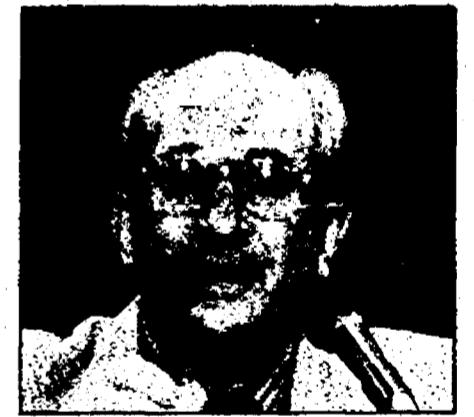
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FILM

Festival showcases 'reel' adventurous films

What: Ann Arbor Film Festival. Six days of 16mm experimental films. This year 107 films will be screened.
When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16; 7 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17; 7, 9:30 and 11 p.m. Thursday, March 18; 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19; 2, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20; winners screenings 5, 7 and 9 p.m. Sunday, March 21.
Where: Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.
Tickets: \$6 per screening. \$4 for 11 p.m. and 2 p.m. shows; \$45 for series pass. Tickets on sale one-hour before showtime at the Michigan Theatre box office.

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Vicki Honeyman was calm, cool and collected on the day of the press screening for the Ann Arbor Film Festival, more than a week before Tuesday's start.

Usually at this time, Honeyman is still screening films, still getting out publicity and still scrambling. This year every thing has fallen into place ahead of schedule, giving the festival's director a little breathing space.

The Ann Arbor Film Festival at the Michigan Theatre has become the independent film festival. You won't find Hollywood blockbusters here or Hollywood wannabees either.

Adventurous spirit

The 16mm films shown at the Ann Arbor Film Festival are as diverse as the human imagination in style, content and technique. But they all share an adventurous spirit, and most of them share a disdain



Hepal: Swirling oil animations combine with black and white live action and the rhythms of Brazil in Laura Magulies' "Hepal!"

for most of what comes out of the commercial film industry. Though, ironically, many of the visual experiments that begin with these films eventually find their way into commercial films.

Honeyman holds the casual press screening in a small room behind her hair salon in Ann Arbor. This tiny space is the nerve center for reviewing the 355 films sent from around the world. This year's entries come from Austria, Australia, Scotland, New Zealand, Germany, England and elsewhere. A screening committee selects the films for presentation.

A panel of three will select several films for a variety of awards and the award winners will be presented on Sunday.

Heidelberg Project

But one of the most interesting films being presented (scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19) is about something just around the corner. Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg Project. Filmmaker Nicole Cattell's

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Open forum provides chance for arts groups to share

BY LINDA CHOMEN AND KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITERS

Audience participation is an important part of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers roundtable discussion. Everyone who had something to say was given the chance to voice their opinions and ask questions.

The roundtables are meant to be an interactive experience where people can learn from each other and exchange ideas. Contacts made at Tuesday's discussion could lead to collaboration later.

Panelists were encouraged to bring their members, and season schedules to let everyone know about upcoming concerts and fund-raising events. The roundtable was also promoted in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Merrill Shapero, a member of the Southfield Symphony Orchestra board, noticed a common thread among all the groups.

"We want to bring culture to the cities we represent," he said. "There are many community orchestras. We should be working together, sharing ideas and expertise. Board members ought to share ideas with other board members."

"Community orchestras are more than a step above high school," said Robert Bennett, president of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra board. "Community has the connotation of amateur. It's not our job to bring education to the schools, we're not equipped to do that. Most of the people in our group do other things during the day."

Carla Lamphere executive director of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra said she likes being called a community orchestra and is proud of it.

Don Pratt of the Plymouth Oratorio Society was interested in what Tim Hamann had to say about the challenges classical choral groups face, especially

raising money. He wanted to know how the Detroit Oratorio Society raises money, and echoed Hamann's comments about the difficulty these groups have in obtaining corporate support.

Vladimir "Wally" Murha, a member of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, said his group has been doing educational programs for 20 years, and that it has brought membership into the chorus. He thinks education is important and works. In New Jersey, the chorus held a program "to foster the interest of children in the music." The result was that their next concert consisted of an audience of which 50 percent were under age 21.

Barbara Verdugo, a board member of the Oakland Youth Orchestra, is concerned because schools are cutting music from the curriculum "left and right." Even so, the orchestra's size "has doubled in the last year." Fund raising, as always, is difficult. When one major car company

turned down the orchestra's request for funding, the group went back and said they'd offer scholarships. That made a difference and the orchestra received their support. Verdugo is hoping that "Car Trek," a new work commissioned by the orchestra leads to renewed enthusiasm for the group. It will be performed May 6 in Varner Hall at Oakland University in Rochester. For more information, call (248) 652-2526.

In the panelists' closing remarks following the open forum, there was hope for the future of classical music.

The Southfield Symphony's next concert, "St. Pat's at St. Hugo's," featuring tenor Edward Kingins, mezzo-soprano Dorothy Duensing, and violinist James Kujawski is 7:30 tonight at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 22125 Opydyke, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 424-9022 or (248) 851-7408.

Lamphere is very optimistic as the Birmingham-Bloomfield

Symphony Orchestra approaches its silver anniversary even though she realizes audience development is an uphill battle. Join the orchestra and pops conductor Charles Greenwell for a special concert of "Cowboy" music 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Guest violinist is the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner Adrienne Jacobs, a senior at Troy High School. For tickets, call (248) 645-2276.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra board president Don Soenen is "certainly optimistic" because the resources are in the community. The orchestra's priorities continue to be education and reaching out to the community one-on-one. The PSO closes its 53rd season 8 p.m.-Saturday, April 17, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. This is conductor Russell Reed's final concert before retiring from the orchestra. His sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) Reed are special guest soloists. Call (734) 451-2112 for tickets.

Tim Hamann, Detroit Oratorio Society board member, said he "hopes for the best and prepares for the worst. Overall there is optimism for the future." The Detroit Oratorio Society joins with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings for a "Summer Solstice" concert of works by Arvo Part, Copland and Barber 8 p.m. Friday, June 4, at Kirk in the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills. Call the DOS at (248) 650-2655 for tickets.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra conductor Volodymyr Schesiuik thanked the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for offering the groups the opportunity to share ideas. His orchestra appears in a Good Friday concert with the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir 7:30 p.m. April 2 at St. Genevieve Church in Livonia. Call (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741.

"I learned a lot from everybody," said Schesiuik. "Each is working a little differently."

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and performance 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 750 North Beech Daly Road, between Ford Road and Cherry Hill, Dearborn Heights is the place to be.

Tickets are \$16 and includes brunch and the 2:30 p.m. performance. Deadline for reservation is March 21. No tickets available at the door. For more information, call (734) 427-8640 or (734) 522-6560.

Suzan Marzec, Radomianie's choreographer and artistic director, studied Polish folklore at the University of Marie Sklodowska Curie in Lublin, Poland so all of the dances are authentic right down to the costumes. The ensemble's repertoire will include national dances and suites from the regions of Rzeszow, Kurpie and Lublin. Marzec will explain customs such as "Dyngus" which takes place on the Monday after Easter. On that day, the girls use pussy willows to swat boys they have their eye on. The boys in turn douse the girls with buckets of water or perfume to indicate their preference.

"It's said a girl not doused will not get married that year," said Marzec.

In July, the Radomianie Folk Dance Ensemble returns to Poland to perform in the World Festival of Polish Folklore Ensembles. Over the last 10 years, they have given numerous

performances and danced with actors Gabriel Byrne and Lena Olin in the film "The Polish Wedding." Marzec choreographed the dance scene.

A Polish dance instructor at Hull and Nankin Mills elementaries in Livonia and Westland, Marzec's goal is to preserve her heritage through the ensemble. Twice a year at Easter time and in October during Polish Heritage Month, the Livonia resident and her ensemble hold performances to raise funds to continue practicing their traditions. On March 28, after presenting 45-minutes of dance, guests will learn why the egg is symbolic of Easter. A basket of bread, eggs, ham and horseradish, typically blessed by a priest on Holy Saturday, will be shared, the eggs sliced in quarters and passed around.

"I have a drive to do this," said Marzec, whose children's group, the Centennial Dancers, perform April 25 at Clarenceville High School. "I went to see where my father was born in Poland. It's important to keep some roots, to keep Polish culture alive. People bring their aunts, mother and grandmothers to Swieconka."

Basie revisited
If you love the jumpin' music of Count Basie, you're in luck. Johnny Trudell's Big Band, featuring pianist/saxophonist Ted Harris Jr. and trombonist Al

Grey, plays a tribute to the big band leader 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival (July 18 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills; and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation. For reserved seats, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454, or send a check payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival and a self addressed stamped envelope to Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood St., Livonia, MI 48152-2022.

Double-bill opera
The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan presents an evening of solo arias, duets and other musical highlights from "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci" 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 seniors/students/groups. For more information, call Verdi Opera Theatre president John Zaretti at (734) 455-8895.

Baritone Lance Ashmore, sopranos Gina D'Alessio and Dina Kessler, mezzo-soprano Dorothy Duensing, tenors Razmik Papikian and David Trozmi, and baritone Dino Valle will be accompanied by pianist Margaret Benian.

A is for arts education
Support young artists by viewing their works at the 18th annual Congressional Arts Competition continuing through March 20 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. For information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4ART. Not to be missed are Jonathan Patterson's pencil drawings "Man's Best Friend" and "Sports Media," David Koontz's "Wagon" (Plymouth Canton), and "Owl" by Melissa Stacey (Ladywood).

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Repertoire as draw
Building an identity and selecting repertoire go hand-in-hand in attracting an audience. Most of the groups draw crowds by choosing a mix of educational and crowd-pleasers plus a few new works.

The Livonia Symphony found success with the debut of a work by the late William Albright for a Good Friday concert held at St. Genevieve last year. The BBSO recently hosted the world premiere of a composition by Brian Belanger, dedicated to Tuskegee Airmen.

"We have to have that gimmick to get people excited," said Lamphere.

Like the Southfield Symphony, one of the obstacles facing the Detroit Oratorio Society is building an identity when members live in many different communities. The Oratorio Society is a

relatively young ensemble having formed only eight years ago.

"Is it repertoire or location? It's hit or miss," said Tim Hamann, Detroit Oratorio Society board member. "We've had success with our repertoire in certain locations. Kirk in the Hills and St. Hugo seem to attract a large audience."

A majority of the groups are nomadic, moving their concert venues because of scheduling problems with facilities. Canton could soon be home to a performing arts center so the Plymouth Symphony may eventually be able to schedule its concert in one location. Livonia Symphony conductor Volodymyr Schesiuik is not as lucky. He has approached officials about several venues, including the vacant George Burns Theater in Livonia, without success. The orchestra continues to play in the Churchill High School auditorium with its

less than perfect acoustics.

"The George Burns Theater is like a cemetery monument to the arts," said Schesiuik. "I don't have a recipe for raising money. I try different ways."

When Schesiuik first immigrated to this country from the former Soviet Union in 1991, he was dismayed by the lack of respect for the arts. As conductor-in-residence of the Bolshoi Theater, he did not have to raise money in order to be able to perform classical music. He still feels if the art form is to survive, the family is the place to start.

"A community orchestra cannot be a bad copy of the Detroit Symphony," said Schesiuik. "Michigan Opera Theatre and Detroit Symphony are not all the culture in Detroit. Culture starts in childhood in your family. I was lucky everyone in my family were singers. I grew up with an appreciation for music."

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half-hour film, "Come Unto Me: The Faces of Tyree Guyton," lets Guyton tell his own story and it's a fascinating look at a controversial but imaginative and dedicated artist. The project was assailed by its neighbors, dismissed as junk by some casual passersby and forcefully destroyed once and voluntarily closed just recently. Through it all Guyton's vision remained strong. The close-up views of the project and Guyton's own insightful commentary provide a lesson in art and how it's created.

In style "Come Unto Me" is among the more conventional offerings of the festival, but it gives some insight into how these film artists work as well.

On the other end is Austrian filmmaker Martin Arnold's eerie and hilarious "Alone, Life Wastes Andy Hardy." Don't tell Mickey Rooney, but Arnold has taken scenes from the Hardy

films and slowed, distorted and repeated the scenes in such a way as to create erotic scenes between Andy and his mom and shows Judy Garland as a hot temptress pining to take Andy from his his jealous mother, all in 15 minutes. Very weird and part of a trilogy. (Shown at the 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, program.)

There is also a continuing fascination with film itself. Canadian Richard Raxlen found a 1926 Mutt & Jeff cartoon that is the starting point for a brilliant deconstruction of animation. The seven-minute "The Geometry of Beware" includes story-board drawings, skipping film, silhouettes built around snippets of the original film (a roof-top chase scene) and set to a jazz score. It's animation improvisation, visual jazz. (Shown 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16.)

Another experimental approach is the visually stunn-

ing "Mind's Eye" by Australian Gregory Godhard. Here a fast moving camera moves into photograph after photograph, manipulating both speed and image so that fountains and buildings whirl and trees move. (Shown at the 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, show.)

Laura Margulies' "Hepa!" is a delightful explosion of color and music. Rich Brazilian rhythms are the inspiration for brightly colored oil animations of whirling, swirling dancers and musicians. (Shown at the 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, show.)

This barely suggests the range, quality and inventiveness of the 107 films that will be screened over the six-day festival. From 2 minute cartoons to a 72-minute documentary on the devastating effect of war through the eyes of women, "Regret to Inform," there is always something for everyone.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE ANTIQUES SHOW
Lectures, garden boutique, silent auction and raffle. Preview night - 6-10 p.m. Thursday, March 18; General show - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20; noon - 5 p.m. Sunday, March 21. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham; (248) 644-5832.

MICHIGAN WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL
60 artists, stone, metal, wood art work of wildlife, environmental and nostalgic Americana. 4 p.m. Friday, March 26, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28.

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Juried art show featuring 50 artists. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 21220 W. 14 Mile Rd., Bloomfield Township; (248) 646-4100.

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BOHEMIAN MUSIC COMPETITION
Second annual Solo Concerto Competition, open for orchestral instruments. High school and college students (between 16-22 years old), must submit performance tape by April 1, 1999. For application: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills; (248) 737-6936.

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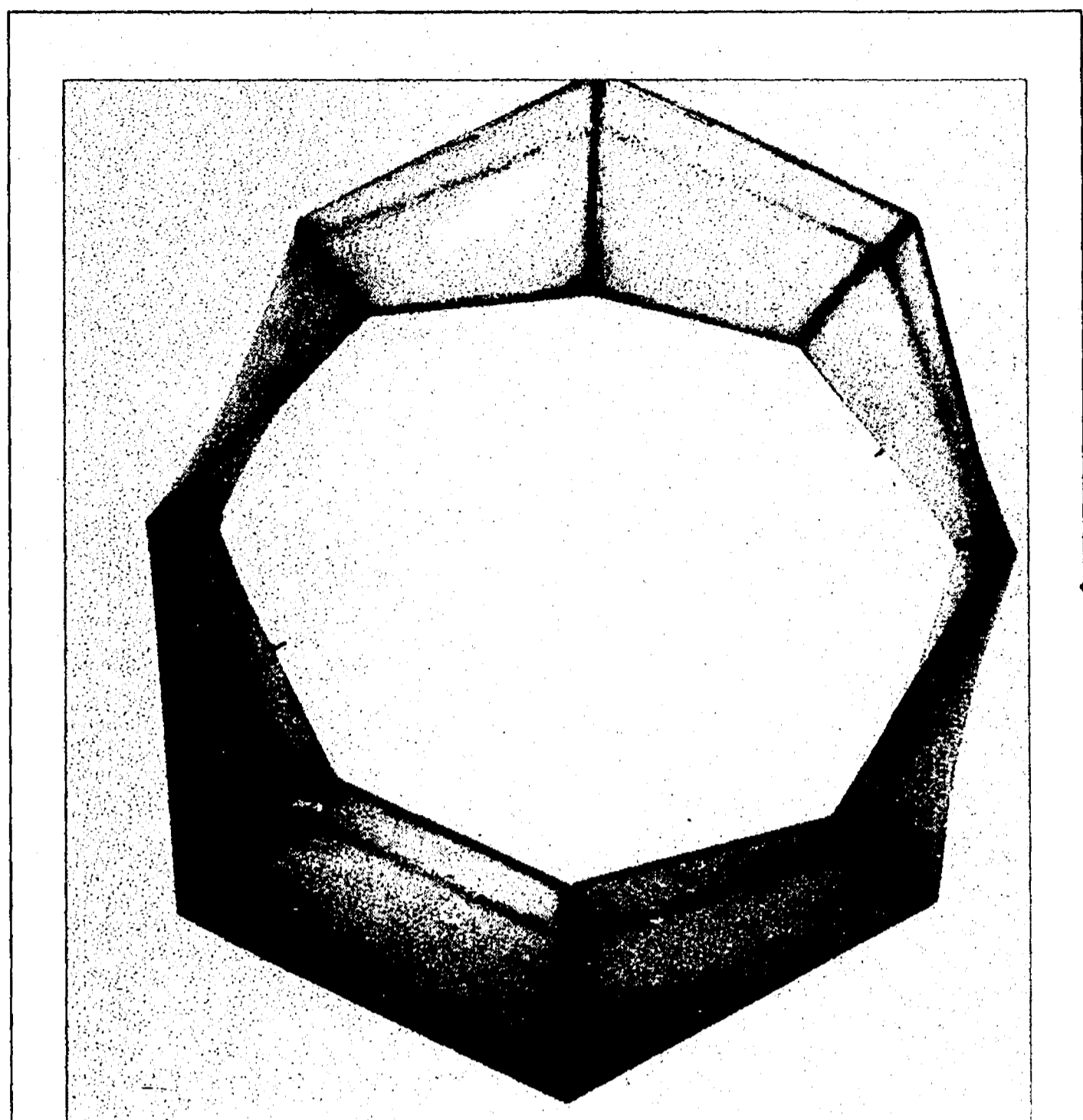
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Auditions for Charlotte Ruppel Memorial Voice Scholarship, 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27, First Baptist Church, Willets Street, Birmingham. Requirements: one section from an aria, foreign language art song and 20th century art song. Total performance time: 10 minutes. Applicants must provide their own accompanists. Application deadline: March 20, 1999. For information, (248) 375-9534.

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OCC'S WOMEN IN ART EXHIBIT
Call for entries for the 13th annual "Our Visions: Women in Art." Deadline for entries in visual arts and poetry is April 1, 1999. Exhibit runs May 10-28 at the Oakland Community College Grand Ridge Campus, Fairmount at Grand Ridge; (248) 471-1100.



Spatial: The contemporary sculptures of John Duff are on exhibit through April 3 at the Hill Gallery, 407 W. Brown, Birmingham, (248) 540-9288.

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36th annual photographic seminar, March 19-21 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. For information, (734) 563-4210.

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CONCERTS

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The Kathleen Landis Trio, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 476-5733.

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CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
Organ concert by Don Cook, professor of organ at Brigham Young University, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Christ Church Cranbrook, 4700 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 644-5210.

DEARBORN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Ballet through contemporary dance, 7-9 p.m. at the Northland Center, Dearborn; (313) 266-1100.

Fair Lane Music Guild and the Dearborn Community Arts Council, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, School of Management, lecture theater on the University of Michigan Dearborn campus, Dearborn; (313) 943-3095.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Music Director Neeme Jarvi conducts a performance of Arvo Part's Symphony No. 3, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 1 and Sibelius Concerto for violin, 8 p.m. Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 576-6111.

JCC INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR
Seniors and youth from the former Soviet Union perform 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

OAKLAND SINGERS/TYNER CHORALE
Ferrdale Music Series presents vocal concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Zion Lutheran Church, 143 Adams, Farmington Hills; (248) 546-2503.

ORION LIBRARY
The Schuster Trio performs 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 826 W. 14th St., Detroit; (313) 963-3900.

PERFORM-A-THON
School age string players from the S.R.C. Institute of Music perform to raise money for the Detroit Music School, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Oak and Maple Center at Troy, (248) 648-6488.

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT
The Archdiocesan Chorus of the Holy Spirit performs, Requiem, Mass, Gloria and other works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's, 143 Adams, Farmington Hills; (248) 546-2503.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
Eugene Onegin, by Tchaikovsky, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, St. Mary's, 143 Adams, Farmington Hills; (248) 546-2503.

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Ballet, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, St. Patrick's, 143 Adams, Farmington Hills; (248) 546-2503.

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DANCE

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"Sleeping Beauty" 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road at M-59; (810) 286-2222.

LECTURE

BBAC
Lecture series: March 16 - "Cass Corridor Revisited" by Dennis Nawrocki; March 23 - "Glass art" by Fred Hampson, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

LAWRENCE TECH
The architectural designs of Robert Oshatz will be discussed 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Lawrence Tech, College of Architecture & Design, Architecture Auditorium, A-200, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY
"The Ajanta Caves of India," a slide lecture by Dr. Walter Spink of the University of Michigan, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, Troy Library, Big Beaver at I-75.

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MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through April 3 - "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; \$8-\$3 students, children, seniors; (248) 645-3323.

DIA
Through April 26 - "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks," through April 26 - "Treasures of Jewish Culture: Heritage from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary," 1221 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through March 14 - "Pushing the Envelope: New Developments in Photography," featuring the work of Margie Paronik, Lisa Steinhilber and John Harms, 117 W. Liberty Ave., Ann Arbor; (313) 964-8004.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH GALLERY
Through March 14 - "Landscape Paintings and Log Cabin Images by Ken Granting, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 309-0177.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Through March 15 - "Memory and Vision: A Celebration of Jewish Community, 1889-1999," Museum of Jewish Heritage, 143 Adams, Farmington Hills; (248) 546-2503.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Through March 19 - Graduate student exhibition, Ford Gallery, Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti; (734) 487-1268.

ARTSPACE II
Through March 20 - Nick Blosser's egg tempera paintings, 303 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 258-1640.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through March 20 - The art of Ivan Stewart, 47 Williams, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

MATRIX GALLERY
Through March 21 - "Man, Woman, House," an installation of paintings and ink drawings by Shaq Kalaj, 111 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor; (734) 663-7775.

BBAC
Through March 25 - Michigan Fine Arts Competition, featuring work by 80 artists, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Through March 26 - Exhibition of paper weights from the Alfred Berkowitz collection; and, an exhibit of paintings by Farmington Hills resident Leon Schoichit, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (484) 424-9022.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Through March 26 - "Blimey!" the London Artworld from Bacon to Hirst, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

CARY GALLERY
Through March 27 - New works by Marcia Freedman, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through March 27 - Photo work of Bas Jan Ader, Dan Graham, Gordon Matta-Clark and Robert Smithson, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through March 27 - New paintings by Sam Gilliam and Dele Duck, recent sculpture by Louise Kruger, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

NETWORK
Through March 27 - "Herstory," featuring recent works by Kyung-Sook Koo, 7 North Saginaw St., Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

GALERIE BLU
Through March 28 - The Birth of Matrixism: Geostuctures IX, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through March 31 - Back and white photography by Kimberly A. Cook, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield; (248) 948-0470.

MASTERPIECE GALLERY
Through March 31 - Artwork by Yvra, 137 W. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 594-9470.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS GALLERY
Through March 31 - Wood sculptures by Rita Miller of Muskegon, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 682-1885.

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Through March 31 - The art of Franklin Jonas, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

GALLERY: FUNCTION ART
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HABATAT GALLERIES
Through March 31 - New work by Jay Musser and Mary Shaffer, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

SOMERSET COLLECTION
Through March 31 - "Wildflower Paintings," a photography exhibit of expressway wildflowers, Home & Garden Collection, Somerset, Big Beaver at Coolidge, Troy.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Through March 31 - "Memory & Vision: A Celebration of Jewish Community, 1889-1999," Museum of Jewish Heritage, 143 Adams, Farmington Hills; (248) 546-2503.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through April 2 - "Words & Images," the main gallery and new work by Charlotte Weaver King in the first floor gallery, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY
Through April 3 - "Notations," new abstract paintings and figurative sculptures by Carol Sams, Karen Jacobs and Karen Peterson, 163 N. 10th Woodward, Farmington Hills; (248) 647-6458.

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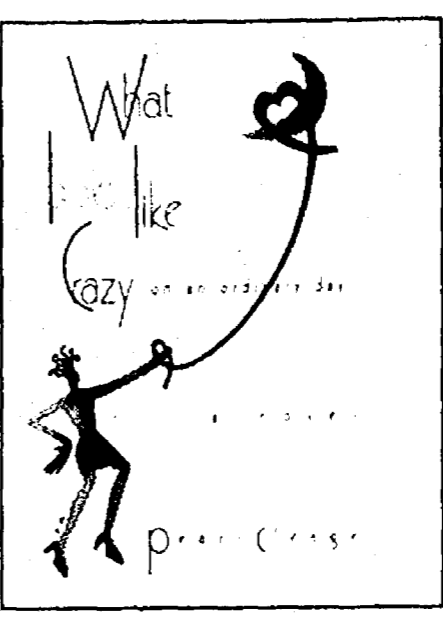
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BOOKS

'What Looks Like Crazy' tells a story that's hard to put down

What Looks Like Crazy on an ordinary day... By Pearl Cleage (Avon Books, \$20)

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The downtown land her salon is sitting on is valuable, and she sells it to a developer for enough money to last a couple of years. Ava decides to spend the summer in Idlewild with her older sister, Joyce, before moving to San Francisco where she can be her 'black, female, sexual, HIV-positive self.'

Gerry, doesn't like it at all. These girls wouldn't have problems if they would 'just say no.' But Gerry's got a secret and is just trying to protect her man. The Idlewild Ava returns to after two years between visits is as bad as the big city.

Books gives Michigan residents facts on wills, estate planning

The Michigan Estate Planning Guide By P. Mark Accettura Collinwood Press, 1999, \$12.95



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- ROCHESTER HILLS, (248) 652-0558 BARNES & NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS) Sandra Dalka-Prybyl will discuss her new book, 'Slow But Sure,' 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the store, 6575 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township.
- TRUTH BOOKSTORE Linda Grosvenor signs her book 'Sometimes I Cry' 5 p.m. Friday, March 19; Beverly Jenkins signs her book 'Through the Storm,' 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the store 21500 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.
- BALDWIN LIBRARY (BIRMINGHAM) Children in grades 4-6 are invited to take part in a 'Booktalk' on Kevin Henkes' 'Protecting Marie,' 4:15 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the library, 300 W. North...

Luck of the Irish?

Callaghans and Lynches simply call it a blessing

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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When the Callaghan and Lynch families get together, it's not just a reunion. It's a ready-made society.

In the finest Irish Catholic tradition, both families give a whole new meaning to "go forth and prosper."

The Lynches number nine children. At one time, the Callaghans could've fielded two baseball teams, and probably needed name tags during family trips when the 18 children were together.

Coming in at number 14 on the chart is Mary Callaghan Lynch, one of the premier sopranos in the region. Perhaps Lynch is best known as the vocal coach for the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, who is making a foray into recording arias.

This afternoon, Mary will be joined by her husband, daughter, father and brother-in-law, author Thomas Lynch, in the highest, holiest celebration for the Irish, and all those who want to be green for a day.

The scaled-down version of the sprawling clan will be featured performers in their Eighth Annual St. Patrick's Day Con-



Familial sound:
Mary Callaghan Lynch and daughter, Caitlin.

cert at St. Regis Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Across the Atlantic

Whenever the Lynches sat down to dinner, Patrick Lynch recalled the usual pre-meal prayer: "We'd say, 'Remember our relatives at the mouth of the Shannon River in Ireland.'"

Loyalty runs as deep as Irish pride.

Each year, the Lynches travel back to the village in Ireland where their great-grandfather lived before he crossed the Atlantic in search of a better life.

"Our ancestors struggled through famine and religious

persecution," said Patrick. "Through it all, they sang their songs, read their poetry and had a good time."

The Callaghans and Lynches certainly would make their ancestors proud.

Indeed, there's something "old world" about their passion for family, performing and their life's purpose.

"We believe that when you're blessed with talent, it's your obligation to share it," said Patrick Lynch, a burly baritone, and the third of nine children.

For Mary and Patrick Lynch, life isn't reducible to a career choice or social status.

In their way of thinking, everyone has a calling. And anyone who knows them would realize that they're answering the call.

Irish love affair

Twenty five years after they first met, Mary and Patrick Lynch have maintained a certain mystery about the inevitability of their relationship.

They relate the story about how Mary's father was Patrick's first vocal teacher, and how Patrick knew many of her brothers but didn't meet his future wife until after graduation from the University of Dayton in the early 1970s.

By Lynch and Callaghan standards, Mary and Patrick's family is underpopulated.

"Eighteen divided by nine is two," they said simultaneously as they swell with pride talking about daughter Caitlin, an undergrad at U of M, and Paddy, a talented athlete at Birmingham Brother Rice.

Over the years, while Mary has pursued a singing and acting career, Patrick has cultivated his own art.

"My art is working with people at a difficult time in their lives when their emotions are raw. I

hope that I make a difference," he said.

Every minute

Most people might know the Lynch family for something other than their immense artistic talents.

For nearly 50 years, the Lynch family has handled burial arrangement for many Oakland County residents. Patrick runs the Lynch home on Crooks Road, just south of Maple. And his older brother, Tom, oversees the Lynch Funeral Home in Milford.

The older Lynch has also emerged as one of the country's finest writers, winning an American Book Award for his collection of essays, "The Undertaking."

Both Lynches have an instinctive ability to put you at ease with a smile, handshake and a gentle way of conversing.

Patrick is a warm bear who often wears a tie-pin in the shape of a shovel. He often refers to himself as just a gravedigger.

Within minutes of meeting him, he'll get around to telling you family stories about the Lynches and Callaghans. And the pictures on his office wall of past generations will no doubt require additional commentary.

What: Annual Patrickide Concert, featuring author Thomas Lynch, pianist John Callaghan, baritone Patrick Lynch, sopranos Mary Callaghan Lynch and Caitlin Lynch

When: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14

Where: St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield Hills

Proceeds will go to the Christ Child Society

And to make a point about the current generation, Patrick is likely to put on a CD entitled, "Heartfelt Love Songs," performed by Mary and his daughter.

He'll become so overwhelmed with pride that it'll put a tear in the eye of even the most crusty Irishman.

Despite their "low total" of offspring, there's little doubt that Patrick and Mary Lynch have found another way to "go forth and prosper."

After all, they're Irish and loving every minute of it.

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat. Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

CALL FOR ENTRY

The Livonia Arts Commission is seeking artists for their fine art exhibition held in conjunction with the Livonia Arts Festival June 12-13 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Deadline for entry is April 15. The fee is \$25. Cash prizes awarded in the juried show total \$2,500.

For an application, call Robert Sheridan at (734) 422-6400.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Del Kauffman Trio performs 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Loon River Cafe, Van Dyke and 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights.

The cost is \$10 for a continuous Irish buffet that takes place 2-10 p.m. Call (810) 979-1420.

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS

The Ann Arbor Women Painters offer "Exotic Still Life,"

a workshop with Canton watercolorist Connie Lucas 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, March 20 and 27.

The fee is \$55. Class size is limited. Call Sandy Difazio at (734) 429-3262 for information.

Lucas is an award-winning artist whose work has been featured in "The Best of Watercolor" and "The Artistic Touch" 1 and 2.

OPENING RECEPTION

Nancy Pitel opens an exhibit of her art and photography 3-7 p.m. Sunday, March 21 in the Lounge Gallery of the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Art.

Viewing hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. For more information, call (313) 831-1250.

GORDON PARKS LECTURE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a lecture on photojournalist Gordon Parks 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at the Joanne Winkleman Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Tickets are \$4.

Sponsored by the arts council and Plymouth-Canton Community Education, the lecture coincides with "Half Past Autumn," a retrospective of Gordon Parks work continuing to April 25 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Parks' photos appeared in Life magazine for 20 years.

Come a little early so you can see the works in the 18th annual Congressional Arts Competition continuing through March 20. High school students from John Glenn in Westland, Ladywood in Livonia, Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem participate in the exhibition of painting, drawing and prints hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Sure to make you think are the intaglio "Another Peaceful Man" with his oversized dog by Rebecca Traynor (Pioneer, Ann Arbor), and an untitled acrylic featuring a male in hand cuffs, a concert grand piano and grandfather clock by Matthew Gross (Plymouth Canton).

Also of note: The arts council is offering classes and workshops for adults

and teens in batik, faux-finish, drawing and sketching, life drawing with a model, paper art, and clay pinch pots.

No residency or membership requirements unless specified. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

FLORALS TO BLOOM

Think spring at the Livonia Artists Club Show and Sale noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11 in the atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Members of the club exhibit everything from paintings of flowers and people to landscapes in a variety of media. Judge for the show is Polly Friend, a teacher who coordinated the arts program in the Bloomfield School District.

For more information, call Audrey Harkins at (734) 464-0031 or Yvette Goldberg (248) 476-2313.

PEWABIC POTTERY TOUR

Paint Creek Center for the Arts is hosting a chartered bus tour to Pewabic Pottery 9 a.m. to

4 p.m. Friday, April 16.

University of Windsor professor Michael Farrell guides participants through several Detroit buildings that incorporate Pewabic tile. After a visit to the Pewabic factory and gallery, the

tour group will have lunch at Atwater Place.

The fee is \$48 for PCCA members, \$51 for non-members. Space is limited. For reservations, call (248) 651-4110.

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Why not shop Irish for St. Pat's Day?

SHOPPING CENTERED



DONNA MULCAHY

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, what better time to celebrate all things Irish?

One store that does so all year long is The Celtic Shamrock Irish Import Shop, located in the Village Mall Building, at 33335 Grand River in downtown Farmington.

"We're the only independently owned Irish import shop in metro Detroit," said Barbra Horrigan-Goins, who owns the shop with her husband, Wally Goins and business partner, Doris Ryan.

Sure, you can find fun things there, like "Kiss Me I'm Irish" pins, mouse pads, t-shirts and mugs. But the store also carries a plethora of other Irish items, including jewelry, books, music, perfume, house wares, religious items, art and beautiful wool sweaters. Most of the store's items are Irish imports. The rest are from Irish-American owned companies.

Horrigan-Goins and her husband travel to Ireland once a year to find new and unique merchandise for their shop and to keep abreast of what's popular there.

When asked by customers who plan to visit Ireland, the couple offers advice on sleeping accommodations, sightseeing and other cultural activities.

"I'm very proud to be Irish and to share the culture and history with anybody who wants to learn more about it," Horrigan-Goins said.

The Celtic Shamrock (pronounced Kel-tic), which opened in 1995 in Milford, moved to its current location in 1996.

In May, the shop expects to begin offering a bridal registry service. In August, the store will begin taking orders for custom-made christening gowns that bear a family coat of arms on the skirt.

Also, customers can view and order merchandise from the shop's on-line catalog at www.celticshamrock.com. I found the site, which contains about 50 percent of the shop's offerings.

Store hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Customers may also call (888) 672-7238.

But let's not forget two famous Irish imports - Waterford crystal and Belleek china, both of which are available at Hudson's stores.

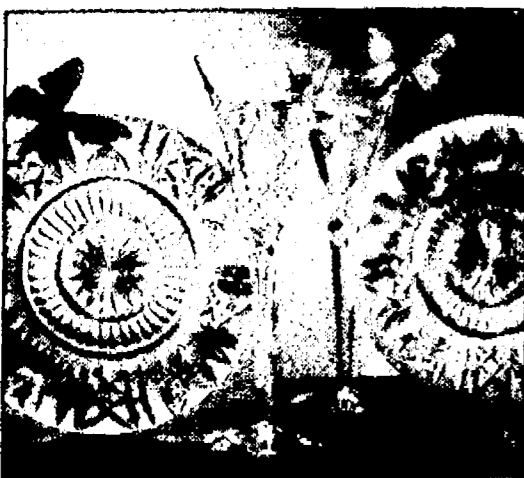
Waterford, a company known for its high quality, hand-cut designs, offers a series of toasting flutes called the Millennium Collection. This year, the line has been expanded to include a champagne cooler and crystal wine bottle coaster. The flutes are \$115 per pair, and this year's design is called the Peace Flute.

Also, Waterford recently introduced a new line of crystal, featuring contemporary shapes and minimal cuts designed by John Rocha, a fashion designer well known in Europe and Ireland.

Another benefit of purchasing Waterford crystal is that the company never discontinues a pattern and allows customers to annually order replacement pieces.

Belleek has always offered specialty dinner pieces, but this year will tender complete sets. The pieces are made of bone china in white and have a woven basket design.

Known for hand-painted and collectible pieces, Belleek also sells vases other home pieces in these seven designs: Claddagh, Shamrock, Serenity, Enchanted Garden, Winter Rose, Country Trellis and Daisy.



Irish beauty: Waterford's crystal toasting flutes sell for \$115 a pair at Hudson's stores.

French flair

Savior Faire offers one-of-a-kind treasures



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Elegance and repose: Savior Faire co-owners (from left) Karin Abel and Thomas Lotarski recline on some of the luxurious furniture they sell out of their Birmingham store. Abel relaxes on a 1920s French style love seat with an array of fine collector's dolls while Lotarski, her father, sits on an 100-year-old iron bed from France.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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A step inside Savior Faire, a relatively new downtown Birmingham store, is a step back in time and into the exquisite lifestyle of the erstwhile French bourgeois class.

At present, the store even has on display four garden chairs from a royal chateau that was located in Vichy, France.

Owned and used by relatives of King Louis' family, each chair bears the carved initials of the royal name. Savior Faire's selling price for a set of four of the chairs is \$4,500, but the store carries similar French treasures for smaller pocketbooks.

On a large, antique wood table is a French gilt metal candle holder and jardiniere for plants and flowers. Between 100 and 125 years old, the glass and metal piece is priced at \$450. Beside it is a circa 1900 "Globe Du Marriage," a memento display of a bride's head piece. The traditional bridal keepsake - a very unusual piece - is priced at \$825.

"The French really enjoy being surrounded by beauty," said the store's co-owner Karin Abel, who travels to France at least twice a year. "It's an important factor in their way of life. We're much more fast-paced and impulsive. We don't take time to enjoy the beautiful things around us," she said.

Yet, there is a recent movement toward beautifying the home in this country, said Abel, a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies who fell in love with the elegant design, flowing curves and detailed artistry of French furniture while on vacation in Europe.

"People are becoming very home-centered," she said. "There's a turnaround coming about. All that from the '80s - the me and the shopping, the cars and the clothes - I think people are starting to slow down and realize we might as well enjoy our lives a little more."

So, Abel, who co-owns the store along with her father, Thomas Lotarski, hopes the treasures she discovers in France not only appeal to her customers but also bring character, charm and beauty into their lives.

While the store, located at 1157 South Adams, specializes in French antique furniture, Abel and her father also sell French-style replica pieces and other unique home accessories.

At present, Abel is showing an unusual line of decorative finials and door knobs. Hand-painted and bedecked with jewels, the wooden hardware sells for between \$20 and \$85.

Used on a cabinet door or drapery rod, the pieces not only would be indicative of French style - detail, detail and more detail - but also brighten and bring color to drab interior spaces, said Abel. "They also make a perfect housewarming gift," she said.

Since the store's inventory of modern pieces will never be the same - once a replica line sells out, Abel won't replace it - making uncommon and one-of-a-kind purchases at Savior Faire will be the rule rather than the exception.

Best of all, Abel has a customer wish list and keeps an eye out for desired furniture and accessories while on buying trips in France. Housewares of general interest she generally purchases and brings back to the United States. And, if you're looking for a particularly unusual French object, she'll fax a polaroid of the item.

Savior Faire is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or by appointment. Call (248) 644-0560.

Sought-after Tae-Bo videos available at local retailers

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

In beauty salons, exercise studios and clothing stores the talk these days is about Tae-Bo, a relatively new fitness program that melds tae kwan doe, dance, aerobics and kickboxing.

And, the question on everyone's mind is: Where and how can one of the four official Tae-Bo fitness videos be obtained?

Contrary to popular opinion, Tae-Bo exercise videos can be purchased first-hand at local retail stores and not only by phone, mail order or purchase through the Internet.

The tapes have primarily been marketed on television infomercials, which include a toll-free number and address for ordering.

In Michigan, the As Seen On TV store in the Great Lakes Crossing mall in Auburn Hills and local Target stores are currently selling a two-tape package.

The package retails for \$39.99 at As Seen On TV and includes the 40-minute instructional video, 27-minute basic workout tape and an insert for the eight-minute fitness video, all of which are from the Tae-Bo video library advertised on television.

"We have run out, but we get them back in," said Christine Linemann, manager at As Seen On TV.

Not only is the video package the vendor's hottest selling item at the moment, but customers reserve and pay for copies in advance of new shipments, said Linemann.

"Everybody wants it. I have to go through the whole story of Tae-Bo every day," she said.

Target, which considers the video package one of its best-selling fitness products, offers the same two-tapes for \$34.99 and has stores in Rochester Hills, Waterford, Southfield, Farmington Hills, Canton and Westland.

As Seen On TV has been carrying the videos since the Christmas shopping season and expects to stock the shelves with the fourth Tae-Bo fitness tape, an advanced-level program, sometime in May.

Full, four-tape sets are still available for purchase by phone ((1-800-880-6702) or through the Internet (www.taebob.com) at a cost of \$68.35, which includes shipping and handling. The Tae-Bo web site also provides a plethora of information about the tape series, including a profile of Tae-Bo creator Billy Blanks and video clips of Tae-Bo classes.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 6 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

CLEAN YOUR CLOSET
Celebrating national "Clean Your Closet Week," Art Van Furniture stores are accepting donations of used women's business attire through March 21. Clothing will be given to women who are re-entering the workforce. For additional information, see co-sponsor WJBK-Fox 2's web site at www.fox2detroit.com

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

PROJECT HEALTH-O-RAMA
Free and low cost health screenings and services will be provided through March 17 at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. For additional information, call

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

(248) 424-8600.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

OSCAR FOR SPRING
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Oscar De La Renta's spring 1999 special order collection through March 18. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Designer Salon, second floor.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

TRUNK SHOW
The Peppertree, at 302 Walnut Blvd. in downtown Rochester, presents a trunk show featuring new Goiger collections and Judith Jack jewelry. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Call (248) 652-1225.

SKIN CARE SPEAKER

From 1-3 p.m., Dr. Gregory Brown, a plastic surgeon will talk about the use of bioengineered molecules to reverse aging effects, a concept he developed and his skin care products. Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, Cosmetics, first floor. Call (248) 643-3300, ext. 2107, for appointment.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

BRIDE STYLE
Gowns, hair styles, make-up and accessories for the bride will be showcased 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Figaro beauty salon, at 265 N. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham.

BRIONI TRUNK SHOW
View the 1999 spring stock and custom swatch collection, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy The Man's Store, first floor.

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? at (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

Buster Brown socks can be found through **Buster Brown Apparel, Inc.** in Chattanooga, TN. Call (800) 428-7837, or **Dr. Leonard's catalog** at (800) 785-0880. You can also try the **National Wholesale Company catalog** at (800) 433-0580 or the **Vermont Country Store catalog** at (802) 362-8440. The last store also might have a change purse with pockets.

Revlon Color Lock Lid protective shadow base can be found at **Arbor Drugs**. Also, Mike called to say he is a distributor for **Lip Chic**. Call him at (248) 969-8276.

Kathy's Cheesecakes can be found at **Sterling Meat Market** on 15 Mile and Dodge Park in Sterling Heights. John makes custom radiator covers and can be reached at (734) 427-7545.

The tape of the "Irish Bricklayers Lament" was recorded by the group **Blackthorn** and is on the group's CD called "Tonight's the Night for Drinking" for \$15. You can order by making a check payable to **Dennis Green**, 550 E. Webster, Royal Oak, MI 48220. They also have a web site on the Internet at www.Blackthorn.com.

The ceramic mugs with little animal faces can be found at the **Cranbrook Museum store** in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 645-3000. The cups are also available at **Kitchen Too** on Michigan Ave in Dearborn, at (313) 562-8085, and the **Iona And Gallery** on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, at (248) 855-4488.

English Leather soap on a rope can be found at the **Meijer store** in Westland. **Millennium clocks** can be found at **Kohl's** in Westland.

For old **Hallmark ornaments**, try **Hallmark** on the Internet at www.Hallmark.com. They have a bulletin board with a listing of old ornaments.

A reader called to say **Almay beauty products** can be found at **Colors & Scents** at **Great Lakes Crossing** mall in Auburn Hills.

A **Curio cabinet** that hangs on a wall can be found at **Frank's Furniture** on Wayne Road,

four blocks north of Michigan Ave. in Wayne. Call (734) 721-1044. **Wittington Clocks & Home Accents** at **Canterbury Village** in Lake Orion also carries them. Call (248) 391-4790.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Nancy wants **Max Factor brush-on eyebrow makeup** in Ash Blonde. Chris is looking for **Australian Shepherd puppies**. Frances is looking for a **January, 1939 Central High yearbook**.

Kathy wants the **Playskool toy "Awesome Tossome Cow"**. It is a soft nylon cow that moos. Donna wants a **used curly lamb white coat**. Marilyn is looking for **Chinese checkers marbles**. Teresa is looking for the **Non-Diastatic powder** used to make bagels. She also wants **sewing seam sealant**.

Jan is looking for **Bonnie Doon women's wool ankle and knee socks**. Irene is still looking for the **CD/cassette** from the soundtrack of the movie "Scarface."

Marion wants the "Indiana Jones Temple of Doom" **Cassette/CD**. It is the second of three soundtracks.

Linda wants **Deep Magic moisturizing lotion**. Nancy wants the **movie soundtrack from "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"**.

John is looking for a **painting of Elvis Presley**. Ken is looking for an **electric football game by Tudor** that was issued between 1967 and 1972. Bob from Alpena wants a **black velvet painting of Elvis Presley**.

Deborah is looking for **men's saddle shoes** in a size 12 narrow in black/white or navy/creme.

Fran and Donna want **macramé plant holders**. Mary Lou is looking for **leather square or round decorative mats** used on the top of desks and end tables to prevent scratches.

Phyllis wants a **January, 1943 yearbook from Northern High School**.

David is looking for a **PC interface (64K) organizer from Texas Instruments** from about six years ago. Jo is looking for **top-fitted sheets**. Sears used to carry them in their catalog. Pat is looking for a **sheets and comforter set with the Toy Story theme**.

Melissa wants the **1987, 1988 and 1990 Farmington High School yearbooks**.

Diane is looking for **wallpaper or wall border with monkeys, chimps or gorillas** with a coordinating bedspread and sheets.

Annette is looking for someone to **repair a 1956 Wurlitzer jukebox**.

Karen wants a **battery-operated hair dryer**.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

RETAIL DETAILS

SWEET AND IRISH

Start a St. Patrick's Day tradition by partaking in a slice or two of Irish Soda bread from the Breadsmith, which has locations in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Rochester and Troy.

The Breadsmith's rendition of the traditional Irish bread is made with wheat and white flour, rolled oats, buttermilk and sweet raisins. And, of course it's freshly baked.

The biscuit-like bread makes for a perfect complement to any Irish meal. Quantities will be limited, so please call the Breadsmith in advance to place an order and insure you receive a loaf.

BANG & OLUFSEN'S NEW LOOK

Bang & Olufsen, located in the Somerset Collection in Troy, will soon re-open its doors with a new look. Bang & Olufsen, a Danish company founded in 1925, specializes in design-driven audio, video and telephone products.

Among the other design and technology accolades awarded to the company, 21 pieces of Bang & Olufsen products are on display in the permanent collection at the New York Museum of Modern Art.

THEATRE FOR KIDS

Summit Place mall in Waterford has teamed with the Children's Theatre of Michigan to bring special programming to mall shoppers and their families during the month.

On March 20 and 27, the theatre group will present a sing-a-long concert entitled "It Might As Well Be Spring."

The performances incorporate song, dance and storytelling, and are free to the public.

Show times are 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and take place on the mall's Grand Court Stage near Montgomery

Ward's.

FASHION CLASSES

Two, four-week courses about fashion will be offered this spring through the Royal Oak Adult Education Department.

"From Edinburgh to Istanbul" begins March 16 and will cover the costumes of Great Britain, France, Spain, the Balkans, Turkey and the Near East.

The course will explore the cuts and construction of these costumes, the symbolic meaning of traditional costumes, the longevity of clothing traditions and the invention of tradition.

"Fifty Years of Fashion: 1900-1950," begins April 20 and will examine fashion trends, the artistic and social influences on fashion, major fashion designers and the relationship between art and fashion. Both courses are slide lectures taught by costume historian Dr. Susannah Worth and will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center.

Course fees are \$28 for Royal Oak residents and \$30 for non-residents. To register or obtain additional information, call (248) 544-6680.

STORE HONORED

Gabrial's, a gift and home accents store, recently received the 10th ARTS Award in the Home Accents Specialty Store Midwest/Southwest Region category.

The award is given annually by the Accessories Resource Team (ART) and the Dallas Market Center in recognition of excellence in retailing, manufacturing and sales representation of decorative home accessories. Gabrial's is located at 322 South Main Street in Plymouth.

Easter Bunny visits slated at malls

Spring has arrived and so will the Easter Bunny.

Following is a list of upcoming appearances and Easter-related events at area malls.

The Easter Bunny will appear at 11 a.m. March 20 at the **Westland Shopping Center** in Westland. The event includes a magic show and digital image photographs. It starts in the mall's West Court by J.C. Penney.

Children of all ages can visit the Easter Bunny between March 20 and April 3 at the **Twelve Mall** in Southfield. Hours are: noon-8 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sun-

day. Visits will take place in the mall's Center Court. The Easter Bunny will arrive at the mall at 1 p.m. March 20 for a special Easter magic show on the Center Court stage.

At **Oakland Mall** in Troy, the Easter Bunny will take residence in a carrot forest, complete with egg factory, beginning March 19. The bunny will be available for photographs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Photo package prices start at \$9.99.

The Easter Bunny will take visitors at the **Northland Center** in Southfield during regu-

lar mall hours between March 13 and April 3. Children who visit the bunny will receive a special Easter egg, and parents can purchase digital photographs of bunny and child.


Lakeside mall's Bunny Breakfast is slated 8-10 a.m. March 27 and features an appearance by **Beatrice Potter's Peter Rabbit**. The event includes breakfast, entertainment, gifts and photographs with Peter Rabbit. The cost is \$5 per person, but children under age one are admitted free. Lakeside is located in **Sterling Heights**. For reservations, call (810) 247-1744.




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TRAVEL

Casino Windsor offers glitz, luxury and excitement

BY PATSY L. LAFAYE
SPECIAL WRITER

Lights are flashing, bells ringing, buzzers buzzing. Clanking and clanking is heard. Excitement fills the air. What's going on? Just another night at the Casino Windsor.

Casino Windsor, a 2-million-square-foot casino-hotel just across the Detroit River at 377 Riverside Drive East in Windsor, Ontario, overlooks the Detroit skyline and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Best of all, it's easy to get to. Just take the tunnel or bridge, then follow the signs.

The luxurious, 21-level hotel has 389 guest rooms and suites; 164 have a view of the Detroit River. Elevators, gaming areas and some special rooms are wheelchair accessible and fire alarms are equipped with strobe lights for the protection of their hearing-impaired patrons.

When not playing games, you can relax in the indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, exercise room or salon. For those special events, there are 11,000 square feet of banquet facilities. Valet parking and a 3,000-vehicle free parking structure attached to the casino-hotel by a temperature-controlled skywalk are there for your convenience and comfort. Concierge services, round-the-clock room service and

a 24-hour nursing staff are also available if needed.

When you are through feeding the slots, there are three restaurants and a food court for you to choose from to satisfy your hunger and live entertainment nightly.

Separating the hotel and casino is the main entrance graced with a 60-foot high waterfall cascading three stories and ending in a pool on the lower level, surrounded by rocks, streams and tropical plants. While sitting having a snack, you can enjoy the lights and dancing water show or throw a coin in for good luck at the casino.

Whether you call it gaming or gambling, the 100,000-square-foot space offers the casino's approximately 20,000 patrons a day, mostly repeat customers, plenty of opportunity to try their luck.

There are almost 3,000 slot machines and more than 130 table games. Along with blackjack, various poker games and roulette, craps will be available as soon as it is made legal in Canada, "hopefully within the next few months," said Kelly Cusinato, manager for corporate communications for Casino Windsor.

"We already have dealers in training to deal craps," Kelly said. "We have to be versatile

and flexible. When Detroit gets its casinos, there will be changes in the market conditions. But change is good. It keeps everyone on their toes. We will have to introduce things and do things that any business does to maintain customer loyalty.

"Customer service is important. That, sometimes, is what brings them back," she said. "We are optimistic that the Detroit casinos and ours will make this a bigger tourist region and will be good for all of us."

Of the 20,000 patrons, half are slot players. Can you beat these computerized machines? Yes. If you're lucky. By knowing how slot machines work and having a few tips at hand, you might be one of those leaving with bulging pockets or at least a jingle when you walk. I wasn't.

There are a wide variety of slot machines. Some of the most popular at Casino Windsor are Ten Times Pay, Silver and Gold, Reel 'em In, Filthy Rich and some designed specifically for Casino Windsor - Giant Windsor Jackpot and Carousel of Nations. Ranging in denomination from five cents to \$100, they all work the same. You put a coin or coins in the slot, push a button to pull the handle, and if the appropriate symbols line up, coins clatter out. If you hit the jackpot, that's when the racket begins - usually you yelling.

All slots operate on tokens purchased at the slot cashiers from change attendants on the floor, or you can also purchase credits on your machine. Although winnings are in Canadian dollars, there are full foreign currency facilities available.

Since slot machines are programmed to a certain payback percentage, timing is everything. It all depends on when and where the generator stops; and it is constantly moving, like a marquee, even when no one is playing it.

Your prize depends on the number of coins you play in the Play for Pay machines. If you have three sevens on a line but nothing comes out, you didn't play the correct number of coins for that win.

On the other hand, progressive machines have a jackpot that increases as more money is played. They are linked with other machines to calculate a progressive jackpot, not a set amount. All linked machines



Popular game: Blackjack is a perennial favorite at Casino Windsor.

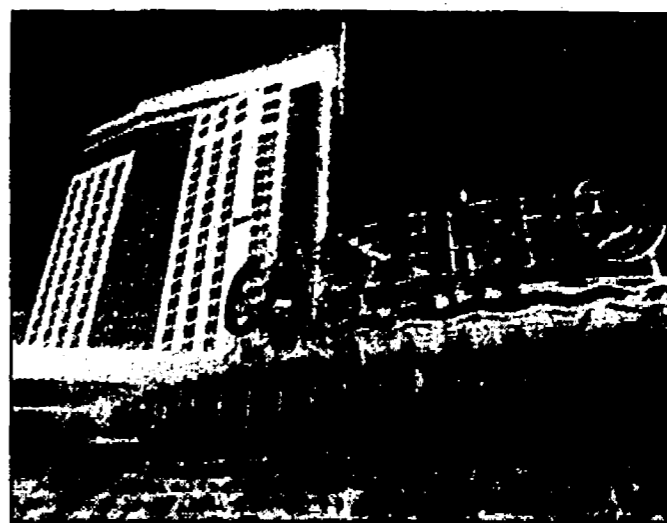
contribute to the jackpot; and the first machine to hit the jackpot symbols wins all. But to win the jackpot, you must play the maximum number of coins. The machine then reverts to the minimum jackpot amount and starts over.

Before you start to play any game, be sure to stop by the Players Prestige booth and join the Players Prestige Club. Membership is free and your plays entitle you to great casino perks. It's their way of rewarding you every time you visit. The more you play, the more they pay.

Some hitters have strategies they believe increase their chances of winning. These are just a few of their suggestions. You can learn more by visiting the games section in the bookstore or library, searching the Internet or attending table gaming lessons at Casino Windsor.

■ Never gamble more than you can afford to lose.

■ Know what you are playing. To win the big jackpot, be sure to play the right number of coins. There is a schedule, usually on the upper right-hand corner of the machine, telling the prize and what is needed to win the big one. You don't always have to put in the maximum coins to hit. Smaller wins are fun, too. Beverly, a Casino Windsor regular, usually plays one coin. She doesn't



Gambling fever: Casino Windsor beat the proposed Detroit casinos in providing a place for gamblers to go.

always hit big but she does hit often.

■ Set your limit. Don't play five coins if you can only afford one. If you win, run. The saying "quit while you're ahead" applies to playing the slots. You're not a winner if you put it all back in.

■ Divide the amount you have decided to play by the number of sessions you want to play. Don't play more than that at any one session.

■ Play your decided amount on one machine once and don't replay any coins you win. Then take the winnings and quit. If you are hitting big, you may want to play your winnings, up to the amount of your original bankroll, once more. Then move on.

■ Play the maximum coins for three pulls. If you hit, keep play-

ing that machine. If you don't, move on. If you get a good hit, play another couple of pulls and run.

■ Play the blitz method. (This is not for those of weak heart or sick purse.) Play your entire bankroll through, win or lose. Either you are a big winner, or you're done for the day.

Go ahead have fun. But play to win. If you're not having a good time, you're probably playing outside your limit. And if Lady Luck smiles on you and you hit the jackpot, don't keep playing; scoop up the winnings and head for the hills - laughing all the way.

For more information on Casino Windsor, call (800)991-7777.

Patsy LaFace lives in Waterford.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Golf sections planned

The Observer is planning three special sections about golf this year and would like your help.

Readers are invited to write and say which area golf course they like the best and why in 50 words or less.

We will publish as many responses as space permits.

We also plan to publish information from Observer readers who have made a hole in one. Include name, date, course and hole information. Hole in one photos (taken at the time and at the course) are welcome but not required. Send us a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want your photo back.

Send submissions to Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echtenaw at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Or e-mail to rechtenaw@oe.homecomm.net.

Questions? Call Ralph at (734) 953-2054.

Hockey name omitted

The name of Brandon McCullough was inadvertently omitted from the list of Livonia Franklin honorable mentions on the Suburban High School Hockey League All-League team.

The list appeared in Thursday editions of the Observer.

Sauk heads to Munich

Former Livonian Matt Sauk, who attended St. Michael's Grade School in Livonia and Redford Catholic Central as a freshman, recently signed a contract to play football for the Munich, Germany Cowboys of the World Football League.

Sauk is a former standout quarterback for Utah State who played in the 1997 Humanitarian Bowl.

The WFL, a developmental league for the NFL, plays its schedule during the spring.

Women's golf league

The City of Livonia Parks and Recreation is seeking players for an 18-hole division golf league, beginning at 8 a.m. Thursdays at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The 20-week league starts Thursday, May 6. The rate is \$17 per week. Senior rates are also available and non-residents may apply.

For more information, call Nancy at (734) 420-2543 or Gail at (734) 513-0967.

Indoor soccer finalists

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings, an under-12 boys open select team, competed as one of only two Michigan representatives in the North American National six-versus-six Division II indoor nationals, March 5-6, at Total Soccer in Wixom.

The Wings, coached by Jim Moryc and Lou Suveg, competed against teams from Illinois, Indiana, New York and Ontario, Canada.

Members of the Wings include: Shawn Bush, Jon Happ, Brad Jackson, Danny Karas, Dave Kroll, Jamie Luoma, Matt Moryc, Justin Nalley, Greg Ostrosky, Ryan Raickovich, Nate Regan and Steve Sudkem, all of Livonia. Other players included Brendan Diehl of Plymouth and Ryan Regan of Novi.

The Wings, trained by Adam Pichler, recently finished 6-2 in the six-versus-six indoor session at Total Soccer. They outscored their opponents 84-29 en route to a second-place finish.

Collegiate notes

Michigan State's Joe Blackburn (Livonia Churchill), the top-rated goaltender in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, recently was named honorable mention CCHA All-Academic.

The sophomore carries a 3.39 grade-point average in Special Education.

Blackburn leads the nation in goals-against average (1.33) and save percentage (.936).

University of Michigan senior first baseman Bryan Bosco (Westland John Glenn) is hitting .290 (nine for 33 with one homer) as the Michigan baseball team is off to a 3-5 start.

Salem ends Franklin tourney bid

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem had a coming out party for its girls volleyball team.

Salem defeated Livonia Franklin, 15-7, 15-7, Friday night to win the Ann Arbor Huron regional volleyball title.

The Rocks will play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday against the winner of the Dearborn regional at the University of Michigan's Cliff Keen Arena.

"This is the first time Salem has come out (of the regionals)," Rocks' Coach Tom Teeters said. "In the past, they always had to get by Livonia Ladywood."

"This was a good win for us. It was good to break that jinx."

Salem got to the regional finals with a hard-fought 15-12, 15-13 victory over Saline (29-8-2) while Franklin trounced Wayne Memorial (18-22-3), 15-1, 15-4.

It was a coming out party of sorts for the Patriots, too.

"This was our first district title,"

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Franklin Coach Mary Helen Diegel said, "and our first win in the regionals. We represented ourselves well."

"If you walk off the floor knowing that, and knowing it was a tough match, it's okay."

"We've taken our program in the right direction. We've built on our previous teams' successes. We hope to continue to do that."

The match started out like it was going to be longer than the approximately 80 minutes that it was.

It wasn't until the 13th serve that a point was scored, which, as it turned out, was the only time Franklin led in the match.

"I've never seen it before where there were two full rotations before someone even scored a point," Diegel said. "There was some nice volleying. I was proud of our girls."

The Patriots, who defeated the Rocks in a three-game match the only time they met this season, rallied from a 4-1 deficit to make it 6-5 before Salem pulled away.

The Rocks (48-10-1) ran off five straight points on Jill Dombrowski's serve to make it 11-5 and rattled off four in a row after the Patriots had come back to within four at 11-7. Erica Stein put down the winning kills for Salem.

In the second game, there were nine sideouts in a row when Salem held a 6-1 lead and 11 straight with the score at 9-1. Franklin (39-15-1) closed to 12-7 before Salem closed out the match.

Dombrowski had the honor of belting the game-winning hit in the second game.

"It was close," Teeters said, "even though the score didn't show it. It was nice to have some other people step up when we needed it."

Nicole Boyd led all hitters with 12 kills for Franklin, also adding a block.

Tera Morrill had six kills and Andrea Kmet four. Lyndsay Sopko had two blocks.

Angie Sillmon and Amanda Suder had 10 kills apiece for Salem. Sillmon also had three blocks.

Sophomore Dombrowski had seven kills and led Salem's hitters with a .545 efficiency ratio. Andrea Pruet had five kills while Suder served a pair of aces.

Laine Sterling did an excellent job of setting her big Salem hitters up and stood out in the back row as well.

"The score doesn't show the difference in this match," Diegel said. "But I wish Salem well and I hope they go far in this tournament."

There were two nice touches at Ann Arbor Huron's Riverdome.

Diegel's predecessor at Franklin, Ann Hutchins, showed up to cheer her former charges on.

And Wayne Memorial's team stuck around to cheer Salem on after it had been beaten by Franklin.

Tiger guard sinks Rockets in district

Grantham's 36 too much for Glenn

BY BRAD EMONS
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Belleville's 5-foot-9 senior guard C.J. Grantham certainly has the bloodlines to be a good basketball player.

His dad Cornell played for Belleville, along with his uncle Reggie. His grandfather George Thompson was the long-time coach at Inkster High. A cousin, Robert Griffin, is a star at a junior college in Iowa.

And following a spectacular 19-point first-quarter effort en route to a game-high 36 points, Grantham had district championship opponent Westland John Glenn begging for a blood transfusion.

On Friday, Grantham and the host Tigers moved into the regional at Ypsilanti with a convincing 75-63 victory over the Rockets.

Belleville, last year's Class A state runner-up, improved to 15-7 with the victory. Glenn, which couldn't overcome 30-16 first-period deficit and Grantham's eight-for-10 shooting, bowed out at 12-9 overall.

To start the game, Belleville hit its first seven shots from the floor capped by a three-pointer square off the backboard by Kevin Harrison with 4:22 left in the quarter to give the Tigers a 17-8 lead.

Grantham, meanwhile, scored in every conceivable way to suck the life right out of Glenn.

He nailed three triples and added a dunk during the scintillating stretch.

"The scenery, the environment just got me pumped up," Grantham said. "Once I got it going, whatever I was going to do I felt it would be positive."

"But a lot of it had to do with our offensive and defensive execution by my teammates."

Glenn coach Mike Schuette had words of praise for Grantham as he exited to the bench during the final minute of play.

"I just told him best of luck the rest of the tournament and I'll see him play in Lansing again," Schuette said. "Someone who plays like that — you know has worked hard his whole high school career. And I bet he's a good model because he just works, works and works."

Despite Grantham's hot hand, Glenn did not cave in.

The Rockets, forced to go to a 2-3 zone in order to slow down Grantham,

BOYS BASKETBALL

outscored Belleville 21-13 in the second quarter to draw within six at intermission, 43-37.

"We knew they'd get hot and put the ball in the basket, but we still felt real good at halftime," Schuette said. "He (Grantham) was shooting NBA shots that most coaches wouldn't want, but they were going in."

Glenn's Bill Foder tallied the first basket of the third quarter to cut the deficit to four, 43-39, but the Rockets would get no closer the rest of the way.

Despite being smaller on the front line, Belleville was able to withstand Glenn's one-two inside punch of 6-4 senior Ty Haygood, who finished with 14 points, and 6-3 junior Ben Harris, who added 12.

"Our inside game wasn't as effective because the ball was not in there as much as it should have been," Schuette said. "We shot from outside a little too much than we should have."

Seniors Stephen Woods and Reggie Spearmon contributed 13 and nine, respectively, in their final games for Glenn.

"Glenn is big, strong and quick off their feet," Belleville coach Rod Fisher said. "Their penetration and offensive rebounding hurt us. That's what we wanted to control."

Grantham, however, was more enough to keep Glenn at arms-length much of the night.

Junior Kevin Harrison, who complements Grantham so well at the off-guard, finished with 18. John Edwards, a 5-8 senior, contributed nine.

"Our kids spread the court and let him (Grantham) go to work," Fisher said. "They moved the ball around and they looked for him."

Belleville was 28 of 61 from the floor (45.9 percent) and 10 of 16 from the free throw line.

Glenn's numbers were 22 of 55 from the field (40 percent). Poor free throw shooting, a season-long bugaboo for the Rockets, continued with 14 of 29 for the evening.

In the closing minutes, Schuette did some verbal sparring with one of the game officials, drawing a bench technical.

Please see **GLENN OUSTED**, C2



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Wrap-around pass: John Glenn's Eric Jones (right) hangs in the air against a Belleville defender.

Boys basketball season unevenful, ended quickly

It was a long boys high school basketball season for sure, but it was a short tournament stint.

Only two of nine schools in the Livonia-Westland coverage area — Lutheran High Westland (14-8) and Westland John Glenn (12-9) — carved out winning records this season and not one of the nine reached the regional round.



BRAD EMONS

Needless to say, the district round went very quickly.

What's wrong with basketball in this area?

Hard to say, but one thing is for certain.

You learn to appreciate the talents of such past Observerland players as Tony Goins (Glenn), Guy Rucker (Glenn) and Lorenzo Guess (Wayne Memorial), all of whom got their teams into the state quarterfinals as preps and played this year in NCAA tournaments.

I Guess (no pun intended) you could

say I got spoiled the past few years.

Walled Lake Western's 19-1 regular season run was a surprise and so was the emergence of North Farmington in the Western Lakes Activities Association race.

And when it comes to local college basketball, the success of the Schoolcraft College men's and women's basketball teams was cause to reflect and rejoice.

The SC men, 26-5 overall, captured their first-ever state title and reached the NJCAA Region 12 title game before losing to Cincinnati State.

Hats off to coach Carlos Briggs and his crew.

Meanwhile, the Lady Ocelots went undefeated in the Eastern Conference and ran off 21 straight victories en route to a 27-5 record under first-year coach Karen Lafata.

Sportsmanship issue

Things were certainly more magnified by the ugly finish to the district hockey game between Livonia Stevenson and Redford Catholic Central

Please see **EMON'S COLUMN**, D3

STATE BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Rocks' Rypkowski rips Novi

BY C.J. RISAK
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What Novi wanted, it got. The Wildcats had absorbed a lot from Plymouth Salem in their district final Friday at Plymouth Canton, and they were hanging in there. They trailed by four after three quarters (47-43) and, with 4:28 remaining, it was still a five-point game. But one thing Novi couldn't do was contain all of the Rocks various weapons, and in the end, it led to their demise — by a 62-53 count.

The district championship was Salem's second in three years, and it sends the Rocks (now 18-4) to the Class A regional at Birmingham Groves, where they will play Detroit Northern at 6 p.m. Tuesday. North Farmington plays Southfield-Lathrup in the other regional semifinal at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The final is 7 p.m. Thursday at Groves. "We were right there, right where we wanted to be," said Novi coach Pat Schluter, his team finishing with an 11-11 record. "But that's a very good (Salem) team. I'm proud of the way my guys played."

All players considered, perhaps it wasn't the Rocks most complete game of the season. But with so many different sources to tap, everybody doesn't have to be at the pinnacle of their game. Two or three is usually enough.

On this night, one player got things started and the rest of the Rocks finished it.

Aaron Rypkowski, Salem's only all-conference player, put on a long-distance shooting display in the first half that gave Salem a lead it never lost. The 6-foot-2 senior drained six three-pointers

in the first half, scoring 14 of his team's 16 first-quarter points and 20 of the Rocks' 30 first-half markers.

Novi had the early lead, rattling off 11-straight points in the first quarter to open up an 11-5 lead with 3:06 to go. But Rypkowski replied, first with a steal and a layup, then positioning himself at the wing on the outside of the three-point circle and nailing three consecutive triples.

The Wildcats scored the first five points of the second quarter to tie it at 16, but now some other Rocks were awakening offensively. Each team scored six-straight points, Novi tying it at 22-all on Brent Dicken's three-pointer with 2:32 left in the half.

But two more Rypkowski threes, sandwiched around two Tony Jancevski free throws, gave Salem a 30-23 halftime lead.

"He's a smooth player," said Rocks' coach Bob Brodie of Rypkowski's performance. "He's one of the most complete players we've had in a while. And he can score in the clutch — he beat Belleville on a last-second shot. That's the mark of a good player."

Just as impressive, Rypkowski didn't force the issue. The Wildcats expended a lot of energy making sure he was covered in the second half, so he worked to get others a shot.

It worked well. Novi was red-hot in the third quarter, nailing four threes while making 7-of-12 from the floor to score 20 points. Chad Nadolini accounted for three of the triples, scoring nine points in the period.

And yet, the 'Cats never caught Salem. The Rocks totaled 17 points in the quarter, five of them by Rob Jones, but the difference was they had six differ-

ent players score in the period. Salem's defense over the final eight minutes made certain there would be no comeback. The 'Cats had managed to hang in there, but they couldn't penetrate the Rocks' defense consistently. The result: A lot of three-point tries, with some makes, but very little inside.

"We couldn't really get it inside — they had that big guy in there," said Schluter, referring to Salem's Jancevski. "And a lot of it was that they were changing defenses, and that caused us some problems."

Indeed, Novi failed to get a basket in the fourth quarter until the game was decided. The Wildcats hit 2-of-11 from the floor in the period, both baskets coming in the last 20 seconds.

"We did do an awful lot of switching on defense, especially late in the game," said Brodie. "We were just trying to disrupt them."

"They're very deliberate on offense. But our pressure did cause them problems."

Again, unlike the first half — which belonged to Rypkowski — no single player took command offensively in the fourth quarter. Adam Wilson hit 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch, which certainly helped, but five Rocks scored in the quarter.

Rypkowski finished with 25 points; Wilson had 10, Jones nine and Jancevski eight.

Novi was led by Nadolini's 14 points; Sean Brislin had 12.

Now comes Northern, a team Salem beat 76-62 Dec. 28 at the University of Detroit Jesuit. "It gives them some confidence — they know they can beat them," said Brodie. "But they've got to perform. That's what we have to impress upon them. Northern's obviously improved since then."

Medunjanin propels Raiders

BY DAN O'BRIEN
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Let's switch games for a moment from basketball to Jeopardy.

Answer: This player almost single-handedly carried North Farmington to a Class A district tournament title in boys basketball Friday.

Question: Who is Emir Medunjanin?

Explaining this one is pretty simple:

Medunjanin scored a career-high 38 points, and the Raiders defeated rival Farmington in the championship game at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 58-46.

The junior center connected on 16 of 22 field goals, shooting an incredible 73 percent from the floor. At the free-throw line, Medunjanin was 6-of-11.

"I didn't want it to be our last game; I wanted to step up," Medunjanin said. "I wanted to come back in the gym on Sunday. I was just on; I wanted the ball."

Medunjanin, who was a pre-teen growing up in Europe when North last won a district, will face his old teammates Tuesday in a regional game. The Raiders (18-4) will play Southfield-Lathrup (20-3) at Birmingham Groves.

Medunjanin, who came to the United States in late 1996 from Bosnia via Germany, played his freshman year at Lathrup before transferring to North.

"It will be great to see those guys again," he said. "They're all guys I played with on JV."

Winning a district championship was a special accomplishment, a new experience, for Medunjanin and his teammates.

"I never thought how it was over here — the district and all," he said. "Now that I've learned what the district is all about, it means a lot to me and

the team, especially (senior) Albert (Deljosevic), because he never won a district.

"But the most important thing is we're going back to work and going to get ready for the regional."

Medunjanin missed his first shot attempt, but he made his next six in a row as the Raiders kept feeding him the ball in the low post. Until the final two minutes of the first quarter, he was the only North player to shoot at the basket.

"Coach (Tom Negoshian) said 'Get him the ball.' The other guys understood how we were going to play tonight," Medunjanin said. "Albert, Matt Kelmigian, Phil Watha and the other guys did a great job of getting me the ball inside."

North led 16-9 after one quarter with Medunjanin scoring 12. He was 4-of-4 in the second quarter and finished the first half with 21 points on 10-of-11 shooting. Not surprisingly then, North led at halftime, 25-16.

"He had one of those nights," Negoshian said. "There was no coaching involved. That was just a kid having a great night."

"It just evolved. To the kids' credit, they kept riding him. They knew he was doing well and kept going to him. There was no game plan or any of that."

The Falcons (9-13) put a double-team on Medunjanin to start the second half and forced him outside. He missed a pair of three-point attempts before moving back inside, making his last four shots and scoring 10 points in the third quarter.

"We tried everything we could to stop him," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said. "We zoned him; we double-teamed him whenever he touched the ball. It seemed whatever we tried he found a way to get around our defensive scheme."

"The first time we played them we caught him on off night (seven points in a 45-35 North win). We did the same things we did that night, but he was better tonight. He was ready to play."

The Raiders led 40-23 following a three-point play by Medunjanin with 1:25 left in the third. The Falcons scored the next nine (seven by C.J. Whitfield) to get within 10 at the end, 42-32.

Whitfield, who led Farmington with 10 points, put the Falcons within eight again to start the fourth quarter, but North refused to give any more ground.

Medunjanin scored five of the next eight as the Raiders built a 50-36 lead with two minutes remaining.

"We made a little bit of a run at them," Mikel said. "I don't know if we scared them or not, but we had some momentum going there. But they came back with a bucket and got back in the game."

"North has had a great season. We're up and down. We were up last night against Harrison and hoped to keep playing at that level, but we had too many turnovers."

"We're a young team; we'll work through it and hope to get back here next year."

Junior Brian Shulman added eight points, Watha five and Adrian Bridges four for North, which shot 47 percent from the floor (20-of-43).

Farmington's Brian Davies had eight points, Garlin Gilchrist six, Justin Milus and Matt Mikel five each, Chad Seaborn and Charlie Avery four apiece. The Falcons were 15-of-49 (31 percent) from the field.

The Raiders made 18 of 31 free throws, zero of nine threes. The Falcons were 13-of-19 at the line and 2-of-13 behind the arc.

Plymouth Christian grabs 1st-ever district title

Plymouth Christian Academy has a nice new piece of hardware for its trophy case.

Plymouth Christian won its first Michigan High School Athletic Association district boys basketball championship Friday night with a 73-42 beating of host Jackson Baptist in the District 106 finals.

Plymouth Christian will play its first regional contest at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hillsdale College against Camden-Frontier. The Eagles jumped all over the Royals in the first quarter, pressing their way to an 18-8 lead and then tacking three points onto that for a 34-21 halftime edge.

Forward Evan Gaines scored all nine of his points for Plymouth Christian in the first quarter.

Defense was the watchword of the game for Plymouth Christian.

Sophomore forward P.J. Woodman "played his best game of the year," Taylor said, in combining

with Dave Carty to hold leading scorer Tim Walz of the Royals to just nine points.

Walz, a 17 points-per-game scorer, entered the game needing just 24 points to reach 1,000. Jon Hunsberger and Jeremiah Downer paced Jackson Baptist with eight points each.

Junior center Mike Huntsman led Plymouth Christian (20-3) with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Derric Isensee had 14 points, seven rebounds, five steals and four assists.

The Eagles had 14 players and 12 of them scored.

•PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 70, CANTON AGAPE 39: Junior guard Dave Carty had 22 points Wednesday to lead the Eagles into the District 106 finals.

Junior center Mike Huntsman scored 18 points and had 10 rebounds while junior point guard Jordan Roose had 12 points and eight assists.

Steven Macklenburg led Agape with 15 points.

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"The teams work hard all week long in practice and you want the referees to work just as hard as the team," the Glenn coach said. "And just watching his facial expressions (by one of the officials), he was certainly not in the game for the kids. He was out to get my goat."

Every call and we still would not have beaten Belleville. "They're a good team and they earned this victory. They played hard, they made shots and they played with poise."

"What separates him is that he has tremendous heart, he's our leader on and off the court," the Belleville coach said. "He's smart on the court. He's knowledgeable. He understands tempo and the pace of the game. He anticipates well. He's very coachable. He's a four-year varsity player and a three-year starter."



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CC pulls out 2-1 semifinal win in Flint

Redford Catholic Central marched one step closer to its second Class A state championship in three years with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Marquette in Friday's semifinal game at the Flint IMA.

Keith Rowe earned an assist and showed his will to win in the final minute when he dived on the ice inside his blue line, sending the puck out of the CC zone with 11.8 seconds left after Marquette pulled its goaltender for an extra attacker.

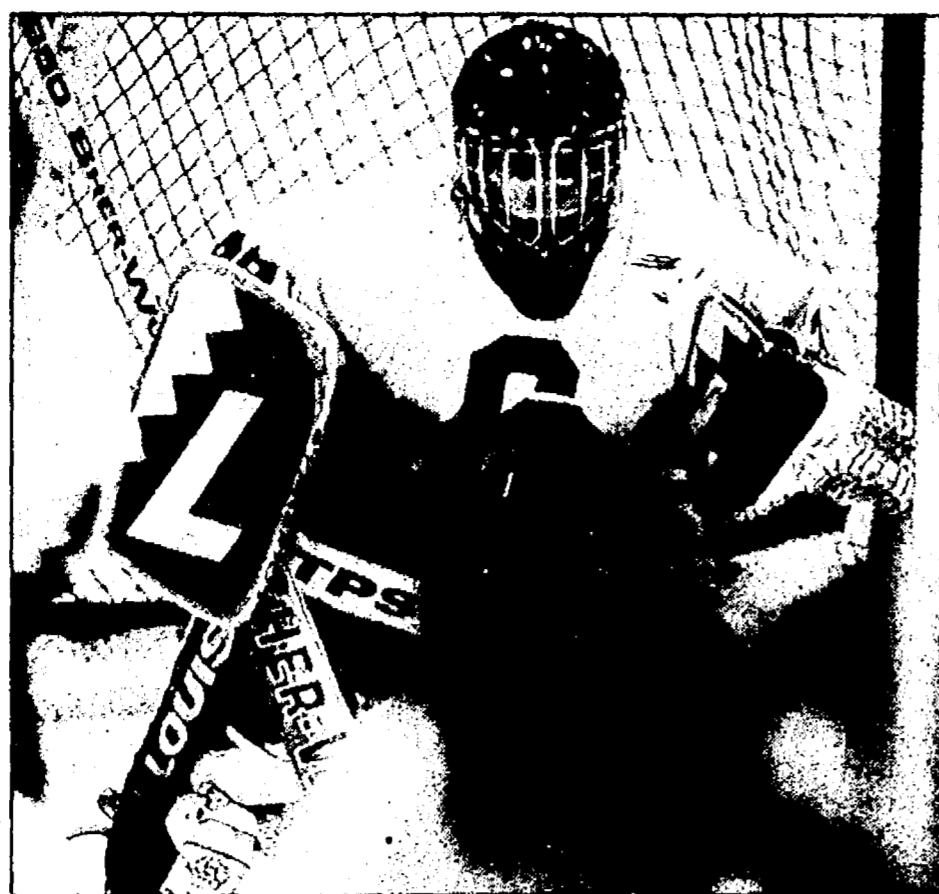
"We played hard in different ways today," said Rowe. "Marquette is quick and physical, very smart. They were pounding on us too. We hit a lot and they weren't intimidated. We're real focused this year. The difference between this year and last is 180 degrees."

The win sent the Shamrocks, 28-1-1 overall, into Saturday's championship game to play East Kentwood, a 6-1 winner over Birmingham Brother Rice in Friday's other semifinal.

(Details of the final game will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

"The loss was the first in 17 starts for Marquette freshman goaltender Andy Taylor and dropped the Redmen to 22-6-1 overall.

Marquette fell behind 2-0 before the game was 12 minutes old, but cut the deficit to one with Adam Fure's breakaway



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

CC guardlan: Shamrocks goaltender Ben Dunne pulled out a 3-2 win Friday over Marquette.

goal, assisted by Dan Stevenson, at 6:39 of the second period.

CC scored two goals in its first 11 shots against Taylor but managed only nine more shots the rest of the game.

Marquette, outshot 20-14, had the game's last scoring opportunity after pulling Taylor for an extra attacker.

A CC player tried to flip the puck out of his zone but it was blocked by Fure, who had only CC goalie Ben Dunne between himself and the net.

Dunne, who stopped Fure earlier in the game on a breakaway, stopped the shot from point

blank-range and the rebound attempt, preserving a 2-1 lead with 45.5 seconds left.

CC opened the scoring with David Moss' goal, assisted by Bentley, at 10:17. Less than two minutes later, Brad Holland beat Taylor between the legs with assists going to Rowe and Brandon Kaleniecki for a 2-0 lead.

"Good thing we got the jump (an early 2-0 lead), or we would have been in a lot of trouble," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "Their goalie was outstanding in the first period. He has a quick foot. And Dunne came through for us."

season, scored with 43 seconds left in the period gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead after two.

Windsor's Joey Sewell knotted it at 3-all with 4:26 left in the third period.

Rob Zepp made 27 saves in goal to get the win for Plymouth. Ron Vogel had 33 stops for Windsor.

The Whalers host Windsor at 6:30 p.m. tonight, then conclude their regular season at Bramp-ton Friday.

Whalers overcome Spitfires, 4-3

One team was on top of the league. The other was at the bottom of the division.

Know what? It didn't matter.

The Plymouth Whalers, ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League and sporting the best record in the Ontario Hockey League, had to battle all the way against West Division rival — and cellar-dweller — Windsor Thursday. In the end, it took an overtime goal by Nikos Tselios to win it for the Whalers, 4-3 in Windsor.

Plymouth improved to 50-11-4 with the win. The Spitfires fell to

21-38-6.

Harold Druken led the Whalers, scoring his league-leading 55th goal of the season and assisting on two others — including the game-winner, which Tselios scored 3:43 into OT. It was his 20th of the season.

Randy Fitzgerald's 15th goal of the season had given Plymouth a 1-0 lead after one period. Jason Polera scored twice for the Spitfires in the second period, sandwiched around Druken's goal to twice tie it, at 1-1 and 2-2. David Legwand's 30th marker of the

SPORTS ROUNDUP

LIVONIA BOAT SHOW '99

Sell, browse or buy from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25 at Edgar Arena for Livonia Boat Show '99.

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For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

SCHOOLCRAFT BOATING CLASS

A two-week class titled, "Michigan Boating Basics and Responsible Boating," will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20 at Schoolcraft Community College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, in Livonia (just west of I-275).

The cost is \$32 per person.

The class is an approved boating safety course necessary to operate a legal personal watercraft.

(New laws effective in 1999

require that all persons born after Dec. 31, 1978, must attend and pass such a class to legally operate at PWC such as a boat or jet ski.)

Students must be at least 12 years-old to be certified.

For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Mail-in registrations for the upcoming Pigtail-Powderpuff Class F girls softball season will be accepted until March 19.

Walk-in registration will be held March 22-April 1 or until enrollment limit has been reached from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Livonia Parks and Recreation office.

The Pigtail league is for 9-10 year olds; Powderpuff is for ages 11-12 and the Class F for 13-14 year olds.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

MEDHEALTH PROGRAMS

Plymouth-based MedHealth will offer a basic flexibility, con-

ditioning and weight training course from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Monday, April 5, 12, 19 and 26.

The four-week course is designed for adults of all ages as well as special instruction for seniors. Class objectives include the basic principles and techniques of flexibility, body toning, abdominal and low back strengthening. MedHealth's medical staff will provide class instruction.

The program fee is \$20. MedHealth, located at 47659 Halyard Drive, will also offer a six-week program the beginning adult swimmer, 11 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8 and 15.

Participants will learn to swim or improve their technique under the direction of a certified water-safety instructor. The instructor will teach proper breathing, kicking, flotation and propulsion techniques.

The program fee is \$30.

For more information, call (734) 459-1800.

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back on Feb. 25.

There was no excuse for what happened, but no school, and let me repeat — no school in this area — is immune from lack of sportsmanship problems.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has an ongoing campaign regarding sportsmanship, but sometimes those pregame announcements get lost in the shuffle.

Without naming individuals or schools, here is just a sample of some of the problems that have cropped up this year alone.

•One area soccer team vented their frustration, threatening officials and district tournament administrators following a district tournament loss.

•Fans of one school who caused a brief ruckus at the Observerland wrestling tournament created the same problems later in the state tournament.

•Swimmers from one area school reportedly "mooned" opposing fans after a meet.

•Trash talking in basketball really hasn't subsided. Players

just do it in a more subtle way.

•Negative cheering, which some consider cute and clever, has no place in the high school arenas. Derogatory chants emulating the fans of the nation's No. 1-ranked college basketball often walk a fine line.

Where does sportsmanship start?

In the home.

Coaches and administrators obviously have responsibility, but the parents of these athletes have to bear a lot of the burden, too.

Odds & Ends

Sorry to hear about the recent passing of sandlot umpire Paul King, a longtime fixture around area ball diamonds. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

How can the University of Detroit Mercy Titans, with a player like Michael Jordan, lose?

Watching Belleville's C.J. Grantham light it up for one quarter made the entire high school basketball season worth-

while.

Player with a bright future: Garden City's 6-foot-10 sophomore Justin Ockerman.

Mighty mite: Churchill hockey player Adam Krug.

Got to see play in person Michigan State goaltender Joe Blackburn.

Just hoping the Plymouth Whalers make the Memorial Cup.

Pleased to see Livonia-Franklin volleyball so competitive.

Can't wait to take that first golf swing.

Will miss Schoolcraft's Derek McKelvey sinking those three-point bombs.

Wait to see him play college football! Former John Glenn standout and SC basketball player David Jarrett, also, MSU's Lorenzo Guess starting at safety.

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Olympians to headline health expo at Domino's

Olympic gold medalists Sheila Taormina (from Livonia Stevenson) and Peter Snell, and former world record-holder Herb Lindsay, will be part of a weekend of run and walk races as part of a health expo April 10-11 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

Taormina, a gold medalist in swimming; Snell, a three-time gold medalist in the 800-meter and 1,500-meter runs; and Lindsay, a former world record-holder in the 10-mile and 20-kilometer road runs, will be joined by 11 other nationally-known speakers and 47 exhibitors who will address such issues as nutrition, sports medicine, acupuncture, massage and homeopathy. Admission to these discourses is free.

Race events are scheduled for April 11 and will include the Domino's Distance Classic 20K run at 9 a.m.; the U-M Heart Care Program Healthy 5K run and walk at 9:05 a.m.; and the U-M Heart Care Mitral Mile run, walk and race-walk at 8:30 a.m. All will be at Domino's Farms. The races will benefit the East-Seals Society and the clinical care, research and educational activities of the U-M Mitral Valve Clinic.

Taormina, who won her gold at the Atlanta Olympics, is a professional motivational speaker and a triathlete. Her talk is called, "More than Gold: Get to know an Olympic Athlete, and then you'll realize you can be one too!"

For race entries or more information, call (734) 332-3981 or (734) 662-1000, or check the web at www.athleticventures.com

Former Salem hurler Davey trying to win spot on roster

Opening day with Toronto Blue Jays the goal

By RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Tom Davey's knocking on the door. And feels like somebody's answering.

Davey is down in Dunedin, Fla., trying to win one of 25 spots on the Toronto Blue Jays' opening day roster.

"The best thing about this spring," the Plymouth Salem product said, "is that everybody has been so open to me, the veterans and the coaches.

"(Injured Paul) Quantrill and (Pat) Hentgen and Robert Person. They all talk to me about what they do, how they pitch. Everybody has his own different style but you try to take what you can from each one on how they get people out.

"From Day One the coaches have been open with me. To me, that's awesome. It makes me feel like they see something in me and want to help me.

"Now it's just a matter of me taking it out on field and doing something."

Two springs ago Davey experienced his first prolonged contact with major leaguers as a Rule 5 pick of the Baltimore Orioles.

But he never really had much of an opportunity to make a veteran club and Baltimore returned the 6-foot-7 Canton native back to Toronto, which was only too glad to get the hard-thrower back.

The Blue Jays sent him to Double-A, Knoxville, where Davey had another strong step toward his dream of pitching in the majors.

He was 5-3 with a 3.87 ERA and 16 saves. One of the gauges of a prospect is that he give up less than one hit per inning and Davey met that criteria with 77 innings pitched and 70 hits allowed.

His weak point was 52 walks but he struck out 78.

"Last year, for me, was the most fun I've had playing base-

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ball since I turned pro," Davey said. "It wasn't my best year from a numbers standpoint.

"But it was my first year of closing. I did my job and after awhile I wasn't getting save opportunities. So they said, 'Hey, we want to put you in the rotation and get you some innings.'"

"So the last month and a half I was a starter, to get some innings.

"Everything clicked for me then. They always told me the light's going to go on for me at some point."

The Blue Jays sent him to the Arizona Fall League to work on his breaking ball and offspeed stuff, to make his hard stuff more effective.

"I did really well there," he said after a fall of allowing 20 hits in 22 over 20 games. His ERA was 0.82 and he struck out 23 and walked seven.

"Things started going the way I always wanted. From a control standpoint, everything started happening. I was being a lot more aggressive, going after the hitters, finishing them off.

"I've got to carry that over to here, too."

"Here" would be spring training.

Davey's progress last summer and fall put him on the Blue Jays' Top Ten prospect list in the magazine Baseball America.

"For me, that was kind of a surprise," the 25-year-old said. "I'm starting to get accolades. It's nice to finally have some expectations.

"Before, I always felt like I was someone who maybe got lost in the shuffle. Now I'm one of the guys that have a real good shot at making the club."

People who've been around big league locker rooms for any length of time understand that

it's what under your cap that makes successful players, not what's under the shirt.

It's something Davey is beginning to learn.

"I've pitched four games so far," he said. "To this point, that's as many games as anybody. Numberwise, I haven't done the best as far as runs, hits and walks.

"But each time out I feel I've made progress. The first time, against the (New York) Yankees, I was nervous and uncomfortable. The last time out, it was a little different atmosphere.

"The hitters here are hitting pitches they weren't hitting last year (in the minors). It isn't always a matter of executing, it's a matter of throwing the right pitch."

Davey said there are two spots open on the Toronto pitching staff. And he feels he's got a shot at one of them.

"The big thing for me is throwing strikes," Davey said. "Which I'm learning to do more and more. I didn't do that the first couple of games.

"I was going deep in the count — and that's when you get hit. The other day I went right at them. Do that and you're going to be more successful than not."

Hentgen, a native of Fraser, Mich., gave Davey some good advice to take out to the mound with him.

"He said, 'You've got to go in with the attitude that you're on this club. Your stuff is as good as anybody's on this club. That's the way you've got to think.

"So I'm setting myself up to be in the big leagues. If I'm ready, I want to be there.

"But if I have to go to Triple-A, so be it. I just don't want to be one of those guys who go back and forth."

At this point in his career, though, it isn't the destination that's important. It's the attitude he takes with him.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Madonna gets on spring roll

Lady Crusaders win 6 of 7

Madonna University's softball team is on a roll.

After a somewhat slow start — they went 2-4 in the first three days of their spring trip to Florida — the Lady Crusaders have found their groove. They have won six of their last seven games, and in their last six they've surrendered just seven runs.

Through Friday, Madonna was 8-5.

Not even a three-games-in-one-day flurry could slow the Crusaders much. They won two of the three last Thursday, beating St. Francis (N.Y.) 7-1 and St. Joseph (Conn.) 5-2 before losing to St. John Fisher (N.Y.) 4-1. The Crusaders regrouped quickly, blanking Avila College 8-0 Friday on Tanya Liske's three-hit shutout.

Jenny Krusel's four-for-four hitting performance in the lead-off spot, including three doubles, jump-started the Crusaders' offense against Avila. Madonna scored five runs in the first inning.

Liske (2-1) allowed three hits in six innings, facing just 21 batters, three over the game's minimum. She walked one and struck out two.

Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) had two hits and two runs batted in for Madonna. Angela Litwin (Plymouth Canton) each had two hits and an RBI, and Courtney Senger and Jen Walker chipped in with two hits apiece.

Against St. Francis Thursday, starting pitcher Missy Bako (Garden City) allowed one earned run in 4½ innings and Janell Leschinger finished with 2½ hitless innings

for Madonna. Bako gave up six hits and one walk, striking out four; Leschinger allowed one walk and fanned three.

Catcher Vicki Malkowski (Westland John Glenn) had a triple and one RBI and left fielder Jamie Cook went two-for-three, scored a run and had one RBI. McDonald was one-for-two and scored three runs.

The Lady Crusaders scored five sixth-inning runs to seal the win.

A five-run second inning propelled Madonna past St. Joseph Thursday. Janelle Schmidt (2-0) went the distance for the Crusaders, giving up two runs on seven hits and one walk, with two strikeouts.

St. Joseph didn't score until earning both runs in their final at-bat.

Litwin led Madonna with a hit and two RBI while Jenny Krusel, Jen Walker and Kelly Zurawski each had one RBI in the win. Zurawski collected two hits.

St. John Fisher struck for one run in the fourth and two more in the fifth to hand Madonna its only setback of the day. The Crusaders out-hit the Cardinals 6-4; Leschinger worked all six innings, allowing three earned runs on four hits and five walks, striking out three. She is 4-2 on the season.

The Crusaders opened the scoring with a run in the first inning on a lead-off single by Krusel, a double by McDonald and a single by Cook. But they couldn't get another runner across the plate the rest of the game.

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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

FUND-RAISERS

SAFARI CLUB

Southeast Michigan Bowhunter Chapter of Safari Club International will hold its 8th annual fund-raiser banquet beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The banquet features a family-style dinner, open bar, outfitters, manufacturer booths, auctions, raffles, hunting and fishing equipment and much more. Reserved banquet tickets must be received by March 11. After that tickets will only be sold at the door. Call (248) 585-1415 for tickets and more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders will hold its annual fund-raising dinner/dance beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westland. Activities include raffles, art work sales, dinner, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call (810) 476-7145 or (248) 366-9527 for tickets and more information.

DRAYTON NATURE CENTER

The Drayton Plains Nature Center is holding a bowl-athon fund-raiser, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Century Bowl in Waterford. Proceeds from the event will be used at the nature center, which features 137 acres and is open to the public. Call (248) 674-2119 for more information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be Saturday April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day. Tickets are available at Charles Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsman's Club is accepting registration for two upcoming hunter education classes. The two-day sessions will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, and April 17-18, at the WCSC clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Cost is \$12 per student and includes text, equipment, range fees and lunch. Call (313) 532-0285 for more information and to register.

YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person and class size is limited. To register and for more information call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.

FOOTWEAR

Learn how to choose the right boot or shoe for different outdoor activities during this class, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 to register and for more information.

BOATING SAFETY CLASSES

A two week class, titled "Michigan Boating Basics and Responsible Boatman," will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20 at Schoolcraft Community College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, in Livonia just west of I-75. The cost is \$32 per person. The class is an approved boating safety course necessary to

operate a legal personal watercraft. (New laws effective in 1999 require that all persons born after Dec. 31, 1978, must attend and pass such a class to legally operate at PWC such as a boat or jet ski.) Students must be at least 12 years-old to be certified. For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

CCW LEGISLATION

Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold an informative seminar on legislation concerning concealed weapons permit (CCW) legislation, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Gander Mountain store in Taylor. State representative Raymond Basham (Taylor) will conduct the seminar. Call (313) 381-4735 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

HIGHLAND HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a moderately paced hike through the woods of Highland Recreation Area on Sunday, March 21. Participants are asked to meet at 11:30 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonalds on Telegraph Road, about 1/2-mile north of Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. Call (810) 294-7789 for more information.

SHOWS

WILDLIFE ART

The 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, Michigan's largest wildlife art exhibit and sale, will be held March 26-28 at the Southfield Pavilion. Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, the festival annually raises money for wildlife habitat improvement projects statewide. Admission is \$7 adult and children under age 12 will be admitted free.

LIVONIA BOAT SHOW '99

Sell, browse or buy from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25 at Edgar Arena for Livonia Boat Show '99. Indoor and outdoor space will be rented. Edgar Arena is located at 33841 Lyndon, off Farmington Road (just north of I-96).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES

Anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license beginning April 1.

CROW

The late crow season runs through March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

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. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Lavonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kuder at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meet the third Thursday of each month at the Knights

of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

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. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 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 at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

MAPLE'S SWEET STORY

Visit the sugarbush and see how maple trees are tapped and the sap collected, then stop by the sugarshack and watch as the sap is boiled into maple syrup during this program, which will be held noon-3 p.m. weekends through the end of March at Kensington. A similar program is being offered at Indian Springs.

1999 PERMITS

The 1999 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.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 370-7067.

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Oakland Christian ends Aggies' year

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The Redford St. Agatha boys basketball team left the court Friday night feeling like several of the college teams taking part in the NCAA basketball tournament in recent days.

Teams like North Carolina, UCLA, Wisconsin and Minnesota that were victims in losses to lower seeds in the Big Dance.

Oakland Christian upset St. Agatha 53-51 in a Class D district championship game as a last-chance shot by Aggies' sophomore guard Mike Law fell short along with the team's hopes of a return trip to the regional.

"I'd call it an upset," said Oakland Christian head coach Ed Mehlberg, whose team improved to 9-14 overall. St. Agatha finished 17-6 overall.

For a moment, St. Agatha head coach John Fenbert thought his team was heading to the next round.

"I thought it was in," he said of the final shot. "Mikey's a good shooter. He has no fear. It was in and out but that's why we had him in there."

For Oakland Christian, the win avenged last season's district final loss to the Aggies.

A win seemed out of reach for the Aggies several times in the final minutes, but many missed free throws by Oakland Christian down the stretch kept the Aggies close.

Trailing 52-46 with 28 seconds to play, freshman forward Dan Boulter hit a long three-pointer to pull St. Agatha to within three points.

Senior guard Johnny Lomibao, who drew consecutive offensive charges in the final minutes, managed a steal on the ensuing inbounds pass for the Aggies and Wesley Shaw made a lay-up to cut the Lancers' lead to a single point, 52-51, with 21 seconds left.

Lomibao and Greg Russell both fouled out on consecutive plays but Oakland Christian missed three of four free throws to set up the final play of the game.

"I would liked to have seen (Greg Russell) get it but I told them 'bring it up the quickest sideline you can and just nail it,'" said Fenbert.

With Law's foot on the three-

point line, the shot would have tied the game.

Boulter led St. Agatha with 14 points, scoring nine in the fourth quarter. Shaw helped with 12 points and Lomibao had 10.

The evening came down to which of the two very young teams would grow up the most.

With all the growing up they did against the Aggies, it's surprising half of Oakland Christian's team didn't bump it's head on the gym door on the way out.

"We grew up an awful lot tonight," said Ed Mehlberg. "Things that we haven't done all year, we did tonight. This was definitely our best game of the season."

"We had one agenda. We were all on the same page and everyone was focused. With a lot of freshman and sophomores on this team, you know it's not an easy thing to do is focus."

Sophomore forward Jimmy Mehlberg led the Lancers with 21 points in the win, including making five of his team's six three-pointers in the game. Junior Josh Means was the only other player to reach double-digits for Oakland Christian with 11 points.

"(Jimmy Mehlberg) getting hot was big," said Fenbert. "We knew it and they were setting good picks for him."

Fenbert also credited Oakland Christian with successfully taking the Aggies away from their type of game.

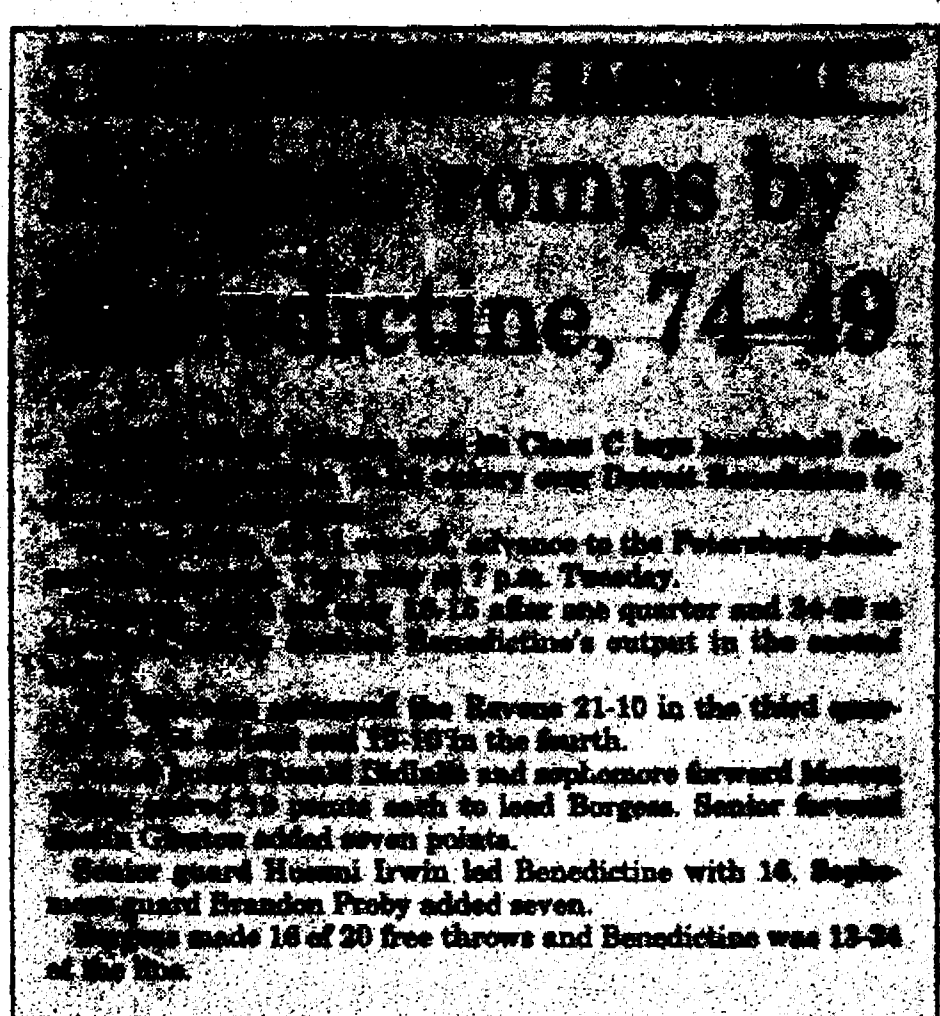
"That's our game ... transition," he said. "I have to give them credit. They're a good team."

Despite the fact that his team's loss was fresh in his mind, Fenbert reflected on the Aggies season with a positive attitude.

"I thought it was a great season," he said. "We played up (in school size) every non-league game. We played bigger schools and schools in tougher leagues and we came out of our non-league real well. We only lost two (games) and that was to a (class) 'B' school and 'A' school."

Despite not matching last year's finish in the regional opener, Fenbert was proud of his squad.

"This team ... I'll never deny them," added Fenbert. "They're overachievers."



Senior guard Hosami Irwin led Benedictine with 16. Sophomore guard Brandon Proby added seven.

Renaissance bounces 18-2 Thurston, 66-49

Spaulding is a famous basketball manufacturer.

And Detroit Renaissance junior guard Rickey Paulding shows how one should be handled.

Paulding, scoring inside and out, had a game-high 32 points as Renaissance eliminated Redford Thurston from the Class B boys basketball playoffs with a 66-49 win in Wednesday's district semifinal at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Maybe there are commercials in this kid's future. Here's a slogan: Spaulding and Paulding, they go hand in hand.

The early exit was a disappointing finish to an outstanding season for Thurston, which finished 18-2 overall. Renaissance,

a member of the Detroit Public School League, advanced to the final with a 14-8 overall record.

"You can't replace these years," said Thurston senior center Casey McAskin, who will remember everyone connected to the program. "Everyone on the team, the coaches definitely, these guys (teammates) and the players on the junior varsity."

Also playing their final high school games were Josh Boven, Tom Tsoukalas, Mike Davis, Gary Lindou and Bob Davis.

The Eagles had no answers for Paulding, who made three shots from three-point range and had two dunks, one off an alley-oop pass.

He missed another dunk attempt because he jumped too

high, resulting in the ball bouncing high off the opposite end of the rim.

Tsoukalas led Thurston with 10 points.

Boven, was held to eight points, only two in the first half.

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BID ADVERTISEMENT

Wayne-Westland Community School District will receive sealed Request for Quotation (RFQ) Packets until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Tuesday, March 30, 1999, for:

Asbestos Abatement
at
Adams Middle School, Hoover Elementary, Jefferson-Barns Elementary School, Kettering Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School and Schweitzer Elementary School

All Request For Quotation Packets must be mailed or delivered to the Wayne-Westland Community School District:
Format: All Request for Quotation Packets shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and labeled as outlined below.
Mail To: **SEALED BID: ASBESTOS**
Attn: Barb Evanson
Wayne-Westland Community School District
Dyer Administration Center
36745 Marquette
Westland, Michigan 48185

All Request for Quotation Packets must be received by the Wayne-Westland Community School District no later than:
Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time on Tuesday, March 30, 1999
At: **Dyer Administration Center**
36745 Marquette
Westland, Michigan 48185

Format: All official hard copy Request for Quotation Packets must be received prior to the date and time specified in order to be accepted.

All Request for Quotation Packets will be publicly opened:
Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time on Tuesday, March 30, 1999
At: **Wayne-Westland Community School District**
Dyer Administration Center
36745 Marquette
Westland, Michigan 48185

Format: Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Complete Bid Tabulations will be faxed to all plan holders by Wednesday, April 1, 1999. The Owner and Owner's Representatives request that no Bidders call for bid results prior to Wednesday, April 1, 1999.

The Wayne-Westland Community School District intends to award all projects at:
Event: First Board of Education Meeting following Bid Opening
At: **Wayne-Westland Community School District**
Dyer Administration Center
36745 Marquette
Westland, Michigan 48185

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Examination will be held to review and answer questions regarding the projects:
Time: 1:00 p.m. Local Time on Wednesday, March 17, 1999
At: **Buildings & Grounds Facility**
33415 Myrtle
Wayne, Michigan 48184

Meet at: Conference Room
Note: All project locations will be reviewed during the Pre-Bid Examination. The initial meeting is the only mandatory activity. All Bidders will be required to sign-in during the initial meeting.

Directions: 1. 275 South to Michigan Avenue. Take Ford Road east approximately 4 miles to Howe Road. Take Howe Road south to Myrtle. Take Myrtle east to Buildings & Grounds Facility.

Schedule: The format of the Pre-Bid Examination will be an initial presentation on the bidding process and the scope of work at each building. An overview of the scope of work for each building will be presented and the general project requirements and project dates will be reviewed. A 30 minute scheduled visit will be made to each building. A representative of J. Scott Environmental, Inc. will be at the building for the duration listed below. An informal tour will be made at each building to provide information to any interested Bidders. The facility tours are not required and are for informational purposes only.

Time	Activity
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Review of specification, overview of all projects
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Adams Middle School
3:10 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.	Lincoln Elementary School
4:20 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Jefferson Elementary School
5:40 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Kettering Elementary School
6:40 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Schweitzer Elementary School
7:10 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Hoover Elementary School

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48136 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before MARCH 26, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

TV CAMERA TRIPOD PACKAGES

Bid must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s).

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk Treasurer

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Questions Regarding Project Specifications:

All questions regarding the Project Specifications should be addressed to:

Mr. Jeff Heydanek, J. Scott Environmental, Inc.
Office: (734) 451-0760
Nextel: (734) 231-5212

Mr. Scott Staber, J. Scott Environmental, Inc.
Office: (734) 451-0760
Nextel: (734) 231-5213

All official changes and interpretations to the Project Specifications will be made via addenda only. Bidders are encouraged to fax all questions regarding the specifications, bidding procedures, etc. to J. Scott Environmental, Inc. (734-451-1565).

Building/Site Visits:
Bidders wishing to make additional building visits should contact the Wayne-Westland Community School District's representative prior to the intended visit to make arrangements:

Mr. Tony Spisak, Field Supervisor, Division of Buildings & Grounds
Office: (734) 595-2174

All Bidders must check in with the building office as soon as they reach the building. Unless noted or allowed by the Wayne-Westland Community School District, building/site visits will only be permitted after school hours.

Project Specification Documents:
Project Specification Documents will be available at the Pre-Bid Examination on Wednesday, March 17, 1999. Project Specification Documents can also be picked up by visiting J. Scott Environmental, Inc.'s office at 496 West Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 102, Plymouth, Michigan, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, March 17, 1999. Project Specification Documents have not been provided by J. Scott Environmental, Inc. to any advertising agencies, such as Dodge Daily Reports, Daily Construction Reports and Construction Association of Michigan. Specifications will not be mailed to Bidders.

There is a non-refundable \$25.00 charge for the Project Specification Documents. All checks should be made payable to "J. Scott Environmental, Inc." Bidders desiring more than one (1) set of documents may obtain additional sets for the amount noted above up to a maximum of three (3) sets.

Bonding Requirements:
The Wayne-Westland Community School District requires that all bidders submit a Bid Bond in accordance with the requirements summarized below and that all selected Contractors submit Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds in accordance with the requirements summarized below:

Bid Bond	Amount
Requirements	5%

The Bidder shall submit the required Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan, a Cashier's Check, or a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The Bid Security shall be submitted with the understanding that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a formal contract with the Owner and that the required Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds (as listed below and fully detailed in the General Conditions section) will be provided by the Contractor. The Bid Security obliges Wayne-Westland Community School District Bidders shall agree not to withdraw proposals for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid due date.

Performance Bond & Labor and Material Payment Bonds	Amount
Requirements	100%

The accepted Contractor will be required to furnish, in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan.

Additional Information for Bidders:
All applicable insurance policies (including asbestos specific) will be required for each accepted Bidder. Bidders must submit copies of the Contractor's current State of Michigan Asbestos Abatement License. This project is not tax exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. All materials and supplies incorporated and used in construction and becoming a permanent part of this project will not be exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. Prevailing wages are required for this project.

Contracts:
The successful Bidders(s) will be required to enter into a contract with Wayne-Westland Community School District on Contract Form AIA Document "A101/C-M" Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, 1980 Edition. The contract will be prepared by the Owner's Consultant.

J. SCOTT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
JEFFREY S. HEYDANEK
AHERA Project Designer

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CITY OF WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Downtown Development Authority of the City of Westland is seeking proposals of consulting services to assist the D.D.A. Staff with a Public Relations strategy in the Westland Downtown Development Authority district. The consultant will provide media services, promotional services, event coordination and creation.

Consultants should submit a resume of qualifications and cost of providing services, both hourly and monthly. Consultants shall also submit samples of successful projects, staff size and other pertinent information that is relevant to the agency's success.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 4:00 p.m. April 16, 1999. To be considered the proposal must be clearly marked **Public Relations Proposal**.

Submit proposals to:
Westland Downtown Development Authority
630 N. Wayne Rd.
Westland, MI 48185
Attn: Steve Guile, Executive Director

For additional information or clarification, please call (734) 641-6572

The Westland Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals because of lack of clarity or budget constraints.

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ESTIMATED QUANTITIES	(5-1/2 SACK CEMENT, 3,000 PSI)
8,000 TO 12,000 SQ. FT.	4" CONCRETE
8,000 TO 12,000 SQ. FT.	6" CONCRETE
200 TO 1,000 SQ. FT.	7" CONCRETE
100 TO 200 LINEAL FT.	CURB AND GUTTER

The above described quantities are located at approximately 220 different locations.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at the Purchasing office on Monday, March 15, 1999 at the above address.

This contract will be governed by the Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Bid must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope with the bidders name and address at the upper left corner and endorsed at the lower left corner "CONCRETE REPLACEMENT AND DRIVE APPROACH INSTALLATION"

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

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CITY OF WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Downtown Development Authority of the City of Westland is seeking proposals of consulting services to assist the D.D.A. staff in a business sign removal and replacement project. The consultant must be able to calculate the current and future value of existing signage, provide removal services, and a design service that will create signage that is in keeping with accepted design standards. Sign design must be acceptable to the City of Westland, Westland Downtown Development Authority and area business owners.

Consultants should submit a resume of qualifications and cost of providing services, both hourly and monthly. Consultants shall also submit samples of successful projects, staff size and other pertinent information that is relevant to the success of the business.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 1999. To be considered the proposal must be clearly marked **Sign Removal and Replacement Proposal**.

Submit proposals to:
Westland Downtown Development Authority
630 N. Wayne Road
Westland, MI 48185
Attn: Steve Guile, Executive Director

For additional information or clarification, please call (734) 641-6572

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CITY OF WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Downtown Development Authority of the City of Westland is seeking proposals of interested parties to assist the D.D.A. staff in the publication of a quarterly district area newspaper. The successful bidder must be able to write copy, provide advertising layout service, self advertising, provide printing services and other services deemed necessary by the Executive Director.

Bidders must submit a detailed cost estimate of providing the described services and the cost of printing 25,000 copies of the publication. The bidder must also submit samples of previous work and a list of client references.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 1999. To be considered the proposal must be clearly marked **District Newspaper Proposal**.

Submit proposals to:
Westland Downtown Development Authority
630 N. Wayne Rd.
Westland, MI 48185
Attn: Steve Guile, Executive Director

For additional information or clarification please call (734) 641-6572

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