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THE WEEK AHEAD

Eat up: VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will host a pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to noon at the VFW Hall, 1426 Mill Street. All you can eat for \$3.50

MONDAY

Meet: The Plymouth City Commission meets tonight at 7 p.m. in commission chambers at city hall, 201 S. Main. The meeting is open to the public.

TUESDAY

Closed: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will meet in closed session tonight to discuss the expulsion of a student. The meeting is not open to the public.

Township: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets in a study session at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of township hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road. The meeting is open to the public.

THURSDAY

To speak: Robert F. (Bob) Chase, president of the National Education Association (NEA), will speak at 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

On stage: The Plymouth-Canton branch of the AAUW will present "Jack and the Beanstalk" beginning tonight at Garden City High School. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$3.

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Township rapped over Ridge

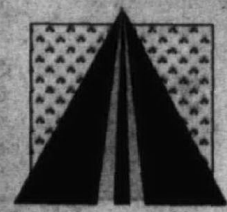


Paving: Ridge Road between Powell and Ann Arbor Road is unpaved, but the county has offered to help pay to pave the dusty roadway.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Township trustees postponed a public hearing to give residents time to reconsider paving part of Ridge Road.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER



When Wayne County said it would pick up \$480,000 of the \$600,000 cost to pave part of Ridge Road, Plymouth Township officials said this might be a good opportunity to grab.

But with 35 percent of residents with property abutting the project opposed - many would be assessed \$1,700-\$1,900 over 10 years - by township policy, the paving dies.

But some affected residents near this portion of Ridge, between Ann Arbor and Powell roads, spoke before township trustees at their regular board meeting Tuesday.

They said an earlier letter from the township didn't correctly detail costs to homeowners. Some would

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Historic district eyed for Starkweather area

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The idea of a historic district for part of Old Village was presented to residents Wednesday, and some like it and some don't.

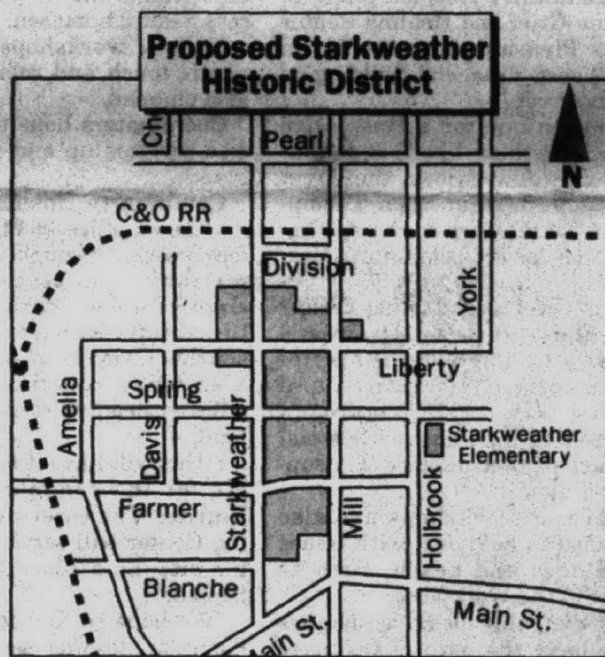
Old Village, on the north side of Plymouth near the railroad tracks, has several buildings dating to the late 1800s. Members of the downtown Kellogg Historic District Commission presented a case for establishing a Starkweather Historic District.

Their presentation came at a public hearing at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Some residents said they were concerned that if a district was established, they couldn't improve their homes like they wanted.

Todd Wilson, chairman of the Kellogg Historic District Commission, said the intention is to give guidance to property owners making changes. Historic commission approval would be needed for improvements to light fixtures, gutters, roofs, shutters, windows and more. Approval would not be needed for caulking, painting, cleaning or landscaping.

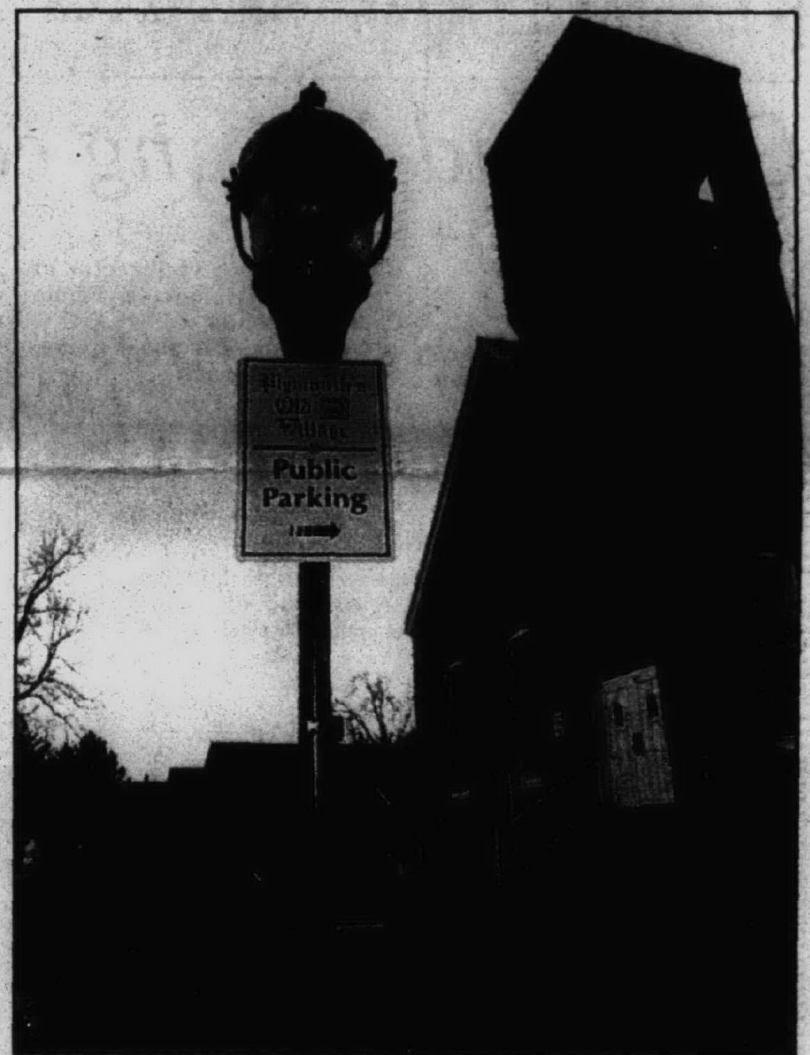
Mary Grace York presented slides on some historic properties and background on the historic district concept. Creating a district, she said, would:



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- Safeguard the city's heritage.
- Stabilize and improve property values. In Grand Rapids Heritage Hill district, for example, property values rose 21 percent compared to

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

District: The proposed historic district includes St. Michael's Melkite Catholic Church on Mill Street.

Visiting: Gov. John Engler talks with employees at Tower Automotive Dale Ewing (left) and Gary Cochran. Engler toured the plant.



PHOTO BY JERRY MENDOZA

Gov. Engler on tour

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Gov. John Engler was in town Thursday to tour an auto parts plant, talk with management and workers and promote the Michigan Economic Growth Authority.

And when one worker asked the governor how his triplet girls were doing, he pulled out a photo.

"Aren't they cute," exclaimed Felicia Miller, part of a group of Tower Automotive employees circled around the governor.

The scene was the lunch room of the company's frame assembly plant on Plymouth Oaks Boulevard just southeast of Sheldon Road and M-14.

The governor showed up 11 minutes early for a 4 p.m. appointment to tour the plant. He talked with workers and make a brief address to about 200 workers gathered in the company lunchroom.

Taking turns in explaining operations during the half-hour tour were plant manager Dale Ewing, quality leader Pat May and manufacturing leader Gary Cochran.

Tower Automotive, formerly A.O. Smith, employs 320 workers.

Addressing workers after, Engler said Tower Automotive received one of the first grants from the Michigan Economic Growth Authority.

"We continually used to lose in

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Appeal assessments beginning Tuesday

Act soon, if you want to challenge your tax assessment before the board of review.

In the city of Plymouth, the board hears appeals from 12:15-6 p.m. Tuesday and 3-9 p.m. Wednesday at city hall, 201 S. Main St. Hearings are by appointment only.

In Plymouth Township, board of review sessions are scheduled from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

Monday, March 9; 9 a.m. to noon and 2-5 p.m. Tuesday March 10, all by appointment only.

A non-appointment session is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. March 14. The sessions will be in township hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Average assessments were up 6.56 percent in Plymouth Township and 7.8 percent in the city. City Finance Direc-

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Disaster beckons him

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

"It's sunny and 76 degrees down here," said Dick Merrill of Plymouth on his cell phone.

"You know, I've never been to Disney World. I'm staying in a hotel right across from it. I think I'll have to come back and visit sometime."

However, first things first.

"I'm in Winter Garden (Florida) right now," Merrill said, as the cell phone signal begins to strain. "I landed in Orlando Tuesday afternoon. In a few days I'll be heading to Daytona. I'll

probably be here two or three weeks."

For most of us, three weeks in Florida is a great vacation, especially in February and March. However, for Merrill, it's the beginning of long, hard work days as he helps put central Florida back together after deadly tornadoes destroyed the region.

"I got here at 2 p.m. Tuesday, and immediately went to work," said Mer-

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Architect asked to scale down new courthouse

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Court officials have asked their architect to scale down plans for a \$9-million 36th District Court building in Plymouth, in order to save money.

The finance committee appointed by the court's advisory board has asked the architect for two alternatives. One is a scaled-down version of the proposed three-story courthouse unveiled last month. The other is a drawing that will somewhat mirror the structure that burned down July 2.

"We asked the architect to come up with calculations with a slightly downsized building," said Kerry Erdman, court administrator. "We also will be looking at an enhanced replication of the original building to

determine costs, and see if it would serve our needs. We will also be meeting with bonding attorneys to look at financing options."

On Feb. 11, architect Dennis Dundon revealed drawings of a courthouse designed to serve the needs of the court through the year 2020, if not beyond.

The three-floor, colonial-style courthouse was proposed with four courtrooms, jury deliberation rooms, a holding cell for 15 prisoners, work space for 49 employees and an underground security garage for judges.

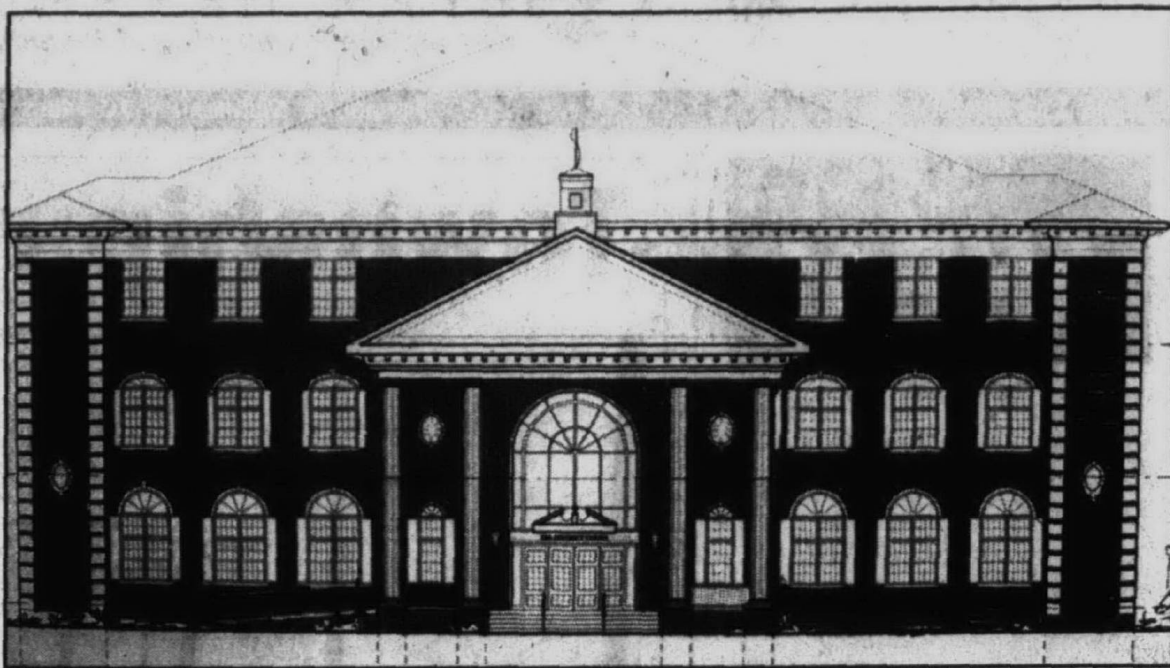
While the total price tag comes in at about \$9 million, insurance money from the fire has thus far left the court with less than a third of that estimate. Plus, there is still a \$900,000 debt being paid on the old structure.

The finance committee is hop-

ing to get all the additional information it needs for next week's meeting, so it can start comparing costs.

"There are still too many unanswered questions," said Tony Minghine, Canton Township's budget and finance director who is part of the court finance committee. "We want to build to meet the court's needs for the foreseeable future, but we also need to spend our money as prudently as possible."

Rendering: At right is the architect's drawing of the proposed new courthouse. But at an estimated \$9 million, court officials have asked the architect to go back to the drawing board.



BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Good news, bad news?

The city was awarded a \$323,050 federal grant to help pay for a \$1.8 million project to improve sidewalks and lighting along Main Street north and south of downtown.

While that's good news, the timing of the award could delay another plan to improve streets in those areas this year.

City commissioners on Feb. 16 asked the city manager to report back in March on whether the street work will have to be delayed until 1999.

The grant money will go toward sidewalk benches, brick pavers and tree guards.

First anniversary

One year after opening March 5 last year, Plymouth Fish and Seafood Market owner Vince Toia says business is "going great."

The market-restaurant, at 578 Starkweather in Old Village, offers 22 kinds of fresh fish daily. "Fish and chips is one of the number one sellers, then you've got lake perch and jumbo shrimp," Toia said.

Tuna and salmon are also popular.

The business is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Newcomers meeting

The Plymouth Newcomers general meeting for March will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Picadilly's, 873 N. Mill in Old Village.

The event costs \$4 and there is a 25 percent off merchandise offer for participants.

Plymouth Newcomers offers social events and activities.

For more information call 416-0300.

More equipment

Plymouth Township trustees Feb. 24 voted to authorize spending \$34,000 for 16 computer-touch screen voting units.

Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said the units are needed to add to the 64 the township now owns, by new state regulations that require one voting booth per 200 registered voters per precinct.

City, township plan for block grant money

Plymouth city and township officials last week designated how their allotments of federal grants will be spent this year, on programs to benefit the aged, handicapped and low income residents.

The township is to receive \$100,000 through the Community Development Block Grant program. The Plymouth Council on Aging will receive \$6,000, \$10,000 for the senior van program, and \$74,000 for township park paved areas for wheelchair use.

The remaining \$10,000 helps pay the township grant program administrator's salary as allowed through the program.

Of the city's \$61,000 grant share, \$30,000 will go to senior transportation and other senior programs, \$15,000 for handicapped accessible rest rooms at the Plymouth Cultural Center and \$16,000 for Old Village improvements to be detailed by the Old Village Development Authority.

Grief and healing center planned at Community Hospice

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Five people are affected by one death, according to Maureen

Butrico, executive director of Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc.

"Our job here is about living, not death," she said.

Community Hospice plans to open a Grief and Healing Center at its Plymouth branch office in the West Financial Building on Main Street.

"It's unique for a Hospice to offer something like this so that anyone walking down the street can stop in," said Ellen Thompson, a social worker and spiritual counselor for Community Hospice.

The Grief and Healing Center will allow people to stop in and browse through its library of bereavement literature and videos, seek short-term drop-in counseling from an on-site social worker or become part of a support group.

Several workshops are also planned to help deal with issues of illness and death, such as Grief in the Workplace.

"It's not only for the employees who have the pain of trying to function day to day after losing a loved one, but for employers to

understand and help in the process," said Thompson.

Holistic workshops on therapeutic touch and relaxation are also planned.

Coordinators hope to have the free services up and running in March.

Community Hospice has had its branch office in Plymouth for four years, although it was simply that - an office for its 36 employees who assist terminally ill patients in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties. The main office is headquartered in Westland.

"This will have it be more visible for the community," said Butrico. "The Grieving and Healing Center will serve as a tangible site, as a place to go to be healed."

"We hope to find funding and donations to offer services at no cost," she added.

That's where the Canton New-

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Ellen Thompson
-social worker

comers Club fits in.

The Newcomers, in cooperation with the Canton Community Foundation, is gearing up for its annual raffle to benefit Community Hospice. Last year, the group raised \$4,400.

The money raised supports numerous programs, including patient care, children's bereavement and Hospice Home.

Hospice Home is a \$2 million project to build a 10-12 patient home for terminally ill patients who can't be cared for in their own home.

Community Hospice is currently looking for land in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights or Taylor, where there are no hospices available at this time, said Butrico. A groundbreaking is expected later this year.

However, the Grief and Healing Center in Plymouth is where supporters of the annual Newcomers raffle will see their contributions go to work, she said.

"They are directly related to the community. The money goes to our community," said Kristy Engle of the Canton Newcomers.

"We like that the funds go to

child bereavement programs and to help those who need financial help. They don't turn anyone away."

The Newcomers is looking for support from the business community to help raise funds for Community Hospice.

So far, raffle prizes include tickets to the Whalers and dinner at Ginopolis; a two-night stay at Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, including dinner; a Home Improvement package from Walker-Buzenberg Furniture worth \$350, courtesy of Walker-Buzenberg and Blackwell Ford and \$200 decorative rug from Accurate Floor Covering; and Red Wings tickets, courtesy of David Griffin of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

"We're really appreciative of the business community on this. Without their donations there would be no raffle," Engle said.

Donations of time, services and money are still needed, she said. Tickets will be sold in April at area Kroger stores and at Community Hospice. The raffle is May 6.

Accused purse snatchers return to court March 30

Two men charged in a purse snatching Feb. 12 are scheduled to return March 30 to 35th District Court in Plymouth to face a preliminary hearing.

The hearing was scheduled for Feb. 27 before Judge John MacDonald. It was adjourned to give the victim time to recover from her injuries and testify in court.

Charged with unarmed robbery in the incident are Brian

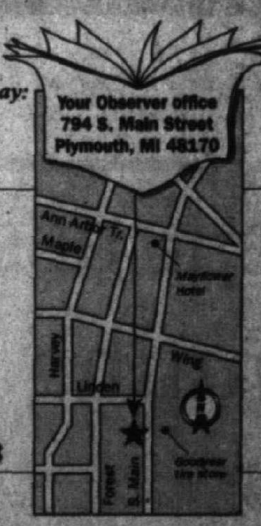
Jackson, 18, and Michael Smith, 21, both of Canton. MacDonald set bond for the two at \$100,000 each.

Adele Gray, 68, of Plymouth Township, sustained a broken hip as she fell when her purse was pulled from her arm, police said.

The two men are in the Wayne County Jail awaiting the court date.

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Free spirit

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BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Kim Murley of Plymouth could be described as a nomad, free spirit, maybe even a wanderer.

Which is certainly OK with her.

"People are afraid of nomadic folks," said Murley. "Life doesn't have to be the norm."

And that is certainly true for Murley, who recently made one of several stops back to her hometown, talking to high school students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Murley, 28, tells students of her travels to China, playing Chinese music on the hammer dulcimer, and about her life experiences as she travels.

"I spent two years in China, teaching and performing, learning a different culture," said Murley. "I tell students they don't just have to get a job, retire and die. They can make choices outside the norm and still make it."

Murley began her travels after winning a scholarship to study

'I tell students they don't just have to get a job, retire and die. They can make choices outside the norm and still make it.'

*Kim Murley
—Plymouth resident*

second-year Chinese at the University of Michigan.

"I studied for two months during the summer, and then used my stipend for living allowances to purchase a one-way ticket to Taiwan," said Murley of her daring trip in October 1990. "I didn't have a lot of money, so I taught English to preschoolers, high school students and business people who wanted to go overseas. I also played the dulcimer on street corners and in the tunnels of Taiwan for money."

While street performing in Taipei, Murley became friends with Chi Tian-long, symphony orchestra conductor at Taipei's Chinese Cultural University. He and his music students taught Murley Chinese traditional music. They were instrumental in helping Murley apply to the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, where she was accepted as a Chinese dulcimer major.

"When I was in Taiwan, I saw McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken, so I often found myself homesick," said Murley. "But when I moved to mainland China, I didn't think about the states too much because everything was so different there."

Murley moved to China in August 1991. While studying, she also became a regular with a Silk and Bamboo Ensemble, performing in Shanghai teahouses.

When Murley returned to the United States in July 1992, it was quite a different world, one spent in culture shock.

"I spent a year as a hermit

when I came back, it was really hard to adjust," Murley admitted. "In China, the culture is slow, most people don't have telephones and televisions. So, you sit for hours and have tea and conversation. Here, everyone said they were glad to see me, then rushed off to do other things."

Murley spent a lot of time writing, reading, and basically trying to survive.

"When I came back, I didn't have a place in society," said Murley. "I didn't have a job, I wasn't a student, I didn't have anything to slide into after coming home. After a while I decided to perform and teach music."

And, ever since, Murley has been on the move.

"I'm on the road a lot, visiting friends and working," said Murley. "I visit friends I've met at music festivals, meet other people, and sometimes I call them just to say I will be in their area.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BREHLER

Nomad: Kim Murley, who has studied in China, leads a class in Tai Chi exercises at the high schools recently. She also plays the dulcimer.

When I arrive, I usually stay at their house and find work ... like doing a Japanese martial arts seminar, concerts, talking to students about my experiences, or playing at elementary schools.

"It's not that I have a lot of money or connections, but I'm doing what's good for me and the doors keep opening," said Murley. "When I go places I meet people, make new friends and

new opportunities open. I just want to show students they can go places when they grow up. Not everything has to be like you see on TV."



Learning: Cortney Kacala practices Tai Chi.

PARKS & RECREATION

The city of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department is looking for crafters for its 20th annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show. The show will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 4.

The cost for an eight-foot table space is \$50. Admission and parking are both free. For further information or an application contact show director, Carol Donnelly at (734) 455-6620.

The city will offer the following adult softball leagues in 1998: Men's Slow Pitch, Men's Modified, Women's Slow Pitch, and Co-ed Slow Pitch.

Registration starts March 2. League Play begins in late April. For further information regarding any of the leagues call Recreation Director Tom Willette at (734) 455-6620.

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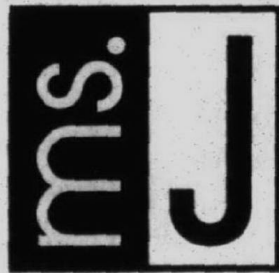
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only have to pay a little over \$400 over 10 years.

So trustees voted to postpone a public hearing on the project originally set for Tuesday. This will allow time for affected homeowners to be canvassed again for support or rejection of the project.

Jim Anulewicz, director of public services, said the final word on whether residents accept or reject the project must be presented to the county within two weeks. After that period, county officials say they'll use the money originally scheduled for Ridge somewhere else.

"I think you people have done a tremendous disservice," Dick Kruse of Red Maple Court told

trustees.

Kruse and some other residents of Pine Ridge Estates, which backs up to Ridge, said the first letter informing residents only stated a rough average assessment cost of \$1,700.

He said those who received this letter made up their minds to oppose the project, even before Anulewicz introduced the plan in an informational meeting for residents Feb. 17.

A second letter, Kruse said, was more useful as it detailed costs by lot.

Anulewicz responded that typically, initial letters informing residents of a possible special assessment district don't include estimates.

"I was trying to provide some information. I made a mistake, there probably was too much information," he said.

"We will go back to the residents who object and see if they still do," Anulewicz said.

By township policy, if 20 percent of homeowners fronting a special assessment project initiated by the township, the township does not pursue paving.

Some attending the meeting said they would seek petitions supporting the project from their neighbors. By township policy, when residents seek road paving 51 percent of those abutting the project must approve, or 60 percent of affected homeowners.

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head-to-head competition with other states," Engler said, adding tax incentives and worker training provided through the authority enabled Michigan to beat out Wisconsin which was also luring Tower Automotive.

Engler held aloft the industry magazine "Site Selection" which showed caricatures of Engler and four other governors, to represent the top five states for new plants and expansions.

Noting the drawing showed an unusually thin Engler, he commented, "I'm liking this, I might just carry this around."

He also told workers this was

the fourth straight year Michigan's unemployment rate is under the national average. He said there are nearly five million workers in the state, a record.

After his words, several workers came to the front of the cafeteria and posed with the governor for pictures.

Of Engler's appearance, "I think it's great, we really benefited from the grant," said skilled tradesman Doug Moore of Lansing.

"I think it's a positive affect on people, it keeps the morale high," said Rodney Kurtz of Farmington Hills.

"It's no big deal," said a female worker who declined to give her name.

Engler was asked if the state could spend more or encourage federal spending for railroad underpasses to relieve traffic congestion at crossing gates.

"I don't hear a lot about it," the governor said. "I wouldn't expect anything to be done until the Conrail-CSX-Norfolk Southern deal is completed.

"There's a need for greater transportation coordination, period," he said.



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Proposed: The proposed Starkweather Historic District would include homes and businesses in the Old Village area of Plymouth.

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10 percent in the rest of the city.

- Foster civic beauty.
- Boost the local economy.

"The committee isn't there to dictate changes, we're there to consult," she said.

There are 320 such local historic districts in Michigan, including nine in Ann Arbor.

The historic district commission surveyed 325 properties in Old Village and included 42 in the district, most of them contiguous in an area centered around Liberty Street between Mill and Starkweather. All the properties are at least 50 years old.

"Maybe the area doesn't deserve to be a district," said Chuck Avis, an Old Village property owner. "I don't need a commission to tell me how to restore my house. It's one more layer of bureaucracy we don't need."

"We already have a sense of community," said Peter Kattula, who owns a house to be included in the district. "We have community pride, property values are going up. I don't

"It's bigger than being just a property owner. You have to preserve these examples of our heritage of the past. If people in a historic district have to bite the bullet a little bit, that's the way it's got to be."

Heather Doughty
—Property owner

see a tangible benefit."

"It's nice to know the commitment is there," said Mark Oppat, a member of the historic district commission. "What's the downside of having some extra help in that area (improvements)?"

Heather Doughty, who owns another property in the proposed district, said she supported the idea. "It's bigger than being just a property owner. You have to preserve these examples of our heritage of the past."

"If people in a historic district have to bite the bullet a little bit, that's the way it's got to be," she added.

"In the long term it can be nothing but positive," said Larry Bigelow, attending the hearing with wife Wendy. But Bigelow said officials should check into a city ordinance provision raised by Avis, which suggested 60 percent approval from district homeowners must be sought.

City Manager Steve Walters said that would be researched with the city attorney. The Historic District Commission voted to recommend approval to the city commission, contingent on resolving the 60 percent approval issue.

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The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City commission chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at 12:00 Noon. The Regular Board of Review session will begin:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1998 12:15 TO 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998 3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be schedules as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 1998 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office, located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 4, 1998 by 9:00 P.M.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative, an agent must have written authority to represent owner, by Monday, March 16, 1997.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (313) 453-1234 x 223.

MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN
City Assessor
City of Plymouth

Publish: February 19, 26 and March 1, 1998

Cable TV may be affected

Solar disturbance periods will occur soon throughout North America, affecting cable television and satellite viewers in Ohio and Michigan from Feb. 26-March 12.

"Solar interferences" are an inherent part of satellite technology and occur about this time every year, as well as for about 16 days in the fall.

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tor Mark Christiansen said the range of assessments shows a decrease for some condo properties and as much as a 20 percent rise for some single-family detached homes.

Unless you bought a new home this year, your assessment will only rise 2.7 percent on the property's taxable value. That's \$80 for somebody with a \$160,000 home in 1997.

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BY RENEE SKO
STAFF WRITER

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Vietnam monument group seeks help from local leaders

BY RENE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Memories fade within a generation or two. Monuments last forever.

On Feb. 13, U.S. Army veteran Richard Eberhart of Westland, appeared before the Conference of Western Wayne, a consortium of 18 municipalities, to discuss raising funds for the proposed Michigan Vietnam Monument in Lansing.

Eberhart, who served in Korea from 1965-66, is the Wayne County captain for the Michigan Vietnam Monument Commission's fund-raising campaign. The Michigan Legislature established the commission in 1988 to design, fund and build a monument honoring the 2,649 Michigan citizens who died or were declared missing during the Vietnam War.

To date, the commission has raised \$1.4 million, including \$1 million appropriated by the Michigan Legislature last August. The commission's goal is \$2.6 million.

For Eberhart, the monument represents a lasting tribute to his friends who died in Vietnam.

"I missed going to Vietnam. Several of my friends were killed there. Most were 19 years old. I try to imagine all the things they missed between when they were 19 and now," he said.

Ways to help

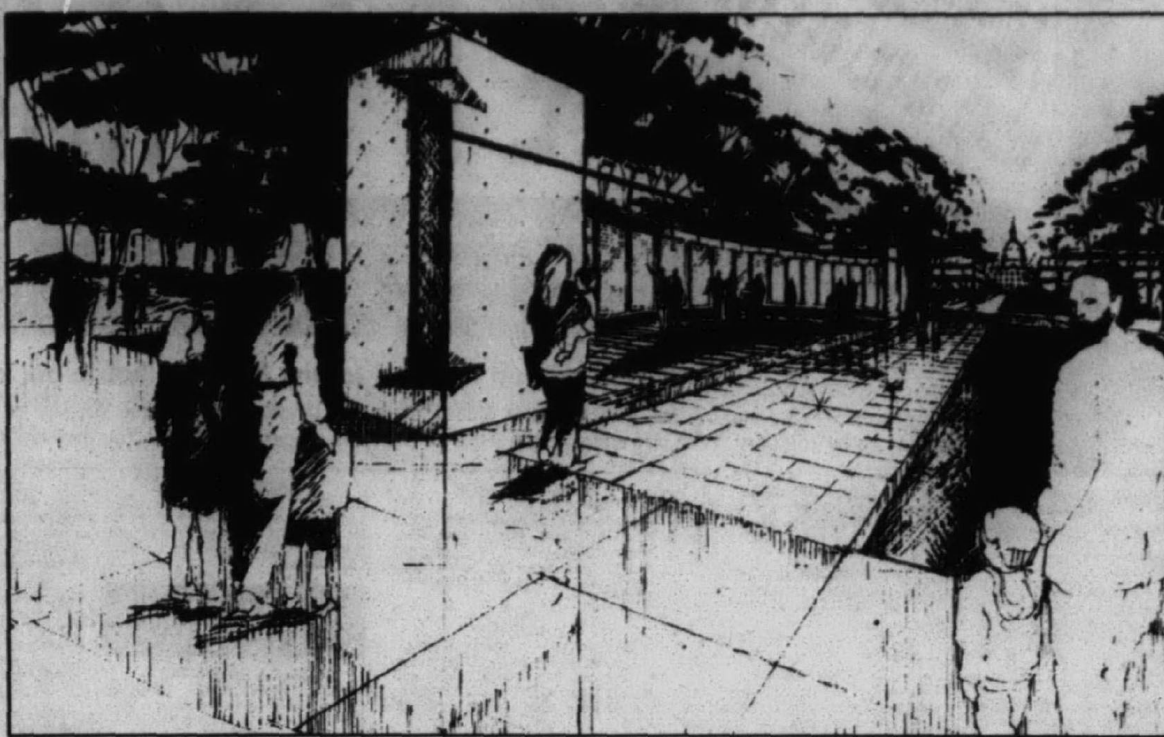
Eberhart suggested ways municipal leaders could help, including placing donation slips in city employee paychecks. He also proposed communities in Wayne County donate \$1 for each of the 2,649 Michigan casualties.

Since the conference met, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas has inserted the personal donation slips in paychecks and plans to propose the \$1 per casualty city donation at the next Westland City Council meeting.

"I for one, just one guy's opinion, think we should do it. It's the least we can do for the people who lost their lives in Vietnam," he said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey comes from a family of military veterans. His father fought in both world wars and his brother, a retired Navy admiral, is a much-decorated Vietnam veteran. Kirksey proudly wears a Michigan Vietnam Monument star lapel pin.

He said he supports the commission's efforts but wants to remain "sensitive to other issues." He will not place donation slips in employee paychecks or make a donation from Livonia's general fund. However, he will meet with commission representatives to discuss other ways of promoting the monument.



Project: Completion of the Michigan Vietnam War Memorial, initially slated for fall 1998, has been extended to 1999. The monument will remove Michigan from the dwindling list of states that do not have official memorials honoring their Vietnam War veterans.

"I'll do what I can to create an awareness of this very worthwhile project," he said.

Keith King, chairman of the Michigan Vietnam Monument Commission's public relations department, said the "A Penny a

Life" campaign, launched in November 1996, has been a success. The campaign asks donors to give \$26.49 for each copper star lapel pin bearing the number "2649" they receive. That number symbolizes Michigan casualties of the Vietnam War.

Moving forward

"That campaign has truly been the campaign that has helped us move forward," said King, who

served 11 months in Vietnam as a U.S. Army gunner. "I think the individual person has responded positively. What we need is corporate giving."

Stroh Brewery, Foodland, Chrysler Corp., and the UAW are the largest corporate supporters to date. King said the many Michigan companies involved in producing materials for the Vietnam War have yet to donate.

King, whose son served in the Persian Gulf, still remembers Thanksgiving with his family in 1970. It was the day he came home from Vietnam. "When people talk about being thankful, I have a lot of reasons."

A 1-acre parcel of state land has been set aside in the middle of the 2.5-acre Michigan Veterans Memorial Park in Lansing for the new monument. The monument's winning design was chosen from more than 200 entries in a national competition launched in late 1992.

The monument will be set within a large circle surrounded by 49 lights, representing each of the other states that participated in the Vietnam War. A square plaza divided by an illuminated glass walk will be located within the circle. An 8-foot high, curved steel beam, anchored at only two ends, will sit to the north of the glass walk. It will hover two and a half feet above the ground. The names of Michigan residents killed or declared missing in action will be inscribed on panels fastened to the inside of the beam.

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For more information, contact the Michigan Vietnam Monument, 611 W. Ottawa, Lansing, Mich. 48913, 1-800-492-2649.

Vietnam's toll heavy on state

Keith King, chairman of the Vietnam Monument Commission's public relations committee, said the commission cross-checks all facts it publishes about the Vietnam War, which spanned 1959-75.

Sources include the U.S. Department of Defense, the Registrar for the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and each branch of military services.

Approximately nine million men and women served in the Vietnam War, of which 25 percent were drafted and nearly 70 percent enlisted.

58,202 names are engraved

on the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., including those who died in Vietnam, those who died later of wounds received in Vietnam, and those listed as POW/MIA.

2,300 U.S. citizens are classified as POW/MIA.

75,000 veterans were permanently disabled.

Over 400,000 Michigan residents (almost 10 percent of the state's population) served in the military during Vietnam. Of these, 161,000 served in Vietnam.

The names of 2,649 Michigan residents are inscribed on

the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Based on population, Michigan lost more lives in Vietnam than any other state.

72 Michigan citizens are classified as POW/MIA.

The average age of the soldier/sailor/airman in Vietnam was 19. Nearly 25 percent of males today between the ages of 35 and 54 are Vietnam veterans.

All branches of the military were involved in Vietnam. However, veterans who served in the Army (16 percent) or Marine Corps (25 percent) are more likely to have post-traumatic stress

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Higher ed bids for more state aid

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

"This becomes a donnybrook, more and more every year," said state Sen. John J.H. Schwarz as he listened to one university after another lament the 1.5 percent state aid increase proposed by Gov. John Engler.

"The governor is correct on more prison space," said Schwarz, chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on higher education. For the Department of Corrections, Engler proposes \$1.4 billion, a 5 percent increase, in order to add 5,420 prison beds.

But after several years of hefty increases for universities, Engler proposes a flat, across-the-board hike of 1.5 percent to \$1.46 billion for fiscal 1999.

"We're fighting different factions. We're going toe-to-toe with Corrections," Schwarz said at a Feb. 20 budget hearing in Ann Arbor. He made only one promise: "There absolutely will be a floor (on per student aid) when this bill leaves the Senate."

At the bottom of the heap are Grand Valley State University at \$4,086 per student followed by the University of Michigan-Flint with \$4,210 and Central Michigan University at \$4,216.

Top three are Wayne State University, \$10,141; the Uni-

versity of Michigan-Ann Arbor, \$9,087; and Michigan Tech, \$9,087.

"I represent one of those that keeps getting poorer," said David Brandon, board chair at Central Michigan University.

Schwarz, the Legislature's top man on higher education money bills, divides the 15 campuses into two groups: three apples and 12 oranges. The apples are U-M, Wayne and Michigan State.

That was when he promised a floor for the 12 oranges rather than a flat across-the-board 1.5 percent increase.

CMU makes pitch

Central Michigan vice president Richard Davenport supported that view. "We would respectfully ask the committee to start by adjusting last year's funding floor by inflation before applying any across-the-board adjustments," he said.

"Or, better yet, appropriate any increased dollars - equally - to each public university student in the state," Davenport said.

Davenport called CMU a special case because:

"We have been in the top quarter of public universities in two years of growth for the past two years (while) state funding is lagging considerably behind the average."

"CMU is offering the nation's first bachelor's degree in vehicle design" in coopera-

tion with Megatech Engineering.

CMU has a new College of Health Professions to address rural health care for an aging population. It wants to build a state-of-the-art building for physician assistants, physical therapists, speech pathologists and audiologists.

'Difficult time'

"The economy seems to be booming, but it's a difficult time for higher education," said University of Michigan President Lee Bollinger.

Bollinger cited these as U-M's top needs:

■ Library - "Student use of references has increased by 50 percent in a decade. Then there are technology costs added on."

■ Faculty - "At the full professor level, our faculty salaries are 16 percent below our cohort. Ten thousand dollars, to a young faculty member with a family, would be quite an inducement."

■ Undergraduate education - "The number of seminars has doubled for beginning students. We are using more senior and full professors for undergraduate classes."

■ Life sciences, including genetics and cloning.

Bollinger said that instead of linking university appropriations to the consumer price index, "we should link U-M to

personal disposable income across the state ... 3.7 percent is what I have for personal disposable income."

Graduate growth

U-M Dearborn has not only grown, but its growth has been at the more costly graduate student level, said Chancellor James Renick.

Renick asked for 10 more faculty members for automotive engineering, computer science, engineering management, adult instruction and communications at a cost of \$699,000.

Videoconferencing and other technology will cost \$1.25 million, and deferred maintenance will cost \$2 million a year for the next five years, he said.

Engler, however, proposed \$346,000 more for a total of \$23.4 million for UM-D.

Like other presidents, Renick foresaw tuition and fees rising 5 percent or more if Engler's 1.5 percent hike becomes law.

The Senate Appropriations subcommittee will hear university budget presentations on Monday, March 2 in Meadowbrook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. Schedule: Northern Michigan at 10 a.m., Wayne State at 10:30, Michigan Tech at 11, the King-Chavez-Parks minorities program at 11:30, and OU at 11:45.

Forum set on tax reform

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will be sponsoring a public forum on "Tax Reform: For Better or Worse?" on Saturday, March 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the College Theater of the Literature, Arts and Sciences building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor.

Rivers has invited several guest speakers to discuss proposed changes in the tax code, including the flat tax, the national sales tax and the constitutional issues surrounding taxation. Guest speakers include

Professor Gary Wolfram of Hillsdale College, Professor Kyle D. Logue of the University of Michigan Law School, Howard Mason of Citizens for an Alternative Tax System, and Donald Lubick, assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury for Tax Policy.

There will be ample time for questions and comments from the audience after the discussion.

For information, contact Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor (734) 741-4210 or Wayne (734) 722-1411.

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disorder symptoms.

■ The incidence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is 27.9 percent among Hispanic veterans, 20.7 percent among African American, and 13.7 percent among white/other veterans. For women in combat zones, most notably Corps I and Corps II, the incidence of PTSD (at some point in their lives) is 27 percent.

■ Credible estimates show between 90,000 and 130,000 Vietnam veterans have committed suicide due to PTSD.

■ African Americans composed 12 percent of those who

served in the Vietnam War but represent 13.5 percent of those killed. Hispanic Americans represent 5 percent of veterans. Native Americans represent about 1 percent.

■ Homeless shelters report that 36 percent of their services are provided for Vietnam veterans.

The Vietnam Monument Commission is composed of all volunteers. It is headquartered in the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Office and is sponsored by the Department of Military Affairs in Lansing.

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Workshop to focus on finding peaceful solutions

County Executive Edward McNamara, County Prosecutor John O'Hair and Sheriff Robert Ficano have joined together with the Alliance for Peace to chair a workshop, "Best Practices: Finding Peaceful Solutions to Violence in our Community," for suburban Wayne County communities, west and south of Detroit.

The workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 7, focuses on finding solutions to violence in our communities. The morning sessions identify emerging issues of violence prevention and the afternoon sessions focus on what is working in communities. Several renowned individuals from area agencies, law enforcement and the prosecutor's office are scheduled to speak.

The workshop is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Annex, 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne.

Youths will have an opportunity to participate in a "hands on" violence prevention training.

A Peace Circle Program, a program which promotes positive alternatives to violence in communities, will be introduced at

the end of the workshop. Area businesses will be asked to sponsor the circles in their places of business so that members of the public can make a pledge.

The circle represents a connected community, while purple ribbons representing peace will be attached to the circles. Pledge cards connected to the ribbons to allow participants to write down and commit to peaceful actions.

The goal of the program is to have all local governing authorities and 100 business participating in this program with 100,000 pledges by March 7, 1999.

The circles will be gathered and put on display at community spaces as they are completed. Area school children will participate in creating the circles and materials.

Funds raised through this program will be split between First Step and Youth Assistance programs.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 per adult registration and

includes morning refreshments and a box lunch. Youth participants may attend at no charge.

People should call if interested in attending as seating is limited. Participants can register by sending a check to Wayne Metropolitan CSA, Best Practices, 3715 W. Jefferson, Ecorse MI 48229 or by calling the Resource Connections at (313) 791-8440.

The Alliance for Peace is a coalition of agencies and individuals in suburban communities seeking peaceful solutions to violence.

Its member agencies include the Conference of Western Wayne, Downriver Guidance Clinic, Hegira, Inkster Police Department, Inkster Police Department, Northville Youth Assistance, The Senior Alliance, United Way Community Service-Wayne Division, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Wayne County Sheriff's Department and Wayne Metropolitan Community Services.

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OBITUARIES

CELESTE C. VERBOS

Services for Celeste C. Verbos, 39, of Plymouth were held Feb. 24 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Verbos was born on May 31, 1958, in Freeport, Long Island, N.Y. She died on Feb. 22 in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Verbos was self-employed. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard J. Malone. Her survivors include her mother, Christine D. Malone of Livonia; two sisters, Dorene (Joe) Sheridan of Canton, Caroline (Dennis) Jackson of Livonia; two brothers, Michael J. Malone of Burbank, Calif., John (Catherine) Malone of Plymouth; and her friend, Jerry Galdoni of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings or to the family.

WALTER J. SROKA
Services for Walter J. Sroka, 84, of Westland were held on

Feb. 25 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack H. Baker officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Sroka was born on Feb. 11, 1914, in Detroit. He died on Feb. 21 in Dearborn. He was a tool and die maker at Detroit Diesel.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Sroka; his father, Andrew Sroka; and his mother, Catherine Sroka.

His survivors include one daughter, Carolyn (Patrick) Leap of Hollywood, Fla.; one son, Larry (Lynn) J. Sroka of Plymouth; two sisters, Mary Chrysler of Dearborn, Cellie Wojnar of Dearborn; one brother, Peter Sroka of Taylor; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

NHI DUONG

Services for Nhi Duong, 77, of Plymouth were held on Feb. 26 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Duong was born on Jan.

25, 1921, in Vietnam. He died on Feb. 23 in Livonia. He was a business owner.

He was preceded in death by his father, Moi Duong; and his mother, Lua Thi Bui. His survivors include his wife, Luong Nguyen of Plymouth; three sons, Quang Duong of Plymouth, Chau Duong of Lancaster, Pa., Son Duong of Auburn Hills; four daughters, Nhung Nguyen of Dayton, Ohio, Kim-Chi Bui of Lancaster, Pa., Kim-Dung Pham of Dayton, Kim-Ngoc Nguyen of Rochester; one sister, Bay Duong of Saigon, Vietnam; and 11 grandchildren.

MARY F. BLANEY

Services for Mary F. Blaney, 85, of Plymouth were held Feb. 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Blaney was born on April 29, 1912, in Alpena, Mich. She died on Feb. 22 in Commerce Township.

She was an editorial proof-

reader for Western Publishing Company before retiring. She came to the Plymouth community in 1968 from Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Anne Blaney; two brothers, John Blaney, Patrick Blaney; and one sister, Catherine Blaney.

Her survivors include her three sisters, Anne Featherstone of Plymouth, Margaret Blaney of Farmington, Therese Marie O'Brien of Jackson; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit 48207.

MARY E. MORTON-HIVELEY

Services for Mary E. Morton-Hiveley, 74, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Canton, were held on Feb. 28 at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. James Jones officiating. Burial was at Sheldon Cemetery in Canton.

Mrs. Morton-Hiveley was born on June 30, 1923. She died on Feb. 21 in Morton Plant Hospital. She was a homemaker.

Her survivors include her husband, Wesley D. Morton; two sons, Wesley R. (Rick), Robert E.; one daughter, Cheryl (Sherry) Hetkowski; one brother, Charles J. Hiveley; one sister, Beatrice Morton; and seven grandchildren.

LEONA B. SUTLIFF

Services for Leona B. Sutliff, 78, of Garden City were held on Feb. 27 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with the Rev. Gary D. Headapohl from St. Matthew Lutheran Church officiating.

Mrs. Sutliff was born on March 5, 1919, in Dearborn. She died on Feb. 24 at Garden City Hospital.

She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter R.; and her son, Gary R.

Her survivors include her son, Roger A. (Nancy); one daughter, Cherie S. (Ted) Toth; one brother; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

VIVIAN J. EVANS GILL

Services for Vivian J. Evans Gill, 85, of Cedar Grove, N.J.,

formerly of Plymouth, were held on Feb. 18 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Evans Gill was born on May 7, 1912, in Plymouth. She died on Feb. 15 in Cedar Grove, N.J.

She retired in 1969 from Schoolcraft College where she was secretary to the assistant dean of admissions. She moved from Plymouth to Indian River in 1969 and in 1985, she moved to Cedar Grove, N.J. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township. She was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gar Evans; and her son, Kenneth Evans.

Her survivors include her son, Keith (Eileen) Evans of West Orange, N.J.; three grandchildren, Jennifer Evans, Jessica Evans, Kim Evans.

Volunteer from page A1

■ 'The people in Florida are used to handling disasters, so I may be home in a couple of weeks. When I first got here, I was putting in 14-16-hour days. The days are getting a bit shorter, but I don't have any trouble sleeping.'

Dick Merrill
—Red Cross volunteer

rill. "With my background in communications, I'm one of the first to get in and help set up Red Cross headquarters and service centers. We not only set up telephone communications, but also radio talkback for our trucks which travel the area with food."

At age 61, Merrill has been retired from Michigan Bell and AT&T since 1987. After retirement, he sat around and didn't do much for nearly two years.

"But after a while, that got pretty boring," admitted Merrill. "So I trained to become a Red Cross volunteer."

Doing his part

Lucky for the American Red Cross, because the Plymouth native is one of the first men in the country to be called when disaster strikes.

"I'm told that I'm the one of the first dozen people to be contacted when there's a disaster," said Merrill. "Communications and crisis centers need to be up and running immediately when the Red Cross responds. With my background I can do that fairly effectively. I feel honored they consider me an important part of getting things done."

Merrill became a volunteer in 1983, and his first taste of disaster came five years later.

"In 1988 Hurricane Gilbert struck San Antonio, Texas, and I packed up and drove down to help," said Merrill. "Forty-eight more disasters over the next 10 years... hurricanes, tornadoes, mudslides, floods. I've probably seen just about every kind of disaster there was."

Merrill says he usually spends about three weeks in a disaster area, helping out until the local Red Cross chapter has everything under control.

"The people in Florida are used to handling disasters, so I may be home in a couple of weeks," said Merrill. "When I first got here, I was putting in 14-16-hour days. The days are getting a bit shorter, but I don't have any trouble sleeping."

Merrill, who is also a Plymouth firefighter, said he almost ended up in California helping in the mudslides, instead of Florida.

"I just came back from the ice storms in New York and the Red Cross wanted me to go to California," said Merrill. "I told them I needed a couple of weeks to recover. Well, that's about all I got when the tornadoes struck here."

Much-appreciated

When you mention Merrill, the Red Cross immediately recognizes him as one of their gems.

"Dick is a very dedicated individual who knows how to go into an area where there is confusion and pull it together," said John Schultz, spokesman for the Southeast Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross. "He's very compassionate, knows what the victims are going through, and is willing to listen and help."

"There are many times I get a lump in my throat, seeing what some people have to endure,"

said Merrill. "However, you try to help by being upbeat, listening to them and trying to keep their spirits up."

Merrill said he's enjoying the

Florida sunshine, and would like to visit under better circumstances. But, unlike many, he doesn't want to retire there.

"I like Michigan," said Merrill.

"A little flooding, a few tornadoes, but no hurricanes, mudslides or earthquakes."

The American Red Cross is accepting monetary donations for

central Florida regions hit by tornadoes. Call 1-800-HELPNOW or 1-800-435-7669.



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Probate Court services expanded

Wayne County Probate Court Chief Judge Milton L. Mack, Jr. announced the expansion of services in VanBuren, Belleville, Sumpter Township, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Huron Township, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne, Westland, Canton and Redford.

Residents in these communities may now have petitions filed on their behalf for the appointment of guardianship and conservatorship of adults, minors, and developmentally disabled persons at the Northville Court, 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville, and have their cases heard there. The cases will be heard by Judge Cathie B. Mahet. For more information, please



Probate Chief Judge Milton Mack

contact Probate Register Jeanne S. Takenaga, (313) 224-5725.

Rivers schedules hours

U.S. Representative Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours in Plymouth from 7:30-9 p.m., Monday, March 9.

Rivers will be at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to

drop by, have a cup of coffee, and discuss their concerns with her. For directions or further information, please call Chip Silvis in Rivers' district office in Ann Arbor (313) 741-4210.



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While it remains the top-selling wine in the U.S., outselling its nearest red wine competitor cabernet sauvignon, two to one, chardonnay still has its critics. Since it's top billed, it may be that there's a feeding frenzy to topple it.

However, detractors will have to try harder because, now, the world's largest winery E.&J. Gallo of California is pouring out chardonnays in multiple styles. You can get chardonnay your way.

Tracing the history of wine in America, one looks back to wine going from bulk to bottle, then to varietal labeling. Today, super-premium wines are distinguished by growing regions on the label. The latter is just another way of spelling diversity.

Wines from a particular place offer taste and style differentiation, and above all, a choice.

Currently, no U.S. winery has the breadth and depth of vineyard sources of E.&J. Gallo. If you're still in the days of Hearty Burgundy with Gallo, you've let a lot of choices pass you by. We recently met with senior winemaker Dr. George Thoukis who has lived a 38-year winemaking life with Gallo.

"Over the last two years, Gallo has introduced a collection of wine brands showcasing the unique character of several California growing regions," he said.

This collection includes the brands Indigo Hills, Anapamu, Zabaco and Marcelina. Thoukis pointed out that the brand names were also chosen to reflect region of origin.

Indigo Hills is a reference to the at dusk, blue-hued mountains of the Coastal range viewed from Mendocino, principal grape source for these wines.

Anapamu translates "rising place" in the language of the central coast Chumash Indians. Anapamu Chardonnay comes mainly from growers in Monterey, located in the central coast.

Zabaco is the name of the original Mexican land grant in Sonoma's Dry Creek and Russian River Valleys. The 1996 Zabaco Chardonnay is made from 85 percent Russian River Valley fruit. The Marcelina brand honors California's first female viticulturist Marcelina Dominguez.

Wines in this brand are made principally from Napa Valley grapes. Take the taste test. Neat names,

And what is our preference? Boulder Opal. We like what barrel fermentation and French oak aging do to round, ripe chardonnay fruit. But this doesn't have to be your preference. Drink chardonnay your way!

1996 White Opal Chardonnay \$11.50 is unaged representing a totally fruit-driven wine.

1997 Black Opal Chardonnay \$11.50 was oak-matured three months in a mix of 75 percent American and 25 percent French oak.

1996 Flame Opal Chardonnay Unfiltered \$16.50 is aged in the same percentages of oaks as Black Opal, but for a month longer.

1996 Boulder Opal Malo-Oak Chardonnay \$16.50 showcases integrated fruit and oak flavors from 25 percent barrel fermentation and malolactic fermentation rounding the mouthfeel. It was matured in new half-French and half-American oak for four months.

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FABULOUS FAST FOOD

Prepare meals for your family 'Lickety-Split'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows one should eat better, but that's easier said than done.

"Recipes never tell you how to get the whole meal on the table," said Zonya Foco, a registered dietitian and author of "Lickety-Split Meals For Health Conscious People on the Go!" (ZHI Publishing, Walled Lake, \$29.95.)

"I wanted it to be easy," said Foco of Walled Lake explaining why she wrote this fun, motivating book designed to sit on your kitchen counter, not on a bookshelf. You can even prop "Lickety-Split Meals" in the child seat of your grocery cart, and refer to it as you shop. Foco is working on a pocket-size version of her grocery list also.

While working at NutriCare of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor she learned clients would follow her advice if it was easy.

She's not buying the excuse - "I don't have time to cook," because some of her meals can be prepared more quickly than stopping at the drive-through, or getting a carryout.

"Time is the driver," she said. "It helps to have a routine."

Foco's book will help you achieve a healthier lifestyle through eating better and exercising.

"No kitchen should be without this book," said Gail Posner of West Bloomfield, a registered dietitian. "I recommend it to all my clients who even slightly cook."

Jackie Kelly of Walled Lake and her husband, Chris, each lost weight in just four weeks of cooking from the book, which never leaves their kitchen countertop. Zonya's her neighbor, and Kelly said she waited three years for the book to be published.

"I wouldn't call this a diet book," said Jackie. "It's a healthier way of eating. We enjoy it. I have more energy, because the foods I'm eating give me more energy."

After reading "Lickety-Split Meals" I know why people are so excited. Few cookbooks are as comprehensive as Foco's. Her weekly menu solution makes sense:

- Monday - Slow Cooking Night
- Tuesday - 15 Minute Meal Night
- Wednesday - Pasta Night
- Thursday - Oven Exercise Eat Night - Tasty oven meals cook while you exercise
- Friday - Pizza Night
- Saturday - Stir-Fry Night
- Sunday - 30-Minute Meal Night

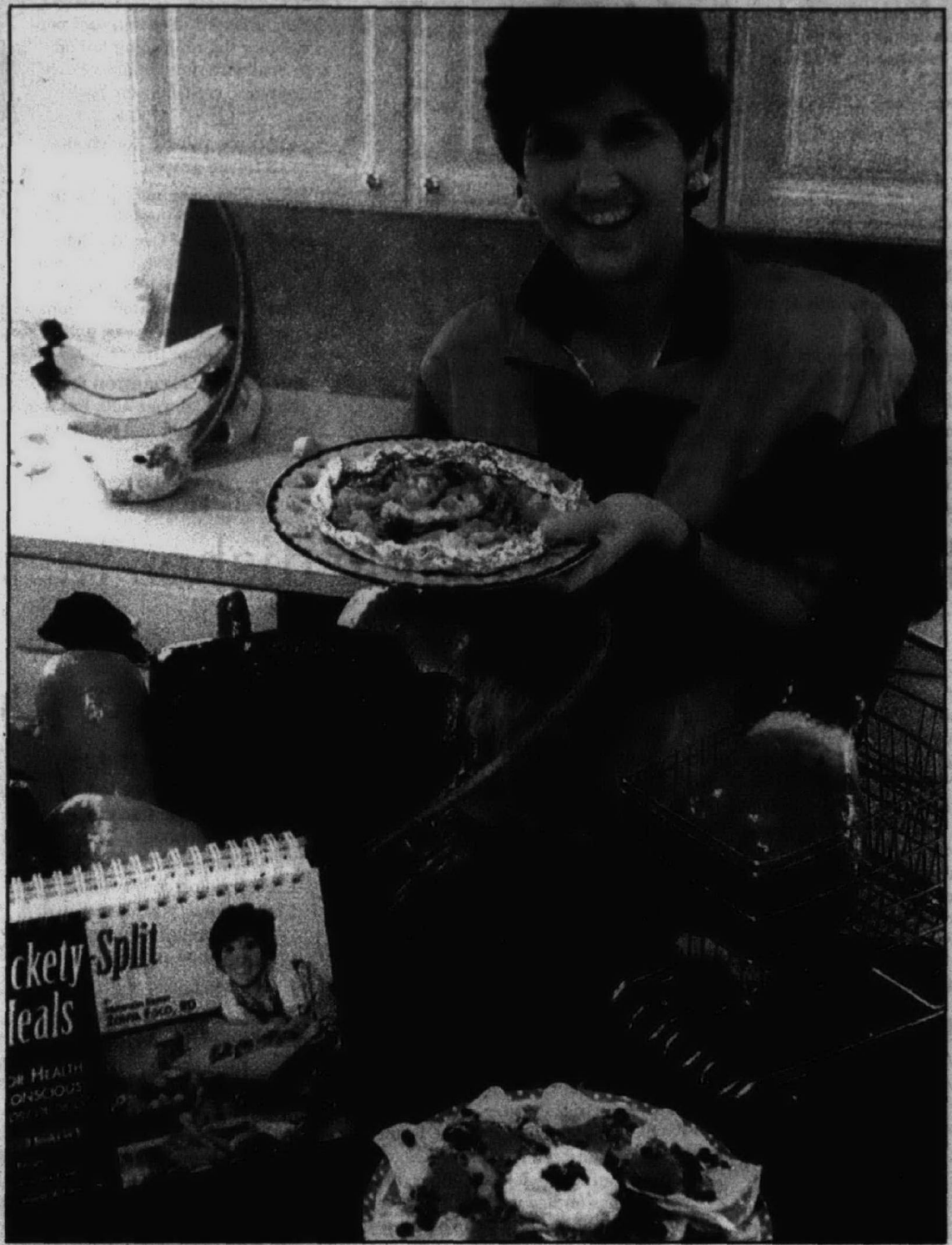
"The recipes change, but the base menu stays the same," she said. "This allows plenty of variety, while saving hours of time. There's no floundering at dinner time."

To get started, Foco recommends taking an inventory of your cupboards, refrigerator and freezer. Clean and organize them so you'll know where everything is. Inspect your spice rack, and toss anything three or more years old. Organize your utensil drawer too.

With that out of the way, you can pat yourself on the back for the good workout and getting a jump on spring cleaning. Now, the hard part, stocking a pantry so you won't have to run to the store at the last minute.

If you use her comprehensive grocery list, which includes product information, Foco said you will have everything you need to make the recipes in her book.

In addition to listing items to have on hand, she offers tips for buying produce and vegetables. Beside many items such as canned kidney beans, are recipe suggestions - 3-Bean Chili, Mexican 5-Bean Soup, and Crockpot Fajitas.



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Meal messenger: Nutrition expert Zonya Foco, shows readers how to get meals on the table "Lickety-Split" in her newly published cookbook.

"I tried to challenge old ways of cooking," she said. "You don't have to boil noodles before making lasagna. Eliminating unnecessary steps saves time."

Foco also didn't like the way most cookbooks are organized. Each recipe has a menu, for example, Turkey Joes, Sunshine Carrot-Raisin Salad and Applesauce.

"A lot of people make a healthy entree but don't serve it with healthy side dishes," she said.

"I would make things quick like roasts with gravy in the crockpot, but they weren't necessarily healthy," said Kelly.

Foco organizes recipes to be easily followed and used. Ingredients are on the left and directions on the right with arrows pointing from ingredients to preparation steps.

"It's so simple to prepare meals, the way she's got them laid out," said Kelly. "I can look down the list, nothing is hidden in the ingredient list or directions. She gives you really good tips." Nutrition information per serving follows each recipe.

Like many moms, Kelly, who has two children, a girl, who will be 5 in April, and a boy who's 7, is "busy all the time."

"When I was out of time I would go to the drive-through," she said.

Not anymore. "My kids love pitas with tuna, grapes and carrot sticks. I used to think it took too much time to prepare, it really doesn't," she said.

Foco's book has helped Jackie get organized, and changed the way she and her family eats.

"She put the thought there, it doesn't have to take much time. I make a weekly grocery list with her menu plan in mind. This helps me. It offers a real good variety of meals."

Foco spent over 10 years collecting over 175 recipes, health, and fitness tips for the book. If you use her grocery list, and follow the recipes Foco estimates you'll save about five hours a week, and not be frustrated wondering what's for dinner tonight.

In addition to being a registered dietitian, Foco is a Certified Health and Fitness Instructor, and professional speaker. Her mission is - "Making Good Intentions Come True..."

"Lickety-Split Meals" is available for \$29.95 plus tax by calling (888) 884-LEAN, and many local bookstores including Borders, Barnes & Noble, Plymouth and Dearborn Little Professor, Wendy's Bookstore in Walled Lake, Media Play, and Vic's World Class Market in Novi.

See recipes inside.

Book Signing/Recipe Demonstration Appearances

■ 3 p.m. Sunday, March 8 - Media Play, 28400 N. Telegraph, Southfield.

Zonya Foco will demonstrate two of her favorite five minute meals, and answer your nutrition questions.

■ 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 - Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville.

Want to save five hours a week, all while putting healthy and delicious meals on the table, night after night? Foco will share her innovative "Lickety-Split" system for weekly meal planning, grocery shopping and cooking. Let this one hour event save you 260 hours over the next year.

■ 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22 - Borders Novi Town Center.

Foco will demonstrate two of her favorite five minute dinners, and answer your nutrition questions.

Good health is reward of vegetarian diet

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

What motivates an individual to turn to vegetarianism. Do they wake up one morning and say, "That's it, no more meat, chicken, fish or dairy for me." Or is this a lifestyle that evolves over time. Let's explore two true stories, which can be eye-opening and motivating for many.

Marjorie Marriott, a 69-year-old Royal Oak resident, and director of Cool Green World - a non-profit organization for animals rights and animal protection, has changed her eating habits tremendously.

She is a non-insulin requiring diabetic, and consulted me in 1993 for weight loss and prevention of diabetes complications. Since our initial meeting, Majorie has lost 32 pounds and keeps her blood sugar under tight control.

The winter of 1996 clinched Majorie's decision to adopt a vegetarian diet. After the "Mad Cow" disease incident in England, and as the e-coli in raw or undercooked hamburger became news, Majorie's concern about the treatment of animals, and the substances that wind up in their feed, grew. Although

she never ate much meat prior to developing diabetes, Majorie decided to give it up entirely.

Regina Goebel, a 47-year-old special education teacher who lives in Livonia, has been working with me since June. Regina has suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for years. Approximately 15 years ago, she turned to vegetarianism, hoping it would lessen her symptoms.

Over two years she lost 70 pounds, and was taken off all of her medications. She felt well, but over time started eating meat again. She gained back the 70 pounds, and began taking medication again for her arthritis. The more dependent on medications Regina became, the more medications she found she needed. The effectiveness of her medications did not last long either. As Regina began to develop side effects from her medications, she consulted me for help returning to the diet she refers to as, "eating lower from the land," a vegetarian diet.

Regina has gradually given up eating meat and dairy products again, and has lost a realistic 10 pounds in about one year. More importantly, she says she has a ton of energy, the painful symptoms of arthritis have abated, and she is off most of her medications. Regina wants to share this message with

readers. "You must be in control of what you do," she said. "You are what you eat."

Regina says that when she indulges in dairy products such as cottage cheese, pizza and milk, her joint pain and swelling reoccurs in 12 to 24 hours. This happens when she eats poultry also.

This time around, Regina believes her dietary changes will be life long, as she is approaching her diet more sensibly. It is more balanced and nutritious, and filled with a variety of foods. Her weight loss is gradual, and filled with constant learning.

Whatever way of eating you choose is not right or wrong. If it works for you, and you feel good while achieving your health goals - more power to you, and good luck.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health." Tall Tree Publishing Company. Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste. Visit her website at www.nutritionsecrets.com

See recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- 2 Unique
- Main Dish Miracle

Prepare delicious meals 'Lickety-Split'

See related story on Taste front.

Recipes compliments of nutrition expert Zonya Foco, from her newly published book, "Lickety-Split Meals For Health Conscious People on the Go!" (ZHI Publishing, Walled Lake, \$29.95.)

Here's one of Foco's 1-Minute Mini-Meals

QUICK NACHOS

Spread 20 Baked Tostitos on a microwave safe plate.

Sprinkle with 1/4 cup of reduced fat shredded cheddar cheese.

Microwave on high 45 to 60 seconds.

Eat with fat-free refried beans and salsa along with baby carrots and fruit juice.

Serves 1.

This is one of Foco's Oven Exercise Eat dishes. While it cooks you can exercise.

CHICKEN AND VEGETABLES IN FOIL

Preheat oven to 400°F

Tear off 2 large pieces of foil just larger than the size of a cookie sheet

1 cup bottled barbecue sauce or 3/4 cup lite or fat-free Italian dressing

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast (halves)

4 medium potatoes, scrubbed or peeled, thinly sliced

1 onion, sliced into rings

1 box (10 oz) frozen Brussels sprouts or cabbage wedges or

broccoli/cauliflower mix

1 box (10 oz) frozen carrots

8 grinds fresh ground pepper

Spread 1/2 of the sauce in the center of the foil

Layer chicken, potatoes, and onion on foil in order given. Spread

on remaining sauce.

Place frozen vegetables in a strainer and run hot tap water over them for 1 minute. Drain and add to foil.

Sprinkle with fresh ground pepper. Place the remaining foil on top. Seal with double folds. Place in oven and set timer for 75 minutes.

Serve with rolls (if you choose to) and frozen grapes.

Super Time Saving Tip: Skip prepping the potatoes and onion by using 4 cups of Ore Ida Potatoes O'Brien. (A hash brown product, I call for frequently). It has no fat, just chopped potatoes, onions and peppers, tastes great, and saves you loads of time. Serves 4.

Nutrition information for 1/4 of the recipe: Calories 400, Fat 3 g, Fiber 10 g, Sodium 660 mg, Total Carbohydrate 58 g.

Calories from Fat 6 percent, Saturated Fat < 1 g, Cholesterol 68

mg, Protein 35 g, Sugars 16 g.

TURKEY JOES

1 pound extra-lean ground turkey breast

1 onion, chopped

1 can (16 oz) Sloppy Joe sauce (Manwich)

6 whole-wheat hamburger buns

Brown turkey and onion in a nonstick skillet.

Add Manwich to the skillet. Cover and cook over medium high heat and simmer for 3 more minutes.

Ladle 1/6 of the batch on top of each hamburger bun.

Serve with Sunshine Carrot-Raisin Salad and applesauce on the side. Serves 6.

Nutrition information for 1 Turkey Joe with bun:

Calories 275, Fat 2.5 g, Fiber 4.5 g, Sodium 795 mg, Total Carbohy-

drate 40 g, Calories from Fat 8 percent, Saturated Fat < 1 g, Cholesterol 36 mg, Protein 25 g, Sugars 4 g.

SUNSHINE CARROT-RAISIN SALAD

1/3 cup plain non-fat yogurt

1 tablespoon sugar

3 tablespoons Miracle Whip Light

1/4 teaspoon vanilla

3 dashes cinnamon

2 dashes nutmeg

1/2 cup raisins

1 can (8 oz.) pineapple tidbits, in its own juice, drained

3 cups finely shredded carrots (about 5 medium or 45 baby carrots)

Optional Additions:
2 tablespoons shredded coconut (remains legs

than 2.2 grams of fat per serving)

or
1 tablespoon peanut butter

In a medium-sized bowl, mix yogurt, sugar, Miracle Whip, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and raisins together to form the dressing.

Reserve pineapple juice. Mix pineapple into dressing.

Use a food processor to shred carrots. Stir into dressing. Chill salad until ready to serve.

For a nice variation, add either 2 tablespoons shredded coconut or 1 tablespoon peanut butter as an option.

Nutrition information for about 2/3 cup without optional additions: Calories 110, Fat 1.7 g, Fiber 2.5 g, Sodium 91 mg, Total Carbohydrate 23 g, Calories from Fat 13 percent, Saturated Fat 0 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Protein 2 g, Sugars 18 g.

Good-for-you vegetable dishes taste good, too

See related story on Taste front.

Join Nanette Cameron for the Living Better Sensibly vegetarian series offered in March 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays or noon to 1 p.m. Fridays. The cost is \$85 per person. Space is limited, call (248) 539-9424 to register.

Natural Alternatives to Standard Hormone Replacement Therapy, a two part class, will be offered Tuesdays, May 5 and 19. The cost is \$50. Call (248) 539-9424 for information.

HEARTY VEGETARIAN SOUP

1/4 pound dry lima beans

1/4 pound dry great northern beans

1/3 cup barley

1/2 pound sliced fresh mushrooms

2 medium onions, diced

2 stalks celery, diced

2 stalks celery, chopped

4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed

4 cloves garlic

2 carrots, chopped

12 cups water

6 tablespoons vegetable oil

1/4 cup flour

Salt to taste

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

2 vegetarian bouillon cubes

Rinse the beans, cover them with water and let them soak at least 6 hours, (or overnight); then drain.

In a large soup pot, cook the onions in the vegetable oil, stirring occasionally. As the onions start to brown, add the mushrooms and continue to stir. When the mushrooms brown stir in the diced celery, and the barley. Add the flour, stirring quickly. Don't let it burn.

Pour in the water, and bring to a boil on high heat. Add the beans, remaining celery, garlic, vegetarian bouillon, salt and pepper, and simmer on low medium heat for at least an hour (until the beans are soft).

Add the potatoes and more salt if required, and simmer for at least another hour.

Serve, sprinkle each bowl with fresh chopped parsley. This soup

tastes even the next day.

Recipe by Avi Bar-Lev, Marjorie Marriott's son-in-law.

FETTUCCINE ALFREDO

1 (10.5 oz.) package tofu

5 tablespoons grated soy Parmesan cheese

1-2 tablespoons oil

1 teaspoon onion powder

1 tablespoon dried parsley

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon white pepper

1 teaspoon basil

In a blender or food processor, combine all ingredients. Blend until creamy, about 30 seconds on high. Heat sauce and serve over hot cooked fettuccine (or any other shape) noodles. Serves 4.

Nutrition information per serving: 101 calories; 6 grams fat

EGGLESS EGG SALAD

14 ounces firm tofu

1/2 cup finely chopped celery

1/2 cup finely chopped red onion

1/2 cup shredded carrots

1/3 cup soy mayonnaise

1/2 to 1 tablespoon honey

1-2 tablespoons Dijon or honey mustard

Crumble tofu with fork. Add vegetables. Combine mayonnaise, honey, and mustard. Mix with tofu/vegetable mixture until evenly distributed and well moistened. Serves 4.

VEGETABLE RICE

Small amount of olive oil

1 large, or 2 medium onions (chopped)

1 package sliced mushrooms

1 green pepper (diced)

1 package frozen stir-fry vegetables

1 can (16 oz.) diced tomatoes

2 cups cook white rice

Heat olive oil in wok or fry pan. Add onions, mushrooms, and green peppers and cook until tender. Add stir-fry vegetables and heat mixture thoroughly.

Finally, add diced tomatoes and stir mixture until it is blended and hot.

Serve over hot rice. Serves 4.

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but what's the place got to do with it? For chardonnay, just about everything that has to do with flavors. If you want to take the taste test, you'll need one bottle each of 1996 Indigo Hills Chardonnay \$10, 1996 Anapamu Chardonnay \$12, 1996 Zabaco Chardonnay \$12 and 1995 Marcelina Chardonnay \$18. All wines were barrel fermented and went through malolactic fermentation to obtain a rounder mouthfeel.

Indigo Hills Chardonnay is 87 percent Mendocino-grown grapes. "Because this is a cool climate, one can easily taste citrus notes and apple crispness," Thoukis indicated. "The majority of oak was American because we didn't want to overpower the gentle fruit with a lot of vanilla from French oak."

"Anapamu Chardonnay comes from cool climate Monterey, but there's a big difference in soil conditions that make it very different from Mendocino. The fruit leans toward tropical elements and can handle 34 percent French oak."

While Thoukis described the

Zabaco Chardonnay as citrusy and apple, he added ripe tropical fruits. "Notice how much fuller the mouthfeel is," he added. "The fruit can handle 98 percent, predominantly French oak." We liked the bigger, toastier finish also.

From the Napa Valley, Marcelina Chardonnay featured concentrated fruit flavors with lots of richness, well-complementing 100 percent French oak, Vanilla and caramel hints over tropical fruit tones make this wine, with generous body, finish in grand style.

Now, if you don't find one of these styles, derived from a specific growing place, particularly pleasing, perhaps you don't like chardonnay. That's OK, go out and find a wine you do like, but notice its roots, the place it was grown. It has everything to do with the taste.

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

Share your Easter, Passover recipes

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection during Easter. Jews celebrate their freedom from forced slavery and the Exodus of Hebrews from Egypt.

For Christians and Jews, these holidays are a celebration of their faith, family and the promise of spring.

By breaking bread together we celebrate our faith, reaffirming

the freedom to practice our religion and our traditions.

Easter traditions have been passed down generation to generation in our family.

Our celebration will be much like my cousins in Sulejow, Poland.

On Good Friday we'll go to mass. Saturday will be a cleaning day, and at some point we'll stop to take a basket filled with freshly smoked kielbasa, ham, babka (egg bread), pickled beets, hard cooked eggs and a butter lamb to church to be blessed. None of these foods will be eaten until after mass on Easter Sunday.

What are your Easter and Passover food traditions? Do you have a favorite recipe to share? Tell us about the recipe, and why it's a family tradition.

Send your recipe, and a couple of sentences, which explain why

it's so good, by Monday, March 16. Please include your daytime phone number so we can call you if we need to.

We'll pick two readers to feature in the Sunday, March 29, issue of Taste. In addition to being photographed and interviewed for our story, you'll receive an apron and a copy of "The Passover Table," by Susan R. Friedland or "The Frugal Gourmet Keeps the Feast: Past, Present and Future," by Jeff Smith, in addition to our thanks.

Send recipes to Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

I'll ask my mother-in-law, Nancy, for her pickled beet recipe, which everyone loves, and share it on March 29.

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Tuesday, March 10, 1998

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Lean on pork as part of a healthful diet

To those of us who remember the pork of 10 or 20 years ago, lean pork may sound like an oxymoron, a combination of words that contradict one another, such as jumbo shrimp. Yet the pork we buy today is 30 percent leaner than the pork available in 1981. That's because pork producers are breeding leaner pigs to meet the demand of consumers who know that by choosing limited portions of lean meats, in combination with lots of fruits and vegetables, they can eat for better health.

Just how lean is today's pork? Loin and sirloin cuts can have less fat per ounce than skinless chicken thigh. With only 27 percent of calories from fat, pork tenderloin compares favorably with the 20 percent of calories from fat in a skinless chicken breast.

Eating food that fits with your lifestyle and individual preferences is a key to "personalized nutrition," and the focus of this year's "March is National Nutrition Month" campaign.

Dietary guidelines for healthy eating, such as those recom-

mended by the American Institute for Cancer Research, are designed to be flexible, allowing you to meet your nutritional needs with foods you enjoy.

Pork can easily be enjoyed as part of a healthful diet. Avoid high-fat cuts of pork, including country-style ribs and Boston roast and be sure to trim all visible fat before cooking.

Choose a cooking method that doesn't require added fat, such as grilling, broiling, baking, roasting on a rack, or stir-frying, and limit the portion size to about three ounces cooked, roughly the size of a deck of cards.

Many dishes use small portions of pork to add flavor to more plentiful amounts of vegetables and grains. Stir-fry pork tenderloin strips with broccoli florets, shiitake mushroom caps, yellow bell pepper slices and sliced green onion and serve over steamed rice. Or, make savory kabobs by marinating cubes of pork tenderloin in a mixture of apricot preserves, minced green onion, reduced-sodium tamari, minced fresh ginger and minced

garlic. Thread the pork on skewers with onion pieces, bell pepper squares, cherry tomatoes and pineapple cubes and broil.

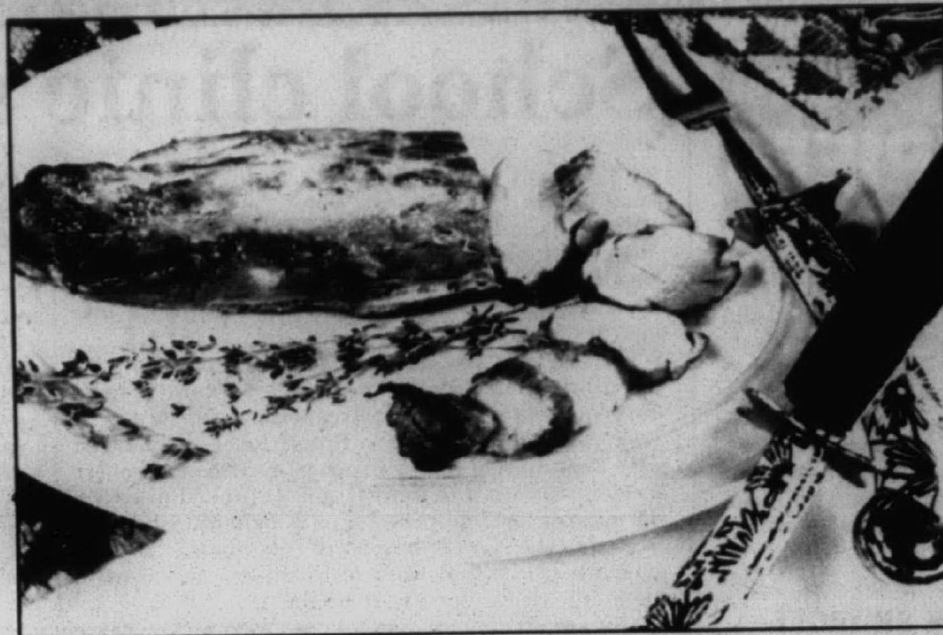
Juicy Glazed Roast Pork Tenderloin features an irresistible mixture of honey, mustard and cinnamon. Served in thin slices, along with steamed rice and sautéed vegetables, it's a surefire hit that takes only 30 minutes to cook.

GLAZED ROAST PORK TENDERLOIN

- 1/4 cup Dijon-style mustard
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
- 2 pounds pork tenderloin, trimmed of all visible fat

Preheat the oven to 325°F. In a small bowl, whisk together the mustard, orange rind, cinnamon and allspice. Set aside.

Place the pork on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Insert a



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meat thermometer into the center of the pork. Roast for 30 minutes, or until the thermometer registers 160°F. During the last 10 minutes of roasting, brush the pork occa-

sionally with the mustard mixture.

Remove the tenderloin from the oven and let stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

Each of the 8 servings contains

186 calories and 5 grams of fat. Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Readers clarify their favorite 'Recipes to Share'

By KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Thanks again for sending me your favorite "Recipes to Share." Gwen Krestel of Farmington Hills shared her Creamy Chicken & Cheese Enchiladas, and wanted to clarify one point.

In the recipe she says you can prepare the recipe ahead of time. "You will need to heat the enchiladas longer if made ahead of time, instead of the tortillas," she said.

A couple of readers wanted to know if you should drain the crushed pineapple called for in Auntie Flo's Fruit Salad recipe. "Yes, you should," said Peggy Peck of Redford.

It's hard to think of every detail when you're sharing a recipe you can make without even looking at it. I know people who, determined to get one of

their grandma's favorite recipes, ask her to stop after every step so they can measure the ingredients. Grandma never uses a recipe.

What is your favorite "Recipe to Share?" This is our newest feature, and you'll find it in Taste on the fourth Sunday of every month. We're counting on you to make it successful.

Please send, or fax your recipes to share, to Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Be sure to include a daytime phone number with your recipe, and be as specific as possible - what size can? what size package? should you drain the fruit, vegetables, or beans before combining with other ingredients?

We'll feature one reader each

month in an article. Along with our thanks, that person will be interviewed by me for the story, photographed with their "Recipe to Share," and receive a newly published cookbook, and apron.

We look forward to hearing from you. Just in case you missed last Sunday's paper, here are the recipes for Creamy Chicken & Cheese Enchiladas and Auntie Flo's Fruit Salad.

CREAMY CHICKEN & CHEESE ENCHILADAS

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 can (4 ounce) chopped green chilies
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin

4 ounces cream cheese, cubed

8-10 flour tortillas (6-inch)

1/4 pound Velveeta cheese, cubed

2 tablespoons milk

1/2 cup chopped tomato, divided

Microwave onion, garlic and oil in 2 quart casserole on High 2 to 3 minutes or until tender, stirring after 2 minutes.

Stir in chicken, chilies, broth and seasonings. Microwave on High 4 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Add cream cheese, stir until melted.

Spoon about 1/3 cup chicken mixture onto each tortilla; roll up. Place seam side down, in 8-inch

square baking dish. (Can be refrigerated at this point. You will need to heat Enchiladas longer if made ahead and refrigerated).

Microwave Velveeta, milk and 1/4 cup tomato in small bowl on High 2 to 3 minutes or until cheese is melted, stirring after each minute. Pour sauce over tortillas, top with remaining tomatoes. Microwave on high 6 to 8 minutes or until thoroughly heated, turning dish after 3 minutes.

Serves 2-3 people. Can be doubled (use 9 by 13-inch baking dish).

Recipe compliments of Gwen Krestel of Farmington Hills.

AUNTIE FLO'S FRUIT SALAD

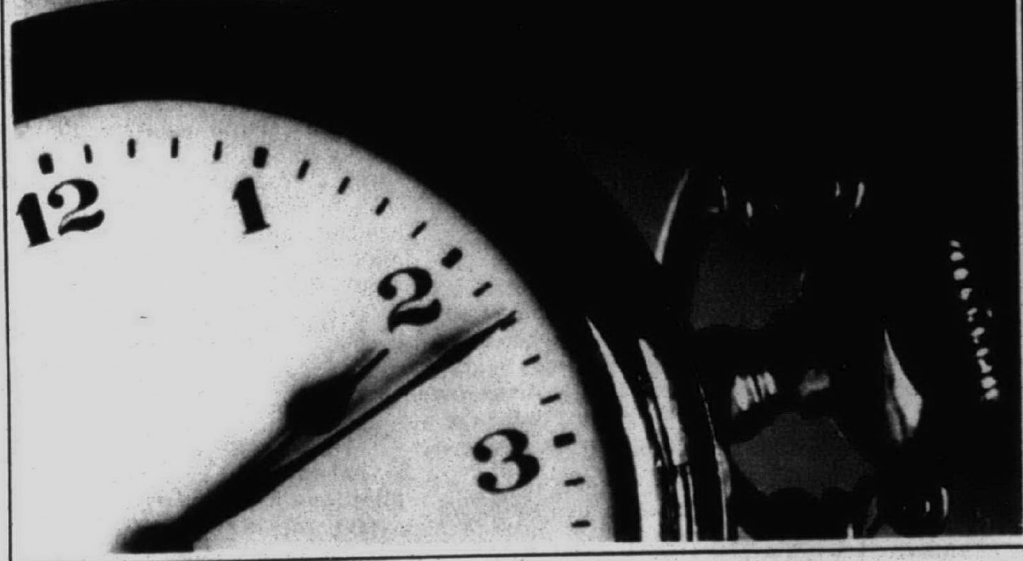
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Jell-O

- 1 cup hot water
- 1/2 pint whipped cream
- 1 cup finely chopped marshmallows
- 2 packages cream cheese (3 ounces each)
- 1 (9 ounce) can crushed pineapple, (drained)
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1/4 cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- Dissolve Jell-O in hot water and cool. Put sugar in whipped cream. Mix marshmallows, nuts, pineapple and cream cheese.
- Fold in whipped cream and sugar mixture. Add to Jell-O. Chill until firm.

Recipe compliments of Peggy Peck of Redford.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Hearing support group

The public is invited to attend the March 11 meeting of the new Westland chapter of Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People at the MedMax in Westland (35600 Central City Parkway, just north of Westland Center). March topic will include discussion of the Telecoil, a device used with hearing aids and a video will be shown on the same subject.

Food allergy support

Food Allergy: Diagnosis and Management will be discussed by Marc S. McMorris, M.D. (Allergy/Immunology) from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 20 at the Arbor Health Building, 990 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information call Anne Russell, R.N. (734) 420-2805 or Terence Joiner, M.D., (734) 484-7288. (No perfume, cologne, food or smoking in meeting room). Event is co-sponsored by the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Education & Support and W.H.E.A.S. Coalition Asthma Support Group.

Growing through grief

An eight-week workshop for children dealing with loss and for the adults who care for them is being offered by the Angela Hospice "My Nest is Best" pediatric program. The Growing through Grief classes will be held at Angela Hospice on eight consecutive Mondays from March 2 through April 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. To register call (313) 464-7810.

Conscious Contact

Conscious Contact Alcoholics Anonymous will feature speaker Hugh H. (Who Me Group) for the 21st anniversary - open talk at the Garden City Hospital (5254 Inkster Road) March 11 at 8:30 p.m. Please use the Maplewood entrance; coffee and cake will be served - bring a friend. Contact Woody C. at (313) 706-6824 for more information.

Bereavement support

Community Hospice and Home Care Services will be the site of a Bereavement Support Series March 10, 17, 24, 31; and April 7, 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. at 32932 Warren Road in Westland. The six-week program will help adults understand and work through the grief process following the death of a loved one. \$20 fee. Call Rebecca Rouse, BS/RSW at (734) 522-4244.

Anxiety disorder - AIM

AIM is a nonprofit self help support group for those suffering with anxiety, panic, fear, phobia's and depression. We can help you live a fear free life. Meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 3000 Five Mile in Livonia. For further information call (248) 547-0400.

Arthritis aquatics

Warm-water range-of-motion exercises for arthritis sufferers are taught by instructors at the Wayne Aquatic Pool, 4635 Howe Road, call 721-2244 or at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, 482-4413.

Area blood drive

Saturday, March 7, at Westland's St. Bernadine Church (31463 Ann Arbor Trail from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (734) 427-5150.

Celiac sprue support

Tri-County Celiac Sprue Support Group will meet March 9 at the Southfield Presbyterian Church located at 21575 W. 10 Mile Road at 7 p.m. Call (248) 477-5953 or (313) 522-8522.

Items for Medical Briefs are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to:

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School clinic serves students, families

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Sue Szurek is so thrilled with the new Oakwood Healthcare Center at Lincoln Elementary School in Wayne-Westland that she barely finishes explaining one goal before another pops into her head.

"I'm excited to be starting on the ground floor with the clinic," said Szurek, "and I look forward to helping people empower themselves toward self-care."

Szurek, a Family Nurse Practitioner, is charged with maintaining a new in-school health care center serving children and their families enrolled in either the Lincoln or Jefferson-Barns Elementary Schools located in the NorWayne area of Westland.

Launched the first week of February, the focus of all medical services will be on health promotion and disease prevention says Szurek. Services will include immunizations, evaluation/treatment of acute problems, physical examinations (school, sports, camp), health counseling and referrals.

"We'll place a lot of focus on health education in terms of acute and chronic medical problems," said Szurek. "This initiative presents a unique opportunity in this general area of Southeast Michigan ... not just for school-aged kids but for the family as a whole."

The partnership between the Wayne-Westland Schools and Oakwood Healthcare System originally came to fruition through funding from the Oakwood Foundation raised by the Annapolis Center Foundation.

Other financial support has come from the community while clinic space and utilities were donated by the school district.

Szurek said the school has been very supportive and was the "initial impetus to start the clinic."

Funding for health education activities offered by Ellie LaRoy, health education nurse, comes from the Community Focused Health Promotion Network of Oakwood. Szurek said LaRoy will make health education presentations in classrooms twice a week on topics such as dental health, hand washing and cardiac activity.

Presently Szurek oversees daily clinic operations and is aided by Oakwood Merriman Center physician Scott Yaekle, M.D., one day a week. However, as staffing and program abilities expand, the target population is expected to broaden to include students who attend Adams Middle School and to clients who originally sought services as elementary students.

The Oakwood nurse practitioner said pending more substantial financial support, services may also be offered in the future to the entire NorWayne commu-

nity.

"If it can be measured and validated that we're making a difference in the community I look forward to the Center opening its doors to the individuals and families who make their homes in the surrounding neighborhoods," said Szurek.

"If someone comes into the clinic with a problem outside my scope of practice we'll attempt to give families informational listings of other health care providers in the area," said Szurek who noted she can also refer them to the Westland office where Dr. Yaekle practices.

Advisory committee members who contributed input regarding the clinic agreed that children who feel better in school are more likely to perform better in the classroom and during testing than those that are chronically ill. Volunteer members included representatives from various organizations including Oakwood Healthcare System, Wayne-Westland Schools, The Salvation Army, City of Westland Police Department, Wayne County Health Department, Dorsey Community Center, and the City of Westland.

Doris Smith, a parent of two Lincoln students, was part of the volunteer advisory committee as a continuum of her involvement with her children's education.

Although Smith herself said she and her children, ages 8 and 10, have access to a primary care physician she is very supportive of the in-school clinic for the Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns population who aren't so fortunate.

"I know there are a lot of students who don't get sufficient health care either because they can't get it or they have a parent who won't bother because it's not a high priority," said Smith.

"The Lincoln Center will make it possible for them to get the care they need."

Smith said the close proximity of the clinic creates a sense of comfort for her in the event there was an emergency or injury situation involving her children during school hours.

Lincoln Health Center is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and noon to 4 p.m. Thursday.

Appointments are needed for physicals, but walk-ins for other services are seen whenever possible on a first come, first served basis.

Szurek said some parents have expressed concern that the Lincoln Center can dispense contraceptives.

"We do not have permission from the state of Michigan to do anything related to sex education and that includes birth control," said Szurek.

"Our intent is to provide family assessments, health education and promotion and treatment for



Measuring up: Oakwood Nurse Practitioner Sue Szurek measures D.J. Bentley, while Kelly Reffitt makes sure he doesn't budge.



Healthy friendship: Corey Burns, Lincoln first-grader, welcomes Oakwood's nurse "Rosey Goodhealth" as she enters the clinic.

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acute and chronic illnesses."

All clinic services are conducted on a confidential basis and nothing can be discussed with a teacher or school administrator without written consent from a parent or guardian.

Lincoln School Healthcare Center is located at 33800 Grand Traverse in Westland. Call (734) 728-2423 for more information.

Kidney month raises awareness

March is "National Kidney Month" and is dedicated to increasing public knowledge on the importance of kidneys to overall health. Nearly 8,000 Michigan residents currently are receiving dialysis and close to 1,600 of those people are awaiting a kidney transplant.

Kidney disease can go undetected for many years. When it reaches an advanced state, the disease could lead to death if untreated. Knowing the early warning signs can help. They include:

- Urinating more than usual
- Middle of the night urination
- Swollen hands, feet, around eyes
- Blood in urine
- Pain or burning when urinating
- High blood pressure

"Some signs cannot be detected without test from your doctor. For example, your blood pressure is a leading cause of kidney disease. When high blood pressure is detected and controlled, the risk of kidney disease and other com-

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plications are greatly reduced," said Dan Carney, executive director of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Other causes of kidney failure include diabetes, inherited diseases and drug abuse.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan urges you to learn more about your kidneys and to get regular medical checkups that include tests for blood pressure, blood sugar and kidney function.

For more information about the kidneys and kidney disease call 800-482-1455.

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

New surgical director

Dr. Viken Douzjian, M.D., has been appointed surgical director of the Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation Program at Henry Ford Hospital. In his new role, Douzjian will help in reorganizing the Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation Program and take part in both clinical and research activities. He also will develop educational and outreach programs to keep referring physicians and dialysis personnel informed and updated on important transplant information.



Douzjian

Healthcare newsletter

Health-care journalist Steve Raphael has launched a new health-care newsletter, Michigan Health-Care News. Produced by the independent and privately owned Michigan Health-Care News Inc., a

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collaboration between Raphael and publisher Vicki Robb, owner of Kolka and Robb Inc.

The biweekly publication covers stories essential to members of Michigan large health-care community. The newsletter targets purchasers and providers of health-care, key hospital executives, insurance companies, home health-care industries and medical equipment companies. For more information about the newsletter, call (888) 882-5767 or visit their Web site at www.mihealthnews.com

Senator honored

The Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) recognized state Sen. Bob Geake (R-Northville) for his hard work on mental health issues. The 1997 "Go to Bat for Mental Health Award" was given to Geake at the organization's winter conference. Sen. Geake is the nation's



Raphael

longest serving psychologist in a state legislature.

"I am proud to receive this distinguished award," Geake said. "We have worked hard in recent years to bring about positive change in the mental health community."

Family physician

Dr. Christyne Lawson, M.D., has joined the staff of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers' Department of Family Practice. She received her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed a family practice residency at Providence Hospital.



Lawson

Physician welcomed

Dr. Paul Lemen, M.D., of Livonia, recently joined the Oakwood Healthcare System staff at the Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center - Dearborn in Dearborn Heights. Lemen, an OB/GYN is the recipient of the Jack Klieger Award for Best Resident Research Paper in 1996.

To make an appointment with Dr. Lemen, call 800-543-WELL.

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Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents in the medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-2922 or 800-494-1650.

SAT, MARCH 7

CANCER SCREENING
St. Mary Hospital and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will offer a prostate and breast cancer screening from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion. Preregistration is requested by calling (734) 655-2922 or 800-494-1650.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
A seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for couples who are thinking about having a baby or for those who are expecting. The cost is \$15/per couple or \$7.50 per person. Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100.

TUE, MARCH 3

DIABETES EDUCATION
"Taking charge of Living With Diabetes." Classes will be held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 3 through March 26 in the auditorium. Preregistration is required, call (734) 655-2922 or 800-494-1650.

WED, MARCH 4

CANCER SUPPORT
"Focus on Living" a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first

SUN, MARCH 8

PARKINSON SUPPORT
The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Bldg. 5305 near parking lot P. Call Don Kenney at (313) 741-9209 or (313) 930-6335.

TUE, MARCH 10

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
Intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic knowledge or the heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR and choking rescue skills. \$25 fee. Please call Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia; 1-800-968-7759. Additional dates for this three-hour program from 6-9 p.m. March 10; April 14; and May 12.

QUIT SMOKING

Quit smoking with acupuncture

at this free seminar at 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

ARTHRITIS SELF-HELP

A six-week series co-sponsored with the Arthritis Foundation at 2 p.m. \$20 fee and preregistration required. For more information call (248) 477-6100.

WED, MARCH 11

USE ANGER CREATIVELY
Power Surges: Using Anger Creatively. Learn how to channel your anger for creative change in this informative session at 7 p.m. for a \$15 fee and preregistration is required by the Botsford Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi, call to register, (248) 477-6100.

THUR, MARCH 12

LUPUS CHAPTER

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will hold its meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Library Conference Room, 23500 Liberty Street, one block west of Farmington Road. Anthony A. Emmer, D.O. (neurologist) will discuss "Lupus and CNS Involvement - Myths and Facts." Call Andrea Gray, (313) 261-6714.

BEST BEEF RECIPES

Tired of the same old recipes? This session will give you just the right seasonings. 7 p.m. \$6 fee and preregistration required. Botsford's Health Development Network (HDN), 39750 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 477-6100.

SAT, MARCH 14

BABYSITTING
Babysitting: Not Just Kid's Stuff. This two session workshop will provide youngsters ages 11-14, with the skills needed to serve as responsible babysitters.

\$25. Preregistration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

MON, MARCH 16

TODDLER CHILD DEVELOPMENT
Learn about the normal growth and development of your child at different stages of life. Presented by Jay Shayeitz, MD, Medical Director Providence Children's Unit. Program for toddlers (1-3 years) from 7-9 p.m. Please call Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia; 1-800-968-7759.

TUE, MARCH 17

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT
Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County, will meet at 6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. For more information and a map please call Connie at 328-3502.

Asthma relief

Sinus surgery alleviates problem

A surgery performed on patients with chronic rhinosinusitis - inflammation of the sinuses - also provides relief from asthma, according to a study by a Henry Ford physician.

"It is common for people with chronic sinus problems to also have asthma. In fact, patients with asthma and rhinosinusitis typically have more severe sinus disease," said Brent Senior, M.D., senior staff surgeon, Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery. "The question is whether there is a link in treatment of both."

Senior assessed the long-term impact of functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS) on those with chronic rhinosinusitis and asthma. Of the 120 patients who underwent surgery for rhinosinusitis, 30 patients were identified as also

'Almost half the [asthma] patients reported decreased use of inhalers.'

having asthma.

Findings showed a year after surgery, 78 percent reported improvement in asthma. At six and a half years following surgery, 90 percent reported improvement in asthma.

Patients showed an increasing degree of improvement. At one year, patients reported at 49 percent improvement, while at six and a half years patients reported a 65 percent improvement.

Asthma attacks for patients at six and a half years declined 74 percent, while 15 percent reported no change, and 11 per-

cent reported an increase in asthma attacks.

Almost half the patients reported decreased use of inhalers, with nearly two thirds reporting a decrease in oral steroid use as well.

"This report indicates that FESS, along with appropriate medical treatment of sinus disease, can have a long-lasting, positive impact on stabilizing asthma," said Dr. Senior, who conducted this research with colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania.

"It is important to note that all patients had symptoms of chronic rhinosinusitis leading to surgery, and no patient was operated on for asthma alone," said Senior.

"Further research would have to be performed to determine whether FESS is useful

Oakwood's bone marrow unit adds patient treatment rooms

Oakwood Healthcare System's Cancer Center of Excellence recently expanded the Blood and Marrow Stem Cell Transplant (BMT) program.

The program, in affiliation with the University of Michigan and housed at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn, has added five new beds in a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtered unit. These specifically designed rooms will help to administer care for BMT patients who are significantly immuno-compromised.

"This unit, which has a sophisticated state-of-the-art HEPA filtration system, is designed for the care of patients undergoing marrow and stem cell transplantation," said Feroze Momin, M.D., director of the BMT program.

"The immune system of these patients is severely compromised making them susceptible to a variety of serious bacterial, fungal and viral infections. The

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controlled air quality that results from HEPA filtration reduces the incidence of serious infections...

BMT is a procedure used in a variety of hematopoietic disease and some solid tumors, which enables very high doses of chemotherapy, and at times radiation therapy, to be delivered to the patients.

The patient is then rescued by infusing stem cells, either collected from the patient before the high dose chemotherapy (autologous) or donated by another person (allogeneic), to rebuild the patient's immune system which is destroyed by the chemotherapy.

"Many patients have benefited from this agreement because they have been able to receive care close to home," said Manuel Valdivieso, M.D., director, Center of Excellence.

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Petee promoted

Matt Petee has been promoted to corporate director of Physical Medicine at Plymouth-based MEDHEALTH Systems Corporation by president Jack Moores.

Petee will be responsible for the maintenance, development and progression of the firms Physical Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine and Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy programming at the MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers.

VP of marketing

Visiting Nurse Association Inc., the state's largest independent home health care provider, has named Marg Szezechowski of Plymouth as the new vice president of marketing. In this position, she will develop new business ventures for VNA as well as direct overall marketing efforts

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Live video, audio is the future of the Internet

PC TALK



MIKE WENDLAND

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Want to see an example? Check out WDIV Online (www.wdiv.com), Channel Four's Web site. Look on the far right hand column you'll find a hyperlink that takes you to live coverage of the Walter Budzyn retrial in the beating death of Malice Green, direct from a courtroom in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Right away, let me confess my bias. I work at WDIV and, in fact, founded the Web site. But aside from my pride, this really is a pioneering use of cyberspace. From Monday through Friday between 9 p.m. and 4 p.m., the station has put its special fiber optic feed from the courtroom directly on the Internet. You're now able to see and hear the action as Judge Thomas Jackson presides over the trial.

At times this feed may contain videotaped replays of specific parts of the testimony to be used in upcoming news broadcasts as sound "bites" for an edited news story to be shown on television. Or, if you tune in after 3 p.m. or around 11:30 a.m., you may watch as the on-air reporter pre-

pare reports for an upcoming news broadcast. At other times, the feed includes interviews taped earlier or being done live.

But, most times, it contains the courtroom activity. You see it and hear it as if you had a front row seat in the courtroom, which is exactly where the camera is located. Witnesses are questioned and cross-examined, objections made, evidence shown and diagrammed. You get it all, as it happens, instead of a one minute, thirty second taped report of someone else's version of what happened.

WDIV uses the most popular... and free... live video and audio software now offered for Internet consumers. Called RealVideo (www.real.com), it plays World Wide Web "programs" in a miniature box on your computer screen.

There are other Internet video applications out there. Some are as good or better than RealVideo. But, if for no other reason than they have been the best marketed, RealVideo is the clear favorite.

What does it look like? Well, as promising as it is, it is not of the quality you get from regular television.

Depending on the speed of your connection and congestion on the Internet, it may be amazingly smooth (through ISDN lines or T1 connections like those used by universities and major corporations) or somewhat herky-jerky (as with 33.6 or slower modems).

But in all cases, the Net programming is understandable and well worth the look.

Here's some of the things you can listen and see... live.

■Film.com (www.film.com) offers movies, short films and interviews, plus reviews from top film critics.

■(www.timecast.com) Timecast an online guide, with links, to live concerts, press conferences, sports, business and entertainment happenings. The other day, for example, they were offering a live-recorded concert from the Royal Albert written by Paul McCartney.

■Bloomberg Business Video (www.bloomberg.com/videos) lets you watch the latest financial, world, technology, or business news clips.

■C-Span (www.c-span.org) offers live press conferences and speeches all day long, an archives of special briefings from various government agencies.

■Fox (http://foxnews.com/video) News is one of the most video-friendly sites on the web. The other day, I watched in fascination as it carried a live broadcast

of the solar eclipse in the caribbean. You can still see it from an archived clip on their site.

■(http://quest.arc.nasa.gov/lte/live/) NASA offers live Net audio and video of major space launches and happenings. You can still look over clips from the Mars Pathfinder mission, as well as Senator John Glenn's press conference announcing his return visit to space.

■Trinity Broadcasting (http://www.tbn.org/media.htm) This is Christian TV, offering live video and audio and a video "Prayer Line."

■(http://www.gna.gov.bh/home.htm) This is live TV from Bahrain. Lots of Arabic music and cultural events and local news. I watched it carefully during all the latest tension with Iraq for what very nearly was an attack on Baghdad.

Where will this all end? It won't. Connections will get faster, the video smoother and larger.

What happens to regular television? Cable and satellite television?

They'll all still be there. But anything you can get over the air or by cable will also be simulcast on the Net. Mark my words.

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Cancer Patient Program

St. Mary Hospital, Livonia presents the American Cancer Society's "I Can Cope" program for cancer patients, their family and friends as follows:

Tuesdays, March 17 - April 21 (6 weeks)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Mary Hospital
West Addition Conference Room B

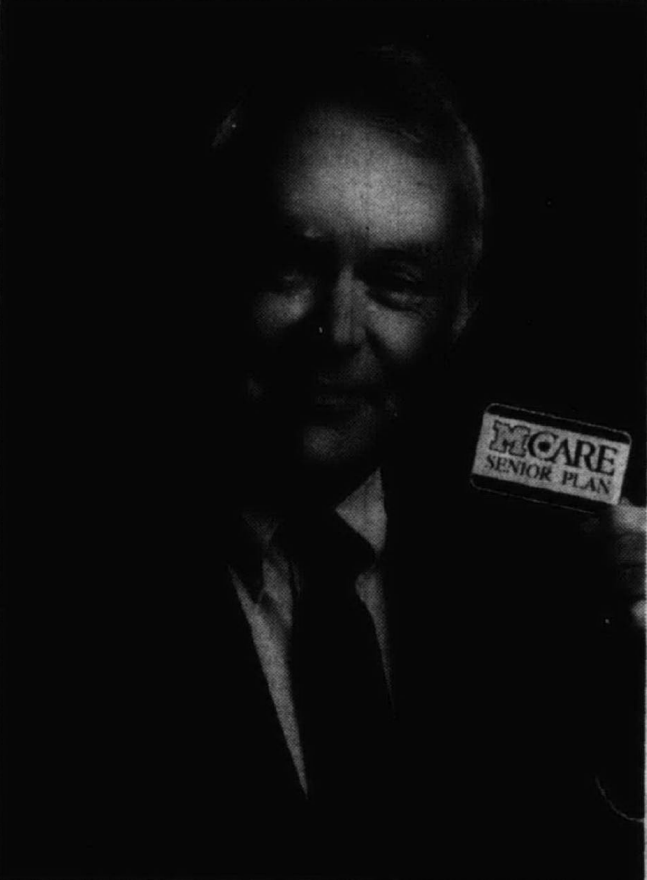
"I Can Cope" is a free program for cancer patients, their family and friends. The course is designed to help newly diagnosed patients learn how to take an active role in their treatment and recovery. If you would like to learn more about cancer, its causes, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, management of side effects, adjustment to changes in body image, exercise and proper nutrition, community resources and new potentials as a person with cancer, then "I Can Cope" is for you.

Presentations will be made by a team of health care professionals, including an oncologist, radiation oncologist, nurse, social worker, dietitian and pharmacist as well as other community resource professionals.

There is no charge for the program.
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Duo gets no respect at home

Heidi Hepler recently returned from two tours of Europe baffled by the fact she and husband Michele Ramo are relatively unknown in her hometown of Livonia.

In 1996, the husband and wife musical duo approached the Livonia Symphony Orchestra to premiere one of the pieces Ramo composed for orchestra only to be turned down by the board. Now, Hepler and Ramo are in negotiations for the Munich Youth Orchestra to debut the same work in Germany.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra president Robert Bennett was not at the helm in 1996 when Hepler and Ramo approached the board. Bennett and a committee begin meeting March 2 to schedule the music programs and concerts for the 1998-99 season. He promises to look into premiering Ramo's work as well as featuring the duo on one of their programs.

The LSO has a long history of supporting emerging artists and debuting new works. In fact, the board is currently looking at a proposal to present a work by an American composer at each of next season's concerts. Perhaps the debut of the "Afro-Brazilian Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra" will take place in Livonia after all. The concerto was written in two movements by Ramo in 1991 and arranged in 1996.

"The opening is very classical oriented," said Ramo. "The first movement is a dialogue between English horn, bassoon and guitar."

The second composition, "Summer Sun," is a ballad composed by Ramo with lyrics by Hepler.

Classical roots

Hepler and Ramo have devoted their lives to their art. Ramo quit school at a young age to study violin. By age 17, he was under contract with the Orchestra Del Teatro Massimo in Palermo. This was no easy feat as orchestra members are required to have a master's degree in performance. So, Ramo continued the course he'd begun at the Conservatory of Music in Trapani and Palermo. He earned a master's degree in violin at the Conservatory of Caltanissetta in Italy in 1985. Advanced studies in guitar led him to world renowned guitarists Joe Pass, Alirio Diaz, Charlie

Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo

■ 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18 and 25, at Java Master Coffee House in West Bloomfield, (248) 626-7393

■ 5-9 p.m. Thursdays and 6-10 p.m. Sundays at Fiorelli's Restaurant in Flat Rock, (734) 782-1431

■ 7-10 p.m. Fridays March 6, 13, 20 and 27, at Cafe Cortina Restaurant in Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033

■ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays March 7, 14, 21 and 28, in the Cappuccino Bar at Vic's Market in Novi, (248) 305-7333.



Exquisite Corpse: Elbert Weber, Jack Olds and Judy Harthorn created this art work while taking part in a game invented by the Surrealists.



Crowing about it: Ellen Wilt, Helga Haller and Judith Jacobs collaborated on this work in "The Exquisite Corpse" exhibition at the Ann Arbor Art Center.

'Exquisite Corpse' gives birth to exhibit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Elbert Weber threw Jack Olds a curve when he painted the head and upper torso of a woman. The two Livonia artists were participating in a game invented earlier this century by the Surrealists.

Player one creates the head of a figure then covers or folds it over before passing the work on to player two who executes the torso, and player three, the legs. When the last player finishes, in this case Judy Harthorn of Grosse Pointe Shores, the work is unfolded or uncovered revealing the Exquisite Corpse.

Unknowningly, Weber and Olds both created breasts on the female torso. The bountiful work is one of 32 in an exhibition at the Ann Arbor Art Center. A closing reception and silent auction of all but a handful of the two- and three-dimensional Exquisite Corpses takes place Friday, March 13, to benefit the art center.

"The fact you had no idea about what the other two artists are doing guaranteed it to be a little on the scary side but I was interested in trying the game to broaden my horizons," said Weber.

The corpses on exhibit at the art center are anything but exquisite - surreal most definitely. Artists were encouraged to radically depart from the traditional figure as Surrealists did. Some portion of nearly all of the works deviate from the norm. Several generate provocation in varying degrees.

"These are very surreal," said exhibitions director Sharon Currey. "This exhibit proves that art doesn't have to be serious or brooding. These are bizarre. They're fun and make you smile. It sort of brings art out of the ivory tower."

Anyone can participate in the game. Create your own Exquisite Corpse from a free kit available at two Espresso Royale Cafes (214 Main Street and 640 Packard) in Ann Arbor. Customers choosing to leave the works at the coffee shops will have them collected and compiled into a book at the art center for everyone to enjoy the night of the closing reception. You don't have to be an artist to participate. Several children have used their imaginations to create whimsical, out-of-this-world characters.

Connecting people

"I like the idea of bringing the exquisite corpse back to the cafes," said Currey. "Customers can create their own with collage materials. The kits are very self contained so that someone who knows nothing about the exquisite corpse can do one. And because you don't have control over the final product, it releases inhibition. The artists said it was a fun experience to get out of their studios but frustrating because they had no creative control over the final product."

West Bloomfield artist Deborah Friedman conveys color in all its glory in a work she completed with Lenore Dimpart, Birmingham and Madeline Barkey, Ferndale. Friedman found the game beneficial in a number of ways. In fact, the only aspect of the game she disliked came in the initial stages of securing

commitments from other artists to participate.

"I like the fact that anything goes," said Friedman, a graduate student at Wayne State University. "It's not planned so you just throw caution to the wind. I took some of that freedom I felt and put it into my own work. It gave me confidence. I'm currently going through a transition in my work and have thrown out the narrative element. Now, the work speaks for itself."

The idea for "The Exquisite Corpse" came about when Currey and a committee, including Eastern Michigan University art professor Richard Rubinfeld, met in May to nail down the art center's 1998 exhibition schedule. Rubinfeld liked the historical aspect of producing a show of works resulting from the game originally played by three to four artists or writers in Parisian cafes and parlors. According to Rubinfeld, the Exquisite Corpse actually evolved around 1925 from word games played by Andre Breton, Yves Tanguy and Jacques Prevert and was named after a poem written by Breton.

"It's historic, collaborative, takes advantage of chance, and it's fun," said Rubinfeld, who judged 100 entries with Currey, Ben Upton and Susanne Stephenson. "The results were absolutely intriguing because they were exploring things that weren't rational. I thought it was a very successful exhibition. There's some really haunting works. I imagine it would be very fruitful to do performance this way. The possibilities are endless."

One set of artists juxtaposes the lower half of Mr. Peanut's body with the Bee Gees and the head of a crucified Christ.

Using her own photographs Lorelei Byatt assembled a head from images pertaining to her life. Judith Peebles filled small white paper bags with a silicone like material for the breast, a pink plas-

Please see EXQUISITE, C2

The Exquisite Corpse

■ **What:** An exhibition featuring two- and three-dimensional art works created after a game invented by the Surrealists which was played by three to four artists or writers in Parisian cafes and parlors.

■ **When:** Through Sunday, March 15. A closing reception and silent auction of the works takes place 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 13.

■ **Where:** Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 West Liberty, (734) 994-8004.

■ **Related activity:** An Exquisite Corpse Literary Game Day takes place in a cafe environment 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Borders Books and Music, 612 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. An Ann Arbor Art Center instructor will provide a history of the game and lead the group in a round of literary Surrealist games. Kits will also be on hand for playing the art version of the exquisite corpse. Free.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Struggling pianist returns for concert

■ **What:** Pianist Nishan Aghababian performs a concert featuring J.S. Bach, Franz Liszt, Robert Helps, and Richard Strauss.

■ **When:** 3 p.m. Saturday, March 7. **Where:** Hammell Music Recital Hall, 15630 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 427-0040.

■ **Cost:** Donations accepted.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Nishan Aghababian struck his first note on the piano at age 5. Envious of an older brother who was about to begin piano studies, Aghababian insisted on learning the keyboard as well. By the time he was in junior high, Aghababian's older brother quit taking piano lessons to play football. Aghababian, on the other hand, decided music was the only career for him.

Winning first place in the Young Artists Competition sponsored by the Oakway Symphony (now the Livonia Symphony Orchestra) in the early 1980s simply reaffirmed Aghababian's decision to seek a career as a performer and teacher.

After concertizing throughout the United States, Europe and Japan, Aghababian, at age 34, returns to his native Livonia to perform the music of Bach, Liszt, Strauss and Robert Helps Saturday, March 7, at Hammell Music Recital Hall.

"The program is an exciting one because it's pieces that aren't often heard," said Aghababian, a Princeton, N.J., resident. "The Liszt

pieces show a side of the composer that's very often overlooked."

Aghababian approached Hammell's about performing a solo recital because he wants to spend more time on stage. Until now, he's spent most of his career teaching.

Born in Detroit of Armenian and Romanian parentage, Aghababian began teaching piano while a student at Franklin High School in Livonia. In the last several years, he's been on the faculty of the University of South Florida, Brooklyn Music School, Hackley Music Institute, Westchester Conservatory/Mercy College and Stecher and Horowitz School of Fine Arts. He currently teaches privately in his home and at the New School for Music Study in Princeton.

Aghababian's wife Chihiro is also a pianist and like Aghababian she teaches. The two have three daughters under the age of 4. Aghababian jokes that by day he's Mr. Mom, at night he teaches to pay the bills.

"Like everyone else in the arts, I'm struggling," said Aghababian. "That's why I'm asking for donations."

Please see CLASSICAL MUSIC, C2



On the road: Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo performed in the Internationales Theater Frankfurt on a recent tour of Europe.



From Bach to Liszt: Pianist Nishan Aghababian, a Livonia native now living in Princeton, New Jersey, will perform a solo recital Saturday, March 7.

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Byrd and Carlos Barbosa.

Born in Italy, Ramo performed with the Orchestra Sinfonica Siciliana in Palermo and served as concert master with the Orchestra Filarmonica Del Tirreno before moving to the United States in 1987 at age 23. After one month in New York, he was broke and moved to Detroit. After meeting the Italian Consul for Detroit while working as a strolling violinist in a restaurant near Belle Isle, Ramo was on his way. He has five recordings to his credit.

Hepler and Ramo met in 1990 as she was leaving for Rome to study and perform. After her return, the two began working together and were married shortly thereafter in 1994. Hepler and Ramo have performed their rare brand of Brazilian-Flamenco flavored jazz in coffee houses and concert halls both as a duo and with their group RamoNova. They released their first recording together, "Kiss My Head," in 1995.

Ramo and Hepler have performed in clubs, concerts and festivals in Canada, Europe and the U.S., including the University of Michigan Musical Society's May Festival, Musica Viva International concerts, Lyric Chamber Ensemble and the Montreaux-Detroit Jazz Festival. On the local scene, he and Heidi fre-

quently perform in Birmingham, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield.

When asked to describe their music Ramo replied, "the comment always is 'it's fresh.' Our music defies categorization—it's the color of her voice, our classical training. It's Brazilian, Latin and Jazz influences coming together as one."

Hepler, a former Miss Livonia and Miss Michigan, began her musical training by singing with the church choir and taking cello lessons at an early age. Her advanced vocal studies were with Marjorie Gordon in Detroit, Seth Riggs, Los Angeles, and in New York City while performing cabaret. She also studied with the University of Michigan Opera Theater at Interlochen National Music Camp. While in Rome in the early 1990s, Hepler sang at the 1991 Rome Jazz Festival. In this country, she has performed as a soloist with the Michigan Opera Theater, National Opera Theater Association, Piccolo Opera Company, the Comic Opera Guild in Ann Arbor, and at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

In 1996, Hepler and Ramo spent five months touring Italy, Germany and the Netherlands and closed the summer concert season of "Estate Mazarese 96"



Dynamic duo: Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo have performed their rare brand of Brazilian-Flamenco flavored jazz in coffee houses and concert halls in America and Europe since 1994.

in Mazara del Vallo in Italy. In 1997, the duo, for three months, concentrated on performing in Germany.

"When Michele and I met our emotions and spirits jelled," said Hepler. The great thing is we're bringing together our creativity and love to make music as one."

Linda Ann Chomin is an arts reporter with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the performing or visual arts, call (734) 953-2145.

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Aghababian's lifelong dream of "making it" as a classical pianist is something he's worked towards for years.

From the age of five when he took piano lessons with Jean Candlish to several years of study with Donald Morelock, chairman of the music department at Schoolcraft College while still in high school, Aghababian's life has revolved around music. Even summers were devoted to studying piano at Interlochen.

Aghababian, because of his dedication and discipline, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan School of Music on a full four year scholarship.

He continued mastering his instrument at the University of South Florida with Robert Helps, a world renowned com-

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poser of 20th century music.

After earning a master's degree in piano performance, Aghababian then studied for two years at the Paris Conservatory in France.

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tic that looks like intestines and a patch of wheat grass for the mid section.

Joan Painter Jones used found materials including a rusted shower head and a brush for the lower torso of the three-dimensional work.

"The Surrealists took away all the pretensions of art," said Currey. "One or two groups of artists chose to divide the paper a different way. Artists said they received so many new ideas. It was very thought-provoking for them."

ART BEAT

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

YOU MUST REMEMBER THIS

The Renaissance Chorus presents "You Must Remember This" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington.

Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students, and available by calling (313) 438-2364.

Guest artists are international medalist quartet Michigan Jake, Fanfare, and the Sweet Adeline Quartet Harmonix.

Also of note:

Male singers are invited to attend a guest night 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 728-6865.

"We're inviting anyone who likes to sing," said Gary Simon, Renaissance Chorus member.

DEADLINE HEARS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Schoolcraft College's music department is looking for piano, instrumental and voice students from grades one to 12 to enter two competitions. Winners will receive scholarships and cash prizes.

Deadline for entry is March 9. For more information, call Donald Morelock, Honors Recital Competition director at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

The purpose of both competitions is to encourage excellence in performance and to recognize excellence in teaching in the

Detroit-Ann Arbor area. Twelve scholarships for the 1998 Summer Music School program at Schoolcraft College will be awarded to winners.

All auditions will be held in the Forum Building on campus and are open to the public. Visitors are asked to enter the audition room only between performances.

The 26th annual Piano Honors Recital competition takes place Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 in Room F-301.

The 7th annual Instrumental and Voice Honors competition, expanded this year to include all woodwinds, will be held Saturday, March 21 in Room F-530.

Winners of both competitions will perform Sunday, April 5 in the Forum Recital Hall (F-530) at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

BENEFIT DANCE CONCERT

Jazz Dance Theatre, under the direction of Adam B. Clark, will give its third annual benefit concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

This year's concert benefits the American Heart Association. Clark is an instructor at Miss Harriet's School of Dance in Livonia.

Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 students/seniors, and available by calling Dance Theatre Studio at (734) 995-4242.

In addition to the company's repertory, Jazz Dance Theatre's Youth Dance Project also returns to the stage. The Youth Dance Project, created for last year's benefit, has grown and showcases both new and returning dancers in the premiere of "Together Again."

GERMAN REQUIEM

Eastern Michigan University's Department of Music presents a performance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem," 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 in Pease Auditorium, corner of West Cross Street and College Place in Ypsilanti.

Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 students/seniors, and available at the Quirk Box Office (734) 487-1221, or Pease Auditorium one hour before the performance.

The concert is under the direction of Kevin Miller, associate professor of music. Appearing as soloists are faculty members Glenda Kirkland, soprano, and Donald Hartmann, bass-baritone. The work will be performed by the EMU University Choir, EMU Festival Choir, First Presbyterian Church Choir of Ann Arbor and the EMU Symphony Orchestra.

For more information, call Kristy Meretta in the EMU Music Events Office (734) 487-2255 or Kevin Miller in the EMU Orchestra Office (734) 487-2448.

CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT

International concert guitarist Fabio Zanon and special guest Victor Antonio Sakalauskas, a concert classic guitarist, will be featured in recital 8 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 14 in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft (I-96) and Levan, Livonia.

Tickets are \$14.50 in advance, \$16 at the door, and available by calling (248) 975-8797.

Brazilian guitarist Fabio Zanon came to international prominence in 1996 when he won first prize in the 30th Francisco Tarrega International Competition, the most prestigious guitar competition in Europe.



Heart affair: Jazz Dance Theatre, under the direction of Adam Clark, gives its third annual benefit concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

Sakalauskas, a Michigan native and graduate of Madonna University, earned his bachelor's degree under Helene Rottenberg in 1996. He debuted as a soloist with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra the same year. He has also performed at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor. He has taken master classes with Pepe Romero, Roland Dyens, Kevin Gallagher, and Evangelos & Liza, and continues his guitar studies with John Holmquist at the Cleveland Institute of Arts.

BATIK WORKSHOPS

If you like color, you'll love batik. Learn this ancient wax-resist art from the island of Java in a series of workshops at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth.

The cost is \$75 and includes all materials. To register, call (734) 416-4ART.

The workshops, with instructor Katie Fox, take place 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 13, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 14, 21.

MALE DANCERS WANTED

Artistic director Peter Sparling

is seeking two male dancers to audition to join his professional modern dance company noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 14 at Dance Gallery Studio, 111 Third Street, off Huron in Ann Arbor.

The audition is a modern class format and dancers should bring a resume. There is no audition fee.

New company members will begin rehearsal with the company in May and will perform with Peter Sparling & Co. July 10 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. For more information, call (734) 747-8885.

BEYOND I, CLAUDIUS

The Detroit Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, the Antiquaries and the Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Society presents an illustrated lecture: "Beyond I, Claudius, The Roman Empress Livia, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 in the Lecture Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. Use Woodward entrance.

Admission is free.

Elizabeth Bartman, an independent scholar from New York, will explore the Roman portraiture of Livia, wife of emperor Augustus and combines a historical narrative that gives visual expression to the status and power of women in ancient Rome.

For more information, call (313) 833-7875.

TEACHER AND PARENT WORKSHOP

D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel presents Teacher and Parent Sunday Workshop I, a hands-on approach to learning basic skills, March 15 and 22, 8691 North Lilly Road, at Joy Road, Canton.

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ARTISTS & CRAFTERS NEEDED
Quality artists and crafters wanted for "Spotlights Market," a juried art, craft and gift show sponsored by Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre Guild. Show dates Sept. 19-20, 1998. A jury will be held 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 14 at OU. Reservations required. (248) 370-3305, or (248) 656-9370.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS

The following scholarships and awards are being offered - **JEAN HOHMEYER STRING SCHOLARSHIP**, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22; applicants must be Oakland County residents, perform on violin, viola, cello or string bass, and either in 11th or 12th grade; requirements: one selection from Baroque/classical period or romantic/modern period; award: \$400; deadline: postmarked no later than March 14, 1998. **CHARLOTTE RUPPEL MEMORIAL VOICE SCHOLARSHIP**, 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, applicants must be 20-25 years old; requirements: one selection from aria, foreign language art song, and 20th century art song. Performance should not exceed ten minutes, one copy of each selection must be provided; award: \$600; deadline: postmarked no later than March 21, 1998. **ELIZABETH GARDNER VOCAL AWARD**, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5; applicants must be 18-22 years old; requirements: one selection from area, old Italian, foreign language art song, 20th-century art song, all selections must be memorized; fee: \$6; deadline: postmarked no later than March 28, 1998. Applicants must be Michigan residents. Previous winners of award are not eligible. Applicants must provide accompanists. Auditions held at First Baptist Church, Willis Street, Birmingham.

DOCUMENTA USA

Slides, videotape (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1998 exhibit. Every submission will be presented. Artists of any medium, age free to participate. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence St., Ste. 101, Pontiac, MI 48342.

MACOMB BALLET COMPANY

6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, open auditor male and female ballet dancers. Must be 12 years of age to audition. Ladies wear black leotard, pink tights and pointe shoes. Men should wear black tights and white t-shirt. Fee: \$10. (810) 286-8300.

WOMEN IN ART ENTRIES

Twelfth annual art exhibit, "Our Visions: Women in Art," accepting entries in visual art and poetry. Deadline April 1, 1998. Exhibit runs May 11-29. Womencenter, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-7500.

WORKSHOP ON SHAKESPEARE

7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5-28. Preview selected plays in production at Canada's 1998 Stratford Festival. Leading the workshop will be Niels Herold and Bruce Mann of Oakland University. Fee: \$250. Register by April 1, 1998.

BENEFITS

COMMUNITY HOSPICE

6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, the sixth annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance & Auction to benefit Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Tickets: \$50-\$125; (734) 522-4244.

HEARTLANDE THEATRE COMPANY

One-Act Play Slam - 7-11 p.m. Monday, March 2, at The Cadiieux Cafe, 4377 Cadiieux (1.5 miles east of I-94 on Cadiieux). General admission \$5 at the door. Writer's Admission and Entrance Fee \$10, limit one play per writer, call (248) 988-1094, Ext. 2 for information.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Classes in basic drawing and general art for the very young with Frances Fletcher Saturday Mar. 7 & 14 in the studio, 29948 Ford Road between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt, Garden City. Times: 10-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. Cost: \$40 (includes supplies); (313) 261-0379/513-4044.

THE ART STUDIO

Adult winter art classes in oils, pastels and drawing. Children's after-school classes in drawing, painting and crafts. 4417 S. Commerce Road, Commerce Township; (248) 360-5772.

BOOKMAKING/COLLAGES

6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, March 5. Techniques to make books, journals, cards and envelopes. Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES - MUSIC & DANCE

Classes begin 11-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays, March 4-25 for "Movement for Preschoolers and Parents," and "Ballroom Dance for Beginners." 201 Kirby at the corner of John R; (313) 664-7611.

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Winter classes, including drawing, sculpture and painting. Children's classes included drawing and cartooning, painting, mask-making, arts and crafts and printmaking. Teen and adult classes include beaded jewelry, ceramics, photography, Chinese brush painting and blues guitar. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Saturdays, March 7-May 2 for 5 to 7 year olds, and 8 to 12 year olds. Fee: \$40. Classes at Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 965-3544.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 5 - 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., "Survey of World Art," Holley Room; 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 7, "From the African Loom to the African American Quilt." Fees vary. Classes and workshops require pre-registration. To register call (313) 833-4249.

DROP-IN FIGURE DRAWING CLUB

Meets 10 a.m.-1 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays each month, except on holiday weekends. Use medium of your choice. \$5 fee. Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 661-5291.

MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOPS

Tinderbox Productions offers acting and musical theater workshops for beginners to advanced students, grades 1-12. Classes run through April 19. Clarenceville High School. Brochures available at Livonia Civic Center Library, Redford library or call (313) 535-8962.

PAINT CREEK WINTER CLASSES

Black & white photography workshop, including developing, printing and darkroom techniques. March 11 & 14. Hand coloring workshop 6:30-9:30 p.m. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 651-4110.

VILLAGE PLAYERS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

Spring and summer workshops using theater games, improvisation and covering a playful introduction to children's musical theater, including singing, dancing, acting and performing. Directed by composer/teacher David Mayer in association with The Village Players. Workshops begin March 7 and June 29, respectively. For specific dates and tim 644-2075.

WINTER CLASSES WITH KAREN HALPERN

February classes with noted Bloomfield Hills artist. Class offerings include a range of media. Locations include Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Ferndale and Petosky. Schedules and information, call (248) 851-8215.

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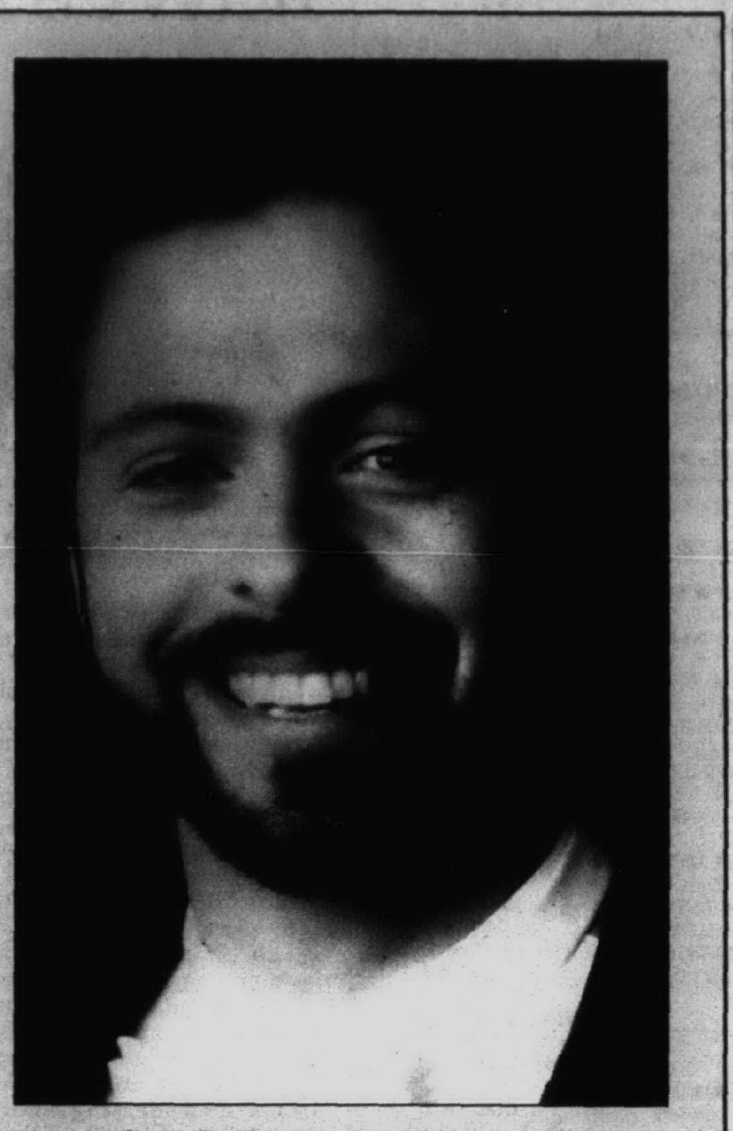
With conductor Jerzy Semkow and violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert perform all-Mozart program, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 5-6, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7; With Conductor Yuri Temirkanov performs Elgar's "Enigma Variations" and Rachmaninoff's "Symphony No. 2," 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

FAIR LANE MUSIC GUILD

7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, the CutTime Players, a new ensemble of seven musicians from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane, University of Michigan, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (313) 593-5330.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

7 p.m. Friday, March 6, with



Debut: Gino Quilico makes his metro Detroit debut 8 p.m. Monday, March 2 at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 644-0820.

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songs from Broadway shows, hors d'oeuvres, a drawing and cash bar. Tickets: \$25/person; (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741.

PRELUDES WEST/MEMBERS OF DSO

Noon Friday, March 6, featuring string quartet with Joseph Stiplin, Derek Reeves, Beatriz Budinsky and Paul Wingert. Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Hills; (313) 576-5100.

B'HAM CONCERT BAND

3 p.m. Sunday, March 8, annual Cabaret Concert. Groves High School cafeteria, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road; (248) 474-4997.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, the annual Piano Festival, sponsored by Hammel Music. Four renown Michigan pianist will perform, including Fedora Horowitz, Joseph Gurt, Richard Ridenour and Louis Nagel. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue. Tickets: \$10-\$25; (313) 833-3700, or (248) 357-1111.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS

1 p.m. Friday, March 12, "Crusade for Strings," featuring the string ensemble performing works by Holst and Puccini under the direction of Timothy Nicolola. The Musicals' Choral Ensemble, directed by Judith Premin, will present a program by composers John Rutter, Aaron Copland, Gabriel Faure and Cy Coleman. Visitors welcome. Donation: \$2; (248) 475-5978. The Community House, 360 S. Bates Street.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, the annual Betty Brewster Scholarship concert, featuring pianist Miah Im. Tickets: \$25. Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road; (248) 751-2435.

U OF M CHAMBER CHOIR

8 p.m. Friday, March 13 University of Michigan Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Jerry Blackstone. Tickets: \$7 adult, \$6 students. First United Methodist Church, Plymouth; (734) 453-5280.

ST. MARY'S "CLASSICS ON THE LAKE"

4 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Mexican pianist Myrthalia Salazar plays selections from Ponce, Chopin, Liszt and Brahms. Tickets: \$12-\$20. 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 683-0402.

CRAFTS

PEWABIC POTTERY

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, March 1, a one-day festival of ceramic tiles. St. George Cult Center, 1515 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (313) 822-0954.

DANCE

GEORGIAN STATE DANCE COMPANY

3 & 7 p.m. Sunday, March 1, the Georgian State Dance Company, a folk dance troupe perform with original costumes and choreography. Macomb Community College, 44575 Clinton Twp.; (810) 286-2141. Tickets: \$22 & \$24.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

8 p.m. Friday, March 20, favorite works from the collective's dance repertory, and preview of "The Unknown Sequence." Adray Theater, Mackenzie Fine Arts Bldg., Henry Ford Community College, on Evergreen just south of Ford Road, Dearborn; (313) 965-3544.

JAZZ

BIG BAND SOUND

8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, the Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents "Big Band Sound," an evening dedicated to the big bands of the 1940s. Tickets: \$10-\$12. Verner Recital Hall, Oakland University; (248) 370-2032.

LECTURE

PHOTOGRAPHY DURING HOLOCAUST

2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Professor Sidney Bolkosky presents "Hidden Eyes and Hearts: Submerged in Holland during the Holocaust." Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

NON-VIOLENT CELEBRATION

5:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, "The Global Spread of Non-Violence" by Richard Deats, featuring a performance by the Detroit Dance Collective. Swords into Plowshares Peace Center, Arts for Peace, 33 E. Adams, Detroit; (313) 963-7475.

FOREIGN FILM DISCUSSION

Friends of Southfield Public Library welcome Elliot Wilhem, film curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts. 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 9, Marcotte Room, Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 948-0460.

NEEDLEWORK & TEXTILE GUILD

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, Birmingham artist Marie Johannes lectures, "Polymer Clay as an Artistic Medium." Fee: \$5. First Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Road; (248) 642-9772.

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION LECTURE SERIES

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, featuring Michael Farrell's lecture, "Three Masters of American Painting." Season: \$25; \$9 at door. Northville High School, 775 N. Center, Northville; (248) 349-3091.

CELEBRATED SCULPTOR

6:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, an

illustrated lecture and reception featuring Richard Hung. School of Management Lecture Room C, U of M-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (313) 593-5058.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART

Through March 15 - "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point," an exhibit of Monet's work around 1880 in the small village on the Seine. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thurs., noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Docent-led tours 7 p.m. Thursdays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395. Cost: \$6 adults; \$3 for non-U-M students, U-M faculty and staff, and senior citizens; free to Museum Friends, U-M students, and children under age 12. Advance tickets are recommended, call (800) 585-3737.

FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 15 - "Best of Both Worlds: Human and Divine Realms of Classical Art from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston," a collection of 81 objects of marble, ceramics from ancient Greece and Imperial Rome, from 6th century B.C. to 3rd century A.D. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 1-5 p.m. Sunday. 1120 E. Kearsley Street, Flint; (810) 234-1895.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through March 29 - "Beautiful Scenes: Selections from the Cranbrook Archives by Buzz Spector," "Chairs of Words," a visual essay by Carla Harryman; through April 5 - "Art on the Edge of Fashion," "Olga de Amaral," "Selections from the Permanent Collection for Younger Visitors." 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through May 3 - "Hunters of the Sky," an exhibit on the falcon through an array of mounted specimens and video footage. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday; (248) 645-3200.

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Through June 30 - "A Victorian's Passion for Egypt: David Roberts, 1796-1864," Roberts' drawings and paintings during his travels through the middle eastern country. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; (313) 763-3559.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through June 30 - "The Life & Times of Paul Robeson," Coleman A. Young Exhibitions Room, 315 E. Warren, Detroit; (313) 259-4109.

READING

BALDWIN LIBRARY

7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, "Let's Talk About It," a reading and discussion program. This Wednesday, the discussion will focus on Graham Swift's "Last Orders." 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 647-1700.

WOMAN'S DAY POETRY

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, the Third Annual International Women's Day Multicultural Poetry Celebration, featuring Lyn Lifshin, Judith Macombs, Gloria House, Lolita Hernandez, Hilda Vest, Joan Garland, Aurora Harris and Dawn McDuffie. Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward; (313) 833-1470.

WRITER'S VOICE

12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, America's most published poet Lyn Lifshin with Cincinnati poet Tyrone Williams, Detroit's Mary Ann Wehler and Melanie Van der Tuin. Wayne State Department of English Building, Room 3234, 51 W. Warren at Woodward; (313) 577-2450.

TOURS

PHOTO/PRINT

Schedule tours 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on March 7, 28 and April 25. The "Photo/Print" on March 7, features a visit to Stewart & Stewart Workshop of Fine Prints, a tour of the Haisted Gallery and a visit to the studio of Balthazar Korab. The "Royal Oisits to studio of artist Richard Kozlow, the Sybaris Gallery and Revolution gallery. Fee: \$20. Call for reservations, (313) 593-5058.

VOLUNTEER

DIA

12:30 p.m. Sunday March 29, Detroit Institute of Arts Volunteer

Committee is conducting their semi-annual volunteer orientation. DIA Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

PEWABIC POTTERY

March 1 - 10 a.m.-5 p.m., a one-day exhibit and sale of antique and contemporary handcrafted art tiles. Admission: \$5. St. George Cultural Center, 1515 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (313) 822-0954.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

March 4 - 7 p.m., "Architectural Patterns," Michigan artists interpret their surroundings through the use of geometric shapes and spaces. Through March 28. (248) 334-6716.

KIDD GALLERY

March 5 - 6 p.m., "The Master's Eye," a collection of paintings and drawings by Larry Rivers. Through April 18. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

HABATAT GALLERIES

March 6 - Glass sculptures by Richard Ritter and Stephen Powell. Through March 28. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

HILBERRY GALLERY

March 6 - "Fairfield Porter: Paintings, Watercolors, and Drawings." Through April 11. 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

NETWORK GALLERY

March 6 - "Sewings," an exhibit of sewn fabric collages by D. Guerrero-Macia. Runs through March 26. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

SHAW GUIDO GALLERY

March 6 - "The Many Faces of Howard Kottler." Through march 28. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-1070.

UZELAC GALLERY

March 6 - Geometric abstract paintings and serigraphs of Marko Spalatin. Through March 27. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

CARY GALLERY

March 7 - 6 p.m., "Jeffrey Abt: Paintings and Drawings," through April 4. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

GALLERY OF ROBERT MANISCALCO

March 7 - 7 p.m., featuring work of Jac Purdon, Peter Hendrick, Erica Chappuis, Christian Aldo Stalcin. 17329 Mack Avenue, Detroit; (313) 886-2993.

FIVE DRESSES FROM PRINCESS DIANA

March 9 - 6 & 8 p.m., North American premier of dresses worn by Diana, Princess of Wales. Showings and tea at noon, 2 & 4 p.m.: \$50. Champaign reception: \$125. Exhibit runs through March 15. Tickets: \$10, adults; \$7, children. Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward Avenue.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through March 6 - "MFA Thesis Exhibit," featuring Suzanne Andersen, Anne Fracassa, Joe Gohl, Anne Harrington-Hughes, Todd Mitchell and Teresa Petersen. 5400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University campus; (313) 577-2423.

SWANN GALLERY

Through March 7 - Gallery Invitational Show. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Through March 13 - "Un-defining...Painting, featuring contemporary works that challenge conventional definitions. 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

PAINT CREEK CENTER

Through March 13 - "Place/Position: Installation Art," main gallery. Concurrent exhibit: "Wraiths Stain," by Pi Benio. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-6511-4110.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through March 15 - "Exquisite Corpse," artists from U of M, EMU, Center for Creative Studies, Cranbrook among 22 participating groups. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

POSNER GALLERY

Through March 15 - Group show featuring new works by Ricki Berline, Felix Braslavsky, Susan Sales and Tara M. Grew. 523 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-2552.

EXHIBITS

Expanded Cranbrook blends natural science, design

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

So much for cool detachment and scientific objectivity. Giddiness and sentimentality have replaced academic seriousness at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

These days, the notion of evolution is more than a subject for a science exhibit. The 68-year-old natural history museum is in the midst of an unprecedented expansion and renovation.

Three months before the doors open to the revamped museum, designed by internationally renowned architect Steven Holl, an attitudinal transformation has commenced.

The perceived exclusivity of the Bloomfield Hills campus is about to melt away along with the old-fashioned museum exhibit style of scientific ideas.

"We're working to preserve the long tradition of Cranbrook, and to make the science museum more accessible," said Elaine Gurian, acting director of the Institute of Science.

"There's a new spirit at Cranbrook," she said.

That "new spirit" is largely an effort to extend the Cranbrook Educational Community far beyond the boundaries of the five schools and two museums on the grounds in the affluent northwest suburb.

With the growing popularity of the Cranbrook Art Museum, the much-anticipated expansion of the Institute of Science could further the case for a new public perception of Cranbrook.

Unfortunately, the person who challenged the natural history museum to inspire curiosity, not just to convey facts, won't be around for the mid-June opening.

In early January, Institute of Science Director Daniel Appleman passed away.

During the months of his fight against cancer, he enlisted the administrative support of his close friend, Gurian. The two colleagues had worked together at the Smithsonian National Museum



Enlightened: The expansion includes a newly constructed three-story glass-prism entrance.

of Natural History in the mid 1980s.

"Dan's vision was to blend the perspective of a scientist with that of a public educator," said Gurian, who commutes weekly from her home in Washington D.C.

Destination point

Putting a new spin on topics such as the Ice Age, the fundamentals of physics and natural selection are mere superficial changes.

There's a feeling on the Cranbrook campus that what the Guggenheim in Bilbao did for Spain and the Getty Center did for LA, the newly expanded Institute of Science could do for metro Detroit.

"People in the region will begin to look at Cranbrook as a destination point," said Gurian.

The \$27 million expansion at the Institute includes nearly 50 percent more space, a multi-media science information center, a demonstration theater and upgrades on the exhibits about

minerals, climate, wildlife and ecology that were first installed 55 years ago.

Within five years, attendance at the museum is expected to nearly double to a half-million visitors, including students from around the state.

The new look at the Institute of Science will not only reflect Appleman's vision but the emerging trend among museums, said Gurian, who was also a consultant for the African-American Museum in Detroit.

Working for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Boston's Children's Museum and National Museum of New Zealand, Gurian has grappled with the future appeal of museums.

"Museums will rely less on their collection, and more on other forms of expression, such as stories, song, and dramatic presentations," she said in a speech delivered at the Education for Scientific Literacy Conference in November 1994.

"These changes will help

museums become more effective storehouses of cultural information," she said.

MTV with substance

Three months prior to the doors opening and a shell of the expanded museum reveals a macabre stone facade, and a tall metal framework, which will support a three-story glass-prism entrance.

The design is intended to blend with the other architecture at Cranbrook, and to integrate natural light, said Beth Yorke, Cranbrook's project manager of new construction.

For instance, the German-industrial glaze on the translucent wall adjacent to the outdoor science garden will cast myriad-colored light based on the time of day into the museum's interior.

While the glaze design has been used in Europe, the presence at the Institute of Science marks the first U.S. appearance of that style, said Yorke.

But clearly, what will draw crowds is what appears on the inside of the museum.

<p>Cranbrook Institute of Science</p> <p>Major features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ All new exhibits ■ Four new exhibit halls ■ Light Laboratory ■ Upgraded herbarium ■ Multi-media science information center ■ Science garden ■ Water exhibits ■ Terrace cafe overlooking reflecting pool ■ Children's theater and demonstration theater ■ Large museum shop <p>Space</p> <p>Original square footage: 63,000</p> <p>New addition: 33,000 square feet</p> <p>Total: 96,000 square feet</p> <p>Budget</p> <p>Construction: \$20.6 million</p> <p>Exhibits: \$6.4 million</p> <p>Approximate total: \$27 million</p>	<p>A Time Line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ June 12 - Opening of new wing, and summer traveling exhibit, "Robot Zoo." ■ June-Sept. - Installation of permanent exhibits: "Tyrannosaurus Rex Skeleton," "Dinosaur: How Dinosaurs Evolved into Birds," "Tides of Ice," "Mystery of the Mastodons," "Water Gallery," and "Connections Theater" ■ Mid October - Opening of new traveling show, "Beyond Numbers." ■ Fall of 1999 - Installation of remaining permanent exhibits. <p>Current Exhibit</p> <p>Through May 3 - "Hunters of the Sky," an exhibit of birds of prey, including eagles, hawks, falcons, owls and osprey.</p> <p>Admission: \$7, adults; \$4, children. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday. 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, (248) 645-3200.</p>
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In June, the traveling exhibit, "Robot Zoo," will be the inaugural attraction.

Then in October, five permanent exhibits will be revealed, including a Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton, the Water Gallery which displays the various states of H₂O - and a state-of-the-art theater where meteor showers will appear in holographic detail.

Within a year after the grand opening, the remaining six permanent exhibits will be installed.

With the MTV-aesthetic in mind, teams of scientists and designers are recasting the 11 permanent collections to reflect 1990s multi-media sensibilities, including descriptive text utilizing the latest print designs and videos with state-of-the-art effects.


"What's unique about this museum is the Cranbrook Fac-

tor," said Gurian. "There's a synergy between design and science. This place lives and breathes design."

Designers who've created evocative work for Nike and Michael Jackson are part of the 12-person Cranbrook design team. Input from scientists on the team is intended to ensure that the subject-matter drives the exhibits.

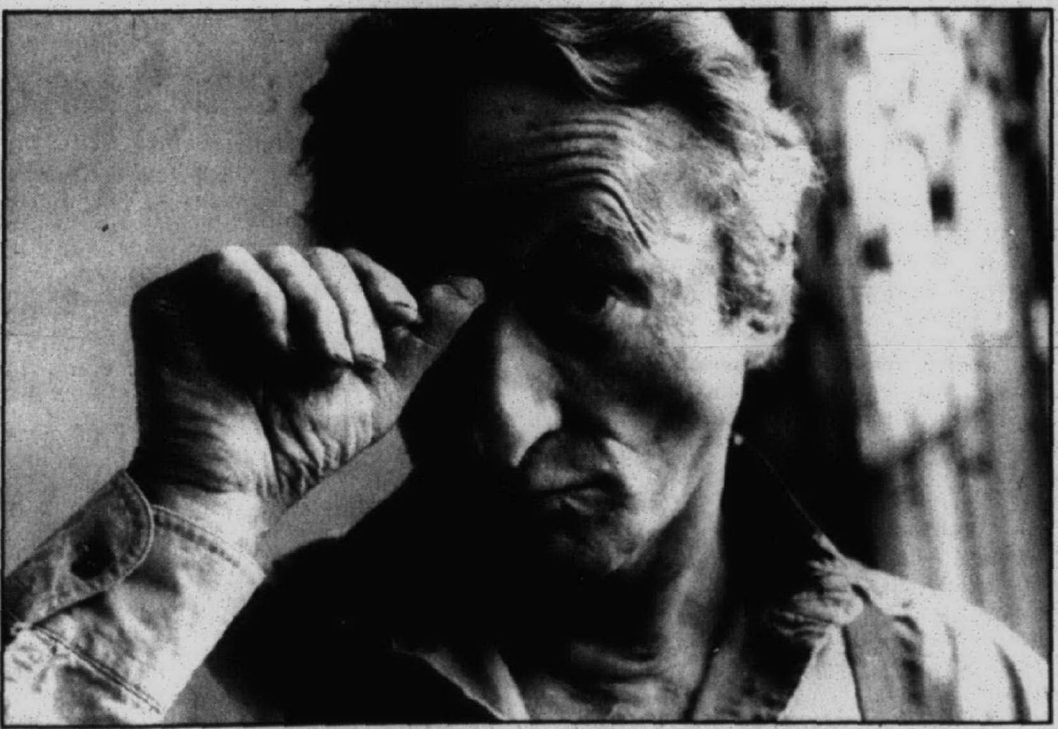
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Owner calls new mall 'great, smart, fun'

When Great Lakes Crossing opens in Auburn Hills on Nov. 12, the state-of-the-art shoppertainment center is expected to become a major tourist attraction and the catalyst for surrounding development.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
RETAIL EDITOR

Rising from the field along I-75 between Joslyn and Baldwin Roads, is the newest concept in the retail world, a mega "shoppertainment center" where people can go to shop, dine, see a movie, or just hang-out with their children at themed amusement centers.

The \$200 million, 1.4 million square-foot Great Lakes Crossing opens in Auburn Hills in 255 days, offering the Midwest a Las Vegas-style retail/entertainment complex owned and operated by the Bloomfield Hills based Taubman Co. which recently opened a similar center in Arizona.

Other developers are eyeing the site for ancillary businesses like fast food restaurants, hotels and strip centers.

Great Lakes Crossing is essentially a single-level "racetrack" around which four categories of merchandise are presented — the outlet stores, the superstores, entertainment venues and restaurants, according to planners.

At a on-site press conference Tuesday, president Robert Taubman announced the center's 16 anchor tenants along with plans to name 150 more, once the leases are signed.

Doin' the loop

"Visitors will be able to enjoy a walk around the entire center or shorten their paths by utilizing a cut through corridor in the center of the oval," he explained. "The themed districts will add logic to the shopping trip. The mall's finishes, furniture and appointments are inspired by the unique visual appeal of Northern Michigan and the state's flower, the apple blossom, will be a feature of the signage."



PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Sharing a dream: Robert Taubman discusses the amenities at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills including shopping at 'upscale' outlet stores with 20 to 70 percent off regular priced merchandise and many new-to-Michigan names.

Taubman said Great Lakes Crossing is expected to be a major tourist attraction, employ 3,000 area residents, and generate \$20 million for the city of Auburn Hills.

An employment call was recently sent out to community colleges in the area, as well as local high schools.

"The reason for this center is the extraordinarily strong regional economy," he said. "We expect 30-percent of the business to come from visitors who live more than 40 miles away. It's a new leisure experience. It will be a visit that is great, smart and fun."

When asked whether Great Lakes Crossing would do for Baldwin Road

what another Taubman Center, Lakeside in Sterling Heights, did for M-59, Taubman's response was guarded.

"The growth along that corridor was haphazard," he told reporters. "But, in many instances, where we've put a shopping center, much growth has occurred."

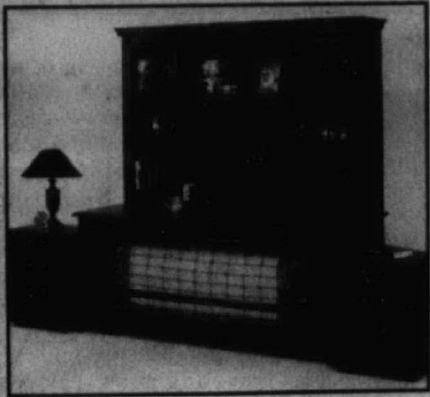
He said special attention was given to ingress/egress at Great Lakes Crossing so the already clogged I-75 freeway running alongside it would not be affected by the addition of a "major tourist attraction."

"Great Lakes Crossing is bookended by two entrances at Joslyn and Baldwin roads, plus, wider, well-placed

magazine roads will move traffic along the ring roads inside the complex."

Sign of the times

Taubman said the genesis of Great Lakes Crossing came in the mid-1980's when outlet centers first debuted as warehouse-style strip centers, placed about 30 miles outside of heavily populated areas. The concept has so evolved that Great Lakes Crossing will become the prototype for outlet centers of the 21st century, adding service amenities, entertainment, and an air of sophistication to the value shopping experience.



File-A-Way Desk Bed from Sligh

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A desk that turns into a bed, a home office in a cabinet, and computer centers made out of 100-year-old reclaimed wood.

These are just some of the things available for people who are looking for home office furniture that's beautiful, practical and out of the ordinary.

Let's start with the File-A-Way Desk Bed. It was created by the Sligh Furniture Co. of Holland, Mich., three years ago, to help people fit a guest bedroom and a home office in the same living space, said Sue Swain, advertising coordinator for the company. Local distributors of Sligh Furniture include the Scott Shuptrine Buzenberg Furniture in Plymouth.

The File-A-Way Desk Bed looks like a beautiful, cherry wood desk, with a center drawer above the leg opening, three drawers on either end of it, and a rear, wooden kick panel. But all is not as it seems.

The facing of the center drawer flips down to reveal a pull-out keyboard tray. And although the desk top is 36 inches deep, the side drawers are only 18 inches deep. That's because a full-size hide-a-bed is tucked behind the drawers and kick panel.

When overnight guests come to visit, simply roll the drawer units off to the side (they're on casters), pull down the kick panel and pull out the bed, in the same way that you would pull out a sofa bed. The drawer units then become night stands.

The File-A-Way Desk Bed is \$3,000 and is made of hardwood solids and cherry veneers, with a slightly distressed finish. A matching hutch (called a deck) with lots of storage is also available, for about \$1,400 to \$1,600.

Sligh also makes a Computer Cabinet that's great if you don't have a separate room for an office. When closed, the cabinet looks like an armoire. It's four, bi-fold doors open to reveal a computer desk, hutch and bulletin board.

The desk has a pull-out printer shelf, two pull-out writing shelves, two box drawers, a file drawer and a pull-out keyboard tray.

The hutch has three adjustable shelves, three fixed shelves and two task lights. The Computer Cabinet is also wired for easy computer hook-up and two phone lines.

Made of hardwood solids and veneers, it comes in four different cherry finishes \$3,400 to \$4,000. Sligh also makes a PocketChair to go with the Computer Cabinet. The top of the chair flips down, allowing the chair to fit under the desk and be enclosed in the cabinet. The chair is sold separately, \$300. Visit Sligh's Web site at sligh.com.

If you'd like to dress up your home office with the simple elegance of antique country furniture, then visit Watch Hill Antiques & Interiors, at 330 E. Maple Road in Birmingham. Two of its specialties include antique wedding armoires from Europe, and reproduction furniture (including tables and armoires) made from 100-year old reclaimed pine wood.

Mia Voparil, owner of the company, says a lot of her customers buy the reproduction tables (which range from 4 feet long to 9 feet long) to use as computer desks. The tables start at \$695. She also sells matching file cabinets, which can be placed next to the tables. Natural and painted finishes are available.

Some of the armoires have been modified to be used as entertainment or computer centers. The computer centers are so popular that they're hard to keep in stock and they cost about \$2,800.

Watch Hill Antiques has a wide selection of antique and reproduction furniture in stock in its shop and nearby warehouse (the warehouse is open by appointment only). Furniture also can be custom ordered. For more information, call (248) 644-7445 or visit its Web site (complete with photos of merchandise) at www.watchhillantiques.com.

Great Lakes Crossing Merchants

Outlet stores:

- Off 5th, a Saks Fifth Avenue clearance center
- Last Call, a Neiman Marcus clearance center
- JC Penney Outlet

Superstores:

- Bed Bath & Beyond
- Oshman's SuperSports, equipment/apparel for 75 sports, test areas
- Burlington Coat Factory
- Group USA Clothing Co., women's off-price clothing
- Marshalls
- TJ Maxx
- FYE, For Your Entertainment, multi-media products
- Finish Line, sport footwear

Entertainment:

- Game Works, high-tech indoor playground ala Stephen Spielberg
- Jeepsers!, amusement park/family restaurant
- Star Theatres, 25-screen, 5,200 stadium-style seats

Food:

- Rainforest Cafe, 325-seat, themed eatery, safari special effects
- Wolfgang Puck Cafe, California cuisine, lounge, bar, patio
- Great Lakes Food Court, 1,000 seats

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Puppet show

Performed daily at 7 p.m. Saturdays 11, 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m.

Meadow Brook Village Mall, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills. (248) 375-9451.

Home & Garden program

The Somerset Collection hosts a home and garden style and fashion program through April 11. Shoppers will enjoy garden displays, stage performances and daily gardening lectures. Sale of playhouses to benefit Habitat for Humanity begins April 1. On Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m., see informal modeling of spring fashions in the North Grand Court and South Rotunda. A Cabaret jazz series takes off each Thursday night beginning at 7 p.m. Throughout the month, special presentations about Australia, times, dates on mall's Events Hotline.

Today at 1 p.m. Arranging Fresh Cut Flowers by Tim Hourigan from The Flower Co. At 3 p.m. Sculptures to Accent Your Garden by Anthony Bellomo from Black Forest Building Co.

Event hotline: (248) 816-5484.

Safety exhibits

Sponsored by the Red Cross for families. Hands-on safety activities, information about accident prevention to kick-off Red Cross month. Noon to 5 p.m.

Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 353-4111.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Senior Citizen Dance

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Join others for music, exercise, dance and talk, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments served. Lower Level Community Room. Newcomers welcome. Westland Center. Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Walkers Meeting

Somerset Collection's Walkabout Club hosts registered dietician Lynn Bedigian to discuss "The Importance of Eating Right and Exercising for a Healthy Lifestyle," 8-8:45 a.m. Coffee and bagels while supplies last from 7:30 a.m.

Somerset Collection. Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (248) 643-6360.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Bridge Night

Hudson's hosts fashion event for men 6-8 p.m. First Floor. Light entertainment, refreshments, informal modeling of spring lines. View recordings of runway shows from Wilk Rodriguez, Ted Baker, Jhane Barnes, Guy Laroche, Moshino, DKNY, Mondo and more.

Somerset Collection North. Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (248) 816-4000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Family Fun central

Reach For The Stars Model Search for boys and girls 4-10. Winners will be featured in an upcoming April mall show. Entertainment by costumed characters song/dance review. 4 and 6 p.m. in the Fountain Court.

Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Southfield Fwy, Dearborn.

(313) 593-1370.

Prom fashion show

Hudson's hosts annual seminar/show featuring hair, make-up and dress styles for spring proms and special events, 1 p.m. both at Somerset Collection North and Oakland Mall, in Troy. New Attitudes Department. Free. All welcome to attend. (248) 443-4774.

Home decor Open House

The Silk Worm features manufacturers representatives with spring merchandise lines, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Repeated March 8 from noon to 4 p.m.) Aromatherapy sprays, candles, urns, silk products, dried wreaths and hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. 400 Main, Downtown Rochester. (248) 651-1900.

Arthur visits

PBS character Arthur greets children from 2-4 p.m. at Waldenbooks. 30200 Plymouth, Livonia. (734) 261-7811.

Beauty consultations

Saks Fifth Avenue hosts Givenchy facial event with specialists from the cosmetic line. Call for personal appointments. Beginning March 8-14, Simply Beautiful spring promotion features gift with any \$75 cosmetic or fragrance purchase throughout the lower level department.

Somerset Collection South. Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (248) 614-3337.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Health expo

Sponsored by the American Heart Association, noon to 4 p.m. Registered dietitians offer personal consultations, body fat analysis, blood pressure screenings, and host a recipe contest with prizes.

Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph. (248) 353-4111.



Shopping break: Perks at Great Lakes Crossing include: valet parking, family restrooms, a picnic-themed kid's play area, well-placed rest spots, coffee/cappuccino carts and a food court with 12 kitchens.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name number and message, and you should see your input in next Sunday's column.

Here's what we found:

- Sander's Colonial Buttercream Cake can be found at the Crowley's 12 Mile/Farmington, Michigan/Outer Drive in Dearborn, Six Mile/Newburgh. Also spotted at The Sander's Bakery Outlet store on 10 Mile between Hoover and Van Dyke, in Warren.
- The halibut fish entree is at Sir Cedric in Windsor and Pat & Hanks, Tecumseh East, also in Windsor.
- A large scrapbook (12x15) can be found through Creative Memories, Naomi Kasle of Troy is a distributor (248) 689-4328, or call Creative Memories direct (888) 227-6748. Another caller, Michelle, also sells Creative Memories (248) 442-1458.
- There are two Stanley home distributors in the area Karen Calka (734) 464-6720 or Pat Rose (313) 722-9461.
- The hood ornament for the 1962 Dodge pickup truck can be found in Hemmings Motor News, throughout which ads sell different parts for truck and cars. Pick it up at any major book store.
- Wood to Wood is available by mail at Dawn Ashletts Cleaning Service (800) 451-2402.
- Mary Ellen called to say crochet cotton can be found through the Kraft Gallery (508) 744-2334 or (508) 744-6980.
- A Marathon service station at Joy/Newburgh in Livonia, carries Teaberry gum in a large pack for 99-cents.
- Another place to find Chupa Suckers is The Bay or Simpsons or Etons in Canada.
- The owner of The Country Store, 213 Commerce (248) 363-3638 said they have Beanie Babies.
- We tracked down two chafing dish for Dan of Troy. Still looking for more.
- Susan had a 1950's Betty Crocker cookbook for Hulda.

We're still looking for:

- The book "The Star Fish" by Irv Furman.
- Kay and Jean are both looking for Z-Brick paint for interior walls, when applied it resembles brick.
- Lynn from Plymouth is looking for a Dairy Milk bottle from the '30s.
- Hilda would like the video "Lady and the Tramp."
- Linda is looking for a book that describes how to make doll clothes for the Teeny Tiny Mini Tiny Tots dolls by Geck.
- Deborah is looking for an old-style, single-unit roaster on a stand with coasters, it even baked bread!
- Betty is looking for the doll Poor Pitiful Pearl from 1972.
- Lynette is looking for a dress by Pablo.
- Dr. Emmaline Weidman is looking for a Purple Monster from Space Jam.
- Bob is looking for a Zippo bar top lighter.
- Patty is looking for a replacement pad for a playpen 40x40.
- Old-fashion night caps with a peak and ball at the end for Sol of Lathrup Village.
- "Bonanza" board game by Parker Bros. for Gwen.
- Joe is looking for parts to a Sunbeam master shaver with Coleman blades.
- A game, "Kids on Stage," for Linda.
- The video "Hope & Glory," for Jack.
- Julie is looking for a Farberware counter top convention oven hot air (like a microwave oven).
- Lori wants the "Pivot Pool" game by Milton Bradley.
- Mary is looking for hand soap, 4711 White Rose glycerin.
- Linda is looking for the movie soundtrack "Rich in Love" CD or cassette.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas



Child's play: At Wonderland Mall, the best part of the day is a trip to the play pit with mom, to meet other toddlers and enjoy some cool, new toys.



Wonderland

Let's go to the mall, today, mommy!

BY DONNA MULCAHY
SPECIAL WRITER

Some malls have large, custom-built play structures for children to climb on and through. But Wonderland Mall in Livonia has done something a little different, and it's a big hit with pre-schoolers and their parents.

Instead of having, say, a giant tube of paint and other such things for kids to climb on, like at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, or giant food for kids to play on, like at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, Wonderland has taken a simpler approach.

It's filled a big, carpeted pit in its center court with ride-on toys and other play equipment that a pre-schooler might be lucky enough to have in his back yard or basement.

The toys include: two red, one-seater cars, with yellow roofs and doors that open; a purple 4 x 4 jeep; two, three-wheel motorcycles; two dolphin-shaped ride-on toys; two mini rocking horses; three plastic gas pumps; a plastic mini climbing tower with a slide; a push-toy for babies just learning how to walk; a picnic table and a table with four chairs.

All of the toys are made by Little Tikes, a company known for its durable plastic play equipment. The cars and other ride-on toys are foot powered, and metal folding chairs are placed around the rim of the play pit for parents to sit on.

"I get a kick out of watching the kids play together," said Cathy B. Young, assistant marketing director for Wonderland Mall. "They'll pull up next to each other and talk to each other when they're sitting in the cars, just like grown-ups do, and they try to put gas in each other's cars. It's fun to watch."

Signs posted on pillars next to the play area say it's for children under 5 years of age, or under four feet in height, and that they must be supervised by a parent or adult guardian.

Young said security officers regularly walk by the area and so far, there haven't been any problems.

In the past, the 60-foot by 20-foot carpeted pit was used as a staging area for special presentations, like puppet shows and fashion shows. But, when it wasn't being used for a special event, the empty pit was a magnet for young children and their parents. Parents would take a break from shopping by sitting on the rim of the pit, while their children blew off some steam by running around and doing cartwheels inside of it.

"We saw that it was an area families were using, so we decided to put some toys out there, to give kids a little bit more to do," Young said. Last fall, the mall's management put a few balls in the pit, along with a chalkboard easel and some chalk.

"But then we were worried that someone was going to get hurt, because the kids were whipping the balls at each other and the chalk kept getting stolen," Young said. So management took that stuff out, and in January, began putting out the toys that are there now, she said.

Julie Tokarz of Livonia said she likes the play pit because it gives her 3-year-old grandson Alex Tokarz an opportunity to socialize. In their neighborhood, she said, there aren't any kids his age who are home during the day.

"So on a day when we have nothing to do, I take him here to play," Tokarz said. "It's especially nice on a rainy day like this."

She said the only thing she worries about is whether or not the toys are kept clean. Young said they are cleaned several times a week, before the mall opens, by students from the Livonia Skills Center.

Becky Anderson of Redford, who was at the Wonderland play pit with her daughter Constance, 2, said she likes the mall's choice of play

equipment and that she doesn't worry that her daughter might get hurt on it.

"This is the kind of equipment that I would have, if I were to have this stuff at my home. It's not super high, not made of metal, and Little Tikes is a good name," she said.

Holly Larkin of Westland, who was there for the first time with her daughter, Morgan, 20 months, and son, Mason, 4 years, said she likes the play pit, too.

"I normally don't shop here, but the play area might bring me back," she said. However, she said the carpeting needs to be vacuumed more often. It was littered with crumbs and bits of paper when she was there. Young said the carpet is vacuumed daily.

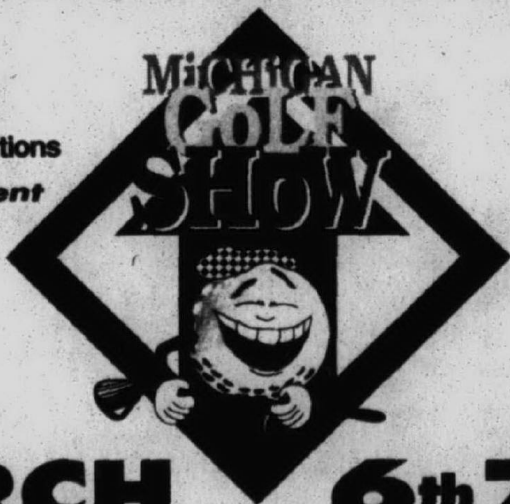
Young said that Wonderland's management has been thinking about having a play structure built for the mall, but Tokarz and Anderson said they hope Wonderland keeps what it has. They say they like the toys that are there now better than the big play structure at Twelve Oaks Mall.

"It's hard to keep track of your kids there; it's so big and crowded," Tokarz said. "I like this better because it's smaller, and because kids learn to share when they have this stuff, rather than when they're all climbing on the same thing, like at Twelve Oaks. With these toys, they have to learn to take turns."

Besides the play pit, Wonderland Mall offers other activities for children and families, including Jeepers! (an admission-required entertainment facility that has indoor amusement park rides, games, a soft playground with giant slide, and a diner that features Pizza Hut pizza), an AMC theater, a train for children to ride at Christmas and Easter time, an indoor walking club, and free monthly presentations, which are now held next to the play pit, instead of in it.

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TRAVEL

Southwest Florida offers multitude of diversions

BY NORMA SCHONWETTER
SPECIAL WRITER

Best known as the place where Ponce de Leon visited in the 16th century looking for the fountain of youth, Southwest Florida is a most versatile vacation spot. There are a multitude of attractions for winter as well as summer. It's a location that lends itself to families, honeymooners and couples, popular with golfers and tennis players year round. From a back water charter of from the pier with rented equipment, this area is a fisherman's paradise. Nature lovers will marvel at close-up views of pelicans, egrets, blue herons, ibis, roseate spoonbills and much more. For music lovers there's the beautiful Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples.



Sunset view: On the Lee Island Coast the sun outlines swaying palms.

Naples, located on the Gulf of Mexico, offers 41 miles of beaches at its front door, the Everglades at its back and magnificent sunsets to feast your eyes on. In between are museums, amusement parks, zoological preserves and Caribbean gardens with tropical plants.

Naples has been growing in leaps and bounds and is now second in growth to Las Vegas. The city of Naples is in Collier County, which is larger than the state of Rhode Island. The permanent population is 175,000, swelling

to 340,000 January through March. Naples is becoming the Palm Beach of Florida's west coast, with trendy boutiques and Fifth Avenue corridor.

At Everglades National Park, located 30 minutes east of Naples, one can see dolphin, manatees, bald eagles, wading birds and alligators. Miami is less than two hours away and Orlando is a four-hour drive.

The Lee Island Coast is known as Florida's Tropical Island Getaway. The best known areas are Sanibel and Captiva islands, connected to the mainland by a three-mile long causeway and to each other by a bridge. Sanibel Island, known for its shelling beaches, the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and shell museum, is 45 minutes from Naples or Fort Myers. Fifty-foot high shell mounds created by the Calusa Indians (about 1529) can be viewed here. The first Calusa Indians are believed to have arrived 10,000 years ago. It is believed that when Ponce de Leon discovered the west coast of Florida in 1513, he named it Coast of Seashells.

This is a resort island with abundant bird life. The favorite mode of transportation is bicycling.

Baseball fans can take the whole family out to the ball game throughout spring and summer in this area, which is the spring training headquarters of two major league teams, the Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox.

A visit to two of Southwest Florida's Four-Diamond resorts offers an opportunity to enjoy the fantastic food of the area, from the exciting gourmet to healthy alternatives. The emphasis is naturally on seafood, however there are sensational pasta and chicken dishes.

The Registry in Naples is a Four-Star, Four Diamond resort which offers a complete daily program for children from 5 to 12. Resort activities include tennis programs, three nearby golf courses, fitness and spa facilities. It is a self-contained resort with 474 luxurious rooms on 23 gulf-front acres, known for its casual elegance, luxurious



Sunny beach: The beaches of south Florida offer sailing, swimming and sunbathing.

accommodations and exceptional eight restaurants.

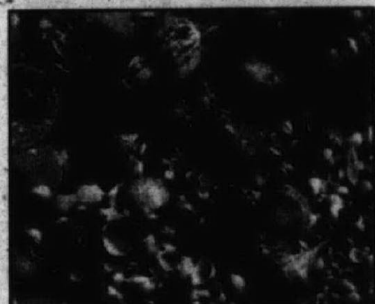
A tram to the beachfront travels along a boardwalk, bordered by a mangrove preserve, that's perfect for joggers. The beautiful expanse of white sand beaches offer windsurfing, sailing, canoeing and kayaking.

Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa, a Four-Diamond, 80-acre resort, containing 320 rooms, was voted one of the top 10 U.S. Spas by

Conde Nast Traveler Magazine for the second year. It overlooks Sanibel and Captiva Islands. This is a charming hotel that combines Victorian style and contemporary casualness. It is known for its modern spa and world-class tennis facilities.

The 40,000-square-foot, world-class spa and fitness center, championship tennis facility with 13 courts, was the site of the 1992 Davis Cup tournament.

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Shell game: Collecting shells is one of the most popular south Florida activities.

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For free copies of the two booklets, call toll-free (888)78-GREAT (784-7328). As well as taking orders for the free guides, travel advisers are available to assist travelers in planning their vacations and weekend getaways 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Visit Travel Michigan's web site at www.michigan.org.

SHAW FESTIVAL

Tickets are now on sale for the 1998 Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. The Shaw season runs from April 15 to Nov. 1. The festival features plays written by George Bernard

Shaw and his contemporaries, covering the long period of Shaw's life, 1856 to 1950.

The festival has three theaters running the plays in repertory. Niagara-on-the-Lake in on Lake Ontario just north of Niagara Falls.

This year's plays at the large Festival Theater are Shaw's "Major Barbara, April 16 to Nov. 1; Kaufman and Hart's "You Can't Take It With You," May 2 to Nov. 1; and Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windermere's Fan," June 26 to Oct. 31.

At the Court House Theatre, dedicated to more experimental or neglected works, are Christopher Fry's "The Lady's Not For Buring," June 26 to July 9; Shaw's "John Bull's Other Island," July 4 to Sept. 26; and John Galsworthy's "Joy," June 18 to Sept. 27.

At the Royal George Theatre, dedicated to lighter fare including mysteries and musicals, are a new musical featuring music by George and Ira Gershwin, "A Foggy Day," May 3 to Nov. 1 and Edward Percy's mystery "The Shop at Sly Corner," April 15 to Oct. 31.

Ticket prices range from \$32 to \$65 Canadian including taxes. To order tickets, call 1-800-511-SHAW. The Shaw Festival internet site is <http://shawfest.sympatico.ca>.

GIACOMETTI IN MONTREAL

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts will present the works of the great sculptor Alberto Giacometti, June 18 to Oct. 18. This major exhibition will feature sculptures, paintings and drawings from the Foundation Maeght (the most important collection of works assembled during the artist's lifetime) and from

various European and North American collections.

Giacometti was born in Switzerland but worked in France from 1927 until his death in 1966. His early works of the 1930s reflect the influence of Surrealism as well as African and Oceanic art. In the 1940s, the human figure gradually emerged in the artist's repertoire and was to become his dominant theme.

IRISH LECTURE

Dr. Terry Barry of Trinity College, Dublin, will present a lec-

ture on "The Coming of the Vikings to Ireland," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Oak Park Public Library, 14200 Oak Park Blvd.

Dr. Barry is primarily a medieval archaeologist with interests in the Viking and High Medieval periods of Irish history. The lecture is sponsored by the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute. The donation is \$5. Refreshments will be served.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Head man

Eastern Michigan forward James Head (Plymouth Salem) played a strong game off the bench Wednesday in the Eagles' stirring 87-87 victory over visiting Toledo.

Head played 26 minutes and scored 14 points, hitting half his 10 shots (including 2-for-4 from three-point range) and going 2-for-2 from the free throw line. He also had seven rebounds to tie for team high.

Head also had two assists, a blocked shot and a steal.

Eastern hosted Toledo on Friday night in the first round of the MAC tournament.

Baseball/Softball sign-up

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will hold its annual registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Canton High School cafeteria.

To be eligible to play, participants must be age 7-18 as of July 31 and residents of Canton or Plymouth Townships, the city of Plymouth or the Plymouth-Canton school district. Parochial school children are also eligible.

Registration for girls fastpitch travel teams in age groups 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U will also take place.

Canton High School girls softball will have sign-ups for a spring clinic and Canton Sports will offer merchandise for sale.

Little Caesar's will be selling pizza kits, with a portion of the proceeds going to PCJBL for field improvements.

School District Superintendent Dr. Charles Little will also be available for information.

Sting winners

The U-12 Northville Sting finished first in its division at Total Soccer in Southfield for Session 2. Team completed the season undefeated.

Team members included Alex Ciceri, Erin Closser, Lauren Harmer, Nikki Horn, Krissy Lake, Kelly Long, Jennifer Murray, Michelle Phillips, Kasey Reese, Kaitlin Risk, Devon Rupley, Jessica Saba, Valerie Smith, Kate Thomas, Laine Williams and Lynne Olsen.

The team is coached by Molly Menard.

Chief football boosters

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will hold its first meeting for the 1998 season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in Room 165 at Canton High School.

The group will discuss its fundraising goals for the upcoming season.

Parents of all Canton football players are requested to attend. Parents who will have freshman football candidates are also encouraged to attend.

Future meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in Room 165.

Call Anne Sicilia at 397-3046 with questions.

Rockers essay contest

The Detroit Rockers are teaming with Chrysler Financial Corp. and Fox Sports Detroit to host an essay contest, with the theme: "My family rocks, Detroit's best soccer family."

Top prize is a one-year lease on a 1998 Dodge Caravan Minivan. For more information, call the Rockers at (313) 396-7070.

Hoop shoot-out

The Milford Police Athletic League will sponsor its seventh-annual 3-on-3 Junior Shootout, open to boys and girls in grades 4-12, on March 20-22.

Entry fee is \$60 per team. There will also be a special "shootout" in each division to win a pair of \$100 Converse basketball shoes.

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Salem sinks Churchill in playoff



STAFF WRITER

The odds are always long when the last seed in a tournament meets the first. It was no different for Churchill, which had the unenviable task of tackling WLA champion Salem in the league tournament's opening round.

BY SCOTT DANIEL

Score one for Goliath. As top seed in the Western Lakes Activities Association basketball playoffs, Plymouth Salem was given the role of the biblical giant. The Rocks proved eighth-seeded Livonia Churchill was no David by taking a 68-48 road victory Friday night.

Analogies aside, Salem coach Bob

Brodie was just hoping for a solid performance.

"The kids were off from school this week," he said, "and hadn't played a game in a week."

"We were hoping not to have a letdown after winning the conference title outright."

The Rocks (15-3) did anything but letdown Friday. Salem completely dominated Churchill from start to finish.

Junior Tony Jancevski got his team rolling in the first quarter. The 6-foot 9-inch center scored nine points as Salem took a 21-11 advantage by the end of the frame.

"He's an awesome force when he plays hard and stays within himself," Brodie said.

The Chargers (6-13) showed signs of life early in the second quarter. A pair of baskets by Ryan Vickers and a third from George Kithas made it a 21-17 game with 5:15 to go before halftime.

But the run was made with most of Salem's starters on the bench. The Rocks called timeout after their lead was cut to four and inserted those starters.

A 14-0 run by Salem followed. Churchill coach Rick Austin said the Rocks simply had too many weapons for his team.

"Their team speed and height killed us," he added.

Salem led 37-21 at halftime. Jancevski finished with 11 points in the half and Andy Power added nine.

Power played a strong all-around game. The senior point guard finished with 12 points, five assists and three steals.

"Our game plan was to take Power out of the fastbreak," Austin said. "But we didn't have anybody fast enough to

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Young and restless: a success story

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Chris Young, a 6-foot-10 senior center at Detroit Catholic Central, attends most Livonia Ladywood volleyball games.

His sister, Jenny, stars as an outside hitter for the Blazers, prompting a curious fan to approach their mother, Carol Young, recently.

"Is he a really devoted brother or does he have an interest in volleyball?" the woman asked.

The answer is yes - to both questions.

Chris and Jenny, nearly two years apart in age, are as close as siblings get. Chris would go to Jenny's games anyway, unless he had a game or practice at the same time, but he does have another interest: His girlfriend, Katie Brogan, a senior setter for Ladywood.

Whenever a potential kill by Jenny doesn't go down, he's probably careful not to blame the set.

It's one of the rare times Chris wouldn't be 100 percent behind his sister, and vice versa. They say their fights are limited to the car they share, a 1996 Mazda.

Chris usually gets first dibs in the morning because Ladywood is on the way to CC from their home in Plymouth. Chris reasons it should be his most of the time since next year he'll be on a basketball scholarship at the University of Michigan.

"Chris says 'I should have it this year - next year it's all her's,'" laughs their mother, a senior analyst.

The car is a bit more cramped for Chris than the 6-1 Jenny.

"I just try to squeeze myself in there," Chris said. "We tried to get an Escort but I couldn't fit."

A busy schedule

The two are a joy for the parents to follow, although starring in different sports during the same season presents conflicts. On those occasions when their games are played at the same time, Carol Young goes to one venue and husband Tom the other.

Whoever is watching the Ladywood match hopes it's done in typically quick Blazer fashion - to allow enough time to get to the second half of Chris' game.

"A lot of times we're torn between



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Supporting stars: The Youngs, from Plymouth, have always been fans of each other. Chri is a standout basketball star at Catholic Central, while Jenny is a star on the Ladywood volleyball team. Chris, the elder sibling, will attend Michigan on a basketball scholarship next year.

games," said Tom, a salesman who met his wife when they were students at Redford Union. "One goes to one, the other goes to the other."

Along with being a standout in volleyball, Jenny excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average. She was in the academically talented program growing up in Livonia, attending Webster Elementary and Frost Junior High.

Chris, who attended both Coolidge Elementary and St. Edith Grade Schools in Livonia, is more typical, carrying a 2.4 GPA at CC.

Carol Young knew Jenny had a high IQ at an early age.

"When Chris was little, I'd read to him," recalled Carol. "She was 2 and would read it back, easy sentences, just from sitting on my lap. When she was 3 she could figure out change in

the grocery line. It would be 24.99 and if I gave the cashier 30 dollars, she would say 5.01. We were amazed."

Jenny is vice president of Ladywood's student council, a member of the national honor society and Students Against Drunk Driving as well as past president of the school chorus.

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Looking good Rebuilt Crusaders tough

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

In 1997, facing the toughest schedule in the team's history, Madonna University's softball players still reached the NAIA Regionals before being sidelined.

They had a 32-20-1 record, and had some very notable stars, among them third baseman Dawn Shaffer (.376, 11 doubles, five triples, six home runs, 52 runs batted in), outfielder Melissa McGue (.340, six doubles, four triples, 14 RBI), outfielder/designated hitter Jeanie Baxter (.325, eight doubles, 29 RBI) and second baseman Jamie Vickers (.275, eight doubles, 21 RBI).

Unfortunately, those are the four starters who must be replaced this season - which is the bad news for the Lady Crusaders.

The good news? The pitching staff is back intact, the outfield and catching are solid, and the offense looks pretty good.

The questions all focus on that

defense.

"That's going to be another question mark this year," admitted Madonna coach Jerry Abraham, now in his fifth season.

Last year, Abraham moved one of his best athletes, Shawna Greene, from the outfield to shortstop to fill a hole. It never worked consistently well; Greene, while strong offensively (.273, two homers, 23 RBI, and team highs in runs scored with 43 and stolen bases with 10), committed 34 errors in 51 games.

"I thought we were OK defensively (last year)," said Abraham. "We just had a new shortstop."

Greene will return to her regular position in the outfield this season. Which leaves open the question: Who will move to shortstop?

And for that matter, who will replace Shaffer at third and Vickers at second?

"We lost a lot of good players," said

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Returning ace: Shanna Price was 17-9 last season for Madonna.

BASKETBALL

Canton shoots past Spartans

It took some time, but once Plymouth Canton figured out just what Livonia Stevenson was doing defensively, the Chiefs got in gear.

A slow start - the score was just 5-4 in Canton's favor after one quarter - was offset by a 16-9 second-quarter burst as the Chiefs rolled past Stevenson 42-30 in a Western Lakes Activities Association consolation round basketball game Friday at Canton.

Stevenson remains winless at 0-18. Canton improved to 6-12.

The Chiefs play at Northville Tuesday, while Stevenson hosts Livonia Franklin Tuesday.

"They ran a 1-3 zone at us with a chaser on (Joe) Cortellini," said Canton coach Dan Young. "It took our guys a little while to figure it out."

The Chiefs led 21-13 at the half and 29-21 through three quarters. Their lead was at 15 through most of the fourth, with a Spartan three-pointer at the buzzer narrowing the gap to the final margin.

Cortellini led Canton with 11 points. Indeed, he

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WLA A GYMNASICS

N'ville-Novi rules league

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

The Western Lakes Activities Association gymnastics championship meet was an event dominated by non-Observerland schools Thursday.

That came as no surprise since 1998 champion Northville-Novu is ranked No. 1 in the state.

Furthermore, the runner-up was Hartland, and Brighton was the third-place finisher. They're No. 3 and No. 9 in the state, respectively.

"Northville-Novu is unbeatable," Plymouth Canton coach John Cunningham said. "I can't see anyone in the state beating them."

"Hartland and Brighton are two of the teams that should challenge, and (Northville-Novu) beat them by five points — and that's a big gap."

Rochester, Troy Athens and Rochester Adams are the other teams that could give Northville-Novu a run for the state title, according to Cunningham.

The unified Farmington team had the best finish of the five WLA A teams from the Observer & Eccentric coverage area, finishing in fourth place and 2.2 points behind Brighton with a 137.60 team total.

The league meet marked the first time this season Farmington has beaten Plymouth Canton, which finished sixth behind Walled Lake.

But the Chiefs were missing their top two

gymnasts. Liz Fitzgerald was in Washington, D.C., with a government class, and Marcie Emerick was in Hawaii for a long-planned family vacation.

"Things always happen in sports, so it just feels good to beat a team we hadn't beaten," said Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer, adding his team was close to matching its season-best score of 138.4.

"At least we finished strong. We just have to keep it up. There's still room for improvement."

Farmington also was minus one of its top gymnasts, Anna Clark, who was out with a back injury. Dwyer expects to have her back in competition for the March 7 regional.

"I still very optimistic heading into the regional," Dwyer said. "I'm optimistic we can be one of the top three teams."

"We still haven't had that perfect meet, so it still might happen. We have to make up 2 1/2 -3 points, but you never know in this sport. That's a lot but it is conceivable, so I have hope."

Farmington also had the top individuals among Observerland gymnasts in each event.

Kelly Barenie tied for fifth place on vault (8.8); Marie Law scored 8.95 on bars but didn't medal, and Brook Rubin was fourth on balance beam (9.05) and eighth on floor exercise (9.05).

Rubin also had the best all-around score among area gymnasts, placing seventh overall with a 34.85 total.

"That's a sign of our depth," Dwyer said. "We have six strong girls in each event. I'm proud of the fact they're all Division II."

"None have been in club gymnastics for 3-4 years. All are high school kids competing against Division Ones and doing very well against kids who are working out at club."

"We're in a league with a lot of really good gymnasts, so I'm real happy (with the team performance). I tell the girls it's just a sport. I'm always just looking for effort, and the team is always outstanding in its effort."

Canton no doubt would have scored better with Fitzgerald and Emerick (the division champ on vault based on the dual-meet season). But Cunningham had no illusions about overtaking the top three teams even with them in the lineup.

"We've been in the high 130s, so my anticipation is we would've been right around where Farmington is, 137-138, which in this meet is irrelevant," Cunningham said.

"Liz has been around 36 in her all-around, so not having her was painful. But again we weren't going to win."

Cunningham was pleased with freshman Division II Amy Driscoll's 10th-place finish on floor and Holly Graham scoring 8.2 on floor despite stress fractures in both legs, according to Cunningham.

"My anticipation is, if (Driscoll) doesn't do freshman things, she should do very well at the regional and state," he said. "She's one of those kids, if she hits, she'll be super."

Madonna women advance; Crusader men end season

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

COLLEGE HOOP

"I thought the third time was supposed to be the charm," said Aquinas College women's basketball coach Linda Nash. "But I guess it wasn't."

In fact, the fourth time was any better than the third for the Saints, who faced Madonna University that many times this season — and lost every time.

The most recent was the last, at least for this season. In the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference between the league's third (Madonna) and fourth place finishers, the Lady Crusaders routed Aquinas 65-49 Thursday at Madonna.

The win put the Crusaders into yesterday's WHAC semifinals against No. 1-seeded Spring Arbor. The winner plays for the league title Tuesday, with the highest remaining seed serving as host.

Madonna took an 18-12 mark into the WHAC semis. Aquinas finishes at 16-12, with four of those defeats by double-digit figures to the Crusaders.

"It was the fourth time (this season) and I was really nervous about it," said Madonna coach Marylou Jansen, whose team had beaten Aquinas the previous Saturday by 18 points. "I was nervous about it the third time we played."

"That (third) game was tough, it was tough getting up for that knowing that we'd have to play them again today. So we really focused on (Aquinas) for the last week."

Those efforts paid dividends, but in truth it was more the Saints' ineffectiveness that was the difference. "I thought for the most part, our defense played pretty well," said Nash. "On offense, we got good looks (at the basket), it was just one of those nights."

Indeed it was, or wasn't in Aquinas' case. The Saints converted a paltry 6-of-32 first-half shots from the field (18.8 percent) in falling behind from the start. Indeed, they never once led in the game and trailed 33-18 at the half.

Nash altered her strategy, going with a shorter lineup for this game, hoping to get better match-ups with Madonna's four-guard offense.

It didn't work, mainly because it's success was dependent upon the Saints' ability to convert from the perimeter. They didn't, but they never stopped trying.

In fact, half their first-half shots were from three-point range. It wasn't good — they made just 2-of-16 (12.5 percent) in the first half and 3-of-27 (11.1 percent) for the game. Madonna was 8-of-21 from three-point range for the game (38.1 percent).

"Going into the game, we were wondering, 'What are they going

to do differently?" said Jansen. "After the first 10 minutes, it was clear they were going to go with the three-pointer and live, and die with it."

It wasn't really a move of desperation for Aquinas, according to Nash. "The three-point shot's been a big part of our offense," she said. "And in the first half, what did we shoot? Eighteen percent? We haven't shot that poorly all year."

"We went with a shorter lineup because we thought we would match-up better with them. It's not normally a lineup we go with, and it may have taken us out of our offensive sync."

The Saints never did find it. For the game, they made 18-of-63 floor shots (28.6 percent), while Madonna hit 26-of-63 (41.3 percent).

The closest it got in the second half was 62-49 with eight seconds left. Dawn Pelc, Madonna's only senior, capped the final home game of her career by nailing a half-court three-pointer at the buzzer for the final margin.

Four Crusaders reached double-figures in scoring, led by Mary Murray's 16 points and 10 rebounds. Katie Cushman added 13 points, five boards and three steals, and both Pelc and Jennifer Jacek (from Livonia) scored 10 points apiece, with Pelc getting eight rebounds and four assists.

Aquinas had one player reach double-figures in scoring: Sarah King, who totaled 10 points and 12 boards. Lisa Bruechert netted nine.

Siena Heights 104, Madonna 59 (men): Meeting No. 3-seeded Siena Heights in the opening round of the WHAC men's basketball playoffs could not have been a crueller fate for Madonna University.

The Fighting Crusaders had been thumped twice earlier in the season by the Saints. The outcome Wednesday in Adrian was no different.

Host Siena Heights, which improved to 25-8, advanced to Saturday's WHAC semifinals against the Cornerstone-Concordia winner. The WHAC championship game will be Tuesday, hosted by the highest remaining seeded team.

Wednesday's game was over quickly for Madonna, which ended its season at 4-26. The Saints built a 55-25 lead by halftime, with five players reaching double-figures in scoring.

Anthony Staffney led Siena Heights with 23 points. Steve Bennett added 13, Justin Bascomb netted 12 (with 11 rebounds and four blocked shots), Chadvis Carroll scored 11 (with nine boards) and Sam Lofton totaled 10.

Madonna was led by John-Mark Branch with 16 points. Narvin Russaw finished with nine points and eight rebounds, and both Eric Giovannini (Livonia Stevenson) and Mark Hayes scored eight, with Hayes pulling in eight boards.

WLA A MEET RESULTS

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1998 GIRLS GYMNASICS MEET

Feb. 26 at Plymouth Canton

TEAM SCORES

1. Northville-Novu, 145.05; 2. Hartland, 140.05; 3. Brighton, 139.80; 4. Farmington Unified, 137.60; 5. Walled Lake Unified, 132.95; 6. Plymouth Canton, 130.25; 7. Westland John Glenn, 128.10; 8. Plymouth Salem, 121.70.

RESULTS BY EVENT

Vault: 1. Shannon McCall (Brighton), 9.3; 2. Nicole Pelletier (N-N), 9.2; 3. Erica Winn (N-N), 8.95; 4. Jenny Rohifs (N-N), 8.9; 5. Missy MacRae (N-N), Kim Matte (Brighton) and Kelly Barenie (Farmington), 8.8; 6. Kristen Weber (Hartland), 8.75; 7. Stacey Williamson (N-N) and Pam Davidson (Hartland), 8.6.

Shannon McCall (Brighton), 9.4; 3. Kim Matte (Brighton), 9.35; 4. Erica Winn (N-N) and Pam Davidson (Hartland), 9.25; 6. Heather Rosenthal (Hartland), 9.2; 7. Stacey Williamson (N-N) and Jenny Rohifs (N-N), 9.15; 9. Kristen Weber (Hartland), 9.05; 10. Jenny Olgesson (Hartland), 9.0.

Beam: 1. Kim Matte (Brighton), 9.3; 2. Deneras Pazdan (N-N), 9.2; 3. Missy MacRae (N-N), 9.15; 4. Brook Rubin (Farmington), 9.05; 5. Shannon McCall (Brighton), 8.85; 6. Heather Rosenthal (Hartland), 8.8; 7. Stacey Williamson (N-N), 8.75; 8. Megan Thayer (Walled Lake) and Kate Longcore (Hartland), 8.7; 10. Jodie Koenig (Hartland), 8.6.

Floor: 1. Shannon McCall (Brighton), 9.65; 2. Gina Spinazze (N-N), 9.35; 3. Missy MacRae (N-N), 9.25; 4. Erica Winn (N-N), 9.2; 5. Kristen Weber (Hartland), 9.15; 6. Kim Matte (Brighton) and Jodie Koenig (Hartland), 9.1; 8. Brooke Rubin (Farmington), 9.05; 9. Marie Law (Farmington), 9.0; 10. Nicole Pelletier (N-N) and Amy Driscoll (Canton), 8.8.

All-Around: 1. Shannon McCall (Brighton), 37.20; 2. Missy MacRae (N-N), 36.75; 3. Kim Matte (Brighton), 36.55; 4. Erica Winn (N-N), 35.50; 5. Stacey Williamson (N-N), 35.20; 6. Kristen Weber (Hartland), 35.05; 7. Brook Rubin (Farmington), 34.85; 8. Heather Rosenthal (Hartland), 34.80; 9. Marie Law (Farmington), 34.70; 10. Gina Spinazze (N-N), Nicole Pelletier (N-N) and Ashley Dobbs (Brighton), 34.40.

TOP AREA SCORES

Farmington Unified

Vault: Kelly Barenie, 8.8; Brook Rubin, 8.4; Marie Law, 8.4; Liz Stoler, 8.35; **bars:** Law, 8.95; Lauren Ouellette, 8.75; Rubin, 8.35; Barenie, 8.2; **beam:** Rubin, 9.05; Jamie Miltello, 8.5; Barenie, 8.4; Stoler, 8.4; **floor:** Rubin, 9.05; Law, 9.0; Barenie, 8.55; Stoler, 8.45; **all-around:** Rubin, 34.85; Law, 34.70; Barenie, 33.95; Stoler, 33.15.

Plymouth Canton

Vault: Amy Driscoll, 8.55; Michelle

Farnsworth, 8.05; Bobbi Jones, 8.0; Nicole Vaagenes, 7.95; **bars:** Driscoll, 8.85; Vaagenes, 8.75; Kristen Schilk, 8.4; Farnsworth, 8.0; **beam:** Farnsworth, 8.2; Vaagenes, 7.9; Driscoll, 7.55; Holly Graham, 7.55; **floor:** Driscoll, 8.8; Graham, 8.2; Vaagenes, 7.85; Schilk, 7.65; Natalie Wood, 7.65; **all-around:** Driscoll, 33.75; Vaagenes, 32.45; Farnsworth, 31.60; Schilk, 31.25.

Westland John Glenn

Vault: Stephanie Thompson, 8.3; Kristen Costantino, 8.25; Nicole Simonian, 7.9; Jessica Beach, 7.9; **bars:** Thompson, 8.7; Costantino, 8.65; Beach, 8.15; Simonian, 7.75; **beam:** Beach, 7.95; Katie Tittensor, 7.9; Thompson, 7.7; Simonian, 7.25; **floor:** Thompson, 8.5; Beach, 8.0; Costantino, 7.8; Simonian, 7.4; **all-around:** Thompson, 33.20; Beach, 32.00; Costantino, 31.80; Simonian, 30.30.

Walled Lake

Vault: Megan Thayer, 8.45; Amber Fine, 8.4; Tonya McCarty, 8.4; Shannon Ray, 8.3; **bars:** McCarty, 8.95; Ray, 8.7; Thayer, 8.7; Fine, 7.85; **beam:** Thayer, 8.7; Lindsey Lyde, 8.4; Fine, 8.3; McCarty, 7.8; **floor:** McCarty, 8.6; Thayer, 8.15; Fine, 7.95; Marissa Malloy, 7.3; **all-around:** Thayer, 34.00; McCarty, 33.75; Fine, 32.50; Ginger Conner, 29.35.

Plymouth Salem

Vault: Allison Bracht, 8.15; Janine Schmedding, 7.95; Ashley Heard, 7.6; Ann-Marie Zielinski, 7.05; **bars:** Bracht, 8.65; Schmedding, 8.0; Heard, 7.6; Saire Maccani, 5.2; **beam:** Bracht, 8.4; Kate Deroche, 7.55; Schmedding, 7.35; Mashid Pirzudeh, 7.2; **floor:** Bracht, 8.15; Beth Steinhilper, 8.15; Schmedding, 7.5; Heard, 7.2; **all-around:** Bracht, 33.35; Schmedding, 30.80; Heard, 28.90; Pirzudeh, 19.90.

Salem hoop from page D1

keep up with him." Churchill never got closer than 15 points to Salem in the second half.

Austin said he knew his team wouldn't match up well with Salem. But he was hoping for a

better effort. "Our big challenge was to play Salem like we weren't the eighth seed," he commented. "We poorly attempted that tonight."

Matt Mair and Jancevski each scored 13 points for the Rocks.

Jeff McKian played a solid game, too, scoring eight points, grabbing 10 rebounds and making four steals.

For Churchill, Vickers and Erik Uhlinger each scored 11 points.

Basketball from page D1

was the only player to reach double figures in scoring for either team. Nick Cabautan added eight points and Dan McLean had seven for the Chiefs.

The Spartans were paced by Harland Beverly with seven points. Bryan Schleis and Mike Voutsinas added six apiece.

PCA 70, Cardinal Mooney 48: Plymouth Christian Academy found the range in the second quarter and outscored visiting Marine City Cardinal Mooney 29-9 Friday.

The Eagles improved to 13-6 overall. Cardinal Mooney is 8-9.

PCA led 11-7 after one quarter, then stretched it to 40-16 by halftime. The Eagles were 23-of-45 from the field (51.1 percent), including 8-of-17 on three-pointers (47.1 percent), in the game.

Balance keyed the PCA triumph. Scott Carty's 19 points topped the scoring (he made 5-of-8 triples); Derric Eisensee added 13 points and nine rebounds, Jordan Rose collected 12 points, seven boards, seven assists and five steals, and James Jones contributed 11 points without missing a shot (3-for-3 from the field with two threes, 3-for-3 from the

line). Mike Marusao's 12 points led Cardinal Mooney.

Franklin 57, Northville 52: A 23-point night by Eddie Wallace helped the Patriots square their season record at 9-9 Friday night.

Jay Fontaine had 10 points for visiting Livonia Franklin. Bob Allen scored 14 and had 10 rebounds for host Northville, also 9-9.

Clarenceville 72, Lutheran Westland 70: Two Justin Villanueva free throws in the late going created a 66-all tie and his Trojan teammates took it from there.

Albert Deljosevic, who had 22 in the game, had eight of Livonia Clarenceville's 16 fourth-quarter points Friday night to help the Trojans overcome an early Warriors' lead.

Villanueva scored 18 points and added 12 rebounds while Rick Murphy had 16. The Trojans went on a three-point binge in the third quarter, with Murphy netting three and Deljosevic two. Clarenceville outran Lutheran High School Westland,

30-26, in the period.

Scott Randall scored 20 points for Lutheran Westland while Brian Spoljaric had 17, including four three-pointers in the first half. Spoljaric sprained his ankle in the first half and was not able to return until late in the game. His three-pointer with two seconds left accounted for the narrowness of the margin.

Lutheran Westland, which made 17-of-27 free throws, is now 7-11 overall and 6-9 in the Metro Conference.

Clarenceville, 6-12 overall and 4-12 in the Metro, made 9-of-17 free throws.

Huron Valley 45 Light and Life 38: When leading scorer Jeremy Zahn went down with a knee injury, the rest of the Hawks picked up their game.

Thom Husby ended up with 22 points and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, now 6-13 following its third straight win, turned up the defensive pressure in the second half.

Taylor Light & Life only scored nine points in the final two quarters in falling to 1-15. Chris Holloway led his team with 17 points.

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STAFF WRITER

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BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Turnabout is Fair play. Southgate Aquinas couldn't agree more after its 55-46 victory over Redford Catholic Central in Wednesday's Catholic League Central-AA boys basketball semifinal playoff game at Schoolcraft College.

Aquinas senior center Brian Fair, who played his freshman year at CC before transferring, scored seven points and grabbed three rebounds against his former teammates.

The Raiders outscored the Shamrocks 18-12 in the fourth quarter and it was Fair's three-point play with 7:40 remaining that got things started, giving Aquinas a 40-34 lead.

Fair, who attended St. Michael Grade School in Livonia, followed his older

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brother Derrick to Aquinas. Their father, Steve Fair, was an all-stater at Aquinas in the 1970s.

"My dad's senior or junior year he beat CC at Aquinas and now I can finally tell him I did it," said Fair, who still remains friends with CC player Chris Respondek. "I dreamed of playing CC. At the beginning of the year we weren't pulling together. Now I think we're unstoppable."

The Raiders, No. 1 ranked in Class D, did a remarkable job against the Shamrocks' 6-foot-10 senior center Chris Young and 6-1 junior guard Nick Moore.

Young was held to 10 points, attempting only eight shots and making four. Most of his 16 rebounds came on the

defensive glass.

Moore was scoreless in the second and third quarters and finished with 10 points, seven in the first quarter.

The two-time defending Catholic League champion Shamrocks fell to 14-4 overall.

"Fair did a hell of a job and he goes unnoticed," Aquinas coach Ernie Price said. "Both (Young and Moore) are great players. My assistant last year (Mark Montgomery) coaches at Central (Michigan) now and he told me they'd take Nick right now. The kids really stepped up to the challenge. Defensively is where we won the game."

If the Raiders can look this good against a solid Class A school, Class D schools should be fodder for them in the state tournament. The Raiders, 13-5 overall, will try for their first Catholic League championship since 1993 at 4

p.m. Sunday at University of Detroit-Mercy's Calihan Hall.

The winner of tonight's game between Redford Bishop Borgess and Harper Woods Notre Dame will be the Raiders' opponent.

Justin Gorman, a 6-6 senior forward, led Aquinas with 19 points, including five baskets from three-point range.

Senior forward Dan Horvath, who has signed a baseball letter of intent with Michigan State University, had 13 points, including a driving dunk over Young with 2:55 left that gave Aquinas a 45-40 lead.

Talk about a grand slam.

"The first time I went to the elbow (left of the free throw line), I saw him back off and I shot it," Horvath said. "I said to my coach the next time I'm going to the hole. It definitely capped the game and they were dead after that."

Moore's desperation three-point shot at the end of the first quarter gave CC a 16-12 lead heading into the second quarter. The teams were tied at 26-26 at halftime but the Shamrocks lost their shooting touch, making only seven of 31 shots from the floor in the second half and 17-49 overall.

Aquinas' 6-9 sophomore center Brian Carter, who became eligible in the second semester after transferring in from Gibraltar Carlson, blocked two shots and altered several others. "I think he grew up some today," Price said.

CC sophomore guard Rob Sparks had nine points, all on three-pointers, while senior forward Don Slankster scored eight off the bench and senior guard Joe Jonna seven.

"They did a hell of a job defensively," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Give them credit. They played well."

Spartans reach league final

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Bishop Borgess boys basketball coach Roosevelt Barnes was so happy he could do cartwheels.

But since he can't do any, Borgess junior guard Ramon Scott did a series of his own while celebrating an unbelievable 73-72 victory over Harper Woods Notre Dame in Thursday's Catholic League Central-AA playoff semifinal at Schoolcraft College.

Only Aaron Jessup's 10-foot baseline jump shot just before the buzzer was any prettier.

"I used to take gymnastics," Scott said of his odd post-game celebration. "I just do it for the big wins."

They don't get any bigger than this.

The win sends Borgess, 9-8 overall, to the Catholic League championship for the second-straight year. The Spartans will play Southgate Aquinas, a 55-46 winner over Detroit Catholic Central in the other semifinal, at 4 p.m. Sunday at the University of Detroit-Mercy's Calihan Hall.

ND, eliminated for the second-straight year in the semifinals by Borgess, fell to 11-7 overall.

Jessup's heroics came seconds after Notre Dame's Andy Dold buried a three-point shot from the wing with about 6 seconds left to give the Irish a 72-71 lead.

BORGESS HOOP

The Spartans didn't have any timeouts left. Jessup jumped high to catch a court-length pass from teammate Donald Didlake, turned and swished a jump shot to give the Spartans the final margin.

"I saw the clock still running and our best decision was to get the ball out and throw it down court," Jessup said. "I'm blessed. We're all blessed."

Jessup finished with a game-high 27 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter.

"I saw A.J. open in the corner and gave it to the senior, let him win the game," said Didlake, one of four Spartans in double figures with 10 points.

Senior center Sam Hoskin added 19 points and senior guard Kevin Jordan contributed 11.

Justin DeSmet, a 6-4 junior forward, led ND with 19 points. Senior guard Whitney Robinson and Dold added 15 apiece and Steve Biggs and Deren Ellis pitched in with eight each.

Borgess trailed 39-27 at halftime and 51-45 after three quarters. The Irish led by nine with about 3:30 remaining and made five of their last six free throw attempts but critical turnovers down the stretch allowed Borgess to make a final surge.

Hoskin tied the score at 69

with a pair of free throws with :26 left and the Spartans went ahead for the first time since the first half with a steal and basket by Jessup with :20 left.

ND took a timeout to call the play that led to Dolk's heroics, which were short lived. ND coach Mike Maltese was amazed with Jessup's poise under pressure.

"Aaron Jessup is just a very good athlete and I don't know if anyone else (on the court) could have made that play," Maltese said. "I thought the ball (thrown by Didlake) was in the upper deck. Jessup makes the leaping catch at the fence, turns and makes the shot. I'd like to say that's lucky but you make your own luck."

"We played hard and I think of all the positives that went on. Andy hits that shot 60 to 70 percent of the time and he was set up perfectly by Whitney. I told Andy earlier this year that's the shot that's going to win the Catholic League title."

ND and Borgess have played some memorable games in the last two years. The Spartans beat the Irish in overtime in last year's Catholic League semifinals and won a regular-season game in overtime and another by two points this year.

"That's why they make two halves, baby," Barnes said. "It's like that every time we play. These are two solid, disciplined, hard-playing teams."

Kimball matmen take command quickly, eliminate CC in regionals

Redford Catholic Central lost to Royal Oak Kimball, 36-30, in a Division I team wrestling regional semifinal meet Wednesday at South Lyon.

The Shamrocks recorded only one victory before South Lyon figured it had the match won and voided the final three matches.

Kimball went on to lose to Northville in the regional final.

"The score was not indicative of the match," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "They killed us. They had it won by the time we got to 171. You can't beat the strength."

Mitch Hancock, a sophomore, was the only Shamrock that got a chance to wrestle to win. He pinned his opponent in the first period in one minute, 20 seconds.

Rodriguez said the result wasn't going to take away from the opportunities four Shamrocks

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have in the individual state tournament. Hancock, John Abshire (189), Brocc Naysmith (215) and Casey Rogowski (heavyweight) earned berths in the regional, which was held Saturday.

"At this stage of the game I'll just turn my energies to the weekend to the kids that are going," Rodriguez said.

"It's a disappointment, but they tried - they tried all year long. Kimball was 20-2 in dual meets and we were 10-17. I thought when we went in we'd have a shot at it. Kimball beat Northville, which had a strong team. That shows you how strong Kimball was."

"We'll give it another shot. We have a good nucleus coming back. All the guys going to the regional are juniors except for Hancock, and he's a sophomore."

We should have four state placers and that's a pretty good nucleus."

Rogowski is the favorite to win the state championship, according to Rodriguez.

"Casey wasn't born a heavyweight," Rodriguez said. "He grew into a heavyweight. His mobility is much better. And he's as big and strong as they are."

Rogowski is 38-0, all but three being pins.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, March 2

Canton Agape vs. Greater Life at Palace of Auburn Hills, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3

Annapolis at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Liggett at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Ypsi Lincoln at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.

Greenhills at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 5

Inter-City at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

N.B. Huron at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 6

Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Southgate, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.

W. Highland at Agape, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. Taylor Baptist at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

(WLA Playoffs at Churchill)

Consolation final, 6 p.m.

Championship final, 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday, March 3

(NJCAA-Region 12 Semifinals)

Lansing vs. Vincennes (Ind.)

Schoolcraft vs. Cincinnati State at Cincinnati St., 6 & 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4

Region 12 championship at Cincinnati State, 7 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Tuesday, March 3

Plymouth Whalers vs. Sarnia at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5

Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

Whalers vs. Sault Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 8

Whalers vs. Sault Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

STATE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

CLASS A

at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA (Host)

Wednesday, March 4: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final Saturday, March 7, vs. Trenton district champion at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.)

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP'S

at COMPUWARE ARENA (Host)

Monday, March 2: Southfield Unified vs. Redford Union, 5:30 p.m.; Royal Oak Unified vs. A-B winner, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final Saturday, March 7, at Compuware Arena vs. Grosse Pointe South district champion.)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Friday, March 6

W. Highland at Agape, 5 p.m.

STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT DRAWS

(all Saturday, March 7 unless noted)

CLASS A

Friday, March 6 at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

First round: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Detroit Redford, 5 p.m.

Semifinals: Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Franklin, 6 p.m.; Redford Union vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.

Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at Plymouth Salem vs. Hazel Park district champion.)

at YPSILANTI LINCOLN

First round: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Belleville, 9 a.m.

Semifinals: Westland John Glenn vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 10:30 a.m.; Garden City vs. A-B winner, noon.

Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at Temperance Bedford vs. Dearborn district champion.)

at NOVI

First round: (A) Novi vs. (B) Livonia Churchill, 10 a.m.

Semifinals: Plymouth Salem vs. Plymouth Canton, 10 a.m.; Northville vs. A-B winner, 11:20 a.m.

Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal Saturday, March 14, at Plymouth Salem vs. Berkley district champion.)

CLASS C

at PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP

Semifinals: Royal Oak Shrine vs. Southfield Christian, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 11:30 a.m.

Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14 at New Haven vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett district champion.)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth soccer champs

The Livonia YMCA Michigan Hawks, an under-12 girls team in the Little Caesars Premier League, finished second in the National Indoor Soccer Tournament, Feb. 20, in Cleveland.

The Hawks, coached by John Buchanan and Tiffany Graves, held their opponents scoreless until the championship final.

Team members included: Elizabeth Albulov, Colene Brockman, Nicole Cauzillo, Kathryn Cummings, Erin Doan, Melissa Dobbey, Jordan Falcusan, Whitney Guenther, Nikki Hermann, Lindsay Hill, Jill Kehler, Deanne Kubas, Kelly McMann,

Sophia Naum, Jamie Poole, Marissa Sarkesian and Jennifer Szymanski.

Spring hoop tourneys

The Great Lakes Spring Classic, a boys basketball tournament for 12-and-under and 13-and-under teams, will be Friday through Sunday, April 17-19, at Garden City Junior High and High School.

The championship team from each age group will advance to the National Invitational Tournament.

The cost is \$245 per team (includes U.S.S.S.A registration and insurance). Trophies and

individual awards will go to the first and second place teams for each age group. An all-tournament team and MVP for each age group will also be recognized. Age eligibility is based on Sept. 1, 1998. All rosters must include birth certificates.

For more information, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 981-3000 (work) or (313) 274-5405 (home); or Jeff Bradley at (313) 595-6096.

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Shamrocks ice Rice in districts

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham Brother Rice hockey coach Mike Brown has one daughter, Shana, and no sons, unless you're counting the 20 or so boys that played for him every year.

Brown doesn't hide his emotions and on Friday night he shed a few more tears than usual as another season came to an end.

Brown announced his resignation after the Warriors were eliminated from the Class A state tournament with a 1-0 district loss to defending champion Redford Catholic Central at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena.

The Shamrocks advance to the district semifinals to play Royal Oak at 8 p.m. Monday at Compuware.

Brown, who turns 41 this year, cited a change in responsibilities at work and family reasons for his resignation after eight seasons at Rice.

Rice finished 10-8-2 overall.

"Always at the end of the season you let it out," said Brown, wiping away tears. "It's a long year and emotions build up. It

was brewing for a while. Work changed my responsibilities. Job, family, it was just time.

"They're like my sons, every one of them. When you go to war with them how can you not love them? We did ourselves proud. We came a long way, played the defending champs to a one-goal game."

Brown said his long-time assistant coach, Barry Mills, will be his replacement. Rice won one state championship under Brown, in 1992, and lost in the state championship game another time.

The Warriors reached the Final Four three times.

There were 24 all-state players under Brown, including three Mr. Hockey award winners: Dale Rominski, Mike Jalaba and Derrick Billis.

"Being teammates is like being brothers," Rice senior captain Joe Kustra said. "To end it like this is like a family breaking up. He screamed at you because he loved you. We learned everything about life, work force, hockey. He was like a dad to us."

Brown told his players about his intentions more than a week ago.

"I don't think there's anything else he'd rather do but coach hockey," senior captain Chris Cassidy said. "We wanted to win it for him."

CC coach Gordie St. John said Brown is respected state-wide as an ambassador to high school hockey. Brown played at CC and Western Michigan University before playing professional hockey in Flint.

"We'll miss him," St. John said. "He was a real institution in high school hockey and he'll be hard to replace."

This was the second game in less than a week between the two teams. The Shamrocks beat the Warriors 2-0 last Monday and Friday's victory was no easier.

CC junior forward Keith Rowe scored the only goal on a slap shot just inside the blue line, capping a 4-on-1 break with 1:10 left in the second period.

The Rice goaltender, Aaron Jones, might have been screened on the shot.

"Coach told us to get as many shots on goal as we could," Rowe said. "They let me walk in on goal and I shot it as hard as I could. Rick (Marnon, the CC

goalie) did the rest."

Marnon recorded his fifth shutout of the year, stopping 25 Rice shots on goal.

The Shamrocks had to kill a couple Rice power plays in the final period, including one with less than three minutes remaining. After the Shamrocks killed the final penalty, the Warriors pulled Jones for an extra attacker.

The game ended with Marnon making a stop on a shot from the point by Rice defenseman Dan Pzenychny. The buzzer sounded before Rice could shoot the rebound back at the net.

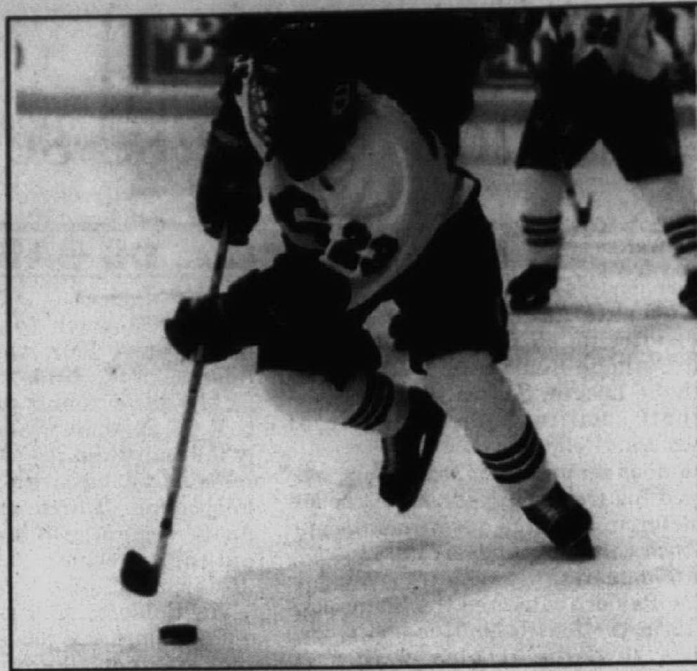
A mid-season slump seems to have gotten Marnon back on his game.

"I've got to keep the puck out of the net for these guys," Marnon said. "I can't be lazy and make mistakes. We've got to come out next game and look to win bigger."

Although Brown is giving up his head coaching duties, he still plans on coming around to lend a hand.

"I'll try to make it to a practice a week, open the door during games," Brown said.

But it won't be the same.



Game-winner: Keith Rowe scored the game's only goal in CC's win over Brother Rice Friday.

Youngs from page D1

Ladywood principal Sister Mary Ann Smith has been impressed with Jenny since her first days as a freshman.

"She's a natural leader, just has a knack," Smith said. "She's very responsible, just an all-around great person. I keep thinking she's a senior and she's not. I see Jenny able to be successful in any career she sets her mind to."

"She's hard working, not afraid to accept challenges. An outgoing, people person. She has a way in helping other people be more confident in own abilities."

Jenny played a few years of basketball but prefers to leave that skill to her brother.

"I live in a 'basketball house,'" Jenny said. "My mom even played. I thought 'I could try this basketball thing.' But it's not me."

Hot commodities

Chris is one of the top senior basketball players in the state and should be a strong Mr. Basketball candidate, averaging more than 20 points and 10 rebounds per game.

College recruiters started calling between his sophomore and junior years. The letters are starting to trickle in for Jenny.

After verbally committing to U-M in the summer, the calls still came for Chris and Jenny was usually answering the

phone for him. This past summer is when word got out that Jenny was a college volleyball prospect. College recruiters will try to use anything to their advantage.

"One of them called up and said 'Hey, I heard you're a pretty good volleyball player. Well, I know the volleyball coach so I'll put in a good word for you,'" Jenny said, laughing.

Here is something their future college coaches will like to hear. Although both are easygoing, each takes losing hard, their parents say.

"They're so sullen after losing games," Carol said.

"I know where they get that from," chimed in Tom, looking at Carol.

Jenny relaxes playing classical music on the family's piano. Chris relaxes listening to rap music.

"The stuff Chris listens to on the radio isn't quite classical piano," Jenny said.

Chris Young might listen to some bad rap, but a bad rap is something he's never had.

"He always comes back, never misses a moment to say hello," said Debbie Malek, his fifth grade teacher at St. Edith. "He stands there, right to the door frame, and all the kids are cooing and ahhhing. He was a hard worker, a very level-headed kid with nice parents."

Madonna softball from page D1

Abraham. "We're definitely rebuilding the infield."

The Crusaders are getting their first taste of action this week on their spring trip to Fort Myers, Fla. How quickly the newcomers adjust to their new team will be a key to Madonna's season.

That's why the four recruits Abraham brought in — freshmen Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston), Angela Litwin (Plymouth Canton) and Jenny Kruzal, and junior Jen Walker, a transfer from Macomb CC — fill much-needed positions.

McDonald is a shortstop with "a good arm, good game sense, and she's got a pretty good bat too," Abraham said. "She's a sound ballplayer. It should be interesting to see how she adapts."

Litwin is a walk-on second baseman who has looked good so far; Abraham figures to use both she and senior Christy Riopelle (.298, 22 RBI) at that spot.

Riopelle will also play in the outfield.

Both Kruzal and Walker will get a shot at third base, together with senior Jamie Heins (.191, 10 RBI). "The left side of our infield will be brand new," said Abraham. "But they're all good players."

The only returnees on the infield are at first base: junior Courtney Senger, who missed last year, and sophomore Stephanie Dick (.252, six doubles, four triples, 20 RBI).

Which means the battery will likely be tested, early and often. The pitchers "are experienced," with seniors Shanna Price (17-9 record, 2.90 earned run average, 164 1/3 innings) and Angie VanDoorn (10-7, 3.06 ERA, 54 strikeouts in 109 2/3 innings), junior Janell Leschinger (5-3, 2.58 ERA in 58 1/3 innings) and sophomore Stephanie Dye (five innings). All four are righthanders.

Price and VanDoorn "have

both played and been starters for four years," said Abraham. "They have experience, they'll get pitching time."

"I think that will be one of our strengths. They both have good control and a mixture of pitches. They're not the overpowering type of pitcher, but they do throw strikes."

The two seniors combined for 107 strikeouts in 274 innings, but they issued just 86 walks.

"Shanna's real smart, a finesse pitcher," said Abraham. "Her strength is her location. Angie throws very hard, but she's also developed some nice off-speed pitches which makes her more effective."

Behind the plate will be sophomore Vicki Malkowski (.390, nine doubles, three triples, 25 RBI) and senior Stacey Piontkowski (.214, seven RBI). "Both catchers are very solid," said Abraham. "That's a strength."

Joining Greene, Heins and

Riopelle in the outfield will be junior returnee Marissa Mittleman (.388, six doubles, 10 RBI), Dye (.279, 12 RBI), Walker and junior Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn), who missed all of last season with a knee injury but is back and showing "good range, and is hitting better than ever."

What it adds up to is plenty of depth. "We have a lot of kids playing multiple positions," said Abraham. "All 17 players (on the roster) can contribute."

Still, he likes what he sees. "I'm excited about it," Abraham said. "Pitching in softball is very important, and I think that's one of our strengths. Also, I like our depth, and offensively, we should be pretty doggone good. We'll have power and decent speed."

If the defense improves — as a team, Madonna made 101 errors in 53 games last season — then so will the Crusaders.

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- First Place—Southfield Eccentric
- Second Place—Lake Orion Eccentric, Jay Grossman

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- Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric

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The packets sell for \$35 each, plus \$8 per packet if you want it shipped UPS. Packets will be available for pickup in northern Michigan or will be shipped in late April.

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Hunter safety class

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is offering a special hunter safety class for persons with disabilities. The class will take place March 17-22 at the Richmond Sportsmen's Club.

"Although people with disabili-

ties can take any hunter safety course, this course may be inspiring for people who would like to get tips and ideas from other hunters with disabilities," said conservation officer Rob Pinson of the DNR's southeast district office.

The course is open to anyone age 12 or older. For more information and to register call (810) 794-9717.

Look for the Loon

It's tax time. For many that means anxiety and distress, but for others it means a refund check.

As you prepare your Michigan tax form this year consider donating a small portion of your refund to the Non-game Wildlife Fund.

There is a special line on the Michigan tax form for allocating money for the Non-game Wildlife Fund. Just look for a picture of a loon.

Money from this fund is used to restore extirpated wildlife species, to provide wildlife recreational opportunities for Michigan's citizen and visitors and to promote wildlife education.

Some of the programs the Non-game Wildlife Fund supports include the surveys of bald eagles, ospreys, grey wolves, common loons, frogs and toads as well as restoration projects for the peregrine falcon, the pine marten and the grey wolf.

For information on other projects that are supported by the Non-game Wildlife Fund, you can request a free copy of the quarterly newsletter The Spotting Scope.

Simply send a card with your name and address to Natural Heritage Program, P.O. Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909-7680. You can also visit the DNR's internet site at <http://dnr.state.mi.us>. Information on the Natural Heritage program can be found in the Wildlife Division link.

And remember to look for the loon on your state income tax form.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Name dropping helps us better understand

What's in a name? Well, if the name is bobwhite, its the name that describes the sound that a small quail makes.

Phoebe and Peewee are two names for flycatchers that phonetically describe the sounds they can make.

Names paraphrasing the sounds that an animal makes are common.

Some names are very descriptive of the appearance of the animal. Bobcat, for instance, has a bobbed tail and is a recognizable member of the cat family.

Cottontail accurately describes the soft, fluffy tail of our rabbit. Red-headed woodpecker, chestnut-sided warbler and sharp-tailed grouse are also helpful names that conjure an image of the animal.

Other names are a combination of sounds and appearance. Blue jay identifies the color of this bird and a call note that sounds like someone saying "J."

Black-capped chickadee combines the call note and the black on the top of the head of this common bird at our feeders.

Gray catbird is a name that describes a gray colored bird that sounds like a cat.

Some names can be very confusing, like lynx, nuthatch, or moose.

Where did these names come from? Lynx comes from Greek



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words that mean "lamp," referring to the fact member of the cat family can see in the dark, "like it's using a lamp."

Nuthatch does not refer to this bird sitting on a nut to hatch a little tree. It is a corruption of nut-hacking, or the habit of using its bill to hack open a seed.

Moose comes from the Algonquian name "moos" which means "eater of twigs," or "one who strips off bark."

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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

SPRING WALK
Bill Craig will lead a spring walk beginning at noon on Saturday March 21, at the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. Participants should meet at the parking lot at Newburgh Road, north of Warren. Call (313) 522-8547.

ARCHERY

ARCHER OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 628-0444.

ARCHER ASSOCIATION
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9510 or (313) 835-2110.

CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6858.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-6027 for more information.

REDNECK FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556.

CLINTON VALLEY ANGLERS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for information.

DINNERS

SAFARI CLUB
The 21st Annual Detroit Chapter Safari Club International Wild Game Dinner and Fund Raiser begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Penna's of Sterling Heights. Tickets are \$60 for individuals and \$500 for a table of 10.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 10-11, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

SEASON/DATES

FOX
Hunting season ends March 1.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

PIKE
Pike season ends March 15 on inland lakes statewide. Spearfishing season ends Feb. 25.

SMELT
Smelt netting season runs March 1 to May 31 south of M-72 and April 1 to May 31 north of M-72.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

BIRD HIKE
Bring your binocular and enjoy a guided bird hike during this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 14, at Maybury.

1-day clinic to improve your game

This is for right now, if you are interested.

The Bowlers Aid Pro Shops and Skore Lanes presented the "Advanced Bowlers Clinic" from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1.

If you are reading this early enough, perhaps you can still get in.

This popular one-day seminar is presented by Team USA Coaches and IBPSIA (International Pro Shops and Instructors Association).

It brings together experts and coaches from all over the country to improve your game and average.

Topics include adapting your game to lane conditions; ball surface; ball selection and drilling; "Which Are You?" player types; physical conditioning; and improving your game.

The student-to-coach ratio is minimum 1:6 with three hours of on-lanes instruction. Breakfast and lunch are included and video clips of your game are provided along with home study materials.

Cost is \$75. Space is limited. Call Mark Robey at (313) 295-2695 or Ray at Skore Lanes on Ecorse Road (313) 291-6220 to see if space is available.

*The National Senior Bowlers Association held two separate tournaments in January.

This was a quirk in the scheduling. The first one took place Jan. 10 at Sterling Lanes and Roger Miller of Ohio came north to gain his first NSBA title by defeating Doug Sword of Oxford 209-203, then beating Joe Fitzsimmons of Waterford 214-192.

He followed that with a 247-200 win over Mike Duncan of Harrison Township, then defeated Jim Burton of Novi 224-195.

In the final match, Roger struggled but defeated Tom Spaulding, another Buckeye, for the championship trophy and \$1,200 first place check.

Spaulding reached the finals by defeating Ben Fulton of Southfield, Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield, Sal Bonventure, then winning the semifinal against Bob O'Brien of Farmington Hills.

The second event of the month took place at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton on Jan. 31 where Rico Ordorico of Sterling Heights came away with his 6th NSBA title.

Rico qualified fifth then went through the entire field of semifinalists starting with a 279-189 win over Arlie Day of Grand Blanc.

In the semifinal match, Rico defeated Bud Bogotay of Farmington Hills 256-109 before meeting Gary Tis of Dearborn for the championship. Rico took it to Tis, 236-213 for the win.

Tis had to beat out Ed Malinowski and Bill Funke, both of Livonia.

For more information about the NSBA and its tournaments, please call: (248) 932-LANE or (248) 851-7494.

*Some sensational seniors scoring took place last Monday at Mayflower Lanes in Redford as Walt Arsenault and Jim O'Neil each hit 300 games at the same time on adjacent lanes in the Monday Seniors league.

Jim would look up at Walt's score, then Walt would do the same. Soon each bowler went all the way for the first perfect game over a whole lot of years bowling for both.

O'Neil, 72, has been bowling for 57 years and he finally did it. Arsenault, 62, had stopped bowling in 1982 until someone talked him into resuming his game. He is averaging 202 and 200 in two senior leagues.

*Garden Lanes in Garden City is the home of the St. Linus Classic League, and every week they have some heavy hitters with great scores.

The best so far this year came last week when David M. Bazner, 36, of Westland came through with 30 of a possible 36 strikes in a fine 802 series. His games were 266-267-269.

Even his dad, Jerry, cannot keep pace with him anymore.

*There was a TV taping at the Comcast Studio in Waterford last Tuesday for the Metro Bowling Tour.

Host and moderator Roy Akers held a panel discussion on what's going on in the game of bowling today. The expert panelists were Paul Hutchinson of Bowler's Aid Pro Shop in Century Bowl, Brian Graham of Turbo 2-N-1 grips and myself representing the press.

The panel discussions will be integrated into the telecasts of each monthly Metro Tour event, which is happening today at 300 Bowl in Waterford.

The first subject discussed was about the higher scores of today compared to only a few years ago and whether this is a "double-edged sword" — good and bad — for bowling.

Oakland county residents can check with Comcast for time and dates of broadcast.



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BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Merril Bowl (Livonia)**
Mon. Nite K of C: Wayne Lanning, 235-247-220/702; Earl Hussett, 258/658; Wayne Klester, 204-240-212/656; Will Suokas, 245-214/650.
Christ Our Savior: Jim Chown (120 avg), 168-206/539 (179 pins o/a); Tuesday Delphi: Lloyd Wilson, 248; Hal Kleiss, 246.
Jim Kosta, 277; Stan Gagacki Sr., 277; George Fineran, 259; Rich Biegas, 245-267-289/801.
- Cloverlanes (Livonia)**
FoMoCo - Chuck O'Rourke, 263/648; Dave Diomed, 262/679; Steve Bester, 259/643; Bob Rowland, 652; John Teetzal, 258; Bob Williams, 257; Bruce Hill, 257.
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Sunday Sleepers: David Rozenbaum, 266-269/765.
- Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)**
Mon. Nite Michigan Truck: 257-202-290/749; Ron Landon, 736.
- Mayflower Lanes (Redford)**
Good Neighbors: Mary Losielle, 194; Gloria Mertz, 193; Carol Reske, 190; Dot Haggard, 192.
Wed. Senior Men's Classic: Ernie Segura, 217-246-247/710; Will Suokas, 222-288/699; Paul Temple, 256-256/704; Bob Chuba, 232-225-268/725; Tan Gagacki, 225-238-226/689; Bob Sherwood, 259/650.
Friday Seniors: Gerry Zaleswski, 243/671; Ray Olson, 234/667; Ed Patrick, 236/657; Dick Thompson, 245/645; John Bierkamp, 235/622.
Monday Seniors - Walt Arsenault, 300; Jim O'Neil, 300; Hank Pearson, 257/666; Gerry Zaleswski, 252/668; Al Thompson, 258/666.
- Garden Lanes (Garden City)**
St. Linus Classic: David M. Bazner, 266-267-269/802; Tony Humphrey, 214-279-233/726; Ed Stephenson, 278-246/720; Julie Adomitis, 279-257/718; Doug Ellison, 213-267-237/717; Scott Day, 212-257-235/704.
VINCO: Harvey Wilson (age 75), 298.
- Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)**
Waterford Men: Joe Goreghian, 249-268-240/757; Andrea Roy, 255-279/713; Lee Charns, 208-260-237/705; Gary Gerisch, 278-205-217/700; Jack Mix, 265-205-216/686.
Sheldon Road Men: Bob Harper, 275; Josh Lanning, 267-242-209/718.
Plaza Men: John Jones, 257-213-257/727; Don Potts, 236-227-298/761; Jim Sylvester, 255-246-224/725.
Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington)
B'Nai Brith Downtown Fox: Steve Kay, 255-243-200/698; Alan Walsh, 244-242-212/698; Jeff Sprague, 228-215-214/657; David Little, 235; Murray Shanbaum, 223.
Country Lanes (Farmington)
Greenfield Mixed: Walt Thomas, 300/671; Debbie VanMeter, 235/619; Sue Addy, 216-214/603; Mark Silverstein, 244/610; Charlie Foor, 258/645; Dan Shea, 202-207-248/657.
Tues. Mixed Trio: Jack Craig, 268;
- Howard Leshman, 259/668; Vern Flowers, 258-277/762; Tammy Arnt, 235; Mike Weed, 255.
Spares & Strikes: Estelle Drabicki, 221/552; Helen Burger, 203; Sherry McMahan, 218-202/604; Gloria Vandergugt, 209/542.
Country Janes: Rosalie Francis, 234/551; Lynne Wegener, 232/654; Gerry Galinet, 212; Joye Patterson, 210/535; Katie Szonye, 206/535.
Sunday Goodtimers: Mike Kovacs, 232-212-235/649 (115 pins o/a); Ralph Davis, 225-224/643 (124 pins o/a); Mark Silverstein, 234-213/642; Todd Wortinger, 254-237/638; Harold Schwedel, 204 (56 pins o/a); Leroy Cote, 219.
B'Nai Brith Pisgah: Ryan Lash, 208-212-244/664; Lyle Schaefer, 205-269/663; Bryan Levine, 245-214/639; Larry Horn, 245-205/636; Mitch Fonkel, 225-212/630.
B'Nai Brith Brotherhood: Eddie Jacobson - Howard Kuretzky, 287-219/685; Rick Woolman, 238-215-205/658; Ron Weintraub, 223-223/639; Sanford Mandell, 231-214/638; Ricky Reznik, 236-204/637.
Ben Lusky Traveling: Jerry Lash, 268-245-244; Denny Cohen, 277-236-216; Steve Iikus, 225-258-237; Nick Altweger, 258-219; Ryan Lash, 235-215-210.
Bel Aire Lanes (Farmington)
Our Lady of Sorrows: Dennis Yaros, 247-221/658; Russ Lynch, 235-239/647; Dennis Liniman, 245/625; Darnel Krause, 637.
Michigan Bell Men's: Jack Fisher, 225/629; James Fee, 634; Mike Twigg, 619.
Early Birds: Karen Weid, 216.
Galilee Women: Stacy Silverstein, 210; Cheryl Feldman, 545; Debbie Krinsky, 204/570.
Temple Israel Brotherhood: Dan Abramson, 216-235/610; Charlie Feterman, 246/639; Keith West, 298/654; Oscar Parks, 225-233/630.
Novi Bowl (Novi)
Westside Lutheran: Don Johnson, 256/713; Craig Engel, 258/708; Bill Mueller, 702; Al Hunt, 655; Mark Raitz, 649.

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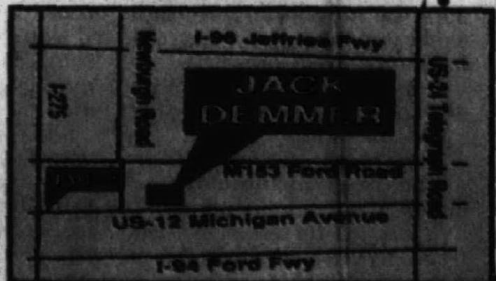
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