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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Bowling benefit: The Westland Jaycees club will host a bowling fund-raiser at 12:30 p.m. at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford in Westland, to benefit Jeffrey Clein of Westland. Cost is \$18. Check-in time is 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY

Gun meeting: Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners will sponsor a meeting with State Rep. Eileen DeHart at 7 p.m. at the Westland Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

School board: The Wayne-Westland school board meets at 7 p.m. at the schools administration building, 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

TUESDAY

After hours: An informal after-hours event for new Westland Chamber of Commerce members is 5-7 p.m. at Farwell and Friends, 8051 Middlebelt, in Westland.

FRIDAY

Spring ball: The Westland Community Foundation Spring Ball begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, in Westland. (734) 595-7727.

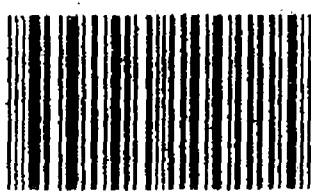
Vegas night: The Westland Jaycees plan a Vegas night at 7 p.m. Friday at the Harris Kehrer Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road.

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Lucky dog



Pet program: Jill Janisse (right) of Westland brings her 1-year-old St. Bernard, Dharma, to Nankin Mills Elementary. The first-graders in Julie Pappas' (above) Heather Tynan's classes were able to hug the large dog.

Pet-A-Pet: Children go to dog

Jill Janisse took her 1-year-old St. Bernard, Dharma, to Nankin Mills Elementary School in Westland to visit with children Monday.

Janisse, 30, is involved in Pet-a-Pet, a program in which volunteers take their pets to schools, nursing homes and other places to spread cheer and teach youngsters the proper care of animals.

"It's really nice to go and see how the people act toward the animals," Janisse said. "I mainly go to nursing homes, but Dharma really likes kids, too. It's just a chance for me to share my friendly dog and make someone happy."

Ruth Curry, Pet-a-Pet president, said volunteers are needed, particu-



Hands up: First-graders in Heather Tynan class at Nankin Mills attempt a hand command for Dharma to get up.

larly for a new program at Marquette House, a senior citizen complex in Westland.

The Pet-a-Pet program accepts pets such as dogs, cats and rabbits that are well-behaved and have their required shots. Pets go through a screening process.

For more information, call (313) 535-0410. The program also is in need of donations to help cover expenses.

"We're really broke," Curry said. Program organizers don't charge fees at the places they visit, although Curry said donations are always welcome.

Westland Meadows official dismisses residents' criticism

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland Meadows mobile home park official has rejected criticism from residents who say their complaints about living conditions have been ignored.

"We are very proud of the development," part-owner Joseph Boyle Sr. said. "Everything we have done there has been with the intention of making it a more beautiful community to live in."

Boyle spoke last week during a telephone interview that marked his first public comments on a controversy that mushroomed last month.

Some residents, angry that their monthly lot rent increased \$15 on March 1, raised numerous complaints that they said management has

ignored.

"We respond to complaints," Boyle countered. "We are very much attuned to the requests and the needs of the people living in the community. They are our priority."

"To us, they're family," he said. "They're not strangers to us."

Boyle dismissed criticism from what he called a "small percentage" of residents in the 772-home community, northeast of Van Born and Merriman.

"I attribute that (criticism) directly to the \$15 increase in the rent," he charged, saying residents had "no complaints of any substance."

Some residents have said security measures are lacking in their neighborhood, but Boyle said protection is provided a minimum of 12 hours a day.

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BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Franklin High School student is recovering at home after he was hit by a car Monday morning while crossing Joy Road on the Westland Livonia boundary.

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"He's real lucky," she said. "He's pretty banged up, and he's sore all over."

But Pruitt is expected to fully recover from injuries he suffered in the 7:25 a.m. Monday accident that occurred as he crossed Joy Road at Liberty, Hruska said.

"He didn't see the car coming," she said. Westland police Sgt. Peter Brokas said Pruitt was crossing Joy after being waved onto the road by a driver who was attempting to turn into the school.

"He was crossing from the south side of Joy to the north side, and some cars were stopped turning left into Franklin, there's a center lane there," Brokas said. "According to a witness, someone in the center

lane told him to go ahead. He ran out, and a car going east on Joy Road hit him."

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"If he had been a small kid, he would have had multiple injuries," she said.

Brokas said the driver who hit Pruitt won't face any charges because it was Pruitt who walked into the car's path.

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School year change mulled

■ A radical change to Garfield's school year is now being planned by a school improvement team. Garfield serves part of northern Westland.

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Ashley Mears and Heather Dolan, two sixth-graders at Garfield Elementary School, are perfectly happy with the traditional school year, nine months in and three months out during the glorious, carefree summertime.

But Ashley and Heather, officers in Garfield's student council and the student members of the school's improvement team, are high achievers. A radi-

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Man hurt in beating

BY DARRELL CLEM
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As his crying children watched, a 42-year-old man was beaten and boot-kicked in the face in a residential Westland neighborhood, in apparent retaliation for an earlier fight, police said.

The bloody victim, identified as a Tennessee native, was reported in fair condition at University of Michigan Hospital.

One witness told police that a 27-year-old man continued to kick the victim in the face even as he lay unconscious in a driveway.

The attack occurred at 6:55 p.m. last Sunday in the 32000 block of Ottawa, leaving the victim with head injuries, a ruptured ear membrane, nasal and

Please see BEATING, A6

Off to Finland



Packing up: Danielle finishes packing before leaving for the airport. She packs a Teletubbie, Laa-Laa, and a photo of her boyfriend, Matt Hutchins, a senior at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, along with her skates and other items. For more on her trip preparations, see A3

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HARVEY

Franklin teen recovering after being hit by car

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Criticism from page A1

"We are the only manufactured housing community, certainly in the tri-county area, that has security of any fashion," he said.

Boyle said the uniformed security officers actually live at Westland Meadows, so they have a "vested interest" in protecting the property.

Another complaint of residents has centered on allegations that some mobile homes appear to be slowly sinking -- possibly, they said, due to inadequate foundations.

"There are absolutely no homes that are sinking or settling," Boyle fired back. "Every home is on a concrete foundation."

The mobile home park has conformed to all state regula-

PARK DISPUTE

tions and is subject to periodic inspections, he said.

"We're not in violation of any regulation," Boyle said, calling Westland Meadows "one of the highest quality manufactured housing communities in the state of Michigan."

Boyle also responded to allegations that residents received unfair treatment when they protested the \$15 rent increase by initially refusing to pay it.

Residents now pay \$370 or \$385 a month -- depending on their location in the park -- but some also face extra fees such as \$10 for a pet.

Some residents who withheld

the \$15 increase received threats of possible eviction while others said they didn't. Boyle blamed the problem on a computer quirk that didn't immediately identify all residents who owed the money.

"We treat everybody the same," he said.

Finally, Boyle said lot rent was increased March 1 to help offset higher expenses. He said park owners have shown that they pump money back into the neighborhood, such as an effort a few years ago to rebuild all roads.

In another development, an estimated 100 people gathered Tuesday at a Garden City hall for a second meeting to discuss their concerns about Westland Meadows, resident Marcia Kel-

ley said.

Support appears to be growing to form a neighborhood association, she said, adding that fliers will be distributed at the mobile home park to stir interest.

"We have a lot of volunteers," she said.

Some residents hope to increase their solidarity as they air complaints, although others say the criticism could cause property values to decline.

Kelley said residents will be asked to identify all concerns they have about living conditions, in hopes that a comprehensive list can be compiled.

Some residents have hinted that a lawsuit could be filed against Westland Meadows, but Kelley said Thursday that none has been planned.

Local police officer saves choking girl

A choking Westland girl had stopped breathing by the time Westland police Officer Matthew Bobby got to her home on Rolf.

The 4-year-old child's eyes bulged. She had turned blue. Her lungs had become filled with fluid.

The girl was choking on food that had become lodged in her throat, and Bobby was told by the 35-year-old mother that the child also suffered from asthma.

"I'd have been a nervous wreck if it had been my child," Bobby said.

By slapping the girl's back, the mother had managed to remove some of the food from her lungs before Bobby arrived in response to the recent emergency call.

"The mother did a good job of removing some of the food," Bobby said.

But the choking continued and the child couldn't breathe.

Deputy Police Chief Daniel Pfannes commended Bobby for

Bobby was named Westland Police Officer of the Year for 1997.

his quick action in helping to rescue the girl.

"I think he did a nice job," Pfannes said.

Bobby said he flipped the girl upside down and gave her several blows on the back, dislodging food and fluid as she started gasping for breath.

Bobby then turned over the girl to Westland paramedics, who arrived and rushed her to Oakwood Hospital/Ann Arbor in Wayne, where she survived.

The incident occurred as Bobby prepares to become a fully licensed emergency medical technician on Monday. He already had his temporary certificate.

Bobby, 25, also was named Westland Police Officer of the Year for 1997.

Promotion, shows set

Westland Shopping Center and Cotton Incorporated have unveiled the "Cotton Sails for Spring" promotion which offers shoppers the opportunity to get floppy fishing hats and cotton duffel bags as part of a gift-with-purchase program.

Shoppers can turn in receipts from cotton apparel or home merchandise totaling \$150 or more to the Westland Shopping

Center Customer Service Area now until March 27 and April 5-11.

A teen night fashion show featuring Students Against Driving Drunk is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, and a spring fashion show featuring Mothers Against Drunk Drivers is set for 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Westland Center.

For info, call (734) 421-0877.

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Hit from page A1

Hruska said she is considering talking with Livonia school district officials to see if safety can be improved near Franklin, where she said other students have been hit.

John Kuenzel, director of secondary education, said school officials try to stress safety to students.

"We constantly make reminders to kids about crossing the road," he said. "They're used to the video games where the cars and the monsters are coming at you but they never hit you."

"I just don't have any idea who's at fault," Kuenzel said. "When it's a kid and a car, the argument is not going to be won by the kid."

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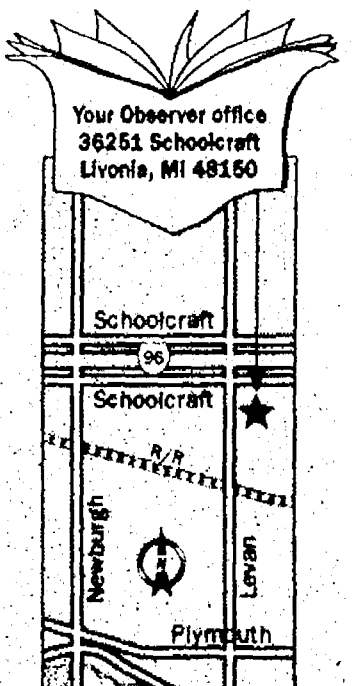
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SALARY ORDINANCE: AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSME)

Section I: CLERICAL EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1998 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	START	AFTER PROB.	AFTER 1 YR.	AFTER 2 YRS.
Office Manager II	\$14.04	\$14.45	\$15.01	\$15.59
Assessing Technician				
Purchasing Technician				
Office Manager I				
Senior Account Clerk	\$13.90	\$14.17	\$14.65	\$15.21
Account Clerk IV				
Clerk-Typist IV				
Minutes Clerk	\$13.78	\$14.06	\$14.40	\$14.79
Secretary I				
Clerk-Typist III	\$13.65	\$13.75	\$13.99	\$14.14
Account Clerk III				
Account Clerk II	\$12.72	\$12.97	\$13.26	\$13.51
Clerk-Typist II				

OPERATION/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1998 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER PROBATION	AFTER 1 YR.
Crew Leader	\$12.34	\$13.12	\$17.16
Carpenter/Mechanic	\$12.27	\$13.05	\$16.36
Surveyor/Meter II			
Equipment Operator III	\$12.05	\$12.78	\$16.09
Light Mechanic	\$11.84	\$12.61	\$15.91
Meter I	\$11.48	\$12.24	\$15.48
Equipment Operator II	\$11.43	\$12.17	\$15.38

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1998 EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YRS.	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Equipment Operator I	\$10.85	\$11.48	\$12.47	\$12.91	\$13.60	\$14.50
Laborer	\$ 8.29	\$ 8.93	\$ 9.61	\$10.34	\$11.10	\$11.83
Account Clerk II	\$10.09	\$10.70	\$11.37	\$12.03	\$12.73	\$13.51
Clerk-Typist II						
Clerk-Typist I	\$ 9.33	\$ 9.87	\$10.46	\$11.09	\$11.77	\$12.49

CLERICAL EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	START	AFTER PROB.	AFTER 1 YR.	AFTER 2 YRS.
Office Manager II	\$14.61	\$15.03	\$15.61	\$16.22
Assessing Technician				
Purchasing Technician				
Office Manager I				
Senior Account Clerk	\$14.46	\$14.74	\$15.24	\$15.82
Account Clerk IV				
Clerk-Typist IV				
Minutes Clerk	\$14.34	\$14.62	\$14.93	\$15.39
Secretary I				
Clerk-Typist III	\$14.18	\$14.30	\$14.55	\$14.71
Account Clerk III				
Account Clerk II	\$13.23	\$13.49	\$13.79	\$14.05
Clerk-Typist II				

OPERATION/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER PROBATION	AFTER 1 YR.
Crew Leader	\$12.84	\$13.65	\$17.85
Carpenter/Mechanic	\$12.78	\$13.55	\$17.02
Surveyor/Meter II			
Equipment Operator III	\$12.54	\$13.30	\$16.74
Light Mechanic	\$12.32	\$13.12	\$16.55
Meter I	\$11.94	\$12.73	\$16.10
Equipment Operator II	\$11.89	\$12.65	\$15.98

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YRS.	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Equipment Operator I	\$11.29	\$11.94	\$12.65	\$13.45	\$14.21	\$15.06
Laborer	\$ 8.63	\$ 9.29	\$10.00	\$10.76	\$11.55	\$12.41
Account Clerk II	\$10.50	\$11.13	\$11.83	\$12.62	\$13.24	\$14.05
Clerk-Typist II						
Clerk-Typist I	\$ 9.71	\$10.27	\$10.88	\$11.54	\$12.24	\$12.99

CLERICAL EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	START	AFTER PROB.	AFTER 1 YR.	AFTER 2 YRS.
Office Manager II	\$15.20	\$15.64	\$16.24	\$16.87
Assessing Technician				
Purchasing Technician				
Office Manager I				
Senior Account Clerk	\$15.04	\$15.33	\$15.55	\$16.46
Account Clerk IV				
Clerk-Typist IV				
Minutes Clerk	\$14.92	\$15.21	\$15.58	\$16.01
Secretary I				
Clerk-Typist III	\$14.75	\$14.68	\$15.14	\$15.30
Account Clerk III				
Account Clerk II	\$13.76	\$14.03	\$14.35	\$14.62
Clerk-Typist II				

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	AFTER START	AFTER PROBATION	AFTER 1 YR.
Crew Leader	\$13.36	\$14.20	\$18.57
Carpenter/Mechanic	\$13.27	\$14.13	\$17.70
Surveyor/Meter II			
Equipment Operator III	\$13.05	\$13.84	\$17.41
Light Mechanic	\$12.82	\$13.65	\$17.22
Meter I	\$12.42	\$13.24	\$16.75
Equipment Operator II	\$12.37	\$13.17	\$16.62

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000 EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YRS.	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Equipment Operator I	\$11.75	\$12.42	\$13.17	\$13.97	\$14.78	\$15.69
Laborer	\$ 8.99	\$ 9.67	\$10.40	\$11.19	\$12.02	\$12.91
Account Clerk II	\$10.92	\$11.68	\$12.31	\$13.02	\$13.77	\$14.62
Clerk-Typist II						
Clerk-Typist I	\$10.10	\$10.68	\$11.32	\$11.92	\$12.51	\$13.51

CLERICAL EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	START	AFTER PROB.	AFTER 1 YR.	AFTER 2 YRS.
Office Manager II	\$15.81	\$16.27	\$16.89	\$17.55
Assessing Technician				
Purchasing Technician				
Office Manager I				
Senior Account Clerk	\$15.65	\$15.95	\$16.49	\$17.12
Account Clerk IV				
Clerk-Typist IV				
Minutes Clerk	\$15.52	\$15.82	\$16.21	\$16.65
Secretary I				
Clerk-Typist III	\$15.34	\$15.48	\$15.75	\$15.92
Account Clerk III				
Account Clerk II	\$14.31	\$14.60	\$14.93	\$15.21
Clerk-Typist II				

OPERATION/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

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Crew Leader	\$13.90	\$14.77	\$19.32
Carpenter/Mechanic	\$13.80	\$14.70	\$18.41
Surveyor/Meter II			
Equipment Operator III	\$13.58	\$14.40	\$18.11
Light Mechanic	\$13.34	\$14.20	\$17.91
Meter I	\$12.92	\$13.77	\$17.42
Equipment Operator II	\$12.87	\$13.70	\$17.29

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001 EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YRS.	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Equipment Operator I	\$12.22	\$12.92	\$13.70	\$14.63	\$15.38	\$16.32
Laborer	\$ 9.34	\$10.06	\$10.82	\$11.64	\$12.50	\$13.43
Account Clerk II	\$11.38	\$12.04	\$12.81	\$13.54	\$14.32	\$15.21
Clerk-Typist II						
Account Clerk I	\$10.51	\$11.11	\$11.78	\$12.49	\$13.24	\$14.05

In addition to the above salaries established herein, fringe benefits agreed to at the bargaining table and made a part of the contract are affirmed and established as if set out in full.

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Suiting up: Above, 1999 U.S. Figure Skating Champions Danielle and Steve Hartsell put on their new World Skating coats before leaving for Metro Airport. At left, Danielle Hartsell went to pick up her books and work assignments before leaving for Finland.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Hartsells skate to World Championship competition

BY TOM HAWLEY
STAFF WRITER

Danielle: A DAY IN THE LIFE

It was a pretty calm morning at Larry and Georgia Hartsell's Westland residence Thursday.

That was even though their children, Danielle and Steve Hartsell, 1999 U.S. Pairs Figure Skating champions, were getting ready to leave for Helsinki, Finland, to skate in the 1999 World Figure Skating Championships.

"It was unusual to see how calm it was at home," Georgia Hartsell said. "Other times, it has been pretty crazy."

Danielle, who hasn't been feeling well, was almost finished packing by 9 a.m. By 10:30 a.m., Danielle, a senior at Westland John Glenn, went to school for her work assignments and books. By 11:30, she had eaten lunch and packed the rest of her bags to be out the door by noon.

The Hartsells will be in Finland for more than a week, coming home March 29. "It is a little long being away from home," Danielle said.

At the World Championships, the brother-sister act will skate their short program on Monday, March 22, which will be televised on ESPN, time to be announced. They will skate the long program on Wednesday, March 24, which will be televised on ABC between 8-10 p.m. March 25.

The competition will be tough. 1998 World Champions from Russia, 1999 European



Discussion: Georgia Hartsell (right) talks to Steve and Danielle, about what they need her to bring when she and her husband, Larry, leave for Finland.

Champions from Russia, 1998 World bronze medalists and others will be attending. "We hope to place in the top eight,"

Steve said.

Photographer Tom Hawley will be documenting the life of



Danielle Hartsell through her senior year of high school as she tries to balance her skating career, school, family and

friends. The series will be published periodically through her senior year.

Goodbye: Danielle talks on the phone to her boyfriend, Matt Hutchins, a senior at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, before leaving.

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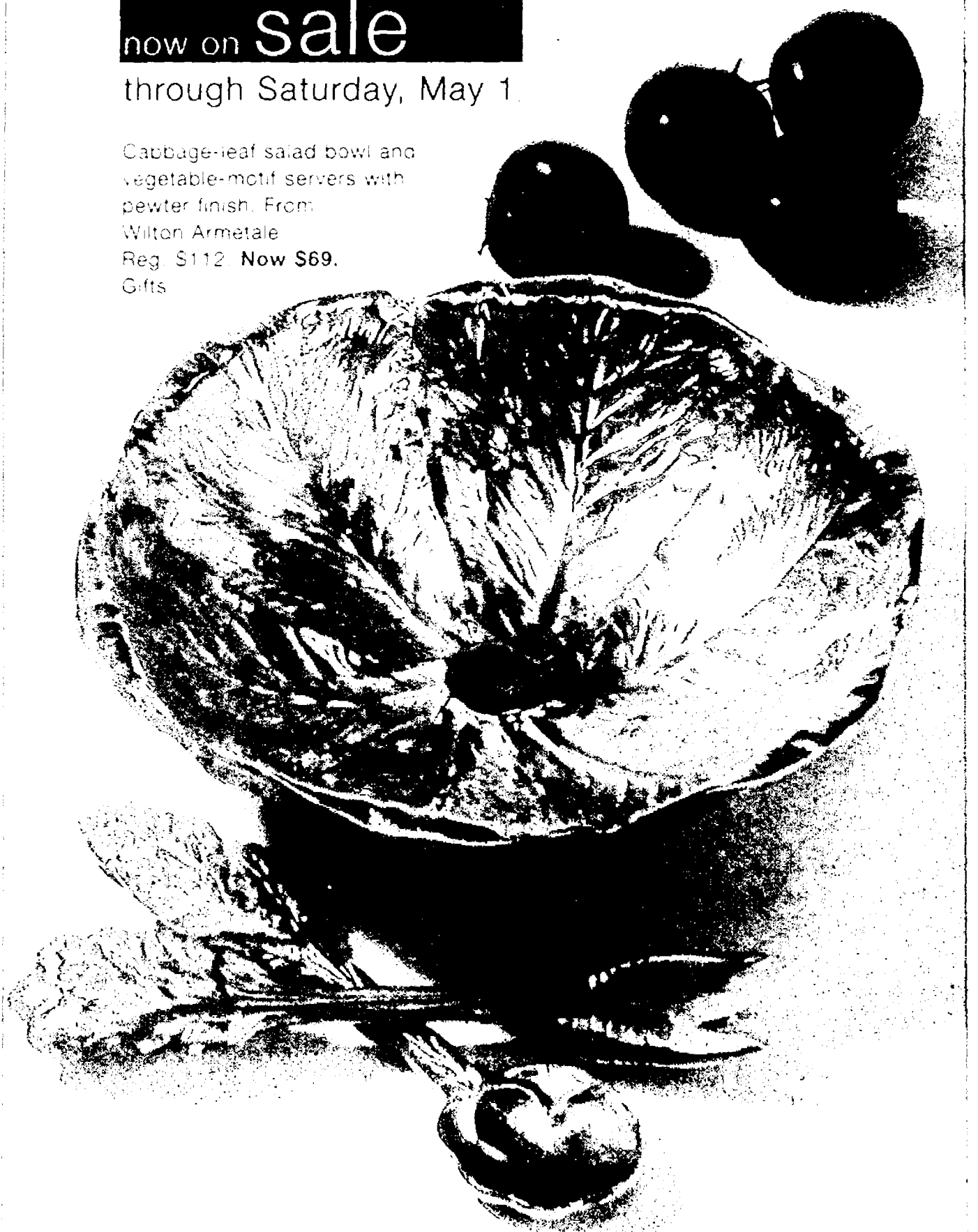
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Talking points:
Members of Garfield Elementary's school improvement team put the finishing touches Wednesday on a proposal to keep the school open 11 months out of the year.



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A school for all seasons

Members of Garfield Elementary's school improvement team cite the following advantages and disadvantages to opening the school four weeks early in August and running the school on an alternative school calendar:

ADVANTAGES:

- Students don't forget as much.
- Less time is spent in review and reteaching.
- More vacation time means less "burnout" for both staff and students.
- Less boredom for students during the summer.
- Better attitude by staff and students.
- Better student achievement.
- Intersessions provide enrichment and remediation throughout the year.
- Continuous learning more closely approximates "real life."

DISADVANTAGES:

- Calendar may not coincide with other schools in the area.
- Some summer activities (camps, etc.) may not be offered during break time.
- Families with cottages or boats would need to plan leisure time differently.
- It's not the traditional way "it use to be."
- Staff who have summer jobs would have to readjust "non-school" improvement.
- Students with full-time summer jobs would have to readjust employment.

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cal, maybe even controversial, change to Garfield's school year now being planned by adult members of the team may not help them all that much. Garfield serves part of northern Westland.

For those Garfield students who are struggling in reading and math, help could soon be on the way. By the end of March, team members will have sent on to Livonia Public Schools administrators a plan that would extend the Garfield school year into the summer months.

"The traditional school calendar is nutty," said Garfield principal Karen Winters in a telephone interview. "In today's world, there's no educational reason for it. When we question what we want to do, we ask ourselves: Are we in business to make the job easier for grown-ups? Or are we in business to provide student learning?"

Garfield's two-part plan would phase in the school calendar change as follows:



Making it work: Garfield Elementary principal Karen Winters is a staunch advocate of starting a pilot year-round school program.

The 1999-2000 school year would be extended for about 100 Garfield students who need

extra help in reading and math. For them, school would run two weeks longer in June, and start two weeks earlier, in August. The would be 200 school days instead of the 180 at all other elementary students in Livonia.

The big change for all Garfield students would take place in the 2000-2001 school year, the same year four classrooms will be added. School would start around Aug. 1 and run for four weeks before other elementary in the district open.

However, Garfield's school year would still run 180 days; vacation times would be spread out over the year and students would be out of school during July.

The concept, adopted in numerous schools in the U.S., has various names: Year-round school. Alternate calendar. Wrap-around school year.

Principal Winters calls it the "school for all seasons."

With budget talks beginning Monday, the proposal may not

reach central office in time to be included in the district's 1999-2000 budget.

But Superintendent Ken Watson said he would like to see a similar pilot program get under way in a Livonia elementary in the foreseeable future, possibly as a school of choice.

"It could be doable if we're convinced," Watson said. "Any building can write a proposal. We would have to have a strong statement showing its educational value. We would need community support. And we would need to know the costs involved."

"The barn may be closing on (doing this) next year. But maybe we should give families the opportunity to choose an extended year."

Garfield's school improvement team has spent months debating, dissecting, investigating the idea. Members have gathered mountains of data from schools open during the summer months. They've visited Michigan schools that do it. Their one last task now is to put together a list of the extra costs involved.

At Wednesday's committee

meeting, Garfield third-grade teacher Lynn Seidelman logged those extra costs on a bulletin board: Busing. Custodial. Substitutes. Lunches. Secretary. Air conditioning. Paraprofessionals.

A staunch advocate of the plan is Candy Reaume, Garfield reading recovery teacher. Research shows students who benefit most from year-round school are "at-risk" students having troubles with math and reading, the very students Reaume teaches.

"During the long summer break, kids forget what they've been taught and teachers wind up spending too much time in review," Reaume said. "We don't have to reinvent the wheel. There's lots of material out there that show these 'at-risk' kids benefit from this."

Added third-grade teacher Sandy Paldan: "The bottom line is, the lower the achiever, the bigger the benefit. For the kids at the top, it's a wash. For kids in the middle, it helps a little."

Too much time is spent at the start of each school year assessing where kids are academically, said Shannon Price, who teaches

first and second grade.

When asked, neither Ashley Mears or Heather Dolan liked the idea of spending August in school. And, if polled, there's a good chance most of the students would feel the same, Winters said.

But little news of the proposal has filtered out of the committee meetings and into the Garfield community. Karla VanEgmond, parent representative on the committee, said her family is moving to North Carolina at the same time the plan is moving out of committee and into the hands of administrators.

"The bottom line is, I'm not sure how I would feel if I was staying here," she said. "I can see both sides of the coin."

Ironically, VanEgmond's family is moving to a large school district that has three year-round elementary schools. "They're all magnet schools," she said.



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Seat belt bill heads to House

BY TIM RICHARD
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A bill to make failure to wear a vehicle safety belt a "primary offense" jumped a big hurdle March 17 when it squeaked through the state Senate 21-16. The bill should have an easier time in the House, said Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, because the House passed such a bill several years ago only to have it die in the Senate. Senate Bill 335 goes this week to a House committee.

A "primary offense" means that a police officer could issue a ticket for that offense alone. Since safety belts became law a dozen years ago, Michigan has used "secondary enforcement" — an officer may issue a safety belt ticket only after stopping a vehicle for another offense, such as speeding or a defective muffler.

Backers, such as Gov. John Engler and Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, don't expect to see a lot of tickets issued. "Making the seat belt law subject to primary enforcement will lead to higher seat belt usage," Engler said in a letter to lawmakers.

Also backing it were the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Michigan

Council for Maternal and Child Health.

"Everyone ought to be buckled up for safety," said Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, a supporter.

Democrats gave Bullard's bill the strongest support — 11 for and four against. Republicans voted 10 in favor and 12 against.

Here's how area senators voted:

YES — Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, Alma Smith, D-Salem.

NO — Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

Front seat only

The Senate approved one amendment to limit the law to front seat passengers in a 19-10 unrecorded vote. Bullard objected: "It's more important to be belted in the back seat than in the front. The people in back are missiles," he said.

"The percentage of people who buckle up will increase," Bullard said during debate. "It will save 100 lives, avoid 3,000 serious injuries and save \$170 million in costs and taxes."

"There will be no 'points.' It's not going to be on your Secretary of State driving record."

Bullard said seat belt usage in Michigan is "stuck" at 70 percent. But California found usage increased 10 to 15 percent after

the state made nonuse a primary offense.

"When adults buckle up, 80 percent of children will. But when adults don't buckle up, only 50 percent of children will," Bullard said.

Rogers broke with the law enforcement lobby, however, by strongly criticizing the bill. "This is about education. I didn't have a flood of calls (from constituents) for this."

"Nobody here is against seat belts," said Rogers, who said he survived a 4 a.m. crash that totaled his car after a late 1998 session. "I had a concussion. The seat belt saved me."

'Ripe for abuse'

"But this bill is overly aggressive. This thing is ripe for abuse," he said, suggesting law enforcers could abuse citizens by stopping them for safety belt infractions. "Secondary enforcement is the right thing to do."

Rogers was supported by Sen. Burton Leland, D-Detroit, who said police could use primary enforcement stops for harassment. "There's enough things in the vehicle code they can pull you over for. They (police) make things up."

Leland and Art Miller, D-Warren, said they would support a bill to require auto insurers to cut premiums if primary safety

belt enforcement actually reduced injury and fatal accidents.

Byrum, whose district includes rural areas of Ingham County, said her daughter and a date were saved from a serious accident in 1996 because her daughter insisted they buckle up before her date started the car.

Her 17-year-old son is another matter, Byrum said. "I can't get it through his head he has to buckle up. We should do the right thing, even though it clearly may not be easy," she said, urging a yes vote.

Cuts police costs

Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, Bullard's backup debater, said wearing safety belts not only reduces injuries and deaths but cuts police time. "Police officers spend six to eight hours at a crash scene with an injury versus two hours at a noninjury accident," he said, adding insurance costs would be reduced \$110 per driver per year.

Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, voted no because the Senate rejected his amendment to exempt drivers and passengers 21 and older. He called the bill intrusive into people's personal decisions.

"My father had open heart

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Public hearing set on death penalty

BY TIM RICHARD
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The question isn't whether Michigan should bring back the death penalty.

It's "an objective review of proposals which would place the death penalty issue on the Michigan ballot."

Not yes or no — but how.

Asking the question Tuesday, March 23, will be the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has set a public hearing for 7-9 p.m. in the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

Chairman William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, has made a career of being the

"crime victims' advocate." His panel produces a steady stream of bills, year after year, to define new crimes, raise misdemeanors to felonies, and increase punishments.

In 1994, VanRegenmorter held a similar hearing on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. Nineteen speakers opposed the death penalty, and four said yes.

Judiciary Committee members include Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, Chris Dingell, D-Tren-

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County ordinance calls for inspection of septic tanks

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Owners of homes with septic tanks in Wayne County can expect a new requirement soon calling for tank inspections once every five years.

Wayne County health and environmental officials have drafted an ordinance and expect to meet within two weeks with city and township leaders in the Rouge River basin to discuss the ordinance.

Jim Murray, director of environment, said the ordinance will help communities meet state guidelines in their stormwater permits. Communities must address illicit connections to public sewers and failing septic systems, according to the permits.

Communities with septic tanks that have applied to the state Department of Environ-

mental Quality were expected — and required — to have incorporated septic tank provisions in their permit applications. The DEQ is expected to respond to these applications by May once they review them.

"I expect we will get an ordinance together to take to the Wayne County commission in April," Murray said.

The ordinance and the permit process is part of \$1 billion effort to clean up and restore the

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LEGAL SENSE
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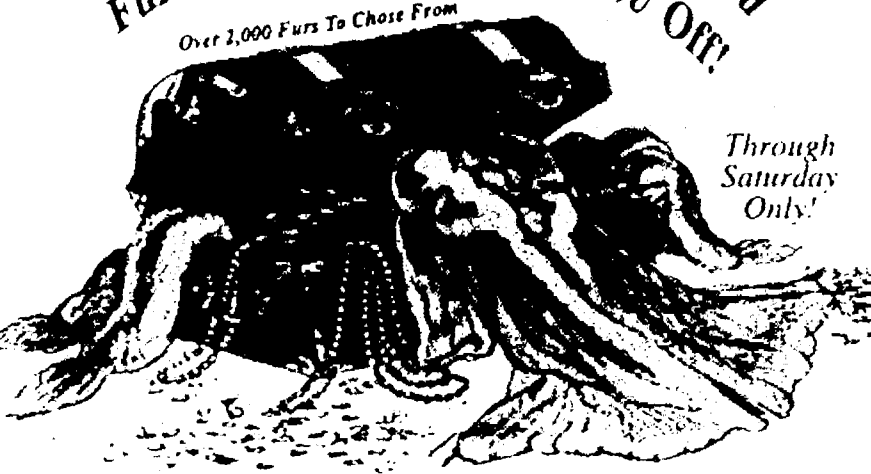
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Students: Teen boasted of bringing gun to school

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Students at Lowell Middle School in Westland knew for at least three days a 14-year-old classmate boasted of bringing a gun to school.

However, a disturbing factor for school officials is that no one wanted to be the one to tattle, despite the implied threat of a weapon on school grounds.

One student finally did see the boy showing the 9mm handgun to a classmate as school was letting out for the day, and decided to tell office staff.

The boy was taken inside the school and searched. However, he was released when a gun wasn't found.

Lowell principal Roche LaVictor said the incident was reported to Canton police, because the student lives in Canton. After being interrogated for seven hours that afternoon and evening, and another eight hours the next day, the Canton teen finally admitted he brought a gun to school on three days, March 9-11.

Canton police Officer Leonard Schemanske said the weapon, later discovered to be stolen, was

recovered at the boy's home.

"The gun was found in his mailbox, loaded," said Schemanske.

Police say the gun was stolen during a robbery between March 7 and 9 at the home of a 34-year-old Holiday Park resident.

Charges expected

"At the very least, he'll be charged with possession of a stolen handgun," said Schemanske.

Schemanske said it's unclear if the student, or someone else, committed the break-in.

However, a school official noted the boy lives in the neighborhood where the robbery occurred.

Officials weren't sure if he was showing off the gun or intended to sell it.

The gun, which is equipped with a laser sight, is definitely the same one stolen from the home, according to Schemanske. Serial numbers from the stolen gun matched the one recovered from the 14-year-old.

A pre-expulsion hearing was held Thursday, with an expulsion hearing scheduled for next week, according to Superintendent Chuck Little.

"He will be expelled for bringing a weapon to school. That's

according to state law," said Little. "He will be expelled for 180 school days. However, I wouldn't be in favor of letting anyone back to school under these circumstances."

The teen has been suspended from school since Monday.

LaVictor said the gun was only brought into the school once, and that was for the five minutes he was called into the building when he was searched by office staff. He noted the boy claimed to keep the gun hidden for three days in the snow near a Dumpster.

"After talking to the boy we're confident the gun wasn't brought to school for revenge," added LaVictor. "Thank God it wasn't used."

On Wednesday, school officials sent home a letter to parents of every middle school child in the Plymouth-Canton district, asking for their help in getting children to come forward with information when a danger exists in the schools.

"As part of our plan to avert any future incidents, we are asking for your assistance in encouraging your children to tell you, a teacher, counselor, school administrator or other trusted adult if they hear, see or know about any unsafe situations.

"We need your help to change the students' mindset that by not telling/reporting such information they are safe from both other students' ridicule and from any involvement in the incident. Actually, by not reporting the information, students may be endangering themselves and everyone else at the school."

School officials are encouraging students to call the Anonymous Tip Line at 416-2920 with information about anything they've witnessed or heard.

"It's difficult to create a safe learning environment and then have something like this happen," said LaVictor. "It's certainly a shock. It's not like it can't happen anywhere, but you just hope it's not your building."

LaVictor said he talked to students via the public address system about the dangers of weapons and the importance of informing school officials. Homeroom teachers did follow up in their classrooms.

But whether the strategy worked is a question. "Students say they don't want to be labeled as a narc for telling," said LaVictor. "Even after talking to them, students were rationalizing how they could be caught, even if they told anonymously."

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sinus fractures, bruises, cuts and a swollen face.

His accused attacker has been charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, punishable by 10 years in prison upon conviction.

One witness told police that the victim and his attacker had been involved in another fight two weeks earlier and that the latest incident may have been in retaliation.

The victim was visiting a residence on Ottawa when the attacker, a Wayne resident, also arrived for a visit, a police report said.

The battered man's children saw him being beaten as they waited for him in a car, the report said.

The victim was taken to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis in Wayne and then transferred to U-M Hospital, where he was placed in a trauma unit.

Under questioning by police, the suspect reported that he had been attacked two weeks earlier in Brownstown Township by the Tennessee man and one of his friends.

CRIME

He told officers he was badly beaten and stabbed in the left leg with a screwdriver.

An officer's report indicated that the suspect did have bruises under an eye and a mark on his leg.

However, the suspect initially denied the extent of his involvement in the Westland incident, saying he had punched the Tennessee man but didn't kick him in the face.

The suspect later told police that details of the incident were "sketchy and just coming back to him" and that what he did was in self-defense, a police report said.

A not-guilty plea was placed in court records for the suspect when he was arraigned Thursday in Westland 18th District Court.

He was jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond as he awaits a hearing this Thursday that could determine whether he stands trial on the felony charge.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 8, 1999

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session on March 8, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiecek, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent and excused was Councilmember Kaledas.

Also present were Acting City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Cummings, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, Parks and Recreation Director Whitson, and Fire Chief Hines.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

There were no comments from the public.

Item 03-99-108

Moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge. RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of March 1, 1999. AYES: Unanimous

The Mayor added Item 6 to the "A" Agenda, Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments.

Item 03-99-109

Moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe. RESOLVED: To appoint Guy Batterson to the Cable Commission, with term to expire July 1, 2002. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-110

Moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe. RESOLVED: To reappoint Harold Larsen to the Cable Commission, with term to expire July 1, 2002. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-111

Moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe. RESOLVED: To reappoint Donna Kapelanski to the Cable Commission, with term to expire July 1, 2001. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-112

Moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge. RESOLVED: To appoint Dennis Okon to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of William Hartmann, term to expire March 31, 2001. AYES: Unanimous

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Engineer's Report
2. Waste-Trim Payment
3. Pardo Road Reconstruction & Water Main 1/3/99 - 1/30/99
4. DPS Purchases
 - a. Two (2) Dodge Pickup Trucks.
 - b. Multi-Gas Monitors.
 - c. Additional Sign Material.
5. Credit Card Policy.
6. Purchase of Administrative Cars.
7. Police Department Promotional Process/Assessment Center
8. Police Department Purchases
 - a. Monthly Oil Changes.
 - b. Factory Ammunition.
 - c. Reloaded Ammunition.
9. Computer/Software Training.
10. SEMCOG - Annual Membership Fee.
11. 1999 Annual Moslem Temple Hospital Fund Drive
12. Legal Service Agreement.

Item 03-99-113

Moved by Lynch; supported by Wiecek. RESOLVED: To approve payment to Wade-Trim in the amount of \$871.64 for Professional Services rendered from 1/3/99 - 1/30/99 for the Pardo Road Reconstruction & Water Main Replacement. AYES: Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiecek, Briscoe, and

Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker.
Motion passed.

Item 03-99-114

Moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch. RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of two (2) Dodge Pickup Trucks from Bill Snethkamp Dodge from the State Contract specification number 3958-0026. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-115

Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch. RESOLVED: To award the bid of two (2) Multi-Gas Monitors to GFG-Dynamation at a cost of \$1,680.00 each, in the amount of \$3,360.00 to be charged to Account #592-594-740.00 and #592-594-775.700. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-116

Moved by Wiecek; supported by Lynch. RESOLVED: To approve a purchase order to Rocal Inc. in the amount of \$13,500.00 to purchase additional street signs. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-117

Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick. Council requested information on the dollar value when available. RESOLVED: To approve the services of Career Directions for the Promotional Process at the Police Department. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-118

Moved by Lynch; supported by Waynick. RESOLVED: To award the bid for Monthly Oil Change Maintenance for the Police Department vehicles to Oil Center, in the amount of \$17.75 each for a 2-year 3 month contract. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-119

Moved by Wiecek; supported by Dodge. RESOLVED: To award the bid for ammunition to C. M. P. Distributors, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$6,776.50. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-120

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiecek. RESOLVED: To award the bid for Reloaded Ammunition to Michigan Ammo Company, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$3,350.00 to be charged to Account #101-305-740.700. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-121

Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch. RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of thirty (30) training coupons at a cost of \$135.00 each to New Horizons Computer Learning Center. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-122

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiecek. RESOLVED: To approve payment of the Annual Membership fee to SEMCOG, in the amount of \$3,470.00. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-123

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiecek. RESOLVED: To grant permission to the Shriners to solicit in Garden City, June 11th, 12th and 13th, 1999, subject to receipt of a valid hold harmless agreement by each participant and a list of corner locations; this will be the Annual Moslem Temple Hospital Fund Drive. AYES: Unanimous

Item 03-99-124

Moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch. Council was informed that the agreement did not include labor attorneys. Mr. Kane, of the Planning Commission, was informed it would be possible to come before Council with a request for an additional attorney to assist the Planning Commission and for Zoning Board of Appeals. RESOLVED: To approve the Legal Services Agreement between Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Aho, P.L.C. and the City of Garden City effective February 1, 1999. AYES: Unanimous

The meeting was then adjourned

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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ton, and Virgil Smith, D-Detroit. So far, Oakland Sheriff Michael Bouchard, while he was still in the state Senate, and Billard have introduced constitutional amendments to allow the death penalty.

In 1846, after the wrong man was hanged for a murder, Michigan became the first jurisdiction in the English-speaking world to outlaw the penalty, ultimately writing the ban into Art. IV sec. 46 of the state constitution.

For about 20 years, the U.S. Supreme Court banned the death penalty, lifting the ban in 1976.

Currently, the mandatory penalty for first-degree murder in the Michigan Penal Code is life in prison without parole.

A resolution will need a two-thirds vote in each chamber of the Legislature to get on the November 2000 ballot. If voters say yes, the Legislature will get to write enabling laws.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, in his previous career as prosecutor, led a petition drive to put the issue on the ballot. He found strong poll support, and was cheered by party store owners, but the drive failed to produce enough petition signatures.

This year, opponents are not only vocal but organized.

Sen. George McManus, R-Traverse City, says, "I don't trust government in the killing business."

With him has been Sister Helen Prejean, author of the best-seller "Dead Man Walking," later made into a movie. "Money gets you a good defense. That's why you'll never see an O.J. Simpson on death row. As the saying goes: 'Capital punishment means them without capital get the punishment.'"

The Michigan Catholic Conference publicly opposes the death penalty, quoting the Catechism: "If bloodless means are sufficient to defend human lives against an aggressor and to protect public order and the safety of persons, public authority should limit itself to such means, because they better correspond to the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person."

In general, after a conviction, death penalty states require a second court proceeding on the sentence. A judge or jury studies "aggravating" and "mitigating" factors.

"Aggravating" factors can include whether the victim was a police officer or prison guard, there were previous felony convictions for violent crime, other

lives were at risk, the murder was committed during a robbery or rape, or the murder was "unusually heinous." "Mitigating" factors can include the defendant's criminal record, the defendant acted under extreme mental or emotional disturbance, his role as an accomplice was minor, and his age.

McManus argues the fiscal cost is too high. "Reinstatement of the death penalty will cost Michigan approximately three times more for each execution than a life sentence behind bars without parole. The state of Texas spends \$2.3 million per execution, three times its cost of life imprisonment," he said.

The Senate Fiscal Agency, however, said in its 1994 report that costs were "indeterminate." Among the costs:

- Court costs for the separate sentencing hearing.
- Appeals costs.
- Any retrials.
- Defense attorney costs for indigents.
- High-security prison costs for the condemned.

Tuesday's hearing could be long. Typically, speakers are asked to be brief. Those who don't want to speak or can't wait hours to be called should submit written comments, the committee says.

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Rouge River and improve its water quality.

How they work

Septic systems are wastewater treatment systems that use septic tanks and drainfields to dispose of sewage in soil. Typically they are located in rural or large lot settings where a sanitary sewer is not available.

The tank is buried, watertight and usually made of reinforced concrete. It receives untreated household waste. When waste enters the tank, bacteria begin to break down the solid materials, producing a liquid which flows slowly into the drainfield. Perforated pipes allow the liquid

to be equally distributed in a gravel-filled disposal field.

This breakdown produces a residue build-up in the tank. That residue must be removed to prevent it from entering the drainfield and clogging the system.

When tanks fail, the sewage can enter the Rouge in groundwater and surface water runoff, increasing the bacterial contamination.

Murray said Wayne County was finding a failure rate of 20 percent for septic tanks and, for tanks older than 15 years, an estimated range of 50 to 75 percent.

Wayne County wants all of the

estimated 6,000 septic tanks in the county inspected. In the 48 Rouge basin communities in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties, it is estimated that 17,500 tanks are in use.


If communities choose to use Wayne County for the inspections, homeowners will be charged \$50 per inspection per household. Communities can contract the service out, but they will be responsible for ensuring their program meets DEQ approval and requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency, expected to be published in October.

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surgery because he had a bad diet and sedentary lifestyle," Jaye said. "Should we require people to do calisthenics? Should we close doughnut shops? Should we ban Coney dogs?"

"We have scarce resources," Jaye said, suggesting police are better deployed hunting down "sexual predators and dangerous criminals" rather than people not wearing safety belts.

Refer to Senate Bill 335 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514.



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As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

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Reunion" for November 2000.
(248) 437-9735

ANN ARBOR HURON
Nov. 26 at the Holiday Inn-North Campus in Ann Arbor.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

ANN ARBOR PIONEER
Class of 1989
Oct. 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor.
(800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com

CHERRY HILL
Class of 1983

Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August.
(734) 729-6783

CHIPPEWA VALLEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for July 16.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

CLAWSON
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for July 2.
(248) 366-8053 or (248) 628-2077

CLINTONDALE
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 26.
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DEARBORN FORDSON
Class of 1989
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.
(248) 366-9493, press #8

DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1969
Sept. 25 at the Atheneum Hotel in Detroit. Cost is \$75 per person.
(313) 884-5452

EAST DETROIT
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 13.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
FARMINGTON

Class of 1989
Nov. 26 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington.
(248) 360-7004, press #4

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON
Class of 1978
Nov. 27 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington Hills.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

FRASER
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Nov. 19.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 26.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

FERRIS LINCOLN
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for June 5.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

GARDEN CITY WEST
Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for September.
(517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170
Class of 1979
Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

GIBRALTAR CARLSON
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept.

11.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

HAZEL PARK
Class of 1974
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(800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com.
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Sept. 17.
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JOHN GLENN
Class of 1979
Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland.
(734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214
Class of 1989
Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City.
(248) 366-9493, press #2

LIVONIA BENTLEY
Class of 1964
July 24 at the Holiday Inn-Laural Park in Livonia.
(734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone.net
Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Nov. 27.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Oct. 15.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites in Southfield.

(248) 366-9493, press #3

MERCY
Class of 1949
noon-4:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Marriott Inn in Livonia
(248) 349-8589.
Class of 1950

Is planning a reunion for 2000.
(248) 851-7620
Class of 1989
Nov. 27 at Baker's of Milford.
(313) 621-8350
Class of 1979

Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.
(248) 344-8767
Class of 1994
A reunion is being planned.
(248) 476-3270

PLYMOUTH
Class of 1969
Aug. 6-8 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.
(248) 446-1028 or Karlancast@aol.com, or (734) 420-3811 or PHS1969@aol.com
Class of 1964
A reunion is planned for June 25-27.
(248) 486-7917 or (734) 994-3438

PLYMOUTH CANTON
Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

PLYMOUTH SALEM
Class of 1979
Aug. 14 at the Holiday Inn-Laural Park in Livonia.
(800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com.
Class of 1973-74
A reunion is planned for Oct. 9.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

REDFORD THURSTON
Class of 1969
May 1 at St. Michael's Church in Redford, with a pre-reunion get-together on April 30 at Woolly Bully's in Northville.
(734) 453-0157, (734) 261-4827 or (517) 548-3535

REDFORD UNION
Class of 1979
Aug. 28 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.
(313) 592-8537 or (734) 416-0807
Class of 1949
Is planning a reunion for September.
(313) 937-9329 or (734) 427-4208 or (248) 349-1331
Class of 1964
A reunion is planned for October: all former RU students welcome.
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Class of 1989
Is planning a reunion.
(313) 532-9414 or reunion89@juno.com

Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for July 16.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

ST. HEDWIG
Class of 1954
Oct. 1 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.
(313) 278-8890

ST. LADISLAUS
Classes of 1978-79
Are planning a reunion.
(261) 370-8537 or (248) 543-8664

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD
Class of 1979
Sept. 11 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi.
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TAYLOR CENTER
Class of 1979
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TRENTON
Class of 1989
Aug. 28 at Armando's Banquet Center in Riverview.
(248) 360-7004, press #6

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for July 24.
(248) 363-8211 or (248) 366-3337
Class of 1969
Aug. 21 at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Novi.
(248) 360-7004, press #5

WATERFORD MOTT
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for July 31.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

WAYNE
Class of 1950
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COOKING CONQUESTS



CHEF RANDY SMITH

Ostrich a different kind of meat

Ever wonder how Sir Isaac Newton felt when the infamous "gravity apple" fell on his head? I think now I know. As I strolled around my local hardware store, I stopped at the bulletin board on the way out hoping to find someone to paint the downstairs of my home. After looking through a couple dozen business cards, there it was. The card said: Windy Acres farm, ostriches and more, South Lyon, Michigan (248) 437-7808.

After reading the recent article on ostrich in the Observer & Eccentric by Eleanor and Ray Heald, a light bulb turned on in my head. Ostrich would be perfect for the new spring menu at Big Rock!

The first step for my adventure was to call my home town ostrich farm, Windy Acres. Owners Dan and Sheila Boyer were nice enough to invite me over to their home and share information about raising, preparing and cooking ostrich meat. After spending some time in the kitchen working with different cuts of meat, I came up with a few favorites. Give them a try, they're delicious!

OSTRICH SCALOPPINE WITH ROASTED SWEET ONION AND BALSAMIC VINEGAR COULIS

Roasted Sweet Onion Coulis with Balsamic Vinegar Coulis, ingredients

2 medium Vidalia onions or any sweet onion, split into 1/2 lengthwise

1 thyme sprig
1 teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 pound butter, unsalted
2 1/2 quarts chicken stock
1/2 cup heavy cream

5 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
Preheat oven to 400° F. In sauté pan, rub onion halves with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

If Vidalia onions are not available, sprinkle sugar in hot pan to caramelize. Adjust flame to not burn sugar. Add remaining olive oil and one tablespoon of the butter. Place onion halves in pan, cut side down. Move onions around the pan to absorb caramelization. Cover and place in preheated oven. Roast approximately 45 minutes or until onions are fork tender. Remove from oven, separate onions into smaller pieces, transfer to stove and add remaining butter and chicken stock. Gently reduce down until flavor enriches, approximately 20 minutes. Add cream, cook another 5 minutes. Remove from flame, add vinegar, place in blender and blend until smooth. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

OSTRICH

4-5 oz. (per serving) of pounded thin ostrich flank steak

FOR SAUTÉING OSTRICH:

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 cup flour
Salt and pepper to taste

Place large sauté pan over high heat. Season each piece of meat with salt and pepper, dredge in flour and sauté quickly in hot oil for one minute on each side.

To assemble dish:

Remove ostrich from sauté pan. Place on plate and pour sauce over ostrich. Serves 4.

GRILLED OSTRICH STEAK WITH APPLE CIDER AND GREEN PEPPER CORN SAUCE

2 cups duck stock (or roast chicken stock)
2 cups apple cider

Please see CONQUESTS, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
- Recipe to Share



BLACK CAPE
GRAPES
RESEMBLE
CHERRIES —
THEY'RE HUGE,
PURPLE-BLACK
IN COLOR

BLACK BEAN
BURRITO WITH
GRAPE-AVOCADO
SALSA
WRAPPED IN
FLOUR
TORTILLAS

Plan some kitchen 'CAPE-rs'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
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Grapes are one of those pick-up and go fruits we love to eat. They're great snacks, but have you ever thought of cooking with them?

"People tend not to think of grapes in cooking," said Barbara Burman, spokeswoman for CAPE fruit. "South Africa is famous for growing grapes. Our black grapes are just arriving in markets. They're very juicy, sweet grapes."

CAPE has represented the fruit growers of South Africa for several decades. Grapes from South Africa — the black Alphonse Lavelle, Bonheur and La Rochelle, Red Globe, and white seedless Thompson grapes — are available from the end of February through April and sold under the CAPE brand. They're followed by Packham pears and Granny Smith apples, which begin arriving at the end of March.

The USDA inspected fruit is brought to the U.S. on ships designed to carry fruit. It takes 17 days for the fruit to arrive from Cape Town to Philadelphia where it is shipped to markets around the U.S.

Black CAPE grapes resemble cherries — they're huge, purple-black in color, and have one or two seeds, which are easy to remove with the flick of a knife. Burman compares them to small plums.

SETTING THE TABLE

- The dinner plate goes in the center.
- The fork should be placed to the left of the plate.
- The knife and spoon go to the right of the plate. The knife is on the inside with the cutting edge facing the plate and the spoon is on the other side of the knife.
- The water (milk, juice, or soda) glass sets just above the knife to the upper right of the plate (where the 1 is on the face of the clock.)
- The napkin may be placed to the left next to (or under) the fork.

Information from "Kitchen CAPE-rs: Recipes your children will love to make and eat," published by CAPE fruit.

The grapes will keep in your refrigerator for about week. They'll deteriorate quickly if left on the counter.

"It's nice to have a soft fruit to cook with at this time of year," she said. "They're so good people don't seem to mind a seed or two."

She's been talking to people about CAPE fruit for the past 22 years, and recently wrote "Kitchen CAPE-rs: Recipes your children will love to make and eat."

Included in the booklet are recipes that use black CAPE grapes, CAPE Packham pears and Granny Smith apples.

"These days there is just so much fast food in packages. We have to include more fruits and vegetables in our diets," said Burman.

In "Kitchen CAPE-rs" she shows children how to easily create a lovely meal or dessert in no time at all.

Very Berry Grape Crumble — black CAPE grapes combined with apricot preserves, topped with a crumbly mixture of flour, brown sugar, ground ginger and butter is an easy dessert kids can make with a little help from their parents.

"It's a very simple, great way to teach a child how to make a dessert that's better than anything processed," said Burman. "It's wonderful."

Burman designed "Kitchen CAPE-rs" to be a learning tool. Recipes are rated in three categories — kids ages 7 to 10, kids ages 11 to 13, and kids ages 14 to 17.

While preparing soups and salads, appetizers, sauces and sides, lunch, dinner or dessert, children will sharpen their math and reading skills. They'll learn about the Southern Hemisphere, South Africa, where the growing season is in progress, and experience new foods.

Burman included sections on table manners and setting the table too.

To order your copy of "Kitchen CAPE-rs" send name, address and \$2 for shipping and handling to: CAPE Fruit — Lisa Ekus Public Relations Company, LLC; 57 North Street, Hatfield, MA 01038. Make check or money order payable to CAPE fruit.

See recipes inside.

Spring for some new wines and spirits

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

On a wine label, a single vineyard means that all the grapes come from a vineyard parcel with unique soil and microclimate. Single Quinta means the same for a genuine Portuguese Port. Single district cognacs, however, may be new to you and a spring treat.

Cognac houses blend cognacs from various districts to produce a house style. Single districts such as Grande and Petite Champagne, Borderies and Fins Bois are special, particularly in the single mudded house of Gabriel & Andreu.

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Dessert great for Passover or any time

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Vicki Mansfield of Troy is busy getting ready for Passover, which is observed by Jews every year to commemorate the liberation of their ancestors from Egyptian slavery.

Passover is celebrated for eight days beginning at sunset on Wednesday, March 31.

The first two nights of Passover are celebrated with a feast called the Seder, which means "order" of the service. It is a ceremonial dinner marked by the retelling of the Exodus from Egypt through the use of prayers, songs and ceremonial foods.

In their haste to leave Egypt, the Jews did not have enough time to let bread dough rise for baking. During Passover, only unleavened bread is eaten. Foods containing leavening agents such as breads, cereals and crackers are forbidden.

Making desserts during this time can be a challenge, but Mansfield's Chocolate Truffle Cake is "so rich and wonderful you'd never know it is for Passover," she said.

"It is a great dessert any time of year but a special treat at Passover because I got the recipe from my friend Fran, 13 years ago and it has been a favorite at our house ever since," said Mansfield. "Flour can be added instead of the matzah cake meal to be used at other times throughout the year. The texture is very thick because there is so little flour — almost like the inside of a truffle, hence the name." This cake can be made the day before and kept refrigerated. "It is also great leftover, if you like chocolate," said Mansfield. Which she does.

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE CAKE

- 12 ounces sweet chocolate chips
- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 1/2 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon matzah cake meal
- 3 egg yolks
- 3 egg whites
- Whipped topping
- Raspberries and/or strawberries for topping

In a medium saucepan melt 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips with a stick of butter or margarine.

Remove from heat. Add 1/2 tablespoon sugar, 1/2 tablespoon matzah cake meal, stir.

Add 3 egg yolks, stir. Beat 3 egg whites firm but not stiff. Fold into chocolate. Bake in 8-inch greased springform pan at 350° for 25 minutes.

Before serving top with whipped topping and sprinkle with strawberries and/or raspberries.

MATZAH FACTORY

What: Kids receive a baker's hat, grind wheat from kernels, bake their own piece of matzah, and create a Passover craft.

Where: Jewish Community Center, Maple/Drake Building, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

When: Sunday, March 21 through Sunday, March 28. The factory will offer public tours on both Sunday afternoons starting at 1:15 p.m. The last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Admission is \$3 per child. There is no charge for accompanying adults. Call (248) 661-7649 for information.

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WINE PICKS

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Please see WINES, B2

Children will love to make these recipes

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from "Kitchen CAPE-rs: Recipes your Children will love to make and eat," by Barbara Burman for CAPE brand fruit.

BLACK BEAN BURRITO WITH GRAPE-AVOCADO SALSA

- 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed and well-drained
- 1 cup black CAPE grapes, seeded and quartered
- 1 Haas avocado, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions
- 1/3 cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely diced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

- 1 tablespoon lime juice
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 5 large tortillas
- In bowl, combine black beans, grapes, avocado, scallions, peppers, cilantro and lime juice; season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate. To serve, spread a scant 1/2 cup filling down center of each flour tortilla turn up bottom and ends and roll up to enclose filling. Serve immediately. Makes 5 sandwiches.

VERY BERRY GRAPE CRUMBLE

- Fruit Mixture:**
- 3 cups black CAPE grapes, halved and seeded
 - 2 teaspoons cornstarch
 - 1/3 cup apricot preserves
- Topping:**

- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/3 cup soft butter, cut in pieces

In a bowl, toss grapes with cornstarch; stir in preserves. Place in a greased 8-inch square baking dish. In a food processor, combine flour, sugar, ginger and butter. Process until crumbly. Sprinkle over fruit.

Bake in oven preheated to 350°F for 30 to 35 minutes or until crumb mixture is golden and filling is bubbly. Serve warm or at room temperature topped with ice cream if desired. Makes 6 servings.

GRAPE TEA CAKES

- 1 cup all-purpose flour

- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon each baking soda and salt

- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil or melted butter

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Topping:**
- 1 cup CAPE grapes, halved and seeded
 - 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Arrange 8 six-ounce custard cups or ramekin dishes on a baking dish. Place muffin paper liners in each dish and press around sides and bottom so liners fit shape of cups. Spray with non-stick cooking spray.

In mixing bowl, sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, soda and salt. In another bowl, whisk together egg, yogurt, oil or melted butter, and vanilla; stir into flour mixture until just combined.

Divide batter among the cups and spread evenly. Arrange grapes, cut side down, on top of batter. Combine sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over tops. Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 22 to 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in cake comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes. Remove cakes from custard cups or ramekins and place on rack. Makes 8 cakes.

GLAZED CARROTS AND GRAPES

- 1 1/2 pounds carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch thin

- strips
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup black CAPE grapes, halved and seeded
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Cook carrot strips in lightly salted boiling water for 5 minutes or until crisp-tender.

Drain. Return carrots to saucepan; add butter and balsamic vinegar. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, until liquid evaporates and carrots are glazed.

Add grapes and heat through. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with parsley and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Wines from page B1

nates in the smallest of the cognac districts accounting for only 4.5 percent of total cognac production.

Clay and flint soils produce a softer-style 15-year-old cognac with the distinct aromas of violets, pears and toasted almonds. Gabriel & Andreu Fins Bois \$30 has orange, licorice and carnation aromas with a finesseful palate impression and elegant finish. Aged only eight years,

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Passover wines

For Passover, many new Kosher and mevushal wines are

available. Korbel Kosher Champagne \$13 offers a lively complement to any Passover feast. Produced under constant rabbinical supervision and flash pasteurized before fermentation, it is mevushal.

And on the mevushal topic, we'll set the record straight. Flash pasteurization is not boiling in any sense of the word, nor does it harm a wine. Just the opposite, it may enhance wine

aromatics and complexities as well as stabilizing color and tannins. Today, non-Kosher wineries, many craft breweries and fresh juice processors use flash pasteurization for its positive effects.

For other courses at Passover, try: 1997 Baron Herzog Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon or Zinfandel (all mevushal, about \$13) and these Kosher wines: 1997 Alfasi Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon \$7, 1997 Alfasi Chilean Merlot \$7, and 1997 Bartenura Pinot Grigio del Veneto \$9.

Wines from Argentina

To all readers who left voice mail inquiring about unavailability of Mariposa and Tapiz wines from Argentina after our column on Jan. 17: The wines are now in plentiful supply. However, Kendall-Jackson Artisan & Estates Vice President Jim Caudill offers the following as an apology to all our readers who tried to find the wines and could not. E-mail him at JCAudill@kjmail.com and he'll send you something nice. Indicate "Eleanor & Ray sent me"

along with your mailing address.

And if you missed the column featuring Mariposa and Tapiz wines from Argentina, don't miss tasting 1997 Mariposa Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon (all \$9). The 1997 Tapiz Reserve Malbec \$15 is a knock-out red wine.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

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- 4 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 4 tablespoons green pepper-corns
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter

Reduce apple cider by 3/4 and add stock and vinegar — simmer 15 minutes. Crush green pepper-corns and add to sauce.

Thicken with arrowroot or cornstarch and whip in butter.

FOR OSTRICH STEAKS

Use flank filets, steaks or tenderloin, about 6 to 7 oz. for each person. Season with kosher salt and cracked black pepper. Rub with olive oil and place on hot grill, cook until medium-rare or

until 125°F internal temperature.

To serve: Let meat rest for five minutes on a cutting board. Slice thin against grain of the meat or leave in steak form. Place on plate and pour sauce over the top. Serves 4.

Chef Randy Smith is the Executive Chef at Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham.

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Lasagna-style casserole tasty Passover dish

AP — A lasagna-style casserole defined as dairy and containing no pasta can play a nutritious role in a Passover meal. This Vegetarian "Lasagna" is exactly that, put together with tasty layers of eggplant, tomatoes, mushrooms and cheese.

The recipe is from "The New York Times Passover Cookbook" (Morrow, \$25), edited by Linda Amster. The book, subtitled "More Than 200 Holiday Recipes From Top Chefs and Writers," is a selection of recipes that have appeared in the paper, augmented with contributions from cookbooks written by past and present Times food columnists.

The recipes come from a geographically wide range of Seder cuisine traditions, the editor explains. Just as that range has expanded over the years, so has the diversity of cooks who have created the recipes: the earlier ones were mostly home cooks, the later ones include famous chefs and restaurateurs.

So there's a nice personal element with many of the recipes: Paul Prudhomme's Veal Roast with Mango Sauce, Wolfgang Puck's Moroccan Carrot Salad, and Maida Heatter's Chocolate Walnut Torte, for example.

This recipe, serving 12 to 16, is perfect for a crowd, the editor says; for smaller gatherings, the recipe can easily be halved.

VEGETARIAN 'LASAGNA'

- 4 medium-large eggplants, about 5 pounds total
- 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 1/2 cups chopped sweet red pepper
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 cups well-drained canned Italian plum tomatoes, about four 28-ounce cans
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano
- 1 teaspoon chopped Italian parsley
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 tablespoons potato starch
- 5 cups whole milk
- 4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2/3 cup matzo meal
- 1 cup, about 4 ounces, freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat the broiler. Line a large broiler pan with foil.

Cut eggplants into 1/2-inch slices, discarding the ends. Place slices in a single layer on the broiler pan and broil until lightly browned, turning the slices once to brown both sides. Repeat until all slices have been browned, then set them aside.

Heat 3 tablespoons of the oil in a

very large, heavy nonstick skillet over high heat. If you do not have a very large (4-quarts) skillet, use two skillets. Add mushrooms and stir-fry until they have wilted. Remove them to a bowl.

Add 1 tablespoon oil to the pan or pans along with the onions, sweet pepper and garlic. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook the vegetables, stirring until they are soft, about 10 minutes. Add the tomatoes and simmer until fairly smooth, about 20 minutes. Add the oregano and parsley, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix half the tomato sauce with the mushrooms and set the rest aside.

Melt the butter in a medium-size saucepan over medium-low heat. Whisk in the potato starch, then slowly whisk in the milk. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until the sauce comes to a simmer and is thickened and smooth. It will not be a very thick sauce. Season to taste with salt and pepper and remove from the heat. Mix in the shredded mozzarella.

Use 1/2 tablespoon of oil to grease two baking dishes, each about 9 by 13 inches and 2 inches deep (see note). Spread a little of the plain tomato sauce in the bottom of each dish.

Place a layer of eggplant in each dish, using about 1/3 of the eggplant. Spread with 1/2 the tomato-mushroom mixture, then sprinkle

with 1/3 of the matzo meal. Spoon on 1/2 the mozzarella and white sauce mixture. Repeat the layers.

Finally, top each baking dish with a layer of eggplant and spread with a thin layer of plain tomato sauce. Sprinkle with remaining matzo meal and Parmesan cheese. Drizzle with the remaining oil. Cover the baking dishes with foil. If the dishes are prepared more than 2 hours before serving, they should be refrigerated.

When ready to bake, have the baking dishes at room temperature. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Place the baking dishes in the oven and bake for 15 minutes. Uncover the dishes and bake 25 to 30 minutes longer, until the ingredients bubble and the top lightly browns.

Meanwhile, reheat the remaining tomato sauce. When the dishes are removed from the oven, allow them to stand for 5 minutes before serving. Serve extra tomato sauce on the side.

Makes 12 to 16 servings.
Note: If you cannot fit both baking dishes in your oven, bake one at a time. In that case, cover the first one with aluminum foil while the second one bakes. If both "lasagnas" are prepared in advance, they can be refrigerated, then brought to room temperature and reheated at 425 F for about 15 minutes before serving.

'Low Fat for Life' offers sensible recipes

AP — The color photographs in "Low Fat for Life Cookbook" (DK Publishing, \$24.95) present great-looking food with tempting lusciousness.

Happily, as the title promises, the text by Sue Kreitzman proposes intelligent principles and sensible recipes so that when you indulge, in moderation, your diet won't suffer.

"How I love food!" is not your usual diet-book introduction. Ms. Kreitzman sets the tone with her exclamation, plus her engaging admission that her expertise in low-fat cooking is "the result of an almost lifetime battle with obesity" coupled with her passion for food.

In addition to 150 recipes for many kinds of cuisine, she offers techniques that can be used in all cooking. For example, an oil-water spray is particularly handy for low-fat cooking since frying, even shallow-frying, is out. This homemade remedy that allows successful grill-frying or oven-frying delivers far less oil than commercial sprays, and the quality of the oil is your choice.

The author's recipe

"Fill a new, clean plant mister or small plastic spray bottle with seven-eighths water and one-eighth oil. Give the bottle a good shake before using it to spray food or broilers, pots and pans. Keep separate bottles for olive oil (for a richer flavor), sunflower oil (for all-purpose use), walnut oil (for a lovely fragrance), and sesame oil (to garnish Asian dishes)."

A light spritz on pans and/or food lets you broil, grill-fry or bake without food sticking to the pans or drying out.

Now, back to ideas about food preparation. Chicken breast cutlets, she says, can be boringly bland. Not in this recipe, lav-

ished with assertive herbs and spices, citrus juices and a delectable melange of vegetables.

CHICKEN WITH MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLES

- 4 boned, skinless chicken breast halves

Marinade:

- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 olives, sliced off their pits
- Juice of 1 large orange
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 dashes teriyaki sauce

Vegetable flavor infusion:

- 1 large red onion, halved and sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 4 black olives, sliced off their pits
- 1 red chili, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 medium eggplant (about 6 ounces), peeled and diced
- 2 tablespoons raisins
- 2 tablespoons capers
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded, peeled and cut into strips
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded, peeled and cut into strips
- 1 1/4 cups stock
- 1 1/4 cups dry white wine

- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Oil-water spray

Fresh parsley and lemon wedges, optional garnish

Pat the skinned and trimmed chicken breasts in a dish. Mix the marinade ingredients and pour over the chicken. Let steep.

Heat the flavor-infusion ingredients — onion, garlic, sun-dried tomatoes, olives, chili, eggplant,

raisins, capers, bell peppers, stock, wine, salt and pepper — in a skillet. Cover and simmer until the vegetables are tender.

Heat a ridged grill pan and spray with oil-water spray. Shake the marinade off the chicken and grill for 2 to 3 minutes on each side. Place the chicken in one layer on the vegetables in the skillet. Cover and simmer gently, turning, for 7 to 8 minutes until cooked. Slice chicken and serve with vegetables. Garnish with fresh parsley and lemon wedges, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutritional facts per serving: 271 cal., 3 g fat (1 g saturated fat) 84 mg chol., 290 mg sodium.

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From tapas to pinchos, Spanish tortilla is just right

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

The Basque Country, in northern Spain, features quintessential Mediterranean cooking. Most Basque dishes feature a few healthy ingredients, including tomatoes, onions, peppers,

and olive oil. Typically, Basque cooking is simple. Most dishes are sauteed, stewed or roasted.

While other Spaniards eat tapas, Basques serve pinchos. Both are enjoyed in bars, often with wine or beer, before lunch or dinner. The main difference is that tapas can be anything

served in small portions (and often eaten with a spoon or fork), from sliced cheese to one quail or clams in green sauce, while pinchos are always food to pick up with your fingers or on a toothpick. (Pincho means "to prick.")

Whether you are in the Basque Country eating pinchos or fur-

ther south having tapas, tortilla de patata, also known as tortilla Española, is both a classic and a favorite. I grew up eating potatoes and eggs, but until I sampled this tortilla on my first trip to Spain, I had no idea how extraordinary this combination could be.

In Spain, tortillas are always a kind of omelet. They have nothing to do with the flour or corn tortillas of Mexico; both simply come from the same Latin root of the word for a round cake.

A tortilla's creaminess comes, in part, from the way the potatoes are cooked. Half-submerged in olive oil, they are set over heat gentle enough to cook them without frying. This careful cooking makes the potatoes tender and velvety.

Although most of the generous amount of oil used is then discarded, what the potatoes soak up is more fat than most of us want. To remedy this, I have developed a technique using chicken broth and a mere tablespoon of olive oil.

With this method, using starchy potatoes like Russets or yellow-fleshed varieties, and cutting them into equal-size cubes so they cook evenly, you will still get a perfect tortilla. Cut it into one-inch pieces for pinchos, or serve it in wedges as a main course.



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Something different: In Spain, tortillas such are always a kind of omelet.

Saute the onion until it is golden, about 4 minutes. Add the potatoes, pressing them to make 1 even layer covering the pan. Add 1/4 cup of the broth. Cook 5 minutes. Stir the potatoes to turn them. Add 2 tablespoons broth, press the potatoes back into one layer, and cook 5 minutes.

Repeat this process again. Stir the potatoes a fourth time and cook until they are al dente, 3-5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, beat together the eggs, whites, salt and pepper.

Add the cooked potatoes to the eggs and let sit 5 minutes. Set aside the skillet; do not wipe it out.

Spray the skillet in which the potatoes cooked with non-stick spray and place it over medium-high heat. Pour the eggs and potatoes into the pan, spreading them to make an even layer. Cook until the eggs are set enough that you can lift the edges of the tortilla and slide it around in the pan, 4-5

minutes, reducing the heat, if necessary, to prevent the omelet from getting too brown.

To turn the tortilla, place a dinner plate over the skillet. Picking up the pan, flip it so the tortilla drops onto the plate. Slide the tortilla back into the skillet, with the uncooked side down. Cook until the eggs are set all the way through, 2-3 minutes.

Slide the cooked tortilla onto a serving plate. Let it sit at least 5 minutes, or until it is room temperature. Then, for pinchos, cut the tortilla into 20 squares by slicing it into 5 strips one way, then making 4 cuts crosswise, and serve with toothpicks. Or, cut the tortilla into 6 wedges and serve.

Nutrition information: Each of the six servings contains 154 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Clay Pot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!"

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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 1:30-5 p.m. and Plymouth's 12:30-4 p.m.

Grief recovery

Hospice of Washtenaw (Saint Joseph Mercy Health System) will begin the five-week Grief Recovery series 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Hospice office, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor. The series is dedicated to helping survivors adapt to their loss and to gain and develop new skills in coping. Participants are encouraged to attend all five-sessions. Registration is required; call (734) 327-3409. There is no charge.

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Women with a history of breast cancer or are concerned about taking hormone replacement therapy who have bothersome hot flashes can participate in a research study at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor that will help determine whether a low-dose antidepressant may be effective in reducing or eliminating hot flashes.

SJMH is the lead research institute of the Ann Arbor Regional Community Clinical Oncology Program and participates in more than 100 cancer treatment and prevention trials. For more information about this study or the other cancer treatment and prevention trials, call the McAuley Cancer Care Center at (734) 712-5658.

Coping with aging

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Marywood Nursing Care Center will hold a lecture on "Coping with Aging Parents: Pay for Nursing Home Care," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in the hospital auditorium. This program will focus on how nursing home care is paid. Free of charge but registration is required, call (734) 655-1676.

Health-O-Rama

Oakwood Healthcare System presents "Project Health-O-Rama" 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 23-25, at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. Many health screening tests will be performed both free and low-cost screenings. For more information, call (800) 543-9355.

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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 Datebook (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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NEW METHODS HELP CONTROL STUTTERING

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Standing in front of his friends, family and bride, David Daly took an excruciating 60 seconds before he could utter, "I do."

As a youth, his stuttering caused countless hours of humiliation; even the Army didn't want him. He thought about suicide and later about becoming a monk where he could take a vow of silence, a quiet place where he found comfort away from sympathetic stares and ridicule.

Fast forward 37 years. Today, Daly is a nationally known speaker lecturing, of all things, about successful stuttering treatments. Among other speech therapists, especially in southeast Michigan, Daly is known as a leader in the field.

The founder of Daly's Speech and Language Center, his office was located for 20 years in Livonia and moved to Farmington last fall. Although Daly says he still stutters when he's tired, getting a cold or not fully alert, his speech is clear and after numerous conversations in person and on the telephone, not a single stutter was heard. Today, he's confident, gregarious and genial, surely not the same boy who covered in class afraid to speak.

"I was the only one in my high school who stuttered — I thought I was a freak and I asked myself, 'Why me?'" said Daly, who has written three books, including "The Source for Stuttering and Cluttering," "Freedom of Fluency" and "Speech Motor Exercises," which will be published in the spring.

As a boy, doctors told his parents to ignore the stuttering and it would go away. But year after year, he continued to stutter and every awkward situation made him recoil more.

Like the time he was on his way to class at Central Michigan University. Daly was low on gas and stopped at a station. An attendant came out and asked, with a stutter, how much gas he wanted. Daly replied, stuttering, and the attendant thought he was the butt of another joke. Daly sped away, without gas, as the attendant beat on the trunk of his car.

Fearful moments

Daly remembers calling his wife's home as a young man, finally getting her name out and having her mother hang up, because she was afraid Daly wouldn't be able to support her. In fact, talking on the phone can be especially difficult for stutterers, because people often think the breathy speech and long delays are obscene phone calls.

"It's hard not being able to say what you want to say when you want to say it," he said. Daly, 58, grew up in Flint the youngest of two sons. He started stuttering when he was 8 years old. While he's not exactly sure what happened, he believes his interrupted speech began after he started imitating a neighbor.

"When he would leave, the stuttering would stay," Daly said. "I got stuck on words and teachers would get mad at me. Fears continued to develop and I



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stopped talking."

Stuttering usually begins around ages 2 1/2 to 3. While, it's common for children to go through dysfluent times where they have difficulty getting words out, about 1.5 percent get stuck and develop a speaking problem.

In an effort to draw attention to the problem, May has been designated national Better Hearing and Speech Month. Daly said he, and other speech pathologists around the country have seen an increase in the number of stutterers. He says, however, he's not sure if there's a rise in people stuttering or if more people are seeking treatment, because of the increased success rate.

Daly estimates that about half of the people who seek help at his office are 30 and older. While many people believe that stuttering is an emotional problem, Daly points out that about half of the 3 million stutterers in the United States inherited the problem. In fact, the most common genetic strain is from a mother to a male child.

"I'm one of the speech pathologists around the country who thinks it is primarily a neurological disorder," Daly said. "We used to think it was primarily psychological, but that's not what most people think anymore. Stuttering can start out as a physical problem and can easily turn into an emotional problem."

Well-known people

Stutterers are among such famous people as John Stossel, a "20/20" reporter, singers Mel Tillis and Carly Simon, Marilyn Monroe, Winston Churchill, James Earl Jones and John Updike. While it seems odd that singers stutter when they speak, speech pathologists explain that singing allows the person to blend their sounds. They're not stopping, which eliminates or masks the stuttering.

Like those stutterers, Daly learned techniques to help him deal with his speaking problem. In fact, his life took an important turn when he attended a summer speech program at Central Michigan University.

"It was there that I decided if I could ever get flu-

ent I would like to become a speech therapist," said Daly who earned an undergraduate degree in speech pathology and a doctorate in education speech pathology. While working on his master's degree, he had two clients who complained to the program director, because Daly stuttered more than they did. The director forced him to sign up as a client.

Daly stresses that every case is different. Can all stutterers be totally free from stuttering? Probably not, he said making the analogy of two basketball players who practice the same amount of time. One may excel and the other may not.

Physical limitations have an impact.

Daly's patients range in age from 2 years old to elderly and each has a different goal. Some have severe speaking problems, others are professional speakers, like highly paid radio personalities and television news anchors, who want to maximize their enunciation. He also works with people who have speech phobias. But, the vast majority want to stop stuttering and the sooner they seek help, Daly said, the better.

"Many doctors hope the child will outgrow it," Daly said. "Meanwhile, the children are developing fears and avoiding speaking and if we get it earlier it would be easier to deal with it. If we see it early enough a lot of these kids go right through to normal fluency and they don't have to suffer all the problems that go with the disorder."

Concentrate on practice

Daly, the father of four boys, lives in Ann Arbor and also works as a professor at the University of Michigan. He plans to retire from his university role later this year to concentrate on his practice. "There are enough people out there, that's what I'm going to do for the rest of my career," Daly added while there isn't a single method that's used among speech pathologists nationwide. Daly said, speech motor exercises, stretching sounds, slowing down the speech process and changing the way the person breathes are among some of the techniques. His strongest advice to people who stutter is not to give up.

"My parents took me to see one of the most well-known speech pathologists in the country when I was 14 and he told me I would always stutter and to develop a thick skin, because people would tease me," Daly said.

"I got back in the car and said, 'I feel sorry for him, but I'm going to keep trying. We know so much more in 1999 than they did when I was a kid in 1950.'"

Young stutterers need help and support of family

BY DIANE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Everybody wants to think they are worth talking to and worth listening to. That's the way Linda Gippich, Livonia Public Schools speech department chairwoman, describes how young people who stutter feel.

"We discourage people from becoming impatient with them or having a 'Just spit it out kind of attitude' that makes the person much more uptight about the situation and less likely to communicate successfully," Gippich said. "No one likes having their sentences finished for them."

Yet, it's one of the most common problems parents make. Nearly 90 percent of parents surveyed told their children who stutter to slow down and relax, according to the Stuttering Foundation of America.

It is crucial that parents are out-

dated on early detection and intervention of stuttering in young children, according to Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation of America.

Gippich reports seeing an increase in the number of stutterers in the last couple of years. She describes stuttering as being on a range from mild normal types of dysfluency to severe problems where the majority of the words spoken are distorted. In those cases, the stutterer gets stuck and can't get the sound out. They may have twitching facial expressions and body tension. In fact, they can get to the point where words will last 30-40 minutes.

More than half of the children who begin to stutter outgrow the problem by about age 11, according to Holmes Communications Research, found on the Internet. The institute also

reports that there are four times more male than female stutterers.

"In school settings, we see the impact," Gippich said. "Generally you pick your favorite pieces from a number of different programs to find what best meets the needs of the student you're working with."

She stresses the importance of keeping the student's self-esteem intact. "Try to make the stutterer feel special and give them the time they need to communicate. Keep in mind she said that young children have normal periods of dysfluency that come and go, especially when the child's routine is disrupted."

Diane Carter, Plymouth Canton School District speech and language pathologist, said naturally stuttering may not necessitate attention from parents to how they say things.

Here was people to notice what

they say," Carter said. "Each case is different. Some kids respond quickly and some take a long time."

She noted, too, that stutterers face a heavy social stigma, because there's a high premium placed on communication skills, especially in the United States.

"If it's continuing we recommend seeking a speech pathologist whether it's through schools or privately to see if it's something that will go away or may not," Gippich said. "But it's best to check it out."

In addition to Daly's office and area schools, local hospitals also provide speech programs. For instance, St. Mary Hospital offers CLASS - Children's Language and Speech Services. The program is designed for preschool and school aged children with speech language disorders. The

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Health Day 1999



PHOTO BY LINDA LABO-MCGLYNN

Motivated: Janie Jasin asks Elenor Kosinski of Redford what it was like raising eight children at the fifth annual St. Mary Hospital Women's Health Day. More than 200 women found renewal and inspiration at the daylong retreat. Jasin's motivational discussion was enhanced by workshops on yoga, creativity, prayer and nutrition.

Hope

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next session is April 12 through June 3.

Participation is open to children with all types of communication disorders such as language development, articulation, stuttering/fluency voice. Call the St. Mary Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department at (734) 655-2955.

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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 auditorium at 7 p.m. Call Sharon for information at (248) 344-4063.

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New staff

Lesley B. McConville, M.D., has been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor and McPherson Hospital in Howell. She is board certified in neurology and has joined Greater Ann Arbor Neurology, which includes Drs. Gramprrie, Reiss and Anagnos.

Medical privileges

Amer Arshad, M.D., has been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor. He specializes in internal medicine and has joined Dr. Muhammad Tayyab.

Medical director named

Anthony D. Burton, M.D., MPH, has been named medical director of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Employee Health Services, which includes St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor, Saline Community Hospital and McPherson. He has been the medical director for SJMHS Business Health Services clinics in Plymouth and Canton since 1995. Prior to joining SJMHS, he served as the medical director of the Henry Ford Hospital employee health center.

Warszawski welcomed

Kris Warszawski, M.D., recently joined the Department of Internal Medicine at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne and the practice of Omar Guevara, M.D. Warszawski specializes in internal medicine and is a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Social worker

Mary Rich recently joined the MEDHEALTH team of Plymouth as the new social worker and vocational counselor. She will be available for a range of services including observation, diagnostic evaluation and direct service to patients. Rich will also provide participation in conference to coordinate the care of the individual patient; audit patient charts; develop vocational/social counseling treatment plans and monitor patient progress toward goals.

Executive honored

Pamela A. Wong of Plymouth, vice president - System Communications, Sisters of St. Joseph Health System, Ann Arbor was admitted to Associate status in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). In her role, she is responsible for communications strategy, public relations, professional recruitment and diversity and community benefits initiatives for four regional health systems.



Wong

Chiropractic research

Neil F. Kolle, DC, a chiropractic practitioner in the Redford area, recently participated in a milestone research project for the chiropractic profession. Kolle was among approximately 10 percent of the nation's licensed chiropractors that represented the profession by providing information for a Survey of Chiropractic Practice. The project was undertaken to define the tasks, duties and professional responsibilities common to licensed U.S. chiropractors.

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It seems as if we have been bombarded of late by all sorts of claims that the Y2K crisis is easing and that the government and business communities are making excellent progress in repairing computers so they'll function just fine come next January 1.

That's what it seems like.

The truth is, it's a mess. And often, we're flat out being lied to.

Take the case of the Federal Aviation Administration. On September 29, 1998, FAA administrator Jane Garvey announced the FAA is 99 percent complete. Then, just a couple weeks later, in November 1998, she proudly said the FAA has actually finished the Y2K repair job and was "100 percent done" as of September 30, 1998.

Oops. Two weeks ago, an FAA spokesperson said the agency would be 65 percent done by March 31. Then, just the other day, the FAA inspector general reported only 31 percent of the agency's computers are fixed.

Who are you to believe?

Not FAA spokesperson Paul Takemoto. Last week, he glossed over all the gaffes and misrepresentations and boldly claimed that all FAA computer systems will be totally compliant by "June 31."

There's only one problem. There is no June 31. There are only 30 days in June. June 31 is a day that does not exist. It's as vaporous as the FAA's problems.

What does this mean? Will planes fall out of the sky come Y2K?

I don't think that will happen. That's because I doubt many planes will take the chance of flying on January 1, 2000. I think most will be grounded because the aging and unreliable FAA computer system, a national embarrassment for years, will be simply too risky because of the added uncertainties posed by Y2K.

I remember visiting the FAA's huge Cleveland Air Control Center a couple of years ago.

Technicians and air traffic controllers snuck me and my photographer in with out their bosses' knowledge to show me how unreliable the computer system that controlled air traffic over the nation's midsection had become.

Some of the machines they were using bore serial numbers that started with double zero's, meaning they had been made in the seventies. I saw air traffic control logs that documented frequent radar and radio outages caused by computer glitches.

The equipment was so old that new repair parts were no longer available. They had to fix broken computers and terminals with used parts cannibalized from other broken down pieces of equipment.

When I traveled to Washington to confront FAA officials, they first denied the problems. When I told them of the videotape we had, they quickly changed their stories and said the old equipment was slated to be replaced.

I called one of my old sources last week. The source said some new equipment had come in. But some of the old, poorly working computers I saw two years ago was still in service there and "still breaking down with regularity."

So it comes as no surprise to me that the FAA's claims about being ready for Y2K have been less than truthful.

But here's something else about Y2K that is just as scary.

Experts now say the most popular method used to fix computers susceptible to Y2K problems is only a temporary repair and will require other expensive repairs or replacements within a generation.

Quick fix

The temporary fix is called "windowing" because it only works for a specific window of time. It essence, it uses a sophisticated twist of logic to fool computers and is only intended to work for a few decades — typically 30 years.

One programmer describes computers already fixed with the technique as "little ticking time bombs waiting to go off."

Federal government and industry experts estimate the method is being used to patch 80 percent of computers. Win-

dowing is popular because it is quicker and easier than the permanent fix. The permanent fix, called "expansion," requires a time-consuming line-by-line repair of all the dates expressed in two-digit years rather than four digits.

In some cases, corporate and government officials okayed windowing because they know that problems won't resurface until after they retire or change jobs.

"It's a Band-Aid, the way building a house out of wood and fiberboard is," said Jim Duggan, a researcher with the Gartner Group consulting company of Stamford, Conn. "You hope you'll be somewhere else before it falls down."

No news is good

While I have you depressed, let me give you one more piece of bad Y2K news. Sorry, but you need to know this: Many U.S. plants that process hazardous chemicals may be vulnerable to year 2000 computer bug failures. In a report to the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Year 2000 issues, the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board said the so-called millennium bug could cause "significant" problems for the industry, including plant shutdowns.

While large, multinational corporations should be ready in time, the report warned that small and medium-sized companies that process and store volatile chemicals could pose "large risks" to workers and surrounding communities because their plants were generally ill-prepared for the computer glitch.

To keep you informed and up to date on Y2K happenings, I've added a "Latest Y2K News" section to my Web site (www.pcmike.com). And starting next Monday, March 29, I'll broadcast a daily Y2K report that will air Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Items for Business Marketplace are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

DeMattia Group, will soon begin adapting a 1926 chapel on the Detroit campus. The chapel wing on the second floor of the Madame Cadillac building will be adapted into a much-needed, 6,000 square feet of practice and performing space for Marygrove's Department of Music. Construction begins in March and should be complete when the fall semester begins.

Office acquisition

Fahnestock & Co. Inc. announced that they reached an agreement in principle to acquire six additional brokerage offices and personnel in the state of Michigan. The offices, located in Plymouth, Adrian, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe Farms, Port Huron and Trenton, will become part of the First of Michigan Division of Fahnestock. The offices and staff are part of Fifth Third/The Ohio Company.

Acquisition

A&W Restaurants, Inc. (A&W) of Farmington Hills, its equity partner, Grotech Capital, and Long John Silver's Restaurants, Inc. (LJS) announced a definitive agreement under which A&W and Grotech Capital will acquire LJS upon the consummation of a Plan of Reorganization for LJS in its Chapter 11 case.

Chapel renovated

Marygrove College of Detroit, working with a design-build team from Plymouth-based

Dealership recognized

DaimlerChrysler has announced that **Bruce Campbell Dodge** of Redford (14875 Telegraph Road) has earned the Five Star designation by successfully establishing a rigorous set of processes designed to ensure the highest level of customer satisfaction. To maintain their Five Star status, dealers are encouraged to think of ways to constantly improve the way they conduct business and to put the customer first in every interaction with the dealership.

Contracts negotiated

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

MARCH 24, 31

BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

The Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM), Michigan Chapter, is holding their 8th Annual Symposium entitled "Mining Your Own Business" on March 24, 1999 in Livonia, Michigan. Visit the AIIM Michigan Web site for more information: www.aiim.org/chapters/michigan, or call Kathy Squillace at Matrix Imaging for information or to register: (248) 355-1640.

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The Laurel Park Chapter 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.

THUR, MARCH 25

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Brighton Gardens Assisted Living by Marriott (15870 Haggerty Road between 5 & 6 Mile) is offering an "Evening with Jim Jablonski," financial investor with Merrill Lynch from 7-8 p.m. For more information, RSVP to (734) 420-7917.

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After earning his medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. Dodds completed his internship and residency at Providence Hospital. Among his other awards and activities, Dr. Dodds was honored as Resident Teacher of the Year each year from 1995 through 1998. He is also a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



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'Wizard of Oz' to debut at conservatory

The Wizard of Oz is one of Chris Guyotte's favorite stories so it's no wonder he chose it for the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory's debut production. It should be a hit with Guyotte directing. The Plymouth resident won Best Director and Best Production awards for the "Bremontown Musicians" at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit.

"My favorite part is the unveiling of the Wizard because it reveals the magic and how our dreams can be exploded and how you can find other ways to realize your dreams," said Guyotte who's been working since January to build a strong theater education program at the conservatory in Canton.



Ready to roar: Ryan Welsh (Tin Man), Sarah Thornberry (Dorothy) and Ben Ryberg (the Scarecrow) rehearse their roles for the "Wizard of Oz" at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory.

The production involves a main cast of children ages 8-14, and about 10 munchkins 5-7 years old. Guyotte holds special rehearsals for the munchkins "who have to get to bed early."

"I'm pretty excited about the 'Wizard of Oz,'" said Guyotte. "They've all done a good job. At the last rehearsal, the littlest, the munchkins, knew exactly what to do and they did it."

There have been problems though. Guyotte "had to figure out where to

get costumes, build a stage and scrounge for props." He's renting the costumes from Joyce Uzeliac of Birmingham but still needs a basket for Dorothy. "There's been a lot of support from people wanting to come in and help us and also to buy tickets," Guyotte said.

Before coming to the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton in January as director of the drama department, Guyotte was artistic director at the Millennium Centre in Southfield. In fact, six of his students from the New Millennium Youth Theatre Co. followed him to the conservatory from as far away as Waterford, Farmington Hills and Southfield. Students auditioned to be part of the Performance Theater Ensemble and the "Wizard of Oz." Ryan Welsh (Tin Man), Sarah Thornberry (Dorothy), Ben Ryberg (the Scarecrow), Adrienne Omand (the Witch), and Justin Demond (the Lion) won the roles. "A child may not be ready to be on

What: The Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory's Theater Performance Ensemble brings the magic of Dorothy and Toto's journey to the stage.
When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 25-26 and 6 p.m. Saturday, March 27.
Where: Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory, 5701 Canton Center road, (north of Ford Road, off Mahan Road), Canton.
Tickets: \$8, and available by calling the conservatory, (734) 453-7590.

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From the outside the yellow brick building poised among the vacant lots along Rosa Parks Boulevard doesn't look like a typical commercial gallery. Alternative galleries never do.

Detroit Contemporary director Aaron Timlin's encountered his fair share of obstacles in opening the alternative space, not the least of which was renovating the structure now offering exhibition opportunities to local artists such as John Piet of Southfield and Sergio De Giusti, Todd Erickson and Matthew Hanna of Redford.

Artists like De Giusti believe at a time when "the exhibition scene is dying" and commercial galleries are charging 40-50 percent commissions, alternative spaces deliver an audience to artists. Detroit Contemporary and spaces such as the Cass Cafe and Alley Culture can be an attractive alternative to the buying public as well.

Whether or not Detroit Contemporary and Alley Culture survive depends on the support of the community, attracting the "right" artists and sales. Knowing that the cost of utilities, taxes and invitations can spell death for a gallery, Hanna doesn't blame commercial galleries for a lack of exhibiting opportunities. He knows who's buying art and from where because the majority of fine art his transport company ships is between New York, Chicago and Detroit.

"It's a business and they need to make money," said Hanna. "Detroit collectors don't collect Detroit artists. They collect New York artists."

Hanna is always searching for alternative places to show work. He and other Detroit artists have to be creative if their work is to reach the public. After approaching the International Institute in Detroit recently, he is exhibiting 27 pieces of his art there.

Against all odds

If Detroit is on its way back, is local art in the area? Judging by the quality of art shown in exhibits at Detroit Contemporary, Alley Culture and the Cass Cafe the answer is a resounding yes. Art is alive and well in Detroit, but the struggle to keep it so is never ending.

The first time Aaron Timlin walked into the building on the corner of Bryant in the Woodbridge Historic District two years ago, snow melting on the roof was raining in. With the help of family and friends, he set to work gutting the two-story structure built in 1889. Four layers of walls later, they reached the red

Hammering away: Redford artist Matthew Hanna exhibits "Choke," a wall sculpture of found objects at the Cass Cafe.



Alternatives for artists: Detroit Contemporary owner Aaron Timlin stands in front of a sculpture by Robert Sestock.

brick in time for a Nov. 14 opening. "We want to show a mix of emerging and established artists," said Timlin. "We have the biggest generation gap since the 1950s and '60s. There's a lot of wisdom coming from older artists. The younger artists have the excitement and energy."

Upstairs, Timlin has turned the former church and auto parts business into a beautifully lit white space perfect for showing art.

"The art is beautifully displayed," said De Giusti. "You have to admire the spirit. It represents a wonderful new generation of kids."

Erickson echoes De Giusti's sentiments. "It's the old idea of young people scraping some pennies together to fill in for nonprofits like Detroit Focus who's temporarily out of business," said Erickson, a sculptor who works in administration at Center for Creative Studies.

Timlin's not an artist but learned to appreciate it early from his father, Hugh, a sculptor and former instructor at Center for Creative Studies. Hugh Timlin curated the recent "3d@dc" which showcased some of the finest established and fledgling artists. Aaron plans to schedule future exhibits along the same lines. The next show "Naked" opens March 27 with a mix of artists focusing on human nakedness.

"We want to keep the excitement going and the quality of shows going," said Timlin.

Food for thought

The Cass Cafe by its very nature, as a gathering place for students and business people in the University Cultural Center, is a wonderful environment for showing art. With Center for Creative Studies, Wayne State University and its Hilberry Theatre right around the corner, and the nonprofit Detroit

Artists Market possibly moving into the neighborhood in fall, the area is a growing hot bed of culture. Add to that, the fact cafe owner Chuck Roy charges no commission and you know why artists exhibit at the cafe.

"People just mingle here," said De Giusti, a board member of the Detroit Artists Market and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. "The artists meet and the food is good. That's important. The environment has to draw people into feeling comfortable."

Upstairs and downstairs, art mingles with the cafe setting.

"We try to support local artists or artists who were from the metro area," said Diane L. May who began curating cafe shows with Robin Sommers five years ago. "There are 20 year olds to 70s that come here that have a common interest in culture."

Since the cafe doesn't depend on art sales for its bread and butter, May said they're able to curate "experimental or unusual works" for shows such as the one in April by employees including hemp clothing by Beth Breidenstein.

"A gallery can be off-putting for people not really acquainted with art," said May, a Royal Oak painter. "It's nice to see people in an unthreatening atmosphere open up to the art."

"On the Wall" is an exhibit of relief sculpture, drawing pertaining to sculpture, and drawings by sculptors continuing through March at the cafe. Hanna, Piet and Robert Sestock are among the artists taking a variety of approaches to transform 3-d into wall art.

"We tried sculpture before but it's difficult to show because people have a tendency to want to touch it and it's hard to display without it extending too

Alternative Spaces
 ■ Detroit Contemporary — 5141 Rosa Parks Boulevard, north of Warren, west of Trumbull, Detroit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Call (313) 898-4ART.
 ■ "Naked," a group exhibition exploring the human body through photography, painting, sculpture, installation art, and live performances. Saturday, March 27 to Sunday, April 11. Opening reception to meet the artists 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 27.
 ■ Cass Cafe — 4620 Cass Avenue, (south of Warren), Detroit. Call (313) 831-1400.
 ■ "On the Wall" features a group show of relief sculpture, drawing pertaining to sculpture, and drawings by sculptors. Continues through Wednesday, March 31. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday Saturday, and 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday.
 ■ Alley Culture — On the alley between Trumbull and Lincoln, red building south of Willis, Detroit. Two exhibits to honor Earth Day by New York artist Kurt Novak, a former Detroit resident, and Yoshiro Nakagawa, a graduate of Osaka University of Art. Novak's "Treasure" runs April 10-24, and Nakagawa's "view of seeds, eyes of farmers" May 1-22. Novak's reception is 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Nakagawa's 7-10 p.m. Saturday, May 1. Regular viewing hours are 3-6 p.m. Friday Saturday.

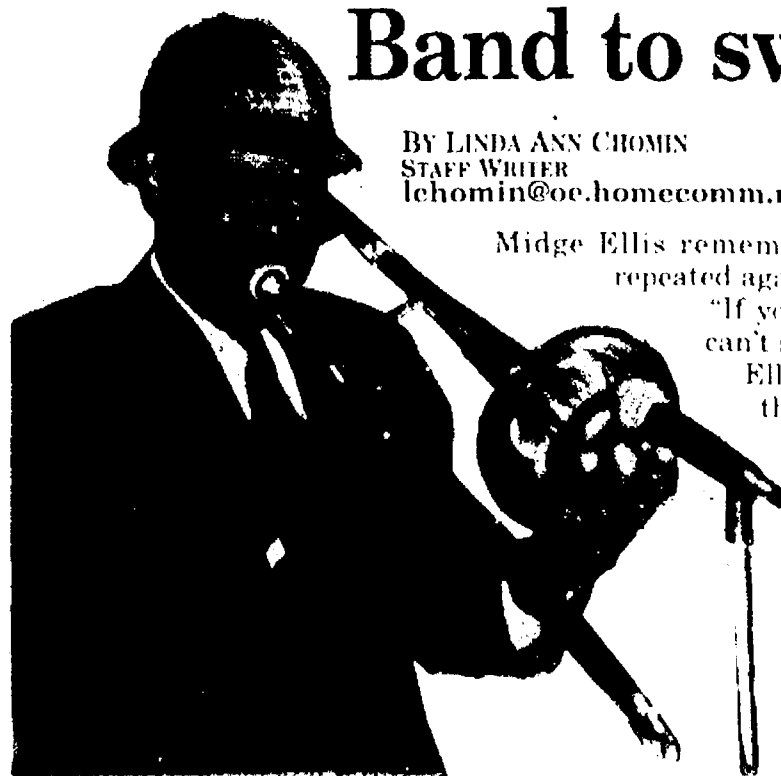
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Movln' on: This bronze and cast iron sculpture by Redford sculptor Todd Erickson was recently on exhibit at Detroit Contemporary.

CONCERT

Band to swing with Count Basie trombonist



Veteran plunger: Al Grey, trombonist with Count Basie's Band for 20 years, joins Johnny Trudell's Big Band for a tribute to the king of swing.

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Midge Ellis remembers one of the pearls Count Basie repeated again and again about his music:

"If you can't pat your foot to it or if you can't snap your fingers to it, I don't play it."

Ellis heard those "Basie-isms" often when the Big Band leader blew into town to play in the original Clarenceville Jazz Series in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"He was the dearest man," said Ellis, a lifelong jazz lover and Livonia resident. "He taught me what was important, to look at all of the time you're wasting holding a grudge and being angry when you should be living your life."

Even six kids know his Basie-isms and remind me of them," continued Ellis. "He had an imaginary shell that held boxes of joy, sorrow, tears, anger and happiness and used to say you'd be a

fool to ever open tears or sorrow."

Basie had class, too. When other bands would arrive in town looking disheveled, Ellis said, Basie'd come off the bus looking as if he'd stepped out of Vogue.

The kind of man William "Count" Basie was, is one of the reasons Ellis is coordinating a tribute concert to the Big Band leader March 28 at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. The other is Basie's music.

"Basie's was the swingiest band you'd ever heard," said Ellis. "He'd always say to young musicians don't ever turn down a gig. You never know who's going to be there. Something big could happen."

Al Grey, head trombonist with the Count Basie Orchestra for 20 years, is one of the musicians Basie influenced. He performs at the March 28 tribute with Johnny Trudell's Big Band. The second of three concerts in a series honoring Big Band leaders, the tribute will raise funds for the free Michigan Jazz Festival July 18 at

Count Basie Tribute
 What: The Clarenceville Jazz Series Revisited remembers the music of Count Basie in a tribute played by Johnny Trudell's Big Band. Guest artists are trombonist Al Grey, pianist Teddy Harris, Jr. and vocalist Harvey Thompson.
 When: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28. The Northville High School Jazz Band warms up the crowd beginning at 2:45 p.m.
 Where: Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, (south of Eight Mile Road), Livonia.
 Tickets: \$15, and available by calling (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454. Proceeds benefit the free Michigan Jazz Festival (July 18) and the Alumnus and Friends of the Clarenceville Foundation.

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stage, but there are other options for the parents to consider," said Guyotte who teaches summers at Interlochen Center for the Arts. "Not every child is ready for the stage. I remember my first role as a young Scrooge in the Christmas Carol. I said all of my lines behind the Christmas tree."

Guyotte and conservatory director Jeff Meyers spent the weekend building the conservatory's 19 by 25 foot stage to showcase the first of a series of performances to celebrate their first anniversary this summer. They finished it just in time to feature classical pianists and faculty members Dimas Carabello and Jia Li. Guyotte loves teaching theater so he's willing to do whatever it takes to build a drama program at the conservatory. Theater literally saved his life when he was a young child in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Guyotte was "a terrible student, but theater classes kept him in school." In order, to remain a theater student, he had to keep up all of his grades. Eventually, the Hilberry Graduate Repertory Theatre program brought him to Michigan after earning a bachelor's degree in theater arts at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire.

"I love to watch a student have a realization," said Guyotte, a playwright whose works have been produced at the Hilberry Theatre, Interlochen and the Millennium Centre. "Students haven't learned to hide their excitement the way adults do."

Guyotte put himself through college by clowning. After studying the craft with clowns from Ringling Bros. Circus, Guyotte formed his own troupe. Now, he's teaching others, including five Canton Township fireman, to clown. The class is just one of the

theater offerings at the conservatory. Guyotte hopes that the beginning and advanced acting, monologue, stage combat, make-up, and performance classes now offered eventually lead to an extended program which results in a theater certificate that includes studies in music and dance.

"I look forward to the performance ensemble coming in because that's what I trained for to be a director," said Guyotte.

The next round of auditions for the Theater Performance Ensemble (for Jack in the Beanstalk) are scheduled for April. In the meantime, Guyotte is looking for a beginning acting teacher with qualifications.

Conservatory director Jeff Meyers said the conservatory has come a long way since opening with their Jammin' in July band camp in 1997. He expects to see "lots of growth" in conservatory offerings in the next several years, especially in the drama department.

"We're really excited. Last year we started with two camps this year we're offering 18 different camps for music, the performing arts, and dance, and even a preschool camp," said Meyers. "Besides the Wizard of Oz we're also having a murder mystery dinner April 16."

Guyotte hopes to make the Plymouth Canton area his home for the next several years while the conservatory is growing. It reminds him in many ways, of his hometown Plymouth, New Hampshire.

"Coming to Plymouth feels like I'm coming home," said Guyotte. "Just like Plymouth, New Hampshire they have a strong sense of community and I'm seeing there's a lot of support for the arts. It's nice to come into a place where there's such support for the arts."

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the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, and the Friends and Alumni of the Clarenceville Foundation. Emceeding the afternoon of music played by Johnny Trudell's Band is WKBD-Channel 50 news anchor David Scott.

"He took me like I was his son and he was my father," said Grey during a phone interview from New York. "I still do Count Basie music because I feel it's what made me successful. I will play the Count Basie arrangement for 'Makin' Whoopee' which made my trombone playing famous. It would always get standing ovations. Standing ovations make it mighty, mighty wonderful for a musician."

By the time Grey joined Basie's band with vocalist Ella Fitzgerald in 1957, he'd already paid his dues with Benny Carter, Jimmy Lunceford and Lionel Hampton. After a brief stint in Decca's recording studios left Grey eager to play to live audiences again, he joined Dizzy Gillespie's band.

"It'd been on the road too long to play to four walls," said Grey. "I wanted to get out amongst the people."

One night, Grey decided to catch Basie's act in his hometown of Philadelphia. Basie saw



Count Basie

Grey in the audience and asked him to grab his trombone. Three days later, Grey was recording with Basie. A four-time Grammy nominee, Grey said a highlight of his career was ending up as a soloist on Frank Sinatra's "Live at the Sands" recording, and performing at the 1997 Grammy Awards with the Golden Men of Jazz.

"Basie told me he knew I was an accomplished trombonist but

don't try to play all you know in one number," said Grey. "Be more melodic; follow more of the melody."

At 73, Grey is still following the melody. He talks about slowing down but his schedule doesn't show it, from the 40th anniversary of the Newport Jazz Festival to playing for President Clinton. Grey has performed for every elected U.S. President since Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In February, he received standing ovations for his performance at the 32nd annual Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho. In May, he plays the famous Blue Note in New York before leaving in June for a three month tour of Europe. Conducting clinics for young musicians is also an important to Grey. Next month, he'll travel to Kansas City for the unveiling of a Charlie Parker sculpture. While their, Grey, the author of the definitive book "Plunger Techniques for Trombone and Trumpet" with his son Mike, will give several clinics in Kansas City schools.

Along with Grey, Detroit pianist/saxophonist Teddy Harris Jr. and vocalist Harvey Thompson join Trudell's band for the Basie tribute.

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near the tables or into walkways."

Alley Culture

Sherry Hendrick believes "art survives because there are participants in an ongoing, organically changing community" otherwise "the stamps and lights can eat you up." Dressed to chop wood for Alley Culture's stove on a cold March day, Hendrick talked enthusiastically about the gallery's history and the board that's kept the nonprofit running since 1995. A reconvered five car-garage built in the 1926, the gallery is vacant until April 10 when exhibits honoring Earth Day run back-to-back through May.

"There's no formal address or phone number," said Hendrick,

a 1988 graduate of Wayne State University's art program. "We liked the idea of people finding it by coming down to a Detroit alley to see good art. Do we have a Web site? No, we have a wood stove. They both generate conversation."

Curated by Hanna, the upcoming exhibits are a continuation of the "Honor the Earth" biennials he began at the Willis Gallery where the director before Hanna, Dave Roberts, held his "Earth Day Open Corridor" shows. An alternative space for 25 years until closing in 1996, the Willis Gallery gave cutting-edge artists a place to show work. Alley Culture originated with the same mission. The gallery charges a 25 percent commission on sales, which by

no means covers expenses, said Hanna.

"I loved Kurt's proposal for an installation about trees," said Hanna, assistant director at the Center Galleries and an instructor at Center for Creative Studies, "and Nakagawa's work is just beautiful about earth, about seeds that's why I want to show them."

Before Hendrick and poet-husband Mick Vranich opened Alley Culture, the two put hundreds of hours of work into refurbishing the garage's wood walls leaving the environment perfect for Earth Day exhibits.

"We left it unfinished," said Hendrick, "but there's something about this place. You can hear the birds."

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Van Gogh-like: Gwen Tomkow won the Detroit Society Women Painters and Sculptors' Award for this painting on exhibit at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road through March 31. Tomkow, a Farmington Hills watercolorist, exhibits 37 paintings in a one-woman show at the library. "Great Abundance" (pictured) will be displayed in the Detroit Society's exhibit April 18 to May 22 at the Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame Gallery in Lansing. Nature permeates Tomkow's landscapes, genre scenes and still lifes. She's known as the "happy Van Gogh."

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Harpists Kerstin Allvin and Patricia Masri-Fletcher in "Arianna Harp Duo," 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 29887 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8860.

PALM SWAN CONCERT

The Archdiocesan Chorus and Orchestra performs "Requiem" by Maurice Durufle, and two works for two organs and choir, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 865-6300.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

"Blackthorn," music of Ireland, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, First Baptist Church, Willis at Bates Street, downtown Birmingham.

TEMPLE BETH EL

Third annual Jazz Sabbath Service featuring the "New Orleans Klezmer All-star Band" cantor Stephen Dubov and the Temple Beth El Choir, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, on Telegraph at 14 Mile Road; (248) 851-1100.

UMS

American String Quartet 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Trio Fomenko 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-2538.

DANCE

OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE/OU REP THEATRE

"Dance Explosion!" a high energy concert of new dances by faculty, student and guest choreographer Colin Connor, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, and 3 & 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills; (248) 330-2032.

CONCERTS, LECTURES

Through April 11 - "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

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. \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors; (248) 645-3323.

DIA

Through April 25 - "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks"; through June 6 - "Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary," 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

SCARAB CLUB

Through March 21 - "The art and photography of Nancy Pitel," 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

March 22 - "Nora Chapa Mendoza: Between Two Cultures," through April 17, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MATRIX GALLERY

Through March 21 - "Man, Woman, House," an installation of paintings and ink drawings by Shaqe 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 Schochit, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 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 Daulton, recent sculpture by Louise Kruger, 101 Townsend St., Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

NETWORK

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

SCARAB CLUB

Through March 28 - The art of Nancy Pitel, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

GALERIE BLU

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

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

MASTERPIECE GALLERY

Through March 31 - Artwork by Yvonne, 137 W. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 594-9477.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS GALLERY

Through March 31 - Wood sculpture by Rita Miller, Orchard Lake Schools, 3635 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 682-1887.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Through March 31 - "Looking Forward, Looking Back," a group show, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; (313) 993-7813.

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 Century of Jewish Community 1899-1999," a museum-quality exhibition of artifacts and photos. 6600 W. Maple Rd., West Bloomfield; (888) 469-0100.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Through April 2 - "MFA Thesis Exhibition," the art of Jennifer Rosenfeld, Meekyung Shim and Linda Soberman, Wayne State University, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through April 2 - "Words & Images" in 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 Petersen, 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

HILL GALLERY

Through April 3 - The contemporary sculptures of John Duff, 407 W. Brown, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through April 3 - "Dogs in the Desert," new paintings by Nancy Mitchnick, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

UZELAC GALLERY

Through April 3 - "Water Colors & Brick Sculptures" by Jerome Ferretti, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY

Through April 3 - "With Hand and Hammer" showcases hand raised metal vessels, 1719 West 14 Mile, Royal Oak; (248) 549-3016.

CREATIVE RESOURCE

Through April 10 - An exhibit of abstract painting and figurative sculpture by Carol Sams, Karen Petersen, and Karen Jacobs, 162 Old N. Woodward at Maple, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

REVOLUTION

Through April 10 - Jim Meichert's selected works from "Life on Mars," Thomas Nozkowski's recent works, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

WILDLIFE INTERPRETIVE GALLERY

Through April 11 - "Recycled Realities," three dimensional assemblages and paintings, Detroit Zoological Institute, Royal Oak; (248) 398-0900.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through April 17 - Works of James Klein, David Reid, James Makins, Steven Reif, Annabeth Rosen, Sandy Simon and Keisuke Mizuno, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through April 24 - "Reality Studded With Thorns," metal constructions by Harriete Estel Berman, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Through April 30 - "Checka Checka Boom Boom, Alphabet Art in Children's Books," a collection of original art, lithographs and prints, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-1346.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through April 11 - "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas
Showcase
Auburn Hills 1-14
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BABY GENIUSES (PG)
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Showcase Pontiac 1-5
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Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
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OCTOBER SKY (PG)
12:30 PM
NP DEEP END OF THE OCEAN (PG-13)
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NO V.P. TICKETS
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OCTOBER SKY (PG)
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SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R)
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THE OTHER SISTER (PG-13)
5:30, 8:15
8 MM (R)
2:10, 6:50, 9:40
PAYBACK (R)
12:30, 2:40, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
MY FAVORITE MARTIAN (PG)
11:05, 2:30
LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG-13)
12:10, 2:50, 6:10, 8:50
SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
4:30, 8:30
PRINCE OF EGYPT (PG)
11:30, 2:00,
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THE RAGE: CARRIE 2 (R) NY
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NP WING COMMANDER (PG-13) NY
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STEP MOM (PG)
12:40, 6:40
OFFICE SPACE (R)
3:40, 9:50
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NO 7 PM 3:16
AFLICTION (R)
(8:30) 9:15
HILARY AND JACKIE (R)
(12:45) 6:45
WAKING NED DEVINE (PG)
SUN. (11:15 4:00) 6:15, 8:30
MON-THURS 6:15, 8:30
NO 6:15 & 8:30 ON 3:15
CENTRAL STATION (R)
SUN. (1:30) 6:30, 8:45
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THE LAST DAYS (R)
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THEATRICAL EVENING

In honor of 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.

ARTS MEETING

The Palette and Brush Club holds its monthly meeting 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 23 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road.

Guest speaker is photographer Balthazar Korab who will show slides of his work. Artists interested in joining an art group are invited along with the general public. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 646-7033.

OPENING RECEPTION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a reception for West Bloomfield artist Nora Chapa Mendoza 7-9 p.m. Friday,



Women's History Month: Lynette Brown plays the role of mid-nineteenth century women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton at the Plymouth District Library.

March 26 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

The reception features a Kalpulli ceremonial performance by Aztec sun dancer Alberto

Ramirez of Mexico at 8 p.m. and a chance to meet Mendoza, whose exhibit opens March 22.

Educators in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, which is sponsoring the evening, are being invited to bring students

to this celebration of Indian, Latino and Hispanic traditions. A local business man/professional will relate his personal experiences growing up in a Hispanic migrant worker family.

Chapa Mendoza's exhibition, "Between Two Cultures," and the programming is part of the arts council's ongoing Cultural Diversity Series. Chapa Mendoza, who studied at the Society of Arts and Crafts (now Center for Creative Studies), has been painting for 30 years. Her work appears on the cover and inside "Al Norte." In conjunction with her migrant worker series, Chapa Mendoza designed greeting cards for Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers of America, Children of the Fields program.

Also of note:

The arts council holds its monthly ArtReach luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 26.

Tickets are \$15, call (734) 416-4ART.

Guest artist is LaVern Homan who creates art from recycled objects.

COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Metro Productions hosts its annual show of glassware, china, pottery, jewelry, figurines, primitives, toys, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at the Holiday

Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, I-275 at Six Mile, Livonia. Admission is \$3, children free. For information, call (734) 464-8493/(734) 591-3252.

ART TOURS

The Fine Art Associates, a group of volunteers who support the arts and cultural activities at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, in cooperation with the Art Museum Project at the university, present two art tours in April and May.

The first, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, focuses on the Detroit region with a visit to a private museum, an artist's studio and a new Hamtramck gallery.

The second tour, 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 24, stops at a private home/collection in Bloomfield Hills, and artists' studios in Troy and Pontiac.

The cost, which includes lunch, is \$20 for members of the Fine Art Associates, \$30 non-members. All proceeds are used to support art and cultural programs at the university. Call museum project director Kenneth Gross at (313) 593-5058 for information about the tours. To learn about volunteer opportunities with the Fine Art Associates, call Joseph Marks, collections and exhibitions curator, at

(313) 593-5087.

VISITING CERAMICS ARTISTS

The Garlic Girls (Janet De Boos, Antje Scharfe and Suzanne Wolfe) talk about and show slides of their work 7 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the University of Michigan School of Art and Design, Art & Architecture Auditorium, 2000 bonisteel Boulevard, Ann Arbor.

A panel on international collaboration follows the slide presentation. The ceramic artists are from Australia, Germany and Hawaii.

Admission is free. For information, call (734) 936-0672 or (734) 763-4199.

ART CLASSES

D & M Studios offers a pastel and charcoal class with Jim Riopelle beginning April 12 at 8691 N. Lilley at Joy, Canton. Riopelle's class is one of many the art studio offers for children and adults. All day painting and cartooning workshops will be held at the studio during spring break. For ages six and up, the workshops run 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 5-9. The cost is \$15 per student, per day.

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D & M is also taking registrations for its ninth annual summer art camp.



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Sunday, March 21, 1999

Try unofficial birthstones to save money

Dear Jewelry Lady,

Is the birthstone for March aquamarine or blue topaz? I see both advertised as the official gemstone.

Birthday Girl

Dear Birthday Girl,

The official gemstone for March is aquamarine, but the official alternative is bloodstone, an opaque, dark green gem generally reserved for men's jewelry that is spotted with red, hence its name.

THE JEWELRY LADY

Aquamarine tends to be a bit pricey, and because few people like the look of bloodstone — and no one likes the sound of the word — blue topaz has taken off as a relatively inexpensive alternative.

Most blue topaz has been treated with heat or irradiated to obtain that delicious, ocean blue color. But the color is permanent, so who cares, especially if you're looking to buy a big stone on a small budget?

Dear Jewelry Lady,

The raised, white area of my antique cameo is wearing down and turning orange like its background. Can the face of the cameo be painted white? Is there anything that can be done to restore it?

Concerned Antique Lover

Dear Concerned,

This question is a new one to the Jewelry Lady. And, as a matter of fact, a quick survey of area jewelers revealed that they, too, rarely encounter this problem.

However, Anna Miller, a graduate gemologist and author of "Cameos Old & New," published by Gemstone Press in Woodstock, Vt., came to the rescue. Information about the book can be obtained by calling (800) 962-4544.

According to Miller, once a cameo has been worn down, short of shipping it to Italy for recarving by a cameo artisan, there is not much you can do. Miller adds that this solution is an extremely expensive one and perhaps only justified when restoring extremely valuable cameos from the 1600s or earlier.

If you have other cameos in good condition, or now plan to purchase a new one, take care to store them away from other jewelry inside a soft cloth or separate container.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

I have a beautiful diamond and sapphire engagement ring and wedding band from my first marriage. When my current husband and I married a few years ago, we decided not to spend money on rings. Now, after children, it seems to be a priority of mine and of his — begrudgingly. I would like to have the ring of my dreams — a simple but large diamond set in platinum. How can I discreetly get information on upgrading or selling?

Second Time Around — and Happy

Dear Happy,

Let's start with the end of your question. Any jeweler that wants to stay in business and build a list of satisfied customers knows the meaning of discretion backwards and forwards. And, unless you are a local celebrity, the fact that you are selling off your first hubby's nuptial gift isn't likely to register even one on the Richter scale of titillating news. So, ask your jeweler to exercise discretion, but don't lose any sleep over it.

As far as trading up or selling off your rings, shop around. Call ahead and see who trades up diamonds and who buys "estate" jewelry for cash. Get at least three estimates and then go ahead with purchasing that large diamond and platinum ring of your dreams.

The Jewelry Lady is available to answer all your pressing jewelry questions. You may contact her at rodgers@mich.com or fax (248) 582-9223.

As sweet as it gets for spring



Little feet: Fit your little lady with a pair of traditional Mary Jane's, either with bows in ecru (at top left) or with buckles in black patent leather. Both are from Richard Stride Rite in West Bloomfield.

Traditional kids' dress makes a comeback

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

SPECIAL EDITOR

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"A little darling."

"A perfect gentleman."

Those are the kind of coos and comments your little one is likely to hear if dressed in the latest children's formal attire for spring.

That's right, traditional styles and clothing elements — from ribbons and lace for girls to neckties and vests for boys — have resurfaced in children's dress-up wear.

"The pendulum is starting to swing back," said Richard Roobrook, a children's department manager for Hudson's. "You're seeing the trend of really dressing up come back."

While the look for spring isn't an extremely formal, frilly one, the reign of casual formal wear hit its peak about three years ago, said Roobrook, who attributes the style shift to parents' attempts to influence behavior through dress and the popularity of children's movies like "Madeline."

"Madeline" was a big influence. Girls really saw another little girl dressing up," said Roobrook.

"Now, the young ladies are themselves asking to dress up," he said.

Particularly popular elements for girls this spring are applique flowers, ribbons and bows, butterflies, lace, linen and multiple dress layers in sheer fabrics.

Hats, too, can be found in abundance, both traditional straw and ribbon versions, as well as less elaborate hats that come paired with formal dresses.

Pastel colors, especially pink and sage, mark a move away from navy, plum, black and other dark colors for girls' better clothing. Stores are bristling with floral prints for girls as well.

The return of traditional formal wear for children has most definitely impacted girls



Dressy duo: Connor Schram of West Bloomfield models a Monkey Wear slate blue vest, \$36, coordinating trousers, \$39, and all-cotton, white dress shirt, \$29. Hannah Clayman, also of West Bloomfield, wears a pink floral dress from Cozy Toes, \$54, with Leisa & Co. ribbon hair barrettes, \$15. All clothing from Koochie Koo in West Bloomfield.

more so than boys.

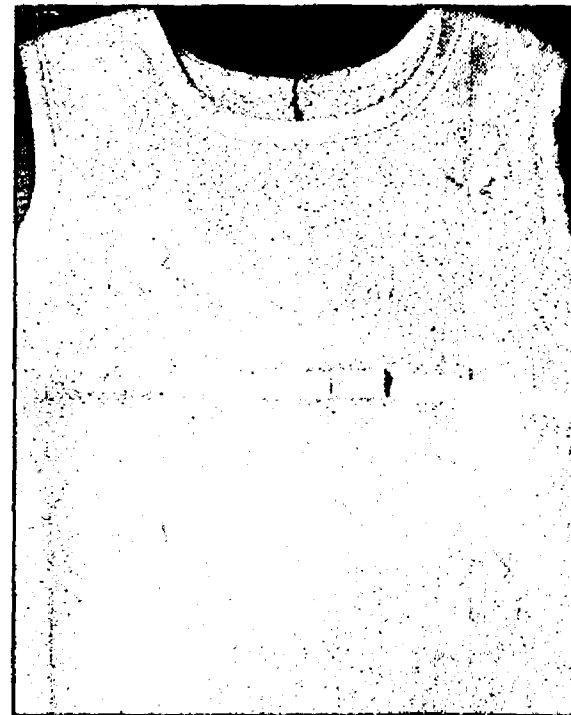
"When it comes to the formal wear, parents want very formal for the girls. But, for the boys, you'll see suits, but maybe not ties," said Katie Anderson, assistant manager at the Gilded Rabbit, an upscale children's clothing store at 418 Main Street in downtown Rochester.

More common for boys are vests or a v-neck sweater with dressy trousers and an Oxford or polo shirt.

And, boys are wearing such ensembles with and without ties, said Anderson, adding, "It's maybe a tad bit more relaxed for the boys."

But, like Roobrook, Anderson, has also noticed parents' renewed interest in ennobling their children by covering them with fancy duds for formal occasions.

"We are just seeing a return to parents dressing their children more formally."



Delicate details: Trimmed with silk ribbon and tiny applique flowers, this pink silk dress by Rosetta Millington, \$82 at Koochie Koo, epitomizes girls' formal wear trends this season.

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 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

ARMANI FOR MEN

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a Giorgio Armani/Mani spring special order caravan. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Men's Store, first floor.

ADRIENNE VITTADINI TRUNK SHOW

The Knitting Room in Birmingham hosts a trunk show of Adrienne Vittadini's spring styles and yarns through April 5. For information, call (248) 540-3623.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

GOWN COLLECTION

Michael Casey will make a personal appearance and show his spring gown collection at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with informal modeling 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Couture Salon, third floor.

JEWISH AUTHORS DISCUSSED

Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills hosts

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

the Jewish Authors Book Group led by a Border's staff member. 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

ELLEN TRACY'S 50TH

Hudson's, Somerset Collection in Troy, celebrates 50 years of Ellen Tracy's fashions with an informal modeling of her spring collection and a designer retrospective video. 12-4 p.m., Oval Room.

FASHION SEMINAR

An Anne Klein designer representative will conduct a fashion seminar and present the company's latest looks at Hudson's, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. 7 p.m., Anne Klein Department.

"THE GARDEN DOCTOR"

The Somerset Collection in Troy hosts Don Juchartz, "The Garden Doctor," in a live broadcast of WYUR's Jimmy Launce Show. "The Garden Doctor" will answer questions after the broadcast. 11:40 a.m.-noon, North Grand Court.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

GOLF WEAR SHOW

A show of Karen Kane's golf wear collection, along with a personal appearance by LPGA golf pro Jackie Gallagher-Smith, runs at three Jacobson's stores. In Birmingham. 2-5 p.m. In Rochester Hills, noon-4 p.m. The show runs noon-4 p.m. March 27 at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. Casual Wear Department.

ALL SILKS

Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, presents its 416 line of silks in 35 colors. Designer representative David Epstein will be on hand to help shoppers order dresses, jackets, skirts, pants and more. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through March 27.

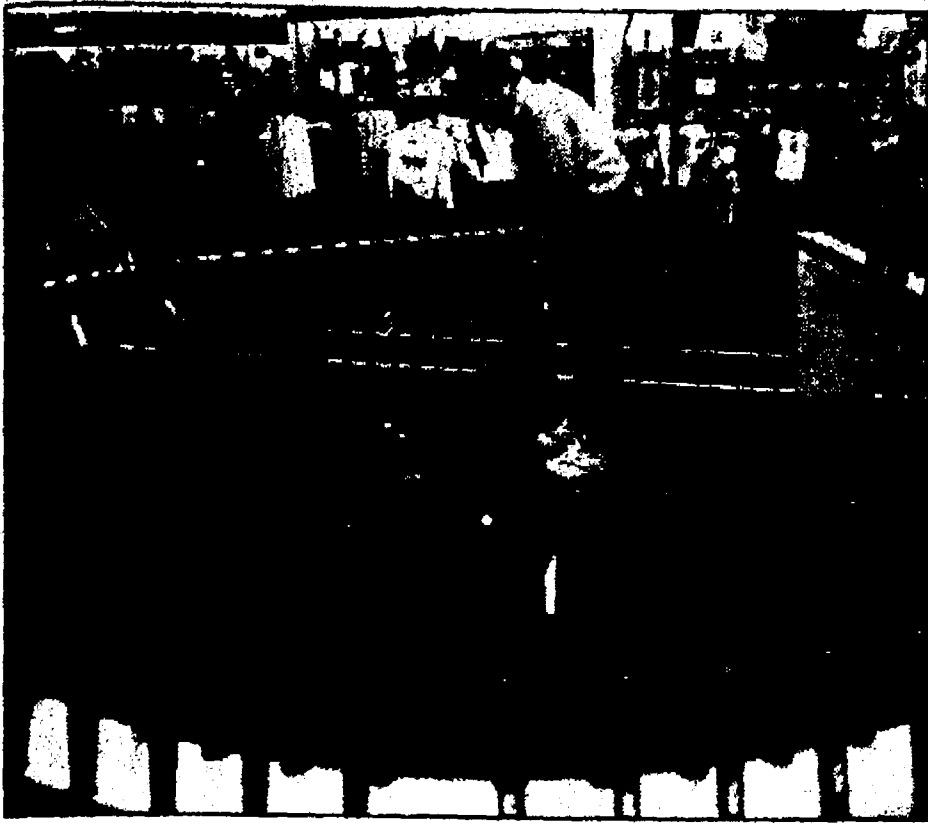
PLYMOUTH MOONLIGHT MADNESS

Bargains will abound during Downtown Plymouth's Moonlight Madness Sale. Retailers will be open 7-11 p.m. For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

WOODWORKING SEMINAR

WOOD Magazine's master woodworker Jim Heavey will demonstrate his craft and build a Shaker side table at Sears, Oakland Mall in Troy. The event is free and attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. 1 p.m., Tool Department



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

First swing: Matt Lake, who was paying a visit to Michigan, tries out a new putter on the in-store putting green at Oshman's SuperSports USA in Auburn Hills. The more than 60,000-square-foot sporting goods store opened Tuesday at Great Lakes Crossing.

Test drive

Try before you buy is the rule at new store

By NICOLE STAFFORD
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Oshman's SuperSports USA gives new meaning to the concept behind big sporting goods stores.

Not only can shoppers expect to find any and all items related to a particular sport — from running to canoeing — but they'll be able to take a test drive before making purchases.

A new Oshman's sporting goods store, featuring a computerized golf course simulator and other demonstration areas, opened Tuesday at Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills.

Grand opening ceremonies began Saturday and will come to an end at 1 p.m. Sunday with an appearance by Oshman's Roary, the Detroit Lions mascot.

■ 'It's huge.'

Jeff Segnitz—
Oshman's Roary, the
customer

"It's huge," said Jeff Segnitz, a shopper from Waterford who took a pair of Mission roller-hockey skates for a spin on Oshman's in-line skating mat on Thursday.

"I want to go hit a couple of those drivers, too," said Segnitz, as he whizzed by on the skates, eyeing the store's nearby golf simulator cage.

The more than 60,000-square-foot store, located in Great Lakes Crossing's fifth district, called Fit For Life, also contains a basketball court, putting green, a circular running track and a tennis/racquetball court.

The store's golf simulator enables customers to test equipment on nine different 18-hole golf courses, including a few famous ones — Pinehurst II in North Carolina, Banff Springs in Colorado and Mauna Kea in Hawaii.

Oshman's also aims to accommodate women who come into the store in search of sporting equipment. Every item in the store that was designed for women bears a special tag that reads "Women and Sports."

Many women are intimidated by large sporting goods stores, said Tim McDermott, area manager for Oshman's. And, historically, such stores have catered to the interests and shopping habits of men over women.

"Especially in the golf department, there is typically more men's equipment than women's equipment," said McDermott. "That's what we're trying to get away from."

Oshman's SuperSports USA operates 64 sporting goods specialty stores across the country and is based in Houston. The Auburn Hills store will be open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. For additional information, call the store at (248) 333-1330.



New skates: Jeff Segnitz, of Waterford, tests a pair of hockey roller skates.

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:

We found the following items and will call the readers who made these requests: a Central High 1989 yearbook, Australian Shepherd puppies, Chinese checkers, a black velvet painting of Elvis, an electronic Tudor football game and macramé plant holders.

The Magnetic playing cards and board set can be ordered from Spilsbury Puzzle Co., Box 8922, Madison, WI. 53708. Also call 1-800-772-1750. The set is item number A2380 and costs \$36.38.

Another suggestion for stopping consumer junk mail came in. Write to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008 Farmingdale, NY 11734-9008. Also call, 1-800-353-0809.

Sewing seam sealant can be found at Joanne Fabrics.

Mary Kay cosmetics carries an ultimate brow kit, with three shades of eyebrow pencil color, including soft blonde, that comes with tweezers.

The Golden Winslow silverware pattern can be found through Smyth catalog based in Baltimore, MD. Call (800)-638-3333.

Leather mats for tables can be found at Ideal Office Supply, at 21210 Harper at Eight Mile Road in St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 773-3411.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Eleanore is looking for the substance that can be used for furniture polish. Wood alcohol is now methanol.

Rosemary wants Crystal Lite lemonade flavor hard candies.

Denise is looking for Nature Essence european elastin-firming facial by Avanza. It comes in eight-ounce containers for \$2.49 when she last purchased it at Arbor Drugs.

Teresa wants Wick'd Scent Candles. They were purchased at a South Lyon Craft show.

Carol from Westland is looking for TV plastic trays.

Marian is looking for MAROC cologne by Ultima.

Katrina wants a "US Team" soccer shirt.

Gail is looking for workout equipment made by Power Ryder.

Colleen is searching for little statues that can be placed in back car windows. The heads of the statues bounce up and down.

Jeanette wants Bongo button-fly jeans that were formerly available at Mervyn's stores.

Diane is looking for a toy from the 1960s, a plastic egg containing characters from the Flintstone family.

Bob is looking for copies of Trading Times published prior to September 1998.

Margaret wants Lancaster perfume by Lancaster of Monaco in France.

Karen wants Max Factor lipstick in a color named Rosette.

Gloria wants a wire recording player.

Mary is looking for the Clairol Slender Twirl brush/curling iron.

April is looking for the 1989 Plymouth, Canton & Salem yearbook.

Deborah wants a "Thomas the Tank" comforter.

Darlene is looking for AROMATIQUE candles in cinnamon-cider. It was sold at

Hudson's during the Christmas holiday.

Dennis wants a 1960 Wayne Memorial High yearbook.

Marga wants to know where she can have her own signature translated into a computer font.

Pat is looking for Heywood-Wakefield early American/colonial hard rock, maple furniture.

Carol wants Woodhue cologne by Faberge.

Kathy wants the Playskool toy "Awesome Tossome Cow." It is a soft nylon cow that makes cow noises.

Donna wants a used curly lamb white coat.

Teresa is looking for non-diatstatic powder used for making bagels.

Jan is looking for Bonnie Doon women's wool ankle and knee socks.

Irene is still looking for the compact disc or cassette from the soundtrack of the movie "Scarface."

Marion wants the "Indiana Jones Temple of Doom" soundtrack on cassette or compact disc. It is the second of three soundtracks.

Linda wants Deep Magic moisturizing lotion.

Nancy is still looking for the movie soundtrack from "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

John still wants a painting of Elvis Presley.

Deborah is looking for men's saddle shoes in a size 12 (narrow would be a plus) in Black/White or Navy/Creme.

Phyllis wants the January, 1943 yearbook from Northern High School.

David is still looking for a PC interface (64K organizer) from Texas Instrument that was made about six years ago.

Jo is looking for top-fitted sheets. Sears carried them in their catalog.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

RETAIL DETAILS

MARCH IS READING MONTH

Wonderland Mall in Livonia and Livonia Frost Middle School are celebrating Reading Month in Michigan by collecting used, donated books during the month of March. Drop-off barrels are set up in the mall's food court. Donated books will be given to First Step, Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Also, mall retailer F.Y.E. (For Your Entertainment) has discounted all children's books by 20 percent in March.

Wonderland Mall kicked off Reading Month on March 12 with a youth storytelling program led by State Rep. Laura M. Toy. In addition to hearing a few good stories, youngsters who attended the event snacked on cookies and received a Hilda Hippo hand puppet.

ESSAY CONTEST

If you've always dreamed of running a retail store filled with beautiful merchandise, an unbelievable opportunity may await you.

Diana Pink, the owner of Pinks-N-Lace, an antique and gift store with a victorian theme located at 1000 N. Main Street in Royal Oak, is giving away the contents of her store to the winner of a national essay contest.

Write an essay, 300 words or less, about your dream of owning a business like Pinks-N-Lace. The contest entry deadline is May 31, 1999.

For rules and information, call toll free (877) 556-0508.



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TRAVEL

Nutritionist leads the way to healthy Panama cruise

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All that wonderful food. Morning. Noon. Night. Late Night. Late, late night.

Tables laden with a cornucopia of tasty dishes. A sweets table groaning under the weight of all that sugar!

And it's all there on the cruise. All part of the price. Go ahead, eat up!

Nutritionist Gail Posner is offering the weight conscious a chance to enjoy a cruise and not come back looking like Moby Dick.

"A lot of people view a vacation as a vacation from your body," Posner said. "Don't bring home an ugly souvenir of a few pounds. I call it fat lag."

Posner of West Bloomfield, who operates Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling, will be leading a group of Southeast

Michigan cruisers into the Millennium and through the Panama Canal for an 11-day cruise beginning Jan. 25, 2000.

While soaking up the sun and fun of such ports as San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Curacao and Acapulco, participants will be challenged to get the most from their cruise without endangering their health.

Each morning Posner will present motivational talks, some special tips on how to handle eating on shore, provide helpful handouts and offer the best approaches to diet and exercise and "anyone bold enough I'll have a meal with them!" she said.

Gateway Travel approached Posner with the idea of leading a group on the Sun Princess.

"They try to get together a lot of different programs. I was talking to someone from their office who said, 'Wouldn't it be great to



Gail Posner

send a dietitian," she said.

Posner and her husband have been cruising before, to the Greek Isles and the Caribbean, and she knows how tempting it is to overeat. She advises coming to the table prepared to resist.

"You have to have a game plan. Plan ahead to eat appropriately," she said.

Each meal requires a different approach.

For breakfast, she advises that cruisers keep it simple. She said as the day wears on, the willpower fades. Remember this is an 11-day cruise with 40 opportunities to overindulge.

At lunch, Posner said, stay away from the eye-catching buffet and order from the menu.

"If you do a buffet, the first time through only take low cal vegetables, look but don't fill up," she said. "Second time through take a tablespoon serving of things you like. Ask yourself, am I hungry?"

And when you get to desserts, reduce that tablespoon to a teaspoon. Posner said quite often a dessert looks a lot better than it tastes.

At dinner time, stick with the low cal items and drink lots of water. Water is good for you and



Acapulco: The sandy beaches of Mexico's Pacific coast are the final stop on Gail Posner's Panama Cruise. This shot of Acapulco is from the Princess catalog.

helps curb an overactive appetite.

Once you're on shore, the important thing is to ask the right questions.

"Can you prepare this dish with as little oil as possible? (She gives a handout with this phrase in five languages.) Eat slowly, if foods are richer than we are used to, it takes the brain time to know how much we've eaten," Posner said.

But Posner is not a spoil sport. She encourages people to sample the local cuisine, in this case spicy Caribbean and Mexican dishes, but in moderation.

"A lot of people are scared to death of all that food and avoid a cruise, and it's such a relaxing vacation," she said.

The cruise on the Sun Princess through Gateway Travel sails from San Juan Jan. 25 then travels to St. Thomas, Martinique, Grenada, Caracas, Curacao, through the Canal and concludes in Acapulco. Tickets



Cruise route: This is the route for the Sun Princess through the Panama Canal from the Princess catalog.

range from \$2,291 to \$2,831 per person based on double occupancy and includes airfare from Detroit. A minimum of 30 people are required for the cruise. For more information, call Gail Posner at (248) 855-4558 or Gateway Travel at (248) 353-8600.

Gail Posner's Vacation Survival Plan

Try to record your food intake on the trip, especially the first half of the trip. Try using the little diaries that are easy to carry.

Share entrees in restaurants, order double salads and extra steamed vegetables.

Take resealable plastic bags. Save a roll or fruit from lunch to carry for an afternoon snack.

Drink lots of water, bring a water bottle.

Double your weekly splurge of calories on a trip, but keep counting.

Rate your foods 1-10, 10 being the best. Only eat the 10s.

Taste exotic foods for the experience, but just one teaspoon.

Take emergency lunch and snacks - a can of tuna, bag of carrots or crackers in a plastic container. You could also bring granola bars or vending-size packages of crackers, rice cakes, etc.

Pack decaffeinated coffee - some countries do not offer this option.

Dinners can often run late when traveling or visiting family. To prevent getting too hungry, pack veggies or fruit or go to a coffee shop for a tossed salad.

Pack veggies for the first few days of the trip.

Bring diet salad dressings in individual packets.

Keep breakfast simple.

Keep your exercises going.

Pack snack for plane or car trip: pretzels, veggies, water.

Plan ahead, have food in house when you get home.

GREAT ESCAPES

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YOUR STORIES

We want to hear from you! Where have you been, what have you been doing? Have you seen the pyramids of Egypt or the Parthenon in Greece? Have you taken a cruise or snowshoed in the frozen north? We want to know, to share your stories and pictures with your neighbors. Call Hugh Gallagher at (734) 953-2118 or e-mail at hgallagher@oc.homecomm.net

SHOWBOAT STAR

Country singer Pam Tillis will headline the 58th annual Chesaning Showboat, July 12-

17. Tickets are now on sale by calling 1(800)844-3056.

MAP READING

AAA Michigan is holding a "How to Read a Map" workshop, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Auto Club's Canton Branch, 2017 Canton Center Road. The free workshop will cover using a map to determine distances between cities, to locate parks and other attractions, to avoid construction areas, even how to refold a map. You can register for this free map reading workshop by calling the AAA Michigan at (734) 844-0146.

SKI FREE

Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls and Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs are offering free skiing from March 30 to the end of the ski season for anyone staying at their resorts. Other hotels, motels and resorts are offering similar lodging/skiing packages

for as low as \$30 per person (based on double occupancy, one night's lodging and one lift ticket).

DEER COUNTERS WANTED

Ontario Parks is looking for volunteers to take part in a deer survey 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27. An updated estimate of the deer population following the 1998 deer herd reduction in Pinery Provincial Park is required to provide guidance for the development of future resource management programs.

The rugged terrain, size of the area to be surveyed and the time required to complete the survey create a need for 300 volunteers to carry out the project. Individuals will be spaced about 80 feet apart along the south boundary

in a line that will move across the Pinery on foot driving the deer into the center of the park.

It is anticipated that the count will take approximately five hours to complete. If you are interested in helping you must register in advance by calling (519) 243-8574 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. before March 18.

CEDAR POINT HELP WANTED

The Cedar Point Amusement Park is conducting interviews for 1999 summer jobs at Adrian College, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, March 25. Walk-in interviews are open to the public in the Adrian/Tobias Room at the college. The park has 3,700 positions available in 100 job classifications. Wages start at \$5.25 per hour for most positions.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Goins All-America

Westland John Glenn High product Tony Goins, a 6-foot-6 senior forward from Wayne State University, has been selected on the Daktronics NCAA Division II All-America men's basketball second-team.



Tony Goins
All-America

Goins, the 1998-99 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year, finished his career as WSU all-time leading scorer with 1,852 points (breaking the 15-year-old record of 1,612 set by Bob Solomon), while leading the Tartars to a 25-5 record.

Goins also finished his career first in field goals made (687), field goal attempts (1,499) and tied for seventh in career games played (106).

He was also named to the 1998-99 first-team All-Great Lakes Regional team.

The last time the Tartars had a player named to the All-America team was the 1993-94 season when Michael Aaron was named second-team.

Livonia netter gains 1st

Walter Murray of Livonia captured the Boys 14 singles title, March 14, at the Deer Lake Tennis Classic in Clarkston.

Murray, who plays out of the Livonia YMCA, defeated top seed Michael Dennis of Rochester, 6-2, 6-4; Ben Glass of Ann Arbor in the semifinals, 6-3, 6-1; and No. 2 seed Danny Fieszar of Ann Arbor in the finals, 6-3, 6-0.

Murray is an eighth grader at Frost Middle School in Livonia.

Cushman All-Academic

Katie Cushman, a senior guard on Madonna University's women's basketball team, has been named to the NAIA Division II All-American Scholar-Athlete team for the second-straight year.

Cushman, a Flint Powers HS graduate, will complete her double-major in criminal justice and sign language studies in May.

She has a cumulative 3.73 grade-point average.

Cushman also holds virtually every offensive record at Madonna, including all-time leading scorer.

To be named to the all-academic squad, a student-athlete must be at least a junior, have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, and be a significant contributor to their team.

Youth soccer champions

The Livonia YMCA Meteors, an under-13 girls soccer team coached by Steve Montgomery, finished with 6-2 record en route to a first-place finish in the B Division at Total Soccer in Wixom.

Members of the Meteors include: Lauren DeMuro, Sarah Herman, Maureen Jackson, Sara Liebold, Linda Montgomery, Lisa Montgomery, Alyson Patrash and Molly Susami, all of Livonia; Jenya Bakhtin and Arianna Sundick, both of Farmington; Lauren Connolly, Novi.

Learn to check clinics

Suburban Hockey will conduct a pair of learn to check clinics, 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 22 and Wednesday March 31, at Livonia's Devon-Airo Arena; and 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 26 and Monday, March 29 at the Farmington Hills Suburban Training Center.

The cost is \$40 per player. Space is limited.

The clinics will be conducted by Tom Anastos, former Michigan State player and assistant coach, along with Lyle Phair, former Los Angeles Kings player and University of Illinois-Chicago assistant coach.

For more information, call (248) 478-1600.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; or send via fax to (734) 691-7279.

Rocks rule cage regional

Plymouth Salem topples Lathrup to reach Final 8

BOYS BASKETBALL

BY C.J. RISAK
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Something went wrong for Southfield-Lathrup. And that was all right with Plymouth Salem.

The two opponents in the Class A regional final hosted by Birmingham Groves Thursday had clawed their way through 31 minutes and 55 seconds of basketball, and nothing had been decided. The score was tied at 60-all with 30 seconds remaining when Salem coach Bob Brodie had signalled for a timeout.

His instructions were simple: "Spread the floor and attack the basket with five seconds left." Hardly sounds intricate, but there was more coaching to it than that. "I thought they'd rotate (their defenders) to us. That's the way they play, they rotate to the ball. They're aggressive."

"We had our big guys back, so the plan was when we attacked the basket and they rotated to us, we'd dish it off."

Adam Wilson had the ball at the top of the key at the pivotal moment. He prepared to carry out the plan: drive down the lane, expecting — knowing — the Chargers would converge, just as they had all game, using their quickness and speed to both stop him and cut off the passing angles.

But it didn't happen. And suddenly, it just appeared. No defender was in the paint, between Wilson and the basket.

He dribbled through for an unchallenged layup, a rarity in this game; his basket gave the Rocks (now 20-4) a 62-60 victory and a berth in the state quarterfinals, opposite Pontiac Northern (17-7).

The quarterfinal will be 6 p.m. Tuesday at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall.

"It opened up and I just took it," said Wilson afterward. "The plan was just to hold the ball until five seconds were left, then attack the basket."

"It was a (defensive) breakdown," said Lathrup coach Mike Avery. "Their kid got down the lane and we didn't get back. But our kids played so hard."

It was not an easy loss for the Chargers' coach to digest (Lathrup bows out at 21-4). Foul problems in the fourth quarter certainly hurt; after getting just three team fouls called against them in the first 9½ minutes of the second half (compared to Salem's six), they got four in a one-minute span of the fourth period.

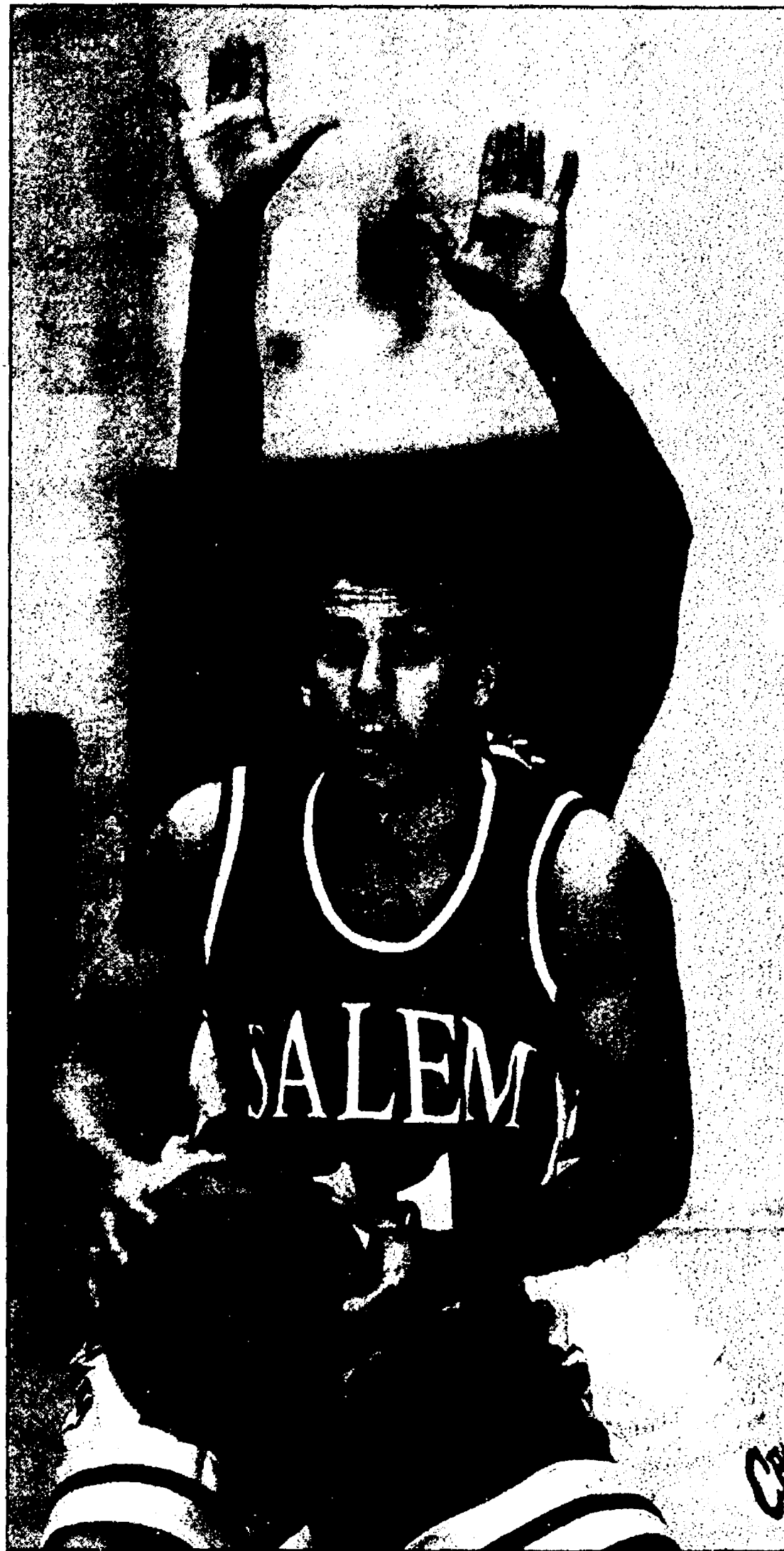
With four minutes left in the game, three key Chargers (Brandon Edwards, Solomon Edwards, Ken Moore) had four fouls apiece.

"That took our defensive pressure away," Avery said. "That makes it tough. It takes away our defensive intensity."

Intensity was something neither team lacked, from start to finish. The biggest lead of the game was just seven points, and that was in the first quarter (13-6, Salem).

Lathrup led by a point after one quarter (14-13), Salem led by two at the half (29-27), and the Rocks had a one-point advantage after three (47-46).

The game was tied six times — in the



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Who's back there?: Plymouth Salem guard Jake Gray (with ball) keeps his eyes open as a Southfield-Lathrup defender hovers from behind in Thursday's Class A regional final.

fourth quarter alone. The Chargers were going to the offensive boards hard, and that resulted in three put-back baskets (two by Brandon Edwards, one by Tony Henry).

Together with Antoine Johnson's driving hoop with 59 seconds left, that gave Lathrup had a 60-58 lead.

"We knew that would be a tough part for us," said Brodie of Lathrup's rebounding capabilities. "They're just great athletes."

But Salem struck inside too, getting a rebound basket from Rob Jones with 43 seconds to play to knot it. Lathrup didn't waste any time; the Chargers immediately raced downcourt, with Kim Bell slashing to the hoop.

The Rocks were ready for him, however. Bell's shot with 36 seconds left was blocked, with Tony Jancevski, Mike Korduba and Wilson all getting a

piece of it before Wilson grabbed the loose ball and called timeout to set up the game-winning score.

Wilson finished with a game-high 19 points.

Aaron Rypkowski, who had scored 20 points in the first half of each of his two previous tournament games, was scoreless in the opening two quarters against the Chargers but bounced back to score 12 in the second half; he also grabbed six rebounds. Jones added 11 points and seven boards, and Jancevski had nine points and seven rebounds.

Lathrup got 18 points from Johnson (10 coming in the third quarter, six in the fourth), 16 from Solomon Edwards and 10 from Brandon Edwards.

The Rocks will be making their first trip to the state quarterfinals since 1990, when they lost to Battle Creek Central.

State champions lead talented group

BY DAN O'MRARA
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The championship round of the Division I state tournament was a time for Observerland wrestlers to shine.

Redford Catholic Central senior Casey Rogowski and Livonia Stevenson junior Josh Gunterman won back-to-back titles in the heavyweight and 103-pound divisions, respectively.

Rogowski, who boasts a record of 91-0 over the last two seasons, captured his second consecutive championship.

He and Gunterman headline the 1999 All-Observer wrestling team.

Observerland didn't have any more individual state champs, but 11 others placed among the top eight in their weight classes and are included here as members of the 20-man All-Observer team.

Six wrestlers are repeat picks — Plymouth Salem's John Mervyn and Josh



Casey Rogowski
Redford CC



Josh Gunterman
Livonia Stevenson

Henderson, Catholic Central's Mitch Hancock, Broec Naysmith and Rogowski and Garden City's Brian Hinzman.

The 1999 All-Observer team:

FIRST TEAM

Josh Gunterman, 103, Liv. Stevenson: After moving into the 103-pound class late in the season, the junior took advantage by winning his weight class at the Division I state tournament. Gunterman finished the year at 39-10 with all

ALL-AREA WRESTLING

10 losses coming at 112. He was also district and regional champion. The Spartan grappler also won Observerland at 112 and took third in the Western Lakes at 112.

"Josh is definitely a team player," Stevenson assistant coach Joel Smith said. "He wrestled 112 all year, although he weighed 105."

"Josh is one of our most talented athletes. His work ethic was one of the key elements to his earning all-state honors."

"Josh will be a pleasure to have in our room next year. He's like one of our assistants, every one around him gets better."

The state champion has a career record of 56-17.

Joe Moreau, 103, Liv. Stevenson: Despite a season-long injury, the senior finished sixth in his weight class at the state meet and wound up with 100 career wins (against 24 losses).

Moreau, 477 this season, was also Western Lakes champion at 103 and co lower weight MVP (with Gunterman) after winning Observer

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New Brown Collins gets opportunity to build club

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He's no ordinary Joe when it comes to football.

Joe Collins is literally changing on the fly in preparation for next month's National Football League draft.

But he is glad to be back near his roots where he is entering his third week as Director of Player Personnel for the new Cleveland Browns.



Joe Collins
New Browns

The 52-year-old Collins, who has a long resume coaching in the collegiate ranks and scouting in the NFL, spent the past four years with the San Francisco 49ers organization.

His father Rip, the public address announcer for the

Livonia Stevenson High Spartans, worked for the Detroit Lions as an equipment manager and served for many years as the visiting clubhouse man for the Detroit Tigers.

"This is a great opportunity both in terms of professionally and personally," Joe Collins said.

New Browns president Carmen Policy and general manager Dwight Clark, who migrated to Cleveland from San Francisco, wanted Collins to be a part of the new expansion team and play a pivotal role.

"The 49ers were a tremendous working experience and we hope to bring that philosophy here," said Collins, who attended Detroit Benedictine High School. "Professionally, there's no better working atmosphere than the 49ers."

"I had a great relationship with Dwight and Carmen and you always feel comfortable with somebody you're familiar with."

The Browns will bring 90 players to camp and have already signed some big names including quarterback Ty Detmer, offensive linemen Lomas Brown and Orlando Brown, punter Chris Gardocki, running back Terry Kirby, centers Jim Payne and Dave Wohlabaugh, along with cornerback Corey Fuller.

They also signed former Lions and Bills linebacker Chris Spielman.

"Chris is just a great producer and a great hitter," Collins said. "You will not find many football players like him. He's the ultimate warrior."

Collins must also keep track of the collegiate talent, deal with unrestricted and restricted free agent players, and work with player agents.

He also spends his time tracking players who did not attend the Indianapolis combine workouts. He is constantly breaking down film, doing background checks and gathering information.

The Browns have the No. 1 pick overall. They have 13 picks total.

Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch, who has already worked out for the Browns, leads a group of talented quarterbacks.

Cleveland could also go for Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, a running back out of Texas, or several other inviting choices including Ohio State receiver David Boston and cornerback Champ Bailey of Georgia.

"It takes at least a couple of years to develop an adequate NFL quarterback," Collins said. "We feel we have a pretty good one already in Ty Detmer. And we feel we already have a pretty good offensive line."

"But you have to have someone to throw to. Boston is 6-3 and 215 pounds with phenomenal stats. And he's right down the road."

Trade offers also loom when talking about the top overall pick. The Browns could relinquish

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FOOTBALL



Joe Moreau
Livonia Stevenson



John Mervyn
Plymouth Salem



Ron Thompson
Plymouth Salem



Rob Ash
Plymouth Salem



Eugene Antonelli
Redford Thurston



Dave Lemmon
Livonia Clarenceville



Josh Henderson
Plymouth Salem



Jeff Usher
Redford Thurston



Mike Carter
Livonia Churchill

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John Abshire
Redford CC



Brocc Naysmith
Redford CC



Bryant Lawrence
Redford Thurston

land. He also took seconds at the Salem, district and regional tournaments.

"Joe won more matches on heart than most with their talent," Smith said. "He was faced with a shoulder injury that should have ended his season early, but not Joe. He continued through the adversity to become an all-stater. Joe led our team in wins, pins, reversals and take-downs. Everybody needs a 'Joe.'"

John Mervyn, 112, Ply. Salem: Mervyn placed seventh in the state, finishing with a 45-7 record. His career total is 121-27. For the second straight year, Mervyn won WLAA and district championships, finished second in the regional and qualified for state.

"John reminds me of (former Salem standout) Dave Dameron," coach Ron Krueger said. "He was good enough to win the state but wasn't ready mentally. Next year he will win it!"

Ronnie Thompson, 112, Ply. Salem: The first-year varsity wrestler led the Rocks in pins (25) and wins (48). His record included 16 losses. Thompson was undefeated in dual meets and was the WLAA champion at 119. He finished seventh in the state at 112; he was fourth in the district and regional.

"Ron is our most improved wrestler," Krueger said. "He came from JV to seventh in the state. When Ron moves, you can't beat him."

Rob Ash, 119, Ply. Salem: Ash posted a 26-12 record this year and is 61-22 in his career. He was the WLAA runner-up for the second year in a row, wrestling at 125. He was at 112 last year.

"Rob bumped up two weight classes this year and did a great job," Krueger said. "He was a big part of our team. He's a two-time regional qualifier; next year he'll place real well."

Eugene Antonelli, 125, Redford Thurston: Antonelli was ill and failed to make weight at the Division II individual district, but he made a strong impression at 125 in the regular season.

Antonelli, 78-34 in his career, was the Observerland and Mega Conference Blue Division champion. His record this year was 21-10.

"The best thing about Eugene is he's got such a positive attitude about things," Thurston coach Ken Meinschein said. "When he went out in the Observerland finals and took the guy down with an inside trip, I was saying 'Wow, he can go far in the state meet.' If he was healthy, he would have gone to state."

Dave Lemmon, 130, Clarenceville: Lemmon posted an impressive record of 52-8, while finishing with a career mark of 109-50. He was one of the big reasons the Trojans won dual-meet titles in the Metro Conference and Division IV district.

Lemmon became the first Clarenceville wrestler to place first at



Mitch Hancock
Redford CC



Brandon LaPointe
Livonia Churchill



Brian Barker
Livonia Stevenson



Pete Langer
Westland John Glenn



Brian Hinzman
Garden City



Walter Ragland
Livonia Clarenceville

Observerland. He also won the Metro, Livonia City, River Rouge and Harper Woods tournaments.

He qualified for the state meet by finishing third in the district and was fourth at the regional.

"Dave really dedicated last summer and this school year to wrestling," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "He promised me he would make it to the state meet and he did."

"Dave is an extremely hard worker. His devotion to the sport will be truly missed."

Josh Henderson, 135, Ply. Salem: Henderson finished second in nearly every tournament he entered. He won the Wyandotte Invitational title and was third in the WLAA. His record was 37-12 this year, putting his career total at 87-33.

"Josh has a lot of ability," Krueger said. "He needs to work hard, and good things will happen. Josh is a two-time All-Observer wrestler. That's hard to do, but he did it. We want him to place in the state next year."

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Jeff Usher, 140, Redford Thurston: Usher was stuck in a rugged weight class in Division II and managed a fourth-place showing at the individual district.

He was an Observerland champion and finished the season with a 31-7 record, improving his career record to 85-23.

"I think he's a great wrestler, good enough that I was able to get Randy Ault (a state champion at Thurston in 1972) over to work out with him," Meinschein said. "He continues to work as hard as he has and stays healthy, he will have a chance to win the state meet next year."

Mike Carter, 145, Liv. Churchill: Carter, 33-1 this year and 75-25 for his career, had his season cut short in the regional by a knee injury.

He placed first in eight tournaments — River Rouge, Garden City Christmas, Plymouth Salem, Wyandotte, Clarenceville, Livonia City, Observerland, Western Lakes and district.

His season highlights included a 25-second pin in the finals of the district and a 5-3 overtime victory over Plymouth Canton's Kevin Stone in the championship match at Observerland.

Carter is the first Churchill wrestler in the past 15 years to go undefeated during the regular season.

"Mike was a very dominant wrestler this year because of his work in the off-season," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "He surprised some people in the beginning of the year — including me — but by the end of the year it was just win after win. His two losses this year came at the regional because of injury."

"It will be a fun year next year just watching what he will accomplish. And he will accomplish a lot!"

Mitch Hancock, 152, Redford CC: Hancock finished second at the Division I state tournament and had a 47-4 season record with 31 pins.

He has a 139-12 career record with 87 pins. Hancock was the Catholic League, district, regional and Observerland champion.

"Mitch is a fine young man whose work ethic is outstanding, and I know he too will succeed in reaching his goals," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "Reaching the state finals, accepting second and putting all things aside, Mitch will be more determined in his senior season to make it happen."

Brandon LaPointe, 152, Liv. Churchill: LaPointe capped a strong senior season by finishing seventh in Division I. His

season record was 41-8, and he is 92-26 for his career.

Among the firsts LaPointe garnered this season: Wyandotte Invitational, Livonia City meet, Western Lakes and regional.

LaPointe also finished second in the Rouge, Garden City, Salem, Clarenceville and Observerland meets. He took second in the district, too.

"Brandon is one of the hardest workers ever to come to Churchill," Altounian said. "He has been one of the most consistent wrestlers during the past three years."

"He won almost 100 matches and only has been wrestling for three years. It would have been interesting to see what he could have done in four years. He is the example every wrestler should want to follow."

Brian Barker, 160, Liv. Stevenson: Barker finished 37-11 this season and was 100-44 during his career. He posted his 100th career victory at the state meet en route to an eighth-place finish. Barker was also Observerland champion.

He won the district championship and took third at the regional. He added seconds in the Western Lakes and Catholic Central tournaments.

"Brian has been an outstanding student-athlete on and off the mat," Smith said. "Brian has come along with his talent and leadership. One thing that has remained the same is his desire to be the best he could be."

"He has been a pleasure to have in our room."

Pete Langer, 160, Westland Glenn: Langer finished his career with a 72-15 record, including a 32-9 mark this year. He won WLA and Ypsilanti tournament titles, was the runner-up in Observerland and never placed lower than fourth in a tournament. The regional qualifier had 29 pins in the last two years.

"Pete was never afraid of anyone; he always chased the competition," Glenn coach Keith Zimmerman said. "We put him up a weight several times, and he always won. He was a great leader on the mat; the team will miss him."

Brian Hinzman, 171, Garden City: Hinzman finished his career with a 130-41 overall record, which includes a 48-7 record this year.

He earned fifth place in the Division I state meet after winning regular-season tournaments at Garden City, River Rouge, Pinckney, Salem and Belleville. He also was first in the Mega Conference White Division and Observerland meets.

He is the Cougars' first two-time,

state-meet placer. His 130 wins is a school record, and he also holds the school mark for most pins in a season.

"Brian was one of the hardest workers I've ever coached," Garden City coach Dave Chiola said. "In four years, he never missed one practice or weigh-in. He started as a freshman with absolutely no experience and turned himself into an all-state wrestler."

"He was a great team leader and always put the team ahead of himself. As far as work ethic and dedication, I don't know if he can be replaced. With all of that, he plays two other sports and maintains a 4.2 grade-point average."

Walter Ragland, 189, Clarenceville: Ragland won the Metro Conference title for a third year in a row and finished fifth in the Division IV state tournament.

He won the Livonia city championship, as well as the Clarenceville and Harper Woods invitationals. He was the Observerland runner-up, and he never placed lower than third in any tournament.

Ragland, who was second in the district and regional, ended the season with a 50-12 record. His three-year career total was 109-32.

"Walter was truly a gem to have on the team," Skinner said. "He was a natural at wrestling. Walter gave 100 percent every time he wrestled."

"Talent like he has does not come around often. Walter had an excellent season; even his last match at state was great. I'm very proud of him."

John Abshire, 189, Redford CC: Abshire came out for the team after the holidays, and he and the Shamrocks are glad he did.

Abshire, who had a 21-3 record, won the Observerland, Catholic League and Division I district tournaments after helping the CC football team win a Class AA state championship as an all-area noseguard in the fall.

He also helped the Shamrocks win a team district championship in wrestling. His career record is 105-25 with 45 pins.

"After a long rest from football season, John came back to help us make a run for the state title," Rodriguez said. "He definitely gave us the added power in the upper weights, and he picked up some extra medals, too."

"John has always brought that joyful humor to the wrestling room. That kept us all in high spirits. That million-dollar smile will surely be missed by all."

Brocc Naysmith, 215, Redford CC: Naysmith had a 38-4 record as a senior

with 29 of the wins coming by pin.

He won his third straight Catholic League championship, as well as Observerland, district and regional championships.

He was third at the state meet after losing in the semifinal round, which made his grandpa (Rodriguez) proud.

"Going to the state meet and placing third is one of the most difficult accomplishments," Rodriguez said. "Right after your dreams are shattered, you have to pick up the pieces and step back on the mat."

"His strong family ties helped heal all the pain and life goes on. I am so proud of Brocc, not because he is such a big, strong athlete. He truly cares for his fellow man. He has been a blessing, a joy and my best fishing buddy."

Bryant Lawrence, 215, Redford Thurston: Lawrence had an outstanding post-season after wrestling only 15 matches in the regular season.

He was third in the Division II district and regional tournaments and fourth at the state meet. He finished the year with a 24-7 record.

"In a trying season, Bryant provided a ray of light for the team that was unexpected and much appreciated," Meinschein said. "(Former coach) Bill Cohen used to say, before Lawrence went out for wrestling, 'If we can get a uniform on this kid, good things can happen,' and it happened."

"He was one of my favorites. I hope Bryant has an outstanding college football career (at Northwood University) and, with the talent he has, I think he will."

Casey Rogowski, 275, Redford CC: What more can be said about Rogowski,

who won his second straight Division I heavyweight state championship only months after helping CC's football team to its second straight Class AA state title.

Rogowski was 46-0 this year after going 45-0 as a junior. All this after breaking his leg last August, only a week before the football season started.

"Casey is one of the most talented athletes we've had at Catholic Central since the great Frank Tanana passed through our halls," Rodriguez said.

"He has achieved the goal he set right after winning the state championship last year: To repeat and stay undefeated again. It was a dream come true — six minutes of gut-ripping pride. We will enjoy watching him in the future."

ALL-AREA WRESTLING TEAM

275 pounds: 1. Casey Rogowski, senior, Catholic Central; 2. Charlie Hamblin, senior, Plymouth Salem; 3. Brian Brinsden, junior, Farmington.

200: 1. Josh Gunterman, junior, Livonia Stevenson; and Joe Moreau, senior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Chris O'Hara, sophomore, Catholic Central; 3. Scott Massey, sophomore, Garden City.

150: 1. John Mervyn, junior, Plymouth Salem; and Ron Thompson, junior, Plymouth Salem; 2. Mike Keesari, senior, Wayne Memorial; 3. Pat Sajn, junior, Garden City.

119: 1. Rob Ash, junior, Plymouth Salem; 2. Jon Gregg, junior, Wayne Memorial; 3. Steve Vasiloff, senior, Livonia Churchill.

126: 1. Eugene Antonelli, senior, Redford Thurston; 2. Greg Musser, sophomore, Plymouth Canton; 3. Dave Teets, senior, Westland John Glenn.

130: 1. Dave Lemmon, senior, Clarenceville; 2. Trevor Clarke, junior, North Farmington; 3. Jeff Albrecht, junior, Westland John Glenn; and Jay Abshire, freshman, Catholic Central.

135: Josh Henderson, junior, Plymouth Salem; 2. Imad Kharbush, sophomore, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Nate Wensko, senior, Wayne Memorial.

140: 1. Jeff Usher, junior, Redford Thurston; 2. Sean Bell, junior, Catholic Central; 3. Ryan Shiplett, senior, Livonia Franklin.

145: Mike Carter, junior, Livonia Churchill; 2. Kevin Stone, senior, Plymouth Canton; 3. Ken Raupp, senior, Wayne Memorial; and Ryan Zajdel, senior, Catholic Central.

152: 1. Mitch Hancock, junior, Catholic Central; and Brandon LaPointe, senior, Livonia Churchill; 2. Mark Ostach, junior, Farmington; 3. Tony Pikut, senior, Redford Thurston.

160: 1. Brian Barker, senior, Livonia Stevenson; and Pete Langer, senior, Westland John Glenn; 2. Robert Demick, senior, Plymouth Canton; 3. Eric Toska, junior, Livonia Franklin.

171: 1. Brian Hinzman, senior, Garden City; 2. Andy Wood, senior, Farmington; 3. Ben Lukas, junior, Farmington.

189: 1. Walter Ragland, senior, Clarenceville; and John Abshire, senior, Catholic Central; 2. Steve Myslinski, senior, Livonia Franklin; 3. Geoff Bennett, senior, Plymouth Salem.

215: 1. Brocc Naysmith, senior, Catholic Central; and Bryant Lawrence, senior, Redford Thurston; 2. Kalen McPherson, sophomore, Clarenceville; 3. Eric Puninske, junior, Livonia Stevenson.

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Salem: Lucas Stump, Steve Dendinos, Greg Petrovich, Greg Smith, Greg Etzans, Jason Bedson, Mike Popenay, Garden City; Vinnie Zoccol, Brian Reed, Josh Fee, Edin Traynor, Greg Medos, Catholic Central; Tom Beudenburg, Chris Peterson, Ben Kreuzer, Ron Sarata, Blair Naysmith, Jason Hilliker, Redford Union; Marty Bartram, Jim Gourlay, Jesse Stevens, Sean Donaldson, Eric Kelley, Ollie Muscarella; Churchill: Steve Lenhardt, Steve Abar, Steve Brown, Jeff Sinning, Mike Gaffke, Kyle Malo, Scott Elstoe; North Farmington: Harry Leipsitz, Ramis Bajrami, Brian Kassa, Mike Stein; John Glenn: Jesse Purdon, Javon Perkins; Wayne: Kurt Spant; Thurston: Mark DeLaFuente, Scott Genord, Jack Leich, Carl LaLonde, Mike McDonald; Clarenceville: Dan Tondreau, Josh Rose, Rob Simpson, Adam Marcum, Matt Welsh; Farmington: Jon Simmons, Tony Lema, Mike Murland, Kyle Domagalaki; Canton: Kyle Pitt, Doy Demick, John Pocock, Jim Shelton; Stevenson: Zach Yaffai, Mike Falzon, Mike Radley, John MacFarland, Chris Coopder; Farmington Harrison: Jake Taylor, Justin Shafer, Steve Sargol, Caleb Smith; Franklin: Derek Azzopardi, Allen Duff, Lee Warren; Lutheran Westland: Brian Soos, Scott Archer.

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SPORTS

WMU SIGNS CONKLIN

Western Michigan University women's soccer coach Mike Haines announced the signing of four high school athletes to National Letters of Intent including forward Kersten Conklin of Livonia Churchill.

Conklin, a first-team All-Observer choice, enters her senior season with 57 career goals and 142 points. As a junior she took Division I All-State third-team honors and was voted All-Western Lakes Activities Association.

She has also spent four seasons playing for the Livonia Meteors club team.

"Kersten is a pure goal scorer who will come in and compete for a starting spot," Haines said. "She is used to playing against good competition."

Western also signed Fraser midfielder Jennifer Leone, Madison Heights Bishop Foley midfielder Amber Scyphers and Troy Athens defender Jennifer Wiles.

LIVONIA UNITED TAKES 1ST

Livonia United, an under-12 Little Caesars Premier League team, recently finished in first place during the second indoor session at Total Soccer in Wixom. United also took second in its division at Southfield.

Members of United include: Anna Albulov, Dina Allie, Courtney Barnes, Catie Bou-Maroun, Lauren Brodie, Brittany Cauley, Diana Fedrigo, Tracey Guerin, Holly Haines, Kaitlin Howe, Anna Macleod, Julianne Mitchell, Beth Prost, Danica Rodriguez, Katharine Stocker, Sandy Swish and Carly Tobin.

The coaches are Frank Guerin and Dave Rodriguez. The team manager is Debbie Prost.

LIVONIANS LIFT FURY '85

The Farmington Soccer Club's Fury '85, playing in its first Division II national indoor tournament, went undefeated over five games to win the under-14 championship March 5-7 at Total Soccer in Wixom.

In the first game of bracket play, the North Reading

(Mass.) Cobras, and the team that the Fury lost to, started by goalkeeper Mike Buchwald, and the Fury went on to post a 4-1 victory.

The Morgantown (W. Va.) Mountaineers scored first in the next game, but the Fury, playing a fast-paced game, wore down the opponent and came from behind to claim a 4-1 win.

In the last game of bracket play against an overmatched H.M.S. Gold from Merrillville, Ind., the Fury earned bonus points and a No. 1 seeding in the playoffs with a 9-0 shutout.

In a semifinal contest, the Fury managed a 1-0 halftime lead over the Dearborn Jets and owned the second half, scoring five more goals for a 6-0 triumph.

The championship game was a rematch with the Cobras, a wild-card team that advanced with a win over the No. 2-seeded Michigan Mustangs.

Like the previous game, the Fury was on top at halftime, 2-0, and put the issue to rest with three goals in the second half for a final tally of 5-0.

The Fury team members are Joe Russo, Tom Phillips, Nathan Perkovich, Mike Buchwald, Steve Denton, Matt Holland, Brian Hejka, Eric White, Robert Camaj, Greg Lechowicz, Matt Cave, Wesley Fan, Noah Stern, Paul Johnson, James Clancy, Peter Vlachos and Jon Parker. The coaches are Mark Phillips and coach Jason Corney.

It was the second indoor championship in two weeks for the Fury, which won the under-14 SoccerZone tournament in Novi.

NETTER REACHES SEMIFINALS

Jason Beydoun of Westland, a seventh-grader at Emerson Middle School in Livonia, reached the consolation semifinals of the Boys 12 singles division of the Midwest Closed Junior Indoor Championship tennis tournament in Carmel, Ind.

The 64-player field drew participants through the midwest.

Beydoun trains out of the Livonia Family YMCA under the direction of Jack Kings-

LEY AND PHYLLIS NELSON

LEAVEY LEADS DUCKS

The Livonia Mite-Y Ducks took runner-up honors in the Port Huron Glacier Pointe Shamrock Tournament, March 12-14, winning three straight games before falling to the Port Huron Flyers in the championship game, 4-3.

Game MVP honors went to the Ducks' Tyler Cotter, goaltender Dan Martinelli and finals MVP Jacob Harbowy.

Rounding out the Ducks squad were Robbie Beattie, Brian Bint, David Niemi, Matt Hope, Sean Graham, Tyler Sternik, Chris Meadows, Kyle Bridges, Ian O'Malley, Michel Orzel, Chris Lobo, John Sayig and Bryan Malick.

SUMMER GOLF OUTINGS

The 16th annual Schoolcraft College Foundation Golf Tournament will be Monday, June 7 at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton Township.

Tees times are available at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Proceeds will go toward student scholarships. The tournament includes lunch, dinner, clinic with a golf pro, putt for dough contest, door prizes and cart.

For more information, call the SC's Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters will stage their fourth annual Royal Blue Classic women's golf outing Wednesday, June 30 at Fox Hills Golf & Country Club in Plymouth.

The outing is a scramble event with a shotgun start. The golf package includes nine holes (\$100) or 18 holes (\$175) with cart, beverage, lunch, dinner, door prizes and silent auction.

The non-golfer package is \$50 (includes hors d'oeuvres beginning at 3:30 p.m. followed by the silent auction, raffle and dinner).

All proceeds will go to the IHM Ministry Fund.

For more information, call (248) 433-0950.

Lenawee Christian gets past PCA Eagles in final

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

BOYS HOOPS

Plymouth Christian Academy is at roughly the same point Lenawee Christian was about a year ago at this time — at the end of its basketball season.

Lenawee Christian remained unbeaten Friday night by bouncing Plymouth Christian, 67-52, in the District 26 regional championship game of the Class D segment of the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament.

The Cougars (24-0) advanced to Tuesday's state quarterfinals at Portage Northern against the Allegan regional winner.

Lenawee Christian has made the regionals four years in a row and last year made its farthest advance, to the semifinals where the Cougars lost to eventual state champion Southgate Aquinas.

This was Plymouth Christian's first regional appearance ever, and with just two seniors graduating, the Eagles have a good idea of what it will take to play at a state championship level.

The Eagles (21-4) had half their losses at the hands of the Cougars this year as coach Doug Taylor wanted them to understand what it takes to be a state power.

"Our kids played great," Taylor said. "I have no regrets."

"We did the things we wanted to do (in the game). I think we played at our temp. And we got the shots we wanted."

"Plymouth took it to us," Coach Jim Brown of Lenawee Christian said. "They played us as hard as they could."

The score says the game was a blowout but the score was like the scorecards of two of the judges of the Holyfield-Lewis fight — a little bit misleading.

Plymouth Christian led, 20-19, early in the second quarter, and trailed by only a 41-38 score with three minutes left in the third quarter.

But the Cougars closed the quarter with four unanswered hoops — junior Doug Gray powered in a layup, senior Mike VanEtten knocked down a triple from the left corner and Seth Borton tripled from the right wing before closing a fast break with a layup.

Lenawee Christian took a 51-38 lead into the final quarter and stretched it out from there.

Mike Huntsman scored 14 points to lead Plymouth Chris-

tian and Derric Isensee added 13 but Huntsman was kept away from the basket and Isensee was a Maple tree battling Redwoods.

David Carty scored nine, Andrew Sherrill eight and Evan Gaines closed his PCA career with four, as did Jordan Roose.

Plymouth Christian bothered Lenawee Christian by doubling down on the Sequoias the Cougars had up front — 6-4 junior Doug Gray, 6-5 sophomore Jay Threet and 6-4 senior Bronson Mansfield.

Gray led the scorers with 22 points, mostly on power layups, getting seven in the third quarter. VanEtten had 17, eight in the second period and six in the fourth.

"Gray was a load down low," Taylor said. "I feel if we could have stopped him a few times it could have made a difference."

See upcoming tournament schedule below.

THE WEEK AHEAD

STATE HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

CLASS A QUARTERFINALS

Tuesday, March 23

Ply. Salem vs. Pontiac Northern at U-D Mercy's Calihan Hall, 6 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, March 25

A.A. Huron at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Huron Relays at EMU, 10 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, March 25

A.A. Huron at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Huron Relays at EMU, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Friday, March 26

Woodhaven at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Wednesday, March 24

Madonna at Toledo (1), 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

Tiffin (Ohio) at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Albion at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 28

Madonna vs. Saginaw Valley

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Sunday, March 28

Madonna vs. Saginaw Valley at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.

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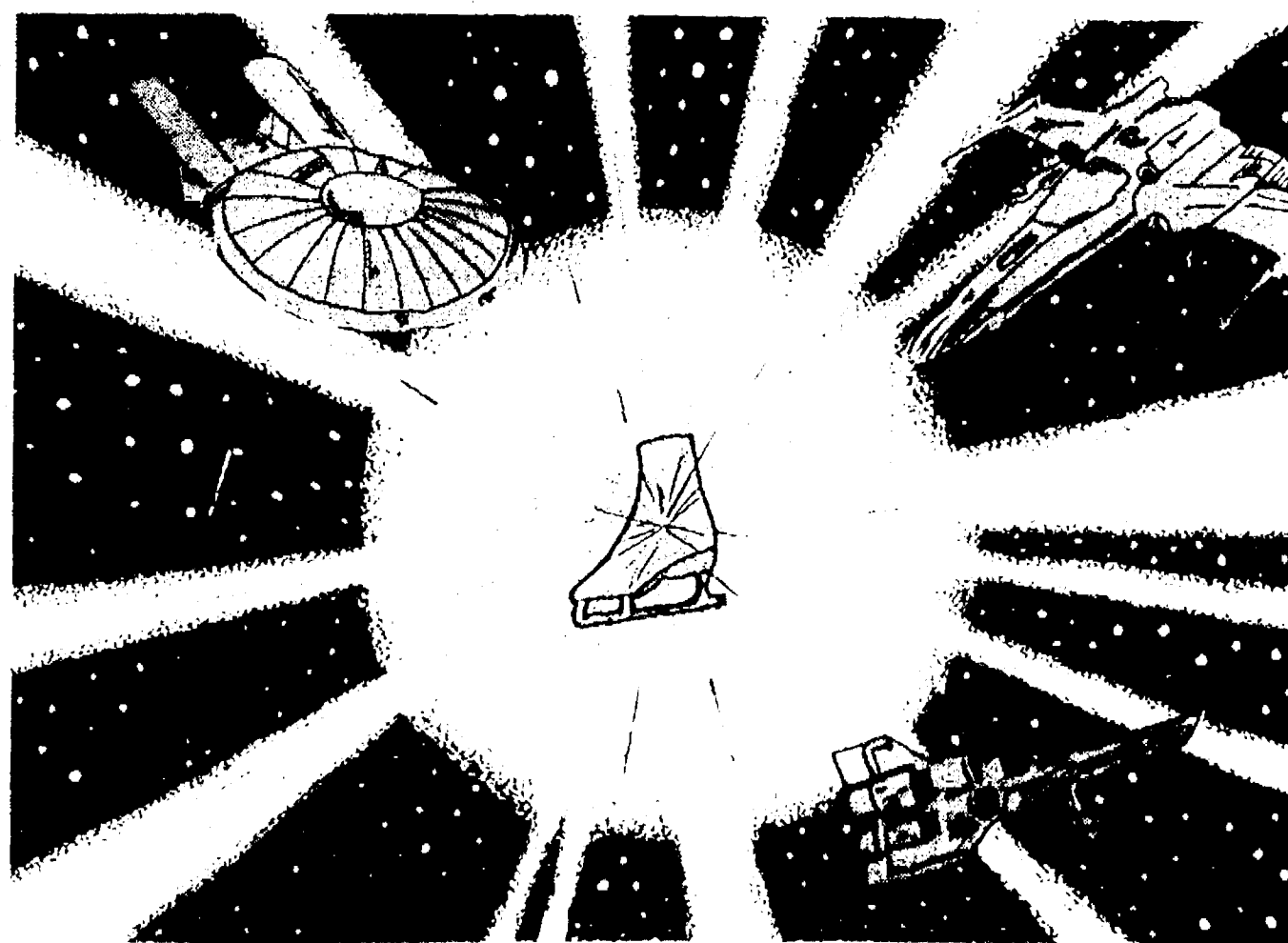


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their No. 1, trade down and accept a package deal from another willing NFL team.

"We're probably going to keep it, but you have to listen if you can get two outstanding players to help us immediately," Collins said.

Four of the top six picks could be underclassmen.

"A small percentage make it and few juniors come in and contribute right away," Collins said.

After graduating from Benedictine where he played football, baseball and ran track, Collins went the University of South Dakota where he set the school's career interceptions record (1965-68).

Collins then played semi-pro in Pennsylvania, had a tryout with the Lions and played for Calgary of the Canadian Football League.

Collins followed up his playing days by going on a five-year collegiate coaching odyssey.

His first stop was Eastern Michigan as an assistant under Dan Boisture in 1972. He also served stints at Xavier (Ohio), Central State (Ohio) and North Carolina A&T.

His break in pro ball came with the scouting organization BLESTO.

Then he went with New York Jets where he spent 15 years as a talent scout. Four years ago he moved to the

49ers where he was responsible for research of player movement within the NFC.

During the past 20 years, Collins has witnessed some dramatic changes in the area of player procurement and scouting.

"Players are bigger, faster, stronger and smarter, but the way they're handled is different," he said. "Many players are unproven. Things are more closed-door now and there's not an open door policy anymore."

"There used to be a time when a scout could walk on a college campus and time 100 guys at once in the 40."

"But things changed in the mid-80s. Now because of agents, it's more of a business and it's a less congenial situation. It used to be fun and enjoyable. The money is phenomenal and it's changed things."

Despite numerous career changes and stops, family remains important to Collins. Joe and his wife Sue have four children and two grandchildren (living in France).

"So far it's been great for me and I'm happy to be back in the midwest and being closer to home," Joe said. "About a year ago I got into Livonia to visit dad. Now I'll have even more of an opportunity."

Whalers await 1st-round foe

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OHL REPORT

The Plymouth Whalers didn't earn an automatic bid to the Memorial Cup Hockey Tournament earlier this year by playing host to the tournament, but plans to make an appearance in the Canadian Hockey League championship anyway... the hard way.

After coasting to the Ontario Hockey League's best regular season record, a much favored Plymouth squad opens its first-round playoff series against either Kitchener or Windsor today at 6:30 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Kitchener (23-39-6) and Wind-

sor (23-39-6) played a one-game playoff Saturday at Windsor Arena to determine which team would continue its season in the seven-game series against Plymouth.

If league records are any indication, the Whalers should have a relatively easy time with either team.

Plymouth posted a 6-1 regular-season record against Windsor and was a perfect 4-0 against Kitchener.

There is a downside to those figures though, considering that Windsor won its only game against Plymouth last Sunday with a 6-1 blowout in Plymouth.

And the teams perfect record against Kitchener was put to the test several times as three of those four games were one-goal games.

No matter which team they play, the Whalers selected a 1-2-2-1-1 playoff format meaning that their home games will be on the weekend.

The schedule will vary slightly depending on which team is played but, barring a sweep, there will be two games in Plymouth next weekend, either Friday-Saturday or Saturday-Sunday.

The Whalers posted a 51-13-4 record for 106 points during the regular season, earning the Hamilton Spectator Trophy as well as the Bumbacco Trophy as the West Division Champs.

The team's 106 points was the second-highest in league history and a franchise record. The Whalers 53 wins was also a franchise record.

The Whalers finished the season with a 8-1 win on the road against Brampton Friday night.

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BOWLING & RECREATION

Ladies make noise on tour

The Detroit area has produced plenty of men and women who have stood out on the bowling professional tours.

Of recent note, the ladies have just returned from a short four-city swing through Georgia and Florida.

Lisa Bishop of Belleville captured one pro title, finished third in another and made the match play semi-finals in the last one.

Both Aleta Sill and Marianne DiRupo cashed in a few of the events but Aleta is still about \$8,000 short of her immediate target — first woman bowler to earn one million dollars on the tour.

This trip was not only a disappointment for Sill, but her vehicle broke down and she had to send away for some special parts in order to get back home.

On the brighter side, Gene Stus was named to the 1998 Bowling Magazine All-America Senior Team. Stus has had an outstanding career and has represented the "Bowling Capitol of the Nation" very well for many years.



AL HARRISON

The area is also producing new blood for the PBA tour, which will become known in the next millennium.

The Bryant Center Special Olympics bowling competition was held recently at Country Lanes in Farmington.

The participants had a great time and the event was enhanced by many wonderful door prizes which were drawn randomly for the bowlers.

The event coordinators wish to thank the many prize donors: Rio Bravo Restaurant, Dan's Subs, United Artists theaters, H & A Custom Home Painting, Sideline & Baskin Robbins, Pet Supplies Plus, McDonalds, Fashion Cleaners, Colonial Oil Change, Tubby's Subs, Forner Hair Cuts, Farmer Jack Markets, Medical Fitness Center, Angelo Brothers Restaurant, Colonial Car Wash, Olga's, Center Tire, Fat Willy's, Pages, Atlanta Braves (Steve Avery), Charimas Hair Salon, Livonia Trophy, Joe's Produce & Detroit Red wings (tickets).

Through the generosity of these donors, this type of event can be more fun and exciting for those who take part. This was a nicely organized and run event for a most worthwhile cause.

Current leader board in the DWBA Women's City Tourna-

ment:

Team Event: The Country Side Kickers from Skore Lanes was first with 2700 + 734 = 3434; Doubles: Marstyn Jarkiewicz and Tonya Gayda from Hideaway in first place with 1078 + 357 = 1435; Singles: Sandra Oliverio from Thunderbird Lanes in Troy leading with 656 + 139 = 795 (she also leads in actual singles); All Events: Sherry Kaczorowski from Astro Lanes leading with 1877 + 309 + 2186. Tina Mikolowski, also from Astro, leads actual All Events with 1699.

There's still time for new leaders to show up before the event winds up at month's end.

The Latest Metro Bowling Tour action took place on February 28 at 300 Bowl in Waterford.

The Championship match pitted Dave Dalton of Rochester Hills against Scott Miller of Waterford. The top seeded Dalton fell off his spare game and Miller took advantage to defeat him easily 244-161.

Miller had won his previous match in a good old fashioned barn-burner, 247-234, over Mike Nelson of Clarkston.

The next Metro Tour stop will be at Cherry Hill North Lanes in Clarkston. For more information or entry forms, call Roy Akers at (248) 673-7407.

Bird watch has begun, survey says

Spring bird watching has begun, but many different kinds are still to come.

If you want to begin preparing for those colorful warblers and finches that will arrive in April and May,

here are a few thoughts on what book(s) to buy to help you.

Bird watching has become a very popular outdoor activity.

The most recent data I have

comes from a 1996 survey by the federal government. In 1996, 17.7 million people took a trip to watch birds.

Wildlife watchers spent \$16.7 million dollars on equipment, like books. Because there is such a market for wildlife watching equipment, many companies are getting into the market.

As a result there is a lot to choose from these days.

"In the beginning," there was the Roger Tory Peterson Field Guide to Birds, first published in 1934.

More recent editions persist today and it is considered one of the best, despite the competition.

The Peterson Eastern Guide, covering birds east of the Great Plains, limits the number of birds and consequently the number of possible birds that a specific bird could be confused with in North America.

National Geographic and The Golden Guide both cover birds of North America.

If you plan to travel in the U.S., these books will help you identify practically everything you might see. Range maps on the facing page of the portraits will help you determine where they are likely to be found.

All three field guides use paintings by excellent artists, who can position the bird so important field marks, distinguishing features, can be portrayed.

These are the marks, colors, or patterns that bird watchers use to separate one species from another.

Some of the more recent field guides use paintings, but they try and make them look like works of art.

Elaborate backgrounds are painted with trees, mountains, barns and other distracting features.

When you try to identify an unknown bird for the first time, it can be distracting to see lots of miscellaneous things on the page.

You need to see the features of the birds quickly before the real bird flies away.

Peterson paints just the bird and a hint of habitat with each portrait. The Geographic and Golden books add a little more distraction, but not too much.

Recently, Stokes came out with field guides to the eastern and western birds of North America. They chose to use photographs for their portraits. Though it may sound enticing to have the actual bird portrait and not an artists' representation, I still like the paintings.

Photographs show one bird, but they do not show all the field marks needed to identify a particular species.

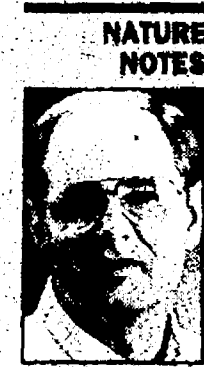
A good example is the Northern Flicker in the Stokes book.

The photographs chosen do not show the white rump feathers and the yellow shafts in the wings.

Both these field marks are used to identify this bird from a distance, yet they are not represented in the photographs.

My personal favorite for beginners is the Peterson field guide.

As you feel more comfortable with bird watching, it will be good to get another field guide as a cross reference, but I would start with the Peterson Guide. Good birding.



TIM NOWICKI

NATURE NOTES

Coach offers valuable advice

Tom Relich is the owner of Strike Force Pro Shop in Oak Lanes, on Middlebelt Road in Westland.

He has been involved with USA Bowling since 1991 and holds the highest rating a coach can get, Silver Level.

He was trained by Fred Borden, considered the top authority on bowling instruction.

Relich has instructed in many clinics and bowling camps held around the country each year by USA Bowling.

He has participated in the Olympic Training center and studied sports psychology.

Different sports therapists and kinetic energy classes complete his training to teach the skills that can make a good bowler better, or a winner instead of a loser in all types of competition.

Coaching has to be at a very high level for the higher average bowlers.

"We can take somebody's physical game — the timing, release and arm swing — and make some small corrections to get more leverage on the shot.

"But this can more effectively be tied in with the mental aspect of the game. Visualization and confidence in the shot have a lot to do with how well a person can bowl.

"Often when a high caliber bowler comes in and we ask them what they need, they say they're looking for the latest new ball.

"We sometimes explain that their need is not new equipment,



Tom Relich Oak Lanes

but just some fine tuning on their basic game. This is in sharp contrast to some of the stores that just want to sell a ball.

"Many times there is a fault in the timing or release we can correct in a lesson or two. It has nothing to do with the bowling ball."

The game has changed a lot recently. Tom adds, "Just like a pitcher in baseball, the way the seams are gripped results in different ball rotation.

"Today's better bowler should be more versatile, be able to vary his delivery according to lane conditions (as was discussed in the recent Pro Tip on lane oiling patterns).

"A good bowler should be able to change the type of shot and not get locked in to just one delivery."

When the lanes get tough, Relich says he can pull things out of the trick bag to try to help. Conditions change more rapidly now and the bowler should be able to change along with them.

Sometimes it can be a subtle move like breaking the wrist back and not revving the ball as hard. You may not actually need as many balls as you think, because you can change the character of the ball as you learn to vary the delivery.

Relich says you can make one ball look like four if you know how. He teaches there are many different angles, speeds and various ways to apply rotation in order to get the lanes to work for you.

There is a need to have the right arsenal of equipment, but it should be spread out in order to get the full potential from the equipment you have.

This is where you need your pro shop, your instructor or your coach. They should have watched you bowl and be able to tell what you really need.

Most coaches are knowledgeable enough to help you with your equipment. A lot of the time, to get the 190 bowler to over 200, the sparemaking is OK, the strike ability is OK, but the real need is to be able to string out more strikes in order to get those high scores and rich jackpots.

There are certain things we look for in the swing, to get full leverage, to enhance ball roll, good timing and a smooth release get a more powerful roll in order to achieve that consistency.

Relich says we also should look at the mental attitude. Sometimes a person can bowl great in practice and then go mentally blind when the lights come on.

"I try to teach a bowling demeanor, so to speak," he said. "To battle an opponent is not what you are really doing. The actual opponent is the lane conditions.

"If you can conquer the lanes, your performance will be a lot better. It all comes down to the mental aspect of the game, and we try to impart that.

"If you take advantage of imaging, you can use your skills to full advantage. The coaching system developed by USA Bowling encompasses every part of the game, to make it possible for all levels from beginners to high average bowlers to be able to perform to their best of their ability."

For more information or questions for Tom Relich, phone him at (734)425-8630.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

MERRI BOWL (Livonia)
Rite on Time: Dave Crans, 258; Tom Lick, 268; Bob Spaw Jr., 265/756; Mike O'Malley, 258/720; Scott Moore, 279/722; Jack Osborne, 268; Scott Sibel, 265/744; Norm Sienicki, 266/734.
Mens Senior House: Marty Lunceford, 267-255 237/798; Doug Ellison, 277-255 237/769; Jim McPhail Jr., 247-278-223/748; Derek Takala, 300; Greg Nagle, 200; Marty Lunceford, 300.
K of C: Randy Presnell, 300/726; Charlie Reed, 698; Jim Bushaw, 672; Frank Hoffman, 669; Wayne Kiester, 655.
Newburg Ladies: Darlene Jablonski, 262/605; Maureen Cirocco, 190; Kathy Duchene, 198.
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Shellie Dundas, 203/507; Diana Krupinski, 203; Gretchen Hocking, 203-213/584; Penny Weber, 525.
Bowling Bags: Judy Hill, 223/543; Karen Broyak, 201; Leo Feber, 201.
Youth Leagues:
Pin Busters: Billy Ringrose, 161-209; Joseph Krajewski, 200.
Pin Heads: Aaron Polarske, 250/583; Ben Tibbles, 209; Marcus Davis, 207.
Peppi Pros: John Krajny, 267/638; Frank Sopher Jr., 720; Chris Biggs, 244/559; Jason Krietsch, 220.
Strikes & Spares: Tony Galetti, 201; Jason Rowe, 201.
Outter Dusters: Jennifer Oldani, 145; Chris Oldani, 181; Ben Gerzak, 164; Josh Blanchard, 143.
WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)
Nito Owls: Alan Biasutto, 666; Mike Loud

erback, 253/658; Tim Seog, 278/644; Jeff Sohikian, 642.
Wonderland Classic: Dave Kroll, 299/769; Mike Kuspa, 279 266/763; Mitch Jabczynski, 256-278/737; Dan Mytty, 278/717; Rick Sienaczek, 715.
CLOVERLANES (Livonia)
FoMoCo Men: Steve Gutesky, 246/699; Jim Griffith, 257; Jim Moore Jr., 256/650; Bob Rowland, 250.
All-Star Bowlerettes: Lisa Bishop, 265/661; Sandy Winbigler, 258/671; Donna Utton, 255/703; Bridget Lawson, 255; Deborah Manthey, 250; Jackie Heikkonen, 245.
OAK LANES (Westland)
Sunday Youth Classic Traveling: Masters Div: Colin Zurenko, 230; Anthony Davies, 226; James Robinson, 246; Joe Chambers, 232; Lawrence Stevens, 225/662.
Classic I Div: Brent Moore, 200; Dwayne Clark, 200/550; Jenny Long, 201; Jeff Novak, 215/574; Mark Majewski, 212-200/580; Josh Smith, 233/557.
WESTLAND BOWL (Westland)
Monday 6:30 Men: Frank Parks, 240/622; Steve Lumore, 268/678; Brady Rice, 223; Kenny Rehandorf, 290/703; Dwight Kieniczak, 252/680.
Friday Men's Invitational: Dennis Berke, 245; James Norton, 245/646; John Unifcok, 248/669; Ken Januszowski, 247/637; Dave Shonibin, 248/684; Rich Labo, 234/642.
WESTLAND BOWL
St. Mel Men's: Mike Cavlicchio, 231/692; Dennis Maddon, 220/623.
TOWN n COUNTRY (Westland)
Friday Invitational: Jeff Herrig, 300; Rich

Trullard, 300.
SUPER BOWL (Canton)
Super Bowlers: Jeff Strickland, 264 253/722; Steve Seadnek, 255 234/721; Todd Branch, 268 223/704; Jim Harris, 278
PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)
Plaza Men: Scott McGlone, 267/748; Dave Krivitz, 256; Larry Gawlik, 269; Jim Campbell, 255.
Plaza men: Dave Jacek, 273/745; Jim Campbell, 243/710; Don Potts, 268/716; Mike Buzzell, 267; Sam Fullerton, 258; Frank Pencola, 259; Sara Loboano, 267; Art Scharr, 257.
Sheldon Road Men: Dave Kowalski, 255; Charlie Riffe, 258; Don Jackson, 278; Bob Harper, 263; Ron Juurden, 279.
GARDEN LANES (Garden City)
Scott Whisenand, 278 236 220/734; Stan Clos, 211-269 221/701; Dave Clark, 211-266 206/683; Mike Barner, 224-223 214/661.
MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)
Good Neighbors: Gloria Mertz, 223-200/633; Alicia Wafar, 200/515; Juanita Jackson, 200/502; Kathy Risch, 200; Annette Trader, 199; Dawn Weigel, 197.
Friday Seniors: Hank Zajac, 254/635; Tony Ryb, 260/634; Bob Dettler, 254/628; Frank Federico, 212-618; Gerry Zaleski, 212/611; Howard Davis, 233/603.
Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Mike Bellovich, 266/635; Jack Dahlstrom, 244-217-248/709; Bob Sherwood, 241 257/661; John Landuit, 258/608; Rich Zacherank, 258/642; Paul Temple, 227 248-237/712; Jesse Marcicco, 215 239 227/681.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held 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 Charley's 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 (800) 468-3727.

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.

CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. 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 Livonia 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 Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 7-8, at the Four Points Sheraton, 4960 Towne Center Road, Saginaw. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

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, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (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 to 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 permit is \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

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) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake, call (810) 229-7067.

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 WCSO 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.

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.

BACKCOUNTRY COMMUNICATION

Learn about the new two-way radios, their features and how they can help you out in a backcountry adventure during this class, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

STEELHEAD FISHING

Metro-West Steelheaders will present a free seminar on steelhead fishing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Garden City High School. The seminar will include discussion on river and lake fishing, trolling, drift boats, planer boards and other offshore tactics. The seminar is held as part of the regular monthly meeting of the Metro-West Steelheaders fishing club and the public is welcome to attend. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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 runs through March 31 statewide.

ACTIVITIES

PAINT CREEK HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike along the Paint Creek Trail on Sunday, March 28. Participants are asked to meet at noon behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile Road, just east of I-75, in Troy. Call Mike Scanlon at (313) 884-2214 for more information.

SHOWS

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SWF 41, music, art, dancing, hiking, swimming, canoeing, movies, 30-50, 5'10", 120lbs, no travel, NS. #3306

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OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST

SWPF 36, seeks SWPM 30-45, N.S. light drinker, do you enjoy backpacking, skiing, outdoors, exotic food, plays and traveling? If so, I'd like to meet you! #3190

SOPHISTICATED LADY

Polite, honest, sincere blue-eyed blonde SWF 43 enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, music, romantic evenings at home. Seeking gentleman 30-50, #2922

SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL

Yes, she is! Good-looking professional blonde, 40, medium build, enjoys get-aways, plays tennis and the unexpected. Desires handsome professional, N.S. with balance, acceptance and boundaries. #3304

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE

SWF, brown/blue, 250 lbs, enjoys dancing, quiet evenings, dining out, etc. Seeking SWM 30-38, for friendship and companionship. Oakland county area. #3305

STARTING OVER

Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys theater, dining in, out, animals, walking, swimming, would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman. #3191

NO COUCH POTATOES

Slender SWF 33, 5'10", blonde/blue, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys dancing, hockey, darts, star gazing and travel. Seeking honest, faithful, trustworthy SWM 32-42, HIV proportionate, with similar interests. #2410

A GREAT CATCH

Outgoing, sophisticated SF 20s, 5'5", 115lbs, blonde/green, with model looks. Seeking SM with looks and a kind heart. You don't get disappointed. #2815

EASY ON THE EYES

Keep me laughing and I'm yours! Blue-eyed blonde 30-56, 118 lbs, attractive with a sharp mind and quick wit. Looking for the same. #2636

MISSING INGREDIENT

DWF 29, 5'4", HIV proportionate, blonde/green, likes animals, snowmobiling and keeping active. Seeking handsome, fit SWM 27-33, with similar interests for friendship. Possible LTR. #2537

LETS PLOW TOGETHER

This flirtatious blue-eyed blonde would love to take a ride in your truck. There is something about a man in a truck. 30-43, active lives with and is attractive and easygoing. #2455



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A STEP AHEAD

Cute, fit, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", N.S. rarely drinks, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo and romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. No present/future kids. #2719

FIRST TIME AD

Very attractive, spiritual, shapely, precocious professional, 43, 5'4", with positive outlook, good values, loves life. Seeking well-rounded man for friendship, possible relationship. No games, please. #3242

LOOKING FOR YOU

SWF, 28, 5'8", 160lbs, N.S., seeks SM, 28-36, who enjoys outdoor activities, travel, quiet evenings at home, for serious relationship. No games. #2966

LOOKING FOR A SOULMATE

Financially secure, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'3", brown/blue, enjoys music, movies, skiing, rollerblading, the outdoors, cuddling. Seeking soulmate, 27-33, with similar interests, for future relationship. #2910

I HATE PICKLES!

SWF, 24, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, just having fun. Seeking honest, smart male, 23-30, for casual dating, possibly more. Must possess nice smile and friendly interests. #2690

LET'S START WITH COFFEE

Widowed WF, 60, 5'11", blonde/blue, N.S. social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys dining in/out, theater, golf, playing cards. Seeking honest, fun, outgoing SWM, 38-45, N.S. for fulfilling LTR. North Oakland County. #3151

BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWER

34, 5'10", 108lbs, with pretty personality, professional career. Seeking rugged, tumbler-eyed guy with great locks, successful career, strong character and irresistible charm. #2817

A HEAD TURNER

Used to model to get through college. Now I'm a lawyer. Attractive, outgoing, romantic female, 29, in shape, seeks pleasant, cultured, attractive man. #2819

ALLURING BRUNETTE

Attractive, very fit, feisty, fun to be with, professional, 35, 5'5", 110lbs, seeks caring, confident, stable, open-minded, honest and humorous man, 35-50, Hoping for mutually satisfying relationship. #2536

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, dark/hazel, never married, two daughters (4 and 9). Seeking clean SWM, 25-35, for friendship, possible more. Must enjoy being around children and animals. #2456

LAUGHING AND LOVING

Active, happy positive SWPF 53, business owner, health club schedule and retirement plans in two years. Seeking humorous, kind, considerate, lively man for fun and more. #3310

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Attractive SWF, 35, 5'4", black/brown, thin to medium build, seeks attractive, tall, physically fit SWM 30-40, enjoys the arts, movies, bookstores, road trips, working out, outdoor activities, friends first. LTR. #2052

CUTE GUY WITH SNOW FLOW...

Sought by this head-turning, zany, bubbly babe! Love 20s, to share happy times in the big driveway of love. #2813

RUNNING ON EMPTY

I drive around with my cats on the freeway. I make them wear little hats so I can use the carpool lane. Too much time on your hands, too? SWF 28, brown/blue, #2814

BEST FRIEND AND MORE

College-educated, financially secure SWF, 34, 5'4", 115lbs, N.S. never married, no kids, seeks sincere, marriage-minded, intelligent, emotionally secure gentleman for serious LTR. N.S. no kids preferred. #2452

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

Finally! Secure, sexy, classy romantic SWPF 44, blonde/blue musician. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated SWM, 35-50, with passion for life, for a possible LTR. #1660

BLOOMFIELD HILLS...

professional woman, 50, 5'7", blonde/blue, N.S. shapely size 14, seeks gentleman with leadership, achievement and goal-oriented qualities. #2719

TEDDY BEAR WANTED

SWF, blonde/green, 5'6", medical professional, looking for teddy bear 45+ with good communication skills, who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. #2821

FIRE, RADIANCE, LIFE

Visionary dreamer, optimist, music is sweeter shared, slim, blue-eyed, blonde, with distinctive qualities, 37", educated, nifty 50s and financially secure. Seeking active, gentleman who is sweet and warm. 40-60. #2089

SEEKING TALL MAN

SWF, 5'6", 120lbs, blonde/blue, nice figure, seeks funny, down-to-earth, male 36-42, strong physique, who can handle life's little ups and downs. #2600

WHAT'S MISSING

It's you! Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks commitment-minded SWM, 45-60. #2444

STARTING OVER

Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10", N.S. No drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N.S. No drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. South Lyon area. #3182

UNCHAINED MELODY

Slim, attractive DWF, 51, N.S. with an active life style, seeks professional SWM, 50-60, 5'10"+, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, hanging out. Lovers area. #2534

CUTE, CUBBY, AFFECTIONATE...

WF, 46, looking for cute, chubby (or not), affectionate, intelligent WM, 40-50, with great sense of humor, who smokes good, and likes pizza without anchovies. #3060

URBAN COWGIRL SEEKS...

urban cowboy, DWF, 40, 5'7", 145lbs, brown/brown, N.S. enjoys music, movies, has a good sense of humor, loves to travel, dancing, playing cards, romantic dinners. Seeking degree, physically fit PM, 35-45, 6' N.S. with similar interests. #3192

LADY IN WAITING

Attractive SWF, 37, mahogany complexion, N.S. enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman Christian man, 40-55, N.S. who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. #2924

ONE OF A KIND

Outgoing, dynamic, very attractive DWF, 42, brown/blue, enjoys exercise, dining out, travel, and boating. Seeking very refined, very handsome professional gentleman, 45-50, 5'6", for friendship, possible relationship. No games. #3086

LINDA PROBERT

Attractive, blonde/blue SWF, 41, 5'7", 140lbs, blonde/green, N.S. enjoys all fun activities. Seeking handsome, intelligent, professional man, 25-35, 5'10", for possible serious relationship. #2451

I'M A NUT

Me: adventurous like a macadamia, sweet as a prune, with a sense like a bullet. You: beautiful, intelligent, slightly cocky, not a peeper. If you're a nut, I'm a nut. #2872

ANSWER MY AD

Yes, I've read you ad. Looking for a SWM, 30, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF for friendship, maybe more. #3363

JACK DAWSON

Good-looking, fit, honest WM 33, brown/blue, N.S. with good morals, enjoys dining out, movies, walks. Seeking attractive fit, honest WF, 24-37, N.S. #3058

SOFT CHOCOLATE

Handsome SWM 35, enjoys sports, movies, music, sports classes, cars. Seeking kind-hearted, fun-loving SWF for possible relationship. #2967

SINGLE IN DETROIT

Honest, down-to-earth SWM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SWF 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like movies, concerts, special times together. #1286

ATTRACTIVE AND TALL

Attractive and humorous SWM 37, 6'4", seeks active SWF 27-40, who enjoys movies, comedies, walking or just fun. Plymouth area. #2906

HANDSOME & BALD

Hard-working SWM 38, 5'8", 160lbs, homeowner, seeks SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. Kids ok. All calls returned. #2877

FUTURE IS NOW

Outgoing, energetic SWF 6, 100lbs, enjoys outdoors, movies, the arts. Seeking SWF, 45-55, to share life's passions. Let's taste what life has to offer! #3274

DREAMING OF...

An upbeat, romantic, attractive, fun-loving, adventurous, 22-35, who loves salsa dancing, adventure, exploration of life and could dream with this attractive, spirited DWF mid-40s, 5'6", proportionate. #3309

SINCERE ONLY

Dignified, cultured, articulate SWM 49, 5'8", 185lbs, never married, seeks affectionate, very feminine SWF, 35-45, who has a great sense of humor. #3309

SLIGHTLY HUMOROUS

Fit, handsome, tall, caring, attentive, affectionate, sensitive SWPM, tall, blonde/blue, seeks attractive, intelligent, witty, fun-loving, single, N.S. who enjoys rollerblading, theater, and movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing SWF 35-45, N.S. petite to medium build, for possible relationship. #9538

HUGGING & CUDDLING

SWM 42, 5'8", 200lbs, enjoys movies, dinners, must be outgoing and much more. Seeking SWF 25-50 with similar interests. #3301

FABULOUS, FIT AND FIFTY

Creative, attractive female, sophisticated, yet down-to-earth, engaging personality. Seeking degree, professional male, N.S. sense of humor, who's interested in cultural events, dining, travel, home projects, sports, conversation and quiet moments. #2630

WAITING FOR LIGHTNING...

To strike! An appealing DWF, 50ish, seeks a gentleman, 50-61, to enjoy dancing, dining out, casinos, and a good friendship leading to possible relationship. #2445

DRAWN TO WIDOWERS

Real, pretty, smart, attractive female, 51, reddish, educated, values family, honesty, morals, dignity. Interests: sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking family-oriented male. #2446

DELIGHTFUL AND DOWN-TO-EARTH

SWF, 38, 5'7", brown/brown, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys camping, fireplaces, dancing and dining. Seeking a Catholic SWM, 38-46, with a love for family, lifestyle and partnership. All calls answered. #2448

HELLO, FRIEND

I'm pretty, smart, fit, very intelligent, relaxed, fun, snower, #2. Seeking intelligent, tall, athletic, clean, confident, gentleman, 30-40, who enjoys a good dinner, dates, social with good conversation. #3312

I GET ALL THE ATTENTION

Tall blonde SF seeks tall, spontaneous male to go to parties with and share life with. My friends have going to parties with me because I get all the attention. #2818

ITALIAN PRINCESS

Fun-loving SWF, 32, 5'8", brown/amber, seeks romantic, energetic, athletic, professional man, 25-35, 5'10", for possible serious relationship. #2451

FACE LIFT

Attractive, blonde/blue SWF, 41, 5'7", 140lbs, blonde/green, N.S. enjoys all fun activities. Seeking handsome, intelligent, professional man, 25-35, 5'10", for possible serious relationship. #2451

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP

Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, very affectionate SWF, 47, 5'6", brown hair, enjoys the simple things in life. Seeking SWM 47-55, for friendship, possible LTR. #2811

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

DBC 44, looks 28, green eyes, enjoys walking, reading, going to plays, dancing and baseball. Seeking financially secure SWM, under 50, 6'. Must have God first. Children ok. #2724

DOCTOR WANTED

Very pretty SWF, mental health SWF, early 40s, seeks young SWF, 48, 5'6", slightly overweight, blonde/blue, seeks attractive SWF, medical doctor, 40-60, for companionship. Troy area. #2720

INTERESTED IN ART?

Pretty SWF, early 40s, seeks sincere, sensitive, art inclined SWM, 40-50, for possible relationship. #2632

IRRESISTIBLE

Integrating, pretty, passionate DWF, 44, seeks handsome, smart, funny, technician SWM, 38+, N.S. for great one-on-one relationship. Are you ready? This could be! No games, please. #2633

52 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting young female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, live dining, cooking, boating, kids, pro golf. Seeking soulmate in a successful, sincere WM 45-75. Please reply. #1162

KISSES A PLENTY!

Innovative, romantic SWM, 40s, nice looks, enjoys culture and creativity. Seeking attractive, friendly, passionate lady. #3302

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SEEKS EUROPEAN RUSSIAN LADY

Good-looking SWM, 40, 5'8", 155lbs, enjoys movies, theater, symphony, dining out, long walks, concerts. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who is interested in LTR. #3030

PILOT SEEKS COPILOT

Well-rounded, high achieving, handsome, family-oriented, adventurous, romantic, fit SWM, 34, seeks a woman who shares his interests. Seeking active, intelligent, special person. #2907

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY

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FOR SWARTH EYES

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SINGLE IN DETROIT

Honest, down-to-earth SWM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SWF 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like movies, concerts, special times together. #1286

ATTRACTIVE AND TALL

Attractive and humorous SWM 37, 6'4", seeks active SWF 27-40, who enjoys movies, comedies, walking or just fun. Plymouth area. #2906

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SWM 42, 5'8", 200lbs, enjoys movies, dinners, must be outgoing and much more. Seeking SWF 25-50 with similar interests. #3301

BALANCED, UNIQUE...

good-looking, sincere, active, romantic, intelligent, spontaneous, communicative, humorous, professional SWM, 51, 5'9", homeowner, young body, mind and soul, enjoys boating, art, music, reading, travel. Seeking attractive, multi-dimensional, slender soulmate. #3311

A REAL GENTLEMAN

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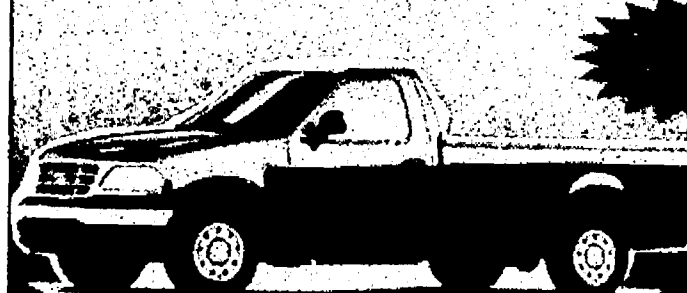
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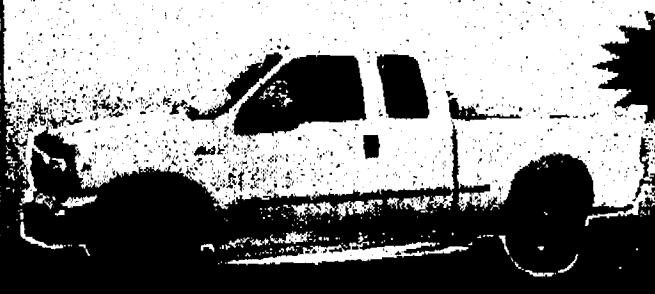
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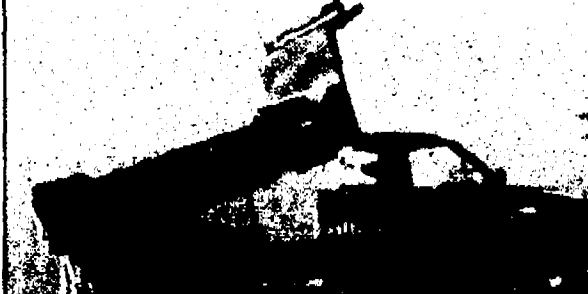
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