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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY

**City:** The Plymouth City Commission meets at 7 p.m. in city hall, 201 S. Main. The public is invited.

### TUESDAY

**Who will it be?** The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will appoint a resident to fill a couple months of a term left vacant by trustee Jack Farrow, who resigned. The special 6:30 p.m. meeting will be followed by an executive session.

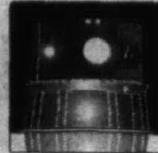
### WEDNESDAY

**Come one, come all:** The public is invited to the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the Community Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road. Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little and Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter will speak. Tickets are \$8. For reservations, call 453-1540.

**Plan:** The Plymouth Township Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. at township hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

**Looking ahead:** The school district's Long Range Planning Committee invites you join in an awareness session on the long range plan at 7 p.m., at the administration offices, 454 Harvey.

## Student charged in campus rape



More than a week after a student was allegedly sexually assaulted at school, her accused attacker was arraigned in 35th District Court and released on bond.

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen-year-old Christian Gerrard Armstead looked to his father for help as 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe asked if he wanted a court-appointed attorney.

**In court:** Christian Gerrard Armstead stands with Canton Detective Leonard Wolons as he is arraigned on a sexual assault charge.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

The question seemed to take the teen by surprise as he stood alone before the court.

Wide-eyed, Armstead turned to his father seated behind him and without saying a word shrugged his shoulders looking for his advice. His father nodded.

Armstead turned back around and faced the judge. "Yes, sir," he quietly said. They were the only words he spoke.

The Plymouth Canton High School student stood mute at his arraignment Friday on charges of allegedly raping a 15-year-old girl.

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The victim told police the assault took place under a stairwell near the photography classroom during school hours March 5.

Lowe entered a not guilty plea and set personal bond at \$10,000. He also ordered Armstead not to have any contact with the victim, who lives in the same Canton neighborhood.

Armstead is being charged with one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, which is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The alleged sexual assault at the high school has drawn wide media attention. A number of local television and print journalists lined the easternmost wall of the courtroom

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## At least 3 residents seek post

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

There's still time left to tell the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education you're interested in serving on the school board - for two months.

People interested in serving as a board member from April until the June 8 school board election have until 5 p.m. Monday, March 16, to submit a letter of interest. Letters can be dropped off at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth.

### SCHOOL BOARD

Once this term expires, the board member may run for the remaining two years of the term.

The school board will select the temporary board member at a 7 p.m. Tuesday special meeting.

Mark Horvath, board president, said three people have already thrown their hats in the ring. They include Judy Mardigian, a Plymouth Township resident who is active in the Citizens Finance Committee and the Class-Size Action Partnership (CAP); John Stewart, a Plymouth attorney who is involved in several district endeavors; and Paul Schrauben, a former board candidate and member of Citizens Finance Committee.

Horvath said he's most interested in candidates who are active in district committees, particularly budget and finance. This will be especially important as the board launches the budget process in an April 4 workshop session.

"I'm looking for someone who has been involved in district committees and the workings of the district," Horvath said.

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PHOTO BY JERRY MENDOLA

**Readings:** The Rev. Rod Reinhart leads a reading of Irish poetry and short stories at the Plymouth Poets' annual Irish Writer's Night at the Box Bar Thursday night in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

## A celebration of the Irish

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Romance, sentimentality and plain old-fashioned lightheartedness filled the Box Bar on Ann Arbor Trail Thursday evening as the Plymouth Poets celebrated their annual Irish Writer's Night - in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day March 17.

"We had an interesting mix," said the Rev. Rod Reinhart, an Episcopal minister and Plymouth's poet in residence. "We had readings of writers of well-known poetry, others did short stories. We also had some people read their own works."

Works from the like of Frank McCourt and "Angela's Ashes," William Butler Yates and James Jones, were

read, as well as works by local and contemporary authors such as Ama Carey Barr, Gerald Patrick Malacky Maloney, Marc Maurus, Rishikavi Raghudas and Patt. Trama, not to mention Reinhart.

"A lot of people are writing from an Irish background," Reinhart said, adding that many of the readings delved in the political troubles in Ireland.



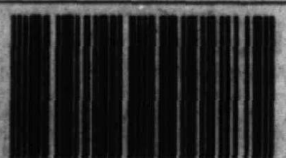
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## Old Village: Go ahead, imagine ...

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

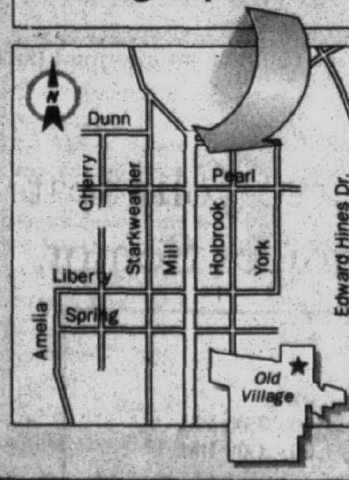
If you close your eyes ... imagine Plymouth's Old Village vibrant with antique shops, flower shops, a glass blower and potteries. How about a butcher shop, or maybe a wine and cheese shop? Unique restaurants serving Italian, Chinese or Thai.

Those are some of the ideas exchanged as Old Village residents discussed with city officials and a marketing expert ways to improve the neighborhood and make it a destination spot for shoppers.

A \$5,700 federal grant is paying for the market study performed by nationally-known downtown business consultant Doyle Hyett, who had a hand in developing downtown Plymouth.

"Our job is to help you get a better handle on the market potential of the district," Hyett told the gathering of about a dozen residents and business

### Old Village Improvements



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

owners. "We want to have a good understanding on how to better serve the market. That way you can make enough money to run your businesses, fix up your buildings, create jobs in the community and pay more taxes ... so everyone's happy."

Hyett told the group Plymouth is well-known, a good first step.

"Plymouth has extremely good name recognition throughout the whole state," said Hyett. "We work in northern Ohio, the Toledo area, and

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## Mort Crim to speak

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

When Mort Crim describes his father, a minister, it is with admiration.

"If my dad fell into a pond, he would come up checking his pockets for fish," said the former WDIV-TV anchor.

Being positive in the face of reality. That's what Crim's father taught him. And to this day, Crim, who retired from WDIV in 1997, travels the country with his motivational essays and positive spirit.

"People equate optimism with unreality. But as a newsman I've seen my share of tragedy. I know about the negative," Crim said. "We can face things realistically, yet still be positive."

This is the message that Crim will bring to guests of the Third Annual Observer-HomeTown Friends Book & Author Luncheon Wednesday, April 22, at the Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by mail to the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth 48170, Attention: Diane Geddes.

Proceeds from the Observer and HomeTown newspapers-sponsored luncheon benefit Friends of the Library organizations at the Plymouth, Canton,

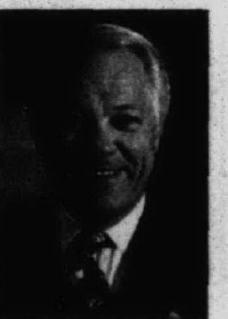
Northville and Novi libraries.

### Second thoughts

Crim will discuss his book, "Second Thoughts with Mort Crim," which includes his motivational and inspirational essays. "Mort Crim's Second Thoughts" also are heard on radio across the nation and sponsored by Kmart. His radio feature is heard in Detroit on WNIC and is also heard around the world on the Armed Forces Radio Network. Crim believes people should ask themselves two important questions: What can I do to make a difference and will it matter?

In his book and radio features, Crim says he uses humor and personal anecdotes to emphasize his belief in the positive aspects of human nature.

Crim also draws on his knowledge of the human condition from his 30 years



Former TV anchor  
Mort Crim

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# Village from page A1

they know you very well. We need to make sure they know about Old Village as well as downtown."

Hyett noted developing a neighborhood is much different than building a downtown.

"There's a relationship between the condition of the neighborhood and the businesses it attracts, and vice versa," said Hyett. "As the commercial area develops, the demand for good housing in the neighborhood will also increase."

"I think we need to make a big enough distinction between downtown shopping, we can't try to duplicate that," said Janis Cross, owner of the Brew Ha Ha

**■ 'It's very important to have a viable Old Village because it's a commercial area like downtown, but has its own unique atmosphere. When you're looking at sustaining any community, you can't look at just one area.'**

**Steve Guile**  
—Old Village Development Authority director

coffee house.

Old Village resident Catherine Doughty agreed.

"If we try to create a historic district like everyone else, we'll just have what everyone else has," she said. "We need something to bring people in."

City officials are ready to move

on the project.

"It's very important to have a viable Old Village because it's a commercial area like downtown, but has its own unique atmosphere," said Steve Guile, director of the Old Village Development Authority. "When you're looking at sustaining any com-

munity, you can't look at just one area."

"Some businesses that have started here have moved downtown," said homeowner Susan Clark. "We need to figure a way to keep them, and to attract people to the area."

Hyett, who knows the Plymouth community well, is hoping to have his economic study done within a week.

"Downtown Plymouth is already the downtown for a significant part of this region," said Hyett. "Old Village is just another gem in the crown of Plymouth."

## Supervisor welcomes new citizen

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy has handled many different situations during her years in the health care field and role as the township's top politician.

However, Wednesday afternoon McCarthy admits running into a "rare situation in which I felt totally incompetent."

During an afternoon meeting McCarthy was paged, only to find out her pregnant niece was going into labor and didn't have anyone to help her. McCarthy, who doesn't have any children,

wasn't sure she was the right person to help. However, duty called.

On her way to Garden City Hospital to meet up with the soon-to-be mom, McCarthy stopped at the township offices to quickly vote on important issues dealing with the new 35th District Court.



**Kathleen Keen-McCarthy**

Soon afterward, it was on-the-double to the hospital.

"I stayed with her for a while, holding her hand and comforting her, until the father and her best friend arrived," said McCarthy. "I'm glad they did because I wasn't involved in the coaching process. It was a totally different experience for me."

The delivery went well, and mom and baby boy - measuring in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces and 19 inches long - are doing fine.

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## Cameras They're watching

By HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton students thinking about sneaking a cigarette or vandalizing a school bus seat had better think twice - because they just might get caught on camera.

The district has used cameras for five years in some of its 102 school buses on an as-needed basis, said Judy Evola, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"We use them to assist the district in monitoring situations and in monitoring behavior," Evola said.

She would not say how many cameras are being used or which buses they are being used in.

"We utilize them a majority of the time for behavior and discipline reasons," Evola said.

Transportation director LuAnn Grech said the cameras are placed at the front of buses.

"The cameras are put into buses where there have been problems," Grech said. Such problems include students getting out of their seats, vandalism, horseplay and insubordination.

Bus driver Mary Hayes said the biggest problems she's encountered include smoking,

fighting, throwing things and tearing up bus seats.

"I've got three seats on my bus where (the students) keep tearing the tape off and ripping the stuffing out," Hayes said.

But in order to get through to the troublemakers, the punishments have to stick.

"What really helps is who you have at school as far as discipline," Hayes said. One student was suspended a month for throwing a bottle out the bus window. It was the student's third bus referral.

"Most issues can be handled through the bus referrals," Grech said.

Grech said students who break the rules get referred to the principal by the bus drivers. If the behavior is caught on tape, it is reviewed only by the respective administrator.

Another step the district has taken is by hiring bus monitors, who assist drivers in discipline. So far, the district has had trouble keeping the positions filled, Grech said.

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# Let it snow!

## Automatic ice melters installed

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

While we've had a relatively mild Michigan winter, Plymouth District Library officials will no doubt be hoping for more snow next year.

That way, they'll get to test the automatic snow and ice melting system being installed on the walkway and steps leading to the new library.

"We had some concerns about people slipping on the steps in the winter," said Library Director Pat Thomas. "While the city takes care of the snow and ice in the winter, we don't have someone here full time to shovel and put down salt. So, we decided to put in the automatic melting system."

So, who do you call? Snow Technologies Inc. of Livonia.

"Most people don't know about the system," said Earle Mott, president of the company. "However, when people see it work, they want one."

"While the system is a bit costly to install, much of that can be recouped," said Mott. "For example, you don't have to spend time and money to shovel and spread salt. The salt isn't carried on shoes into a home or business, saving cleaning and

replacement costs. And, of course, it reduces the liability factor of someone falling on the ice."

Mott says the Plymouth library will spend about \$18,000 for the system, which includes polyethylene piping, antifreeze, a boiler and pump.

The piping is laid just before the concrete, and an anti-freeze solution is run through the pipes. When the outside temperature reaches 38 degrees and moisture is detected by a sensor, the system automatically turns on.

The concrete reaches a temperature of about 50 degrees, melting the snow and keeping residual water from freezing.

"The commercial system can keep up with a snowfall that's 2 inches per hour," said Mott. "The residential system can keep up with a 1-inch per hour snow."

Mott said if the area was hit by a blizzard with a foot or more of snow, the system would have it down to slush within hours.

"A residential user could expect to pay approximately \$5,000 for an average subdivision driveway," said Mott. "It comes in a kit so simple a 12-year-old could lay the piping."

Mott said operating the auto-

### PLYMOUTH LIBRARY

mated system isn't costly. A homeowner could expect to spend about \$120 a season, while a commercial system would be higher. Mott estimates the library's system will cost the city approximately \$250 during the winter months.

"We've been assured the water on the steps will evaporate, and won't give us a waterfall effect and possibly freeze," said Thomas. "We're also putting the system on the enclosed handicap ramp."

Library patrons will have to wait for next year to see the system in use. The Plymouth library is not expected to be open until approximately the first of May.

"The shelving in the new library will be going up soon, and will take about three weeks to complete," said Thomas. "After that we'll be moving books, and the library will be closed for at least another three weeks."



**How it works:** This is a photo taken by Snow Technologies Inc. of Livonia, which is building the new automatic snow and ice melters in the walkways and steps of the new Plymouth District Library. First the pipes are installed, followed by the cement.

## School funding topic of summit

At the current rate of state funding, it will take the Plymouth-Canton school district more than 100 years to catch up to Bloomfield Hills when it comes to per pupil spending.

That's according to Mark Slavens, the chairman of Michigan's first Michigan Summit on School Funding Equity, slated for Tuesday, March 23, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Nearly two dozen state representatives and senators from both sides of the political aisle are expected to attend. They include Loren Bennett, R-Canton; Robert Geake, R-Northville; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; and Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne. Several gubernatorial candidates are also expected to be in attendance.

The purpose is to raise awareness of inequities in school funding throughout the state; discuss with legislators the issues of

school funding; talk about the pros and cons and possible changes of Proposal A; and gauge where the state's gubernatorial candidates stand on the issue.

School officials are expecting nearly 350 interested citizens and educators from around the state to attend the two-hour discussion, which begins at 7 p.m.

"Proposal A was supposed to control increases in property tax and narrow the gaps in per-pupil spending in Michigan," said Slavens. "However, it will take us more than a century to conquer a gap that exists between Bloomfield Hills (\$11,000 per student) and Plymouth-Canton (\$5900 per student)."

"We hope to show the public there are inequities in school spending for many districts like Plymouth-Canton, and maybe urge the state to give back some local control," noted Slavens.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Charles Little is hoping to educate many who believe growing communities like Canton get more money, while the reality remains state funding is now determined by school population.

"I don't think a lot of people realize that we are currently being funded at a percentage less than the cost of doing business," said Little.

He said that last year the district received a 2.7-percent increase in state funding, while the Consumer Price Index was over three percent. Little notes this is the fifth consecutive year the district has operated with state funding increases less than the cost of doing business.

"The system is supposed to close the gap between the rich and poor," said Little. "However, it definitely hasn't worked here."

### COP CALLS

#### Bus fire reported

Plymouth fire officials helped Plymouth-Canton schools put out a bus fire, at the district's transportation yard on Lilley Road.

Police reports indicate that when the bus driver attempted to re-start her stalled bus, flames began shooting out the loading door. Transportation workers attempted to extinguish the blaze before calling the fire department for help.

Preliminary reports indicate the March 4 early morning inci-

dent was most likely caused by a gas leak.

#### Bomb threat

Students at Plymouth-Canton's Starkweather Education Center were evacuated from classes after a bomb threat was phoned in March 4.

Plymouth police say the building was cleared, no bomb was found, and classes resumed a short time later.

#### Lock your car

Plymouth Township police are reminding residents to lock their

vehicles which are left parked outside.

Township police investigator Dave Hayes said a 19-year-old man was questioned while walking in the 9000 block of Hackberry about 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning. The teen admitted to police he was rummaging through vehicles, but said he didn't take anything.

Hayes said it's not uncommon for teens to walk down the street, pull on car doors, and comb through the vehicle looking for radar detectors, cell phones and other valuables.

# timely finds

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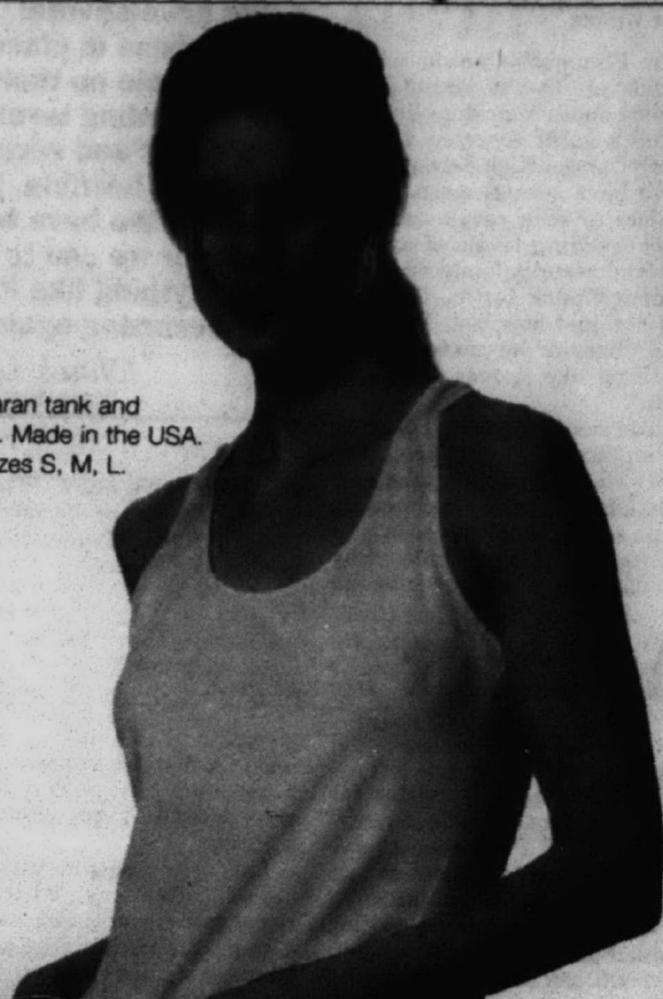
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# School officials review security at high schools

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school officials say they're taking steps to avoid another incident like the sexual assault reported at Plymouth Canton High School.

"We have several mechanisms in place to keep people on their toes regarding levels of awareness and security," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "This is horrible, just horrible. We have to do whatever we can to prevent anything like it ever occurring again."

Little said the staff is checking all buildings. They'll inventory stairwells and other areas of a building that may be enclosed, or create spaces that can't be seen.

A report will be completed by Monday and turned over to the

**n 'We have several mechanisms in place to keep people on their toes regarding levels of awareness and security. This is horrible, just horrible. We have to do whatever we can to prevent anything like it ever occurring again.'**

**Chuck Little**  
—Superintendent

fire marshal's office. The district will then make modifications, or block off dangerous and questionable areas.

Administrators met with the counseling staff Thursday to go over information designed to alert them to possible similar incidents, or other problems, before they happen.

"We have notified the staff, including teachers, security, support personnel and administrators, to make them aware of the situation, and to assist them in helping students," said Canton High School principal Pat Patton. "This situation is unique in that these individuals knew each other."

Little said the school's internal investigation has yet to be completed, and any punitive action will wait until "we understand the whole story."

## Assault from page A1

Friday. Brian Boyd, news editor for the high schools' student newspaper, PCEP Perspective, also covered the arraignment for its upcoming March 27 edition.

"We're supposed to be writing about homecoming games and the prom, not rape," Boyd said.

"Safety is becoming a greater concern for the students," he said. "The school is so big ... (Security) can't be everywhere at the same time, but what amazes me is that something like this could happen on a campus with 4,800 other people."

According to the victim's report to police, she and Armstead left the cafeteria to talk sometime between 11 a.m. and

noon. Armstead suggested they hide under a stairwell so that they wouldn't get caught by security.

The conversation turned to sexual advances, which she reportedly declined several times. She claimed he pinned her arms to the floor as he attacked her.

Two girls allegedly saw Armstead and the victim during the assault, but never reported it to school administrators. The victim never screamed or yelled out because she was afraid, police said.

Both girls have since been identified and are expected to be witnesses at the March 20 preliminary exam.

**'We're supposed to be writing about homecoming games and the prom, not rape.'**

**Brian Boyd**  
—PCEP Perspective news editor

Armstead has been suspended pending a school investigation. The victim is currently attending classes in another school district.

Third-degree criminal sexual conduct involves penetration by force and coercion, similar to first-degree CSC, which is punishable by life behind bars, said Detective Leonard Wolons. Second- and fourth-degree CSC charges involve touching.

"(The CSC-III charge) revolves around the chronological age, being that the defendant is 17 and the victim is only 15," he said.

The legal age of sexual consent is 16 in Michigan.

However, the charge against Armstead has nothing to do with the issue of consent, Wolons added.



## Irish from page A1

Ama Carey Barr, an Oakland County writer, wrote "about the terrible experiences the Irish people have had by the British, as well as by each other," Reinhart said. "... and the horrible pain suffered. She is Irish, she's a short story writer and a poet. She's writing in a way that says, 'Let's move away from this.'"

Reinhart read his own work, "What Makes The Irish Think They Are White." "White has always means power, control, money. The Irish people have been dominated by the whitest power on earth," Reinhart said.

Approximately 50 guests attended the special event where 10 writers read works. "The Box Bar has been so sweet and helpful to us," Reinhart said. "I'm so grateful they are backing up the program."

The event was videotaped

**'The Irish people have been dominated by the whitest power on earth.'**

**Rod Reinhart**  
—Poet in residence

and will air on MediaOne's public access Channel 18 at 5 p.m. Thursdays. The name of the show is "The Poet and the Power," a show Reinhart coproduces with Mark Maurus. Reinhart credits Gary Grace, MediaOne public access coordinator, with the success of the show.

"He's been supportive. I'm not too technical and he has been a great help. He's doing a fantastic job."



**Good time: Writer Rishikavi Raghudas (top photo) reads to guests, while Anne Murray (above) of Plymouth reacts to a reading by the Rev. Rod Reinhart, Plymouth's poet in residence.**

PHOTOS BY JERRY MENDOZA

## Board from page A1

The two-month stint could be a trial period for people unsure about whether they want to commit to a board position, Horvath said.

The two-month appointed position is to fill a vacancy left when trustee Jack Farrow resigned to pursue a district technology job,

formerly held by Dave Rodwell, who left to take a job in the Walled Lake Schools.

School board members are not allowed to be district employees.

For more information about the board position, call 416-3095.

Also scheduled for this week is a Long Range Planning session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center. The Long Range Planning Committee is hosting the meeting and the public is invited to attend.

Other upcoming meetings

include vision priority meetings. At these meetings, the community can participate and give their opinion on actions required to implement the district's Long Range Plan. They will be held:

- 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Pioneer Middle School;
- 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Pioneer Middle School;
- 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Tonda Elementary School.

Those interested in joining the Long Range Planning Committee, the Citizens Finance Committee or the Housing and Facilities Committee, all board-appointed committees, can send name, telephone number and which committee they would like to serve on to Community Relations, 454 Harvey St., Plymouth 48170 or call 416-2557.

## Lemonade airs

WSDP, 88.1 FM, in partnership with the Canton Seniors will air Lemonade, hosted by B.J. at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 18 and 25.

Lemonade is hosted and produced by Betty Smith, a member of the Canton Seniors.

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# Special election proves costly

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

The municipalities of Redford Township, Livonia and Dearborn Heights have picked up at least a \$113,000 tab for two special elections to elect a new county commissioner to a nine-month term.

While the county charter dictates when these elections must be held by local communities, there is no state law or county charter provision mandating Wayne County reimburse these costs.

"Maybe the state needs to look at that," said Redford Township Clerk Marilyn Heldenbrand.

Redford's costs figure to be in the \$40,000-\$50,000 range for both elections. Livonia tallied an estimated \$13,000 election bill, while Dearborn Heights' costs at least \$60,000 for both.

Republican Kathleen Husk, a South Redford school board member and Redford Township resident, beat Democrat Edward Plawewski Sr. in Tuesday's general election by 307 votes in the Ninth District. That district includes all of Redford Township and Dearborn Heights and a portion of Livonia, east of Middlebelt Road.

Joyce Robbins, Dearborn Heights city clerk, figures she spent an average of \$30,000 per

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election on election inspectors, part-time staff to prepare the voting machines, postage for absentee ballots, and overtime for full-time clerical staff on the Saturday before the elections to accept absentee applications and on election nights.

"We're very concerned about (special election costs)," Robbins said. "This is not something we budget for. Dearborn Heights lives on a strict budget. During budget hearings we need to justify our expenses, and I don't see a justification for this expense."

"It's extremely costly for the city. We're not going to be reimbursed \$60,000 for two elections that many voters were not even interested in. It's a disappointing situation."

One precinct in the Feb. 10 primary election drew one voter, but cost the city \$326 to staff election inspectors there, Robbins said.

At one precinct in Redford during the primary, only two voters visited for the entire day. "For that much money to staff the precinct, I could have spent it on postage for the absentee ballots," Heldenbrand said.

Heldenbrand said, "We have

to do an awful lot for one of these elections. This shows the need exists for an 'all-AV' (ballot) election. You would cut some of these costs."

Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter figured the election cost about \$27 a vote for last Tuesday's general election.

"If people are concerned about the costs of government, they should reduce the costs by increasing the turnout," McCotter said, in reference to the "cost per vote." Livonia's costs nonetheless were \$6,115.50 for the primary, and an estimated \$7,000 for the general election.

While McCotter would like to see the community reimbursed, she doesn't believe it will happen.

Her son, Thaddeus, serves on the county commission, a Republican representing the cities of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville and the townships of Plymouth and Northville.

"Under the state law, they don't have to," he said. "I believe the county should reimburse communities for special elections called for as the result of the action of a county commissioner, and that's nothing

against the Plawewski family. "But finding eight votes (on the 15-member commission for reimbursement) is not an easy job."

If the shoe were on the other foot — that is, the city of Detroit wanted reimbursement — under the current county charter and state laws, McCotter said he would probably oppose that request.

McCotter thinks a future court ruling on a lawsuit calling for open primaries may interpret Wayne County charter's powers, as opposed to the county's powers under state statutes.

"How much does that (ruling) allow Wayne County to deviate from state law?" McCotter said, asking a rhetorical question.

McCotter believed the election reimbursement was not a "hot-button" issue with voters that they were concerned enough to place a charter amendment on a countywide ballot, calling for county reimbursement for such elections.

If a charter amendment was proposed and called for county reimbursements of what McCotter called "unfunded mandates," that proposal would cover more expenses, would be easier to explain and possibly face easier passage, McCotter said.

# McNamara cites successes in bid for a new term

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara filed his candidate form Thursday at the Wayne County clerk's office to place his name on the Aug. 4 Democratic primary ballot.

McNamara was scheduled to make his official announcement last night (Saturday) to more than 1,500 supporters at Laurel Manor in Livonia during his annual St. Patrick's fund-raiser.

According to Friends of McNamara, his re-election committee, McNamara has received endorsements from more than 1,400 business, community and religious leaders.

"We began some great projects which I want to see completed," McNamara said. "The Metro Airport expansion, our parks improvements, fixing the county's roads and our efforts to reduce crime are too important to step away from mid-stream," McNamara said.

McNamara believes his campaign theme, "Life is better when we all work together," underscores the cooperative relationships he's built.

McNamara cited his many achievements including the \$1.6 billion Metro Airport expansion, the Detroit Tigers and Lions stadium projects and the new Wayne County medical examiner's office.

Other accomplishments include a 12 percent drop in crime through Wayne County since building the new Dickerson Jail; 150 new projects and programs to improve Wayne County parks and the \$60 million Partnership '98 road bond program that will resurface 141 miles of inferior county roads.

McNamara has lived in Wayne County for his entire life save for a two-year stint in the U.S. Navy. He currently lives in Livonia with his wife of 51 years, Lucille McNamara.

## STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

### Assisted suicide ban

In a gender gap vote, the House of Representatives passed a bill to outlaw the practice of assisted suicide in Michigan. The vote was 66-40.

Men voted 57-20 in favor. Women voted nine in favor and 20 against.

Supporters were eight votes short of the two-thirds needed to give Senate Bill 200 immediate effect. Instead, if the Senate concurs in House amendments and the governor signs it, the measure will become law about April 1, 1999.

The Legislature acted three

the common law," said Ed Rivet, spokesman for Right to Life of Michigan.

"My bill will provide straightforward, black-letter law needed by prosecutors to convict Jack Kevorkian and others who engage in the killing of some of our most vulnerable citizens," said the sponsor, Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison.

The House did not act on HB 5474, which would allow regulated assisted suicide if voters approved it on the November ballot.

Here is how western Wayne lawmakers voted:

Heights, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

NO - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland.

### Bills approved

Getting up to date on bills:

■ The House approved 102-0 a bill requiring pay phone companies to inform callers of long-distance rates. "It's wrong to hide the price of a long-distance call from a pay phone caller, said sponsor Eileen DeHart, D-Westland. The bill goes to the Senate.

■ The Senate unanimously March 5 enacted a bill requiring schools to hold two tornado drills per year as well as eight fire drills. Sponsor was Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. The bill goes to Gov. John Engler for signing.

■ The Senate approved 36-1 a bill aimed at stopping "social promotions" in schools. All area

senators voted yes. Lone opponent was Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, who said the bill would let "the state micro-manage our local school boards."

Refer to Senate Bill 898 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

### Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed: ■ Teresa Smith, Plymouth - to the Community Health Advisory Council. She is a clerical assistant for Today's Living Concepts and a board member of the Association for Retarded Citizens.

## S'craft seminar will focus on adults returning to college

Schoolcraft College will host a program on adults returning to college Saturday, March 28.

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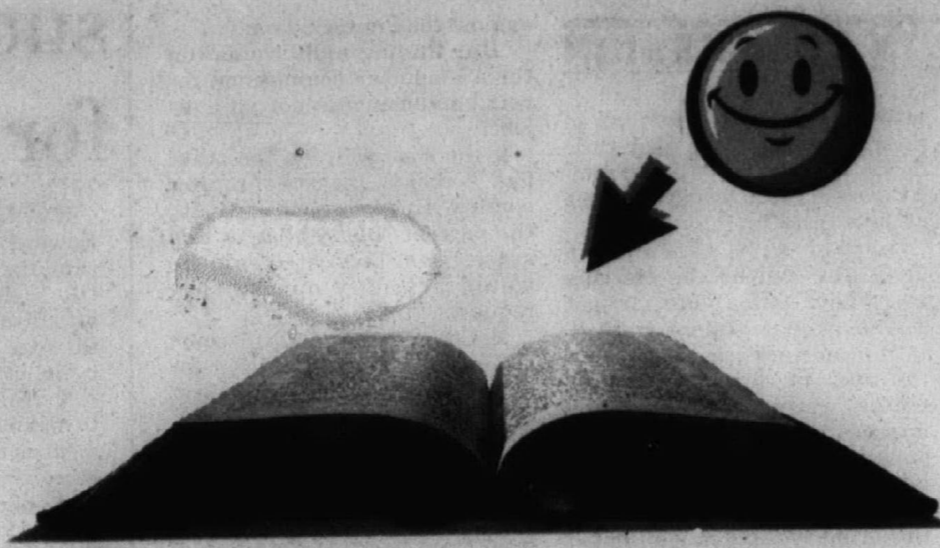
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of news broadcasting. Journalism, especially broadcast, is also one of Crim's topics. But maybe not the way you think a veteran newsmen would speak of it.

## Journalistic optimism

His goal is to bring optimism to the world of journalism, calling for more balanced and positive news reporting. Crim says he is disappointed and disenchanted with what he calls a growing trend of sensationalizing and exploiting of the news.

"The line between news and entertainment has been obliterated," said Crim, who was a national correspondent for ABC Radio. His was the voice that described Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon. His resume also includes coverage of Robert Kennedy's funeral, the Yom Kippur war in the Middle East, as well as the Vietnam War with President Lyndon Johnson.

While Crim concedes that part of the responsibility lies with the media's audience, it's not a good enough answer.

"If our ethic is to give audiences what it wants, than the same justification can be used by bookies and prostitutes," Crim said.

Journalists are trained to determine what is news and what information is essential for the public. While some might say that such an attitude in journalists is arrogant, Crim disagrees.

"It's no more arrogant than a doctor telling you he knows what's best for your body. We have to educate the public. It sounds elitist, but I don't mean to. It's like politicians who need to educate the public. The public needs leadership."

"Journalists have to do the same thing. Present the facts, expose things. Generally, people will respond to that positively."

## Lengthy resume

"Second Thoughts with Mort Crim" is not his first book. "One Moment, Please" is a collection of radio scripts, which aired on more than 350 radio stations in the 1970s. Crim describes the book and radio features as similar to Charles Osgood's current radio features. Crim is also author of "Take Off and Fly: Liv-

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## ing Positive in a Negative World.

Crim has been a broadcaster for stations from California to New York City. He also was the permanent vacation substitute for Paul Harvey 1980 to 1984.

After spending a good amount of time in radio, Crim decided he wanted a change. "I really thought at that age I should try TV. Harry Reasoner wasn't able to move over so I went to Louisville, Kentucky."

Three years later he went to Philadelphia where he worked with the late Jessica Savitch. He did a stint in Chicago.

WDIV-TV became home to Crim as the senior editor and anchor of the evening news 1978-1997 and remains with the station as vice president of community affairs.

"I miss the people, but not anchoring. We all still stay in touch, Carmen (Harlen) and Chuck (Gaidica). I really don't miss the work. I have moved into something that's more exciting for me at this stage of my life."

## After retirement

In addition to flying around the country - in his own twin engine plane - Crim also owns his own production company with 18 employees. The company produces specials for PBS, as well as videos for companies, such as Standard Federal, and work for nonprofit organizations such as the Henry Ford Health Systems.

Crim's resume also includes a number of awards, including twice being named by the United Press International Best Local TV Newscast in America, as well the Gold Medal as Best Radio Personality at the New York Festivals International Radio Awards and the festival's Silver Medal for Best Humor Writing. That's not to mention more than a dozen Emmys, as well as Northwestern University's - his alma mater - Alumni Merit Award, and induction as the first distinguished alumnus in Medill's Hall of Achievement.

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RICK HALBERG

## Spring veggies burst with flavor

This winter has been a tease. For the past two months I've been wishing for spring. When I see tulips popping up, crocus showing their heads and buds forming on some trees, I start to daydream about warmer, longer days.

This past week has taught me that we still have to wait for the cold to end and true warmer weather to arrive. I'm craving spring vegetables — early peas, leaf lettuce and, of course, our own morel mushrooms.

Our national obsession with immediate gratification brings produce from all over the globe to market. But how much of it tastes the way fruits and vegetables do when they're in season? Or more importantly, how much of it is safe to eat?

Granted, the variety of produce we have to choose from is great, but when is the last time you tasted a strawberry in January that had real flavor and voluptuous texture of a strawberry picked fresh in season? Or a bunch of asparagus with that fresh herbaceous flavor of just cut stalks?

### Food safety concerns

In the Tuesday, March 10, issue of the *New York Times* there was an article about the rising threat of food contamination in our country.

This threat stems in part from the "changing nature of the American diet and a greater reliance on imported foods."

We are bringing in an enormous amount of food into the United States from some newly developing countries, and their quality control and standards may leave a lot to be desired.

Dr. Michael Osterholm, one of the scientists at a meeting in Atlanta sponsored in part by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Society of Microbiology, challenged those who believe the United States has the safest food supply in the world. "Since we have food from all over the world," he said "it's hard to understand how food in the United States is any safer than food from other parts of the world."

This is an important point to consider when purchasing out of season produce from all over the globe. There might be some important health issues to think about.

### Anticipation

For me, the anticipation of tasting spring's bounty is almost too much to take. The joy of waiting for those bursts of flavor is like a rite of passage. For the next four to six weeks I have to be content with the last of winter's great citrus fruits, root vegetables and some of the hearty greens that are available. Luckily, having a restaurant, Emily's, allows me access to many fantastic sources for the first crops of some of my favorite foods. Some of these foods will start showing up on our early spring menu soon.

While you dream of spring, here's a Thinking of Spring dessert to try. Panna Cotta is a light, Italian eggless custard. It is great served with fresh rhubarb and tiny wild strawberries or fresh strawberries roasted with a little basting of Balsamic vinegar.

#### PANNA COTTA

- 1 3/4 teaspoons unflavored gelatin
- 1 1/2 cups cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 vanilla beans, split and scrapped

Soften the gelatin in a small amount of cold water (about 1/4 cup).

Scrape the vanilla bean into the milk and cream, add the sugar and bring to a boil. Pour into the gelatin and stir to dissolve. Pour into suitable molds and chill. Serves four.

Emily's next wine dinner will feature the great wines of the Cote du Rhone in

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### LOOKING AHEAD

- What to watch for in Taste next week:
- Laurie Wethington of Farmington Hills shares her pork piccata recipe.
- Prize-winning main dish salads.

# OIL & VINEGAR do mix!

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

High-tech communication has made this a shrinking world. We're more aware of cultural diversities, particularly as they apply to food. Dubbed "new world cuisine" by Epicureans, it appeals to modern appetites searching for healthy, easily-prepared dishes loaded with flavor and substance.

New world cuisine has brought about a phenomenal and escalating interest in both extra virgin olive oil from Greece and balsamic vinegar from Italy. Oil and vinegar do mix!

### Testament to virginity

Extra virgin refers to the first cold pressing of olives which extracts oil with less than one percent oleic acid.

A.C. Nielsen market research indicates that Americans now spend \$340 million annually for high-quality extra virgin olive oil. Sales like this may bring fraudulent products to market. But the North American Olive Oil Association's regular random testing indicates that the vast majority of extra virgin olive oil is legitimately labeled.

Margaret Arvantis, owner of Bacchus Brokerage in Whitmore Lake, Mich., sells premium Greek wines, Greek olive oil and Italian balsamic vinegar. She said that the way olive oil is made is more important than where the olives are grown.

"Picking, cold pressing/processing, and storage before bottling are the essentials to the art of production," she said.

Arvantis recently introduced Morea unfiltered extra virgin olive oil from Greece to this market. She said that olives for extra virgin oil are picked earlier than olives destined for curing. "That's why the oil has a fresh, fruity character," she added. "All olives for Morea are hand picked, not shaken from trees and the olives never touch the ground."

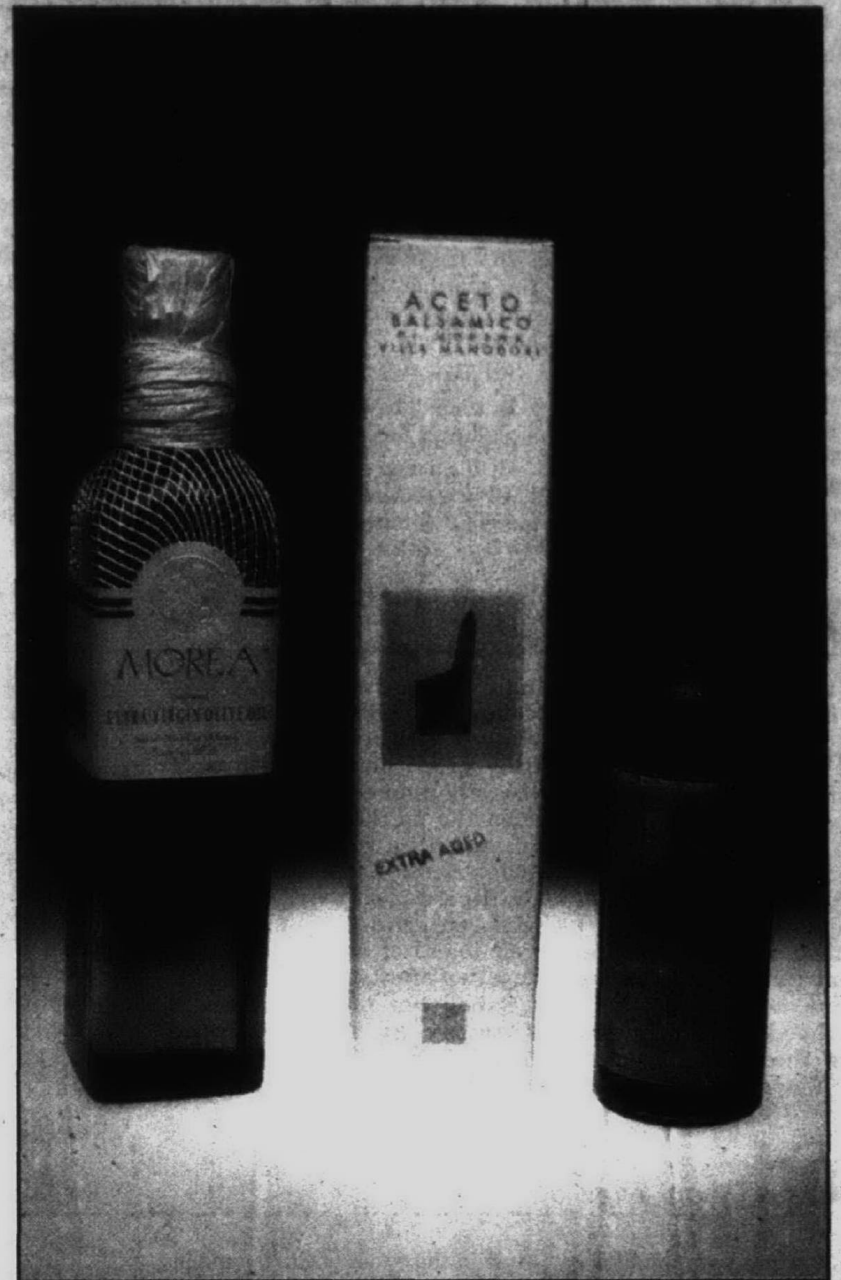
However, the growing region and the best olives of the region do make an impact. Here's what some research on Greek olive oil revealed. For millennia, the century-old family-owned olive trees in the state of Lakonia, Peloponnes region of southern Greece, have been the source of olives grown for Morea. Collectively, they have distinguished Greece as the world's largest producer of extra virgin olive oil.

The fruitiness of Morea is due in part to oil extracted from the small (about the size of a large kidney bean), green Koroneiko olive, unique to Greece and used exclusively for Morea. This smaller olive has a lower water content. During the careful first pressing, only fresh extra virgin olive oil, with the lively fruit inherent in the olive, is extracted. It is bottled unfiltered to express a full-bodied, fresh olive sweetness.

### An evolutionary process

Vinegar is the by-product of the action of a lone species of bacteria (acetobacter) on alcohol. In the presence of oxygen, acetobacters react with alcohol, in a liquid such as wine, to produce acetic acid that gives vinegar its tartness. Topping the vinegar flavor meter is delicious balsamic vinegar from Modena, Italy.

Balsamic vinegar is to the world of vinegars what extra virgin olive oil is to the array of other oils



New products: Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil from Greece and Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar from Modena, Italy are new, impressive products in the marketplace.

available for cooking. Both are the very best and since they are, this is reflected in their price. But you don't need a lot of either to perk up a dish. Both should be approached as a condiment rather than an ingredient.

Balsamic vinegar is an artisan product. The best and driest is sourced from Modena where this highly prized exquisite product has been made in the attics of ancient buildings for centuries.

New to this market, Villa Manodori, located in Modena, has been crafting very small quantities of its artisan balsamic vinegar for generations. It is made by first combining the juice of white trebbiano grapes with aged wine vinegar. This is followed by a series of yearly transfers to progressively smaller wooden barrels made of oak, chestnut or juniper over a period of 10 years or longer. It is this aging process that gives the vinegar its intense fruity aroma; dark, rich color; and perfect balance of sweetness and acidity.

During the years of aging, a significant 10 percent annual evaporation takes place leaving only a small amount of balsamic vinegar

at the end. This elevates the cost of each precious bottle.

Expensive products need authenticity. There are always imitators; some good, some bad. Prized balsamic vinegar, the really expensive bottlings, (\$82-\$160 for aged 20-40 year old) can be recognized two ways. Bottles are never larger than 100mL and closed with an official wax seal from the Consortium of Producers of the Traditional Balsamic Vinegar of Modena. They are required to carry the phrase "aceto balsamico tradizionale di Modena" on the label.

If this was the only balsamic vinegar, most of us would never get to taste it, much less use it to enhance flavors of dishes. Here's where you need to know the good imitators. Villa Manodori qualifies because it is quite viscous. Its dark brown liquid coats the glass when the bottle is turned on its side. Secondly, its aroma and flavors match closely to certified balsamic vinegar.

If you wish to try other balsamic vinegars, you can make the coats-

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## Irish whiskey says Erin go Bragh best

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITERS

In Gaelic, the Irish call it uisce beatha (ish-ke-bah'-hah), water of life. Americans call it Irish whiskey and consider it as much a part of St. Patrick's Day as shamrocks. Erin Go Bragh translates Ireland forever, and as long as there's Ireland, there will be Irish whiskey!

Before Prohibition, Irish whiskey was very popular with 400 brands registered in the United States. After repeal of Prohibition in 1933, it never regained that popularity. American GIs returning home from both World Wars favored Scotch whiskey and brought this taste preference back to the United States.

Spelling is the first difference between Irish and Scotch whiskeys. The Irish use the same spelling as American bourbon whiskey while the Scots drop the "e." The two spirits are dissimilar in aroma, taste and finish caused principally by three major factors:

- Barley used in traditional Irish whiskey is dried in enclosed kilns, not over a peat fire like the

barley for Scotch whiskey.

- The Irish frequently use a blend of malted and unmalted barley while the Scots use only malted barley, thus the term "single malt." Single malt Irish whiskeys are superior to blends.

- Scotch is doubly distilled while most Irish whiskey is triply distilled.

Today, the rising tide of U.S. fascination for "things Irish," the proliferation of Irish pubs across America, coupled with a thousand years of tradition, have created an Irish whiskey revival. Last year, sales of Irish whiskey were up over 10 percent.

### History

Between 500 and 600 A.D., Irish missionaries brought the distillation process to Ireland from the Middle East, where the alembic still was used for distilling perfumes. Savvy Irish monks found a better use for it when they invented uisce beatha and renamed the alembic a pot still!

In the 12th century, soldiers of King Henry II invaded Ireland and discovered its pleasures. Unable to pronounce the Gaelic

phrase, they coined the word "whiskey." Over time, little has changed in the techniques and basic ingredients, barley, grain, yeast and the purest water, used to produce Irish whiskey.

The world's oldest licensed distillery is in the village of Bushmills, County Antrim, about an hour's drive north of Belfast in Northern Ireland. History dates distillation at Bushmills to 1276, but it was not officially granted license until 1608 by James I of England.

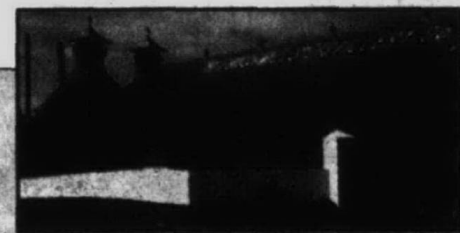
### Tasting guide

The following is a tasting guide for the available major Irish whiskey brands:

- Bushmills \$21 is a very good introduction to Irish whiskey. Aged a minimum of four years in American bourbon casks, it is floral, light, elegant and smooth with a complex taste.

- Black Bush \$31 appeals to cognac aficionados because of its flavor depth. Aging in Oloroso sherry butts gives it a darker color and significant nutty charac-

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Home to Irish whiskey: Bushmills Distillery in Northern Ireland is the world's oldest licensed distillery.

### Wine Picks

- **Picks of the Pack:** 1995 R.H. Phillips Toasted Head Chardonnay \$15 and 1996 Meridian Vineyards Chardonnay, Edna Valley \$15. Both wines have dynamite flavors and a sensible price.
- **No wine says spring like Sauvignon Blanc.** It pairs well with light appetizers, salads, grilled fish and shellfish. Try: 1996 Richemont Sauvignon Blanc Reserve \$7; 1996 Fortant Sauvignon Blanc \$7.50; 1996 Chateau Ste. Michelle (barrel fermented) \$8; 1996 Cakebread Sauvignon Blanc \$18; 1996 Matanzas Creek Winery \$20. With sauvignons, higher price reflects more barrel influences.
- **Big, bold chardonnays are great with lobster, monkfish, mussel and shrimp.** Try: 1996 Clos du Bois Calcaire Vineyard Chardonnay \$19; and 1996 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve Chardonnay \$23.
- **Go Portside!** Domestic ports have come of age. One of the best is 1988 Ficklin Vineyards Port \$25.
- **Best buy at \$10 and under:** 1997 Luis Philip Edwards Chardonnay, Chile \$8; 1996 Marquis de Chasse (white) \$7; 1996 Hogue Chardonnay, Washington State \$9

Chefs share olive oil and balsamic vinegar recipes

Olive oil and balsamic vinegar ecstasies, see related story on Taste front

BALSAMIC BREAD DIPPER

Crusty bread
Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar

Pour balsamic vinegar into a small dish. Dive in.

Nutrition information: (Each tablespoon of balsamic vinegar is 15 calories, none from fat, making it a flavorful substitute for butter.) Recipe courtesy of Bacchus Brokerage.

GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST WITH HERBED GREMOLATA

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon coarsely-ground black pepper
1/2 cup Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
3 whole, boneless, skinless chicken breasts, halved

For gremolata:

1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
2 large garlic cloves, finely diced
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest

In a bowl, whisk lemon juice, pepper and salt to taste. Add olive oil in a stream. Whisk until marinade is emulsified.

With a rolling pin, flatten chicken approximately 1/4-inch thick between sheets of plastic wrap.

In a large, resealable plastic bag, marinate chicken in the marinade. Refrigerate at least 1 1/2 hours.

Prepare grill.

In a small bowl, stir gremolata ingredients together.

Grill chicken on an oiled rack until just cooked through, approximately 2 minutes per side.

Serve chicken sprinkled with gremolata and garnish with fresh lemon and fresh thyme sprigs. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Greg Goodman, Chef/Owner, Cafe Bon Homme, Plymouth.

WARM GOAT CHEESE SALAD

8 cups mesclun (mixed baby greens), washed and dried
4 ounces dried cherries
6 ounces mild goat cheese
1/2 pound piece of pancetta (Italian cured bacon), cut into julienne strips
1/4 cup Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1 tablespoon finely chopped thyme leaves
1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
4 tablespoons Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar

In a large serving bowl, combine mesclun and dried cherries.

Crumble goat cheese on top and season with coarsely-ground black pepper.

In a large skillet, cook pancetta in oil over medium heat, stirring until lightly browned.

Pour off approximately 3 tablespoons of oil (1/3 cup should remain in skillet with pancetta).

Add garlic and sauté mixture, stirring until garlic is golden brown. Add thyme and vinegar. Increase heat and boil mixture one minute. Add hot vinaigrette to salad and toss. Serve immediately. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Greg Goodman, Chef/Owner, Cafe Bon Homme, Plymouth.

PAN-ROASTED HALIBUT FILET WITH TOMATO, BLACK OLIVES AND EXTRA VIRGIN DRESSING

6 (7-ounce) halibut filets
3 cups ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
9 Greek or Italian black olives, pitted and chopped
10 tablespoons Morea Extra Virgin Olive oil
2 cloves garlic, finely minced
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon chopped flat-leaf parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
Salt and freshly-ground pepper

Assemble tomato-black olive dressing: in a non-corrosive bowl, combine tomatoes, 8 tablespoons olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and freshly-ground pepper to taste. Mix well. Heat a non-stick pan with 2 tablespoons olive oil until just "smoking."

Season halibut filets with salt and pepper. Place in pan. Brown well on one side; turn and brown other side. Cook until flesh is just opaque, about 135 degrees on instant thermometer, or more well done if preferred.

Just before serving, add black olives and herbs to tomato mixture. Check seasoning. Spoon tomato-black olive dressing onto each of six warm plates and place halibut filets on top. Drizzle with a little extra virgin olive oil. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Gerald Gramzay, Executive Chef, The Rugby Grille, Townsend Hotel, Birmingham.

ROSEMARY GRILLED PORTABELLA TOWER WITH BUFFALO MOZZARELLA, TOMATOES AND FINE-AGED BALSAMIC VINEGAR

6 Portabella mushrooms, stems removed
1 vine-ripened red tomato
1 vine-ripened yellow tomato
1 1/2 pounds fresh Buffalo Mozzarella cheese
1 clove garlic, finely minced
6 oz Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
2 oz Villa Manodori Balsamic

Vinegar

6 sprigs rosemary, each four inches long and bottom half of leaves removed and chopped. Reserve "skewer"

Salt and freshly-ground pepper
1 pound baby arugula, washed well and drained

1 large shallot, minced fine
1 tablespoon chives, snipped
Slice tomatoes evenly and thinly. Place into a dish and sprinkle with shallots, chives, a little olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Lightly salt and pepper. Marinate for a minimum of 2-3 hours.

Brush mushrooms with olive oil. Sprinkle with chopped rosemary and garlic. Grill over a charbroiler, turning every 5 minutes and brush with marinade. Grill until mushroom texture is soft and "meaty."

To assemble: Toss arugula leaves with a little olive oil and salt. Divide into 6 portions and place in center of six serving plates. Place portabella in center of greens, black underside down.

Top with 1/4-inch slice of Buffalo Mozzarella. Lightly oil and season. Top with 2 slices of marinated yellow tomato. Follow with another Mozzarella slice, seasoned, then red tomato slices and end with cheese slice. Insert one rosemary skewer into the "tower." Drizzle around "tower" with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

Recipe compliments of Gerald Gramzay, Executive Chef, The Rugby Grille, Townsend Hotel.

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the-glass test in a store. It is an excellent indicator of quality.

In the kitchen

Arvantis suggests that extra virgin olive oil should be stored in a cool, dark place. The shelf life of a bottle is 1-1/2 to 2 years. Balsamic vinegar should be stored similarly, but with age after opening, it begins to throw a sediment that can be filtered through fine cheese cloth.

"I was bowled over by the quality of the Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar," Greg Good-

man, chef/owner of Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth said. "It is vintage quality, phenomenal, truly spectacular and with more viscosity than any other balsamic on the market. It makes an outstanding match with the fruity Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil. In a recipe, they are a perfect marriage because they finish well together with a pleasant, lingering aftertaste."

Executive Chef Gerald Gramzay at The Townsend Hotel's Rugby Grille in Birmingham remarked about the "mild,

not over-powering flavors" of Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil and liked, in particular, its "slightly peppery finish."

He was attracted to the "concentrated, rich flavors" of Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar.

In his original recipe for Rosemary Grilled Portabella Tower, he says that the marriage of the olive oil and balsamic vinegar not only provide "harmony, but act to balance flavors and textures."

Food from page B1

France. The wines from the Rhone region have always intrigued me. Maybe it's because they are among the oldest vineyards in France, maybe because they always seem to demand food, lots of it, and always full flavors.

The region produces reds, whites and rose wines of great variety. The red wines are full bodied and robust and range from the single grape varietal Syrah, to the blending of many grape vari-

etals in the wines of Chateaufort du Pape.

This evening's dinner promises to be a very exciting one. We will be tasting a wide range of wines from this region, and of course, we will pair the wines with some wonderful Rhone inspired cuisine.

The dinner will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. Call (248) 349-0505 for reservations/information.

Rick Halberg chef/owner of Emily's Restaurant in Northville lives in Farmington Hills with his family. He has established a reputation as one of Michigan's outstanding chefs. Rick is an extensive traveler, and is known for his fine French inspired Mediterranean and Italian cuisine. Look for his column on the third Sunday of the month in Taste.

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**Classic dish:** Golden Colcannon, a classic Irish combination of cabbage and onions, uses a touch of olive oil instead of the gobs of butter called for in traditional Irish recipes.

## Cabbage, onions a classic combination

If cabbage is not one of the foods that leaps to mind when thinking of fine cuisine, why is it showing up on so many of top restaurants' menus?

Forget about what you may be used to as a pile of soggy leaves. Cabbage's smelly, lackluster character can be transformed into flavorful elegance by using some very simple cooking techniques.

Cabbage is a member of the cruciferous family of vegetables that includes broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and cauliflower. These vegetables contain a wealth of nutrients, including calcium, beta carotene, vitamin C, as well as the phytochemicals that health experts, such as the American Institute for Cancer Research, have found play a vital role in lowering cancer risk.

For at least 4,000 years, humans have cultivated and eaten cabbage. Members of the Roman legions brought cabbage with them to the British Isles and cultivated it in their kitchen gardens. Since then, cooks have discovered countless ways to use this cruciferous vegetable - boiled and served alongside corned beef, stuffed with ground meats, and simmered in hearty stews.

Today's tastes are better served by the lighter, fresh flavors of dishes like red cabbage braised with roast chestnuts and apples or moist salmon wrapped and steamed in a cabbage leaf.

Experience some of the delicious meals cabbage can make by trying a few of the many varieties available such as glossy globes of red cabbage, milder-tasting Savoy, crisp Napa cabbage, or sharply-flavored Asian bok choy.

Become an honorary Irish soul on St. Patrick's Day by eating Colcannon - the Green Isle's classic combination of cabbage and onions.

### GOLDEN COLCANNON

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 medium onions, halved and sliced
- 1 small green cabbage, about 1 3/4 pounds, quartered, cored and cut in 1/2-inch strips about 12 cups
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 4 medium yellow-fleshed or white potatoes, halved
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

In a large Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the onions and cabbage, stirring to coat them with the oil. You may

have to let some of the onions wilt to first make room for all the cabbage.

When all of the vegetables are wilted, after 10-12 minutes, reduce the heat to medium low and cook 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are soft and moist.

Increase the heat back to medium-high and cook until the mixture is golden and very soft, 12-15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, place the potatoes in a large saucepan filled with cold water and set it over high heat. Boil until the potatoes are soft when pierced with a knife, about 20 minutes. Drain, peel, and set aside.

To serve, place the potatoes and the cabbage-onion mixture in a serving bowl. Coarsely smash the potatoes together with the cabbage. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve immediately.

**Nutrition information:** Each of the 4 servings contains 267 calories and 8 grams of fat.

*Information and recipe from Dana Jacobi author of "The Best Claypot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!" from the American Institute for Cancer Research.*

## Irish-style potato pancakes festive holiday fare

AP - Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Conan O'Brien's Irish-style Potato-Chive Pancakes. The recipe can be served alone with applesauce or as a side dish to corned beef or Irish stew. The pancakes are topped with sour cream.

### IRISH-STYLE POTATO-CHIVE PANCAKES

- 2 pounds Idaho potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 cup fat-free or 1 percent low-fat milk
- 1/3 cup chopped chives
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

- 3 teaspoons butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup fat-free or low-fat sour cream

Place potatoes in large saucepan; cover with cold water. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered until potatoes are tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain potatoes, return to saucepan. Turn heat under saucepan to medium-low. Cook potatoes until dry, about 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add milk. Using a potato masher, mash potato mixture until fairly smooth. (Hand-held electric mixer may be used.) Remove from heat, stir in chives, salt and pepper. Transfer to a medium bowl, cover

and refrigerate until cold. (Potatoes will thicken as they cool.)

Form potato mixture into 12 patties about 3 1/2 inches in diameter and 1/2-inch thick. Melt 1 teaspoon butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot and sizzling. Add three or four patties to skillet, cook until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side. Keep warm in a 200-degree F oven while cooking remaining patties in remaining butter. Serve warm with sour cream. Makes 4 servings.

**Nutrition facts per serving:** 179 cal., 3 g fat, 9 percent calcium.

*Recipe from: Milk Processor Education Program*

## Reader shares recipe filing tip

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

We're still looking for two "lost recipes" Kim of Westland is looking for a lentil burger recipe she clipped out of the Observer in 1989. Mary of Bloomfield Hills is looking for a recipe called Buddha's Delight.

If you can help our readers, please send the recipe to Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279. You can also e-mail me favorite recipes: kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Nancy Kogelschatz of Garden City sent me my first e-mail message, which included tips for organizing recipes.

"Several years ago I found a good way to keep all the recipes I clip from the newspaper," wrote Nancy. "I bought a large photo album with the 'magnetic' pages. Since the album is the 3-ring binder type, you can use dividers to custom make your categories, ie; casseroles, main dishes, quick meals, etc. When I want to use a

recipe, I take the page out of the binder, stand it on the counter, & if I spill anything on it, it wipes right off. You can also keep restaurant take out menus in the binder. Just punch holes where needed, being careful not to punch out any words."

Thank-you Nancy for sharing your ideas with our readers.

### Recipe to Share

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 me at the address and number listed. 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.

### Spring Holiday Celebration Recipes

We're also looking for Spring Holiday Celebration recipes to feature in Taste on Sunday, March 29.

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 Thursday, March 19. 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.

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Henry Ford gene test measures risk of breast cancer recurrence

Women diagnosed with breast cancer can learn more about their risk for cancer recurrence as the result of a new test now offered only at Henry Ford Hospital.

More than 206,000 American women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. Although many of them will remain disease-free after their initial treatment for breast cancer, about 40,000 of them will eventually experience a recurrence of the disease.

Maria Worsham, Ph.D., the director of Henry Ford Health System's Molecular Oncology Laboratories, said the new test, known as the Oncor Inform HER-2/neu test, should prove valuable to all women who are diagnosed with breast cancer.

The test will help physicians decide which women are more likely to have a recurrence and spread of their breast cancer. This information helps determine which patients should get additional treatment.

Specifically, the HER-2/neu gene prompts the production of a protein that is believed to help cancer cells reproduce. The test measures how many copies of the gene are located in the cell.

copies of the gene per cell were at greater risk for breast cancer recurrence.

Worsham knows firsthand the value of the new gene test, after investigating its use in her laboratory as part of a \$3.2 million National Institutes of Health research study.

"The FDA approval gives tremendous validity to the test," said Worsham. "We have known for quite a while what this gene does and why it is important. It not only gives women information about their risk for breast cancer recurrence, but also about what treatments might be most appropriate for them."

The future of cancer treatment in this area looks promising, said Worsham. Recent clinical trials of genetically engineered drugs designed to block the action of the HER-2/neu protein led to remissions in women with advanced breast cancer cases after conventional chemotherapy failed.

The test is currently being offered at a cost of about \$300, which is often covered by insurance. The test uses material already obtained in a tissue sample such as that obtained from a biopsy, so no further invasive testing is required.

The laboratory is only accepting referrals from physicians. For more information on the new gene test, patients may call (313) 876-3171.

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

MON, MARCH 16

TODDLER CHILD DEVELOPMENT Learn about the normal growth and development of your child at different stages of life. Presented by Jay Shayeivitz, M.D., medical director Providence Children's Unit. Program for toddlers (1-3 years) is from 7-9 p.m. Call Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, (800) 968-7759.

BIOENERGETIC ANALYSIS To learn more about bioenergetic analysis (mind, body, spirit integration), attend SANT's lecture featuring Jane Ahlfeld (bioenergetic analyst) at 7:30 p.m. at the Sinnett Holistic Health Center in Livonia, 29200 Vassar in the Livonia Pavilion, Suite 140 (across from Livonia Mall). Call (313) 837-2647 or (313) 247-4971.

TUE, MARCH 17

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. The next three meetings are March 17, April 21 and May 19. Call Connie, (734) 326-3502.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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WED, MARCH 18

FIRST AID Learn how to avoid, prepare and cope with emergencies at home or on the job from 6-9 p.m. Instruction prepares you to care for injuries, sudden illness and more. Must have current CPR training. Book and bandage kit included, \$25. Call Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 1-800-968-7759.

HEALTHY EATING Learn how to eat well despite a hectic schedule from 7-9 p.m. at Oakwood Healthcare Center - North Westland. Take home suggestions for nutritious, appealing meals away from home. Cost \$12 (discounts available for authorized Oakwood Healthcare Plan/Head Start members). Call 1-800-543-WELL.

LIFE WITH HEARING LOSS Personalized Hearing Care and the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department presents "Negotiating Real-Life Situations With a Hearing Loss," at 1:30 p.m. at MedMax in Westland. Reservations recommended. Call MedMax at (734) 458-7100.

EATING DISORDER SCREENING St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services is offering "The National Eating Disorders Screening Program" from 6-8 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital west addition conference Room B. The program is free and confi-

dential. Call, (800) 494-1654. ASK VISITING NURSE Farmer Jack Supermarket and Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will offer "Ask the VNA Nurse" at Farmer Jack stores to facilitate health education and promote good health. Locations include: Livonia Farmer Jack from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the Farmington store, 22128 Farmington Road.

THUR, MARCH 19

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA Recognizing the differences between Alzheimer's and dementia presented by S. Webb, RN, BSN, from 11 a.m. to noon. Call Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 1-800-968-7759.

FRI, MARCH 20

NURSING CONFERENCE Madonna University in Livonia is the site for the conference "Nursing Informatics: Ensuring the Essence of Nursing in the 21st Century," from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall. Cost for the seminar is \$45 for professionals; \$30 for students.

HIV/AIDS WORKSHOP Madonna University in Livonia will offer "The Values Dimension of HIV/AIDS: From Caring to Conviction," from 1-3 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Registrations made by contacting Dr. James Copi, (734) 432-5510.

Poison

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- event an incident occurs:
Keep medicines in child-resistant containers.
List Poison Control Center/emergency medical numbers near every telephone.
Store all medications, toxic household products, bug sprays and cleaning products out of a child's reach.
Do not overlook products such as cosmetics, hair spray, mouthwash, perfume, art supplies and alcohol.
Put a product away immediately after using it.

The first step to take if a poison occurs is to call the poison control center (Michigan) at 800-POISON 1.

Keep ipecac syrup on hand in case you are instructed by a physician or the Poison Control Center. DO NOT give unless told to do so.

Never refer to medicine as "candy" or "food".

The first step to take if a poison occurs, is to call the poison control center (Michigan) 1-800-POISON 1 (800-764-7661).

Depending on the poison, the center may recommend to induce vomiting using Syrup of Ipecac, to take the child to the emergency room, or to take other action. It is extremely important to NEVER take ipecac unless instructed by a poison control center or physician. Acting on one's own may do more harm than good.

Ipecac syrup is an inexpensive plant extract that is available at pharmacies without a prescription and should be kept in every home. When taken with water, it should produce vomiting. Another antidote to poison that is sometimes recommended is activated charcoal. This liquid binds to poisons and allows them to be excreted.

Ask your local pharmacist about poison prevention. Pharmacists are a readily accessible community resource with a wealth of information to share that will help improve the health and well-being of their patients.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Chiropractor receives recognition

Dr. Douglas Yarashuk of Livonia has received masters recognition for skill in assessment of Permanent Medical Impairments. He intends on utilizing these skills to serve patients injured in automobile, fall down and work-related accidents.

Yarashuk, of Shaner Chiropractic Health Center, completed an intensive postgraduate course on the A.M.A. guidelines to the evaluation of permanent medical conditions, including losses of bodily functions.

Rhine joins St. Joseph Mercy

Kathleen L. Rhine has been named vice president of Human Resources and Organizational Development for

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. She will oversee human resources, volunteer services, employee assistance program, diversity and organizational development.

Newly-credentialed psychologist

Mary Joy McMachen, Ph.D., of Westland, is now nationally recognized as a health service provider in psychology by the National Register of Health Services Providers in Psychology. McMachen, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Westland, was granted this prestigious credential in February.

Brandon re-elected as chairman

David A. Brandon, Plymouth resident and chairman and CEO, Valassis Communications Inc., has been re-elected as chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Jerrold Jung, president and CEO of Michigan CAT, in Novi was also re-elected.

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.

Medical staff officers

Elections were held recently for the 1998 medical staff officers at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Dr. Vellore Ramakrishnan, M.D. (has a private practice in Livonia adjacent to St. Mary), chief of staff; Dr. Jose Evangelista, M.D. (has a private practice in Livonia), chief of staff elect; Dr. Ronald Lorfel, M.D. (has a private practice in Livonia), secretary/treasurer. Dr. Martin Daith, M.D., will become past chief of staff.

New members-at-large are Dr. Amadeo Sturla, M.D., and Dr. Jorge Perez, M.D., Dr. Sean Coyle, M.D., and Dr. Rakesh Patel, M.D., will serve their second year as members-at-large.

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# Y2K: How bad will it be?



**PC TALK**  
**MIKE WENDLAND**

They filed into the auditorium of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in Pontiac this past Thursday night. There weren't many, just a couple dozen. But the fact that the handful of concerned citizens met at all shows that the crisis is beginning to reach the consciousness of the public.

The media has dubbed the crisis as "The Millennium Bug," though it really isn't a bug at all ... at least in the traditional sense of the phrase as we use it to describe a computer problem. It's more of a glitch, an inadequacy in computer code written decades ago.

As a result, all over the world, a virtual army of red-eyed computer programmers are frantically racing the clock to change billions and billions of lines of precise computer code so computer systems will recognize years that begin with the number "2."

The Thursday night meeting was the organizational gathering for a Citizen's Preparedness Council, aimed at teaching people what they can do to minimize the effects of what is called the Y2K Crisis.

Robert Mangus, a programmer himself with some 30 years experience, is the driving force behind the group.

"The problems are going to be immense," said Mangus, who lives in Clarkston. "The first thing people need to do is learn all they can. The media isn't doing its job. We're going to have to organize citizen groups."

Mangus plans to teach people how to protect their investments if finance and banking concerns experience a failure of their computerized systems. He worries there will be a total meltdown of the economy, that transportation will grind to a shutdown, power plants fail.

### Prepare for the worst

"We have to prepare for the worst and hope for the best," is how he puts it.

Don't think Mangus is the only

Y2K alarmist. There are a lot of doomsday predictions being made.

I know a programmer for a large automobile-related company in Troy who is actually starting to stockpile food, convert his savings into silver currency and is teaching his wife and kids how to shoot guns for protection.

I interviewed an economist who sold his Dallas, Texas home and moved to a small agricultural town in northwest Arkansas that, he is convinced, will be minimally affected by the coming chaos.

And, just a month ago, I was surprised to interview a top information systems manager for Ford Motor Company who told me that he won't fly on an airplane come January 1, 2000 because of widespread problems predicted for the air traffic control system.

Will it really be that bad? I sure hope not.

But as the calendar draws closer to the year 2000, it's hard to find anyone who doesn't see at least major headaches. Government agencies, industry, financial institutions and retail businesses large and small are expected to be impacted by the crisis.

### Valuable resources

I get asked all the time how bad I think this Y2K problem will be come the dawn of the next century. My answer is to always point to the Internet. That's where the best sources of information can be found.

Here are the sites I recommend:

■ The Y2k Information Center (<http://www.year2000.com/>) is the most comprehensive and up-to-date site on the net. Maintained by Y2K guru Peter de Jager, this site tends to be technically-oriented. But its archive of news clippings is the best source I've found for complete coverage of what's being done and, unfortunately, not being done.

■ 2K Times (<http://www.2k-times.com/y2k.htm>) is an online newspaper with articles, links, and papers written about the millennium crisis. Publisher Gary Eubanks passion is exposing unpreparedness and he sounds a serious alarm.

■ The SEC and Year 2000

(<http://www.sec.gov/news/home2000.htm>) is a site offering up the government's take on the problem and the status of corporations and the securities industry in correcting the problems.

### Help is on the way

■ The Cassandra Project (<http://millennia-bcs.com/CASFRAME.HTM>) is a site stressing preparedness, offering tips on how to boil water, heat a house with a fireplace, treat illnesses with backyard plants ... survival stuff like that. The site gets its name from the mythical Cassandra, whose curse was "to always speak the truth and never be believed."

■ Year 2000: A Date Odyssey (<http://www.standishgroup.com/ad.odyssey.html>) bills itself as a middle-of-the-road site from The Standish Group, a marketing firm. "The Standish Group believes the Year 2000 challenge is inescapable and omnipresent, affecting every business in every sector, as well as any business application, regardless of age or platform," it notes in assessing various problems in detail. It concludes in serious understatement: "December 31, 1999 is not negotiable."

■ The Y2K Fun Page (<http://www.leonardsloan.com/abouth2k/index.htm>) is just that. Who says everything has to be serious? You can get a cool screensaver, free, that counts down the days, hours and seconds to 2000.

■ The Year 2000: Will your PC Crash? (<http://members.aol.com/solve/y2k.htm>) Personal computers are susceptible to the problems, too, as is a lot of software. This site tells us how to test our own systems and get them ready for the year 2000.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT and he is the owner of Awesome Pages, a Web development company (248-852-1930) You can reach through his PC Mike Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>.

## ISO software lessens certification uncertainty

Total Management Services Inc. of Canton is breaking new ground with affordable, cost effective training software for most any type of organization initiating ISO/QS 9000 and ISO 14000.

"ISO standards represent the common denominator of business quality that is accepted internationally and its proven effectiveness is something that I have seen first hand," said Todd Shamie, president and CEO of Total Management Services Inc.

The Canton firm, according to Shamie, has been marketing



Todd Shamie

the innovative software to clientele for the past two months with record success. "Of the 17 presentations we've made every one of the companies has purchased the software package," said Shamie.

TMS developed the software in an effort to find more cost effective methods of implementing what has traditionally been an extensive, time consuming and costly process of ISO/QS 9000 and ISO 14000 certification.

Total Management Services Inc. was developed in 1989 by Shamie, 34. Nearly a decade

ago the objective of the firm was strictly consultation of companies preparing for ISO 9000 certification.

"After consulting we incorporated stand-up training with our consulting services then applied our training materials into software programs so that our clientele could train their own employees in a more cost effective manner and maintain the software programs for new employees," said Shamie. "The success of the training software led us to turn our core material (quality manuals, procedure manuals and flow-charted procedures) into software.

### Time saving investment

"The software enables a company to reduce the time it takes to develop a quality manual, procedure manual and flow-charted procedures from an average of a year down to a couple of days work at the most," said Shamie.

ISO/QS 9000 certification demonstrates the capability of a supplier to control the processes that determine the acceptability of the product or service being supplied. In 1987, the standards were adopted by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

The ISO/QS 9000 standards focus on 20 aspects of a quality program that are subject to rigorous audit during the certification process. Each section

relates to a specific aspect of customer satisfaction. The application of each of the 20 components, and how they apply to a specific organization, can be determined by asking: 'How do each of the 20 aspects relate to customer operations.'

Shamie said he began to ask his staff how TMS could assist companies in becoming ISO/QS compliant in a more cost effective manner? The answer, said Shamie, lies partly in the cost of training employees.

"We utilize software programs to train the organization's employees and later help implement the same software into their computer system so that all future employees receive the same level of instruction."

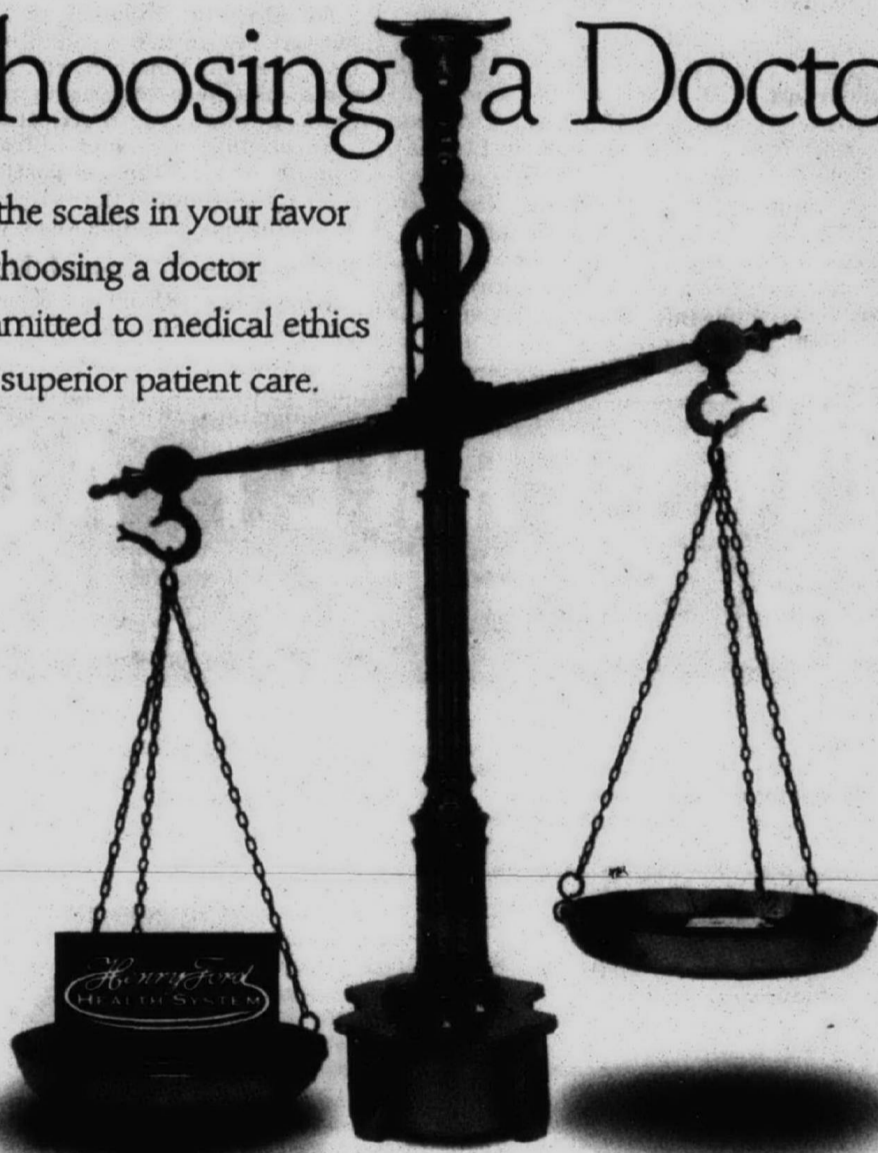
With the training software programs that Total Management Services Inc. has developed, a company can train everybody in their organization for a fraction of what it would cost to outsource their training.

According to Shamie, in 1998 it is projected more emphasis will be placed on the environment. Therefore, TMS has put together a software program on implementing ISO 14000 procedures into their organization.

For more information you can contact Total Management Services Inc. by calling 1-888-882-5768.

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Some artists are sold on studio sales

When I began covering arts for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers eight years ago, artists exhibited their work either in commercial or nonprofit galleries, or at art fairs. The demise of nonprofits such as the Michigan Gallery and Willis Gallery in recent years leaves artists with few options.

Commercial galleries take 40 to 50 percent commissions for sales made. The alternative choice, art fairs, means artists must spend long hours manning a booth to make sales, which frequently depend on weather conditions. Overcast skies, rain and wind have washed away profits for many an artist. That's why some painters, sculptors and ceramists have decided to sell their art where it's made. Studio sales offer a number of benefits,

#### Home is where the art is

What: Edee Joppich throws open the doors of her art studio and home for a sale of watercolors and collage.  
When: Noon to 3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 20, and 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 21.  
Where: 24923 Springbrook, (north of 10 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-1528.

the least of which is that there are no costs except for flyers announcing the event, and refreshments served to guests.

Edee Joppich knows firsthand that galleries work hard to earn their commissions. During the summer, this established artist sells paintings, sculptures and ceramics by Michigan artists in her Baystreet Gallery in Northport. The rest of the year, though, she finds it difficult to reach buyers and collectors.

"Studio sales are a good outlet for artists to sell their work and a good opportunity for people to see a body of work," said Joppich, "not just a select few pieces on display in an exhibit."

Joppich is hoping a studio sale of her watercolor paintings and collage will empty the walls of her Farmington Hills home and provide income. An instructor at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Joppich will offer more than 40 works, at savings of 10 to 50 percent, Friday-Saturday, March 20-21. Expect prices for the figurative, still life and landscape paintings to range from \$100 to \$1,000. Most of the works are framed, but Joppich will sell them without frames at a lower price.

Joppich has held three studio sales; the last one, five years ago. For those unfamiliar with her style, her large scale watercolors are currently on exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council 774 North Sheldon (at Junction), call (734) 416-4ART for viewing times. The arts council asked Joppich to exhibit her work after she completed a commission of founder Joanne Winkleman Hulce in time for dedication of their new building.

"Studio sales are also nice for potential customers to see the works in the home," said Joppich. "It gives them an idea of how they might look on their walls."

#### Barometer

Plymouth artist Sharon Bida uses studio sales as a barometer for new work. During the sales, Bida judges the public's reaction to new designs and how to price them. If works are too high, the day results in poor sales.

Bida believes, "a lot of people are intimidated by galleries," so she's held two studio sales in the last two years. In her words, she "financially did

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Watercolor magic: Edee Joppich will sell this still life at a studio sale March 20-21.

## ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

### Community embraces truly 'different' films

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Jacki Ochs' "Letters Not About Love" doesn't fit easy classification. The New York filmmaker has won prizes at the Sundance and New York film festivals for her documentary on Agent Orange, "Secret Agent."

But "Letters" is different, more personal and experimental. The kind of film that finds a home in Ann Arbor.

"The Ann Arbor Film Festival has this interesting reputation and my films are particularly tough to situate in the world of spin and niche," Ochs said. "It's consciously different, and the Ann Arbor Film Festival has a reputation for embracing films that are different."

The festival, which begins six days of experimental film screenings Tuesday (see schedule), has been providing a forum for the unusual, the experimental and the personal in filmmaking for 36 years. Such name directors as George Lucas and Brian DePalma showed here early in their careers. Other name entrants include Kenneth Anger, claymation master Will Vinton, Oscar-nominee Gus Van Sant ("Good Will Hunting") and Yoko Ono.

"Sundance has coopted the term independent. They represent independent filmmakers who are not independent," said festival director Vicki Honeyman. "They're supposedly independent of Hollywood movies, but they are making huge films that cost a lot of money. The filmmakers who enter in Ann Arbor are truly independent."

Honeyman said the Ann Arbor is the only film festival dedicated to independent, experimental 16mm film.

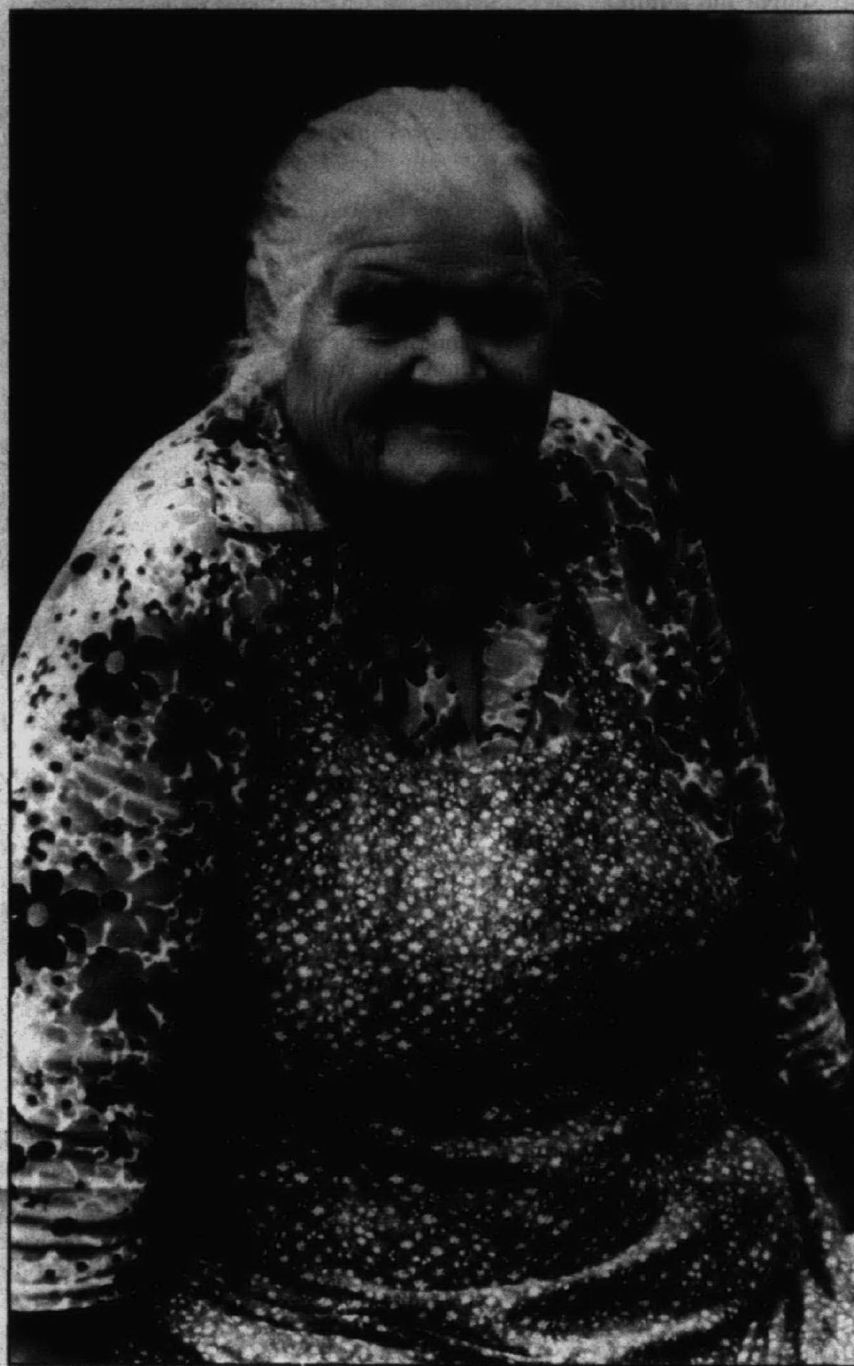
"We don't pre-screen on videotape. We get prints. We're looking at the true art, not a facsimile. We're about art, not about producers and glitz," she said.

The Ann Arbor Film Festival was

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24 Girls: In Eva Brzeski's experimental film, she weaves an audition of young girls with the story of a girl that died years ago.



Babushka: (Above) Galina Filippovna represents Russian grandmothers in Jacki Ochs' "Letters Not About Love."



Dictators: Jay Rosenblatt takes an unusual look at 20th century dictators in "Human Remains."

#### Ann Arbor Film Festival

What: Six day festival of independent, experimental films.

Where: Michigan Theatre, Liberty, Ann Arbor

When: March 17-22, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17; 3, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18; 3, 7, 9:30 and 11 p.m. Thursday, March 19; 3, 7, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 20; 1, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21; Winners screenings, 5, 7 and 9 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

Tickets: \$6 per single ticket or \$10 for an entire evening. Series tickets for the entire week for \$35. Showings at 1, 3 and 11 p.m. are free. On sale at the Michigan Theatre Box Office 45 minutes before showtime. Call (734)995-5356.

## EXHIBITION

# Photographers zoom in on art of the garden

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

What do you do when squirrels gnaw the sunflowers growing in a backyard garden?

S. Kay Young photographed the battered posies in her studio then entered the image, "Squirrel Harvest," in an exhibition at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

From 400 entries, Michael Sarnacki, president of the American Society of Media Photographers in Michigan, chose Young's photograph along with 42 others for "In the Eye of the Garden."

The color and black and white images, created by professional and amateur photographers from Livonia to Bloomfield Hills, vied for a coveted position as centerpiece of all promotions for the Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show March 26-29 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Ann Arbor. Show designer and coordinator, Paul Little expects the winning entry,

#### In the Eye of the Garden

What: An exhibit of 43 color and black and white photographs focusing on the garden. The images were chosen by Michael Sarnacki, president of the American Society of Media Photographers in Michigan, from 400 entries.

When: Through Friday, April 10. For viewing times, call (734) 998-7061.

Where: University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road, (off Ann Arbor Road), Ann Arbor.

Related activity: The Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show offers hundreds of ideas for gardens and landscapes in the more than 22,000 square feet featuring plants, designs, sculpture, tools, garden accessories, and furnishings 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28 and until 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$10 adults (\$8 in advance), \$5 ages 13-17 years, \$3 ages 4-12 years, children three and under free. Opening night gala: 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, tickets \$60 (\$50 in advance). Call (734) 763-TKTS/998-7061.

"Passion Flower Bud," by Jane McAlonan of Saline, to draw 25,000 to 30,000 visitors to this year's "A Gardener's Fair."

"Throughout history, gardens have inspired art work," said Little. "We were looking for a piece for our poster. We're trying to get people's attention to come to the show."

Little encourages gardeners and non-gardeners alike to come out and see the floral photographs. The botanical gardens' staff programs activities like the exhibit in the off-season to heighten community awareness of the exotic flowers growing in the conservatory at Matthaei. Besides, said Little, "at this time of year, everyone can use a little brightening up."

"It's not easy to do photography although everyone can pick up a camera," said Little. "We wanted to encourage photographers to shoot more than pretty pictures. We wanted quality and to see what other kind of meaning besides beauty they could create. I like

What: Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Borodin String Quartet in concert performing a program of Shostakovich's String Quartets - No. 1 in C Major, Op. 49; No. 8 in C Minor, Op. 110; and No. 12 in D-flat Major, Op. 133.

When: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18

Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit

Tickets: \$5-\$39, (313) 961-3500, or (313) 833-3700

#### Also of note:

Lecture on Shostakovich by music critic John Guinn - When: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates, downtown Birmingham (across from Shain Park and the Baldwin Library). For reservations, call (248) 644-5832.

### Quartet captures Shostakovich

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

About the time the Chamber Music Society of Detroit was founded 54 years ago, Dmitri Shostakovich was wearing a hard hat and volunteering to help his countrymen find shelter during the terrorizing siege on Leningrad.

The resolution of the Second World War, and inevitable expansion of the Soviet state, however, did little to quell the rage in the composer's heart.

Tyranny, he recognized, wasn't restricted to an invading force.

Despite the Soviet government's insistence on music that served ideological, not solely individual artistic purposes, Shostakovich's music has survived as among the most original and influential of the 20th century.

This Wednesday, the Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Borodin Quartet in a program of several of Shostakovich's most intimate and passionate melodic expressions for string quartet.

Quartet in a program of several of Shostakovich's most intimate and passionate melodic expressions for string quartet.

#### Secret dissident

While he wasn't under house arrest or deported as were Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn, Shostakovich was part of a long tradition of resistance inside the former Soviet Union.

In his controversial book, "Testimony," published in 1979, author Solomon Volkov revealed Shostakovich as a secret dissident, infusing his music with nontraditional compositions to "sound like no one else."

The effect often infuriated state officials.

Until his death in 1975, Shostakovich frequently fell in and out of favor with the state ideologues. Although to the west, he often looked like a good communist soldier.

"He suffered at the hands of the communists," said John Guinn, longtime music critic who will give a lecture on Shostakovich today at The Community House in Birmingham.

The tone and startling harmonic progressions of Shostakovich's most distinctive music left Soviet censors per-

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Floral beauty: "Mountain Lily Magic" was photographed by Susan Skibicki of Livonia.

the black and white. Composition and texture plays a bigger role in black and white. Color can mislead you in a way.

Each of the photographs have a story to tell. Young did return the sunflowers to the squirrels in her Madison Heights garden after photographing her entry.

Young, a professional photographer

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## TRAVEL

# Sometimes the best vacations are just miles away

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

"Take me someplace," my wife, Arlene, said to me one night a couple of weeks ago as she set aside her book.

Time to get on the horn and get the ball rolling for our annual Funke Family winter getaway with siblings, in-laws and kids.

It's not exactly an exotic or erotic trip.

However, the overnight to a hotel qualifies as a travel experience because it gets us out of our houses and routines, enables us to shop and explore attractions in other parts of town and experience a little bit of summer in February.

Our entourage, usually 11 adults and six kids ranging in age from 13 to 1-1/2, books several rooms together.

Crock pots with chili, stew and meatballs are plugged in at arrival. There's no shortage of munchies - cut vegetables and dip, candy, chips and pretzels. Coolers with pop, juice and adult beverages also are available.



**Water bugs:** The Funke/Bodner/Senior cousins - Scott, Ben, Alex, Becky and Marcus - spend most of their time around the pool during the annual family getaway.

Our son, Scott, and his younger cousins, Marcus and Alex Bodner, Becky and Ben Senior and Marshall Funke, who

unfortunately, couldn't make it this year, gravitate to the water. That's the big attraction to them - "That we get to go swim-

ming in the middle of winter," said Marcus, 6.

"Swimmin' ... jumpin' in," added Becky, 3.

The adults sit around the pool keeping an eye on the kids, catching up on the latest gossip, poking fun at each other and reading the National Enquirer, the Star and the Globe to find out what's really going on in the world.

"I like seeing all the cousins having a great time in the pool, smiling, laughing, playing pretend," said sister Judy Bodner. "I also like the idea I don't have to cook. It also gives my husband (Jack) a break from all the hard work he does."

"I like sitting in the whirlpool," said sister Arlene Karell. "There's no phones, no mail."

"You leave your worries behind," said sister Cheryl Funke.

We've stayed in Livonia and shopped and gone to the movies at Laurel Park Place. We've stayed in Monroe and visited Lake Erie and the nearby outlet mall. There's all kinds of attrac-

tions in Ann Arbor, another destination city.

But back to the central base of operations. Some hotels/motels have amenities like miniature golf, ping pong, video games, pinball and exercise rooms. Some offer complimentary continental breakfasts.

Younger children usually tire easily after a full day of go-go-go, even if the going is limited to activities at the hotel. They generally sleep well, too.

An overnight doesn't have to be a budget-buster. Many places have weekend packages, group discounts and specials for members of AAA and the American Association of Retired Persons. Discounts may be geared to holders of certain credit cards. Families generally replace corporate guests on weekends, and many motels/hotels actively compete for the business.

"We are a Holiday facility," said Sherry Sulgenzi, sales manager for the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills. "We do have a lot of families, a lot of reunions here. They ask for the pool, to

be by the pool. We get a lot of sports teams."

"Each hotel has its own philosophy, a particular program they center around, what they offer," said Pam Holland, marketing/sales director for Somerset Inn in Troy. "We're definitely more into the shopping getaway, definitely upper scale."

While official check-in time usually is after 2 p.m., we've never experienced a problem having one of our rooms ready earlier so we could change into swimming suits and get the food warming.

On Sunday, it's out to breakfast, back for a final swim, then home by noon. An unwritten rule about bringing a lot of food and beverages into a hotel is you shouldn't leave a mess behind.

Bring your camera, especially if you have kids.

You don't have to travel far or for an extended period for the experience to be memorable. A quick battery recharge often works wonders. Just ask the kids about an overnight getaway. We adults like it, too.

## GREAT ESCAPES

### DINE FIRST

British Airways launched a fine dining experience for Detroit Metro First Class passengers at a recent special press preview.

The new program gives passengers the option of enjoying a gourmet meal before taking off for Europe and then enjoying a long sleep in cocoon-like beds.

British Airways is offering First Class passengers a four-course meal. The press event featured lobster and avocado cocktail, chicken caesar salad and caviar for appetizers; tossed salad with choice of dressing; four entree selections - grilled loin of lamb in traditional gravy or mint sauce, double cut pork chops with glazed apples and cheddar cheese mashed potatoes, marinated pan-fried salmon with citrus balsamic dressing and, for the vegetarians, penne pasta complemented by wild mushrooms and mascarpone cream sauce and grilled zucchini. Dessert was creme brulee.

Upon boarding a non-stop flight to London, First Class passengers may choose to don their own pajamas or those provided by British Airways, hang up their day-time wear and stretch out on the 6-foot-6 flying beds. On arrival in London, passengers can use the British Airways arrival lounge to shower and enjoy a continental breakfast. The cubicle also features a video monitor, headphones, an over-

head light and other amenities for those who can't sleep.

"Market research indicated that our passengers on flights lasting fewer than nine hours wanted to have the maximum sleeping time on board, so the concept was launched to invite them to dine on the ground and go right to sleep," according to George Banks of British Airways, who is responsible for helping create and provide Concorde, First Class and Club World Business Class meal services.

The concept was first tried at New York's JFK International Airport.

The dining on the ground concept, where meals are served restaurant style, provides frequent First Class flyers with a monthly change of menus and entrees cooked to order.

Banks leads a team of chefs with food service catering companies from around the world to create the menus.

Banks said the menus emphasize four points: taste, trends, vision ("It has to look fantastic") and simplicity.

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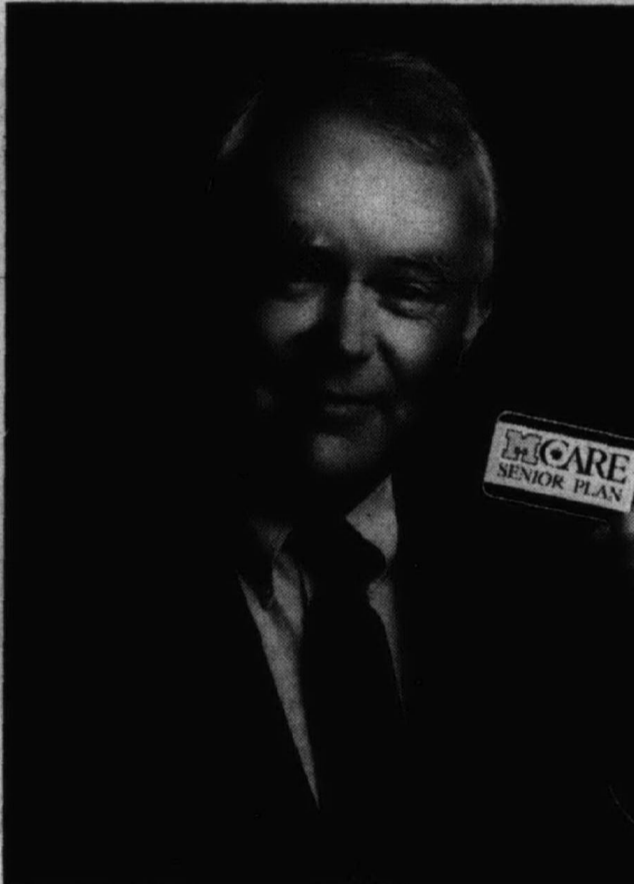
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Men's golf league

A 20-week men's golf league will begin play April 22, with all rounds at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Tee times for the league will be 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday, with a player limit of 36 golfers (Canton residents only, unless the league fails to fill up by March 27).

Cost is \$420 per golfer, which includes all league green fees, prize money, league outing and awards.

Open registration begins Monday and can be completed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. April 8 at Fellows Creek to discuss league rules and regulations.

For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

Baseball sign-up

The Waco Wolves, a 10-and-under travel baseball team, is looking for players. The team will play a 45-50 game schedule, with trips to Sylvania, Ohio; Chicago; and Cooperstown, N.Y.

For information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667.

Boosters to meet

The Plymouth Salem Linebackers Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the Salem HS cafeteria.

Parents of any boy playing, or wishing to play, Salem football are welcome and encouraged to attend. Among the upcoming events to be discussed are the golf outing, picnic and fund-raisers.

For more information, call club president Joe Mestrovich at (734) 459-1122.

Rams tryouts

The Michigan Lake-Area Rams Sandy Koufax Travel Baseball Team (age 14) are now scheduling tryouts.

For information, call Gary Neino at (313) 981-3845.

Softball sign-up

Registration for adult softball leagues sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services

men's, women's and co-ed teams — are now underway.

Men's returning teams may register through March 13, while men's new teams may sign up from March 16-27.

Women's teams may register through April 3.

Returning co-ed teams may sign up through March 13, with new co-ed teams registering March 16-27.

All registrations may be completed 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Cost is \$290 per men's team, \$360 per women's team (which includes a \$50 refundable forfeit fee), and \$320 for co-ed teams (which includes a \$50 refundable forfeit fee). The co-ed and women's leagues are run jointly with the city of Plymouth.

For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

New coaches named

Ron Holland, Director of Athletics for the Farmington Public Schools, announced that former Lake Orion head coach Rich Burrell will become the new varsity football coach at North Farmington High, replacing the retired Jim O'Leary.

Burrell, a 1979 graduate of North and Hope College, was Lake Orion's head coach from 1988-97. He was Oakland Press County Coach of the Year in 1993.

Burrell is employed as a social worker for the Lake Orion Schools.

Glenn Bruehan also has been hired for the head coaching position of hockey for the Farmington Public Schools.

A graduate of Wayne State, Bruehan is employed as an adaptive physical education teacher in the Farmington Public Schools. He is also currently the boys and girls soccer coach at Farmington Hills Harrison High.

More baseball tryouts

Tryouts for Livonia Travel, a 13-year-old Little Caesars team, will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at Bicentennial Park.

Anyone seeking a tryout cannot be 14-years-old prior to Aug. 1, 1998.

For more information, call Ken Marx at (248) 477-4489 or Max Riehl at (248) 380-9885.

Players wanted

Willie Mays-age (9-10 year-olds) tryouts for the Bandit Baseball Federation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31, at Franklin Middle School.

Approximately 12 players will compete in a 35-40 game schedule May through July. Home games will be at Wayne Memorial High School.

For more information, call (313) 729-8127.

Walkers parade

Walkers can get in some organized exercise and help raise money for the Arthritis Foundation at any of three fund-raising walks: April 18 in Ann Arbor and Royal Oak, or April 19 in Grosse Pointe.

Walks will be either two or nine miles in Royal Oak and Grosse Pointe, and two and five miles in Ann Arbor. Check-in begins at 8 a.m.; the walks begin at 9 a.m. Walkers are asked to raise pledges — prizes will be available for anyone raising over \$75.

Also, walkers are asked to form teams of four or more people. Prizes will be awarded to the top fund-raising team, as well.

For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 968-3030, ext. 26.

Softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is planning its 14th season of operation, with registration for the spring season beginning March 16. Play starts in April.

Cost for the 16-game season, which includes single games and double-headers, is \$595 per team plus umpire fees. Game balls, USSSA registration and first and second place awards for each league are included.

Register in person Monday through Friday, 3-7:30 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with a \$100 deposit at the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan in Canton, or register over the phone with a credit card at (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

Also, the Canton Softball Center will host USSSA Softball Tournaments every weekend beginning April 18 with the annual Early Bird Classic, which has a guarantee of four games for \$125. For more information about this tournament or for a complete listing of tournaments, call (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.



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Cruisers 4th at state

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers turned in a solid showing at the 20-team Michigan Team Swim League State Championships, March 7-8 in Alma, with a fourth-place finish.

Saline took top honors, followed by Bay City and Alma. The Cruisers earned high-point honors in both the 8-and-under boys and 13-14 boys; they were also second in the 8-and-under girls and 9-10 girls.

Here are the Cruiser point-scorers:

8-and-under boys: Trevor Silbernegel, fifth in the 25-yard breaststroke, sixth in the 25 freestyle, sixth in the 50 free; Colin Smith, sixth in the 25 butterfly, seventh in the 100 individual medley, eighth in the 25 breast; Brian Baumgart, second in the 25 breast, fourth in the 25 backstroke, 11th in the 25 free; Casey Molloy, fourth in the 50 free, eighth in the 25 back, 10th in the 25 free; medley relay team of Molloy, Baumgart, Smith, Silbernegel, first.

8-and-under girls: Katie Gorman, third in the 25 fly, fourth in the 25 back, seventh in the 50 free; Alyssa Johnson, fourth in the 25 breast, fifth in the 100 IM, 11th in the 25 free; Lucy Lui, seventh in the 25 fly,

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eighth in the 25 breast, 10th in the 100 IM; Carolyn Orey, 10th in the 25 back; medley relay team of Orey, Johnson, Gorman, Lui, second.

9-10 boys: Stephen Orey, first in the 200 free, second in the 50 free, third in the 50 back; Greg Calabrese, fourth in the 200 free, fourth in the 100 free, seventh in the 50 back.

9-10 girls: Kristen Nevi, first in the 50 fly, 11th in the 100 IM; Alice Maples, second in the 50 breast, ninth in the 100 IM; Amanda Newman, first in the 50 breast, 12th in the 100 free; Anna Dempsey, fifth in the 50 back, 11th in the 50 free; Jessica Zokas, seventh in the 200 free, eighth in the 50 breast; Patricia Ahern, eighth in the 50 fly; medley relay team of Dempsey, Maples, Nevi, Newman, first; free relay team of Ahern, Molly Dowd, Dempsey, Zokas, third.

11-12 boys: Ron Opdyke, seventh in the 50 back, eighth in the 50 fly, ninth in the 200 free.

11-12 girls: Stephanie Lamar, eighth in

the 50 back; Sarah Bealafeld, 12th in the 50 free; Alex Derian-Toth, 11th in the 50 fly; Lamar, Derian-Toth, Jessica Fricke, Bealafeld, eighth in the medley relay, seventh in the free relay.

13-14 boys: Brad Nilson, first in the 50 free, first in the 100 free, second in the 100 back; Adam Sonnanstine, fifth in the 500 free, 11th in the 200 free, 12th in the 100 breast; Andy Kee, second in the 500 free, fifth in the 200 free; Garrett Stone, third in the 200 IM, 10th in the 100 free, 11th in the 100 back; Jeff Nevi, eighth in the 100 fly; Jonathon Heiss, fifth in the 200 IM, fifth in the 100 breast; Ryan Ahern, sixth in the 200 IM, seventh in the 100 fly; medley relay team of Nilson, Heiss, Kee, Stone, second; free relay team of Nevi, Sonnanstine, Ahern, Kee, third.

13-14 girls: Alex Evans, fourth in the 100 back, seventh in the 200 IM, 12th in the 100 breast; Christy Roy, eighth in the 200 free, 10th in the 100 back; Julie Holbel, eighth in the 500 free; Kari Foust, first in the 100 back, second in the 200 IM, fourth in the 100 fly; Lindsay Ramas, ninth in the 10 breast; Stephanie Morgan, 12th in the 50 free; Trisha Dotson, fourth in the 200 free, sixth in the 100 free, 11th in the 50 free; free relay team of Roy, Opdyke, Morgan, Dotson, third.

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Coach of the Year: Robert Brown, Detroit Loyola.

# Umbro-Michigan collects title

The Czech Republic had Dominik Hasek in goal, while Umbro-Michigan had a "dominator" of its own in last weekend's North American Indoor Soccer Championships.

Umbro-Michigan, formerly the Farmington Furies, took the women's over-30 crown with a 3-1 win Sunday over defending champion Indianapolis Limited at Total Soccer in Fraser.

Coached by WJR-Radio newscaster Gene Fogel, Umbro-Michigan captured four straight games to win the coveted title.

Goalkeeper Julie Campbell of Plymouth was sharp throughout the tournament, particularly in the finals.

"The women were awesome," Fogel said. "They played magnificent soccer throughout the tournament and it was definitely a team effort."

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"In the championship game, Julie had to make several great saves in the last three minutes as Indianapolis fought to retain its title."

Former Livonia Churchill All-Stater and Michigan State University standout Jennifer Huegli-Wilkin, scored 10 of Umbro-Michigan's 14 tournament goals to earn MVP honors.

She scored twice in the finals to help erase a 1-0 halftime deficit.

On Saturday at Total Soccer in Southfield, Umbro-Michigan opened tourney play with a

4-2 victory over the Farmington Angels followed by a 6-2 win over Indianapolis as Huegli-Wilkin, who now resides in Brighton, scored four times.

On Sunday, Umbro-Michigan downed the Toronto Rangers, 9-0.

Other members of the Umbro-Michigan squad, which received a \$1,000 gift certificate from Lotto Sports, included: Cathy Kansman and Sue Minkus, both of Farmington Hills; Kathy Mineau, Livonia; Peggy Chall, Brighton; Sue Pacheco and Julie Pacheco-Smith, both of Commerce Township; Debbie Pacheco, Lansing; Trish Machemer, Whitmore Lake; Pam Bielaczy, Troy; Laurel Brehler, Rochester; Cathy Boldt, Patty Buczek, Mimi Ford, all of Royal Oak.

Chall is formerly of Livonia, while the Pachecos are Farmington natives.



**Soccer champs** — The over-30 Umbro-Michigan soccer champs: Keeper Julie Campbell (front); second row (left to right), Jennifer Wilkin, Julie Pacheco-Smith, Sue Minkus, Kathy Mineau, Pam Bielaczy; back row (left to right), Debbie Pacheco, Patty Buczek, Cathy Kansman, Susan Pacheco, Peggy Chall, coach Gene Fogel. (Not pictured: Trish Machemer, Cathy Boldt, Laurel Brehler).

# A hoop surprise: Farmington shocks Harrison

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

## BASKETBALL

Last week's district tournament confirmed this about the Farmington High boys basketball team: Never count the Falcons out in the fourth quarter!

For the third time in a week, Farmington rallied in the fourth quarter to win Friday, and this time it netted the Falcons their first Class A district championship since 1994.

Farmington finished the game with a 17-3 run, erasing a 12-point deficit and defeating crosstown rival Farmington Harrison, 43-41, in the final game at Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

"When we were down 12, I didn't know if there was a lot of hope, because that's a lot of points to make up against a good Harrison team," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said.

"The kids refuse to lose; they fight to the end. The kids played hard, and things turned our way. It happened so quickly I don't remember it all."

The Falcons (15-7) will play either Birmingham Brother Rice or Southfield-Lathrup 7 p.m. Tuesday in the regional tournament at Plymouth Salem.

"I'm not going to count my kids out," Mikel said. "Anything can happen; they don't quit. No mat-

ter who we're playing, I'm going to say we have a chance."

For Harrison (18-4), the loss was stinging and heartbreaking. It marked the second year in a row the Hawks have lost by two points in the district final.

Farmington won without a big point total from senior center Trevor Gaines, who was well under his 20-plus average with 12 points. But he was dominant at the defensive end with six blocks and 20 rebounds.

Sophomore Justin Milus tossed in 11 points, including the winning basket in the final half minute. Senior Matt Orr and sophomore Todd Anthony added eight points apiece, including two triples.

Junior Lemar Wilson led the Hawks with 10 points. Senior Matt Derocher scored eight, junior Andrew Burt seven, seniors Jerrard Johnson and Jared Hopkins six each.

Orr figured prominently in the outcome, making two big plays in the final minute. With the score tied at 41, he tossed an alley-oop pass to Milus for a back-door layup with 27.5 seconds remaining.

"I saw Brian Lewis go to dou-

ble team Trevor, and Justin was pointing in the sky; so I threw it to him, and he put it in," Orr said. "It was communication, eye contact."

Harrison had trouble setting up for a final shot but got the ball to senior Kareem Smartt in the low post. Orr moved in from the wing to knock his shot away and guarantee Farmington the victory.

"(Smartt) got right under the basket," Orr said. "My man was on the three-point line, so I dropped down. He pump-faked and that gave me enough time to get there. When he brought it up a second time, I hit it from behind."

The Hawks took charge of the scoreboard in the third quarter, leading 34-25 at the end, and seemed on their way to winning the school's first district title when Andrew Burt extended the lead to 38-26 with just over five minutes remaining.

But it was all Falcons after that. As it did Wednesday when it rallied from a seven-point deficit in the fourth quarter to defeat West Bloomfield, 55-51, Farmington switched from a zone defense to a man-to-man.

"It was getting late," Mikel said. "The game was starting to get away from us. We couldn't sit in the zone. We had to try to

create some turnovers and change the momentum of the game."

The Falcons did that, starting with back-to-back threes by Anthony and Orr. Two free throws by Gaines put Farmington back in the game, trailing 38-34 with 2 1/2 minutes to play.

Farmington went to a full-court press and forced consecutive turnovers on the Harrison inbound play.

The Falcons converted each time, Anthony hitting his second three of the quarter and Orr double pumping in the lane to put Farmington on top, 39-38.

Gaines rebounded the missed free throw after an attempted three-point play by Orr and gave Farmington a 41-38 lead before Derocher sank a triple to tie with 1:28 remaining.

"When we were up one, after Todd Anthony hit that shot, I knew," Milus said. "We came together in the fourth quarter. That's when we play our best basketball."

"This is one of the greatest moments in my life. At the end of the third quarter, everyone's head was down a bit, but we picked it up and hit the big shots."

The score was tied at halftime, 19-19, but Hopkins got hot in the third quarter. He hit three of four shots and scored six points

as Harrison outscored Farmington 15-6 for a nine-point lead, 34-25.

The Hawks had been finding a way to win all season, Harrison coach Mike Teachman said, but this time it was the Falcons who did.

"Our 18-4 record is a funny 18-4," he said. "We didn't blow people out. We had to overachieve to win games. We play on a short margin of error, especially since we rely on the jump shot."

"(The Falcons won) by doing something they're not good at. They're a zone team. When they (switched to a man) we went back on our heels and stopped playing. You have to give them credit."

Farmington also avenged a 46-41 loss to Harrison during the regular season. Mikel and his players said they were eager for the rematch, believing the Falcons didn't play well in the first meeting.

"The seniors on this team won five games last year and four the year before," Mikel said. "That's when I wasn't a very good coach. All of a sudden, Trevor gets good and I can really coach."

"The seniors had a couple long seasons, so it's a nice reward for them. It's just a great win for our kids."

Besides the loss, Teachman was sorry to see the season end because six seniors leave the

program, including Lewis and Jason Sharp. Derocher, Hopkins and Lewis were four-year varsity players.

"Basketball doesn't mean a thing right now," Teachman said. "We have 15 of the greatest people I've ever been around, and I have to say it's over. Every practice was pure joy because of them."

"Basketball-wise, there are some woulda, coulda, shouldas. Human being-wise, there's nothing (to regret); they gave their all."

"I probably spent 250 days in the last four years with the five senior captains, and it's hard just to lose that daily relationship. I want to be around good people — and there you are."

The Falcons made 18 of 56 field goals, including four of 23 behind the arc, and sank three of seven free throws. The Hawks were 17-of-59 from the floor, 3-of-17 from long distance and 4-of-10 at the line.

**CORRECTION:** A story in the March 12 edition of the Farmington Observer reported incorrect numbers regarding Farmington High's shooting statistics in its 55-51 tournament win over West Bloomfield.

The Falcons made 21 of 50 shots for 42 percent with no three-point field goals Wednesday. They were 13-of-23 at the free-throw line as reported for a total of 55 points.

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