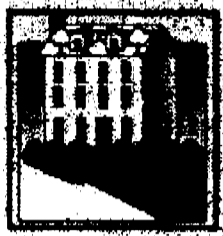




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Moore won't seek re-election



Citing family reasons, Wayne-Westland school board President Robin Moore has decided not to seek re-election. Colleague Richard Eisiminger, appointed last summer, will seek a seat. June 12 is school election day.

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

In a decision that will help steer public education for 14,500 students, Wayne-Westland voters will go to the polls June 12 to elect two school board members.

four-year term means that voters will choose at least one new board member. Moore indicated Thursday in a one-page written statement that she wants to spend more time with her family.

Eisiminger, chosen last July to fill a vacancy, confirmed Thursday that he will campaign for what would be his first four-year term.

Another likely candidate, Cynthia Schofield of Wayne, has pulled petitions from district election offices. She served on a citizens committee involved in a \$108.3 million bond proposal that voters approved in 1998 for building renovations and new classroom technology.

Candidates face a filing deadline of 4 p.m. Monday, April 10, at district election offices, 3001 Fourth St. in Wayne Memorial High School's art annex.

packets and nominating petitions, which have to be circulated by candidates and signed by 20 registered voters who live in the school district.

District residents who want to vote in the school board election - but who aren't registered - have until May 15 to register at their local city clerk's office, according to elections officials.

Moore, in announcing she won't seek re-election, indicated that many issues she wanted to help resolve have been addressed.

Specifically: Middle school sports have been

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

City Hall: The Westland City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers, City Hall, on Ford near Carlson in Westland.

WEDNESDAY

Good cause: Lori Brist, executive director of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, will serve as guest bartender beginning at 5 p.m. March 22 at the Fire Academy, 6677 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Tips go to the Westland Firefighters' Public Awareness Fund.

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Think about it: Wayne Memorial High School 10th-grader Jamie Merchant (left), with the drama club portraying an old woman at Celebrate Wayne, asks eighth-graders to think about joining the club. Above, she is handing fliers to Sherice Walker (center) and Shatee Smith of Adams Middle School.

High school days beckoning

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER jbrown@oe.homecomm.net

Ian Bruce, 14, an eighth-grader at Adams Middle School, has mixed feelings about starting high school. "Yes and no," he said. "I just don't know if I'm ready for high school yet."

Bruce and classmates were guests Thursday for Celebrate Wayne at Wayne Memorial High. The effort, in its second year, is designed to welcome

come next year's ninth-graders and help them get involved in school activities.

"I think it's nice," Bruce said of Celebrate Wayne, which involved a number of current Wayne Memorial students. "I like it."

Ashley Anderson, 14, an Adams eighth-grader, was also at Wayne Memorial Thursday. She's interested in baseball and appreciated the welcome. As she and others marched in, they were welcomed by the school band and cheerleaders.

The morning session featured middle school students from Adams and Stevenson, while the afternoon welcomed students from Marshall and Franklin, said Bill Gray, school psychologist at Wayne Memorial. Student entertainment, designed to showcase school activities, was part of the fun.

Increasing school involvement has been shown to boost academic performance, Gray said. "Scholastic achievement improves." Making the current eighth-graders feel accepted

During her tenure, senior programs grew from a back room of the Dorsey Community Center to the highly esteemed Friendship Center on Newburgh Road - a social hub where seniors enjoy a game room, a beauty salon, a sewing parlor, an arts and crafts area, a complete kitchen, a computer lab and a fitness room.

Seniors also turn out in large numbers for holiday parties, country line dancing, aerobic exercise classes and dozens of other activities.

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Senior director retiring

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

After molding a fledgling, back-room senior citizens operation into a state-renowned program, Westland's senior resources director will quit her job in the aftermath of a gambling scandal.

Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, 65, announced quietly in a letter to Mayor Robert Thomas that she will retire from her \$71,625-a-year job on April 14.

She wrote the four-page letter on Thursday, one day after she returned to work from a two-week, unpaid suspension for gambling during work hours at MotorCity Casino.

Kozorosky-Wiacek had publicly apologized for using a city van and accompanying two of her employees to the Detroit casino.

"I'm sorry to see her go," Thomas said Friday. "She's a great lady. She made a mistake and she paid for it."

"She has done probably as much for this city as anybody," the mayor said, adding later, "I hope people don't lose sight of that. I'm still proud to call her my friend."

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"That center is what it is today because of Sylvia," Thomas said. "She's"

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Seaberg may face stint as interim city clerk

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

After indicating that Deputy Clerk Joann Seaberg likely had the votes she needed to become Westland's new city clerk, some council members said Friday that Seaberg may be tapped only for an interim job.

Even if the shift in position wins majority council support, Seaberg still could shrug off her interim label if, in coming months, she proves she has grasped the job.

Council member Sandra Cicirelli said Friday that she will urge her colleagues to appoint Seaberg as interim clerk during a 7 p.m. Monday meeting at City Hall.

"What I want to do is get her through the (November) election. That's extremely important," Cicirelli said. "That certainly will give us time to do whatever we're going to do."

Cicirelli indicated that she still may favor looking outside the city for a new clerk, although she touted the merits of "promoting from within."

Cicirelli's remarks came three days after council President Charles "Trav" Griffin issued a memo saying that Seaberg would be considered Monday for the clerk's job.

Griffin had made no mention of an interim position.

He issued his memo after a majority of seven council members indicated support for hiring Seaberg, following interviews with Seaberg and former Wayne Clerk Norma Collop.

"The votes were there ..." Griffin said, but he indicated he is willing to agree to Cicirelli's "compromise" unless Seaberg objects to being named interim clerk.

"It's a fluid situation right now because I haven't talked with Joann," Griffin said Friday. Seaberg was away from her office attending a training session Friday and couldn't be reached for comment.

Griffin said he had indicated to Seaberg that she would be considered for the clerk's job without any mention of an interim label.

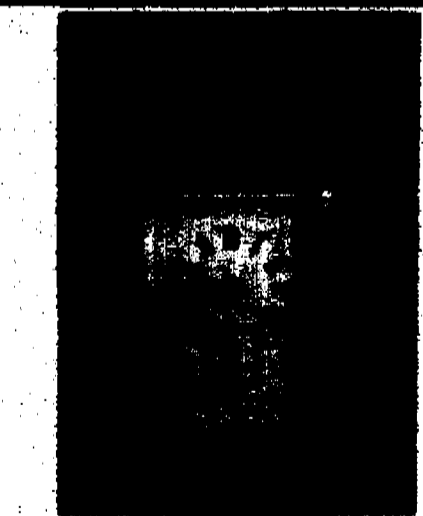
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Thank you, thank you



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

I do so like ... Lincoln Elementary School physical education teacher Sharon Priestaf (left) spoons out green scrambled eggs for these third- and fourth-graders Friday morning. The students at Lincoln were celebrating Reading Month and Dr. Seuss' birthday with a breakfast and storytime. There was also a Character Parade. For more, please see page A3 of today's Observer.



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OBITUARIES

CAROLYN SUE GOLDBERG

Services for former Livonia resident Carolyn Sue Goldberg, 59, of Scottsdale, Ariz., were Feb. 22 in Hansen Desert Hills Mortuary of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mrs. Goldberg was born in Detroit and died Feb. 18 at her home in Scottsdale. She died after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Surviving are her husband, Philip; daughter, Jennifer; mother, Violet Allan of Westland; brother, Paul Allan of Chelsea; and sisters, Jane Garner of Plymouth and Julie Allan of Westland.

Memorials may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 1624 East Meadowbrook Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85016.

THOMAS A. CHRISTOFF

Services for former Livonia resident Thomas Christoff, 47, of Plymouth Township were March 17 in St. Mary Catholic Church of Wayne. Officiating was the Rev. Jack H. Baker.

Mr. Christoff was born Dec. 12, 1952, in Detroit and died

March 14 in Livonia.

Mr. Christoff moved to Plymouth in 1986. He worked for 18 years as a design engineer for Ford Motor Co./Visteon in Allen Park. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1974.

Surviving are his wife, Judith; daughters, Diana Christoff of Ypsilanti, Maria Christoff of Plymouth and Alicia of Plymouth; parents, Alan and Mary Christoff of Westland; brother, Glen (Mary) Christoff of Livonia; and sisters, Debra Christoff of Indiana and Susan Christoff of Dearborn.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Department 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3968.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township.

JANET L. NOVAKOVICH

Services for Janet Novakovich, 64, of Wayne were March 15 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating were

the Rev. Dave Owen and the Rev. Ron Vanderbeek.

Mrs. Novakovich was born April 21, 1935, and died March 11. She was a housekeeper.

Surviving are her sons, James (Rosemary), Fred and Edward (Marykay) of Westland; daughters, Lenore (Jim) Moore and Bobbie (Tony) Dichert; mother, Evelyn Marshall; brothers, Jerry, Thomas and Richard; and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Novakovich was preceded in death by her husband, Steve.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan or the First Presbyterian Church of Wayne.

SIMONE POTEAU

Services for Simone Poteau, 87, of Westland were March 15 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Officiating was the Rev. Frederick Weaver.

Mrs. Poteau was born June 14, 1912, and died March 12 at her home in Westland. She was a handicapped instructor.

Surviving are her sons, Louis (Wallene) and Moise (Lynn); daughter, Jeanette (Gerald) Kaluzny; sisters, Henrietta Miller and Lucille Miller; eight grandchildren; and seven great-

grandchildren.

Mrs. Poteau was preceded in death by her husband, Charles.

Memorials may be made to the Association for Retarded Citizens of Western Wayne County, 2257 S. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186.

REGINA MORDOVANETS

Services for Regina Mordovanets, 85, of Westland were March 16 in St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Baker.

Mrs. Mordovanets was born Aug. 2, 1914, and died March 14 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sister, Anne Pallo; nephews, Paul Porado and Gerald Porado; and niece, Delores Grivna.

Mrs. Mordovanets was preceded in death by her husband, John, brother, John Pallo, and sister, Mary Pallo.

Memorials may be made to the City of Westland Senior Resource Department, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Greater community use of gyms advocated

BY LARRY O'CONNOR STAFF WRITER loconnor@oe.homecomm.net

In the court of public opinion, additional basketball hoops would be a net gain. But for whom?

New secondary school athletic facilities proposed as part of a \$28 million bond question on the April 10 ballot for Livonia Public Schools voters undoubtedly would benefit students.

Fieldhouses at three high schools would include up to three basketball courts. Middle schools would also be getting new gyms or running tracks.

Physical classes and athletic teams will have more space, and won't be practicing until 9 or 10 p.m. any longer, school officials say. Another constituency - those who pay taxes but don't have kids in the district - wonders what's in it for them.

Some would like to see the community at large have access

to school gym facilities.

"If the community at large is investing in it and the facilities are not being used," said Livonia resident Scott Heinzman, "it could give kids who are not involved in sports a chance to have another place to interact."

Like other residents, Heinzman and his friends learned firsthand about the dearth of gym space. His friends, who play Gaelic football, tried renting a school gym to shoot baskets.

The best they could obtain was an elementary school, "which are too small for people 16 and older," Heinzman said.

School officials are familiar with such concerns but are reluctant to make promises.

"We would need to look at the needs and see what we could do," said Fred Price, assistant director of instruction.

The district opens pools and gyms to those outside school through numerous community

education programs. They would look to do the same if new facilities are built.

The district is seriously considering making indoor tracks available to walkers and joggers through a community education class, Price said.

Another possibility is taking a cue from Novi High, which allows students not involved in organized athletics to use gyms in its newly built fieldhouse 2-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

"We call it our 'Say Yes to Kids' program," said John Fundukian, Novi High athletic director. "We came up with the (slogan) from the opposite of 'you can't use the gym unless you're on a team or have the permission of the coach.'"

The Novi district also opens facilities to community education programs after 6 p.m.

"If I'm saying what's in it for me or my kid and I can't predict whether my kid is going to be on three teams, one team or no team, the fact they still have access to the facility is an important message," the Novi school administrator said.

Price agrees "Say Yes to Kids" is a good concept. Heinzman thinks access should be expanded to include

18- and 19-year-olds, especially when facilities are not being used on weekends.

"The more access to a large variety of facilities, the better," said Heinzman, 38, who is paralyzed from a diving accident when he was 20.

"It's a place where they can burn off that extra energy they have instead of possibly going some place else where they might get into trouble. When you're 18 and 19 years old, there's not much to do."

To make everyone happy is a juggling act, though.

Aside from students and athletic teams, Livonia Junior Athletic League and community education programs already use school gyms and pools.

In fact, community education classes housed at the Bentley Center will have to be relocated when the city builds its \$29 million recreation center, Price said.

The city's recreation center will have three pools, six gyms and an indoor track.

For a city of 100,000 people and 30 square miles, though, the need will always exceed what's available, one resident said.

"That's a drop in the bucket," Heinzman said. "We need a lot more facilities."

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Delicious: Kindergartner Marc Lucas said "the eggs are real good" at the Green Eggs and Ham breakfast at Lincoln Elementary.



Lasting gift: "Green Eggs and Ham" volunteer Julie Chwalik of the Westland library reads "My Many Colored Days" to kindergartners at Lincoln Elementary Friday morning.

Readers celebrate in style

Dr. Seuss' spirit made a visit to Lincoln Elementary School in Westland Friday. The occasion? A "Green Eggs and Ham" Breakfast and Character Parade. Actual green eggs and ham were served.

The event was held as part of Reading Month, said Coni Gray, school principal. "The entire building is decorated in honor of Dr. Seuss." Different doors focus on different books.

Guest readers visited Lincoln classrooms, and the school bought new Dr. Seuss books.

A related activity will take place this week, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, a Family Literacy Night. Students and parents are welcome, Gray said.

This Tuesday, Civitans and Junior Civitans will dress as storybook characters. The efforts relate not only to Reading Month in March, Gray said, but also to Family Awareness Month.



Character: It's "The Cat in the Hat," fifth-grade teacher David Schofield.



Child's play: Wearing crowns with drawings of "The Cat in the Hat" on them to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, these kindergartners play a finger game prior to listening to a story. Many Wayne-Westland elementary schools are celebrating Reading Month with a variety of activities in March.

Local students discover plenty about automobiles

What does it take to design, build and market a new vehicle? These are questions that 19 students from the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center's technical program are prepared to answer. They will compete in the DaimlerChrysler Build Your Dream Vehicle Program.

The students were chosen as semifinalists in the Southeast Michigan Region. They will conduct an oral presentation for a panel of DaimlerChrysler judges March 20 at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn. The local students will compete against seven other teams.

The students, who attend Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools, as well as the Tinkham Center, have been challenged to create an innovative design that is safe, environmentally friendly and ergonomically attractive.

They have conducted market research, developed financial reports, designed the vehicle, prepared

CAD drawings and made a prototype model of the new vehicle.

All that hard work has produced the Marquette LSV, a luxury sport vehicle designed to appeal to young buyers.

If they win the competition, the students will compete with teams from across the country at the National Build Your Dream Vehicle Finals in May at DaimlerChrysler headquarters in Auburn Hills.

Participants include: Dane Chadwick, Josh Wade, Brad Trent, Chris Doan, Todd Heim, Roy Sanger, Derek Sullivan, Chantique Pringle, Jessica Currin, Amanda Robinson, James Johnson and Dyamon Shaw, from John Glenn; Mike Lyscas, Adam Moore, Ken Stone and Angela Talbert, from Wayne Memorial; Mike Conner and Lucas Roberts, from Tinkham.

Coaches are Jim Schirmer, Susan Wiik, Zach MacLean and Dave Drew.

Classes improve family life

The Family Resource Center, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland, is hosting a variety of parent education programs this spring. All programs are \$15.

"Parent Plus Program" begins 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 4. The five-week class gives parents an opportunity to learn how to deal with family stress and how it affects children, healthy new ways to help children cope with stress and how to build children's self-esteem.

"Raising a Self-Reliant Child" has two sessions from which to

choose. They are each eight weeks. The first session starts 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 5, or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6.

"Four Life Changes That Can Benefit Kids" gives parenting tips you don't want to miss. This is a two-week seminar 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and 15.

"Parent-to-Parent" begins 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, and lasts eight weeks. The video-based program tells how to raise a child of character in this hectic

world.

"The ADD/ADHD Child" is a six-week course with two sessions to choose from: 1-3 p.m. Monday, March 27, or 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5.

"Alternatives to Physical Discipline" is a three-week class that focuses on new techniques. It begins 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 1.

For information or to register, call Jacque Martin Downs at (734) 595-2279.

noon Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon Thursday and Friday. For more information, call 734-416-4278.


Plymouth Community Arts Council, Joanne Winkelman, 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

Photo show runs through Friday

The Plymouth Community Arts Council, in cooperation with the Livonia Camera Club, presents "Personal Visions," a photography show on display through March 24. Many of the framed works are available for purchase.

The Livonia Camera Club is dedicated to the promotion of photography through display,

competition, critiques and education. It was organized in 1975 under the leadership of Gordon Draper, principal of Grant Elementary School, and the group continues to meet at the school the first three Thursdays of the month at 8 p.m. Grant Elementary School is located at 9300 Hubbard in Livonia. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to



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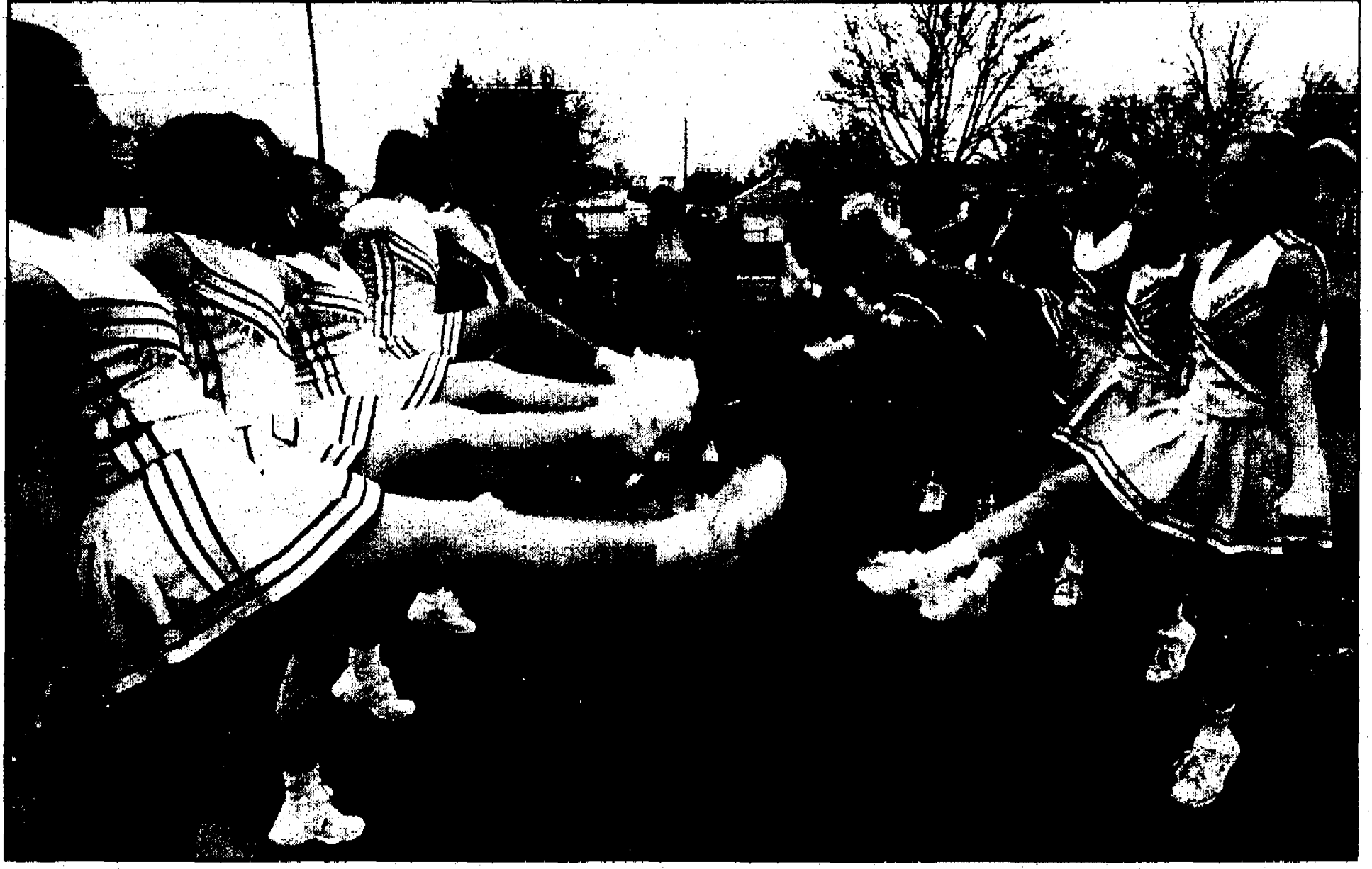
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Viewpoints: Wayne Memorial junior Steve Clark (center), with the Media Guild, MNTV, interviews middle school students at Celebrate Wayne.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Hello! Wayne Memorial cheerleaders welcomed middle school students, cheering to the fight song performed by the marching band.

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Vacant Land - Southern most approximate 7 acre parcel adjacent to Stevenson Middle School (38501 Palmer Road, Westland, Michigan 48186). Subject parcel is landlocked, as public access would most likely need to be negotiated with private landowners in the area. Minimum Bid Price \$20,000 per acre.

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Bid Deadline is April 4, 2000 at 3:00 P.M. Barbara Evanson must receive all bids at Wayne-Westland Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48186. Bid opening will be at the same location at 10:00 A.M. on April 5, 2000.

The Wayne-Westland School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids received on this particular land offer.

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will improve their attendance and achievement, he said.

The eighth-graders got school tours; in the media center, displays introduced them to a variety of school activities.

Many Wayne Memorial students were busy Thursday, giving the middle schoolers a warm Zebra welcome. Among those was Mike Shaw, 17, a senior working as an entertainment director.

"It was a lot more work than I thought it'd be," Shaw said with a smile. He agreed that some younger students can think high school is big, no fun, all work and that they'll get lost.

Shaw played football for the Zebras, and agreed it's good to be involved. "I hope they realize that today," said Shaw, who'll head to Western Michigan University for pre-med studies.

■ Among those supervising the student skits and other activities was Don Chastain, Wayne Memorial principal. Chastain's a Wayne Memorial product, having graduated in 1968. He remembered being active in football, baseball, basketball and the French club.

year the event's been in student hands. "We pulled it off in the end," said the special education teacher, who agreed school involvement boosts academic performance. Making kids feel the welcome is important, too. Klabunde added.

Among those supervising the student skits and other activities was Don Chastain, Wayne Memorial principal. Chastain's a Wayne Memorial product, having graduated in 1968.

He remembered being active in football, baseball, basketball and the French club. "Those are the ones that stick out," he said.

Chastain echoed the remarks of other educators and students that school involvement helps students succeed. "And we find that here."

Senior Christina Gaines, 17, also worked on entertainment. She's a cheerleader who began playing basketball when she got to Wayne Memorial. She'd come from another school district and said the involvement helped her meet people.

Gaines, also in the Student Senate and band, likes being active and said it helps to keep her grades up. "It gives you a more positive background," said Gaines, who'll go to Eastern Michigan University to study business management and education.

Junior Brian Pacitto, 17, is Student Senate president and worked on Celebrate Wayne. "Good so far," he said of Thursday's activities. "Everything's going according to plan."

Pacitto plans to attend the University of Michigan to study engineering.

Teacher Julie Klabunde, who supervised the entertainment committee, noted this is the first

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
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DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m., **March 22, 2000** at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Dimensional Variance from Section 161.039.C.2., Border Treatments, of the Zoning Ordinance to erect a border treatment that is six (6) inches higher than the maximum permitted height of 2.5 feet. The property is located at 28378 Maplewood Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the variance application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

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MARCH 14, 2000

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the City of Garden City decided on February 28, 2000, to submit the following projects for funding from the 2000/2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

| LOCATION | PROJECT ACTIVITY | AMOUNT |
|---------------------|---|------------------------|
| Senior Center | Funding for Senior Center Coordinator | \$17,400 |
| City Parks | Replace playground equipment with ADA compliant and accessible equipment and surfacing at Arcola and Florence Parks | \$5,000 |
| City Park bathrooms | ADA compliance to remove barriers in City Park ballfield restrooms | \$50,000 |
| City Wide | Housing Rehabilitation Lead | \$10,000 |
| Administration | Program Administration & Audit | \$11,600 |
| | | TOTAL \$116,000 |

OTHER ELIGIBLE PROJECT:
Housing Rehabilitation \$40,000

Further information is available by contacting **Lisa Patton**, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, (734) 525-8832.

Posted: March 14, 2000
Published: March 19, 2000

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City City Council at 7:00 p.m., **April 3, 2000** at City Hall, Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed planned development for the rezoning of approximately five acres of R-1 to P-D for the location of 40 single-family attached condominium units. The vacant property located at the northwest corner of Dillon and Beechwood.

Legal Description: The Easterly 65 ft. of Lot 126, also Lots 127 to 130 inclusive, the Easterly 65 ft. of Lot 147, also Lots 143 to 146 inclusive, Lots 156 to 160 inclusive, Lots 171 to 173 inclusive, the Easterly 35 ft. of Lot 174, also the vacated street adjacent to Lots 143 to 147 and Lots 156 to 160 inclusive, of the "Birchlawn Subdivision," T28, R9E, City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 46, Page 45, Wayne County Records. Being more particularly described as beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Section #11, S 01°06'00" E, 1,382.85 ft., thence, along the South line of Dawson Ave. 60 ft. wide, N 88°50'00" E, 463.08 ft. to the Point of Beginning thence; N 88°50'00" E., 390.42 ft., thence; S 01°08'00" E., 580.00 ft., thence; S 88°50'00" W, 365.42 ft., thence; N 01°08'00" W, 370.00 ft., thence; S 88°50'00" W, 10.00 ft., thence; N 01°08'00" W, 185.00 ft., thence; S 88°50'00" W, 5.00 ft., thence; N 01°06'00" W, 136.00 ft. to the Point of Beginning. Containing 219,471 square feet or 5.068 acres. Subject to a 6 ft. wide easement along the rear lot line of said Lots 126 through 130, Lots 143 through 147 and along the rear lot line of said Lots 156 through 160, Lots 171 through 174 and all easements and restrictions of record.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the planned development application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

ALYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

Posted: March 15, 2000
Published: March 19, 2000

Moore
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reinstated.

■ The district's instructional program has been aligned with the state's core curriculum.

■ The bond issue was passed, leading to districtwide improvements still being implemented.

■ New textbooks have been bought for every student.

Moore, an assistant property manager for a major Detroit bank building, said her departure comes as the district has reached some financial stability.

"Our district is financially healthy and is certainly in a much more stable condition than four years ago when I was first elected to the board," she said. "I also feel that I helped appoint one of the best superintendents (Greg Baracy) that this district has had work for it in a long time."

Moore pledged to remain involved as a district volunteer.

Eisiminger, appointed last July after former board member David Cox was tapped for a Westland City Council post, said public relations will be one of his top priorities.

"Public relations is one of my major obstacles for the Wayne-Westland schools," Eisiminger, a Realtor and father of three, said. "The perception out there has been one that is negative, but I totally disagree with it."

Eisiminger also said he wants to remain on the board to see the completion of the bond proposal projects.

ACHIEVERS

Patrick Sonak of Westland has been admitted to Concordia College, Ann Arbor, for the fall. He is a John Glenn High School senior and the son of David and Sandra Sonak of Westland.

Card party canceled

A card party set for 10 a.m. Friday, March 24, at the senior citizen Friendship Center has been canceled. The party was to include a post game luncheon.

Anyone who paid \$10 should take their ticket and receipt to the Friendship Center for a refund.

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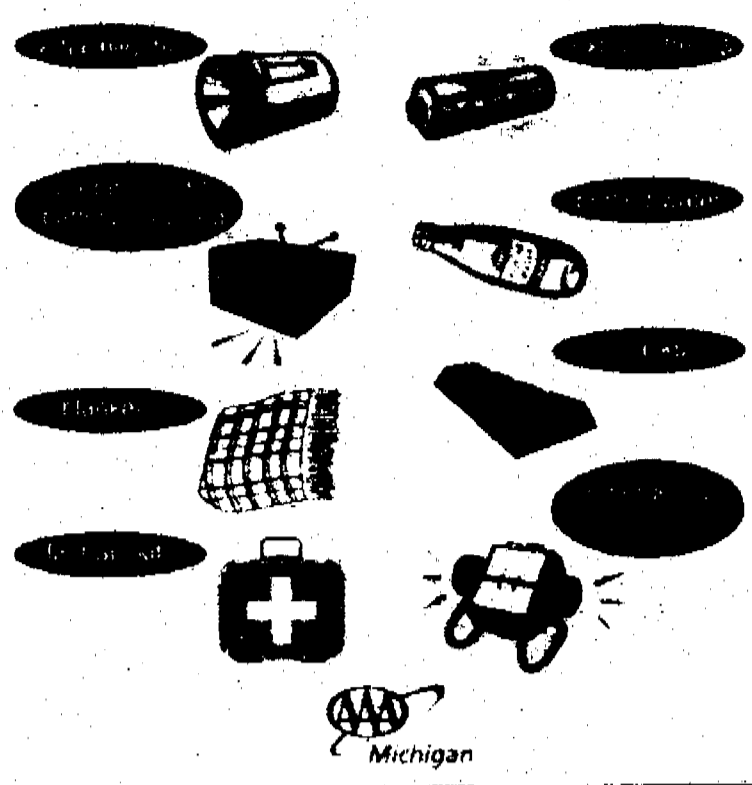
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Severe weather week puts focus on safety

March 26 to April 1 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan. The state's storm season runs from April to August, with peak season from May to June.

With volatile weather conditions likely in the spring and summer, state residents need to take steps now to be prepared, says Ric Philips, AAA Michigan manager for Homeowner Claims. To help homeowners and car owners protect their property, AAA Michigan offers the following severe-weather safety tips:

For the home:

- Check condition of the roof.
- Repair or replace loose shutters, eaves troughs and downspouts.
- Make sure downspouts direct rainwater at least three feet from the house.
- Trim dead branches off trees.
- Test the operation of the sump pump.
- Seal any cracks in basement walls.
- Clean out basement window wells of debris that prevents proper drainage.
- Fill above-ground pools with water so high winds won't blow the sides in.
- Replace glass storm doors with screens.
- Unplug all electrical appliances during storms.
- Use surge protectors on computers and unplug during storms or before vacation.
- Secure patio furniture, or put in garage when storms are predicted.
- Tie down mobile homes and arrange for emergency underground shelter.
- Keep items off basement floor and keep floor drains clear.

For the car:

- Park car in garage or carport, if possible.
- In event of hail, cover vehicle with a tarp or blanket.
- Pull off the road if driving during a hail storm.

Severe weather kit:

AAA Michigan recommends you keep these items in your basement in the event of severe weather:

- Two flashlights (with batteries)
- Extra batteries

- Portable, battery-powered radio
 - Bottled water
 - Blankets
 - Snack items
 - First-aid kit
 - Emergency phone numbers
- AAA Michigan urges residents to review tornado-safety procedures and monitor rapidly changing weather conditions.

Friend of Court updates operations

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER
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Efforts are moving along to modernize operations of the Wayne County Friend of the Court and make them more efficient and customer-friendly, officials said Thursday.

Some 345 personal computers already have been installed at the agency and on Monday, office staff began scanning existing files into the computer system, they said.

Those two actions are the latest taken to improve office operations — a task, they said, which was begun two years ago.

It already has seen installation of an automatic call-distribution system, expanded hours of telephone operation and the opening of one satellite office and the promise of more to come.

Officials said the public should begin to notice improved operations by early summer.

The FOC officials were responding to inquiries by the Observer in the wake of complaints from agency clients about poor service and a vow by a western Wayne County commissioner to have the FOC's operations audited.

The commissioner, Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, said earlier in the week she is hopeful but has adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

Friend of the Court handles matters related to child-support.

Two years

Acting FOC Elena Kerasiotis, a 26-year veteran of the agency who was put in charge two years

'It will enable us to get what we need so we can answer what they (the public) expect.'

Sharon Pizzuti
Friend of Court

ago, said the changes are all part of an attempt at making the agency "more accessible" and improving its image.

"By making ourselves more accessible to the public, we enhance our image," Kerasiotis said. "We need some good PR."

She and Sharon Pizzuti, assistant FOC for process improvement who also came on board then, said the scanning and other changes make for a win-win situation.

The reason for the scanning program, called I3OC for Instant Information and Images on Computer, is to allow staff to both retrieve and provide information to the public quickly, said Pizzuti.

"It will enable us to get what we need so we can answer what they (the public) expect," she said.

Doris Ryans, FOC director of administrative operations, said the move into "day-forward-imaging," wherein current documents will be scanned, is to begin June 1.

When that happens, FOC staff will be able to quickly get any document "without having to



New system: Jerry Hebron scans the first case file on the new imaging system.

retrieve a paper file," Ryans said.

Noted Kerasiotis, "That should eliminate a lot of faxing and the 'call-you-back when I get a copy of the letter'."

"Eventually, faxes from the courts and attorneys will go directly into the system," she said.

"This is very exciting," said Kerasiotis, who called it "a dream-come-true."

Kerasiotis cautioned, however, that while 17 of Ryans' staffers are handling the preparation, scanning and indexing of the 345,000 back-cases, it likely will take two years to complete.

Keep 10 years

She said state record-retention law requires back-scanning to 1966. Child-support files also must be maintained for 10 years after the last complaint is received, which means that, though child-support ends at age 19-1/2, files could be maintained nearly 30 years.

Scanning equipment, software,

personnel training and ongoing support cost the agency \$3.2 million, Kerasiotis said.

Other upgrades at the state's largest FOC agency includes the installation Feb. 28 of an automatic call distribution system.

Available 24 hours a day, it allows callers to order FOC forms without having to come downtown to the FOC in the Penobscot Building.

Six telephone operators have been added to boost the FOC staff to 15. They are available now from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., instead of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The FOC also opened a satellite office at Center and Mack in Detroit to handle collection of costs for placing a child in foster care. The agency plans to open another office in Westland by the end of the year, said Kerasiotis.

A third office may open in southwest Detroit, she added.

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Director from page A1

not going to be easy to replace. I'm not sure we'll ever have another Sylvia."

On Wednesday - the first day back from her suspension - Kozorosky-Wiacek secured \$7,000 in donations toward a new \$12,000 fence to be built along the Friendship Center's southern property line, Thomas said.

That means the city's tab will be \$5,000, he said.

"Her first day back and she saves us \$7,000 of taxpayer money," Thomas said.

Kozorosky-Wiacek, who confessed to "several" gambling outings, drew criticism from some residents who said a two-week suspension wasn't enough punishment. She didn't mention the scandal in her letter Thursday.

Some senior citizens strongly defended their director and said critics should be more forgiving in the wake of her tearful apolo-

■ 'The time has come for me to shift gears and dedicate my remaining years to my family.'

Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek
—retiring director

gy.

In her letter, Kozorosky-Wiacek said she had contemplated retiring for the last two years to spend more time with her family, including a daughter who has breast cancer.

"The time has come for me to shift gears and dedicate my remaining years to my family," the senior director said.

Still, she said she feels "a deep sense of loss and sadness."

"I will cherish my memories, the love I feel and have felt in the past many years from the seniors, and will terribly miss each and every one of them," Kozorosky-Wiacek wrote.

Westland's senior programs have captured numerous state

and national awards. The Friendship Center's National Senior Health and Fitness Day has received national recognition for three consecutive years.

The center also recognizes seniors and their accomplishments through programs such as Senior of the Year and the Senior Hall of Fame.

Adjacent to the center is Coburn Park with an exercise trail, a picnic area and places for seniors to play horseshoes and bocci ball.

"I am proud of the center and the services it provides to our senior adults," Kozorosky-Wiacek said in her letter. "I am also proud of many accomplishments that I have achieved both

personally and professionally over the past 23 years."

She was appointed by two U.S. presidents to attend the White House Conference on Aging, and two Michigan governors invited her to attend similar state events.

Despite her busy schedule, she found time to return to Madonna University to earn her specialist certificate in gerontology.

Kozorosky-Wiacek, who served under four Westland mayors, said she will retire "with no regrets."

"I believe that I have touched the lives of many of our citizens in a positive way and have made their lives a little brighter and the city of Westland a better community in which to live," she wrote in her letter.

The mayor said he hasn't decided what process he will use to replace Kozorosky-Wiacek.

Clerk from page A1

"That (interim proposal) is not the way I wrote the information to her," Griffin said.

However, Cicirelli and Griffin indicated that Seaberg's interim tag could be dropped after the November election.

"This would just be a clerk with an interim tag at this point," Griffin said Friday.

"If Joann can live with this, I will compromise ...," he said.

Seaberg has the contractual right to return to a former union job if her position as clerk doesn't work out.

The clerk's post became vacant after Griffin and three other council members fired former Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Jan. 18, fueling a public backlash and a still-pending recall threat.

Gibbons' predecessor, former Clerk Diane Fritz, agreed to run the office as the council seeks a new clerk.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc said he hadn't heard about Seaberg being considered as interim clerk until he was contacted Friday by the Observer.

"I'd like to know the rationale

■ 'I'd like to know the rationale for it. I would have to give some thought to the interim proposal.'

Richard LeBlanc
—councilman

for it," he said. "I would have to give some thought to the interim proposal."

LeBlanc said the issue of a long-term appointed clerk may become irrelevant if residents succeed in their petition drive to make the position an elected one.

LeBlanc, Anderson and Cicirelli have indicated they'd like to talk with outside candidates, but council president Griffin on Friday still hedged on that proposal.

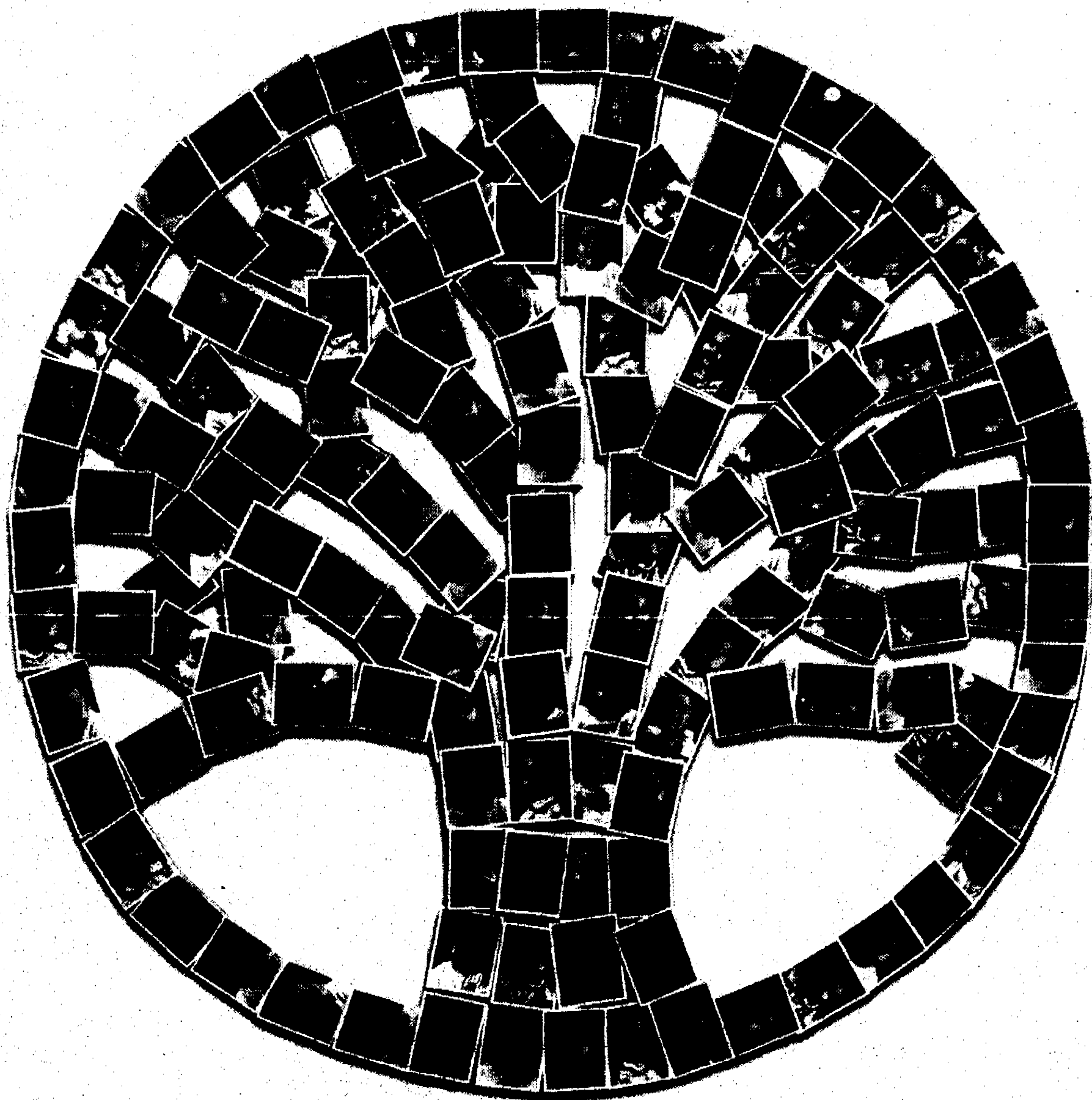
"I'm not going to do a search at this point," he said.

Seaberg has been deputy clerk for 18 months. She has been a city employee for 13 years.

Recall group schedules meeting

Those leading the recall effort against four Westland City Council members have organized a 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, meeting at Oddfellows Temple

on Glenwood in Wayne. For information, call (734) 729-2805 or on the Web, CitizenPower@aol.com. The upcoming meeting is for all interested.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WESTLAND,
a Michigan Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DONALD L. ADLE, DONNA J. ADLE,
and MARNETT WILSON
and unknown heirs, devisees or assignees,
Defendants.

ANGELO A. PLAKAS AND ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Angelo A. Plakas (P 18934)
Mark A. McConnell (P 46434)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
35330 Nankin Boulevard, Suite 702
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(734) 421-5510

ORDER TO ANSWER BY PUBLICATION WITH MAILING REQUIREMENT EXCUSSED

At a session of said Court Held in the City of Detroit,
County of Wayne, State of Michigan

ON: FEB 18 2000

PRESENT HON: HONORABLE DAPHNE MEAN CURTIS
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

On November 15, 1999, an action was filed by the Plaintiff, the City of Westland, against Defendants, DONALD L. ADLE, DONNA J. ADLE, and MARNETT WILSON, in this Court to quiet title on two parcels of real property located in the City of Westland described as:

LOT 179, CARVER SUB (28999 Richard)

Lot 179, Carver Subdivision No. 2, as recorded in Liber 70, Page 79 of Plats, Wayne County Records. That the City of Westland received its interest in the above described parcel under a tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, dated the 24th day of August, 1999, recorded on Liber 411 of Deeds, page 383, in the Land and Mineral Services Division Records. Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff believes that the Defendants, DONALD L. ADLE, DONNA J. ADLE, and MARNETT WILSON, at one time claimed or may have claimed an interest in this property which, by virtue of the tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan to the City of Westland has expired.
-AND-

LOT 90 CARVER SUB (28999 McDonald)

Lot 90, Carver Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 70, Page 12 of Plats, Wayne County Records. That the City of Westland received its interest in the above described parcel under a tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, dated the 24th day of August, 1999, recorded on Liber 411 of Deeds, page 383, in the Land and Mineral Services Division Records. Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff believes that the Defendant, DONALD L. ADLE, at one time claimed or may have claimed an interest in this property which, by virtue of the tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan to the City of Westland has expired.

The purpose of this action is to declare that the Plaintiff, the City of Westland, is the fee simple owner of said property and that any interest of Defendants may have had in said property has expired.

Upon consideration of the Verified Motion of Plaintiff, and the Affidavit in Support thereof, attesting to the fact that the Defendants, DONALD L. ADLE, DONNA J. ADLE, and MARNETT WILSON, in this action cannot be personally served with a Summons and a copy of the Complaint herein because their present whereabouts are unknown, and they have no last known address, and that publication of notice of this action in a newspaper of general circulation is most likely to give notice to these Defendants, and it appearing to this Court that Plaintiff, after diligent inquiry, has been unable to ascertain the Defendants' residence either within or without the State of Michigan, and it further appearing that personal service of the Summons and Complaint in this action cannot be made on the Defendants for the above stated reasons, and that publication is the best means available to apprise Defendants of the pendency of this action.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, DONALD L. ADLE, DONNA J. ADLE, and MARNETT WILSON, shall on or before the 14th day of April, 2000, serve an answer on Mark A. McConnell, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 35330 Nankin Blvd., Suite 702, Westland, Michigan, 48185, or take such other action as may be permitted by law. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Westland Observer, a newspaper of general circulation hereby designated as most likely to give notice to the Defendant named above. Publication shall occur within the County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within five (5) days from the date of entry of this Order; and that mailing a copy of this Order be dispensed with because Plaintiff cannot, with reasonable diligence, ascertain a place where the Defendants would probably receive this matter transmitted by mail.

TEOLA P HUNTER
Wayne County Clerk

HONORABLE DAPHNE MEAN CURTIS
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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Rouge meeting set

BY RICHARD PEARL
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The first of three public meetings this year aimed at getting residents of, and businesses located in, Westland, Garden City, the southern half of Livonia and northern Dearborn Heights involved in restoring the Rouge River is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday.

That's when the first Rouge River Public Partnership Forum will take place at Riverside Middle School.

The meeting, part of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project, will offer an exchange of information between those involved in the cleanup and residents and business owners and officials.

Those providing information include Kurt Heise, chairman of the Rouge River Remedial

Action Plan Advisory Council; Cathy Bean of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, who's also active in RRAC; Dan Rathbun, whom Heise described as an expert on the Rouge environmental situation; and Barry Johnson of the Rouge program office, an adviser to the Middle 3 subwatershed advisory group.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said citizens "are encouraged to get involved in river activities by, first of all, attending (the forum) and sharing their ideas, dreams and vision for" the river.

Livonia is in two watersheds, the Middle 3 Subwatershed - which is hosting Thursday's meeting - and the Upper Subwatershed.

The first 100 people attending will receive giveaway items. Refreshments will be served.

County honors women of distinction

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Nine western Wayne County women were among 27 whose professional, community and civic achievements were recognized Thursday during the county Board of Commissioners' first celebration of March as national Women's History Month.

Commission Vice Chairwoman Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioners Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, each honored three.

"Women in Wayne County are trailblazers and heroines," said Commissioner Edna Bell, D-Detroit, organizer of the salute.

Interestingly enough, female accomplishments in Wayne County include a commission milestone: of the 15 commissioners, seven are women.

Beard's honorees were:

■ Margaret Harlow of Westland for "her commitment to voluntary activities" such as city committees, various service clubs and to organizations such as the Westland Chamber of Commerce and the Business and Professional Women;

■ Theola Jones of Inkster, local events and functions writer for the "Inkster Ledger Star," for her commitment to community activities, sorority projects and her church;

■ Carol Larkin of Garden City for "her many years of dedicated activities on the political scene in Garden City and Wayne County."

Larkin, who's been a voluntary campaign worker, is county campaign finance coordinator and chairwoman of the 13th Congressional Democratic District and former Garden City Democratic Club chairwoman.

Bankes' honorees were:

■ Harriet Larson of Livonia for "her many years of service," including her work on behalf of the Michigan Library System, the Friends of the Detroit Library "and most of all for the Friends of the Livonia Library."

"With the help of others, she has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support the Livonia library system and most recently she has made free books available to children who don't have books," Bankes' resolution said.

■ Fran Toney of Plymouth, director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, for her efforts "to ensure and protect the quality of life for the city of Plymouth as well as Plymouth Township."

"Her efforts on behalf of the business community as well as the residents are an enduring legacy that ensures an enhanced quality of life for all," the resolution said.

■ Karen Woodside of Northville Township "on behalf of the community that she so ably represented as township supervisor."

She led the community through a very important time of expansion and her legacy is yet to be recognized."

Honored by Husk were three Dearborn Heights women - Sharon Fitzgerald, Marge Horvath and Christine Scheuher.

Recognized by the other county commissioners were Dorothy Beard, Emma Bell, Pat Bosch, Angela Burris, Delphia Burton, Odessa Garrison, Marjorie Henry, Marge Horvath, Helen Johnson, Tameka Kennedy, Arlene Meadows, Lerrilyn Nelson, Alice Richardson, Linda Schoonover, Marvaline Solomon, Evelyn Spence, Kit Spencer, Gloria Thomas and Lori White.

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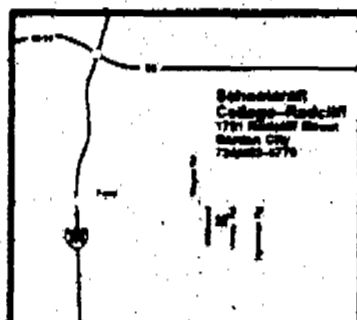
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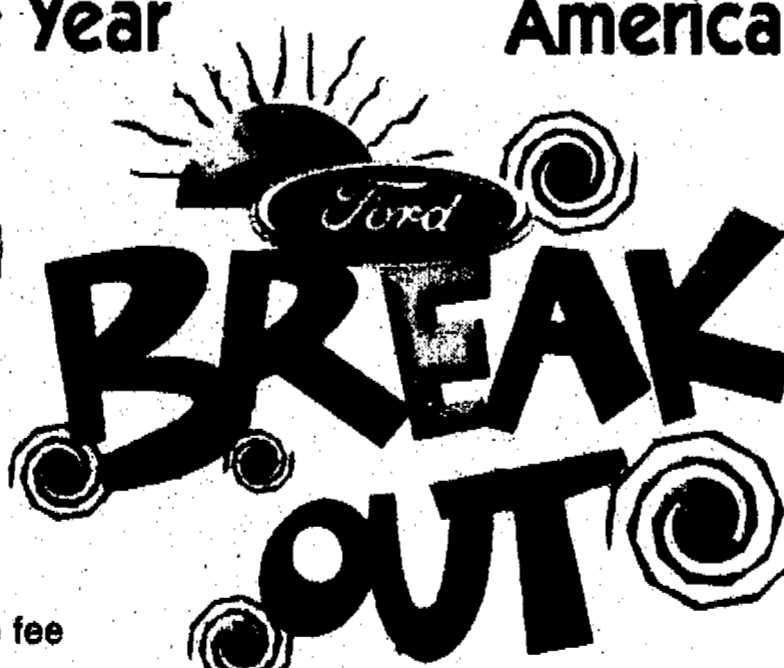
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Emons from page B1

Lusky, now playing third base for Eastern Michigan, went 3-for-4 in a 9-6 loss to Oakland. Lusky now must report for two weeks of spring practice with the EMU football team where he'll compete at linebacker.

The Seattle Mariners might not have Ken Griffey, Jr. anymore, but they still have three pitchers with Observerland ties.

Middle reliever Tom Davey, the 6-foot-7 right-hander from Plymouth Salem, should have the big league club made even though he's off to a rocky start in spring training. In four Cactus League appearances, Davey has given up eight runs in 6 1/2 innings with an 11.37 earned run average.

Westland's Ryan Anderson, rated the club's top pitching prospect and former first-round draft pick, has pitched in two games, giving up two runs with an ERA of 4.15.

The 6-10 lefty will probably start the season in AAA Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League along with Westland John Glenn High product Aaron Scheffer, who pitched in four games last year for Seattle.

Scheffer, a right-handed closer, was outrighted to Tacoma in December and not placed on the 40-man roster, nor was he a non-roster invitee.

It appears that Bowling Green State University signed Westland John Glenn running back Eric Jones to a National Letter of Intent. Jones, who gained over 2000 yards for the 9-3 Rockets, will most likely sit out his freshman year.

Another key signing is Livonia Stevenson goalkeeper Joe Zawacki, who is one of five recruits for Michigan's inaugural men's varsity soccer season.

Coach Steve Burns had an advantage recruiting Zawacki. His assistant is Walt Barrett, who led Stevenson to two state titles and one runner-up finish.

The 5-10, 170-pound Zawacki

was an All-Midwest Region, All-State, All-Observer and All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick. Zawacki is also a five-year member of the state Olympic Development Program and has participated in the 1999 adidas Elite Soccer Program.

He is also a member of the National Honor Society.

"Joe is a great shot stopper and solid force between the pipes," Burns said. He is the best goalkeeper in the state and one of the top in the region. Joe has all the tools and the potential to lead this team and single-handedly win games for us."

Michigan also signed midfielder Jan Hirshfield of Boca Raton (Fla.) Pine Crest; forward Kevin Robinson of Caro (Faith Baptist); defender Kevin Taylor of Miami, Fla. (Gulliver Prep) and defender Pat Tuohy of Center Line.

My Final Four picks: Ohio State, Iowa State, Duke and St. John's.

I'm rooting for MSU, of course, and Gonzaga.

What happened to all of our area high school boys basketball teams?

Nine schools in the Livonia-Westland coverage area were all done within a span of three days.

Bring back Lorenzo Guess and Tony Goins.

Covering those district, regional and quarterfinal games was fun. It brings back good memories.

Eastern Michigan's new Convocation Center would be a great place to hold the state girls volleyball finals.

On Tuesday night, Schoolcraft College is the site of a Class C boys basketball quarterfinal.

Gabriel Richard RO's Bor



Dribble drive: Kendrell Jones of Redford Bishop Burgess moves past Ian Hamel of Gabriel Richard.

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"Our kids thought this was going to be a cakewalk and looked past them," said Burgess coach Charles Albright after his team ended its season at 18-12. "This is why you have to play them one at a time. You can tell the kids not to look ahead like this, but that doesn't always mean they listen."

To add insult to injury, Richard (23-11) went nearly 16 minutes — the 1:24 mark of the first quarter to the 2:42 mark of the third — with just one field goal, a total of seven points and still never trailed by more than three.

"If I'm (an opposing) player and I look down the court and see our players, I might look ahead too," said Richard coach John Verboom, whose Panthers got a meeting in the regional final with top-ranked DePue as a reward for the win.

"But we had a lot of things

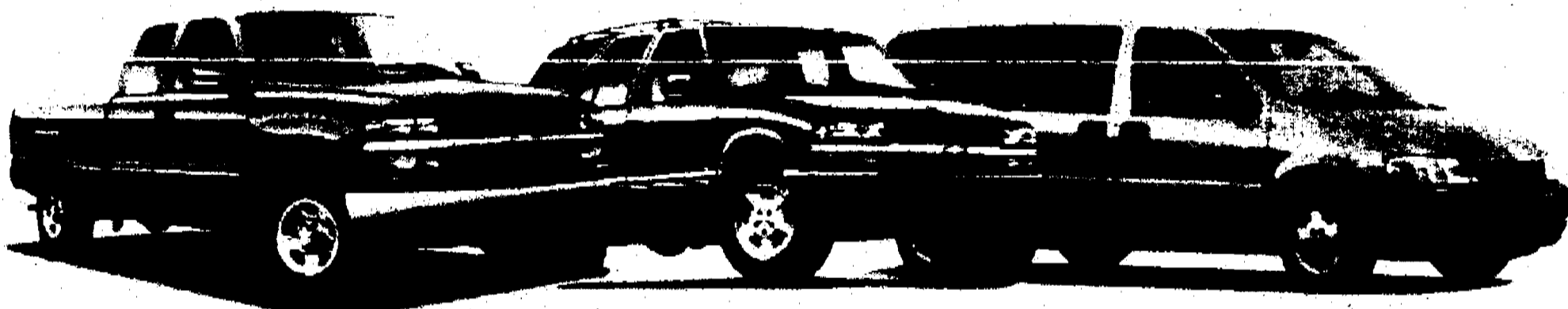
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OHL REPORT

Whalers' 17-game run ends Guelph wins

All good things come to an end. Now it's just a matter of how quickly the Plymouth Whalers can adjust. The Guelph Storm overcame a three-goal deficit after one period by scoring twice on the power play in the second period and adding a short-handed goal in the third, pulling away to a 5-3 win Friday over the Whalers in Guelph.

The loss ended Plymouth's 17-game winning streak, longest in franchise history. The Whalers last previous loss was Jan. 29 by a 2-1 count to the Ottawa 67's.

Everything started well for Plymouth, with Stephen Weiss, Jamie Lalonde and Damian Surma scoring in the opening period. Surma's on the power play with just 12 seconds left. Shaun Fisher assisted on Surma's goal. Cole Jarrett assisted on Weiss' and Rob McBride and Stephen Morris assisted on Lalonde's.

But things turned around in the second period. Kevin Dallman and Kent McDonnell got power-play goals in the first 11:15, and Dallman got the game-tying goal with 1:52 left in the second.

Eric Beaudoin got the game-winner, scoring with Guelph short-handed at 3:05 of the third. Charlie Stephens added an insurance goal four and a half minutes later.

Dallman also had three assists for the Storm, with Manny Malhotra and Kevin Mitchell adding two apiece.

Rob Zepp made 24 saves in goal for Plymouth. Chris Madden had 23 for Guelph.

The Storm improved to 27-34-4 in the OHL's Midwest Division. The Whalers slipped to 43-18-4.

Outdoor Insights, Nature notes, bowling, C6

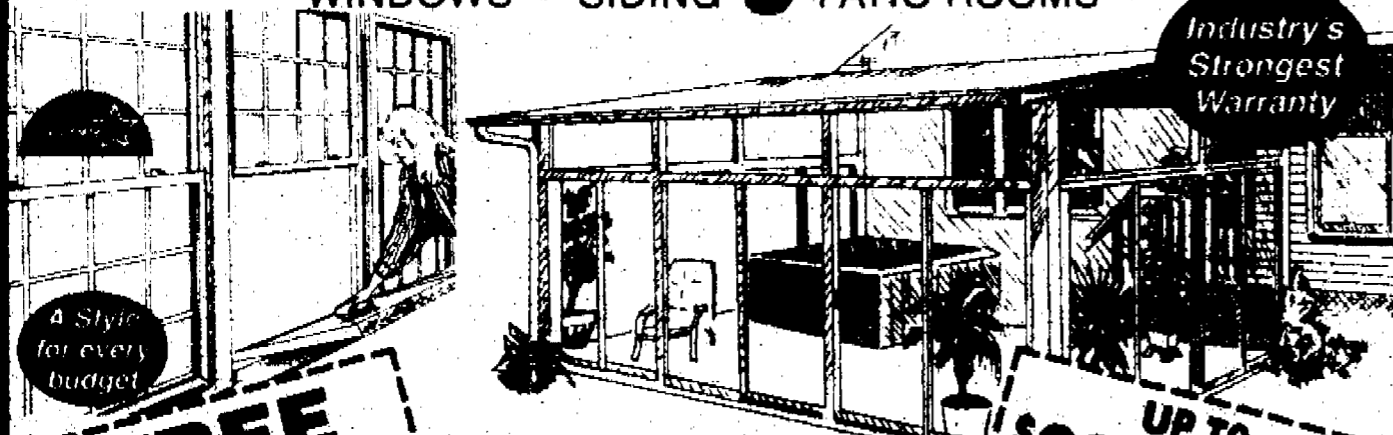
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from page B1... Gray scored the... Taylor said he was also confident his team had at least one more shot in it.

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Too Hot A State Championship



Top Cats: The Novi Ice Cats, in only their second season, recently captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Pee Wee A state playoffs in Midland with victories over the Wayne Firebirds (4-1), Traverse City Rangers (7-1), Houghton (4-0), Flint Icelanders (5-0) and the Jackson Melling Tool Rebels (7-1). Mike Gregson (Burton) had two goals in the championship final, while Eddie Davis (Westland), Brett Giacomino (Canton), Brad Marrett (Brighton), Brent Dexter (Farmington Hills) and Ryan Fox (Novi) had the other goals. Assists went to Fox, Jean-Luc Delpy (Novi), Davis, Eric Swiatek (Brighton), Antonio Evangelista (Warren) was the winning goaltender. Other members of the Ice Cats, coached by Bob Haskins, include Kyle Garlow (Clawson), Clayton Mattson (Livonia), Gregory Morissette (Novi), Alexandra Robinson (Westland), Brian Shariak (Waterford), Kit Prachnik (Livonia) and Scott Wietecha (Wolverine Lake). Assistant coaches include Ed Davis, Craig Robinson and Gary Wietecha. The Ice Cats won all eight of their district IV playoff games, outscoring their opponents 27-7. They were finalist in seven tournaments this season, winning five and finishing runner-up in two. The Ice Cats finished 39-11-6 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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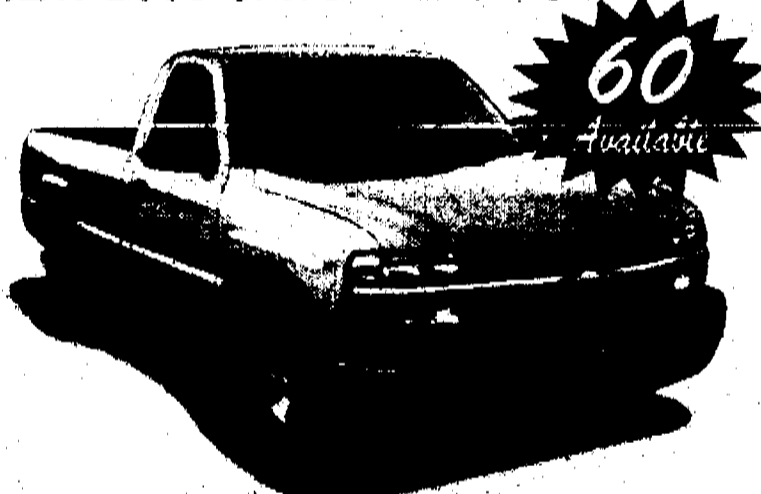
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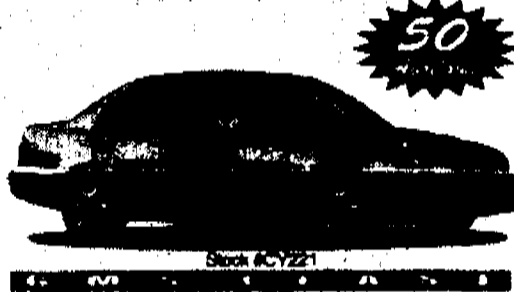


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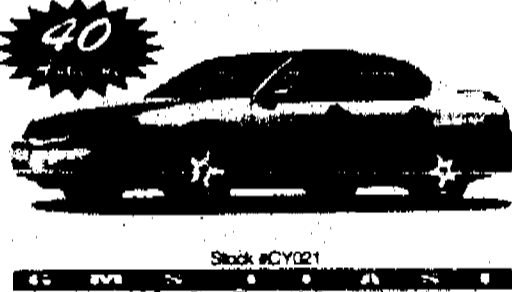


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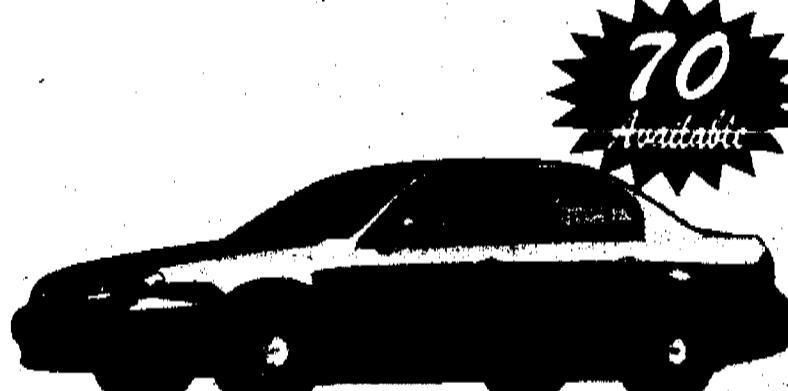


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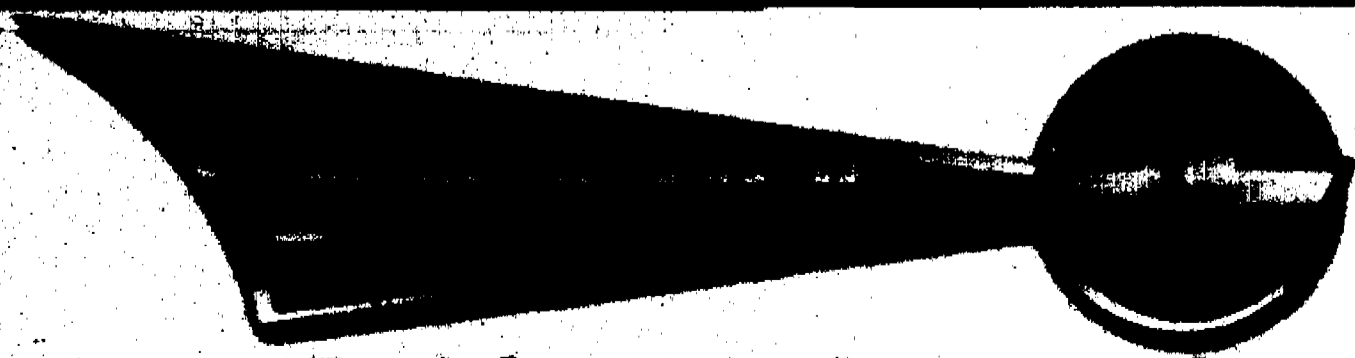
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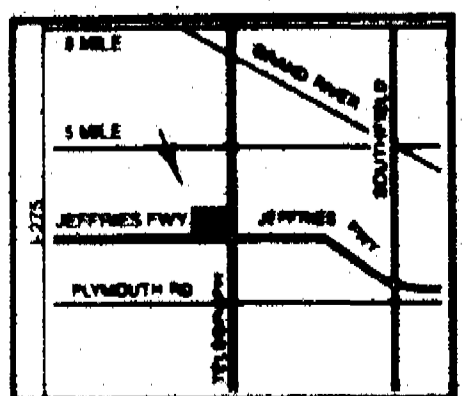
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Artists aren't letting March doldrums get them down. They're too busy creating, exhibiting, and attending classes and meetings. Many artists have found that these classes and clubs strengthen their skills and provide venues to show their work.

From Farmington to Livonia and Plymouth, there are several opportunities to view paintings and photography being done by local artists. Here's a guide to what's going on:

VAAL student exhibit

The watercolors are vibrant and bright in a show of work by Edee Joppich's students in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library through Thursday, March 30. Joppich, a well-known Farmington Hills artist, has been teaching her "Creative Approach to Watercolor" class at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia for 25 years. She currently is exhibiting work in her 31st one-woman show at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing through Sunday, April 2. For information and directions, call (517) 484-1880.

"Mixing all levels of experience in one class is helpful to everyone," said Joppich. "It's a very academic approach. Each project adds to their experience. They all have talent but they have to learn to challenge themselves."



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New life: Staci Miron holds her six-month-old son Paul, the inspiration for the exhibit of art works behind her.

The show is unified by a theme — flowers. The class began by doing collage and then transposing it into watercolor. The result is a variation of patterns coming together in one work. Not to be missed is Canton artist Kay Rowe's "Island Exotics." Iguanas seem to come out of nowhere to surround a huge pink hibiscus.

"Each of these have elements from the student's life," said Joppich. "You paint yourself. No matter what the painting, you are in the painting."

The VAAL show is one of three sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission in two venues every month. Next door to the gallery in the circular showcase is a whimsical exhibit by the Michigan Doll Makers Guild continuing through Thursday, March 30.

Members of the Palette Guild exhibit primarily realistic works with a dash of expressionism through Friday, March 31 at Livonia City Hall. Westland artist Annalee Davis shows a multiple portrait of the cats for which she is famous.

Livonia Camera Club

There's something for everyone in the Livonia Camera Club exhibit continuing to Friday, March 24 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The color and black and white photography focuses on subjects ranging from lighthouses to sunsets and still life. The Livonia Camera Club meets at 8 p.m. on the first three Thursdays of the month at Grant Elementary School in Livonia.

Leo K. Price's photograph is like a still life painting. Livonia photographer Kelly Dobson captures the golden light in an inside view of the dome at the State Capitol building. Seid A. Moessani's close-up look at three calla lilies sets a somber mood in black and white. Not to be missed is Richard

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PHOTOGRAPHER AIMS TO CAPTURE LIGHT



PHOTOS BY JAMES L. AHO
STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

James L. Aho sometimes goes to extremes when he wants to capture a subject with the lens of his camera. An umbrella in the left hand, camera in the right, the Westland photographer snapped a portrait of legendary jazz pianist Dave Brubeck in the pouring rain during the 1999 Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival. Minutes later, the performance was stopped for fear the musicians would be electrocuted.

Brubeck, Kenny Burrell, Elvin Jones, and Kenny Garrett are a few of the images in a 30-year retrospective of Aho's work at Focus: HOPE in Detroit.

The official photographer for the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival (renamed the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival), Aho walks through the display of 58 photographs eagerly telling the story behind each image. The photograph of Brubeck holds memories of the first time Aho heard a recording by the jazz great at 10 years of age. Aho's loved the American art form ever since. But Aho's exhibit goes beyond capturing performers at Montreux Detroit. It's all about "A Quality of Light."

Process

Aho gets lost in the process of creating images that challenge his skills. It took him two hours to find his way out of the woods after photographing a lone wildflower growing amidst

foliage on the forest floor of the Bald Mountain Recreation Area near Lake Orion.

While photographing the interior of a rustic cabin, or a student kneeling in the rectory of St. Anne's Church in Detroit, Aho uses natural light to bathe his subjects in tranquility.

"Two things that attract me are the quality of light — how light caresses," said Aho. "And simple subjects. I love simple subjects that evoke an emotional response. There's almost always a serenity in all of these."

From a self-portrait taken 30 years ago in Birmingham, to the roof of a Canton Township barn that has long since been torn down, the images record Aho's history. The photograph of a shop window, piled with boxes of Trend detergent in Dearborn, was taken

while mentoring students in a Focus: HOPE photography project. Aho came up with the idea for the annual series of workshops while carrying out his duties as manager of Focus: HOPE's communications department. "Focus on the Mission" exposes high schools students from the tri-county area to cultural diversity.

"I don't capture these subjects to document," Aho said. "It's something I'm responding to emotionally."

Influences

One of Aho's earliest influences was Ansel Adams whom he met at a 1974 reception for an exhibition by the master lensman in an old white



Jazz pianists: Taslimah Bey (above left) and Carla Bley were two of the performers at Montreux in 1999.



"A QUALITY OF LIGHT"

What: Three decades of photography by James L. Aho.

When: Through Monday, April 3. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Where: Focus: HOPE Gallery, 1400 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit. Call (313) 494-5500 for information.



Hot time: James L. Aho captured the moods of drummer Elvin Jones (above) and Kenny Garrett at the event now known as the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival.

house in Birmingham known as the 831 Gallery. The space, now located on North Woodward, became the Halsted Gallery. Aho still has the poster from the exhibit by Adams.

"He emphasized visualizing on what you're shooting, what you want to end up as the print."

Aho fell in love with photography after buying his first camera shortly

after graduating from high school. Before long, he was doing his own darkroom work. In the '70s and '80s, Aho was almost never without the camera he kept loaded on the passenger seat of his car. He shot primarily in black and white during those early days.

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Memories: One of the Westland photographer's favorite portraits is of his daughter Kelley, now age 24.



Historical element: Architectural details from structures across the U.S. can be seen in James L. Aho's one-man show.



Heartfelt: This portrait is another favorite because it features his wife of 30 years — Karen.



Barkless tree: James L. Aho captures a variety of subject matter including nature.

CONCERT

Dancers balance program with ballet and modern

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
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Heather Fountain will tell you in no uncertain terms that the senior company of Dance Ensemble West deserves to perform in the Gala Concert at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in Kalamazoo in May.

But before they do, the Plymouth-based dance company will preview "Six Souls," their winning piece, in a spring concert Saturday, March 25 at the Plymouth Canton Little Theater. The Dance Collection 2000 program

features a combination of ballet and modern dance by members of the apprentice, junior and senior companies.

"They worked hard and were among the three chosen from the 16 pieces adjudicated in East Lansing in February," said Fountain. "This is the third year they've been adjudicated into the festival which features students from around the state. Our spring concert is a great opportunity for them to show case their talent. It's better than a

"DANCE COLLECTION 2000"

What: A concert of ballet and modern dance works

When: 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25

Where: Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, south of Joy Road

Tickets: Donation \$9 per person, call 734-421-4430

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Spring concert: Dance Ensemble West's senior company: Valerie Miller (left to right, standing), Colleen Badgero, Heather Fountain (director), Andrea Miller, Lindsay Conklin (left to right, seated) Christen Ogden and Anne Bresler.

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Scott's "Tulips in Blue." Scott mixes colored pencil in this delicate work featuring three flowers with drooping heads.

Farmington Public Library

Staci Miron takes a new approach to pregnancy and giving birth in an exhibit continuing to Friday, March 31 at the Farmington Public Library, Grand River and Farmington roads.

Part of the artist-of-the-month exhibits by members of the Farmington Artists Club, "Son Life" was painted before, during

labor, and after the birth of her son Paul.

Miron's joy over the happy occasion comes through even in the bright yellow framing. Yellow is Miron's favorite color for painting.

"In the midst of the winter months, it's so nice to work with the brightest of yellows, mere splashes here and there," said Miron, who was influenced by Vincent van Gogh and printmaker Helen Febbo. "I want to impart a sense of belonging for those who look at the work and to convey the love of Christ and

a sense of peacefulness."

Using non-toxic watercolor and acrylic, Miron creates flowers, street scenes and even fish in lively colors. "Sun Fun" transposes lime against yellow in an exercise that required painters to section off their paper into six squares. Miron is a frequent student at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

One bouquet of sunflowers is named "Pitosis" after the labor inducing drug. Miron was in labor when she painted the work. One work, which Miron decided not to include in the

exhibit, was painted closer to the end of her 18-hour labor.

"It looked too crazy to frame," said Miron, a graduate of West Bloomfield High School.

In addition to painting and being a mom, Miron also teaches figure skating in Birmingham and at the Plymouth Cultural Center and Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

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recital, not so many numbers. It's short and sweet and people appreciate that."

Senior company

Christen Ogden, a member of the senior company and a dancer in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia, is looking forward to presenting the fast, modern piece "Six Souls" in the spring concert and at the festival in Kalamazoo.

"We're all really excited," said Ogden who will also dance a solo. "I like the emotion and intensity you have to put into it. You have to put all your personality into it. It's very strenuous. The inner turmoil is really intense."

In addition to "Six Souls," the senior company will perform four pieces including "Transcendence" presented at the Youth Arts Festival last year. "Beyond Easy" is set to Aerosmith's "Pink," by guest choreographer Carina Mills-Sietz of Chicago. "I Say the Words Out Loud" is a work the dancers choreographed themselves.

"They have great ideas and I wanted them to have the opportunity to create their own dance," said Fountain.

Barbara Raschke is just as proud of her apprentice dancers as Fountain is of the senior members. This is the first time the 6- to 12-year-olds will per-

form in the spring concert. Their dance is choreographed to the music of Camille Saint-Saens "Carnival of the Animals" and accompanied by the poetry of Ogden Nash which members of the senior company will read.

"Even though they've performed for seniors and preschoolers throughout the year, this concert gives them extra performance time in front of an open audience which is not just their family," said Raschke, Dance Ensemble West founder. "It's a polished performance. Many of them have been doing this for a few years."

Costumes

Colorful costuming, including a 4-foot long fish and a lion that holds six dancers, brings this work to life. Raschke dances with a child on her shoulders to create a 7-foot tall dinosaur.

"It includes music Pavlova made famous with her dying swan which the apprentice company performs as 'The Swan,'" said Raschke. "I'm enjoying seeing them mature into their own dance and eventually add their own personality."

The junior company takes their turn on stage with "Forest Through the Trees" a modern dance about belonging to a "big picture," and a jazz number done to "La Vida Loca" by Ricky Martin.

Beaux Arts Trio to perform in Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor's favorite Beaux is on the rebound.

The Beaux Arts Trio is back for a ninth appearance at Ann Arbor's Rackham Auditorium, where they will take the stage at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in a concert presented by the University Musical Society.

Composed of pianist Menahem Pressler, violinist Young Uck Kim and cellist Antonio Meneses, the Beaux Arts Trio continues the musical tradition which launched their official public debut at the 1955 Berkshire Music Festival, known today as the Tanglewood Festival.

What: The Beaux Arts Trio, in concert, presented by the University Musical Society
When: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26
Where: Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor
Tickets: \$34, \$30, \$26, \$18 and can be purchased at the UMS Box Office between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229 outside the (734) area code. \$10 student rush tickets may be available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 24 at the Michigan Union Ticket Office. Website: www.ums.org

Pressler is an original member of the Beaux Arts Trio, along with Daniel Guilet and Bernard Greenhouse.

Since its premiere at Tanglewood, the Trio has earned worldwide acclaim with more than

8,000 concerts on several continents. Chosen as Musical America's Ensemble of the Year in 1997, the Trio performs more than 100 concerts per year.

Born in Magdeburg, Germany, Pressler's career spans nearly

five decades and he ranks among the world's most distinguished and honored musicians.

He has for years been a member of the Indiana University music school, currently holding the rank of Distinguished Professor of Music. In addition to more than 50 recordings with the Beaux Arts Trio, Pressler has compiled more than 30 solo recordings, ranging from the works of Bach to Ben Haim.

Kim, from Seoul, South Korea, is one of the world's most acclaimed violinists, making three decades of international appearances as orchestral soloist, recitalist and chamber musician. He has appeared in recitals across the United States and as soloist with virtually every American orchestra.

Meneses was born in Recife, Brazil into a family of musicians. Learning the cello at age 10, he won the first prize at the International Competition in Munich in 1977 and five years later the first prize and gold medal at the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow.

— By Steve Kowalski

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"It was a time when a lot of fine art photographers believed it couldn't be done in anything but black and white," said Aho, "but then I began working at Focus: HOPE eight years ago and as part of my job duties started working in color."

It's harder for Aho to find time for photography now. As communications manager for Focus: HOPE, Aho's responsibilities

include overseeing publications, marketing, photography, the making of videos, and the Community Arts Department which produces projects such as "Focus on the Mission."

He also helps co-produce "Jazz for a New Generation" with musician Harold McKinney at a variety of venues from the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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Harness the power of your intuition to heal

"Dr. Judith Orloff's Guide to Intuitive Healing" (Times Books, March 2000), \$24

BY KEELY WYGNIK STAFF WRITER

Like a lot of people, I'm always looking for ways to live a healthier, more balanced life.

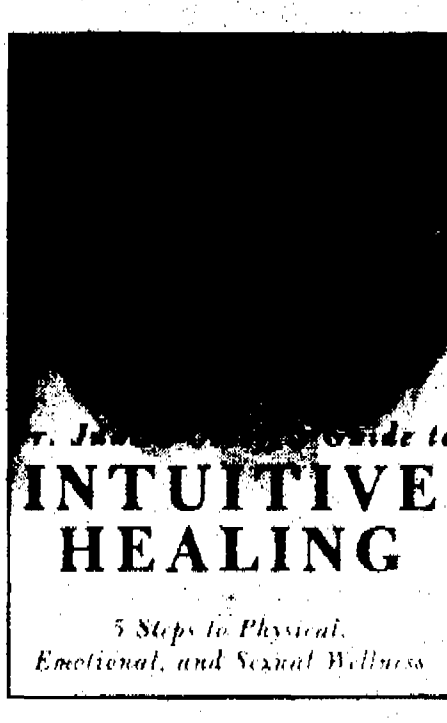
Lately, I've been reading "Dr. Judith Orloff's Guide to Intuitive Healing," highlighter in hand so I can mark passages to remember later.

In her book, Orloff offers "5 Steps to Physical, Emotional and Sexual Wellness."

She'll be visiting the Church of Today in Warren on Wednesday to discuss her new book and intuitive healing.

"Finding that still, small voice inside that tells you the truth about things," listening to dreams and sensing warning signs so you can act on them is not a new idea.

"Over 2,000 years ago in ancient Greece, dreams were sacred," said Orloff. "Healing shrines honoring them towered over the cobalt Mediterranean..."



She's learned that everyone has intuition, a "healing code that contains the blueprints for our health and happiness and for the survival of everything that is good here on earth."

Her "Guide to Intuitive Healing" includes stories about people who used their intuition to diagnose illnesses.

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If you're on the road to self-discovery and looking for ways to be a healthier, more balanced life, stop and spend some time with "Dr. Orloff's Guide to Intuitive Healing."

To tap into what she calls "that still, small voice - our innate, intuitive intelligence - a voice so powerful that it can prevent illness, relieve anxiety, guide our choice of an appropriate doctor/friend/mate, help overcome depression..."

"It's a great honor to spread it around," said Orloff about her book and her mission to help people become more intuitive.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygnik, Observer & Eccentric News-papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

ROMANCE NOVELIST ANNE EAMES will sign copies of her latest book, "Pregnant Virgin," from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Paperbacks & Things, 8044 Wayne Road.

MICHIGAN OUTDOOR AUTHOR Tim Smith will make a special appearance at the Northville Barnes & Noble store.

FARMINGTON OBSERVER Newspaper reporter and Livonia resident Timothy Smith will be signing copies of his book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!"

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Borders, 45290 Utica Park Blvd., Utica, (810) 726-8555.

6 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Borders, Southland Mall, (734) 287-3533.

7 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Borders, 3527 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, (734) 677-6948.

7 p.m. Friday, May 19, Waldenbooks, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-7811.

Novelist Sarah Willis will take part in a reading and book signing 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Shaman Drum bookstore, 313 S. State St., Ann Arbor.

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CONCERT TODAY

Sharon Hoyer will give a voice recital 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for the music scholarship fund. For more information, call Gini Robison at (734) 432-5706.

Hoyer, a senior majoring in music and English at Madonna University, will perform several pieces including early English songs, a Schumann song from "Frauen and Leben," Faure songs, and contemporary English songs by Britten.

The recital ends with an aria from the opera "The Telephone" by the American composer Menotti.

FREE CONCERT

The Redford Civic Symphony presents their annual "Cabaret" concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at Thurston High School in Redford.

In addition to works by Tchaikovsky and Rossini, the



Special concert: Wayne State University's Department of Music will host a performance by the Bohemian Chamber Philharmonic on March 28.

orchestra will perform "Brasse Galliard" by Battaglia; "Aire for Orchestra," Kalled; "King Cotton March," Sousa, and selections from "Carousel" by Richard Rodgers. The concert is free.

ARTS MEETING

Artifacts Art Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

There will be a formal critique

of members' work by Tony Williams, an art professor at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

Visitors and guests are welcome. For more information, call (734) 522-5989.

FINAL CALL

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its Fine Arts in the Village June 10-30 in Livonia. Works will be displayed June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village then be moved to the Fine Arts Gallery in the Livonia Civic Center Library where they will continue on display through June 30.

Deadline for application is April 15. For more information and an application call Debbie Dufour at (734) 466-2540.

BOHEMIAN PHILHARMONIC

Wayne State University's music department will host a performance by the Bohemian Chamber Philharmonic 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 in the Community Arts Auditorium, Cass and Kirby on the campus, Detroit.

Tickets are \$15 and available by calling (313) 577-1795.

Considered the premiere mid-sized orchestra of the Czech Republic, the orchestra has made more than 300 tours abroad.

They will perform works by Mendelssohn and Dvorak in

addition to "Dreamscape" by composer and Wayne State professor James Lentini.

Pianist Dorian Ho will be the featured soloist for Schumann's "Concerto in A minor."

ORGAN MUSIC FOR LENT AND EASTER

David Wagner, a Madonna University music professor, presents organ music for Lent and Easter as part of his "Music for Meditation" series noon Thursday March 23 at St. Michael's Church in Livonia, and noon Friday, March 24 at St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

SECOND CITY IMPROVISATIONAL TRAINING

An eight week training session in improvisation begins Saturday, April 1 at Second City-Detroit. Second City-style improvisation stresses storytelling through the creation of scenes. Those wishing to enroll in The Conservatory Level 1 class must audition for a spot 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 20.

The spring Training Center classes cost \$200. To register, call Julie Clement at (313) 471-3453.

'Breaking the Code' interesting docu-drama at Hilberry

"Breaking the Code" will run in rotating repertory at Wayne State's Hilberry Theatre through April 8. Performances are at 8 p.m. selected Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, with selected Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. The Hilberry is located at 4743 Cass near Forest on the Wayne State Campus in Detroit. For more information check out their Web site at www.theatre.wayne.edu. For tickets and information, call the box office at (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYIA SPECIAL WRITER

Alan Turing, remains a relatively obscure footnote in history. Through a series of flashbacks, Hugh Whitmore's docu-drama "Breaking The Code" examines the life of a man who broke more than one code in his life, and because of it remains one of the unsung heroes of World War II.

As one of the greatest mathematical geniuses of the 20th century, Alan Turing was hired by Winston Churchill to break the Nazi's Enigma Code, which enabled the Allies to counter the Nazi naval blockade and ship sinking aimed at starving Britain into submission during World War II. However, Turing lacked the ability to relate well to people, which resulted in his own personal tragedies.

"Breaking the Code" gets off to a slow start, and weaves in and out of time periods to explore Turing's relationships with his family, friends and co-workers. We see Turing as a lonely young man with few friends and a strained relationship with his mother. Much of the play's exposition was lengthy and drawn out, with only a veiled promise of a more interesting storyline to come.

The play becomes more interesting when Turing joins the group determined to break the Nazis' Enigma Code. Not only does the intensity of the war effort make for an interesting view of history, but a female coworker's unrequited love for Turing adds an emotional dimension to his brash and forceful personality.

Turing's naivete and his own lust caused his tragic downfall when he broke the social code of his time by not concealing his homosexuality. The postwar period, a time of suspicion and intolerance, brought about his eventual arrest and public humiliation, which may have led his suicide in 1954.

Mike Schraeder captures the challenging role of Alan Turing, encompassing the dual challenge of a British accent and an occasional stutter as well as the complex internal turmoil of an emotionally naive genius. He blends

Turing's arrogance and insecurities to present the many facets of an intelligent, but very lonely man.

Heidi Olson as Mrs. Turing took the character from superficial flightiness to one of a grief-stricken yet determined and supportive mother. She flirts with her son's friends and seems pre-occupied with the mundane while seeming to be oblivious to his high level work. However, she becomes his staunchest ally when the authorities scrutinize him, a role Olson delivered with dignity and strength.

Pat Green, played by Cat Shoemaker, captured the simmering frustration of a woman in love with a gay man, going through the initial flirting stages with mixed signals from Turing, who treasured her friendship but wouldn't accept her love even for the protective facade it offered.

Patrick Battles' set design mirrored the technological yet melancholy mood of the play, with an overhead grid of antennae and steel mesh bathed in the bluish glow reminiscent of early cathode ray tubes. The simple and linear lines of the furniture, made of more metallic mesh,

picked up the pattern of the communication grid, and allowed the set pieces to serve multiple overlapping scenes. The conversations actually overlapped and flowed into each other, even as the time periods collided, mirroring Turing's confusion and stress, and providing instant insight into the forces which shaped him.

Mindy Aldrich's costume designs were understated yet appropriate to the era. Men's clothing differed little from today's dress conservative styles, but the women's clothes offered an interesting insight into their personalities. Mrs. Turing's attire confirmed her flighty, flirty quirks, while Pat Green's clothes were practical yet romantic.

Turing's tale, though ultimately sad, offers an emotional glimpse into a chapter of history that impacted our lives with an amazing ripple effect, even as we boot up our computers and reflect on the Allied victory in World War II. Though Turing never found his own peace, we owe much to his amazing capacity to dream and conceive the impossible.

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Sheer makeup complements season's fashion

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

The look for spring is heavenly and colorful.

Styles for the season not only look airy and angelic, but also feel uplifting. Ruffles and floral prints are everywhere and popping up in unexpected places, like the edges of a tailored skirt and jacket or on the hem of a pair of pants. And, the fabric

of choice for all you angels is chiffon. Most important, color is back in style in a strong way.

All that's true of course with make-up, too.

And, the face is at the heavenly heart of the matter. Skin should be clear and clean with a lighter-than-air freshness, so keep an eye out for dreamy, angelic, sheer makeup shades to accent the face.

Indeed, sheer and shimmer are choice word for describing current makeup trends.

Eye color should produce a clear and bright look with a small dose of flash, some appearing sun-lit, others more matte yet still sheer.

The shimmer saga is epitomized by shades like champagne, bisque, and clear blue. Gold tints, too, are popular.

Anything fused with gold is a huge hit in makeup this spring, said makeup artist Todd of Todd's Room in downtown Birmingham.

Along the same lines, sheer cream shadows in silver and lilac tones are another excellent choice. And, as far as matte eye shadows go — look for sheer khaki, denim blue and butter-yellow.

Perhaps surprisingly, when it comes to an angelic face what's more important than blush is a sheer shimmer powder. It will light up the entire face in warm gold and peach tones.

Even a pink-toned look can be everywhere on the face. Just avoid a dark tan or bronze tone, which would defeat the clear, clean aesthetic I mentioned earlier.

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When blush is a must, try one of the new sheer glossy blushes.

Furthermore, traditional spring makeup colors, sunny coral, rosy fuchsia, and poppy red, come to us this season in softer, clearer, almost pastel, tones.

In fact, I believe chiffon pink and glazed, clear orange should be on everyone's lips this spring.

And, your grandmother's coral lipsticks lavished with a goey lip gloss are a must-have.

I recommend trying M.A.C.'s new orange gloss or Mia Pelle's "Mocha Mist" lip lacquer, which will lend a just-drenched-wet look to your lips.

Hair returns to long, loose and romantic styles. And, curls and waves are abundant, creating an airy, angelic look.

Color in the hair needs to be strong, well-kept and glossy.

To achieve that look, I suggest using Lazartique Spray Blush. It gives the hair a brilliant shine without weighing it down. It also has tremendous revitalizing properties. Not to mention, Lazartique's styling products, which can be purchased at Red The Salon in downtown Birmingham, are wonderfully fragrant, as well as soothing and therapeutic.

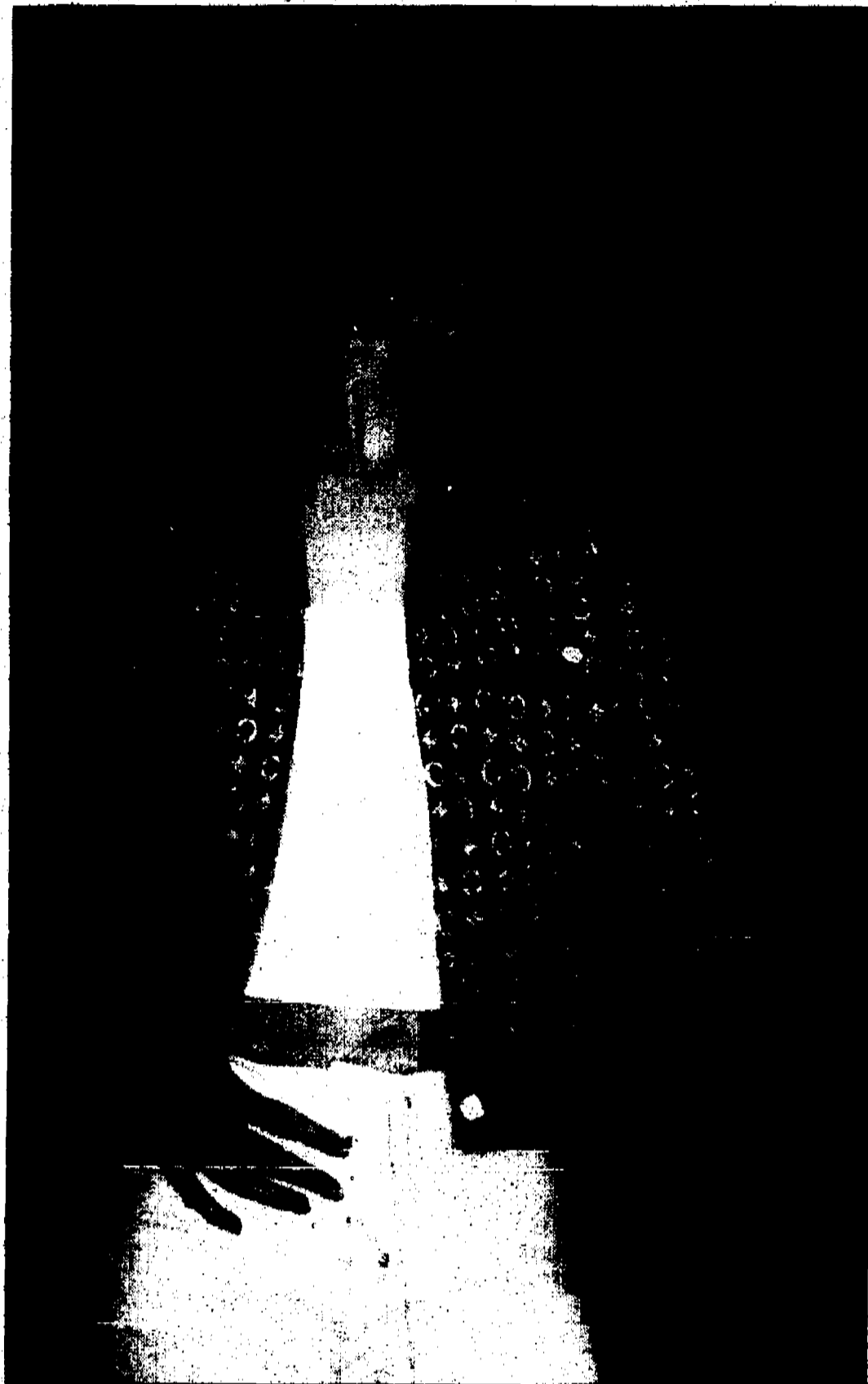
On another note, I would like to congratulate Todd and his team of stylists on the opening of their new location, Todd's Room on Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham. With his talented staff and wonderful products, Todd's continued success is certain.

I'd also like to thank my readers again for their continued support and contributions.

Please send your beauty questions to Mary Anne Toccalino: c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 300, Birmingham, Mich. 48008. Or, call her at (248) 203-9477.

Toccalino is a professional make-up artist and skin care consultant at RED The Salon in downtown Birmingham. The owner and founder of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blaseo's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and make-up for film and print.

new directions



Celine for sport: Logos are back, and here's Celine's on a dark denim jacket with white leather glove racing pants and white strapless top at Jacobson's launch of the clothing line on Tuesday at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Celine clothing launch signals changes at Jacobson's

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A new millennium means new directions for Jacobson's.

Not only does that describe the mood but also the message Tuesday at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel where the Jackson-based department store hosted a fashion show to introduce customers to Celine, an upscale women's clothing label they now carry.

Jacobson's, which operates stores in downtown Birmingham, Rochester Hills and at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia, as well as more than a dozen locations in the Midwest and Florida, has long been treasured as a hometown department store by residents here.

However, image alone isn't enough to thrive in the business of retail, said Beverly Rice, Jacobson's senior vice president, fashion and merchandising. "It all starts with the merchandise. Shoppers have to be lured in by something that makes them happy, something that is fashion-forward, and that's what we're up to," Rice said, adding that plans to "update" and "upgrade" Jacobson's merchandise have been on-going for two years.

The goal — create a first-class specialty store where personal customer service and the hometown image are still present, said Rice.

And, the Celine label, which is currently on the floor at Jacobson's Birmingham store and slated for introduction at the company's Rochester Hills store in the fall, is only one of several additions.

Last year, the Kors label by Michael Kors, who also oversees Celine, was added to Jacobson's list of designer offerings.

Two years ago, Jacobson's began carrying M.A.C. cosmetics, which targets a younger and more trend-conscious market.

Once more, additional changes aimed at drawing younger and more sophisticated shoppers are planned for their men's, shoes, handbags and cosmetics departments.

At least one other exclusive women's wear designer will come on board next fall, Rice said.

"We definitely see the future of this century and know we have to be building new resources. We have to be in step with the times. Even older customers aren't thinking old hat. We can't be followers. We have to be leaders," she said, adding competition is particularly keen for Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham.

"Well, there's no doubt that Somerset mall is tremendous competition, and Jacobson's doesn't have a lot of company in the downtown Birmingham area, but my feeling is, if we have the right sales associates and merchandise, we will get our fair share of business."

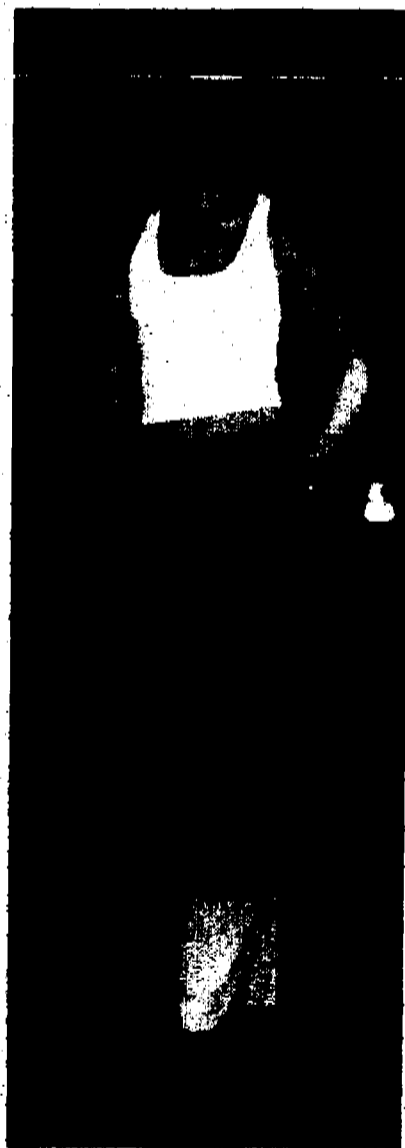
Thus, one of the reasons Jacobson's chose its Birmingham store to launch Celine, a label that originates from a Paris boutique and started offering women's ready-to-wear pieces in the early 60s.

As shown by Jacobson's on Tuesday, Celine's spring collection is classic, yet sexy, sportswear: stretch denim and leather jeans and jackets; tie-dye prints, body-hugging tanks; a micro mini; and an abundance of turquoise hues.

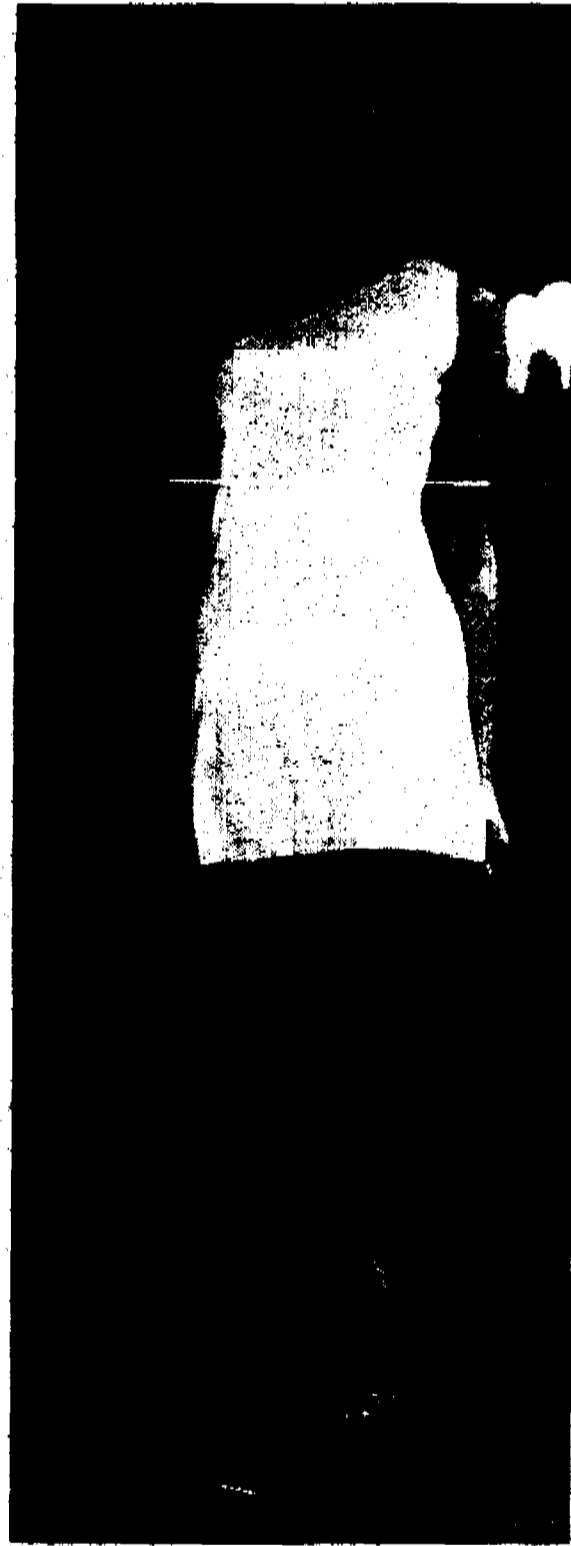
"I think it's good for Jacobson's to go with Celine," said Annie Margulis, a Beverly Hills resident who attended the show. "It appeals to my age group, and it's little more fashion-forward. I think it's a fresh new look for Jacobson's."

Equally excited about the collection was Rosemary Bannon, a regular Jacobson's customer who also lives in Beverly Hills. "I think it's going to be such a wearable, exciting addition to the store. It's classic, it's tailored — but a bit more trendy," she said. "Today, you have to buy differently. You have to be there at the right time, so you need that contact (with the sales associates) ... but you want individual things, things that are a little different from everybody else."

PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY



Black to white: Black at the waist fades to charcoal then white on Celine's easy-going, full-length skirt and fitted, white tank with scoop-front and racer-back, shown at left. An aqua and white tie-dye fabric doubles the vibrancy of Celine's off-the-shoulder mini dress, shown at right. Aqua, turquoise and other ocean hues were a dominant theme in Celine's spring collection of sportswear, which Jacobson's adds to its line-up for fashion-forward customers in Birmingham. Other trends of the show included leather, stretch denim, lime green and tie-dye prints. Celine will be available at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills in the fall.



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.

SMALL BUSINESS SHOW
Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, holds Petite Week, a showing of spring collections for petite sizes, through March 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sport Shop, second floor. For more information, call (248) 643-3300.

JUDITH LEIBER SHOW
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Judith Leiber Spring 2000 Collection through March 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Accessory Collections, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 456.

DOUGLAS HANNANT SHOW
Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham presents a showing of Douglas Hannant's collection for spring, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., International Designer department. For details, call (248) 644-6900.

WARDROBE SEMINAR

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Fibres women's clothing store hosts a wardrobe seminar and professional women's breakfast, 7:30 a.m., The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$8. For reservations, call (248) 644-5832.

TEACHER APPRECIATION EVENT
Borders Books & Music at Oakland Mall in Troy holds a teacher appreciation weekend with entertainment, discounts and freebies through March 26. For details, please call (248) 585-8029.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS SALE
The Chelsea Merchants Association holds their spring Moonlight Madness sale, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., downtown Chelsee. For additional information, call (800) 285-9045.

TYNNE CONCERT
Recording artist and spokesman for Guess clothing performs and signs autographs at Hudson's, Northland Center in Southfield, 3-5 p.m., Men's Denim department. For details, call (248) 569-6272.

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW
View jewelry designer Michael Dawkins' collection

at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For details, call (248) 643-3300.

DANCING AT THE MALL
Wonderland Mall in Livonia offers free country line dancing lessons as part of their Dine & Dance series, 5-9 p.m., Food Court. For information, call (734) 522-4100.

MOTORCYCLE SHOW
The Gold Wings motorcycle organization displays their motorcycles and addresses negative stereotypes about their enthusiasts through March 26 at Livonia Mall, 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

FIRST STEP STYLE EVENT
Enjoy a runway fashion show, taste festival of food from over 20 area restaurants, music and more at Parisian, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, during First Step is Stepping Out in Style, an event promoting First Step/Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. For tickets, call (313) 538-8043.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
Oakland Mall in Troy hosts two live shows for children featuring Flumpa and Friends, a group of character amphibious creatures that teach kids about the wonders of science, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more additional information, call (248) 585-6000.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

- WHAT WE FOUND:**
- The House of Renew, 221 Merrill Street in Birmingham, (248) 642-0363, might be able to repair the glass dish.
 - A heating coil that plugs into a car lighter can be purchased at the Meijer store in Commerce Township.
 - Individual salad dressing packets can be purchased at Meijer stores (in deli department) and at Gordon Foods.
 - Angel Soft colored toilet tissue can be purchased at the following stores: Meijer, Walgreen's and Wal-Mart.
 - Homemade pizza rolls can be purchased at the following stores: Villa Bakery in Garden City, (734) 425-6245; Marie's Bakery, two locations at Joy and Newburgh roads and Haggerty and Cherry Hills roads.

- A gasket for a Mirromatic pressure cooker can be purchased at the following stores: Township Hardware on 5 Mile and Beech roads in Redford; Northside Hardware on Wayne Road in Wayne.
 - The cotton underwear that a reader was looking for may be available at the Carter outlet stores in Monroe or Port Huron. Carter no longer manufactures Spanky, however the Stocking Style catalog carries their own brand of women's cotton underwear that is similar to Carter's, (800) 241-2224.
 - A battery-operated flour sifter can be bought at Kitchen Glamour stores. If they're not in stock, they will order one for you.
 - Standard bed sheets without elastic are available at the following stores: Sears, J.C. Penney, Kmart and Target.
 - Loop Amusement Company, 20224 Van Born Road in Dearborn Heights, (734) 562-8033, may be able to repair the Seeberg jukebox.
 - A Whistling tea kettle can be bought at Kitchen Glamour stores.
- FIND & SEARCH NOTES:**
- One of our readers would like to donate her exercise equipment to a local organization.
 - We're looking an organization or person who could use old magazines.
- WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**
- The body lotion Andre by Ben Rickert,

- formerly carried by J.C. Penney, for Shirley of Commerce Township.
- An issue of "Life" magazine from May, 1988 and an issue of the "Saturday Evening Post" from April 24, 1926 for Ruth, who lives in Clarkston.
- The book "Memoirs of a Non-Jewish Childhood," by Robert Burn for Richard, a resident of Canton.
- A store where Heinz spicy brown mustard is carried for John, who lives in Livonia.
- A store where a men's sweater with a shawl or lapel collars can be bought for Al of Livonia.
- A store where shoe stretchers for ladies shoes can be purchased for Elsa of Livonia.
- A store or individual that has collectible African-American dolls for adults for sale for Tanya.
- A store where Guess cologne can be bought for Diane of Livonia.
- A store where tall, black, kitchen trash bags are sold for Dell of Livonia.
- A spiral-bound journal for the year 2000 with a page for each day of the year for Sue of Westland.
- A store where 7 Up and root beer-flavored popsicle treats are carried for Tom, a resident of Rochester Hills.
- An owner's manual for a Kero-Sun kerosene heater (Omni model, #105) for Luke.
- A store that sells Evian facial spray.

- table stand for a Singer sewing machine for Vera of Plymouth.
 - A store that sells Midwestern Jean Company jeans, formerly carried by Winkelman's, for Karen.
 - The 1999 Hallmark Christmas ornament Dorothy & the Good Witch, and a children's toy called Sticker Maker, which turns photographs into stickers for Kay, who lives in Canton.
 - A store where Levi 517 boot-cut jeans for women can be bought for Lonie.
 - A store where Jacqueline Smith's perfume California is available for Karen of Commerce Township.
 - A store that sells Sander's cream puffs for Daisy.
 - A store where Dana of New York lipstick in "Palm Desert" can be bought for Jane.
 - A store where two tube lights for attachment inside a china cabinet (with a metal plate) can be bought for Delores of Livonia.
 - A 1998 Muffy Bear "Sugar Plum Fairy" for Diane.
 - A used, 32-volt system generator by Delco for Walter.
 - TimeLife book series for 1930-40 for Evelyn of Livonia.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

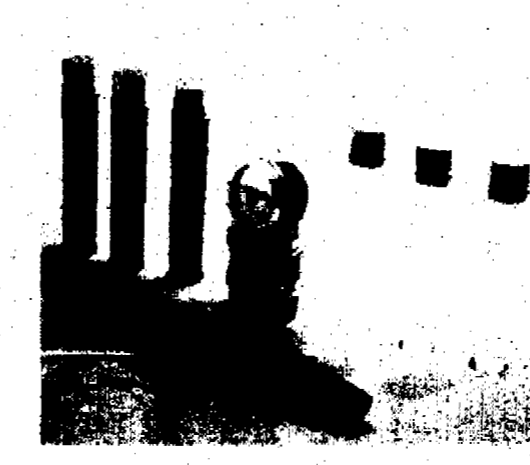
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STUFF WE CRAVE

New elegance: Select Neiman Marcus locations, including the Somerset Collection store in Troy, now have a very special clothing line to offer shoppers - Zoran. Known for its minimalist elegance and often described as "Gap for the very rich," the line comes to Neiman Marcus for spring in a traditional palette of colors, black, white, butter, khaki and beige.



To go: Travel is never easy on the skin. Airplane air tends to be dry and crossing time zones upsets sleep patterns. To counteract the rigors of travel, Guerlain Paris has created a system of skin care for travelers, Issima Blue Voyage. Each of the four products in the system, Recovery Cream, In-Flight Serum, Ready-to-Go-Cleanser and Body Relax Oil, are hypo allergenic and work quickly, \$27-72 at department stores or through Guerlain, (800) 882-8820.



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Brides-to-be, mark your calendars. Tiffany & Co.'s Wedding Day Celebration is slated noon-2 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in the Townsend's new ballroom.

The free event features a bridal fashion show presented by Alvin's Bride, a former Birmingham retailer now located in St. Clair Shores, and displays of jewelry for the bride, wedding table settings, gifts for the bridal party and stationery from Tiffany & Co., which has a store at Somerset Collection South in Troy.

In addition to hosting brunch, the Townsend Hotel will show off their wedding cake designs and offer tours of their new facilities and suites.

Other table displays will be set up by a photographer, videographer, floral designer and linen service.

Brides-to-be will register for the event and a give-away at the door and then be able visit those displays that interest them and enjoy brunch. Later in the event, bridal fashions will be informally modeled.

Also, a variety of experts will be on hand to speak with future brides about their wedding plans and bridal attire choices.

Although the event is free of charge, reservations are required. The Townsend Hotel is located at 100 Townsend Street in downtown Birmingham. For additional information about Tiffany's Wedding Day Celebration or to make a reservation, call Tiffany & Co.'s Margot Abramson at (248) 637-2800.

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Anchorage great jumping off point for tour of Alaska

BY CHRIS LUNDGREN
SPECIAL WRITER

Alaska is big — really big. So big, in fact, that if it were divided in two, it would make the first and second largest states. Michigan would fit inside it ten times over.

What does this mean for you, someone who wants to visit the 49th state but can only break away for a week or ten days? You should focus on a region.

One of the easiest regions to reach is Southcentral, home of Alaska's largest city, Anchorage. About 260,000 people populate the city, which has all the amenities of metro Detroit plus scenery. The Chugach Mountains flank Anchorage's east side, and the Cook Inlet, part of the North Pacific, touches the city's western edge and breaks into two sub-inlets that make a sideways "V" around the land.

Most importantly, the wilds of Alaska are within a short drive. In an hour or less (and in some cases just minutes), you can reach breathtaking places that will leave you grappling for your camera.

Wildlife in the city

Forget the scenery, some people just want to see animals. There's no guarantee, of course, but you have a good chance of sighting bald eagles, moose and whales in Southcentral. In fact, you could observe all three species without even leaving Anchorage.

Those willing to road-trip will most likely see Dall sheep, mountain goats, sea lions and sea otters. Bears, lynx and wolves are shy of humans, and you can count yourself lucky if you spot one in the wild.

Here's where to start

Fly into the Anchorage International Airport and head for your hotel. You can begin your sightseeing right in the city at the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, an 11-mile paved path that starts downtown and traces the Cook Inlet. Walk or rent bicycles from one of several outfitters. You'll see Mt. Susitna, also

Practical matters

Hotel and airline reservations tend to fill up quickly, so it's not too early to plan your trip.

■ Where to stay

A few hotels of many in Anchorage include: the Captain Cook, (907) 276-6000; the Anchorage Hotel, (907) 272-4553; the Anchorage Hilton, (800) 245-2527; and Westmark Anchorage (at the 720 West 5th Avenue location), (907) 276-7676. The Alaska Chalet Bed and Breakfast in Eagle River comes highly recommended. Call (907) 694-1528. For the young and budget-conscious, try the Hostelling International youth hostel in Anchorage at (907) 276-3635.

■ How to get there

Northwest Airlines offers a direct Detroit-Anchorage route during the summer months, with a flying time of about six hours. Other carriers include Delta, United and American. Call the airlines' toll-free numbers for details.

■ Getting around

Several major car rental agencies operate from the Anchorage International Airport. For rates or reservations, call the agencies' toll-free numbers. Traveling by train is a fun (though expensive) way to see Alaska. For information, contact the

Alaska Railroad at (800) 544-0552.

Two tried and true kayak outfitters are: Alaska Outdoor Adventures, (907) 783-7669, out of Whittier and Sunny Cove Sea Kayaking, (800) 770-9119, out of Seward.

■ Sightseeing cruises

To go on a half-day or full-day sightseeing cruise from Seward or Whittier, contact Major Marine Tours at (907) 274-7300 or Kenai Fjords Glacier and Wildlife Cruises at (907) 276-6249.

■ Fishing

For fishing information, contact the Alaska Fish and Game Department, (907) 267-2100. If you're interested in fly-in fishing trips in more remote parts of the state, try one of two well-known companies: Rust's Flying Service, (800) 544-2299 and Ketchum Air Service, (800) 433-9114. Seward-based Saltwater Safari Co., (800) 382-1564, does deepwater fishing charters in the Gulf of Alaska. King's Budget Charters takes people out on the famous Kenai River (a couple of hours' drive from Anchorage) for salmon fishing. Call (888) 578-5333.

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known as Sleeping Lady, across the inlet and the sharp, glacier-crusted Chigmit Mountains in the distance behind it. On a clear day, Mt. McKinley and Mt. Foraker are visible to the north. You'll know these giants if you see them.

The inlet itself is a swirling, hazardous body of water not suitable for leisure boating because of its strong tides. Its shores are not sandy, but rather mud flats that act like quicksand. Needless to say, it's safest to stay on the trail.

Beluga whales are spotted in the inlet with surprising regularity. Ask around to learn of sightings and keep your eyes open.

The Coastal Trail (which connects to a whole system of inland trails) ends at Kincaid Park, a great place to see moose. The park is a large, hilly combination of forest and open spaces. Moose roam mostly in the morning and evening, and they'll wander right onto the path. And, yes, they're as huge as you've heard. Give them lots of space; a spooked moose will rear up and stomp.

If you're someone who feels you haven't seen Alaska until you've seen Mt. McKinley (known locally as "Denali"), try a

flight. Dozens of operators leave from Merrill Field, the airport just outside of downtown and within the city limit. Ask your hotel's concierge or desk clerk about them or try the yellow pages.

Oh, the places you'll go

Willing to venture farther? Within an hour's drive north and an hour's drive south, you'll find some of the region's most dramatic settings. Motor south on the Seward Highway, the only road leading out of Anchorage in that direction, and see the Cook Inlet narrow into Turnagain Arm.

It's hard to keep your eyes on the road on this stretch of highway. To your left are the steep walls of the Chugach Mountains, which in places jut up right next to the road. Dall sheep and mountain goats balance on the higher rocks and are easily seen with binoculars and sometimes with the bare eye. Farther down, slender waterfalls cascade into ponds next to the road. Eagle sightings are common.

To the right is Turnagain Arm, which looks different in high tide and low. During low tide, mud flats stretch out almost as far as

you can see and the water ripples in the distance. During high tide, the water reflects the mountains encircling it. This is a very good spot for whale sightings. Fortunately, there are a number of turnouts on the Seward Highway so you can pull off and enjoy the view.

An hour south of Anchorage

The tiny town of Girdwood is about 37 miles from Anchorage. The Girdwood area is lush and green with a variety of activities for travelers. It's home to the state's largest ski area, called Alyeska. In summer, you can ride a tram to the top of Mt. Alyeska for a heart-stopping view of Turnagain Arm and the Chugach Mountains. Near Girdwood are two popular hiking trails. The Winner Creek Gorge trail starts at the base of Mt. Alyeska and runs a couple miles through the forest to the gorge. This is bear country, so hikers should wear bells or talk loudly along the way. The Crow Pass trail is a fairly difficult mountain hike that passes ruins of a gold mine, an alpine lake and a glacier. From the Seward Highway, you can get to the western



Kayakers: Kate Ballow (left to right), Chris Lundgren, Becky Gerik and Gena Hornsby paddle the western edge of Prince William Sound. Billings Glacier is in the background.

most edge of Prince William Sound via a brand new road to the town of Whittier. The 12-mile road should be completed this June. If it's not, you'll take the train along the same route, tunneling east through the Chugach Mountains.

Either way, a visit to the Sound is warranted. From Whittier, you can take a daylong kayaking trip into the Sound or hop on a tourist boat and cruise past massive glaciers. The sheltered waters of Prince William Sound are almost always calm. The water is clear enough to see at least ten feet down. Seal, otter and eagle sightings are prevalent, and if you're in a kayak and it's salmon season, you can paddle into coves and watch the fish swimming frantically upstream. Kayakers may also see bear tracks along the shore. Actual bear sightings are rare, but they do happen. If you spot one, stay your distance and don't forget they can swim.

Back on the Seward Highway, a mile past the Whittier junction, is a left-hand turn onto Portage Glacier Access Road. Five and a half miles down this road are a dock and gift shop on the shore of Portage Lake. Every hour and a half, a tour boat begins the trip across the lake and gets up-close-and-personal with the mile-wide glacier.

The end of the road

Keep going on the Seward Highway, and eventually you hit Seward, the end of the road. A three-hour drive from Anchorage, Seward should be on every traveler's must-do list. It lies on the eastern edge of the Kenai Peninsula, in the Kenai Fjords National Park. Its greatest feature is Resurrection Bay, a clear, emerald colored body of water chock full of wildlife. Animals commonly sighted in this section of the Gulf of Alaska are sea otters, Stellar sea lions, eagles, whales (beluga, killer and gray), porpoises and puffins.

There's no shortage of tour agencies with comfortable boats to shuttle you around the bay.

Generally it's 10-20 degrees colder in Southcentral Alaska than in Detroit. Plan for temperatures in the high 50s to about 70, with possible spikes in either direction. The weather varies, and rain and sun often take turns appearing on the same day. You can leave the evening attire at home. Even in the finest restaurants, appropriate clothing is whatever keeps you comfortable as you take in the sights.

Chris Lundgren is an Alaska-based writer who grew up in Birmingham.

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Chefs create superior food, wine matches

This year's Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza, celebrating Mardi Gras at Mac & Ray's was not only a food showcase, but a seminar on pairing food and wine.

Chefs from area restaurants teamed with wine purveyors to create some stellar food and wine matches. Troy's Mon Jin Lau, the winner a few years ago, impressed the panel of judges that included us, and walked away with first prize again. Last year's winner, Café Cortina in Farmington Hills, came in a very close second.

Wine Picks
Picks of the pack:
■ 1997 St. Clement Aropas, Napa Valley \$40 is a dynamite blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc comparing admirably with top chateau bottlings from Bordeaux.
■ 1997 Stags Leap Winery Syrah, Napa Valley \$25 is hands down the best syrah we've tasted from the 1997 vintage.

Real deals under \$10:
■ 1999 Santa Rita 120 Sauvignon Blanc \$8
■ 1999 Geyser Peak Sauvignon Blanc \$9
■ 1998 Barwang Shiraz (Australia) \$8

Imports' Michael Kilano chose 1998 Chalone Vineyard Pinot Blanc as the "perfect" match.

"I focused on the weight of the wine and its flavors versus the dominant flavors in the dish," Kilano said. "The Chalone Pinot Blanc's 'weight' is its creaminess with some vanilla accents. It created an immediate harmony with the rich peanut sauce and brought all other elements together."

"The basic rule of white wines and white meats and red wines with red meats is still a good one. I started there, then knew a high acid wine such as a sauvignon blanc would not work with the peanut sauce. A chardonnay would have too much oak. The pinot blanc had the correct balance."

■ **Tip one:** Old rules are good basics to help focus on weight, a textural element creating balance between the food and wine.

Café Cortina

Owner Adrian Tonon paired Café Cortina's Tortelloni con Pomodoro Fresco with light herb cream sauce and the 1996 Allegrini Palazzo della

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International language

COOKING TOGETHER BRIDGES GAP BETWEEN CULTURES

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
SPECIAL WRITER

My mother-in-law searches for something in the cupboard.

"Namac?" I ask. She nods fervently. I pull down the pepper. She shakes her head. I have mixed up salt and pepper again. I hand her the salt.

"I thought salt was fefel," I explain.

She smiles, pours a healthy dash into the pot, and continues to cook. Then she offers me a taste.

Sedigheh Najmaei and I have just communicated the best way we know how. Since we do not speak the same language (my mother-in-law is Iranian and speaks Farsi), and my husband and stepson are not around to interpret the entire six weeks of her visit, we have learned to communicate through a variety of means.

We use sign language, facial expressions, and pointing. We also use cooking.

Cooking together, or separately — as we hover around each other taking notes — has proven to be a wonderful better.

Maman, as I call her, knows that I want to learn to cook more Persian dishes. She is equally interested in learning more "North American" dishes.

For her birthday meal recently, she requested lasagna. I was glad to comply. But I have also introduced her to the odd dish of Malaysian or



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Persian dishes: It's dinnertime with dishes of Baghali Pollo (Rice with Fava Beans and Dill), Khoresht-e Gheimeh (Stewed Beef or Lamb with Yellow Split Peas) and Khoresh-e Esfanaaj (Spinach Sauce).

Hungarian origin since I enjoy a variety of ethnic dishes. Thankfully, she'll eat anything except pork.

There are a myriad of Persian dishes that rely on the same basic ingredients, but each has a small variation that totally changes the taste of the food.

Persian food is rich in fresh spices and vegetables. A Persian dish might include eggplant, basmati rice (a heavily scented rice common in Indian cooking, too), lamb, fresh dill, and beans. The aroma as my mother-in-law cooks is enough to entice

the most reticent of appetites. My three-year-old daughter is a big fan.

When Maman visits every year or two, we spend most of our time together in the kitchen. I will ask Maman how to pronounce something or how long it needs to cook. Maman understands more English than I do Farsi, so many of my questions are answered one way or another. We laugh as we try to come to a mutual understanding.

We are also each other's biggest fans. If I cook, I am sure she will tell me it is delicious. I am equally complimentary. After all, we all know food tastes better when someone else has done the work!

My mother-in-law always arrives from Iran with special items difficult to find here, such as Sumac (a spice used frequently in Persian dishes), fresh dates, and a tart dried red berry I still don't know the name of, used in rice dishes (there are some things even my husband can't translate!) When she returns to Iran, she

leaves behind enough to last me a long while as I try to replicate her cooking.

But cooking is not just a way to find a common footing. Cooking for each other has also become a way for us to express our affection.

When I returned from a few days away, my mother-in-law presented me with my favorite dessert from her repertoire: a cake made of dates. When she seems tired, I prepare dinner before she has the chance. On the day she arrived in the States, I had prepared an elaborate Persian dish. I have no doubt it did not taste like anything a Persian woman has ever made. That didn't matter.

It is the effort we make for each other that is important.

Maman and I are very different. We follow different religions, politics and lifestyles. Our basic difference is language. Thanks to cooking, we are able to communicate in a way that is fun, easy and invariably delicious!

Nancy Deutsch is a Canton resident. Share your stories about the language of cooking, and recipes with Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

See recipes inside.



Let's eat: Let's eat: Nancy Deutsch of Canton, her nephew Milad Maleki and her mother-in-law Sedigheh Najmaei sit down to dinner.



Time to eat: Sedigheh dishes up some dinner while Nancy watches.

RECIPES TO SHARE

Sauerkraut ribs, Southern-style soup add twist to old favorites

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
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It must be what Jeanne Lamb does with the sauerkraut that livens up her country-style spare ribs.

Lamb made her ribs and sauerkraut dish for her children and it is one they still enjoy today when they visit her in her Canton home.

"I prepare this dish when I want a quick meal," Lamb said. "It's easy to make. They really like the sauerkraut, and the honey really gives it a sweeter taste."

The sauerkraut is rinsed with tap water, then given a taste of honey and a spoonful of brown sugar. After an hour of baking with the ribs, the end result is a great accompaniment and a great meal.

Lamb said she purchases her ribs at Eastern Market of Canton or Mike's Market in Livonia. She recommends serving apple sauce, baked or mashed potatoes or a salad with her dish.

Another reader wrote us about her chicken butternut squash soup, what she described as a delicious Southern-style soup.

"My family enjoys this new recipe from the Libby family of Memphis," wrote Rita Kollin of Rochester Hills. "It is a traditional Hanukkah dish for the Libby family and now with ours."

"This soup is great for a cold night with latkes or garlic bread."

SAUERKRAUT WITH COUNTRY-STYLE RIBS

- 3 to 4 pounds country-style spare ribs
- 1 32-ounce jar sauerkraut
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 cup raw or brown sugar
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 bottle of ketchup (or 7 ounces)

Broil ribs until browned (or brown in pan on top of stove) to cook off excess fat. Rinse sauerkraut thoroughly. Combine with honey, sugar, onion and ketchup. Place in roaster and top with spare ribs. Season meat with additional ketchup or barbecue sauce. Cover. Bake in moderate oven (350°F) for one hour or until meat is tender.

CHICKEN AND BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

- 1 (4-pound) chicken, cut up
- 8 cups water
- 4 cubes Knorr bouillon
- 3 tomatoes, cut up
- 2 cups butternut squash, peeled and cut 1/2 inch pieces

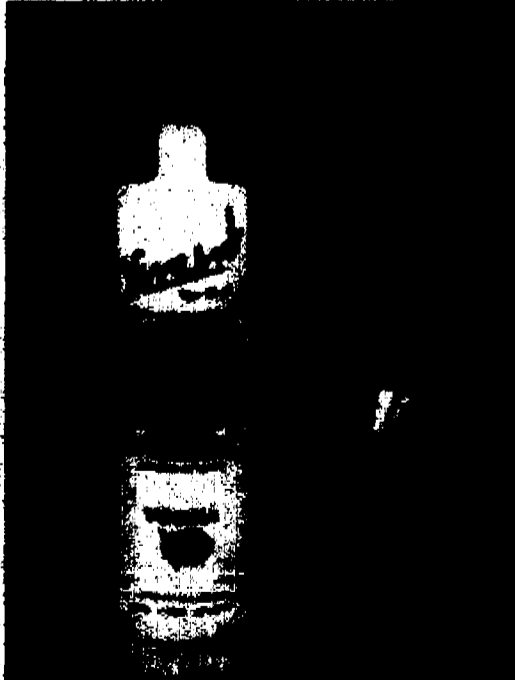
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 3 cups frozen sliced okra (optional)

Place chicken, water and bouillon in a heavy pot. Bring to a boil, skimming surface. Add all remaining ingredients. Reduce heat, simmer until chicken is cooked through or about 40 minutes. When chicken is cooked, cut into bite-sized pieces. Return to soup, simmer 10 more minutes. Yield: 10 servings.

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

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Memorable: Luctor International's Vincent Vodka bottle pictures an art gallery with some of Van Gogh's most famous paintings.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Salon tenuis wine
- A vegetarian's cookbook



Salmon steaks: A favorite Purim dinner choice is this sweet and sour salmon baked smothered in vegetables. Based on an Iraqi dish, it makes a one-dish dinner.

Cook these salmon steaks for Purim

Purim, celebrated on March 21, is the most playful Jewish holiday. It even has a kind of carnival air.

As the Megillah, the story of how the Jews of Persia escaped destruction at the hands of the evil Haman, is read aloud, children and adults grind noisemakers called groggers and stamp their feet every time the villain's name is mentioned. In Israel, people dress up in masquerade costumes and parade boisterously, even hitting one another on the head with plastic mallets that make a chirping noise.

Food is an important part of the Purim celebration, particularly sweets and baked treats, which are both eaten and given as presents, along with fresh and dried fruit.

Hamantaschen is the most familiar Purim pastry. Supposedly, Central European Jews created this triangular cookie to resemble Haman's tri-cornered hat, and filled it with poppyseeds to symbolize the bribe money stuffed in his pockets. Israeli Jews fry long strips of cookie dough which they pinch in the middle and call Haman's Ears.

A favorite Purim dinner choice is this sweet and sour salmon baked smothered in vegetables. Based on Saloona, an Iraqi dish, it makes a complete, one-dish dinner.

You can make this colorful dish a day ahead and reheat it. The vegetables are so delicious you may want to increase the amount used to ensure yourself of leftovers.

- 1 tablespoon capers, rinsed and chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped flatleaf parsley
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

- 2 salmon steaks, 10 ounces each
- 1/2 large onion, cut in 1/2-inch crescents
- 1 large carrot, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch slices
- 1 large celery rib, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch slices
- 1 large potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 2 large or 3 medium plum tomatoes, thinly sliced

Preheat the oven to 375° F. For the sauce, in a small bowl combine the tomato sauce, sugar, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, capers and parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon 1/4 cup of the sauce to cover the bottom of a small Dutch oven or other oven-proof casserole dish. Set aside. Spray a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set it over medium-high heat. Brown the salmon about 2 minutes on each side. Set the salmon steaks on top of the sauce in the prepared casserole dish.

Spread the onions, carrot, and celery over the salmon. Arrange the potato, overlapping the slices to cover the mixed vegetables in one layer.

Arrange the sliced tomato over the potatoes. Pour the remaining sauce over the tomatoes. Cover the pot. Bake, covered, until the fish is evenly pink to the center bone and the potatoes are just cooked, about 30 minutes. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Nutritional information: Each of the four servings contains 346 calories and 10 grams of fat. Recipe courtesy of Dana Jacobi for the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR's Internet Web address is <http://www.aicr.org>

SWEET AND SOUR SALMON STEAKS

Sauce:

- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 garlic clove, minced

Web site dedicated to Jewish holiday

Move over Pikachu, move over Pokemon. Here comes Modechai and Esther in "A Virtual Purim."

These 2,300-year-old Jewish heroes come to life in a new web site — www.virtualPurim.com — unveiled at the Chabad Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn, N. Y., for the upcoming Jewish holiday of Purim (Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21). Michigan is home to 31 Chabad centers, including five locations in West Bloomfield and centers in Farmington Hills and Southfield.

Purim is the Jewish Feast of Lots, celebrating the salvation of the Jewish people 2,355 years ago from Haman's plot to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, in a single day, the exact date determined by Haman throwing a lottery. Purim commemorates Esther's deliverance of the Jews in Persia from Haman's plotted massacre.

Purim is also observed by public readings of the "Scroll of Esther," sending food portions to friends, giving gifts of money to the poor and enjoying a festive meal accompanied with joyous

drink. Children of all ages will enjoy everything from games to recipes to prayers to stories on "A Virtual Purim," the world's most comprehensive Purim web site. The site gives detailed instructions on how to celebrate, give, say, pray, listen, learn and eat on the holiday, plus actual meal menu suggestions and lots of fun and games.

Contestants will compete for prizes in the world's largest online Costume Contest and students young and old will try their hand at games. Rhyming characters will recount the Purim miracle for kids who find it easier to learn in verse than from a book.

Lest one think that A Virtual

Purim is all play and fun, the study area serves enough in-depth learning to keep a team of scholars occupied for weeks. Hundreds of pages of essays and insights, divided by category and learning level, afford beginner and scholar a smorgasbord of Purim food for thought.

The recipe section is a one-stop treasure trove of delicious hamantaschen, kreplach, challah, fish, chicken soup, pickled tongue, casseroles, peace al carcioffo and more Purim dishes.

The last 50 years have witnessed a revival in the observance of the Purim holiday, traced to the efforts of Lubavitcher Rebbe and Rabbi Menachem Schneerson.

Passover recipes sought

Share your Passover recipes and culinary traditions with our readers in Taste. Send or e-mail recipes and information to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279, or e-mail kabram@home.com.net

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Culinary Recipes - Chef Dave Schneider, instructor from the Macomb Community College culinary arts program, joins the Kitchen Glamor stores to share tips and techniques about the Culinary Arts Olympics to be held in Europe. Schneider will teach how to prepare roasted garlic potato leek soup, roast pork loin with gorgonzola and walnut crust, duchess potatoes with shitake mushrooms. Sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96); Wednesday, March 22, at 26770 Grand River in Redford; Thursday, March 23, at the Orchard Mall northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and Friday, March 24, at the Rochester store at Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

Croastini and Pasta - Joanne Weir, former chef of the famed Chez Panisse and author of "Weir Cooking," will appear at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 at the Kitchen Glamor store at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), to show how to prepare crostini with feta and hot red pepper, farfalle

pasta with olives, capers, tomatoes and mozzarella, and chewy chocolate walnut tart.

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 Glamor, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

Pasta Tips - Chef Dave Schneider will show how easy it is to make your own pasta and ravioli at 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Traffic Jam & Snug 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 are included in the \$50 class fee. Credit cards accepted. Call (313) 831-9470.

Vegetarian Cooking - Lenore Yalissve Baum, author of Lenore's Natural Cuisine. Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking, conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills.

Baum has scheduled a session on soups 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, a lecture on menu planning 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, and Seitan (wheat meat) 6-9 p.m. April 5. Call (248) 478-4455.

Tea Party - Instructor Linda Kay Drysdale will take participants to the wonderful world of tea. She will offer suggestions for tea sandwiches, petit fours and mini fruit tarts at Kitchen Glamor stores. Sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), Wednesday, March 29, at 26770 Grand River in Redford, and Thursday, March 30, at the Rochester store at Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois.

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 Glamor, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

Passover Gathering - Sephardic Jews have a common Spanish heritage. When the Jews left Spain at the end of the 15th Century, they took their cooking traditions with them. Passover foods from France, Turkey and Greece can include rice and beans, usually not found on Eastern European Passover menus. Spicy

appetizers, savory salads and side dishes and honey-filled desserts will be demonstrated by Annabelle Cohen at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at Kitchen Glamor at the Orchard Mall, on the northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

Spring Holiday - Teri Elwell, caterer and cooking instructor, will show how to prepare a dinner party with balanced flavors. Participants will see how to prepare beef tenderloin stuffed with spinach, chevre goat cheese and roasted red peppers, accompanied with cabernet-infused potatoes and raspberry hazelnut torte. Sessions are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Kitchen Glamor at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96) and Wednesday, April 5, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River.

Easter Candy - Audrey Edwards will demonstrate how to prepare hard candy suckers, an Easter egg shaped candy dish, salt water taffy and marshmallows dipped in caramel, rolled in pecans and coated in chocolate. Sessions are scheduled for Friday, April 7 at the Kitchen Glamor at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Continuing Education Classes

Schoolcraft College: 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: 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., Saturday, May 20.

For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252.

Kitchen Glamor 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 at Kitchen Glamor, Orchard Mall, northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. Weir will feature recipes, including white winter salad with a hint of green oven roasted beet soup, pizza with smoked trout and ciavir, salmon with asparagus and blood oranges on March 20, and crostini with artichokes and olives, asparagus with lemon creme fraiche and linguine with goat cheese and arugula on March 21.

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Pepper and spice spark this dessert

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Baked Meringue Vesuvius is a delicate-seeming dessert sparked with a surprise touch of spice and pepper. Blistering Brittle also has a dash of pepper in the recipe, to similar effect - to balance its sweetness.

As the great pastry chefs of the world know, sweetness in a dessert is not all. One of the secrets of good cooking is balance, and that's one reason why these subtly piquant desserts are so pleasing.

The Baked Meringue Vesuvius is an airy confection of low-fat egg whites, ice cream, marshmallow and sweet apricot preserves, plus allspice and pepper sauce. The Blistering Brittle is a variation of a longtime favorite - peanut brittle - with a peppery lift. Both are easy to make, but note that instructions for the Brittle are based on use of a microwave.

minutes or until lightly browned. Garnish each with a strawberry fan and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving @ 437 cal., 8.4 g fat (4.8 g saturated fat), 68.5 mg chol., 227 mg sodium, 86 g carbo, 8 g pro.

BAKED MERINGUE VESUVIUS

2 tablespoons apricot preserves
 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
 4 individual sponge cake cups
 1 pint (2 cups) ice cream
 3 egg whites at room temperature
 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
 7 ounce jar marshmallow creme
 4 strawberries, cut into fans

Combine apricot preserves and 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce in small bowl. Place sponge cake cups about 3 inches apart on cookie sheet. Brush with apricot mixture. Place 1 scoop ice cream on each sponge cake. Freeze until firm.

In a large bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add remaining 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, allspice and marshmallow creme, beating until stiff peaks form. Spread meringue evenly over ice cream and sponge cake cups, covering completely. Freeze.

To serve, heat oven to 500 F. Remove meringue-covered sponge cake cups from freezer; bake for 3 or 4

BLISTERING BRITTLE

Cooking Spray
 1 1/2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce
 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
 1 1/4 cups dry-roasted peanuts
 1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup light corn syrup
 1 teaspoon butter or margarine
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

Lightly coat spatula and large baking sheet with cooking spray; set aside. Combine hot pepper sauce and allspice in large bowl. Add peanuts and toss well.

Combine sugar and corn syrup in 2-quart microwavable bowl. Microwave on HIGH (100 percent) for 4 minutes. Remove from microwave and stir thoroughly. Add peanuts; stir again. Microwave again on HIGH for 5 minutes until light brown.

Remove bowl from oven. Add butter and vanilla. Blend. Microwave again on HIGH for 30 to 60 seconds. Remove bowl from oven. Gently stir in baking soda until well mixed and foamy. Pour onto greased baking sheet. Cool as brittle cools on baking sheet, stretch it into thin sheets by pulling candy with two forks (stretching will help make it crisp). Break into pieces. Makes about 1 pound.

Note: Recipe was tested in large, full-power microwave oven (600-700 watts).

Nutrition information per 1-ounce serving: 146 cal., 6 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 1 mg chol., 214 mg sodium, 23 g carbo, 3 g pro.

Recipes from: Tabasco.



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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Food, fashion, fun

St. Mary Hospital will hold its sixth annual "Women's Health Day" 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Holiday Inn-Livonia. This upbeat event, sponsored by the Marian Women's Center, features a continental breakfast, lunch, workshops and a fashion show by Casual Corner Group (all sizes!).

Keynote speaker Bobbie Staten, a nurse and business woman with a creative sense of humor, has titled her opening speech "I'm Going to be Happy When." Her remarks about the pain, stress and frustration women experience at home and work are guaranteed to get the day going.

Participants select one workshop in each of three sessions. Workshop topics include: "Relax with Tai Chi" by Schoolcraft College fitness educator Ann VanWagoner; "Looking good when you're not feeling so good" by Robin Smith, president and owner of Born to Shop in Rochester; "Easy on the Eyes" by Dr. Walter J. Cukrowski, an ophthalmologist with Michigan Eye Care Institute in Livonia and Southfield; and "Healthy, happy feet" by St. Mary Hospital podiatrists Jason Choos and Howard Kane. There are several other workshops to choose from. In addition, Staten will lead a wrap-up session titled "Where to from here." Find out the answer by attending this fun-filled Women's Health Day.

Program cost is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. The Holiday Inn-Livonia is located on Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (800) 494-1617 by April 4.

Grief support

Arbor Hospice will offer a seven-week grief support group for parents who have experienced an adult child's death, whether recently or many years ago. The group will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 6 through May 18, at the Arbor Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. The group is available free. For more information or to register, please call Pat Bauer at (734) 662-5999.

MS essay contest

The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America is sponsoring a national essay contest - "PROJECT: Learn MS 2000" - for high-school juniors and seniors and college freshman and sophomores. Students must write a 500-1,000-word essay on how multiple sclerosis affects a person and his or her family on a daily basis.

Entries can take the form of a traditional essay, personal narrative, an open letter, a feature story or a fiction story. All entries must be double spaced and postmarked by June 2, 2000.

PROJECT: Learn MS 2000 is designed to educate students about multiple sclerosis, a crippling disease that affects young adults. Students may obtain an official registration form by accessing www.msaa.com, e-mailing projlearn@msaa.com or calling 1-800-LEARN MS.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach The Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

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Sharon Parveen McGladdery, a 44-year-old mother from Farmington Hills, was a "total athlete" in her teens and most of her 20s. An ace tennis player, there was hardly a sport she wouldn't try. Then her life changed.

"When I was 28, I got very sick one spring," she said. "All my lymph nodes in my neck, arm pits, everywhere, blew up. I thought I had Hodgkin's disease."

McGladdery credits Dr. A. Martin Lerner, an infectious disease specialist on staff at William Beaumont Hospital whom she met last March, with correctly diagnosing and treating her for chronic fatigue syndrome. However, the road to his office was a long and frustrating one.

Shortly after the acute onset of symptoms, McGladdery began experiencing extreme muscle pain across her back, a loss of smell and total exhaustion. When her internist at the time couldn't find a cause, she went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. The message was the same: It's psychological; there is nothing wrong with you.

"The diagnosis was non-specific virus," she said. McGladdery's symptoms, including the extreme fatigue, not only continued, they worsened after the birth of her son in 1991. Picking up her baby and washing dishes were almost impossible. Grocery shopping left her exhausted for days.

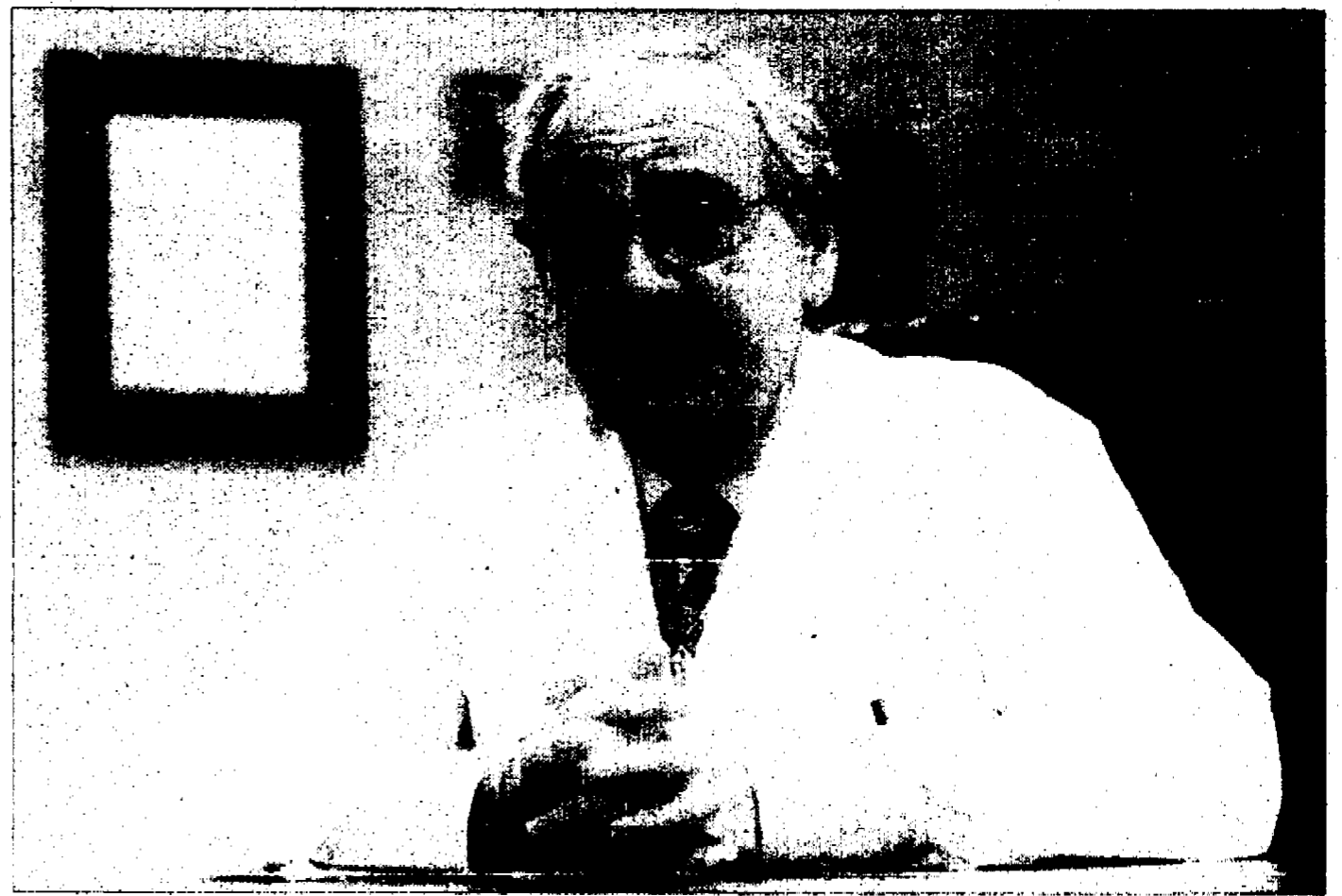
She began seeing psychiatrists. Fortunately, the third one told her about chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia. "He gave it a name, and told me I wasn't alone."

No answers
Despite a vigorous search, no single cause for CFS has been found, rather, the syndrome is considered the common "end-point" of multiple causes, virus infection, allergies, autonomic regulation of blood pressure and pulse, and stress to name a few.

The goal of CFS is to deconstruct it entirely," said Dr. Cary Engleberg, head of infectious diseases at the University of Michigan. Depending upon the symptoms presented, he may treat a CFS patient with a sleep enhancer, pain reliever, or an antidepressant. He also recommends exercising to tolerance. Aerobic exercise is more beneficial to CFS patients than yoga, he added.

Engleberg believes many disorders labeled "chronic fatigue syndrome" are really nervous system problems. After a female patient in her 50s, who had CFS symptoms for years, suffered a stroke, her symptoms disappeared. "The CFS got stroked out," he said.

Dr. A. Martin Lerner, who has a private practice in Beverly Hills, Mich., believes CFS results from a viral infection in the heart. He discovered that patients with 24-hour Holter electrocardiograms - associated with a possible weakened heart muscle - but no evidence of



New ground: Infectious disease specialist Dr. A. Martin Lerner considers himself a medical pioneer in treating chronic fatigue syndrome as a virally-induced heart disease. Patient Sharon Parveen McGladdery (below) credits Lerner with restoring her to a near normal life.

'You have to level with the patient. I have to say I know what it isn't. It's not a horrible disease. Given that, I have to be very careful what medications I put in you.'

*Dr. Joseph J. Weiss,
St. Mary Hospital*



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WHAT IS CFS?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines chronic fatigue syndrome as "a debilitating and complex disorder characterized by profound fatigue that is not improved by bed rest and that may be worsened by physical or mental activity."

According to the CDC, a patient must satisfy two criteria for a diagnosis of chronic fatigue:

■ **Have severe chronic fatigue for six months or longer with no other known medical causes. (Those causes include hypothyroidism, anemia, diabetes, depression, chronic mononucleosis, sleep disorders, cancer, autoimmune disease, subacute infections and reactions to prescribed medicines.)**

■ **Have four or more of the following primary symptoms concurrently: substantial impairment in short-term memory or concentration; sore throat; tender lymph nodes; muscle pain; unjoint pain without swelling or redness; unusual headaches; unrefreshing sleep; and post-exertional malaise lasting more than 24 hours. Most importantly, the symptoms must not have preceded the fatigue.**

In addition to these eight primary symptoms, CFS patients in Center for Disease Control surveys have reported abdominal pain, alcohol intolerance, bloating, chest pain, chronic cough, diarrhea, dizziness, dry eyes or mouth, earaches, irritable heartbeats, jaw pain, morning stiffness, nausea, night sweats, shortness of breath, skin

sensations, tingling sensations, weight loss and psychological problems.

"Chronic fatigue syndrome is a constellation of symptoms," said Dr. A. Martin Lerner.

Who gets CFS? In a four-city survey conducted by CDC from 1989-93 of patients under a doctor's care, a pattern emerged. Caucasian female about 30 years old at onset of symptoms, well-educated and often from an upper-income, family. The syndrome became known as the "supple flu."

Those findings were based on symptomatic evidence, not medical work-ups, said Dr. Cary Engleberg, head of infectious diseases at the University of Michigan. "We don't know how many of those people would be excluded."

According to the CDC, there is now evidence that CFS affects all racial and ethnic groups of both sexes. "I don't think my ethnic groups of either number my men," said Dr. Patricia Schmidt, an internist at Garden City Hospital.

The CDC continues to monitor the patients-enrolled in the four city study. While defining "recovery" as subjective, 50 percent reported recovery within five years after onset of symptoms. However, most doctors agree that "chronic" is the correct adjective to describe the syndrome.

"We look a lot better than we actually feel," said CFS patient Anna Lipar. "That's hard to deal with."

E-publications are growing quickly in popularity



MIKE WENDLAND

Book purists may frown, but the overwhelming response to the \$2.50 new Steven King novella that is being distributed only online has stunned the book world and brought smiles to online

entrepreneurs. In the first 24 hours the "Riding the Bullet" e-book went online, more than 400,000 orders were processed, way more than typical book sales. "We see a time in the not too distant future when virtually every book in print will be available in both physical and electronic formats," says Barnes and Noble online sales exec Steve Riggo. A lot of the orders are coming from people with Palm and Win-

dows CE handheld devices. While it does take some getting used to using scroll buttons to read a book on a tiny handheld computer screen, it soon becomes as familiar as paper.

For example, I no longer subscribe to a paper copy of a daily newspaper. I read everything from the Wall Street Journal and New York Times to my local paper on my Palm, thanks to a free program called AvantGo (www.avantgo.com).

If you think that's something, wait until Web-equipped wireless phones become as standard in the U.S. as they are in Europe. Chuck Westbrook, senior producer with CNN Interactive (www.cnn.com) told me the other day that in Europe, 40 million people read CNN content on wireless phones.

Just last week here in the Detroit region, AirTouch Cellular rolled out its Mobile Web wireless phone, which offers news, sports, weather and business Web-site surfing from the

same handheld device you use to place wireless phone calls. There's also e-mail, paging and a Web-based calendar accessible through the phone. Other services, like online shopping and surely the downloading and reading of books and magazines, also are possible.

It looks like "e-publications" are here to stay.

PC Mike gets a Palm IIIc

Speaking of Palm, I traded my Palm Vx in this week for the new Palm IIIc color unit. I know, I know. I said a few weeks ago that I didn't think I'd get one of the color models. But then I was browsing through my local computer store and saw it. The display is absolutely breathtaking. It is crystal clear and really bright. I was seduced by a pretty face, what can I tell you?

The new color model is a little larger than my Palm Vx, but it's still way smaller than those klutzy and complicated color Windows CE competitors. The

Palm IIIc sports a new hot-synching update that speeds up the time it takes to synch data and, with 8 megs of memory, there's room for everything I need. I've now had every model of the Palm from the day it was introduced.

With this new color model, I am again struck by the simplicity and efficiency of the Palm. It is not a "be-all, do-all" gizmo that tries to jam in all sorts of useless features like voice dictation and MP3 playback. It is practical and aimed clearly at the no-nonsense business user who wants to manage a calendar, to-do list, address book and memo pad.

There are tens of thousands of programs available that work on all models and the little machines synch perfectly with Outlook on my desktop computer.

I haven't had this new unit long enough to give you a reliable read on how the color screen will affect battery life, but from

all the reports I've read on the Net, that does not seem to be a problem.

Voice e-mail

I received a talking e-mail from PCMike.com regular Mike Biasin alerting me to a new free program called Talksender (www.talksender.com). It's a pretty cool download that takes less than a minute to grab and then use. Just click the mouse to record and hit send to zap it off. Your recipients need nothing extra to listen to your messages. They hear it right away when they open your message.

Free PC's not a good deal

Before you jump on the free PC bandwagon, be aware there have been a lot of complaints about some companies that bill your credit card and then don't deliver PC's for weeks or months. And if things go wrong with these freebie PC's, customer support is usually impossible to find. Right now, I would-

n't recommend any of these so-called freebie systems, especially if it is to be your only computer. Most have only limited expansion capabilities. Same goes with the free DSL service being offered these days. The catch with this is you have to give your name to scads of advertisers, who will bombard you with come-ons and sales pitches.

PC MIKE on WWJ, NewsRadio 950

Starting Monday, listen to my Net News Daily feature on the Internet, at 6:30 PM on WWJ-Radio, NewsRadio 950. And don't forget my regular WXYT "PC Talk" call-in computer show every Saturday and Sunday from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

"73" until next week. Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV NewsChannel stations across the country. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

TUES, MARCH 21

HI-TECH TUESDAY
The Ann Arbor IT Zone will sponsor "Research Grants as a Funding Alternative" at 5 p.m. at 330 E. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor. Mark H. Clevey, director of the Small Business Association of Michigan's Entrepreneurial Development Center, and Dr. James MacBain, director of research relations at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering, will be the featured speakers. Cost is free to members, \$25 for non-members and \$5 for students. Registration: online at www.annarboritzone.org or call (734) 623-8286.

NAT'L ASSOC. CAREER WOMEN
The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will meet at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restau-

rant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Etiquette consultant Patricia Warner will discuss "Minding Your P's and Q's in the Workplace." Cost: \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. To make reservations, call Tracey Huff (248) 347-3355.

WED, MARCH 22

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

FRI, MARCH 24

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Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

THUR, MARCH 30

SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXEC.
Marketing Plan Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Executive Office Building of Oakland County, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Topics include diagnosing

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New executive director

Kevin Keating of Livonia is the new executive director of The Heritage of Southfield, a premier retirement community providing services to more than 80 senior residents.



Keating

Keating was formerly with The Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center, in Detroit for 10 years.

New VP appointed

John McManus has been appointed vice president and director of commercial banking at Michigan Heritage Bancorp Inc. of Farmington Hills, the holding company for Michigan Heritage Bank. McManus joined the company in 1998. He joined the company in 1998 as managing director of commercial lending. He is a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserves.



McManus

Farm Bureau Insurance

Dominic Frontera joined Farm Bureau Insurance - Livonia office as a new agent. His training includes Michigan State University's professional insurance program and the agent career school at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. His phone number is (313) 527-9419.



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