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Entire southbound I-275 reopens

Motorists traveling on southbound I-275 can expect all four lanes to be reopened to traffic by Monday morning. Contractors are expected to complete lane striping and removal of the barrier wall by Sunday, according to Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation. Crews have reduced traffic to two lanes for the wall removal and three lanes for the striping.

The Six Mile Road interchange ramps to exit and access the northbound side of I-275 will be closed for several more days, probably through next weekend. Entrance and exit ramps at Seven Mile and Eight Mile interchanges can be used as alternates while Six Mile is closed.

When those ramps re-open, so will the circle ramps Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads. The Six Mile circle ramp to southbound traffic is open.

The Six Mile interchange repairs are the last repairs to be completed that require detours. Most of I-275's \$49 million reconstruction project has been completed, Pannecouk said.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Closed: Westland city offices and the 18th District Court will be closed for Columbus Day. Emergency police, fire and medical service won't be affected. The Westland library will be open.

THURSDAY

Family time: The fifth annual "Turn Off the Violence" event will be held 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Bailey Center and Central City Park, Westland. A variety of organizations are participating. The event is sponsored by the Mayor's Task Force on Family Enrichment and is for students in kindergarten-eighth grade and their parents or guardians. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

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Festivities



STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Times to remember: Glenn's homecoming queen, Krysten Giachino, has her crown adjusted during Friday's activities. At right, Dan Smitherman of the Rockets, wide receiver, grapples for the ball with a Rocks defender.

Homecoming's full of hoopla for Rockets of John Glenn

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Krysten Giachino was crowned John Glenn High School's homecoming queen Friday night. She and her court had plenty of company.

The football game against the Plymouth Salem Rocks attracted an enthusiastic crowd. There was no prize for traveling the greatest distance to attend, but Armand and Lisa Doin of Albany, N.Y., would probably qualify.

The Doins, with children Emmie, 10, and Alexis, 7, have a family connection to the Rockets. "My brother plays and he's a senior this year," said Lisa Doin. "We promised we'd come to see him." Her brother is Gary Finkle, No. 5.

She wasn't sure she'd win the greatest distance prize, but agreed it was likely. "I think it'll be tough to beat." The Doins plan to return home Monday morning.

Plenty of Glenn students packed the bleachers Friday night, including Jennifer Parker, 13, a freshman. "It's

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Here! The crowd on the Glenn side reaches for noisemakers thrown into the crowd by cheerleaders before the game. Homecoming fun in Wayne-Westland continues next Friday when the Wayne Memorial Zebras take on the Ypsilanti Braves.

Garfield addition, 'annexes' get school board nod

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Two major construction projects costing close to \$5 million got the go-ahead Monday from the Livonia Board of Education.

The bulk of the money - about \$4 million - will pay for three long-awaited and much welcomed "annexes" that will be built on the sports fields of Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson high schools.

The cement block structures, which will house locker rooms, showers, a concession stand, storage space and public restrooms, should be up and running next year, in time for summer

team practice.

"This is definitely something we need," said trustee Dan Lessard, recounting how during Friday's football game at Franklin he "had the joy of using the Portajohns in the dark."

The second project approved by the trustees Monday - a controversial \$850,000 addition to Garfield Elementary - had faced opposition, mainly from area residents who fear a new "mega" school would dramatically change the "small town charm" of the neighborhood in southwest Livonia and lead to increased traffic and disciplinary problems.

In voting to build four new classrooms onto the north side of Garfield,

the trustees rejected the "smaller-is-better" view of some neighborhood residents who have protested the project ever since it was announced earlier this year.

The addition is part of a broader plan to ease overcrowding in elementary schools in the southwest part of the school district.

"There isn't any other way to improve the space there," said trustee Joanne Morgan. "They need space for music, art, storage."

Added trustee Frank Kokenakes: "This building does need additional classroom space. The addition will help the Garfield community better educate their kids."

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The plan also includes erecting portable classrooms at Johnson Elementary, which was done by the beginning of school in September, closing Johnson in June 2000, and moving Johnson staff and students to a newly opened Lowell Elementary in September 2000.

The 4,000- to 5,000-square-foot Garfield addition should be finished by the beginning of July 2000. Work on both projects is expected to start this week, said Dave Watson, director of

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Hunger fight hits home at 'Empty Bowls' event

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More than \$1,200 was raised at an "Empty Bowls" \$10-a-ticket luncheon Wednesday for the Wayne-Westland Food Bank, which helps people in western Wayne County.

Everything was donated, from the hand-crafted ceramic bowls that were given as gifts to guests to the food and the fliers advertising the event at William D. Ford Career Technical Center. The food bank is sponsored by the Kids First Homeless Program, the Family Resource Center and the Salvation Army.

Families in need receive a \$50 food voucher, for food only, at Palace Supermarket, at Venoy and Cherry Hill, and

Kroger stores. No more than two vouchers are allowed for each school year, said Jacque Martin-Downs, Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center director.

Martin-Downs told the luncheon supporters about a mother of five children who called the food bank a few months ago and said she needed help paying for groceries.

"She lost her job, and her husband was out of the picture for whatever reason," Martin-Downs said. "You could hear the little mouths in the background, like little birds waiting to be fed. She was so gracious and so grateful that we could help out."

Other voucher recipients have lost

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Talking: Ronacle Bowman chats with bowl maker Paul Chisholm at the "Empty Bowls" luncheon fund-raiser. More than \$1,200 was raised Wednesday for the Wayne-Westland Food Bank during the fourth annual event.

MediaOne has real presence in Westland

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CABLE

The darkened room is faintly reminiscent of a NASA scene, but the aim isn't to launch spacecraft. Rather, MediaOne is seeking to bring subscribers quality service through its Network Operations Center.

The recently opened facility in Westland represents MediaOne's efforts toward service assurance, said Jeff Santry, senior manager of the center. It provides increased visibility into network problems and customer problems. Westland was deemed a good central location.

"We are starting to build something of a campus environment in this area," he said of the site in the Ford-Hix vicinity. Located nearby is the Master Headend, the originator of cable signals. MediaOne transmits for HBO, Cinemax and others.

"This is the beginning and the end," headend manager Jeff Piotter said of his domain. MediaOne took over that building several years ago, putting the cable provider close to the antenna/satellite area

Neither facility is a place you'd go to pay a cable bill or voice a programming complaint. In fact, the Master Headend requires security badges for admission; it has no prominent sign announcing its affiliation with MediaOne. All cables exit underground from the building.

"This represents a very technical facility," said Santry. Piotter describes it as the origination point for the bulk of cable programming.

Some other metro communities, such as Brighton/Howell, have their own facilities, said Piotter, but the Westland building is key. Piotter's customers are internal MediaOne people.

MediaOne has front office facilities in Plymouth Township, housing human resources, finance, the call center, leadership development/training and other traditional business concerns, said Paula Peters, public affairs manager.

Piotter said he and his colleagues don't get lonely and are busy dealing with the speed of change. "This one's huge, just to



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Vigilant: Charles Scitney, surveillance supervisor for the Network Operations Center, watches employees on the job. The Network Operations Center for MediaOne is a new facility located in the Ford-Hix area of Westland.

make us better on the engineering side for flexibility purposes."

Peters adds that Piotter "flips the switch" with his colleagues when MediaOne adds new channels, which it recently did.

"If the power goes off, these batteries take over," Piotter said, pointing to a series of batteries. There's a generator to take over

after that.

The nearby Network Operations Center, built and opened earlier this year, will provide additional service for telephone subscribers, Santry said. Staffers are able to monitor and troubleshoot problems.

The NOC has some 16 staffers involved in its operation, plus

others in the building with other responsibilities. "This actually represents the nerve center of everything that occurs in the network," Santry said. Staffers monitor the health of the network, fixing problems as needed.

The Master Headend isn't staffed regularly in the early morning hours. The NOC is

staffed around the clock

Information at the NOC surveillance area comes from various sources, "various computers within our MediaOne network," Santry said. In addition to serving metro Detroit, it covers northern Ohio.

Census from page A1

Census officials anticipate a mail return of 61-62 percent this time around, Camper said, noting that Westland had a 78 percent return rate by mail in 1990. Some people are busy and don't complete their forms, she added, while others are skeptical about the uses of census information. She emphasized that the information is confidential.

Camper said the federal government spends \$185 billion for communities each year. "In addition, the numbers are used to determine representation in Congress."

Michigan is unlikely to lose a House of Representatives seat, she said, although the final decision will depend on the figures.

■ He urged calling either the local office at (313) 359-4864 or the national toll-free number at (888) 325-7733 for information on temporary employment.

"You know the best ways to reach your residents," she said.

Camper advocated a Complete Census Committee to brainstorm ideas on getting people to complete census forms.

Census forms will be due back in the mail by next April 1, to be followed by door-to-door visits by

enumerators to those who don't respond. Raef Fakhoury, local census office manager, said hiring needs will be great and pay competitive. He urged calling either the local office at (313) 359-4864 or the national toll-free number at (888) 325-7733 for information on temporary employment.

Camper noted that the 1990 census missed 1.7 percent of the population, some four million people, 52 percent of them children. She added that one in six residences will get the long form, which takes about 38 minutes to complete.

Information on the census is available at <http://www.census.gov> on the Internet.

Glenn hosts marching bands

The John Glenn High School Rocket Marching Band will host the 14th annual JGHS Rocket Marching Band Invitational 12:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the school in Westland.

Other marching bands will come to Glenn to compete. Such events are a step toward state finals for the top 10 bands in each flight or category.

Admission price is \$5, \$3 for students, \$15 for a family (mother, father and kids). A total of 23

marching bands will compete, each for 15 minutes, in four different categories: flights for points and awards toward qualifying.

Bands from Saginaw, Troy, Portage, Woodhaven, Milford, Madison Heights, Grosse Ile, Clarkston and many nearby communities will participate. The event will be held rain or shine.

The invitational is run by the JGHS Instrumental Music Boosters, and is its largest fund-raiser of the year.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Keepsake: People pick out their bowls during the event Wednesday in Westland.

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their homes because of fires or have been evicted. Others are living temporarily with family members.

A new policy requires people who receive vouchers to work briefly at the food bank. One woman, for instance, has worked on a study that involves calling other recipients and asking how they liked the program.

"They feel gratified that they're working for the vouchers, and we get the needed office help," explained Martin Downs. "In essence, we're trying to teach them how to fish, rather than fish for them all the time."

In its fourth year, the annual luncheon and pancake breakfasts are the biggest fund-raiser for the food bank. Last year's \$1,300 budget was also funded

by donations from individuals and groups, including Schweitzer Elementary School students in Westland. For the second year, they've hosted hot days, charging participants \$1, with proceeds going to the Food Bank. This year, the event raised \$218.

The luncheon is a joint effort by a lot of dedicated volunteers, Martin Downs said. Wayne Westland art teacher Paul Chisholm handcrafted each of the more than 100 bowls, free of charge. He began molding last February in order to make his deadline this week.

"This gives me a way to refine my work," Chisholm said. "It gives me a chance to practice and to do it for a good cause."

The luncheon, which included

a Maurice salad, roll and iced tea, was donated by Dyer Senior Center in Westland. Members of the senior center also volunteered to prepare the food, host the event, serve guests and clean up.

Vocational center culinary arts students donated the dessert, and Karen Gocha, Wayne Westland graphic designer, provided advertising and brochures.

Even the place mats were made by Hicks Elementary School students in Inkster.

"This is such a collaboration of many, many people," Martin Downs said.

For more information, call the Family Resource Center at (313) 365-2279.

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Moms, daughters have fun at event

The Choctaw Tribe of the Livonia YMCA Indian Maidens program (for mothers and daughters) recently hosted a photo treasure hunt outing.

Big and little Indian maidens got a list of items they had to be photographed with or doing, and were sent on their way.

They were required to get a picture posing under an umbrella, with someone in uniform, in a salon reading a magazine, wearing Halloween masks, dancing in public, with mothers on kids bikes, etc.

"I don't know who had more

fun, big maidens or little maidens," wrote Joan Saferian, part of the Choctaw Tribe. "We ended up at the Hard Ice Cream Cafe for ice cream and sharing our photos of the wonderful afternoon we had."

She urges those interested in scheduling some fun with their children to call the YMCA. "We have lots of fun and create memories that truly last a lifetime," Saferian said.

The program is part of the Y's Indian Guides Program. For more details on the program, call (734) 261-2161.

*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road September 13, 1999

"The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of September 13, 1999; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Timmons convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Kirsten Galka, Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons. Absent: None.

Amendment of the Agenda: Motion by Kokenakes and Lessard that the Agenda be amended to include a Closed Session. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Audience Communications: Dale Carse, 35314 Richland, addressed the Board regarding the new law in the state that allowed a teacher to suspend a student for one day for an offense.

Dr. Watson stated that Mr. Carse would be given a written response to the statement.

Karen Zyczynski, LEA president, addressed the Board to state that it was a pleasure and a relief to come to the Board with an agreement between the LEA and the Board of Education.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Lessard and Morgan that the Board approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent. I.V.A. Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 16, 1999. I.V.B. Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 1999. I.V.C. Minutes of the Closed Session of August 16, 1999. I.V.D. Minutes of the Closed Session of September 7, 1999. V.I.A. Move that General Fund check nos. 321111 through 321929 in the amount of \$2,676,728.37 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,463,126.63 be approved. V.I.B. Move that the Board authorize Pepsi, 7-Up, Coke, Miesel, Papa Joe's, Total Logistic, and Tenneco Packaging for open purchase orders and vendors for the 1999-2000 school year. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

K-6 Handwriting Materials: Motion by Nay and Lessard that the Board purchase the following elementary handwriting materials: Grand Level Handwriting Kits, Zaner-Bloser for \$56,644.85; Photo Alphabet Line/Zaner-Bloser Manuscript, TREND Enterprises, Inc., for \$2,695.50. Mr. Kokenakes asked Ms. Bihlmeier, director of curriculum, to clarify the difference in the amount that was given to the Board in the committee packet and the amount that is shown on the Board capsheet.

Ms. Bihlmeier stated that the wrong figure was typed on the capsheet. She apologized for the oversight.

Mr. Kokenakes asked that there be a motion to amend the motion to reflect the correct total of the purchase of the Grand Level Handwriting Kits.

Motion by Nay and Galka that the Board amend the motion to reflect the correct total of the purchase of the Grand Level Handwriting Kits, Zaner-Bloser - which should read \$67,899.15. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Elementary Music Textbooks: Motion by Kokenakes and Nalley that the Board purchase the following elementary music textbooks: Essential Elements 2000 Book 1, Hal Leonard Publishing for \$13,726.50; and Modern Classroom Recorder Methods, Suzuki Corporation for \$3,840.00. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Purchase of Instruments for Elementary Music Program: Motion by Lessard and Kokenakes that the Board approve the purchase of 710 band instruments and 710 violins from Interstate Music Supply of New Berlin, WI, for \$405,180.00 and the purchase of 1600 music stands from Marshall Music of Lansing, MI, for \$9,600.00 for a total of \$414,780.00. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Nay and Galka that the Board accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1999-2000 school year to: Tracee Altman, Candice Bousquet, Patrick Daugherty, Johanna Fritz, Pamela George, Christa Hinderliter, Bruce Johnson, Becky Matles, Sharon Mayne, Marie Merrill, Michelle Pritula, Rochelle Ranta, Mary Lou Rosner, Elizabeth Schuch, Janet Schultz, and Kerri Winkler. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Teacher Tenure: Motion by Nalley and Morgan that the Board accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to: Tamara Coffing, Deborah Ehlstrom, and Stacy Mann, effective 8/28/99. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Leave: Motion by Galka and Lessard that the Board accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence to Karyn Anderson, effective for 1999-2000 school year, for a personal leave. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Retirement: The Board unanimously adopted the resolution of appreciation for the following retiring employee: Caroline Buchanan.

Resignation: The Board accepted the resignations of Allan Escamacher, effective 8/18/99; Margarita Prossner, effective 8/16/99; Jennifer Frayer, effective 8/30/99; and Scott Lindberg, effective 8/30/99.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson commended the Board and LEA teams of negotiators for reaching essential understandings regarding the expired labor agreement; read a letter from Karen Yee and Margaret Wong, teachers at Johnson, commending David Watson and the Maintenance Department for erecting and preparing temporary classrooms for sixth grade students at the school; introduced David Watson who presented a summer work report to the Board detailing maintenance, training, and educational activities that took place over the summer; and introduced a video of the summer activities program at Dickinson Center and a visit to Kenya.

MASB Voting Delegates: Motion by Nay and Galka that Joanne Morgan, Kirsten Galka, Kenneth Timmons, and Patrick Nalley be designated as voting delegates and Frank Kokenakes, Dianne Nay, and Daniel Lessard as alternates for the 1999 MASB Delegate Assembly to be held October 21, 1999 at the Grand Ballroom of the Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Message from Board Members: The Board congratulated the new teachers and the new retirees, asked members to vote on September 14, attended MASB Legislative Conference, attended the Franklin Open House, visited Garfield school, and thanked the LEA bargaining team for their team effort in bringing about a settlement.

Message to Closed Sessions: Motion by Nalley and Morgan that the meeting be reconvened to closed session for the purpose of negotiations with the union. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

President Timmons reconvened the regular meeting at 8:13 p.m. He convened the closed session meeting at 8:25 p.m., reconvened the closed session meeting and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Lessard and Morgan that the regular meeting of September 13, 1999 be adjourned. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

President Timmons adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Pet Supplies 'Plus' has new VP

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Laurie Mulvany, a Garden City grandmother who earned an accounting degree at night while working full time as main bookkeeper for Pet Supplies "Plus," recently was named the company's vice president of finance and administration.

Jack Berry, founder-president of the Livonia-based pet products retail chain - the nation's third-largest - said Mulvany "has been a key member of our team since Day One."

"She is typical of the loyal, hard-working and talented individuals who have contributed to making Pet Supplies 'Plus' what it is today."

Mulvany decided in the fall of 1996 to get her degree through an accelerated program at Detroit College of Business.

A Wayne native who attended community college in the 1970s, Mulvany had married and reared four children in Westland in the intervening years. The grandmother of three moved to Garden City in 1991.

Mulvany's duties in the newly created executive position include overseeing the bookkeeping and administration of the 155-store, 17-state chain's seven wholly-owned outlets, its out-of-state and in-state franchises and its warehouse.

Appointed vice president in August, she also supervises all in-house payroll and financial statements, quarterly tax pay-

ments and payables/receivables.

Her staff includes two full-timers and a part-timer.

In June 1988, when Mulvany first came to Pet Supplies "Plus" as a staffer for an outside bookkeeping service, the company was opening its first store - on Telegraph Road in Redford Township.

Mulvany said she "had no idea of how big a chain it would become" and "never dreamed I would be a vice president at a company this size."

She recalled Berry wanted only one person from the accounting service per store.

She eventually joined Pet Supplies "Plus" as a full-timer, handling all seven outlets, each with its own set of books.



Laurie Mulvany

A Wayne Memorial High School graduate, Mulvany previously attended Schoolcraft and Wayne County Community College.

ACHIEVERS

Martina Moro, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, has been recognized as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She is the daughter of Martin and Audrey Moro of Wayne.

Fewer than 1 percent of the nation's high school seniors were designated semifinalists on a state representational basis. In order to advance to the next step of finalist, Moro must have an outstanding high school academic record, be endorsed and recommended by her principal and submit SAT scores that confirm

her earlier qualifying test performance.

She must also complete a detailed scholarship application that includes a self-descriptive essay outlining her participation and leadership in school/community activities.

Joshua Miller and Melody Ward, also of Wayne Memorial High School, have been named Commended Students in the year 2000 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than one million

students who entered the program by taking the 1998 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Chera Hixson of Westland, a Schoolcraft College student, was a winner in an international graphics contest. Hixson was a first-place winner for creating a Web site called Artweb. The site, targeted at older elementary or middle school students, provides detailed information about artists and an interactive game to reinforce its lessons. It is an alternative to traditional muse-

um field trips.

The competition was sponsored by Siggraph, a special interest group of the Association for Computer Machinery. The projects were to offer direct, interactive experiences with educational applications.

Hixson is enrolled in the Schoolcraft computer graphic technology department. Projects will be shown 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, and 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, in the Forum Auditorium.

Nursery invites families to visit on Wednesday

Suburban Children's Cooperative Nursery invites parents and preschoolers to a free visit day where they can find out about the school, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

or 12:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Children will be invited to take part in learning and play

activities during the session, with a chance to meet the teacher and other parents.

The school is located in New-

burg United Methodist Church,

36500 Ann Arbor Trail.

For more information, call

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Cops posing as girl nab man

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The Wayne County Sheriff's Department's Internet crime unit arrested another suspected Internet predator Monday, this time in Livonia.

Deputies arrested the suspect at 7:45 a.m. at a business near I-275 and Ann Arbor Trail. Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said deputies posing as a 13-year-old girl conversed with the suspect in an Internet chat room over the past two weeks and set up the Monday meeting.

The suspect - a 24-year-old, Lexington, Mich., resident - pleaded not guilty Tuesday in 31st District Court in Hamtramck on four counts of abusive activity, attempted third-degree criminal sexual conduct with a 13-15 year old, solicitation for third-degree criminal sexual conduct and communicating through computers to solicit a minor.

Ficano said the alleged solicitor was going to meet the girl and a friend at a restaurant then move to a different location for a sexual liaison, Ficano said.

Chat room conversations were of a sexually explicit nature and would be submitted as evidence in court, Ficano said. Tuesday's arrest was the ninth of a suspected Internet predator by the Wayne County Sheriff's Internet unit.

A preliminary examination was set for Oct. 14.

Warning issued on flooding lawsuits

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Residents in communities sued by homeowners for basement flood damage may end up paying more in taxes to pay for court awards to plaintiffs, according to an official from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Chuck Hersey, manager of environmental programs for SEMCOG, told members of the Conference of Western Wayne Friday that jury awards from such lawsuits offered a "zero-sum solution" to the problem of basement flooding.

The CWW is a legislative consortium of elected officials from western Wayne County. It includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The report is crucial to communities concerned about basement flooding. The cities of Dearborn Heights and Westland were sued for basement flooding damages, while residents in Garden City had threatened to do the same.

Officials believe sanitary sewage overflows - from illicit connections of sanitary sewers to storm sewers or backup from water and sewage entering the interceptor system flowing to the Detroit water treatment plant - also may have contributed to basement flooding.

A SEMCOG report completed earlier this year on the issue found that municipalities are now held to a stricter liability standard for basement flooding and damages for such events communities consider beyond their control.

"Numerous multimillion dollar lawsuits have been filed and more are expected," the report concluded. "Left unresolved, citizens will be required to pay the cost of these lawsuits either through

increased premiums for liability coverage or higher taxes."

A court ruling stemming from a lawsuit in Genesee County awarded \$150,000 per household in the lawsuit for residents' emotional distress, Hersey said.

"It's getting quite serious, and a lot of communities are quite concerned about it," Hersey said.

Michigan law provides state and local governments and agencies immunity from tort liability, but the basement flooding issue is "different," Hersey said. Historically, under the "trespass-nuisance" standard, certain conditions had to be met and proven in court, namely the nuisance or trespass condition, cause and control by the government.

Property owners have prevailed in recent lawsuits by merely showing that a physical intrusion occurred without evidence of an act or omission by the municipality, the report stated.

Liability may be imposed even if the municipality neither created nor caused the flooding, the report concluded.

"Even when outside factors cause or contribute to basement flooding, such as heavy rainstorms during frozen ground conditions or property owner neglect, or acts by other entities that either increase flow into the sewer system or hinder the flow of water and sewage to appropriate treatment facilities, it appears liability may be imposed against the municipality simply because the waters flowed through a portion of its system," the report stated.

"This judicial trend toward holding government units strictly liable for basement flooding has caused increased litigation and the imposition of unexpected legal and financial burdens upon municipalities."

Hersey wasn't arguing for

"total" immunity for communities, only that conditions be changed by state lawmakers.

"We've had some informal conversations with the Legislature," Hersey said. "We feel we have a major uphill battle."

Legislators who hesitate to address the problem aren't being insensitive to communities, but they don't want to give the appearance of being "cold-hearted" to citizens, Hersey added.

SEMCOG would prefer that municipal liability be linked to gross negligence, because it holds municipalities liable for actions that cause property damage while recognizing that ownership of the sewer system in and of itself does not necessarily constitute either control or cause.

"However, if it can be demonstrated that the municipality acted in a grossly negligent manner and that its actions caused property damage resulting from basement flooding, then the municipality would be held liable for the damages," the report stated.

SEMCOG concluded gross negligence adopted by lawmakers as public policy would do the following:

- re-establish the historical benchmark for legal actions;
- put the decision for defining government liability "where it belongs, in the hands of the Legislature, rather than the courts";
- avoid the cancellation of insurance policies or increases in taxes to cover higher insurance premiums or lawsuits;
- ensure that local officials are accountable for the governmental services they provide.

LEGAL SENSE

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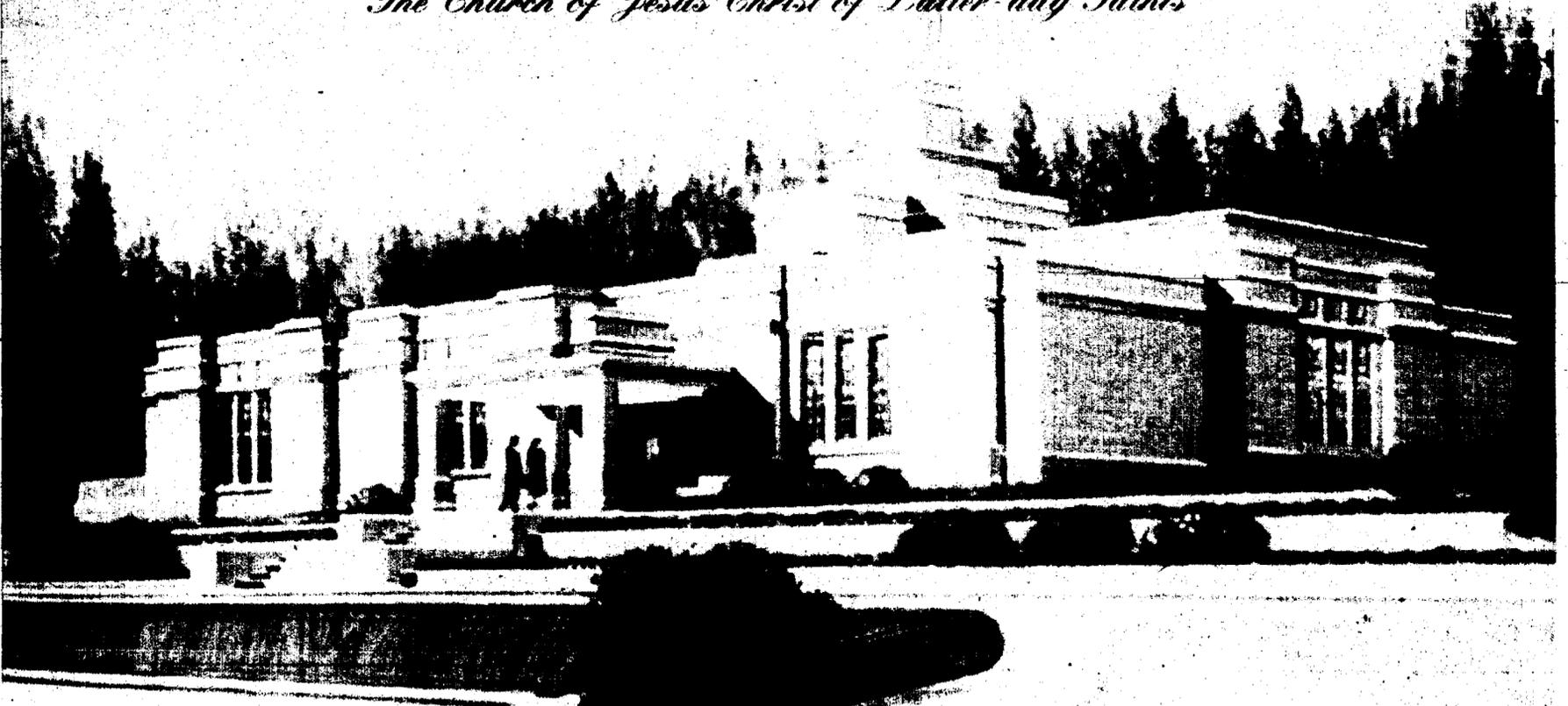
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Senator seeks to make Edison pay for outages

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"Our area is known as one that will lose power any time the wind blows," says Corrine Kruse of Rochester Hills.

And the cost of "nuisance power outages" can be expensive. Kruse noted she has lost work days due to a lack of electricity, been late to work when alarm clocks didn't go off, had to replace a \$110 computer chip, thrown out "countless dollars worth of food," and "been forced to eat meals at restaurants resulting in great expense for our family of four."

Kruse said, in a letter to Senate Technology & Energy Committee Chair Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion) that her house has lost electricity three times in the past year, twice when there was no severe weather in the area and once for as long as 36 hours.

Preparing legislation

As a result of this and other complaints, Dunaskiss said recently he is preparing to introduce legislation which would require Detroit Edison to reimburse customers for losses suffered due to power outages. Although it is still being drafted, Dunaskiss said he envisions a bill that would require reparations for costs suffered by customers

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The senator said he wants to keep the process simple and away from the courts. He would favor claims against the utility being made before an administrative law judge or a quasi-judicial panel, which could then determine the validity of the loss and the amount of reimbursement.

No position

Scott Simons, spokesman for Detroit Edison, said the utility is taking no position on the proposal since it has not seen the specifics of the bill. Still, he believes it is unnecessary since Detroit Edison already provides reimbursement for losses suffered by customers. The program, run by Edison, will pay to cover the cost of losses if Edison is at fault during a power outage.

"Obviously, we can't control the weather,"

Simons said.

Dunaskiss plan would have an outside panel determine losses.

Further, Simons contended Edison's delivery of electricity is "reliable." He said that in any given year, half the firm's customers will experience no service interruptions at all. Of those outages that do occur, two thirds are the result of wires downed by falling tree limbs. Edison has been conducting extra line clearance programs for a number of years and this year expects to spend \$40 million trimming trees, he said.

Interesting numbers

"I have some interesting numbers for you," Simons continued. "We have had eight catastrophic storms in the area in the last 14 months. We define that as one with 110,000 customers out of power. Wind speeds in these storms have typically ranged from 60 to 83 miles per hour. In the previous five and half years, we had only three storms of that magnitude. Now, that shows that the weather is changing or at least that we have had more severe weather lately."

There are reasons why outages can occur on sunny days, he explained, including accidents in which cars hit utility poles and animals get caught in Edison equipment.

Simons said there are "pockets" in Edison's ser-

vice area where customers experience more frequent outages. He said the utility has identified those areas and is working on improvements. The company will spend \$500 million this year on maintenance and system improvements, Simons said.

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Still, some customers are not convinced. "Ten years ago, we usually had about three outages a year," said one Auburn Hills woman.

"This year it has been around 12." She said she must keep expensive medications in her refrigerator, which cost \$2,400 for 10 doses. So power outages pose a serious financial risk for her.

"I think I'm an average customer," said Kenneth Nothaft of Brighton. "I experience, on average, about six interruptions per year. Most are of short duration, a minute or less. But one or two are very long, one hour to one day. Severe damage to Edison equipment, regardless of how poorly maintained or stupidly administered, is paid by the customers, not the stockholders. So, not only do we customers have to endure the inconvenience of an outage, we have to pay Edison for it."

"Edison should be required to compensate customers for consequential losses as a result of power failures, and such costs should not be recoverable in its rates."

County wants riverfront money

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Wayne County hopes to obtain \$10 million from the Clean Michigan Initiative to help business and industries along the Rouge River south of Ford Road participate in a waterfront redevelopment program.

Wayne County's Department of Environment has applied for the grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to assist the Rouge Heritage 2000 redevelopment area.

The Clean Michigan Initiative totals \$570 million in state bonds approved by voters last year to fund environmental cleanups. The CMI has earmarked \$50 million for waterfront redevelopment.

Kelly Cave, director of watershed management for Wayne County Department of Environment, said Ford Motor Co. had hoped for a portion for waterfront development activities

along the Rouge.

Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum also wanted a portion to activate an oxbow - a bend in the river - for visitors to learn about the river through interactive displays. Other industries and businesses were working to plan redevelopment, but those groups were just starting to organize, Cave said. The county applied for the grant on behalf of the groups.

"They're trying to develop a plan for what the river will look like down there," Cave said.

Any proposals will be reviewed by the DEQ and the Michigan Strategic Fund and state Economic Development Corp. Grants will be used for contamination cleanup, along with infrastructure and public facility improvements, to maximize the value of waterfront property.

The DEQ has not selected any waterfront redevelopment projects to be funded by the CMI, Cave said.

Tank removal

Wayne County soon will remove six underground fuel storage tanks from county parks.

County commissioners recently approved a contract with Enviro Matrix of Detroit for \$37,925 to evaluate and remove the tanks, then restore each individual site.

Hugh Macdonald, director of special projects for Wayne County, said three tanks are located at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, and one at the Department of Public Services' Parkview Yard, Nankin Yard and Warren Valley Golf Course.

Many of the tanks were installed in the 1960s. None of the tanks leaked, Macdonald said. "With those solid fuels used then, you would know if you had one, because you could smell it," Macdonald said.

The tanks will be removed, dismantled and taken to a landfill over the next several weeks.

Rivers to hold forum on nuclear arms

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a forum on nuclear disarmament 7 p.m. Monday at Washtenaw Community College.

Rivers has invited panelists to discuss nuclear disarmament in the Morris Lawrence Building,

Room 101, 4890 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. After the discussion, panelists will take questions from the audience.

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Madonna men's team stumbles

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Perhaps Wednesday's result signaled a bottoming-out for Madonna University's men's soccer team.

The defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion has hardly looked the part thus far this season, but against visiting Aquinas College their puzzling play reached new depths.

The Saints dominated play from start to finish, handing Madonna a 2-0 defeat at Whitman Soccer Field in Livonia.

The loss dropped the Fighting Crusaders to 6-5-1 overall and 4-4-1 in the WHAC. Aquinas improved to 11-2-1 and 6-2 (second place).

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"It's been a combination of problems," said Madonna coach Pete Alexander. "Our young guys step up some games and some games they don't."

"Aquinas always plays us tough. In this game, they beat us to the ball and then they beat us to the second ball. They got to every ball and stifled our forward movement."

Madonna has been noted for its dominant play in the midfield for the past few seasons, but that was absent against Aquinas. The Saints scored twice in a two-minute span late in the first half, both coming off corner kicks.

Andrew Fearman scored the first, with an assist from Aaron Riley. Charles Ovalles got the second, with Sanel Fazlic assisting.

Sean Fishbach was in goal for the shutout for Aquinas, but he had to make just one save. Dave Hart had eight saves in goal for Madonna.

The player that has provided the Crusaders with most of its offense, 22 goal-scorer Sam Piraine, took just two shots. Madonna had just five in the game.

The Saints' defensive effort, especially in blanketing Piraine, didn't surprise Alexander. "I'm not surprised by that at all," he said. "We expected it. They double-teamed him the entire time."

"We're trying to make some adjustments in that, maybe move Sam back to midfield to open up some space for Seamus (Rustin) and Charlie (Bell)."

Other answers might be forthcoming soon. After the disappointing outing against Aquinas — a win would have put the Crusaders back into the WHAC race — Alexander brought the team back to Madonna and put them through a "gut check" workout.

"We made some poor decisions (against Aquinas)," Alexander said. "But there's still a lot of time. There are some big games coming up."

And, hopefully, the Crusaders will be ready for them.

SC jolted by Macomb

Schoolcraft College's men's team knew what to expect from Macomb. They knew who to expect it from. But it didn't help.

Two goals in a five-minute span gave Macomb CC a 2-0 triumph over the Ocelots Wednesday at SC. The loss dropped SC to 9-4-1 overall. Macomb is 11-1.

In their first meeting this season, it was the Ocelots applying the defensive pressure and stopping Monarch scoring phenom Neil McGill. This time, SC got shots on goal but couldn't cash in; twice shots went off the goal posts, first by Johnny Demergis (from Plymouth Canton) and again by David Lotarsky.

When an Ocelot was injured and SC coach Van Dimitriou had to substitute, Macomb took advantage. The Ocelot defense did not adjust quickly, and McGill didn't need much space. He put two balls into the net, scoring at the 28-minute mark and again at the 29-minute mark.

"This guy is the closest thing to a professional player I've seen in this league," said Dimitriou of McGill.

"It was not one of our better efforts, but I've got to give Macomb credit. They did what they had to do to keep us off the board."

The question now is, how will this game affect SC? "We've already had a meeting to put the pieces back together," Dimitriou replied. "Things were going so well, I think we kind of forgot what it was like to have a setback. Every team has a bad day."

Liggett no match for Trojans

BY ED WRIGHT
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PREP FOOTBALL

Livonia Clarenceville and Grosse Pointe University Liggett entered Friday's night's Metro-Conference showdown with unbeaten records, guaranteed berths in the state playoffs and loads of momentum.

Following the game, Liggett still had its playoff berth, but that was about it.

Paced by its two speedy sophomore running backs and a smothering defense, the Trojans (6-0 in the conference) trounced the Knights, 46-0, leaving little doubt as to which team deserves sole possession of the Metro's top spot.

"Clarenceville gave us everything we could handle, and a whole lot more," Liggett coach Gary Hillis said. "They are a talented, well-coached team."

Clarenceville's running duo of Tim Shaw and Steven Meadows played like sophomores against Liggett — college sophomores. They combined for 456 yards rushing and scored four of the Trojans' seven touchdowns.

"Early on, Liggett came out in a 5-3 defense to stop Shaw inside, so we gave the ball to Meadows outside," explained Clarenceville coach Greg Hudkins. "Once they spread it out to stop Steven, it opened things up for Tim inside."

Liggett opened things up on its first offensive play when quarterback Anthony Legree connected with wide-out Waref Hawasi on a 63-yard fly pattern that put the ball on the Trojans' 19-yard line. Four plays later, however, the Trojans stuffed running back Charles Lowe on a fourth-and-2 play, and the Knights never put together another serious scoring threat.

"They surprised us when they came out using a shotgun and trips (three

wide receivers set to one side)," Hudkins said. "It was a set we didn't see in any of the films we saw. But our defense adjusted well after the first series."

Two plays after his team's momentum-building defensive stop, Meadows took a handoff from quarterback Tim Riedl and sprinted 89 yards for the game's first score. Trevor Tipton added the extra point — his first of four — to put Clarenceville up 7-0 with 4:59 left in the first quarter.

The Trojans' quick-strike offense hit paydirt again on its next possession when Shaw ran 91 yards on a draw play to boost Clarenceville's lead to 13-0. The extra point was no good.

Proving they are capable of scoring on plays of less than 80 yards, the Trojans put the game away during their next series when Riedl tossed a 38-yard TD pass to Meadows, upping the lead to 19-0. The touchdown produced a strange-but-true statistic with 9:12 left in the half — Clarenceville had more touchdowns (three) than first downs (two).

The Trojans closed out the first-half scoring with 1:09 left when Riedl heaved a 41-yard scoring strike to Corey McKendry, making it 26-0. McKendry caught the ball at the 7-yard line after it deflected off the hands of Knight safety Jeff Legree.

Shaw scored his second TD with 6:53 left in the third quarter when he steamrolled his way into the end zone from 12 yards out, making it 33-0.

With just 24 seconds left in the third quarter, Riedl hooked up with Scott

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Shaw express: Clarenceville back Tim Shaw gets part of his 200 yards Friday night in a convincing showdown win over Liggett.

Bartnick leads Pinewood qualifiers



Hot golfer: Stevenson's Matt Bartnick, shown in Tuesday's WLAAs meet, shot par 72 Friday on Links at Pinewood.

Sophomore Matt Bartnick of Livonia Stevenson led the Observerland's contingent into the state finals with a sunny par-72 over the rain-soaked Links at Pinewood course Friday in the state golf regionals.

Three area golfers — Bartnick, Evan Currie of Redford Catholic Central and Randall Boboige of Livonia Churchill — qualified for the individual competition Oct. 15-16 on the Eldorado course in Mason.

Stevenson finished fifth at Links at Pinewood. Livonia Churchill was sixth, Redford Catholic Central seventh, North Farmington 11th and Livonia Franklin 15th.

Only the top three teams at each regional advanced to the state finals.

Garden City won the regional over the Giant Oaks course at Temperance-Bedford, with Adrian second and Monroe third.

Westland John Glenn's sophomore dominated squad missed qualifying for the team finals by seven strokes, shooting 334, finishing fifth while

Wayne Memorial's sophomore-laden squad was ninth at 352.

Jeremy Fendelet and Rich Sudak paced the Rockets with 82s. Keith Fukuda was a shot behind at 83 and Ryan Shamrock turned in an 87.

Junior Gregory Baracy had the low score among the Zebra shooters with an 85. Sophomore Greg Laws had 87, his senior brother Brad shot 91; sophomore Jeff Drys fired an 89 and sophomore Josh Joseph posted a 105.

Walled Lake Central captured first place in the team competition at Links at Pinewood with a 321 total. Birmingham Brother Rice was second with 328 and Milford captured the final team spot with a 331 total.

Northville and Stevenson both shot 334 but the Mustangs were placed fourth and the Spartans fifth. Churchill had 342, Catholic Central 344, North Farmington 354 and Franklin 383.

Stevenson's Scott Wolfe shot an 82 for his team's second-best score. Mike Byberg had an 89 and Chris Thomas

91.

Bartnick's score was outstanding. He'd shot an 80 earlier in the week on the same course during the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

His 72 was not only par on a tough course, it was two strokes better than the runner-up's total and seven strokes lower than the remaining four qualifiers.

Boboige, Currie and two others recorded 79s as just those six low shooters advanced to the finals.

Churchill's other scorers were Jeff Hunter at 83, Evan Chall with an 89 and Lance Antrobus at 91.

Behind Currie for Redford CC were Zach Davis at 85, Matt Davey with a 90 and Brett John, also with a 90.

North Farmington scorers included Derek Spicer at 82, Mike Patterson with an 88, Jon Panush and his 91 plus Brady Dwyer at 93.

Franklin's scorers were Tim Kufel at 93, Cole Muncy and Tony Fotiu with 95s and Jim Priebe at 100.

Falcons rain on Spartan title hopes

BY DAN O'MEARA
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"It's a good time to be a Farmington Falcon" was how coach John Bechtel concluded a post-game interview following Farmington High's biggest football victory in years Friday.

The host Falcons upset undefeated Livonia Stevenson and celebrated homecoming with a 13-0 triumph that gave them a share of the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

They also will represent the Lakes in the WLAAs championship game Friday at Farmington against Western Division winner Walled Lake Western.

Farmington's win combined with Plymouth Salem's upset of Westland John Glenn means Farmington and Stevenson are division co-champs with 4-1 records, but the Falcons win the head-to-head tiebreaker in determining which team plays for the title.

It's the first time Farmington will play for the league championship since 1984, which was the second year of the WLAAs' existence and last time the Falcons won a division title.

Farmington has never won the WLAAs championship, losing to Farmington Harrison in its only appearance in the title game, 31-3.

"We're a program that's growing," Bechtel said, adding the Falcons have received great support from the administration and community. "You have no idea how much enthusiasm there is at this school. They've been waiting a long time. I hope it's the first of many for us."

The Falcons (5-2) won with defense against the Spartans (6-1), holding their opponent's strong rush-



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRINER

Stopped: Like Stevenson's runners were all night long, Waleed Haddad is about to be halted Friday by a Farmington tackler.

PREP FOOTBALL

ing attack to just 28 net yards and the Stevenson offense to four first downs — only one in the second half when the Spartans completed a fourth down pass — and 51 total yards.

"The thing is we knew we hadn't played our best game," Bechtel said. "We knew our defense was ready to take over a game. I love the way the kids played."

"That was the best damn defensive game I've seen in our league in a long time, and Stevenson is not an average team. They were 6-0 and scoring points all over the place, and we pretty much stuffed them."

The Spartans, who made four turnovers — three interceptions and a costly fumble — got the first break when they recovered a fumbled punt at the Farmington 36 early in the game.

Stevenson had its best drive of the night, advancing to the 3 in five plays before two runs faded and Eric Rice's fourth-down pass was picked off by Todd Anthony, who had two interceptions.

The Falcons capitalized on a fumbled Stevenson punt to score their first touchdown late in the first quarter.

Farmington punted from its 21, but the loose ball was pushed closer to the Stevenson goal line twice by sliding Spartans after the fumble.

Offensive tackle Brian Davies picked up the ball at the Stevenson 15 and ran it into the end zone, but the TD was called back because a fumbled punt can't be advanced.

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Glenn knocks off Vikings Spartans from page B1

The Westland John Glenn girls basketball team redeemed itself Thursday with a 40-34 victory over Walled Lake Central behind senior forward LaToya Chandler's game-high 13 points.

Junior guard Sarah Pack chipped in with eight points as Glenn improved to 6-5 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Chandler also had eight rebounds, while Pack contributed six steals.

Central, slipping to 1-10 and 1-4, got nine points from Sara Ston. Brittany Coram and Amanda Smith each contributed eight.

Glenn trailed 16-14 at half-time before taking the lead in the third quarter with a 15-9 run.

The Rockets were 13 of 22 from the free throw line, while Central was five of eight.

After Central had close the gap to two in the final quarter, Glenn's Stephanie Crew made two free throws with just under a minute left to put the game away.

MARIAN 53, LADYWOOD 45: The inability to shut down Crystal Andrews plus a poor start in each half hurt the Blazers.

The Birmingham Marian senior forward scored 15 points in the first half and 14 in the second Friday night to help the Mustangs win their first Detroit Catholic League game in six tries and avenge an earlier drubbing by Ladywood. Marian is 5-7 overall.

"We couldn't stop Andrews and that was a big factor," Coach Andrea Gorski said after visiting Livonia Ladywood dropped to 8-4 overall and 3-3 in the Catholic League.

Marian trumped Ladywood, 16-6, in the first quarter and started the second half with an 18-7 margin.

Melissa Harakas scored 11 points to lead Ladywood while freshman guard Nikki Watts, junior Michelle Harakas and sophomore Jana Beunel netted nine apiece.

SALEM 60, STEVENSON 32: The Plymouth Salem juggernaut keeps steam rolling through the Western Lakes Activities Association.

On Thursday, host Salem (10-1) drubbed Livonia Stevenson to remain unbeaten in the WLAA through five games.

"Our game was solid, as our quarter scoring indicates," Salem coach Fred

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Thomann said. "Our defensive pressure was outstanding."

Salem was between 14 and 16 points per quarter while letting Stevenson reach 10 points in a quarter just once.

Tiffany Grubaugh scored 20 points to pace all scorers while Bree Pastalanek got 16. Mary Lou Liebau had eight and Dawn Allen six.

Lindsay Guskic led Stevenson with 11 and Christina Lewis had six. The Spartans are 1-5 in the WLAA and 3-6 overall.

"I thought Bree had her best scoring game of season," Thomann said. "That shows she's just about fully recovered from her ankle injury."

HURON VALLEY 57, BAPTIST PARK 52 (OT): A furious fourth-quarter rally enabled the Hawks to force overtime and they literally ran the Wildcats out of players in a game stopped with 1:03 left on the clock.

The referees halted the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference clash when short-handed Taylor Baptist Park was down to just two players on the floor Friday night because it lost five to fouls during the game at Marshall Middle School.

Stacie Graves led Westland Huron Valley Lutheran with 21 points and Rachel Zahn, who hit the game-tying basket, had 17. Jessie Cherundoto scored seven points, all in the fourth period and overtime.

Steph Demos scored 27 points for the Wildcats and Heather Moga added nine. Taylor Baptist Park made 12-of-18 free throws.

Huron Valley, 6-5 overall and 4-1 in the MIAC, made 15-of-35 free throws.

NORTHVILLE 47, FRANKLIN 37: The Patriots scored just eight points in the second and fourth quarters combined to seal their chances of winning the WLAA game.

"Our second period hurt," Coach Gary Warner said of his team's 13-2 deficit. "It was tied in the third quarter, 31-31, but we let the wind get out of our sails, and that was it."

Janel Hasse scored 15 points to lead Northville as the visiting Mustangs improved to 4-1 in the WLAA and 5-4 overall.

Franklin got 14 points from Tera Merrill and 10 from Kerstin Marshall. The Patriots are 6-5 overall, 3-2 in the WLAA.

Franklin opened with a 14-8 lead, trailed 21-16 at half-time and earned the

31-31 tie with a 15-10 third period.

But the Patriots managed only six points in the final period.

W.L. WESTERN 48, CHURCHILL 36: Sophomore center Kristen Burgess scored 18 points Wednesday as host Walled Lake Western (2-9, 1-4) earned its first WLAA win against Livonia Churchill (3-7, 0-5).

Churchill couldn't recover from a 27-11 halftime deficit.

"We came out timid, we were shell-shocked and didn't handle the pressure they threw at us," Churchill coach Dave Balog said.

Dearina DeRoos scored 12 points for the Chargers, who pulled to within seven in the second half. Senior forward Stacey Selleck added nine points and 20 rebounds.

Western hit 13 of 24 free throws, while Churchill was eight of 22.

FORDSON 62, WAYNE 39: Mariam Reda scored 16 points and yanked down 15 rebounds Thursday to power Dearborn Fordson (4-6, 3-4) to the Mega Conference Red Division triumph over visiting Wayne Memorial (1-10, 0-6).

Sarah Moore led the Zebras with 11 points.

LUTHERAN N'WEST 47, LUTH. WESTLAND 39: Lutheran Westland's offense improved as the game went on, but couldn't get it together at the free throw line quick enough Thursday to beat host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Anna Roif and Kelly Pruchnik scored 10 each for the Warriors (4-8, 2-6 Metro Conference).

The Warriors pulled within four in the fourth quarter, but the Crusaders hit clutch foul shots to pull away.

Meghan Mahler and Melissa Van Gordon each scored 11 to pace the Crusaders (9-3, 7-2 Metro Conference).

The Warriors were outscored 7-4 in the first quarter and 15-11 in the second. They were 2 for 13 from the free throw line in the first half.

"Free throws did us in in the first half," Coach Ron Gertz said. "It would have been interesting at the end had we made them."

FARMINGTON 56, CLARENCEVILLE 20: The Falcons are on a two-game winning streak after losing their first nine games of the season.

Farmington sprinted out to a 32-11 lead by half-time and punted aimless Livonia Clarenceville with its 11th loss in the non-conference game.

Sophomore Julie Kimmel scored 10 points and had 15 rebounds for the Falcons and sophomore Randin Brown contributed eight points and four steals.

The Falcons scored four plays later when Grant Weber passed over the middle 6 yards to a diving Mike Griffee in the end zone. Stephen Wayne kicked the extra point.

Stevenson was three-and-out on its next possession and punted from its 11, giving Farmington field position again at the Stevenson 46.

The Falcons were in the end zone a second time in only four plays. Weber connected with Anthony, who got behind the secondary on a flag pattern, for a 36-yard TD reception. The Falcons couldn't get the ball set in time to kick the PAT, however.

Farmington had a chance to take a 17-0 halftime lead following Anthony's second interception, but a 28-yard field-goal attempt was no good.

The Falcons had 133 total yards, including 76 on the ground. Fullback Brian Brinsden was the leading rusher with 32 yards on nine carries. Weber had 28 on 12 and was 5-of-10 passing for 57.

"We're disappointed but we really played some doggone good defense," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "We were hitting, and we didn't see Weber running down the field like we might have."

"The defense played great, but we had a difficult time getting anything going on offense. We didn't move the ball consistently, and we needed to do that."

Neither team did much in the second half, but Stevenson had another golden opportunity when the Falcons failed to get a punt off and gave the Spartans possession at the Farmington 11. But two runs and two passes didn't gain a yard.

"Every time we needed them the defense stepped up," Bechtel said. "It was outstanding. I'm just so proud of these guys."

"We had field position in the second quarter, and we didn't have it the rest of the game. We didn't want to take a chance with the wet football."

"We got conservative in our end, and there was no sign they

were going to move the ball on us, so we played it close to the vest."

The wet field probably played a role in the game, especially as it limited the Spartans from making sharp cuts and getting outside.

"I don't know how it would have hurt us," Bechtel said. "It certainly didn't benefit them. No. 18 (Stevenson's Dan Wilson) is the quickest kid in our league, and we corralled him."

"We definitely don't want to play on a sloppy field, but that's no excuse," Gabel said. "They had to do the same thing. Neither team wants to play in mud."

Wilson had 18 yards on 10 carries to lead the Spartans; John Van Buren had 12 on six tries. Rize was 5-of-18 passing for 23 yards.

"They're a real good team," Gabel said of the Falcons. "I'm not sure we were necessarily the favorite coming in. They have big, strong kids and some good athletes. They're going to do some damage."

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Wion on an 11-yard TD pass.

Clarenceville reserve running back Robert Fillinger put the final nail in Liggett's coffin when he scored on a 12-yard run with 5:40 left.

"Out of respect for Clarenceville's coaching staff and their team, we changed up our offense this week," Hills

said. "But we just couldn't come up with the big play. I give them all the credit in the world. They made the adjustments and shut us down."

Clarenceville rolled up 591 total yards and 16 first downs. Shaw led the way with 231 yards rushing while Meadows had 225.

Riedl completed just 3-of-7

passes, but all three completions went for touchdowns.

Liggett was limited to 195 yards in total offense and only seven first downs. The Knights' strong-armed Legree completed 8-of-20 passes for 137 yards. Trojan free safety Robert Simpson picked off two passes and just missed nabbing two others.

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Medalist: 1. Evan Currie (Redford CC), 2-over 74.
Top individual finishers: 2. Mike Smith (Rice), 75; 3. Dustin McMahon (OLSM), 77; 4. Jim Roney (U-D), 78; 5. Pat Fayad (DeLaSalle) and Mike Rome

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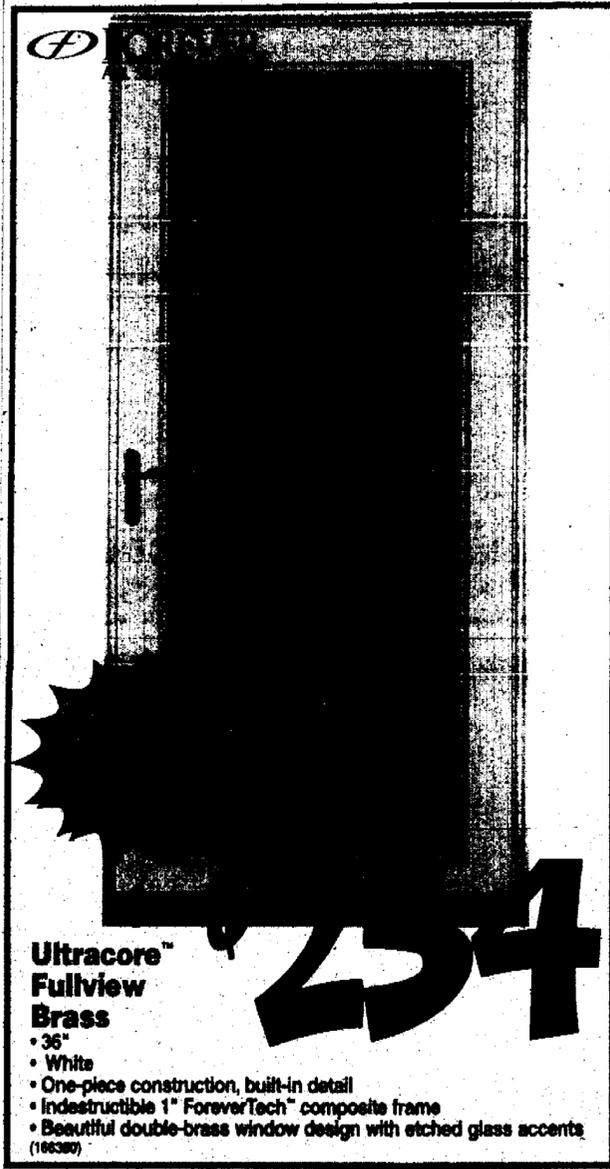
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Coach Carlos Briggs suspended two of his top basketball players Friday for violating team rules.
 Guard Mike Peek, a Cincinnati sophomore, and freshman Mike Williams were suspended "indefinitely, until further notice, for violating team rules and missing class," Briggs said.
 "These young men have got to understand that at Schoolcraft College, academics are first and basketball is second," he added. "We are not going to tolerate vio-

lating team rules no matter who they are.
 "Hopefully this will wake them and up and help them understand there are more important things in life than basketball."
 Both players were among the top players on the Ocelots team for the coming season. Williams was Briggs' top recruit and an All-State performer for Detroit

City last season.
 "They're in school for academics and learning life skills," Briggs said. "We're trying to help people get ready for the real world."
 "And in the real world, you can't mess up one day and come back the next day like nothing happened. There's a price to be paid for the things you do."
 "Hopefully they'll do the things they're supposed to do and we'll be able to welcome them back to the team."

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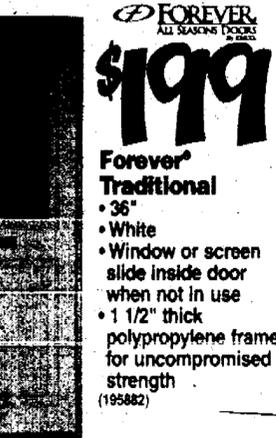
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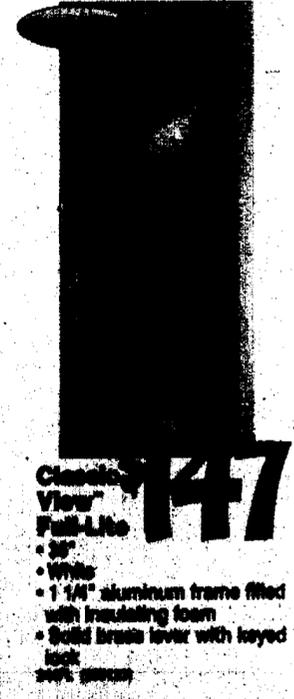
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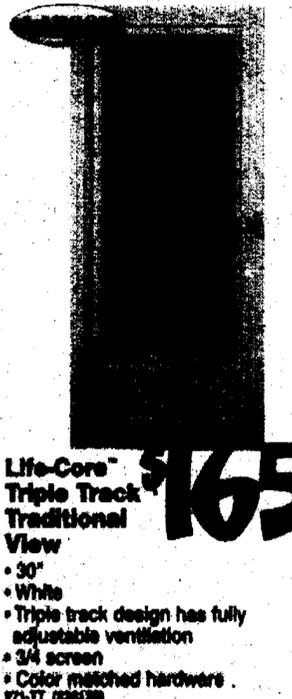
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Some people get ties for Father's Day, some receive them for Christmas and some get ties after the Western Lakes Activities Association conference tennis tournament.

Northville swamped the field as expected Tuesday, winning every flight save No. 4 singles while Livonia Stevenson and North Farmington deadlocked for second.

Northville had 30 points with North and Stevenson collecting 18 apiece.

"One of our goals, well, Northville was definitely the strongest team in the league," coach Norm Staniszewski of North Farmington said. "It was between us and Stevenson for second place and it went right down to the wire."

"We had a chance to come in second without the tie, if we had won our dual meet. And we had a good chance in the meet."

Second place came down to the No. 4 singles final between Julie

GIRLS TENNIS

Maltzman of North Farmington and Stevenson's Jilian Bohn.

Maltzman prevailed, 7-5, 6-4.

"In all fairness to Bohn," coach Frank Dotson of Stevenson said, "it was her fourth match of the day. Plus, she'd played Monday and gone 8-6, 10-8."

"So that's five sets in 24 hours. She was really tired. That was the difference, I think, between us having (second) outright and North Farmington tying."

"Most of our seeds came out the way we expected. We had an upset early which cost us two points, but that happens."

"If we played it again, who knows what way it would have turned out. North Farmington is a very strong team."

"Her match was very pivotal," Staniszewski said. "She had to win in order for us to tie."

Stevenson's Erin Mazzoni lost in the finals at No. 1 singles.

Staniszewski said Amy Berke "played very well. She lost to a stronger, more experienced player."

Berke lost, 6-1, 6-1, in the No. 2 singles final.

Farmington's Brittany Nocitelli lost in the No. 3 singles finals.

Stevenson's No. 1 doubles team of Jeanette Fershtman and Julie Yambasky made it to the finals and the Spartans' No. 2 team of Janice Tanzo and Kim Samsel also reached the finals.

Plymouth Salem's No. 3 doubles team of Krystal Finney and Christie Edwards lost to a Northville pair in the finals, while in No. 4 doubles, Stevenson's Stephanie Mucci and Jenny Jensen were runners-up.

"I think we probably played very well," Dotson said. "It's just that Northville is a little bit stronger than we were at this point."

"We improved as the season progressed," Staniszewski said.

WLAA GIRLS TENNIS MEET RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Oct. 5 at Livonia Stevenson

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 30 points; 2. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and North Farmington, 18 each; 4. Farmington, 12; 5. Plymouth Salem, 9; 6. (tie) Walled Lake Central, Westland, John Glenn and Farmington Harrison, 5 each; 9. (tie) Plymouth Canton and Livonia Churchill, 4 each; 11. Walled Lake Western; 12. Livonia Franklin, 2.

FINAL CONFERENCE RANKING (including dual meets): 1. Northville (11-0); 2. Livonia Stevenson (9-1); and N. Farmington (9-1); 4. Farmington (R-3-0); 5. Harrison (6-4-1); 8. Canton (5-5-1); 7. W.L. Central (4-6-1); 8. Salem (4-7-1); 9. Churchill (3-7-1); 10. W. Western (2-9-1); 11. John Glenn (1-10-0); 12. Franklin (0-11-0).

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT FINALS

No. 1 singles: Jessica Mills (N) defeated Erin Mazzoni (LS), 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Mills def. B. Kennedy (WL), 6-3, 6-4; Mazzoni def. Bethany Nestor (NF), 6-4, 6-3.

No. 2: Kerry Woolfall (N) def. Amy Berke (NF), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Woolfall def. Laura Haddock (LS), 6-1, 6-0; Berke def. Reeni Sumra (F), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4.

No. 3: Lauren West (N) def. Brittany Nocitelli (F), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** West def. Joyce Chung (NF), 6-1, 6-0; Nocitelli def. Lindsay Pyle (PS), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 4: Julie Maltzman (NF) def. Jilian Bohn (LS), 7-5, 6-4; **semifinals:** Maltzman def. Gina Haddock (NF), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; Bohn def. Kristie Boskey (F), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Joanna Lee-Nichole Lindholm (N) def. Jeanette Fershtman-Julie Yambasky (LS), 6-2, 6-0; **semifinals:** Lee Lindholm def. Annie Gourley-Stephanie Arnold (F), 6-2, 6-0; Fershtman-Yambasky def. Shreya Shah-Marissa Sloan (NF), 7-5, 6-3.

No. 2: Sarah Porter-Lauren Farris (N) def. Janice Tanzo-Kim Samsel (LS), 7-5, 6-4; **semifinals:** Porter-Farris def. Grzembki-Piontek (LC), 6-1, 6-2; Tanzo-Farris def. Jenna Street-Julie Shindler (NF), 6-4, 6-3.

No. 3: Rachel Huang-Emily Stevenson (N) def. Krystal Finney-Christie Edwards (PS), 6-1, 6-4; **semifinals:** Huang-Stevenson def. Michelle Bouhuyud-Chrisay Dwyer (NF), 6-3, 6-3; Finney-Edwards def. Angela Zerbonia-Kristen Steger (F), 6-3, 6-0.

No. 4: Emily Krywko-Jamie Lindholm (N) def. Stephanie Mucci-Jenny Jensen (LS), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Krywko-Lindholm def. Amin Desai (PC), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; Mucci-Jensen def. Desai-Gule (PS), 6-4, 6-1.

GIRLS SWIMMING RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 133 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 53
at Livonia Stevenson

200-yard medley relay: Stevenson (Jessica Makowski, Jim Alsobrooks, Katie Clark, Lisa Lupa), 2:03.96; **200 freestyle:** Meghan Mocer (LS), 2:05.39; **200 IM:** Lauren Wosniacki (LS), 2:38.07; **50 freestyle:** Jill Gaudet (LS),

29:32; **diving:** Katy Ballantine (LS), 2:55.89; **100 butterfly:** Emily Sondergaard (LS), 1:09.01; **100 freestyle:** Lupa (LS), 1:01.41; **500 freestyle:** Paula Smith (LS), 6:10.21; **200 freestyle relay:** Glenn (Kristen Fisher, Brooke Aibery, Lindsay Ramas, Jessica Seres), 1:49.65; **100 backstroke:** Katie Clark (LS), 1:04.88; **100 breaststroke:** Jessica Makowski (LS), 1:20.18; **400 freestyle relay:** Stevenson (Meghan Mocer, Katie Clark, Amanda Polkowski, Jessica Makowski), 3:54.38.

Stevenson's dual-meet record: 5-1 overall, 4-0 WLAA Lakes Division.

Coach Greg Phill's comment: "Congratulations, seniors, you'll be missed at Stevenson."



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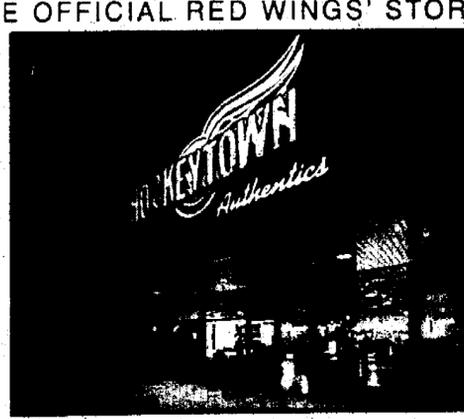


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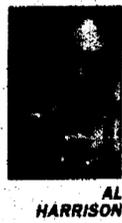
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A 'lucky' Westland bowler gets a pretty good roll

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His name is Tom Ludtke. That rhymes with lucky.

Lucky for Lucky Tom Ludtke of Westland the following chain of events took place.

Several weeks ago, Westland Bowl held a used bowling ball swap-and-sell event.

Ludtke bought a ball, and was lucky enough to win one of the door prizes, a free entry to the Greater Detroit Open PBA Pro-Am coming to Taylor Lanes later this month.

He upgraded his prize in order to take advantage of the new ball offer, so he then wound up with a shiny new Storm El Nino Wrath.

It was with the new ball that this 67-year-old veteran of the lanes rolled his first 300 game. He accomplished it just this past week in the Monday Seniors

League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

It takes more than pure luck to roll a perfect game, but it's considered good luck to be able to carry the full pinfall on twelve rolls in a row.

Lucky Ludtke, indeed! "When you walk into most pro shops, there are all kinds of accessories and gadgets on display. Some good, some not so good.

Every now and then a really good item comes along. Many can relate to my own tale of woe. My average has dropped badly over the last few years even though I have been using good equipment and have felt strong physically.

The item that caught my attention was AcuPro. Made by Master Industries in California, their ad copy was interesting.

Could this simple item that fit over the index finger really help with a smoother release?

I had to try it to find out for myself, as I had determined that most of my bowl-

ing ills were due to an inconsistent thumb release.

Yes, I tried it, and yes, it did help my game. The average is getting back up again and even though I have only bowled about a dozen games with it so far, I have better accuracy, the ball rolls with more revs and the release has been much better than before.

I was told to try it for at least eight games before I could tell the difference, but I felt better right away. AcuPro is available in most local pro shops and one size fits all regardless of what hand you bowl with.

It is priced at under \$40 and if it helps scores, it's worth every cent. It sure works for me.

•There is a brand new game in town. This is the newest opportunity for scratch bowlers to win more money in tournament play.

Blue Ribbon Bowling Group bowling centers are having a monthly scratch tournament for 217-and-under averages

competing for prize money, including \$1,500 for first place.

The first one will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Other tournaments are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12 at Westland Bowl; January at Drakeshire or Novi Lanes; February at Cherry Hill Lanes; March at Taylor Lanes; April at Rosevelt Lanes.

One out of every two bowlers will win cash. All prize fees will be returned 100 percent. There will also be a drawing among non-qualifiers for a new ball from Brunswick.

Entry forms will be available shortly, or just call Mayflower Lanes for reservations at (734) 937-8420.

•During last Monday's ESPN telecast of the Women's Professional Bowling Association tour, they took time out to present an award to Aleta Sill for topping the \$1 million mark on the ladies pro tour.

She tried to make a speech but was on such an emotional high, she could hardly speak. After a commercial break she was just fine and was her usual gracious self.

She did not win that event, but qualified high enough to earn \$1,800, which was enough to put her over the \$1 million hump.

The tour will be televised the next four Mondays at 8 p.m. on ESPN 2.

•The National Senior Bowling Association held its September event at Rose Bowl Lanes in Roseville, with several competitors from Observerland finishing in the top 12.

John Milletics of Sandusky captured the tournament.

Roy Biggs of Canton took fourth place, Bill Haynes of Rochester Hills came in sixth and Ed Dudek of Livonia finished 12th.

NSBA tournaments are for bowlers who are 50 and older. For further information call (248) 932-LANE.

Table with multiple columns listing names and phone numbers, likely a directory or contact list.

Oak trees' acorns offer a food source for many

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Despite an abundance of apples on the ground, the deer I chased up the other day were under the oak tree eating acorns.

A large flock of crows were in our yard the other day making such raucous sounds I thought they were mobbing an owl.

It turned out that they were plucking acorns from the branches. Then they would hold the acorn with their feet and peck at it with their bill. In just a few whacks with their bill, they were able to extract the "meat" of the seed.

Acorns are probably the single most important food for wildlife in the eastern part of the United States.

At least 150 different species of mammals and birds eat the nutritious acorn, the seed of the oak tree. Oak trees predominate the eastern forests and through time animals have learned to capitalize on their seed crop.

Oak trees are believed to have originated in Mexico where they are an evergreen plant — they do not lose their leaves as oaks do in Michigan.

There are a lot more oak species to the south than in the northern deciduous forest. As many as 28 species can be found in southern states like Alabama, where as in Michigan we have only 12 native oaks.

Scientists divide the oaks into two basic groups, the white and red oaks.

Red oaks have points to the ends of their leaves, white oaks have rounded lobes to their leaves. Red oak acorns germinate in spring, in contrast to

white oaks that germinate in fall.

White oak acorns are sweeter than red oak acorns and are treated differently by squirrels. White oak acorns are eaten immediately in fall before they germinate and use up the stored energy, which is the nutritious part for the squirrel.

Red oak acorns can be stored because they will not germinate until spring. Squirrels will have plenty of time to find them during the cold winter.

Squirrels rely on memory and odor to find nuts they have buried in fall. They find nearly all their stored nuts by spring.

Oaks produce abundant numbers of acorns every two to three years.

It probably takes a couple years for the tree to store enough energy to make those bundles of energy, and making tremendous numbers of seeds to saturate the "market" ensures that some seeds will not be eaten and will germinate into a new oak tree.

Foresters are concerned that the oak population in the eastern deciduous forest is declining. In some wood lots, red maple has increased 400 percent over the past 30-50 years.

Fire suppression, increase in the deer population, logging and gypsy moth defoliation are contributing factors.

Fires do not typically affect the thick bark of an oak, but they do kill species like red maple. Suppressing fires gives other species an edge they did not have in the past.

Deer will eat oak leaves, but they do not like red maple leaves. Young oak seedlings are eaten before they can grow to be seed producing trees.

A significant change in the oak forest will have significant changes in the animals of those forests.

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Detroit Archers will hold broadhead practice beginning at 5 p.m. each Thursday through the month of October. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS
Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. A similar shoot will be held Dec. 19. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR
Bear season runs through Oct. 26 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

DEER
An early antlerless-only firearms season will be Oct. 16-25 on private land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Archery seasons Oct. 1-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK

Duck season runs through Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK
Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE
The regular grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT
Pheasant season runs through Oct. 20 in the Upper Peninsula and Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY
The fall wild turkey season runs through Nov. 9 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

WOODCOCK
Woodcock season runs through Nov. 8 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS

INTRO TO ICE CLIMBING
Learn the basics of ice climbing from gear selection to techniques, navigation and safety during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY INSTRUCTOR
A snowmobile safety instructor certification class begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Waterford Township Library. The course is free but class size is limited. Applicants will be subject to a law enforcement background check for past criminal activity. Call (248) 681-6326 for more information.

ROCK CLIMBING 101
The first of a two-part clinic in which participants will learn to climb safely with expert instruction begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

ROCK CLIMBING 102
The second of a two-part clinic on rock and ice climbing begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday,

Oct. 27, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY
A snowmobile Safety Certification Class begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Nova Expo Center. Class is open to persons of all ages. Children must be 12 by March 31, 2000. Cost is \$5 and registration begins Oct. 25. To register and for more information call (248) 681-7429.

FLY TYING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

ROD BUILDING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod building classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering two hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 23-24, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION
Detroit Archers will offer a hunter education program Oct. 11-14 at its clubhouse and grounds in West Bloomfield. Class size is limited. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. 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 tiers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Community spirit blooms in 'Our Town'

Organizers of the Our Town exhibition may have dropped the original theme that gave it its name but community is still an essential element of the exhibition begun as a fund-raiser for The Community House in Birmingham 14 years ago.

Community spirit intact, Our Town continues to flourish with new events



Morning after: Regina Dunne created this pastel in a life drawing session at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

that involve more residents of the area. In addition to the Gala Preview Evening Wednesday, Oct. 13, where guests will have the first opportunity to purchase art works along with receiving a gift tile featuring the work of Birmingham artist Julie Dawson, executive women can network on Thursday evening over hors d'oeuvres. Singles can mingle at a



Abstract ideas: Igor Beginin speaks to the forces of nature in the watercolor "Powers of Heaven and Earth."

dance on Friday evening. Organized by the Metropolitan Singles Coalition, the dance will raise money for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Partnership

"I like the partnership with Children's Hospital," said Sally Gerak, show co-chair

along with Sue Donnelly. "I hope it will bring in hundreds of visitors to downtown Birmingham, The Community House and the Our Town exhibit."

Our Town has come a long way since the first exhibition took over the walls of The Community House. According to many local artists, Our Town is one of the most prestigious, if not the most prestigious, of fine arts exhibitions, awarding more than \$10,000 in prizes to Michigan artists. This year more than 240 works of art will be on display Oct. 14-17. Cranbrook Academy of Art director Gerhardt Knodel juried the show down from hundreds of entries

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100 YEARS OF TURMOIL

Irish painters document political violence in everyday life

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James Christen Steward realized on his first day in Belfast the effect that a century of political violence has had on the paintings of Irish artists. Shortly after his arrival a bomb went off in a neighborhood grocery store just down the block, a reminder of the role politically motivated violence plays in everyday life.

The 1993 incident failed to deter Steward from spending the next five years organizing "When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from 20th Century Ireland." The exhibition, focusing on 60 figurative paintings created by Irish artists during the last 100 years, is now on display at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

This is the final stop on the international tour and the only Midwest venue. It was added after Steward became director of the University of Michigan museum in July of 1998. Steward, who was inspired by the cultural energy stemming from the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland, organized the exhibition while he was chief curator at the University of California, Berkeley Art Museum.

"I wanted to be able to focus on how painting, politics and identity issues intersect," said Steward. "The exhibition brings home how real and vivid politics are for the Irish. They have an immediacy in Ireland."

Curating the paintings was no easy task. It took Steward several years to arrange to visit private and public collections because of the lack of trust and uncertainty pervading the country.

History documents the turmoil and strife. By the 1890s, after more than 200 years of dominance by the English, the Irish were ready to reclaim their independence. Over the last 100 years, the struggle continued with the hope that a Good Friday agreement signed in 1998 will bring peace by establishing self governance for Northern Ireland and the renouncing of territorial claims to the North by the Irish Republic. Until then, bombings in the streets, referred to as the "Troubles," occurred frequently.

"Making choices for the show was fraught with political complications," said Steward. "It was difficult until the peace process got started. Collectors wouldn't talk to me. From 1968 collections became targets for political violence. I had to work through people for collectors to understand my intentions were noble."

Quiet rebellion

Steward opens the show with the 1907 painting "Eire" by Beatrice Elvery. The Madonna and Christ child represents Mother Ireland and the Second Coming of the Irish fight for freedom. The year 1900 marked a rise in nationalist tendencies. "Eire" merges stylistic influences of Byzantine mosaics with the devotional simplicity of 15th century Italian altarpieces, and the iconography of Ireland's Celtic past and the history of Irish Catholicism.

Quiet rebellion: The 1907 "Eire" by Beatrice Elvery features Celtic symbolism in this portrait of Mother Ireland.



Sharply divided: Dermot Seymour, who painted "The Russians will Water their Horses on the Shores of Lough Neagh," grew up in Ireland, where military presence and political violence were part of the landscape.

"Lady Glenavy (Elvery) painted 'Eire' after seeing a play by Yeats and led a call to arms. The idea was Mother Ireland coming to life. Eire is the Celtic word for Ireland, calling the young of Ireland to fight for their independence. The Celtic cross in the background is a pre-English symbol."

Steward chose key moments in the history of Irish painting for "When Time Began to Rant and Rage," the title of which comes from a poem written to Ireland by William Butler Yeats. Six paintings by Yeats' brother Jack are included in the exhibition.

"Jack Yeats is the most critically acclaimed in the show," said Steward. "He was from the West, which was known as the most Irish part of Ireland, uninfluenced by the English. He showed how poor it was. Ireland was one of the poorest countries in Europe - from the potato famine to the political violence forcing immigration."

A scene by Sean Keating captures the sadness of a mother saying goodbye to her son under a dark, overcast sky in "Economic Pressure."

"Most artists depicted immigration as tragedy," said Steward. "Only within the last 10 years has the economic situation turned around with Ireland becoming a more vibrant culture."

Keating's painting "Men of the South" created controversy when painted in 1921. It depicts members of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, an antecedent of the Irish Republican Army.

"Just like members of the IRA were rebels so were the Brotherhood and for Keating to paint them was risky," said Steward. Many of the artists such as Walter Frederick Osborne, who studied plein air painting at the Academie Royale des Beaux-Arts in Antwerp, trained in Europe

and eventually returned home.

"They were going abroad for their training and then taking those influences back to their own purposes which led to a hybrid of native subject matter and international influences," said Steward. "They'd been governed by England for so many hundreds of years. It was an artistic desire to reclaim Celtic roots."

Sharply divided

The late 1960s saw a return to heroism in Irish art and evokes history for the purpose of linking heroes of the past with modern day heroes. Louis Le Brocqy reconstructs the head of an Irish martyr, assumed to be Wolfe Tone, a rebel leader executed in 1798, against a gray/gun metal ground.

Dermot Seymour paints a 1988 landscape where a helicopter flying overhead denotes the military presence that is as much a part of the landscape as the sheep used to symbolize the Irish people in the foreground. The position of the crucified Christ on the cross in the middle conveys Seymour's belief that religion is at the center of the forces dividing Ireland. It relives the fact that so many civilians have been killed in the last 30 years.

"When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from 20th Century Ireland"

What: An exhibition featuring a century of paintings by Irish artists.

When: Through Jan. 2. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-0395.

Related events: Irish artist Rita Duffy speaks 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, in the museum apse.

"Celebration of Irish Culture" with music, dance, story telling, hands-on activities and guided tours 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, in the museum.

Seamus Heaney, Nobel laureate and poet, professor, Harvard University, reflects on Irish art and artists 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in Rackham Hall Amphitheater.

"Rant and Rage: New Dance from Irish Paintings" presented by the University of Michigan dance department 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, in the Betty Pease Theater, 1310 N. University Court. \$5.

Guided tours 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 16.

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JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON

Quintet combines 275 years of experience

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Larry Teal jokes about the members of the World's Oldest Saxophone Quintet "being so old" they never accept engagements more than six months in the future.

Better see them while you can. They're not getting any younger.

Teal and the rest of the quintet will provide the music at a German-flavored brunch to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival at noon Sunday, Oct. 24, in the Watermen Center of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Tim Teal, guitar and Ernie Daunter, bass.

Co-sponsored by Schoolcraft College Student Activities, the brunch raises funds for the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival (scheduled for Sunday, July

16, at Schoolcraft). "One of our standard jokes is we don't book six months in advance or buy green bananas," said Teal. "Depending on health, our goal is we'd like to make a CD and to present that music and have people enjoy it."

Teal, at 69, proudly admits to being the baby of the group which formed about a year ago. Norm Gladstone, Nick Seiler and Fred Boldt are 71. Fritz Moore is 80. Together they have 275 years of experience as musicians.

Teal was a high school band director at Cass, Pershing, Osborne and Cody for many years before becoming director of the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. He retired at 65 only to end up teaching classical saxophone at Wayne State University.

He retired again when the school year ended last year and since then has spent lots of time practicing and getting "my lip back in shape." It had been a while since he played with Tex Beneke and Les Elgart as well as vocalists such as Vic Damone and Rosemary Clooney. But all that practice was worth it. In July, the World's Oldest Saxophone Quintet received a standing ovation after playing their big band music at the Michigan Jazz Festival.

"The guys in the quintet all played with Joe Vitale's Big Band when George Benson suggested we get together," said Teal, a Milford resident. "We've had so much fun since then and hadn't thought about going public. The Michigan Jazz Festival was one of the biggest surprises of the year and we hope to con-



Experienced: Norm Gladstone (left), Nick Seiler, Fritz Moore, Fred Boldt and Larry Teal are the World's Oldest Saxophone Quintet.

tinue that kind of success. For the most part we're having a wail of a good time.

"Stan Kenton, Glenn Miller, Woody Herman, they had a special quality. There was a lyrical quality of that music. There was a romance about it. There was a beauty about it recaptured in the World War II era, a special flavor to that music. It wasn't microwavable. You had to put it together yourself. It was home

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submitted by 355 artists. "It's always been an all-Michigan show," said Gerak. "The name of the show, the concept for the show was it would consist of paintings or photographs, two-dimensional works focusing on a specific geographic place. The name Our Town was selected on this geographic concept of a place-specific image and inspired by the Thornton Wilder play based on the universal theme that our town could be any town."

Gerak, who came on board as chairwoman of Our Town in 1995, dropped the theme to allow all artists the opportunity to enter.

"We thought the time had come to broaden the scope, to welcome other media, to make it an all-media, all-Michigan show," said Gerak who also serves on The Community House board. "The show is a way for The Community House to be of service to artists, to provide a place for artists to display their work and to have an audience. A lot of people are intimidated to walk into a gallery. The Community House is not a gallery. It's a Williamsburg Colonial building that they can walk in and feel comfortable."

Michael McCullough is one of the artists who benefited from the unrestricted theme instituted four years ago. His woodcut prints, "The Prophecy" and "Tribal Wedding," provoke thought and sometimes extreme emotion while telling stories of

other cultures.

McCullough, who will do about 20 shows this year, first heard about Our Town from other artists.

"I was quite shocked to be accepted," said McCullough, a Farmington Hills artist who grew up in Redford. "All the artists were talking about it and many had tried and been turned down."

Harold Van Dine's work wasn't accepted last year but he kept on trying. The Birmingham resident has three oil paintings in the Our Town exhibit. Van Dine, who retired three years ago as an architect from Harley Ellington Design in Southfield, studied painting in Mexico.

"Even though I wasn't accepted last year, I decided to give it another shot," said Van Dine who had his first one man show in Mexico last winter. "Our Town is a show that other artists aspire to be in."

Regina Dunne, a Livonia artist who created the pastel "Morning After" in a life drawing session at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, was surprised to learn she was the only Livonia artist juried into Our Town. The work won second prize in the Farmington Artists Club show last fall.

"Our Town is a big one and people come from all over Michigan," said Dunne. "It's a lot of competition and difficult to get in."

Igor Beginin, an art professor at Eastern Michigan University,

is grateful to be able to exhibit in the show. A veteran of Our Town, the Canton painter began exhibiting in the show in 1988. This year, his abstract watercolor "Powers of Heaven and Earth" speaks to the destructive forces of nature.

"In Michigan we don't have enough shows of this kind of importance," said Beginin, whose work is also on exhibit at the Cary Gallery in Rochester. "It's important location-wise because of the culture there in Birmingham. It's the connoisseurship you expect when you exhibit your work."

Our Town does more than just encourage emerging and established artists, however. Last year, it raised \$133,000 for The Community House. Benefactor tickets for the Gala Preview Evening accounted for a large part of the money, followed by sponsorships. This year Daimler-Chrysler and Comerica are two major supporters along with contributors such as the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The Community House also receives a 35 percent commission from art sales.

"The money raised covers Community House expenses devoted to outreach that provides community services including a race relations program that works for harmony and diversity," said Gerak. "The money also goes to our student Our Town art show going on now. You'll see very good art hanging all over."

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145.

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Women artists, such as Rita Duffy, are an important part of the show. Duffy, who was born and raised in Belfast, a focal point of the "Troubles," will be in Ann Arbor Thursday, Oct. 14, to speak about her works, including "Mother Ireland" painted in 1989. Duffy places an iron on the head of the woman to show how violence has been commonplace in her life. Charged with political tension, the work features the woman holding four sons, the symbols of the four provinces referred to in a nationalist ballad that unites a torn Ireland.

Working in the '90s

Steward thought contemporary artists Patrick Graham and Hughie O'Donoghue deserve

more than a cursory look so he highlights them especially for the University of Michigan exhibit.

"Graham is most likely to have an impact on the international stage," he said. "Influenced by the German Expressionists, he often incorporates text. One painting depicts scenes from the life of Christ—a triptych that goes back to 1300 and shows the impact religious subject matter has had on art."

O'Donoghue, who was not born in Ireland but now lives there, creates abstract works inspired by the human figure with references to religion and the crucifixion. The influence of European masters Rembrandt and Diego Velazquez is apparent.

Museum's future

Steward is planning to move the museum in the direction of the Irish exhibition. The largest painting exhibit to appear at the museum in years, it takes up the entire West Gallery. Coming in fall 2001 is a show on avant-garde French art of the 1860s built around the museum's Whistler.

"We want to bring out broader humanistic issues," said Steward. "Hopefully the shows will have value, impact not just for people who value visual art but also appealing to someone with an interest in history. We're players on a stage that isn't just regional. We're striving for a larger, more diverse audience."

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grown. There was a rapport those bands had with the audience."

Fritz Moore agrees it's the quintet's sound (the soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones standard for the era of the '30s, '40s and '50s) that has made them popular with audiences. Moore, a Farmington Hills resident, began playing clarinet at 11 in a junior high music program in Marquette. He took up saxophone as a sophomore and by age 16 had joined the union.

Moore came to Detroit in 1941 and since then has "worked all the clubs, hotels, ice and auto shows." He also toured from

New York to L.A. with Frankie Masters.

Moore refers to himself as a "jobbing musician playing with 'whoever calls' him sometimes as many as four to five times a week."

"As far as being 80, it's something to just get there without dying," jokes Moore. "But seriously, I like to play and create something that's nice and fun. We're pretty loose and relaxed. Our music is something you don't hear too much anymore and mostly in a jazz vein. Many of the pieces frequently are arranged by Lenny Niehaus, a veteran writer/arranger who started with Stan Kenton. Some of these things are difficult to play. We strive for a good blend and sound."

Midge Ellis first heard that sound at the Michigan Jazz Festival. As coordinator of the annual events and concerts held to raise funds for the festival, Ellis jumped at the chance to have the quintet play at the brunch.

"One of our missions for the festivals is to promote jazz music during the rest of the year," said Ellis. "We had funds left over from the festival this year so we're holding a big-band clinic for junior high, high school and college students. Detroit area jazz bands are invited to come as well 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 10 at Clarenceville High School in Livonia."

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AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUDITION CALL
The Rising Star Singers of the Plymouth Community Arts Council are seeking interested youth, 8-16. New members are invited to join 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12 at the Plymouth Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

CRAFTERS CALL
Crafters wanted for the Troy Athens Band and Orchestra Boosters, "Festival 1999 Craft Show," Saturday, Nov. 20 at Troy Athens High School. Call Jackie Garcher at (248) 689-0253.

CRAFTERS WANTED
"Seasonal Sensations." The annual Senior Fair and Craft Show at Southfield Christian School is seeking crafters for its Dec. 4 show, 28650 Lahser Road, Southfield. (248) 357-3660, ext. 270

FOCUS: HOPE
Artists and craftspeople wanted for "100 Creative Hands," Oct. 23-24. To apply, send a self-addressed envelope stamped with 55-cent postage to "100 Creative Hands," P.O. Box 760569, Lathrup Village, MI; 48076-0569.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

SEEKING CRAFTERS
Farmington High School Football backers are looking for crafters for their 10th annual arts and crafts show for Saturday, Nov. 13. For information call Denise Bush at (248) 478-2397 or Ron at (248) 473-1538.

BENEFIT

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
"The Evening Palette" a black tie dinner dance, 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Ford Product Development Center in Dearborn. Ticket information (248) 644-0866, Ext. 104.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC
Fall 1999 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music at the center, 47 Williams St. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older at the studio, 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Weekly art classes take place 9 a.m. Monday-Friday at 15115 West Fox, Macomb. (248) 645-3329



Discount art: Art sale to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, Home Accessory Warehouse, 1017 W. Maple Road, between Decker and Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Call (248) 624-6700 for information.

Park. (248) 967-4030.

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET
Newly refurbished dance studio, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, opening for new enrollment. (248) 334-1300.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, at the studio, 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

NAVEL ACADEMY
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly, 32832 Merritt Drive, Westland. (734) 422-1246.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m. to noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Photography workshops including a one-day handcoloring class 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, and 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9. Life drawing classes in conjunction with the Body and Soul exhibition which runs through Nov. 5, 6-9 p.m., Oct. 12 and 19, 407 Pine St., Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

BALFOUR CONCERT
Israeli tenor David (Dudu) Fishers will perform at the 66th annual Balfour concert of the Zionist Organization of America, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Woodward Avenue, Detroit. For information call (248) 569-9934

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
"The First Time Around" featuring a wide variety of music at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile, Birmingham.

BRUNCH WITH BACH
Enjoy the music of West German composer and pianist Johann Sebastian Bach at the Detroit Institute of Art's Kresge Court, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-4005

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY
Tokyo String Quartet performs 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (248) 747-9940

NARDIN PARK
The New England Spirit Ensemble opens the Nardin Park Celtic Methodist Church, 1901

2000 Music Series, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, West of Middlebert, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$5, call (248) 476-8860. A light reception precedes the concert at 1:45 p.m.

JAZZ VESPERS
The Kathy Kosins Trio, 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 at the First Baptist Church in Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

PRO MUSICA
A concert of music and poetry featuring Brian Bedford and Frederic Chiu, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Gallery tours and an afterglow reception with the artists are also featured. For reservations call the DIA Box Office (313) 833-4005 or Pro Musica (313) 886-5639.

UNITED AIR FORCE CHAMBER WINDS
The 25-member ensemble performs 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Christ Episcopal Church, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 259-6668.

FLAVIO VARANI
Noted pianist performs a Poulenc and Chopin celebration concert at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16 in the Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 370-3013. The pianist also performs with violinist Velda Kelly, cellist Nadine Deleury and narrator Michele Villatte. Chamber works by Francis Poulenc and Frederic Chopin. The concert will feature "Histoire de Babar" the little elephant, narrated in French. The Scarab Club, 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17. (313) 831-1250



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EVENTS

AUTUMN HARVEST INDIAN FESTIVAL
A family fun celebration of Native American heritage, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Southfield Civic Center. Call (248) 362-9900

BLAST FROM THE PAST
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take you back to the 1750s when folks had a remarkable amount of knowledge about the plant world. Activities for adults and children 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 998-7061.

GUY FAWKES BALL
The Cranbrook Academy of Art Women's Committee presents its 23rd annual Guy Fawkes Ball, Saturday, Nov. 6, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3329

FOR KIDS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Young People's Concert "In the Beginning" 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 16 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

LITERARY

BALDWIN LIBRARY
James Tobin reads from his award-winning biography, *Ernie Pyle's War*, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14 at Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 647-1700.

AN IRISH EVENING
Poetry, music and song featuring poets Thomas Lynch, Richard Tynan, and Jessie Lendennie. Irish musicians Ewan Chambers and Friends, and soprano Caitlin Lynch 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. 4th Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999.

WRITERS' CONFERENCE
38th annual writers' conference at Oakland University, Friday, Saturday, Oct. 15-16, featuring 45 presentations. For more information call (248) 370-3125

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through Oct. 31 - "Disappearance at Sea," the first solo museum show in the U.S. by Tacita Dean. Through Oct. 31 - "Backgrounds for Modern Living: Furniture, Textile, and Fashion Designers by P. Scharoun Swanson, 1271 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1877 GO-CRANBROOK 1877-9421 (248) 644-0866

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
"Common Man, Middle Vision: The Drawings of Ben Shahn," through Oct. 31 - Joseph Theodore Deak, The Art of Ceramics in Nineteenth Century France through Nov. 14 - "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection," through March 6 at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART
Through Jan. 2, When I Was Eight to Eight and Eighty: Egyptian Burial, from the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 3100 Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Opens Wednesday, Oct. 13 - The Figure: More than You Have Ever Seen through Nov. 14. Artists' reception 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22, 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Opens Friday, Oct. 15 - Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World through Jan. 2, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1877-GO-CRANBROOK

CUNIFF STUDIO-GALLERY
Opens Friday, Oct. 15 - The Creative Arts Council exhibition through Oct. 31. Reception 6-10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15 and 2-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17, 11 South Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3632.

GALLERY 212
Opens Friday, Oct. 15 - Dark Amusements through Nov. 14. Artists' reception 7-11 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15, 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8224

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Opens Thursday, Oct. 14 - Women of the Book: Jewish Artists' Jewish Themes through Nov. 21. Opening reception 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641

PARK WEST GALLERY
Opens Friday, Oct. 15 - The animation art of Joseph Barbera of Hanna-Barbera cartoons. Characters include the Flintstones, Yogi B, Scooby Doo. Barbera will be present for opening ceremony 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15. Exhibition through Nov. 14, 29469 Northwest, between 12 & 13 Mile roads. (248) 821-9654.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY
Opens Sunday, Oct. 17 - Alexander Kancha, "fantasy surrealist" through Nov. 1. Artists' reception 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17, 4301 Orchard Lake, Crosswicks Mill, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5610

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Nov. 7 - Annual art media exhibit, 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004

ART LEADERS GALLERY
Through Oct. 31 - Works of art by Roy, Sabi, Viktor Shvaiko, S. Sam's Parks, and art glass by Laurel Fyfe. 33216 West 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
The work of Italian American artist Donato Mancini and sculptor Sergio De Gusti, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0866

CARY GALLERY
Through Oct. 26 - Virtual Garden: paintings by Susan Ke, 206 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656

GALERIE BLU
Through Oct. 30 - "Helen Feather Tree Space Series" and Robert Mink's Recent Paintings, 17 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 844-0707

GALLERY NIKKO
Through Oct. 31 - Fourth Annual Fall Celebration, 470 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-0680

HABITAT GALLERIES
Through Oct. 30 - Works by Japanese artists, Kiyoko and Shiroshi Higuchi, 745 Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-2000

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Watercolors and paintings by Ellen Phelan, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250

HILL GALLERY
Richard Noyes, sculpture, 1948A and granite works, 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham. (248) 340-0288

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Through Oct. 17 - Eight artists' studio for the Fall 1999 show, 1100 Art Show, 1100 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000

ELLEN KAYROD GALLERY
Through Oct. 29 - Mixed Media featuring works of mature artists, 4700 Woodward, 4700 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300

ROBERT HIDD GALLERY
Through Nov. 9 - Paintings by Joseph F. Hill, 2110 Eastpark, Birmingham. (248) 641-0000

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Oct. 31 - Mixed Media

New York Artist James Del Grosso, 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Painter Jim Isakson, 61 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Through Nov. 6 - Will Mentor, BioTech, 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-6623.

LIVONIA ARTS
Through Oct. 29 - Kathy Wolfe of Wolfe Studio exhibits her collectibles in the exhibition cases. Through Oct. 31 - Kevin Nichols of Ann Arbor presents his exhibition of cartoons and digital art, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. Through Nov. 10 - Kathy Phillips features her exhibition of watercolors, Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MANISCALO GALLERY
Through Nov. 6 - Originalism, 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MARYGROVE COLLEGE GALLERY
Through Oct. 26 - "Making ReMarks," works by Larry Cressman, Lynn Galbreath, Ruth Lampkins, Mary Potts and Sue Carman Vlar, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. (313) 927-1336

MASTERPIECE GALLERY
Through Nov. 6 - Daze: Works on paper, 1990-99, 137 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 594-9470.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Oct. 22 - Sculptures by Paul Webster and paintings by Dick Goody, Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences, 119 Wilson Hall, Rochester.

METROPOLITAN CENTER FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS
Through Oct. 28 - "Art Official: Intelligence," 8911 E. Laramette, Detroit. (313) 289-3200.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through Oct. 20 - Collection of Zimbabwean Shona sculpture and works by Richard Mteke, Ronnie George, Shepard Madzakature, Phineas Masava, Barry Kanyamba and Ronald Resani. (248) 647-4662

MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Through Oct. 12 - Ted Ramsay, "The Paper Frame: Mixed media constructions with handmade paper," 1401 East Court Street, Flint. (810) 762-0456

PARK WEST GALLERY
Through Oct. 14 - Works by Linda LeKraft, 29469 Northwest, Southfield. (248) 354-2343

PEWAB POTTERY
Through Oct. 30 - "Body Parts" and "Incubator 21," 10125 East Jefferson, Pontiac. (313) 822-0954

POSA
Through Oct. 21 - The Pontiac Oak and Society of Artists Gallery, 5 Exhibit, 12701 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

POSNER GALLERY
Through Oct. 12 - The paintings of Richard Kozak, 523 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-2582

PRINT GALLERY
Through Oct. 30 - Guy Buffett exhibit, 29173 Northwest, Highway, Southfield. (248) 350-5454

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Oct. 29 - An exhibition of work by James Spearman, 24750 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 424-9022

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
"Make A Toy Toy" workshop and afterglow party featuring Carolyn Voshell, HA, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, HA. (248) 647-1040

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN
Through Oct. 16 - Inframotus, Ebers, 2000 Bonisteel, Ann Arbor. (734) 936-2082

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 Dabson, 2100 Ruff, Box 241651, West Birmingham, MI. (48) 25-1651 (248) 626-0288

CANTON PROJECT ARTS
Volunteers needed for the Summit on the Park through Oct. 15. For information call Maureen Kirby (734) 397-6450

HOSTS PROGRAM
A weekly, free offering in the Lake Orion Community School District. (248) 466-2490 at the Community Education Resource Center, 485 E. 13th Road, Lake Orion. (248) 362-2200

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

ITALIAN ART RECEPTION TODAY

Redford sculptor Sergio DeGiusti has organized an exhibition that showcases the work of Italian-American artist Donato Mancini and DeGiusti's photographic survey of monuments created for public spaces by Italian sculptors in the Detroit area in the last 100 years. The exhibit runs through Oct. 15 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0866.

An opening reception takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

Mancini paints in a figurative style influenced by Mexican murals and Renaissance frescoes. He presents a mythic narrative, the social and religious rituals he experienced as an Italian-American growing up near the automotive factories in Detroit and the rich cultural traditions in the neighborhoods of Little Italy in New York City.

CALL FOR SINGERS

The Rising Star Singers of the Plymouth Community Arts

Council are looking for a few more singers. Interested youth, ages 8-16, should call Norma Atwood at Village Music (734) 354-9825. New members will be invited to join the Rising Stars 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the arts council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

BEARS NEEDED

Detroit's Bears on Patrol (www.KQA.com/BearsOnPatrol) begins a collection program called Bear Mail with the U.S. Postal Service. Through Oct. 20, the USPS will collect stuffed animals at all post offices in the 481, 482 and 492 zip codes. Please donate new bears of small and medium size. These bears are carried around in scout cars or in briefcases and given to children who are victims of traffic crashes, child abuse, domestic violence, fires, residential burglaries and other upsetting experiences. Donated used stuffed animals of any kind, size or shape in good condition (clean) will be sent to the Detroit Police Department Child Abuse Unit or to Precinct Youth. Donations of boxes of one-gallon size Ziploc bags are also needed.

All donations will be presented to Detroit's Bears on Patrol at a special ceremony on National Make a Difference Day Saturday, Oct. 23.

SLIDE/LECTURE

The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan presents a slide/lecture, "Textures, Textiles and Polymer Clay," by Illinois machine embroidery expert dj Bennett 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham.

Bennett has taught internationally and is the author of two books on machine embroidery. Her own work, combining stitching with manipulated fabric and other materials, has been exhibited in England and America. There is a \$5 guest fee. For information, call (734) 475-5851 or (248) 363-5697.

KINDERMUSIK CLASSES

Openings are still available in Kindermusik classes for children ages newborn to 5 years at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, between Joy and Warren, Canton.

Evola also offers pre-piano classes (ages 4-6), group piano (ages 6-12) and group violin (ages 7-14). Call (734) 455-4677 or visit the Web site at www.ismi.net/kindermuskatevola for information.

ART CLASSES

D & M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and

Recreation, is offering fine-art classes for preschoolers to adult at the studio, 8691 N. Lilley at Joy, Canton; Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, and the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Classes include drawing and painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, pastels, paintings, and charcoal. For information, call (734) 453-3710.

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

The city of Plymouth offers classes in children's art including drawing and painting, charcoal and cartooning.

For information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620 or check out the programs on the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

The Livonia Arts Commission presents an array of art in three venues this month. Kevin Nichols, an Ann Arbor resident, exhibits cartoons and digital art through Oct. 30 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Visit Nichols' daily syndicated cartoon on the Web site at www.mlive.com/nichols

Kathy Wolfe of Wolfe Studio, West Bloomfield, displays hand-

crafted cookie jars and salt and pepper shakers in the exhibit cases on the second floor of the library through Oct. 29.

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

West Bloomfield watercolorist Kathy Phillips brings her paintings to Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington. The show continues through Nov. 10. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

VAAL CLASSES

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia continues to offer classes and workshops. Learn how to create a watercolor monotype 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6. There are also painting and drawing classes being held with live models and a batik workshop. Al Weber shows how to design a better painting beginning Nov. 4.

To register or for information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517

INTERIOR DECORATING CLASSES

Learn fancy painting techniques for your walls or anywhere Wednesdays, Oct. 20 and 27 at Colby's 36115 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Stencil painting classes take place 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, and faux finish painting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Free, but you must register because seating is limited. Call (734) 762-7273.

TO THE POINT

Jim Isakson, an artist who works in the style of pointillism, exhibits his work through Oct. 30 at the Lawrence St. Gallery, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.

Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Call (248) 334-6716 for more information.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

If you're an artist or crafter with hand-made items to sell, Henry Ford Community College's Alumni Association is looking for you to exhibit works in the 14th annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, in the Student Center on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

For an application, call (313) 845-9610.

CRAFT FAIR

Delta Kappa Gamma is holding its annual juried craft fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth.

Admission is \$2. Proceeds finance scholarships for students who are becoming crafters.

More than 100 crafters exhibit pottery, stained glass, dried and silk floral arrangements, dolls, jewelry, clothing, furniture, and baskets.

DSO uncovers the riddle of singin' swing

A tribute to Nelson Riddle, arranger for Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland and Nat King Cole, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 8-30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$14-\$68, call (313) 576-5111 or (313) 576-5130.

It's more than a coincidence that Nelson Riddle was a trombonist before he became one of the most acclaimed and sought-after arrangers of his time.

The ebb and flow of his arrangements resemble the pulsating pull and push of the human breath.

From the 1950s through the 1970s, Riddle's musical arrangements shaped the swinging background sound that swirled around Frank Sinatra's unique

vocal phrasing. Riddle also created the musical backdrop for legendary singers of the day, including Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole and Judy Garland.

This coming weekend, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Pops conductor Erich Kunzel will present a long list of Riddle's arrangements.

Among the songs are compositions by Berlin, Carmichael and Sullivan, and a few classics from Cole Porter.

Joining the DSO and Kunzel will be vocalist Michael Gough and swing dancers.

After touring with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra in the 1940s, Riddle became the top arranger for NBC radio. At the time, being heard on radio was the equivalent of being seen on MTV and VH-1.

In the early 1950s, Riddle's

work on Nat King Cole's "Mona Lisa" made him a much sought-after arranger.

By the mid decade, he was working with Sinatra on what is considered the definitive works of each artist. The albums included "Songs for Young Lovers," and "Songs for Swingin' Lovers," which is Sinatra's all-time best-seller.

Until his retirement in the early 1980s, Riddle's arrangements could be heard on television shows and films, including the score for the 1974 film, "The Great Gatsby."

His last recording was for Linda Ronstadt's 1983 album, "What's New."

—Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer

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It's chic to have a little animal print in your closet

THE REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

Sift through the closet of any well-dressed woman, and you will most likely find something in animal print.

True, animal prints are one of those recurring trends; they never really go out of style. But, this season they're all the rage.

Pony hair and zebra prints, which have always signified spunk and vigor, are especially in vogue. Best of all, these black-and-white prints undoubtedly inject basic black garb with an instant shot of "glam."

If you don't already have a dash of cheetah or zebra somewhere in your closet, now is the ideal time to acquire some. Animal prints are everywhere this season; if you can wear it, chances are you'll find it in an animal print. The look has literally spilled over into every clothing category, from purses to coats, and into every price point, from Neiman Marcus to Target.

No matter what the price, the message is the same: It's chic to have a little fierce print going on. You'll also be able to incorporate just the right amount of animal print into your wardrobe to suit your own personal style.

Add accessories: Try a pony hair bag or belt, like these from Edward Dorian in Birmingham.

Here's a round-up of wise ways to take you through the season in animal style:

■ Try an oversized bag in animal print, like Guess' Zebra Printed tote in brown and black, \$66 at Guess stores. A bag easily captures the trend, but you can take it away when the mood doesn't strike you. If you have a little more to spend, check out Kate Spade's rectangular, leopard print bags. They're available at Edward Dorian in Birmingham and Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

■ Update your outer wear with an animal print scarf. Target stores are selling a black and white snow leopard print scarf for \$16.99. Matching faux fur-trimmed gloves sell for \$7.99.

■ Sweaters are another way to introduce animal prints into your wardrobe. Bebe's cheetah print, V-neck, at \$98, pairs well with both jeans and leather pants.

■ Stay warm in a faux fur jacket in animal print. Bebe's version is definitely on the wild side, but it's as soft and comfortable as a cozy blanket and will keep you warm. At \$198, it's a practical and dramatic style purchase.

■ Try a few animal print accessories. At Neiman Marcus, for example, animal print goes utility chic with a leopard print belt bag. You can wear the belt alone or with its detachable pouch. It's a double-duty find for \$110. Most people can always use a new pair of gloves. So, if nothing else, pick up a pair of black stretch-knit gloves with a faux fur trim in an animal print. Joe's Army Navy Surplus store in Royal Oak sells a cheetah print version for \$8.79.

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Style choices: At Neiman Marcus, Karen Jorgensen, of Bloomfield Township, at left, tries on a pair of earrings made by local designer Sharon Meyer, at right. Meyer, a Troy-based jewelry designer encourages women to develop and assert their own style.

Troy jewelry designer encourages women to ignore trends and find their own style

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Local jewelry designer Sharon Meyer believes women still have a long way to go when it comes to expressing individual style.

"I think women should have more self-assertiveness or confidence in what they like to wear," said the 40-year-old, self-taught jewelry designer who grew up and lives in Troy.

Meyer, who recently made a personal appearance with her jewelry collection at Neiman Marcus in Troy, doesn't give much credence to runway trends, predictions made by fashion authorities and style advice supplied by beauty magazines. "You should wear what you like and what makes you feel comfortable."

When a client recently asked Meyer which way the face of a cameo ring should be worn - should it face toward others or the ring wearer? - Meyer defiantly replied "you want to wear it facing you, you want to wear it for you."

Meyer's philosophy also informs her work as a jewelry designer. Meyer creates a broad range of jewelry that suits many women's personal styles. "My jewelry gives a woman an opportunity to be herself and be unique,"

said Meyer, who has been creating mostly one-of-a-kind jewelry since she was 24. Her company label is called Amalgamations, and all her designs are manufactured locally.

Given the range of clothing and accessories available for purchase today, women can and should be making increasingly personal style and fashion choices, she said. Just consider the range of skirt lengths typically available in an average department store, said Meyer. "There's so much available to us now, not just with skirt lengths but with textures and fabrics, that you don't have to stay with the mainstream with jewelry."

Besides, said Meyer, "to me, you wear jewelry for yourself."

Meyer's pieces, which has been described both as having a Zen quality and being very feminine, are regularly carried by Neiman Marcus stores across the country in both the retailer's designer and precious jewelry departments.

Art Loft in Birmingham is slated this month to begin selling Meyer's jewelry, and Jacobson's stores formerly carried her work. Her pieces also have been showcased in several museum gift shops. Prices range \$60 to \$25,000 depending on the materials used.

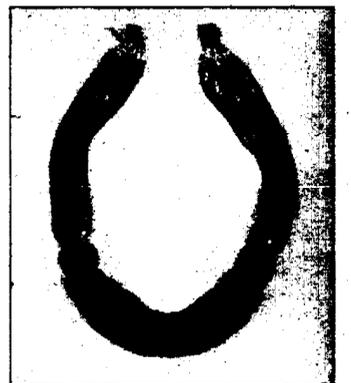
Meyer is particularly fond of tourmaline, smoky quartz and garnets, but uses both precious and semi-precious stones and 14-karat gold and sterling silver. People also comment on how Meyer combines - and seems to fuse - color. Typically, the jewelry designer works with a limited number of colors since "the simpler, the less amount of colors in the piece, the more wearable is the piece," she said.

Fit and comfort are other chief concerns for Meyer. "I wear my own work, I know how it feels and I know how it should fit." In addition to making sure her pieces are lightweight and don't inhibit movement, Meyer, for instance, positions necklace pendants where they will sit over the wearer's heart.

While male gift purchasers are one of Meyer's biggest customers - a fact she attributes to her jewelry's feminine allure - she encourages women to develop and learn to trust their own sense of style.

"You can have an innate sense, but you may not have the confidence in it. (Many women) just haven't let themselves express themselves," said Meyer.

But times have changed. "It's part of what women have evolved to. Fashion has been very



Feminine touch: Sharon Meyer weaves garnet and sterling silver in this necklace.

male-dominated," said Meyer. "I think it's getting more equal. I really do. You're seeing so many more female artists, whether it's in fashion or in music."

Sharon Meyer's pieces are sold at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, and will be available starting Monday at Art Loft in Birmingham. For more information about Meyer's designs, call (248) 879-7345.

Film festival explores link between fashion and feminism

In the 60s, Audrey Hepburn sold us on Ferragamo ballet slippers and Tiffany & Co.

In the 80s, Madonna's appearance in *Desperately Seeking Susan* inspired teenagers to reveal their navels and pile on dozens of black rubber bracelets.

There's probably no limit to the influence Hollywood movies have and will continue to have on fashion.

But what else have movies conveyed to American women about fashion, clothing and how to dress?

That's what the 17th Annual Women's Studies Film Festival at Oak-

land University in Rochester Hills will explore Oct. 16.

The all-day film festival and seminar, dubbed All Dressed Up: Underpinnings of Feminism in Film and Fashion, will probe such topics as excess, creativity and transformation involving women and fashion in film.

Unzipped, the 1995 documentary about one of fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi's collections, and *Pretty Woman*, Gary Marshall's story about a Hollywood prostitute's Rodeo Drive makeover, will be viewed and discussed.

The program, which takes place in

North Foundation Hall on the university campus, runs 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and includes morning coffee (lunch is provided to program participants who register before Oct. 8). General registration admission is \$10, and the program is priced at \$7 for seniors and students.

All Dressed Up: Underpinnings of Feminism in Film and Fashion

What: Annual film festival and seminar sponsored by Oakland University's Women's Studies Department

When: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16

Where: Room 156, North Foundation Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills

How: To register, call (248) 370-2420. Walk-in registration is available at 9 a.m. prior to the event.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 844-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

GAMMA MAZE WINE SHOW
View the evening collection of Designer Carmen Marc Valvo at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Galleria, third floor.
CELEBRATE FALL AT NEIMAN
Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, celebrates Festa d'Italia with a cocktail reception to benefit the Italian Heritage Society, 6:30 p.m., third floor. Tickets are \$60 and \$100. For information or to purchase tickets, call (313) 866-6894.

MONTE NAGLER EXHIBIT
Meadowbrook Village mall, 83 N. Adams Road in Rochester Hills, hosts an exhibit of Monte Nagler's photographs through Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon-

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

day-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday, Center Court. Nagler presents a clinic on how to take better pictures, 1-2 p.m. Oct. 16.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

CHANEL MAKEUP ARTIST VISITS
Chanel makeup artist Dean Robert assists customers make their cosmetics selections at Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, through Oct. 15, 1-7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

DESIGNER DONALD PLINER VISITS
Meet popular shoe designer Donald Pliner, known for his use of comfortable and high-tech fabrics, and view his collection of shoes, handbags and hosiery at

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CALVIN KLEIN COAT COLLECTION
View Calvin Klein's special order coat collection for fall at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, with help from a company representative, through Oct. 16, 1-6 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Coat Collection, third floor. For a personal appointment, call (248) 814-3345.

MARISA COLLECTION SHOW
Alvin's Bride, 249 Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of Marisa bridal wear through Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

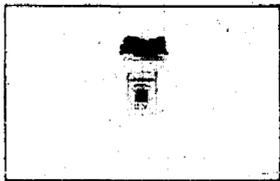
HICKEY FREEMAN SHOW
Jacobson's, at Great Oaks mall in Rochester Hills, hosts a show of Hickey Freeman's fall and winter stock and made-to-measure garments for men, 4-8 p.m., Men's Store, first floor.

a la carte

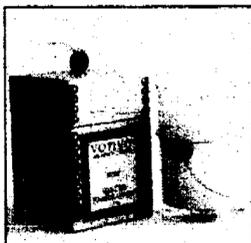
STUFF WE CRAVE



Color credence: Wrap yourself in color with a Pashmina shawl. All the rage, the cashmere wraps add color to the usual garb and keep you warm. \$395 at Tender in downtown Birmingham.



Fight the elements: As winter approaches, keep skin smooth and moist with Jo Malone's luxurious bath oil, \$18.42 at the Jo Malone boutique at Saks Fifth Avenue.



Indoor scents: Voltivo's aromatic candles come in unique scents and burn for 50 hours, \$19 at the Union General Sweetshop and Cafe in downtown Clarkston.



New nylon: Nylon is hip for the younger set and pairs well with kids' favorite garments. Nylon tech vest, \$24.50, and nylon cargo hat, \$14.50, with carpenter-style jeans, \$29.50, all at The Gap.

Where can I find...

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- A watch with a very large face can be found at the following stores. **Low Vision Solutions** on West Seven Mile, west of Inkster in Livonia, (248) 777-1100, the **Lighthouse catalog**, (800) 829-0500, the **Independent Living catalog**, (800) 337-2118, and the **Anne Morris catalog**, (800) 454-3175.
- **Benson's fruit cake** can be found at **Damman Hardware** stores.
- **Men's elastic-waist trousers** can be found in the **J.C. Penney Big Book** and at **Target** stores in early spring.
- **Anne Klein II perfume** can be bought at **Levin Beauty Supply** stores located on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and on Coolidge in Oak Park.
- We also found: a manual for **Word Perfect 6.0** (but not the Windows 95 version), hand-painted baskets by **A. Baenziger**, replacement brushes and Teflon pads and clips for the **Shetland Floor Scrubber**.
- A **poll for an outdoor clothing hanger** can be purchased at **ACO Hardware** stores and **Sears** stores.
- **Hug Em's Madame Alexander dolls** are sold at **Muriel's Dollhouse** in Plymouth, (734) 455-8110.
- The **game Pit** can be purchased at **Adventures in Toys** on Maple in Birmingham, (248) 646-5550 and at the **Alcove Hobby Shop** on Woodward in Royal Oak, (248) 545-6237, or through the **Winning Moves Company catalog**, (800) 664-7788.
- **Wolf River apples** are available at **Blake's Cider Mill** (pick your own apples in Armada Township and at the **Franklin Cider Mill** in Franklin).
- **Stage chili and powdered starch** can be found at **Hiller's Market** in West Bloomfield, (248) 652-7986.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

- Greetings and Christmas cards of all types (front only) can be

sent to: **St. Jude's Children's Ranch**, 100 St. Jude's Street, Dept. EMIB, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-0100. They also take **Campbell soup** labels.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A manual with directions for a **Duofold Mangle for Mary Ann**.
- A **Rainbow Brita doll for Sally**.
- A store where **Cortland apples** are sold for **Jesslyn**.
- **Revlon's lipstick "Bliver Fox Pink" and Secret of Venus perfume** for **Zelma**.
- A copy of the 70s movie "**Sunshine**," the **follow-up movie** and someone who will **knit children's sweaters** for a reasonable price for **Pamela**.
- A box of **Ivory Snowflakes** for **Amy**.
- **Ground bay leaf seasoning** for **Joe**.
- The **children's book set "My Book House"** by **Olive Beaupre Miller**.
- A **1961 Rochester High School yearbook** for **Pat**.
- A **battery-operated, under-the-cabinet light** for **Mimi**.
- A **white wicker plant stand** for **Nancy**.
- A **Power Ranger Halloween costume** for **Lorie**.
- The **children's book "Three Belly Goats Gruff"** for **Michelle**.
- **Cornmeal light butter** (spreadable from Belgium) for **Mrs. Bush**.
- **Two sturdy baby gates** to donate for a **rescued dog** for **Jan**.
- A "**Lady of Charis**" cookbook for **Pat**.
- The **game Book** for **Carol**.
- **Cassette tapes for a Teddy Ruxpin teddy bear** for **Margaret**.
- A **small, glass-domed blue bird** that changes colors to predict weather for **Shirley**.
- A **long line bra** by **Subtract** for **Dorothy**.
- **Wicked Wahini perfume** for **Jerry**.
- A **1959-60 Holy Redeemer High School yearbook** for **Gary**.
- A pair of **Gravity boots** for **Tom**.
- A **Bon Vivant cocktail blender** for **Jo**.
- A **replacement for a Neutone built-in food center or a motor** for the center for **Mrs. Dewey**.
- A **1944-45 Fordson High School yearbook** for **Frances**.

- Compiled by **Sandi Jaracka**

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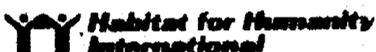
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Beauty of Japan turns out to be its wonderful people

BY MATT DEMGEN
SPECIAL WRITER

My interest in the Japanese culture started years ago.

I often found myself reading about Japan and even renting videos that depicted a Japanese story line.

I have always been impressed that the Japanese have held on to their traditional beliefs while adapting to a Western approach in their society.

To enhance my interest, I knew that travel to Japan would be necessary, but my budget was a huge roadblock. Then, surprisingly, last December, I first heard about the Japan-America Friendship Scholarship through my friend from Japanese class. The scholarship is through Youth For Understanding and is predominantly funded by the Japanese government to further understanding between our two countries.

It is given to just 120 students from across the United States. The recipients would spend six weeks in Japan learning about the culture from a week of seminars and five weeks living with a Japanese family. I was aware that the odds were tough to overcome, but my desire to travel to Japan was so great, I thought that I didn't have anything to lose, and, hopefully, much to gain.

The waiting period went on and on, but when you least expect it, news comes. On a day I'll always remember, a package from Washington was waiting for me when I got home from school. Little did I know that when I opened it, I would be on my way to Japan on June 14.

A few days later my host mom called with a greeting of welcome. She chose a few words of English that I could understand. That friendly phone call was very much appreciated.

Similarly, upon arrival in Japan, communication was difficult. Even though I had one year of Japanese at Stevenson High School, the language spoken to me came at a fast pace. I wanted to change all those words to slow-motion speed, but had to settle for a simple Japanese phrase, "Nani?" which means "What?"

After a short delay, we made ourselves understood and were



Good friends: A Japanese school friend gives a peace sign. Japanese kids believe showing the peace sign is a very American thing to do.

directed to our Japanese group leader who got us on a bus to the Olympic Center in Tokyo. We spent a week learning about cultural traditions. Part of our experience included introductions to the Japanese government officials responsible for the administration of the Japan-America Friendship Scholarship. Additional work on the Japanese language was a nice complement to the study of the culture. It helped us improve our communication skills.

On to Tokyo

Part of our week at the Olympic Center we were allowed to travel in Tokyo. The city is great.

I have never seen so much in the way of buildings, people, transportation and stores in my life. Detroit is small compared to Tokyo. Our group was taken on a tour of Tokyo.

I foolishly thought the week in Tokyo would go a little slower in order to better prepare an introduction for my host family.

The time flew, though, and I soon met the Sakamoto family. I knew that those first introductory Japanese words were critical. It would be their first impression of me.

Somehow, the words came, and I was greeted with smiles and hugs. I felt very comfortable with my host mom, dad, and my two sisters, age 9 and 14. It was great to hear a few words of English from my family. My few words of Japanese, I'm sure, were also appreciated.

The first day in the Sakamoto

family was a little awkward. I wasn't quite sure of my place in the family. Amazingly, on the second day, I felt right at home.

Everyone made me feel comfortable. My two sisters were great companions. We shared video games and television. Amazingly, some of the television programs came across in English with Japanese subtitles. A few of the British shows were hilarious. My host mom taped them for me when I was out of the house. She even packed them for me upon my return home.

The very next day I met the grandparents in their home. They lived only five houses down the street from ours. The meeting was very nice. Since this was the family's first visit from an American, everyone was excited.

After our visit, we went out for sushi. Since I enjoy sushi at Akasaka, a Japanese restaurant in Livonia, I couldn't wait to try the sushi in Japan. The comparison was favorable. I guess Akasaka knows how to prepare authentic Japanese food.

Along with the enjoyable visits, my host parents were very kind to me on a daily basis. They often asked me how I was doing and if I needed anything.

I was told that the YFU trip was not a travel experience. My family must have been the exception. They took me to see many sights. The most memorable were Mt. Fuji, temples, Tokyo Tower, and downtown Tokyo.

The climb on Mt. Fuji was educational and exciting. The effort was strenuous, but along the way we were provided rest stops where we could eat and drink.

Contrast to temples

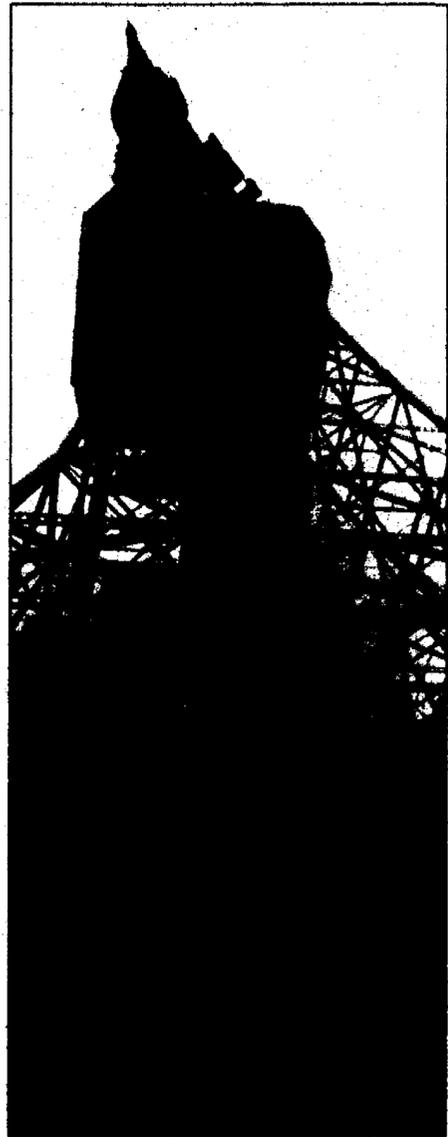
In comparison, the temples I visited were just as fantastic. It was incredible how the architecture blended with a sense of spirituality. The gigantic statues of Buddha were impressive.

In contrast, the train trip to downtown Tokyo provided me with another memorable experience. I was impressed by Tokyo's huge buildings, especially Tokyo Tower. The stores were unique. Many of them made up the floors of these tall buildings. I called them vertical malls.



PHOTO BY MATT DEMGEN

Temple: A Japanese temple is outlined against a cloudy sky during Matt Demgen's trip this summer.



Travel plans: Demgen's hosts took him many places in Japan, including the capital city, Tokyo.

The food challenge was another step that I eagerly anticipated. Besides my favorite, sushi, I successfully tried many unusual dishes. There was one exception. I couldn't get used to natto. The slimy texture of those beans didn't appeal to me.

I am happy to say that I really liked fish on a stick, nori (sea-weed), and sea urchin. My host family went to a restaurant, and I was given the sea urchin free. I was told how expensive those spiky, little creatures were, and needless to say, I was very hon-

ored to enjoy this new delicacy.

In the beginning, six weeks seemed like such a long time, but, in reality, it went too fast. Since everyone, was so kind to me, I knew that the day of separation would be hard.

I packed the night before departure and, typically, had to stuff all my new purchases into two small suitcases. I thought about how I would say goodbye. Then I didn't want to think about it. I thought that I would handle it only when the moment came. We went on a bus to the

airport and soon I stood before my family and said those words of thanks and goodbye.

My mom cried as she hugged me. My sisters were also sad. My dad had to work that day, so we said our goodbyes earlier. I knew I was ending a memorable adventure.

I was firmly connected to Japan and America in a way that I had never imagined.

Matt Demgen is a junior at Stevenson High School in Livonia and is back in the Japanese language classes for more study.

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KELLI LEWTON

Napa Valley also known for olive oil

I recently returned from a wonderful food, wine and more trip to northern California. I had the good fortune to eat in many of San Francisco's unique and fine restaurants including: Zuni, Chez Pannisse, Millennium, The Slanted Door, and Bixs. After eating my way through San Fran, I headed toward wine country with no particular agenda. It being my first time in northern California, I knew I wanted to experience, as many wineries as time would permit. Upon my arrival in wine country I landed in Callastoga, famous for its natural hot springs, mud baths and general spa like environment. Callastoga is nestled at the north end of the Napa Valley. I set out on my mission to find the most unique "smaller vineyards" Napa had to offer.

Cycling

As luck would have it, I happened by the Get Away Bike Shop. My usual six or seven day exercise routine had been compromised many days and meals before, so I decided to investigate Vineyard cycling tours. I ended up helmet in hand the next morning with our bike leader, Dave, ready to see, do and taste it all! Off we went, up and down the steep Napa country-side touring some of the interesting smaller vineyards.

On the tour we were introduced to wine from vineyards whose product never sees distribution. Only insiders know how to find it.

Trees

From the very first vineyard we entered I noticed olive trees, and lots of them. As the wine tasting and tours progressed so did my questions to winemakers about their olive trees and what they do with all those olives.

Many of the vineyards are squashing grapes and pressing olives side by side. I learned that winemakers are very proud of their silvery branched olive trees and often will run out of their first press of olive oil before their latest wine release.

While my bike buddies were looking for their second glass of wine I was asking someone to pass the bread and spill some oil. At almost every vineyard from where I purchased wine, I also picked up a bottle of their glossy green finest. At some vineyards, I left the wine behind and opted for olive oil only.

In addition to northern California's

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Olive Facts & Lore

- The history of olives is said to date back 8,000 years to carbon remains found in Spain.
- Some say the trees appeared on the California landscape in 1769. Trees were propagated from seeds brought by the Mexicans. Others cite 1785 when the trees were brought from Europe.
- Average olive trees are 50 feet wide with a 35 branch spread.
- Olives are rich in tannin (the same component that makes red wine stain your carpet).
- While the 90 percent majority of olives harvested are used for oil, the remaining 10 percent are used to create over 850,000 tons of table olives.
- There are over 750 million trees world wide with a steady yearly increase.
- Olive oil is said to have many health benefits.
- The greener the oil the more pure and rich in flavor (these varieties are best used in cold food preparation).
- Reference to the symbolic and practical use of olive oil is cited throughout ancient literature.
- Hippocrates boasted of the therapeutic and healing medicinal properties of olives.



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deep sea DINING

It's 'reel' good to introduce fish into your diet

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Think back to your childhood. How often did your family have seafood?

Perhaps it was fish on Fridays. Or maybe an occasional tuna sandwich. If your experience cooking fish is limited to those sticks or a can of tuna, it's time to explore new waters.

Knowing that fish and seafood are healthy and delicious, it is a good idea for all of us to include more of it in our diet. There are over 1,000 different species of fish and shellfish harvested from the wild or raised by aquaculture. These can become a part of everyone's diet both at home and in restaurants. Many of us don't eat fish at home because we think it is tricky to cook. But most seafood is easy to prepare and can be cooked to be appealing to even the pickiest little eaters.

Kids and fish

The National Fisheries Institute says that seafood sales to the younger generation (35 to 50) are lacking. An NFI commissioned study reported that fewer than 30 percent of younger consumers identified themselves as moderate seafood users. Since fish can be a wonderful source of protein and nutrients, it is a good idea to introduce fish to our children.

A neighborhood in Clarkston looks forward to its annual visit from Uncle Dick, an Arizona relative of one of the residents. Uncle Dick has instilled the love of fishing in all the neighborhood kids. They can hardly wait for him to help bait their hooks and untangle lines. At night he fries up a mess of pan fish and the kids (and parents too) gobble them up.

If you don't have an Uncle Dick in your neighborhood, you can still introduce fish to your kids. The milder varieties of fish and seafood are usually better received.

To begin, let kids try fried shrimp or fried clams dipped in red shrimp sauce. Offer them a shrimp or two from the adult's shrimp bowl when you serve them for a

Seafood Buying Guide

Approximate amount of raw seafood needed per adult serving (3 ounces cooked)

- Whole fish 3/4 pound (12 ounces)
- Dressed or pan-dressed fish 1/2 pound (8 ounces)
- Fish filets 1/4-1/3 pound (4-6 ounces)
- Fish steaks with bone 1/2 pound (8 ounces)
- Fish steaks without bone 1/3 pound (6 ounces)
- Live clams and oysters 6 to 8 each
- Shucked clams and oysters 1/3-1/2 pint
- Live lobsters and crabs 1-1 1/2 pounds
- Cooked lobsters and crabs 1/4-1/3 pound (4-6 ounces)
- Scallops 1/4-1/3 pound (4-6 ounces)
- Shrimp, headless, unpeeled 1/3-1/2 pound (6-8 ounces)
- Shrimp, peeled and deveined 1/4-1/3 pound (4-6 ounces)

party. It may be easier to get children to try other varieties after they "discover" these delicacies.

Kids may reject fish that has stronger flavors, is smoked or smells too fishy. Bones can be a problem for young children too, so even after filleting the fish, remind them to chew slowly.

Spectacular seafood

The "10 minute rule" is a good guide to perfectly cooked fish. It applies to baking at 400° F, broiling, grilling, steaming, and poaching. (It does not apply to microwaving.) Measure the fish, whole, steaks, or filets, at its thickest part. Figure 10 minutes of cooking time for each inch thickness of fish.

For example, a 1-1/4-inch thick fish steak would be done after about 12 minutes of baking. For frozen fish, do not thaw, but double the cooking time. Add five minutes cooking time for fish cooked in foil or in a sauce.

When boiling shell-on shrimp, use a steamer pot (a perforated pot stacked inside a stock pot) so that the shrimp can be lifted out quickly. Immerse in boiling water for no more than two minutes. Lift out and dunk in ice water to stop the cooking. Set shrimp aside to drain. The shrimp will be succulent, juicy and firm.



Poach oysters in lightly boiling water for about a minute - until the edges just start to curl. Remove them immediately and you'll know you haven't overcooked them.

The omega-3 advantage

Scientific evidence suggests that omega-3 fatty acids can help reduce the risk of heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States.

Omega-3 fatty acids can make blood less likely to clot and block blood vessels. Consuming omega-3 fatty acids can decrease levels of some blood fats and possibly cholesterol. Omega-3 fatty acids are found almost exclusively in aquatic organisms, although smaller amounts are found in some plants and plant oils. Seafood is considered the best dietary source of omega-3 fatty acids. All fish and shellfish contain some omega-3 fatty acids but fatty fish generally contain more.

(See related story on the relative amounts of omega-3 fatty acids in various fish and shellfish.)

Cholesterol

Most animal foods, including seafood, contain cholesterol. Shellfish contains about 100 milligrams of cholesterol per 3-ounce serving.

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Omega-3 Fatty Content of Fish and Shellfish

Based on 3.5 ounces (100g) edible portion

Most fatty (over 10g)	Least fatty (less than 1g)
Anchovy	Carp
Atlantic bluefish	Channel catfish
Atlantic salmon	Cod
Coho salmon	Flounder
Herring	Grouper
Mackerel	Haddock
Pilchards	Mahi mahi
Pink salmon	Pacific halibut
Sablefish	Ocean perch
Sardines	Orange roughy
Sockeye salmon	Pike
Spiny dogfish	Tuna
Whitefish	Pollock
Moderate fatty (2-10g)	Rockfish
Chum salmon	Sea bass
Pumpkin	Snapper
Rainbow trout	Whiting
Shark	Clams
Smelt	Crab
Spoiled	Crayfish
Spot bass	Eastern oysters
Swordfish	Lobster
Pacific oysters	Mussels
Squid	Scallops
	Shrimp

Lean stuffed, baked peppers are full of flavor



MURIEL WAGNER

When I was growing up, fall was stuffed pepper time. Green peppers were bountiful and cheap, and so was the ground meat they were stuffed with. It was high fat chuck meat. I can still see the layer of fat surrounding the peppers in the loaf pan in which they were baked. The relationship between fat and nutrition-related diseases was ill defined in those years. Saturated fat had not yet become a household word.

I set about to create a stuffed pepper that reminded me of past autumns with its flavor, yet better suited my nutrition goals with its low-fat components. I tried a traditional recipe, substituting lean ground beef and turkey, but I found the filling dry and crumbly. After two other versions, this was the result. See what you think.

The ground beef that I used was top round of beef trimmed and ground once. With 1.7 grams of fat per ounce, it's lower than anything in the meat counter, including ground beef labeled extra lean. It's almost as low in fat as skinned chicken breast.

I omitted the usual rice, because I wanted the real meaty flavor that I remembered. The problem with using really low-fat ground beef is dryness. So I added my favorite pasta sauce to the meat for moistness.

I used green and red bell peppers of medium size and blanched them. The prepared spaghetti sauce is one of my bows to convenience. The one that I use is Paul Newman's Sockerooni. It's relatively low in fat (2 grams per serving), but rather high in sodium (390mg) per 1/2 cup serving. If sodium is a concern, select a lower sodium sauce, of which there are many.

The peppers can be frozen after stuffing and before final cooking in the oven. I like to serve this dish at informal dinner parties.

STUFFED PEPPERS

- 1 pound beef top round, trimmed and ground once
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, chopped
- 4 medium hot peppers (like to use a variety of colors)
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 egg white
- 1/2 cup reduced fat mozzarella cheese (2 grams of fat per ounce)
- 4 fresh tomato slices
- 1/2 cup spaghetti sauce, your favorite

Cut tops off peppers and remove membranes. Blanch peppers by pre-cooking in boiling water until tender, crisp. Drain.

Brown meat, onion and garlic in non-stick pan over low heat. Break up lumps. Add 1/4 cup spaghetti sauce, Worcestershire sauce, blend and then add egg white. Use mixture to stuff peppers.

Place 1 cup spaghetti sauce in 2 quart

baking dish. Place stuffed peppers on top. Cover.

Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes, uncover. Sprinkle top with one-half of the cheese. Place tomato slices on top, then remaining cheese. Return to oven and bake until cheese melts.

Serve remaining spaghetti sauce with pasta as a side dish to the stuffed peppers. Serves 4.

Food values per serving: Calories 277, Fat 8.5g, Sat. Fat 2.7g, Sodium 372mg, Cholesterol 82mg.

Food exchanges: 1 lean meat, 1 veg, 1 stable.

Look for Muriel Wagner on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$14.50 to: "Eat Younger," P.O. Box 18921, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

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Shrimp and lobster are a bit higher, about 150 milligrams of cholesterol per 3-ounce serving. But, seafood tends to be very low in saturated fat, which is what turns your body on to making too much cholesterol.

One word of caution with fish and cholesterol is if you eat fish roe, caviar, fish liver, or the livers of lobster and crab. These items do contain higher amounts of cholesterol and should be eaten infrequently if you are watching your cholesterol.

Some seafood is traditionally eaten raw. Oysters on the half

shell, sushi, sashimi and ceviche are examples some of popular raw fish dishes. This practice has inherent risks because cooking foods is necessary to destroy disease-causing organisms or parasites that occur naturally or that can be introduced during handling, storage or preparation.

Whenever an animal food is eaten raw or partially cooked, the risk of illness is significantly increased. Bivalve molluscan shellfish like clams and oysters, which live close to the shore, can contain bacteria or viruses that can cause illness.

Bacteria and viruses from human and land animal sources can be carried into coastal waters with run-off from the land, in sewage discharges, or from other sources. These shellfish, which obtain food by pumping water through their digestive system and filtering out small organisms, may collect bacteria and viruses from the waters in which they live.

People ingest these organisms when they eat these products raw. The potential health risks associated with eating raw bivalve shellfish are usually directly related to the quality of

the waters in which they have lived.

The same food safety measures that I advocate for meat and poultry also apply to fish and seafood. Remember to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Avoid cross contamination by washing hands, utensils, containers, cutting boards, etc. and cook seafood to an internal temperature of at least 145°F. A temperature of 160°F is recommended to kill bacteria, but can easily cause the seafood to be overcooked, dry and tough.

Some fish from our Great

Lakes and inland waterways may pose a health threat to some individuals. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources produces "Michigan Fish Advisory," a booklet that provides information on our state's fish and the health recommendations for consumption. You can call them for a free copy at (800) 626-4636 or view the booklet on the MDNR's Web site at www.mdnr.state.mi.us/pha/fishadv.htm.

Another great Web site for fish and seafood information is the National Fisheries Institute at www.nfi.org.

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awesome olive oil, you'll find all sorts of olive dishes in much of California's cuisine.

The best way to begin learning about the many varieties of table

olives is to first understand the differences between green and black varieties. As with most fruits, the color of an olive reveals its degree of ripeness.

Green olives are picked early while not yet ripe, usually in the early autumn between late September and October when the skin begins to change in hue

from leaf green to yellow-green and before the flesh softens. They are characteristically firm and crisp in texture and will often have a bit of a nutty flavor and will have the least amount of oil.

Black olives are green olives

that have been left on the trees through late fall, often some as late as December and January. As they are brought to their full ripeness, they are softer, sweeter and often a richer, more intense flavor. The term "black" is often not accurate, as many varieties

are practically purple, with intermittent shades of brown and red. The perfectly oval shaped fruits disguise the bitter truth that olives in the freshly harvested or raw state are virtually inedible. Olives in their fresh state have a high percentage of harshly flavored Oleuropein. In order to extract this component, olives must be cured quickly after harvesting.

Processing olives

There are three general methods for processing olives.

■ **Brine curing** — The brine is a mixture of salt and water. The olives will soak in this solution for at least one month.

■ **Lye curing** — Is most commonly used by the large volume producers. Olives are immersed in an alkaline lye solution, which extracts their bitterness in a matter of days.

■ **Dry curing** — The oldest curing method. Olives are merely coated in course salt and left for weeks and often months. This will produce an olive with rich flavor intensity as well as impart a dry prune like appearance to the skin.

If you have the opportunity to explore our Western wine country, don't forget to ask the vineyards to pass the oil!

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Local chefs share shrimp, salmon recipes

See related story on Taste front.

This is a great recipe to use as an hors d'oeuvre. Kids who like barbecue sauce and bacon will also like these tasty shrimp! The recipe is relatively high in fat and salt, but if eaten in moderation, it's a wonderful treat.

BARBECUE SHRIMP

Makes 36 shrimp
3/4 cup orange juice concentrate
3/4 cup prepared chili sauce
1/4 cup molasses
1/3 cup soy sauce

2 tablespoons prepared mustard
3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 pounds of large shrimp (16 to 20 count)
12 pieces bacon

Combine all ingredients except shrimp and bacon. Mix well, bring to a boil then simmer for 5 minutes. Set aside.

Peel, devein, and wash sand out of shrimp. Coat shrimp with half of the sauce. Cook bacon on cookie sheet in 350°F oven for 4 to 5 minutes, just until limp.

Drain fat, cool and cut each piece in thirds.

Wrap shrimp with bacon, secure with a toothpick and place on a cookie sheet with sides. Bake shrimp on one side in 450°F oven until bacon is partially browned, about 8 minutes. Turn shrimp and brown opposite side. Spoon remaining sauce on shrimp and bake until bubbly. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: Serving size: 1 shrimp, calories 108, protein 7g, fat 6.96g, sodium 203mg, carbohydrates 4g.

Recipe compliments of Chef

Kevin Enright, chef-instructor Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills.

This recipe developed by Chef Randy Emert of Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester, for a Crittenton Hospital health fair, is delicious and nutritious.

COLD POACHED SALMON WITH LEMON RICE SALAD

For salmon
6 ounce piece salmon
2 cups clam juice
Juice from 1/2 lemon

1 onion, chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 carrot, chopped
1 sprig thyme
2 bay leaves
12 black peppercorns
1/4 cup white wine

Put all ingredients, except salmon, in a large sauté pan and bring to a boil.

Add salmon and cover. Turn to medium low heat and poach until internal temperature reaches 120°F. Refrigerate overnight.

For rice
2 cups cooked rice

Juice from 2 lemons; add lemon zest
1 teaspoon fennel seed
3 sprigs chopped dill
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
1 teaspoon minced shallots
3 splashes Tabasco sauce
1 Granny Smith apple, small, diced

Mix all ingredients together. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serves 4
Nutrition information per serving: Calories 300, fat 3.5 grams

Olive appetizers simply delicious

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OLIVE SALAD

1 cup mixed green and black California olives
1 red pepper roasted, peeled and cut in thin strips
1/2 red onion cut into thin strips
1/2 cup artichokes, quartered
1/2 cup red wine, Italian or Balsamic vinaigrette
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon fresh chopped basil

Mix all ingredients and let marinate at least 3 hours prior to serving.

This dish is great as a spread for bread or a splash in your next pasta dish, vinaigrette or marinade.

BLACK OLIVE SPREAD

1 cup pitted black olives (use your favorite variety)
3 garlic cloves
1/4 cup olive oil
1 teaspoon chopped parsley
Pinch of salt
Pinch of Cayenne pepper

Puree olives and garlic in food processor; adding olive oil in a

slow fine stream.

Remove from bowl, mix herbs and season.

SHRIMP STUFFED OLIVES

2 dozen pitted California black olives
4 tablespoons cream cheese
4 artichoke hearts (canned) chopped finely
1/2 cup cooked finely chopped shrimp
1 teaspoon chopped fresh dill
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients and stuff olives.

Chili cook-off winners announced

Les Eastep of Rochester, Ill. won first place in the Great Lakes Regional International Chili Society Cook-off held Sunday, Oct. 3 in downtown Plymouth.

Forty-six cooks competed in the contest. Eastep won a personal spa valued at \$3,800, a

shirt, \$850 and a trophy. He also qualified to compete in the World Championship Chili Cook-off taking place Sunday, Oct. 10 in Las Vegas.

Second place was awarded to Joe Janes, third place to Gayle Ihlenfeldt, fourth to Norm Raje, and fifth to Steve Frohling, Todd

Rizzo and Lynne Hunter.

In the salsa competition, first place was awarded to Ken Brundage, second to Gayle Ihlenfeldt, Lynne Hunter, third,

Leo Buk won first place for best booth, Jim Sholar, second, and Walt & Lynne Hunter third.

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The Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends is a free support group for anyone who is hypersensitive to chemical and/or environmental irritants. Informal meets are held throughout Southeast Michigan. The next meeting is from 2-5 p.m. at the Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., in Ann Arbor. For a newsletter call (248) 349-4972.

Car seat check

Have your child safety seat checked for free from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth Jeep, located on Ann Arbor at Lilley roads in Plymouth. Prior checks by the coalition found that more than 95 percent of child safety seats were being used incorrectly. The event is sponsored by Fox Hills Plymouth Jeep, Henry Ford Health System and Oakwood Healthcare. Call (313) 791-1490.

Micro cooking

Macrobiotic cooking classes for October under the direction of Micro Val include fun foods, from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 including cinnamon rolls, flaming volcano, tempeh sandwiches and lemonade. An Oct. 27 Halloween class from 6-9 p.m. includes pumpkin soup, peanut butter popcorn, stuffed pumpkin, lentils and pumpkin. Call Val to register at (734) 261-2856.

Vegetarian event

If you are a vegetarian or are interested in learning more about the lifestyle and putting vegetarian dishes to the test the 12th Annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza will be held in three sessions from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at the Metropolitan SDA Junior Academy, 15585 Haggerty Road, Plymouth (one block north of Five Mile). All levels of vegetarian eating will be offered as well as non-vegetarians and all with the flare of the holidays. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. Contact the Extravaganza hotline at (734) 495-3602. Tickets are \$10, adults; \$3, children ages 6-12.

Thyroid support

Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 at the Plymouth Library. There is a speaker at each meeting. This month Deb Sopo, a pharmacist from McAuley Pharmacy in Plymouth will speak. The public is encouraged to join the group and learn something new. Meet others who share your experiences and learn from them. For more information and reservations call Tracy Green (734) 453-7945 or visit their Web site at <http://community.mlive.com/ct/thyroid>

Weight loss

Dr. Brian Lamb, Medical Herbalist and International Lecturer will speak Oct. 11 on the French approach to permanent loss. Learn the three key factors to successful weight loss, how to burn fat with cellular renewal and The Science of Modern Food combining \$5 tickets (Embassy Suites Hotel, Livonia) call (800) 403-5654.

Cold sore sufferers get relief from new topical medication

Eighty percent of cold sore sufferers won't kiss their loved ones during a cold sore outbreak. And that's doing the right thing, because the cold sore virus is communicable. But where does that leave the cold sore sufferer?

During the winter, cold sore triggers are rampant, from colds and flu to vacations in the sun and outdoor sports in the cold. And it can ruin holiday or travel plans, because not only do more than 80 percent of cold sore sufferers "dread" an outbreak, more than 60 percent will not have their photograph taken when they have visible cold sores, according to a recent Gallup poll commissioned by the maker of Denavir (penciclovir cream) 1 percent, the antiviral prescription cold sore medication.

"I've had more than a few cold sores absolutely ruin my plans," said Karen Duffy, actress, model and cold sore sufferer.

Like more than 70 percent of cold sore sufferers, Duffy had tried home remedies.

"When I heard there was a prescription treatment, specifically for cold sores, I couldn't wait to try it."

"Essentially, people are saying that when they get cold sores, they have a negative impact on their quality of life, and yet they're not satisfied with

what's available over-the-counter," said David Leffell, M.D., professor of dermatology and plastic surgery at Yale. "Cold sore sufferers should talk to their physician or dentist about treatment."

Cold sore relief

Denavir (penciclovir cream) 1 percent, the prescription antiviral cold sore medication, is the first and only clinically proven cold sore medicine approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of recurrent cold sores in healthy adults. In the largest clinical study ever conducted with cold sore sufferers, Denavir healed cold sores on average in 4.5 days. Denavir penetrates the skin to block the virus that causes cold sores. It is a tasteless and odorless topical cream that dries invisible when applied to affected areas.

Close to one-in-five adults report they have had at least one cold sore outbreak in the past month. On aver-

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age, cold sore sufferers report two outbreaks in the past 12 months. More than half (52 percent) describe their recent outbreak as mild, but 10 percent describe their most recent case of cold sores as severe.

In spite of all these findings, only 26 percent of cold sore sufferers have sought treatment through their physician or dentist. That could be because only 25 percent of cold sore sufferers are able to correctly identify that a virus causes cold sores.

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"When people understand that cold sores are caused by a virus, they can begin to treat them more effectively and seek prescription medicine," Leffell said.

Effective treatment

Many cold sore sufferers get an early-warning signal, the tell-tale "tingle," that a cold sore is on its way, and most can identify factors that trigger their cold sores, such as anxiety (14 percent), a cold (14 percent), sunburn (9 percent), fever (7 percent) or cold weather (5 percent).

"Most people recognize the tingling sensation as a sign that a cold sore is coming," Leffell said. "This is the time when treatment is most effective."

Also, most sufferers say that cold sores seem to pop up at the most inopportune times. "I keep my Denavir with me all the time," Duffy said. "That way when I feel like I'm getting a cold sore, I'm always prepared and can start treating it right away."

In Denavir studies, a few people experienced side effects, such as headache (5.3 percent of patients treated with Denavir vs. 5.8 percent of placebo-treated patients) and redness where the cream was applied (1.3 percent of patients treated with Denavir vs. 1.8 percent of placebo-treated patients). For additional information about Denavir and cold sores, call 1-888-DENAVIR, or visit Denavir's redesigned Web site at www.denavir.com

Renowned psychotherapist conducts two Livonia classes

Internationally renowned psychotherapist, Ilana Rubinfeld, Ph.D., will make two presentations hosted by Michigan Women Psychologists Friday, Oct. 22 and Saturday, Oct. 23.



Rubinfeld

The first session, titled "Healing the Emotional/Spiritual Body," will feature The Rubinfeld Synergy Method. An approach that integrates body and mind, emotion and spirit, using gentle and "listening" touch, movement, Gestalt techniques, breathing patterns and imagination

to open gateways for contacting and expressing feelings.

Rubinfeld will lead group exercises, teach "hands-on" techniques for deepening the language of touch, present individual demonstrations to illustrate the relationship between posture and emotions and will show how the body's story — physical patterns of tension and constraint — reveals deep issues in our lives. Throughout the workshop participants will learn and experience the healing power of humor and self-care.

In session two "The Art of Self-Care," the notion that therapists often give too much of themselves to their work and deplete their reservoirs of professional, emotional and

spiritual energy. In this experimental program, Rubinfeld will teach participants how to become more aware of tensions locked in their bodies, which may become metaphors for stressful professional and personal life situations.

Rubinfeld will share humorous stories, conduct group exercises and present individual demonstrations to teach techniques that will energize both therapists and their clients.

Both seminars will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for psychotherapists, healthcare professionals and students at the Livonia Holiday Inn-West, adjacent to Laurel Park. For additional information, call (248) 360-3928 or fax (248) 363-7035.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKER

Teaming up

Dr. Karen Slota, DC, of Farmington Hills, has recently joined Greater Michigan Chiropractic at 16349 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Slota has an extensive background in health and fitness and holds state titles in both bodybuilding and powerlifting. She brings a "wellness and preventative" approach to health care in her practice by emphasizing the importance of physical exercise, proper nutrition and patient education for all ages.



Slota

To schedule an appointment call, (734) 261-0480. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 2-7 p.m.

LOCAL IMMUNIZATION CALENDAR

Coughing, sneezing, aching, low energy, sore throat, fever...

To avoid the miserable symptoms caused by influenza, the Wayne County Health Department is urging residents, especially seniors, to schedule flu and pneumonia shots.

The Health Department and Farmer Jack supermarkets/Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. are offering flu and pneumonia vaccinations at various locations throughout the County during their annual fall immunization drive (list below).

The typical influenza season runs from November through April, but the maximum protection provided by the vaccine occurs when it is given early, before flu season starts. Health Department officials are urging people 65 and older and those persons with certain chronic conditions who want to avoid illnesses linked to pneumococcal pneumonia to get immunized.

"Senior citizens, children and adults with underlying health problems such as heart or lung conditions, asthma, diabetes, cancer, kidney disease or impaired immune function are at increased risk for flu," says Dr. Donald Lawrence, Wayne County Health Department Medical Director. "In addition, health care workers and people working with the public should consider getting inoculated."

Dr. Lawrence adds that many of those persons who are at increased risk for flu complications are also susceptible to pneumococcal pneumonia.

"A good time to get protection against pneumococcal pneumonia is when you're getting your flu shot," said Lawrence. "Pneumonia infection is still a significant source of illness and mortality, causing 40,000 deaths year in the United States."

Wayne County costs are \$5 donation for the flu shot and \$10 for the pneumonia vaccine is being requested, how-

ever, no one will be turned away due to inability to pay. Flu and pneumonia vaccinations are covered services under Medicare. County health workers may ask clients, to present their Medicare cards at the time of vaccinations so that these services may be billed to Medicare.

The 1999-2000 trivalent influenza vaccine has been developed to protect against strains of A/Beijing/262/95-like (H1N1), A/Sydney/5/97-like (H3N2) and B/Beijing/184/93-like viruses.

For more information call the Wayne County Health Department Disease Control Division Office at (734) 727-7077.

Shots will be provided Wednesday, Oct. 13 at the Oakwood Occupational Med - Canton, 7300 Canton Center Road. Call 454-8001. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Cherry Hill Internal Medicine in Canton will offer shots from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 at 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite D. Call (734) 981-1086. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each, 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered Sat, Oct. 30 from 2-5 p.m. at the Farmington store at 22128 Farmington Road, near 9 Mile.

Oakwood Healthcare Center - Garden City will offer immunization from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 13 at 30800 Ford Road. Call (734) 782-3600. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Livonia Senior Citizens, by appointment only between 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at Sheldon Park, 10800 Farmington Road. Call (734) 422-5010.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations

are \$10 each, 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Livonia store Saturday Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at 37685 Five Mile, near Newburgh Road.

St. Mary Hospital Wellness Center at Bentley in Livonia is holding a flu shot clinic for the community from 8-10 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27 and from 8-10 a.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 4. There will be an \$8 fee and registration is required. If you bring in proof that you have Medicare B, the shot is free. Call (734) 655-8940. St. Mary Hospital Wellness Center at Bentley is located at 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each, 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Northville store Sunday, Oct. 24 from noon to 3 p.m. 17447 Haggerty Road nearly Six Mile.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each, 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Novi store from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, 41840 W. 10 Mile Road, near Meadowbrook.

Plymouth Cultural Center will host an immunization clinic from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-6627 for information.

Oakwood Occupational Med-Redford from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 13 at 14671 Telegraph Road. Call (313) 387-2100. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each, 100 percent reimbursable

for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Wayne store from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at 35400 Michigan Ave., near Wayne Road.

Wayne Health Center is accepting appointments at 33030 Van Born in Wayne. Call (734) 727-7100 to schedule a time.

Farmer Jack flu immunizations are \$10 each, 100 percent reimbursable for Medicare B cardholders. Now offering pneumonia shots for \$25. Check with your physician. Shots will be offered at the Westland stores from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 132 Merriman Road near Cherry Hill; from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at 8050 Middlebelt near Ann Arbor Trail; from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 and from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at 34414 Ford Road near Oakwood St.

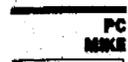
Westland will offer shots from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 14; 5-7 p.m. Oct. 21; 9-11 a.m. Oct. 30 and Saturday Nov. 6 at 2001 S. Merriman, Suite 100. Call (734) 727-1000. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Oakwood Healthcare Center - North Westland will offer shots from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12; 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20; and 4-7 p.m. Oct. 26 at 36555 Warren Road. Call (734) 414-9000. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

Presbyterian Village from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 32001 Cherry Hill Road in Westland. Call (734) 728-5222. Influenza shots are \$5; pneumonia immunizations, \$25.

For information from Farmer Jack and Visiting Nurse Association call (888) 882-4FLU.

Internet levels the information playing field in Metabolife supplement story



MIKE WENDLAND

It's enough to make any news director tremble in fear. ABC's "20/20" news program did an "investigative" interview with the CEO and medical director of the company that makes the popular Metabolife health and diet supplements. But because the company is sure that it's about to get skewered by the news broadcast, it launched a preemptive strike. On the Internet. In fact, Metabolife has released, in streaming audio and video, the entire unedited 70-minute interview that ABC's Arnold Diaz conducted with the officials. They did this before ABC News broadcasts its report. Indeed, they've set up an entire Internet Web site (<http://newsinterview.com/>) to counter what they believe will be a highly negative and unfair report on their weight loss product. You can watch and listen to the interview, read a complete transcript of it and even review pertinent documents cited in the interview. Then you can take a survey about whether you thought ABC was fair in their questioning. Before you get complete access to the Metabolife site, you have

to register your name and e-mail address and agree to a long, legal disclaimer promising, among other things, not to commercially profit from what you see and hear. After that, though, it's all laid out. And it's very interesting, watching the ABC reporter prying and prodding, doing his best to "nail" his prey. For to ABC's great chagrin, Metabolife rightly suspected this would be a hostile interview. And knowing full well how television producers slice and dice soundbites, they insisted that if ABC was allowed to use cameras to record the interview, so could they. If they follow their normal practice, they'll use only a few snippets of the hour-plus interview, to support "their story," is how the Metabolife Web site puts it. ABC is clearly not pleased with this. "It's a not-so-subtle form of intimidation," ABC News standards-and-practices consultant Richard Wald told USA Today. "There are implications for everyone in the media, not just people in TV." But Metabolife thinks turnaround is fair game. Because it's so hard to counter bad publicity after the fact, it didn't wait for the television broadcast, instead instantly putting the material online, where it knew it could get a full and impartial "cyber-airing." "Decide for yourself if they

cover the story fairly and accurately," notes the Web site. Using the Internet as a tool to fight the news media "levels the playing field," says Bob Lichter of the Center for Media and Public Affairs. He told USA Today that he thinks we'll see lots more of this. "It used to be the media 'prosecutors' had the last word," Lichter says. "Now the 'suspects' can get their side-out as well." ABC has not yet said when it plans to air the story, a story in which it's already been outscouted by its investigative target. But I'll tell you this much: Whatever story they do air will be gone over with a fine toothed legal comb. Every soundbite will be examined in context. Every eyebrow twitch by Diaz will be scrutinized for relevance. Every "fact" will be carefully checked and re-checked. ABC News would have us believe that they would do this anyway. But the soul-searching wouldn't be nearly as deep as it will now that the Internet account is online. It's clear in watching the interview that ABC was pushing a preconceived notion. You see Diaz "reading" his questions from note cards, seemingly oblivious to issues raised by his interviewees that contradicts the information he has as supposed facts. At one point, grasping for straws, Diaz says something typically-TV like "well, saying some-

thing is not unsafe is not the same as saying it's safe." Huh? Then we see Diaz uncomfortably fumbling through the briefing book a producer obviously handed him, looking for a "study" he cited that questioned the product's safety. When he finally finds the document and hands it over to the Metabolife executives, Ellis points out that it wasn't a study at all but a doctor's quote given in a previous TV interview. It will be interesting to see how ABC edits Diaz's stumbles to make him look like a hard-hitting TV journalist. Then again, now that we all can see the whole story, maybe ABC should just can the whole piece. After visiting the Web site, I found myself rooting for Metabolife. I bet you will, too. And that's what's so great about the Internet. We are no longer dependent on the self-proclaimed "gatekeepers" of the old media. When it comes to information, the Internet truly is the great equalizer. 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 CALENDAR

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presentations and discussions on how to use Oracle tools and database technologies to turn your data into information. Visit their Web site at www.doug-mi.org or call Eric Stegmeyer at (248) 626-6800.

WED, OCT. 13

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia. The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

THUR, OCT. 14

BUSINESS START-UP This program will give people guidance who wish to start a home-based business. To register for the workshop at the Plymouth Canton-Adult Community Education center (6:30-8:30 p.m.) call (248) 548-5207 or visit www.inc.com/users/ideas2pa/pev.html

FRI, OCT. 15

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

WED, OCT. 20

TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE The Detroit Oracle User Group will host their year-end technology conference at 8:30 a.m. at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. The full-day conference will feature

SAT, OCT. 23

TOASTMASTERS CLUB Learn to speak confidently one-on-one or before groups with the Toastmasters Club of Livonia. The group is having a Saturday Sunrisers open house at 8:30 a.m. at Livonia Unity Church (2866) Five Mile Road. Contact (734) 525-0476 for more information.

OCT. 25-26

CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS The American Society for Quality will meet at the Union State-Wyndham Grand Heritage Hotel, 1001 Broadway, Nashville. The topic will be relationships: Good relationships are essential to business, without them we will surely sink. To register and obtain payment information call (734) 522-0587, Tom Schoenfeldt, or (414) 723-5470, Jim Owen.

THUR, OCT. 28

BUSINESS EXPO The Detroit Regional Chamber and National Association of Purchasing Management-Metro Detroit are presenting "Business Marketplace '99 - Unparalleled Opportunities for Buyers and Suppliers." at the Burton Manor in Livonia. To register call Rosemary Tokathan at (313) 596-0392.

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MON, OCT. 11**THYROID SUPPORT**

Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 at the Plymouth Library. There is a speaker at each meeting. This month Deb-Sopo, a pharmacist from McAuley Pharmacy in Plymouth will speak. The public is encouraged to join the group and learn something new. Meet others who share your experiences and learn from them. For more information and reservations call Tracy Green (734) 453-7945 or visit their Web site at <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

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TUE, OCT. 12**BLOODMOBILE**

Every 20 seconds someone in southeastern Michigan needs blood. You can help meet this need by donating blood at the Radcliff Center in the Community Room from noon to 8 p.m. To schedule an appointment call (734) 462-4400 ext. 6470 or 5050. Walk-in donors are welcome. Radcliff Center is located at 1751 Radcliff Street, just south of Ford Road between Wayne and Merriman in Garden City.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

Women's Night Out for the Health of it! - Exercise Your Options will be held from 6-9 p.m. at Weber's Inn Ann Arbor. Do you get tired just thinking of exercising? Are you unmotivated, bored or too busy to do anything about it? This upbeat and energizing presentation will show you strategies to fit fitness into your complex life without major pain or sacrifice. The event will include networking, dinner and a presentation. Weber's Inn is located at 3050 Jackson Rd. Register by Oct. 7 call (734) 712-8722.

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Educational group that meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom 2 East A/B. Free. Oct. 12's topic is The Art of Forgotten Roman. Call (248) 477-6100. Botsford

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BREAST CLINIC

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold a Breast Health Clinic from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13 in the Marian Women's Center. A physician will perform a complete breast examination and provide instructions on how to perform a self-examination for a \$21 fee. If indicated, a mammogram will be done for an additional fee. (This cost may be covered by insurance.) Registration is required by October 6. For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

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DIABETES SUPPORT

The St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Hospital Auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. Linda DeVore, Rd. CDE will be discussing vitamins, herbs and supplements. There is no charge to attend. Call 655-8940 for information.

SAT, OCT. 16**DIABETES EDUCATION DAY**

The Garden City Hospital Diabetes Education Program, the Garden City Maplewood Center and the American Diabetes Association present the Eighth Annual Diabetes Education Day at the Maplewood Center which is located at 31785 Maplewood. Presentations by diabetes specialists on managing diabetes, the effects of diabetes on feet and vision, as well as a healthy luncheon and vendor displays will be available. Call (734) 458-4330 for information.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Saint Joseph Mercy Haab/Ypsilanti Health Center (111 N. Huron Street) will offer flu shots from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required. A \$5 donation would be appreciated.

MON, OCT. 18**CHOLESTEROL SCREENING**

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick. \$6. HDL screening

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TUE, OCT. 19**WOMEN'S DAY 1999**

Join the staff of Henry Ford OptimEyes from 2-7 p.m. for Women's Day 1999. Catering ideas, holiday fashions, fitness demo's, golf advice, body fat analysis, frame make-overs, make-up and skin care, refreshments, holiday cards and a laser vision correction presentation. Call (734) 524-7668 to register. OptimEyes is located at 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland.

NEW CANCER THERAPY

To find out about the latest strategy in the battle against cancer attend, "Cancer Vaccines: A New Weapon in the War on Cancer," a free community program sponsored by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Livonia West Holiday Inn (on

Six Mile road just east of I-275). Registration is encouraged. Call (800) 742-2300 enter category 7870.

MILLENNIUM GRANDPARENTING

Speaker Cheryl Grogan, R.N., Community Educator, will discuss "Grandparenting for the new Millennium." Grandparents and prospective grandparents will learn the latest health and safety tips, from how to position sleeping infants to car seat safety use. New product information and revised feeding schedules will also be discussed at this class held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium. There is no charge to attend this class and registration is required by October 16. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1617.

WED, OCT. 20**LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT**

For people who have or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords (laryngectomy) and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services.

THUR, OCT. 21**VACCINES FOR CHILDREN**

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring an immunization clinic for children from 4-7 p.m. in the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. The fee is \$5 per child and covers all vaccines your child needs (except chickenpox). Don't forget to bring your child's immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500.

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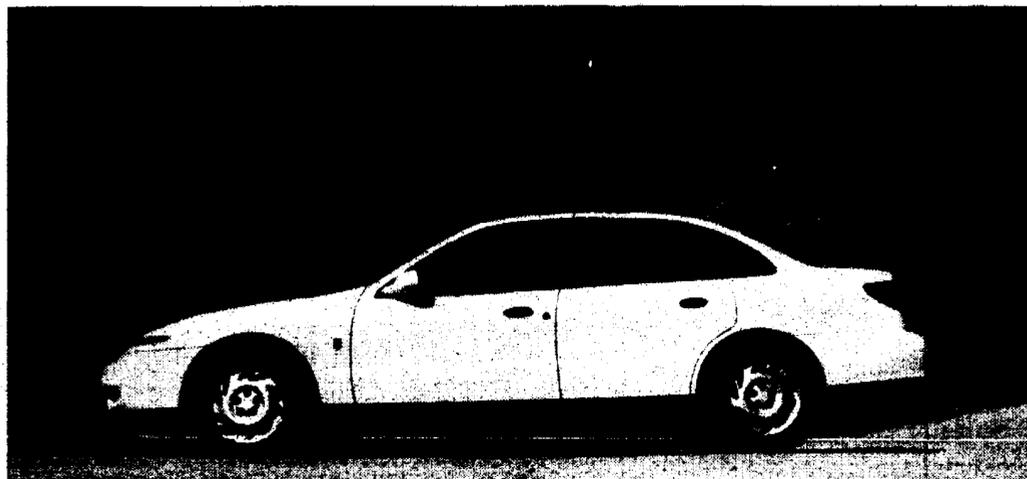
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