



## THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

**Coins:** The Wayne Coin Club will hold its annual Coin Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, Howe and Annapolis roads. Admission is free. There will be coins, paper money, stamps, books and other items. Door prizes will be given.

**Toys:** The Westland Rotary Toy Show will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Joy Manor, on Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland. There will be some 50 tables of antique and collectible toys. Admission is \$3, free for kids under 12.

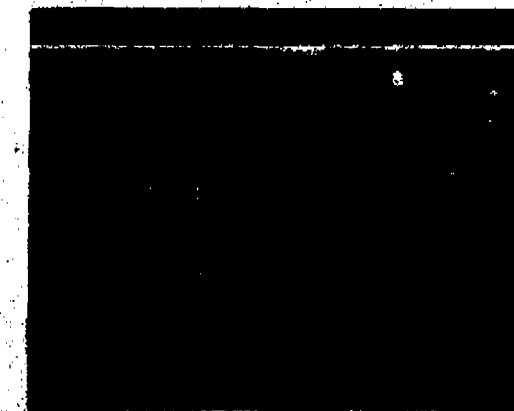
**Railroad:** Toys and trains will be available for buying/swapping from noon to 4 p.m. at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. The fund-raiser is hosted by the Usher's Club. Tables at the door, if available, are \$20. Admission for the event is \$2 per person or \$4 per family.

## MONDAY

**City Hall:** The Westland City Council will meet at 7 p.m. at the City Hall council chambers, Ford near Carlson. No study sessions are scheduled for the meeting.

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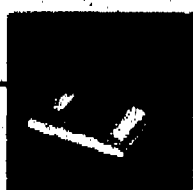


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# Mystery e-mail source located



Keith Madden, city personnel director, has said he wrote a mystery e-mail under the name of recall supporter Brenda Gracin. The e-mail misleadingly indicated a protest rally at City Hall had been canceled.

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A Westland city department head has claimed responsibility for posing as a Westland resident and distributing e-mail to try to thwart a protest outside City Hall, officials confirmed Thursday. Personnel Director Keith Madden will not be fired, suspended from his

job or reprimanded in any way for his actions, Mayor Robert Thomas said.

Madden confessed to sending an e-mail indicating that a Feb. 23 protest over the firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons had been canceled, Police Chief Emery Price said.

Madden sent the e-mail to 27 people just two days prior to the protest, and Price said Madden used the name of

Brenda Gracin, a Westland woman who supports a recall campaign against four city council members who fired Gibbons on Jan. 18.

Gracin countered the erroneous e-mail written by Madden, then only a mystery writer, and an estimated 125 to 150 people still protested prior to the Feb. 23 city council meeting.

Madden's e-mail also indicated that the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office appeared close to exonerating council members Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott of allegations they violated the state Open Meetings Act by deciding privately to fire Gibbons.

Prosecutors hadn't announced any decision on the probe late last week.

Madden sent the e-mail in Gracin's name because he wanted to try to defuse protesters who have packed council meetings since Gibbons was fired, Price said.

### New controversy

The latest flap involving a city director surfaced Thursday after Price asked the Observer to meet with himself, the mayor, City Attorney Angelo Plakas and police Lt. Marc Stobbe.

Madden's actions were revealed one day after Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek,

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## Hockey fans



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Shooting the breeze: Plymouth Whale Watchers President Laurie Johnson of Westland (at left) laughs with Lorrie Michela of Livonia (far right) and her husband, Bob, during the first intermission of the game a week ago Friday against the Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena. For more on the Whalers, please see page A3.

# Karate kids have right moves



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Do your best: Instructor Sabine Barrows of Westland works on punches with Jonathan Shihadeh, 11, (center) of Westland and Mike Sody, 6, (right) of Garden City.

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The sound reverberates through the gym, bouncing off the walls. The students move as a group, practicing their kicks under their instructor's watchful eye.

It's a karate class, sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation at the Bailey Center. There are about 15 students this Wednesday night, ages 5-12, working with instructors Vicki Martin, Sabine Barrows and Robert Sherby.

"Occasionally, we have a bit older coming in," said Martin, a Westland resident and Detroit Edison marketing/communications manager. Most parents who sign up children want them to learn discipline, self-control and other essentials.

"Concentration is a big one," said Barrows, 18, of Westland, a Livonia Franklin High School student. She started karate about six and a half years ago and works with instructor Tony Valvona. Barrows finds karate

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# Pipe bomb under car seat detonated, no injuries

BY JULIE BROWN  
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A pipe bomb detonation Thursday prompted evacuation of the business area, but no injuries were reported.

The pipe bomb was discovered around 11 a.m. Thursday at Westland Car Care on North Hix, said Lt. Marc Stobbe of the Westland Police Department. Under the front seat of a 1995 Lincoln, a worker discovered what appeared to be a pipe bomb.

The car had been in a minor accident about a month ago, Stobbe said. It was taken to Westland Car Care for repair

work, which was nearly done. As it was being detailed and cleaned, the pipe bomb was spotted.

Police were contacted. "We called out the bomb squad," Stobbe said, adding the airport bomb squad detonated the device, blowing up the car and scorching the interior of the building.

"We didn't want to move the car," he

said, out of concern for setting off the device. The car was a total loss.

The fire department assisted in putting out the fire that resulted. Fragments from the pipe bomb will be analyzed by the Michigan State Police crime lab, Stobbe said.

The car belonged to Mamoon Rashdan, 29, of Westland, who is not consid-

Lt. Marc Stobbe  
—Westland police

ered a suspect. "He had been receiving threats over the last couple of months," Stobbe said. Those threats are considered to be linked to the Thursday incident.

Police are investigating all leads. Those with information should contact Sgt. Michael Gould of the Westland Police Department at (734) 721-6311.

"We're just pursuing the leads right now," Stobbe said Friday. "Obviously, somebody wanted to kill him. This could have been disastrous," especially if one of the workers had touched the device.

# Gibbons responds to Griffin

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Ousted City Clerk Patricia Gibbons, defending her job performance, has rejected accusations that she lagged on fire civil service testing procedures.

Gibbons spoke out last week after Westland City Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin blamed her for \$21,000 in overtime costs for employees.

Gibbons flatly denied allegations by Griffin that she didn't move swiftly enough on fire civil service tests to get new employees on the job, forcing overtime expenses.

Moreover, Gibbons said the first time she heard Griffin's complaint was when she read a Feb. 27 Observer story about her job performance evaluations.

"It is unfortunate that Mr. Griffin or anyone else was unable to bring this matter to my attention while I was city clerk, because I would have worked to resolve it as quickly as possible, as I did with all the issues the city council members brought to my attention," Gibbons said.

Gibbons said she handled appointments for firefighter physicals, eye examinations and psychological tests on a timely basis, and she said her claims can be documented in files.

"If Mr. Griffin just took the time to check out the dates of the appointments, he would have found out that I did the procedure in a timely manner," Gibbons said.

Griffin has repeatedly said Gibbons wasn't performing at levels expected for her \$69,739-a-year job as clerk.

Some council members said Gibbons had made strides to improve the few deficiencies that she had as clerk — and that she shouldn't have been fired.

Griffin wasn't the first to criticize Gibbons' handling of fire civil service testing procedures. In early February, former Assistant Fire Chief George Riley also raised similar allegations.

Some of Gibbons' supporters dismissed Riley's statements as an attempt by him to help Griffin and other council members whom he supports politically.

Griffin and colleagues David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott fired Gibbons on Jan. 18, four days after Griffin placed her on leave, took her office keys and ordered her out of City Hall.

During her 17-month stint as city clerk, Gibbons said no one, including Griffin, ever mentioned problems about civil service testing procedures.

"Nor was I given any verbal or writ-

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ACHIEVERS

Nicholas J. Sanders has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. An enlistment offers the option to learn a new skill and become eligible to receive money for college.

Sanders, a senior at Wayne Memorial High, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training. He is the son of Robert Sanders of Belleville and brother of Tony L. Sanders of Westland.

Glenn grad's TV timing's right

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER kmortson@ecce.com

"Rod, who's our next contestant..." "Justin Keyes - come on down, you're the next contestant on 'The Price is Right,'" said Rod Roddy to game show host Bob Barker.

Drowned out by the applause and shouts from the crowd, 1999 John Glenn graduate Justin Keyes said he never heard them call his name on the set of the popular CBS game show.

"They hold up cue cards with your name on it if you get picked and I didn't even see it. It was my brother who saw it first," said Keyes during a phone interview from Canyon Country, Calif.

Keyes, 18, and his brother Josh, 19, were on spring break in California, and audience members of "The Price is Right," when the Eastern Michigan University freshman was selected by the producer to be a contestant.

The Westland resident sent away for tickets a couple of weeks prior to leaving on spring break.

"Going to the show was one of the things we knew we wanted to do in L.A.," said Keyes, who planned his Tuesday and Thursday classes around the game show this past semester at college.

"A friend and I at school watch it around lunch time," said Keyes. "I've been watching it for a couple of years."

Cathy Keyes, Justin's mom, said her son became a big fan of the show during the summer of his junior year in high school.

"We have to watch it on three different TVs in our house so we can all play and he's

the one that's always closest," said Cathy. "When he's at school, I have to give up watching 'The View' because he calls so we can play it over the phone."

Big break

Contestants selected for a chance to appear on stage with Barker and try their hand at winning cash and prizes are selected after they file past two producers.

Keyes said he told the producer who he was, where he was from and why he was in California. "I was louder than the other people who were being kind of quiet," remembered Keyes. "I think that's why they picked me."

Cathy Keyes said her son also "hummed" the show's theme song for the producer in hopes of increasing his odds of being chosen.

"He told me there were three kinds of people they'd have to choose from: college students, elderly ladies and obnoxious people. He said he had two out of three working in his favor."

After winning the first prize, a hammock, Keyes said he was eligible to play on stage with Bob Barker. The game he played was "The Price is Right" very first pricing game called "Any Number."

According to the CBS Web site for "The Price is Right," the longest running game show in television history, "Any Number," features three prizes: a car, a three-digit prize, and a piggy bank (three digits denoting dollars and cents) - each digit 0-9 appears once and only once (except for five-digit cars, where the first digit is given free and is the only one that repeats). The player has to guess the digits until completing a

price and winning that prize. Keyes played for a car, a 2000 Ford Mustang Coupe, a set of cookware and \$3.12 in a piggy bank.

Much to his surprise he won the Mustang. "I couldn't believe it. You really don't know you're on TV because you just feel like you're standing in front of a bunch of people, but when they cut away and show the freeze frame of the first expression on my face people are going to probably see me jumping up and down," said Keyes.

The 2000 red Mustang will eventually come from a dealership here in Michigan, said Keyes, who signed several documents agreeing to pay the out-of-state tax on the car when he receives it and federal income tax next year.

"You have to claim it because it's kind of like income. But it will only work out to be about \$3,000 over three years and that's not bad for a new car. A Mustang is not my first choice but a free car is definitely good enough for me," said the EMU freshman who, at the time of winning, was in the market for a car.

"I don't have a car right now so this is great."

Keyes said his brother, Josh, who accompanied him on the trip and who he shares a suite with at EMU's Walton Residence Hall, isn't jealous because he knows he'll get to drive the car, too.

The pair spent the remainder of their trip with their uncle who took them to Las Vegas and Tijuana, Mexico.

The show Justin Keyes appeared on as a winner will air locally at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, on Channel 62 CBS.

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BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER tsmith@ecce.com

A trial date of 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 8, has been scheduled in Oakland County Circuit Court for defendant Lisa McIntosh, the woman charged with hiring someone she thought was a hit man to kill her live-in boyfriend.

Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper, who will also preside over McIntosh's trial.

"We just got a trial date for May 8," said Townsend Thursday, noting that there was nothing else new about the case. "It's pretty straightforward."

McIntosh faces a charge of solicitation to commit murder, a first-degree felony punishable by up to life in prison. She was ordered Feb. 4 by 47th District

Judge Frederick Harris to remain electronically tethered and under her parents' supervision.

At the arraignment in circuit court, Cooper ordered that the previously-set terms be continued, Eric Schmidt, who is in charge of prisoner tethering for Oakland County Trial Services, said Friday.

"Nothing was altered from what was ordered at the lower

court," Schmidt said.

McIntosh remains tethered and must check in daily at 35th District Court in Plymouth. Any violation of those terms would result in McIntosh being sent to the Oakland County Jail on a personal bond of \$100,000.

Charges against McIntosh, a 29-year-old Westland woman, stem from an apparent plot to kill her allegedly abusive 25-year-old boyfriend.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
March 20, 2000
CITY OF GARDEN CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City will hold a Public Hearing on March 20, 2000, at 7:20 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

To solicit public comments on 1997 Sidewalk/Approach Program, Special Assessment District #4207.

Table listing property addresses and owner names for the public hearing, including Balmoral, Golfview, Hawthorne, and others.

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All persons interested in these are hereby invited to attend this Public Hearing and be heard.

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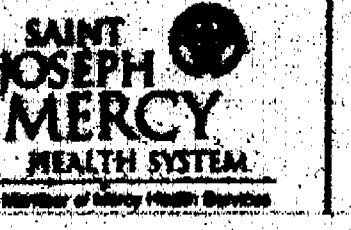
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**In good hands:** Instructor Vicki Martin of Westland works with Joseph Shihadeh, 6, of Westland with his kicks in the beginning class.



**Quick learners:** Eric Kirk, 11, of Westland (right) and other students practice kicks and punches.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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helps her concentration in school.

She was put in karate by her parents, liked it and continued to take it. "It makes you more aware. Discipline is basically the main thing."

Barrows knows to avoid kids her age who've been drinking or taking drugs. "You know when to leave."

She's learned to control her temper. Barrows is a first-degree black belt, the other two instruc-

tors brown belts.

"Karate is very demanding," added Martin, who's been in karate about five and a half years, after putting her son in and becoming interested herself.

Livonia resident Sherby, who started about seven years ago, recalls not being liked by peers. "So I got into it just to build my confidence," the 16-year-old Livonia Churchill High School student said. He has also benefited from karate.

The children in the Wednesday class at the Bailey Center were having fun and learning, too. Parents watched. Damon Harris of Romulus among them.

"I heard that karate is good for discipline," said Harris of son Damon Harris Jr., 6. Harris likes the idea of an extracurricular activity that keeps his son away from video games.

The instructors' encouragement was heard throughout the gym, as the class broke into

three groups. "All right, guys, lots of energy in this," Martin told her students.

Barrows likes to teach basics to the students, adding it's good for self-discipline. Students are taught to try to do their best.

"I really enjoy teaching," Barrows said. The students sense that the instructors really love it. "It's a fun class," she said of the Shotokan style, based on ancient Japanese customs.

**'All right, guys, lots of energy in this.'**

*Vicki Martin*  
—instructor



**On his toes:** Patrick Allen, 5, (center) practices his kick in the beginning class at the Bailey Center in Westland.

## Whalers offer hockey fun close to fans' back yards

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Four years ago, Paul Clapper suffered a stroke. His continuing recovery presented his wife, Shirley, with a new problem: Finding him something to do.

Enter the Plymouth Whalers. Before Paul's stroke, the Clappers, a Canton couple, had never really paid much attention to hockey. They'd heard the name banded about, but weren't sure what the Whalers were. After the stroke, with Paul's recovery continuing, Shirley decided to find out.

The Clappers haven't missed a home game since.

"I needed something to get him out of the house," said a chuckling Shirley, who has owned season tickets for three years now. "It's been great therapy for him, and now he wouldn't miss a game."

It's the kind of loyalty the Whalers, now in their fourth season in Plymouth Township, seem to engender. The 4,000-seat Compuware Arena is generally brimming with fans, and the Whalers treat them to as close to NHL-style fun as a minor hockey franchise can get.

There are DARE events, a center-ice shooting contest and various other family ties that bind fans young and old to the team.

Tim Smith of Plymouth and his son, Tim, have been to about 15 games this season. They've had so much father-son fun, and the Whalers have played so well the Smiths will add their name to the season ticket list next year.

"They're doing pretty good this season," young Tim said. "I just like hockey."

The answer is simpler to his father. "It's good hockey, and the price is right," the elder Smith said. "Season tickets saves me the hassle of rushing over here. And the hockey is good, so it's worth the money."

Ryan Stupakis is happy to hear people are flocking to the

### Things to know

A few quick facts about the Plymouth Whalers:

■ **Home ice.** — Compuware Arena.

■ **Seating capacity** — 4,300, including standing room only.

■ **Season tickets** — \$219 (\$8 seats); \$299 (\$12 seats).

■ **Game-day tickets** — \$12, \$8.

■ **Most popular souvenir** — T-shirts (\$9); mini-sticks (\$5-\$6); pucks (\$5).

■ **Most popular concession** — Pretzel & hot dog.

■ **Fan Club** — Whale Watchers, Laurie Johnson, president. Membership: \$25 family, \$15 individual, \$10 for Junior Whale Watchers.

**'We've followed the team for eight years. We really like the players and the host families they live with. We've been to every arena in the OHL except three. We're just hockey fans.'**

*Laurie Johnson*  
—Whale Watchers president

We've been to every arena in the OHL except three. We're just hockey fans."

As is Aaron Beard of Brighton, whose attendance record is even more amazing than Paul Clapper's. Beard, who works for Kroger, hasn't missed a home game — that's preseason, regular season and playoffs — since the 1994-95 season.

He's even taken his support to a level most fans don't reach. Sitting next to the opponents' penalty box with his family, Beard, a slightly built 29-year-old, has been taunting opposing players since 1992 with signs and gestures designed to further inflame them after they've already taken a penalty.

Beard has created more than 30 signs — with sayings ranging from "Wuss" to "Now how smart was THAT" — which he flashes at players as they enter the box.

"I get a kick out of it," said Beard, who has been spat at, squirted with water and had various four-letter words directed at him. "I do it for the fun of it. Most of the opposing players take it with humor, but there are some who don't react so well."

The Whalers have become a way of life for many of their fans. Paul Clapper perhaps embodies the best of the Plymouth faithful.

"I could never figure out what the Whalers were," he said. "I didn't care much for hockey until I started coming here. Now I think it's fantastic."

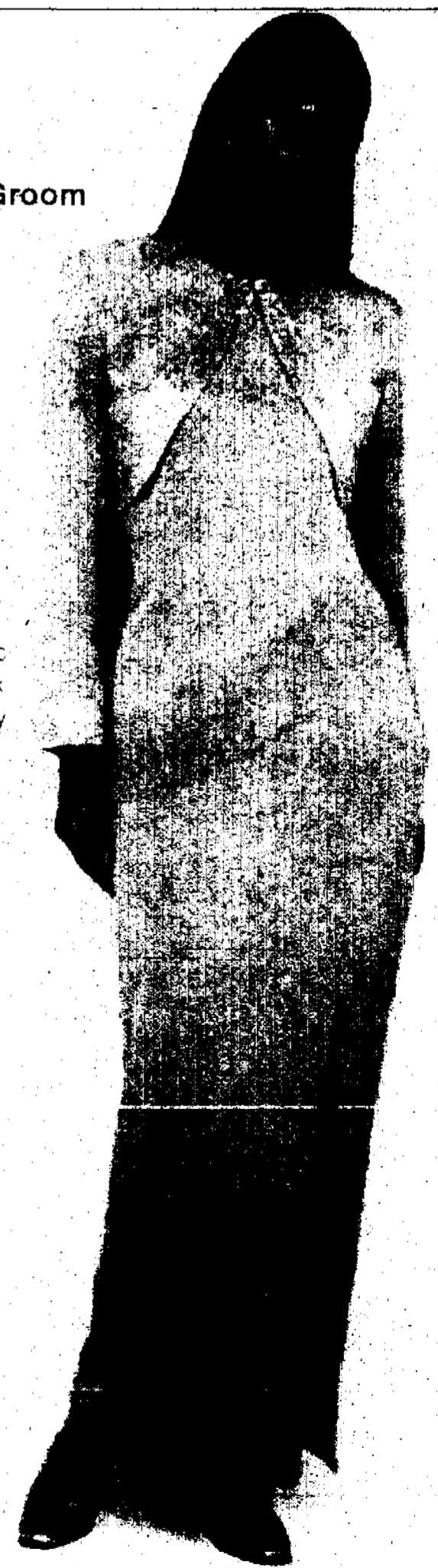
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# Open Meetings Act probe near completion

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A Wayne County prosecutor said he expects early this week to conclude an investigation into allegations that four Westland City Council members violated the state Open Meetings Act.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Frank Bernacki declined to discuss his findings on allegations that a council majority broke the law by deciding privately to fire Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Contacted at his office Thursday, Bernacki refused to comment on the probe until his findings are approved by his superiors and revealed to local officials targeted by the investigation.

Prosecutors investigated a complaint from council members Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc that four of their colleagues - Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox, David James and

Sharon Scott - may have violated the Open Meetings Act.

Griffin, council president, booted Gibbons from her office four days before the council majority officially voted Jan. 18 not to reappoint her as clerk.

His actions fueled allegations that the council majority had decided Gibbons' fate prior to any public discussion.

Bernacki has denied releasing any details indicating that Griffin and his colleagues will be found innocent of violating the Open Meetings Act.

An e-mail distributed Feb. 21 by city Personnel Director Keith Madden, under Westland resident Brenda Gracin's name, indicated that the prosecutor's office appeared ready to exonerate Griffin and his colleagues.

Gracin, who supports a recall against the council majority that fired Gibbons, said her name was used without her knowledge.

Bernacki said he hasn't indicated to anyone what his findings will reveal.

During the investigation, Bernacki said he reviewed videotapes of council meetings including the Jan. 18 session in which Gibbons was officially fired.

"It sure appears to be a rather testy political issue," Bernacki told the Observer. "Whether it turns out to be a testy legal issue or not, I don't know."

Meanwhile, City Attorney Angelo Plakas on Thursday still hadn't issued his opinion - requested when the scandal broke in January - on whether Griffin abused his authority as council president.

LeBlanc and colleague Sandra Cicirelli sought the opinion.

Gibbons' supporters have charged that Griffin exceeded his authority when he went to the former clerk's office, took her keys, placed her on leave and ordered her out of City Hall -

four days before she was officially fired.

Griffin has predicted he will be found innocent of any wrongdoing.

Plakas said his opinion should be ready by this week, but some residents question whether his opinion will be fair.

"I'm convinced that it won't be fair, because he owes his appointment (as city attorney) to the mayor and his confirmation to the council," Gracin said. "So it's very hard for him to speak out against those people."

She said she believes the council should have sought an outside, independent opinion on possible wrongdoing by Griffin.

Gracin said findings from Plakas and the prosecutor's office will have no influence on residents who are planning recall campaigns against Scott, Griffin, Cox and James.

"This will not be dropped," Gracin said.

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ten reprimand regarding this issue," Gibbons said.

Gibbons, who had been a city employee nearly 23 years, defended her handling of testing procedures, saying she understood "how important a job can be to a candidate ...

"I always had my staff expedite civil service hiring procedures," Gibbons said.

In his evaluation of Gibbons, Griffin gave her a satisfactory rating for fire and police civil service issues.

But the review occurred in February 1999 - six months after Gibbons started her job -

and Griffin wrote then that he hadn't had enough time to judge her performance on testing procedures.

Seven council members who reviewed Gibbons' job performance rated her as satisfactory or better on civil service testing. Some gave her the highest possible rating of "excellent."

Overall, Gibbons received mostly favorable marks on job performance evaluations. She was graded satisfactory or higher in 20 of 23 categories when ratings from seven council members were averaged.

# Vandalism reported

A firebomb was thrown late Monday afternoon at Elliott Elementary School, according to a Westland police report.

The responding officer said there was some fire along the east wall of the school building on Bennington. The officer stamped out two small fires and found what appeared to be a Molotov cocktail, a broken bottle and a wick on the ground. Those items and a lighter nearby were

taken as evidence.

The woman who complained told police she saw a group of 12 or 13 kids standing around the east end of the school as she arrived home. She said she saw a young man throw the bottle against the building, starting the fire. The black pickup truck then fled east, as did the young people on foot.

No one was apprehended by police.

# Parenting topics on agenda

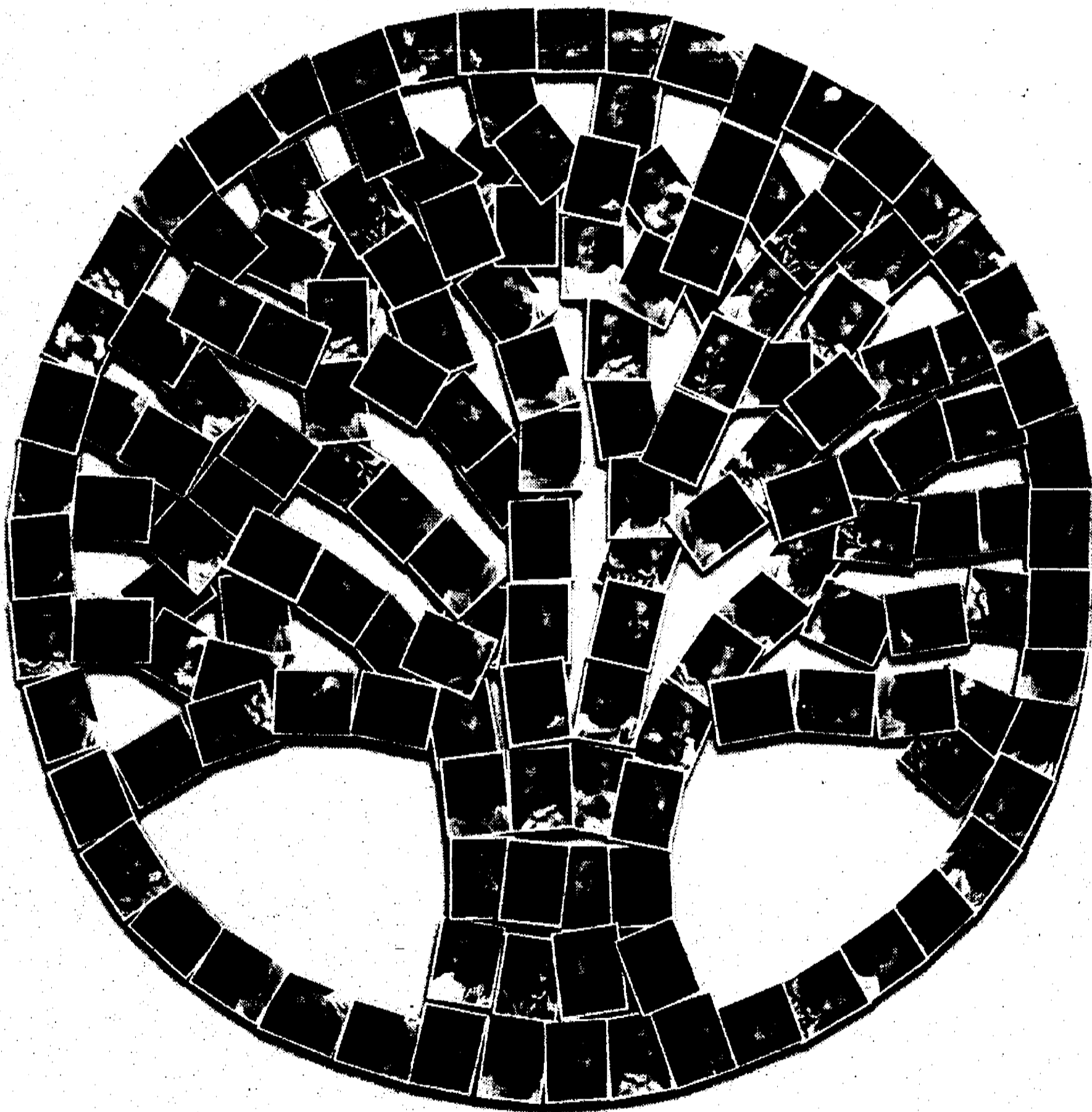
As part of Parenting Month in March, several workshops will be offered through Voice Works Seminars. Workshops will be conducted at Henry Ford Opti-Eyes Center, on Central City Parkway across from Westland Center in Westland.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, there will be "A Touch of Becoming a Love and Logic Parent." At 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, there will be "A Taste

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Price is \$5 per person. For information, call (734) 981-1055, Ext. 2.

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## LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Monday, April 10, 2000.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted at the special election:

#### A. MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy not more than the number of mills necessary and required to be levied on all property to ensure combined state and local revenue per membership pupil to equal the school district's foundation allowance as certified by the Department of Treasury under Section 1211a of the School Code of 1976, as amended.

Shall 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000.00) on taxable valuation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property and .75 mill (\$0.75 on each \$1,000.00) on taxable valuation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all homestead and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, which millage will expire with the 2000 tax levy, be renewed for 5 years, 2001 to 2005, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect from such taxes if the millage is approved and levied in the 2001 calendar year is approximately \$32,900,000?

#### B. MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and developing and improving sites (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 1998 tax levy); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2000 calendar year is approximately \$4,100,000?

#### C. BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Eight Million Six Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$28,660,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of:

- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson High Schools for athletics, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the sites therefore; and
- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Emerson, Frost and Riley Middle Schools; constructing and equipping outdoor track and field facilities at Emerson and Holmes Middle Schools for athletics, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the sites therefore?

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 25 years, exclusive of refunding. It is estimated that .40 mill (\$0.40 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) will be levied for the bonds in the first year. The estimated simple average debt millage rate for the life of the bond issue is .39 mill (\$0.39 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000, IS MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2000. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2000, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.**

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan.

PATRICK D. NALLEY  
Secretary, Board of Education

# Swap meet

## Collectors trade police, fire memorabilia

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Did you know that the Russians once traded in slaves? Or that Kalamazoo's police department began in 1882? No? Well, neither did patent attorney Chuck Chandler or printer Tom Herring before each got into collecting restraints and police badges, respectively, some 30 or more years ago.

Today, both have outstanding collections of these and other unique historical pieces which they, along with some 70 exhibitors from across the country — many with ties to law enforcement — will display Saturday at Madonna University.

The occasion is the 16th annual Detroit-Area Police and Fire Collectors Swap Meet and Exhibit, organized by Chandler, Herring and several other local collectors.

The all-day event benefits the Alan E. Eichman Memorial Scholarship Fund for criminal justice students at the Livonia-based university.

The mostly police-related items on display will include uniforms, badges and shoulder patches — some dating back to the 1840s; "all kinds of weapons

such as billy-clubs" but no guns, said Chandler; restraints, such as handcuffs and leg irons; old police-vehicle license plates; ceremonial clubs and pins; plus old photographs.

Fire collectors will be displaying helmets, axes, badges and other paraphernalia.

"There are hundreds of things at the show," Chandler said.

### Tribal police

"Some of these guys put on tremendous displays," he added, citing a "very colorful" exhibit of shoulder-patches formerly worn by Native American (tribal) police officers.

While the show is "different," said Chandler, it's also "one of the more successful" of its kind "in the country," with 120 tables available.

Exhibitors, mostly retired or active police officers plus "a couple" of former Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and a few firefighters, come from Washington, D.C., New York, Chicago, St. Louis and places in Texas. There's even a sheriff from California, Chandler said.

"Some follow the shows" from city to city "and we have a real good show, so they come to us."

"Some of these guys have been coming for years," in part due to

friendships they've made, he said.

Chandler, whose specialty is handcuffs and leg-irons and slave collars, and who's exhibited some of his items at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., got started when he "saw a couple of old handcuffs at a gun show in 1963."

From there, he began collecting locks, concentrating mainly "in old slave stuff from Russian slave camps," he said. Some items are so rare, there are only a dozen known pieces, he said.

Tom Herring, a pre-press color man for Precision Color in Plymouth, has been collecting since age 9 when, inspired by the then-popular TV show "Emergency", he got a Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedic shoulder patch.

### Not baseball

While other kids pursued baseball cards, Herring went after patches, writing to police and fire departments across the country.

That evolved into a collection of police badges, most from Michigan and dating to 1865, including "three of the seven known first-issue Detroit police badges."

First-issues, he said, are "like

the Taj Mahal. They're the best of the best you can get."

Herring claims to have "probably the best collection of Michigan antique badges."

"I have the most complete collection of anyone," he said. "Almost every badge was hand-made and all are hand-engraved."

His most prized is an 1882 Kalamazoo badge — that department's first year.

Collectors usually find their markets at estate sales. But flea markets and even the trash produce finds, he said. "They show up all over the place."

Big-city police badges are worth the most, as much as \$3,000, he said. "But the problem with values is, there's no guidebook. It's all subjective."

Money isn't the most important thing, though, said Herring, who learned a lot of geography while building his collection.

"The way I see it," he said, is "it's a preserving of history, a legacy of our past."

Admission to the swap meet is \$2 per person. Refreshments will be available and door prizes will be awarded hourly.

Madonna University is on the northwest corner of Levan Road and the Jeffries Freeway/Interstate 96.



Shiny treasures: Tom Herring with some of his police badges in his Livonia home.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

## UM-Dearborn open house set

The University of Michigan-Dearborn Office of Admissions and Orientation holds a Career Night 2000 for prospective students and their families 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 9.

UM-Dearborn faculty, alumni members and Career Services staff will provide information on careers in engineering and computer science, liberal arts and sciences, business and education.

"This is a great opportunity for high school students to interact with our alumni and gain first-hand information about careers,"

according to Gabrielle Williams, assistant director of admissions and orientation at UM-Dearborn.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program will start at 7 p.m.

A reception will follow. The campus is at 4901 Evergreen Road between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

For more information, call the Office of Admissions and Orientation at (313)593-5100 or (313)593-5550.

## County board plans session on deficit

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The ways and means committee of the Wayne County board of commissioners plans an all-day study session the middle of this month to look into the county's continuing budget deficit.

The purpose is to "get a clearer understanding" of the situation and review options, "then go to Lansing to see about working out" the situation "legislator

to legislator," said Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, a committee member.

She said commissioners likely would request "a one-time grant" from the state.

The first quarterly report of the county's fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2000, indicates an anticipated \$11.1 million deficit at year's end, although Bankes emphasized that is only a projection.

The report, submitted by the

ways and means committee, was to be presented at Thursday's full commission meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Wayne County Building.

According to the report from the ways and means committee's mid-February meeting, the deficit, which first surfaced last year, is due to a shortage in state revenue.

Bankes said a key part of the shortage is the state "renege" on a block grant it had said it would provide the county as

part of a new way of funding juvenile justice services.

"I was the one that got the legislation passed" for the new funding in 1998, but just lost it as a state legislator, Bankes said in expressing her concern about the budget problem.

The shortage has resulted in an ongoing dispute between the commissioners and County Executive Ed McNamara regarding his request for cut-backs in spending by various county departments.

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## House passes tough food safety regulations

The increasing number of food poisoning incidents nationally — in which diners have been infected with E. coli, salmonella, and listeria — has led state lawmakers to strengthen Michigan's food code.

Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, sponsored House Bills 5195 and 5196 to make food preparation safer. At the same time, Johnson said, the bills will streamline the licensing and inspection processes for restaurants and grocery stores and make the licenses less expensive.

Johnson said she has worked with representatives from more than 90 organizations including the Michigan Department of Agriculture, local public health departments, the U.S. Food Drug Administration, researchers, and consumer and industry groups over the past two years to develop the legislation.

The bills will increase the safety of food preparation by requiring that hot foods be kept at higher temperatures, cold foods are kept colder, and putting stringent new regulations on the handling of ready-to-eat foods. With a few exceptions, the food code would require such foods be handled with tongs, spatulas or gloves, rather than bare hands. Where bare hands must be used, stringent washing requirements were included in the code.

Additionally, the bills provide for health and safety training for food service workers.

At the same time, Johnson said, the bills streamline the process by combining 18 different state laws that regulate food preparation. She explained that grocery operations are inspected by the MDA and local health departments inspect restaurants. In some cases, where restaurants are included in stores, both must inspect. Under Johnson's bill, those inspections will be combined.

"They are both capable of making these inspections. This eliminates duplication. That's one thing I really can't stand, inefficient government," she said.

She also explained the bills will base the frequency of inspections on the level of risk involved. Stores selling only packaged foods will get less inspection, while restaurants will get more because of the level of food preparation.

The bills match new regulations already adopted at the federal level.

Johnson said most industry trade groups eventually supported the bills, because of the time spent by the MDA and state workers to iron out concerns they had with the new code.

The House of Representatives approved the bills 105-0 Wednesday, Feb. 23. All local lawmakers voted yes. The bills now await action in the Senate.

## Shooting spikes trigger lock demand

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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The Wayne County Sheriff's Department said Friday that, in the wake of the Mount Morris tragedy, it has seen a "big spike" in the number of requests for trigger locks.

"In the past two days, we've received requests for over 1,500" of the locks, said Sheriff Robert Ficano.

Normally, he said, representatives of his department give away an average 200-300 locks each week during gun-safety talks to various community organizations.

The upsurge in requests for the locks, sparked by the fatal shooting in the Flint area of a first-grader by another first-grader, have come from municipal police agencies as well as from groups and individuals, the sheriff said.

The department's Trigger Lock Community Service Program, begun in 1992 and funded by private donations, has seen over 20,000 of the locks distributed.

No questions are asked and the locks are free to anyone who owns a gun and wants one, Ficano said.

Locks may be picked up at the sheriff's department administration building, 1231 St. Antoine in Greektown; the department's road patrol headquarters, 1300

Henry Ruff at Michigan Ave. in Westland; and at the William Dickerson Detention Center, 3501 Hamtramck Drive in Hamtramck.

Ficano emphasized his department will be happy also to talk at any time with groups about gun safety.

Call the sheriff's department at (313) 224-0414 during business hours Mondays through Fridays.

## 3 stores will provide free trigger locks

Three major sporting goods chains will provide free trigger locks for all guns sold at their stores in the metro Detroit area beginning March 15.

The three — Dick's, Gander Mountain and Sports Authority — are believed the first retailers in the country to do this with all weapons, according to Wayne County spokeswoman June West.

The decision, announced Fri-

day, ends Wayne County's April 1999 gun litigation lawsuit against them, although it is still pending against 29 other dealers and gun manufacturers.

The first of the original 33 to act was the Gibraltar Trade Center, which last year ended all gun sales at its Taylor facility and was dropped from the suit. A total of 10 dealers and 23 manufacturers were sued.

County Executive Ed McNamara praised the resolution, adding he was particularly impressed that the companies also agreed to immediately fire any employee "who knowingly participates in a straw purchase by a felon or juvenile (through a surrogate buyer)."

The firms also agreed to quarterly "sting" purchase attempts to ensure their policies are being strictly enforced.

"It's about time Wayne County took the lead nationally in protecting children from gun violence," said Deputy County Executive Mike Duggan. "For too long, all we've been known for is our terrible number of victims."

In Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, Dick's and Sports Authority each have six stores while Gander Mountain has three.

## Tots' program focuses on nature

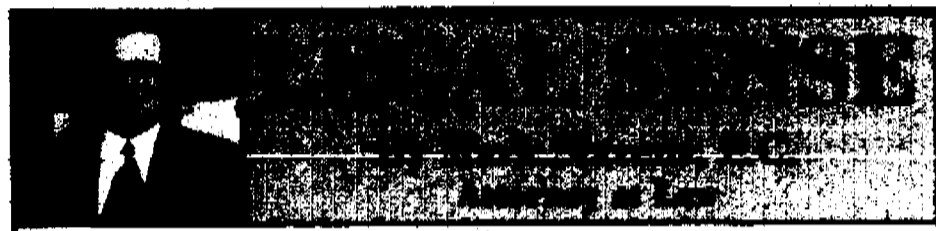
Nature Tots, a four-part, interactive learning program teaching pre-schoolers ages 3 and 4 years about nature's mysteries, will be offered 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 7-28, through the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

The program uses puppets, games, live animals and outdoor exploration to teach such topics as birds, colors and animal tracks.

Cost is \$12 for all four sessions; advance registration is required. The program is funded

through the parks millage. The Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail. Parking is available.

For additional information, call (734) 261-1990.



### STRIKING DOWN LIMITS

More than ten years have passed since states began enacting laws aimed at setting limits on jury awards and curtailing lawsuits. The new liability laws make it more difficult to bring some suits. They also seek to limit how much plaintiffs can collect in accident, malpractice, and other injury cases. Now, however, state courts across the country are overturning

these limiting measures in the belief that Americans have a powerful right to settle their disputes in court. In the last three years, the highest courts of at least seven states have struck down all or part of new laws passed under the banner of "tort reform." Legal experts agree that momentum is now clearly shifted to upholding plaintiff's rights.

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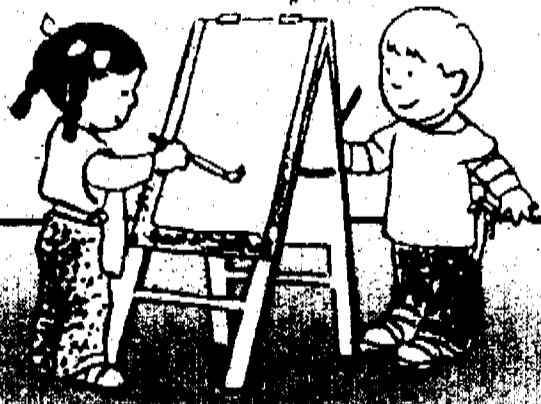
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# Internet bill pits wine lovers against wholesalers

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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Legislation aimed at keeping alcohol sold over the Internet out of the hands of minors has set the stage for an unusual political tussle, pitting wine lovers against alcoholic beverage wholesalers.

The proposal, House Bill 4752 sponsored by Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi), primarily deals with sales to minors. It requires that when alcohol is ordered over the Internet sellers must verify the buyer's age. And it requires packages to be labeled as containing alcoholic beverages so that delivery services — including United Parcel Service and Federal Express — can get the signature of an adult before handing over the package.

But it would also have the side effect of cracking down on shipments from out of state. That means gourmets could find it more difficult, perhaps impossible, to get supplies of fine wines from small vineyards outside Michigan, particularly from California.

Technically, such direct shipments are already illegal under existing state law, which uses a "three-tier" system to distribute alcoholic beverages. The system requires that the beverages pass from suppliers to wholesalers to retailers — all holding licenses from the state — before reaching consumers.

Nonetheless, small out-of-state wineries are making some direct shipments now. The advent of e-commerce has opened up the world to Michigan wine lovers. According to Bill Nelson, vice president of the American Vintners Association, there are about 2,000 winemakers across the country, many of which are nothing more than small family



shipments in a reciprocal arrangement with other states, Van Der Kolk explained, if Michigan won't allow direct shipments other states won't allow direct shipments from Michigan winemakers either. Currently, about a dozen states have reciprocal arrangements.

He explained that, like most smaller wineries, his firm produces about 30 different wines. Only five are produced in volumes sufficient for mass marketing. Without the ability to ship directly out of state, that prevents customers in other states from being able to get 25 varieties of Fenn Valley's product, he said.

Cassis' bill, along with actions taken recently by Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, cracks down on those technically illegal direct interstate shipments. Worse yet, Nelson fears it will close out possibilities of the Legislature adopting an exception to the liquor code that would allow for small direct shipments, a case or two of wine per year, directly to consumers.

Granholm recently conducted a series of strings against Internet alcohol sales operations. As a result of the stings, she has reached an agreement with UPS that it will no longer ship alcohol directly to consumers from unlicensed suppliers outside the state. According to UPS, it will continue to ship alcohol inside the state.

Nelson believes there is a hidden agenda to these moves. He calls the concern over Internet sales to minors a "smokescreen." He says it isn't happening. While the stings show that youngsters can buy alcohol over the Internet, they typically don't. He argues that there has not been even one documented case of a minor buying alcohol over the Internet outside those stings,

where the youngsters are given protection by the law enforcement agency conducting the sting. Otherwise the kids themselves get in trouble, he noted.

"It leaves a paper trail. It's too easy to get caught," Nelson said. "Kids aren't that dumb. If they want to get alcohol, they'll just get a friend who is old enough to buy for them or stand in front of the party store until they find someone who will."

Nelson said that while he recognizes the degree of the problem of underage drinking nationally, those youngsters who get their supplies over the Internet would like be "a ripple on a tidal wave."

## Wholesalers blamed

The real issue, the hidden agenda, Nelson argues, is that legislative attempts to close down direct shipments of beverages are being pushed by wholesalers who fear a loss of profits due to Internet sales. Wholesalers, represented by powerful lobbying groups like the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, only want to protect their monopoly on the distribution of alcohol, Nelson contends.

While it is a new issue here in Michigan — Cassis introduced her bill only on Feb. 7 — it has been a national issue for some time. Congress has been mulling legislation aimed at cracking down on Internet sales to minors, including a bill introduced last March by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah). Mike Lashbrook, president of the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, turns the argument around.

Small wineries that want to make direct shipments into the state without going through the three-tier system "just want to keep all the profits for themselves."

farms. Because wholesalers and retailers must deal in volume to operate profitably, Michigan's three-tier system provides for distribution of stock from only 50 to 100 of the largest wineries.

## Small wineries hurt

James Van Der Kolk, marketing manager of Fenn Valley Vineyards near Holland, said the bill and the three-tier system create a problem for Michigan's two dozen small wineries, located mainly around Traverse City and in the southwest region of the state.

Since states only allow direct

There are reasons for the three-tier system, he argues, and they date back to the repeal of Prohibition. Wholesalers were introduced into the system back then to provide a "buffer" between suppliers and retailers, Lashbrook argued. Part of the problem that led up to Prohibition was that many suppliers also controlled the outlets. And "when suppliers control the outlets, they can do things that encourage excessive consumption. Independent wholesalers were included in the system to temper use. Bad things happen when suppliers control the outlets," he said.

Wholesalers also serve as a check in the system to insure that the state gets the liquor taxes it is owed, he said.

Cassis insists there is "no smokescreen. We are talking about the safety of children. When it comes to children's safety, that comes first," she said.

She noted that she has been active in dealing with numerous issues regarding the Internet and the access it provides to youths of items typically reserved for adults.

"Frankly, this is new technology and it has outpaced our ability to regulate it," she said.

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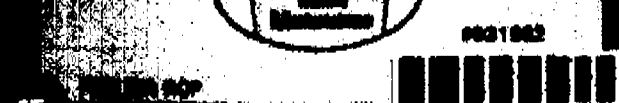


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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Lady Ocelots ousted

Karen Morth's basket with six seconds left allowed Lakeland (Ohio) CC to repel Schoolcraft College's upset bid and record a 64-62 victory in an NJCAA Division II Region 12 women's basketball game Feb. 29 at Delta CC.

The Lady Ocelots finish their season at 11-14. Lakeland, the second-seeded team in Ohio, advances with an 18-10 record.

SC had taken advantage of Lakeland's man-to-man defense to build a 27-17 lead at halftime. Angelica Blakely scored 16 of her 20 points in the first half.

But Lakeland switched to a zone defense in the second half, and the Ocelots failed to hit from the perimeter. Lakeland had a two point lead, but Blakely scored to knot it at 62-all with 15 seconds remaining — setting the stage for Morth's game-winner.

Morth finished with a game-best 24 points, including 6-of-6 free throws. Syrtia Johnson added 11 for Lakeland.

Blakely also had 11 rebounds for SC. Carly Wright added 13 points and eight boards, Janell Olson scored 12 points, and Antone Watson totaled nine points, seven rebounds and four assists.

### Lightning rules tourney

The Livonia Lightning, a 14-year-old AAU girls basketball team, captured first place in the 15-team tournament at Aim High in Lansing.

The Lightning, coached by Ed Sveticikas and Bob Malek, defeated the Flint Hoops in the championship game, 50-38.

Leading scorers for the Lightning included Liz Bauer (11 points), Lauren Hesano (10), Ruth Sveticikas (9), Nikki Watts (8) and Danielle Korpalski (6).

Other team members include Kim Guilfoyle, Rachel Thomas, Leah Anderson, Ashley Sako, Chelsea Respondek, Noel Williams, Liz Malek, Brittney Coleman and Megan Sosnowski.

### Collegiate swim note

The University of Illinois-Chicago's Adrienne Turri (Livonia Stevenson) took second place in the 100-yard backstroke recently at the Midwestern Collegiate Conference women's swimming championships held at Cleveland State University.

Turri also took seventh in the 200 backstroke and 10th in the 200 individual medley. She was also a member of the Flames' second-place 200 freestyle relay squad.

### Rockers capture title

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Rockers under-13 boys team went undefeated at the Soccer Zone in Novi, going 7-0-1.

Team members included Nick Ahwal, Adam and Kyle Bogenschutz, Mike Dupin, Danny Graber, Ryan Graham, Chris Lantto, Adrian Lucero, Danny and Jeff Pepera, Brad Schmidt and Andy Smith. Coaches were Laura, Lesley and Don McDougall and Luke Lucero.

### Youth baseball tourney

Openings remain available for the May Day Early Bird Baseball Tournament Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7 at Rotunda fields in Dearborn.

The USSSA qualifier includes division for 10-, 11- and 12-and-under teams. The cost is \$275 (includes four-game guarantee).

For more information, call Jeff Dolkowski at (313) 274-6951 or Bill at Hardin (313) 562-4687.

### Wayne softball signup

The City of Wayne Parks and Recreation is accepting registration for men's, women's, co-ed and men's over-40 softball teams daily from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, located at 4635 Howe Road.

The cost is \$425 per team (for the 14 to 16 games). There are no residency requirements. The fee includes one umpire per game, official scorekeeper, all-star game, playoffs and awards.

League play will be evenings for following divisions: Mondays (women's); Tuesdays (men's D); Wednesdays (co-ed and men's over-40); Thursdays (Men's D); Fridays (men's D-E and over-40). For more information, call Steve Winkelman at (734) 721-7400.



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**Patriot power:** Livonia Franklin's Tera Morrill (above) stretches down on the floor to make the dig against Redford Union, while teammate Andrea Kmet (right photo, No. 10) launches a shot past the Panthers' Debbie Hitt in Friday's district final.



## Franklin repeats district crown

### Patriots take out RU, Churchill en route to title



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**Swinging away:** Livonia Churchill's Amy Cadovich makes the attempt vs. Franklin.

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Livonia Franklin is going back to the Class A girls volleyball regional after Friday's district tournament conquest at home.

The Patriots moved to 44-7-2 overall by defeating Redford Union in the championship match, 15-2, 15-5, and city rival Churchill in the semifinals, 15-13, 15-7.

Franklin, a regional finalist a year ago, returns to action this Saturday against the Ypsilanti-Lincoln district winner. The semifinal match starts at 10 a.m. at Saline.

"I was happy we were able to do it front of our home fans," Franklin second-year coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "Our seniors have worked so hard for this. We knew that at this point anything can happen, but being at home helps. It's exciting to have the fans there."

RU, 6-6 in the Mega Conference's White Division, simply could not match the hitting of 5-foot-11 senior Tera Morrill (10 kills) and Andrea Kmet (five kills).

"Both their middle hitters and their setter (Lynsday Sopko) are very effective," said outgoing RU fourth-year coach Vicki Toth. "We knew it would be a tough match. We were a little bit nervous. It was not a good night for us blocking."

Franklin also served six aces against the Panthers, who never led in either game.

Junior Amy Walker and senior Erin Lizura each had four kills to lead RU. Senior Sharon Barnes added two ace serves.

"I was not unhappy although it would have been nice to win tonight," said Toth, who will be replaced by JV coach Rob Reese. "I watched them improve as the year went on. We showed a lot of togetherness. We had a close team. It's not always the wins, sometimes it's how you get along and how you improve."

In the semifinals, RU breezed past 3-8 Detroit Red-

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

ford of the Public School League in a 15-minute match, 15-0, 15-0.

Franklin, meanwhile, ousted Livonia Churchill (26-14-3) in the other semifinal, 15-13, 15-7, as the 5-10 Kmet had an outstanding match with seven kills, four solo blocks and two aces. Morrill added eight kills.

Kerstin Marshall, a 6-2 junior, also hurt Churchill with seven kills and two blocks. Most of Marshall's shots were off-speed hits.

"We just weren't quick enough to get the short balls," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "We just didn't read them."

"And we did not get offense from our middle hitters — partly because of our passing, partly because of our setting, and partly because of our hitting."

"We had to attack the middle against Franklin and we didn't do it consistently."

Churchill got down 9-3 in the first game, but rallied to take a 10-9 lead. But the Chargers, who beat rival Livonia Stevenson in the play-in match, 9-15, 15-8, 15-6, couldn't sustain their momentum.

Amy Cadovich, a sophomore, led Churchill with five kills and three aces. Another sophomore, Sheila Gillies, contributed five kills and one block. Senior Shannon Munn had three kills, two aces and a block.

"Both Stevenson and Churchill both played well at the conference (Western Lakes) tourney," Diegel said. "And both were prepared for this tournament. We anticipated a good semifinal match with our eyes on the final."

Defensively, the Patriots were led by Morrill, who had 18 digs in two matches. Rachel Bramlett finished with 12 total digs, while Monica Little recorded six against Churchill. Sopko, headed for the University

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## Try darts to select favorite in hoops

Picking high school basketball winners come state tourney time is a science.

OK, it's not a science.

OK, for the most part it's nothing but guess work.

OK, it's one part guess work, one part research and one part throw-the-team-names-against-the-wall-and-see-which-one-sticks.

Come upon a time, I used to be good at this. Then again, once upon a time, there were a lot of things I used to do well.

But like crabgrass, hay fever and the Rouge River flooding Hines Drive, I won't stop. That's because my favorite part of tourney play is when two teams do their best to prove me wrong. (A complete list of district pairings can be found on B2.)

### CLASS A

Teams: Romulus, Livonia Franklin, Belleville, Garden City, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn.

Predicted Winner: Wayne? Chuck Henry's done one of his best coaching jobs yet. John Glenn? Could be a sleep

den City? In any other district, maybe, but here? Not without Justin Ockerman. Franklin? Ummm, no. So let's think about this. Time's up. Romulus over Belleville in the final, only because of the homecourt advantage.

### At Redford Union

Teams: Union, Detroit Henry Ford, Catholic Central, Southfield, Livonia Stevenson, Detroit Redford.

Predicted Winner: CC could be a darkhorse, depending on which team shows up. If Union or Stevenson win this district, I'm serving sheet cake at school Tuesday with icing saying "Nothing is over until we say it is." The winner will come out of the bottom bracket. Monday's game between CC and Southfield should be a shootout. As a reward the winner gets Detroit Redford, which first squeaks past Southfield in the semis then sneaks past Henry Ford in the final.

### At Novi

Teams: Novi, Livonia Churchill, Northville, Canton, Salem.

Predicted Winner: There ain't no restrictor-plate racing here. This district is wide-open. Salem might be the favorite because it laid a big hurt on Western Lakes fav Walled Lake Western before losing in the WLAA championship. But come tourney time, as Bob Brodie will tell you, the past don't

mean nuthin', especially when all five teams are within three wins of each other. The dart board says... Canton over Salem.

### At West Bloomfield

Teams: West Bloomfield, Farmington, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Farmington Hills Harrison, North Farmington.

Predicted Winner: If this was football, it would be easy. But since Bob "Down-Up" Sutter isn't coaching varsity hoops, it's a little more difficult. A lot more difficult. Three teams can win — West Bloomfield, Farmington and North Farmington. If won the Western Lakes regular season, Farmington was the only team to beat the Raiders in the WLAA and this WB is more entertaining than its TV network counterpart. The survivor is: North Farmington, which squeaks past Lahser in the final after squeaking by West Bloomfield in the semis.

### CLASS B

At Orchard Lake St. Mary's

Teams: OLSM, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Redford Thurston, Cranbrook, Detroit Country Day.

Predicted Winner: The good news for Thurston is that if it beats Cranbrook on Wednesday, it's in the district final. The bad news would be it faces the St. Mary's Country Day winner. This is like choosing between which

you'd want more: A broken arm or a broken leg. They both hurt, the question is how much. Forget the cake here. If Thurston wins the district over OLSM (...Number 1 in Michigan), I'm flippin' burgers and bringing the potato chips.

### CLASS C

At Redford Bishop Borgess

Teams: Borgess, Lutheran High Westland, Livonia Clarenceville, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy, Detroit Benedictine, Southfield Christian, Ferris Academy of Detroit, Detroit Industrial Arts.

Predicted Winner: On the surface, the pick is Benedictine. On the other hand, there's this nagging little voice in my head telling me not to overlook Borgess. Or Clarenceville. Or Lutheran High. Last time I listened to my little voice, I picked Virginia Tech. A loud voice says, Benedictine over Borgess.

### CLASS D

At Plymouth Christian Academy

Teams: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, Jackson Baptist, Canton Agape Christian, Plymouth Christian.

Predicted Winner: The winner of this one can savor it for a while — at least until the regional final against Adrian-Lenawee Christian or Britton-Macore

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STATE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

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of Akron, finished with 39 assist-to-kills.

Churchill earned a spot in the semifinals by beating Stevenson (30-16-3) for the second time this year as Cadovich had three big kills and senior Meagan Sheehan and Gillies added two each in the decisive third game.

The Chargers also limited Stevenson to four kills in the final game and held top hitters Kate LeBlanc, a 5-11 senior, to one kill, Katie Drews, a 6-foot junior, had the other three.

"Serve reception lost the match for us," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "They (Churchill) attack the ball. They played well and they were prepared for us. They deserved to win. Their hitters have come a long way since we played them in our very first league match. They're playing with a lot more confidence."

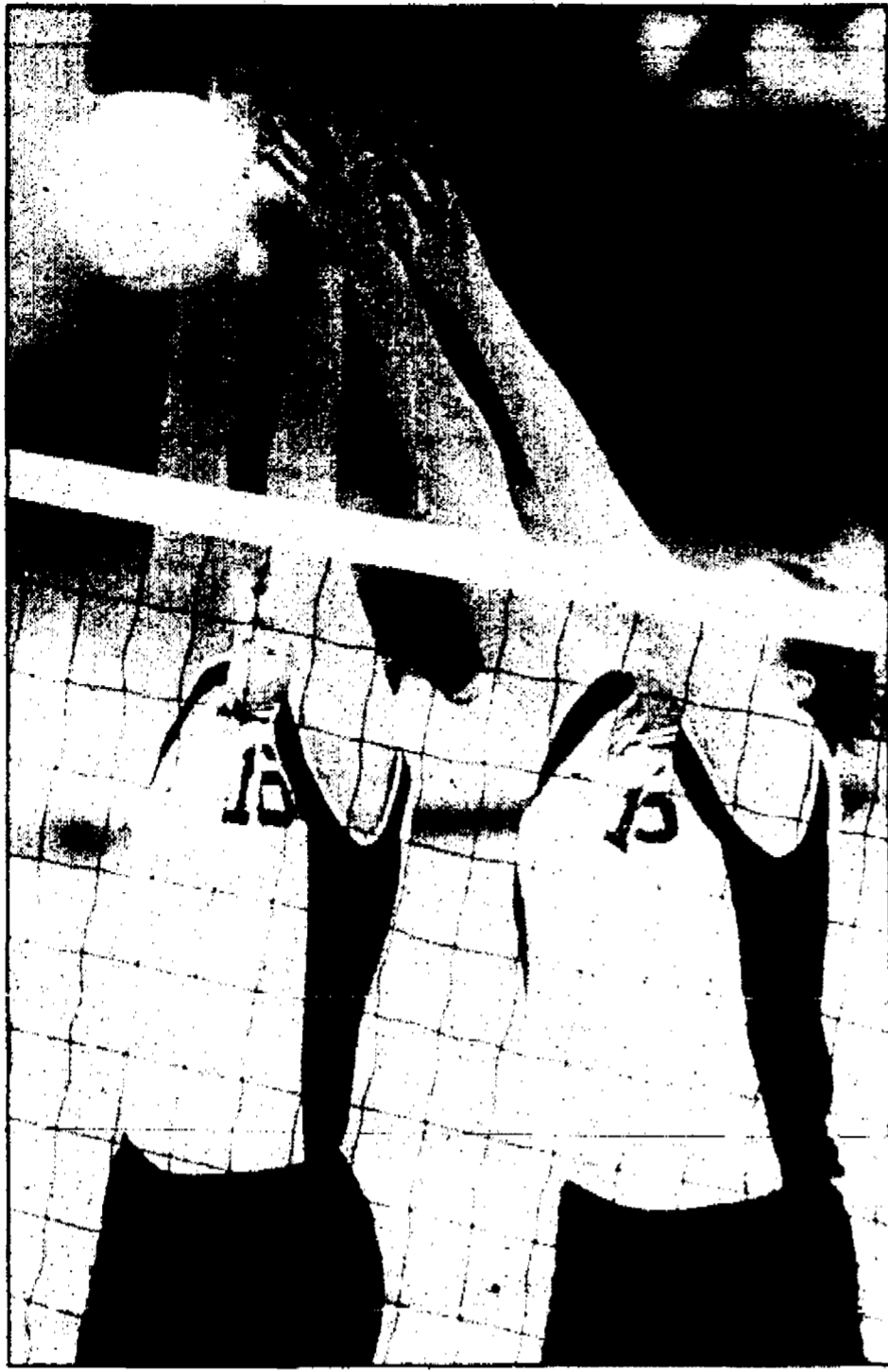
"We have some awesome hitters, but like it's been all season long, we can't pass the ball."

Meanwhile, Franklin now has a week to prepare for the regional where they reached the finals a year ago before losing to Plymouth Salem.

"We have to maintain our focus, work on fundamentals and fine-tune areas that need attention," Diegel said. "We're excited with what we've done so far."

"We were disappointed last week because it was evident we had the potential to win the (WLAA) tourney. It was a good wakeup call for us and it made us regroup."

"We considered it more preparation for the state tourney. "It was a win-win situation."



Stevenson wall: The Spartans' Kate LeBlanc (right) and Cassie Ehlerdt team up for the block vs. Churchill.

ALL-WESTERN LAKES GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

**All-Conference:** Amanda Suder, Plymouth Salem; Tera Morrill and Lyndsay Sopko, Livonia Franklin; Colleen Saidana and Christina Tudor, Walled Lake Central; Meredith Hasse, Northville; Kate LeBlanc, Livonia Stevenson.

**All-Western Division:** Andrea Kmet and Alexis Bowman, Franklin; Janel Hasse, Northville; Shannon Munn, Livonia Churchill; Angie German, Plymouth Canton; Lisa Rosemary, Farmington Hills Harrison; Amy Kiefer, Walled Lake West ern.

**All-Lakes Division:** Kelly Henzie, W.L. Central; Jillian Dombrowski and Michelle Gintner, Salem; Carly Wadsworth and Kelley Hutchins, Stevenson; Noelle Swartz, Westland John Glenn; Meghan O'Rear, Farmington.

**HONORABLE MENTION (Includes conference record)**  
**W.L. Central (10-1):** Kalle Miller, Heather Lippert, Nicole Lanther, Bridgette Quinn, Jenny Crutchfield; **Franklin (10-1):** Kerstin Marshall, Rachel Bramlett, Monica Little; **Salem (10-1):** Denise Phillips, Liz Gizicki, Kelly Jaskot, Mary Lou Liebau, Sarah Jensen; **Northville (8-3):** Jen Doktorcik, Beth Gillis, Julie Bozyk; **Churchill (7-4):** Meagan Sheehan, Amy Cadovich, Colleen Guardiola, Carey Ziomek, Kristin Leszczynski; **Stevenson (6-5):** Cassie Ehlerdt, Megan Urbats, Julie Pfeifer, Katie Drews, Kristine Matheson; **John Glenn (5-6):** Sarah Pack, Lacey Catarino, Nicole Panyard, Jamie McLeod, Holly Deedler; **Canton (3-8):** Lisa Baker, Anna Keil, Megan Meier, Ashley Williams; **Farmington (3-8):** Melissa Mytty, Lyndsy Howard; **Harrison (2-9):** Carey Coomer; **Elisa Jones; North Farmington (0-11):** Kelly Downey, Ali Edwards, Jen Timpner, Emily Whitten, Meredith Reilly.

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**BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS**  
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And that winner will come from Tuesday's Agape Plymouth Christian semifinal. And that will be — the Eagles.

**At Sterling Heights**  
**Bethesda Christian**  
**Teams:** Bethesda Christian, Detroit Westside Christian Academy, Southfield Franklin Roau Christian, Redford St. Agatha, Oakland Christian, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.  
**Predicted Winner:** The person who used to do these predictions asked me if I was picking Oakland Christian to win this district. Seems like a good one to me. If St. Agatha wins, send the fan mail to "Observer & Eccentric Sports," care of Brad Emons.

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## SOFTBALL

What Al White did in his first season as Madonna University's softball coach was — in a word — impressive.

"We had a great year," was White's own description of his first season as head coach after 10 years as an assistant, since the program's inception. "What we had, we called them the 'dirty dozen.' We were just lucky no one got hurt."

White was named as Madonna's coach five months before the season's start, with only seven players on the roster. He gradually built the roster to 12 — hence the 'dirty dozen' tag — then guided the Lady Crusaders to a 34-26 overall record, including a 15-13 mark in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

So, what was gained by all that? For Madonna, the most important benefit might be a more-developed insight on how to build a team.

Because White was facing a task every bit as imposing as last year's as he began his second campaign on Saturday in Fort Myers, Fla.

Three of his four pitchers from last season's team are gone. So is the entire outfield.

Making matters worse, one player White was counting on to fill a hole in the outfield — Sharon Smith, a speedy transfer from Macomb CC with junior eligibility — was ruled academically ineligible. Another — pitcher Janelle Schmidt, who was 8-4 with a 3.10 earned run average last season — did not return.

Madonna has just two seniors on the squad: catcher Vicki Malkowski, who led the Crusaders in hitting (a .435 average), doubles (16), runs scored (47) and home runs (three) and was third in runs batted in (33), and pitcher Tanya Liske, who was 4-5 with a 4.80 ERA.

Of the 14 players on the team, nine are freshmen. Which means they will have to make major contributions immediately if

Madonna is to at least match last season's accomplishments.

"You shouldn't have to depend on incoming freshmen at key spots," White said. "That puts a lot of pressure on them. We'll see if they can handle it."

All is not doom and gloom for the Crusaders, however. Not at all.

Other returnees are junior shortstop Kristy McDonald, a Redford Thurston graduate who hit .369 with 14 doubles and a team-high eight triples and 42 RBI; junior second baseman/outfielder Angela Litwin, from Plymouth Canton (.275, 14 RBI); and junior third baseman Jenny Krusel (.323, 15 doubles, two homers, 37 RBI, 45 runs scored).

Solid players all. And yet, as proof of the talent level of the newcomers, all of the above except Krusel could be switching positions.

"We've got some talent," said White. "A couple of them have even surprised me. I have to say this is the most talented group (of freshmen) we've ever had come through here."

In softball, it all starts with pitching, which could be trouble for Madonna. The pitching mound is three feet further from the plate than in high school — quite an adjustment for newcomers.

Still, White plans to give two freshmen, Jenny Staup from Okstead and Jenny Tenyer from Marine City, equal mound time with Liske to start the season.

"They're hard workers, all of them," said White. "But it's tough to gauge them in the gym."

White is also planning to give freshman Meghan Quinn, from Brighton, a lot of time behind the plate. That will allow him to move Malkowski to the outfield.

Litwin will also be moving, to first base and the outfield, if White's plan works out. That will leave room for freshman Emily Cunningham (Romeo) at second base. "Talk about a sweet ballplayer," noted White of Cunningham.

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What Al White did in his first season as Madonna University's softball coach was — in a word — impressive. "We had a great year," was White's own description of his first season as head coach after 10 years as an assistant, since the program's inception. "What we had, we called them the 'dirty dozen.' We were just lucky no one got hurt."

White was named as Madonna's coach five months before the season's start, with only seven players on the roster. He gradually built the roster to 12 — hence the 'dirty dozen' tag — then guided the Lady Crusaders to a 34-26 overall record, including a 15-13 mark in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

So, what was gained by all that? For Madonna, the most important benefit might be a more-developed insight on how to build a team.

Because White was facing a task every bit as imposing as last year's as he began his second campaign on Saturday in Fort Myers, Fla.

Three of his four pitchers from last season's team are gone. So is the entire outfield.

Making matters worse, one player White was counting on to fill a hole in the outfield — Sharon Smith, a speedy transfer from Macomb CC with junior eligibility — was ruled academically ineligible. Another — pitcher Janelle Schmidt, who was 8-4 with a 3.10 earned run average last season — did not return.

Madonna has just two seniors on the squad: catcher Vicki Malkowski, who led the Crusaders in hitting (a .435 average), doubles (16), runs scored (47) and home runs (three) and was third in runs batted in (33), and pitcher Tanya Liske, who was 4-5 with a 4.80 ERA.

Of the 14 players on the team, nine are freshmen. Which means they will have to make major contributions immediately if

Madonna is to at least match last season's accomplishments.

"You shouldn't have to depend on incoming freshmen at key spots," White said. "That puts a lot of pressure on them. We'll see if they can handle it."

All is not doom and gloom for the Crusaders, however. Not at all.

Other returnees are junior shortstop Kristy McDonald, a Redford Thurston graduate who hit .369 with 14 doubles and a team-high eight triples and 42 RBI; junior second baseman/outfielder Angela Litwin, from Plymouth Canton (.275, 14 RBI); and junior third baseman Jenny Krusel (.323, 15 doubles, two homers, 37 RBI, 45 runs scored).

Solid players all. And yet, as proof of the talent level of the newcomers, all of the above except Krusel could be switching positions.

"We've got some talent," said White. "A couple of them have even surprised me. I have to say this is the most talented group (of freshmen) we've ever had come through here."

In softball, it all starts with pitching, which could be trouble for Madonna. The pitching mound is three feet further from the plate than in high school — quite an adjustment for newcomers.

Still, White plans to give two freshmen, Jenny Staup from Okstead and Jenny Tenyer from Marine City, equal mound time with Liske to start the season.

"They're hard workers, all of them," said White. "But it's tough to gauge them in the gym."

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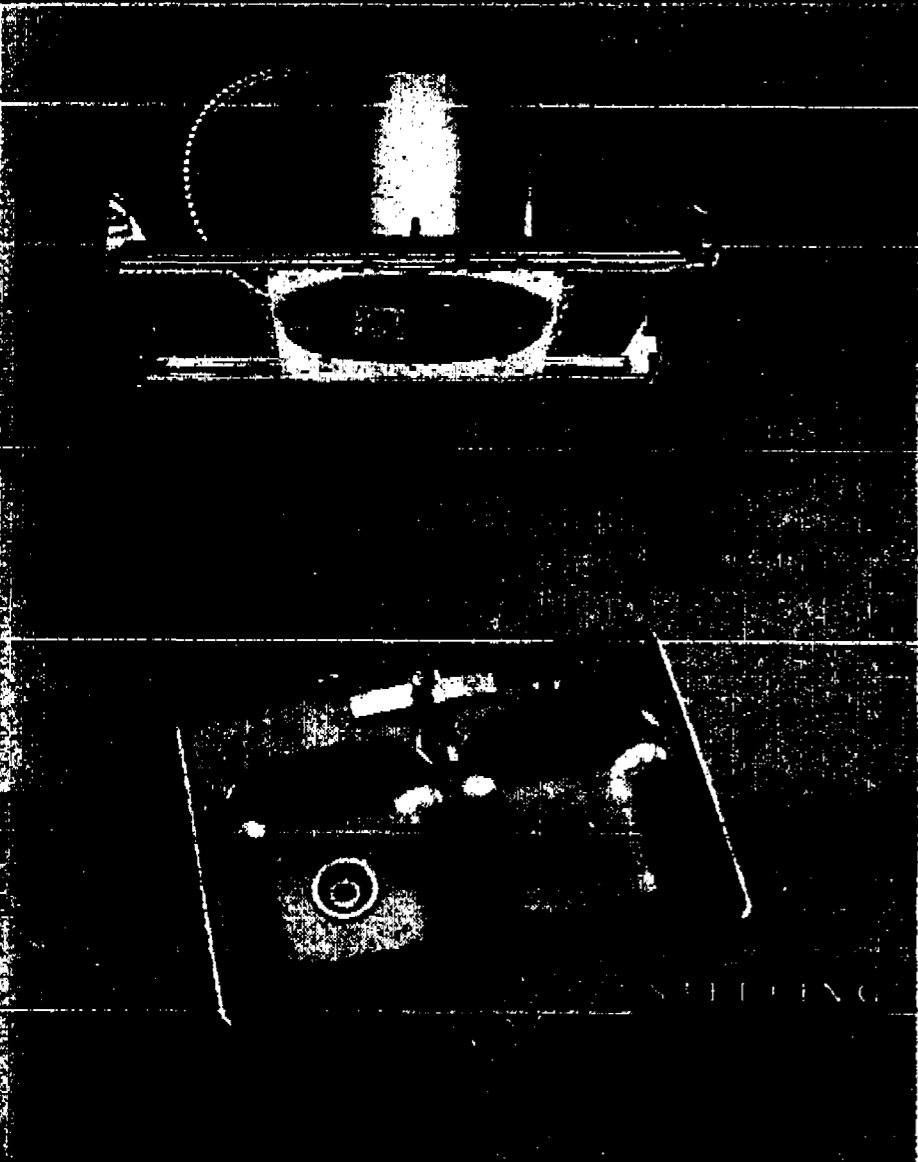
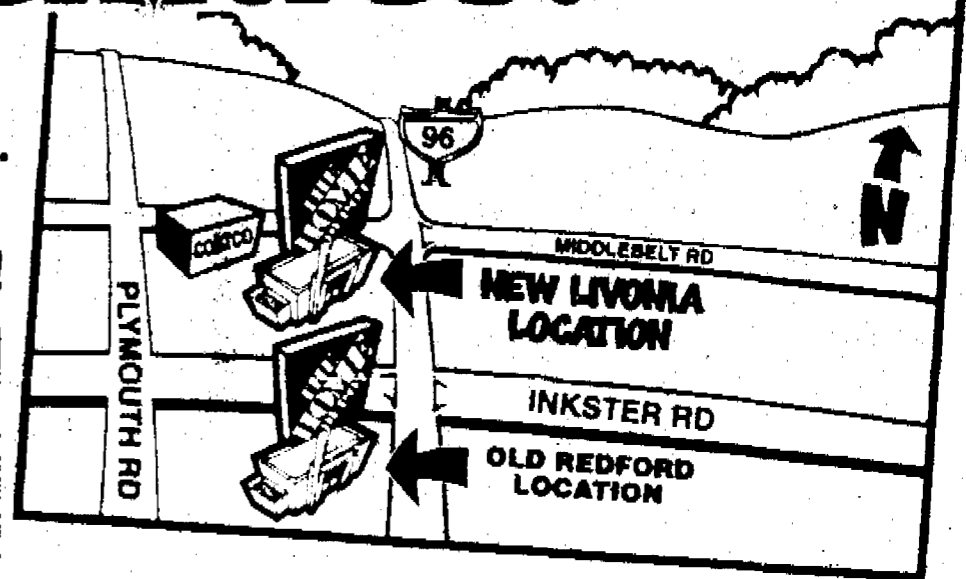
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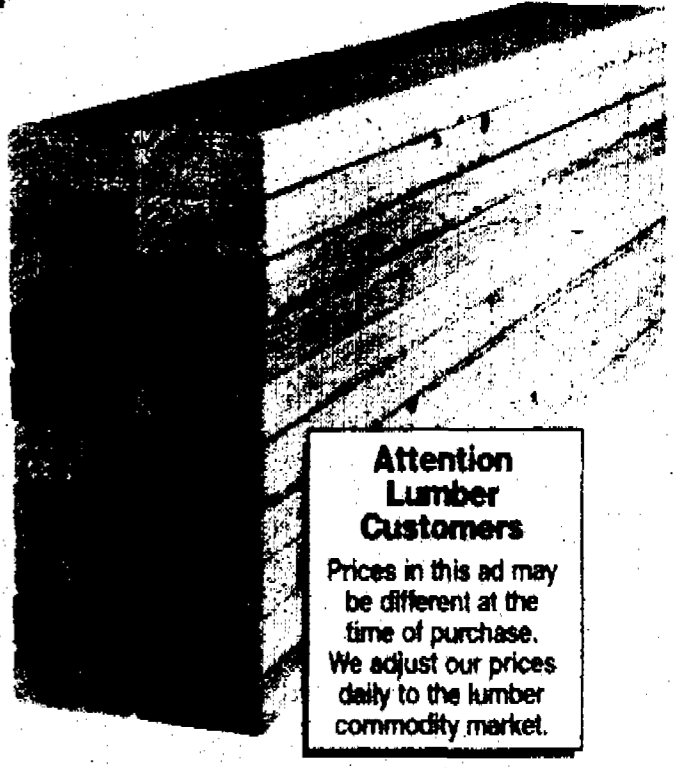
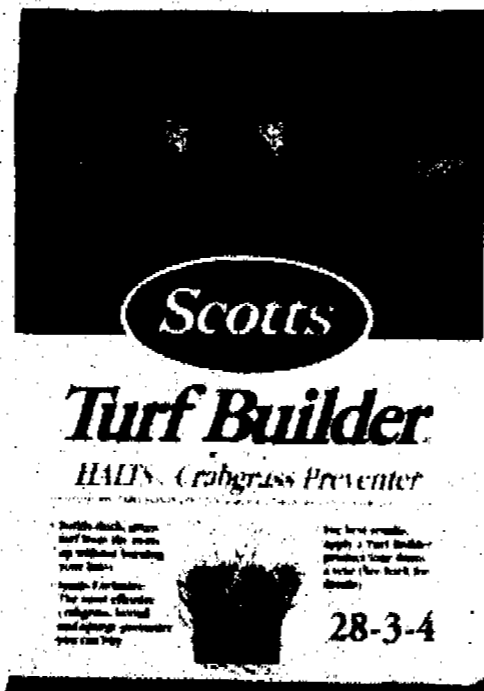
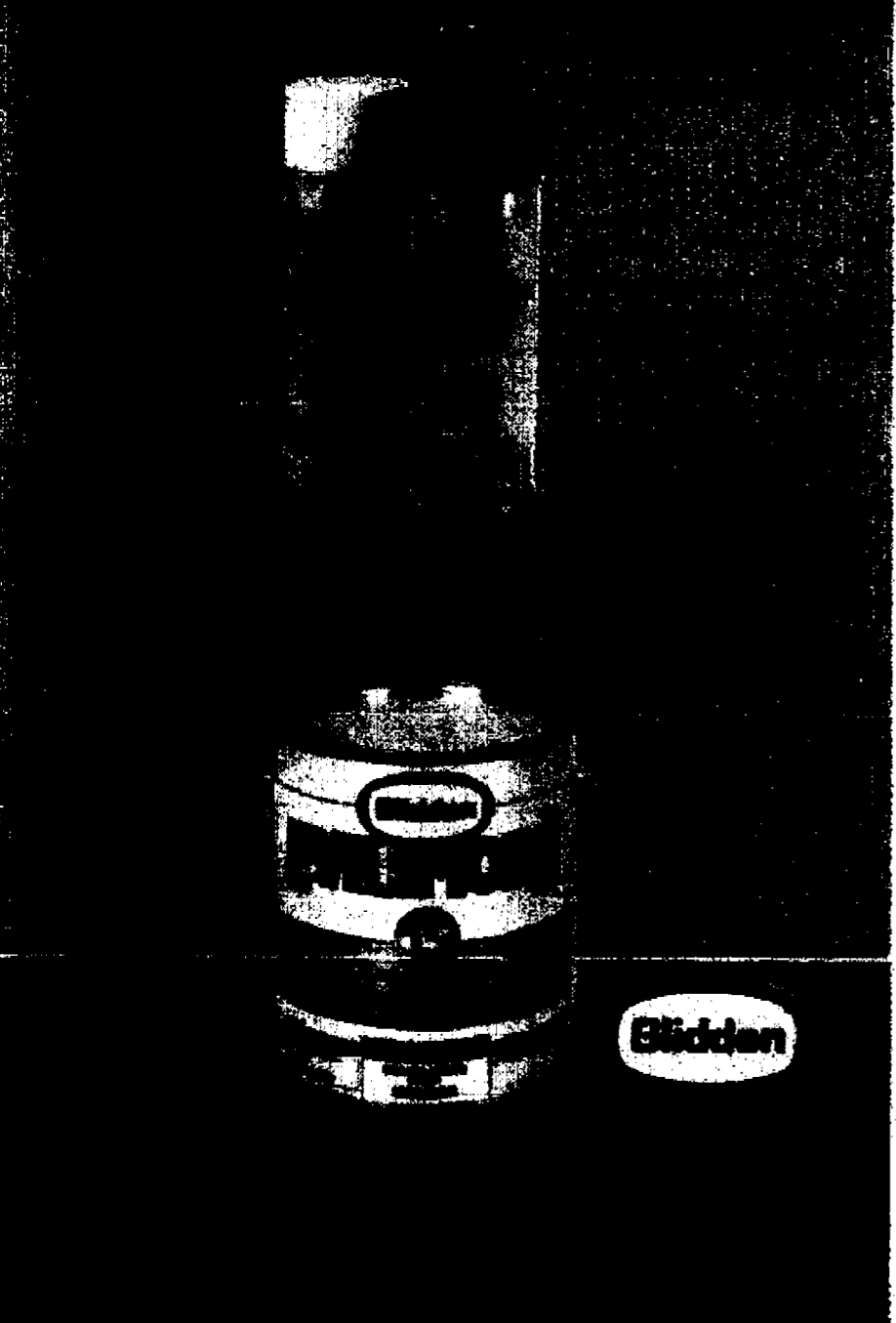
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Composer writes music for the masses

Christopher Tew composes classical works in the Romantic tradition with chromatic harmonies for everyone to enjoy.

Listeners tired of contemporary dissonance won't want to miss the Saturday, March 11, concert by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Tew's "A Picture Symphony for Strings in D Minor" paints pictures of a warm spring day, yesteryear's countryside and a night sky filled with thousands of stars. The composition, dedicated to his wife Laura, is the seventh the orchestra has performed.

"There's been a tendency for 20th century composers not to care what the people would think," said Tew. "I like to write music that is not just artistic but interesting. If the audience can't enjoy it, there's not much use writing it."

A former violist with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Tew will arrive several days before the concert to oversee the work that Livonia Symphony conductor Volodymyr Schesniuk will carry to fruition. The orchestra has performed six of Tew's works to date including "Elegy for Strings," "Overture for Hanukkah" and "Prelude and Dance." Tew's "Rhapsody on Jewish Folk Melodies" was performed last May in Livonia.

"I'm very honored that Volodymyr wants to perform the music," said Tew. "I leave it to his judgment. Music is almost always a collaborative art. I have a sound in my head but everyone adds their bit of art to make it better than any one person could do."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

### In concert: Violinist Leslie English is one of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra members.

Tew misses living in the Livonia area since a job transfer took him to Tennessee where he now plays with the Cadek Community Orchestra in Chattanooga.

"I like coming up to Livonia to see old friends and hear the orchestra perform because they sound so wonderful," said Tew.

### Musical Pictures

In addition to the symphony by Tew, the orchestra will perform "Jupiter, the Bringing of Jollity" from "The Planets" by Gustav Holst; "The Moldau" from "My Country," Bedrich Smetana; "Fingal's Cave (Hebrides Overture)," Felix Mendelssohn; and "Finlandia," Jean Sibelius. Livonia Symphony trumpeters Brian Moon and Ken Robinson will be the featured artists on "Concerto for Two Trumpets" by Vivaldi.

"My idea for the program was to bring people some music that's like a movie—musical pictures," said Schesniuk. "The Vivaldi concerto is played with old-fashioned trumpets with a higher register and is a good experience for the audience. I chose Chris Tew's work because his music is not really modern. He's closer to late Romantic style."

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to [lchomin@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:lchomin@oe.homecomm.net)

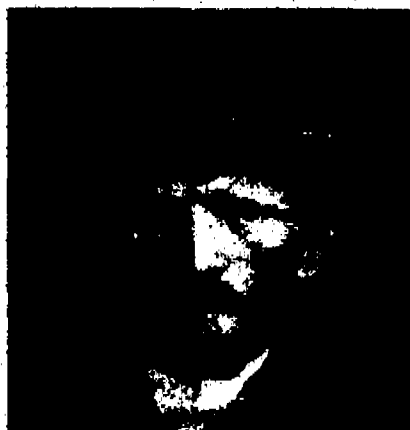
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While The Livonia Symphony Orchestra draws pictures using the music of Vivaldi, Smetana, Mendelssohn, Sibelius, Holst and Tew.

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VAN GOGH PHOTO AT LOWER RIGHT, SELF-PORTRAIT, 1887.



"Van Gogh: Face to Face"

When: Sunday-Sunday, March 12 to June 4. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and until 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.  
Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward.  
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## MEET VAN GOGH

# FACE = FACE

AN ARTIST FOR ALL TIMES • AN ARTIST OF THE PEOPLE

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Vincent van Gogh died never knowing the impact his art would continue to have on viewers. His vibrant palette and the emotionalism with which he captured

his subjects makes him an artist of the people, an artist for all times.

It took van Gogh the first 27 years of his life to realize his one passion, the next 10 to develop his skills as an artist.

From the drawing of a wounded veteran weathered by life to a character study of an old skipper from his

"Heads of the People" series, and a vibrant portrait of a young French soldier, the 66 portraits in "Van Gogh: Face to Face," opening March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, leads viewers on a journey that documents those torturous times from the early 1880s until his death from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvversur-Oise, north of Paris, in 1890.

Co-organized by the Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and Philadelphia Museum of Art, the exhibition paints a picture of the man, who in his adult years, surrounded himself with the working class and down-trodden to paint the people society forgot. A rebel of sorts, van Gogh never quite fit in with society. Battling to find his place, the tall red-haired misfit sympathized with the coal miners eking out the barest existence in the Borinage region of Belgium and the long-forgotten pen-

sioners at the Dutch Reformed Old People's Home in The Hague. In his portraits, he captures their sadness, melancholy and weariness.

"Van Gogh by representing them he's representing himself," said George Keyes, who initiated the exhibition after Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford II donated a portrait of Joseph Roulin to the museum in 1992. "Many people can identify with van Gogh because he had such a great hardship—that he could overcome this. There's a tremendous mythology about this artist. He was a member of a well-heeled family, a reader of 19th century literature from Zola to Balzac. He identified with the characters in the novels. He had a photographic memory, all qualities in his art."

The rapidly worked canvases and drawings illustrate the intense manner in which van Gogh worked. His energy and emotion can be seen in the deft brush and pencil strokes. Van Gogh had an affection for his subjects and strove to capture their souls. He never copied from nature but instilled a spirit.

"We need to stress he has this strong sense of evangelical zeal when he was work-

ing with the people in the coal mining region," Keyes said. "He was a very empathetic artist who identifies with the subject. So far as the portraits versus character studies, we need to focus on the artist's unique interest in these personalities, these waifs of society."

### Dedicated

Van Gogh had a history of copying masters such as Rembrandt throughout his career. Obsessed with becoming an accomplished draughtsman even before a painter, he refused to sketch or paint from casts. On the other hand, models were financially difficult to come by for van Gogh, who would either give up money set aside for food or trade the finished portrait for a sitting. When models were unavailable, he copied masters such as Millet or did self-portraits.

"In St.-Remy he didn't have access to the outer world so Theo (his brother and an art dealer in Paris) sent him copies of Millet who focused on the same type of subject matter—peasants," said Keyes. "Van Gogh has a way with characters. They seem to have an inner life, a spirit of their own."

"Van Gogh was one of the great pioneers of modernism. He liberated color from a descriptive agent and an art that strove for realism. Color became for him the primary agent for expression. He was a classic artist of the



PORTRAIT OF JOSEPH ROULIN, 1888.



HEAD OF A PEASANT WOMAN WITH WHITE CAP, 1885.



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HEAD OF A PEASANT WITH CAP, 1885.



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HEAD OF MAN, 1886-1887, OIL ON CANVAS

## IMPACT

### Record crowds, international prestige expected with portrait exhibit



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Catwalkers: George Keyes, curator of European Paintings (left), and Graham Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, stand at the entrance to the most anticipated exhibit in the museum's history, "Van Gogh: Face to Face."

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The swirling anticipation is hardly coincidental as the Detroit Institute of Arts prepares to host a 12-week evangelical revival starring Vincent van Gogh.

The minister of intense color, coarse brushstrokes and hauntingly empathetic renderings of common people is in the building.

In the spirit of his superstar status, expect images of van Gogh on T-shirts, posters, hats and other memorabilia.

After all, this is the retro 2000s. History is to be merged and purged as needed. Hype? That's a mere prerequisite.

Doors to Van Gogh: Face to Face open next Sunday during a month when terminal gray Michigan weather has been known to induce bouts of

ear-cutting anguish and a longing for the expressive color of spring.

By any popular or critical standard, a van Gogh exhibit is an immediate, large-scale draw. It is also a stunning display of some of the most valuable art in the world. Depending on the piece, an original painting by van Gogh can attract between \$50-\$70 million.

After Rembrandt, no other Dutch painter's name comes next. Yet because of his dramatic, tortured life, distinctive style and prolific output, the late 19th-century artist's greatest influence might not only be on Expressionism and as a patron saint of tortured artists.

Perhaps more than any other artist, van Gogh represents the 20th-century's preoccupation with the psychology and personal life of artists.

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**RECEPTION TODAY** Members of the Livonia Camera Club exhibit photographs through Friday, March 24 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council 774 N. Sheldon at Junction.

An opening reception for the exhibit, "Personal Visions," takes place noon to 3 p.m. today. The public is invited. Call (734) 416-4278.

As part of the collaboration with the arts council, a workshop is scheduled for 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 and 22 on glamour techniques. Observer photographer Paul Hirschmann will teach students professional lighting and posing techniques.

Founded in 1975, the Livonia Camera Club meets at 8 p.m. on the first three Thursdays of the month at Grant Elementary School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia. For more information on the club, call Jonathan Warren at (313) 274-0912 or visit the Web site at <http://home.earthlink.net/~fotofrank/page2.html>.

**DIRECTOR WANTED** The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for an executive director/general manager

to work with the music director and board to provide the vision and plan for the growth of the organization and provide primary leadership in development, fund-raising (including grant writing, event, individual and corporate giving), marketing, and promotion activities. For more on the description or an application, visit the Web site at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).

The position requires experience with an arts or nonprofit organization (preferred) which includes fund raising, financial management, marketing, and long range planning with proven success in grant writing and development.

FACE TO FACE

Canton Project Arts is going face to face with the van Gogh exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts Sunday, May 21.

The arts organization is hosting a trip to visit "Van Gogh: Face to Face" for a cost of \$24 which includes a ticket, audio tour, and round-trip transportation from the Canton Township Administration Building. Tickets are on sale now for Project Arts patrons, for the general public April 1. Call (734) 397-6450.

The DIA's Speakers Bureau will give a slide presentation on the exhibit 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway. Donation is \$1. To reserve a seat, call (734) 397-5444.

An additional bus trip through the Summit will be visiting the exhibit Wednesday, March 22. The bus departs at 9:45 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. The cost is \$20 residents, \$22 non-residents. Tickets are available at the front desk at the Summit



Personal Visions: Frank Adams is one of the Livonia Camera Club members showing his photography at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

A lot to appreciate in Hilberry's 'Our Town'

Wayne State University's graduate theatre company presents Thornton Wilder's classic, "Our Town" at the Hilberry Theatre in rotating repertory through April 1. The Hilberry is located at Cass and Hancock on the WSU campus in Detroit. For tickets and show times, call the Hilberry box office at (313) 577-2972.

By SUE SUCHTA SPECIAL WRITER

Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" captures a simpler time in America, and in doing so reminds us of both the beauty and importance of life. With the simplest of furniture and pantomimed props, the stage manager introduces us to the people and places of his town, and opens a window to their lives. We watch George Gibbs and Emily Webb discover love, marry, and live through some of life's most challenging moments.

The Hilberry framed the story inside a deliberately casual play. The set looks as if it is in mid-construction, with ladders and mismatched chairs scattered throughout. The stage manager is portrayed by Sean Ramey, who wanders on stage and makes his first official pronouncement with a distinct New Hampshire clip to his speech five minutes before curtain.

Tanisha Gonzalez captures the wide-eyed youthful enthusiasm of Emily Webb. Mike Schraeder shows awkward brashness as George Gibbs with a cautious yet unassuming honesty. As Emily brings out the better qualities in George, Schraeder's earnestness brings the joy in Emily's heart to full bloom.

The pantomime of the actors is impressive. Fires are stoked and

meals prepared. Horses are led carefully by their halters over an icy road. Mary Leyendecker's costumes are simple yet authentic.

When George and Emily perch on ladders and tentatively share their feelings with each other, we forget about the makeshift set and begin to imagine moonlight and clapboard houses.

The parents provide perspective to George and Emily's growing up as they gently but firmly guide them toward adulthood. We watch as Kristopher Yoder's Dr. Gibbs skillfully uses psychology and well-aimed guilt to get George to help his mother, and to accept the responsibilities of manhood. We see Mr. Webb, played by Aaron Lake, playfully tease his daughter, whose growing up has probably caught him as much off guard as it does with most fathers. Cat Shoemaker, as Mrs. Gibbs, and Trisha Miller, as Mrs. Webb, are the families' Rocks of Gibraltar.

The town drunk is played with quiet, unspoken grief by Dallas Henry; the loud gossip Mrs. Soames, with relish and exuberance by Sara Wolf, and Howie Newsome, the ever-present milkman, portrayed by Chad Smith, delivers weather predictions along with the cream.

The graveyard scene utilized an echoing effect for the voices of the dead, giving them a surreal countenance, and adding to the remoteness of their souls from those of the living. Slides above the stage showed weather worn tombstones engraved with moss-covered messages. The somber but vital energy of the living contrasted markedly with the monotone voices of the souls waiting for rapture.

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Well girls, if there's one place to put your money this season, it's in the bag.

Specifically, a new handbag. Purses are all the rage this season. And, rather than there being a must-have element or design trend, there's something for everybody.

While Kate Spade has made preppy colors, like baby blue and pastel pink, chic again in her purses, Donna Karan has reinvented the lady-like clutch in faux crocodile and snake skin.

Although a variety of elements are making this season's purses interesting and exciting, texture is probably the most important.

Beading, one texture alternative, adds romance to daytime dressing.

Animal print on backpacks, on the other hand, brings new spirit to college campuses. One designer that went strong with animal print was Nine West. Their square totes in leopard, pony and cow prints have a fresh look for day or evening dressing.

Other texture trends to look out for include floral embellishments, sequins, embroidery and straw.

While straw bags have been around for ages, designers are making them interesting for today's woman. One example can be seen at Tender, a women's clothing boutique in downtown Birmingham. The store's straw bags by Lulu Guinness scream unique.

"This season is about adding interest via accessories," says Tender's co-owner Cheryl Daskas of the trend. "When wearing a pair of black cropped pants and a colorful cashmere sweater, pull it together with a patterned purse. This season is not about black," says Daskas.

And, color is a huge consideration this season.

Just in time for spring, designers are unleashing a variety of bags in a rainbow of colors, as well as patterns and shapes, which are spectacular enough to make anyone's arm ache for a new satchel.

When it comes to making a statement with a bag, how better to do it than with color? Bright red, citrus orange and sunshine yellow are hot picks, if you are looking to introduce color into your wardrobe.

Choose one that is strong enough to make an entrance, but not so bold as to overwhelm your outfit. Such vibrancy works well with slinky bags that easily drip over the shoulders.

Size and function also have arose as important handbag elements.

After a season of small styling, totes have appeared again, taking on the size of any load, even a trip to the beach.

Emphasizing fashion and function, Lord and Taylor's own label has a few semi-structured, mid-size handbags designed to take you just about anywhere.

Especially notable are the retailer's Bohemian-striped canvas bag and pastel cotton tote with just the perfect amount of beading.

Need a look that's practical, hip and 21st century all at the same time?

For the die-hard user of technology, there are a slew of bags with cell phone compartments.

And, if embellishment isn't your style, and the new twist on purses doesn't feel right, there's still lots of micro-fiber bags out there.

Across the board, the variations are endless. So for a quick update to your wardrobe, consider one of the new handbags of the season. The bottom line: from soccer mom to young professional, every woman can find a place for a new purse in her wardrobe.

Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari at [OERealDeal@aol.com](mailto:OERealDeal@aol.com)



Elements: Christian Dior's Malice handbag in golden yellow crocodile brings together texture and color.



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Anticipating spring: Saks Fifth Avenue's runway show of the St. John spring collection, the first fashion show of the season, drew an excited crowd. Holding their front row seats are, left to right, Janne Schlitter of Bloomfield Hills, Dotti Howe of Birmingham, Kelly Gustafsson of Birmingham, and Margaret Gressle of Troy. Many of the show's attendees donned pink and other spring colors, showing they're more than ready for the new season. A benefit for The Community House in Birmingham, the St. John show presented classic looks in vibrant colors.

## Itching for spring

### First local fashion show of the season packs in pastels and tropical hues

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Ladies, dressed in suits - several are pink - stand in clusters in the designer department of Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, talking.

At the same time, they balance glasses of white wine and small plates of poached salmon and dainty roll-up sandwiches in their hands. One woman dons a strawberry-colored hat. Another wears a bright teal print skirt. Many wear basic black with Kashmina wraps and tops in hot pink and other spring colors.

The scene, if you haven't yet guessed, is a reception for the first fashion show of the season, a runway presentation of St. John's spring collection hosted by Saks.

Never mind the groundhog's shadow. Spring fashion has arrived.

Once more, fashion-forward shoppers will have ample opportunity in coming weeks to scrutinize the season's cuts and colors and particulars on local runways.

The St. John show, held Thursday to benefit The Community House in Birmingham, precedes several planned spring fashion shows, including a presentation of Michael Kors Celine line hosted by Jacobson's.

Even if you're not ready to start donning traditional spring colors like those at St. John show, prepare to be bombarded by sherbet colors and bright citrus tones on area runways.

"Color. Color. That's it," said Amanda Turner, Somerset Collection fashion director, following the presentation, which was dominated by spring pastels like lilac, ice pink and mint green and tropical colors, such as bright turquoise and lime.

The audience seemed to embrace the flood of spring and summer shades, and even those dressed in darker colors said they planned to wear bright colors this season. "Everything's been gray, blue and black for

so long," said Dotti Howe, of Birmingham. "We need cheering up."

Color aside, St. John's spring line, like other designer collections, showcased feminine details. Among them tiny bows at the cuff and on colorful shoes, three-quarter-length sleeves reminiscent of Jackie Onassis, scalloped edges and loads of sequins, beads and pearls on both day and evening wear.

"Very feminine without being frou-frou, without being girlish," Turner said of the collection. "And lady-like, even when casual."

The word casual did seem to enter St. John's vocabulary in a way it hasn't before. St. John is best known for making quality knit suiting, but denim jackets and jeans in pink and black and blueberry and ivory with backpacks, mesh pockets and silver clasps made an appearance midway through the show.

Turner said St. John is probably making casual sportswear because we're headed towards refining our casual Friday attire. "It's that dress-up casual look," said Turner. That's the next word we're going to get sick of."

Likewise, St. John's evening wear did include a few sportswear pieces, sexy halter tops and halter-top dresses that revealed the back. Several other evening garments showed skin through sheer black fabric at the bodice, shoulders and side hem lines.

"Everyone loves the way St. John clothes fit, but for years people have thought of the clothes as mature," said Cheryl Hall-Lindsay, special events director for Saks Fifth Avenue and the show's host. "I think that's going to change after tonight. ... (The collection) is lady-like and sophisticated, but fun with a twist. It's young. It's sexy."

### Upcoming fashion shows

**Jacobson's debuts Celine by Michael Kors**

**When:** noon (luncheon), 12:45 p.m. (show), Tuesday, March 14  
**Where:** Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham  
**Seating:** Limited, call (248) 644-6900, ext. 585

**Saks Fifth Avenue shows Anne Klein 2000 for benefit**

**When:** 11 a.m. (brunch), 11:30 a.m. (show), Thursday, March 16  
**Where:** Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Anne Klein Boutique, second floor  
**Tickets:** \$25-35 to benefit Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County, call (248) 332-7173

**St. Patrick's Day spring fashion show for benefit**

**When:** Strolling buffet and auction begin at 7 p.m., fashion show follows, Friday, March 17  
**Where:** Somerset Collection in Troy, South, main entrance.  
**Tickets:** \$85 to benefit On My Own of Michigan, call (248) 649-3739

**Somerset Collection shows spring collections**

**When:** 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18  
**Where:** Somerset Collection in Troy, South, South Rotunda  
**Seating:** Limited, but open to the public



Citrus hues: A classic St. John suit looks fresh and vibrant in a tropical lime shade.

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) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

**ARMANI MEN'S COLLECTION**  
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a trunk show of Giorgio Armani Le Collezioni for men (special order), noon-6 p.m., The Men's Store, first floor.

**BREATHING WORKSHOP**  
Transformations - A Holistic Spa, 33060 Northwestern Highway in West Bloomfield, holds free, introductory lectures about Buteyko breathing and their workshops, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 628-3700.

**WARDROBE EVENTS**  
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts several wardrobe planning events with designer representatives through March 11. For times, personal appointments and locations for: Lafayette 148

### ADDED ATTRACTIONS

on March 7, call (248) 614-3347; Escada on March 8, call (248) 614-3366; TSE Surface on March 9, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 247; Tahari, on March 9 and 10, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 401; Jennifer Roberts, on March 10 and 11, call (248) 614-3323; and Michael Kors on March 11, call (248) 614-3347.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

**JONES NEW YORK SHOW**  
Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a runway show of spring fashion by Jones New York, 7 p.m., Second Floor.

**JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW**  
Rox & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, presents a trunk show of M & J Sevitt jewelry through March 11, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For details, call (248) 855-8855.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 9-10**

**JEWELRY DESIGNER VISITS**  
Jewelry designer Laura Gibson brings her collection to Jacobson's stores: March 9 at Rochester Hills store and March 10 at downtown Birmingham store, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Fine Jewelry.

**ESCADA STOCK SHOW**  
View Escada's spring and summer collection at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Sportswear, third floor.  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

**MOTHER-OF-THE-BRIDE SHOW**  
Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia holds two fashion shows highlighting the latest looks for the mother-of-the-bride: 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fashion also may be seen in a trunk show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**TAHARI TRUNK SHOW**  
View Tahari's spring collection of suiting at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Galleria, third floor.  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

**PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW**  
Livonia Mall, 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, hosts a puppet performance of Punch and Judy for children and families, 1 p.m., Value City court.



# Holy city of Jerusalem leaves lasting impression

(Editor's note: Diane Hanson of Canton recently took a trip of a lifetime - she visited Israel. This is part II of her two-part story.)

BY DIANE HANSON  
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The City of David is the capital of Israel and the largest and most populated city in the country.

Old Jerusalem is at the heart of one of the holiest and most intriguing cities in the world.

King David chose Jerusalem to be his capital and built the first temple there which was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC. King Herod, who died in 4 BC, built the second temple, where Jesus was brought by his parents, where he taught and prayed. That temple was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

The Jewish Quarter in the Old City dates to the 15th century when the Jewish people desired to live in the area of the Western (Wailing) Wall, the only remnant of the second temple. The tradition of praying at the wall began around AD 200-300 when some rabbis taught that the presence of God still remains at the location of the former Holy of Holies.

To this day pilgrims come to the Wall to pray and insert prayers and petitions, written on bits of paper, into the cracks of the towering ancient artifact.

But just on the other side of the Wailing Wall on the Temple Mount, standing on the location of the former Jewish Temple is yet another reason for religious tension. There the Dome of the Rock was built in AD 691 and is now the Muslim mosque that encompasses the huge rock believed to be where Mohammed ascended into heaven, leaving his footprint embedded in the boulder's surface. It is also a holy site for Jews and Christians as the place where Abraham nearly sacrificed his son Isaac at the Lord's command.

Its golden dome and intricate blue mosaic exterior make it an easily identifiable landmark in the Old City.

Traveling through the Christian section of the city, I found the Garden of Gethsemane was smaller than I had imagined. But seeing the garden with its ancient olive trees was incredibly inspiring. The oldest, biggest and most gnarled tree there is believed to date back to the time of Jesus.

I had anticipated a spiritual experience walking along the Via Dolorosa (the 14 Stations of the Cross), beginning at the Church of the Flagellation and

## Don't leave home without...

Traveling to Israel can be the experience of a lifetime. Being well-informed and prepared ahead of time can make things go much more smoothly.

■ **Pack light** - Although Israel is a small country, there are so many sites to see that you will be frequently packing up to move to the next destination.

Take coordinating clothing that can be mixed and matched and preferably wrinkle-free. Lightweight pants and short-sleeved shirts are appropriate in most areas. During the warmer months of summer and fall, shorts would be more comfortable for visiting the ancient ruins and sites in the desert areas, but don't plan on wearing them or tank tops or low-cut tops to any of the holy sites - you may be turned away. Pack a sweater or light jacket. Even summer evenings can drop below the 70s, especially in the northern regions of the country.

■ Many hotels have irons and

hair dryers, but if you are staying in a kibbutz-type lodging you may wish to bring travel appliances with you. An electrical converter set will also be necessary.

■ **Money** - Dollars can be converted into shekels at the airport in Israel or at any bank there. U.S. dollars are also accepted in many places. Most major credit cards are welcome nearly everywhere in Israel and, yes, there are ATM machines.

■ **Phone home** - If you plan on staying in contact with family and friends back in the U.S. be sure to take some pre-paid phone cards with you. I have seen the cards available for as low as \$12 for 200 minutes. Even though a 60-minute card will only last about seven minutes when calling from Israel, it is still considerably cheaper than dialing direct from a hotel.

■ **Travel info** - The official Web site of the Israel Ministry of Tourism is [www.goisrael.com](http://www.goisrael.com) or call them toll-free at 1-888-77-ISRAEL.



PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

**A moment of prayer: An Orthodox Jewish man is deep in prayer as he walks near the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.**

ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Most of the way is lined by markets with proprietors hawking their wares, which can be a definite distraction.

The last five stations are sheltered in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest Christian site.

St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, built the first church in the fourth century. The Crusaders built the current building in the 12th century.

The holy site is now divided by

six Christian faiths, each responsible for its own section. To avoid conflict, the guardians of the key to the door of the church are two Muslim families. Every morning and every evening, a family member climbs the ladder to unlock or lock the massive door.

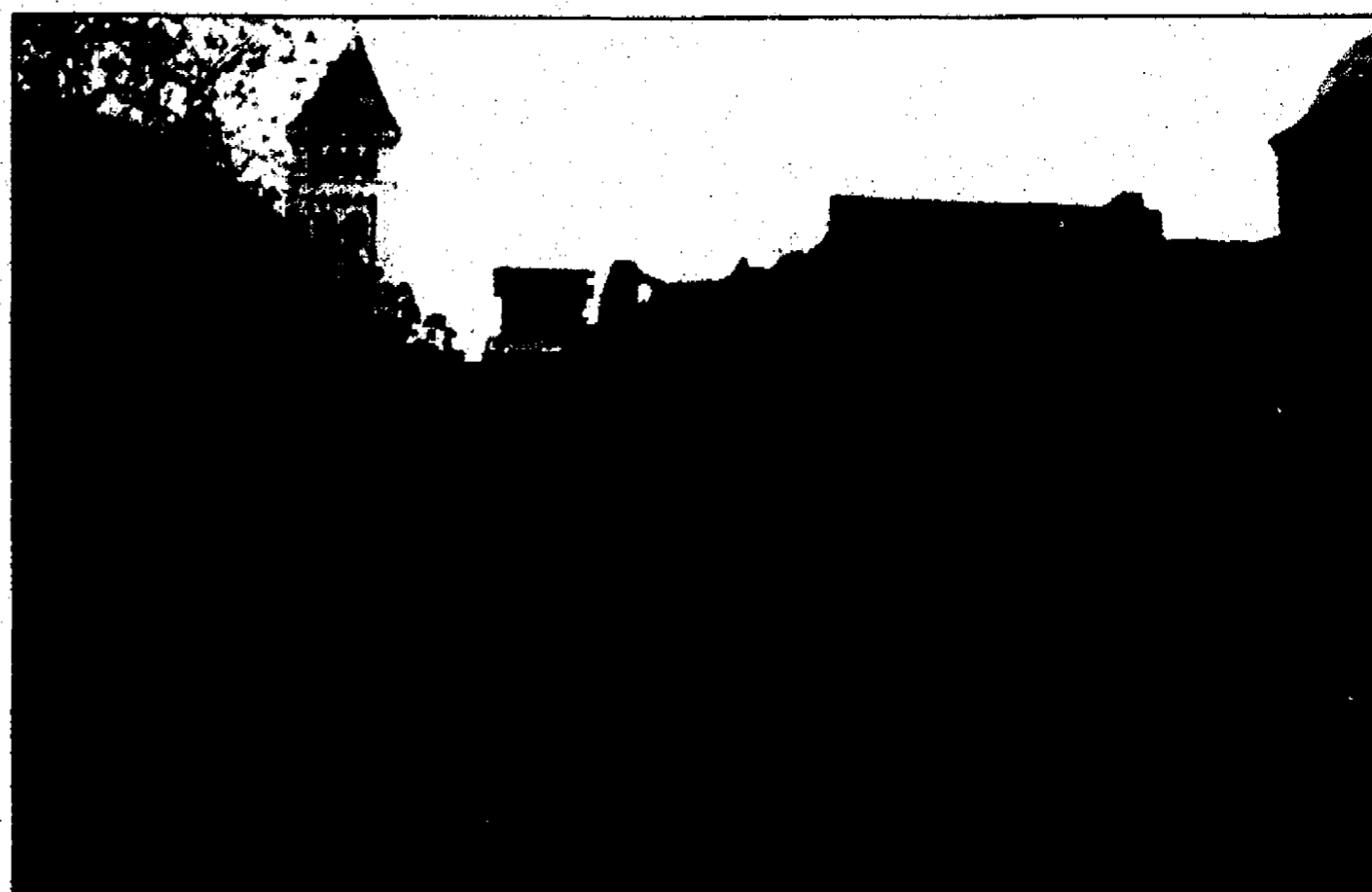
The Roman Catholics have an altar at the 13th station where Jesus is nailed to the cross. The Greek Orthodox claim the 14th station with an altar built over top of the rock where Jesus was crucified - Golgotha - visible through the glass floor and from below. They also claim Jesus' tomb.

## Must-see museums

We visited the Tower of David Museum near the end of our trip through Israel, but perhaps that would be a good place to start. It holds a fabulous introduction to Jerusalem's 4,000 years of history. The restored remains of the 2,000-year-old citadel became the site of the museum. Each room holds a different period of Jerusalem's history.

The Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum is the major attraction there and inspiring. But, if time permits, there is so much more at the museum, including archeological finds and the interiors of three original synagogues.

A visit to Yad Vashem - the National Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust - is one that few can leave with dry eyes. The



**Divided:** The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem is the holiest of Christian sites. The church is divided between six Christian faiths and, to keep the peace, two Muslim families hold the key to the massive door.

vivid photographs and written descriptions left impressions on me that will last a lifetime.

The memorial to the 15,000 children who died is at the same time, beautiful and eerie. Points of light representing the children, their names and countries read in a continuous steady rhythm, permeate the total darkness inside.

"This is not a holocaust of just the Jews," said our guide, Oded Geva, whose parents escaped Germany just after Adolph Hitler was made chancellor. "This place is a warning to the whole world. We are not talking here about Jews, we are talking about people."

## Galilee

Of all the magnificent ancient and holy sites in Israel, my

favorite was the Galilee area. The Galilee, as the area around the sea is referred to, is lush, green and fertile with an abundance of colorful flowers.

It is certain Jesus visited the Sea of Galilee - the only freshwater body in Israel. In Capernaum, a fifth-century AD synagogue sits atop the ruins of one of just two synagogues - the other was in Masada.

The remains of what is believed to be St. Peter's house are in Capernaum.

The house had been extended into an octagonal church - for the eight blessings of the Beatitudes - in the early days of Christianity.

Tabgha, on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee is the home of two important sites.

One is the traditional site where it is believed Jesus fed 5,000 with two fish and five loaves.

The remains of two successive Byzantine churches built in the fourth and fifth centuries were found there in 1932. The Benedictines built the church standing there today.

Tell us about your trip of a lifetime. Send photos, with a brief description of your trip, and a phone number where you can be reached, to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax 734-591-7279 or e-mail [kwygonik@oc.homecomm.net](mailto:kwygonik@oc.homecomm.net). Please do not e-mail photographs.

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FOCUS ON WINE



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## Cal-Itals are steeped in tradition

Italian-origin wine grapes grown in California are dubbed Cal-Itals. California's wine heritage stems from Italian families who brought their wine traditions to the United States. Today, these families have 100 years or longer in the California wine business. They've gone back to their roots and are raising awareness of three red varieties in particular — barbera, sangiovese and nebbiolo.

■ **Barbera:** From its birthplace in Italy's Piedmont, barbera is challenged only by Tuscany's sangiovese in versatility. The Piedmontese refer to barbera as a "people's wine," meaning a wine to be drunk in youth or while waiting for the region's great wines, Barbaresco and Barolo, to age.

Barbera excites California winemakers. Some producers are old hands at it, but newcomers have added it to their growing portfolio of Cal-Itals.

Piedmontese barbera is bottled in a wide array of styles from young and fruity to dark, intense, extracted versions with heady aromas. Some of this is due to variances among soil type and microclimates, but winemaking practices contribute significantly. Not all Piedmont barbera is oak aged.

California, too, is developing a wide range of styles. While most producers age their wine in oak, some are stylizing for early release and drinkability with minimum cellaring in older cooperage.

■ **Sangiovese:** From Italy's Tuscany region, Chianti is the best-known red wine. It draws its charm from the sangiovese grape, but there seems to be no limit to variations. Tuscan producers have created when working with this varietal. Grown in California, sangiovese is beginning to show a similar potential.

Under "traditional" Chianti wine-making, the law required a blend of 20 percent lesser grape varieties. This law stifled creative potential of both producer and grapegrower. A new law effected in 1984, allows up to 10 percent of non-traditional varieties such as cabernet sauvignon to be blended with a maximum of 90 percent sangiovese.

■ **Nebbiolo:** Native to the Piedmont region, it is the great red grape responsible for some of the longest-lived wines in Italy — Barbaresco and Barolo. The grape name derives from "nebbia," fog in Italian, a frequent phenomenon in the Piedmont during the October grape harvest.

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Wine Picks

■ Pick of the pack: Arzuaga Crianza from Ribera del Duero in Spain (\$27) is everything a great Spanish red wine should be — beautiful fruit, concentrated flavor with integrated oak. Spanish cuisine is trendy. It deserves the complement of a great wine. This is it!

■ Last month we wrote about Meritage wines and unfortunately, the 1997 Gayer Peak Reserve Alexandre Meritage (\$45) was not yet available for our comparative testing. Guaranteed, it would have been highly ranked as a magnificent blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot, cabernet franc and malbec — all five of the great Bordeaux varietals. Cellar it for a few years and reap more taste rewards.

■ Outstanding chardonnays: 1998 Casa Lapostolle Cuvee Alexandre (Chile), \$18; 1998 Hogue Barrel Select, \$14 (an absolute steal at this price); and 1998 William Hill Reserve, \$22 (creamy and delicious); and 1998 Kumeu River, Mata's Vineyard (New Zealand), \$42, a bit pricey as it seems all New Zealand wines are, but very good.

■ Finding good cabernet sauvignon with a Napa Valley designation under \$20 gets more difficult. Essential Try 1997 Beaujou Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (\$16) — a great value.

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- What's for Breakfast
- Main Dish Miracle

Lots-a-lovin' goes into

# Chicken soup



Soup's on: Sylvia Bernstein of West Bloomfield, a finalist in the Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest, stirs up her entry. Curtis Rellinger and Joe Wnuk of Westland, also known as Chef Curtis and Chili Joe who host a local cable cooking show, stir their batch of Dr. Benjamin Overstreet's Chicken Soup.



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Making chicken soup is something people put their hearts into.

"Mine comes from the heart. I make it to make my kids feel better," said Sylvia Bernstein of West Bloomfield, one of the finalists in the second annual Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest held Friday, Feb. 25, at Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield.

Sitting at a table waiting for the judges to begin tasting the chicken soups simmering in Crock-Pots, Bernstein and Sandra Biagini of Clarkston, last year's winner and one of this year's finalists, struck up a conversation.

Both wore heart necklaces, and agreed making chicken soup is about the nicest thing you can do for someone who's not feeling well.

"It's just a way you show people you really care about them and that you're trying to do something to help them. It shows you're interested in their well-being," said Carolyn Silverstein of Franklin, who won this year's contest.

Her Mediterranean Chicken Soup is not an old recipe. It's something she just put together. "I always make up stuff as I go along," she said. "I was experimenting with combining leftover rice, cooked spinach, and artichokes to create a

— Carolyn Silverstein

"Heart Smart" yet tasty soup with some ingredients my husband I both enjoyed. Cooking the rice with the soup makes it creamier."

Reducing fat and cholesterol has been a concern since Silverstein's husband, Barry, suffered a heart attack. When she makes soup, she lets it cool overnight, and removes the hardened fat the next day.

Attesting to its medicinal qualities, Chef Keith Farnie, one of the judges who was fighting a cold, said Silverstein's soup was "refreshing. There's a balance of acids, the artichokes with lemon," he said. "It does help colds," said Silverstein. "I was coming down with one and this soup help stave it off."

Joe Wnuk and Curtis Rellinger of Westland, best known as Chili Joe and Chef Curtis, hosts of a local cable cooking show, placed second in the contest.

They spent three weeks researching to develop their prize-winning recipe.

"I collect musical instruments and found the recipe tucked into an old violin case," said Wnuk.

Please see SOUP, D2

### MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN SOUP

- One 6-pound stewing chicken
- 3 quarts water
- 1 cup baby carrots
- 3 ribs celery, sliced with tops
- 2 large onions, halved
- 1 (14 1/2 ounce) can artichoke bottoms (4 pieces, reserve remainder for another use)
- 1/2 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach (thawed and drained)
- 3/4 cup long grain rice (raw) or 1 1/2 cups cooked rice (leftover)
- 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 large garlic cloves (minced)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cover chicken with water in a stockpot and bring to an immediate boil. Then discard water and drain.

Return chicken to pot with 3 quarts water and 1/2 cup of the carrots, the celery and tops, onions and bay leaves. Partially cover the pot and simmer for 2 hours or until the chicken is tender but not falling apart.

Remove the chicken to a large platter, and when cool enough to handle, remove the meat from the bones. Shred the white meat, measure out one cup and set aside. Reserve the remainder of the meat for chicken salad or other recipe.

Strain the liquid into a large bowl. Discard everything in the strainer. Cool the soup and refrigerate overnight. Remove all fat that has hardened on the surface.

The next day start with the defatted chicken stock, the remaining 1/2 cup baby carrots (each cut in half), spinach, rice, lemon juice and 4 diced artichoke bottoms and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 1 hour. Add more water to equal 2 1/2 to 3 quarts if necessary.

Mince garlic cloves and add to soup with shredded white chicken meat 5 minutes before serving.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.  
Recipe compliments of Carolyn Silverstein

## Check your family's eating habits in March

March is National Nutrition Month. Do you know what you and your family should be eating? Let's take a look at the top-rated foods for the new millennium.

### Top-rated foods for 2000

#### ■ SOY

Throughout the '90s, health professionals recommended soy products for cholesterol lowering, cancer prevention and alleviation of menopause symptoms.

Soy contains phytoestrogens. Phytoestrogens belong to a family called phytochemicals. Phytochemicals are substances naturally present in plants that help protect the plant from severe weather, insects and stress. In your body, they can aid in preventing the origination and growth of cancerous tumors and slow cancer cell growth. Phytoestrogen containing foods can also help

reduce hot flashes as well as help prevent osteoporosis. Phytoestrogens contain the isoflavones genistein and daidzein, which can prevent osteoporosis. Soyfoods include tofu, tempeh, soy cheese, soymilk and "meat-free" products such as veggie burgers.

#### ■ RED GRAPES

Is wine good or bad for your heart? In countries such as France, alcohol consumption has been related to a lower incidence of heart disease. But some experts argue that the social support or even the relaxation and bonding that occurs during "happy hour" is perhaps more related to the

prevention of heart disease than the alcohol itself. Alcohol, specifically red wine, contains a substance called resveratrol, which helps prevent arteries from clog-

ging up. However, red grapes and its juice also has resveratrol without any of the negative aspects from alcohol.

Red wine contains polyphenols, another phytochemical important for heart disease and cancer prevention. Green tea and chocolate also contain polyphenols.

#### ■ FLAX

Flaxseeds and flax oil have the highest omega-3 fatty acid and lignin content of any food. Omega-3 fatty acids can help prevent heart disease, promote energy and fight depression. Lignins are substances that act like estrogens in the body and can bind to estrogen receptors.

In this way, lignins can regulate your body's estrogen production in a way similar to isoflavones in soy products. In turn, lignins can be bone building. Sprinkle flaxseeds on your breakfast cereal or in your smoothie. If you are using flax oil, mix with herbs to make salad dressings or drizzle on foods after cooking. Do not heat the flax oil as heating destroys the omega-3 fatty acids.

#### ■ OLIVE OIL

Don't be fat-phobic. Several years ago, it was thought that only calories were important. You could eat hot dogs and ice cream all day if you chose to, as long as you kept your calories below a certain number. Then fat became the only factor of importance. Eat as many calories as you want to, just don't eat any fat. This approach worked for some people and

backfired for others, especially those who tended to overeat at snacks and meals. People gained weight on fat-free foods.

Now the pendulum has returned to the center. Calories and fat intake are both important. Dr. Gary Null, a physician who specializes in nutrition, appeared on NBC Today to promote the benefits of olive oil. He showed that the benefits of olive oil not only lowers cholesterol and maintains blood sugar, but a little bit of olive oil with meals helps to create a feeling of satiety. When you incorporate olive oil with meals, you tend to feel full and are not looking for something to eat two hours later.

#### ■ GARLIC

Ever try roasted garlic? Try a great recipe from Farmington Hills resident

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# Soup from page D1

explaining the history behind Dr. Benjamin Overstreet's Chicken Soup Recipe. The duo invented the character "Dr. Overstreet," a traveling medicine man who roamed the streets of old Detroit making this chicken broth for hundreds of his cold-waning customers.

"The good doctor pioneered the theory that a 'healing combustion' develops when chicken meat is boiled with certain vegetables."

The secret to making good chicken soup, they agree, is all in the stock. Use fresh chicken, veggies and cold filtered water. Wnuk and Curtis also spent a lot of time deciding on the perfect noodle for their soup, and found one-inch medium egg noodles worked best.

What made their soup unusual was corn and peas. They added color and flavor. "It goes back to my childhood," said Curtis. "My grandma used to add corn and peas to her soup."

John Gallagher of Grosse Pointe Woods placed third in the contest. Old Fashioned Twice Boiled Soup was his mother's recipe with a few changes made

over the years.

"To the best of my knowledge this recipe has never been written down," he said. "We all loved this soup growing up."

Contest finalists Mary Ann Leduc-Yee and Jennifer Rosenberg-Lopatyn of West Bloomfield teamed up to create Rosenberg & Yee Or-Yenta Chicken Soup.

The flavorful Oriental inspired soup combines the best of their heritages — Chinese and Jewish.

"My husband is Chinese, and I learned to cook Chinese food," said Yee. "We've been married for a long time, and I feel Chinese is part of my heritage, too. Jennifer is Jewish. The soup was a joint effort, but the matzo balls were totally hers."

On March 22 Silverstein's prize winning soup will be served to 500 people at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. She will also appear on Chef Keith Famie's Adventures in Cooking on WDIV-TV, Channel 4.

"Some of my co-workers want to help me serve the soup at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen," she said. "And I'm really excited and

looking forward to being on the show."

Silverstein found out Thursday night that she was a finalist in the contest, the first cooking contest she ever entered. She made the soup that night, and got up early Friday morning to finish it in time for the contest. As part of her prize she also received a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor.

Second prize was dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield. Third prize was a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

*See recipes inside.*

## Learn all about vegetarian diet

Consumers can learn about eating a healthy vegetarian diet 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Royal Oak Senior Center.

There is no admission charge.

The event will feature free food samples, free recipes and free handouts on health and nutrition, videos and other information resources. The event is also two days before the Great American Meatout scheduled for March 20.

Sponsors of the Meatout say its purpose is to help consumers kick the meat habit and explore a "more wholesome, less violent diet."

Local sponsors include the Royal Oak Medical Center and a coalition of vegetarian, animal rights, religious, and environmental groups.

Some participating businesses are Amici's Pizza, Buday's Tasty Health, Good Food, Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Mei Ling Vegetarian Chinese, Om Cafe, Pita House, Salvatore Scallopini's and Whole Foods.

The Royal Oak Senior Center is at 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. Marais is north off 13 Mile Road, at the first traffic light east of Crooks. The senior center is in the second block on the right. A map is available on the Internet at [www.all4vegan.net/vim.htm](http://www.all4vegan.net/vim.htm).

For more information, call (248) 288-3430.

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and personal trainer Shelly Gardynik. Shave off the top of the whole garlic, brush with olive oil and add a little salt and pepper, wrap in foil and bake at 350° F for 40 to 45 minutes.

Peel and eat. Yum. Garlic contains allyl sulfides, a phytochemical important for heart disease and cancer prevention. Garlic has been shown to lower cholesterol and blood pressure as well as boosts the immune system to fight infection. You can be generous with garlic while cooking or spread roasted garlic on crackers and enjoy.

Make healthy eating, along with regular exercise, your goal for the millennium!

*Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company. Visit her website at [www.nutritionsecrets.com](http://www.nutritionsecrets.com).*

*Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.*

### MEAT-FREE QUESADILLAS

- 8 whole-wheat lavash
- 2 cups ground meat substitute (such as Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles)
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 large bell pepper (red, yellow or green)
- 4 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- pinch of black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 2 cups TVP (texturized vegetable protein), sauteed in 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 ounces shredded soy cheese
- 2 cups fresh salsa

In a large skillet, saute meat substitute, onion, bell pepper and garlic until softened, about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, cumin, cayenne, and black pepper.

cilantro and TVP.

Cook, stirring about 3 minutes more. Divide the mixture among the 8 tortillas. Fold the tortillas and place in a hot skillet. Saute until the tortillas are browned.

Serve with a garnish of soy cheese, low fat or soy sour cream and salsa. Makes 8 quesadillas.

### TEMPEH SALAD

- 1 8-ounce package tempeh
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/3 cup soy or lowfat mayonnaise
- 1/2-1 tablespoon brown rice syrup
- 1-2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Boil tempeh for 20 minutes. Dice tempeh and add vegetables. Combine mayonnaise, brown rice syrup and mustard. Mix well with tempeh-and-vegetable mixture until evenly distributed and well moistened.

Serve on a bed of lettuce. Serves 4.

### DATE-NUT BREAKFAST BARS

- 3/4 cup frozen apple juice concentrate
- 1 1/2 cups pitted dates
- 1 cup flaxseed
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Place the apple juice concentrate and dates in a saucepan. Cover and cook over medium-high heat for five minutes, until softened. While the dates cook, grind the flaxseed in an electric coffee grinder 1/3 cup at a time. Pour the ground seeds into a food processor with the S blade inserted. Add the dates. Process until the mixture is doughlike. If the mixture rises above the processor blades, shut off the machine and push the mixture down with a spatula. Then, turn the machine back on.

Pour into a bowl and mix with the walnuts. Turn the dough into 9- by 9-inch cake pan and press flat with damp hands to cover the entire bottom of the pan evenly. Cut into eight bars. Remove from the pan. Place in a storage container or in plastic sandwich bags. Refrigerate.

# Wine from page D1

By comparison, barbera has 15 times more planted acreage than nebbiolo.

Only a few California bottlings of nebbiolo have, in our opinion, demonstrated much of the grape's worth as a serious contender in the growing bevy of Cal-Ital reds.

Look for top Cal-Itals made by: Amador Foothill, Andretti, Atlas Peak, Bonterra, Cambria, Iron Horse, La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi, L'Uvaggio di Giacomo, Montevina, Pepi, Seghesio and Venezia.

media hype outlandish prices for wines bought at auction. But a charity wine auction is not anything like this. You can experience what we mean Saturday, April 15 at the 18th annual WineFest, a wine auction benefiting the programs of the Ann Arbor Art Center.

The festivities at the Marriott Hotel Eagle Crest Conference Resort, 1275 S. Huron, in Ypsilanti, begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction, strolling dinner and colossal wine tasting, followed by a live auction at 7:30 p.m. There will be post-auction dessert tables; port, cigar and cognac tent; live music and dancing.

### Pop for Art

Nowadays you hear and read a lot about auctions for everything including groceries. The

portion of all tickets is tax deductible to the extent the law allows. Tickets are on sale now. Call (734) 994-8004 Ext. 101.

In keeping with this year's theme Pop for Art, the honorary chair is Champagne Veuve Clicquot. Guaranteed, the corks will be poppin' in a crowd of about 800 wine and food enthusiasts bidding on fabulous wine, art and travel packages. This event is a blast. It sells out each year, so don't delay.

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

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# Prize-winning chicken soups will warm your heart

See related chicken soup contest story on Taste front.

## DR. BENJAMIN OVERSTREET'S CHICKEN SOUP RECIPE

### Basic chicken stock ingredients

- 1 (4 pound) roasting chicken
  - 2 large onions, quartered
  - 6 celery stalks
  - 4 large carrots, split lengthwise
  - 4 cloves fresh garlic, halved
  - 10 black peppercorns
  - 1 teaspoon thyme
  - 1 tablespoon salt
  - 8 cups water
- ### Soup ingredients
- 1 large parsnip, peeled and diced into 1/4-inch cubes
  - 5 carrots, peeled and cut on the bias
  - 3 celery stalks, diced
  - 1 bag frozen peas (16 ounce bag)
  - 1 bag frozen corn (16 ounce bag)
  - 1 bag thin egg noodles (16 ounce bag)
  - 4 chicken bouillon cubes

Salt and pepper to taste

Put chicken and all stock ingredients in a 12-quart stock pot, cover with 8 cups of water. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer for 2 hours.

Remove cooked chicken to a chopping board or plate. Strain stock to remove all vegetables and chicken parts. Reserve stock only. Skim the fat from the top of the stock. To make skimming the fat easier, place stock in the refrigerator for at least an hour, the fat will solidify and be easier to remove.

Debone chicken to remove all meat and cut into 1/2-inch cubes. Return strained chicken stock to the stock pot. Add the parsnip cubes, 5 cut carrots, cut chicken pieces and bouillon cubes. Bring stock to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer until carrots and parsnips are tender. Add peas, corn and 2 cups of the egg noodles. Cook for 15 minutes, salt and pepper to taste. Add additional noodles as desired. Makes 8 quarts.

Second prize winning recipe in the Temple Kol Ami Ultimate Chicken Soup

Contest. Compliments of Chef Chili Joe (Wnuk) and Chef Curtis Rellinger. Visit their Web site <http://chilijoandchefcurtis.webjump.com> for information about their TV cable show "Microwave Today, the Cooking Show of Tomorrow," broadcast on MediaOne Cable TV in Westland, Plymouth, and Canton.

Third prize winner John Gallagher said this soup can be made as either turkey or chicken soup. Prior to starting the soup, roast two whole chickens or one turkey, with or without the stuffing. Carve, leaving plenty of meat on the bones, and use the carved meat with a meal, salad or whatever you wish. Remember to set aside some of the meat to add to the soup.

### OLD FASHIONED TWICE BOILED SOUP

- 2 chicken carcasses or 1 turkey carcass, with as much skin removed as possible
- Water
- 3 medium yellow onions, coarsely chopped
- 1 medium onion, medium chopped

- 4 cups celery, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup celery, diagonally sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 pound mushrooms, sliced
- 3/4 cup carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 tablespoons celery leaf, chopped
- 2 cups roasted meat, cut into small pieces
- 4 cups cooked (1 minute less than recommended) egg noodles, extra wide
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Salt

Break up the carcasses into pieces and put them in soup pot (minimum 8 quart) and cover with water (remember a little more water, a little more soup, and at this stage it can't hurt because you can always reduce later).

Add the coarsely chopped onion, coarsely chopped celery, crushed red pepper, garlic powder, and about 1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper. Bring to boil, lower the heat, cover and simmer for 3 or 4 hours (maybe a little longer for the turkey), stirring

occasionally.

Allow to cool to a temperate temperature and strain broth through a colander and a double layer of cheese cloth, pick through the bones and vegetables to remove larger pieces of meat and set aside to return to soup later.

Remove visible bones from mix, collect mash in cheese cloth and press to remove remaining broth (discard pressed mash and cheese cloth).

Allow broth to cool so that fat congeals on surface, remove all but 1 large tablespoon of fat. Return broth to heat and bring to a boil, add the medium chopped onion, diagonally sliced celery and carrots. Allow this to boil 10 or 12 minutes, remove from heat, and immediately add mushrooms and celery leaf, stirring often for the next 2 minutes.

Add the noodles and meat pieces. Salt and pepper to taste.

Recipe compliments of John Gallagher.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer News-papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail [kabramczyk@oe.home.com.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.home.com.net).

### Vegetarian Cooking - Lenore Yalovsky Baum

author of Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking, conducts vegetarian cooking classes and has scheduled a session on soups for March 29 at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills. The class fee is \$35. Call (248) 478-4455.

### Cake Decorating - Mary Ann Hollen

will teach cake decorating methods at the Kitchen Glamour, 26770 Grand River, in Redford at three remaining sessions on Saturdays in March. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. March 11, 18 and 25. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

### Pasta Tips - Chef Dave Martinico

of the Traffic Jam & Snug Restaurant will show how easy it is to make your own pasta and ravioli at the restaurant, 511 West Canfield, two blocks west of Woodward at the corner of Second, near Wayne State University in Detroit. Recipes, lunch and a glass of wine is included in the \$50 class fee. Credit cards accepted. Call (313) 831-9470.

### Potatoes - Michelle Fuller

will

instruct how to prepare various potato dishes, including caesar-style mashed potatoes and potato pancakes, along with cheesy ham and leek casserole. Classes are scheduled at Kitchen Glamour stores for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), and Wednesday, March 8, at 26770 Grand River, in Redford. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

### Pressure Cooking - Toula Patsalis

author of The Pressure Cooking Cookbook, will provide information on how to handle, operate and cook with a pressure cooker, including how to prepare vegetable soup with sausage bits, chicken with arborio rice and peppers and South Pacific bread pudding with pineapple sauce. Sessions are scheduled for the Kitchen Glamour stores at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), and 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at 26770 Grand River, in Redford. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

### Kids in the Kitchen - Home economist Dana Reynolds

will instruct parents and grandparents with their children or grandchildren (aged 7-12) about the enjoyment of cooking. You and your child will learn how to wrap and roll phyllo pastry filled with berries and topped with ice cream

and chicken fingers, southwest style, wrapped in tortilla and served with a variety of sauces. Class is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Kitchen Glamour at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

### Easter Eggs - Learn how to make panoramic Easter eggs

with sugar, royal icing and an egg mold with Audrey Edwards at a three-hour class at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Kitchen Glamour, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

### Continuing Education Classes

at the Kitchen Glamour stores at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13 and 20; Pasta Cookery, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 16 and 23; Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m. Monday, April 3; Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m. Monday, April 17 and 24; and Buffet and Hors D'oeuvres - Hands On! 5:30-9:30 p.m. April 20 and 21. For information about Schoolcraft's courses, call 462-4448.

### Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Center

Mardi Gras, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7; Sausage Making, 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesdays, March 15, 22 and 29; High Tea the British Way, 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 10

and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15; New Orleans Brunch, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, April 14, and Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., May 20.

For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit HFCC at [www.hfcc.net](http://www.hfcc.net).

### Kitchen Glamour features

Signature Recipes of Michigan Five-Star Chefs at Kitchen Glamour, Orchard Mall, northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. All celebrity chef sessions on Sundays begin at 12:30 p.m. On Sunday, March 19, Jim Barnett, corporate chef of Unique Restaurant, including Morels and

Northern Lake Seafood Co., will feature tea-cured salmon gravlox with potato galette, cucumber and sweet onion salad with dill creme fraiche, chanterelle and barley risotto with pan-roasted duck breast, huckleberries and red wide ju lie and bittersweet chocolate pot creme. The Celebrity Chef Series also features Joanne Weir, cookbook author, food writer and PBS television celebrity, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 21, in a one- or two-day session. Weir will feature recipes between the two sessions, including white winter salad with a hint of green oven roasted beet soup, pizza with smoked trout and caviar, salmon with asparagus

and blood oranges on March 20, and crostin with artichokes and olives, asparagus with lemon creme fraiche and linguine with goat cheese and arugula on March 21.

On Sunday, April 2, Chef Keith Famie will show how to prepare sea bass encrusted with horseradish coating, smoked whitefish wontons, chocolate pasta and escargot with prosciutto. On Wednesday, April 12, Chef Giuliano Hazan will demonstrate Italian recipes of porcini mushroom soup with chick peas, fermented graham with parmesan cheese, veal braised with peppers and tomatoes, and chocolate amaretto custard. Call 1-800-641-1252.



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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Memory care

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's Disease or any form of memory impairment is a difficult task. Caregivers are often called the hidden, or second, victim.

Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, a "memory care" residence located at 32500 Seven Mile Road, will present a free educational series once a month on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. for caregivers, medical professionals, friends and residents. The series will be held in the Community Center.

■ March 14 - Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice will feature guest speaker Elizabeth Carlson. Topic: Hospice 101.

■ April 18 - NeighborCare Pharmacy will feature guest speakers Sue Harrington, RN, BSN and Greg Kirchmeier. Topic: Osteoporosis and bone density. Bone density screening will be available.

■ May 9 - Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice will feature guest speaker Grace Fidler, MSW. Topic: Advanced directives, when and how soon they should be in place.

■ June 13 - Sharon M. Jones, Ph.D., will be the guest speaker. Topic: Stress management, emotions of caregiving.

Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations or Debbie Uelsmann for a tour at (248) 428-7055.

### Learning disabilities

Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency will sponsor a "Learning Disabilities and Technology" conference 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at Wayne RESA in Wayne. Richard Wanderman, a successful adult with a learning disability, will present high- and low-tech ideas and resources to help people with disabilities build skills, compensate for weaknesses, participate more fully and have more fun.

Wanderman will discuss the use of highlighter pens, digital clocks, tape recorders, electronic books, AlphaSmart keyboards, on-line services and much more. Registration is \$35 and includes handouts and lunch. To register, call Event Services Hotline at (734) 334-1406.

### Urinary incontinence

Thirteen million Americans experience an uncontrolled loss of urine, called urinary incontinence. Incontinence is not a disease but a symptom of an underlying problem. It can be treated by a medical team approach, including physical therapy.

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a Carelink lecture on urinary incontinence 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Physical therapist Archana Uppal will lead a discussion on types of incontinence, its causes and the treatment options.

There is no charge for the lecture but registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

# STROKE

## Minutes matter when treating strokes

More than 2,400 years ago, Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, recognized and described stroke - the sudden onset of paralysis. Today, stroke remains a lethal killer, yet many people do not know how to spot one and why every minute counts in responding.

"Stroke is the third leading killer of Americans, behind only heart disease and cancer, and it's also the number-one cause of long-term disability and nursing home placement among adults," says Dr. Susan Hickenbottom, a clinical assistant professor of neurology at the U-M Medical School.

"In the state of Michigan alone, it's now thought that there is a stroke every 40 minutes and about 6,000 deaths a year."

Simply put, a stroke is a disruption of blood flow to the brain, says Hickenbottom. That interrupts the supply of the brain's two main "fuels," oxygen and sugar. There are two kinds of full-fledged stroke and another form called a mini-stroke.

"About 20 percent of strokes happen when a blood vessel breaks open and blood is released into the brain. We call these hemorrhagic, or bleeding, strokes," she explains. "The more common type of stroke is when a blood vessel is blocked off, often by a blood clot or a cholesterol plaque. In either case, the area of the brain dies because it's not receiving its fuel."

Because a stroke can hit any part of the brain, it can affect everything from speech and vision to movement and breathing. Physicians have devised a list of five easy-to-remember warning signs that cover most typical stroke effects:

- Weakness, numbness or tingling in any part of the body, especially half of the body.
- Difficulty producing speech, getting speech out, or understanding what others say.
- Disruption of vision, loss of vision in one eye or sudden double vision.
- Sudden onset of dizziness, usually accompanied by other symptoms.
- Sudden, unexpected headache.

For anyone experiencing these warning signs or noticing someone else having them, Hickenbottom

issues a simple directive: seek immediate medical attention.

Even if the warning signs don't last very long, the cause might be a mini stroke, known formally as a transient ischemic attack or TIA. Such an event is still a warning to head to the emergency room or the family doctor immediately, said Hickenbottom.

"A TIA serves as a warning that a person has something going on that's slowing the blood supply to the brain. If they were to ignore that

quickly.

Hickenbottom and her U-M colleagues have confirmed earlier findings that tPA can prevent certain strokes from causing long-lasting effects in a large percentage of patients - if given quickly.

In this case, haste does not make waste. "The drawback is that there's a three-hour cut-off, so that a person needs to be seen, evaluated and diagnosed within three hours of the symptoms starting, or the tPA can't be given," says Hickenbottom.

According to some estimates, only about 1 percent of eligible patients nationwide currently receive tPA. U-M Hospital has given tPA to about 100 patients since it was approved for use three years ago. Patients given tPA have a 30-50 percent chance of walking out of the hospital almost completely the same as they were before the stroke. Some patients' chance of a normal recovery is even higher.

### Risk factors

Hickenbottom stresses that it's important for those who might be at risk for a stroke to establish their risk level by having a health screening and taking preventive measures. Risk factors include:

- Family history of stroke
- Diabetes
- Personal history of high blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Cigarette smoking
- Heart rhythm irregularities, especially atrial fibrillation

Even people without these risk factors should know what to do in the event of a stroke, she warns. "There are certainly populations that have higher rates of stroke, for example the elderly, but anyone from a 20-year-old woman to an 88-year-old man might be at risk."

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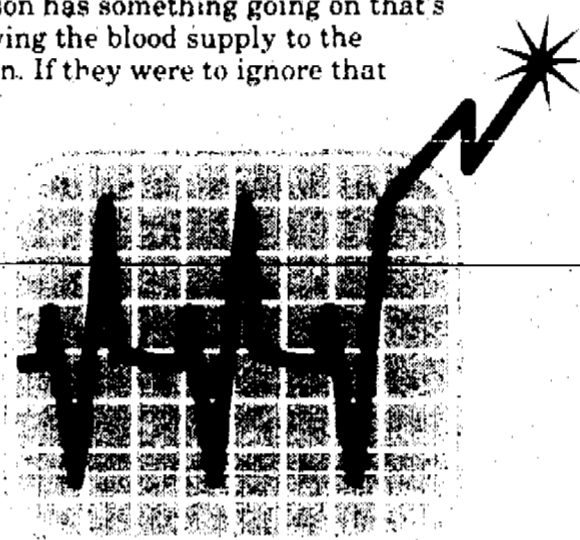
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warning, they could later on suffer a larger stroke that could leave them disabled."

### Timely intervention

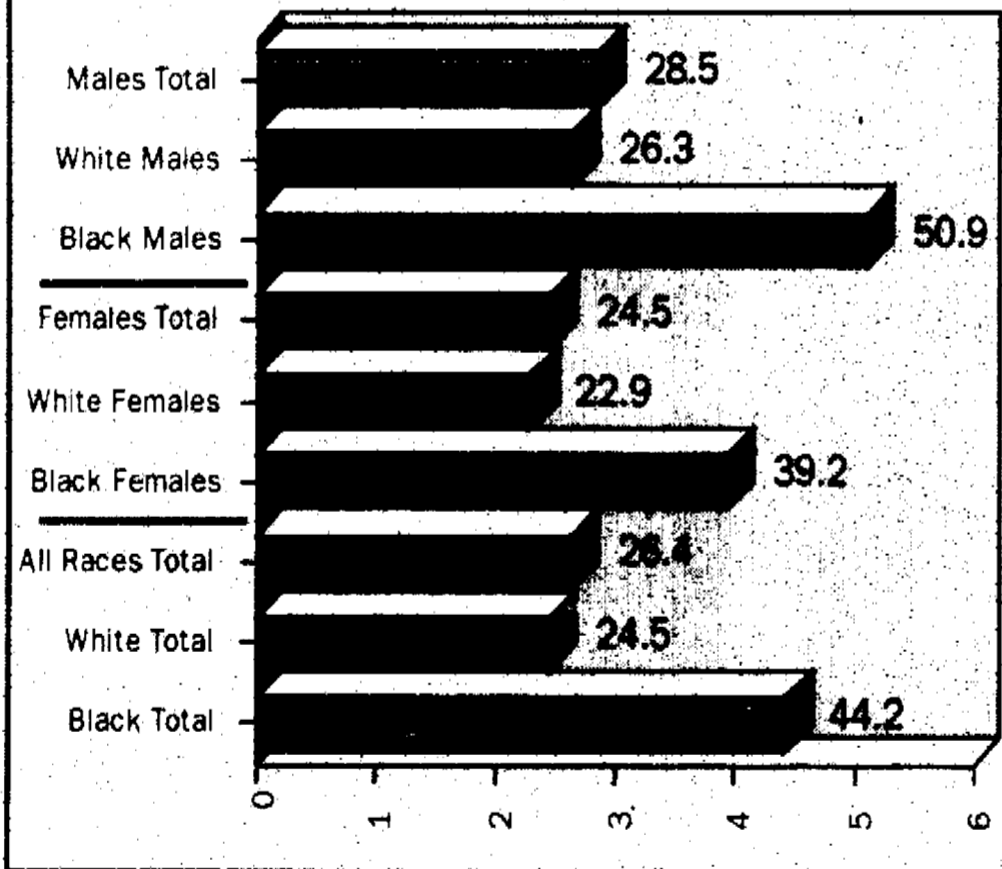
According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, when blood flow to the brain is interrupted, some brain cells die immediately while others remain at risk for death. These damaged cells can linger in a compromised state for several hours.

Whether symptoms suggest a TIA or a full-fledged stroke, doctors in emergency rooms everywhere are now more likely to have a drug called tPA, or other medications, on hand to help patients who may be having a stroke. When doctors confirm a patient is having a stroke caused by a clot blockage, tPA breaks up blood clots



### STROKE MORTALITY

Age-Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000



### The stroke toll

#### Older Adults

- For each decade after age 55, the risk of stroke doubles.
- For adults over age 65, the risk of dying from stroke is seven times that of the general population.
- Two-thirds of all strokes occur in people over age 65. The over-50 population is the fastest growing U.S. age group.
- Stroke is a major factor in the late-life dementia that affects more than 40 percent of Americans over age 80.

#### Women

- Stroke kills more than twice as many American women every year as breast cancer.
- Women account for approximately 43 percent of the strokes that occur each year, yet they account for 62 percent of stroke deaths. The explanation may be that stroke risk increases with age, and women generally live longer than men. In addition, women may on average be older than men at the time of stroke.
- Women over 30 who smoke and take high-estrogen oral contraceptives have a stroke risk 22 times higher than average.

#### African-Americans

- Incidence rate for first stroke among African-Americans is almost double that of white Americans - 268 per 100,000 African-Americans, compared to 179 per 100,000 whites.
- African-Americans suffer more extensive physical impairments that last longer than impairments suffered by other racial groups in the United States.
- Stroke mortality for African-Americans is almost double that for whites.
- African-Americans have a disproportionately high incidence of risk factors for stroke, particularly hypertension, diabetes, obesity, smoking and sickle cell anemia.

Source: National Stroke Association, [www.stroke.org/](http://www.stroke.org/)

## WSU study finds better stroke care needed

Not all hospitals that treat acute stroke have facilities or personnel continually prepared for stroke evaluation and treatment, according to a Wayne State University School of Medicine survey to be presented at an upcoming meeting of the American Stroke Association.

As part of Operation Stroke, a stroke-awareness initiative kicked off in Detroit by the American Heart Association, hospitals and EMS providers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties were surveyed. Although protocols for handling stroke patients existed in 95 percent of the hospitals that responded, just 52 percent had stroke teams and 32 percent had stroke units.

"Hospitals in the Detroit metro area currently are not operating at optimum efficiency as far as acute stroke treatment," said Dr. Bradley Jacobs, assistant professor of neurology and lead author of the study. "There are several areas we can fix to make it better."

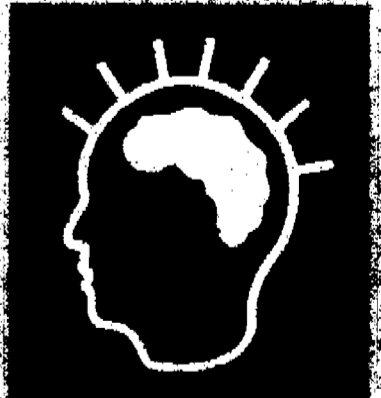
Of 4,049 patients treated in 1998, 61 (4 percent) were given a drug called a tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) that eliminates or significantly reduces disability if it is administered within three hours of the stroke. Although use of tPA in Detroit is at least as frequent as the national average of 1.5 percent, just two-thirds of area hospitals use it.

"We're better than the national average, but there are still a lot of people out there who aren't getting it in time," said Dr. Steven Levine, professor of neurology and co-chair of Operation Stroke.

Further, just 79 percent of EMS units have written protocols for stroke, and 85 percent treat stroke as a time-dependent emergency.

### Strokes cost U.S. \$30 billion annually

- Stroke is our third leading cause of death, killing nearly 160,000 Americans every year.
  - Every year approximately 730,000 Americans have a new or recurrent stroke.
  - Over the course of a lifetime, four out of every five American families will be touched by stroke.
  - Stroke is the largest single cause of long-term disability in our nation.
  - Approximately one-third of all stroke survivors will have another stroke within five years.
  - Of every 100 Americans who survive a stroke each year, approximately 20 to 25 percent will have another stroke within one year. The cost of having another stroke is about 14 percent per year.
  - Stroke survivors have a 25 percent chance of returning to their original level of independence.
  - Stroke survivors who are unable to work lose \$17 billion in productivity each year. The average cost per patient for the first 90 days post-stroke is \$15,000, although 14 percent of the cases exceed \$50,000.
- Source: National Stroke Association, [www.stroke.org/](http://www.stroke.org/)



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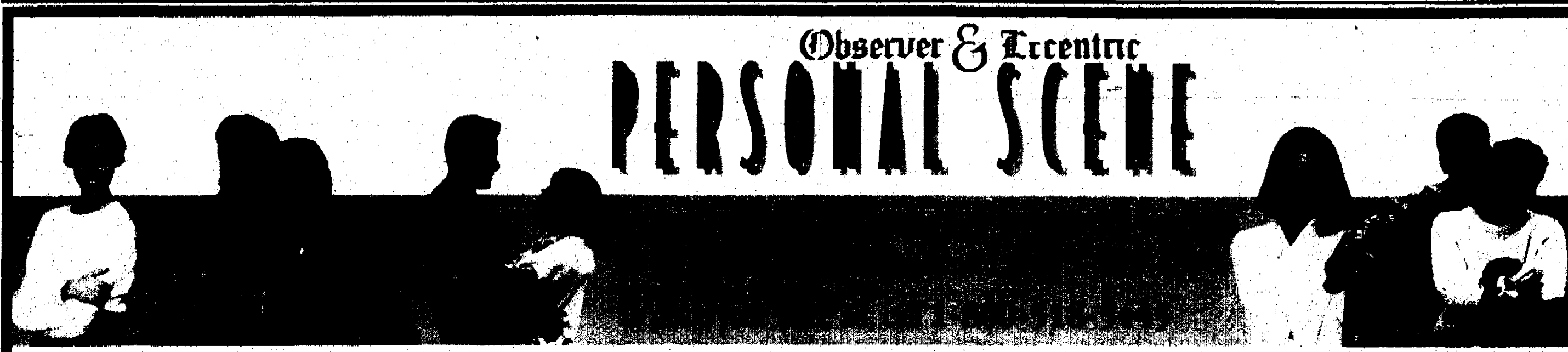
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