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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Study sessions: The Westland City Council has planned two study sessions for Monday at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road. At 5:30 p.m., the topic is the Downtown Development Authority work program and at 6:45 p.m., the topic is Year 2000.

TUESDAY

Recreation forum: A public forum on a proposal for a new recreation center is planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday at John Glenn High School auditorium, 36105 Marquette.

Democratic club: State Sen. Gary Peters, Senate Democratic Caucus chair, will speak at the April meeting of the Westland Democratic Club 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road.

WEDNESDAY

DDA meeting: The Downtown Development Authority meets 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind City Hall.

THURSDAY

Anniversary: The Thomas Taylor Towers 20th anniversary celebration is 4-7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Y dinner: The Wayne-Westland YMCA will honor Glenn Shaw Jr. and Celestine Sanders at its annual recognition dinner 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy.

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Getting set: Mabel Chavis (left), a resident of Taylor Towers, gets her hair done by stylist Melissa Watkins at the beauty shop at the towers. Behind right, Ann Petroni waits for her hair to dry.

Taylor Towers takes look back at 20 years

BY KURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

For two decades now, Taylor Towers has risen above the landscape of Westland's Central City Park, providing a home for many of the area's senior citizens.

Yet, to the countless number of seniors who have taken up residence in the Towers during those 20 years, the place has been more than just a place to live; it has been a sanctuary.

In June of 1977, Thomas Taylor, then Westland's mayor, recognized the city's need to have affordable, rent-assisted housing for its growing senior population, and he made a proposal to construct a building that would do so.

Although the federal government turned down the city's request to receive federal housing grants to build such a structure, Taylor persisted in his efforts to provide seniors with "safe, decent and sanitary housing." Within two years of his original proposal, the building, which cost \$9 million, was erected and the city was accepting applications from prospective residents.

This month, the management and tenants are celebrating the 20th anniversary of Taylor Towers with as much

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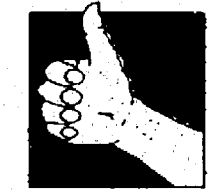


Pedal power: John Washburn (left) and Henry Kopcha ride exercise bikes at Taylor Towers.

Police, fire honor best

The best and brightest of the Westland Police and Fire Departments were honored at an awards ceremony recently.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER



The Westland Fire and Police departments gathered last weekend to honor their best and brightest at an annual awards ceremony.

Honored were Officer John Hoak of the Westland Police Department as Police Officer of the Year, Kyle Soyko as Firefighter of the Year and Capt. John Valensky as Fire Officer of the Year. Fire Capt. Scott Lucas received a special award for his work in teaching CPR to high school students. The ceremony took place Saturday, April 17, at

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Annual sale aids 2 groups

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

People looking to sell an old set of dishes, used children's clothing or antiques at the Westland Community Garage Sale still might have a chance to do it.

The sale, in its third year, is touted as having 100 sales in one location and is planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Bailey Recreation Center. Those interested in selling their wares should call (734)722-7620 to see what's available. The rain date is May 16.

Margaret Martin, program supervisor for Westland Parks & Recreation,

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Couples say friendship kept them together

Hand in hand:

Doris and Lewis Fitchett hold hands and repeat their vows at The Willow Creek Golden Anniversary brunch this past week. The Fitchetts have been married since Aug. 20, 1938.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Bertha and Roy Large remember when former President Jimmy Carter was barely larger than the peanuts he grew for a living.

"I remember when he was a little thing," Bertha Large said.

"He was a nice man," added her husband Roy.

She and her husband lived in Plains, Ga., Carter's hometown, before moving to Detroit in 1956. They have lived in Westland 16 years.

The Westland couple, married 63 years in August, were among seven couples renewing their marriage vows at Willow Creek Apartments Wednesday. The vows renewal is an annual event for couples married 50 or more years. Westland Mayor Robert Thomas officiated. About 60 people attended

the ceremony, catered by Val's Catering of Westland.

Bertha and Roy's relationship was strongly rooted in friendship before they even got married.

"I had a brother about the same age as (Roy)," she said. "We got to palling around together." They "went together" for about five years before tying the knot Aug. 12, 1936. They have two sons, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Fellow Willow Creek resident Dorothy Stembach described the Larges as a "charming couple" and said she was impressed with Bertha's skill with crafts.

"She's so artistic," she said, describing a train she made out of yarn and plastic canvas.

So what's the secret to their long

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McCusker's certification

Wayne-Westland school board member Mathew M. McCusker has completed new levels of certification and will be recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

McCusker has completed both level five and level six certification.

Only six other school trustees in Michigan have achieved this distinction. Level six is the second highest stage of professional school leadership training offered by the MASA.

It requires an extra 30 hours of classroom training beyond the 68 hours they have already taken.



McCusker

PLACES & FACES

Leadership activities at the state level and attendance at workshops and national conferences are also counted toward this stage of school board certification.

Talent show

The John Glenn high school talent show, Rocket Extravaganza, will be held at 7 p.m. April 29 and 30 in Stockmeyer Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

The Extravaganza, a student-run show, will fea-

ture dancers, singers and local bands.

Pond seminar

A free pond seminar, presented by Aquarium Pharmaceuticals, is set for 7 p.m. April 28, at Barson's Greenhouses, 6414 Merriman Road, between Ford and Warren in Westland. (734) 421-5959.

Camp counselors

The Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy in Westland, is accepting applications for day-camp counselors for six positions, three senior counselors and three junior counselors. Senior counselors must be high school graduates, while junior counselors must be at least 16 years old. All must have experience working with children. Apply 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Sharon at (734) 722-3660.

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and there will be 70-80 vendors in 100 spots. But the good spots were grabbed up quickly - only a handful were still available as of Friday afternoon.

Die-hard bargain hunters will not only get a chance to snatch up some good deals, but can also help contribute to charity. All proceeds from rental fees will go to Westland's Therapeutic Recreation Club and Westland Youth Assistance.

Last year, the charities each received about \$1,000 from the sale, according to Ronalee Bowman, WYA program director.

This year WYA will use the proceeds to expand its program, geared toward disadvantaged youths. The money will help WYA plan more trips and recreational activities.

"I'm really excited that we're doing it again this year," Bowman said.

Martin could not give exact attendance numbers for the past two garage sales, but said it is very popular.

"It's always been very well-attended," she said.

The Westland Rotary Club will raffie off a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and Toarina's Pizza will sell food during the sale.

Proceeding the sale will be a Teddy Bear Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-10:30 a.m., also at Bailey. Children bringing their favorite stuffed animals will be able to meet "Mr. Teddy Bear."

Admission is free for children under 2, \$2.50 for children ages 2-12 and \$4 for everyone 13 and older. Family photographs with "Teddy" will be \$2. Advance tickets are being sold at the Bailey Center. All proceeds will go to the "Empty Bowls" food voucher program.

Honored from page A1

the Harris Kehrler VFW post.

Hoak, who has been the force since October 1987, was recognized for his dedication to his job, said Deputy Chief Daniel Pfannes.

"(Hoak) has evolved into a can-do guy," Pfannes said. He's a steady performer day in and day out. He requires very little supervision and makes responsible decisions on his own."

Hoak works as a field trainer for the department, responsible for training all new employees. Anyone wanting to become a Westland police officer must deal with Hoak, who decides whether the trainees will stay beyond their probationary periods.

He also is a member of the Rifle Perimeter team and is certified to carry an M-16 rifle. As a member of the team, he is authorized to act in situations such as those involving hostages.

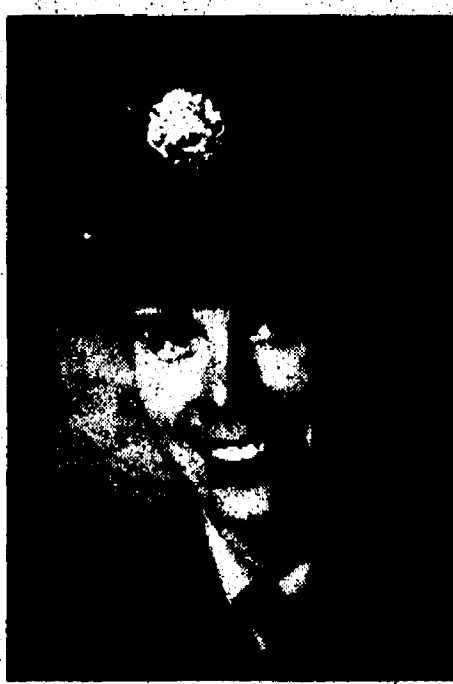
Other awards Hoak has received include a Purple Heart for being injured in the line of duty and a life-saving award for pulling someone from a burning vehicle.

"(Hoak) has now received every award the department has to offer," Pfannes said.

Firefighter Kyle Soyko of Westland joined the force in January 1995. Deputy Fire Chief David Carignan said Soyko's community involvement and dedication to his job made him stand out.

"He participates in a lot of things the department does," Carignan said. "He has a lot of departmental pride."

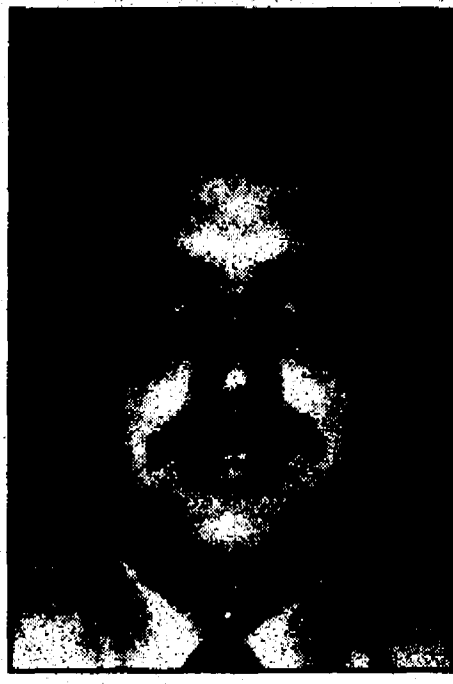
Soyko, a paramedic, volunteers with the Goodfellows, helps with fire education for both children



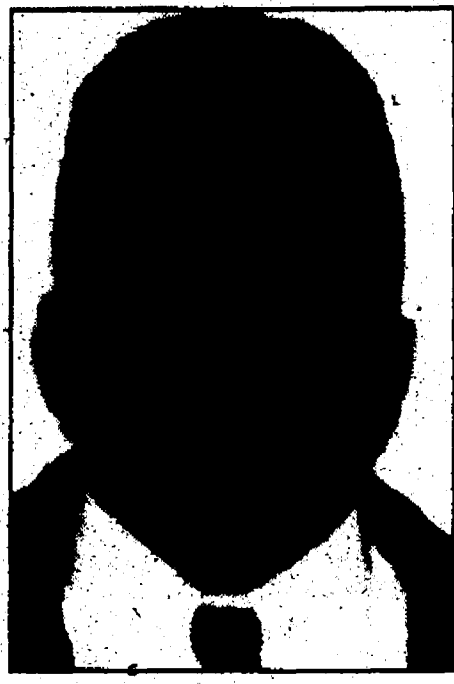
John Valensky



Scott Lucas



John Hoak



Kyle Soyko

and adults and is active with the department's bike patrol.

Valensky, a Livonia resident, stood out for many of the same reasons Soyko did, according to Carignan. After being hired as a firefighter in 1989, he rose through the ranks and became a captain within eight years.

"He has provided the type of leadership the department looks for in a captain," Carignan said. "The people who work for him respect him."

In addition to his command duties, Valensky also is treasurer for the firefighters union. He was named Westland's Firefighter of the Year several years ago.

Lucas was recognized at the urging of John Glenn science teacher Thomas Deschaine. At the beginning of the school year, Lucas' 500th student was certified in CPR. A John Glenn student presented the plaque to Lucas. John Glenn students chipped in to buy the plaque.

"(Lucas) loves working with children," said Deschaine, an anatomy and physiology teacher. "He's so good at it."

Lucas teaches up to four CPR classes at John Glenn and has often accommodated half-days and the like, Deschaine said.

"(The Westland Fire Department) has bent over backwards for us," he said. The police and fire chiefs gathered before the ceremony to discuss who should win awards, Carignan said.

"We discussed different attributes and looked over contributions to the department over the past year," he said. Other factors, like attendance, were also important.

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Skating event set

"Signs of the Seasons" will be presented by the Westland Figure Skating Club 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 1, and 1 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, between Hurster and Ford. Guest skaters are Danielle and Steve Hartsell, national pairs champions. (Danielle Hartsell won't skate during the Thursday performance.) Admission is \$6, \$4 for seniors and children 12 and under.

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Annual dog jog to benefit humane society

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Here's the poop on the third annual Plymouth Dog Jog: The 2-mile walk/run will begin 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, beginning and ending in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Sponsored again this year by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, all proceeds go to the Michigan Humane Society and the Kiwanis.

Registration forms are available at Plymouth, Canton and Livonia veterinarian offices; Pet Supplies Plus in Canton; Pet Smart in Northville and Specialty Pets in Plymouth, as well as the law office of event chair Eric Colthurst, 35th District Court

magistrate, also known as Boss Dog, at 9450 S. Main, Suite 101.

"We try to make it a fun event," said Vice Boss Dog Denise Chapman, a legal assistant in Colthurst's office.

This year, registration forms will be sent to the 225 people from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Westland and other southeast Michigan residents who strutted with their best friends during last year's event.

Participants are also invited to collect pledges and bring their sponsor sheets and pledge money to the jog. One hundred percent of the pledges submitted the day of the race go to the Humane Society, Chapman said. Last year, Dog Jog participa-

tion increased 100 percent, said Chapman, who is predicting another rise in participation this year. "The first two years we had great weather and we're praying for three in a row," she said.

The cost is \$20 to register before May 1, and \$25 the day of the jog. Registration begins at noon.

Last year, the event raised \$8,500. Part of the registration fee goes to the Humane Society and part goes to the Kiwanis to support charities like the Terrific Kids program in local schools; the Salvation Army; high school scholarships; the Plymouth Community Band; Plymouth Canton Special Olympics and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The Dog Jog is the club's biggest fund-raiser.

Walkers and joggers will receive a T-shirt, provided by Pet Supplies Plus, and an "oops scoop," as well as water and treats for their four-legged partners.

Prizes will go to three age groups each for male and female people race winners; best costume, longest tail and best owner and dog look-alike. Partic-

ipants with the highest amount of pledges will be awarded grand prizes.

Businesses interested in supporting the event can buy advertising space on promotional posters or make cash donations to be included in newspaper advertisements.

This year, for the first time, the Dog Jog, also known as the "Bark in the Park" will include a Pooch Smooch booth where pets and their human buddies can have their pictures taken for a fee. The event also includes a demonstration of dog obedience by trainer Dan Morris of Livonia, who will be accompanied by the Dogmatics, a precision drill team often seen at area parades. Dogs in the race must be on a 6-foot leash.

"We've been lucky, because no one has ever brought unruly dogs," Chapman said. "I think people who participate in something like this know their own dogs and they wouldn't bring dogs that wouldn't get along with other dogs or other people."

For more information call Doggie Central, which is Colthurst's office, at 459-7000.

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Couple of couples: Socializing before lunch Rudy and Beth Kilponen (left) and Joseph and Margaret Elenich (right) at the Anniversary brunch. The Kilponens were married Nov. 25, 1938, and the Elenichs Oct. 5, 1940.



So happy together: The longest married couple attending the Willow Creek Golden Anniversary brunch was Roy and Bertha Large. They have been married since Aug. 12, 1936.

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union?
"Give a little, take a little," Roy Large said.
Like the Larges, Lewis and Doris Fitchett's marriage was preceded by a strong friendship.
"We met when she was 8 and I was 11," Lewis Fitchett said.
"His sister was my girlfriend," Doris Fitchett said. "We really started going together when I was 17."

The two were brought together partially by a mutual interest in church. While attending Sunday evening church group sessions, their relationship blossomed. They were married Aug. 20, 1938.

The Fitchetts grew up in Detroit and have lived in Westland 22 years.

Secrets to their long marriage include a strong religious faith and their respect for each other. Plus, they share a mutual interest in square dancing and bridge.

"We've stayed together this long because I'm so sweet," Lewis Fitchett said.

"Our faith in God has helped us through some rough times," Doris Fitchett added.

Both have been retired 21 years. He previously worked in the insurance business and she worked in the personnel department for J.L. Hudson as a secretary.

Besides the Larges and Fitchetts, couples renewing their vows included Rudy and Beth Kilponen, married Nov. 25, 1938; Jack and Martha DePlanche, married March 23, 1940; Joseph and Margaret Elenich, married Oct. 5, 1940; Victor and Rose Rosa, married May 27, 1943; and Fred and Gayla Morantes, married Oct. 30, 1948.

Mayor Thomas said he was impressed by the long marriages. As a newlywed of eight months, he said he hopes his union will last as long as the Willow Creek couples.

"It's just wonderful to see people together this long," he said. "In their day, people viewed marriage and family a lot differently than they do today."

People married 50 years ago tended to view marriage as a sacred trust while many people today view marriage as "just the thing to do," Thomas said.

Willow Creek manager C.J. Gildersleeve said Willow Creek's longest married couple was unable to attend because of illness.

"We feel a big loss not having them here," she said, referring to Kui and Hui Wang, who have been married since Feb. 24, 1932. Bernie and Lou Wolcott, married June 12, 1937, also did not attend.



Entertainer: John Sterbenz, "Solitaire," a one-man musical and vocal entertainer, performs music at the anniversary brunch.

Local students to compete in Miss Junior Teen pageant

Jillian Marie Calka and Emily Mae Sakcriska, both students at Westland John Glenn High School, will be competing in Nationals' 1999 Miss Jr. Teen Detroit pageant on May 30.

Both residents of Canton Township, the young women will be competing for a share of more than \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts.

They will be competing in the Miss Teen division, one of five divisions that will have young women between the

ages of 7 and 23 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear.

They will also display their personalities and interviewing skills.

The winner of the title will represent Detroit and the surrounding communities the national competition that will take place in Orlando, Fla.

In her spare time, Calka enjoys dance and gymnastics. Sakcriska enjoys tennis, horseback riding and volleyball.



Jillian Marie Calka



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Woman of Distinction to be honored on May 4

The Plymouth Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international professional teachers society, selected a Woman of Distinction for 1999.

Beverly Brooks will be honored at a banquet May 4 at the Fox Hills Country Club. Brooks is a resident of Livonia.

She began her career as a speech pathologist in 1963. Between 1969 and 1980, she was involved in teacher and parent training at the preschool level, and also lent her expertise in curriculum development. During this same period of time she authored a parent handbook, which was the basis for the State of Michigan's Preprimary Impaired Program Guidelines.

Administrative duties were her next calling. In 1984, she became director of preschool programs in the Wayne-Westland Community School District. At the same time she supervised the Trainable Mentally Impaired

Program at the junior high level.

Her responsibilities expanded when, in 1991, she became president of the Michigan Division of Early Childhood.

This led to her being named director of the Family Resource Center in the Wayne-Westland School District in 1994. She continues in that role and additionally serves as director of staff development.

She has also worked as a consultant for Eastern Michigan University, designed course work for teacher certification, served as chairwoman for the districtwide staff development committee, chaired Parents Day for three years, and served on many committees, both within the school system and in the outside community.

Through the Children's Trust Foundation and WRESA, Brooks helped design, produce and perform in a series of eight videos on parenting.

OBITUARIES

ALONZO J. TILLEY

Services for former Livonia resident Alonzo Tilley, 75, of Canton were April 22 in Berean Baptist Church with burial at Northview Cemetery in Dearborn. Officiating was the Rev. Robert J. Payne. Arrangements were from Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mr. Tilley, who died April 18 in Livonia, was born Oct. 19, 1923, in Infinity, W. Va.

He was a member of Berean Baptist Church. He was a baker for American Bakeries/Tastee, retiring in 1986.

He lived in Canton 19 years and previously lived in Livonia.

Surviving are his wife, Virgie; sons, Gary (Terrie) Tilley of Westland and Thomas (Donna) Willey of Livonia; daughter, Deborah (Michael) Weiser of Garden City; sisters, Eva Meadows of Beaver, W. Va., and Helen Minor of Winston-Salem, N.C.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Tilley was preceded in death by his son, James II.

Memorials may be made to Berean Baptist Church, 6889 Belleville Road, Belleville, or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

DORIS G. POYNTER

Services for Doris Poynter, 78, of Ypsilanti were April 20 in Vermeulen Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Neil D. Cowling.

Mrs. Poynter, who died April 18 in Ann Arbor, was born Oct. 5, 1920, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Steve Poynter of Westland; sister, Beverly Erickson of Redford; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

GLADYS E. FOWLER

Services for Gladys Fowler, 82, of Hartland were April 21 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Fowler, who died April 17 in Wayne, was born Nov. 13, 1916, in Bryson City, N.C. She was a clerk in the retail business.

Surviving are her sons, William (Patricia) of Westland and Edward (Sandra); brother, Clint White; sister, Mary Jo Bergquist; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fowler was preceded in

death by her husband, Frank. Memorials may be made to leukemia, kidney or heart funds.

LUCILLE RAMSEY

Services for Lucille Ramsey, 76, of Westland were April 23 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich. A VFW Post 3323 service was April 22.

Mrs. Ramsey, who died April 19 in Westland, was born Dec. 20, 1922, in Illinois. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Arvel; sons, Richard, Charles, Robert, Russell and Gilbert; daughters, Sharon Schultz, Kathy Christensen and Cindy Sanders; sisters, Mary Ely, Margaret Carroll and Frances Jones; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ramsey was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles Stine and Elmer Stine; sister, Emma Cater.

KENNETH E. BLACKWELL

Services for Kenneth Blackwell, 58, of Westland were April 23 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Officiating was the Rev. Neil Swanger.

Mr. Blackwell, who died April 20 at his Westland residence, was born Jan. 11, 1941, in Inkster. He lived in this community 20 years.

He was a hi-lo driver for an auto parts supplier.

He was a member of Westland Moose.

Surviving are his wife, Joan; sons, Wayne McDowell, William McDowell, Michael and Kenneth Blackwell; daughters, Lorrie Reed, Sherry Maasey, Kathy Blackwell, Dorie Blackburn, Kathy West and MerriLou LaPrise; mother, Ila Blackwell, two brothers; two sisters; 20 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

FLORENCE LAMBDIN

Services for Florence Lambdin of Westland were April 24 in Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Redford.

Mrs. Lambdin died April 21. Surviving are her husband, Arthur; son, James; daughter, Karen Brooks; brother, Peter Puzzuoli; sisters, Derne Zeppa and Ange Colvin; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (734-525-8808) on or before MAY 7, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

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Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s).

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: April 25, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE TO ALL CAT/DOG OWNERS:

Animal licenses are currently due on May 1st, 1999. If you have not renewed your animal license, mail or bring a copy of your rabies vaccination certificate and the fee of \$5 per year to City Clerk's Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: April 22 and 25, 1999

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 6000 MIDDLEBELT GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction on Tuesday, May 4, 1999 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

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1983 MERCURY	2 DR	2MEBP51ADK61354
1986 PONTIAC	2 DR	1G2JD27J2G7507152
1990 CHRYSLER	4 DR	3C3XA5638L7068228
1984 DODGE	VAN	2B7HB23W8EK304840
1979 OLDSMOBILE	2 DR	3R47A9M579270
1986 MERCURY	4 DR	2MEBP95F16X683102

Publish: April 25, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 12, 1999

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session on April 12, 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, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Also present were Acting City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Cummings, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Miller.

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

Item 04-99-170 It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of April 5, 1999, as presented. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received. The Mayor added a Recreation commission appointment to the agenda.

Item 04-99-171 It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Wiacek: RESOLVED: To appoint Dawn Frey to the Recreation Commission for a three (3) year term from April 1, 1999 expiration March 31, 2002. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None. The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Purchase of EPA Conlin.
2. Engineer's Report.
3. Beechwood, Birchlawn, Moeller Project.
 - a. Special Assessment/Public Hearing.
 - b. Construction, Engineering & Phase Service.
 - c. Bid Award for Beechwood, Birchlawn & Moeller Project.
 - d. Bid Award-Additive Alternative No. 5.
 - e. Field Decision Authority.
4. a. Ball Field Line Marker.
 - b. Athletic Field Mixes.
 - c. Lawn Maintenance.
 - d. City Wide Carpet Cleaning.
5. Resolution Introducing Refunding Bond Ordinance.
6. Festival Agreement-Language Change.
7. Purchase of Voting Machines.
8. Worker's Compensation Excess Reinsurance.
9. Lions Club Annual White Cane Fundraiser.

Item 04-99-172 It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Lynch: RESOLVED: To call for a Public Hearing on Monday, April 26, 1999 at 7:15 p.m., pursuant to Section 100.08 of the Garden City Code of Ordinances on the improvement of Beechwood, Birchlawn, Moeller Street Repaving. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 04-99-173 It was moved by Councilmember Briscoe; supported by Councilmember Wiacek: RESOLVED: To approve Wade-Trina to perform Construction, Engineering and Phase Services in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 04-99-174 It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Waynick: Councilmembers discussed prior projects and experience of the two lowest bidders. There was discussion regarding inspector days bid, and how inspectors days affected the actual cost of the contract. The City Attorney advised Council on accepting and/or rejecting bids. Consultant Weeks reported his experience (satisfactory) with the two lowest bidders. RESOLVED: To award the bid to Eastern Concrete Paving Company for the Beechwood, Birchlawn and Moeller Pavement Improvements, in the estimated amount of \$682,929.00; including additive alternates No.1 through No.4 also including reinforced concrete as required by Wayne County. AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, and Wiacek. NAYS: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Briscoe, and Waynick. ABSENT: None. Motion failed.

The Mayor with approval of Council suspended the rules without a substantive motion on the floor. After discussion the following motion was offered.

- Council discussed several concerns regarding the award of the contract.
- How the number of inspector days were interpreted in the specifications and contract.
 - Eastern's lack of experience in the underground field to the best of Council's knowledge and belief at this time. Council was not familiar with Eastern doing their own work on underground projects. Council felt Eastern usually subcontracted underground work. The proven

record of Basile was discussed. Consultant Weeks discussed how a delayed decision would affect the project. He also discussed his experience with both Eastern and Basile.

Item 04-99-175 It was moved by Councilmember Waynick; supported by Councilmember Lynch: RESOLVED: To award the bid for the Beechwood, Birchlawn and Moeller Project Construction Contract to Peter A. Basile Sons, Inc. and not to the lowest bidder; because the lowest bidder has not demonstrated the experience of their own in doing underground construction as contemplated in this project. The estimated amount of the bid is \$708,846.95; including additive alternates No.1 through No.4; also including reinforced concrete as required by Wayne County. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge and Wiacek. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

Item 04-99-176 It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve field decision as outlined in the letter dated March 30, 1999 from Wade-Trim to the attention of Acting City Manager Kocsis dealing with the Beechwood, Birchlawn and Moeller Pavement Improvements - Field Decision Authority. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge and Wiacek. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

Item 04-99-177 It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the paving agreement with Gordon Chevrolet Inc. and the City of Garden City; whereas, Gordon Chevrolet agrees to pay for a 12-foot extension and will be charged actual cost of construction which may be higher or lower than the amount stated in the bid. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 04-99-178 It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Waynick: Council requested information pertaining to the amount of and type of sprays in the lawn maintenance. RESOLVED: To award the following DPS purchases:

1. Ball Field Line Marker, to Shemin Nursery in the amount of \$3.75 per bag.
2. Athletic Field Mixes, to Williams Trucking in the amount of \$8.24 per ton for Crushed Limestone Meal, and \$8.61 per ton for 30A Slag.
3. Lawn Maintenance, to Turf Pro in the estimated amount of \$3,723.00.
4. Carpet Cleaning Service for City Buildings, to Farr Cleaning Specialists in the amount of 0.06 per square foot for carpet cleaning, \$3.75 per chair and \$20.00 per sofa.

AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 04-99-179 It was moved by Councilmember Wiacek; supported by Councilmember Dodge: RESOLVED: To introduce the ordinance and to call for a Public Hearing on Monday, April 26, 1999 at 7:25 p.m., for the Resolution Introducing Refunding Bond Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City desires to issue and sell its general obligation refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding and defeasing certain outstanding bonds of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that borrowing and the issuance of bonds be accomplished by ordinance, such ordinance to be introduced in writing by any Councilmember at any regular meeting and thereafter published, together with a notice setting the time and place for a public hearing thereon not sooner than 7 days following publication, and that the ordinance thereafter be considered for approval by the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the ordinance attached hereto as appendix A authorizing not to exceed \$11,000,000 Sewerage Disposal System Refunding Bonds, Series 1999 (Limited Tax General Obligation) is introduced and a public hearing on the ordinance is hereby scheduled for Monday, April 26, 1999, at 7:25 p.m., to solicit public comments on the proposed ordinance. The City Treasurer/Clerk is authorized and directed to cause notice of the public hearing to be published in the normal course as required by the City Charter.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 04-99-180 It was moved by Councilmember Briscoe; supported by Councilmember Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of excess insurance in the amount of \$12,491.00 annually from Employers' Reinsurance Company for a two-year period (5/1/1999 - 4/30/2001) as recommended by ReKo, our third party administrator, and Administration. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 04-99-181 It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Briscoe: RESOLVED: To grant permission to the Lions Club to solicit in Garden City, April 24th and May 1st, subject to receipt of valid hold harmless agreements by each participant for their Annual White Cane Fundraiser. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE #99-007 NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, April 19, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-007

The City Council in accordance with the City Charter establishes the following pay grade and salary range for the period beginning April 01, 1999.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS: SALARY ORDINANCE: Garden City Supervisory and Professional Personnel Association (GCSPPA):

SECTION 1:	PAY GRADE/TITLE	RATE RANGE
	B. Athletic Coordinator	\$25,090 - \$33,194

All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2:

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

This amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

JAMES L. BARKER Mayor
ALLYSON M. BETTIS City Clerk-Treasurer

Adopted: April 19, 1999
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE #99-004 NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, April 19, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XI, CHAPTER 123, SUBSECTION 123.40 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULATING CABLE TELEVISION

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT TITLE XI, CHAPTER 123, SUBSECTION 123.40 BE AMENDED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FROM 15 TO 7, PER THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

SECTION 123.40 STRUCTURE: APPOINTMENT.

There is created a Cable communications Commission consisting of 7 members to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Each member shall serve a term of three years; provided, however, that each of the members currently appointed to the Commission shall continue to serve on the Commission until the expiration of his/her current term. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be selected by the members and have the right to vote. In his absence, the Vice-Chairperson, who shall also be selected by the Commission, shall act as Chairperson. Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation and may be removed from office by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. Any vacancy in office shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for the remainder of the term. The Commission shall prescribe its own rules and regulations for carrying out its functions and duties.

REPEAL

All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SEVERABILITY

The City of Garden City hereby declares that if any section, part, paragraph, sentence or work of the Ordinance hereby adopted is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intent of the City of Garden City that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination herefrom any such portion as may be declared invalid.

SAVINGS CLAUSE

That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to effect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing under any act or ordinance hereby repealed herein; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

DATE OF EFFECT.

This amendatory Ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

JAMES L. BARKER Mayor
ALLYSON M. BETTIS City Clerk-Treasurer

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Area hospitals face uncertain financial future

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Hospitals in southeast Michigan are cautious about praising the financial data in the 1997 Michigan Hospital Report, released earlier this week because figures from the last quarter of 1998 paint a very different picture of operating and total margins than those reflected in the 200-page report.

This report states more hospitals are struggling financially, said Michigan Hospital Association President Spencer Johnson.

"It shows that Michigan hospitals provide valuable benefits to their communities to improve overall health and that the vast majority of the state's hospitals are performing as well as, or better than, expected. It demonstrates that, although costs and payments of Michigan hospitals are in line with regional and national hospital norms, declining operating margins signal financial trouble in the future."

Low profit, high debt

Profit margins disclosed in the report have dwindled by half or more since the numbers for this year's report (1997 data) were calculated. Local hospitals fault the cuts in Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement and increasing pharmaceutical costs with the dramatic variances from one year to the next.

"Similar to other hospitals, the financial viability of St. Mary's is being impacted by declining Medicaid reimbursements and high pharmaceutical costs," said Julie Sproul, director of Community Relations at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. "We are continuously looking at ways to provide high quality care in the most cost effective way."

Those sentiments were echoed by personnel from Botsford General Hospital, Garden City Hospital, Henry Ford Health System, Oakwood Healthcare System, Providence Hospital, and St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

While the report validates the ongoing financial challenges the health care industry faces, it also includes clinical performance data for Michigan hospitals and four-year trends for each hospital's performance on eight types of cases, and information on community benefits.

Based on their patient populations, the MHR shows hospitals are performing as expected or better in clinical areas such as knee and hip replacements, valve repairs, coronary artery bypass grafts, non-surgical heart cases and C-section and VBAC (vaginal birth after

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Caesarean) rates for outcomes in length of stay and mortality rates.

Performance examples include:

■ St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor had the lowest C-section rate and among the highest vaginal birth after C-section rate among all of the hospitals reporting.

■ Since 1994, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers reduced the average length of stay for hip and knee replacement patients by two days, according to Dr. Michael Deegan, senior vice president of medical affairs.

■ Botsford General Hospital provided transportation for 39,000 individuals at a cost of \$525,000 and health screenings on 120 occasions, serving 7,294 people at a cost of \$142,000.

■ \$40 million worth of uncompensated care (payment not received, only a portion of the cost reimbursed or uncollected charges) was provided by Henry Ford Hospital-Detroit, said Steve Velick, CEO Henry Ford Hospital.

■ Trend lines show Oakwood has decreased medical cases length of stay from 6.02 in 1994 to 4.96 in 1997.

■ St. Mary Hospital provided \$2.8 million in uncompensated care to approximately 40,000 people in 1997, said Sproul.

■ Garden City Hospital saw length of stay averages within range or lower than expected on several cases. Terry Carroll, director of Development and Community Relations, said the hospital sees that as a positive since their patient mix consists of a higher elderly population and patients are kept until they are well enough to go home or sent to a skilled nursing center rather than transferred out of the system.

Far-reaching benefits

This is the second year MHA has compiled and released community benefit information on programs and services provided by hospitals to their local communities. Of the 122 nonprofit hospitals that participated in the 1997 survey, \$466 million in uncompensated care was provided to citizens across the state of Michigan — not including approximately \$282 million in bad debts owned to hospitals.

Programs and services provided by Botsford, Garden City, Henry Ford, Oakwood, Providence, St. Joe's and St. Mary Hospitals included subsidized inpatient and outpatient services, primary care clinics, community education/outreach, health screenings and subsidized community contributions totaling 8,257,423 visits or encounters during 1997.

"This report verifies some of the strengths that we have and serve as a useful piece of information for people to make informed health care decisions," said Nancy Dumas, public relations coordinator for Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

The Michigan Hospital Report is only one of several publications that report hospital data. The public disclosure of financial information and patient outcomes was generated to "improve health and health care delivery in Michigan" as well as providing consumers a foundation for selecting a health care provider based on their physical and emotional needs.

"We hope they look at the data and incorporate it into their decision process. It is a convenient way for people to seek out the quality care they are looking for, however, it is only a snapshot of a select group of factors out of many that should be taken into consideration," said Deegan of Providence Hospital.

Garry C. Faja, president and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, said the report demonstrates a hospital's commitment to maintaining and improving care.

"We have a clinical team in place that has developed methods to shorten lengths of stay for those specific cases that do not compromise quality of care or patient satisfaction. It fits very well with the goal of the MHA report, which is to help hospitals continuously improve their quality and provide a high level of care to the communities they serve."

The 1999 Michigan Hospital Report is available for review at most public libraries in the state and on the Internet at www.mha.org/mhr4. Published copies are available for \$25 by writing to: 1999 Michigan Hospital Report, 6215 W. St. Joseph Highway, Lansing, MI 48917.

County HMO makes health care affordable for small business

HealthChoice, Wayne County's program to allow small businesses to provide health care coverage for employees, recently signed up its 10,000th subscriber.

The record number is proof of how beneficial this program is to employers," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "HealthChoice has allowed small businesses such as hair salons, gas stations and party stores to finally provide health coverage for their employees. It proves creative, outside-the-box thinking can really make a difference."

HealthChoice, managed by Wayne County, hosted a gathering at the Hunter House in Detroit — the location specifically chosen because the new downtown restaurant recently signed up as the health care program's 1,000th business. Enrolling the business brought in the program's 10,000th customer.

HealthChoice provides comprehensive health care coverage for

businesses employing three or more employees. Premiums are split three ways: 1/3 is paid by the employer, 1/3 is paid the employee and 1/3 paid by HealthChoice. To qualify, companies must also have 90 percent of their business in Wayne County, have a work force where 50 percent or more of the employees average less than \$10 an hour and not have offered health care benefits in the past year.

The program started in 1994 when McNamara was grappling with how to help businesses with skyrocketing health care costs. Now, more than 30 new businesses are signing up for coverage each month. The coverage also acts as an incentive to bring businesses to the county and to keep them there.

"It's a super program," said Judy Franulic, a HealthChoice customer for one year and owner of The Drycleaning Station in Livonia and Northville. She read about HealthChoice in a flyer sent to her home and now has at least five employees — and herself — enrolled.

"I'm thrilled with it. There's real peace of mind having the coverage."

Franulic's business is one of 48 in Livonia signed up for the coverage. The program includes 13 Canton businesses, nine in Garden City, eight in Plymouth, 23 in Redford and 26 in Westland. Detroit has the most businesses covered with 464.

Employees of the businesses must not be eligible for government health benefits and work at least 20 hours a week and expect to work more than five months. Employee premiums can be as little as \$41 a month. Health care services include prescription drugs, emergency services, hospitalization and ambulance service. Supplemental coverage on services such as vision care and dental care are available.

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On-line user: Chester Syjud uses the computers at Taylor Towers on a daily basis. He uses the Web site, checks his E-mail and plays games.



Towers at 20: Taylor Towers will be celebrating 20 years during a program on Thursday, April 29.



Socializing: Taylor Towers residents Helen Krumm (left to right), Lucille Schilling, Garnet Young, Marguerite Harriman and Earl Agrima enjoy a light moment at a social coffee hour.

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excitement as was generated when the building originally opened its doors.

"Being involved from the beginning of this dream of safe and decent housing for senior citizens has been very fulfilling. I feel like the residents can be proud of their address," said Marjorie Gartz, president of the Elderly Housing Corp. (EHC), a nonprofit organization created by the city's housing department to govern the building. Gartz's involvement dates back to when she was the recording secretary at the 1977 meeting where Taylor made his initial proposals.

Originally named Central City Park Towers, the building was rededicated as the Thomas F. Taylor Towers during a ceremony on Sept. 25, 1981, in honor of the man who was largely responsible for its construction. Ironically, Taylor, who served as mayor between 1976 and 1981, was appointed as the executive director of the EHC in 1985, and remains so today. It is a position he says he is privileged to have, though it makes for confusion once in a while.

"People are always coming up to me and asking if I own the building, which of course I don't," Taylor joked.

As executive director, Taylor is responsible for several duties including day-to-day management of the building, as well as being in charge of planning programs and services for the tenants. The job has also given him the opportunity to see the fruits of his labors.

"This place has turned out to be so much more than what we anticipated," Taylor said. "If you sat down and made up a list of criteria that you wanted to have for a senior building, you would end up with something like this."

The building has seen its share of changes over the years, Taylor said.

Although Taylor Towers has always offered its tenants a host of services, they have continuously been added. Security guards regularly patrol the premises, and residents have access to a library, clinic, beauty salon and workout room. Taylor feels the most important addition has been a dining room and the implementation of a meal program, offering lunch five days a week at a reduced price.

"There are a lot of very active 90-year-olds here. The meal program contributes to that. Not just for the sustenance they get from eating, but for the socialization. They come down, meet with their friends and stay active," Taylor said, noting that mental stimulation is the main key to both health and longevity. "The most dangerous thing for seniors is isolation. If they start getting isolated, they get lonely, they get depressed, and they die."

Another benefit has been the addition of a computer lab, which gives tenants access to the World Wide Web.

"We use the e-mail and the Internet. Just like the young kids," said Pat Welch, who has been a resident at Taylor Towers for "two happy years."

"This is a very good thing for the seniors. It keeps their minds sharp and active," said Helen Krumm, who was e-mailing her son in Arizona as she sat at one of the computers. Krumm said that during the evenings the computer lab can be a crowded place.

Some things haven't changed over the years. Taylor Towers has always been in high demand, and has been full since day one. Currently, there is nearly a three-year waiting list for future tenants.

One indication that Taylor Towers is providing an environment which is conducive to longevity is the fact that there are still two dozen of its original tenants living in the building. Referred to as the "79ers," these residents are a focal point of the 20th anniversary celebration, which culminates with a cocktail party on April 29.

Overall, there are 300 tenants who make the building their home, most of whom couldn't be happier.

"This is a beautiful place to be. It is a peaceful sanctuary for seniors," said Nathaniel Hall, 74, a Great Lakes Steel retiree and a "79er."

Occasionally, some residents do find reason to complain though.

"There's one bad thing about living here," said Welch. "When you go in the dining room, and eat a lot of the very good food, you can gain a little weight."

It's a good thing there is a workout room.

Music to our ears:



"I sold my piano right away!"

Anna D. of Bloomfield Hills

We're pleased to introduce a few of the many folks who are also singing our praises.

M. P. of Farmington Hills advertised two cars—

"I was amazed with the response from The Observer & Eccentric. My husband couldn't believe the calls we received—you don't need to put in a lot of detail, your items *will* sell!"

Marc C. of Northville advertised his open house—

"I had several people show up and received three offers. I closed the deal within *three days*."

Karen A. of Franklin was looking for a live-in housekeeper—

"I was very pleased with the response. I was reluctant to place the ad, but I'm so glad I did. I received more than 30 calls and have several good candidates."

Lori C. of Troy advertised her car and furniture—

"I had great success—the Observer and Eccentric Classifieds give great exposure to a lot of wonderful, polite, sincere people."

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"I've had the best response from your newspaper. I'd rather place an ad with The Observer & Eccentric than with either of the major Detroit papers."

Janice P. of Plymouth advertised her estate sale—

"I had tremendous response. Calls from everywhere—they all read The Observer. I'm very pleased."

Gloria G. of Redford advertised her car—

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CHEERS FOR BEER



CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Pale pilsner smooth and mellow brew

This is the time of year that I really start having a taste for pilsners. Could it be that I was from Bohemia in a previous life? Maybe I was a court brewer for King Wenceslas of the Christmas carol fame, or perhaps it's just because I'm a big fan of saaz hops and have been waiting 16 weeks for that lager to be ready.

Pilsner Urquell

In the meantime, there is plenty of Pilsner Urquell to be had. Located in the city of Plzen in the Czech Republic, Pilsensky Prazdroj was established in 1842. Up until that time, almost all beer was pretty dark, even when it was called pale.

Advances in malting and drying of barley, coupled with a yeast strain brought from Munich in 1840, the very soft water of the area, cold and slow fermentation, and long cool lagering helped produce a very pale yellow, crystal clear, smooth and mellow beer.

Urquell uses renowned barley from Moravia, and the equally renowned Saaz hop from the Zatec region of Bohemia, to give its beer a pleasant spiciness in aroma and taste with a dry finish.

What's really amazing is that not long ago the beer was fermented in 775 gallon open wooden vessels for 12 to 14 days, then put underground into 1,000 gallon pitch lined wooden tanks in 6 miles of tunnels for 13 more weeks. This is not your average pilsner.

I know I've mentioned this a few times, but Dean at the Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham makes a really tasty pilsner with a boatload of hops he has flown in from the Czech Republic. It's a true taste treat that's not available all the time, but when it is, it goes fast.

Tasty dish

Now, on to the food part. Last Tuesday, my friend Stawarz called and said Donna, his significant other, had a meeting. I answered, "so does Michelle."

He had the Urquell, and said that I had to come up with dinner. Since there's a seafood market close to my house, and Urquell is great with fish, fish it was.

This is a slight twist on an entree we serve at the Water Club Seafood Grill.

SWEET POTATO ENCRUSTED WHITEFISH

- 2 (8 ounce) pinboned whitefish filets
- 2 big sweet potatoes
- 5 tablespoons white horseradish, (or more if you like it)
- 4 tablespoons grated onion
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Bake sweet potatoes at 350°F until half-way done, about 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely.

Remove the skin from the potatoes and grate potatoes, as if you were making hash browns, into a bowl. Add horseradish and onion, mix well.

Lay the whitefish flesh side up and press an even layer of the potato mixture on the fish to completely cover it. (You do not have to use up the whole mixture on the fish, you will have some left over, it's great in the morning formed into little pancakes, sautéed and served with an omelet for breakfast).

Pour oil into a nonstick-sauté pan and heat it until a small piece of potato sizzles nicely. Take a long spatula, and slide it under the fish. Tilt the pan so the oil goes to one side and place the fish potato side down in the pan. Give it a small shake to get the oil under it. Cook for about 3 minutes or until gold-

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Main Dish Miracle

B.B.Q. Buddies

Friends co-invent handy barbecue tool

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Barbecue buddies Al Flores of Livonia and Glenn Cox of Trenton met at work and learned they had a lot in common.

Both like being outdoors. They work in the Wayne County engineering department overseeing road construction projects.

When they're home with their families they enjoy barbecuing and making things out of ideas.

B.B.Q. Basting Buddy brings the sauce and basting brush together in one piece taking some of the messiness out of barbecuing. Screw the brush onto your favorite bottle of barbecue sauce.

"You press a lever to let the sauce flow onto the brush. Let go the lever when you have enough, and finish basting," said Al. "Sauce that has come in contact with the food does not flow back into the bottle."

It's dishwasher safe, and rinses easily after use. A cap, designed to look like a chef's hat, covers the bottle when it's not in use.

B.B.Q. Basting Buddy was Glenn's idea. Al helped bring it to fruition.

"I just bought a new grill and didn't want to get it dirty," said Glenn. "I was trying to figure out a way I could get the barbecue sauce onto the food and keep the grill clean."

After making dinner, of course, he took the turkey baster out of the kitchen drawer and went downstairs to the basement to tinker.

His grandfather was an inventor, too, and family members say Glenn inherited his genes. He enjoys creating something when he sees a need for it.

"I cut a hole in the turkey baster bulb and put it on top of an Open Pit barbecue sauce bottle," said Glenn.

Later he went to the hardware store and bought a wallpaper brush. He taped the brush to the bulb with electrical tape to see if it would work.

Sauce poured out of the bottle too fast. Glenn worked on his idea. He shortened the brush handle and created a valve.

"It worked, and I was tickled pink," he said. "I used it for awhile."

That was about 2-1/2 years ago. Glenn approached Al with his idea, and he thought it was a good one.

Al called his cousin Ken Yanez, who has customized cars since he was a kid, and asked for help making a prototype. Yanez owns Special Projects, Inc. in Plymouth Township and even



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Buddies: Al Flores (left) and Glenn Cox co-invented the clever B.B.Q. Basting Buddy.



Barbecuer's friend: Juggling barbecue sauce and a basting brush can be difficult. B.B.Q. Basting Buddy screws onto the top of most barbecue sauce bottles. A valve regulates the flow of sauce onto the bristles.

worked on former President Richard M. Nixon's limo.

With the seed planted, the guys said they felt like Jack in the Beanstalk who sold the family cow for three magic beans. Their "magic bean" cost them \$2,500.

"I'm conservative," said Glenn. "He'll (Al) take the risk. We're good together."

Nodding his head in agreement, Al adds, "There's a lot of respect between us."

Believing they had a great idea, they looked for people who might be interested in licensing B.B.Q. Basting Buddy, but struck out.

With prototype in hand, they searched for, and found a manufacturer, with help from John Avgoustis at Detroit Quality Brush in Livonia.

"We paid lots of money and ended up with 15,000 'beans' B.B.Q. Basting Buddies," said Al. "We just plugged away at it, little by little."

They applied for a patent, designed the package, and took it on the road to home and garden and home and improvement shows at Novi Expo Center and Cobo.

So far, it's been a hit. "We've sold about 10,000," said Flores who called just before we went to press to say that Farmer Jack will be offering the B.B.Q. Basting Buddy for sale at metro Detroit stores "soon."

You can purchase the B.B.Q. Basting Buddy for \$6.95 at all three Westborn Market locations — Livonia, Dearborn, and Berkley; Byrd's Meat Market in Livonia; Town 'N' Country Hardware in Garden City; and Northside Hardware in Wayne.

It's also available by mail order for \$6.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. Make check payable to Uneek Enterprises, Inc., and mail to Uneek Enterprises, 19548 Hillcrest, Livonia, MI 48152. To place your order by phone, call (248) 478-6575.

Call for information about carrying the B.B.Q. Basting Buddy in your store.

"It's our American dream," said Al. "We have high expectations, but it's just getting started."

They hope to sell a lot of B.B.Q. Basting Buddies so they can give back to the community.

Customers have written to say how much they enjoy using the product.

Who knows, it might not be long before B.B.Q. Basting Buddy becomes a household word, just like another familiar name in barbecuing, "Weber" that began with an idea.

George Stephen was tired of cooking outdoors on an open-broiler grill. The year was 1952, and he was working for Weber Brothers Metal Works in Chicago. Stephen had experience shaping metal. He experimented and found that two metal half-spheres used for navigational buoys could be fashioned into a covered barbecue grill. His grill could be used whether it was rainy or snowy and maintain an even temperature.

Friends laughed at his invention, but Stephen began selling the odd-shaped grills to friends and neighbors. In the late 1950s he bought out the barbecue division of Weber Brothers Metal Works, became sole owner and worked full time designing, manufacturing and selling the Weber kettle. The kettle is the flagship product of the Palatine, Ill., based Weber-Stephen Products Co. manufacturers of charcoal and gas barbecue grills.

See recipes inside.

Chocolatey cookies are a chip above the rest

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Chocolate Chipper Cookies, a recipe from Giovanni Jack Leone, corporate chef of Robert's Restaurants, which includes Streetside Seafood, 220, Beverly Hills Grill and Edison's, is a keeper.

"Lots of people ask me for it," said Leone. "It's a recipe we developed when I was in Colorado where I had a gourmet take-out restaurant. We sold a lot of these cookies."

Leone describes the cookie as a chocolate chip cookie with a Western flair. "It's a combination of a couple of recipes," he said. "We worked with oatmeal and granola cookie recipes and said 'let's put all this together.' Out West near Boulder and Denver, people are outside 360 days of the year. They



eat a lot of granola."

This chocolate chip cookie is full of surprises — raisins, shredded coconut, granola and oatmeal.

At Beverly Hills Grill, 31471 Southfield Road, (south of 13 Mile Road) in Beverly Hills, the cookies are served warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. They're not on the menu at the other Robert's Restaurants, but served at parties and other catered events.

CHOCOLATE CHIPPER COOKIES

- 4 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 24 ounces unsalted butter, softened
- 6 large eggs
- 3/4 cup vanilla
- 4 cups raisins
- 6 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 9 cups chocolate chips
- 3 cups shredded coconut
- 3 cups granola
- 3 cups oats (old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 4 1/2 cups walnut pieces

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Cream butter and sugar in mixer. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix all dry ingredients (flour, baking soda, salt and baking powder) together and slowly add to the

creamed mixture while mixing.

Blend in remainder of ingredients.

Refrigerate dough until firm, about 1 hour, before baking. Bake at 400°F for approximately 10 minutes depending on your oven.

Makes 45 large cookies.

Recipe compliments of Giovanni Jack Leone, Corporate Chef, Robert's Restaurants.

What's your favorite recipe to share? Send us your recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in Taste, we'll send you a newly published cookbook.

Send recipes for consideration in Recipe to Share to Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net Look for Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste.

'Weber's Art of the Grill' features creative recipes

Recipes from "Weber's Art of the Grill," (Chronicle Books, \$35) written by experts at Weber-Stephen Products Co., the manufacturer of Weber barbecue grills and accessories. Look for it in bookstores beginning May 1.

JALAPENO-CITRUS TUNA STEAKS

Direct/Medium Heat

For the tuna:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 4 ahi tuna steaks, each 7 to 8 ounces and 1-inch thick

For the relish:

- 4 small oranges, about 6 ounces each

- 1 lime
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 jalapeno chile, seeded and minced
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cumin

In a small bowl, mix together the olive oil, oregano, cayenne pepper and salt. Brush the mixture over both sides of the tuna steaks. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate in the refrigerator at least 15 minutes or as long as 45 minutes.

To make the relish: With a sharp knife, cut the skin and outer white pith from the oranges. Slide the knife down one side of each orange segment, then down the other side, removing the segments as you go.

Cut the segments into 1/2-inch pieces and place them in a bowl. Follow the same procedure for the

lime and combine with the orange pieces. Add the honey, jalapeno chile, red pepper flakes and cumin. Stir and toss to mix well.

Grill the tuna steaks directly over medium heat, turning once, for 4 minutes total for rare or as long as 8 minutes total for well done.

Serve warm with the citrus relish. Serves 4.

COFFEE-AND-PEPPER-CRUSTED NEW YORK STEAKS

Direct/High Heat

- 2 tablespoons whole coffee beans
- 2 tablespoons whole black peppercorns
- 4 New York (strip) steaks, each about 3/4 pound and 1-inch thick

Vegetable oil for brushing cooking grate

Kosher salt to taste

Coarsely grind the coffee beans and peppercorns in a food processor or coffee grinder. Press mixture evenly on both sides of the steak.

Lightly brush the cooking grate with vegetable oil. Grill the steaks directly over high heat, turning once, for about 8 to 10 minutes, or until cooked to desired doneness.

Remove the steaks from the grill. Season both sides with salt. Allow to rest for 2 to 3 minutes before serving.

Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

S'MORES ALL GROWN UP

Direct/High Heat

Peel 1 medium orange, with most of the white pith removed, cut into 1/4-inch wide strips

2 cups plus 2 tablespoons sugar

8 graham crackers, each one split in half

8 thin squares (2 inches each) premium chocolate such as Valrhona

8 large marshmallows

4 long metal skewers (or 4 long bamboo skewers soaked in water for at least 30 minutes)

Bring a small saucepan filled three-quarters with water to a boil. Add the orange strips, blanch for 2 minutes, and then drain.

In the same small saucepan, bring 2 cups water and the two cups sugar to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar.

Reduce the heat to a simmer, add the orange strips, and simmer stirring occasionally, until tender, about 10 minutes.

Have a small bowl ready with the remaining 2 tablespoons of

sugar in it. Drain the orange strips and quickly put them in the bowl of sugar, tossing them with a fork or tongs. Allow the orange strips to dry on a rack at room temperature for 24 hours.

Place each graham cracker half on a plate, setting a square of chocolate on top of each one. Add 1 or 2 pieces of candied orange peel to each piece of chocolate. Thread 2 marshmallows onto each end of each skewer. Hold the marshmallows just above the cooking grate directly over high heat and turn slowly until lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes.

Slide a warm marshmallow onto each square, placing the remaining graham cracker halves on top. Gently press together and wait until the marshmallows melt the chocolate slightly, about 1 minute. Serve immediately.

Makes 8 S'Mores.

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en brown.

Slide spatula under the fish, tilt pan and replace fish skin side down. Cook 2 minutes, remove and place fish on a baking sheet.

Change the oil, if needed, and repeat with the other fillet. Place in a preheated 350°F oven and bake for 10 minutes, serve. Serves 2.

Summer Festival

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Chef Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer.

Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste.

COOKING CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in Cooking Calendar to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

GROCERY STORE TOUR

Sandra Dalka-Prysky, author of "Slow but Sure" will show shoppers how to best fill their grocery carts to achieve their weightless goals, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at Kroger on Maple at Woodward in Birmingham. Her book, which chronicles the journey that led to her losing 170 pounds will be available for purchase. "Having a book signing at a grocery store may be unusual, but this will allow me the opportunity to help others become more familiar with low-calorie and low-fat food items," said Dalka-Prysky. "I'll remind shoppers of the importance of

reading food labels and how eating proper food portions can make all the difference in shedding pounds."

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S SHOW

Thursday, April 29 to Sunday, May 2 at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi features national and local celebrity chefs including Martin Yan, Rick Rodgers, Joy Martin, Jimmy Schmidt, Kathleen Hawkins, Executive Director of the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, and Chef Michael Bush of the Kroger Co. of Michigan. Other highlights include fashion shows & entertainment, health & fitness information, food sampling. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$7 at the door, \$6 in advance at Kroger stores. Children 4-12 are \$3; children under 4, free. For more information, call (800) 849-0248 or www.southernshows.com

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Congregation Shir Tikvah, 3900 Northfield Parkway, Troy is hosting the Michigan Jewish Food Fair, noon to 4:40 p.m. Cooking competitions, children's entertainment and other surprises. Admission is \$12 adults, \$7 children ages 5-12, children under 5, free — includes 5 tasting tickets. For more information, call (248) 547-6053.

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Put some sunshine into meals with oranges

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

In April, though the markets are still heaped with apples and pears, the appeal of these wintery fruits often diminishes as spring flowers brighten the landscape. Before local strawberries come along, this is the time for sunny, bright Valencia oranges.

In fact, April through the summer is when this fruit is at its peak, since the best of the crop comes in mid-season, and Valencias are harvested from February through October. It is almost as if Nature knows that orange juice, lifted with a dash of vanilla extract, is a great partner for the fresh berries soon to come, and that icy, tangy orange juice is also one of the best hot weather refreshers.

Valencias are the only orange equally good for eating and juicing. To eat a Valencia orange, cut it into wedges. I like to keep a bowl of these "smiles" by my computer as I work. They are thirst-quenching, won't spill, and the fragrance of the cut oranges is almost as enjoyable as the fruit itself.

Florida and California both grow Valencia oranges. In Flori-

da, where 90 percent of the crop is pressed for juice, this one variety of orange accounts for 50 percent of all the fruit grown in the state.

You may be able to tell which state this thin-skinned, round-shaped, virtually seedless orange comes from just by looking at it. California Valencias have a darker, richer color, inside and out. It is entirely natural, since dying them is against the law in California.

Some Valencias have a green tinge. Since Valencias are picked only when they are mature, this can mean they are from Florida, where cool nights cause the green color, or the green may be "re-coloration." This occurs when a tree has both blossoms and fruit at the same time, because of the chlorophyll the tree produces to feed the blossoms. Interestingly, re-greened Valencias may be extra ripe and particularly sweet.

As an accompaniment to grilled foods, try this rice cooked with orange juice and aromatic zest.

ORANGE RICE PILAF

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 small onion, finely chopped

- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 cup long-grain white rice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup fat-free chicken broth

Preheat the oven to 400° F.

In a small Dutch oven or other ovenproof pot with a tight-fitting lid, melt the butter over medium-high heat on top of the stove. Add the onion, and saute until it is translucent, 4-5 minutes.

Stir in the orange zest and ginger, and cook 30 seconds. Stir in the rice until it is shiny. Mix in the orange juice and chicken broth. Bring the liquid to a boil, and cover the pot.

Place the covered pot in the oven. Bake the rice until all the liquid is absorbed and the rice is fluffy, about 15 minutes. Remove from the oven, and let the rice sit, covered, for 10 minutes before serving. Fluff the rice with a fork and serve.

Nutrition information: Each of the six servings contains 156 calories and 2 grams of fat.

Written by cookbook author Dana Jacobi for the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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Springtime side dish: Orange Rice Pilaf is a delicious accompaniment to grilled foods.

Vegetable casserole hearty

AP — Both vegetarian and nonvegetarian menus could include this Caribbean Corn and Vegetable Bake. It's a hearty casserole calling for corn, potatoes, onions and tomatoes, flavored with cumin, thyme and ground red pepper. The vegetables are cut into chunks, and the casserole bakes in just over 30 minutes.

CARIBBEAN CORN AND VEGETABLE BAKE

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt

- 3/4 teaspoon sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 4 ears fresh corn, shucked and halved
- 1 pound plum tomatoes (about 6), cut in halves
- 12 ounces small thin-skinned potatoes (about 4), cut in quarters (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 2 medium onions, cut in thin wedges (about 2 cups)

Preheat oven to 450° F. In a small bowl, mix oil, cumin, salt, sugar, thyme, black pepper and red pepper until blended. Place corn, tomatoes, potatoes and onions in a 15 by 10-inch roasting pan. Pour the oil mixture over the vegetables; toss gently to coat. Cover pan with foil. Bake, stirring once or twice, until vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes.

Makes 4 to 6 servings, about 9 cups. Nutritional facts per serving: @ 258 cal., 6 g pro., 45 g carbo., 9 g fat, 576 mg sodium.

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Blood drive

Red Cross nurses available 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 28-29, to accommodate anyone wishing to donate blood — "The Gift of Life." Call Garden City Hospital to make an appointment, 458-4330. Walk-ins welcome.

New hospice

The new Hospice of the Henry Ford Health System will open Wednesday, April 28, at 260 S. Union in Plymouth. The grand opening will serve as an opportunity for individuals to tour the center and ask questions about care.

Mammograms

Now through May 29, free Mother's Day mammogram pamphlets are available at nearly 3,600 Rite Aid pharmacies nationwide. The pamphlets include breast health tips and a hotline number, (888) RITENOW, that women can call to determine if they are eligible for a free mammogram. Qualifying women are then referred to a local health care provider for the free mammogram.

Strength training

Exercise, strength training and conditioning class will teach you to design your own program in order to enable you to reach your Peak Performance Level. This practical workshop will help educate you to correct your training procedures in accordance with the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Instructor Kenneth S. Stooa Jr. will teach the class 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Plymouth Canton High School. Call 416-2937 to register.

Urgent care

The new Henry Ford medical centers in Canton and Plymouth are offering urgent care. The Plymouth location is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends and holidays. The medical center is located at 14300 Beck Road, between M-14 and Commerce Drive and can be reached at (734) 453-5600. Canton is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday only at 6100 Haggerty, between Ford Road and Commerce Drive. Call (734) 981-3200.

Open house

Angela Hospice of Livonia will hold its second annual open house noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at 14100 Newburgh. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the care center and ask about many of the caregiving services. Call (734) 464-7810.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer's Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous avenues for you to offer noteworthy information including Medical Dispatch (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome noteworthy items 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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PARKINSON'S

New treatments on horizon for sufferers

BY M.B. DILLON
SPECIAL WRITER

What do the Pope, actor Michael J. Fox, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and 55,000 Michigan residents have in common? Unfortunately, all suffer from Parkinson's disease, a chronic neurological disorder that causes tremors, rigidity, imbalance, slowed movements and other motor problems.

The progressive illness is caused by the loss of nerve cells in the brain and the subsequent lack of an important brain chemical called dopamine. There is no known cure for the disease, but it is treatable. It occurs in all parts of the world. Men are slightly more affected by Parkinson's than women.

April is Parkinson's Awareness month, and volunteers like Ruth Ann Butler, facilitator of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Support Group, are making a special effort to "reach all the people we can, whether they are possible Parkinsonians or their families. We want to help them become better informed, and make them aware that we have a discussion and support group not only in Livonia, but in 35 other locations throughout the state of Michigan," said the Westland resident.

"The reason Parkinson's is brought to light all over the country during April is because Dr. James Parkinson, for whom the disease is named, was born in April," said Butler. "In the early 1800s, when he lived and researched the disease in England, it was called shaking palsy."

It's thought that the incidence of Parkinson's in Michigan is actually greater than 55,000. "The people who don't go to the doctor — who think they just have a shaking hand or whatever — we don't know about," said Butler.

The Western Wayne Parkinson's Support Group meets from 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Citizens Building at 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile in Livonia.

"It's a self-help group where people with Parkinson's disease, their family members and friends can come to share their concerns and gain information," said Butler.

"We meet every month of the year, and have speakers who are professionals and knowledgeable in the field of Parkinson's disease; those being neurologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, and those professionals who care for secondary diseases that oftentimes affect the Parkinsonian," she said.

The group hosts social gatherings as well.

"We have one upcoming in June, a picnic with music under the stars at the Livonia Civic Center. In December, we host a Christmas party with entertainment and goodies," said Butler, who in 1995 was honored with the Michigan Parkinson Foundation's humanitarian award. She currently serves on the foundation's board of directors.

Butler sends Parkinson's literature and information packets to anyone interested upon request. She also writes a monthly newsletter, lobbies Congressmen, speaks to groups, locates wheelchairs and other items for those in need, steers people to helpful agencies and finds rides to the support group meetings for Parkinsonians.

She could use help with the latter. Anyone wishing to offer lifts to the Western-Wayne support group sessions may call Ruth Ann Butler at (734) 421-4208.

With a delegation, Butler traveled to Washington, D.C., a few months ago to urge Congress to supply more funding for Parkinson's disease.

"Research is ongoing, and the scientists feel they are very close to an answer. But we have to encourage more funding so that the National Institute of Health can come up with a positive answer for a cure," said Butler.

Historically, Parkinson's has been associated with older individuals. "But through research and more diagnosis, we're finding it hits people at a younger age, as in the case of Michael J. Fox," said Butler. "He was 30 when he was diagnosed, and just brought it to light at 37. He's had surgery; a new procedure that can help a Parkinsonian. There are always new things coming up that can be done besides taking medicines. Three new medicines are on the horizon that will be available around the first of the year."

Dr. Peter A. LeWitt, professor of neurology at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, shares Butler's optimism.

"There are more options for managing the symptoms of Parkinson's disease," he said. "There is considerable expertise in Michigan for the treatment of Parkinson's, as well as active research into new therapies and the causation of this mysterious disorder."

"Patients and families are entitled to a high level of optimism regarding the future, because so much has been accomplished over the past 20 years," added LeWitt, who practices at the Clinical Neuroscience Center in Southfield. "We're looking to a healthy future for patients with Parkinson's disease."

What is the natural course of Parkinson's? While it can be a disorder of progressive disability, Parkinson's symptoms are often quite mild. Some patients experience little progression over more than 10 years after the onset of symptoms. Parkinson's is not a cause of premature death. With medication, most patients achieve major improvements, experts say.

Butler says a person newly diagnosed with Parkinson's should get a second opinion. "Don't just go with the first diagnosis. I'd encourage both the individual and the family to become very knowledgeable about the disease. Take a positive attitude," she said. "Exercise. Get into an occupational therapy program and a speech therapy program."

"Do not try to hide it. Be proud of who you are and what you are, and help us find a cure. I'm an advocate of the family working with the Parkinsonian, and the Parkinsonian working with the family."

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation helps Parkinsonians and their families. The non-profit group offers neurologist referral, educational materials, assistance with medication, funding for day care, counseling groups and a quarterly newsletter.

You may contact the MPF at 3990 John R, Detroit, MI, 48201. The toll-free information line is (800) 852-9781; (313) 745-2000; fax, (313) 745-2049. The MPF also has a Web site, www.parkinsonsmi.org

Karmanos study may link prostate cancer prevention with tomatoes

New medical research suggests that the consumption of lycopene — the stuff that makes tomatoes red — may prevent cancer.

Omer Kucuk, M.D., oncologist at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, has produced the first scientific evidence to indicate that a lycopene supplement containing tomato extract may protect against prostate cancer.

In the study, Kucuk and colleagues followed 30 men with localized prostate cancer who were scheduled to undergo surgical removal of the prostate. For three weeks prior to surgery, study participants were randomly assigned to receive either a 15-milligram capsule of lycopene as a pure tomato extract, twice daily, or no intervention. Following removal of the prostates, the glands were analyzed to determine whether there were any differences between the two groups studied.

The investigators found that the group treated with lycopene supplements had smaller tumors, the cancer was more frequently confined to the prostate, meaning the cancer did not spread to surrounding tissue and organs.

Levels of serum PSA (prostate specific antigen, a



common marker used to detect prostate cancer) actually declined during the 3-week span that partici-

pants took the lycopene supplement. In addition, the tumors in participants who consumed lycopene showed signs of regression and decreased malignancy.

"This study represents the first clinical evidence that lycopene supplements may prevent cancer," said Kucuk. "Furthermore, the findings suggest that lycopene may not only help prevent cancer, but may also be useful in treating men who are already diagnosed with prostate cancer."

"However, due to the small size of the study, it is not yet possible to draw a firm conclusion. More studies on the effects of prostate cancer are warranted," he added.

Studies previously conducted on the preventive health benefits of lycopene were epidemiological studies that indicated an association between consumption of tomato products and decreased risk of prostate cancer. Kucuk's clinical trial suggests a more direct relationship between the consumption of lycopene and prostate cancer than the previous studies.

Visit the Institute on the Internet at www.karmanos.org.

Participants sought for bone density study

Doctors investigating whether bone density is linked to breast cancer risk are seeking females to participate in a research study at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Women ages 40-85 who have been diagnosed with breast cancer in the past two months may be eligible to participate in the study. Females from the same group with no history of breast cancer may also be eligible for the study.

Participants will be asked to complete lifestyle questionnaires, have a painless bone density measurement and a small blood sample drawn. Women will be compensated for their participation.

"This study is intended to provide doctors with more information about how genes that may determine a woman's bone density may be linked to breast cancer," said Karmanos investigator Dorothy Nelson, Ph.D. The national study is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.

For more information call (800) KARMANOS (627-6266).

Race brings attention to breast cancer research

Breast cancer takes the life of one woman every three minutes in the United States. It will affect one in nine women who live to the age of 85.

"These are scary statistics, but the numbers are improving," explained Dr. Beverly Blaney, executive physician, Clinical Operations, Ford Motor Co. "The best way to beat this life-threatening disease is with early detection. That means being aware of changes in your body, then taking action."

Blaney was one of the featured speakers at a special Ford-sponsored program designed to focus attention on breast cancer and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure.

Breast cancer survivor Sharon McAllister, a 35-year employee of Ford Credit, described her personal experience with the disease and the support she received from her extended family — her co-workers at Ford. While she was convalescing, her entire department joined with family and friends in the Detroit Row as a way to celebrate McAllister's recovery.

The Komen Race for the Cure® is a series of fitness walk/runs nationwide to raise awareness of breast cancer and raise funds for education, screening, treatment and research. Today, it is the largest series of fitness run/walks in the world with 98 races scheduled for 1999, involving more than 700,000 participants.

Staying active before, after pregnancy improves postpartum weight loss, mood

Women who are physically active before and after the birth of a child not only retain less weight after the birth, but tend to remain socially active and feel better about themselves in the postpartum months, according to a new University of Michigan study.

"We found that women who exercise were much more likely than not to participate in fun activities, such as visiting friends and family, engaging in hobbies or going to the movies," said Carolyn Sampselle, U-M professor of nursing and senior author of the study published in the January/February issue of the Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing (JOGNN).

The study, "Physical Activity and Postpartum Well-Being," focuses on 1,003 women who completed a questionnaire at their six-week postpartum examination. Nearly 35 percent of the women exercised an average of three times per week.

Those who were most active retained significantly less weight (8.6 pounds) than their less active counterparts. Also, the more active women had less difficulty adapting to the birth of a child and they were more likely than non-exercisers to socialize and engage in other fun

activities, such as hobbies and entertainment.

Beyond giving advice for abdominal exercises, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives and physicians seldom offer advice on the importance of remaining physically active during the postpartum months, according to Sampselle.

"The most important message we can send to health-care providers is the need to talk with postpartum women about their exercise goals and to support those goals. The message we send now is that all of your attention should go to the baby and don't worry about yourself." I think they are really doing a disservice to women," said Sampselle.

Of the 1,003 women who participated in the study, 34.8 percent engaged in vigorous exercise, while 65.2 percent did not; 54.8 percent reported engaging in less physical activity, while 29.2 percent reported the same level of activity, and 16 percent reported engaging in more physical activities.

Most of the women reported engaging in fun activities; 71.4 percent of the women said they stretched; 47.5 percent pursued hobbies; 47.4 percent socialized; 47 percent participated in sports; and 38.5 percent said

they participated in other forms of entertainment.

Although final conclusions on the effects of exercise on mental well-being will require further research, the study also showed that new mothers who exercised were generally more satisfied with their lives.

They were more satisfied with their partners; roles in caring for the infant; they were more confident in their abilities as a mother; they reported a better experience during labor and delivery; reported an overall better quality relationship with their partner; they were more satisfied with life overall; more satisfied about motherhood in general; and had more support from family and friends.

The questions raised by the study will be the subject of a continuing investigation by SeonAe Yeo, a U-M associate professor of nursing and co-author of the new Sampselle study.

"This was a retrospective study, which means we can't say it's the exercise that is the cause of their positive experience in adapting to the birth of a child. We plan to conduct a clinical study to see if in fact exercise caused this change in the women's state of mind," said Yeo.

St. Joe's reorganizes in response to industry changes, Balanced Budget Act

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, accelerating its continuous cost reduction strategies in response to cuts in Medicare reimbursement and other revenue sources, is pursuing a major redesign of overhead departments, examining programs' effectiveness and appropriateness and reducing expenses.

"We certainly are not immune to the pressures other Michigan health care systems are facing," said SJMHS president and CEO Garry C. Faja. "The Medicare cuts resulting from the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, additional revenue shortages proposed by President Clinton and an increase in managed care patient volume are strong incentives for us to streamline our processes and ensure we continue to focus on our mission of providing high-quality care."

Faja said SJMHS "must redesign itself to become exquisite at care delivery, care management and service excellence." The system is looking at a number of ways to improve processes and financial performance, including:

- Management reorganization to attain a "best practices" ratio of management to staff.
- Redesign of "back office" functions and processes that do not affect patient care in conjunction with its parent organization, Mercy

Health Services.

■ Active recruitment of nurses to ensure the quality of patient care and reduce employment agency costs and overtime expenses.

■ An overall reduction of full-time equivalents (FTEs) from 4900 FTEs to 4600 FTEs during the next 12 to 18 months. The reductions will be accomplished through process redesign, reduction of employment agency use and overtime, use of voluntary staff reductions, program changes and other efforts, with limited use of involuntary staff reductions.

"The health care industry is undergoing dramatic change, and we must take dramatic action in response to be true to our mission of improving the health of the people we serve," said Faja. "SJMHS is in a better financial position than some other health systems due to our employees' continuing efforts to implement quality initiatives that have improved care, increased efficiencies and reduced expenses."

"We know this transition period will be difficult at times," said Faja. "We are committed to accomplishing our initiatives in a manner consistent with our mission and values and continuing to provide the high level of care our communities have come to expect from us."

UPCOMING EVENT

The Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah will present a Women's Health Education Day at the Westin Southfield. The day titled, "Body, Mind, Heart,

Soul" will start at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, May 23, and includes continental breakfast, workshops, women's health and care exhibits, luncheon and a keynote

address by Department of Health and Human Services' Saralyn Mark, M.D. Open to the public, cost \$30. For reservations call (248) 683-5030.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

MON, APRIL 26

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT
Hospice of Washtenaw has a need for volunteers who are able to stay with our patients during the daytime hours to give family members a needed break. They are especially interested in volunteers who might be willing to occasionally travel outside the Washtenaw area. Training consists of 18 hours, beginning Monday April 26, at the hospice office, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor. Call Gail Marie to pre-register at (734) 327-3414.

TUE, APRIL 27

ART OF FENG SHUI
Learn the ancient art of arranging your home to increase harmony and positive energy. \$15 fee and preregistration required. 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Call (248) 477-6100.

WED, APRIL 28

CAREGIVER SUPPORT
St. Mary Hospital will offer a new support group for caregivers 7-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The purpose of this group is to provide ongoing support and education for caregivers and older adults. This group will be moderated by health care professionals. Call (734) 655-8940.

APRIL 28-29

BLOOD DRIVE
Red Cross nurses available 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate anyone wishing to donate blood "The Gift of Life." Call Garden City Hospital to make an appointment; 458-4330. Walk-ins welcome.

THUR, APRIL 29

MENOPAUSE
Dr. Michael Gatt, M.D., OB/GYN, discusses the differences between estrogen and phyto-estrogen hormone replacement therapies for menopausal and postmenopausal women beginning at 7:30 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 305-5785.

MON, MAY 3

STEP AEROBICS
A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Eight-week class (through

June 28) meets twice every week; Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-5:55 p.m. \$70. Preregister by calling Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For information, call (248) 473-5600.

TUE, MAY 4

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
Informative as well as supportive, this group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Botsford Continuing Care Center, 21450 Archwood Circle (off of Folsom, between Grand River and Eight Mile), Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-7400.

DIABETES EDUCATION

Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics 18 years of age and older, "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes." Held at St. Mary Hospital, this series of eight classes provides information on self care and successful management of diabetes. Classes will be held 1-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 4 through May 27. Registration is required; call (734) 655-8940.

WED, MAY 5

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT
The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in the West Addition Conference Room B. The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group provides in-depth information, education and emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their midlife years. There is no charge to attend the meeting, but registration is required. Call for more information, (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

TAI CHI

Eight-week beginning program focusing on breathing techniques, coordination and relaxation of the entire body. \$70 fee. From 7-8 p.m. at Botsford Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC), 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 473-5600.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting will from 7-8:30 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting. Call (734) 655-8940 or toll-free (800) 494-1650.

SAT, MAY 8

SIBLING CLASS

St. Mary Hospital will offer a Sibling Class 10 a.m. to noon. Children are invited to attend this class and learn how much fun it can be to be a big brother or big sister. Cost \$10 per family. Call (734) 655-1100.

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School massacre killers heavy Internet users



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK
Once again, the Internet is a major story in a major story about violence. The tragic massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., has sent millions flocking to online chat rooms, prayer sessions and

put newspapers down on the carpet when working with gunpowder, saying: "... if you have a big black stain on yer carpet, mom and dad might ask some questions."

Police and school officials wouldn't comment on the Web pages, which were common knowledge among Columbine students, according to numerous news accounts. AOL removed the Web site immediately after the shootings and turned the data over to the FBI.

Warning signs

Even a couple months before, researchers at the Simon Wiesenthal Center had stumbled across the so-called "Trenchcoat Mafia" Web site. Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Los Angeles-based center that keeps track of hate crimes, said he didn't report it to police at the time because "there was no indication that this was a dangerous site from people planning something."

The truth of the matter is, as bad as Harris' site may have been, there are many more that are much worse.

Hier is calling on Internet companies to voluntarily screen out sites that promote hatred, violence or teach how to make weapons.

I went on line the other night, about 10 minutes before I was to host a radio show on WXYT to talk about the tragedy. Just out of curiosity, I typed in a simple search on the word pipe bomb. By airtime, I had exact recipes on how to make three different types of explosive devices.

That same day, a reporter for the Reuters newswire went on

the Net to see how easy it would be to buy weapons. After just a few minutes online, with virtually no knowledge of firearms, the reporter was able to arrange to buy a powerful .357 handgun, no questions asked.

There will be much more written and reported about the killers and the Net. And there will be more incidents to come.

But the shootings underscore once again the critical need for parents to take responsibility and start monitoring the Internet habits of their children. And with that, the online community must also begin to vigorously police itself.

Meanwhile, for the latest news and background on the tragedy, as well as resources for parents on understanding the youth culture that the suspects came from, check the following sites:

<http://insidedenver.com/> (Rocky Mountain News newspaper)

<http://www.denverpost.com> (Denver Post newspaper)

<http://columbin.jeffco.k12.co.us> (Columbine High School)

<http://jeffco.k12.co.us> (School District)

<http://www.jeffcosheriff.com/> (Sheriff's Department)

<http://www.kusa.com> (Local News channel)

<http://www.swedishhospital.com/> (One of the local hospitals)

The Mining Co.'s "Parenting of Adolescents" Web site (<http://parentingteens.miningco.com>) offers an extensive collection of links and resources about the problem of teen violence.

And "Plugged In," Focus on the Family's online guide (<http://www.family.org/ppla>

ce/pi/) for parents seeking to understand the youth culture.

PC Mike seminars

Space is almost gone for the next PC Mike Seminar, "Internet 101" now set from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 8, at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

The popular session will provide a broad and practical overview of how the Internet and e-mail can help personal and business users. It will include information on navigating and searching the World Wide Web, how to set up a Web site for personal and business use, how to filter out porn and unwanted e-mail and what to look for in a computer system and Internet Service Provider.

I'll also pass out my new PC Mike Tech Tips card ... free to all attendees. Doors open 9:30 a.m., but you must reserve a spot in advance. Call the 24-hour PC Mike reservation line at (248) 423-2721. Admission is \$5 per person.

And we've just added a second seminar for next month, this one dealing with the Y2K problem. It will be held Saturday, May 22, at the MSU Management Center in Troy. Again, call (248) 423-2721 to reserve a space.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Items for Business Newsmakers are welcome from business and companies throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Manager named

A California software company recently opened a regional office in Livonia and named local construction consultant Sarah Keiser its regional manager. She will supervise sales and consulting for Omware, Inc., of Sebastopol, California, developers of The Master Builder construction management software.

Election

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) recently announced

that its recycling coordinator, Heidi Jo Wayco, has been elected chair of the Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC).



Wayco

Wayco, a Livonia resident, began her recycling career at the city of Southfield after having been a volunteer at the city of Livonia recycling drop-off center.

Expert elected

The directors of Valassis Communications, Inc. of Livonia, have elected Seth Goldstein to its board. Goldstein is currently Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Flatiron Partners. He is prepared to help the company build on its information system and technology infrastructure.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

WED, APRIL 28

BOOKKEEPING/PAYROLL

BIG E-Z Bookkeeping Co. will host a Small Business Bookkeeping and Payroll Reporting Workshop 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Jenkin Meeting Room on the third floor of the Livonia Library, 32777 Five Mile. The cost is \$59 per participant. You must preregister; call (734) 462-2727.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.

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.

8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth and Stark. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

MAY 18-19

TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The Fifth Annual Computer & Technology Showcase, which takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 18-19 at the Novi Expo Center, will present technology solutions to an audience of thousands of IT Professionals in Southeastern Michigan. Those wishing to attend the exhibits and conferences can register online at www.techshows.com, or call Event Management Services, Inc. at (800) 422-0251 for more information. A complete seminar schedule will be posted on the Web site after March 20. Visit the AITP at www.rust.net/7/8dpma/public/links.htm.

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We know that early prevention can improve activity and independence, and reduce disease rate in old age. Most of the current preventive measures, however, concentrate on heart disease and cancer. With the continued "graying of America," conditions such as dementia, degenerative arthritis, hearing and visual impairments are more common than before. These conditions cause functional disability and increased dependency on others. The role of health care professionals is essential in screening and detecting these problems in order to provide early intervention to restore health and functionality.

Although it is helpful to be genetically programmed to age slowly, optimal aging with minimal health decline can be achieved by adhering to some healthy strategies. Intellectual stimulation, dietary modification and exercise (including resistance training) are beneficial. Old age should not prevent people from making meaningful contributions to society. Physicians can help by encouraging older adults to enjoy an active and creative life. Finally, do not let your age decide how old you are. Dwight Eisenhower once said, "I'm saving that rocker for the day I feel as old as I really am."

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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Scool Jazz trips on vocal music

Members of Scool Jazz and PRIME, Schoolcraft College's vocal jazz groups, are busy selling pizza kits and collecting bottles and cans to raise money for their European tour this July. They've been invited to perform in the prestigious Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, and the North Sea Jazz Festival and the World Choral Symposium in The Netherlands.

"It's quite an honor. We're very pleased," said the groups' director Steve SeGraves. "I never envisioned that it would be all three. I started by just applying to Montreaux. I did a lot of work, phone calls and e-mail. I decided we had as good a chance as anyone."

It will cost approximately \$32,000, or \$1,700 each for the 20 musicians including SeGraves, drummer Brian Buckmaster, a bass player, and pianist Eileene Standley of Plymouth, to spend 10 days in Europe. Schoolcraft College is donating \$10,000 for the trip; students will pay \$500 each. That leaves \$14,000 still left to raise



Cool Jazz: Steve SeGraves leads Scool Jazz and PRIME in a concert to raise funds for the vocal group's upcoming European tour.

Michigan Vocal Jazz Arrangers Tribute

What: A concert by Scool Jazz and PRIME featuring "Fly Me to the Moon," "The Look of Love," "When Doves Cry," and "It Might As Well Be Spring."

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28.

Where: Radcliffe campus of Schoolcraft College, 1751 Radcliffe, (off Ford Road between Wayne and Venice), Garden City. Call (734) 462-4770.

Tickets: \$5 minimum donation, proceeds for groups' travel expenses for a July concert tour in Europe. For information, call Steve SeGraves (734) 354-9593.

Concert today

The 16-voice Schoolcraft College Chamber Singers will give a concert 4 p.m. today at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Gotfredson, Plymouth. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 children under age 12, and available at the door 30 minutes prior to the concert, or by calling the church office (734) 459-9580. Proceeds go to scholarships and other school music programs.

for lodging, food and airline tickets. In addition to collecting bottles and cans for the deposits and selling do-it-yourself pizza kits, the groups will perform several benefit concerts, the first of which takes place Wednesday, April 28, on the Radcliffe campus of Schoolcraft College. A tribute to Michigan vocal jazz arrangers, the program showcases the work of April Arabian-Tini, Cathy Hadrian, Carl Rinne and SeGraves, among others.

"There's a lot of contrast in the concert from 'You Go to My Head' and 'For Once in

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Roundtable to discuss arts education

You're invited to "Opening the Book," a roundtable discussion about arts curriculum in our local school districts, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield.

Panelists will answer questions from the audience, and address their concerns about arts education and curriculum in the school districts. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers cover. There is no charge to attend.

Call Frank Provenzano, (248) 901-2557, Keely Wygonik (734) 953-2105, or Linda Chomin (734) 953-2145 if you have any questions.



Standing tall: Interim Director Maurice Parrish has provided much-needed leadership for the Detroit Institute of the Arts over the last year-and-a-half.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Let the Renaissance begin. This time, it's not the same old talk of renewal tossed around by supporters of flashy casinos and trendy sports stadiums. There's no inflated rhetoric about the impending revival inspired by the influx of capital from corporate behemoths relocating south of

Eight Mile. If all goes according to the \$320-million plan, this time the "renewal" will be the real thing — a financial and spiritual commitment to trans-

The Detroit Institute of the Arts' Fundraising Campaign

Phase One
■ Goal: To raise \$120 million over five years.
■ \$80 million dedicated to building renovations and improvements, including adding 30,000 square feet in gallery space.
■ \$40 million to sustain museum's operating budget.

Phase Two
■ Goal: To raise \$200 million over 10 years.
■ Total amount would be dedicated toward building endowment.
■ Income from endowment will support museum's programs.
■ \$40 million will be earmarked to ensure collection is secure.

Skeptics, take a seat.
Welcome to the newfangled encyclopedic arts institution, no longer resting on its laurels as the fifth largest museum in the United States.

Modern-day Medicis

Of course, this is the same arts museum that has, over the last decade, struggled to keep its doors open and been the victim of divisive city-suburb-state politics, including haggling over state funding and who should be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the institute.

With one stroke of the pen and a dip into their deep for-

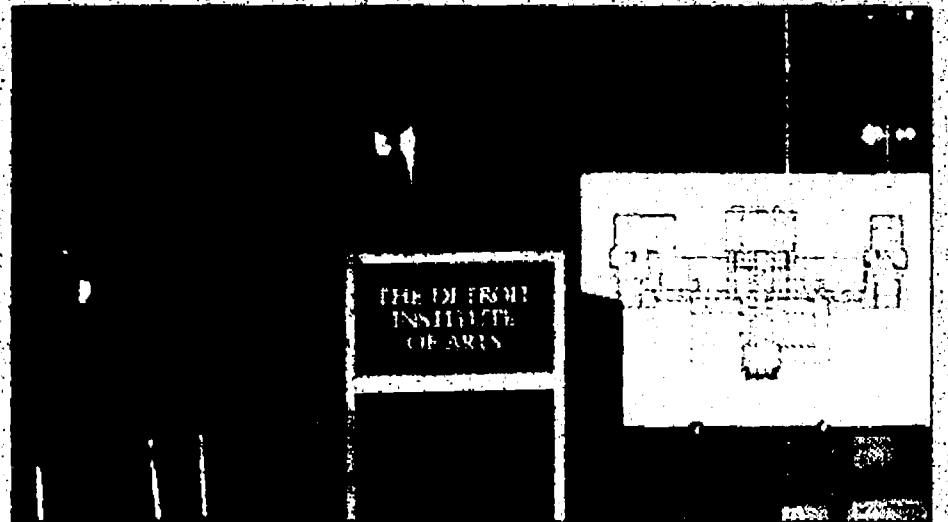
ture of the repository of culture and a symbol of the quality of the regional civilization, also known as life in metro Detroit.

For doubters wondering whether the DIA would exist into the 21st century, the question is no longer "if" but "how."

By 2010, the DIA is expected to be transformed into a financially self-sustaining, physically updated cultural trove with an endowment growing by three-fold, 30,000 square feet in additional gallery space, expanded hours and, above all, a new sensibility aimed at attracting more people to walk through its marble corridors.

TRANSFORMING the DIA

FORD, MANOOGIAN, TAUBMAN
\$50-MILLION GIFT KICKS OFF UNPRECEDENTED FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



Future plans: John D. Davis, chair of the DIA's development committee, explains the details of the two-phase \$320-million plan.

tunes, three modern-day Medicis (famous patrons of the Italian Renaissance) have generously made the point that the history of a region is defined by a shared culture, not cultural differences.

Last Wednesday, Josephine Ford (widow of Walter Buhl Ford II), Richard Manoogian and A. Alfred Taubman made a \$50-million lump sum donation from their massive personal wealth to launch the DIA's 10-year fund-raising campaign with the goal of raising \$320 million.

"These three individuals have given before," said Maurice Parrish, interim director at the DIA. "They challenged each other to establish a new standard in philanthropic giving."

The "giving" is the largest donation ever to a Detroit cultural institution, far exceeding the \$9 million private donation the DIA received in 1970.

It was largely through donations of the Ford family that the DIA was built in 1927. Since then, the Ford family has played a central role in sustaining the museum. More recently, Manoogian and Taubman, among the wealthiest people in Michigan, have added their influence to the museum. Manoogian, chair of Masco Corp., serves as president of the DIA board. And Taubman, of Bloomfield Hills and founder and chair of the Taubman Co., is president of the Detroit Arts Commission.

"This campaign will send a strong signal," said Manoogian. "We're alive and well and expanding." The campaign is divided into two phases. Phase One aims to raise \$120 million over five years to fund the museum's operating budget and renovations. Phase Two is expected to take 10 years to raise an additional \$200 million to add to the DIA's current endowment of \$93.2 million.

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Jump 'n Time: Livonia Civic Chorus members Patrick Sivyer (left), Mary Jo McKiddie, Dr. Richard Ruel and Dr. Jim Bumford swing into spring with a musical comedy.

Chorus swings into spring with comedy thriller

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Mystery, greed, betrayal and love, the Livonia Civic Chorus' spring production has all that and more.

Set in the Sweet Adeline Hotel during Prohibition, the chorus-oriented musical comedy is a mystery about people who disappear one night during an electrical storm. Fifteen years later a real estate agent is showing the hotel to prospective buyers when lightning strikes and brings back the people from 1932.

Co-authored by chorus director Jim Whitten and member Mark Sweetman, "Jump 'N Time" has all the elements of a good mystery — a haunted hotel, missing persons,

eccentric foreigners and dangerous mobsters. Pianist Chris Gach and drummer Jim Person accompany the chorus as they sing their way through a range of '30s and '40s

tunes from "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" to "This Joint is Jumpin'." Sweetman narrates the April 30-May 1 productions at Clarendenville High School in Livonia.

"It's a combination ghost story and USO show that you haven't seen the likes of since Abbott and Costello meets Lon Chaney," joked Sweetman who began doing stand-up comedy 19 years ago at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak and still works regularly at Joey's Comedy Castle in Livonia and Mainstreet Comedy Showcase in Ann Arbor.

This is the fourth production Whitten and Sweetman have written together. Sweetman likes writing

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Jump 'N Time

What: The Livonia Civic Chorus sings and dances their way through two musical theater productions featuring songs from the '30s and '40s.
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30 to May 1.
Where: Clarendenville High School, 20156 Middlebelt, (between Seven and Eight Mile Roads), Livonia.
Tickets: \$7, \$5 seniors/students, and available at the Livonia Parks & Recreation office at Five Mile and Farmington or at the Clarendenville box office on the evenings of the performances. For more information, call Nancy Fees (248) 620-4807.

MUSIC

Singers rejoice over major choral works

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Don Pratt is rejoicing with the 70 other Plymouth Oratorio Society members because conductor Leonard Riccinto chose not one but two major choral works — Franz Schubert's "Mass in G" and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" for them to sing with the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra May 8 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Add to that the fact, Riccinto invited two seventh grade students, Garret Mette and Sara Greenfield, from Central Middle School to sing the boy alto parts in "Chichester Psalms" as Bernstein noted when he wrote the composition, and Pratt's in heaven on earth.

"It's an enjoyable group and gives me an opportunity to sing major choral works with an orchestra," said Pratt, a Canton



Chichester Psalms: Garrett Mette and Sara Greenfield are soloists for a Bernstein composition being performed by the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

resident and math teacher at Huron High School in Ann Arbor. "What's special about this concert is we're doing it with children soloists from the community." Dixie Cocaigne sings in the choral group for the same reason as Pratt. The Plymouth librarian performed in her first Oratorio Society concert seven

years ago under conductor Robert Pratt. Her husband, Charles, also sings with the chorus.

"We do beautiful music," said Cocaigne. "We originally were with the University Choral Union in Ann Arbor so we missed doing the music when they began traveling and couldn't continue to sing with them. A lot of people drive over from Ann Arbor to sing with the Plymouth Oratorio Society, but we have members from all over, not only Plymouth and Canton but Farmington and Westland."

Founded by Plymouth attorney John Stewart and a few other singers, the chorus is now in its 13th season. Only half a dozen original members remain but flexibility is what the group is all about. Members meet in January to begin rehearsing for 16 consecutive Monday evenings. Riccinto thinks that's quite a commitment.

"Why do we only do one concert a year, so people could participate in other groups," said Pratt who also sings with the choir at St. John Neumann Church in Canton.

Vocal challenge

Now in his fourth season as conductor, Riccinto chose Schubert's and Bernstein's works for the program to test the skills of choral group members while

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entertaining the audience. Soprano Karen Chapin of Plymouth, tenors Robert Cassidy, Westland and Melvin Thompson, Detroit, basses Lars Gustafson, Ypsilanti, Henry Naasko, Ann Arbor and Robert Nelson, Canton will also sing solos for "Mass in G," the 1815 work by Schubert.

Composed in 1965 by Bernstein, "Chichester Psalms" challenges members to sing in Hebrew. Riccinto asked Mette and Greenfield to sing the boy alto solos for the work because their voices are at similar stages of development, and thought "why not give both children a chance to gain experience with the choral group. Having the children as soloists connects me and the chorus with the community." Other soloists for the Bernstein work are Chapin, Pratt, Gustafson, Cassidy, Gayle Rosey, Ralph Bozell, and Tricia Todt.

"Schubert comes easy to them,

but the Bernstein stretches them. I'm not only a conductor but an educator," said Riccinto, choral director at Eastern Michigan University where he's taught 14 years. Prior to Eastern, he taught choral music in high schools in Battle Creek and Grosse Pointe 12 years. "I look for excellent literature that has to not only entertain but enlighten. I try to challenge them. Bernstein is a challenge."

Riccinto, who works with Patrice Pedersen's husband Gary, a piano professor at Eastern Michigan University, was the connection to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Pedersen is choral music director at Central Middle School. She started working with Mette and Greenfield in January to prepare them for the May 9 concert. Mette has studied guitar since age 7 and plays everything from jazz to blues to rock.

"Singing is something I want to do because it gets me more

involved and I get to meet people," said the 13-year old Mette. "Before we started rehearsal I was nervous because I never actually sang with a choir before except at school but I thought it went good."

Like mother, like daughter

Greenfield came naturally to singing. Her mother, Karen, is a longtime member of the Farmington Community Chorus. The 12-year-old Greenfield follows in her footsteps. She already has sung in Marquis Theatre youth productions of "Cinderella" and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." She began taking piano lessons at age 6.

"I've been listening to music all my life," said Greenfield. "I just love it."

For the fun of it

Other members of the Plymouth Oratorio Society are music lovers as well. CPA Terry Fuller joined the choral group two years ago because he was

new in the area and wanted to meet people.

"Everyone is the same in the sense that they belong to other choirs," said Fuller who also sings with the First United Methodist Church Choir and Measure for Measure, an all-male choir Riccinto's directed for 11 seasons. "We take on some fairly challenging pieces but it's fun."

Robert Nelson, a member since the Plymouth Oratorio Society's beginnings, said his biggest challenge is finding time to rehearse because his position as president for the Livonia-based Airflow Sciences Corp. demands so much time.

"I've always liked the group because they're serious about music and because I love to sing," said Nelson, a Canton resident who's sung with the First United Methodist Church Choir since 1983. "For me, one of the high points of civilization is Beethoven's Ninth."

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In the last decade, the DIA has spent \$17 million to repair its roof, and electrical system along with updates and reinstallation to several of its galleries.

Future renovations will minimize new construction and maximize the current space, said Michael Graves, architect of the DIA's master plan.

Within a year, further renovation included in the master plan will be visible.

A promenade will be constructed along the DIA's north-south side. And the 30,000 square feet of new exhibit space will be fit within the current Prentiss and North courts. The actual type of art to be exhibited, however, is still being debated.

"The idea is to have a building where visitors are able to get to exhibits more easily," he said.

"How can we get people to understand that the front door of the DIA is for everybody?"

Last year, after the transfer of the day-to-day operation of the

museum from the city of Detroit to a nonprofit corporation reporting to the Detroit Arts Commission, the effort was undertaken to restructure the DIA. Redefining the organization and mission of the museum, included broadening the composition of the board, and clarifying how to be more relevant to the community, said DIA interim director Parrish.

"It's been an evolutionary process," he said. "Once we determined our long-term goals, we realized the (financial) numbers. Then, we had to look at how we would raise the money. It was apparent that people had to step forward."

The DIA didn't have to look far. Ford, Manoogian and Taubman have provided the ultimate example of practicing what you preach.

"Great museums must reflect their times, that is our challenge and opportunity," said Manoogian.

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My Life" to "When Doves Cry" by the artist formerly known as Prince," said SeGraves. "That's what makes it interesting. That all that can be jazz."

SCool Jazz and PRime will also be selling their CD "From Russia With Jazz" to raise funds. Two years ago the groups, with different members, were the first ever college vocal jazz ensemble invited by the Russian Ministry of Culture to participate in a 12-day tour of the former communist country.

"We're trying to raise \$14,000 in the next three months to make the trip a reality," said SeGraves. "We wanted to showcase the arrangers because there's a lot going on in vocal jazz in the state. There's a lot of outstanding arrangers in Michigan including a couple in my group."

Plunking out the melody on the keys, SeGraves stands at the piano leading the group in an

Arabian-Tini arrangement of "It Might as Well be Spring." Dedication is the key attribute of all of the singers. Even though the semester ends next week, the groups will continue to rehearse several times a week.

Patrick Lokey doesn't mind all the work though. He's looking forward to the tour for a couple of reasons. As far as the music, Lokey can take it or leave it. According to SeGraves that's a common sentiment because "for a lot of people jazz is an acquired taste. A lot of people when they hear the word jazz immediately think of something wild but we do songs patterned after the '40s big bands."

"It's somewhere I've never been," said Lokey, a Northville resident who began singing with SCool Jazz two years ago. "But it's the people that bring me back, not really the music. I just enjoy being in the group."

Initially, Josiah Davis didn't

care for jazz either. Now, he can't wait for the opportunity to sing in the European festivals and locally. Two days after they return home, SCool Jazz and PRime will sing in the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 18. The groups performed in the last two festivals at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. This year's festival is at Schoolcraft College.

"When I first got into jazz it took a little time," said Davis. "but it will make anyone a more rounded musician."

Julie Hillebrand is in her fourth semester of singing with the group. She is proud of the fact that jazz is all American.

"I joined the group because I wanted to sing," said Hillebrand of Wixom. "The second day of school we're scatting. It's like pouring a cold bucket of water over you. It's music that's entirely American. It's a tradition we have that no other country has."

More than 200,000 jazz lovers

are expected to attend the 33rd annual Montreaux Jazz Festival July 2-17 in Switzerland. A two-day affair, the North Sea Jazz Festival typically draws 70,000 and in the past has featured such legends as Sarah Vaughan, Count Basie, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Wynton Marsalis, McCoy Tyner, and Miles Davis. So you'd think the Schoolcraft students might be a little worried about performing, no chance.

"I love it. It's so different," said Hillebrand. "I'm not nervous about singing in front of all those people. I couldn't be happier than to be on stage."

Tara Tomcsik is among the half of the group who are music majors at Schoolcraft College. She likes vocal jazz because it requires an extra measure of effort. Tomcsik hopes one day to make it big on Broadway.

"Jazz is pretty challenging so I thought I'd give it a whirl," said Tomcsik. "It's a lot more of a challenge, no easy harmonies."

For information about SCool Jazz's and PRime's benefit concerts or fund-raising efforts, call the groups' manager Betsy Mulally at (248) 380-3145.

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shows because it allows the chorus to tinker with script practically until the curtain rises. Originally, there was a gangster scene with guns in "Jump 'N Time." After the tragic shootings and bombings this week at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., the script now calls for a group of ruffians minus the guns.

"We'd traditionally done a lot of show music combined with choreography when we decided to add drama and musical theater," said Whitten, a Farmington Hills resident who's conducted several choruses in the metro Detroit area over the last 25 years. "In the last four years we've been doing this, all have been comedies. This one is a spoof on a ghost story."

Since the audition process in February, the 55 chorus members chosen to participate in the production have pulled together to make the production a smash. For the last two months, a crew has been hard at work building the scenery to serve as background for the stylish steps of choreographer Lucy Koviak's dancers.

"We want to get our people

involved in singing and dancing and having a great time," said Whitten. "That comes across to the audience. One person who saw last year's show, 'Blackboard Bungle, said this is accessible musical theater for the average person."

Nancy Fees joined the chorus five years ago and looks forward to the spring productions.

"Jump 'N Time is very energetic. It reminds me of the music my mom and dad used to listen to," said Fees. "They taught me to Jitterbug in our living room. It brings back fond memories."

A longtime Farmington resident now living in Davisburg near Clarkston, Fees sang with the Farmington Community Chorus for three years before joining the Livonia group of singers. Husband Larry also sings with the chorus.

"The Livonia Civic Chorus is a wonderful, friendly group," said Fees.

Proceeds from ticket sales from the two productions go towards scholarships for Livonia high school students attending Interlochen's summer music camp.



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Farmington Artists Club's annual Festival of the arts, April 25-May 2, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission free; (248) 473-1816.

MICHIGAN MODERNISM EXPO
Sale of 20th-century design, including art nouveau, art deco, streamline, prairie school, Greek Egyptian, Gothic Revival, Surrealism and others. 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/1 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 582-DECO.

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CLASSES

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
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Annual concert honoring Farmington's handicapped and senior citizens 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2. William Costick Activity Center, 11 Mile Road (east of Middlebelt) Farmington Hills. Admission is free, refreshments will be served. Call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

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"Going Places," the 20th annual spring concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 788-5322.

JACKSON CHORALE

Annual spring concert Saturday, May 1, Waterford Community Church, 3900 Airport Road, Waterford; (248) 651-3085.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Pianist David Syme in concert 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

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MADRIGAL CHORALE

Spring concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, \$12 seniors and students. (248) 546-5733.

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MARYGROVE COLLEGE

Spring concert by Marygrove College

Chorale and Chamber Singers will celebrate inauguration of the college's new president, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Sacred Heart Chapel, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit; (313) 927-1254.

MEN'S CHORAL SOCIETY

"Measure for Measure," 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin; (248) 626-6606.

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Robert Hohner Percussion Ensemble of Central Michigan University, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-7667.

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World premiere of "Car Trek," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Varner Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$5; (248) 652-2526.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Presents its 13th choral concert 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road. Program includes "Mass in G" by Schubert and Chichester Psalms by Bernstein. (734) 455-8353.

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Flutist Alexander Zonjic, flutist Ervin Monroe and pianist Margaret Kapasin "Two Flutes and a Piano," 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25; (248) 683-1750.

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21st annual spring concert of the Academy Singers, 7 p.m. Monday, April 26, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills; (248) 625-7057.

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Annual spring concert, "Elijah's Violin," a musical rendering of the Jewish folk-tale, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road; (248) 851-8560.

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"Don't Dress for Dinner," 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25 and May 2, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, May 7-8 and May 14 15; 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road). Tickets \$12; (248) 553-2955.

BENEFITS

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
EDE holds its annual fundraiser 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30 the Community House of Birmingham. Call (248) 362-9329.

MICH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

The Michigan Renaissance Festival offers invite local charities and nonprofits to earn donation dollars by providing volunteers in Renaissance costumes to operate beer, wine and food booths. Call (800) 601-4848.

Painters' 55th Anniversary Show, through May 28, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

LECTURES

CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

Travel to Cleveland for a tour of the exhibit, "Diego Rivera: Art and Revolution," at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Lecture by art historian Russell Thayer, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 29.

CARPOL

Friday, April 30 from Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. For details, call (248) 644-0866.

O'NEILL DISCUSSION

A lecture on Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey as Living Art," 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 642-5800. information.

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB

Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, MI, 48325-1651, (248) 626-2285.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training session 1:30-3:30 p.m., Holley Room, DIA, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-0247.

FAR CONSERVATORY

Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburgh, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mccb.org, or contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 349-0376.

WORKSHOPS

UNDERSTANDING THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Wayne State grad Bonnie Barvin's two-day workshop for aspiring writers trying to break-in the entertainment industry. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, May 15-16. The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham; (248) 644-2476.

CRANBROOK RETREAT FOR WRITERS

Workshops in fiction, poetry, screen-writing, essay, and other genres. Three sessions - July 9-13; July 9-11; July 14-18. Register by May 15. Call (248) 645-3664.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through May 14 - "The 1999 Cranbrook Academy of Art Graduate Degree Show," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3313.

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"; through June 27 - "Walker Evans Simple Secrets: Photographs from the Collection of Marian and Benjamin A. Hill, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through May 16 - "An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

MOORE'S GALLERY

April 30 - Watercolor painting by Joseph Grey II, through May 29, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

May 2 - "In Honor of Water," a group exhibit, through June 19, 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY

May 2 - Pop artist Charles Fazzino, through May 23, Crosswinds Mall, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, Ste. 145, West Bloomfield; (248) 626-5810.

SOUTH OAKLAND ART ASSOC.

May 2 - "Art Scapes," an annual spring show, May 2-14, The American Center Bldg., 27777 Franklin Road, Southfield; (248) 855-5177.

SYBARIS GALLERY

May 2 - Basketry by Lissa Hunter, and Jewelry by David Damkoelter, through June 5, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

GALLERY XXVI

Through April 28 - Works of Paul Sherman, Jan Hubert, Karyn Leland, Gail Leone, Bill Poceta and Athir Shayota, 18 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 745-8875.

C-POP GALLERY

Through April 29 - "New York Exposed," 1553 Woodward, Ste. 313, Detroit; (313) 964-0911.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through April 29 - New works by Ricky Bernstein and Sidney Hutter, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through April 29 - "Clay from the Soul," the works for three potters. Reception Saturday, April 10, 6 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY

Through April 29 - Palette Guild of Livonia exhibit, 33000 Civic Center Drive; (734) 466-2540.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through April 29 - "Image, Light and Structure '99: Transitions," works of Michigan stained-glass artists, Oakland County Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Through April 30 - "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom: Alphabet Art in Children's Books," a collection of original art, lithographs and prints, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

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Through April 30 - Small monotypes by Kedron Barrett, 32782 Woodward Ave., (248) 647-7709.

THE PRINT GALLERY

Through April 30 - Posters of Fix Masseau and the Orient Express, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 356-5454.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Through April 30 - Exhibit of glass sculptures by Julie McDonough, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

CARY GALLERY

Through May 1 - "Mind Dances," watercolor paintings by Darcy Scott, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

GALERIE BLU

Through May 1 - Frank Gallo: A Retrospective, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through May 1 - "Clay from the Soul," 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showtimes

Sharon Amherst 11-14 2150 N. Opdyke Rd. Between University & Walker Blvd 248-375-2660

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GOODBYE LOVER (R) 12:15, 4:20, 6:40 NP FOOLISH (R) 2:30, 9:00 GO (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20

NEVER BEEN KISSED (PG13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50 THE OUT OF TOWNERS (PG13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU (PG13) 4:40, 6:50, 9:10 MATRIX (R) 1:00, 1:30, 3:50, 4:20, 6:40, 7:10, 9:30, 10:00

DOUG'S 1ST MOVIE (G) 12:30, 2:05, SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R) 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50

ANALYZE THIS (R) 12:15, 2:15, 4:20, 6:30, 8:50 LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

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THE OUT OF TOWNERS (PG13) 12:50, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:25

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:15

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GOODBYE LOVER (R) 7:40, 9:50

NEVER BEEN KISSED (PG13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45

MATRIX (R) 1:00, 1:30, 3:45, 4:20, 6:40, 7:10, 9:30, 10:00

DOUG'S 1ST MOVIE (G) 12:50, 2:40, 4:45

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG13) 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10

ANALYZE THIS (R) 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:35

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10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU (PG13) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

DOUG'S 1ST MOVIE (G) 12:30, 2:05

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NP LIFE (R) 10:10, 11:20, 12:40, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45

NP GOODBYE LOVER (R) 11:00, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

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GO (R) 11:10, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 7:35, 9:15, 10:05

TWIN DRAGONS (PG13) 10:50, 1:25, 3:40, 5:50, 8:20, 10:25

FOOLISH (R) 9:25 PM ONLY

THE OUT OF TOWNERS (PG13) 10:00, 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:25, 9:40

THE MATRIX (R) 10:40, 11:40, 12:30, 1:40, 2:40, 3:50, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:20, 10:10

10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU (PG13) 10:25, 1:20, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00

DOUG'S 1ST MOVIE (G) 10:20, 12:15, 2:15, 4:50, 7:05

MOO SQUAD (R) 10:35, 1:05, 3:25, 6:20, 8:40

ED TV (PG13) 11:45, 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35

FORCES OF NATURE (PG13) 10:45, 1:55, 4:25, 7:20, 10:00

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NP LIFE (R) 12:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30

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OUT OF TOWNERS (PG13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

MATRIX (R) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:40

10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU (PG13) 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:45, 10:15

FORCES OF NATURE (PG13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:00

ANALYZE THIS (R) 12:45, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R) 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 8:45

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NP LOST AND FOUND (PG13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20

NP PUSHING Tm (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

NP GOODBYE LOVER (R) 6:45, 9:30

NEVER BEEN KISSED (PG13) 10:40, 11:45, 1:40, 2:45, 4:30, 5:40, 7:10, 8:15, 9:50

GO (R) 10:30, 1:30, 3:40, 6:20, 8:50

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GO (R) 12:00, 2:25, 4:45, 7:20, 9:25

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GOODBYE LOVER (R) 4:30, 9:55

LIFE (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

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THE OUT OF TOWNERS (PG13) 12:35, 2:50, 5:15, 7:25, 9:45

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THE MATRIX (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00

ANALYZE THIS (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:25, 10:05

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LIFE (R) NY 11:10, 12:30, 1:40, 3:40, 4:25, 6:45, 7:30, 9:35, 10:00

GO (R) 10:35, 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:35

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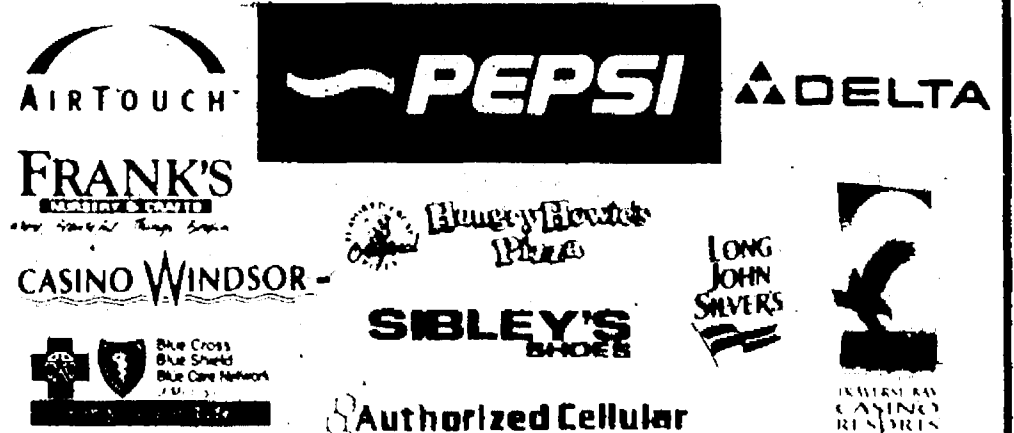
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SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

Service stinks, and everything you buy these days falls apart - I can't tell you the number of times I've heard that complaint or voiced it.

Widespread consumer dissatisfaction doesn't surprise me. We've all waited too long in line to spend our money, purchased appliances that blow up after a year of use and encountered, if not rude, then downright useless salespeople.

We believe manufacturers and retailers are only interested in making an extra buck, which can involve cutting corners in quality and good service.

My own consumer cynicism dissuades me from not only shopping in general but also making essential retail purchases.

At the moment, for instance, I'm in a need of a couch.

For several months I've been searching, all the while without a cozy place to curl up on when watching a good flick or Thursday night "must-see-TV."

I'm afraid of disappointment, convinced the couch of my dreams will fray at the seams upon delivery.

The day after the couch's warranty expires the frame will plunge to the floor, I think, increasing my purchase anxiety and tendency to procrastinate.

So when the shoulder strap of my leather Coach handbag broke, I was not surprised.

"Oh well, it has to break," I thought to myself. "Planned obsolescence." All companies design their products with a target date for destruction in mind.

Actually, I had been toting around my little black Coach bag almost every day for several years. In the end, I decided it had served me well, far better than any other purse I had owned, and for a longer period of time than most retail products.

In fact, I would say its longevity exceeded my expectations. Not only that, I could still use the purse since it was equipped with a carrying handle.

Not inclined to run out and spend money on a replacement, I continued to carry - by hand - the trusty Coach bag, never even considering I might be able to replace the shoulder strap.

Several weeks later, I found myself - accompanied by Mom - wandering into the Coach leather store at The Somerset Collection in Troy, debating whether to inquire about the availability of a strap replacement.

"It looks like that purse, but bigger," I told Mom, hoping she would spot the model that matched my purse, which was I carrying at the time.

But before either of us had an opportunity to peruse the display shelves, we were distracted by a soothing voice at our backs.

"You need a shoulder strap?" inquired the voice's owner, as if reading my mind. (Actually, the voice's owner, the store's assistant manager, had been observantly and patiently listening to Mom and I discuss my dilemma.)

"Do you have the broken one?" the woman inquired in a matter-of-fact tone, as Mom and I turned our attention from handbag display to attentive store manager.

"No, I don't," I said, shrugging my shoulders.

"Hold on, I'll get you a replacement," she said and then disappeared somewhere in the back of the store. I looked at Mom, confused but pleased.

Moments later, the manager returned carrying a new leather strap, its brass clasps and adjustment buckle shiny as gold.

"Just drop off the broken strap next time you're at the mall," she said.

"Do you always do this?" I inquired. "Coach replaces all its hardware free of charge," she said. "Would you like me to clean your purse?"

Imagine my astonishment. Not only had the usefulness of my Coach bag been restored but its nicked - and dirty, as Mom pointed out - leather exterior was about to be rejuvenated.

Of course, the service did not come without a pitch; Coach sells its own line of leather cleaning and conditioning products.

So what, I thought. My needs as a customer - a non-buying customer, for that matter - had been met, and my expectations had been surpassed yet again.

The joy of shopping

Local Girl Scouts literally shopped 'till they dropped

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Girl Scouts Courtney Smith and Jessica McClain revel for hours in the purchase of a \$12 cassette tape by the band "FIVE," their glowing cheeks evidence of the joy of shopping in its purest, most innocent form.

"It's more fun than shopping with your mom," says 8-year-old Courtney of making the mall circuit with girlfriends and, most importantly, best friend Jessica.

"Yeah," adds Jessica. "And, (Courtney) always shows me things. ... We get to see more things that way. I wouldn't have seen the FIVE CD, if Courtney hadn't found it."

Members of Girl Scout Troop 3296, the Westland adolescents are two of more than 2,000 Girl Scouts turning out April 17 for an all-night shopping, eating, talking and movie-watching extravaganza.

Held annually at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, the event, dubbed "Slumberland at Wonderland," epitomizes the mall-shopping experience.

Pit stops for Burger King french fries and school girl gossip follow spurts of frenzied store browsing. Other moments, travel time between stores, for instance, are reserved for purchase-making plans.

While movies and other activities are available for the hordes of Girl

Scouts roaming and sitting about the mall, they uniformly exclaim the primary reason for coming is: "SHOPPING!"

Surprisingly, impulse purchases are the exception rather than the rule. These young girls, who ranged in age from 7 to 16, are savvy shoppers with discerning tastes and an eye for bargains.

As Jessica puts it, "We like to think things over. ... And we don't like (the musical group) 'Hanson.' They sing too loud and look like girls."

True, Courtney's music purchase at F.Y.E. (For Your Entertainment) is well reasoned and sensible: the cassette was on sale, and Courtney loves

music and adores FIVE. More importantly, FIVE is one of a handful of bands she and her peers currently idolize. And Courtney and friends have, essentially, made the purchase communally.

A quintessential shopping experience for adolescents, deciding with the help and shared enthusiasm of your friends to make a purchase, let's face it, doesn't happen often in adulthood.

Courtney's small, yet triumphant purchase also illustrates how shopping makes people feel empowered, if only momentarily.

And, \$12.19 worth of empowerment is better than none at all.

Courtney's shopping experience might even be likened to the emotional state of a woman who defiantly purchases that \$2,000 designer suit she's been wanting since last season.

The elation is the same, even though the price tags are radically different.

In fact, not much shopping is required before members of Troop 3296 are ready to return to the night's home base, a row of sleeping bags carefully unfolded in front of a closed store, to celebrate and talk about their purchases.

Brooke Killeen, 7, also has made a sought-after music purchase at F.Y.E, a cassette tape by the group "In Sync" for \$10.59, which the girls pass around and admire.

Likewise, 8-year-old Macie Bowman withdraws an In Sync pencil and book from her shopping bag, igniting excitement among the other members of Troop 3296.

After the girls review their purchases, plan their next shopping experience and count the dollar bills left to spend, they're off to Stroh's Ice-cream for another pit stop. Not surprisingly, their choices are the same - half the group orders "big girl" Mountain Dew sodas, the rest settle on Superman ice cream cones.

Is anybody getting tired? "NO," the girls exclaim in unison. What's next? "SHOPPING!"



Pit stop: Kyrie Bowman and Katy Douly indulge.

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Savvy shopper: Jessica McClain from Westland listens to a new album before deciding to make a purchase. She is one of more than 2,000 girl scouts who turned out for a late-night shopping event at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.



Home base: Macie Bowman and Kayla Yuchasz take naps before more shopping.

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, APRIL 25

COLLECTOR TOY SHOW

The Winross Collectors Club of America sponsors a toy collector's show at the Monaghan K of C Hall in Livonia, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For information, please call (734) 747-7192.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

CHANEL DAY

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents "High Summer 1999," a Chanel collection focus day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

FERRAGAMO FOR FALL

View Ferragamo's women's special order footwear collection for fall at Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, through May 1, Women's

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Designer Shoe Salon, first floor.

CLARKS ENGLAND SHOES

View the shoe collection of Clarks England at Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Women's Shoe Salon. Show also runs 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 30 at Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

WOMEN'S SHOW

Fashion, food, fitness, education, business, travel and the home are the subjects of a four-day show (through May 2) for women at the Novi Expo Center in Novi. Discounted admission coupons are available at local Art Van Furniture stores. For further information, call (800) 849-0248.

WARDROBE SEMINAR

Jones New York holds a series of wardrobe seminars at local Hudson's stores through May 1, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, 7 p.m. April 29, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 1 p.m. March 30 and Oakland

Mall in Troy, 2 p.m. May 1, Jones New York department.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

DANCE THE MARIACHI

Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents "Uno de Mayo," a dine and dance family night with live mariachi music, 6-8 p.m.

BRIDAL JEWELRY SHOW

The Gold Loft, 33191 Grand River in Farmington Hills, holds a trunk show of wedding bands and engagement rings, 12-4:30 p.m. For information, please call (248) 478-0400.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

IN-HOME TRUNK SHOW

View the Doncaster summer collection through May 7 at area homes in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. For information about this traveling trunk show, please call, (734) 416-8838.

BEANIE BABY SHOW

Michigan's largest Beanie Baby show with more than 50 vendors returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$5. Kids, age 4-12, enter for \$2.

Summer specs



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLTSEY

Sensational sights: SEE, or Selective Eyewear Elements, in downtown Birmingham showed off its eyewear and the fashion of several local designers on Thursday. Eye glasses with plastic rims were all the rage, as well as color-tinted sunglasses. A few styles represented include, left to right, narrow rectangle frames in silver metal, \$179 with lenses, red-tinted "disco" sunglasses, \$139, colorful laminate-frame glasses, \$159 with lenses, and black "Jackie O" sunglasses, \$159.

Designer of decor pieces slated to make appearance at Neiman Marcus on May 1

Richard MacKenzie-Childs, co-founder and co-designer of MacKenzie-Childs decorative home items is slated to appear May 1 at Neiman Marcus at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

Known for bringing color, whimsy and charm into the home environment, MacKenzie-Childs' pieces run the gambit of home accessories and include furniture, picture frames, lamps, table set-

tings and door knobs.

MacKenzie-Childs, the designer and founder, will be on hand noon to 4 p.m. to present his limited edition commemorative pieces and sign purchases of \$1,000 or more.

The show and appearance will be held in Neiman Marcus' Gift Galleries department on floor three. For information, call (248) 643-3300.

Tel-Twelve offers free gifts to shoppers

If you're shopping for a gift to give Mom for Mother's Day, consider stopping by Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield, especially if you're interested in surprising her with a second gift.

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Tel-Twelve Mall is offering shoppers a little something extra this Mother's Day season.

Shoppers who spend \$100 or more at the mall will be eligible for a free gift from the Bath & Body Works, now through May 9.

Shoppers should bring their store receipts from purchases to the mall's Customer Service Center to receive their gift, a trio of two-ounce bath products, which will be available in two different fragrances, fresa and ever-popular raspberry.

The gifts are limited one to a customer and will be available until supplies run out.

For additional information, please call (248) 353-1838.

RETAIL DETAILS

SHOP WITH PRECISION AND COUPONS

To encourage the pursuit of precision shopping - finding bargains without searching the racks of numerous stores - Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills has put together the "Precision Shopping Guide."

The guide also contains discount coupons for 20 stores located in the mall, including OFF 5th, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Brooks Brothers factory outlet, Bella Luna, Pfaltzgraff and Jones New

York Company.

The coupons are redeemable through April 30. For information, please call (248) 454-5000.

JACOBSON'S JOINS RACE FOR A CURE

More than 200 Jacobson's store associates joined the fight against cancer and participated in the annual Race for the Cure event at the Detroit Zoo on Saturday. The race benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Jacobson's staff came from several area stores to help out.

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) 901-2556. 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:

Found the video tape of the movie "Fantasia" for Ruth. Ernie had a 1939 Central High School yearbook as well as an old-fashioned Quaker oatmeal can. Another reader called to say he has a 40-year-old Hires Root Beer soda bottle, but there is no listing in Evanston, Illinois for the Hires Root Beer Company. A half-inch curling iron brush can be bought at Sally's Beauty Supply on Warren Road in Westland. A full-size apron can be found at Countryside Crafts on Plymouth Road in Livonia. Eyebrow stencil shapes can be found in the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-1267. For Teresa, we found someone who does glass cutting, but not a glass cutter. We also found a wire player for Gloria, a shorthand book for Greg and Cecil Fielder memorabilia for Jenny. Teresa can have her pool table recovered at Saffron Billiards & Bar Stools. Call (800) 286-7682. Also, call local fabric stores to purchase vinyl for the cover. Then put a stick on one end of the vinyl and staple the vinyl to the stick and roll the cover over the table instead of sewing the corners, a reader informed us.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Young Ashley from Redford is looking for anyone who has backstage passes to the July 31, "In Sync" concert at the Silverdome. Don is looking for a 1972 Northwest Detroit Henry Ford High School yearbook. Marilyn wants Maybelline Ultra Brow brush-on color in brown. Jill is looking for Revlon's Moondrops lipstick in Mocha Pocha #70. Marilyn is looking for an original 1969-1974 Betty Crocker cookbook, as well as a new and revised edition published in the 1970's. Joyce is looking for a four-piece set of dishes by Corelle in a pattern called Mirage. Emile wants parts and accessories for a Honeywell #620 slide projector, either new or used and discarded parts. Al is looking for two Wilson golf woods, a number three and a number five (originally called the Whale). Sam is looking for two 1957 De LaSalle High School yearbooks. Dorothy needs two 1940 Eastern High School yearbooks and one 1941 yearbook from the school. Joanne is looking for Popweaver or Act II Microwave natural popcorn and the name of a store that sells Colombo yogurt. Mrs. Murphy is looking for a soft plastic bonnet style hair dryer that sets on a base and stand. Leo is looking for Miracle Berries and Pop Knots popcorn,

both which are products that were advertised on television.

Betty wants an old-fashioned, wooden tabletop phonograph in working condition.

Diane wants a machine to cut walls, which has a hand-held crank and can be used for rug hooking.

Delores needs a glass stem for a six-cup Pyrex glass percolator.

Mary wants men's Britannia pants and women's Kobbie Cuddler velcro tennis shoes.

Faye wants a 1953 Central High School yearbook.

Yvonne is looking for a black ceramic butter dish with lid.

Dorothy wants the 1985, 1987 and 1992 Plymouth/Canton High School yearbooks for her children, who never received them upon graduation.

Donna is looking for photos or pictures from the 1st Ever Car Show (in August of 1998), held at Six-Mile and Beech Daly roads.

Janet is looking for canned bacon from Hungary.

Carol is looking for three items: a 1959 Commerce High School yearbook; the old "Lion King" dish set (not the new "Simba" one); and a Maude Humphrey plate called "Sarah."

Sherrie is looking for Max Factor Super Lash comb-on mascara in black.

Anne wants a 1953 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook.

Kristy is looking for Paragon china in "White Cliffs of Dover."

Zelda needs a 1951 Central High School yearbook.

—Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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Europe beckons bargain shoppers to couture bazaars

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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"I hate Paris!" Nicole Christ said emphatically with a laugh. "They're so mean."

But Paris is the home of Chanel, Dior, Givenchy, St. Laurent and other name designers. And when the fashion shows are over, the dresses go to resale shops.

That's something Christ knows all about as owner of Nicole's Revival, a designer resale store at 958 N. Newburgh, Westland. Christ and Carolyn Schneider, author of "The Ultimate Consignment and Thrift Store Guide," are leading a European Resale Tour to London and Paris, Sept. 30 to Oct. 7.

Christ, 28, has been leading local resale bus tours of the Detroit-metro area since 1994. Four or five Saturdays a year, a group of about 50 people gather at Nicole's Revival, share a continental breakfast and then take a bus that stops at seven resale shops. The \$35 tour runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Carolyn Schneider liked the

idea so much she suggested they might expand their horizons.

"She said let's go to Europe," Christ said. "We went last March and interviewed stores. The only ones that were rude were the ones in Paris. The Paris stores are real expensive, pricey."

But they have things that we don't have here. Madame Nicole, who has several stores, has one that's all Chaneles. I'm lucky if I get one Chanel, but this whole store was full of them."

Not every store in London and Paris was acceptable.

"We saw 10 stores in London. Five were no's, three maybes and two definites," Christ said. "We've had stores calling but we needed details. We have to be selective on a trip like this. We can't show them hillbilly thrift shops."

And the two cities definitely have their own unique styles.

"In London, I noticed a lot of the shops had more, um, mohawks, anarchy, vintage sort of things. In Paris there is more couture, more art. London is more ..." Christ said ending by imitating a Jimmy Page guitar

riff. Christ, who lives in Garden City, is not a big fan of Europe. She first visited London six years ago. Her ex-husband was from England and they honeymooned in France.

But nothing stops a shopper in pursuit of a bargain, which has been Christ's life work for the last six years.

"I was going into real estate, I went to school and got my real estate license and studied building and was going to combine them, but then I decided to open this store six years ago," she said.

Her brother had noticed that Crowley's was closing a store and throwing racks of clothing in a dumpster. That was the beginning of Christ's quest for slightly used clothing. A quick check on buying habits told her Westland ranked just behind Grand Rapids and Troy as a retail center.

Each week Christ visits the homes of the wealthy and locally famous to buy their designer suits, dresses and accessories. She also picks up clothes worn by auto show models, stores that go out of business and designers.

"We buy outright, no consignments," she said.

And her customers include a broad range of incomes.

"We have people who could buy and sell this place a million times over but like the thrill of the hunt," she said.

But not everything in Nicole's Revival is high-end designer wear. She also has clothes originally from the Gap, J. Crew and Eddie Bauer.

But for men, she has only high-end items. She said men want to take the time to shop around and search for items. They have a definite idea of what they want.

That was one of the attractions of Madame Nicole's in Paris.

"She owns a men's resale shop that was the best I've seen with Versacci, Armani," she said.



Celebrities: Carolyn Schneider (left) and Nicole Christ caught the attention of Paris television on their last visit.

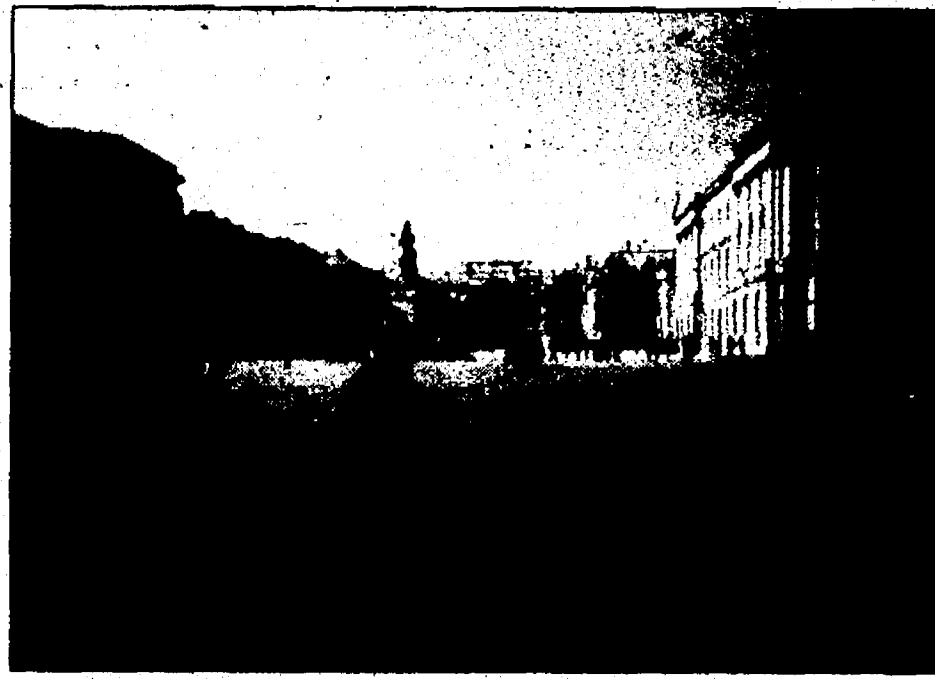
Schneider's book, "The Ultimate Consignment & Thrift Store Guide," is a listing of hundreds of stores around the world. She has been in charge of contacting the stores while Christ has created an itinerary working with Four Corner Travel in Birmingham.

The group will be flying a United Airlines 777.

In addition to intensive bargain hunting at resale shops and some flea markets, the trip will include some of the more usual travel opportunities: trips by boat on the Thames and Seine, a Buckingham Palace tour, a Ritz Escoffier cooking demonstration in Paris, a fashion show and free time to explore.

"On Sunday in London we are going to Westminster Abbey to their 3:15 p.m. service. I guess their service is awesome! They have young boys 8-10 singing and it's like angels singing," she said.

The trip is tentatively priced at \$1,165 per person which includes roundtrip air, flight



Royal accommodations: Nicole Christ isn't a fan of Paris, but she said Versailles was impressive.

between London and Paris, accommodations, fashion show, resale shop tour, bus tours for both cities and a discount at Printemps Department Store in

Paris. Other items are optional. For travel information, call Four Corners Travel at 1-800-373-0853 or Nicole's Revival at 1-734-729-1234.

On the go: Nicole Christ shops in the shadow of London's Big Ben.



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The new IMAX offering is "Extreme." The 1999 IMAX movie combines incredible extreme sport action with narration from the athletes and a contemporary soundtrack. Sports include skiing and snowboarding, mountain climbing, surfing and windsurfing.

"Jump, Jive & Jam!" will feature a high-energy party band as a prelude to "Cedar Point Summer Spectacular" laser, light and

sound extravaganza. "Jump, Jive & Jam" will feature kick off the summer party on June 26 and run through Aug. 22. Cedar Point opens Sunday, May 9.

BERKSHIRES IN SUMMER

The Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts will celebrate summer 1999 with dozens of world premieres among hundreds of music, theater and dance performances, including two world premieres based on the novel "Summer" by Edith Wharton, which is set in a rural Berkshire village. The stars of stage and screen will be evident in the area including Academy Award-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow's appearance at the Williamstown Theatre Festival as Rosalind in Shakespeare's "As You Like It," scheduled Aug. 14-15.

On Aug. 28, the Berkshire Opera Company will premiere

the operatic version of Wharton's "Summer" Aug. 31, Sept. 2 and 4 at the Koussevitzky Arts Center on the Berkshire Community College Campus in Pittsfield.

This year the Boston Symphony Orchestra will honor Seiji Ozawa's 25th anniversary as music director at Tanglewood. The BSO will begin its season July 9 with Ozawa conducting Beethoven's 6th and 7th symphonies. Tanglewood will also feature noted classical soloists, jazz and popular music.

The area also features dance, drama, choral and operatic performances at various venues.

For more information on the Berkshires, a free guide book, a free Culture in the County Brochure, map and calendar of events, visitors may contact the Berkshire Visitors Bureau at 1(800)237-5747. Visitors may

also write the Berkshire Visitors Bureau, Berkshire Common, Pittsfield, MA 01201 or visit the Web site at www.berkshires.org

KAYAKING

REI is holding a Kayak Demo Day 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor, take the Geddes Road exit off US-23 west to Huron Drive. This clinic is an on the water event co-hosted by Walden Kayaks. This is a chance to try a kayak, learn paddling techniques, water safety and your options with kayak accessories. Open to beginners and skilled kayakers. All clinics are free and open to the public.

BEER BASH

The fourth annual World Expo of Beer will be held Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, in Frankenthum, Mich. More than 2,000 beer lovers "tapped into" last

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

MSU wins roller title

Michigan State University's national champion roller hockey team includes four Observerland players: Dan Tremblay of Farmington Hills and the Livonia trio of Edward Kruschka, Nick Lewarne and John Hunt.

The Spartans, who are coached by Rejean Tremblay of Farmington Hills, completed an unbeaten season by defeating California-Santa Barbara, 5-4, in the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Tournament April 15-18 at Crystal Lake, Ill.

After defeating Cal-Davis, State University of New York, Brockport and University of Florida in pool play, No. 1-seeded MSU went on to eliminate Cal Poly Tech, Colorado State, Penn State and UCSB to finish the season 35-0-2.

Trailing 4-2 in the final against UCSB, the Spartans scored three unanswered goals in the last 2:10 to win the national championship.

Other team members are Jeremy Jones, Mike Penner and brothers Allen and Andrew MacMillan of Brighton, Jaimie Bufalino and Mike Seppala, Grosse Pointe; Dante Damiani, Trenton; Justin Bayer, Bloomfield Hills; Tim Kopchick, Shelby Township; John Schroeder, Grand Blanc; and Mike Mackert, Wakasha, Wis.

Diabetes golf outing

The Washtenaw/Western Wayne Chapter of the American Diabetes Association will hold its 13th annual "Swing Away for the A.D.A." golf outing Tuesday, May 18.

Location for the event is the Eagle Crest Golf Club on Huron Street in Ypsilanti.

This outing has raised more than \$130,000 to help fund diabetes research programs.

Breakfast and registration is at 8 a.m. with a 9 a.m. scramble tournament to follow. Lunch and awards ceremony follow.

Fee is \$100 for registrations received by May 14 and \$125 thereafter. Donation includes green and cart fees in addition to meals and refreshments.

Call Linda at (734) 994-4948 with questions.

LJAL registration

The Livonia Junior Athletic League will hold its football and cheerleading registration from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 1, at Frost Middle School.

The school is located on Stark Road north of I-96. Children must be present for registration.

The football fee is \$125; the cheerleading fee \$100. There is a \$25 discount for a second family member participant.

Patriot coaches wanted

Livonia Franklin is looking for qualified applicants for the following coaching positions:

Football assistant, junior varsity boys soccer, assistant girls swimming and varsity cheerleading.

Those interested should contact Athletic Director Dan Freeman at (313) 523-9317.

Trainers' program

MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers is again conducting a free Summer Student Athletic Trainer Program for area high school students.

Some 25 students will be selected. They must have at least a 2.0 GPA, be interested in working as a student trainer at their school and be at least a sophomore.

Two different classes will be taught. Student Athletic Trainer I introduces the athletic training profession. It takes place two mornings per week for 6-8 weeks this summer.

Student Athletic Trainer II will expand upon those skills and takes place once a week for 6-8 weeks.

Applications should be submitted to 47859 Halyard Dr., Plymouth, 48170.

Call (734) 283-8400 with questions.

LW kids baseball

Youngsters ages 4-9 may still sign up for T-ball and Coach Pitch in the Wayne-Ford Civic League in Westland.

The season begins May 10. For more information, call John Hall at (734) 721-8922.

Churchill gives Salem the boot

Livonia Churchill is quietly putting together a very fine girls soccer season.

Churchill played two games during the recent week, winning both to improve to 4-0 this season.

The Chargers defeated Livonia Franklin, 8-0, Monday, then came back Wednesday to edge Plymouth Salem, 3-2.

"That was big because we had Rochester Adams on Saturday. It was nice to be able to play them as an undefeated.

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"Plus, Salem beat us twice last year." The Rocks are now 2-3-1.

Kersten Conklin gave Churchill a 2-0 lead Wednesday with two goals in the first 15 minutes of the game.

But Salem retaliated with a Suzi Towne goal just 10 before the end of the half to cut the deficit in half.

Ten minutes into the second half, the Rocks tied the score on a Towne goal off a penalty kick.

Some two minutes later, Stacey Supanich scored to give the Chargers the win. Conklin assisted on the game-winner.

Kerrie LaPorte was in goal for Churchill and made 18 saves, several of which Campau said were critical.

"Under the circumstances," Campau said, "I was very happy with the results.

"We've had injuries and illness from the beginning of the season. We played 12 people Wednesday. We knew the girls were getting tired, but they kept working hard and got us the win."

In the victory over Franklin, Karen Kramer scored twice and Churchill built up a 5-0 halftime lead.

Six Chargers scored a goal each: Luba Steca, Conklin, Dana Thomson, Kristin Leszczynski, Supanich and Sarah Phillips.

Supanich had two assists, as did Natalie Pickelhaupt. Renee Kashawick, Conklin and Deanna DeRoo each had one assist.

Jennifer Gabon was in goal for the first half, making three saves. LaPorte played the second half and was not tested by a shot.

•WAYNE 9, RIVER ROUGE 0: Three second-half goals by Sheila Honeycutt cemented Wayne Memorial's victory.

The Zebras were up, 4-0, at halftime as they squared their Michigan Mega



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Ready to score: Livonia Churchill's Kersten Conklin breaks away from Plymouth Salem defenders Wednesday and goes in to score her second goal of the first half, starting the Chargers on their way to a 3-2 victory over the Rocks. Franklin has won four straight games since the start of the season.

Conference Blue Division record at 1-1 and upped their overall mark to 2-4. River Rouge is winless in three starts.

Kristina McCahill had a pair of goals plus an assist while Alan Green scored twice for Wayne.

Nancy Bednarz and Liz Beckert each scored one goal. Nicole Stano had two

assists.

Heather Dobrowolski played the first half in goal for Wayne and Mary Cacciappale took the second.

•LIGGETT 6, LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 2: Lauren Ealba's hat trick paced Grosse Pointe University-Liggett to its victory over Lutheran

High School Westland. Liggett had a 30-6 advantage in shots on goal as it turned a 2-0 halftime lead into a rout.

Angie Matthews scored both goals for the Warriors, assisted by Lindsey Bowman on one.

Lutheran Westland is now 1-3 overall and in the Metro Conference.

Ruggerio hits, pitches Franklin to win

Joe Ruggerio did just about everything Wednesday to help Livonia Franklin's baseball team win its first game of the season.

The sophomore singled in the winning run in the bottom of the eighth and also was the winning pitcher in relief, hurling the final two innings of Franklin's 8-7, 8-inning victory over Walled Lake Central.

Chris Hallo reached on an error by the third baseman to start the eighth, advanced on a wild pitch and moved to third on a groundout to the right side by Tony Saia.

Ruggerio then came through with his winning hit, with two out.

The right-hander came on to start the seventh in relief of Saia and worked the final two to gain credit for the win.

John Nagle started for the Patriots but was chased when the Vikings scored four times to open the game. Saia came on and worked the next five, allowing three runs, two of which were earned.

Franklin chipped away with a run in the second and two in the third before erupting for three in the fourth to take a 6-4 lead.

But Walled Lake Central bounced back with three

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in the fifth off Saia, who settled down and got the side out in the sixth before turning the game over to Ruggerio.

Saia had two hits, scored twice and drove in two Patriot teammates while Ruggerio went 3-for-4 and drove in a run. Ryan Tracy had two hits and an RBI.

Franklin is now 1-3 while Walled Lake Central is 4-4 following the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game.

•REDFORD CC 12-17, U-D JESUIT 2-0: University of Detroit-Mercy was the site of a Catholic League Central Division doubleheader on Wednesday that included Detroit Catholic Central.

Maybe U-D Mercy should have been the Shamrocks' opponent, because U-D Jesuit high school was no match for CC, which swept both ends of the double-header by scores of 12-2 and 17-0.

U-D Jesuit scored the first run of the double-header on three straight walks and a ground ball in the bottom of the second before the Shamrocks unleashed their potent offensive attack.

CC scored a run in the third on a two-out RBI single by Casey Rogowski and nine more in the fifth. Starting pitcher Mark Cole had two doubles during the rally to drive in four CC runs.

Cole was the winning pitcher, striking out seven and walking four in four innings.

Brent Shainbock pitched two innings of scoreless relief. He allowed three hits, walked none and struck out three.

The Shamrocks erupted for seven runs in the first inning and four in the second in Game 2 which ended after five innings due to the mercy rule.

Winning pitcher Charlie Haeger allowed no runs on two hits with four strikeouts in four innings. Senior Bob Malek pitched the fifth inning, allowing no hits with two strikeouts.

Cole had three RBI while going 2-for-5 at the plate.

•SALEM 7, HARRISON 1: The Rocks won their fourth straight Wednesday by beating host Farmington Harrison, one of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament finalists last season, 7-1.

The game was knotted at 1-1 going into the top of the seventh inning, when the Rocks struck for six runs highlight by Nick Eicher's two-run home run.

Sophomore Chris Trott went to 2-1 with a 3-hitter.

Sunshine smiles on Franklin golfers

On a cloudy day, the sun came out on Livonia Franklin golf.

The Franklin girls team carded a 240-340 victory Wednesday over Westland John Glenn — the Patriots' first win in some half-dozen years.

There was some uncertainty about the date of Franklin's last previous victory but Coach Larry Jackson knew his team was shooting its lowest score in two years, led by Katie Beasley's medalist 55.

And the seniors told Jackson when he took over four years ago, it had been a year or three since the Patriots' last dual meet win.

"We're starting to turn the corner," Jackson said. "Our kids were very excited to get a win."

The Patriots are now 1-1 while John Glenn is winless in two matches. The match was played at Idyl Wyld.

Colleen Yorick was just behind Beasley, shooting a 59, while Kristin Kmet had a 61 and Nikie Niles a 65.

Amanda Szabelski and Colleen Frizzel were non-scorers for Franklin, shooting a 73 and 77, respectively.

John Glenn's lowest shooter was Nicole Ziegler, who carded a 75. Michelle Merandi had 80, Katie Provot a 97 and Annie Sanford 98.

Stevenson wins by 10

Livonia Stevenson remained unbeaten with a 190-200 victory Wednesday over Northville in a match played at Whispering Willows.

Mara Mazzoni and Carli Heppner each recorded 43's to share medalist honors for the Spartans. Katie Carlson shot 51 and Laura Haddock 53.

Jesse Makowski shot a non-scoring 55 and Teresa Layman a 61.

Pam Mouradian led Northville with a 46. Kate McDonald carded a 49, Jennie Church a 51 and Jessie Mills shot 54.

Non-scorers were Becky Rankin, who shot 56, and Heather Rudy, who turned in a 63.

The Spartans are now 3-0 this season, including a 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association record.

Chargers lose 1st

Farmington's unified high school golf

team evened its dual-meet record at 1-1 with a 195-200 win Wednesday over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Cassie Jemison of Farmington was the match medalist for the second time this season with a round of 43 at Glen Oaks Golf Course.

Farmington's Carrie May shot 48. Karen Berger 51 and Katie Perry 53. In non-scoring roles, Nikki Bourgeois shot 54 and Kelly Raymond 62.

Churchill (4-1) was led by Heidi Aitama, who shot 46. Ashley Johnson and Julia McLaughlin reported scores of 50 and Jennie Lusa 54.

Also in non-scoring roles, Stacy Loucks had a 55 and Kelley Parzuchowski 62 for the Chargers.

LIVONIA-WESTLAND WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 26
 W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Northville at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Trenton, 4 p.m.
 C'ville at Cranbrook (2), 4 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
 Baptist Pk. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27
 Churchill at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Northville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
 Harper Wds. at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 29
 Redford CC at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Fairlane at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 30
 Harrison at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
 Luth. East at C'ville (2), 4 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at Liggett (2), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 1
 (all double-headers)
 RU Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Churchill at Berkley, 11 a.m.
 Dearborn at John Glenn, 11 a.m.
 DeLaSalle at Redford CC, 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, April 26
 Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
 N. Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Trenton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 C'ville at Kingswood (2), 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27
 Edsel Ford at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Ladywood at Gao. Richard, 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Bethesda, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28
 W.L. Central at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Salem at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Edsel Ford at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Harper Wds. at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 29
 Marian at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
 Baptist Pk. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 30
 Churchill at Harrison, 4 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Taylor Truman at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Luth. East at C'ville (2), 4 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Liggett (2), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 1
 Richmond Tournament, 10 a.m.
 Bedford Tournament, TBA.
BOYS TRACK
Monday, April 26
 Redford CC vs. DeLaSalle at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27
 Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 29
 Canton at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
 Northville at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
 Farmington at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
 Dearborn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 1
 Ram Relays at Flat Rock, TBA.
 Observerland Relays at RU's Kraft Field, 3:30 & 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Tuesday, April 27
 Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Ladywood at Divine Child, 4 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 29
 Churchill at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
 Salem at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 1
 Stafford Relays, 10:30 a.m.
 Ram Relays at Flat Rock, TBA.

GIRLS TRACK

LIVONIA STEVENSON 106
NORTH FARMINGTON 31
April 21 at North Farmington
 Shot put: Emily Yambasky (LS), 29-2; discus: Yambasky (LS), 99-0; high jump: Andrea Polasky (LS), 4-10; long jump: Katie Gaffey (NF), 13-4; pole vault: Lauren Turner (NF), 7-6; 3,200-meter relay: Stevenson (Katie Sherron, Kim McNeillance, Sarah Kearfott, Andrea Parker), 11:15.3; 100 hurdles: Cassie Ehlen (LS), 17-4; 100 dash: Angela Mikkelsen (LS), 13-4; 800 relay: North Farmington (Vicky Hand, Laura Hirzel, Kristin Ulewicz, Dayna Clemons), 1:59.7; 1,600 relay: Heather Vandette (LS), 5:52.5; 400 relay: North Farmington (Clemons, Laura Hirzel, Turner, Nicole Taylor), 56.5; 400: Chisty Tzilos (LS), 1:07.2; 300 hurdles: Colleen Bosman (LS), 54.5; 800: Andrea Parker (LS), 2:35.9; 200: Dayna Clemons (NF), 29.2; 3,200: Jenna Felczak (LS), 13:40; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Angela Alfonso, Parker, Sherron, Tzilos), 4:37.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 95
FARMINGTON HARRISON 42
April 21 at Harrison
 Shot put: Gabriel Newton (FH), 28-feet, 1-inch; discus: Jenny Hefner (LC), 100-10; high jump: Lindsay Cecil (LC), 4-10; long jump: Beth Kwapis (LC), 14-2; pole vault: Jane Peterman (LC), 8-6; 100-meter hurdles: Emily Mayberry (FH), 16-6; 300 hurdles: Mandy Hein (LC), 53-1; 100: Amber Gallero (FH), 13.5; 200: Stephanie Dean (LC), 28.9; 400: Becky Rodriguez (LC), 1:06.00; 800: Ashley Fillion (LC), 2:38.6; 1600: Fillion (LC), 5:42.2; 3200: Fillion (LC), 12:39.8; 400 relay: Harrison (Angel Todd, Lisa Rosemary, Angela Fodor, Mayberry), 56.3; 800 relay: Churchill (Melissa Lokken, Rodriguez, Kwapis, Dean), 1:56.4; 1600 relay: Churchill (Fillion, Rodriguez, Dean, Hein), 4:33.0; 3200 relay: Churchill (Alison Fillion, Jennie Ogg, Katie Paulson, Colleen Hayden), 11:09.0; Churchill's dual meet record: 20.

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Canton sets up showdown with Northville

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It was a typical Plymouth Canton performance: Exceptional pitching, near-flawless defense, advantageous offense.

The Chiefs have used those ingredients to concoct a fantastic start to their baseball season. Wednesday's 3-1 come-from-behind victory over defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion North Farmington was Canton's ninth win in 10 games, and its third straight without a loss in the conference.

It also provided Canton with something else: revenge. Twice last season the Chiefs were beaten by the Raiders, the last time the most painful — a 5-3 defeat in the district semifinals, a game Canton led 2-0. During the season, the Raiders dealt the Chiefs a 5-4 loss.

"We felt confident against them last year," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "We thought

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we should have beaten them then."

There was no sign of panic or lack of confidence this time out, even though North drew first blood — on a solo home run by Jason Melvin in the second inning.

It was the only error Canton pitcher Jon Johnson would make. Indeed, the Chiefs' pitching has been exemplary all season, and it was no different in this game. Johnson tossed a four-hitter as he improved to 3-0; he did not walk a batter and he struck out eight.

"We've been pitching really well," said Dickey. "And our defense is much improved."

Johnson is only part of the Canton mound equation. Ben Tucker improved to 4-0 with an outstanding 1-0 victory over Walled Lake Western Monday, and Kevin Tomaszajtis is another

returning veteran.

While the Chiefs' defense has been equally impressive — according to Dickey, they had not committed an error in their previous five games, until Joe Cortellini's harmless mishap to start the Raider seventh — their offense is often challenged to produce runs.

They haven't disappointed often, although they've managed just four runs and seven hits in its last two games. Against North, the Chiefs turned two hits and an error into two runs in the fourth inning to take the lead.

Steve Lueck opened the inning with a hard smash that hit North first baseman Paul Kammer in the face, knocking him out of the game. Lueck then stole second and moved to third on Oliver Wolcott's bounce out to short. Phil Ross delivered the run with a deep sacrifice fly to right field.

But Canton wasn't through. Johnson aided his own cause by slamming a long fly to right-center field that Raider center fielder Justin Goodwin reached near the fence but couldn't glove. The ball fell for a triple.

A two-out ground ball to third by Jason Evans followed. Melvin's throw to first was in the dirt, however, and the ball scooted away from first baseman Matt Keimigan, allowing Johnson to score the go-ahead run.

Johnson, meanwhile, was almost untouchable. He did not allow a baserunner in the fifth

and sixth; in the seventh, Cortellini's error put a man on, and Melvin got a one-out single to give the Raiders runners at first and second.

But a fly to right and a grounder back to the mound ended North's threat. Two of the Raiders' four hits were by Melvin.

The Chiefs managed just five hits, with Lueck getting two of them. They scored their final run in the sixth when Oliver Wolcott led off the inning with a base hit. After a sacrifice bunt attempt failed, Brad Smigielski repaced Wolcott on the basepaths. Smigielski moved to second on Johnson's ground out, then came around to score on Jason Evans' grounder that got past shortstop Evan Feldman and dribbled into the outfield.

Dickey predicted that "if our pitchers keep throwing strikes, I'm confident that our defense will hold up. It's just a matter if Ben, Kevin and Jon can keep pace."

It all sounds good. But on Friday, the Chiefs go against WLA Western Division rival Northville at Canton in a game that could decide the division championship. It'll be a test, one Canton is ready for.

NORTHVILLE 5, FARMINGTON 4: After rallying for three runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie, 4-4, the host Mustangs scored the winning run in the eighth.

It was the first loss in seven games for the Falcons (6-1). The Mustangs remained unbeaten (5-0).

Charlie Avery led the Falcons at the plate: going 3-for-4 with a single, double and home run. He had three RBI and scored two runs.

Chargers run to 2-0

The rain stopped a lot of spring sporting events late last week but it couldn't put a damper on Livonia Franklin's track team.

Franklin defeated Walled Lake Western, 87-46, Thursday just before driving rain drove other sports off the field.

"With the weather being the way it was," Coach Dale Lee of Franklin said, "we feel we improved from our last meet. And we got it all done before the rain started."

Franklin swept both hurdles, the 800 and the 3200 to improve to 2-0 this wet spring.

"Our hurdlers pulled a double sweep," Lee said. "That was pretty big. And our distance runners certainly made a strong showing."

Dennis Kusiak and John Turner trailed winning teammate Pat Hayes in the short hurdles but reversed their order in the longer hurdle distance.

Mike Schultz and Chris Jaskot were second and third, respectively, in the 800 while Steve Stewart and Roy Bates trailed their winning teammate at 3200 meters.

"We knew we'd be strong," Lee said. "We've got good balance. But we've got to continue to improve every meet. We can't take any meets off."

"Our pleasant surprise this year is our high jumper. We picked him up a couple weeks into the season.

"Where we had no high jumper

before, now we've got one. And he's a good one. It makes us more well-rounded, competitive in all the events."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 87
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 46
April 22 at Franklin

3200 relay: Livonia Franklin (Brian Buehler, Mike Schultz, Josh Burt, Ryan Klotz), 9:33; **110-meter high hurdles:** Pat Hayes (LF), 14.8; **pole vault:** Ryan Shiplett (LF), 11-0; **1600:** Josh Burt (LF), 4:47.0; **300 hurdles:** Pat Hayes (LF), 41.9; **800:** Klotz (LF), 2:11.8; **200:** Cory Harris (LF), 23.9; **3200:** Burt (LF), 10:21.0; **shot put:** Nate Hensman (LF), 41.6; **discus:** Hensman (LF), 122-10; **1600 relay:** Franklin (Hayes, Ryan Kratch, Nick Houstalakis, Kevin Schneider), 3:43.8. Franklin's dual meet record: 2-0 overall, 1-0 (WLA Western Division).

LIVONIA STEVENSON 101
NORTH FARMINGTON 35
April 22 at Livonia Stevenson

Shot put: Brad-Arsenault (LS), 41-7.5; **discus:** Dustin William (LS), 147-4; **high jump:** Dan Ferris (LS), 5-6; **long jump:** (tie) Tony Wright (LS) and Nate Kenan (NF), 17-11; **pole vault:** Baskin (LS), 10-6; **3,200-meter relay:** Stevenson, 9:03; **110 hurdles:** Brian Jones (LS), 15-2; **100 dash:** Mike Lenardon (LS), 11.67; **800 relay:** Stevenson, 1:36.9; **1,600:** Joe Verellen (LS), 4:41.9; **400 relay:** Stevenson, 47.5; **400:** Dave Navarro (LS), 56.5; **300 hurdles:** Brian Jones (LS), 42-5; **800:** Chorlie Stamboulion (NF), 2:05.6; **200:** Dan Howery (LS), no time available; **3,200:** Eric Bohn (LS), 10:27; **1,600 relay:** Stevenson, 3:40.

Dual-meet records: Stevenson, 2-0 overall, 1-0 Lakes Division; North Farmington, 0-2 overall, 0-1 Lakes Division.

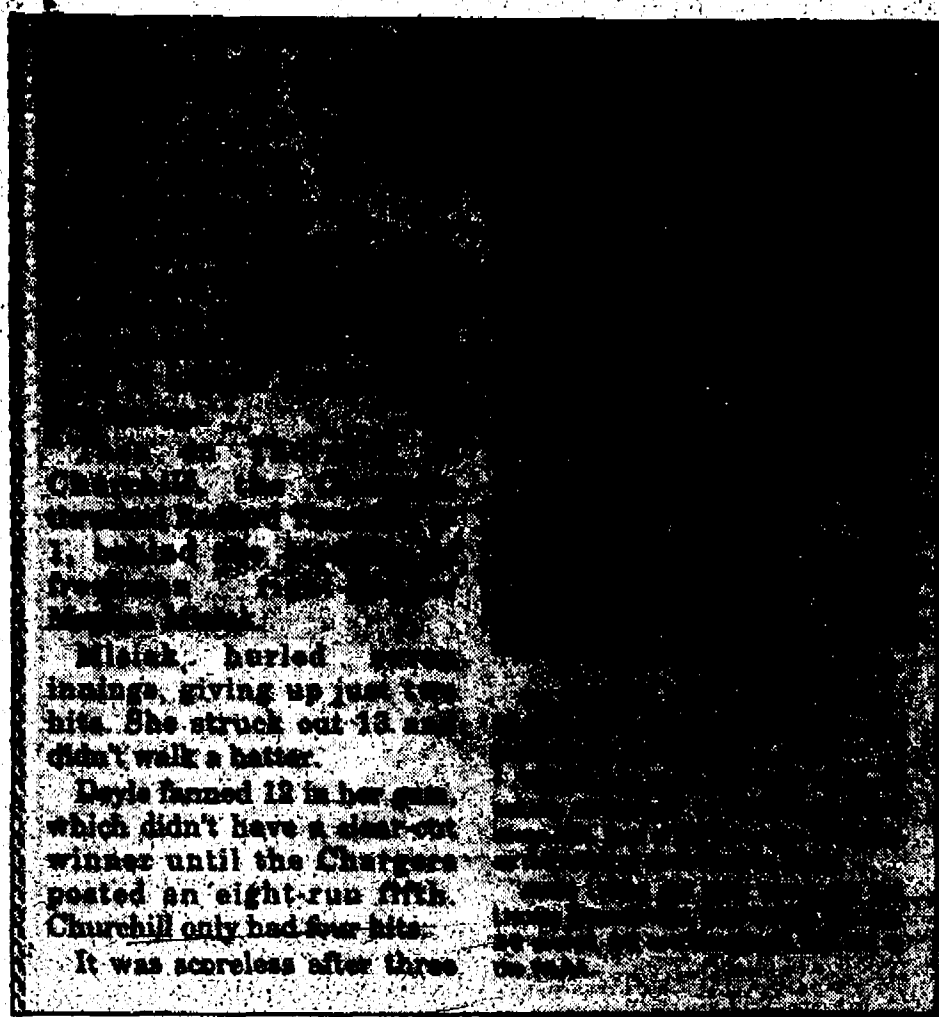
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 99
FARMINGTON HARRISON 38
April 22 at Livonia Churchill

Shot put: Mike Gaura (LC), 49-4.1; 3:52.9; **discus:** Guy Diakow (LC), 153-10; **high jump:** Ryan Kearney (LC), 5-9; **long jump:** Andre Davis (FH), 19-6; **pole vault:** Derek Laskowski (FH), 11-6; **3,200 relay:** Livonia Churchill (Ryan Gail, Josh Monthei, Aaron Betk, John McCallum), 9:20.1; **110 hurdles:** Ryan Kearney (LC), 14.7; **100:** Kevin Woods (FH), 11.4; **800 relay:** Churchill (Jamie Shooks, Nathan Picklehaupt, Avery Jessup, Paul Karofack), 1:39.5; **1,600:** Ryan Gail (LC), 5:02.8; **400 relay:** Harrison, 46.8; **400:** Ricky Bryant (FH), 56.3; **300 hurdles:** Nick Hall (FH), 41.1; **800:** Brandon LaPointe (LC), 2:08.8; **200:** Ryan Kearney (LC), 22.5; **3,200:** Jason Richmond (LC), 10:42.4; **1,600 relay:** Churchill (Tim Styles, Nathan Picklehaupt, Ed Rosetto, Ryan Kearney).

Dual-meet records: Churchill 2-0 overall, 1-0 Western Division; Harrison, 0-2 overall, 0-1 Western Division.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 94
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 43
April 22 at John Glenn

Long jump: Gabe Coble (PS), 18-feet, 10 inches; **high jump:** (tie) Matt Carpenter (PS), Sean Gehrin (PS), Ryan Silva (PS), 5-6; **pole vault:** Trygg (JG), 9-0; **shot put:** Mark Snyder (PS), 46-1; **discus:** Nick Samples (JG), 130-3; **3200 relay:** Plymouth Salem (Mark Bolger, Bobby Cushman, Jon Little, Nick Allen), 8:25.8; **110 hurdles:** Ryan Thomas (PS), 15.5; **100:** Chris Mason (PS), 11.6; **800 relay:** John Glenn, 1:37.7; **1,600:** Jon Little (PS), 4:34.8; **400 relay:** Salem (Dave Clemons, Chris Mason, Pat Johnson, Mark Sheehan), 45.9; **400:** Allen (PS), 54.6; **300 hurdles:** Justin Keys (JG), 40.8; **800:** Cushman (PS), 2:01.5; **200:** Mason (PS), 24.1; **3200:** (tie) Jon Little, Allen (PS), 10:46.0; **mile relay:** John Glenn, 3:41.4. Salem's dual meet record: 2-0, 1-0 division; John Glenn's dual meet record: 0-2, 0-1.



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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bpark@oe.homecomm.net)

SEMINARS

SPRING BREAK FOR BICYCLING

Learn the basics of body mechanics, bicycle mechanics and bicycle touring during this class, which is sponsored by Working Wheelers Cycling Club and begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Eastern Mountain Sports in Farmington Hills. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Saturday, April 24. Call (248) 553-7764 for more information.

BOATING SAFETY

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand to explain boating safety and what they look for during a boat inspection, during the regular meeting of the Metro West Steelheaders, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

WOMEN'S FLY FISHING

River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for April 25, May 8 and 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Join author Mike Terrell and learn where to go mountain biking in the northern Lower Peninsula during this class, which begins 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at REL in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ACTIVITIES

PAINT CREEK HIKE

Take a fast-paced hike over level terrain along the Paint Creek Trail with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on Sunday, April 25. Participants should meet at noon

behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile Road, east of I-75 (south edge of the Oakland Mall). Call June Cox at (248) 435-9522 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

REE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

TROUT

Trout season opened April 24 on designated streams, rivers and lakes.

WALLEYE

Walleye season opened April 24 on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

SAUGER

Sauger season opened Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKY

Musky season opened Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower peninsula.

PIKE

Northern pike season opened Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

CLUBS

FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking few members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 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.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for chil-

dren. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

YOUTH SHOOT

Detroit Archers will host a youth shoot on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, at its clubhouse and grounds in West Bloomfield. Every participant age 17 and under will receive a trophy. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

INTRO TO ARCHERY

The Livonia Archery Range will host a beginner archery class on May 1. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

WACKY WOODCOCK

An indoor discussion followed by an outdoor observation session of the woodcock's aerial mating display begins at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

AMPHIBIAN ORGY

Learn all about frogs in the springtime during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information

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BOYS TENNIS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 8

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0

April 21 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Matt Clearman (LF) def. Danny Kovacs, 7-5, 6-2; No. 2: Jeffery Beydoun (LF) def. Dave Kovacs, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; No. 3: Adam Koppin (LF) def. Anthony Lambert, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6); Scott Gomez (LF) def. Evan Waddell, 6-1, 6-1; No. 1 doubles: Jason Berry-Dave Moldovan (LF) def. Dave Stephens-Ron Dashediya, 6-2, 7-5; No. 2: Chris Don-Chris Harris (LF) def. Chuck Farley-Pat Sonak, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3: Mike Dumouchelle-Rob Schaffer (LF) def. Robert Zinban-Ousman Afzal, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7-4); No. 4: Matt Nelson-Jason Hudy won by forfeit.

NORTH FARMINGTON 1

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 1

April 21 at North Farmington

No. 1 singles: Brad Jaffe (NF) defeated Rob Simkow, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Chris Erickson (NF) def. Tom Wallis, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Justin Street (NF) def. Ben Long,

6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Brandon Finkel (NF) def. Tom Fitzstephens, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Mark Frankel-Jay Berman (NF) def. Ian Quay-Bobby Koivunen, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Brady Dwyer-Geoff Streit (NF) def. Mike Horke-Scott Risner, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; No. 3: Steve Jaffe-Mike Levy (NF) def. Adam Rourke-Zac Tibbles, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Kenny Tseng-Chris Singleton (LC) def. Alex Talwar-Greg Boothroy, 6-4, 6-3.

Dual-meet record: North Farmington 4-1 overall, 2-0 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 5

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 3

April 20 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Luciano Gonzalez (WLW) def. Maher Salah, 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Todd Lavery (LS) def. Mark Lister, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Matt Demgen (LS) def. Ryan Stewart, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Brian Adams (LS) def. Yuta Shokinji, 6-1, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4; No. 1 doubles: Sean Mann-Brendan Cornelissen (LS) def. Anthony Jarvis-Matt McKeown, 6-4, 6-3; No. 2:

John Schietinger-Pat Peterson (LS) def. Shawn Price-Jared Tank, 6-4, 7-5; No. 3: Ryan Sobaleski-Boris Vald (WLW) def. Jon Scheel-Derek Kogut, 7-5, 6-3; No. 4: Chris Chou-Jared Silver (WLW) def. Kartik Srinivasan-Eric Lammers, 6-0, 6-1. Stevenson's season record: 1-1.

NORTHVILLE 8

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0

April 19 at Northville

No. 1 singles: Dean Conway (N) def. Matt Clearman, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Matt Schlanser (N) def. Jeffery Beydoun, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Kris ether (N) def. Scott Gomez, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Mark Thomson (N) def. Adam Koppin, 6-0, 6-0; No. 1 doubles: Kyle Dahne-Chris Gerlica (N) def. Jason Berry-Dave Moldovan, 6-1, 7-6; No. 2: Brian Wilson-Kyle Wargo (N) def. Chris Don-Chris Harris, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Brian Arndt-Dan Drake (N) def. Mike Dumouchelle-Rob Schaffer, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Nathan Guoritz-Ryan Prendergast (N) def. Grant Marquardt-Gary Swanson, 6-0, 6-1.

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CONTOUR	0 Down Ford Employee 275 250	598 567
TAURUS	0 Down Ford Employee 325 300	674 633
RANGER	0 Down Ford Employee 175 175	424 408
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