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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

City meeting: The Plymouth City Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main.

Softball signup: Registration for returning adult softball teams begins at the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New teams register March 15. Season starts April 26. For more information, call 455-6620.

Last call: Last day to submit scholarship applications at Madonna University for admitted students for the 1999-2000 academic year. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (734) 432-5663.

TUESDAY

Kiwanis klatch: Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis has its 7 a.m. breakfast at the Water Club Grill, Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. For more information, call (734) 453-1373.

THURSDAY

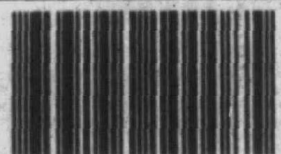
BNI meeting: Business Network International's Plymouth Chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. at the Water Club Seafood Grill, Ann Arbor Road and I-275. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

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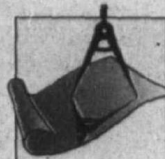


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Vincenti sets sale on Mayflower



Plymouth landing: Novi-based developer John Vincenti has plans to tear down the Mayflower Hotel and rebuild a six-story building that would include ground-level retail, second-floor offices and condos. Vincenti is set to sign a deal with Mayflower owner Matt Karmo on March 8. Two other downtown projects are pending, including a plan to buy the Wilcox House. Vincenti may build his office here, as well.



After more than a year of speculation, developer John Vincenti and Mayflower owner Matt Karmo are scheduled to sign a deal to demolish the hotel and build a \$6-15 million retail/condominium project.

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The Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth may soon be nothing more than a memory, as the landmark hotel could be slated for a date with the wrecking ball.

Developer John Vincenti, of Tri-Mount Companies, said that if all goes well on Monday, March 8, he and Mayflower owner Matt Karmo will sign a deal that will change the landscape of the 1-acre parcel at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

"Everything is subject to the paperwork being agreed upon," said Vincenti. "We will present Mr. Karmo with a proposal. I'm not expecting any problems."

Vincenti estimates the project cost ranging from \$6 million to a possible \$15 million, depending on the final scope of the development.

Vincenti outlined his preliminary ideas for the corner, which include ground-level retail, second-floor offices or condos, and condos occupying as many as four additional stories.

"I'm leaning towards the first floor being retail," said Vincenti. "I've talked to Peoples State Bank about possibly being a tenant. I might even open a restaurant."

"I think the second floor might have offices or condos," Vincenti added. "Anything from the third floor up would be dependent on the economics working, what would be practical and what we could get approved by the city."

While the third floor condos are in the works, Vincenti said floors four through six would "strongly depend on my perception on what could be sold, and at what price."

The Novi developer said he "can't see a hotel as a viable option" for the site.

Whatever Vincenti finally decides to build, he said the Mayflower Hotel, which was built in 1927, will go the way of the Hudson's building.

"In any event, the present site will be demolished," said Vincenti. "Demolition would take place within several months after we sign the deal."

He noted it would probably take about three months to clear the site, with construction to begin soon afterwards.

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Builder ventures on 3 city projects

WILCOX HOUSE

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Developer John Vincenti, who is ready to purchase the Mayflower Hotel and build a retail, office and condo mix on the site, hopes to have at least three construction projects going on at the same time in Plymouth.

Vincenti met Friday with Jack Wilcox to discuss Wilcox' home at 676 Penniman, across from Kellogg Park.

"I am presenting Mr. Wilcox with three options at our meeting," Vincenti said. "The options include ideas with and without the house. The property has one value with the house and a higher value without

Please see **PROJECTS, A4**

Attorney: No one owns township name

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The Charter Township of Plymouth ... Incorporated?

There's a nice ring to it but it's not going to happen anytime soon.

Township trustees have been arguing during the last two board meetings as to whether the official name of the township can be copyrighted or trademarked and whether the Tonquish Yacht Club inappropriately used the

name in advertising for a social event to take place next month.

A flier distributed by the club, invites the entire Plymouth community to a dinner-dance on March 27 at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial.

The black tie event costs \$150 per couple and is advertised as "The First Annual Charter Township of Plymouth 'Celebration of Hometown.'"

Township trustees Kay Arnold and Ron Griffith, who were not invited to the event, raised questions after hear-

ing about it secondhand from township residents.

"That sort of bothered me," said Griffith. "When people came to me and asked me about it and I didn't know about it. It's kind of a common courtesy, if nothing else, that the board at least would have been asked about it."

At the insistence of Griffith, Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy asked Township Attorney Tim Cronin to research the legalities surrounding the issue.

Cronin was paid approximately \$600 to do the work, according to township bills that were approved at Tuesday's meeting. Trustee Chuck Curmi and Treasurer Ron Edwards both voted against approval of the bills.

"We spent six and a half hours (of paid work) on this?" Curmi said during the meeting. "It was a waste of money. We don't need to investigate this issue."

Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill

Please see **NAME, A4**

Bonds pay half of new court cost

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The 35th District Court Authority has decided that half the construction cost of a new courthouse will be raised by selling bonds.

The authority will sell \$4.25 million in bonds to replace the Dunbar Davis courthouse, which was destroyed by fire in July 1997. The remaining \$4 million of the project will be paid with \$2.4 million in insurance proceeds, plus another \$1.6 million in excess court revenues that have been held back from the five local communities that use the court.

The court serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township.

"The board has given the go-ahead to have the contractor start rolling on the project now," said Kerry Erdman, court administrator. "The contractor can use up to \$4 million until the bond sale."

The Court Authority could have sold

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Residents don't want charter school as neighbor

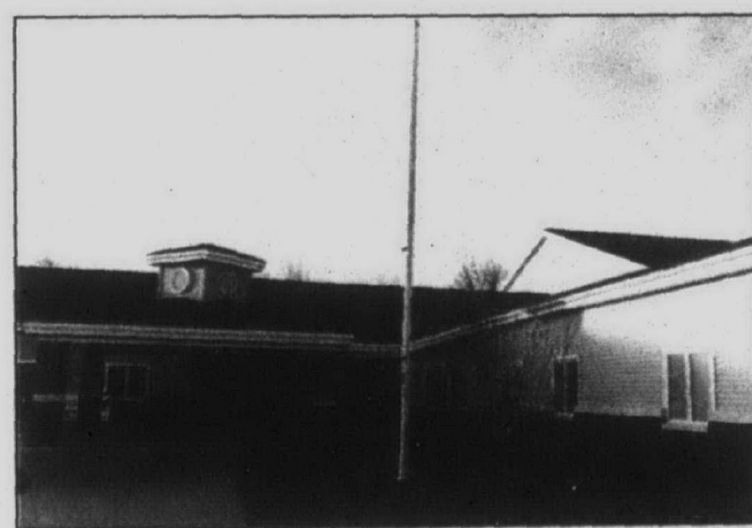
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Residents of Royal Pointe Subdivision in neighboring Canton say a proposed charter school to be built in their backyards will lower property values and increase traffic around their homes.

"The school isn't the same quality as our homes. It's substandard and doesn't belong in our neighborhood."

That was a main concern of the nearly 25 people who met Wednesday night with a representative of National Heritage Academies, which plans to build the charter school on Beck Road, north of Hanford, in time for the next school year.

Many of the residents said they



Design: Neighbors of a planned charter school at Beck and Hanford don't like the model for the National Heritage Academy.

wouldn't mind a school in their neighborhood if it was built with brick, like some of the neighboring public and private schools.

Despite assurances the charter school is built to last at least 25 years, neighbors weren't impressed with the post-frame construction.

"This school detracts from everything we've done in our neighborhood," said Rich Krolikowski, a member of the board of directors of Royal Pointe. "We want to see construction that's the same as we've invested in our properties."

Paula Lewison, representing National Heritage Academies, could only tell residents she would look

into the possibility of designing Canton Charter Academy with brick. However, she did preface her statements by saying only two of their 13 charter schools have been built with brick.

"I can certainly inquire as to the difference in cost," said Lewison. "However, one thing we try to do is efficiencies in building costs."

Parents also focused on increased traffic along Beck Road and in their subdivision.

"I object that there will be more traffic and more risk to my children," said Royal Pointe resident Linda Leone. "We already have a lot of

Please see **SCHOOL, A2**

Redford company to move here

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■ The company plans to submit its formal application for tax abatement to Plymouth Township shortly.

40 to remain

Some 40 employees and almost \$1.6 million in tax revenue would remain at the two continuing Redford facilities. Ten other employees, mostly Downriver residents whose jobs would be transferred in the move nine miles west of Redford, are expected to quit.

"This is an unusual request," township Supervisor Kevin Kelley told a company representative, noting, "Usually, we get companies wanting to locate here or expand."

However, he acknowledged most of the available buildings in Redford are in the 10,000-30,000-square-foot range.

"We hate to lose you," he told the representative, Master Automatic Controller Steve Sierakowski. "But 100,000 square feet is very substantial."

Sierakowski, a Redford resident, told trustees the company has been growing with new business and seeking increasingly larger facilities since 1993.

It needs to become more efficient by consolidating its operations, which are now divided among four buildings in Redford totaling 70,000 square feet, he said.

"Unfortunately, various stages of the manufacturing process of a given part are performed in two or more buildings, which creates a significant amount of waste in material handling issues" such as product movement and exposure to weather, Sierakowski told the trustees.

Colliers International, of Colliers Terrence Tosto commercial/industrial specialists, wrote trustees it had tried since 1993 to find a new location in Redford.

'Highly marketable'

Colliers Senior Vice President Lawrence A. Kelley said his company considers the Redford properties that will be vacated "to be highly marketable" and "have ongoing negotiations" for them.

Founded in Detroit around 1940, Master Automatic has been owned and operated by the Evasic family in Redford for 52

years.

It is now being run by second- and third-generation family members: board chairman Jack Evasic and his children, Mark, president; Mark's brother, William, vice president, and their sister, Carol, human resources-benefits coordinator.

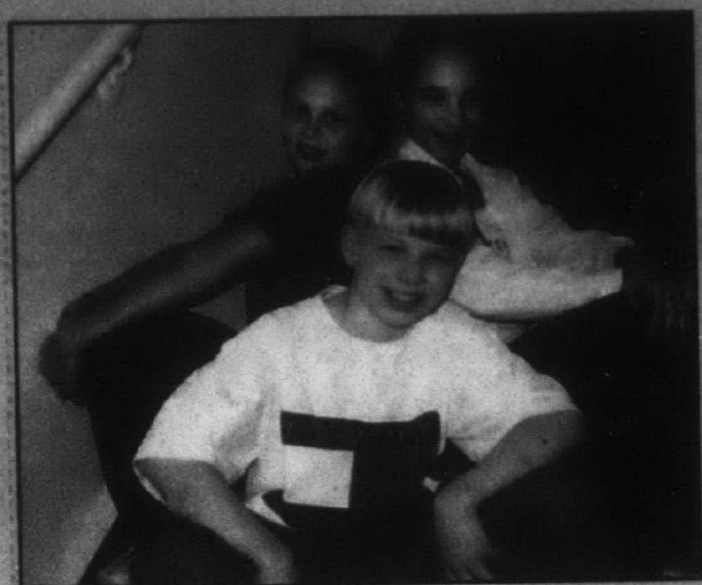
All three grew up in Redford; Carol is now a city of Plymouth resident.

The company plans to submit its formal application for tax abatement to Plymouth Township shortly.

The township was to have set up an industrial development tax district for the project Tuesday night, he said.

Sierakowski said the formal public hearing on the tax abatement in Plymouth Township is expected the latter part of March or in early April.

Master Automatic, whose customers include General Motors, Ford, DaimlerChrysler and Tier One suppliers, is slated to become the cornerstone of Schoolcraft Corporate Park, a new industrial development at Plymouth and Haggerty Roads being built by Campbell/Manix of Southfield.



Whaler performers: From left to right, Katrina Chizak, Reece McCabe and Andrea Caruso.

Central students to sing anthems at Whaler game

A field trip to the Compuware Arena to skate with the Plymouth Whalers turned into a performance of a lifetime for three students at Central Middle School.

The three students - Katrina Chizak, Andrea Caruso and Reece McCabe - were selected to sing the national anthem.

Chizak will sing the American national anthem and Caruso the Canadian national anthem at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, when the Plymouth Whalers take on the Ontario Spitfires. McCabe was chosen as an alternate.

The Central students' Charging Towards 2000 Team visited the arena in January

for a tour and opportunity to meet and interview the hockey players.

While at the arena several of the students began singing and captured the attention of Ryan Stupakis, director of public relations. The Whalers decided to audition students to sing the national anthem at an upcoming game.

The students auditioned in front of their peers at Central and Stupakis chose two students and the alternate.

Central Principal Barbara Church helped students get the right melody for the Canadian national anthem. Church was born in Vancouver and raised in Quebec.

School from page A1

schools around here and a lot of traffic."

Parents were concerned about traffic backups along Beck Road by vehicles trying to get into the school lot during morning and afternoon pickup times, as well as from cars trying to exit the lot.

And despite claims by Lewison that other charter schools can get 160 and more cars in and out of the lot without much delay, residents were skeptical.

"Let's be realistic," said Nazih Hijajou. "You're going to have

an excess of 200 cars trying to pickup kids after school. Where are all those cars going to go?"

Many also felt the 10-acre site is just too small for the 40,000-square-foot school, its playground and ball field. They also objected to National Heritage Academies spending too little on berms and landscaping to protect their properties.

Lewison said the school was open for suggestions on landscaping.

"We came in with no preconceived ideas of landscaping," she

said. "Our other schools are beautifully landscaped."

The next time the two sides will square off is at Monday's Canton Township Planning Commission meeting, where National Heritage Academies will ask the township for a special use permit for the site, which is zoned residential.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack was quietly watching the concerns of residents.

"I think the residents have some very legitimate complaints. It's a very tight site," said Yack.

Court from page A1

up to \$6 million in bonds, however representatives of the communities said they wanted to keep the debt as low as possible by using cash-on-hand.

The authority's financial

adviser, Bob Bendzinski, said the bond market is very favorable and is hoping for an interest rate of 5 to 5.5 percent when the bonds are sold on March 30.

According to Bendzinski's fig-

ures, bonding \$4.25 million at 5.5 percent over 20 years will raise the bonded cost to more than \$7 million. Add the \$4 million in cash, and the total cost of the courthouse jumps to more than \$11 million.

The money to pay off the bonds will not come directly out of taxpayers' pocketbooks. The money will come from excess court revenues that are usually go to the communities, which usually put the money into their general funds.

Bob Bedzyk, president of Bedzyk Bros. Inc. of Livonia, said he expects to have construction equipment at the Plymouth Road and Haggerty site within a few weeks, depending on the weather.

"We should be in pretty good shape to complete construction on time (March 2000), barring no major difficulties," said Bedzyk.

Bedzyk was the lowest of 15 bidders for the project, with a base cost of \$6.7 million ... about a million dollars more than anticipated. The addition of a fourth elevator for prisoner transfers, lightning protection

equipment, architectural fees, furniture and equipment, and site surveys bring the total cost to \$8.25 million.

The new courthouse will sit on the same site as the building which burned down, but will be three floors instead of one. The 44,000-square-foot building will include four courtrooms, conference rooms, a security area in the basement for prisoners, plus a security garage for judges and court personnel.

The lease for the Unisys property where the temporary court sits expires in September, and the lease for the make-shift building is up in December. However, Erdman believes the court will be able to work out a deal to stay until the new court opens in March 2000.

Erdman also said the court is taking safety precautions during construction. Detroit Edison lines will be put underground, he said. The 1997 fire was caused by electrical lines falling on the building during a storm.

"It's just one less possible disaster that we will have to be prepared for," said Erdman.

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Burger wars

Ann Arbor Road drives in fast lane for fast food stops

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There's a war going on along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

It happened yesterday. It's happening today. And it will happen again tomorrow.

The "burger wars" are alive and well right here in Plymouth and the short stretch of Ann Arbor Road between Haggerty and Main Street is a shining example of the competitive nature of the business.

Fast food signs frequent the strip but the big three (McDonald's, Wendy's and Burger King) are all fighting over the same crowd. Epic battles within the business rage daily around lunchtime, then again at dinner, as to who will come out on top.

The McDonald's Restaurant, located at 220 W. Ann Arbor Road, was closed late last year for renovations. It reopened in December with a new look that featured its previously built "Play Place" attached to the front of the building.

The children's market has been a strong theme in the company's advertising over the years and, according to Mark Behm, a public relations official for the Wendy's Corp., it's been successful.

"I think they're great," he said of the indoor playgrounds. "As far as my competitor's focus, they've added those and have been successful in doing so."

The only segment of the marketable population that continues to grow strongly is the children and how each company pursues it can have a big

impact in the future, said Behm.

Kids' market

"In the fast food business, what you do today predicated what you do tomorrow," he said. "Obviously, (McDonald's) owns the kids' market."

James Collins, Detroit district manager for McDonald's agreed that a bright future is rising on the horizon for his company.

"I think it's just a facet of the market that we've always had," he said of the company's marketing strategy. "We try to make it a fun place for kids and family in order to meet the customer's needs. It goes right along with the happy meals."

The new McDonald's facility in Plymouth has also been changed to comply with the company's new "Have It Your Way" food system.

Perhaps in an attempt to counter Rally's Hamburgers "Fresh. Because we just made it." slogan, the old familiar food bins behind the counter at McDonald's are being replaced.

Already installed in about 20 percent of the McDonald's Restaurants in the metro Detroit area, Collins said the newer process allows sandwiches to be made after customers order them, rather than before, as has been done in the past.

The switch is being made as smoothly as possible and Collins said that all of the stores in Detroit will have made the change by the end of this year.

"We're trying to make it as invisible as possible to the customer," he said. "We've implemented the initiative in a cer-

tain amount of restaurants around the country and, in those cases, it's actually increased service. We're able to (serve meals) in the same amount of timeliness and, in some cases, even faster."

Burger King, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, relies on its company's national advertising to secure its slice of the market.

"I believe a lot of our business comes mostly through the advertising that we do," said Mary Precord, marketing coordinator for King Adventure, owner of the local franchise store. "Our value menu is a big part of that."

Although pressure is big to combat the built-in playgrounds, she says that Burger King isn't jumping into the children's market wholeheartedly.

"(McDonald's) is probably putting them on most of their restaurants but we're not reacting to that as much," she said. "We already have done those in areas that we see a feasibility for it. We do some demographic studies to see if it's going to be accepted or not. In some areas, they've had a tremendous turnaround in business."

Behm said that Wendy's relies more on the quality of their food than any gimmick play pens.

"In our business, we obviously think that we've got the best product out there," he said. "And we are constantly monitoring the quality of that product. We want to make sure that, if we serve a product, it's at the top of the chart."

Health-food craze



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Happy meal: Sean Doyle, 4 1/2, and Molly Moore, 4, pause for a secret during their lunch at the newly-renovated McDonald's on Ann Arbor Road (left).

The health-food craze of the '80s has also had its impact on the business.

With stores such as Subway, Mr. Pita and Boston Market providing health-conscious lunchtime alternatives, the burger war participants had to make changes.

"We have certain menu items that are geared toward health, like our Broiled Chicken Sandwich," said Precord. "It's not like we don't offer any type of health conscious meals. It's just that most people (that come into the restaurant) want a hamburger."

Today you can order a salad at all three restaurants but even that has become a competition within itself.

"Everybody has salads but I think you have to take a closer look at those salads," added Behm.

As for the nature of the business, all three representatives understand and expect an extreme level of competition.



"I think it's an ongoing battle in the minds of the consumer," said Behm. "Let's face it. Every time somebody goes out for lunch or they're in a hurry and want a quick meal, three things go through their mind: price, past performance and menu."

Collins said that McDonald's tries to improve its business by focusing on itself.

"I don't think that we can be successful by focusing in on the competition," he said. "The thing that we do to turn a buck is focus on the customer. The more we can satisfy the customer the more successful we'll be."

So, the next time you find

yourself passing one sign by to get to another, think about the repercussions you're having on the market.

These fast food restaurants are watching, and they want to know why you did or did not stop at their restaurant.

If enough people start skipping by McDonald's, perhaps all of those Play Places will be remodeled into sports viewing rooms with large-screen televisions.

Who knows? It could happen.

Besides, who would have guessed 20 years ago that we'd all be taking our kids to McDonald's for playtime?

LIBRARY WATCH

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following events are scheduled for March:

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, MARCH 1-31

Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Lynette Brown, better known as "Elizabeth Cady Stanton from Michigan," will perform as the mid-19th century women's rights activist 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, in the Meeting Room of the library. Elizabeth Cady Stanton led the first comprehensive women's rights movement, which began in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848. Register for the program at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Women's History Display

Look for a display of children's and adult materials featuring the new book, Ladies' Home Journal 100 Most Important Women of the 20th century. The books, videos and audio recordings may be checked out from the display space at the bottom of the stairs.

YOUTH EVENTS

MARCH STORYTIMES

Preschool/Family Evening
Storytimes at 7 p.m. is a family session for children, ages 2-5. Siblings and other family members are welcome. Every Tuesday, March 9-30. Registration begins at 10 a.m. in person or 10:30 a.m. by phone on Tuesday, March 2.

Toddler/Parent Storytimes
Storytimes at 10 a.m. is a one-on-one session with toddlers, ages 2-3 1/2, and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. Storytime at 11 a.m. is a family session with siblings and other family members welcome. Every Wednesday, March 10-31. Registration begins at 10 a.m. in person or 10:30 a.m. by phone on Wednesday, March 3.

Preschool Storytimes
Storytimes are at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for children ages 3 1/2-5. Parents must remain in the library. Every Thursday, March 11-April 1. Registration begins at 10 a.m. in person, 10:30 a.m. by phone on Thursday, March 4.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S POPULAR PICKS

Editor's note: Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their lists of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library 453-0750.

- | FICTION | NON-FICTION | YOUNG ADULT NEW RELEASES |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Testament
John Grisham Southern Cross
Patricia Cornwell Ransom
Julie Garwood A Man in Full
Tom Wolfe Billy Straight
Jonathan Kellerman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Greatest Generation
Tom Browka Tuesdays With Morris
Mitch Albom Blind Man's Bluff
Sherry Sontag The Century
Peter Jennings Playing For Keeps
David Halberstam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Step Lightly: Poems for the Journey
Avi Perloo the Bold
Avi Angels Turn Their Backs
Margaret Buffie Weirdo's War
Michael Coleman Bad
Jean Ferris |

Author Shirley Neitzal
Enjoy an evening of stories and fun as author Shirley Neitzal shares her new book, "From the Land of the White Birch," as well as other stories. This program is for children aged 6-12 years and their families and will be held in the Meeting Room of the library 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9. Registration begins Tuesday, March 2, at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

Student Storytellers
The Plymouth Library Students Storytellers has been formed to help students in third through eighth grades develop their storytelling abilities. The group will meet 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

WELCOME!

Carol Champagne, former senior children's librarian for the Memphis Public Library, has been hired as youth services coordinator for the library. Champagne received a bachelor's degree in English literature and a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan, later taking a year away from library work to write children's stories.

Eva Davis, young adult librarian, who began working at the library as an intern, was hired in November as the library's first librarian whose full-time duties are in young adult services. Having graduated from Plymouth Canton High School, Davis earned a bachelor's degree in English at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a master of science degree in information at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

NEW PUPPET KITS

Two Bad Ants, by Chris Van Allsburg.
Julius, the Baby of the World, by Kevin Henkes.
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, by Kevin Henkes.
Guess How Much I Love You, by Sam McGrantney.

TEEN EVENTS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

The Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets 11 a.m. the second Saturday of every month in the Gold Room to discuss and plan upcoming events at the library. All Plymouth residents ages 12-18 are invited to join. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Library. Contact Eva Davis at 453-0750, Ext. 230, or at eva@tln.lib.mi.us for details.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Teen volunteers are needed at the library to provide one-on-one tutoring for Plymouth residents who are unfamiliar with computers, particularly Windows 95. Other volunteer opportunities are also available. Contact Eva Davis at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 230, or at eva@lib.mi.us for more information or to volunteer.

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it." Wilcox would like to save the house, which was built in 1901 and has been in his family since 1911. However, he said, "The house is a factor, but I don't want it to become such that it will kill any deal."

Vincenti said he has no definite plans for the two-acre site, if he obtains a purchase agreement with Wilcox. However, some ideas include a multi-use development with condos and retail, commercial development, and senior citizen housing.

Vincenti also owns an empty lot on Penniman, across the street from the Post Office. He's looking to build a two- or three-story structure, encompassing about 28,000 square feet.

"I'm looking at building an office and moving my (development and building) company from Novi," he said. "I'd prefer to be in downtown Plymouth."

Vincenti is a believer in downtown

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developments, considering the fact he also has projects in downtown Birmingham and Grosse Pointe Park.

Of the three areas, the West Bloomfield resident says he likes Plymouth the most.

"It's a more blue collar type of area. People are down to earth," said Vincenti. "I can't see why anyone wouldn't want to live there."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUESCHMAN

Historic deal: Longtime resident Jack Wilcox is negotiating a deal to sell his property to developer John Vincenti of Tri Mount Companies. Vincenti may have three construction projects ongoing in downtown.

Vincenti from page A1

Vincenti said any operating agreement with Karmo, the current property owner, would give Vincenti "total control. Matt would participate in profit sharing after we got some of our money back."

Earlier this month, Karmo confirmed he had a deal with Vincenti, which would be signed when Vincenti returned from a European vacation.

Vincenti didn't want to divulge the

exact purchase price of the hotel, but did confirm it was more than \$1 million. He said demolition would cost approximately \$150,000 to \$250,000, with another \$140,000 going to the city's coffers to purchase the Wiedman parking lot.

"There will be a ton of money invested in this project before any construction is even started," said Vincenti. "While this could be a viable project,

there is still a significant risk. It will ultimately depend on the desirability of the office space and how much people are willing to pay for the condos."

Vincenti envisions both smaller and larger luxury condos as part of the project.

"If we pursue my plans, one level will be smaller condos for the older generation, about 1,200-1,400 square feet," he said. "The upper floors will

contain luxury condos of about 2,200 square feet."

The cost of those condos are expected to range between \$250,000 and \$450,000.

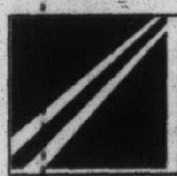
"We expect to have underground parking for the condos," added Vincenti. "We may need two levels of parking."

Karmo announced plans last January to demolish the 73-room hotel,

with goals of building a new multimillion dollar cornerstone. However, plans stalled until late last year as talks with Vincenti, for a second time, finally materialized.

"In my mind, we're accomplishing the same thing we discussed seven or eight months ago," said Vincenti. "I'm excited about getting something started."

Roads to close for sewer work



The City of Plymouth Department of Municipal Services will be closing some streets due to a sanitary sewer rehabilitation project over the next several days.

Expect lane or road closures in the following areas between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. until Wednesday, March 3:

ANN ARBOR TRAIL:
■ Limited access between Union and Hamilton.

■ Eastbound Ann Arbor Trail may be closed between Deer and Hamilton.
■ Westbound Ann Arbor Trail limited to curb lane. No parking in this area.

MAIN STREET:
■ Intersection of Main and Wing may have limited traffic flow.

■ Main Street between Burroughs and Wing may be limited to one lane in each direction.

■ Traffic shifts can be expected on Main between Wing and Hartsough.

WING STREET:
■ Wing between Main and Deer may be closed to traffic.
■ Wing between Harvey and Main may be limited to local traffic only.
■ Eastbound Wing traffic may have restricted turning at Main.

Traffic controls will be put into place when crews are specifically working in a particular area. There is no digging scheduled as a part of this sewer rehabilitation project. People with questions should contact the City Department of Municipal Services at 453-7737.

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agreed saying, "I'd have to say that Curmi was right. All they had to do was call MTA (the Michigan Township Association) and they could have found out."

Griffith supported his position stating that overlooking issue of liability can be costly to the township.

"That's what we pay attorneys to do ... to answer liability questions," he said. "My question to Kathleen was 'We ought to have Tim (Cronin) look at this and see if there is any liability out there for anything that has our name attached to it' like we would normally."

Arnold said that, although she wanted the issue investigated, she got her answer much easier. And at a much lower cost to the township.

■ 'I'd have to say that (Trustee Chuck) Curmi was right. All they had to do was call MTA (the Michigan Township Association) and they could have found out.'

Marilyn Massengill
-clerk

"My question was not to research it but did we have protected rights regarding the name," she said. "I called Mr. Cronin direct and said 'This is what I got in the mail and is this legal?' I asked for his opinion and he gave it to me. Griffith didn't ask for his opinion."

Arnold said the attorney is available to the board on nearly all issues and is used quite frequently.

(McCarthy) feels that we as a board hired our attorneys and, when we have a question, she does not stop us from asking him," said Arnold.

"In my estimation, it was unfair to go after the attorney when he is trying to find answers for the board," said McCarthy. "All of the trustees are part of the board."

Trustee K.C. Mueller and Edwards are both listed on the fliers as part of the host committee for the event.

Bill Joyner, Anne and Warren Musson, Jim and Carol Thomas, Jim and Anita Jabara, Robin and Jeff McHugh, Dan Herrieman, Mary Ann Prchlik, Lauri and Earl Hall and Bill Steiner are the rest of the hosts listed.

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Public input

Residents want more oversight on state environmental issues

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Cheryl Graunstadt of Westland said she was "fed up and frustrated" with Westland's funding of the incinerator in Dearborn Heights and the land contamination at Cooper School in Westland, now being considered for possible development.

Carol Poenisch of Northville and another Livonia resident wanted to hear the Department of Environmental Quality's management team's reaction to a report alleging DEQ mismanagement of Michigan wetlands and the "low morale" of DEQ employees revealed in a survey.

Bill Craig of Livonia told DEQ officials he hoped they would maintain high standards in policing Wayne County's wetlands mitigation banking proposal.

The DEQ asked the public for comments on current environmental laws and policies Tuesday, and that's exactly what they got during a hearing at Madonna University in Livonia, the first of a series of meetings to be held across the state.

The public discussed issues ranging from Middlebelt Hill in Westland to international trash with Russell Harding, DEQ director, and chiefs and assistants from the DEQ's nine divisions covering air quality, drinking water and radiological protection, environmental assistance, environmental response, geological survey, land and water management, surface water quality, storage tank and waster management.

Frustrated residents

Graunstadt was angered that Westland continued to fund incinerator operations in Dearborn Heights.

Out of five member communities of the Central Wayne Coun-

ty Sanitation Authority that use the incinerator facilities, Graunstadt said she could not find one person who was not an elected official or a building official who spoke out in support of the incinerator. "Our city has to pay, and we continue to pay the higher tipping fees," Graunstadt said.

"Everyone knows it's higher than the landfill. That's an issue to take to the city council. Our council president said, what can we do about it, we just have to keep an eye on them."

Developers have expressed an interest in the Cooper School site and have proposed a cap at the site, but it remains a health hazard with the contaminants remaining onsite, Graunstadt said. She doesn't want the same mistakes repeated.

"That how we had this mess 40 years ago," Graunstadt said. "I don't want to see this thing repeating itself every 20 or 30 years."

Graunstadt asked what was the DEQ's involvement at Cooper School.

Al Howard, director of the environmental response division, said the Livonia school district has discussed redevelopment. "It would have to be done in a manner that's safe."

"We would review any plan that's compatible with the waste."

Dennis Drake, chief of the DEQ's air quality division, called the Dearborn Heights incinerator permit "probably the toughest air pollutant permit in the

country." Drake raised a rhetorical question often heard from the public.

"If so many people are opposed to it, then how can it be that we issue the permit? And now this is the buck-passing part: we give that to the local communities. We require them to make the decision whether they are going to do it with landfilling or by incineration."

Secure hill, resident says

Craig complained of his frustration in dealing with Wayne County to secure the Middlebelt Hill site, located in Hines Park adjacent to Cooper, where soil is contaminated at that location. A bike path runs through the site.

"All efforts to get minimum security have been fruitless," Craig said. Developments at Livonia's Fountain Park and Koppnick Corporate park in Canton also will be "distressing" to wetlands that flow into the Rouge River.

Craig asked what percentage of wetland permit applications were denied by the DEQ.

Rich Powers, chief of the DEQ's land and water management division, said about 80 percent were approved, 15 percent issued in a modified form and 5 percent were denied.

Another Livonia resident believed the DEQ was not doing an adequate job for the environment, instead showing a preference to economic development, according to a report by the Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, a group of any-

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State commission recommends ban on genetic testing for jobs, coverage

BY TIM RICHARD
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Employers and insurers would be prohibited from requiring genetic testing for a job or health coverage if a state commission recommendation becomes law.

"I congratulate the members of the commission for their thoughtful and thorough review of these critical issues," said Gov. John Engler, who appointed the panel and endorsed its conclusions in his State of the State address.

The governor's Michigan Commission on Genetic Privacy and Progress reported early in February. Legislative committees in Lansing already are working on bills. Key lawmakers are Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, chair of the House Health Policy Committee, and Sen. Dale Shugars, R-Portage,

chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee.

Group employer health insurance plans "generally do not require genetic testing or other forms of risk assessment of applicants," said the panel. "The insurance industry points out that it is not common practice for health insurers to require genetic testing for obtaining or retaining policies," it added. But it noted there's no law against genetic testing.

Genes are units of heredity. Many diseases and physical conditions are passed from parents to children through the genetic code. A person with genes indicating - say, colon cancer at age 45 or a bad heart - is likely to be rejected for employment and insurance, if the employer and insurer have that information.

The commission was chaired

by attorney Edward Goldman of the University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor. Among its members was Dr. David J. Aughton of William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Other members included the directors of the state departments of Community Health and Civil Rights, a life insurance company attorney, a representative of the Huntington's Disease Society and health professionals.

What state should do

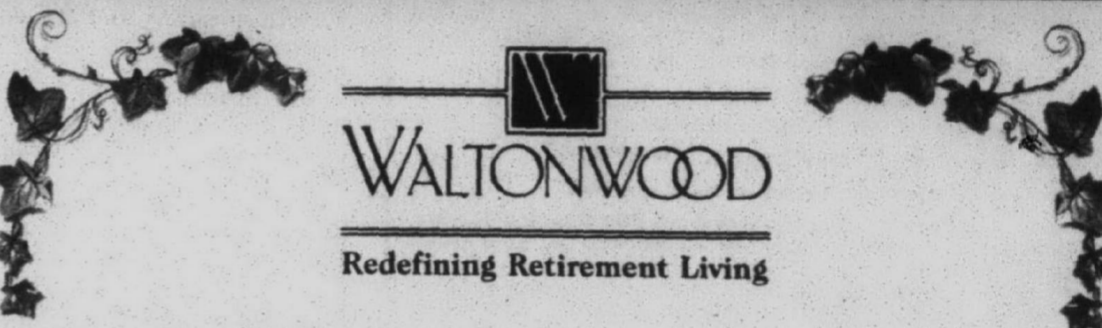
The report hinted some recommendations weren't unanimous but gave no details of who dissented or why.

The commission recommended:

■ "Legislation to prohibit health insurers from requiring

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Board of Review sets appeal dates

The Board of Review for the city of Plymouth will meet noon Tuesday, March 2, in the city commission chambers, 201 S. Main, for an organizational meeting.

The regular Board of Review session will be 12:15-6 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, and 3-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 3.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only.

Completed 1999 Board of Review petitions must be submitted to the front office located on the first floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made.

The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 3.

A resident or nonresident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a

■ The deadline for submitting petitions to appeal in person is 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 3.

personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Monday, March 15.

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

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

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 225.

1999 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARINGS ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at 12:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review session will begin:

◆ Tuesday, March 2, 1999 @ 12:15 to 6:00 P.M.

◆ Wednesday, March 3, 1999 @ 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. Completed 1999 Board of Review Petitions are Necessary and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 3, 1999 by 9:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Monday, March 15, 1999.

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

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City of Plymouth
MARK A. CHRISTIANSEN
City Assessor

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OBITUARIES

NIELS OLESEN PEDERSEN

Services for Niels Olesen Pedersen, 79, of Plymouth were Feb. 25 in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Peter Berg officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Oct. 3, 1919, in Detroit. He died Feb. 21 in Livonia. He was a retired tool and die maker. He came to the Plymouth area in 1952 from Livonia. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth for 65 years. He was on the school board for St. Peter's Church for many years. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1938. He was a seaman second class in the U.S. Navy. He served on the U.S.S. Langley, a carrier in the South Pacific.

Survivors include his wife, Viola Pedersen of Plymouth; two daughters, Tina (Herman) Theeke of Plymouth, Jill (Darrell) Webb of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; one brother, Jens Pedersen of Silva, N.C.; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

EMILY L. GORNELL

Services for Emily L. Gornell, 89, of Canton were Feb. 23 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Sept. 22, 1909, in London, England. She died Feb. 20 in Farmington. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her two

sons, George H. Gornell of Canton, Roy G. Gornell of South Carolina; and one grandchild, Roy G. Gornell of South Carolina.

RICHARD E. MURPHY

Services for Richard E. Murphy, 72, of Plymouth were Feb. 27 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Mausoleum, Saginaw.

He was born July 9, 1926, in Portsmouth, Ohio. He died Feb. 23 in Plymouth. He was a designer at Ford Motor Co. He retired in 1983 after 35 years. He was a member of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Moslem Temple.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Pauline Murphy. Survivors include his wife, Gladys M. Murphy of Plymouth; one brother, Donald Murphy of Winford, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076.

WENDELL JAMES LENT

Services for Wendell James Lent, 85, of Plymouth were Feb. 27 in First United Methodist Church, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Tonya A. Arnesen officiating. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

He was born July 5, 1913, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Feb. 20 in Livonia. He was a men's clothes store owner. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Survivors include his wife,

Dorothy L. Lent of Plymouth; three daughters, Linda (Stewart) J. Oldford of Fenton, Karen (James) S. Tobias of North Carolina, Julie (Dale) K. Hall of Albuquerque, N.M.; one son, James W. Lent of Plymouth; and one brother, Robert Lent of Florida; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 or to First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170.

JERRY R. BUBEN

Services for Jerry R. Buben, 58, of Plymouth were Feb. 25 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. David W. Martin officiating. Burial was in Dale Cemetery, Beaverton, Mich.

He was born May 28, 1940, in Flint. He died Feb. 22 in Ann Arbor. He was an instructor at Wayne County Community College for 28 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Mary Buben. Survivors include his wife, Lois A. Buben of Plymouth; one daughter, Laura J. Buben of Plymouth; and one brother, Edward (Jan) Buben of Flint.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

RONALD J. KANGAS

Services for Ronald J. Kangas, 53, of Canton were Feb. 24 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. David Bevington officiating.

He was born Feb. 12, 1946, in Detroit. He died Feb. 20 in Livonia. He worked from 1977 until retirement in 1998 for the State of Michigan. He was a veteran of the Air Force and fought in the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Anne Kangas. Survivors include his wife, Diane K. Kangas of Canton; one brother, Eugene (Kathryn) Kangas of Plymouth; and two nieces, Kristin (Randall) Cortright and Karin Kangas.

Memorials may be made to

Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

GERTRUDE E. ROHAN

Services for Gertrude E. Rohan, 76, of Canton were Feb. 25 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born July 10, 1922, in Detroit. She died Feb. 21 in Ann Arbor. She was an operating room technician at St. Mary Hospital. She retired in the late 1980s after 20 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Caroline Hall. Survivors include her daughter, Karen Hermans of Canton; one brother, Charles (Lee) Hall of Cleveland, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Abbey Hermans and Erik Hermans. Memorials may be made to Kellogg Eye Center, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

JOSEPH ZBIKOWSKI

Services for Dr. Joseph Zbikowski, 79, of Canton were Feb. 27 in McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton.

He was born Sept. 19, 1919, in Hamtramck. He died Feb. 24 in Botsford General Hospital. He was a physician. He attended Cass Tech, Wayne State University medical school and was an intern at Receiving Hospital. He built an organ and a tube tester. He was a member of the American Medical Association, North American Radiological Society, Roentgen Ray Society, Michigan State Medical Society, and Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He was an avid photographer. He enjoyed traveling and was interested in nature. He was a captain in the Army at the end of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Zbikowski; one son, Mark (Carlene); and one daughter, Susan (Bruce) Steinke; one brother, Dr. Z. Ted Zbikowski; one sister, Arlene Peterson; and two grandchildren.

SCHOOL NEWS

As a Reading Month promotion and a kickoff for an eighth-grade Poetry Unit, West Middle School will feature Terry Wooten, poet-bard, story-teller, at several assemblies held at 8:30-9:15 a.m., 9:30-10:15 a.m.,

1-1:45 p.m., and 2-2:45 p.m., Monday, March 8, at West Middle School.

He will also be performing throughout the week at Smith, Eriksson, and Hulsing elementary schools.

WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES REQUEST FOR BIDS APPLICATION OF PROTECTIVE COATINGS ON CONCRETE BLOCK IN PUMP AREA AND PAINTING OF ENCLOSED SCREW PUMPS AT THE MIDDLE ROUGE FACILITY

Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting bids for the application of protective coatings on concrete block in the pump area and painting of enclosed screw pumps at its Middle Rouge sewage pump facility located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan. Further, all necessary labor, materials, equipment and maintenance are to be provided. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by March 15, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan

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Donations Fish and Wildlife Michigan resident income tax year, raising and representing 25 percent year.

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All eight successfully. After two chicks hatched their rearing nucleus of a population in the area.

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predictive genetic testing or testing for carrier status of asymptomatic individuals.

■ Legislation to prevent use of genetic testing as a condition of employment.

■ A model curriculum for K-12 schools on genetics.

■ In criminal investigations, "if suspects are eliminated from further investigation, all of their DNA samples and records be destroyed in the presence of witnesses at a state-designated testing site."

■ "Newborn screening continue as it currently has with no requirement for informed consent due to the important public health benefit of screening."

■ In paternity cases, DNA-identifiable information should not be forwarded to courts. "The

■ 'The insurance industry points out that it is not common practice for health insurers to require genetic testing for obtaining or retaining policies.'

—Michigan Commission on Genetic Privacy and Progress

concern is to avoid placing genetic information in the public record," the panel said.

Share with family

"Most genetic testing involves a blood test, usually a venipuncture blood test," according to Kathleen Valverde, clinical coordinator of the genetic counseling training program at Beaver College in Pennsylvania. "Usually the lab would need about 100 cc's, or two to three tablespoons of blood."

Hundreds of tests are available, Valverde said, ranging in cost from \$100 to several thousands for the rarer tests. It can take two weeks to several months for the laboratory to produce results. There are tests for

450 diseases.

"I also feel that with a positive result (for the defect), you're morally obligated to share that information with your family, because they are at risk, too," Valverde said. "Genetic professionals legally are not allowed to contact family members or tell others that they might be at risk."

On this point, the Michigan commission recommended that "a physician be permitted, but not obligated, to disclose information to family members in the event that failure to disclose the information could reasonably lead to preventable serious harm to that person, and the patient refuses, even after counseling, to disclose that information."

Income tax donations aid wildlife

Donations to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund from Michigan residents on their 1997 income taxes set a record last year, raising nearly \$735,000 and representing an increase of 25 percent over the previous year.

These donations provide critical assistance to many of Michigan's threatened, endangered and nongame wildlife.

Ospreys were the focus of a restoration program carried out at Maple River State Game Area north of St. Johns and Kensington Metropark near Milford. Eight chicks were removed from nests in northern Michigan and fostered at the two sites.

All eight juvenile birds were successfully reared and released. After two or three years, it is hoped these birds will return to their rearing sites and begin the nucleus of a thriving osprey population in southern Michigan.

Donations also helped to support 25 mini-grants provided to schools developing outdoor education sites. The NEST 2000 project (Nature Education Sites for Tomorrow) is a joint project with several governmental and conservation organizations promoting development of habitat on school grounds.

A new video useful to tour groups or educators will teach about the jack pine ecosystem, home to the Kirtland warbler. The video discusses the efforts taken and the special management needs of Michigan's native bird.

"Last year was an exceptional year for the Nongame Wildlife Fund," said Raymond Rustem, supervisor of the Natural Heritage Program.

"We invite everyone who fills out a tax form to become a part of this exciting effort," said Rustem. "Just 'Look for the Loon' on your state income tax form and fill in the amount you wish to donate. It's the best way I know to show your support for Michigan's Wildlife Heritage."

School takeover vote expected this week from state senators

State Capitol capsules:

Rocky going

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, voted no when the Senate Education Committee reported out the bill to let the mayor take over Detroit public schools.

The vote was 3-1. Voting yes were Republicans Loren Bennett of Canton, Joanne Emmons of Big Rapids, and Leon Stille of Spring Lake. Absent was Burton Leland of Detroit.

The bill goes to the Senate floor this week. Peters' dissent

and Leland's absence increase the odds the issue will become partisan.

Peters failed to get three amendments, including one to require Detroit to vote within 60 days of the bill's effect to determine if voters want the 11-member school board eliminated. Gov. John Engler wants to allow a vote after five years.

"Schools are successful," Peters said, "when they have support from their communities, and allowing people to vote on a takeover is important to keeping people involved in their schools." Engler's plan is to eliminate


the Detroit Board of Education and empower Mayor Dennis Archer to appoint a new five-member board. The Senate Education Committee was disrupted for more than two hours Feb. 24 by an angry crowd of Detroiters protesting the plan.

Refer to SB 297 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Keep the money

Republicans hailed House passage of a resolution urging the

Please see TAKEOVER, A8



Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.


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LEGAL SENSE


By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law

INJURY DIARY

As traumatic and painful as an accident and its resultant injuries may be, people tend to either forget or minimize these feelings. Because doing so can jeopardize an injured person's ability to receive full compensation for the injuries sustained, it is often a good idea to make notes of the pain and discomfort an injury causes in the days following its occurrence. This is especially important in cases where the injured person suffers from pain, anxiety, or loss of sleep that cannot be detected by visual inspection. Taking note of injuries may help health care professionals diagnose delayed symptoms. They will also become a part of the medical records that will later provide evidence in the case.

HINT: It also helps to write down notes of the details you remember about an accident as soon after it occurs as possible.

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U.S. Congress to stop the federal government from taking any of the \$8 billion Michigan will receive from settlement of its lawsuit against tobacco companies.

House Resolution 14 was adopted unanimously Feb. 24 after the Republican majority shot down two Democratic amendments.

"The federal government did nothing in pursuing litigation against the tobacco industry, so why should they get a say in how we spend our money?" said Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, a co-sponsor. "Now they want to piggyback on our settlement."

Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, said Michigan's share should go into a scholarship program proposed by Gov. John Engler. Under it, high school students who pass 11th grade state assessment tests would receive \$2,500; middle school students who pass would receive \$500, for a total possible scholarship of \$3,000.

Some Democrats think part of the money should go into public health programs because tobacco is a health risk.

Road money

House Democrats, including Rep. Tom Kelly of Wayne, are opposing Engler's executive order reorganizing the state Jobs Commission. They say it will cut nearly \$10 million in road funds intended for the 83 counties.

Engler announced his order in the State of the State, saying he wanted to split off the Workforce Development Office as a separate

'Sun outages' may affect cable signal

Solar disturbance periods will occur soon throughout North America, affecting cable television and satellite viewers in Ohio and Michigan from Feb. 26 to March 12. "Solar interferences" are an inherent part of satellite technology and occur about this time every year, as well as for about 16 days in the fall.

Solar interference takes place when the orbital positions of the sun and individual satellites are in one line. Satellite dishes on earth receive signals from both, but the more powerful sun subdues the satellite signal, causing a degradation of picture quality or possibly a loss of picture and sound.

The interferences, commonly referred to as "sun outages," will occur sometime in the afternoon, affecting individual satellites and satellite-delivered networks for a few minutes each day. Therefore, cable TV viewers might not be affected at all depending on which channels they are watching, or they may be affected more than once if they change channels during the period.

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rate, 20th state department. The order transfers \$9.6 million in Transportation Economic Development Funds and sends it to the Michigan Strategic Fund.

"This program will cut local road funding across the board because there is no guarantee that any of the captured funds will be returned to the counties," said Kelly. He asked Engler to rescind his original order, revise it to save the road money, and issue it again.

The executive order will take effect unless the Legislature votes to reject - unlikely because both chambers are Republican-controlled.

Kelly said Wayne County would lose \$769,000; Oakland, \$1.9 million; Livingston, \$89,000; Clinton, \$65,500; and Eaton, \$62,700.

The fund was designed to pump money into "growth" counties where industry is creating the most jobs. Oakland and Macomb have been the biggest winners.

Road rage

"Road rage" driving would be prohibited if Senate Bill 287 becomes law, says Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Georgetown.

"Motorists so enraged that they use their cars as a weapon pose an incredible danger to everyone," said the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which reported his measure to the full Senate.

SB 287 creates three degrees of crime:

■ **Third degree** - violation of three or more specific actions in one continuous period, including unnecessary flashing or blinking of head lamps, driving 10 mph over the speed limit (or 15 mph on freeways), tailgating, passing on the shoulder and improper lane changes. Penalties: 93 days in jail, fine of \$1,000, 30-day license suspension.

■ **Second degree** - third-degree violation plus imposing a substantial risk of physical injury, or repeated third-degree offenses, or displaying a firearm. Penalties: one year in jail, \$2,000 fine, mandatory 90-day license suspension.

■ **First degree** - three or more convictions for third degree, or two or more convictions for second degree, or causing serious

injury or death. Penalties: four years in prison, \$4,000 fine, revocation of license.

Senate bills

■ **Equal pay** - Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, to prohibit wage discrimination against women by amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. "Women in Michigan still typically earn 70 cents for every \$1 earned by men," Smith said.

■ **ID Shield** - Loren Bennett, R-Canton, to prohibit disclosure of such personal identification as Social Security and driver's licenses. SB 385 would ban use of Social Security numbers on mailing labels; SB 386 would ban many businesses from asking for a Social Security number as a condition of a sale or service; and SB 387 would prohibit the placing of ID numbers on handicapped parking cards.

DEQ employees.

Harding said the department's handling of environment and economic development "was always a balancing act" and acknowledged that some criticism had been leveled that the state wasn't doing enough work to investigate complaints, but added that the DEQ hired more personnel, about 10 in the last two years.

Powers didn't find the PEER report credible because it was completed anonymously, but the resident said the authors remained anonymous because of fear of repercussions. Powers was asked about what management was doing to improve the morale of the field workers.

Powers said: "They have my full support. We meet frequently and go to the field offices at least once a year."

What's in the trash?

Poenisch wondered what

'All efforts to get minimum security (at Middlebelt Hill, a contaminated site) have been fruitless.'

Bill Craig
—Livonia resident

garbage trucks from Canada were transporting to the BFI landfill in Salem Township. Jim Sygo, chief of DEQ's Waste Management Division, said the landfill has a "real good take" on the garbage coming in, operating a materials recycling center at the site.

Milton Scales of the DEQ's criminal investigations section said the department conducted "around the clock" inspections of the trucks to check for hazardous substances for two months at the Canadian border.

"Where we are handicapped is we don't have the ability to turn trucks back," Scales said.

Instead the DEQ strongly suggests that the trucks turn around, and they voluntarily oblige, Scales said.

Rich Badics, chair of the Rouge River Advisory Council, reminded the DEQ about the remedial action plan to clean up the Rouge River, currently under review.

"The Rouge River is at a critical stage," Badics said. "A lot of money is being spent on it. We are an advisory group with the Rouge RAP subwatershed plans. It will be critical for the DEQ to be in support."

Harding agreed, and added that the DEQ had to be certain the cleanup was a 'bottom-up process,' involving the local communities. About \$50 million in grants were available to tackle "non-point" storm sewer sources of contamination.

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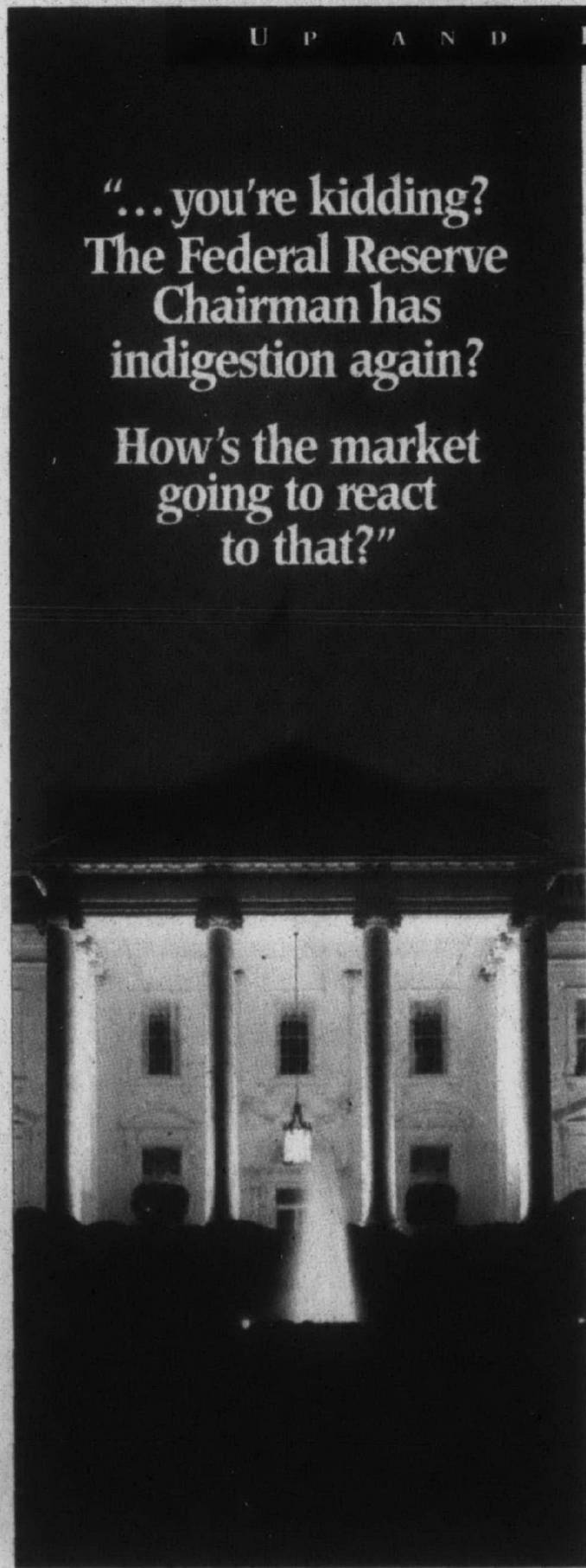
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Scotch ales malty, fruity, worth a try

I have been into things Scotch of late — hop scotch, butterscotch, 15-year Scotch (I got a bottle of Laphroaig for Christmas), Scotch eggs and Scotch ale.

Stawarz and I were out and about for a little darts two weeks ago, and as we sat taking a break and having a wee dram and a not so wee pint, Tommy looked at me and said "ya know what would be perfect right now? Some Scotch eggs and a bottle of Lea & Perrins."

Yeah, for a start, but how about a nice rack of lamb finished with lamb Scotch ale sauce? Can you guess what we cooked for the ladies the next week?

Scotch eggs are a great snack to have along with a nice malty Scotch ale. They are a hard-cooked egg covered in sausage, then coated in bread crumbs, baked, and topped with a few dashes of Worcestershire sauce.

I made the lamb for a beer dinner once, there's one day ahead prep involved, but it's well worth it.

Favorite ales

Now, of course, keeping Scotch, the beer should be Scotch ale. My picks are Maclays, MacAndrews, Traquair House, Caledonian and Belhaven, but alas, they have stopped importing it to Michigan. Dean at the Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham makes a very tasty one, and Larry, Earl and Bill at Dragonmead Microbrewery in Warren make a really nice ale and an 80 schilling.

Scotch ales are very malty, sweetish, low in hops and very smooth. Maclays Scotch ale goes well with lamb. It's soft, malty, fruity and very smooth.

The Maclays

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Alloa, a small town in central Scotland, is second to Edinburgh as a brewing center. At one time it was home to eight independent breweries.

Chef Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste. See recipes inside.

■ See recipes inside

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WHEN: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4

WHERE: Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, west of I-275).

COST: Tickets \$35 each, and must be purchased in advance through the Dearborn or Royal Oak Merchant's Fine Wine locations, at the Schoolcraft College Activities Office. To charge tickets, call (734) 462-4422. No one under 21 years of age will be admitted. Patrons will receive a souvenir beer tasting glass and chance to win door prizes.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Living Better Sensibly



STAFF PHOTO BY DONNA McLAUGHLIN

Prize-winning soup: Sandra Biagini, winner of the Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest, ladles her Winter Chicken Vegetable Soup with Spaetzle into a bowl.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Warm and soothing with diced carrots and chunks of chicken breast, Sandra Biagini's Winter Chicken Vegetable Soup with Spaetzle is the "Ultimate."

If you're sick, or suffering from a broken heart, this soup, winner of the "Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest" held Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield, is just what the doctor ordered.

"It had the strongest flavor. It hit you immediately," said Chef Keith Famie who judged the contest with a panel that included yours truly, Sylvia Rector of the Detroit Free Press, Rabbi Norman Roman of Temple Kol Ami, Paul Wertz of Excellence Too Catering and Danny Raskin of the Jewish News.

Biagini, a Clarkston resident, will be featured on Famie's "Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV, Channel 4, and won a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor. Her soup will be served to 500 people at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit on Tuesday, March 30.

Second place, dinner for two at Ristorante di Modesta, was awarded to Rita Kollin of Rochester Hills, and third, a soup cookbook from Kitchen Glamor, to Sonia Geoffrey of Bloomfield Hills.

The three winners were among 10 finalists chosen from 50 entries.

They prepared their soup in advance and brought it to Temple Kol Ami on Feb. 24 for judging.

Finalists included Marla Berman of Birmingham, David Henig of Sylvan Lake, Robert Kurzman of Huntington Woods, Maureen McMahon Zoski and Kathy McClain of Livonia, Valika Brown of Grand Blanc, Lynn Bright and Margo Borkin of West Bloomfield.

Each soup was unique, and no two tasted alike. Everyone had a story.

Kathy McClain's "Cure All For Everything Chicken-Rice and Orzo Soup" evolved from a basic chicken soup recipe. She added lemons and garlic to make it a "healing soup."

"I give it to people when they're sick," she said. A learning specialist at Frost Middle School in Livonia, McClain gets lots of requests for her soup. "Believe me, it's major germ city at school," she said. "The flu hits us hard."

When friends and family members are sick, McClain is prepared to offer a shot of "Jewish Penicillin."

"I have this soup available continuously throughout the winter months, in or out of the freezer," she said. "Making the broth gives me a sense of well being, comfort and fulfillment."

As they chatted, waiting for the judges to get to work, Biagini and McClain learned they had a lot in common. Besides making great chicken soup, both are teachers. Biagini taught sixth, seventh and eighth grades before she retired.

Like McClain's recipe, hers evolved. "I adjusted the seasonings and added things," said Biagini. "I think it makes you feel better when you're sick. There is something to that. The cabbage and turnips give my soup a good flavor. I always let it simmer on low heat."

Spaetzle is another element that makes Biagini's soup stand out. These homemade dumplings melt in your mouth.

Sonia Geoffrey says her mother's chicken soup is the best, and whenever she makes it, she's reminded of her.

"My mother recently died, and this soup connects me to her," said Geoffrey who teaches piano. Her students absolutely love this soup, and she considers it the ultimate reward — an A+. "It gives you strength and helps prevent colds, it's the ultimate love gift."

Kollin has been perfecting her chicken soup recipe for 20 years. "I make it for my kids when they get a cold and for Passover," she said. "The parsnips make it sweet, and the dill adds a nice flavor."

Maureen McMahon Zoski's chicken soup story was one of the most interesting. It dates all the way back to the Austro-Hungarian War when her grandmother would take batches of chicken soup and supplies to her father and the other soldiers behind the dikes along the Danube River.

"Once shots were fired at my grandma and she was rescued without spilling the soup," said Zoski.

THE ULTIMATE CHICKEN SOUP

cures what ails you



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Meal in a bowl: Rita Kollin adds the finishing touches to her chicken soup, the second prize winner in the Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest.

"She carried it in a big pail. It was my favorite food growing up. When my mother died, I found the recipe and tried to make it, but it didn't taste like grandma's. I visited my grandma and asked her questions. She would tell me things like use a kosher chicken. Now my soup is at the point that it tastes the same as my grandma's."

■ See recipes inside

Feed a cold, starve a fever? Uh-uh!

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN
SPECIAL WRITER

You're sniffing, sneezing, aching and miserable. You may have one of the four to six colds that the average adult can catch each year. Young children are even more susceptible to colds, because their immune systems are not yet fully developed.

While it's interesting to know that a runny nose, cough and slight fever are all part of your body's normal response to cold and flu viruses, it doesn't make the symptoms go away. However, help may be as close as your kitchen. Try warm salt water gargles, or make your own homemade honey and lemon cough syrup. But, you should not give honey to infants.

"There may be botulism spores in honey that is not pasteurized. Infants under one year of age should not be given honey," said Dr. Katherine Ling-McGeorge, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Wayne State University who supervises the training of resident physicians at Children's Hospital of Michigan. There does not appear to be any problem in giving honey to older children.

Feed a fever

Is it "feed a fever, starve a cold," or "starve a fever, and feed a cold"? Never mind, because nutritionists today recommend feeding both, if you

can. Illness places extra demands on your body. Do not attempt to cut back on food when you have a fever and can't exercise. The presence of a fever requires more calories, not fewer. Some area doctors advise decreasing milk and milk products when you are ill, but Dr. Ling-McGeorge does not. "Milk products absolutely do not make increased secretions," she said. "I don't know how that got started." She suggests using your child as a gauge — if children are reaching for milk and ice cream, then let them have that. Citrus juices may not be well tolerated by children with sore throats, and white grape juice is a great substitute, said Dr. Ling-McGeorge.

"There's not too much truth to 'starve a cold and feed a fever,'" said Betty Kriegel, a registered dietitian and Clinical Manager of Food Nutrition at Crittendon Hospital in Rochester.

She recommends lots of fluids, including water and juices, if you can tolerate them. "Warm fluids help with the stuffy nose and breathing," she said. "There is something to chicken soup. It's hot, and does help the stuffy nose."

Soup

According to the much-quoted 1978 study conducted at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, a steamy cup of the soup can relieve clogged

nasal passages for about a half-hour. Kriegel also points out that the soup has some sodium to help you replace what your body may be losing with a fever. It tastes good, too.

"It's really not appropriate to starve yourself when you're not well," said Regina Gondoly, a registered dietitian and Clinical Nutrition Manager at Providence Hospital in Southfield. While you may have a decreased appetite and less energy, don't withdraw food and fluids during this time. Gondoly recommends taking fluids on a regular schedule to maintain hydration. "By the time you feel thirsty, it's really too late," she said.

If keeping food down is a problem, then at least drink plenty of fluids, including water, juices and ginger ale, Sprite or 7-Up to keep yourself well hydrated. Try frozen juices or Popsicles, even ice chips — the cold can help relieve a sore throat. Drink as much as possible — preferably 2 quarts a day — to relieve the dehydration that causes much of the discomfort associated with a fever. As you feel better, try soup, bouillon, Jell-O and apple sauce.

Balanced diet

Eating well-balanced meals can help prevent colds. "A healthy diet is really the best prevention," said Pat Covert, a registered dietitian at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. A diet with lots of



fresh fruits, vegetables, grains and seeds, and lean chicken, turkey or fish is a principle weapon against illness. Drink plenty of water and fresh fruit juices.

"Water is wonderful!" said Covert. She also recommends herbal teas, as they contain no caffeine. Caffeine can be dehydrating, and is a stimulant.

Covert also likes the old standby, chicken soup. "The last time I was sick, I ate a lot of chicken noodle soup. It works for me," she said.

Eat a healthy diet, wash your hands, get enough rest and exercise. Remember, thousands of Americans are coughing, sneezing, and blowing their noses while you read this.

■ See recipes inside

Cooks share recipes for 'Ultimate' chicken soup

See related story on Taste front.

These are the winning recipes from Temple Kol Ami's Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest held Wednesday, Feb. 24 in West Bloomfield. As Rabbi Norman of Temple Kol Ami, one of the judges said, "there are no losers in a contest like this. Everyone who entered was a winner."

In honor of all 50 contestants, Temple Kol Ami made a donation to Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger.

Mazon is an organization that gives grants to local soup kitchens, food banks and shelters.

Here are the winning recipes. WINTER CHICKEN VEGETABLE SOUP WITH SPAETZLE

- 3 tablespoons Better than Bouillon chicken base
- 6 cups hot water
- 1 boned, skinned, and diced chicken breast
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 chopped onions
- 3 carrots, peeled and diced
- 3 stalks celery, diced

- 1 small turnip, peeled and diced
 - 2 cups green cabbage, shredded
 - 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 - Salt and pepper to taste
- Mix hot water and chicken base in soup pot and bring to a boil.

Add diced chicken breast. Heat the oil and sauté onions, carrots, celery and turnip until they are lightly browned, then add them to the broth.

Simmer uncovered for 25 minutes. Add the cabbage and thyme and continue cooking 20 minutes longer. Season with salt and pepper, add spaetzle and serve.

If you don't care to make spaetzle you can add cooked pasta noodles such as bow tie.

SPAETZLE

- 1 beaten egg
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1/3 cup milk
 - Pinch of nutmeg
 - Boiling salted water
- Add flour a little bit at a time into the beaten egg. Add milk to

needed. Also good for flavoring hot tea. Children over 1 year of age may take 1/4 teaspoon. Do not give honey to infants under one year of age.

Put dough in quart basket of a spaetzle maker and place over pot with boiling water. Slide basket back and forth allowing the dough to drop in the boiling liquid.

When they are done they will float to the top. Drain in a strainer. Add to soup just before serving.

Editor's note: If you don't have a spaetzle maker, press dough through the holes of a colander into boiling water to make spaetzle.

- ### CHICKEN SOUP
- 1 (4-5 pound) stewing chicken
 - 2 1/2 quarts water
 - 2 red onions, cut up
 - 1 leek, sliced

- 3 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 6 garlic cloves
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 turnips, sliced
- 2 parsnips, sliced
- 4 or 5 sprigs of parsley
- 4 fresh dill heads, or 1/4 teaspoon dried dillweed (optional)

Place chicken in 8 to 10 quart Dutch oven. Add water, onions, leek, garlic, turnips, bay leaves, celery, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat; simmer, covered 40 minutes or until chicken and vegetables are tender.

Remove chicken; refrigerate meat for another use. Lift vegetables from broth with slotted spoon. Strain broth. Return vegetables to broth. Add parsley and dill, if desired. Heat through. Makes 8 servings.

Cook's note: For a main dish, remove the meat from the bones, cube the meat and return it to

the broth with the vegetables.

Bubbi's Chicken Soup, the third prize winner in the Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest, has a long history, said Sonia Geofrey of Bloomfield Hills.

"It originated with her mom, traveled with Bubbi to Warsaw in the thirties, escaped with her on Sept. 9, 1939 to Siberia to survive the Holocaust, returned with her to Warsaw after the war, and then eventually immigrated to America in 1969.

"Bubbi's soup was not simply culinary expertise, but her finest gift. To neighbors, friends and strangers alike she dispersed her soup to nurse everything from a cold to a broken heart. Right before she died she ensured her chicken soup would live on by sharing her "secret recipe" with her youngest daughter. Through her, Bubbi is still with us warming our bellies and hearts."

CHICKEN SOUP

- 4-5 pieces of chicken cut, up plus 2 chicken legs plus 2 turkey wings
- 5 medium size carrots, cut into chunks
- 4 stalks of celery, including

- leaves, cut in half
- 2 medium yellow onions cut in half
- 3 parsley roots, peeled and cut into chunks
- 10 sprigs of fresh parsley
- 8 sprigs of fresh dill
- 1/2 head of cabbage
- 2 leeks cleaned (including the green part)
- 10 peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 head of garlic, cut in half crosswise

Place the turkey and the chicken wings in a large pot. Add enough water to cover by 2 inches. Bring the liquid to a boil over medium heat, skimming off any foam that rises to the surface.

Add remaining ingredients. Reduce heat to low and gently stir the stock while allowing to simmer for 2 hours. The broth should be golden in color and very flavorful.

Place in a sieve over a large bowl and strain the broth. Then let it cool completely. Skim and discard any clear yellow fat that rises to the surface.

Find cold relief in your kitchen cupboard

See related story on Taste front.

SIMPLE HONEY-LEMON COUGH MIXTURE

- Two parts honey
- one part lemon juice.

A good size is 4 oz honey with 2 oz lemon juice. Mix honey and lemon juice. Adults may take this mixture by the teaspoonful as

needed. Also good for flavoring hot tea. Children over 1 year of age may take 1/4 teaspoon. Do not give honey to infants under one year of age.

QUICK APPLESAUCE

- 2 cooking apples, peeled and cored
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons butter

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Pinch grated nutmeg
- Pinch salt

Cook the peeled and cored apples in water until tender. Sieve or mash them and add the butter, sugar and a pinch each of nutmeg and salt. May be served hot or cold.

Recipe courtesy Maggie Boleyn

The colors fun and shapes that can be made with Jell-O jigglers are very entertaining. Gelatin can help replace fluids and is fairly easy to swallow. Making the recipe with apple juice boosts the nutritional value a little.

JELL-O CUBES OR JIGGLERS

- 2 1/2 cups boiling water or boiling apple juice (Do not add cold water)
- 4 packages (4-serving size) JELL-O any flavor

Stir boiling water or boiling apple juice into gelatin in large bowl at least 3 minutes until completely dissolved. Pour into 13 by 9-inch pan.

Refrigerate at least 3 hours or

until firm. Dip bottom of pan in warm water about 15 seconds. Cut into decorative shapes with cookie cutters all the way through gelatin. Lift from pan. Makes about 24 pieces.

Recipe from Kraft Foods JELL-O.

MY FAVORITE CHICKEN SOUP

- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 onions, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 chicken breasts cut into chunks
- 2 cups chicken bouillon
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon parsley

- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups water (Adults can substitute 2 cups white wine)
- Noodles or rice (optional)

In a large kettle, cook the carrots, onions and celery in butter for about 5 minutes. Place the chicken in kettle and add the water (or wine, if using), the stock, thyme, salt and pepper and bay leaf. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hours, adding more water if needed. If using noodles or rice, add 1/2 to 1 cup during last 10 minutes of cooking time. Remove bay leaf and sprinkle with parsley before serving. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Recipe courtesy Maggie Boleyn

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SCOTCH EGGS

1 pound plain sausage meat (ask your butcher to regrind it fine)
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 1 cup bread crumbs
 2 eggs beaten with 2 tablespoons of milk
 6 hard-cooked eggs

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Hard cook the eggs, cool, peel and pat dry. Press an even coating of sausage meat around the egg (carefully, don't crack the egg). Then roll it in bread crumbs and

dunk in egg wash then roll in bread crumbs for a second time.

Place on a cookie sheet and bake for 10 minutes. Turn over and bake another 10 minutes.

RACKLESS RACK OF LAMB

2 racks of lamb with the meat removed from the bone and the bones saved

The marinade
 1 cup olive oil
 3 cloves fresh garlic
 1 sprig fresh rosemary
 3 sprigs fresh thyme

Place marinade ingredients in a blender or food processor and pulse until well blended. Place

lamb in a glass dish. Pour marinade over lamb, turning to cover and put in the refrigerator overnight.

The stock

1 large onion, large chop
 3 stalks celery, chopped
 2 carrots, chopped
 2 sprigs fresh thyme

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cut the racks of lamb bones into groups of two bones and place into roasting pan and roast for about 1/2 hour stirring once in awhile so as not to stick.

After a 1/2 hour add the chopped vegetables and keep roasting for 1 hour, again, stirring every so often.

Find the biggest pot that will hold everything. Put all the bones and veggies in the pot, pour a little water into the pan and take a spoon and give the roasting pan a good scrape to loosen the brown bits stuck to the bottom of the pan. Pour it into the pot. Fill the pot with 1 1/2 gallons of water. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Add 2 sprigs thyme and simmer until reduced in half. Strain out the vegetables and bones and keep at a gentle simmer, skimming the stuff that floats to the top. Keep reducing to 1 pint. This is going to be some intense stuff.

THE SAUCE

1 pint of the stock

1 bottle MacIays Scotch ale

Tomato paste from a tube (you can get it anywhere and you can put the cap back on and put it in the fridge and use it later on)

Salt and pepper to taste

Whisk some tomato paste into the glaze to taste and add some ale, once again to taste, it's all up to you. If you wish the sauce to be thicker you can thicken it up with a roux. A roux is equal parts flour and butter.

To make roux: 1/4 cup butter and 1/4 cup flour. Melt butter then add flour and cook, stirring for 3-5 minutes. Whisk small amounts at a time into simmering sauce. Be careful, you don't want it too thick.

THE LAMB

Heat a pan on the top of the stove that will hold one piece of the lamb. Place the lamb in the pan and sear on all sides to lock in the juices.

After they are both done, put them on a sheet tray and put into a 350°F oven until they reach an internal temperature of 115°F for medium rare. About 10-15 minutes.

To serve — remove lamb from oven. Let rest a moment or two and slice across the grain into medallions. Ladle some sauce onto a plate and then fan the medallions across the sauce.

Pineapple side dish brings back sweet memories

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Sandy Loeffler doesn't see her friend Janet Sass very much. "We met in Maryland," she explained. "I moved to West Bloomfield, and she now lives in Davis, California. But whenever we talk, we just pick up where we left off. We write to each

other every so often."

Janet's Scalloped Pineapple is "a rare treat," said Loeffler, and reminds her of Sandy.

"It's a simple-to-make recipe I got from Janet over 20 years ago," she said. "I've made it many times as a side dish or as dessert. It's also good in the

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summer with barbecued meat or chicken."

Trying to describe the recipe, Loeffler said it's like a sweet bread pudding.

JANET'S SCALLOPED PINEAPPLE

3 eggs
 1 cup crushed pineapple

(drained)
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 tablespoons flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 7 tablespoons margarine, melted
 5 slices white bread, cubed

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Grease an 8 by 8-inch baking pan. Beat eggs. Add pineapple,

sugar, flour and salt.

Coat bread cubes with melted margarine.

Put the egg-pineapple mixture in the pan. Top with bread cubes. Bake at 350°F for 40 minutes.

Everyone's got a recipe to share. Send us one of your favorites, and if it's chosen to be featured in Taste, we'll send you an apron and cookbook along with our thanks.

Be sure to clearly write or type recipe, indicating can and container sizes.

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\$15 per person. Call (248) 477-6100.

Platman is executive chef and owner of Sweet Lorraine's Cafe in Southfield, Ann Arbor and Madison Heights.

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Lean chicken broth another way to show you care

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Steaming chicken soup is the antidote for many ills, from the flu to a case of low down blues. Many people rely on it to relieve congestion from a cold or flu. But this homey elixir can promote good health in other ways, as well.

Chicken broth is my favorite facilitator for low-fat cooking. I use it regularly in place of oil

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when cooking vegetables, chicken and seafood. For this, I want a broth that is lean yet flavorful enough to compensate for what is lost when fat is cut from recipes. To get this flavor, I make a special chicken stock, which I call cooking broth.

The ideal chicken broth for soups is golden and clear. I like it to taste of chicken and little else, with just a hint of vegetables rounding out the flavor. However, when a few tablespoons of broth are used in place of oil, while its color does not matter, a flavor full enough to enhance mild-tasting main ingredients like chicken breast or flounder is essential.

This cooking broth includes leek tops, unpeeled carrots, and plenty of herbs, fresh and dried. It is dark and not always clear, depending on precisely what vegetables I use. I skip garlic to avoid the strange taste it gets when the stock is stored, and don't use cruciferous vegetables like broccoli or cabbage,

because their flavor tends to overpower all others in the pot.

I favor using free-range or so-called naturally raised chickens. They tend to be leaner than other poultry and have firmer flesh. Using a whole bird also provides meat to use in subsequent dishes. (I remove the chicken after an hour, when its meat still has appealing texture, and continue cooking the broth to concentrate it.)

As when making classic chicken soup, I start with cold water, which dissolves the desirable materials from the bones better than warm water. I never let the pot boil, and always skim off the foam which rises to the surface. You must do both to keep the broth from getting cloudy or tasting bitter, and to prevent the fat from getting emulsified in the liquid.

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- 6 sprigs dill
- 6 sprigs thyme, or 1 1/2 tsp. dried
- 1 sprig rosemary, or 1 tsp. dried
- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns
- 2 bay leaves

Place the chicken, with its neck, gizzard, and heart, in a large soup pot, together with the carrots, onion, leek, parsley, dill, thyme, rosemary, peppercorns, and bay leaves. Add

4 quarts cold water and set the pot over high heat.

As soon as the pot starts bubbling, before it comes to a boil, reduce the heat until the liquid just bubbles gently. Cook the soup until the chicken is cooked, about 1 hour, skimming the top to remove the foam that rises to the surface. Remove the chicken.

Continue cooking the broth until it is reduced by about one-third and tastes concentrated. Meanwhile, when the chicken is cool enough to handle, remove and discard the skin. Pull the meat from the bones and reserve it for another use.

When the broth is done, strain it into a large container, pressing on the solids from the pot to extract their juices.

Cool, then chill the stock completely to congeal the fat on its surface. Skim off this fat.

Transfer the stock to smaller containers, such as ice cube trays, and freeze, then store the cubes in a plastic bag, or pour the stock into sealable plastic bags and freeze.

Use as needed in cooking vegetables, chicken, and seafood.

Nutrition information: Each cup of broth contains approximately 25 calories and less than 1 gram of fat.

Information written by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Clay Pot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!" for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Women's Health Conference

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Workshop topics include complementary therapies, fitness, career changes, nutrition, yoga, midlife changes, living single, and the benefits of music and the outdoors.

Exhibitions include health screenings, free mini-messages, personal care services, health and wellness information materials, and a book table. Prizes donated by area merchants will be awarded.

Participants are encouraged to bring an item to help women served by the SOS Crisis Center. Suggested items include disposable diapers, personal hygiene items, gift certificates or nonperishable food.

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Advocates for the injured

STORIES BY RENEE SKOGLUND

Medical case managers often meet their clients' families for the first time in a hospital intensive care unit. Emotions run high as relatives begin dealing with the aftermath of a loved one's catastrophic brain or spinal cord injury, most often the result of an automobile accident.

"It's devastating. One day they're doing their regular activities and the next day it's topsy-turvy," said Annette Hill, president of Managed Rehabilitation Consultants, Inc. in Farmington Hills.

Managed Rehabilitation provides medical case consultant and vocational rehabilitation services for workers' compensation and no-fault auto insurance carriers throughout Michigan and parts of Ohio. Like similar companies, Hill's staff is comprised of registered nurses from a variety of medical specialties.

For the injured and their families, case managers become the calm island in the initial storm of physicians and hospital personnel. They explain treatment plans in layman's terms and provide the link to available medical services. However, it is not always a love-at-first-sight relationship for their clients.

"Most clients view us somewhat suspiciously at first until they see we can advocate for them," said Hill.

With the families' input, case managers arrange for rehabilitation facilities, medical equipment, physical alterations to homes, psychiatric services, transportation, and rehabilitation services and attendant care once the injured returns home. They also meet with attorneys and arrange appointments with medical specialists, often accompanying their clients. And because they control the purse strings, their presence on behalf of their clients carries clout.

Case managers do not prescribe treatment, but they access and monitor the outcome of all treatment plans presented. Their goal is to obtain the most appropriate medical care at the most cost-effective price. With potential medical costs of a severe brain injury reaching \$250,000 over one to one-and-a-half years, case managers want to know if their clients are improving.

"We don't owe allegiance to anyone," said Hill.

Cutting red tape

Susan Cline brought the energy of an emergency room nurse to Recovery Unlimited when she joined the Livonia-based company

as a case manager 10 years ago. She likes challenges and variety, and she likes cutting through red tape for her clients. "If you get the care early on and you get the medical equipment they need right away, then their rehabilitation is more successful."

For Cline, "cost effectiveness" is a relative term in a patient's treatment plan. "Many times you need to put out the big bucks in the beginning. If we try to save a few dollars because a home-care agency offers a better price, you can cause all kinds of problems. I would rather get the cost savings with equipment needs rather than personal care."

Cline tries to recommend rehabilitation facilities close to the patient's home but keeps in mind the specialty of the program. She has sent patients out of state for their post-injury rehabilitation.

Mary Ann VanKerckhove of Plymouth Township first met Cline in September 1993 at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. VanKerckhove's son, Stephen, then 16, had suffered a severe spinal cord injury in a car accident that August. He and three friends were on their way to a concert at Meadowbrook when their

car was hit broadside by a truck. Stephen was riding in the back seat.

"I had never heard of a case manager until she introduced herself," said VanKerckhove.

VanKerckhove said she and her husband, Al, "negotiated" with Cline about Craig Hospital, a nationally known rehabilitation facility for traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries. Cline offered other options, both local and out-of-state, but was receptive to the VanKerckhove's input.

"What we were looking for was a place that had a lot of kids his own age. We were looking for a hospital that didn't seem like a hospital," said VanKerckhove. Craig, with its family atmosphere and view of the mountains, fit the bill.

During Stephen's four and a half months at Craig, Cline helped his family alter their two-story Detroit home. The dining room had to be converted into a bedroom and appropriate entrance ramps built.

"She took bids and did all the ground work for me," said VanKerckhove.

In the initial months following Stephen's return home, VanKerckhove counted on Cline's help in arranging appointments with phys-

ical medicine doctors and urologists. She also needed reassurance her family's care-giving skills were appropriate for Stephen.

"You are dealing with so much in this kind of injury. You say, 'Oh, I have to have this kind of doctor?' And you're wondering if we're going to kill this young man."

Cline again came to bat for Stephen when a pressure sore escalated and eventually required surgery. "When you're dealing with an HMO, you're dealing with a ton of red tape. You're dealing with referrals. A case manager knows how to cut through the red tape, especially when someone is as sick as Stephen was," said VanKerckhove.

Stephen, who will be 22 in June, is well and back in college. He now contacts Cline with medical-related requests. "If he initiates driving lessons again, he will do the negotiating," said VanKerckhove.

A matter of attitude

Acting as a patient's primary advocate means going against their wishes at times, said Cline. "Sometimes an individual who has been injured at work doesn't want to go back to work, but it's still in their best interest."

Cline said Stephen VanKerckhove is her "dream patient. His level of determination has made all the difference. You can have two people with the exact same injury and it's all attitude."

When it comes to patients, Cline has learned not to predict outcomes. She told of a young 18-year-old Western University student from Brighton whose car was broadsided by a bus. The girl, an honor student all through high school, was in a coma with severe brain injuries for five months. After regaining consciousness, she had to relearn how to swallow. She is now back at Western, earning B's and C's.

Sometimes good attitudes take awhile to develop in patients. "If I can get people to hold on to an element of hope, and if there's that family support, that will take them miles and miles."

Many times, lasting bonds are forged between patients and their families and the case manager. It's a relationship more intimate than the nurse-patient connection in a hospital, said Cline.

"You end up knowing your patients for so long. You just don't close your books and walk away. You're part of their life for a very long time."



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A case worker's visit

Laura Standhardt, a new case manager with Managed Rehabilitation Consultants, fits her company's profile of the ideal case manager as being someone with broad experience and the ability "to think on her feet."

She has 32 years experience in nursing, including hospital, public health, home care, and teaching in three college nursing programs. She occasionally tried other professions — including owning her own travel business — but always returned to her first love, nursing.

When Standhardt recently visited one of her clients, a woman in her mid-40s, at the Eisenhower Center, a neurorehabilitation program in Ann Arbor, an Observer & Eccentric reporter went along. Standhardt had the woman transferred there from another rehab facility.

Establishing trust: Laura Standhardt, a medical case manager with Managed Rehabilitation Consultants, listens patiently to her client, a resident at Eisenhower Center in Ann Arbor.

"It's been a rough road for her," she said.

Standhardt informs the reporter that the woman was severely injured in an automobile accident in 1994. She was in a coma for a month and underwent facial reconstructive surgery. Standhardt has suggested additional corrective facial surgery, but the woman is reluctant.

Standhardt believes her client, who now shares a two-bedroom apartment with a younger woman at Eisenhower, is doing "much better." The new roommate seems more tolerant than previous roommates. Still, there are concerns.

During the visit, the woman,

who did not want to be photographed or identified by name, asks Standhardt about driving privileges. Her current license restricts her to a 15-mile radius of her home. She doesn't care about the restrictions; she just wants to have her own car at the center.

Standhardt reminds her it's been several months since she has driven and encourages her to get more driving lessons. She then learns the woman cannot have a car at the facility. It is a disappointment Standhardt must smooth over with a double dose of reality and reassurance.

The woman then asks the reporter to leave, saying what she

needs to discuss with Standhardt is "private." (After the visit, Standhardt tells the reporter she is encouraging the woman to be more assertive.)

Later, Standhardt and the woman walk downstairs to the apartment complex's office. As Standhardt prepares to leave, the woman tells her she didn't get her evening medications. A quick check with attending staff proves otherwise. Standhardt assures the woman she is receiving her medication on schedule. Patience is part of a case manager's job, especially when dealing with people with traumatic brain injuries.

"As a case manager, I try to be the one constant in their life so I can help coordinate what they need."

Standhardt hugs the woman and says goodbye. It's taking time to build trust, and she promises to call soon. She worries about this client, who seems more vulnerable than others. As with her other clients, Standhardt tries to attend all the woman's doctor appointments and see to as many details of her everyday life as possible.

"Some of these people have nobody to look after them. They're on their own."

Event boosts women's health

St. Mary Hospital's 1999 Women's Health Day will be held 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. The event will include a continental breakfast, lunch, workshops and a fashion show by Casual Corner Group (misses 2-16, petites 0-12, and women's 14-26).

Janie Jasin, a nationally known inspirational and motivational speaker and author of "If Love is Contagious, I Hope You Never Get Well," will be the keynote speaker.

Participants can select four workshops: "Stretch Out Stress: The Yoga Way to Relaxation, Flexibility, Well-Being," "Prayer and Personal Wholeness," "Coronary Artery Disease: Equal Opportunity Killer," "Importance of Estate Planning," "Come to Your Senses," "Energy Work and Grounding Techniques," "Eat

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Right, Stay Healthy" and "Mechanics 101."

A wrap-up session features Jasin speaking on "Creativity, No Limits." Program cost is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1617. Registration is requested by Feb. 26.

Devices designed to make your life easier

I often wonder, as I gaze around at all the electronic and computerized devices that influence so much of our lives, if we could go back in time five years and then show ourselves the electronic gadgetry we have in 1999 ... whether we'd think it was far off science fiction.

Think about all the things you now take for granted. Pagers. E-Mail. Laptops. The Internet. Fax machines. Digital, wireless telephones. Now ... fast forward to 2004. Or 2010. Can you imagine what we'll have then? I think I can.

As I write, I am surrounded by three new devices that will take us into that new millennium.

The first just came out last week, the Palm V (www.palm.com) from 3Com, the latest in the Palm Pilot family of very successful hand held computer organizers. I've been using these devices since they first were released in the early nineties. And I'm not alone.

More than 2.5 million people use Palm Pilots to keep track of contacts, schedules and notes, carrying them around in their shirt pocket when out of the office, taking notes and entering data on the touch screen with a plastic stylus. The Palm Pilot then can slip into a cradle connected to a desktop PC or Macs to synchronize the data between the two machines.

That large customer base makes Palm the most successful of these miniature devices, despite stiff competition from Microsoft and the flock of companies that use the Microsoft CE operating system to power small computers and hand-helds.

But this new one, the Palm V, is the first one with a screen that can really be easily read under almost all conditions. The 3Com engineers tweaked the resolution and display to such a degree that, when I took my first look at one last week in a Circuit City in Bradenton, Fla., I gulped and immediately went for my wallet.

"That's the last one," said the surprised clerk. "We got a shipment of these in this afternoon and they've flown out of here." The \$449 Palm V is smaller, almost by half, than the Palm III. By the way, there is no Palm

IV. For some reason, they went straight from the III to the V.

The reason I write about this is because that small size, improved viewing screen and 2 MB of storage space means these hand-held computers are now going to go mainstream. There are now more than 2,000 different applications written for them, from medical programs that keep track of patients for physicians, to time and billing programs for business people and professionals, to games and software. And, the Palm V connects to the Internet through an optional modem and sends e-mail and surfs the Web.

All this power is in something that fits in the palm of your hand. But if you think that is small, you need to see the second device I want to tell you this week, something that you'll be seeing a lot more of in the high tech days ahead.

The second gizmo is from Motorola (http://www.mot.com/MIMS/MSPG). It's called the PageWriter 2000 and it's a two-way paging device. It's about the size of a pack of cigarettes and clips on your belt. It opens up like a clam shell to reveal a miniature keyboard. You can compose messages and send them off as e-mail, pages and even Faxes. It's all wireless, using the SkyTel satellite system.

Besides all the interactive stuff, the PageWriter 2000 also receives news headlines from MSNBC, sports scores and stock market updates. It contains an address book, too.

All this technology packed in

such a small package is redefining the paging market. Those old Dick Tracy cartoons where the ace detective used his "Wrist Phone" aren't so far off anymore. These new gadgets are called "messaging devices" and the PageWriter is the first of what will be many.

The final product I want to spotlight this week is from Sharp and called the TelMail TM-20 E-Mail Organizer (http://www.sharp-usa.com/products/telmail). It uses a system called Pocket Mail. It looks like one of the small Wizard organizers that Sharp has been making for years. But the TelMail allows the user to send and receive e-mail from just about any phone in the world with no computer or Internet access required.

You dial into a toll-free 800 number on a regular phone and then fold out a miniature coupler that attaches to the phone. You don't need any cables, it "reads" the tones and noise and translates it into characters that appear on the screen.

The Sharp TelMail machine is about the size of a regular organizer. To use the Pocket Mail service costs \$9.95 a month, but that is for unlimited e-mail access.

Where will all this technology end? I haven't a clue. But I do know whatever comes next will be smaller and more powerful and even better connected.

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The delivery of health care to older adults is undergoing changes to adapt to the demographic transformation that we are experiencing these days. Almost 13% of our population is over 65, and in thirty years this figure will jump to 20% (more than 70 million). This rapid increase will take place because Americans in the "baby boom" generation will enter their senior years between 2010 and 2030.

We know that early prevention can improve activity and independence, and reduce disease rate in old age. Most of the current preventive measures, however, concentrate on heart disease and cancer. With the continued "graying of America," conditions such as dementia, degenerative arthritis, hearing and visual impairments are more common than before. These conditions cause functional disability and increased dependency on others. The role of health care professionals is essential in screening and detecting these problems in order to provide early intervention to restore health and functionality.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

MON, MARCH 1

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

The Suburban West Business and Professional Women will hold a dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn in Livonia beginning with a 6 p.m. social hour. Dearborn BPW President Mary Lis will present "Women on the Move: College Is an Option." Also enjoy a "Hearts Desire Auction." For more information, call Eunice Taylor at (734) 254-9617.

WED, MARCH 3

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The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh. The Metro Livonia Chapter meets same time at American Table, 33501 W. Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

FRI, MARCH 5

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The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth and Stark. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

WED, MARCH 10

MATH AND READING MEETING

The Livonia Kumon Math and Reading Center will hold a free parent information meeting 4-5 p.m. at 32625 W. Seven Mile, Suite 3. Parents will receive a detailed explanation of the Kumon Method, along with an opportunity to sign up their children for a free diagnostic test. For more information, call Fanny Ho at (734) 458-1854.

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TUES, MARCH 16

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC CLUB

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will discuss current legal issues, as well as her experiences as the state's first female attorney general, at the Women's Economic Club noon luncheon Tuesday, March 16, at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. For reservations, call (313) 963-5088.

Newspapers' job fair set for March 24 in Livonia

Get out those resumes and polish those shoes. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the HomeTown Newspapers announce their second general job fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center located at I-275 and the Jeffries Freeway (I-96) in Livonia.

The success of the first job fair by these two subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications, Inc. of Livonia has prompted an expansion. The upcoming fair includes recruiters from almost 100 companies, including: Parisian, Staffing Service, Dorothy Day, Kohl's, Plastipak, PDC Glass of Michigan, Entech, Sentech Services, Olde Discount, E.E. Manufacturing, Snelling Personnel-Livonia, First Federal of Michigan, Skyway Precision, New Horizon, Southland Corp., Lenscrafter, Huntington Management, Edward C. Levy Co., Accounting Connection, Virginia Title, Garden City Hospital, MSX International, Trans Inn Management, Con-

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For a \$625 fee, participating businesses get an 8-foot skirted table and chairs; box lunches for two staffers; inclusion in all fair advertising and editorial in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and HomeTown Newspapers; inclusion on Web site and radio promotion of the fair; and a quarter-page ad in the official job fair supplement with distribution to more than 255,000 households.

Job-seekers are encouraged to come with up to 100 resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews. There is no charge for admission. Appropriate attire is recommended. For more information, contact Stefee Roberts at (734) 953-2155.

Program boosts business in state

The Economic Development Job Training Program targets business sectors having the highest potential economic effect on the state of Michigan. Any business paying \$7 per hour or more for full-time jobs in manufacturing, construction, research and

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Eligible course categories include: applied academics (such as math for a specific job skill); equipment specific; process improvement, including ISO/9000; and technical training.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

WED, MARCH 3

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Urologist Dr. Zvi Levrin will discuss urinary incontinence. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1100 or toll-free (800) 494-1615.

SAT, MARCH 6

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends will meet 1-5 p.m. at the Good Food Company-West, 42615 Ford Road in Canton (half-mile west of I-275). For more information, call (248) 349-4972.

PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers prostate cancer screening 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, 14555 Levan. Screening is free and provides a prostate exam, blood test to measure the prostate specific antigen level and educational materials. Call (800) 494-1650.

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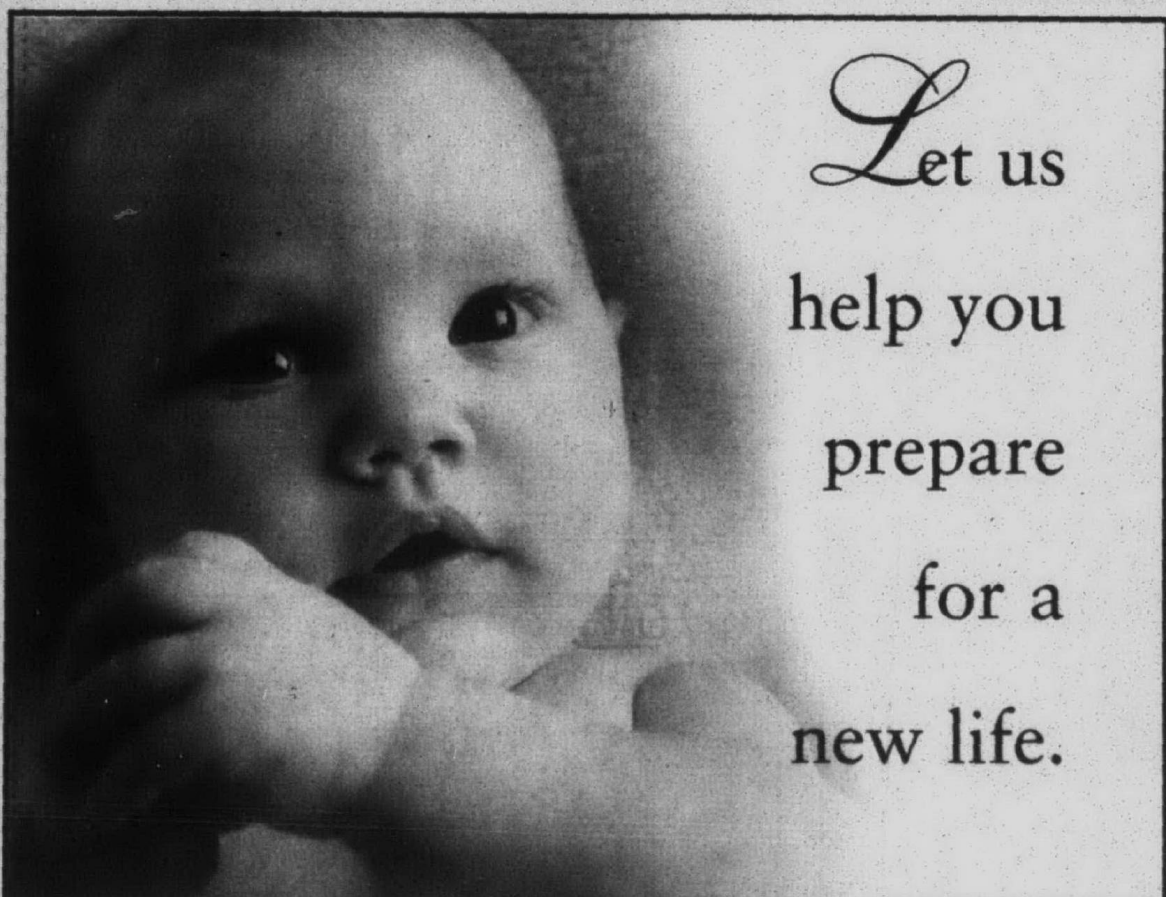
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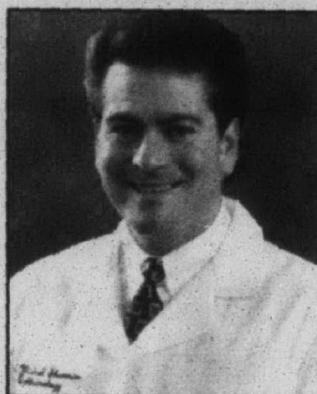
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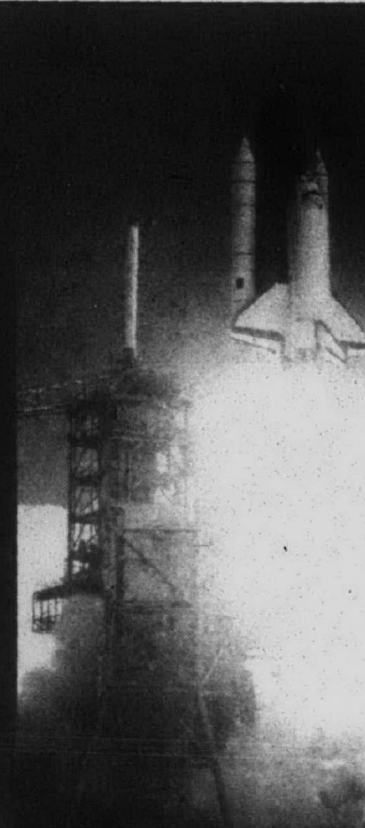
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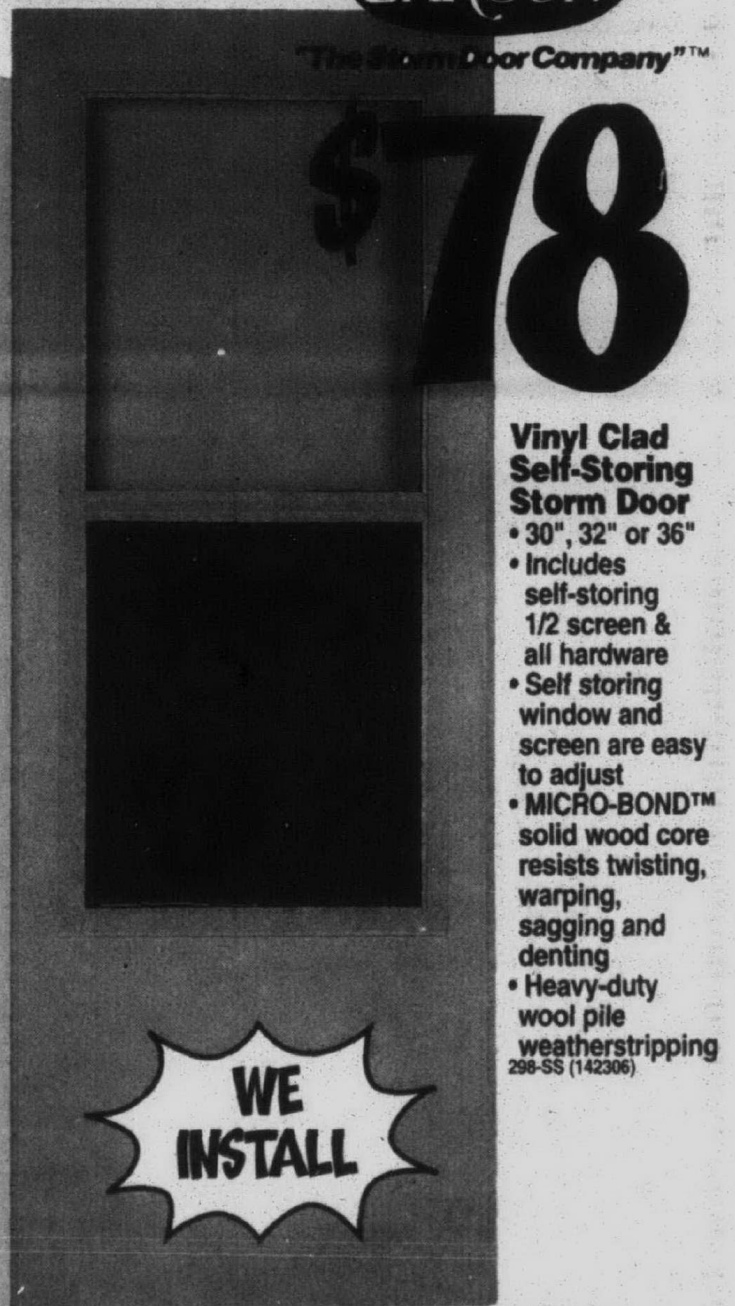
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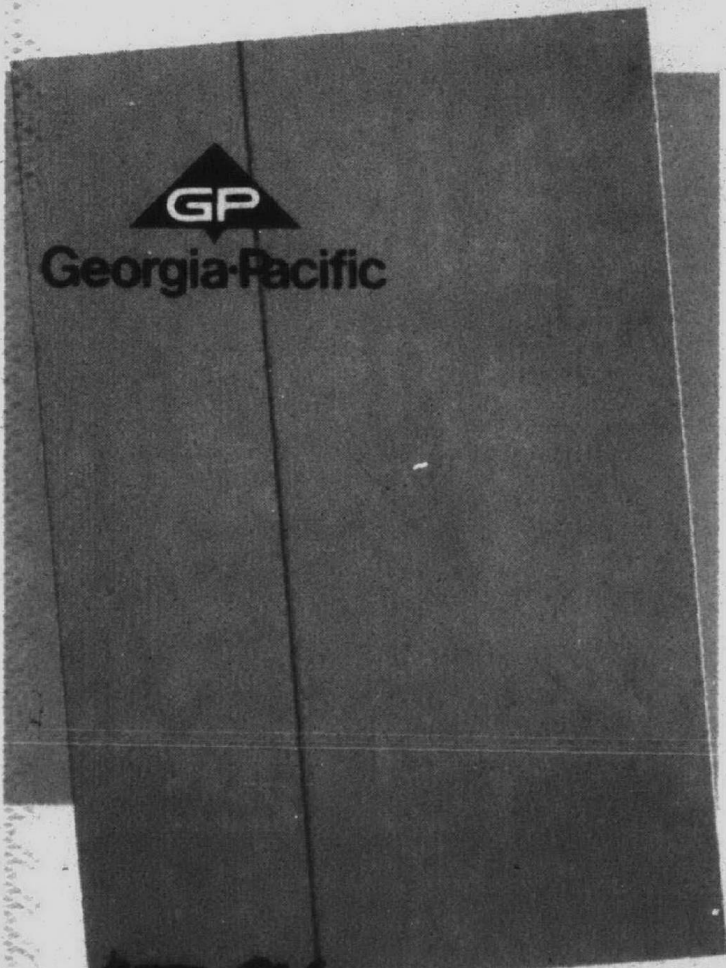
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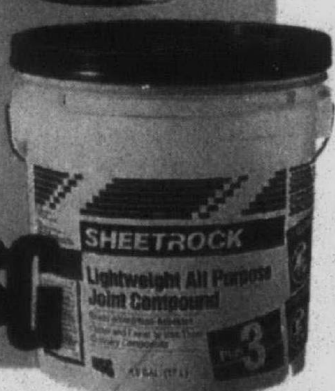
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Prodigy pianist at 14 already ahead of his time

Calvin Cullen beamed proudly as he turned the pages of a Gershwin concerto for his 14-year-old son Joshua. The two make quite a team. Joshua makes the keyboards sing as Calvin suggests passages to play from the concerto his son will perform with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra March 6.

This is the first of several times that Cullen, a second-year student at the University of Michigan School of



Joshua Cullen

"By George, By Josh"

WHAT: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra and guest pianist Joshua Cullen perform George Gershwin's "Concerto in F."

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6.

WHERE: Churchill High School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, (north of Joy Road), Livonia.

TICKETS: \$15 adults, \$8 children ages 8 and under, call (248) 645-6666, (734) 464-2741 or (734) 421-1111.

The concerto is very different from anything I've done before," said Cullen. "It's jazzy and a little more fun. There's different rhythms and syncopations and the second movement is a blues style."

Cullen rehearses the concerto 3-4 hours a day depending on the amount of homework he has to do in order to maintain his 3.9 grade point average. Education is a must as far as Calvin is concerned. A graduate of the East-

Please see **EXPRESSIONS, C2**

O&E hosts roundtable discussion

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is hosting its fifth roundtable discussion — "Facing the Music: Orchestras, Chamber and Vocal Music Groups make overtures to attract a changing audience, pay their pipers and build an audience for tomorrow," 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road, north of the Lodge Freeway) in Southfield.

You're invited to attend this discussion about the role music plays in enhancing the communities the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers serve. If you belong to a music group, we invite you to bring your members, and information about upcoming concerts. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and participate in our discussion.

Panelists include Don Soenen, president of the Plymouth Symphony Board; Louis G. Spisto, president of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; Carla Lamphere, executive director Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony; Christine Bonner, executive director of the Detroit Oratorio Society; Maury Okun, executive director Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings; and Volodymyr Schesiuk, conductor of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Please call Keely Wygonik, (734) 953-2105, Linda Chomin, (734) 953-2145 or Frank Provenzano, (248) 901-2557 if you have any questions.



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Intro to music: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of guest conductor Anthony Elliott, introduced fourth graders to classical music during two concerts at Plymouth Salem High School.

Teen-age musicians

strike a chord

with third, fourth graders

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Allegria Lilly's hands moved effortlessly over her harp as she performed a Mozart concerto with 14-year-old flutist Ashley Hopkins and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra on Feb. 18. The Bloomfield Hills harpist/pianist, also 14, never dreamed when she saw her first symphony concert at age 5 that she would perform with an orchestra on stage one day.

The concert at Plymouth Salem High School was the culmination of the first year of educational presentations funded by orchestra president Don Soenen and his wife Colleen for Plymouth Canton third and fourth graders. Lilly hoped to impart a love for the music in the young audience just as her first concert did years earlier.

"I enjoyed performing because when I started my orchestral music my mom would take me to con-

certs. I was really inspired by musicians when I was young," said Lilly, a student of Plymouth Symphony Orchestra harpist Ruth Myers, and winner of the Millennium Prodigy Scholarship from the James Tatum Foundation for the Arts.

That's exactly what the Soenens had in mind when they funded the Educational Outreach Program — to encourage future generations to develop an appreciation for classical music. With assistance from Superintendent Charles Little and

the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, the orchestra is using the Soenen's grant of \$40,000 to introduce third and fourth grade students to the wonder of Chopin and Shostakovich over a two year period. In October, a "Prelude" program for fourth graders at each private and public school in Plymouth and Canton, acquainted students with orchestral instruments and sounds through demonstrations by quartets made up of orchestra members.

During Soenen's introduction of

the orchestra before the two 45-minute concerts Feb. 18, he asked students to make music an important part of their life. Just as Soenen enjoys many activities from driving race cars to riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, he told the students, they shouldn't limit their range of leisure time activities. Backstage after the first concert, Soenen's enthusiasm for the educational project overflowed as he talked about the program.

Great fun

"The concerts are great fun," said Soenen. "I felt the project was worthwhile. An individual can always come up with a reason it can't be done. If you believe in it, you have to make it happen."

Attracting future audiences is only one reason Soenen believes the outreach program is beneficial. Yes, the concerts will attract a

Please see **MUSICIANS, C2**

"From Dance to Stage to Screen"

WHAT: Support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra as it performs a range of music from "Les Miserables" to "Titanic" at its annual dinner/auction Pops Concert with guest conductor Gerard Yun. The event is the orchestra's major fundraiser.

WHEN: 6 p.m. Friday, March 12.

WHERE: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

TICKETS: \$45 adults, \$25 children, includes cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions, and a concert by the orchestra, call (734) 451-2112.

THE ART OF HELPING

Masks reveal faces of homelessness



Colorful creations: Celebrities, artists, politicians and students painted ceramic masks for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter's MASKorAIDE auction to benefit programs to change the face of homelessness in Detroit.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Imagine owning a mask painted by skater Tara Lipinski, Gov. John Engler, The Temptations, or the University of Michigan football team. MASKorAide, an auction to benefit COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter) makes it possible to hang one of more than 100 ceramic masks created by politicians, business owners, media personalities, and artists such as Gilda Snowden and Carlos Diaz, chairman of the photography department at Center for Creative Studies and a former Livonia resident.

Celebrities from Jeff Bridges to Rosie O'Donnell, Detroit Red Wing Brendan Shanahan, and Mary Wilson (The Supremes) also lent a hand. Wilson grew up in the Brewster Projects and would have ended up homeless if not for the help of others. That's the reason the singer decided to paint a face on homelessness when COTS asked.

Modeled after a Denver Hospice Society fund-raiser, MASKorAIDE will treat guests to dinner, live music and a silent auction of the life-size masks. COTS hopes to raise \$50,000 through the event.

"We're really excited about the response to painting the masks," said Molly Higgins, mask committee co-chair and a Birmingham resident. Husband Dr. Robert Higgins, surgical director of thoracic transplants at Henry Ford Hospital, co-chairs the auction with Beth McKeown. "The auction is important to raise awareness of the homeless, what a prevalent problem this is. COTS is a wonderful cause. When you hear the stories, these were productive people who are now homeless. COTS helps them help themselves by providing education, housing and even childcare until they can get back on their feet."

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"MASKorAide for COTS"

WHAT: Celebrities, artists, business owners, politicians, and media personalities paint masks for an auction to benefit the Coalition on Temporary Shelter. Raffles for ski vacation in Swiss Alps, and a one-year lease on a BMW Z3 Roadster. Only 300 tickets (\$100 each) will be sold for BMW raffle.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 13.

WHERE: Athenum Hotel, International Banquet Center, Greektown in Detroit.

Tickets: \$100 per person, call (313) 831-3777.

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man School of Music in New York, he tried for many years to make a living as a singer and voice teacher. When Joshua was born, Calvin's wife, Mona, made him promise not to encourage their eldest in a musical career. Now, the Steinway Concert Grand takes up the entire living room in the Cullen's Livonia home.

"We didn't even play music because it's so difficult to make a living as a musician," said Calvin. "But he loved singing in preschool. From there he had a toy keyboard he would pound out the melodies on."

Challenges

This would have been Cullen's first year in high school if he'd gone to high school. The adjustment as a college student hasn't always been easy. The first semester was the most challenging for the youngest full-time student enrolled at the University of Michigan School of Music.

"It was difficult adjusting my schedule," said Cullen, who studies with U-M professor Arthur Greene. "For the first time in my life I was totally on my own at school and had to decide everything from where to eat to when to go to the library."

Playing in the University of Michigan Concert Band and taking music history classes is broadening the types of music Cullen's knowledgeable of but not necessarily likes.

"In one world music class, we had to listen to Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong," said Cullen. "I liked that, but then we had to listen to other music I didn't care for."

Yes and no, Cullen misses "doing typical high school stuff such as joining clubs and socializing at school events."

"I don't really like sports and dancing, it's not the kind of music I like or even listen to,"

said Cullen. "But I do miss my friends."

Child prodigy

Cullen's become somewhat of a world traveler because of his music. From Russia to Japan last year, he's sampled the cuisine and met the people. Calvin usually accompanies his son who is looking forward to returning to Japan for a concert in November.

"It's exciting, it's interesting to see the other cultures," said Cullen. "I had never been to Asia before. I liked the cities, the way things work, the food. It's advanced, the technology. The music situation is really different. Students are learning classical music in elementary, middle and high school. They really appreciate classical musicians coming from other places."

Local concert

Cullen first appeared with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra when he was only 8 years old. Since then, he's performed with the orchestra several times and recorded his own CD. The all Mozart session was with the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra when he was 9. It's available on Cullen's Web site <http://www.geocities.com/vienna/1192>

"Joshua's such a talent and it's such a fascinating thing to watch his progress and his performance abilities," said symphony president Robert Bennett. "I can still remember the first time I heard him play. I overheard this piano music and said that's beautiful and turned around and it's a little kid."

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younger audience, but he also hopes to inspire them to study music as well.

"We hope to expand the program as well, maybe participating in a strings program, as a complement to what they're doing in the schools," said Soenen.

Only the beginning

Executive director Julia Kurtyka excitedly lifted her violin from its case in preparation for the second 45-minute concert by the Plymouth Symphony. Kurtyka believes as Lilly does that children do better in school when they study music. Scientific studies have shown that children who study music increase their ability to succeed in other areas.

"We're getting so many ideas for next year, all we can do is improve on things," said Kurtyka.

Diane Foster is hoping 9-year-old daughter Samantha, a student at Hoben Elementary, will think about taking up an instrument after attending the concert. Samantha's sister Lindsay plays flute.

"Samantha's never been to a symphony concert before," said Diane Foster. "I'm excited because my older daughter is going into high school and joining the band. So the concert will help Samantha know what it's like to play an instrument."

Attending the Plymouth Symphony concert expands the introduction Beth Lovell has already given her 10-year-old son Adam, a student at Miller Elementary. "I think it's wonderful," said Lovell. "We've introduced the children to classical music on CD's and tapes but this will be his first concert."

Sarah Palczynski, a 10-year old student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth already is studying piano so she especially enjoyed the concert with the young artists.

"I like all of the music and instruments," said Palczynski. Guest conductor Anthony

Elliott introduced the different instruments that make up the percussion, brass, woodwind and string sections before beginning the concert. He also talked about the eight notes that comprise the musical scale and how they could be used to create a melody.

"What kind of people become musicians? People just like you and me," said Elliott. "Then he introduced Lilly and Hopkins."

"Having young guest artists is a very direct way for young people in the audience to recognize potential for playing an instrument," said Elliott. "They see students just a few years older performing with an orchestra and think that they could do that to. We're also bridging the gap between orchestra, composed primarily of adults, and the young."

Continuing the project

As chairperson of the symphony's education committee, Luan Brownlee hopes to find underwriters who will see how valuable the project is to the children after the conclusion of the second year of Prelude programs and concerts. Brownlee spent dozens of untold hours coordinating the concerts and producing a Teacher Resource Manual for fourth grade teachers. With the assistance of the Plymouth Canton elementary music staff, Brownlee and Peg Heiney compiled facts and information about the program's composers and compositions, concert etiquette, orchestra set-up and history, and the young guest artists.

"This is a great event for us," said Brownlee. "In addition to the programming for fourth graders, visitations for third graders were held in January at schools to learn about the science of sound. Students heard strings and woodwinds. Some of them wrote letters of thank you. My favorite was Dear Symphony, I love your woodlands (sic), percussion and brass in spring."

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Schools in the tri-county area, including Pierce Elementary in Birmingham, participated in the painting of 1,500 lapel-size masks to be given to each of the guests.

Marge DuBuc, an art teacher at Kensington Academy in Beverly Hills, thought the project would make a good lesson in helping others for students in the Christian Foundation class which encourages service in the community. At the time, the seventh and eighth graders were studying African art and African masks.

"As a teacher the part I really liked about the masks is that they were very unique, everything from modern to primitive," said DuBuc. "The masks were a creative outlet, but it's also the

fact that it was for the homeless. The students were pretty excited about that too, as far as the children knowing they're doing something for others."

Helping homeless

COTS has been changing the face of homelessness in Detroit since opening its first 40-bed shelter in St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Corktown 16 years ago. With estimates from a government funding spreadsheet as recent as June 1998 showing between 7,000 and 10,000 homeless people in Detroit, COTS is still essential to helping many survive. In the last 12 months, the nonprofit organization has filled over 3,500 jobs with homeless people, provided 51,000 emergency shelter nights, and

served over 110,000 meals.

The tragedy is the number of people it turns away on an average day, 25, could be increasing. According to the 1997 U.S. Bureau of the Census, the number of people living in poverty in America increased by over 40 percent between 1970 and 1996, from 25.4 million to 36.5 million. Homelessness could be just a step away. A fire, loss of a job, or illness could send people living in poverty out to the streets.

COTS does more than assist in day-to-day living. Besides providing meals and temporary shelter, COTS provides a transitional housing program in locations on Peterboro, West Grand Boulevard and Wyoming. Assisted by a case planner, a homeless

person works to become independent within 24 months. COTS also offers a long-term residency for individuals unable to live on their own because of age or mental and physical challenges. At both facilities, residents pay a minimal rent. Several other support services ranging from a job search and placement program to health care help break the cycle of homelessness.

"What we're trying to do with the masks is create a project that really gets people involved, gets them thinking about the issue," said Nina Kertesz of COTS. "Twenty-five percent of our residents at COTS are children. We want to let them know homelessness isn't just a city problem."



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ART & APPLES CALL FOR ENTRIES

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried "Art & Apples Festival," to be held Sept. 11-12. Slides must be received by March 1. Entry fee: \$25. Also seeking dance, music and theater ensembles to perform at the event. Performance artists' applications must be received by April 9. To receive an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-7418 or (248) 651-4110.

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HARBOR SPRINGS SUMMER SHOW

Applications are being accepted for the 24th annual 4th of July Art Show in Harbor Springs. Deadline: April 10. For an application, call the Harbor Springs Community School office and leave your name, address and phone number: (616) 526-5385.

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String music: The Leipzig String Quartet performs at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Kingswood Auditorium on the Cranbrook Educational Community campus, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 851-6987.

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CONCERTS

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Pre St. Patrick's Day Parade fundraiser, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Bonnie Brook (Telegraph Road between Seven and Eight Mile Roads). Irish entertainment all day, on two stages including Odd Enough, Jim Perkins & Friends, Modesty Forbids & more. Admission \$10 donation at the door, kids under 12, free. Cash bar, food available.

CONCERTS AT THE CENTRE SERIES

Presenting local Celtic band Blackthorn. 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9041.

DEARBORN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Blackthorn will perform the music of Ireland for the fourth annual Irish Celebration, a fundraiser for the Fair Lane Music Guild and the Dearborn Community Arts Council. 7 - 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. School of Management lecture theater on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, Dearborn; (313) 943-3095.

DETROIT CHAMBER STRINGS

"Around the World in 80 Minutes," 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward

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TOUR

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GALLERY OPENINGS

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March 2 - "Notations," new abstract paintings and figurative sculptures, through April 3. Opening reception 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 5. 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

ARTS STUDENTS LEAGUE OF DETROIT

March 5 - "Next," an exhibition of artists for the next millennium. Opening reception 7 - 11 p.m. 1553 Woodward, Suite 308, Detroit; (313) 577-2980.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

March 4 - New paintings by Sam Gilliam and Dele Duck, recent sculpture by Louise Kruger, through March 27. Opening reception 6 - 8 p.m. 107 Townsend St., Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

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March 5 - The art of Franklin Jonas, through March 31. Opening reception at 7 p.m. 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

HABATAT GALLERIES

March 5 - New work by Jay Musler and Mary Shaffer, through March 31. Opening reception 7:30 p.m. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

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March 5 - "Herstory," featuring recent works by Kyung-Sook Koo, through March 27. Opening reception 5 - 7 p.m. 7 North Saginaw St., Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

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March 5 - "Premier Exhibition," featuring the work of 11 artists. Opening reception 5 - 9 p.m. 215 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor; (734) 761-2287.

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March 6 - "Dogs in the Desert," new paintings by Nancy Mitchnick, through April 3. Opening reception 6 - 8 p.m. 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

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March 7 - Wood sculptures by Rita Miller of Muskegon, through March 31. 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 682-1885.

REVOLUTION

March 6 - Jim Melchert's selected works from "Life on Mars," Thomas Nozkowski's recent works, through April 10. Opening reception 6 - 8 p.m. 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

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March 8 - Graduate student exhibition, through March 19. Ford Gallery, Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti; (734) 487-1268.

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Through Feb. 28 - "Art from Concentrate." David Whitney Suite 313, Detroit; (313) 964-0911.

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Through Feb. 28 - "Images e-x-p-o-s-e-d," a collection of work by Gigi Boldon. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Through Feb. 28 - "Here is My Heart - Love Poems," the art of Jane Dyer. 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

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Through Feb. 28 - Leah Wingfield, also new work by Stephen Clemen and John Healey, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

LIVONIA CITY FINE ARTS GALLERY

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Mario Lanza: Tenor In Exile
By Roland L. Bessette
(Amadeus Press, \$24.95)

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Grosse Pointe Park attorney Roland L. Bessette presents a Jekyl and Hyde portrait of the movie star tenor, who won the hearts of millions but never quite garnered the critical respect he thought was his due.



Roland Bessette: The Grosse Pointe Park attorney has written an honest appraisal of Mario Lanza.

Bessette first heard Lanza when he was a young boy listening to his father's records when, he says, "even as a child, I regarded Lanza's voice as beautiful, powerful and different."

Lanza took vocal lessons but never dedicated himself to the years of study that are required to develop an instrument properly. He felt his natural gifts gave him a pass, and he was often at odds with those who differed with his musical opinions.

Watching a Mario Lanza movie today, it's hard to understand the sensation they created. But sensation it was. Lanza and perky Doris Day were named Photoplay's most popular stars of 1951. Lanza was the biggest selling recording star in the world, the Garth Brooks of his day.

Lanza's recordings for RCA combined the famous arias with Neapolitan tunes and new popular songs written especially for Lanza's commanding voice. And it is Lanza's voice that made his movies popular, not the hackneyed plots or the tepid musical support of Kathryn Grayson or Lanza's acting, though Bessette credits him with being a natural light comic actor.

Good 1st novel almost too full

Second Sight
By Rickey Gard Diamond
(Cliff Street Books/Harper-Collins, \$24)



VICTORIA DIAZ

In the opening pages of this first novel by Michigan native Diamond, we meet Gabrielle Bissonette, a young divorcee "nearing thirty," who has recently returned to live in her family's empty, rustic cabin in the Upper Peninsula.

certainly, of course, didn't try to analyze one's feelings on even speak of them in such a family. Her father, especially, chose not to communicate. Now aphasic from the stroke, he cannot speak.

One night a loquacious flower child, who calls herself Valley, shows up unexpectedly on Gabrielle's doorstep, frightened and lost. As it turns out, she is Robert's new wife. Originally pen pals, they have been married at a group ceremony in prison, and he has sent her to stay at the cabin until he is released from prison in several weeks.

In the meantime, we are taken back and forth timewise, and in and out of alternating points of view. Though this slightly jagged approach may seem a little disorienting at times, it ultimately lends real strength and resonance to this novel in which the past and the present are as intertwined as tanglewood.

It is not the first time, and it will not be the last, that she is unable to stand up to her brother's will. She has forever found herself succumbing to his traps, sometimes even wondering if her feelings for him are tinged by an abnormal sexual lure.

home he lived in. He would rage one day and be warm and kind the next.

Lanza's most famous film was about the man whose shadow he never escaped and whose reputation he never overcame, Enrico Caruso. Lanza would claim that he was greater than Caruso, a claim never accepted by anyone else.

But Lanza was not an "opera" singer. He didn't sing at the Met, he didn't sing at La Scala, he didn't sing at Covent Garden or the Paris Opera House.

Lanza was always saying he would return to serious study and make a debut at the Met when he was ready. But a lifetime of heavy drinking and overeating took its toll. Lanza died at 38 from a heart attack brought on by phlebitis.

Bessette believes that Lanza suffered from bipolar disorder that resulted in the mood swings that destroyed his career and his home life.

This is a fine biography, judicious in its evaluations and well documented in its facts, giving Lanza his due and, yet, also presenting the dark other side. Lanza's legacy lives on in his RCA recordings and in his films, frequently shown on AMC. It is still an impressive voice that can bring you to tears.

Gabe's academic adviser, Orbach, who doesn't seem Hemingway in the same light that she does, will especially seem familiar to readers who studied for degrees in the earlier days of the feminist movement. Even the aging neighbor, Mrs. Snow, clad in slippers and "flesh-colored bandages," seems essential to complete the picture, though she has hardly a line of dialogue.

It contains a look at everything from hunting to bear baiting to the aftermath of Vietnam to dysfunctional families to vegetarianism, divorce, marriage, sexual identity, feminism, Hemingway and his heroines, aging, friendship, protecting the environment, even how to gut a deer and also how to resurrect a frog.

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Proposal for regional art center raises questions

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For a suburb known for its malls, corporate headquarters, village-like subdivisions and quality schools, the name "edge city" doesn't seem to fit the image of Troy.

Then again, "edge city" shouldn't be confused with "edgy." The name is given to those cities incorporated after World War II that have had sustained economic and population growth along with an identity distinct from a larger metro area.

With a \$3.7 billion tax base — second largest in the state — and proposed major developments that would broaden the perception of Troy, tomorrow's paradigm edge city may look nothing like yesterday's growing suburb.

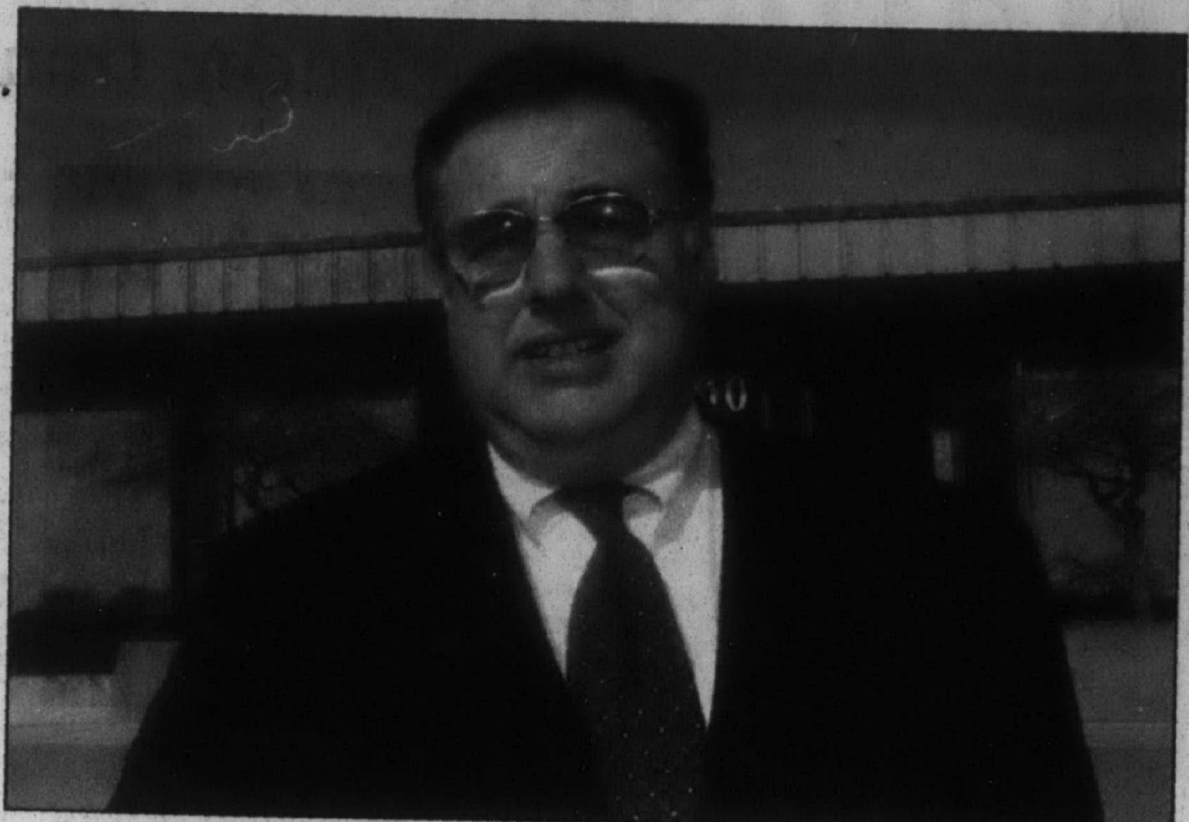
Apparently, the immediate key to Troy's future is an April 5 city vote to raise \$47 million in bonds to expand local roads (Crooks, Dequindre, Livernois, and Long Lake), update the municipal public service facilities and preserve open land space.

Most eyes, however, are on the proposed public-private development (estimated as high as \$167 million) of the 124-acre civic center complex, an area just east of I-75 adjacent to the city offices.

The most controversial component of the development could be a \$40-\$50-million, 3,000-5,000-seat theater that would rival The Fox, Music Hall, Detroit Opera House, and The Fisher Theatre, not to mention The Palace, Macomb Center and Meadow Brook Theatre.

On March 26, the city will receive formal proposals from four private developers to transform the site.

Clearly, the hope is that Troy will become a regional destination center. The preliminary talk has already stirred a citywide debate, and caused tremors



On the point: Troy City Manager Jim Bacon contends that Troy will make the transition from a "growth city" to a "mature city" with the passage of upcoming bond proposals and development of the civic center complex.

STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZANO

throughout the local entertainment market.

In the final analysis, Troy City Manager Jim Bacon hopes that residents will judge the bond issues and private development proposals on the facts, not hearsay.

Eccentric: What was the impetus for the proposed development of the civic center complex?

Jim Bacon: It goes back to a survey called Troy Futures (in the early 1990s), where the community started to talk about how the 124 acres should be developed.

The conclusions (in the report) included the desire for a fine and performing arts facility, a conference center as well as a new community center, and improved police and fire facilities.

Eccentric: If this major theater venue is built, how will it change the perception of Troy?

Bacon: Troy will be seen as a more regional place. Whether we're seen as an entertainment center or not is an open question. I don't define ourselves that way.

The very things that people like about Troy in our growth

stage are the things that we are challenged to sustain in maturing as a community.

Eccentric: The proposed private venture component is more than building a new theater.

Bacon: There are four parts to the proposals: a fine and performing arts center, a conference center, housing, and a support-retail component.

The idea is for this space to be used all the time, as a place for people to be, not something that's just event-driven.

The powerful idea is that private sector money can fund things that are essentially public

purpose activities.
Eccentric: Like Comerica Stadium where the Detroit Tigers (owned by Mike Ilitch) will play.

Bacon: That's a good parallel.
Eccentric: Sounds like the project could turn into something like a downtown in suburbia.

Bacon: That was last year's false impression. Troy has a clear notion of its downtown. It's nontraditional. It's the Big Beaver corridor from the Kmart headquarters to John R.

Eccentric: Why is the theater/entertainment component of the proposed development in the hands of the private sector?

Bacon: That was a recommendation from a (75-member) citizens task force. Troy has a long history of financial conservatism. There's a feeling that if the private sector would provide the facilities, then we could take advantage of that.

Eccentric: Some believe that the proposed development is already a "done deal."

Bacon: Interesting. The Troy Arts Council made an appeal to have the theater publicly funded. Their basic argument was that only public funding would provide the range of venues. I don't happen to agree.

Look, four developers were invited to submit bids, and we won't even know what those ideas are until March 26.

(The developers are: The Farman Group, REDICO Inc., Schostak Brothers & Co., and Hines Interests Ltd.)

Then, by April or May when the DDA has been able to analyze the proposals, we'll be able to look at them critically.

Talk about what this is going to look like and who's going to be developing it is just idle speculation.

Eccentric: What are some of the misperceptions about the

proposed project that you'd like to clear up?

Bacon: I'm troubled by the media coverage that somehow this private initiative means that the citizens can't tell the city how they feel. That's absolutely wrong.

The city council went out of their way to make sure that they knew what the citizens wanted. They formed a citizens task force of 75 citizens and took over a year-and-a-half to develop recommendations.

The other thing I'd like to clear up is that there is no connection between the ballot on April 5th and what's going on in the private development proposals.

Eccentric: In a local newspaper, you were quoted as saying that people might want to drive to a place close by rather than drive downtown. Some people interpreted your comments as an "us vs. them" sentiment.

Bacon: I was talking about the loyalty that consumers have to a particular area when it comes to entertainment. Basically, you're going to go where the entertainment is. You're not just going to come to Troy because we're here.

Eccentric: So basically, it's up to private developers to determine whether the market can sustain another major entertainment venue?

Bacon: That's right. It's conceivable that we wake up on March 26 and have responses to the project that aren't acceptable. Or maybe we look to accept parts of some proposals.

Eccentric: This project seems to symbolize the new direction for the city. Do you agree?

Bacon: Partly. The next five to 10 years will be very important for us. Since 1955 we have been about growth and growth management. As a community, we're now moving to a mature stage.

Sax player's dream has a 'ring' when Ringo Starr calls

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Saxophone and keyboard player Timmy Cappello had a premonition that he just might be asked to play in Ringo Starr's All-Starr Band.

"The first time it was a real shock although, an interesting sidelight, is at the time I was doing Jungian analysis and in Jungian analysis you do a lot of work with dreams. I actually had dreamt about it about two months before it happened. So I almost knew it was going to happen before it did," Cappello explained.

"They sent me the song list and there were some references to the song list in the dream. At the time I was recording all my dreams and really paying a lot of

attention to them. So they got very vivid. In that case it was a whole long elaborate dream that I could not figure out until the phone rang."

Cappello was invited to join the tour in 1992 after Starr and his wife Barbara Bach saw Cappello perform with Tina Turner at the Sporting Club in Monte Carlo. He has returned to the All-Starr Band this year and the tour comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills on Monday, March 1, along with Starr, Bad Company's Simon Kirke, Todd Rundgren, Gary Brooker and Jack Bruce.

Music is in Cappello's blood. His father was a musician and ran a music school. Through that environment, the Silver Lake, N.Y., native learned how to play "a few instruments." He attended the New England Conservatory

before returning to New York to study to his childhood idol, jazz pianist Lenny Tristano.

Once Tristano died, Cappello headed out on tour as Billy Crystal's accompanist. He went on to tour with Peter Gabriel, Eric Carmen and Carly Simon. Since 1984 he has been a member of the All-Starr Band, arranging, playing saxophone, keyboards and percussion.

It was during his stint with Turner that he created his on-stage persona — shirtless, buff and greased up.

"In the early days when I was playing with Peter Gabriel and had done a lot of tours in a row and started out touring with Eric Carmen and then went right to a Peter Gabriel tour right to a Carly Simon tour. I was out on the road for a real long time, I

was really young at the time and I got really heavily into drugs like everybody did around that time," he said.

"I was so skinny and emaciated and sick that I had to do something. So I went to a local gym in New York and befriended these guys who got me into shape. When I started with Tina she sort of said we have to do something with this because it really fit in with her image, her foil. Since then it's become a calling card. If you don't do it, people wonder why."

"Nobody knows my name but they go 'Oh, that guy, the greasy guy.'"

Movie and television offers followed. His resume includes appearances in "The Lost Boys," "Hearts of Fire" with Bob Dylan, "Tap" with Gregory Hines, "The

Equalizer" and "Miami Vice."

Acting wasn't Cappello's bag, so he returned to school to study African music at California Institute of the Arts. It was upon graduation that he was asked to join Starr on tour.

"It really has been so much fun. There's something about the combo. I really have never been on a tour with such a great vibe. For me, I'm just looking up at them all in awe, all these childhood idols. A lot of times you find in music circles professional musicians get really jaded in the sense that they don't listen to music a lot. They don't stay up on stuff. They sort of figure, I've got my thing, I'm making enough money at it."

"Literally, even if you bring up the subject of music, then can get, 'Oh, come on. We've had

enough of that. We just worked. Don't bring up music.' These guys aren't like that at all. All of them are still very interested in music. They all still write on the road. A lot of professional musicians are really cynical so that's a huge change for me from any other group I've ever played it."

"I definitely go to work with a smile on my face."

Ringo Starr and His All-Starr Band featuring Todd Rundgren, Gary Brooker, Jack Bruce, Simon Kirke and Timmy Cappello, 8 p.m. Monday, March 1, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$32.50 and \$22.50 reserved, and \$10 general admission. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> or <http://www.ringotour.com>.

ART BEAT

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

ART TILE FAIR

Pewabic Pottery presents its contemporary Winter Art Tile Fair, an exhibit and sale of antique and contemporary handcrafted art tile, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the St. George Cultural Center, 1515 Woodward, north of Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills. Admission is \$5.

Free antique tile appraisal services and tile installation demonstrations are scheduled. Dennis DeSandre will show how to set tiles in tables, back splashes and floors throughout the day. A silent auction will benefit Pewabic's education and historic programs.

For more information, call the pottery at (313) 822-0954.

COMPETITION AUDITIONS

Students of all band and orchestral instruments as well as voice and piano are eligible to audition for the 1999 Honors Recitals sponsored by the Schoolcraft College music department. The annual competition is designed to encourage excellence in performance and teaching in the Detroit-Ann Arbor area. Students in elementary through grades 5-12 may enter the instrumental division, and students in grades 9-12 the vocal category.

Auditions for the piano recital are Friday-Saturday, March 19-20. Instrumental and vocal auditions are Saturday, March 20. Judges will select winners from various categories who then receive cash awards ranging between \$50 for elementary piano to \$250 for the senior voice competition.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

ART COMPETITION AND RECEPTION

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers announced the opening of an arts competition for high school students in the 13th Congressional District March 3 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. The show continues to March 20 with a reception for the participants, their families and the public scheduled for 4-6 p.m. Saturday, March 13. Representative Rivers will acknowledge the winners and present each participant with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition.

The 13th Congressional District competition is part of the 18th annual Congressional Art Competition and National Exhibition, "An Artistic Discovery." Winning pieces from the 13th district will be sent to Washington D.C. to be hung in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol for a year. Judging the 13th Congressional District competition is Sandy Askew, Belleville Area Council for the Arts; Margaret Davis, Eastern Michigan University art department professor, and Doug

Semivan, Madonna University art department chairman.

Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, until 7 p.m. Wednesday, and until noon Thursday-Friday. For additional hours, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

For further information about the competition contact Carrie Auster of Rivers' staff at (734) 485-3741.

ARTISTS WANTED

University Liggett School is looking for artists to exhibit their work for the 1999-2000 season. University Liggett is a private Upper School located in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Artists may exhibit 12 to 18, two-dimensional large works. The Arts Wing Gallery can also accommodate sculpture. All work is fully insured and available for purchase upon request.

Please mail resume, 20 labeled slides and a self-addressed stamped envelope (an artist's statement is optional) to Jim Pujdowski, gallery coordinator, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or call (313) 884-4444, ext. 366.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Michigan Water Color Society is looking for entries for its 52nd annual exhibition to be held May 16 to June 25 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Deadline for entry is March 15. For prospectus, call Janet Hamrick at (248) 398-4089.



Drama: Values of tradition, passion and freedom collide in Wayne State University's production of "The Road to Mecca" through Sunday, March 7, at the Studio Theatre, downstairs from the Hilberry Theatre, corner of Cass and Hancock Detroit. Gina Lohman (pictured), Kelly Komlen and Micah Bernier capture the reality of the characters' struggles in Athol Fugard's story of human individuality, based on a real-life South African artist who creates her personal Mecca of sculpture. Tickets \$6 to \$8, call (313) 577-2972.

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Food, cooking precautions from experts

Whenever a new warning or recommendation comes out about food safety, I try to heed it. After all, it's better to be safe than sorry, I figure. But sometimes the advice can be downright confusing.

For example, you're probably aware that some Bil Mar and Thorn Apple Valley hot dogs and deli meats were recently recalled.

SHOPPING CENTERED



DONNA MULCAHY

Well, last week, I read something that said that as an added precaution, people can heat deli meat (to steaming hot) to kill bacteria.

But when exactly should you do that? Should you heat up the entire package as soon as you bring it home from the grocery store, then put it in your fridge for later use?

Or, should you heat up a slice or two right before making a sandwich?

Also last week, I heard on the news that Consumer Reports magazine had done a study that showed grapes and other fruits and vegetables typically have high concentrations of pesticides, but that washing the produce solves the problem.

But how does one effectively wash produce? For example, I know a lady who insists on washing her fruits and vegetables with dish soap and a brush.

I've wondered about other things, too. Like which is better for cleaning up kitchen messes - paper towels or dish cloths?

And, can a kitchen sponge be disinfected by heating it in a microwave? (Someone I know claims the practice works.)

And, do you have to rinse chicken before cooking it? (My mom always did.)

For the answers to these and other questions, I spoke with Susan Conley, food safety education liaison for both the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta and the Partnership for Food Safety Education in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1996, the public-private Partnership includes the CDC, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), seven food trade associations and other government and consumer agencies.

Its mission is to reduce the incidence of food-borne illness by educating Americans about safe handling practices.

Here's what Conley had to say:

Cook hot dogs until steaming hot, but if you're a healthy adult or child, don't worry about heating deli meat.

Healthy people rarely get listeriosis, the disease connected to deli meat bacteria.

But if you're pregnant or have a weakened immune system, "I would avoid deli products all together, just to be on the safe side," Conley said.

That's because listeriosis can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women, and serious and sometimes fatal infections in people with weakened immune systems, including infants, the frail and elderly, chemotherapy patients and individuals suffering from chronic diseases.

Don't use soap to wash fruits and vegetables.

The practice hasn't been approved by the FDA or the Environmental Protection Agency for that purpose. Just scrub them with a soft bristle brush or your hand under cold, running water. Friction helps clean produce.

Also, you're not necessarily better off peeling apples "because there's a lot of fiber in the skin, which is good for you," Conley said.

Paper towels are best for cleaning kitchen messes because you throw the germs away. Dish cloths are OK, but don't use the same one for more than a day and get a fresh one after wiping up juices from raw meat.

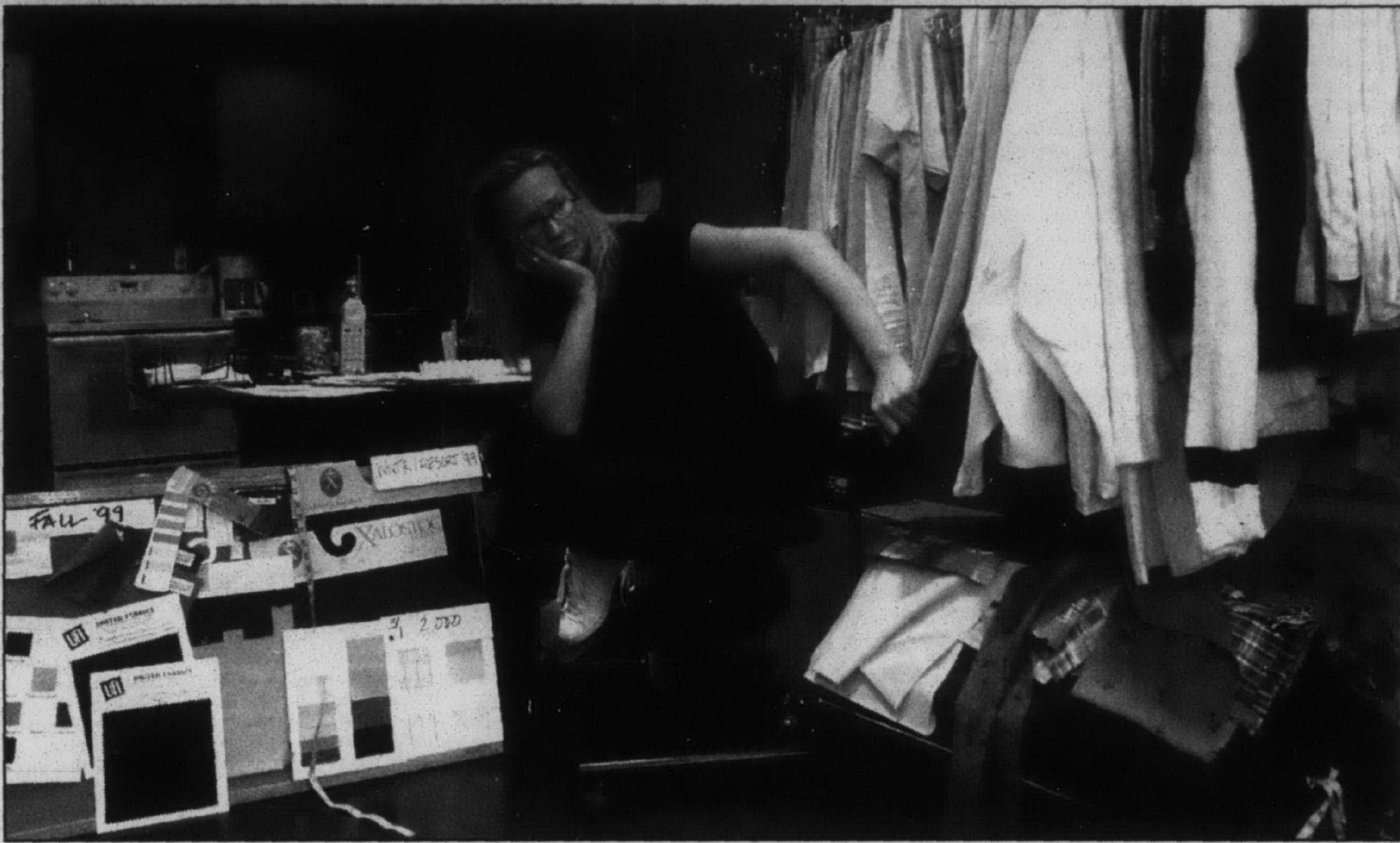
Microwaving a sponge doesn't kill bacteria and you don't have to rinse chicken - just make sure you cook it to the proper temperature.

For more information about food safety and food recalls, call the USDA's meat and poultry hotline at 1-800-535-4555. The FDA's food hotline is 1-800-332-4010. Visit the Partnership for Food Safety Education's web site at <http://www.fightbac.org>.



Par for style

Local designer updates women's golf garb



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGGFIELD

A hole in one: Local designer and Birmingham resident Karen McCarty immediately recognized a void in the market after taking up golf three years ago. Locating stylish clothing suitable for the golf course was tough to do, so she started designing, marketing and selling her own collection. McCarty's Sugar Mag golf, sport and pool side line for 1999 was recently picked up by Nordstrom stores on the West Coast.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Long, flattering lines.
High-tech fabrics.
Modern designs.

Not the attributes of typical women's golf apparel, but they may be once Birmingham designer Karen McCarty's pieces hit the department store racks.

In fact, the 28-year-old designer's 1999 spring line for golf and pool side - her logo is Sugar Mag - has been picked up by Nordstrom's west coast stores.

"The construction and the designs themselves are very current. ...It's fresh, it's needed and it's innovative," said McCarty, whose clothing is scheduled to appear in the first annual Planit Golf Celebrity Gala's fashion show on March 12 at the Novi Expo Center.

A benefit for the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the fashion show starts at 9:30 p.m. and coincides with a silent auction and \$5,000 putting contest. (Tickets are \$25, include an open bar and can be obtained by calling (800) 247-7382.)

McCarty, who grew up in Birmingham and is a graduate of Seaholm High School, took up golf three years ago and quickly determined that finding stylish, feminine clothing suitable for the golf course was a tough proposition.

With more and more women taking up the sport - and, a significant portion of that population being between the ages of 20 and 35 - McCarty saw a void in the market.

"I just really thought

nobody was providing anything functional - and, I don't mean to sound flaky - for younger people."

After a year of studying the market, McCarty, who has a degree in fashion merchandising from Western Michigan University but no formal design training, started sketching pieces, foraging through fabric swatches and ordering samples of her designs.

"I think I know what I like. Designing a piece to me is common sense," said the young designer.

Indeed, logic influences McCarty's design, and without sacrificing style.

Her micro-suede, cargo pants, for example, are not only extremely comfortable and functional

but also tailored and feminine.

Available this golf season in navy and vanilla for about \$95, the pants grant freedom of movement and bear an extra-large, side pocket for golf balls, tees and a scorecard.

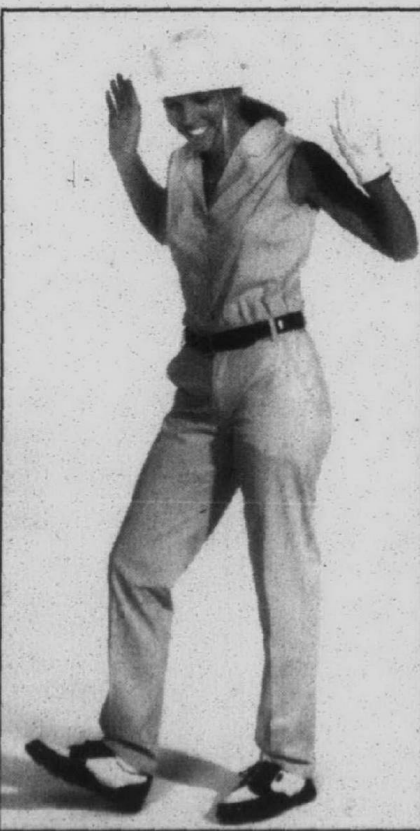
Similarly, McCarty's sports shorts meet golf course regulations - no shorter than two inches above the knee - but are constructed with a narrow waist band and flat front to flatter the figure.

McCarty's mission - design clothing that woman can comfortably wear off the course as well as on. "There's no point in spending \$200 on a golf outfit, if you can't wear it off the course," she said.

Likewise, McCarty plans to design future collections with prior ones in mind, so customers can build wardrobes for playing golf instead of purchasing new outfits every season.

"We're still getting there," said McCarty. "Two years ago I felt like I was trying to create a wave, a movement, and there wasn't much excitement about it. Now, I think, not only can we say we created it, but we can ride it."

In Michigan, Sugar Mag clothing is currently available at Mettler's, a resort apparel store with locations in Petoskey, Charlevoix and Harbour Springs. Product information can also be obtained by calling (248) 594-9255.



Swinging pants: Golf wear that is comfortable and stylish.



Sleek shorts: McCarty hopes to create golf apparel that women can wear anywhere.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

NEW MILLENNIUM

Figaro beauty salon in Birmingham has gathered a panel of experts who will address health and beauty questions with an eye towards the new millennium. Plastic and laser surgery, mind-body fitness, nutrition, stress management and massage therapy will be the topics of discussion. 7-9 p.m., 265 N. Old Woodward. To reserve a seat, call (248) 723-7990.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

SPRING DKNY

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

presents DKNY's spring 1999 collection. Informal modeling is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5 p.m. followed by a fashion presentation at 6 p.m. Individual wardrobe consultations are available 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5. Call (248) 614-3347. DKNY Boutique, first floor.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

SPRING FOR MEN

The Armani Le Collezioni trunk show of men's spring clothing will be on view at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Man's Store, first floor.

KID'S SEWING

Haberman Fabrics, at 117 W. Fourth Street in Royal Oak, offers beginning sewing instruction for kids, ages 10-14, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Class runs three Saturdays through March 20 and costs \$40. Students will make pillows. For information, call (248) 541-0010.

BRIDAL SHOW

Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents a fashion show of looks for the bride and mother of the bride. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Dress Department. Fashion show begins at 11 a.m.

TRENDS FOR WOMEN

Hudson's tenders a spring trend seminar that features the use of six wardrobe pieces. Hudson's, Somerset Collection in Troy, 1 p.m., Oval Room. Hudson's, Oakland Mall in Troy, 3 p.m., location to be determined.

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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? at (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. You should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

For the reader hoping to set up a tour for the deaf to New York, Patty called to offer these tips. Go to the website travelgal@juno.com or TTY #954-437-5653. The site outlines tours planned by a deaf tour coordinator through Barmon Tours.

Lip Chic, a liquid brushed over lipstick to make for sealing, can be purchased in the cosmetics department at J.C. Penney at the Westland Mall.

For the lady interested in learning how to string beads, a reader recommended calling Bohemian Beads in Dearborn at (313) 791-0018. They regularly offer beading classes.

White finger tip towels can be purchased at Drape Land at Square Lake and Rochester Road, Linens and Things and at Tuesday Morning at 14 and Crooks in Clawson.

Evening in Paris perfume can be purchased from Anitra Earle: 21 East Chestnut Street in Chicago, Ill., 60611.

Barbara from Royal Oak relayed that Yardley Lavender Powder could be purchased at F&M on Woodward Avenue between 13 and 14 Mile roads.

Two readers have found copies of the Harper and Rowe poetry book "Treasure Chest," circa 1960, and Mary can contact either Linda at (248) 651-6576 or Sandy at (734) 326-4971 about the poetry book.

Also, Linda has cake eye liner for Yvonne. It's Mary Kay brand instead of Avon or Mabelle. And, Sandy offered to sell Pamela a pair of heating elements for the freezer for \$10.

Stu offered a copy of his personal video recording of the J.L. Hudson demolition to the gentleman looking for one. Call Stu at (248) 682-5927.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Linda is looking for Cody Product Chronologix lip makeup. It's in a tube like lip-gloss and has a sponge applicator. The shade is mulberry and she needs at least six tubes.

Betty is looking for L-Eterna 37 cream by Revlon.

Jean needs some ceramic mugs with faces of

small animals on the bottom that are visible once a child finishes his or her beverage.

Ellen would like to find Jean Michelle Swiss Cleansing Gel for all skin types.

Ann Maria, of Redford, is searching "in earnest" for Unique Cat Food canned by Purina. She can't find it close to home and is willing to travel to buy the only food her cat enjoys.

Another reader is searching for a collection of Classic illustrated comic books labeled "Special Issue: The World Around Us".

Elaine is looking for 9-inch, asphalt, cork-tone tiles to replace broken ones purchased 40 years ago for her basement.

Chris wants L-Max Factor comb-on mascara in black called Super Lash Maker.

Frieda is hoping someone can help her get some unusual Astrological phonograph records that date back to the 1970's. They were very funny and often played on WJR. She would appreciate getting copies of the recordings or purchasing the records.

Jackie is looking for games for a Macintosh LC 475 that are suitable for children age 4 to 6.

Ed wants to find Campbell Soup mugs with Tara Lipinski, Michelle Kwan and Nicole Bobek images on them. He recalls they were issued during a skating tour promotion.

Mary is still looking for Tulip Town Village, a hand-painted set of rabbit figurines and pewter buildings by Anesco. She recalls Genna's carried the set about ten years ago.

Darlene is still looking for High Karate men's cologne by Canoe from the 1970's.

Willie is looking for Dole Pineapple frozen concentrate.

Sheila still wants the 1993 Service Merchandise Collectible Silver Christmas bell. And, Chuck is looking for the 1979 glass Hummel ornament.

Penny wants Zena or Britannia jeans.

Linda from Troy is looking for "Focus Art Form, Splash" hair products and Focus hair shiner.

Mike is looking for a 1950 Grosse Pointe High yearbook.

Mary Lou is looking for a leather square or round decorative mat (used on the top of desks and end tables to prevent scratches).

Hudson's carried them, as did a store in Plymouth.

Mary is still looking for Almay's Time Off Makeup Re-texturing foundation in Almond Beige and needs an antique dealer to price her antique street lamps. Pat is looking for a sheets and comforter set with the Toy Story theme.

Gloria wants the Mr. Peanut ornament.

Melissa is still looking for Farmington High school yearbooks from 1987, 1988 and 1990.

Mrs. Stroh wants the January 1943 yearbook from Northern High School.

Compiled by Barb Pert-Templeton

RETAIL DETAILS

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

P.F. Chang's China Bistro at the Somerset Collection in Troy recently introduced their "Captain's Table" concept to the eating public. The restaurant has two such tables, each which seats eight to 10 patrons, that can be reserved for dinner at increments of two hours between 5 and 9 p.m.

The tables are the only dining spots where reservations are accepted at P. F. Chang China Bistro, which features exhibition wok cooking. The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.

RETAIL PIONEER

Don Thomas, owner and president of Don Thomas Sporthaus, recently received the Retail Pioneer Award from the ski industry's Midwest Representatives Association.

The award acknowledges retailers for innovation in the ski industry and coincides with Don Thomas Sporthaus' 45th anniversary.

The Bloomfield Hills store is one of the oldest ski shops in the country and represents such names as Bogner, Post Card, Skea, Spider, Rossignol, Nordica and Olin. Don Thomas Sporthaus, at 6600 Telegraph, was the first retail store to bring factory-finish ski tuning to Michigan for the 1998-99 ski season.

WINTER SALES

With spring just around the corner it's easy to forget that bargains on winter clothing are in abundance. At Just For Kids in Meadowbrook Mall in Rochester Hills, sweaters, dresses, jeans, separates and shoes for boys and girls (infants through size 14) are discounted by 50 to 70 percent. An additional 10 percent will be offered to patrons between 9 and 10 a.m. March 4.

FOOD AND THEME

Michigan's first Banana Joe's, a casual, sit-down restau-

Cat eyes



Meow: If you're on the hunt for a new pair of shades, cat eyes will make you purr this spring. Plastic frames with an up-sweep shape will be especially popular for both eye wear and sun glasses this season. Steven Franklin Optics at The Boardwalk on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield is currently showing the frame style in a variety of colors.

rant with a Caribbean theme. opened Jan. 22 at Great Lakes Crossing mall in Auburn Hills. The restaurant joins the Rainforest Cafe, which has a tropical theme, and Johnny Rockets, which is reminiscent of a malt shop from the 40s.

Banana Joe's is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner and features soups, salads, overstuffed sandwiches and Beach Buffalo Wings.

NAME CHANGE

Computer Warehouse in Troy and Madison Heights has

changed its name to Computer Builders Warehouse. The 10-year-old business specializes in built-to-order systems for businesses and personal use.

SPRING BLOOMS

Just as the season's snowy, drab days seem to have drained the every ounce of color out of the Michigan landscape, the Somerset Collection in Troy debuts its expanded Home and Garden Show from Friday, March 5 through Saturday, April 3.

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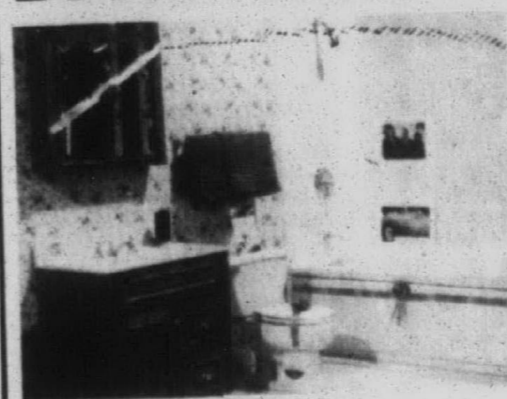
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TRAVEL

Aruba? St. Martin? To each her own in Caribbean

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

We hadn't set foot on a Caribbean island in almost 20 years. And, then, business-prompted trips landed us first on St. Martin/St. Maarten and then on Aruba within a two-week period in December.

We stayed and certainly spent more time on the French side of St. Martin/St. Maarten, which was peacefully divided in 1648 between the Dutch and French. But the French have done a better job of preserving their culture and presenting it to visitors.

That is probably best shown by contrasting the two major cities, Marigot and Philipsburg. Marigot can only be described as charming. French boutiques and Parisian-style indoor/outdoor cafes and bistros encircle the waterfront, where marinas harbor a slew of expensive yachts. Unfortunately, with that comes a bit of French arrogance, which translated for us in difficulty finding a restroom and a somewhat reserved atmosphere even at our own hotel, L'Habitat-Le Meridien.

Philipsburg, on the other hand, is very unattractive despite its location on the water. Shops are lined up, their backs to the shore line, hawking goods



Scenic landmark: Writer Judith Doner Berne sits by a 100-foot-long natural bridge carved out of coral rock by the surf on the northern coast of Aruba.



Intimate escape: The beaches on St. Martin are tucked away in small coves.

to the cruise ship passengers who dock there. The somewhat sleazy atmosphere is heightened by gaudy-looking casinos, legal only on the Dutch side, and American-style fast food.

That's not to say there aren't bargains in Philipsburg. I purchased an embroidered dining

room table cloth and a dozen napkins (made in China by the way) for a price that wouldn't even cover the napkins in the U.S. On the other hand, a native mask and a Parisian hat I bought on the French side were artsy but no bargains.

Although we didn't dine on the Dutch side, it seems unlikely that they could match Grand Case, a one-street village along the water where more than 20 cafes serve up a variety of cuisines. Our favorite was Bistro Carribe, which more than made up for the fact that it wasn't directly on the water by its menu, French with a Caribbean twist, and the friendliness of its husband (chef) and wife (front of the house) owners.

Sight-seeing in St. Martin/St. Maarten is pretty much limited to checking out its 36 beaches, most of them topless and some at which wearing any clothing at all is optional. And that was fine for Bruce and Heather Marwil of

West Bloomfield, who were on their honeymoon. "We're not huge sightseers," Heather reports. The Marwils also loved the food and European atmosphere of the French side of the island.

They had previously been to Aruba, which this year is marking the 500th anniversary of the arrival of the Spanish, bringing the first Europeans to its shores. The Dutch took it over in 1636, and, in 1986, it became a separate entity within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Instead of the small, separated beaches set in coves we found in St. Martin/St. Maarten, Aruba's beaches are perfect for a lengthy run or walk. Lighthouses mark the northwestern and southeastern ends of the island.

In the waters off the Aruba Marriott on the western stretch of the island, where we stayed, windsurfing was the sport of highest choice, on crafts resem-

bling either colorful butterflies or sleek, translucent moths.

Walking in one direction, you hit the high-rise hotels. But in the other, you discover more isolated portions of beach where, sometimes, only sea shells intrude on the sands.

If isolation is what you want, head for Aruba's eastern shores, where once you pass the Coastal Refinery Area, you aren't sure what is road and what is rut and, except for Baby Lagoon Beach, the waves thunder onto the shore.

We found a dainty smattering of people at Baby Lagoon Beach, but on Boca Grandi, known as a superb spot for windsurfers (of the experienced kind), we were alone.

This end of the island also features a series of caves and the Arikok National Wildlife Park, where cacti compete for terrain with the native divi-divi trees amid massive, weirdly shaped rock formations. As you wend your way back toward the island's center and the Natural Bridge, tiny man-made rock formations invite you to add your version to the melange.

Oranjestad, Aruba's largest

city and a cruise port, shames Philipsburg. It offers its wares in a picturesque setting of pastel-tinted Dutch colonial and whimsical architecture. Shops are interspersed with inviting cafes. And unlike Marigot, restrooms are well-marked.

Aruba also offers casinos. But they are presented in a loftier way than we saw in St. Maarten. The one at our hotel could only be described as elegant. Because we were being entertained, we had just one opportunity to eat outside the hotel. We chose Papiamento, where we enjoyed fresh seafood served sizzling on individual planks in the poolside gardens of an 150-year-old manor.

"I would do St. Martin again - over Aruba," Heather Marwil told me. Whereas I think I'd go back to Aruba over St. Martin. But with 31 islands in the Caribbean, including the Bahamas, it's highly likely we'd both head for some place new.

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Gourmet diners: Bruce and Heather Maza of West Bloomfield enjoy one of the many fine restaurants in Grand Case on the French side of St. Martin/St. Maarten.



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Marela Lazarean, a native of Rumania, is organizing a trip to see the eclipse for Atlas Travel in Detroit's Greektown.

Lazarean said she wants to encourage people to visit her former country and experience its beauty. The trip will include visits to Dracula's castle and the mansion of former Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. The seven-day excursion costs have

not yet been determined. Travelers will stay in Sibiu which is a 20 minute drive from the eclipse viewing site. For more information, call Atlas travel at (313)965-7200.

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Ritz-Carlton Hotels have instituted a new Protect Our Little Ones program. This program was instituted in December in all Ritz-Carlton Hotels in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Upon arrival, guests traveling with children under five will be escorted to their room by a specially trained bellman who will install the safety features and explain other precautionary measures to protect youngsters from injuries.

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GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Cruisetours, a tour operator specializing in unique destinations, has negotiated a discount for teachers and students on cruises and tours in Ecuador.

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The travel programs also offer time in Quito, Ecuador's capital. Optional extensions to the Amazon basin and Machu Picchu are available. For information, call Cruisetours at 1-800-996-2629.

BACKPACKING

REI will present a two-part course on backpacking. The first part, Backpacking 101, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10, will cover how to plan a trip and choose your gear. The second part Backpacking 102, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, will cover how to prepare ahead, getting ready to hike and the basics of camping. All clinics are free and open to the public.

The REI sporting goods store

is at 17559 Haggerty, Northville, Six Mile and Haggerty just off I-275. For more information, call (248)347-2100.

RECORD BREAKERS

The Guinness Book of Records has recognized Cedar Point Amusement Park for three

records in the 1999 edition. It is listed as the theme park with the greatest number of roller coasters, 13; the theme park with the greatest number of rides, 67; and the tallest freefall ride, The Power Tower at 300 feet. Cedar Point is in Sandusky, Ohio.

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Melson best newcomer

Schoolcraft College's Kevin Melson, a sophomore forward for Wright State University, was named Newcomer of the Year in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference in men's basketball.

Melson, a product of Detroit Communication & Media Arts High School, averaged 28.6 points per game for Schoolcraft.

This season for Wright State, the 6-foot-6, 195-pound Melson is averaging 14.7 points and 6.9 rebounds per game for the 9-17 Raiders.

He was also named to the MCC's second-team.

Melson finished sixth in the MCC in scoring, third in rebounding, first in offensive rebounding, sixth in field goal percent (49), fifth in steals and fourth in blocked shots.

Madonna awards

The Madonna University men's soccer team held its annual soccer awards banquet Thursday, and the following awards were presented:

Rookie of the year — Sam Piraine (from Dearborn Crestwood); **Offensive Player of the Year** — Scott Emert (Walled Lake Central); **Defensive Player of the Year** — Dave Hart (Novi); **Ray Summers Athletic Excellence Award** — Charlie Bell (Derry, North Ireland); **Sister Nancy Marie Academic Excellence** — Lael Bryant (Canton/Southfield Christian); **Sister Francilene Leadership Excellence Award** — Ryan Mollien (Livonia/Dearborn Crestwood); **Golden Boot Award (most goals)** — Scott Emert; **World Cup Award** — Ryan Thomason (Plymouth Christian Academy); **Most Valuable Player** — Ryan Mollien.

Cannons tryout

The Plymouth-Canton Cannons, a 12-year-old boys travel baseball team, will conduct tryouts from 12:30-2:30 p.m. March 6 at the Upper Deck in Northville. All players must be 12 or older before July 31, 1999.

For further information, call Bill Stamm at (734) 451-9623.

Early Bird Classic

There's still snow on the ground, but it's not too soon to consider the softball season.

With that in mind, the Canton Softball Center — located at 46555 W. Michigan in Canton — will host its annual Early Bird Classic Softball Tournament April 10-11 for men's B/C and D/E Division teams and all Women's Division teams.

Cost is \$125 per team, with a \$20 USSSA registration fee for those not registered. Entry deadline is April 5. Rain make-up dates are April 17-18; there is a three-game guarantee.

For more information, call Jeff Bradley at (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

Adult softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its adult softball leagues, both day and evening leagues, Sundays through Fridays.

The spring session runs April 12-July 12; the summer session is July 12-Sept. 12; the fall session is Sept. 13-Oct. 21. There are both resident and non-resident leagues. Divisions are Men's B-C-D, Women's C-D, Co-ed, and Masters 30, 40 and 50 and over. All games will be played at Canton Softball Center, located at 46555 Michigan in Canton.

There is a \$100 deposit to enter a team, with the balance due at the respective manager's meeting.

For more information, call Jeff Bradley at (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

Adult softball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division is running adult softball leagues this spring and summer in men's slow pitch, women's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch and men's modified. Registration for returning teams begins March 1; new teams can register starting March 15. Play begins April 26.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Nothing easy

Rocks hold off determined Hawks

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
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Plymouth Salem's senior players entered Friday night's game having never lost to their Farmington Hills Harrison counterparts since they began their freshman seasons.

And that's how it will go into the record books.

Host Salem staved off determined Harrison, 53-49, in a first-round Western Lakes Activities Association tournament game.

Salem, 15-3, plays its second-round game Tuesday at North Farmington. Harrison, 11-7, hosts Walled Lake Central in a loser's bracket game.

"We left a lot of Hawk skin on the floor," Coach Mike Teachman of Harrison said. "It was a great disappointment for these guys. They wanted it pretty bad."

"They played like they wanted it," Coach Bob Brodie of Salem said of his opponents. "Our guys were aware they hadn't lost to Harrison, too."

It was a clean, well-played defensive game which had some elements of chess on a basketball floor.

Teachman and Brodie substituted liberally, didn't deviate from an in-your-shorts man-to-man defense and went wall-to-wall with it a good deal of the time.

Both teams rested their starters early in the fourth quarter and Harrison whittled a 41-37 deficit down to 43-41 with 4:42 to play.

Rob Jones hit a basket 30 seconds after Salem's starters returned and Jake Gray added two free throws to make it 47-41 with 3:22 left.

But Andrew Burt made a three-point play out of a driving layup, then followed with another layup as the Hawks retained possession due to a technical on Salem. That narrowed the gap to 47-46 with 2:13 left.

Harrison had four shots fail to fall on one possession, then Adam Wilson swished a pull-up jumper in the paint to make it 49-46 with 59 seconds left. Gray followed with a steal, hitting Wilson for a layup and a 51-46 lead with 30 seconds left.

"Those were two key moves," Brodie said. "But that's the mark of a good team to come through when the game's on the line."

Brian Nelson hit a trey for Harrison with 12 seconds to go but the Hawks couldn't get a shot off when they get the ball back, trailing 52-49. A Tony Jancevski free throw with one second to go sealed the decision.

Both teams combined for three timeouts with three seconds to play as Harrison tried to come up with a way to get the ball for a possible game-tying shot.

"They got a lot of gremlin baskets in the first half," Teachman said. "The ball would bounce right to somebody or bounce right in."

The last time the two teams played in the Salem gym, the game was even for a half but Plymouth won by 20.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

A handful: Salem's Jake Gray battles Harrison's Dave Pesci (4) and Joe Hundley for possession of the ball in Friday's WLAA playoff game

It was 19-16 after one period, 31-27 at the half and 41-37 after three periods as the Rocks just couldn't stone out the Hawks.

They went to a spread offense, leading 41-33, and gave the ball away three straight times.

"Rob Jones hurt us with his outside shooting in the first half, when we let him shoot," Teachman said. "But they are a quality team."

Jones led Salem with 15 points, Jancevski had 11 and both Gray and Wilson ended with eight apiece.

Lemar Wilson bombed away for 18 Harrison points, 16 of them in the first half, and Burt contributed 16, seven of those in the final quarter.

"They did a nice job defensively on us," Brodie said. "We ran about our whole bag of tricks against them."

Brodie is hoping to use the WLAA tournament as a springboard into the state tournament the second week of March.

"We're still not playing well," he said. But the good defense will give it a chance to get right, as it will for Harrison.

Canton 5th, Salem 6th in WLAA



Rounding into shape: Canton's Maggie Bett placed 10th in the Division II balance beam and was seventh in the all-around.

Brighton and Hartland dominated the Western Lakes Activities Association gymnastics meet as expected Thursday at the Farmington Training Center.

Brighton edged defending champion Hartland by less than a point, 146.450 to 146.225, to capture the team title. Northville-Novii finished third in the eight-team meet, with Farmington fourth (138.70), Plymouth Canton fifth (132.600), Plymouth Salem sixth (126.750) and Westland John Glenn seventh (126.200).

As expected, the league's top two teams, Brighton and Hartland — both ranked in the top four in the state — dominated in Division I. They combined to take the top four spots in the all-around (the Bulldogs had three of them) and six of the top 10.

Hartland's Kristin Griseto earned the all-around championship with a 37.50 total.

Salem's Melissa Drake was 10th in the Division I all-around with a total of 35.30. In Division II, John Glenn's Jessica Beach was second with 35.45 and Canton's Liz Fitzgerald was third at 35.00. Glenn's Kristen Costanturo had a 33.80 for sixth, Canton's Maggie Bett had a 33.75 for seventh and Salem's Janine Schmedding totaled

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33.55 for eighth.

In the uneven parallel bars, Salem's Drake took fourth place in Division I with a score of 9.05. Canton's Fitzgerald took first in Division II with a 9.05 score.

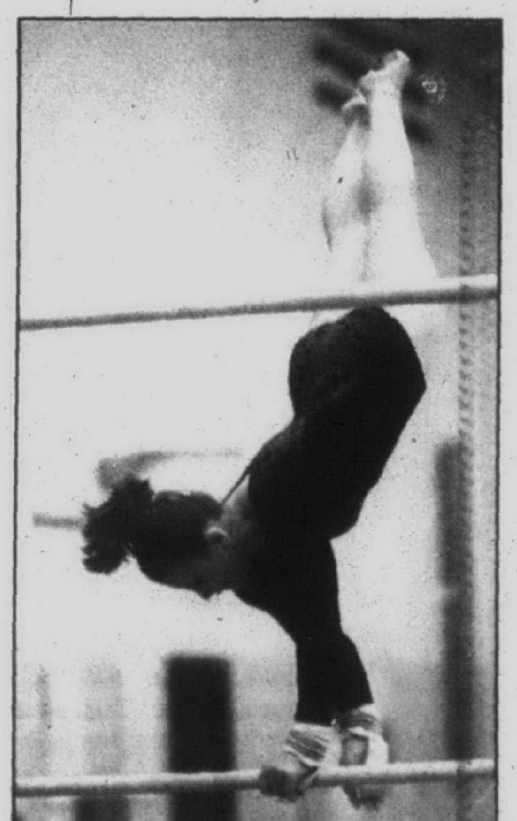
Glenn's Beach was eighth in Division II with an 8.55 and Canton's Kristen Schilk ninth at 8.50.

Drake was ninth for the Rocks in floor exercise with a 9.25 score in Division I. In Division II, the Rockets' Beach tied for third at 9.15 and the Chiefs' Fitzgerald fifth with a 9.10 score. Glenn's Costanturo was tied for eighth with an 8.90.

On balance beam, Drake was 10th in Division I for Salem with an 8.40. Glenn's Beach finished third in Division II at 9.05 while Canton's Fitzgerald was sixth with an 8.70. Bett, also of Canton, was 10th with an 8.45 score.

In vault, the Rockets' Beach scored an 8.70 to earn a fifth-place finish in Division II. Salem's Schmedding tied Canton's Bett for 10th at 8.40.

Canton hosts a Class A state regional Saturday. Salem, defending state champ Northville-Novii and John Glenn will be part of the 17-team field.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BERGLER

Solid performance: Salem's Melissa Drake was fourth in Division I bars and 10th in the all-around.

WLAA PLAYOFFS

Comeback lifts Glenn over Chiefs

BY BRAD EMONS
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You don't get time-and-a-half for working overtime in high school basketball, but the rewards are sweet when you come out with a victory.

Westland John Glenn got a tip-in from guard Eric Jones at the end of regulation Friday, and the Rockets outscored visiting Plymouth Canton 9-5 in OT to earn a 60-56 triumph in the first round of the Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs.

Glenn, 11-6 overall, advances to the WLAA semifinals Tuesday at Walled Lake Western, the top seed.

Meanwhile, Canton, 10-8, drops to the consolation bracket to face Northville.

It was very nearly a carbon copy of a Jan. 15 meeting between the two teams with the host Chiefs overcoming a 14-point deficit to gain a 52-49 OT win.

Canton led 13-12 after one quarter, but the Rockets stormed back with a 19-4 run and led 31-19 at intermission.

"The kids are finally realizing they can generate points off their defensive play," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "And when we had that offensive run, we were making things happen with our offensive penetration."

Down by as many as 14 late in the second quarter, Canton coach Dan Young had to abandon his man-to-man defense.

The Chiefs opened the second half with a zone and put themselves in position to win. They outscored Glenn 17-5 in the third quarter and pulled even in the fourth, 43-all, on Jason Waidmann's inside hoop with just under four minutes to go.

"We don't practice or play a lot of zone, but we worked on it some this week," Canton coach Dan Young said. "We tried to slow the game down to give us a chance to get back in it because Glenn is so hard to guard at times. We were trying to do anything to stay in the game, and actually it gave us some energy."

"We just tried to keep them in front of us and sag in the middle to cut them off from driving. Our whole goal was to keep them out of the paint."

Fouled on a three-point attempt with 1:27 remaining, Canton guard Joe Cortellini nailed three-straight free throws to put his team ahead, 51-47.

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Division champs devour Platers



The Plymouth Whalers have clinched their fourth division title in six years and established a new club point record in the process.

Plymouth's 4-2 victory over the London Knights on Feb. 21 secured the Ontario Hockey League Western Division title for the Whalers.

And their 8-2 crunching of the Owen Sound Platers on Wednesday night enabled Plymouth to break the franchise record for points, 91, set during the 1994-95 season.

The Whalers stood at 93 points heading into their weekend home games against Kitchener and Windsor.

Harold Druken had a hat trick against Owen Sound to reach the 50-goal plateau in his 51st game of the season. Druken also has 37 assists for a total of 87 points.

Plymouth scored the first five goals against Owen Sound, four in the first period, to take control early.

Jason Ward scored 46 seconds into the game, assisted by Dave Legwand and Eric Gooldy. Druken notched his first goal at 5:03, on the exact second a Whalers' penalty to Gooldy was expiring. He was assisted by Adam Colagiaco.

Druken scored on a power play at 12:30, with Colagiaco and Nikos Tselios drawing the assists. Plymouth's Paul Mara scored a short-handed goal with only 16 seconds left in the first period, Legwand feeding him the

puck.

Druken made it 5-0 at 13:09 of the second period. Colagiaco and Mara drew the assists on the power play goal.

Owen Sound scored the next two goals before the Whalers closed it out with goals by Kristopher Vernarsky, Kevin Holdridge and Ward.

Mark McMahon and Julian Smith assisted on Vernarsky's goal while James Ramsay and Justin Williams drew the assists on Holdridge's marker. Ward's second goal was a power play score on which Legwand had the sole assist. All three Plymouth goals came in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Plymouth had a 47-34 edge in shots on goal. Rob Zepp went the distance in goal for the Whalers.

Salem rolls to victory in regular-season finale

VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth Salem concluded its regular-season volleyball schedule with a solid 15-3, 15-13 victory over Farmington Harrison Wednesday at Harrison.

The win boosted the Rocks' overall record to 39-9; they finish their Western Lakes Activities Association campaign with a 9-2 mark.

Liz Gizicki and Amanda Suder led the offense with four kills apiece. Suder also had three assists-to-kills and seven

digs. Denise Phillips added three kills, Erica Stein had four digs and two block assists, and Laine Starling collected 15 assists to kills.

Salem and Plymouth Canton both travel to Novi for Saturday's state district tournament. Other teams in that district are Northville, Novi and Livonia Churchill.

PREP HOCKEY

Spartans can't derail Shamrock express



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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Gordie St. John's plan of attack for Livonia Stevenson was simple.

"Our game plan was to hit them early and hit them hard," said the coach of the state's No. 1-ranked hockey team in Class A.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 23-1-1 overall, did just that and also limited the Suburban Hockey League champions to 10 shots on goal in a convincing 4-1 victory before a jam-packed district tournament crowd of nearly 1,200 Thursday night at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

"They work extremely hard — they were faster and stronger to the puck than we were," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said of the Shamrocks. "They're a very good team."

"We just didn't create enough offense."

CC carried the play much of the opening period and led 1-0 on Jim Spiewak's back-hander, a power-play goal from Todd Bentley and David Moss.

"We had some chances down low and just couldn't connect," St. John said. "I think both teams had the jitters early. We were missing passes we don't normally miss."

"But Stevenson also did a good job of holding our shots down. This is one of

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the lowest all year (21). Normally we're in the range of 35 to 38."

The Shamrocks then scored twice late in the second period to take a commanding 3-0 lead.

Spiewak beat Spartan netminder Kevin Marlowe at 11:21 on an assist from Moss. Brad Holland then gave CC a three-goal cushion at 13:47 from Brandon Kaleniecki.

CC, meanwhile, held the Spartans to just five total shots over the first two periods.

"We couldn't get it going," Harris said. "We were battling all night."

"I thought Willie Wilson was exceptional for us. He showed a lot of heart. If everyone had played as hard as Willie maybe it may have been a different outcome."

Meanwhile, the Shamrocks managed to stay out of the penalty box for two periods while maintaining a physical presence.

"Their two centers kept going up the middle and they got whacked every time," St. John said. "And I think by the second period their legs gave out. We also blocked some shots and did a reasonably good job in our zone."

Stevenson got on the board with at the 4-minute mark of the third on Chris

Williams' shot from the blue line. Ryan Sinks assisted on the power-play goal giving the Spartans temporary life.

But Bentley put the game away for CC with 2:09 remaining on an assist from Spiewak.

"We've got some big guys and you have to use them physically," St. John said. "And we also have skilled people. That combination is kind of a luxury."

Things, however, got silly in the final three minutes as the Spartans lost their cool with series of roughing penalties and unnecessary skirmishes, leading to a parade to the box.

It created a black eye and marred an otherwise hard-fought game.

"When they scored that fourth goal we lost our mental discipline, I wish we would have handled it with more class," Harris said. "We have 11 seniors and I think their emotions get the best of them. It was a contest against a tough opponent."

"We fought hard, but we let things get away. It was a great game. It's just unfortunate it had to get rowdy like that."

The Spartans, who finished 19-3-2 overall, couldn't have gotten a tougher opening-round draw.

"We started the season with a 4-1 loss to Trenton and we end on a 4-1 loss," Harris said. "We had a great team and a great season."

"It's sad, but life goes on."

Movin' on: Catholic Central moved into the state district final opposite Livonia Churchill with wins over Livonia Stevenson and Redford United. Above, RU goalie Eric Pagel turns away a scoring chance by CC's Todd Bentley.

CC skates to easy victory over Redford United

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DISTRICT SEMI

Redford Catholic Central led Redford Unified, 8-1, in the final minutes of Friday's Class A Hockey district semifinal at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena, so why

was Shamrocks' coach Gordie St. John so nervous?

He didn't want to experience what happened the night before in CC's 4-1 victory over Livonia

Stevenson when several Spartans took shots at the Shamrocks in the final minute.

But RU was more content to rush the net than the opponent, and though the Panthers lost 8-2, coach Pete Mazzoni and his players gained a ton of respect.

"A lot of times you get in a game like this and kids take runs at you, but Pete does a great job — he has good athletes that are well disciplined," St. John said. "When you play an undisciplined team they run at you and you're helpless because you can't defend yourself without the risk of taking a major penalty."

RU, which finished 19-4-2 overall, trailed only 2-1 after one period before the No. 1 ranked Shamrocks scored four unanswered goals in the first 10:11 of the second period.

CC goalie Ben Dunne, who made a couple nice stops on near breakaways by Cody Bartlett and even picked up an assist, played the first two periods before letting Andrew McCoy finish.

Sophomore forward Todd Bentley scored a hat trick for CC, which improved to 23-1-1 and will play Livonia Churchill

for the district championship at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Chargers, 14-7-4 overall, beat Livonia Franklin 4-0 in the other semifinal.

CC captain Keith Rowe, still smarting from the night before, applauded RU for a clean-hitting game.

"RU really played well — the first period was even — and it was well coached," Rowe said. "They really showed a lot of class."

Keith Rowe, Brad Holland, Pat O'Dea and Sean Genrich had one goal each for the Shamrocks. O'Dea's goal at 10:11 of the second period, assisted by Joe Moreau, gave the Shamrocks a 6-1 lead and sent hard-luck RU goaltender Eric Pagel to the bench. Joe Roe surrendered two goals in the third period.

After Rowe gave the Shamrocks a 1-0 lead, completing a neat pass from Holland at 4:08 of the first period, RU tied it less than two minutes later with

Andy Dornfried's goal assisted by Justin Rosin and Mike Taylor.

But CC took the lead for good with Spiewak's rebound goal, assisted by David Moss and Ryan Yost at 9:10, the first of seven unanswered goals.

"A couple of those goals came when we couldn't clear the puck, third and fourth shot goals," Mazzoni said. "Pagel's been phenomenal all year and is one of the reasons we had a successful season."

With less than a minute remaining, Jason Moul scored the second goal for the Panthers, whose mood afterward was subdued by the loss on the scoreboard and the loss of a player.

Taylor suffered a broken clavicle while being checked in the second period. He needed medical attention behind the RU bench and was taken off on a stretcher in the midst of CC's uprising.

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SC men jolt Grand Rapids; women's streak ends

Schoolcraft College found a way to earn spot in its first-ever Michigan Community College Athletic Association men's basketball tournament final.

Despite being outbounded, 55-42, the Ocelots scored a 76-73 semifinal victory over Western Conference champion Grand Rapids CC in a game played Friday night at Kalamazoo Valley.

SC (24-4 overall) faces nemesis and Eastern Conference champion Flint Mott (25-4) in Saturday afternoon's coveted state final. (Results of that game will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

"We played with some heart and desire being outbounded so badly — they (Grand Rapids) had 30 offensive rebounds and only 33 percent shooting (29 of 88)," SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "We were lucky to win the basketball game. But give our guys credit, they kept fighting and fighting, and prevailed."

Lamar Bigby led the winners with 20 points and six assists. Derek McKelvey added 15 points, while Dashawn Williams

SCHOOLCRAFT HOOP

contributed 14 points and 17 rebounds. Point-guard Dave McGlown had 13.

The Ocelots were down 44-41 at halftime, but outscored Grand Rapids 35-29 in the second half.

"Dwayne Holmes did a great job in the second half on the boards," Briggs said. "He scored only two points, but got five big rebounds for us."

Schoolcraft shot 46 percent from the floor (31 of 67) and was six of nine from the free throw line.

Jason Moorehead led Grand Rapids with 18 points, but hit only six of 19 shots. James Johnson added 14, but was just six of 25. Lester Harbin contributed 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Mott, which has defeated SC twice, advanced in the other semifinal Friday with a 77-69 win over host Kalamazoo as Daniel Lawson scored 20 points. Wayne Memorial's

Lavelle Guess led Kalamazoo (19-10) with 17.

Lady Ocelots derailed

The streak is over. Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team came up short in Friday's MCCA tournament semifinal, as Lansing CC edged the Lady Ocelots, 60-57, at Glen Oaks CC in Centreville.

SC, which was riding a school-record 21-game winning streak, fell to 25-4. Lansing improved to 17-12.

The Stars played the Mott CC-Muskegon CC winner for the state title Saturday.

The Ocelots trailed 32-28 at the half, but with six minutes remaining were clinging to a 51-50 lead.

However, they managed to score just six more points. They were just 12-of-24 (50 percent) from the free-throw line.

Kim Washnock (Farmington High) led SC with 14 points. Samantha Theisen added 12.

The Ocelots still have the NJCAA Region XII Tournament, which begins this week.

MADONNA HOOP

Got to give Dan McKian credit — he's consistent. At least when it comes to playing against Madonna University.

The former Plymouth Salem standout has had a solid season for a very tough Siena Heights men's basketball team, averaging 8.1 points and 4.2 rebounds per game. However, when he plays Madonna — as the Saints did for the third time this season Thursday in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament — McKian's totals double.

The 6-foot-7 senior forward scored 17 points and grabbed five rebounds to help lead Siena Heights to an 88-71 triumph. The win put the second-seeded Saints (26-5 overall) into Saturday's WHAC semifinals opposite third-seeded Tri-State University.

Madonna ends its season with an 8-23 record.

The Saints quickly asserted themselves in this game, rolling to a 45-22 halftime lead as the Crusaders managed to make just eight of their 29 floor shots (27.6 percent). For the game, Madonna was 24-of-62 (38.7 percent).

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Madonna got 24 points (4-of-6 on threes), five rebounds and two steals from Mike Massey; 16 points from Jason Skoczylas; 11 points, eight boards and four blocked shots from Mike Maryanski; and nine points, nine rebounds and five assists from Trevor Hinshaw.

NOTES: Madonna did get some outstanding individual performances this season, many of them from Massey, the 6-2 freshman guard. A Walled Lake Western graduate, Massey led the WHAC in scoring with a 19.7 points-per-game average. Maryanski, a 6-7 senior forward/center from Pleasant Ridge (Bishop Foley HS), averaged 14.1 points (ninth in the WHAC) and 7.6 rebounds (fifth) a game, and Hinshaw, a 6-1 freshman guard from Muskegon Mona Shores, dished out an average of 3.57 assists per game (tied for fifth).

Madonna seeks baseball repeat

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The Tigers aren't the only baseball team heading south to get started. The difference is, the games Madonna University plays in Florida, beginning Friday, will count.

There are no exhibitions for the Fighting Crusaders.

The hopes are they'll pick up where they left off last season, when they won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament and advanced to the NAIA Great Lakes Regional. There, after winning their first game 7-2 over University of St. Francis, they lost their next two — 10-9 in 12 innings to Ohio Dominican and 8-2 to Mount Vernon Nazarene.

Madonna finished the season with a 30-26-1 record.

"We definitely overachieved last year," said coach Greg Haeger. To gain their third-straight WHAC title and another NAIA regional berth in a conference that's even tougher than last year with the addition of Indiana Tech (runner-up in the NAIA Tournament last season), overachieving will again be required.

There are considerable losses. Among them: shortstop Eric Marcotte (.353, 28 runs batted in, 21 stolen bases); center fielder Kevin Foley (.283, 36 RBI, 30 steals); left fielder Pete Quinn (.353, 11 home runs, 33 RBI); first baseman J.R. Taylor (.338, a school record-tying 16 homers, 58 RBI); and pitchers Mark Serra, a left-hander (5-6 win-loss record, 4.45 earned run average) and Jason Carter, a right-hander (0-5, 5.33 ERA).

"We've lost a lot of kids," admitted Haeger, himself a Redford Catholic Central and University of Michigan graduate. "And it was a good group of kids."

There's still a lot to build around, to be sure. The picture would be much brighter if junior lefthander Mitch Jabczynski was back, too. But eligibility problems have put the Crusaders' top pitcher from 1998 (7-2, 1.81 ERA, 55 strikeouts in 65 2/3 innings) on the sidelines, at least for now.

Haeger believes it will be the everyday cast of players who will make, or break, the Crusaders. It starts with three standout seniors, two of them all-conference selections last season: third-baseman Daryl Rocho (.390, 13 homers and a school-record 74 RBI) and right fielder Aaron Shrewsbury (.336, eight homers, 45 RBI).

The third is first-baseman Jeff Warholik (.284, five homers, 29 RBI). Warholik and Rocho will also pitch, Warholik in a starter/set-up role and Rocho as a closer.

If that were the extent of it, it might be enough to exude optimism. But there's more — much more.

Catcher Delano Voletti, another senior, is also back. A behind-the-plate standout — "He's a great defensive catcher," said Haeger. "No one runs on him" — Voletti also did well offensively (.313, four homers, 23 RBI).

PREVIEW

Then there are a pair of returning juniors with extensive playing experience: second baseman Todd Miller (.281, 17 RBI) and center fielder Bob Hamp (.211, 13 RBI).

That nucleus has been strengthened by the addition of two junior college players and a transfer from Oakland University. The former OU player is Lance Siegwald; he'll play second or short. Another possible replacement for Marcotte at short is Derrick Wolfe, a junior who played at Grand Rapids CC last season.

Jason Brooks, a junior who played for Henry Ford CC last season, and Chet Rees, a freshman from Westland John Glenn, figure to fill the hole in left field. Nick Dedeluk, a freshman from Redford Thurston, will fill in at

third base when Rocho's on the mound.

Now the pitching. The leading returnees are righthanded seniors E.J. Roman (4-1, 5.30 ERA) and Bob Mason (4-7, 5.02 ERA) and sophomore lefthander James O'Connor, from Redford Catholic Central (2-2, 4.85 ERA).

Additional mound help will come from freshmen Mike Butler, a righthander who was red-shirted last season; Jeremy Stevens, a righthander who has been transformed into a side-arming set-up man or closer; and Eric Williamson, a lefthander.

"Our pitching will have to keep us in ballgames," said Haeger. "I think we can score five runs a game, so our team ERA has to be around 4.00."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

RU hitters clinic

2:30 p.m.

Redford Union's varsity baseball coaches is conducting a hitter's clinic for fourth through eighth graders on Saturday, March 13 at the school gym.

Two sessions will be held: 10 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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The 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, Michigan's largest wildlife art exhibit and sale, will be held March 26-28 at the Southfield Pavilion. Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, the festival annually raises money for wildlife habitat improvement projects statewide.

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The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant.

CLASSES

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Wayne County Sportsman's Club is accepting registration for two upcoming hunter education

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CCW LEGISLATION

Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold an informative seminar on legislation concerning concealed weapons permit (CCW) legislation, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Gander Mountain store in Taylor. State representative Raymond Basham (Taylor) will conduct the seminar. Call (313) 381-4735 for more information.

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Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on the 8th annual ice hike to Canada, which begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Pointe Pelee. Interested participants should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Ontario Tourist Center on Route 3 in Windsor. Call Liz Allingham at (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BOBCAT

Bobcat season runs through March 1 in the Upper Peninsula and in Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties in the northern Lower Peninsula.

CROW

The late crow season runs through March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.

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Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

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The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 10-11, in East Lansing. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

METROPARKS

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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, March 1
 PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 2
 Detroit City at Redford CC, 6:30 p.m.
 Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Luth. N'west at Luth. W'sid, 7 p.m.
 PCA at Melvindale, 7 p.m.
 W. Wayne at Canton Agape, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley vs. Bethesda at Marshall Middle School, 7 p.m.
(Western Lakes Semifinals)
 John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Salem at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 4
 Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Liggett, 7 p.m.
 Det. Central at Redford CC, 7 p.m.

Agape at West Highland, 7:15 p.m.
Friday, March 5
 WLAAs finals at Churchill, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.
 Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Melvindale at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 Southgate at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. N'west, 7 p.m.
 Hamtramck at Luth. W'sid, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley vs. Immac. Conception at Marshall Middle School, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 6
 Operation Friendship finals
 at U-D's Calihan Hall, 1 & 2:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, March 2
(Region 12 Tourney at Lansing)

Vincennes vs. Cincinnati St., 6 p.m.
 Schoolcraft vs. Lansing, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3
 Region 12 final at Lansing, 6 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, March 2
 W. Wayne at Cant'n Agape, 4:30 p.m.
 PCA at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley vs. Saline Christian at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3
 Gab. Richard at C'ville, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 4
 Agape at West Highland, 4:30 p.m.
STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT DRAWS CLASS A

March 5 at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
First round: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5 p.m.
Semifinals: Livonia Franklin vs. Detroit Redford, 6 p.m.; Redford Union vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.
Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron Regional vs. Ypsilanti-Livonia district champion.)
March 6 at NOVI HIGH SCHOOL
First round: (A) Plymouth Canton vs. (B) Plymouth Salem, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. Northville, 11:30 a.m.; Novi vs. A-B winner, 11:30 a.m.
Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer district champion.)

March 6 at WALLED LAKE CENTRAL
First round: (A) Farmington Hills Harrison vs. (B) Walled Lake Western, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: North Farmington vs. Farmington, 11 a.m.; Walled Lake Central vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.
Championship final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional vs. Farmington Hills Mercy district champion.)
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Feb. 28
 Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 5
 Ply. Whalers vs. Kingston at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 6
 Ply. Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS CLASS A
at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA
Wednesday, March 3: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Trenton regional final Saturday, March 6 at Kennedy Arena vs. Trenton district champion.)
at PLYMOUTH'S COMPUWARE ARENA
Tuesday, March 2: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the University of Detroit-Jesuit regional final Saturday, March 6 at City Sports Arena in Detroit vs. Grosse Pointe South district champion.)

WRESTLING

NORTHVILLE 38
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 33
103 pounds: Jeremy Carter (N) pinned Chris O'Hara, 2:36; **112:** Matt Tarrow (N) p. Tom Buddenborg, 1:11; **119:** Kevin Arbuckle (N) decisioned Chris Peterson, 2-1; **125:** Pete Mazzarese (CC) dec. Ben Ashbey, 8-5; **130:** Reggie Torrence (N) dec. Jay Abshire, 18-4; **135:** Anant Saran (N) p. Jeff Wheeler, 1:43; **140:** Chad Neumann (N) dec. Sean Bell, 11-9; **145:** Don Scappaticci (N) p. Ryan Zajdel, 3:00; **152:** Ryan Rogowski (CC) p. Matt England, 5:42; **160:** John Rekomis (N) dec. Ryan Matheson, 19-5; **171:** Mitch Hancock (CC) won by void; **189:** John Abshire (CC) won by void; **215:** Brocc Naysmith (CC) won by void; **heavyweight:** Casey Rogowski (CC) won by void.

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Glenn's 6-foot-4 senior center Ty Haygood, who scored 24 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, brought Glenn to within two with a pair of free throws 24 seconds later.

The two teams traded turnovers, but Canton seemingly had the win within its grasp, only to miss the front-end of a one-and-one free throw attempt with 14 seconds to go.

Reggie Spearman, a 5-foot-8 senior guard, then drove the ball to the basket and put up an off-balance shot.

Jones corralled the miss just before the buzzer sounded and softly kissed the ball off the glass with one hand as time expired, knotting the count at 51-41.

Given new life, Glenn went on a 6-0 run to start the four-minute extra session on a hoop by Jones, a dunk by Haygood and a tip-in by Haygood.

Cortellini, who led all scorers with 24 points, connected with a three-pointer after the Chiefs had missed three more free throws to bring Canton to within three, 57-54.

Bill Foder split a pair of free throws off a Canton intentional foul. The Rockets then made a turnover, setting up a basket inside by Nathan Rau, cutting the deficit to 58-56 with 48 seconds to play.

But Stephen Woods' dunk with 28 seconds to go and a key rebound by Haygood with 13 seconds to play off a missed free throw sealed the win for Glenn.

"Haygood got a lot of put-backs in the second half," Young said.

Jones, who moved from the point to the baseline in the final quarter to jump-start the offense, added 18 points for the winners. Woods, a springy 6-1 senior, chipped in with 10.

Waidmann contributed 18 for the Chiefs.

"Canton is a good ball club, very solid," Schuette said. "That last time we played them it was stated in the paper by their coach — and it was certainly true — that the winning team played tougher in the fourth quarter."

"Our guys were determined that wouldn't hit the paper again."

Farmington 59, Franklin 42: A big bulge in the middle two quarters carried the Falcons to the win.

Farmington outscored Livonia Franklin, 35-17, in the second and third quarters Friday night to win the WLAAs tournament game.

Matt Mikel and Justin Milus scored 12 points each for Farmington. Rory Crittenden and Chad Seaborn had seven apiece as the Falcons improved to 7-11.

Franklin got nine points from Joe Ruggiero.

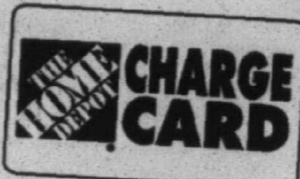


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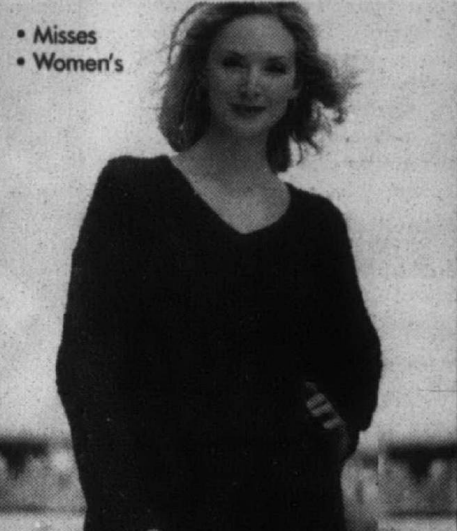


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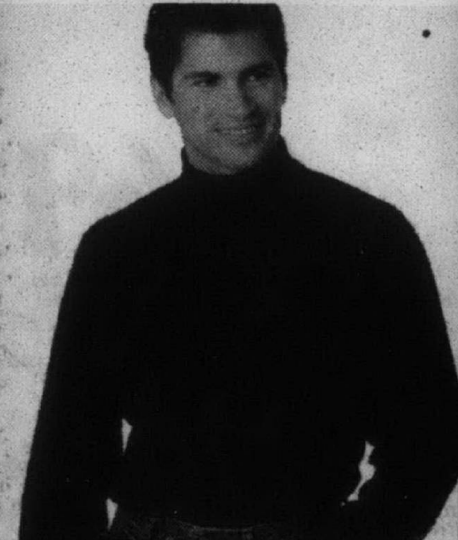
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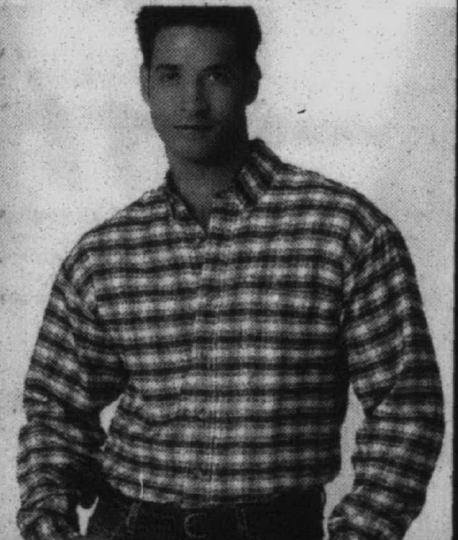
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OUTDOORS

Opossum reaches north



NATURE NOTES
TIM NOWICKI

My family and I had a chance to travel north to Wilderness State Park last weekend. After a 4 1/2 hour drive, we were enjoying hiking and identifying animal tracks in the light dusting of snow on the old crusty snow. As we drove into the park I noticed an opossum crossing the road. This one made it across unharmed. I didn't think much of it at the time, because in southeastern Michigan they are a common sight. But then I thought again and wondered if an opossum this far north was uncommon. I talked with a friend from Interlochen who indicated that 20 years ago he had never seen an opossum in the Traverse City area. Today, they are common. This correlates with the range

map for the opossum in Roland Baker's 1983 book Michigan Mammals. In the 1980s, the opossum was common in the southern half of the lower peninsula and up the eastern side of the state toward Alpena, but no specimens had been found in the northwest. The opossum has made incredible progress in our state. Generally considered a warm weather mammal, its expansion into the cold northern counties and the upper peninsula, means this animal is very adaptable. At the beginning of the 18th century, Cadillac referred to "... wood rats which are as large as rabbits; most of them are gray ... the female has a pouch under her belly ...". This account describes the opossum for sure, but there were few other records until the early 1800s. Opossum were recorded in Monroe and Oakland counties in the 1850s. In 1962 opossum were reported from the western end of the upper peninsula. These animals undoubtedly invaded Michigan

from Wisconsin. Range expansion for mammals is slower compared to birds. Flying allows birds to reach new areas much easier and quicker. The house finch is a good example. Since 1940, when they were introduced into New Jersey, they eventually moved westward to the Rocky Mountains. They reached Michigan in about the early 1970s. In just 30 years they have expanded their range throughout the lower and upper peninsulas. Cardinals were first discovered nesting in Monroe County in 1881. Since then they have expanded their range throughout the lower peninsula and are now in the upper peninsula as well. They too are considered a southern species that has adapted to the cold northern climate. Traveling northward from southern Michigan to the straits took me only 4 1/2 hours, but the 150-200 years for the opossum to travel the same distance is relatively quick — for the opossum.

Too many deer in parks



OUTDOOR INSIGHTS
BILL PARKER

Solutions are not coming easily for the white-tailed deer population problems at some of the local Metroparks. A Wildlife Management Advisory Committee has been studying overpopulation problems at Kensington, Stony Creek and Hudson Mills and has made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. The problem is that there are simply too many deer in all three of these parks. Park users enjoy watching and photographing deer, but the populations have exceeded the carrying capacity of the land and the park's biological balance has been upended. Car-deer accidents on local

roads and over-grazing in the parks are top concerns. An aerial survey recently revealed 528 deer at Kensington, 501 at Stony Creek, and 118 at Hudson Mills. "People come to Kensington and our other parks to see the deer. We are very aware that we must proceed carefully to ensure that our deer herd is visible to our visitors," said Frank Sudek, director of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. "At the same time, we must work diligently to keep and reestablish the bio-diversity in the parks, where deer have destroyed wildflowers, shrubs and trees. "In order to do this we are looking at a long-range plan to reduce and manage the deer herd." The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recommends a density of 15 to 20 deer per square mile. The advisory committee is shooting for a density of 20 to 25 per square mile. At the present time there are

117 deer per square mile at Kensington, 82 per square mile at Stony Creek, and 50 per square mile at Hudson Mills. The whitetail populations at these parks must be reduced for the good of the deer overall, the plant life and even the safety of motorists. To do this, the advisory committee recommended controlled hunts at Stony Creek and Hudson Mills and the use of a sharpshooter at Kensington. The Board of Commissioners voted to approve the recommendations and to continue to develop a plan to control the deer herds in the future. (Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, end e-mail to bparker@oc.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

BOWLING

Tournaments can be a moneymaker



TEN PIN ALLEY
AL HARRISON

Amateur bowlers can win a lot of money in some of the bigger tournaments, which go on for months at a time. One example is the infamous Peterson Classic in the Chicago area. Another is the Hoinke Classic in Cincinnati, which is very popular among midwesterners. Another is the Hamtramck Singles Classic, currently running through July in nearby Hazel Park. One thing about the event is unique: you do not necessarily have to finish first to earn a profit. First place in the Singles Handicap is \$25,000, second place \$12,500 (both guaranteed) and 50th place still pays off \$1,000. It is a four-game set with normal league conditions. Currently, George Roberts III of Roseville leads with 982 plus 60 pins handicap for a 1042 total. In scratch singles, Jason Johnson of Farmington Hills holds the lead at 1009. In the optional Ladies singles, Angela Wilt of Westland occupies second place with 893 plus 16 pins handicap for a 909. Randy Pierce of Canton holds third place in the Sponsors category with 951 total pinfall. Pierce also shares the lead in Optional Doubles with Tim Garrett of Garden City at 1937, just ahead of Randy Neels of Ontario and Rich Planko of Novi, who have 1936. (Optional doubles is \$5 per person and last year it paid out about \$38,000 in prize money.) There are lots of openings between now and July 25, when it ends. Current squads are on Saturdays and Sundays. Friday squads will be added in May when the league season is finished. For more information or reservations, call tournament director Joann Taylor at (248) 546-0070 or tourney secretary Carol Hagen at (248) 543-7303. The Mid-States Masters is a monthly scratch tournament for men and women bowlers who can compete in the 212-and-under or 198-and-under divisions, thereby making it good competition at both levels. Last Sunday the event was held at Sunnyside Lanes. In the 212 division, it was Ric Richmond of Ohio who took first with a 201-197 victory over Steve Barry.

Top qualifiers in the event included Mark Sitko of Farmington, Tim Garrett of Garden City, Greg Morrow of Troy, Mike Frenak of Rochester and Ted Achatz Sr. of Rochester Hills. In the 198 division, which was run at Oak Lanes in Westland, it was Pat Cusick over Bryan Wild in the championship round, 209-202, for the \$2,000 top prize. Among the qualifiers were: Westland's Scott Allen and Ron Ciciora, Richard Pacteles of Garden City, Scott McGlone of Plymouth, Lou Ampola of Troy, Dan Arpachinda of Rochester Hills and Livonia's John Landuit, Albert Michniak, Jon Demeter and Bob Worley. For information on upcoming events, call Al Bielawski at (313) 365-8449. Ron Williams rolled a 279 game with 11 strikes in a row last week in the Westside Lutheran league, his all-time high. Ron is the nephew of league charter member Warren Teubert of Redford who has 279 as his highest score ever, also with 11 strikes in a row. The Detroit area will be sending many delegates to the American Bowling Congress convention on March 19 in Syracuse, NY. These delegates will be comprised of officers and directors of the Greater Detroit and the Wayne Westland bowling associations. Most of them will also compete in the ABC tournament there. These delegates represent you, the league bowler, and they will be voting on several important issues involving the sport. One such item was the prospect of a new tiered membership test market program. A year ago it was turned down in our local meetings. With a revised format and one full year of testing it was again turned down locally as it would have brought about an increase in annual ABC dues. They have to come up with a better plan if they expect us to pay more. There are six amendments to the ABC Constitution and several other amendments pertaining to league rules and playing rules. The leagues were represented at the GDBA semi-annual meeting to discuss these policies and get input from the league level. Now we go to the national convention for voting on these items. Results will appear on these pages sometime after the convention.

The old and the new: Pleasing both

Mark Sidebottom is the facility manager at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. Mark is responsible for the pinsetting equipment, lane oiling and maintenance. Since all bowling lanes are oiled on a regular basis, Mark is able to explain how and why this is done, and how it affects the game. He has been at Country Lanes for 17 years and has gone through the evolution of lane conditioning. Some of the problems today are due to the various new coverstocks used in the manufacturing of bowling balls. This problem is compounded by the fact that a lot of people are still using some very old balls. This creates a dilemma, how to satisfy the demands brought about by new ball technology. Mark uses a new machine to apply the dressing — called the Chairman. It costs more than \$18,000. It's a more advanced design to help deal with the same problem. It's programmed through a personal computer and has an on-board computer which allows cleaning the lanes and oiling them exactly the way desired. This means oil can be put anywhere and in varying amounts. According to Sidebottom: "Everyday we start by stripping off yesterday's oil and dirt. We then dust the lanes off with a special linocloth which removes the

dust on top of the oil and the dirt that was built up the previous day. "After that we run our \$18,000 Chairman, which strips the lane of any built-up dirt and remaining oil from the surface. It then applies a fresh coat of oil including the amounts that I want on specific area on the lanes. "ABC specifies at least three units of oil on the entire width of the lane surface. The idea is to keep the outsides as dry as we can legally keep them. "There is heavier oil towards the middle. If the bowler misses his mark to the right, he has a chance to hit the drier area and bring the ball back to the pocket. "If he misses to the left, he is in the heavier oil, which can still get him to the pocket that way and keep from crossing over to the Brooklyn side. "As for the oil itself, it is a type of mineral oil which has an additive in it that is required by ABC so they can monitor the amount of oil on the lanes, which they do monthly with surprise visits. "The additive allows them to take readings so they can tell whether we are trying to cheat the system or not, which here at Country Lanes we do not.



Mark Sidebottom

"We try to keep the majority of the bowlers happy and that is quite a challenge. We are currently oiling 35 feet down the lanes and that changes with the season because of atmospheric conditions which cause the lanes to run more and dry up the lanes sooner. "There are a lot of factors that come into play. With freshly oiled lanes, it's a pretty wide-open shot. But as more bowlers use the lanes the conditions will change, especially with the new reactive resin balls which tend to act like sponges and move oil around and absorb some of it. "The conditions can change just about from frame to frame. My advice to the better bowlers is to keep at least some mental notes on each lane or even keep a notebook on the different lanes and how they play. "Watch the other bowlers on your lanes. See how they make adjustments. That could keep you a step ahead of everybody else. "The old rule of dull ball on oily lanes and shiny ball on dry lanes no longer applies as much due to the many types of materials used in the modern balls. "We try to keep a balance between a difficult shot or one that is too easy by using what we call a top hat pattern. "No matter how well you do it there will always be complainers. But the secret is to be able to adjust your shot to the lanes as they change."

HONOR ROLL

- MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)**
 - Wednesday Senior Men's Classic:** Jack Dahlstrom, 267-222/664; Bob Slayden, 217-233/640; Jim Zellen, 245/646; John Bierkamp, 202-224-245/671; Rich Zacheranik, 255/640; Bob Wilson, 239/652.
 - Good Neighbors:** Valerie Mundy, 230/529; Tammy Pinter, 190; Mary Davis, 190; Pauline Polk, 190-192/546.
 - Monday Seniors:** Jack Dahlstrom, 264-237/705; Paul Temple, 277/670; Walt Arsenault, 255/658; Jesse Macciocco, 245/650; Mike Adorjan, 235/620.
 - Friday Seniors:** Stan Gagacki, 247/628; Jary Woehike, 234/628; Bill Milus, 213/624; Cass Pogoda, 235/621; Ted Mack, 243/607.
- GARDEN LANES (Garden City)**
 - St. Linus Classic:** Dave B. Bazner, 246-277-223/746; Gary Czaja, 202-259-255/716; Mark Gorno, 269-232-214/715; Ray Joganic, 247-224-237/696; John Adomitis, 234-225-237/696; Scott Whisenand, 225-276/695; Mike Bazner, 245-237-205/687.
- PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)**
 - Waterford Men:** Chuck Morris, 253/708; Bruce Lauber, 256; Mike Grady, 256; Mark Pennington, 278; Chuck Grant, 255.
 - Burroughs Men:** Bob Wilder, 262; Allen Carpenter, 253; Mike Komsa, 225-248-248/721.
 - Guys & Dolls:** Christy Bidolfi, 235; Steve Graham, 265; Stacy Lanning, 233/614.
 - Keglers:** Jeff Stolaruk, 256; Bob Bray, 257; Paul Furtak, 247-213-247/707; Ron Cathey, 256; Don Cathey, 256.
 - Sheldon Road Men:** Charlie Riffle, 247/728; Dave Eastman, 255; Mike Smith, 257.
 - Plaza Men:** Dave Jones, 259; Ron Way, 257; Ken Way, 255; Steve Witkowski, 256; Sam Fullerton, 259/748; Scott McGlone, 267/748.
- SUPER BOWL (Canton)**
 - Friday Juniors:** Matt Liptford, 194; Brad Poremba, 195.
 - Thursday Bantams:** Steven Albert, 117.
 - Friday Bantams:** Kevin Cope, 139; Sarah Roth, 105.
 - Thursday Junior/Majors:** John Tieppo, 220; Cassie Caran, 143.
 - Friday Majors:** Jason Krimm, 214/548; Dave Thomas, 196; Dave Jacobs, 254/684; Alan Florka, 242/599; Tim Moncrieff, 237/603.
- Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors:** Todd Schemanske, 212/570.
- Saturday 9 a.m. Majors:** Tony Vitale, 280/739; Pat Brown, 233/633; Matt McCaffrey, 201/597; Ken Bazman, 300.
- Saturday 11 a.m. Juniors:** Ryan Craig, 256/574; Katie Bobola, 141; Robert Mankowski, 173; Joe Getkin, 174.

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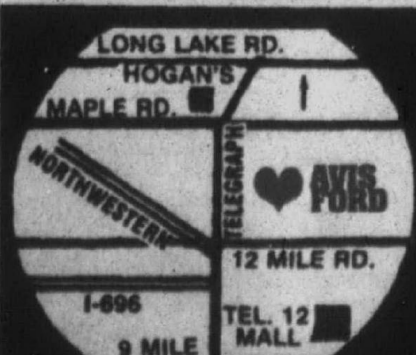


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