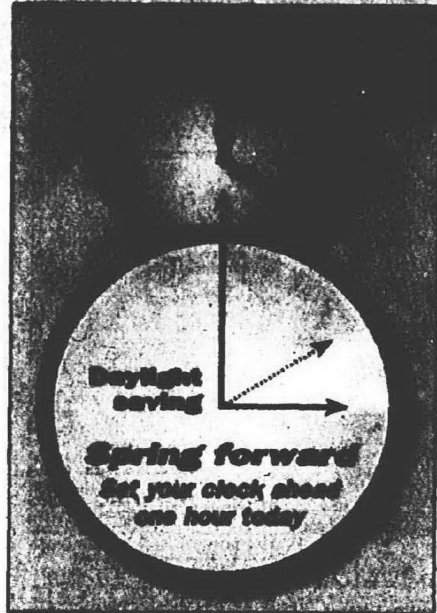


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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Township study: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will hold a study session 7:30 p.m. at the township administrative offices, 32451 Ann Arbor Road.

WEDNESDAY

Fall Festival: The Plymouth Fall Festival Board will meet 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall annex. Applications will be distributed and all organizations planning to participate in the 1999 Fall Festival should send a representative to this meeting.

THURSDAY

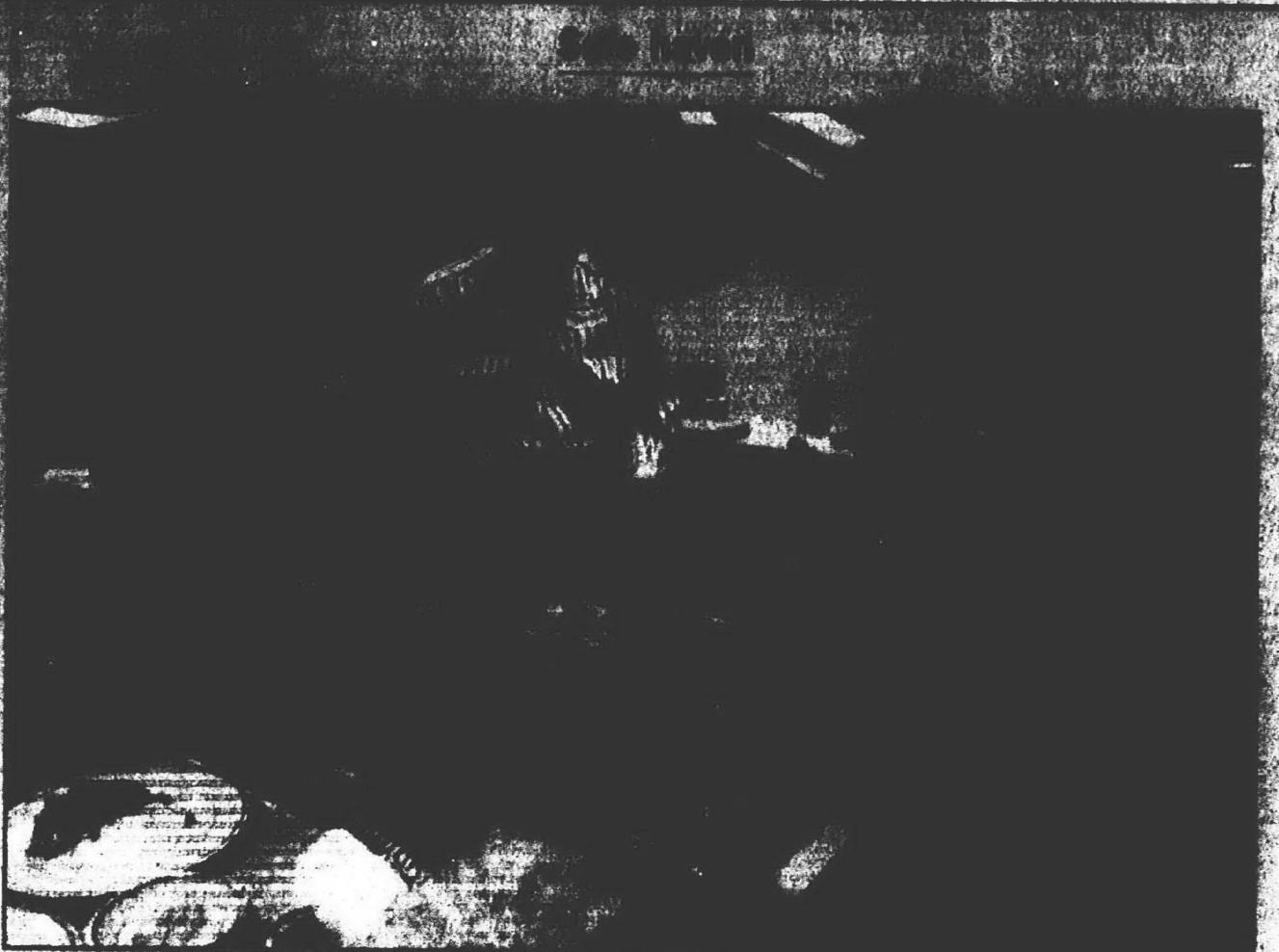
DDA meets: The Downtown Development Authority meets at 7 p.m. at the DDA office, 831 Penniman.

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Food and shelter. Doris McGregor (from left), Mack Grant and ... burg United Methodist in Livonia serve up ... Methodist Church in Plymouth Township on Monday.

A beginning United Methodist shelters homeless

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Easter is a time for spiritual reflection, new beginnings, an opportunity to reach out with a helping hand.

at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth Township did during Holy Week, hosting approximately 40 guests from Cass Community Methodist Church in Detroit.

The guests are part of the Rotating Shelter Program, homeless men and women from the streets of Detroit, living day to day with literally just the shirts on their backs. Most have worked hard to get away from drugs and alcohol, and get jobs. However, it's only a beginning, as many still don't have enough money to get a house or apartment.

First United Methodist participates in a September to May program where churches take a week



Check in. Brandon Hoard, 13, helps out in the male guest room at First United Methodist Church, which hosted 40 guests from the Cass Community Methodist Church in Detroit. Hoard played board games with the homeless after they were served a hot dinner.

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Eight interested in city posts - so far

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Monday is the first day Plymouth city residents can turn in nominating petitions to run for one of four open seats on the city commission. There are three four-year terms and one two-year term to be decided.

Three commissioners will be leaving

because of term limitations. They are Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle and Dennis Shrewsbury.

The fourth seat is currently occupied by Commissioner Joe Koch, who has taken out petitions but has not said whether he will run for re-election. Koch has said the job takes a lot of time away from his family. However, he has noted that if he runs, he would

like to be mayor.

Along with Koch, there are eight additional people who have thus far taken out petitions.

Kevin Decker said he has no political experience, but he has issues with increases in the water and sewer rates, as well as the Plymouth Community Arts Council's land contract with the city.

"It's an opportunity to keep a closer watch on economic issues."

Sally Repeck has been a member of the Downtown Development Authority for nearly nine years, serving currently as the board's chairwoman.

"I think being on the city commission is a natural progression from being on

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Close-Up looks at Kosovo conflict

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Nearly all Americans know a bit of information about the conflict between NATO forces and Serbs in Kosovo. However, nearly 50 percent of Americans can't place the region on a map.

In order to better inform high school students of the public policy issue of the air strikes in Kosovo, Plymouth-Canton Close-Up teachers set up a debate between an Albanian-



American, who favors the NATO bombings, and a peace activist, who is against the fighting.

"It's a monumental issue, especially since our country is using force," said Jim Salczynski, Close-Up teacher. "We want students to gain an understanding of the situation so when they hear or read about it, they can make some assessments."

Enjell Pelana, representing the Albanian Islamic Center, came to the U.S. in 1992 after being born and



raised in Kosovo.

He told 600 students the bombing of the Serbs is the only alternative to failed peace talks.

"Peaceful negotiations have been going on for 10 years now and we still have the ethnic cleansing of the Albanians," he told students. "I think NATO is on the right track to stop the genocide."

Al Fishman, 71, a retired Detroit police officer, told students he's been fighting on behalf of peace and justice

for 50 years. Fishman, currently co-chairman of Peace Action in Michigan, said bombing the Serbs will only make them want to fight to the end.

"To take Kosovo from Serbia will require an inordinate amount of bloodshed," warned Fishman. "You'd almost have to kill every Serb to do it, and bomb it into the stone age. It just won't happen. We need to bring the parties together again and renegoti-

Please see KOSOVO, A4

Jogger rescues worker, 1 killed

■ An off-duty Michigan state trooper came to the rescue as he was jogging near Ridge and Powell, where a dirt wall collapsed at a construction site. One man was saved. A second worker was killed.

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Thursday afternoon began as just another daily three-mile jog in Country Acres subdivision for Plymouth Township resident Charles Kemp.

However, little did Kemp realize that on this day, his training as a Michigan State Police trooper would save the life of a man involved in a fatal construction site accident.

■ 'I could see the top of someone's head and an arm. I told the workers to call for emergency help and then jumped into the hole.'

Charles Kemp, jogger

It was an off-duty day for Kemp, who was jogging on Maple Ridge Road near Ridge and Powell when he heard loud cries for help from nearby construction workers.

"I ran back to the construction site and found a dirt wall caved in," said Kemp. "I could see the top of someone's head and an arm. I told the workers to call for emergency help and then jumped into the hole."

The men were putting in sewer leads for Pulte Homes when the wall caved in. The hole where the accident occurred was approximately 12 feet deep.

"During the emergency, you don't really think about how deep it is to jump," said Kemp. "I was thinking more about trying to save the victim."

Kemp assumed by seeing the head and arm there was one man buried. However, when he cleared the dirt and clay from around the victim's head, allowing him to breathe, the victim told Kemp the arm belonged to a second man who was buried near him.

Three construction workers joined

Please see RESCUE, A4

Hanson punts for Elliss at prayer breakfast

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Am I my brother's keeper?
 Detroit Lions kicker Jason Hanson answered that question with a resounding yes last week, filling in for teammate Luther Elliss as the keynote speaker at Thursday's Kiwanis Club annual prayer breakfast at the Water Club Grill in Plymouth Township.

Elliss, scheduled to talk about his "Fathers Are Forever" program, informed Kiwanis Club President John Stewart on Tuesday that he would be unable to attend the event.

Unfortunately, he was busy ... being a father.

Elliss' son had been hospitalized after developing an upper-respiratory infection while on vacation in Hawaii.

"He said he would come in Luther's place and we're very thankful to have him here," said Stewart. "We couldn't have had a more credible speaker."

Stewart said that it was the most highly attended annual prayer breakfast the Kiwanis Club has put on.

Hanson, who is a member of the same Bible study group as Elliss, spoke to a group of nearly 75 people Thursday morning about the issues of religion and keeping things in perspective despite his good fortune.

"From week to week and sea-

son to season, there is no security in what I do," he said. "I have found security in Christ."

Hanson talked about the money, power and fame that come with being a celebrity and how he has worked hard to avoid letting it change him or change his focus on who he is. He said that, through religion, he has been able to remember who he would be without the good fortune he has had in the National Football League.

"The money, the fame ... those things never seem to last," he said. "Even though I have had all of those things, I don't let those things make me who I am. Every time I've put my identity into those things, I've ended up either disappointed or lonely, or both."

He gave an insider's view of the business of marketing and entertainment and denounced the value given to it by the American public.

"I know what it's like because I live in that world," said Hanson, who ranks second on the Lions' all-time points list. "It's about how many Nike things you have or the kind of car you drive. Even what kind of deodorant you use. You name a product and it's out there telling you that it gives you your identity."

"Not even my field goal percentage matters. Our team chaplain has told us that, the

legacy we leave, isn't going to be in the media guide. It's going to be in our children and that's what I'm trying to focus on. I have a 3-year-old son named Ryan and another child on the way. That's what's important to me."

"The worries, the hopes, all of that kind of stuff. It's the same on that side of the television screen as it is on this side."

He also related several stories about being a pro athlete, especially a kicker.

"Just two days ago, I went to the Silverdome and the security guy told me 'This area is only for the Lions,'" he recalled. "I said, 'Well, I am a Lion' and he looked at me and said, 'Yeah, right.'"

He even gets it from teammates, he said.

"Luther (Elliss) had T-shirts made up that said 'Body by Christ' for the guys in the Bible study group," said Hanson. "I put mine on the locker room and he pointed at me and said real loud to everyone, 'That's no testament!'"

The former All-America kicker from Washington State University (where he also just happened to graduate from with 3.8 grade-point-average in zoology with an emphasis in premed) reflected on the Reggie Brown incident at the end of the 1997 season. Brown, a former Lion, was injured during play and



Morning kinks: Plymouth Kiwanian Dave Seegrist (left) talks with Detroit Lions place kicker Jason Hanson following the Kiwanis Morning Club Prayer Breakfast. From left: David Denstedt, Mike Seegrist, Hector Valdez and Matt Denstedt.

nearly died on the field.

"I wasn't as surprised as most people that everyone there prayed when that happened," he said. "To me, it's like, 'What else are you going to do?'"

Hanson said that with all the adornment athletes receive, they're just like anyone else who is looking for happiness.

"I've seen guys who have it all and they're still lonely," he said.

"The average career of a professional football player is three years. That's it. The guys (in the Bible study) want a security that football doesn't give."

"After a few years in the league, I looked at what I was getting and thought, 'If this is

all that the world has to offer, and it's a lot, then I'm in trouble."

Elliss promised, via telephone from Hawaii, to reschedule his appearance for a later Kiwanis Club event. Stewart said that both agreed to aim for a date sometime in June.

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and house the homeless until they can save enough money to get back on their feet.

"We wanted to participate during Easter week," said program director Dave Barrett of Plymouth. "It felt good for us to help, and given it's Holy Week seemed especially appropriate."

"For an entire week, the guests are brought here in the evening," said Barrett. "After dinner, we many times have a hymn sing, board games, movies, television, or they can just be by themselves. Many ask for a place to pray or for literature to read."

"We get them up early in the morning and have breakfast. And before they are picked up by Cass for work, we give them a

sack lunch."

First United parishioners tried this program four years ago, but in working with township officials had to address fire codes and other issues before being able to participate in the program a second time.

"We believe in outreach," said Dean Klump, senior minister at First United. "We don't just want to serve ourselves. We want to serve the community."

Seven other churches helped First United this past week in serving dinner, making breakfast and preparing the lunches.

"They want to serve, and it also helps defray the cost to us," said Barrett. "We do the same thing when the other churches host the program for a week."

Sharon Hoard and her three

children made it a family affair in helping their homeless guests.

"We want our children to know they are blessed, that there are a lot of people who are less fortunate," said Hoard.

"I have a lot of fun hanging out with them," said Brandon Hoard, 13. "I serve dinner, then we play board games or watch TV. Most people think they don't have jobs or don't do anything. But that's not true."

The Rotating Shelter is a 60-day program whereby Cass Church helps the homeless get back on their feet. The men and women are required to get jobs, and must give a majority of the money they earn to Cass for safe keeping. At the end of the 60 days, hopefully the homeless person has an established job and money saved to get a place to live.

Charles Jackson is in charge of transporting the homeless from Cass Church and stays overnight to make sure there aren't any problems. He said it's important that different churches participate in the program.

"The purpose of getting away from Cass Church is to show

them there's more to life than just hanging out in the street," said Jackson. "If we let them stay down in the Cass Corridor, they'll never get away from the environment that got them here in the first place."

"Most of us are homeless because of drugs, and we took wrong turns," said Derrick Parker, 35, who planned to spend the week at First United. "If it wasn't for this program, I don't know where I'd be. I still want to make something of myself."

While parishioners are helping the homeless, many times it's the homeless that leave a more lasting impression.

"The last time we participated there were a lot of tearful good-byes because we formed some nice friendships and bonds with them," said Debbie Single. "It's a wonderful opportunity. We certainly receive a lot more than we give."

"Despite being homeless, their faith is stronger than many in this church," said Art Single. "You can learn a lot from the strength and faith they have."

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Hold on: Carrie Hayes and Krista Slawski cavort at the Skatin' Station in Canton during a Student Senate outing on St. Patrick's Day.



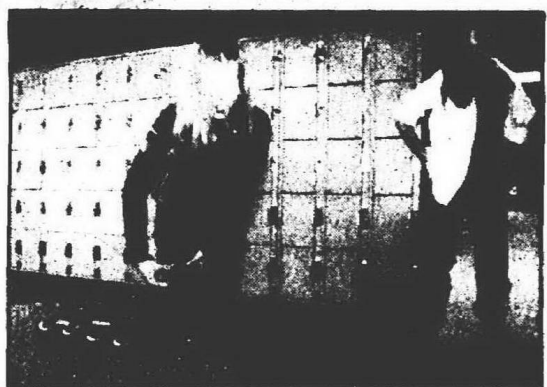
Lunch chat: Carrie laughs with fellow seniors Nathan Rau (left) and Krista Slawski during lunch Feb. 16.



Student Senate: Carrie listens intently during a PCEP Student Senate meeting in February. Ashley Ryan and faculty adviser Jan Sutherland are behind Carrie.



Classes: Carrie walks with Ashley Ryan (left) and Krista Slawski between classes at PCEP.



Lacing up: Carrie laces up her skates as faculty adviser Jan Sutherland waits at the Skatin' Station during a student Senate event.

College-bound

MSU wins out over Albion for senior

Editor's note: This is the fourth installment in a series of stories that the Plymouth Observer has been featuring throughout the school year focusing on "A Year in the Life" of a high school senior.

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The school year is almost over, and while many students will be looking forward to graduation and summer vacation, Canton High School senior Carrie Hayes is looking a bit farther ahead.

"I love going to high school,

but I think I'm ready to move on to college," said Carrie, anticipating graduation in June. "It's an opportunity to manage your own time wisely, and you have the chance to prioritize. In college, there isn't any hand holding."

Carrie said much of this semester has been spent on looking ahead to attending Michigan State. It was here biggest decision, one Carrie is glad is over.

"I'm glad I decided in January. It takes a lot of pressure off," said the Plymouth Township resident. "Just knowing where I'm going and not having to worry about it is a big relief."

Carrie said she's always leaned towards attending MSU for a number of reasons.

"I thought about Albion (Col-

lege), but it's twice as expensive and they didn't offer me much scholarship money," said Carrie. "Besides, I think I'd be happier at Michigan State. It's bigger. I can't see me going to Albion, which is smaller than my high school."

Along with deciding which college to attend, Carrie has already made a second big decision.

"I've already got my roommate, Bea Ferguson," said Carrie. "She's in one of my classes and we get along real well."

"Bea has some of the same values I do, and we see eye-to-eye on a lot of things," she added. "Like school, the qualities we chose in our friends, music. And we're both clean, not slobs."

Thus far it looks like the honor student will attempt to

double major in biology and communications.

Not quite yet

However, before Carrie can think much more about Michigan State, there are still a couple of months left in high school.

"This year has gone by so fast, it's crazy," said Carrie. "I wish there was a way for everyone to move on, but keep in touch. That's the part that makes me sad. Leaving and not being able to see all my friends every day."

Carrie is considering entering the high school graduation speech contest.

"I would really like to speak at graduation ... to give some of the last words for our class ... I think it would be a cool experi-

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LIBRARY WATCH

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

LANDSCAPE GARDENING EVENT
Barbara Black, long-time volunteer docent at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, will show slides, speak and answer questions on "Landscape Gardening by the Books and Beyond" at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, in the Library Meeting Room. Register for the program at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY AUTHOR LUNCHEON
Michigan author Jack Driscoll will be the featured speaker at a luncheon Thursday, April 22, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth Township. Tickets to the event are \$20 and are available at the library checkout desk until Sunday, April 11. Seating for the luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.; a cash bar will be open at that time. Driscoll lives and writes in Traverse City and is the author of four books of poems, a collection of short stories, and three novels. "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman," has received both the 1998 Pushcart Book Editor's Award and the Barnes and Noble Discover Award.

LITERARY GROUPS
The Contemporary Books Discussion group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. The group will discuss "Paradise of the Blind" by Duong Thu Huong. Copies of the book are available at the library checkout desk. For further information, call Darlene Ursel, (734) 453-0750. The Brown Bags discussion

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**
- The Testament, John Grisham
 - River's End, Nora Roberts
 - Toss Your, Neave Binchy
 - Vector, Robin Cook
 - Ashes to Ashes, Tami Hoag

- NON-FICTION**
- All Too Human, George Stephanopoulos
 - The Greatest Generation, Tom Browke
 - Menon's Story, Andrew Morton
 - Reaching to Heaven, James Van Praagh
 - The Art of Happiness, Dalai Lama

- PARENT'S CHOICE YOUNG ADULT FICTION**
- Spider's Web, Gloria Skourzynski
 - Snowflakes, Mark Moyzart
 - The Revolution of St. Bruno, Yves Seymour
 - Close to a Killer, Marjorie Quast
 - Farly Adams & Maybe a Wife, Harriette Ellen Robinet

group will meet at noon, Wednesday, April 28. The group will discuss "Charming Billy" by Alice McDermott as its first book to read and discuss. Copies of the book are available at the library checkout desk.

The Plymouth Writer's Club will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, and Thursday, April 22. For additional information, call Brian Anderson at (734) 416-0418.

YOUTH EVENTS

COUNTDOWN TO THE MILLENNIUM
Time travel back to the year 0 to find out what it was like to be a kid at that time. Did children go to school? What did kids do for fun? What did they eat? This hour long program is for children age 6-12 and will be held in the Meeting Room of the library 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Registration begins Saturday, April 10, at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

STUDENT STORYTELLERS
The Plymouth Library Student Storytellers has been formed to help students in grades 3-8 to develop their storytelling abilities. The group will meet 7-8 p.m. Thursday, April 15.

TEEN EVENTS

MEHNDI ARTISTRY
Professional Mehndi artist Colleen Flannery will present the art of temporary henna tattooing, Mehndi, through its history, ritual significance and demonstration 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. The age limit is 12 to 18 years. Register after Wednesday, April 7, at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

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ate an agreement that protects the human rights of all people in Yugoslavia.

Pelana disagreed, telling students that Serbs have been targeting Albanians for a long time.

"Schools are closed, people have been fired from work, unemployment among Albanians is 100 percent since the Serbs took over," said Pelana. "Genocide has started. The best solution is for Kosovo to let its people have independence from Serbia."

Pelana then explained to students the situation in terms they could understand.

"This is much like the Americans who rebelled and fought against the oppressive British regime to gain their own freedom," he said. "Kosovo Albanians are seeking freedom and liberty the same as American people did two centuries ago."

Fishman gave students another perspective.

"People are dying and being stripped from their homes," he noted. "Something else must be done, because the bombings aren't working."

After listening to the debate, many students said they came away with a better understanding of what is happening in the region, allowing them to form their own opinions.

"I never knew what ethnic

'I never knew what ethnic cleansing was before, or much about the fighting.'

Motica Lowery
—student

cleansing was before, or much about the fighting," said Motica Lowery, 16, of Canton. "I used to think the U.S. shouldn't be the world's police force, but now I understand the U.S. doesn't want another Holocaust."

"I didn't think the U.S. should be stepping in, but I guess if you had a good life and someone was taking you away from being free and your job, you would want someone to help you," added Ashley Williams, 16, of Plymouth.

"The U.S. needs to use force because the Serbs aren't stopping on their own," said Andrew Madonna, 16, of Plymouth. "The U.S. needs to make it stop."

"I've always been against the bombing, and am still after this debate," added Jim Horton, 15, of Canton. "I think the U.S. will lose some of its credibility, just like we did in Iraq when we bombed Saddam. That area should really be worrying about this situation themselves. The bombing seems to have no effect."

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Kemp in the hole and began digging.

"When I got in the hole, the one man was breathing, but the other was under the dirt about a foot," said Steve Vesely of Canton, who works for Titanus Cement Wall Co. of Novi. "We had to be careful when digging because we didn't know exactly where he was buried."

"Digging through the clay was tough," said Kemp. "We finally got his head clear to give him mouth to mouth, but we couldn't turn him over to administer CPR."

The Plymouth Community Fire Department arrived on the scene and helped in finally freeing the victims, which one official said took approximately 20 minutes. One died from his injuries, the other was shaken, but relatively uninjured.

Cameron Cook, 25, of Ypsilanti was the man who was buried completely. He was pronounced dead at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

"It was most likely from being crushed by the weight of the dirt and clay," said fire Capt. Randy Maycock. "The 3-by-8 section of dirt wall that came crumbling

down probably weighed between one and two thousand pounds. It was like being hit by a car."

Moises Rubalcaba, 31, of Detroit survived without any injuries, despite being buried up to his neck for most of the ordeal. He was treated and released from the hospital Thursday.

"I'm trained to respond to emergency situations, but it was still difficult because we had no emergency equipment, no radio, nothing needed for a rescue," said Kemp. "I did the best I could. But I feel bad we couldn't save the one victim."

The two men worked for William R. Curtis Inc. of Farmington Hills. The owner, William Curtis, was visibly upset while talking of the accident.

"This kind of thing is not supposed to happen. It was just a freak accident," said Curtis. "I've been in this business for 50 years and this is the first time we've ever had an accident. I just can't believe this happened."

Representatives of Pulte Homes declined to comment at the scene. William Cannon, senior safety officer of the MIOSHA Construction Safety



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Cave In: One man was killed and another injured at a construction site near Ridge and Powell.

Division, arrived on the scene shortly after the men were freed.

"I'll take a look and see if there are any construction violations at the site," said Cannon. "It will take a few weeks before the report is issued."

Plymouth Township Building Official Charlie McIlhargey said

despite the growth throughout the township, accidents at construction sites have been rare.

"We've had probably five cave-in accidents in the 14-years I've been on the job, but none have resulted in death," said McIlhargey. "We've been very fortunate."

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the DDA," said Repeck. "I have something to offer, and the time is right."

Sean Fitzgerald is the current chairman of the planning commission, a board he's been a part of since 1995.

"I'm concerned about the city's financial health," said Fitzgerald. "I'm also concerned about the lack of respect among board members."

Bill Graham has been the city's clerk, treasurer, finance director and acting city manager at various points in the past. He is currently a member of the planning commission.

"There are a lot of things in the community I feel aren't getting done," said Graham. "They include the Mayflower Hotel project, the water fund and parking problems."

Jerry Vorva has taken out petitions, saying, "I intend to run for city commission."

Others who have taken out petitions include Michael Reynolds, Penny Rowland and Jack Wilson.

Petitions are available at the clerk's office in City Hall and must be turned in by May 11 at 4 p.m.

If there are more than eight candidates submitting petitions who qualify, there will be a primary election held on Tuesday, Aug. 3. The general election is slated for Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Anyone with questions can call Linda Langmesser, city clerk, at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 234.

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Metro parking contract OK'd, firm must reimburse county

BY KIM ANHANCYK
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APCOA of Cleveland must reimburse Wayne County if they want a new parking contract for Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, informed Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a \$503,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses. With that information in hand on Thursday, county commissioners approved a contract conditional upon the county and APCOA settling the refund claim within 30 days.

APCOA leased the shuttle buses through financial agreements with various lending institutions, then collected reimbursements from Wayne County.

Ward reviewed the lease agreements after Dunleavy and his staff estimated the airport could have purchased shuttle vans for less than what the lease agreement cost. Dunleavy found Wayne County could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease 37 vehicles and discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each, not approximately \$28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement.

Ward said the prosecutors "did not find reason to suspect that the mistakes made locally on the leases reflect a culpability which should disqualify the corporation in the current bidding."

However, the above refund (\$503,647) is an obligation of APCOA to Wayne County," Ward wrote. "Thus, if APCOA qualifies as the lowest responsible bidder on the pending contract, we would suggest that it be required to settle this refund claim now as a condition of the new award."

Contract revised

Commissioners also amended the contract to include the following items:

- APCOA must retain all revenue and expenditure records for at least a five-year period.
- APCOA also must provide the county with evidence of at least three competitive bids on all subcontracted activities and receive written approval from the airport staff prior to finalizing such contracts. For all other services and products provided pursuant to the contract, such as insurance, a price-competitive process must be undertaken and selection approved by the airport staff.

The agreement calls for a settlement to be within 30 days. "If that's not done, the contract will be null and void," said Commissioner Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, who chairs the commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services.

Robert Hill, senior vice president of APCOA, could not be reached Thursday for comment, but in a letter to Airport Director David Katz, he indicated APCOA would agree to keep all records up to five years and, as standard practice, will take bids on subcontract activities and receive written approval from airport staff.

"This procedure will also include future leasing of vehicles and towing services," Hill wrote.

Katz informed commissioners the midfield parking operation will be bid separately from this contract, which will include 11,000 parking spaces.

Katz said the APCOA bid was at least one-half of the other bids submitted. APCOA's management fee was 0.23297 percent, while other companies ranged from 0.61 to 0.97926 percent, Katz said. That figures to about \$70,000 annually on \$30 million in gross revenue, excluding the parking tax, according to Susan Kopinski, director of airport finance.

"By far they were the lowest bidder," Katz said.

Waiting for word

County officials also waited for an interpretation from the state

Treasury Department for \$1.4 million in underreported taxes discovered by Dunleavy for valet parking for the fiscal years of 1992 through 1997 with \$1.1 million to Wayne County and \$300,000 in Romulus. APCOA had deducted labor costs before computing the valet parking tax.

Dunleavy's staff found that APCOA computed the tax on less than 25 percent of receipts instead of the 30 percent in the state statute. That money would be sent to the state, then sent back to the county's general fund.

Katz expects to discuss the settlement with APCOA soon. APCOA is aware of the commission's action, Katz said.

Katz said the prosecutor's review was what the airport administration expected.

"It validated what we thought. We asked ourselves why did we do that? We had management decisions made in four or five places, but the mistake the county made was a person who would look at the whole thing."

Contract oversight

McNamara and Katz have reorganized the Department of Airports. Angela Frakes has been assigned as the department's parking lot administrator. Frakes will be responsible for the daily administration of the parking lot contracts.

Frakes helped resolve problems at the Wayne County morgue, Katz said.

Katz is confident the contract and revisions will work out well for Wayne County.

"If we thought there was any hanky-panky going on, we wouldn't have recommended them," Katz said.

Katz said APCOA had a good track record if out of \$100 million-plus of transactions over a three or four year deal, a single question of \$300,000 or \$500,000 was raised. But Katz acknowledged those earlier lease agreements could have been handled better, it was just a bad decision," Katz said.

Learn about reptiles at nature center

The Rouge River flood plain is home to many different reptile species.

Enthusiasts can learn more about these amazing creatures from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

The class will highlight species found in the area and explain characteristics to

help identify them. Participants can view these inhabitants on a short hike to the river. In addition, many myths about reptiles will be dispelled.

Suitable for all ages, the fee is \$1 per person and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through funding from the parks millage.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

Food court offers more choices for travelers at Metro Airport

From sausage to sushi, travelers will have more food choices at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

A new food court has opened in the airport's Concourse F, which is the gateway for many of Metro's nonstop international destinations. Officials from Wayne County and Host Marriott Services officially opened the concourse Wednesday.

Travelers can now enjoy Jody Maroni's, featuring a variety of gourmet sausages; Tampopo Noodles & Sushi, serving authentic Asian cuisine, specializing in ramen, udon and soba noodles and fresh sushi products, and Cinnabon, offering customers cinnamon rolls.

Wayne County and Northwest

Airlines granted additional space to Host Marriott Services, so that the company could provide creative dining options in Concourse F.

County Executive Edward McNamara said airport customers have been asking for less generic food and beverage products and more brand name choices. "Now, many of our international departing passengers on Concourse F will also have something unique to enjoy," McNamara said.

Earlier this year, the company also opened a Duty Free shop in Concourse F. Other Host Marriott Services at Detroit Metro include TCBY Treats, Starbucks Coffee, Big Apple Bagels, Burger King, Nathan's Famous Hot

Dogs, Home Turf Sports Bar and Grill and the Jose Cuervo Tequileria.

Jack Vogel, vice president operations for Host Marriott Services, said the food court brings the number of national brands and unique food concepts to 14. Vogel said Host Marriott looks forward to working with Wayne County, Northwest and the other airlines to develop more airport concessions.

Host Marriott Services is a food, beverage and retail concessionaire at nearly 200 travel and entertainment venues, with approximately 24,000 employees in seven countries.

Healthy Aging

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE UPDATE

Alzheimer's disease is the most common dementia (cognitive and memory decline) in people over the age of 65. It affects approximately 4 million Americans and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. The emotional and social impact of this disease is suffered not only by patients, but also the caregivers.

The functional and behavioral decline in Alzheimer's disease result from destruction of the nerve cells that control memory, thinking and behavior. Initially short-term memory fails and there is decreased ability to perform familiar tasks. As the disease gradually robs people from cognitive and social skills, behavioral symptoms such as aggression, disorientation and wandering are seen. Older individuals, especially those with family history of Alzheimer's disease are at high risk. Complaints of social withdrawal, depression and decreased awareness of time along with memory decline require prompt medical attention and early diagnosis.

The future holds promise for effectively treating this "silent epidemic", and current treatments significantly improve symptoms. When given in uncomplicated disease, a new therapy improved cognitive function in 12 weeks. Treatment of early symptoms can help prevent long-term facility placement, preserve dignity and reduce caregiver stress.

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The degree of care one might be expected to take will probably be in contention. In a personal injury case an injured party would be best served by having an experienced litigator at his side.

HINT: Whereas the basic negligence rule holds that everyone must take "reasonable care" to avoid injury to others, reasonable care can vary with time, place, and the relationships between people.

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PROVIDENCE

WILLIAM J. HENNING
 Services for William J. Henning, 80, of Plymouth were April 1 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Jay Gustafson officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born April 20, 1918, in Plymouth. He died March 30 in Livonia. He retired 16 years ago from the Pennace Packing Corporation of America after 25 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community 40 years ago from South Lyon. He was a member of the Newburgh Baptist Church in Westland. He attended school in Canton. He was an avid gardener. He served in the armed services during World War II in the European theater.

He was preceded in death by his son, Billy, and one daughter, Faith. Survivors include his wife, Ruth C. Henning of Plymouth; one son, Delbert "Pat" (Ann) Henning of Twin Lakes; four step-children, Carroll (Sue) Park of East Lansing, Dwan (Claudia) Park of Hamburg, Herbert (Dianne) Park of Pinckney, Marilyn (Bob) Bonga of Plymouth; two brothers, Roy Henning of Traverse City, Everett Henning of Westland; three sisters, Dorothy Gardner of Northville, Lillian "Tudy" Buttermore of Northville, Violet Bennett of Traverse City; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Newburgh Baptist Church of Westland.

ELEANOR K. THOMSEN

Services for Eleanor K. Thomsen, 82, of Plymouth were April 1 in Grace Lutheran Church with Rev. Victor Halboth and Rev. Timothy Halboth officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born May 26, 1916, in Shamokin, Pa. She died March 28 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1980 from Detroit. She was a long time member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Redford. She attended Carlton College in Minnesota. She was an avid gardener and she loved to play bridge and travel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. Survivors include her two daughters, Christine Thomsen of Arizona, Carol (Douglas) Stowell of Vestal, N.Y.; one sister, Ann Mitchell of Mountain View, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Steven Stowell of Tacoma, Wash., Kristen Stowell of Bloomington, Ind., Heather Wing of Ann Arbor.

Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, Redford or the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan.

JOSEPH PETER GALASSO

Services for Joseph Peter Galasso, 89, of Plymouth were April 1 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Ortman officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born Aug. 5, 1909, in California. He died March 30 in Wayne. He was a machine repairman at Kelsey Hayes in Romulus. He retired in 1976. He came to the Plymouth community 26 years ago from Detroit. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He loved his family. He also loved to fish and hunt. He loved bowling and was a professional bowler at one time.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Tassi, and one brother, Henry. Survivors include his wife, Hazel M. Galasso of Plymouth; two daughters, Joyce (David) Holm of Los Angeles, Calif., Marilyn (Jerry) Tsydell of Warren; two sons, Joseph Galasso, Jr. of Troy, Michael (Kim) Galasso of Richfield; three sisters, Frances Saragosa of Canton, Alta (Umberto) Russo of Livonia, Eileen Wren of Livonia; two brothers, Albert (Mary) Galasso of California, Angelo (Sandra)

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic announcement send the material to: Campus Notes, Plymouth Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Michelle Wallon of Plymouth qualified for an honors scholarship at Kalamazoo College. She is a Plymouth Salem High School graduate. She is the daughter of Frederick Anthony and Linda Carol Wallon of Plymouth.

Galasso of California; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice or mass offerings.

ROSE J. STRIZEK

Services for Rose J. Strizek, 83, of Canton will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Gardens West, Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Sept. 26, 1915, in Chicago, Ill. She died March 29 in Superior Township at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was a medical technician. She lived in Canton for three years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Alcise Jana. Survivors include her two daughters, Janet L. Strizek of Chicago, Ill.; Karen (James) Sandusky of Canton; one sister, Mae Rose Jana of Westchester, Ill.; one grandson, Scott Sandusky of Canton and one granddaughter, Beth Sandusky of Canton.

Memorials may be made to United Home Health Services, Inc., 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton, MI 48187.



Slating: Carrie and Jan Sutherland roll by at the station during a Student Senate meeting.

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ence." Carrie said she's been encouraged by Janet Sutherland, a teacher who has made an impact on her high school career.

"She's really understanding and willing to help you all the time, no matter what class it is you need help with," said Carrie.

Carrie said Sutherland is just one of many teachers she'll miss.

"Last year in chemistry, Mr. (Michael) Spitz taught me to never stop believing in yourself," she remembered. "Keep persevering and trying. Never say 'I can't.'"

Carrie said she's looking forward to Senior Prom on May 14, where she will be helping with a Students Against Drunk Driving campaign, to warn of the dangers of drinking and driving.

"I would like to think we can have an impact," said Carrie. "We had a successful campaign during Christmas vacation with ideas for kids on alternative activities besides drinking."

Church influence

Carrie said one of her best experiences this semester was not at school, but a Christian youth group weekend at Cobo Center in Detroit, through Our Lady of Good Counsel

"As much as it is exciting to graduate, it will be hard. Heck, I cried when last year's seniors graduated."

Carrie Sutherland Senior

Church in South

"It helped me bring out what's important in life. It's not just happiness. It's about what Carrie reflected. "It was a reminder on how important those things are, compared to materialistic things. It was like a reality check."

In the meantime, Carrie said she just wants to enjoy her last months at Canton High School.

"I think I really have to just focus on enjoying the last couple of months of school and remembering," she added. "Not getting stressed out or overwhelmed. Those are the things that get the best of me sometimes."

"Talk to me in June, I will probably cry," Carrie said with a smile. "As much as it is exciting to graduate, it will be hard. Heck, I cried when last year's seniors graduated."

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Joseph Phelps Vineyards stars at WineFest

Having been in the wine business for over 25 years qualifies Joseph Phelps Vineyards owner Joe Phelps as a member of the Senior Class of Napa Valley vintners. His wines are superstars at the head of that class.

But Phelps isn't looking back nor resting on his laurels. He continues to enhance his vineyards and lock up premium grape sources for 21st century wines. He doesn't try to do it all. Company president and CEO Tom Shelton has ramped up the winery's image at home and abroad. Veteran winemaker Craig Williams has been with Joseph Phelps Vineyards since 1976 and in charge of red winemaking since 1980. Red wines at Phelps include the winery's flagship Insignia.

No single Napa Valley wine is more apocryphal than Phelps Insignia. With release of the 1974 Insignia in the spring of 1978, Joseph Phelps Vineyards became the first California winery to produce and blend the traditional Bordeaux grape varieties of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc under a proprietary label. Considered innovative at the time (it was not until 1984 that another such blend, Opus One, was released), Insignia continues to represent the highest expression of wine-making available to Joseph Phelps in a given vintage. Today, a number of wineries fashion Bordeaux-style blends under the term Meritage.

Phelps is not only about Insignia. From superbly crafted varietal bottlings, to a Rhone-wine program, the Pastiche concept and on to luscious dessert wines, all Joseph Phelps Vineyard wines are stars. Phelps Chardonnay originates from its cool-climate vineyards in Carneros and Yountville resulting in wine with crisp forward flavors of pear, citrus and tropical fruit balanced by hints of vanilla toasty oak. Estate-grown Sauvignon Blanc stems from Phelps Spring Valley Vineyards outside St. Helena. Mineral and grass-like aromas are complemented by melon/grapefruit flavors with a lively finish.

The majority of Phelps Cabernet Sauvignon comes from its Stags Leap District vineyard and is noted for its complex, spicy aromas and red fruit flavors culminating in a long, smooth finish.

Rhone Ranger

Joseph Phelps became the first Rhone Ranger in 1974 with the inaugural California commercial release of true French syrah. In 1989, Phelps introduced a separate brand called Vin du Mistral which now includes syrah, viognier, grenache rose and the proprietary blend Le Mistral (a wine

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Wine Picks

- **Pinot of the Week:** 1996 Stags' Leap Merlot, Napa Valley \$29. Merlot doesn't get better than this! Delicious now, yet very ageable. 1997 St. Supery Meritage wine \$21 gives enhanced meaning to the marriage category.
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- **Wine to try with wild game:** 1997 Pinot Noir, Dry Creek Valley \$11 and 1997 St. Supery Merlot \$19.
- **Wine to try with pork chops:** 1997 Pinot Noir, Dry Creek Valley \$11 and 1997 St. Supery Merlot \$19.
- **Wine to try with beef and lamb:** 1997 Pinot Noir, Dry Creek Valley \$11 and 1997 St. Supery Merlot \$19.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- **Wine**
- **Food**

MAKING CUSTOMER KING IS CHEF'S REWARD

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Certified Master Chef Leopold K. Schaeli is 73, going on 74. He's retiring from Schoolcraft College in Livonia where he's taught since 1991, but don't get out the rocking chair yet, he's not ready.

"I never have enough hours to do what I want to do," he said. "If I have a weekend off I say 'oh boy, let's go somewhere.'"

In May he's traveling to Switzerland with a group of culinary students from Schoolcraft College.

Schaeli loves what he does. His cooking philosophy is simple — "cook with care, show passion, show love. You have to love what you're doing. It comes from within," he said. "Being a chef is a very rewarding profession, but it's strenuous, and there's a lot of hard work and hard labor. You have to be in excellent health. You're on your feet all day long, and it's stressful. You climb walls for two hours while the orders come in like an avalanche at lunch and dinner. You have to prepare so you can deliver."

Customers asked for him by name at the restaurants he worked at, and followed him when he left one to go to another.

"The customer is king. He pays the bills," said Schaeli. "You have to give him 100 percent."

home since 1989 when he left an executive chef position at a luxury motor inn in Rochester, N.Y. to be manager and executive chef de cuisine at Jim's Garage in Detroit.

"I was working seven days a week, and this job was five," said Schaeli explaining why he made the move. But pretty soon he was working seven days a week doing parties after his 40-hour shift. He didn't mind, as long as his staff was taken care of and got paid overtime. They did, and he never had trouble finding people to work for him.

Schaeli left Jim's Garage in 1973 to work at the Drawbridge Restaurant in Northville. In 1975 he started work at Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Hills, and served as corporate executive chef for Harris O. Machus Enterprises Inc. until 1992. He was responsible for 10 restaurants, 650 employees, and three pastry retail shops.

"I opened 11 restaurants and each one takes about 10 years out of your life," he said. "You give it everything you've got, because you want it to be a success."

There's a reason Schaeli is so



Certified Master Chef Leopold K. Schaeli

passionate about food. It goes back to his childhood in Switzerland.

The youngest of seven children, his father ran a dairy and made cheese. Schaeli was in first grade when his mother passed away.

"I grew up with my brothers and sisters, we managed ourselves," he said. "In my spare time I would go to the restaurant in town. It was fascinating to watch the pastry chef through the window. Of course we never had desserts at home. One day he told me, 'you can eat all you want if you wash

the pots and pans.' I went every day after school, and he used to give me stuff I could take home."

Eating is one of the things Schaeli likes about being a chef.

"You never go hungry," he said. "If you are, it's your fault."

Over the years he's gotten really fussy about food — it's his pride and joy.

He studied culinary arts in Switzerland, and after serving his apprenticeship there, held man-

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WHAT CHEFS SHOULD KNOW

Certified Master Chef Leopold K. Schaeli shares this advice for aspiring chefs who want to be successful.

- Take the job seriously
- Always be polite with your co-workers, because your co-workers will respect you for it. If you want respect, you have to give it to get it back.
- Teach and train constantly. Don't teach your staff shortcuts, they will teach themselves when things get busy. Teach your staff the right way to do things.
- Get involved in professional organizations. Know what's going on in the food industry.
- Do it right the first time.
- You'll make mistakes. The customer has to be compensated if you want to keep them.
- Always be on time.
- Always be clean. Never have dirty shoes, uniform or nails. A clean image makes it more appealing for customers.
- Keep your work station clean. Above all, follow sanitary procedures.
- Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. If you don't you'll get into hot water with food spoilage.
- First in first out. Do inventory.
- Control food costs. Do the buying, or find out what things cost.
- Control labor costs.
- Hire a good staff. If you don't have a good staff you'll be swimming upstream on your own. You need a good staff.
- Learn how to write menus and how to translate them. French is kitchen language, know what the terms mean.
- Educate staff so they can translate the menu and tell customers what it means.
- Be proud of what you serve.
- Learn the language of the place where you're working. If you're working in the Southwest it would help to know Spanish.
- Chefs need to learn how to use the internet and computers.

It's time to spill the beans about soy products

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY

April is National Soy Month. Since soybeans are Michigan's number one crop, we have good reason to celebrate!

Soy products are increasing in popularity. They are good for you, economical, and available at your neighborhood grocery store.

Soy products can form the foundation of a nutritious diet. Soy protein, the actual protein found in soy products, can help lower cholesterol, improve diabetic control, relieve symptoms of menopause, prevent osteoporosis and help fight cancer.

There are many different soy products including soybeans, textured vegetable protein, soymilk and soy yogurt, tofu, tempeh, miso, and tamari.

Let's look at the different types of soy products and how you can use them:

- **Tofu** — often referred to by its Chinese name, "bean curd," takes on the flavor and character of foods it is prepared with. Extremely versatile, tofu can be used in stir-fries, soups, sandwiches, salad dressings, dips or desserts. Regular tofu is sold immersed in water in a plastic

tub; silken tofu is available in vacuum packages that can be stored on your kitchen shelf without refrigeration until opened.

Silken tofu, such as the Mori-Nu brand comes in soft, firm and extra-firm consistencies.

Soft tofu is best used for dips, dressings, and sauces. Firm tofu is better for desserts and tofu salad. For stir-fries, cutlets, and kabobs, extra-firm tofu is the best choice.

- **Tempeh** — is a fermented soyfood with a meaty texture. This staple of Indonesia is made from either whole soybeans or a soybean and grain combination.
- **Textured vegetable protein** — is a quick-cooking soyfood made from defatted soy flour. It is available in the form of granules or chunks. The granules can be used much like ground beef in recipes, while the chunks can be used for stews, stroganoff, soups or kabobs.

- **Meat analogs** — there are many convenience foods made from soy such as vegetarian burgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage, bacon and other lunch meats. These are available frozen, canned, or in easy-to-make mixes. Morningstar Farms has an extensive line of frozen products.
- **Soymilk** — can be used instead of cow's milk as a beverage or in cooking. It is available plain or flavored.
- **Miso** — is salty, fermented paste made from cooked, aged soybeans. Traditionally it is used as a soup base, and added at the end of cooking. Miso ranges in color from a rich, dark, brown, with an almost "beefy" flavor, to light and creamy, with a tanginess that resembles blue cheese.
- **Tamari** — the highly processed soy sauce that most of us are used to can't hold a candle to richly flavored tamari. Tamari also holds its flavor better during cooking than commercial soy sauce. Add tamari near the end of cooking, as long periods of heat will reduce

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crafted in the style of Champagne (de-Pape). Refinement and evolution of Le Mission began in 1866 with the Pastiche concept. Both the Pastiche White and Red emulate the blending concepts of France's Cotes du Rhone.

Dessert wines are also made at Phelps. Most unusual is Eisrebe that had its genesis in 1974 when a small portion of Phelps' Spring Valley acreage was budded to Scheurebe, a crossing of sylvaner and riesling made in Germany in 1916. Since its first release in 1981, Phelps Eisrebe with its perfect balance of acidity and sugar, has been a favored dessert in a glass.

Wine and art auction

WineFest, an annual wine and art auction to support the programs of the Ann Arbor Art Center, is honored to have Joseph Phelps Vineyards president and CEO Tom Shelton as this year's honorary chairman. WineFest and Auction will be held Saturday, April 24 at the Ypsilanti Marriott. Festivities start 5:30 p.m. with a sumptuous strolling dinner accompanied by an array of wines.

Two silent auctions run through the evening and a spirited live auction at 7:45 p.m. caps the excitement. Before leaving, attendees are hosted to music, dancing and more strolling through delectable dessert tables. Tickets at \$125 or \$100 per person (depending on desired table size) for this

regularly sold-out black-tie optional event can be purchased by phoning (734) 994-9004, Ext. 106.

Beverage shopping

Everybody loves a bargain. Beverage shopping at The Ambassador Duty Free Store on the Canadian plaza of the Ambassador Bridge could save you a lot of money. Here's a recent price comparison. Absolut Vodka \$22.95 Michigan, \$13.75 Canadian, which equals a \$9.55 savings in U.S. dollars. Each state in the U.S. sets their own liquor prices, that's why prices vary from state to state.

Sheridan's Coffee-Layered Liqueur produced in Dublin, Ireland at the current rate of exchange is \$23.95.

This unique after dinner pour consists of two bottles fitted together with side-by-side pourers. The drink is served in layers with vanilla cream liqueur floating atop its dark coffee chocolate liqueur bottle companion. Take dessert over the top and accompany it with Belgian chocolates \$10.25. Rum will be the hot drink for upcoming summer. Captain Morgan's Parrot Bay Rum is a bargain at \$11.95. U.S. residents returning to the U.S. have a daily exemption of \$200 per person.

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

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the intensity of the flavor. Tamari is generally made from fermenting soybeans or wheat. If you have a wheat allergy, look for brands of tamari that are wheat-free.

But what about the fat? The soybean is probably the fattiest bean around, especially if you are dealing with soy cheese and soybutter. However, many soy products come in "light" versions. There is really no need to be "fat phobic." The fat found in soy products are largely omega-3 fatty acids. These are essential fatty acids which not only help cells function optimally, but also help reduce your risk of heart disease and fight depression.

So, celebrate National Soy Month with great tasting foods that are healthy to boot!

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

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agement positions in gourmet restaurants around the world including Ireland and Turkey.

Throughout his career he's won numerous honors, and received his Master Chef Certification (the highest achievement attainable) from the American Culinary Federation in 1976.

In addition to teaching, he serves as the associate editor for "Cooking for Profit," Magazine, and writes a monthly col-

umn, "Ask the Master Chef."

He reads all the current food industry magazines, and is fascinated by computers and the Internet. A java script of food headlines he picked up from a Web site scrolls across the bottom of his computer.

"You have to know what's going on in the industry," he said. "If you don't, you're in the dark. How can you talk to students?"

Teaching is a challenging job,

but it's something Schaeli enjoys. This is his last term at Schoolcraft College, he'll retire in May.

"Teaching and training people is a never ending job," he said. "You think you have it, and you're done, then you start all over. There's new equipment, you have to know about trends."

As a nationally approved judge for culinary shows for the American Culinary Federation, Schaeli travels all over the

country. He also keeps busy consulting and doing cooking demos "all over the place."

He and his wife, Margrit, make West Bloomfield their home, and they enjoy exploring and discovering new things together.

"We travel a lot by car," he said. "I like surprises, it makes things interesting. I always love to go places I haven't been before."

There's lots to know and like about garlic

AP — Botanists believe garlic was among the first plants to be cultivated. Six heads of it were found in King Tut's tomb.

Here are some fun facts about garlic from "Garlic, Garlic, Garlic" by Linda and Fred Griffith (Houghton Mifflin 1998).

Eleanor Roosevelt ate three chocolate-covered garlic cloves each day in the belief it would keep her memory sharp.

Garlic has the best flavor in the months just after July and August, when it's harvested.

There are two basic kinds of garlic: softneck and hardneck. Most supermarket garlic is softneck, which has a longer shelf life. Hardneck garlic has a hard stem in the middle of the head. Hardnecks are more difficult to grow but have a wider range of flavor. They're the so-called designer garlics that have captured the fancy of chefs and other garlic lovers.

Garlic powder was first used widely during World War II. It was added to C-rations to make them more palatable.

Minced into fine bits, garlic has a bright and lively flavor. If you smash the clove before you cut it or put it through a garlic press, the flavor will be more pungent, because crushing releases more of the sulfurous chemicals.

Roasted garlic has a sweet, caramel taste. Cloves boiled for 20 minutes become soft and mild.

To cure garlic breath, chew a coffee bean or drink some wine or whiskey.

To keep garlic from sticking to the knife, wet the knife before you begin to cut.

In Gary, Ind., it's against the law to eat garlic before going to the movies.

Will Rogers once said that Gilroy, Calif., the garlic-growing capital, is the only place in the world where you can marinate a steak just by hanging it on the clothesline.

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See related Living Better Sensibly Story on Taste front.

The Michigan International Women's Show, will be held Thursday, April 29 through Sunday, May 2 at the Novi Expo Center. Stop by the Living Better Sensibly/Pharmacology booth and register to win a gift.

Don't miss Chef Annabel Cohen's cooking demonstration, "Spotlight on Soy" 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29 and Beverly Price's seminars on "Natural Treatment Options for Menopause" 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday May 1 at the show. Sample yummy dessert shown here, and other great soy dishes. Call (248) 539-9424 for more information.

MARLA'S VEGETABLE LASAGNA

- 1 small onion
- 2 cups zucchini, spinach, and/or mushrooms
- 2 cups Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles
- 12 ounce can tomato paste
- 28 ounce can, crushed tomatoes

- 1 and 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 bay leaf
- Morningstar Farms Better'n Egg equivalent to 2 eggs
- 12.3 ounce container Mori-Nu Firm, lite silken tofu, mashed
- 1 (12 ounce) package soy cheese, mozzarella style
- 1 package whole wheat Lasagna noodles

Brown onions and other vegetables. Combine onions and other vegetables with all ingredients through the bay leaf in large pot. Bring to boil and simmer for 30 minutes with cover on.

Stir occasionally. Boil noodles while sauce is simmering and cook until al dente.

In a separate bowl, combine Better'n Egg and mashed tofu. Cut mozzarella cheese into small

cubes. When noodles are done, lay them flat on wax paper. Set in pan as follows: noodles, 1/3 tofu-egg mixture, 1/3 mozzarella cheese, 1/3 sauce. Repeat 3 times but leave noodles off third time. Bake for 45 minutes at 375°F.

TEMPEH-MUSHROOM SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 8 ounces tempeh
- 2 1/2 cups vegetable stock
- 2 teaspoons tamari or soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch or arrow root powder
- 1 large onion, finely sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, pressed or minced
- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- Fresh ground black pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme (1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh marjoram (1 tsp. dried)
- 3 tablespoons mellow barley

Heat in skillet 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high heat. Add tempeh; flip immediately to coat second side with oil. Brown both sides. Add 1/2 cup stock, and tamari or soy sauce. Cover tightly and cook, turning once, until liquid is absorbed, about 5 minutes.

Cut tempeh into strips about 1/4 inch thick and 1 1/4 inches long; set aside.

In small bowl, combine cornstarch or arrowroot, and 1 tablespoon cold stock. Set aside until dissolved.

Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in skillet. Add onion; saute over medium heat until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes.

Stir in garlic and mushrooms; continue to saute until mushrooms exude moisture. Add pepper, thyme and marjoram; saute briefly. Remove from heat.

Whisk miso with dissolved thickener and several tablespoons of stock.

Add remaining stock and tempeh strips to sauteed vegetables, and bring to a simmer. Gradually add miso mixture, stirring constantly, until liquid thickens. Remove from heat and stir in 2 tablespoons parsley.

Serve immediately over whole wheat noodles or grains. Garnish with remaining parsley. Makes 4 generous servings.

Variation: Use dill and tarragon in place of thyme and marjoram.

CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY CAKE-LYONS

- Yield: 12-16 servings
- 1 package 2 layer size devil's food cake mix
- 2, 2 1/2 ounce packages Chocolate Mori-Nu Mates Low-fat Pudding Mix
- 2/3 cup cold soy milk
- 1/3 cup raspberry liqueur
- 1 (11 or 12 ounce) jar fudge topping or raspberry-fudge sauce
- Fresh raspberries
- Chocolate curls

Grease and flour two 9 by 1 and 1/2-inch round baking pans; set aside.

Prepare, bake, and cool the cake mix in prepared pans according to package directions.

Prepare Mori-Nu Mates according to package directions, except use the 2/3 cup cold milk and 1/3 cup raspberry liqueur instead of tofu.

Split each cake layer in half horizontally with a serrated knife. To assemble cake, place bottom of one split layer on a serving plate. Spread about 1/3 cup of the fudge topping over the bottom layer.

Spread about 1/2 cup of the pudding mixture over the fudge topping. Repeat layers two more times.

Top with remaining cake layer. Frost top and sides with remaining pudding mixture. Decorate with fresh raspberries and chocolate curls. Store cake in refrigerator.

Recipe from Better Sensibly's Chef Anne Kohls.

Season ham sandwiches with creative flair

AP — "Day-after" need not translate "dull" if you season cold ham sandwiches with creative flair.

Regionally inspired flavors can make a difference; introduce them by way of tasty fat-free spreads, fancy mustards, salsas, cheeses and good bread.

Here are some ideas to try:

Parisian Favorite: a sandwich with a bistro flavor. Spread fresh sliced rye bread with country-style Dijon mustard. Layer with slices of ham and reduced-fat Swiss cheese. Serve with fresh fruit salad.

Bay Area Classic: a San Francisco-style sandwich. Toast two slices of sourdough bread and spread with reduced-fat, herb-flavored cream cheese. Add sliced ham and top with mild pickled pepper rings (such as banana peppers), lettuce and thinly sliced tomatoes.

New England Haven: for this hearty sandwich, top a thick slice of cracked wheat bread with ham. Then add some character with cranberry-apple relish. Serve with crisp deli pickle.

California Club: Spread toasted seven-grain bread with honey mustard and top with ham, thin slices of provolone

cheese and crisp alfalfa sprouts. Cut into quarters for a restaurant-style club with West Coast flair.

Midwestern Delight: A heartland favorite combines toasted cheese bread with reduced-fat mayonnaise, thinly sliced ham and roasted peppers. Serve with pretzels.

Texas Roundup: a zesty Southwestern wrap. Cube ham and combine with salsa and cooked rice. Roll in a flour tortilla; serve black bean salad on the side.

Aegean Island Dream: Prepare a Greek-style sandwich by tossing shredded ham with olive

oil, lemon, fresh spinach leaves and a sprinkling of dried oregano or marjoram. Tuck into a pita half and garnish with black olives. Marinated cauliflower or artichoke hearts are the perfect accompaniment.

Italian Grinder: a classic taste of Italy. Layer ham on a focaccia round; drizzle with low-fat Italian dressing; top with a fresh basil leaf and a thin slice of mozzarella cheese. Heat under broiler in oven to melt cheese. Serve sandwich warm with carrots and celery sticks.

Little hands can help

Encourage children to develop

an interest in good food and nutrition by letting them take part in the easy preparation of leftovers.

Some tips:

Keep it safe: Make sure kids wash their hands before and after handling food. An adult should supervise kitchen activities to teach children basic rules for safety — and to be in charge of sharp utensils.

Hands-on stuff: Kids love hands-on food preparation. Let them measure and stir ingredients or set the table. You might put together a set of kid-safe kitchen tools, such as plastic knife, apple slicer, whisk, mea-

suring utensils, rolling pin and plastic cookie cutters.

Foster creativity: Get creative with classic kid dishes. Top a ham sandwich with flavored cream cheese and shredded carrots.

Use leftover taco ingredients to make a Mexican pizza by combining chopped or shredded ham with shredded cheese, crushed tortilla chips and diced tomato.

Add ham to macaroni and cheese, or punch up potato chowder with ham and celery.

From the Pork Information Bureau.

Apple Streusel Pancakes are a special breakfast treat

AP — Homemade pancakes are a special treat for breakfast or brunch. When the number of pancake eaters exceeds three or four, a warm-from-the-oven confection such as Apple Streusel Pancake saves time.

It makes eight ample servings, and has a crunchy oat topping over a puffy oatmeal pancake and apple slices in a cinnamon syrup.

APPLE STREUSEL PANCAKE

- Streusel
- 1/2 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown

- sugar
- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- Pancake
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) margarine or butter, cut into pieces
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 medium tart apples (about 1 1/4 pounds), cored and cut into thin wedges
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

To make streusel: Combine oats, flour, brown sugar and melted margarine in small bowl; stir until crumbly. Set aside.

Heat oven to 350 F. Place margarine in 8-inch-square glass baking dish. Bake 3 to 5 minutes or until margarine is melted. Remove from oven. Stir in granulated sugar and cinnamon. Add apples; stir until apples are well coated with sugar mixture. Bake 10 to 15

minutes or until apples have softened, stirring occasionally.

In large bowl, combine flour, oats, baking powder and salt; mix well. In small bowl, combine milk and egg; blend well. Add to dry ingredients all at once; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not over-mix.) Spoon over apple mixture in baking dish, spreading batter to sides of dish. Sprinkle reserved oat streusel evenly over batter.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until

toothpick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it. Serve immediately.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving (1/8 of recipe): 310 cal. (105 cal.

from fat), 12 g total fat, 2 g saturated fat, 25 mg chol., 190 mg sodium, 46 g carbs., 3 g dietary fiber, 6 g protein.

Recipe from: Quaker Oats

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Upcoming class dates: April 7, macrobiotic pizza; April 14, Mexican; April 21, warming soups; April 24, breakfast; April 28, desserts.

HIV/AIDS workshop

A workshop, HIV/AIDS and Older Adults, will be presented 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Madonna University.

The purpose of the half-day program is to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS in the older adult population and to provide participants with the resources needed to help play a role in combating the disease among the elderly.

To register, call (734) 432-5731.

Home care costs

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Marywood Nursing Care Center will hold a lecture on "Coping with Aging Parents: Paying for Nursing Home Care," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium.

This program will focus on how nursing home care is paid. The lecture will also include a review of benefits under Medicare and Medicaid. Call (734) 655-1676.

Better living

Dr. Arthur Weaver will host the 21st annual Better Living Seminars, May 9-16 at a "health camp" near Grayling.

The program is produced by volunteer professionals who donate their time to tackle issues such as stopping smoking, stress control, weight control, vegetarian cooking and low impact exercise.

The camp is \$395 per person or \$750 per couple all inclusive. Recreational activities include canoeing, horseback riding, crafts and hiking.

For more information write: Better Living Seminars, P.O. Box 700574, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call the Weavers at (248) 349-5683 or the Morrises at (313) 531-2179.

Alcohol screening

Madonna University in Livonia will be the site of free, anonymous screenings for alcohol problems on April 8 from 6-8 p.m. in Kresge Hall on campus.

The first-ave National Alcohol Screening Day will involve a presentation on alcohol problems; a written self-test; talk one-on-one with a health professional and countless pamphlets, flyers and videos on treatment and local resources sites.

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Oakwood HouseCalls brings health care into independent, assisted living facilities

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Patients first. A simple statement that's become the value system of a team of medical professionals bringing health care and wellness education into the independent and assisted living facilities in our communities.

Introduced in the spring of 1998, Oakwood HouseCalls is a patient-centered program that partners a medical team with a senior housing facility to bring consistent and convenient health care into their residence.

The appeal is the accessibility. An on-site physician, nurse practitioner and site coordinator provide to accommodate the changing needs of the senior population.

"Oakwood HouseCalls provides coordination of care by making a primary health care provider, and the necessary medical provisions required, more readily accessible on a consistent basis," said Dr. Steven Stein, director, Geriatrics Center for Excellence-Oakwood Healthcare System and founder of the Oakwood HouseCalls program.

Stein is the former director of geriatric rehabilitation at the Harvard Geriatric Education Center in Boston. He currently maintains several administrative appointments within the Oakwood system, including medical director of the Skilled Nursing Center, Home Care Services and Adult Day Care Services as well as serving as a consultant to the Wayne County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Peer Review Organization and the Michigan Geriatrics Society.

It was Stein who began to see the need seniors residing in independent and assisted living facilities have for dependable health care where quality and consistency may have been lacking in the past.

Filling gaps

"We asked ourselves what was missing from the care seniors were receiving," said Stein, "and what were the most significant obstacles they faced when it came to receiving medical treatment."

Stein and his colleagues observed several factors contributed to the dissatisfaction the elderly were feeling, including a lack of transportation, coordinated care and personal attention. While the physical status of seniors varies from person to person as well as their medical needs, the Dearborn physician was consistently hearing how difficult it was for people to access medical treatment.

"An individual who no longer drives, is frail, or has to rely on others for transportation is less likely to receive preventive and primary care on an ongoing basis," said Stein. "HouseCalls brings a three-person medical team into their homes, so to speak, and relieves many of the worries that often prevented them from receiving medical care in advance of their health status reaching a critical point."

The program currently maintains clinic-like services at seven senior and independent living facilities including Presbyterian Village, Westland; Kinghaven, Riverview; Coogan



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Convenience: Registered nurse Kathy Step listens to 97-year-old Ada Adams' heart beat before she receives her monthly B-12 shot at the HouseCalls clinic located inside her independent living facility, Presbyterian Village of Westland. The clinic is located just two doors away from Adams apartment where she has lived for the last five years.

Terrace, Melvindale; Chidister Place and Town Center Place, Ypsilanti; Lincoln Park Towers and Across the Park Apartments, Lincoln Park. Stein said HouseCalls is currently working with several other senior living facilities to bring a medical team into their locations. Walton Wood in Canton is expected to provide a biweekly clinic this spring for residents.

According to Joseph Gonzales, HouseCalls site coordinator, weekly on-site hours are maintained in an office setting at each of the facilities. Residents are able to schedule appointments and meet with a physician, nurse practitioner and site coordinator without having to travel outside of their living facility.

nurse practitioner through HouseCalls they can opt to receive their prescriptions from a pharmacy of their choice or rehabilitation from a physician outside the Oakwood Healthcare System. We strive to coordinate the needs of the patient and honor their wishes. Their well-being is our main concern."

Administrator's view

From the viewpoint of an administrator at a senior living facility, HouseCalls has been mutually beneficial for both the residents and the facility.

"Oakwood is a well respected name in the area and the idea that they would come on-site and provide full service health care was very appealing," said Carrie Moon-Dupree, administrator for Presbyterian Village-Westland.

"The average age of our residents is 85 and most of them don't drive anymore. The clinic's location is convenient and the residents who are currently participating are receiving coordinating care from the whole team in collaboration with the R.N., three physicians assistants and a social worker that are on staff here."

The HouseCalls program at Presbyterian Village serves approximately 50 residents out of the 187 that currently make their home there. Moon-Dupree said the feedback she has received since September has all been positive and participation has grown largely due to word of mouth. The HouseCalls team at Presbyterian Village sees patients two half-days a week for scheduled appointments and emergency walk-ins.



Dr. Steven Stein, founder of Oakwood HouseCalls program and director of the Geriatrics Center for Excellence-Oakwood Healthcare System.



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Joe Gonzales, Oakwood HouseCalls site coordinator at Presbyterian Village in Westland.

Nurse practitioner finds calling in HouseCalls program

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Nurse practitioner Cathy Buiten says she went into nursing and not medicine so that she could treat her patients from a more "holistic" perspective.

The Wayne nurse is fulfilling her career goals as a nurse practitioner for the Oakwood HouseCalls program at Presbyterian Village in Westland.

"I don't want to have to say 'Your 10 minutes are up, you've got to go,'" said Buiten. "I'm not pushed by a clock and can spend the time I need to with a patient to find out what's going on with them."

Buiten, 38, B.S.N. graduated from the University of Michigan - Commu-

nity Health Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Track program in June and is employed by Dr. William Silverstone of the Westland Clinic (6149 N. Wayne Road). Silverstone is one of several physicians groups that work collaboratively with Dr. Steven Stein's HouseCalls program providing physician and nurse practitioners in and outside the Oakwood Healthcare System.

Buiten says her involvement with the HouseCalls program affords her the opportunity to diagnose and treat senior patients with common and acute illnesses. "We also provide preventive medicine and health education through a collaborative relationship with the HouseCalls physician," added Buiten.

Nurse practitioners can manage 85 percent of the responsibilities of a physician in a primary care role, said Buiten. A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse with a master's degree in nursing or a certificate in advanced clinical training. They work in partnership with a physician and other healthcare specialists to provide comprehensive medical care.

Some of the duties nurse practitioners can perform include obtaining health histories, performing physical examinations, ordering and interpreting laboratory and diagnostic studies, diagnosing health problems, developing a treatment plan with clients, making referrals and providing counseling and teaching. Nurse practitioners have medication-prescribing priv-

ileges in 47 states (including Michigan). Regulations, however, vary from state to state.

"I think the most rewarding aspect of HouseCalls is our ability to provide elderly patients with a continued sense of purpose, continuity of care and a better sense of well being," said Buiten. "I've experienced a greater feeling of altruism in my practice. The program has really taken off and done well."

Buiten and site coordinator Joseph Gonzales maintain clinic hours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Presbyterian Village.

If you would like more information about the Oakwood HouseCalls program call (734) 763-8827.

Accidental poisonings easily prevented

Ordinary household products and medications can be deadly if left within a child's reach. Annually, more than one million unintentional poisonings among children ages five and under are reported to U.S. Poison Control Centers. In addition, nearly 80 children ages 14 and under die from unintentional poisonings each year.

In observance of National Poison Prevention Week, Oakwood Healthcare System "Keep Kids Safe!" team and the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition offers numerous safety tips:

Children ages 4 and under are particularly vulnerable given their curiosity and natural desire to put everything into their mouths," said Janelle Reas, Oakwood's "Keep Kids Safe!" coordinator and member of the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition.

A common time for poisonings to occur are at times of stress or chaos in a household. Oakwood's "Keep Kids Safe!" team and the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition offer these poison prevention safety tips:

- List Poison Control Center and emergency medical numbers near every telephone.
- Store all medications and toxic household products out of the reach of children in locked containers. Never put medicines, cleaning products or chemicals out of the reach and out of the sight of children.

- Do not overlook poisonous products such as cosmetics, hair sprays, mouthwash, perfume, art supplies and alcohol. These can all be toxic and are often overlooked.

- Keep toxic products in original containers so they can't be mistaken for something harmless.

- Keep Ipecac Syrup on hand in case you are instructed by a physician or the Poison Control Center to give this to your child. DO NOT give unless told to do so. The direct line to the Poison Prevention Center located at Children's Hospital in Detroit (313) 745-5711 or (800) POISON-1.

- Keep prescriptions out of reach of children and always request child-resistant lids when filling them. Read labels before using and follow directions exactly before administering medicine. Never refer to medicine as "candy" or "food."

- Avoid taking medications in front of young children. Children often mimic adult behaviors. Teach them to ask an adult before putting anything in their mouth.

- Dispose of old medications by flushing them down the toilet. Never keep medications that have expired.

- Avoid having poisonous plants in your home if possible, or place them out of reach of children.

- Have children tested for lead exposure. Test homes built before 1978 for lead-based

paint. Wash your children's hands, face, toys and pacifiers **OFTEN** to reduce the risk of ingesting lead-contaminated dust.

- Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Household appliances fueled with gas, oil, kerosene or wood may cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

According to Tom Kiuraki, media spokesperson for the Livonia Fire Department, plants can also be a source of poisons in the home, causing symptoms that may produce serious effects to major organs such as the heart, liver, stomach and kidneys. Many of the plants are sold in nurseries without warning, so beware.

"Some common poisonous plants you may have encountered include the azalea, rhubarb, wisteria and the morning glory," stated Kiuraki.

National Poison Prevention Week is part of the National **SAFE KIDS** campaign, the first and only national organization dedicated solely to the prevention of childhood injury — the number one killer of children ages 14 and under.

Kiuraki advises if someone should become poisoned, "call 911, right away." Try to identify the poison that was taken, since treatment is based on the type of poison. Keep the container and any unused poison nearby for firefighters to take to the hospital for identification of ingredients dosages.

Race for the Cure upcoming

More than 22,000 women and men will take to the streets on Saturday, April 24, for Michigan's largest race — Detroit's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure.

The eighth annual Komen Race for the Cure, is presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Entry forms for the race are available at JCPenney, Pier I

imports, Jacobson's, Lakeshore Mammography Centers, Suncoy stations, area running stores and Karmanos Cancer Institute regional offices. On-line registration is also offered at www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure Detroit.

The entry fee is \$18 by April 6, \$20 by April 16 and \$25 thereafter. For more information, call (800) KARMANOS (837-2882).

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279. E-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

Fibromyalgia specialist
Sharon Ostalecki, Ph.D. in nutrition, has started a practice which will focus on the nutritional needs of fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue patients. The office is located at 33117 Hamil-

ton Court, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 344-0886.

Physiatrist welcomed
Santhosh Madhavan, M.D., of Farmington Hills, has joined the division of psychiatry within the Department of Neurology as a senior staff physician at Henry Ford Medical Center-Pierson Clinic. Madhavan's clinical interests include adult and pediatric psychiatry. Psychiatrists are physicians that specialize in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

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 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.

TUE, APRIL 6

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES
Hospice of Washtenaw (St. Joseph Mercy Health System) will begin their five-week Grief Recovery series on Tuesday, April 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hospice office (806 Airport Blvd. Ann Arbor). The series is dedicated to helping survivors adapt to their loss and to gain and develop new skills in coping. Participants are encouraged to attend all five-sessions. Regis-

tration is required, call (734) 327-3409. There is no charge.

EATING DISORDERS

A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6:30 p.m. Free of charge and open to both males and females - call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

STRESS MANAGEMENT CLASS

St. Mary Hospital is offering a three-session/three week stress management class, "Stressed for Success," starting April 6-20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. This course will help you learn how to decrease the stress in your life and manage the stress you cannot eliminate. Call (734) 655-8940.

PAYING FOR NURSING HOME CARE

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Marywood Nursing Care Center will hold a lecture on "Coping

with Aging Parents: Paying for Nursing Home Care," from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. This program will focus on how nursing home care is paid. The lecture will also include a review of benefits under Medicare and Medicaid. Call (734) 655-1676.

WED, APRIL 7

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 to discuss "The ABC's of Aromatherapy." Do something different for the New Year! Learn some non-traditional ideas in dealing with the highs and lows of menopause using Aromatherapy and other techniques. Free. Special guest: Mary Lou Anolich, RN. Call (734) 655-1100.

CHILD/INFANT CPR

Offered monthly at 6 p.m. infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call (734) 458-3311 for information, Garden City Hospital.

SAFETY-PROOF

This monthly program meets the first Wednesday of every month, and gives new mothers the opportunity to network and share concerns, from 12:30-2 p.m. April topic: Safety-proofing your home. \$5 donation. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Call (248) 477-6100.

THUR, APRIL 8

HEALTHY COOKING

Lite Spring-Forward recipes. Time to lighten up with Chef Dean Rumsey and add some delicious and nutritious spring recipes to your cooking reper-

toire. 7 p.m. \$6 fee. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Call (248) 477-6100.

SMOKING CESSATION

Providence Medical Center - Farmington Hills, 30055 Northwestern (at Inkster) will host the stop smoking program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The two-hour session combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. For reservations, call (877) 345-5500.

FRI, APRIL 9

HEALTHY HUMOR

Humor can be the best medicine - that's the topic of the next Generations at Botsford Table Topics Luncheon. Donna May will offer a refreshing look at how developing a healthy funny bone can relieve everyday stress and decrease health risks. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. at Vladimir's Banquet Hall, 28125 Grand river in Farmington Hills.

Call (248) 471-8020 for information.

APRIL 10-11

HEALTH EXPO

The first annual University of Michigan Heart Care Health Assessment and Alternative Medicine Expo goes forth 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Admission is free. More than 50 speakers and exhibitors are expected. Call (734) 662-1000.

SAT, APRIL 10

MACROBIOTIC COOKING

Val Wilson introduces macrobiotic cooking. Balance your body through this low-fat, high fiber diet. Macrobiotic dishes will be available to sample. Beginning at 6 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 306-5786.

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A busy week on the World Wide Web for surfers



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The Internet has been put to some interesting uses this past week, for everything from posting a potentially destructive virus to hacking into Web sites to protest the NATO attacks on Serbia, to trying to catch the youthful rioters who gave MSU and East Lansing such a black eye after the Final Four playoffs.

First, the Melissa virus. The news media coverage gave massive coverage to the Melissa e-mail virus, even though the amount of actual damage attributed to the so-called "worm" program appears now to be minimal.

Although some of the companies that sell anti-virus software selfishly fueled much of the coverage so they could sell more software, the problems so far appear to have been more a matter of inconvenience rather than loss.

Several large corporations and

government agencies were forced to temporarily shut down their mail servers to sweep their machines for strains of the virus, and the FBI says it is hot on the trail of those who set it loose on the Internet.

But while Melissa itself isn't the threat initially described in some media accounts, many computer experts worry that it will be followed by even nastier versions. And because so much business is now being done on the Internet, the damage a "cyber-terrorist" could wreak on the Internet could have a significant effect on the economy.

The government apparently sees that danger. By the end of the week, the FBI had reportedly shut down several Web sites suspected of spreading information on how to write and plant computer viruses.

"A friend who works for GlobalConnection.net (that's the ISP which was hosting our site) just told me that the FBI visited them and that he had to delete the site," wrote the Webmaster of Codebreakers.org, a virus exchange Web site, in an e-mail to the ZDTV Web site (www.zdtv.com).

Another site, SourceOfKaos.com, was shut down on Tuesday after the FBI notified Access Orlando, the ISP hosting the site, of an impending search warrant, according to a ZDTV report. A third virus site — coders.net — also was down, apparently having decided to drop out of sight before the FBI came calling.

But Melissa wasn't the only problem for the Internet. Computer hackers, traced to Russia and Eastern Europe, wreaked their own havoc on the Net all week. They took over several dozen Web sites, including the NATO Web site (www.nato.int). The site was hit and knocked offline by what officials have described as "hacker-type computer experts in Belgrade." The Web site came under "ping bombardment," according to NATO spokesman Jamie Shea.

The hackers, believed to be in Belgrade, sent thousands of empty data packages over the Internet to the site, effectively blocking access to other users. The sabotage is also known as a "Denial of Service" attack — firing at will at a Web site's computer servers in order to overload them and make the site crash.

Shea said NATO was also receiving more than 2,000 e-mails a day from a Belgrade computer, freezing the organization's e-mail capacities, and slowing down its systems.

Last weekend, a Russian online publication claimed that Russian hackers shut down the White House Web site (www.whitehouse.gov) in protest over the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia. White House officials denied the story, though they concede the site was out of service all day Sunday. It was brought back online Monday morning.

The White House blamed the outage on an unspecified technical glitch. But a number of other Web sites found their home pages replaced with identical protests of U.S. and NATO bombing of Yugoslavia. "Russian hackers demand to stop terrorist aggression against Yugoslavia!" said one message on a Costa Mesa, California college Web site (www.occavationandspace.edu).

Insulting and obscene messages comparing President Clinton to Hitler and referencing "Monica" also were plastered on the site. Several other U.S. Web

sites were hacked with the same message.

The Moscow-based Gazeta.Ru online newspaper (<http://gazeta.ru/daynews/28-03-1999/46clinton.htm>) said Russian hackers had broken into those sites — and had pulled the plug on whitehouse.gov too.

And, closer to home, more than 100 people have e-mailed or phoned in tips in response to a police Web site (<http://www.east-lansing.mi.us/Riot/index.htm>) showing photos of youthful rioters who set fires and vandalized stores after the Michigan State University basketball team lost its Final Four playoff game last week.

The "Final Four Riot Task Force" Web site, operated by the East Lansing, police department, called the riot a "major civil disturbance."

In asking for the public's help in catching the culprits, the site noted "Many lives were placed in 'danger' as a result of this incident. Countless fires were set throughout the city and MSU.

"One word describes this — ARSON, and it will not be toler-

ated! Tens of thousands of dollars in damage was done throughout the city and MSU. This 'willful conduct', in legal terms is called 'MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY', and again, will not be tolerated!"

Michigan photos of young people participating in the riot are depicted on the Web site in a "Hall of Shame." The photos, which can be enlarged, note that the people in the photos are wanted for such crimes as arson, malicious assault, malicious destruction of property and inciting a riot.

A \$50,000 reward pool for tips that lead to arrests and convictions has been established. So far, about 25 people have been arrested in connection with the disturbance.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site: www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

MON, APRIL 5

BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
The Suburban West Business Women will gather for a variety of mini-workshops, presented by and for women, at the Holiday Inn - Livonia (North Laurel Park at I-275 and Six Mile). 6 p.m. Call (734) 422-7719.

TUE, APRIL 6

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
The Women Business Owners of Southeastern Michigan (WBO) will feature a panel of representatives from an assortment of alliances in a program titled, "Resources Available to Assist You with Managing Your Business." Call (734) 832-9300 to make a reservation.

TUE, APRIL 13

BUSINESS BUILDING LECTURE
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Arts & Leisure

LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Exhibit raises awareness about life in the fields

Stella Greene was ecstatic that an opening reception for an exhibit by West Bloomfield artist Nora Chapa Mendoza drew nearly 200 people Friday, March 26, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Mendoza's paintings of migrant workers touch the viewer with their depiction of life in the fields. Besides meeting the artist and seeing her work, arts council guests watched a Kalpulli ceremonial performance by Aztec sun dancer Alberto Ramirez of Mexico.

"It was really special," said Greene, arts council president. "The Aztec



Back breaking: Nora Chapa Mendoza captures the plight of migrant farm workers who spend more than 12 hours a day bending and stooping in the fields.



dancers did the blessing of the four winds and later was joined by about 50 people. There were a lot of young people, Spanish students from Plymouth-Canton high schools. Nora spent time with the young people speaking about the migrant workers. She brought books that fleshed out her paintings. The paintings are morally moving because of the depth of her work."

"Cycles of Misery"

When installing the paintings from the migrant workers series Greene said they purposely grouped the paintings close together for impact. "Pecan Shelling Industry or Vicious Cycles of Misery" is just one of the acrylic works showing the plight of migrant workers — the constant stooping and bending day after day and the box cars they used as housing.

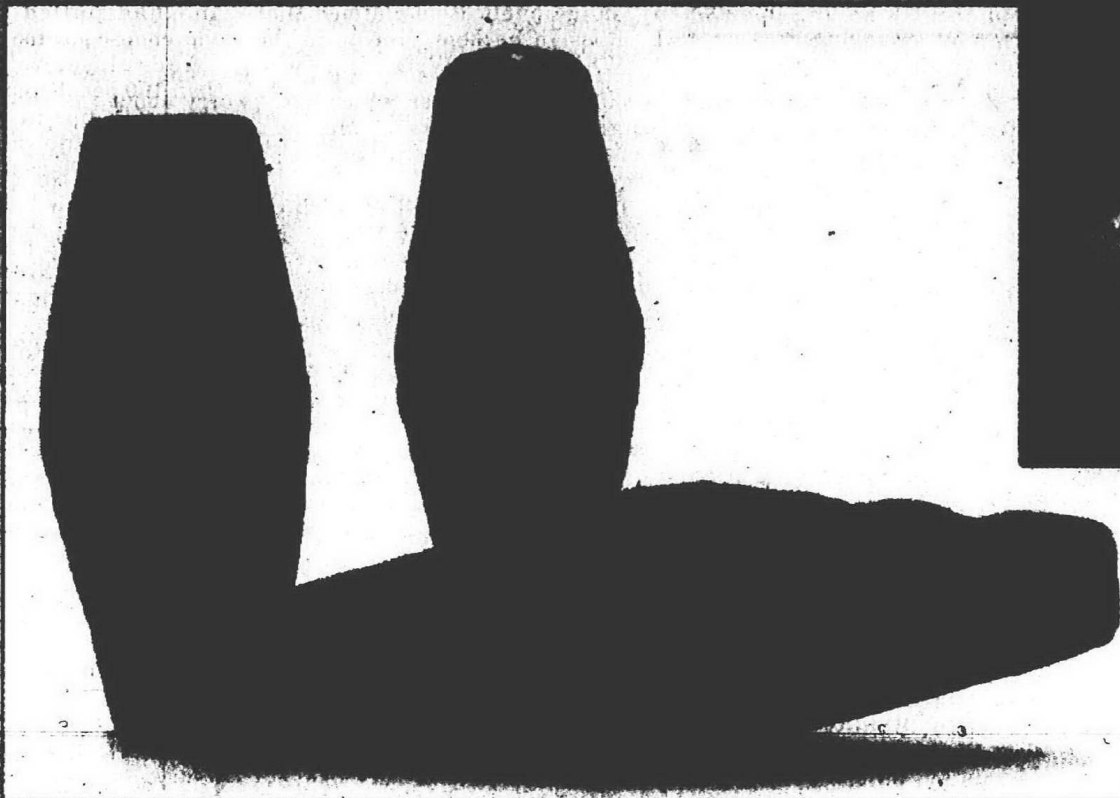
"Meandering Stream" speaks about the sugar beet industry in the Great Lakes region which offered nearly full-time employment to 40,000 workers for 7-to 8-months a year in 1920. Mendoza paints them carrying the heavy bushel baskets on their shoulders. "Operation Farm Lift 1950" captures the result of negotiations between the Michigan sugar industry and Puerto Rican government. Afterward, Puerto Rican workers began harvesting sugar beets from 6 a.m. to 7 or 8 p.m. with only a lunch break, six to seven days a week.

Children

"Child Labor" reminds viewers of the time when many growers opposed child labor negotiations because of their effect on labor costs. Growers preferred to hire children over adults because they could pay less.

Overall, the paintings follow the evolution to secure rights for farm

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Flames as flowers: (Above), Doni Hatz, a scientific glass blower by trade, reveals the delicacy of flowers in glass.

Hot glass: Plymouth artist, Don Schneider creates his newest beads in blue glass with gold fuming, (left).

FLAMES CREATE CRYSTALLINE BEAUTY

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Glass blowing and flameworking at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. When Joseph Birkhill became director of exhibition in 1991, he was looking for a permanent collection of glass art. Since then, he has built a collection of glass art that is now a permanent collection of glass art.

Best known for its scientific glass blowing process, the university now offers classes in flameworking, the manipulation of glass over a lamp. Nine artists who have taught glass blowing at the university are featured in "Flameworking at the University of Michigan-Dearborn" through April 2 in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery. On Friday, April 9 Doni Hatz demonstrates techniques in flameworking, also known as lampworking, in the gallery during a reception to meet artists Shane Fero, Frederick Birkhill, Timothy Allen Drier, Jacob Fishman, Hatz, Kristina Lopez, Sally Frank, Emilio Santini, and Don Schneider.

Flameworking is a process of creating glass art by heating glass in a furnace on all the time," said Schneider.

Shadow boxes filled with Fero's miniature black figures, placed against Tarot cards and other printed material, tell a story. "The Peacock, N.C.," artist pays tribute to Klee with "Klee Bird." A human face with three breasts, and one of the most recent works, "Martina's Lover" with three faces, call for a double take. Fero frequently combines figures with vessels as in a bottle with a green resting on top. Fero's humorous side comes out in many of his works especially a portrait of Birkhill as a pig with a top hat.

Doni Hatz and Schneider are internationally known for their work. Among Schneider's works is a necklace he collaborated on with Annette LeDuff of Agor Ltd. of Birmingham. The piece includes glass beads interspersed with semi-precious stones such as pearls, diamonds, and rubies. His newest works are the blue glass beads with gold fuming. He exhibited his work most recently in Japan and in the breakfast set.

A glass blower as well as a flameworker, Schneider has had the furnace on in his studio in Dearborn, Mich. for the last five weeks. That can be a very year-round job, even uncomfortable in the summer-time.

"I like lampworking because it's nice to have access to molten glass without



Little people: Shane Fero sculpts miniature figures in the majority of his work including this androgynous character.

Having a furnace on all the time," said Schneider.

Survival

"A Stairway to Paradise" box filled with goblets and glass forms, some shaped like balloons, is one of Birkhill's contributions to zanyness. "Look What I See Behind the Window," a box filled with a variety of objects, takes objects such as a pyramid and an evil eye and contrasts them with more sedate cones and goblets. "Fruit" is a vessel with tree branches for legs with roots coming out of the top, a desolate scene with a black fence running around the body includes two dark figures. All of the works have a magic about them.

Don Miller is excited about the growth of glass at the university. A science professor, he began teaching beadmaking at the university four years ago after taking a class at Birkhill's studio in Dearborn.

Flameworking Basics and Neon" with Frauch and Fishman takes place July 19-23 and "A Bit of Everything Done in Borosilicate" with Hatz and Drier, Aug. 21-25.

"Lampworking has grown dramatically," said Miller, a science professor at the university. "We used to have problems obtaining supplies but not anymore. Neon's now taking over to become one of the hottest areas in the contemporary glass movement, and some of the transformers for that are hard to get."

Permanent collection

On the first and fourth floors of the library are works from the university's permanent collection by Howard Ben Tre, Salvador Dali, Richard Ritter, Joel Philip Myer, Dale Chihuly, Herb Babcock, and Albert Young. Fourth floor cases fascinate with glass by Datum, Lalique, Steuban, and late 19th century apothecary jars and automotive bud vases by Baccarat.

"It's the largest collection of Baccarat in the U.S., second in the world," said Marks. "Most of it's been donated by Alfred Berkowitz over the last 15 years."

The university's gallery is named after Berkowitz, who died on Feb. 25. Berkowitz was a major benefactor of the university. The extensive studio art collection is priceless because it's comprised of early works by Dominic Labino (late 1960s), David Huchthausen, Chihuly ("Cylinder" 1980), William Morris (1980), and Ritter (1975), to name a few.

"The reason for the strength in early glass is because the internationally known glass gallery, Habstat, started in Dearborn," said Marks.

Flameworking

What: An exhibit by nine glass artists. One of the highlights is a retrospective of Shane Fero's work.

When: Through Sunday, May 9. An opening reception to meet the artists takes place 5-8 p.m. Fri., April 9.

Where: In the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery on the third floor of the Mardigian Library, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen. For hours, call (313) 593-5400. For information about the exhibit, call curator Joseph Marks, (313) 593-5087.

MUSIC THEATER

'Relive the Magic' unites theater and music

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

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Annunziata Tomaro and Andy Kirshner are combining their love of music and theater in a new production about an aging Big Band crooner April 11 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

An experimental endeavor of sorts, "Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore" features the Phoenix Ensemble founded by Tomaro, and Kirshner who plays a fictional character struggling with dementia during his final concert.

A synthesis of music and theater, the work defies categorization but it's the type of repertoire Tomaro had in mind when he formed the orchestra last summer. This is the second performance for the ensemble comprised of musicians from Ann Arbor, Plymouth, Dearborn and Cleveland. Kirshner wrote the seven original songs that link Amore's monologues, recall-



Conducting business: Annunziata Tomaro leads her newly-formed orchestra, the Phoenix Ensemble, in their second performance.



Amore: Andy Kirshner plays an aging Sinatra-like crooner in a music-theater piece with the Phoenix Ensemble.

ing the times of his life.

"We hope to draw a wide audience—theater, orchestra, jazz," said Tomaro. "Orchestras are sort of dying and their audiences are dwindling. I wanted a small flexible ensemble that configures itself to the concert. Musicians usually don't have control over the music. Their repertoire is not fresh. It's really nice to have new and exciting things to play. It's amazing how excited the musicians are. It isn't just a gig."

"As great as Beethoven's Fifth is after you've played it 150 times, it gets old," added Kirshner. "We also wanted to do something more inviting to an audience."

Tomaro and Kirshner met at the University of Michigan School of Music three years ago when she was an undergraduate and he a graduate student. The Ann Arbor school brought each of them to Michigan. She grew up 30 miles outside of New York City, he in Maryland.

"I was studying 20th century experimental music when Andy came in to show

Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore

What: A new musical for jazz orchestra about an aging Frank Sinatra-like crooner. Features the Phoenix Ensemble and eight original songs by composer Andy Kirshner. **When:** 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11. **Where:** Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. **Tickets:** \$15, \$10 students; call (734) 765-0507 or (248) 645-0000.

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Elmore Leonard says he's just trying to make a living

By ERIC ANTHONY KRUG
Special Writer

New York Times best-selling writer and Bloomfield Hills resident Elmore Leonard says he was not aware that his books had a deep, hidden meaning. "One professor told me my (novels) are 'Indicements of civilization and its byproducts.' They are? I'm just trying to make a living," Leonard said referring to an English professor who made his books required reading for his class. "I wait for Scott Frank (screenwriter of 'Get Shorty,' and 'Out of Sight,' both are movies based on Leonard's novels of the same name, respectively) to tell me what themes my books are." Leonard read the most memorable letters he ever received from readers at a presentation held recently at Wayne State

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Elmore Leonard
on writing

University in Detroit. A 12-year old girl (no names were mentioned) wrote to say she aspires to be a successful author like him. As he continued reading, the girl stated that it's a general rule of thumb to write what you know and told Leonard he knows plenty of "sleazeballs and lowlifes." A convict, wrote and wanted to know if Leonard had ever been in prison. Leonard was told his novels are gaining popularity with the heroin users but not with the cocaine users because "they aren't as educated."

"My fans aren't that kind either," Leonard said, reading a letter from a woman who said his novels have too many expletives. The woman then used profanity to criticize him, something that turned her off from his work in the first place. All these letters elicited laughter from the audience of more than 100 people. Leonard said when writing for Hollywood you can't take things personally if movie executives dramatically change your novel. He follows the advice of the late Raymond Chandler. "If you've

had enough (of Hollywood), then it's time to say goodbye. Say it with a smile... You may go back. You may have to go back." Leonard, 73, is one of a select few writers who has successfully switched genres — from Westerns to crime thrillers. He's also written screenplays during his prolific writing career, which has spanned 48 years. He is renowned for his realistic dialogue. Leonard graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1950 with an undergraduate degree in English and philosophy. By 1961, he had written and sold 30 short stories, five novels, and two screenplays. A typical writing day for Leonard begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 6 p.m. "It's a good day if I come away with 4-5 (pages)," he said. He spends the next day revising the

pages. His manuscripts are usually 300 pages long, with the exception of "Cuba Libre" (Dell Publishing, \$7.50), which was 400 pages. He felt that since it was a historical novel, it needed "more text." "I have no idea where (a book is) going or how it'll end. I don't worry about the ending until (I write) 300 pages," he said. "I write to please me... I'm having an awfully good time." Leonard never reads fiction when writing a novel because he doesn't want to confuse his plot with another plot. He has read books by Alex Garland, Robert B. Parker, and Ed McBain. "No one does (police) procedurals better than (McBain)," he said. His recent novel, "Be Cool" (Delacorte, \$24.95), is on the New York Times Best Selling list for the fifth consecutive week.

In it, ex-hoodlum-turned-movie-producer Chili Palmer (who was played by John Travolta in the 1995 film, "Get Shorty") tries to make another movie about a singer named Linda Moon. Palmer has many pitfalls along the way, encountering record industry executives and Russian mobsters. Four songs by the rock band, the Stone Coyotes, are featured in the book. A new song, "Odessa," was written specifically for the book. Leonard talked to Travolta about reprising his role as Chili Palmer should "Be Cool" be adapted for the big screen. Travolta told him that he needed a break because he just finished filming "A Civil Action." The subject then changed to Travolta's purchase of a 707 airplane. Leonard said "Be Cool" wasn't mentioned again for the remainder of their conversation.

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) 594-7279. **LOOKING FOR LOGO** If you're a budding young artist, Canton Township Parks & Recreation Services is looking for you to enter its annual Liberty Fest Logo Contest. The contest is a fun way for Plymouth/Canton students in grades 3-8 to express themselves by designing a logo that will be used in all Liberty Fest advertising. The festival is a four-day community celebration held each June in Heritage Park in Canton. This year's event takes place June 17-20. Deadline for entry in the logo contest is Saturday, May 1. For more information, call (734) 397-5110. One lucky winner will receive

a \$100 savings bond, Liberty Fest T-shirts for the entire family, and passes to Summit on the Park Community Center. The design should fit the front of an adults T-shirt. A maximum of five colors can be used in the design. **ART CLASSES** The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its children's arts and Sanchin-Ryu classes which begin the week of April 12. Classes include pre-school art, studio art, drawing and painting, and cartooning. For information, call the city's recreation division at (734) 455-6620. **ART EXHIBIT** The Palette Guild Artists open their annual exhibition April 5 at Livonia City Hall, Five Mile and Farmington.

nia, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Redford, Troy, Westland, Dearborn, Shelby Twp., and West Bloomfield. There will be information on the guild at the exhibit. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. **CANTON PROJECT ARTS** For the first time, Canton Project Arts presents "Discover Opera," featuring live performances by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3:30 p.m. (4 p.m. concert) Sunday, April 18, at the Summit on the Park, Canton. Tickets are \$10, and available at the Treasurer's Office in the Canton Administration Building, Evola Music, Dearborn Music, and at the door. For more information, call (734) 397-5417.

An informative presentation "Opera: What It's All About," precedes the concert. There will also be a display of rare opera posters. **ART CAMP** D & M Studios, in cooperation with Plymouth Parks & Recreation, is taking registrations for its' Ninth annual Summer Art Camp, "Circus, Circus: Under the Big Top" at 8691 N. Lilley at Joy Road, Canton. A 10 percent discount is offered for tuition paid in full before May 31. D & M is also offering all-day painting and cartooning workshops for ages six and up 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-9 at the studio. The cost is \$15 per student, per day.

For information or to register, call (734) 453-3710. **AWARDS WINNERS** U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers announced the first-place winner of the 18th Congressional District Art Competition was Jonathan Patterson, a senior at John Glenn High School in Westland. Works from the competition were recently on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. High school students from John Glenn, Ladywood in Livonia, Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem and 10 other high schools participated in the exhibition of painting, drawing and prints which resulted from "An Artistic Discovery," the 18th annual competition conducted by

members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Patterson's winning pencil drawing "Man's Best Friend" will be displayed along with the winners from other congressional districts in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol. Honorable mentions went to David Koontz (Plymouth Canton), Melissa Stacey (Ladywood), Elizabeth Spiteri (Plymouth Salem), Valerie Ponkey (John Glenn), and Beth Kwapis (Livonia Churchill). The winners were selected by Margaret Davis, an Eastern Michigan University art professor; Sandy Askew, local artist and member of the Belleville Arts Council, and Doug Semivan, Madonna University's art department chairman.

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us what he was doing with "Relive the Magic," said Tomaro. "What impressed me was he maintained the integrity of the music. It's essential today the way people relate to art and entertainment to attract people who wouldn't go to a symphony, but not alienate people who would. It's like walking a fine line." Tomaro chose to present "Relive the Magic," one of two works Kirshner began creating in 1994, because it addresses the issue of aging. The second piece "Who It Is" runs May 6-16 at the Performance Network in Ann Arbor, and June 3-13 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. "Andy's work says everything about living and dying," said Tomaro. "He packages it in a way that's entertaining, very artful and welcoming. He interweaves laughter with touching

and moving the audience." Plymouth violinist James Gross likes performing the work because of its lightheartedness. An undergraduate student at the School of Music, Gross first gave a concert featuring part of "Relive the Magic" last year while Kirshner was still in the act of creating it. "It's a fun performance to play in and watch," said Gross, a charter member of the ensemble. "It's not a Broadway show; it's a one-man show with an orchestra of strings and wind but with a Big Band element. The character is kind of a male chauvinist and maybe alcoholic. It shows him in different stages of his life. The music and the acting have a lot of humor." Contracting musicians and renting pianos has become a full-time job for Tomaro but one she feels well worth it. It's easy to see why as Kirshner, with tears

in his eyes, talks about the heartache that went into writing the piece. Originally, he wanted to write a jazz song cycle with themes of human impermanence and loss. Shortly thereafter in 1995 his father was diagnosed in the early stages of Alzheimer's. When Kirshner's mother became seriously ill, he had to take on the caregiver's role for his father. "I started developing this persona who sings these songs similar to ones by Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Sara Vaughan," said Kirshner, a 38-year-old doctoral student at the music school. "Singers and movie stars become emblems for their generation. As you follow their career, you become aware of the passage of time. This was my parents' generation." Following the tradition of farewell concerts, Kirshner studied Sinatra's performances to mold the music-theater work for jazz orchestra.

that would evoke each genre," said Kirshner. "An example is the saloon song, 'One for my Baby, One More for the Road.' A satire of 'My Way' I wrote is titled 'I Could Always Count on Me.' I wrote the monologue to reflect the fictional character in old age—long searches for words. I called on my experiences with my father but transformed it into more poetic language." From age 29 to 80, Kirshner does several costume changes including wigs, all the while striving to show the eight-year old boy inside the 80-year old man. "To me the connection with the audience is essential," said Kirshner. "I hope to give people some joy but also to share the experience of witnessing the human condition. There's something about theater events that lets you experience that together. For me the best art is able to transform pain into a shared experience of celebration."

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workers. The Farm Labor Organizing Committee held its first strike on Sept. 5, 1968. However, farm workers in the Midwest didn't wait for the labor movement. They began organizing their own unions as Cesar Chavez had done. One of Mendoza's paintings showing a worker picking sprayed grapes was used on a greeting card by Chavez. The proceeds went to the Children of the Fields program run by the United Farm Workers union. "Grapes (Wrath of Grapes)" is a reminder of how Chavez and the United Farm Workers of America demanded the EPA enforce a total ban on Diconet, a pesticide which recent studies have shown to cause birth defects. Mendoza met Chavez in 1986 when he was looking for someone to design the six greeting cards depicting children and farm workers. Many of the scenes were created for the book "Al Norte." Mendoza had first hand experience to draw on for the paintings. After her mother died when she was four, Mendoza was taken out to the fields to pick cotton after her aunt tied potato sacks on her, one in front and one on her back.

Cultural Affairs by Gov. John Engler in 1991. "When it comes to me I must do something about it. That's why I'm always fighting for human rights." True to her word, Mendoza is donating 10 percent of all sales to Bellas Artes National Academy of Fine Arts and Instituto Hondureno de Cultura Interamericana in Honduras. Last August, at the request of the U.S. Embassy she juried an art exhibit at the Institute and taught for a week at the National Academy of Arts in Tegucigalpa. "Both were totally devastated by Hurricane Mitch," said Mendoza. "There's a lot of poverty there and they were very poor to begin with. The students are mainly influenced by classical European art. I tried to get them to paint more about their heritage and their own life in Honduras." Works by Nora Chapa Mendoza are on exhibit through Friday, April 16 at The Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. For information call (734) 416-4ART.

Fighting for rights
"I am like a warrior and my tool is my brush because the conditions are so bad," said Mendoza, who was appointed to the Michigan Council for Arts and

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ANTIQUES SHOWS, ART FAIRS, EXPOSITION

MICHIGAN MODERNISM EXPO
Sale of 20th-century design, including art nouveau, art deco, streamline, prairie school, Greek, Egyptian, Gothic Revival, Surrealism and others. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 24 & 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/1 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 582-DECO.

SUGARLOAF ART FAIR
Fifth annual, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 16-18. Novi Expo Center. Call (800) 210-9900.

WESTACRES ARTIST MARKET
32nd annual Westacres Artist Market, featuring 65 artists from Michigan, Canada, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Westacres Clubhouse, 3700 Westacres Dr., off Commerce Rd., between Union Lake and Green Lake roads, West Bloomfield; (248) 360-5381.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
Livonia Arts Commission seeks artists interested in exhibiting work in a juried show in conjunction with the Livonia Arts Festival, held June 12-13 at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh & 8 Mile Road. Entry fee: \$25. Call (734) 422-6400.

CANTON CALL FOR ARTISTS
Open invitation to all artists for the 1999 Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '99, June 19-20. Deadline: April 15; (734) 453-3710.

DANCE AUDITIONS
Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August. Appointment only. Call (248) 552-5001.

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL
Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's juried "Art on the Green," held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI 48025. Deadline: April 23. Call (248) 851-5438.

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.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD
An adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield.

MIDLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS
Auditions held on April 24-25 for the following positions: associate concertmaster, associate principal second violin, section strings, principal flute, principal oboe, second oboe, assistant principal horn, third horn, bass trombone. To reserve an audition, call (517) 631-5931, ext. 1501.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS
"Friends of Polish Art" will hold its annual Youth Art Competition, held in conjunction with Orchard Lake schools. Requirements: students ages 12-18 in middle, junior, senior school and resident of Oakland Wayne, Macomb or Washtenaw counties; no more than three works per person; entries must be delivered by 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24. For information, call Marian Owczarski, (248) 683-0345.

PAINT CREEK CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS
Two \$1,000 merit scholarships offered to graduating high school seniors in Macomb, Oakland or Wayne counties who plan to major in visual arts. Application deadline: April 17. To obtain an application, or for more information, call (248) 651-4110.

VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY AUDITION
Ages 12-18, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Verner Hall, Room 134, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Auditions by



Catchy: "Colored Thoughts," an exhibit of oil paintings by Filipino artist Mike Austria, features "The Sea Harvest." The exhibit runs through April 10 at Moore's Gallery, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

appointment only. Call (248) 625-7057.

WIZARD OF OZ AUDITION
A national search for a new Dorothy will come to Detroit, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at Second City in Detroit, next to the Fox Theatre. Potential Dorothys should be between ages of 12-18 and able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Photos and resume welcome; (313) 596-3288.

CLASSES

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Offers a range of art classes. Spring term April 12-June 19. All-day art activities for children April 5-9. New offerings: beginning drama for youth, oil lacquer miniature painting class, stone sculpture design, "The Artist's Way," "A History of Women in the Visual Arts," and "Go Forth Further." 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call for more information, (248) 644-0866.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Spring classes begin April 17. June 5. Classes for children, teens and adults. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Classes for age 3 and up. All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills; (248) 852-5850.

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY
Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-1300.

GLASSBLOWING
Touch of Light Glassblowing classes starting in mid April. Classes meet for three hours, once a week for eight sessions. Call (248) 543-1868.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield, (248) 932-8699.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
LCE is accepting applications for Summer Chamber Music Camp '99, featuring the Arianna String Quartet. Camp times & dates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 6-17. Held on the Eastern Michigan campus, Ypsilanti. Program open to students ages 9-13, and senior camp open to students ages 12-17. Junior Camp is open to string players only, ages 9-11, who play at Suzuki Book 4 level or higher. Application deadline: May 5. Call (248) 357-1111.

METRO DANCE
Preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Spring semester runs April 19 through June 12. Classes for preschoolers to adults. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; For a brochure, call (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Winter classes & workshops for all ages; including sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting, pottery, film, drawing, children's theater, creative writing and more. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

SONGWRITING WORKSHOP
Sheila Landis hosts a free songwriting workshop 12:15-1:15 p.m. Friday, April 16. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
"The Artist's Way," will meet for eight weeks from 7-9 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 14. Tuition: \$80. Call (248) 424-9022.

SWANN GALLERY
Free life-drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 1-4 p.m. Sundays. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation. Saturdays, through May 15. Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.

CONCERTS

BBSO
The 1999 Young Artist Competition winner, violinist Adrienne Jacobs of Troy High School is the featured performer in the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's "Westward, Ho!" concert, conducted by Charles Greenwell. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads. Tickets: \$20/ adults; \$15/students; (248) 645-2276.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT
The Vermeer String Quartet 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10 at the Leila Jones-Johnson Theater, Oakland Community College Royal Oak Campus; (248) 737-9980.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD
Violinist Heather Zimmerman, recipient of the 1998-99 Cranbrook Music Guild Betty Brewster Scholarship, in concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, northwest corner of Cranbrook s; \$25; (810) 751-2435.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Legendary pianist Victor Borge performs with the DSO 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, April 9-10; 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11; Doc Severinsen, conductor/trumpet soloist 8 p.m. Friday, April 16. Tickets: \$13-\$45; (313) 576-5111.

OU DEPT. OF MUSIC
"Set the Night to Music," a program of song and dance, 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Verner Recital Hall; (248) 370-3013.

SCARAB CLUB
A French Music Concert, featuring harpist Kerstin Alvin and Damase. 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Admission: \$15/general; \$10/students & seniors. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

U OF M PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
Dr. Michael Udow leads the ensemble 8 p.m. Friday, April 16 at United Methodist Church of Plymouth, N. Territorial Road, south of route M14, west of Sheldon Road. Tickets: \$8; (248) 380-5940.

BENEFITS

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
EDE holds its annual fundraiser 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30 the Community House of Birmingham Call (248) 362-9329.

EMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Al Townsend and the Couriers joining EMU Jazz Ensemble in a fundraiser for the jazz program, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Tickets: \$10; (734) 487-0482.

LECTURES

WINTER THOMAS NOZKOWSKI
Abstract painter Thomas Nozkowski gives a lecture 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Lecture Hall. Second annual Coleman Mopper Memorial lecture, "Giorgione: True and False," 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 664-7667.

BROWN BAG LUNCH
Barbara Krueger presents "Stained Glass: A Walk Through Time," noon, Thursday, April 15. Information Technology Auditorium, Waterford; (248) 858-0415.

TOUR

PEWABIC POTTERY
Paint Creek Center for the Arts is accepting reservations for a chartered bus tour of Pewabic Pottery 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Friday, April 16. Tour guide Michael Farrell. Fee: \$48 for PCCA members; \$54 for non-members. Call (248) 651-4110.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
"Stained Glass Lecture and Tour Series," 11:30 a.m. Wednesday April 14. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Debish, president, P.O. Box 251851, West Bloomfield, MI, 48325-1851, (248) 626-2285.

FAR CONSERVATORY
Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburgh, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mcbb.org, or contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 349-0376.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through April 11 - "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse"; through May 16 - "An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball." 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

DIA
Through April 25 - "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks"; through June 6 - "Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary." 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY
April 5 - Palette Guild of Livonia exhibit, through April 29. 33000 Civic Center Drive; (734) 466-2540.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
April 7 - "Fruits & Vegetables," featuring the work of Bruce Campbell, Jon Hall, Richard Jerry, Norman Laliberte, Lori Lytle, Giulio Pallone, Burke Paterson, Carol Sams, Nan Schaff and Michael Zigmund. Through May 8. 162 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
April 9 - New sculpture by Hank M. Adams, and new paintings by Cindy Kane and Jackie Battenfield, through May 1. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

GALERIE BLU
April 10 - Frank Gallo: A Retrospective, through May 1. 7

N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

GALLERY XVM
April 10 - Works of Paul Sherman, Jan Hubert, Maryn Leland, Gail Leone, Bill Poceta and Athir Shayota, through April 28. 18 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 745-8875.

NETWORK
April 10 - "The Clarity of Seduction II," an exhibit of 26 alumni and students of Cranbrook Academy of Art, through May 12. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 645-3300.

STUDIO GALLERY OF ROBERT MANISCALCO
April 10 - "Art & Reality," featuring works of Ron Azkrin, Dean Randazzo, Kidia Simeonova, Renata Palumbinskas, through June 9. 17329 Mack Avenue, Detroit; (313) 886-2983.

UZELAC GALLERY
April 10 - "Interpretations in Glass," various styles of glass artistry, through May 29. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through April 10 - An exhibit of abstract painting and figurative sculpture by Carol Sams, Karen Petersen, and Karen Jacobs. 162 Old N. Woodward at Maple, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through April 10 - "Colored Thoughts," an exhibit of oil paintings by Filipino artist Mike Austria. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through April 11 - "A New Russian Realism," 119 Wilson Hall, Rochester; (248) 370-3005.

WILDLIFE INTERPRETIVE GALLERY
Through April 11 - "Recycled Realities," three-dimensional assemblages and paintings. Detroit Zoological Institute, Royal Oak; (248) 398-0900.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Through April 17 - "Ed Fraga: In the Garden," paintings, drawings and artist's books. 538 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through April 17 - "Nora Chapa Mendoza: Between Two Cultures." 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Through April 23 - Art exhibit of Livonia Public Schools students. 32777 Five Mile Road; (734) 466-2490.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through April 24 - "Reality Studded With Thorns," metal constructions by Harriette Estel Berman, and works by Dublas Harling. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through April 29 - New works by Ricky Bernstein and Sidney Hutter. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.



Spring Fling: Think spring at the 38th annual Livonia Artists Club exhibit and sale 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, in the atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, (east of Farmington Road). Admission is free. Twenty-four members of the club will exhibit everything from paintings of flowers and people to landscapes in a variety of media. The judge for the show is Polly Friend, a teacher who coordinated the arts program in the Bloomfield Hills School District. For more information, call Audrey Harkins, (734) 464-0031 or Yvette Goldberg (248) 476-2313.

Other gems can be a girl's best friend

Dear Jewelry Lady,

How can you tell if a colored gemstone is treated? Are treated gemstones less valuable than untreated ones?

Natural Beauty

Dear Natural, The answer is simple. You can't. That's why we have trusted jewelers. It takes years

of training and experience to obtain the know-how to detect gemstone treatments, not to mention a stylish and suitable microscope and gem-testing lab.

Most of the colored gemstones — and many diamonds — on the market today have been heated, irradiated, oiled, bleached, painted, or laser-drilled to remove internal imperfections. Some treatments, such as oiling, have a temporary effect. Others, such as laser-drilling, make a permanent change. Honest, ethical jewelers will disclose all gemstone enhancements when you make a purchase. It is safe to assume that any popularly priced, colored gemstone has been treated to enhance its beauty.

And as far as value goes, my answer is simpler yet. No one would bother treating gems, if the process didn't enhance value. A natural gem that needs no treatment is more valuable than a treated gem of like quality. However, an enhanced gem is more valuable than an untreated counterpart that is flawed, lifeless or unattractive in color.

Dear Jewelry Lady, My fiancé wants to know if he has to buy me an engagement diamond or, for that matter, any engagement ring? Money is pretty tight and our wedding is costing us a fortune!

Dear Frugal, There is no rule etched in stone about engagement rings or, for that matter, even wedding bands. The Wedding Police have other more serious criminals to chase, if you catch the Jewelry Lady's drift. That said, an engagement token is awfully nice, even without a diamond, say, for example, Princess Diana's ill-fated, sapphire engagement ring from Prince Charles.

Depending on your birth month — hopefully it isn't April (diamond is the month's birthstone) — an engagement ring set with your birthstone would be a beautiful, sentimental and inexpensive choice.

But, if you both decide that an engagement without the engagement ring suits you, that's just fine, and the Jewelry Lady will very politely and kindly nod in approval of your apparent selfless frugality.

Dear Jewelry Lady, How many bracelets can be worn at once? My sister told me that I look like a gypsy.

Dear Flamboyant, What is your sister's problem with gypsies, who, after all, make their own fashion statement by virtue of those colorful scarves and lovely drop earrings? Sisters often don't share a similar taste in jewelry. The Jewelry Lady's sister, for example, likes to wear rings the size of Constantinople, while the Jewelry Lady prefers a more subdued — and in her opinion — infinitely more tasteful look.

If your sister is the only person making snide comments, the Jewelry Lady would advise continuing with your current bracelet selection. If other individuals, such as sales clerks or co-workers, are snickering behind your back, then consider wearing a few less. Another option — purchase some colorful scarves, a pair of long, dangling earrings and a sturdy crystal ball. Then tell your sister about her future.

By the way, have you noticed that male models have been donning strands of black Tahitian cultured pearls in recent fashion magazines? The look is particularly appealing when accompanied by washboard abs. Don't laugh, it wasn't too long ago that many men could be found wearing both a business suit and an over-the-hill tie. If your significant other is a real fashion snob and shaker, pose about the pearls in a better way than you can imagine. This is a look that might become an everyday one.



Linen and style: From Fibres' spring collection of better casual sportswear, linen pants and jacket coupled with a T-shirt. Fibres opens in Birmingham in April.

New Birmingham clothier features natural fabrics

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Poly-fiber fleece, micro-suede, triacetate — choice is good, but so is the comfort and peace of mind that accompanies a cozy, all-cotton sweater or roomy pair of linen pants.

Hoping to capitalize on the bliss that comes from slipping on all-natural fabrics is Fibres, a small women's clothing retailer that specializes in apparel made of natural fibers.

Based in Cleveland, the retailer, which has three locations in Ohio and one in Chicago, plans to open a store in downtown Birmingham in April.

"We went through that Mother Earth, granola, all-natural, crunchy look," said Deborah Stanzak, who works with Fibres and presented the retailer's spring collection at the 11th Annual Christ Child Society Benefit fashion show in March in Madison Heights.

"But, it didn't work and a lot of people don't like the feel of synthetics," said Stanzak.

Fibres seeks to fill that niche — offering apparel that is both made from natural fibers, such as cotton, silk and linen, and looks sophisticated, stylish and contemporary.

The approximately 900-square-foot store will sit between Jacobson's and the Merchant of Vino, at 270 West Maple, and open its doors with a summer collection of



Comfort clothes: Fibres co-owner Theresa Lloyd, (left), and Debbie Stanzak, store support manager, look over a sweater from Fibres' spring collection of better sportswear.

apparel. About 75 percent of Fibres' clothing will be consist of natural fibers or natural blends, and the store will stock sizes two through 14. Designers that will be carried by the store include Joan Vaas, Eileen Fisher, Anibarrie, Mack and Kiko.

Operated by Toledo residents Theresa and Thomas Lloyd, the Birmingham store will offer some business and dress suiting but devote most of its space to better casual sportswear and basic apparel pieces, like cotton sweaters and T-shirts in essential colors.

"I don't see that niche being addressed in Birmingham — the better casual look," said Theresa Lloyd, adding that she hoped the store would serve as a resource for women's basic wardrobe items. "I think of sweaters, lots of sweaters, just nice, cozy sweaters."

Gentleman, lather up Old fashioned shave is new wave

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR
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Bath and body stores like Crabtree & Evelyn and The Body Shop do sell all that smelly stuff that make women "ooh" and "ahh."

Their in-store displays smell like over the top flower arrangements and bear the unmistakable mark of a woman's touch.

But, take a closer look, and sniff.

These retailers are peddling products for men.

Especially popular of late are old-fashioned shaving accessories — boar's hair brushes and mugs of shaving soap — that you probably remember your grandfather using.

"It's something that's coming back from before," said Tynille Walsh, assistant manager at Crabtree & Evelyn at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

"And, I can tell you why ... people come in and tell me everyday ... it's a better shave," Walsh added: "It's a moister shave. You're not left with stubble. It's just a real good, clean shave."

Believe or not, Crabtree & Evelyn's shaving brushes are so popular, the

store currently has a waiting list for the item. Available in a variety of types and styles with some accompanied by full shaving kits, Crabtree & Evelyn's brushes run \$40-\$150.

The retailer also offers several lines of scented shaving products. The "Sandalwood" collection — which includes shaving cream in a tube, bath and shower gel, shaving cream in a pot, shaving soap in a bowl, triple-milled soap and spray cologne — is the company's most popular men's line.

The Body Shop, which has locations in The Somerset Collection and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, carries similar products, including a wooden shaving brush with all-natural bristles that sells for \$2.50.

Also noteworthy are The Body Shop's "Of a Man" aloe vera and shea butter aftershave gel, \$15, and coconut oil and glycerin shaving cream, \$6.

Of course, the soap is useless without the brush, an instrument that will improve any shaving regimen by its ability to boost lather and move soap closer to the root of facial hair.

The best shaving brushes have boar or badger hair bristles, said Paul Bauby, owner of the Shaver Shop, which has been repairing razors and selling shaving products for 30 years in downtown Pontiac.

The Shaver Shop even continues to carry straight razors — which men in their 30s and 40s have been purchasing for novelty's sake of late, said Bauby. But, the store's shaving soap



Soap and brush: Crabtree & Evelyn's shaving soap in a wooden bowl for men, \$15, has gained popularity recently, but the bath and body store's shaving brushes, which range in price from \$40 to \$150, have always sold well.

and natural bristle brushes have really taken off, he said.

Unlike the large bath and body chains, the Shaver Shop carries Bay Rum shaving soap, a tried-and-true brand that comes in a variety of scents, including almond, lime and amber.

Bauby sells it in three and three-quarter-ounce tubes for \$3 to \$4. His shaving brushes are a bit more pricey and sell for between \$11 and \$45.

"It's gotta be a novelty," joked Bauby of the trend. "But it could be a closer shave."

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) 644-1316. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8
MODE MAGAZINE SHOW
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, and Mode Magazine Fashion and Style Director Michele Weston view spring fashion for sizes 14-24, 11:30 a.m. reception and 12:30 p.m. fashion presentation, Salon 2, third floor. For reservations, call (248) 614-2322.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9
CHEROKEE SINGS
Hudson's, Northland Center in Southfield, presents singer and songwriter Cherokee in connection with Polo Jeans, 2 and 4 p.m., Main Floor, mall entrance.

PARADISE SLEEPWEAR
Karen Neuberger will make a personal appearance with her collection of sleepwear and bedding at Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, noon-4 p.m., Intimate Apparel Department. Neuberger's sleepwear has been shown on television shows Ally McBeal, The Oprah Winfrey Show and Dharma & Greg.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

April 10, Designer's Jewelry, first floor.

HOME SHOW
Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield has an array of spring home and lifestyle exhibits on display throughout the mall during regular hours through April 11.

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DISCO AT THE MALL
Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents Disco Inferno Night, a family music and dancing event, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.

ART OF TILE
Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, hosts an appearance by tile artist and art therapist Sandra Magsamen, who will present her collection of tiles, plates and other decorative accessories, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Store For the Home. Magsamen will appear at the same time on April 11 at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills.

Wit defines decor pieces



Sound and sight: Available at Target stores, Michael Graves stainless steel tea kettle, \$34.99, not only produces a whistling sound but has a red coach whistle for a spout.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL REPORT

Wit and whimsy are ready to come home, literally. World renowned architect Michael Graves, who is known for the humor he brings to his designs, has hatched a line of clever and contemporary home decor products for Target.

Not only are the some 200 pieces witty and downright artistic - Graves takes cues from classicism and modernism - they're also reasonably priced. One piece, an alder wood picture frame that rests on a tripod of what appears to be rocks, was inspired by an ancient Pompeian artifact and sells for \$12.99. Graves' stainless steel tea kettle with a bright red spout in the shape of a coach's whistle has an aluminum base and is priced at \$34.99. Other pieces in the collection, which debuted at Target stores in January, include gardening accessories, kitchen tools, outdoor furniture, picture frames, clocks and other home decor items. Prices run \$3.99 to \$479.95.



Egg and toast: A bright blue egg-shaped handle embellishes Michael Graves two-slice, wide-slot toaster, \$39.99 at Target.

RETAIL DETAILS

FACE SEARCH

Hudson's and Borghese cosmetics company have teamed up to search for a woman whose look and style capture the Borghese way of life. The Italian cosmetics manufacturer is seeking a stylish, sexy and confident woman to star in an upcoming promotion. And the Borghese cosmetic counters at local Hudson's stores are taking make-up appointments with international make-up artist William Abrens as part of the search. After each make-up, interested candidates will be photographed for the contest selection. The winner will travel to New York for the national promotion's photo shoot. The contest makeovers will be held at Hudson's stores at: Oakland Mall in Troy, (248) 597-2341, The Somerset Collection in Troy, (248) 816-4125, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, (248) 344-8888 and Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, (810) 566-2746.

ROMA SPOSA CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of its first anniversary, Roma

Sposa, a Birmingham retailer, at 722 N. Old Woodward, that specializes in custom and handmade European bridal fashions is offering a 50 percent discount on selected sample gowns, head pieces and veils through the month of April. **CAR TOUR** "Car and Driver" magazine's 10 Best Tour Across America is visiting the Somerset Collection in Troy starting April 9 and ending April 18. The exhibit is part of a 20-city tour across the country. The 10 Best award, initiated in 1983, is given to 10 car models based on value for the price, suitability for intended purpose and targeted customer satisfaction. The exhibit will include interactive displays with detailed information from manufacturers, "Car and Driver's" model test results and product specialists who talk about each vehicle. The BMW 328i, Dodge Intrepid, Chrysler 300M, Honda Accord and Chevrolet Corvette are five of the 10 featured vehicles.

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 (for basement), please call Where Can I Find? (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:

- Woodhue cologne was not found in any stores, but a few people had some that they hadn't used.
- For Michael, an old style English (red) phone booth can be found at Saffron's Billiards, 23622 Woodward, Pleasant Ridge, 542-8429, and through the Toscano Designs catalog, (800) 525-0733.
- Alyssa Ashley Musk Oil can be found at Meijer stores or F & M and on the internet at parfumweb.com.
- We also found: Alma the Trivial Pursuit Silver Screen edition and a darning egg.
- Kopecky's in Detroit, (313) 891-9034, will restuff pillows while you wait. Call and ask for Dwayne.
- Top fitted sheets can be found in the Land's End catalog.
- Non-diatatic powder for making bagels is available in the Baker's catalog (item #3995, one pound for \$4.25), (800) 827-6836.
- WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:
 - Judith is looking for Indian Earth Blush (in a white jug with a cork top).
 - Anne wants a 1953 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook.
 - Georgette is looking for a G.E. mist conditioner or dry electric hair setter (#B2HCD4).
 - Beverly wants Tyme soap.
 - Jennifer wants a three-volt Rayovac lithium battery (#BR2335).
 - Patricia wants Almay lipstick in "Serene".
 - Barbara is looking for four-inch pair "Boy and Girl Kissing Angels" white china with pink and blue flowers.
 - Gloria wants the original Jungle Gardenia perfume and a Mary Hartline doll (in a majorette outfit) by Mattel or Revlon from the '1960's.
 - Kristy wants votive candles from the Al Root Company in Tempest scent terra-cotta color and Paragon's china "White Cliffs of Dover."

- Zelda wants a 1951 Central High School yearbook.
- Florence is looking for a store in the Birmingham area that carries six-ounce bars of Dove dark chocolate.
- Jean wants a 1954 Mackenzie High School yearbook.
- Tim needs a left-handed violin.
- Trish is looking for a wrought iron cigarette butt bucket.
- Florence needs glass lids for her Guardian cookware.
- Jean is still looking for the Johnny Pfeiffer mascot for the Pfeiffer Brewing Company.
- Jane is looking for a 1995-96 St. Bell of Dearborn yearbook.
- Angela is looking for Yardley's April Violet soap, lotion, and accessories.
- Joan wants Estee Lauder feather-proof lipstick in "Festive Red #06".
- Alma is looking for two items: an International Sterling pattern "Royal Danish" corkscrew and Neutrogena Solid Unique Shampoo that looks like a bar of soap.
- Margaret is looking for square, breaded fish for making sandwiches. It looks like McDonald's, not Mrs. Paul's, fish.
- Laurie is looking for a large triangle hair net that ties and wraps around brush rollers.
- Judy wants "Flatter," a hardcover children's book published by Parents Magazine Press.
- Rosemary wants Crystal Lite lemonade flavor hard candies.
- Denise is looking for Naturessence European elastin firming facial by Avanza.
- Carol from Westland is looking for TV plastic trays.
- Marian is looking for MAROC cologne by Ultima.
- Jeanette wants Bongo button fly jeans.
- Diane is looking for a plastic egg toy that contained characters from the Flintstones.
- Bob is looking for Trading Times issued before September 1998.
- Margaret wants Lancaster perfume by Lancaster of Monaco in France.
- Mary is looking for a Clairol Slender Twirl brush/curling iron.
- April is looking for the 1988 Plymouth, Canton & Salem yearbook.
- Another reader is looking for a 1980 Wayne Memorial High yearbook.
- Pat is looking for Haywood-Wakefield early American/Colonial Hard Rock maple furniture.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Multiple columns of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Star Line, Star Theatre, and United Artists. Each listing includes the movie title, showtimes, and ticket prices.

Birmingham travel agent finds adventure in Africa

By HUGH GALLAGHER
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Travel agent Joan Bowes of Village Travel & Cruises in Birmingham got her first taste of Africa in April 1998 on a travel agents educational study trip offered by tour operators Abercrombie & Kent.

"When I got there, I knew I would go again in a heartbeat," she said.

On that April trip, Bowes of Bloomfield Hills visited the animal orphanage operated by former Detroit-area resident Don Hunt, known to television viewers as B'wana Don, and got her first up-close and personal visit with the continent's animals.

"While we were there it rained and we ran under this thatched roof and the llamas gathered with us there," she said.

This intimate contact was a

surprise and delight.

"I didn't expect the animals to seem so tame. I just didn't expect to get so close to them. A leopard walked right under my window," she said.

She said the guides were so bold about game that a guard was posted in the dining room to protect the staff.

In February, Bowes and nine other travel agents from Kenya went to see a very kind of animal.

"We saw many lions and they circled our van trumpeting at us," she said. "Zebras by the dozens, giraffes, impalas, wildebeests, guinea hens with their bright colors."

This African adventure is just the latest in Bowes' world travels. Bowes works part time as a travel agent/tour guide when not occupied with her primary work, teaching and playing piano. She is also on the music staff at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham.

Twenty years ago a lunch with a girlfriend led to her second career.

"I felt I needed a different dimension, and she was moving and said I could take her job at Olympia Travel," Bowes said. "I had to learn by making mistakes. I started making cold calls to companies and landed work with ITT. I did corporate international travel and then moved into group travel. You can't be a travel agent until you have knowledge of destinations."

Those destinations have included numerous trips to Britain and Europe and cruises on the Amazon, the Greek Isles and Hawaii.

Kenya offered a different kind of adventure, one that sometimes makes travelers nervous. Bowes said Abercrombie & Kent are an excellent tour company, very concerned about security issues. In addition, she said, she regularly checks State Department advisories. Her two trips to Kenya were generally without incident except for the happy incidents of memorable travel.

But a quick trip to a Nairobi hospital when a member of the

group had an asthma attack was handled effectively.

"Abercrombie & Kent handled it very well," Bowes said. "I was impressed by the condition of the hospital. It was clean, professional and the doctor was competent and articulate in English."

On the safari, travelers ride vans for 2-3 hours in the morning and 1-2 hours in the afternoon, protected from animals but close to them. Bowes said a mother cheetah and her cubs were so tame they climbed on the vans.

Bowes said they encountered the two most dangerous animals in Kenya - the black rhino ("We were within five feet of him. He roared in that there had just been a rain and he was rolling in the mud.") and the cave buffalo with its sharp and deadly curved horns.

"We saw a lioness with a kill, a wildebeest, dragging it into a bush and another lioness going back to the pride," Bowes said.

The group also met some of the African people at a Masai village. The Masai own the preserve land and rent it to hotels for tourists.

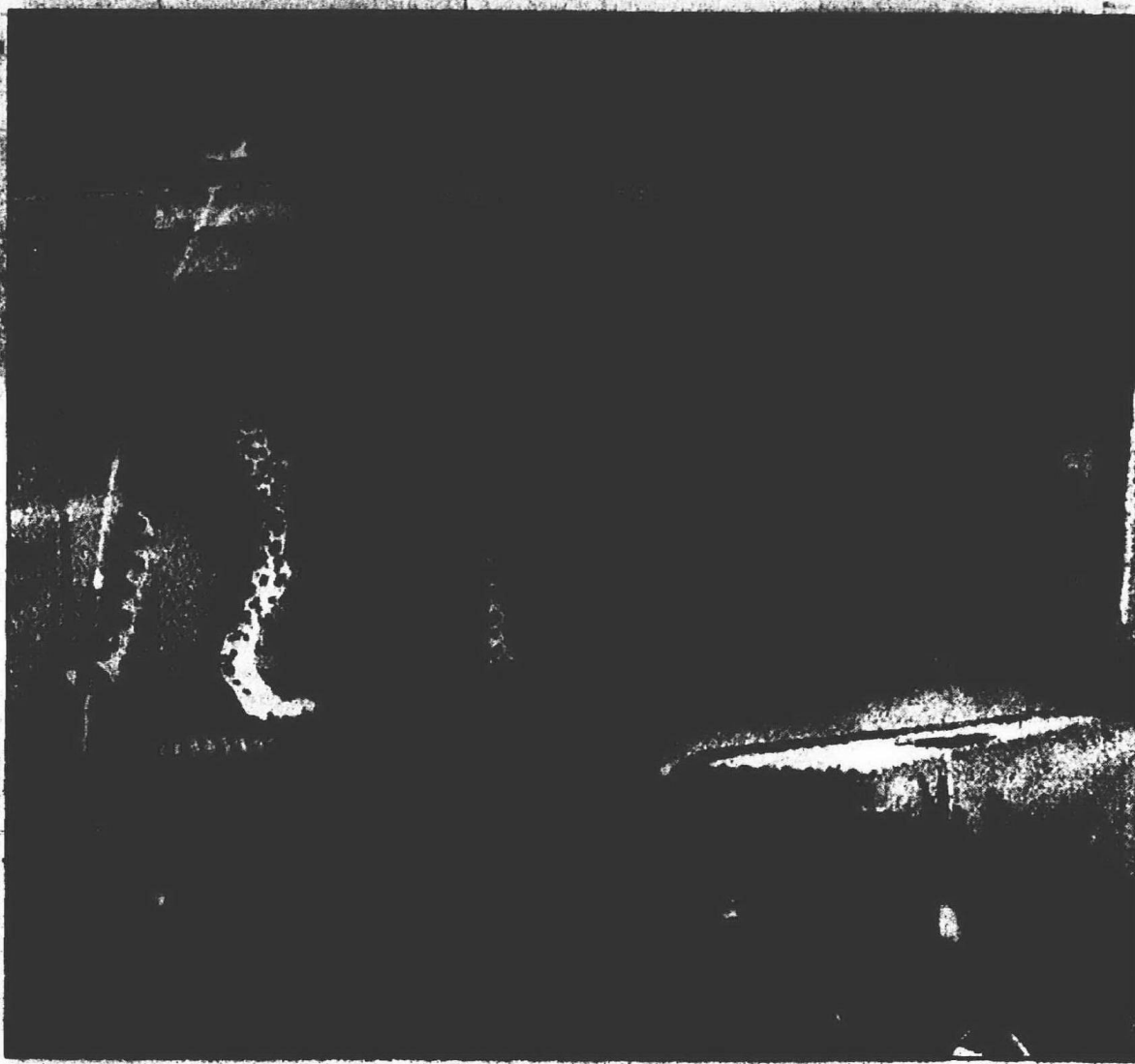
"The young women were dressed in red, which is a color they really like, and they were singing and asked us to hold their babies, which we did," Bowes said.

Accommodations are in lodges and special safari tents with oriental rugs on the bedroom floor and slate on the bathroom floors.

The dining highlight was a visit to the Carnivore Restaurant where diners were offered grilled impala and zebra in addition to the regular chicken and beef.

Bowes is planning a trip for October to Egypt, following another Abercrombie & Kent educational trip in December to the land of the pyramids.

"I loved Egypt," she said. "I didn't want to go home at all. The last night I was sitting in a cafe in the market in Cairo. Someone got up to do a belly dance, men were smoking from their long pipes, musicians were playing on strange instruments.



Getting to know you: A leopard checks out the visitors at a preserve in Kenya.

I thought, can I really be here."

In Cairo, she visited the museums including the famous Mummy room and treasures of King Tut. She also visited the Sphinx, the tomb of Ramses II, Luxor, Karnak and other sites while cruising down the Nile in a boat.

"I loved it. I had never given Egypt enough credit as being the cradle of civilization," she said.

The cost of the Egypt trip will be around \$4,280 plus air fare. For information, contact Bowes at Village Travel & Cruise, (248)646-4181.



Tough guy: The rhino is one of the most dangerous animals in Africa.

Tall travelers: Giraffes stride elegantly through the preserve in Kenya.

GREAT ESCAPES

CYCLE CLASS

REI is holding an "Intro to Cycling for the Adult Novice" class 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7. Lucinda Means of the League of Michigan Cyclists will hold a clinic on how to get into cycling as an adult beginner. Learn about selecting a bike with all of the equipment and gear options, safety, nutrition and fitness issues.

Also 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, REI will hold a Bike Maintenance 101 class covering the basics of chain, brake and derailleur adjustment and how to fix a flat tire. A staff technician will cover the techniques and tools needed for basic bicycle maintenance.

All clinics are free and open to the public. REI sporting goods is at 17559 Haggerty, Northville at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

For more information, call (248)347-2100.

JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR

The Jewish Community Center is sponsoring a Jewish Heritage Tour to England, Ireland and Wales June 9-22. An informational meeting will be held 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the D. Dan and Betty Kahn

Building, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield, and 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Jimmy Prentis Morris Building at 15100 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park.

For more information, call Marilyn Wolfe at (248)661-7649.

SPRING DRIVES

The Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council has issued a new

publication, "Drive Among the Blossoms," featuring nine self-guided blossom tours. The routes include views of rolling orchards in full bloom, vineyards, wildflowers and beautiful countryside.

The booklet is available free for travelers coming to southwestern Michigan from late

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Western Officials

The Western Lakes Activities Association Swim Championships for years, will receive his 20-year award. So, too, will Plymouth residents John McGreevy, Henry George and P. Charles Peters.

The winner of the Vern L. Norris Award, presented to an official with more than 20 years of experience, has been active in his/her local field association, has completed a college education, will also be honored.

Tickets for the banquet, 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, are available to the public for \$15. They will not be sold at the door. For additional information, call Dolores Lake at (517) 332-5046.

Football meeting

A meeting to help organize the three football teams sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, located at 1062 Church in Plymouth. The meeting is for all boys in third through eighth grades who want to play football, and their parents. Those eligible are members of the following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Barnab, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Rita, St. A'Beckett, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James and St. John Neumann.

The third/fourth grade team will be coached by Ed Jeffery; the fifth/sixth grade team will be coached by Mark Zygomtonwicz; and the seventh/eighth grade team will be coached by Mike Girskis. A summer camp with the OLG coaches and others from local high school and college staffs is scheduled for August.

For more information, contact Mike Girskis at (734) 427-6270.

Plymouth T-Ball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-Ball League from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 12-30 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost is \$55, with Plymouth city residents receiving a \$35 discount. The season lasts seven weeks, from June 19-Aug. 7. A birth certificate is required; those eligible must be born from July-December 1992; January-December 1993; and January-July 1994.

For more information, call the Recreation office at (734) 455-6620.

Spring cycling tour

The 16th annual Metro Grand Spring Tour, sponsored by the Downriver Cycling Club, will start and finish Sunday, May 2 at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Pre-registration (by April 20) is \$13 per person or \$25 per family. Date of event registration is \$18 per person and \$35 per family. Applications are available at area bike shops.

The tour is limited to 1,500 riders and will take place rain or shine.

Routes are 25, 45 and 62 miles in length and take riders along the Huron River and around the scenic country roads of south Wayne and North Monroe counties.

For more information, call Sharon or Mike Moreno at (313) 383-0288.

Fast-Pitch tryouts

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's 12-under girls fast-pitch team has an opening with a tryout planned April 17 for those interested.

Girls who were 12 as of Jan. 1, 1990, are eligible. The tryout will be at 9 a.m. behind the Canton-Salem high schools. In case of bad weather, the tryout will be held the next day, at 9 a.m., Sunday, April 18. Cost is \$50 if you make the team.

For more information, call Fran Frank at 464-7861 or Bob Bilkie at 466-8978.



Fast runner Salem's Rachel Jones was among the top sprinters in the WAAA last season, placing third in the 100-meters and fourth in the 200-meters at the league meet.

Przygodski on coaching leave

It was, according to long-time Plymouth resident George Przygodski, the best he could do. Przygodski, who was coach of the Plymouth High School boys' basketball team, has been named as assistant coach of the new WHAC team in late January. The position was such that he could not coach track, at least not this year.

"It's not necessarily permanent," Przygodski said. "He added that 'as of right now, I'm still the girls cross country coach.' A decision on that won't have to be made until late summer. Serving as interim girls track coach is John Veaning, Przygodski's assistant coach for the past 14 years.

Both the WAAA and the girls' track team have a high level of talent. The high jump and long jump are at the top of the list. The girls' track team is also very strong. They share the same track, the Club track, which is used to run in the WAAA's Western Lakes meet. "I think we're strong in the throws and jumps, and we have a nice group of athletes," said Veaning. "The Club track has some of the best athletes in the region, starting with seniors Jacyn Bernard, who was fifth in the region, and Jenny Salazar, who was eighth at the WAAA meet in the shot put. Both will throw the discus as well, as will seniors Kelly Tabaka and Colleen Crowe and junior Deana Mullins. All are experienced. In the jumps, Veaning has numbers, if not the unique talent of the graduated Okwumabua. Juniors Kim Theeke and Elizabeth Lanning (a Westland Huron Valley Lutheran transfer), sophomores Kristan Schilk and freshman Amy Fitzsimmons will all get a shot at both the long jump and high jump. "If they've got springs, they've got springs," summarized.

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Off and running

Crusaders' sweep makes them 5-1

Aquinas College played the perfect guest to Madonna University's softball team. The Crusaders took a double win from the Saints, 4-3 and 11-5, Friday in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action. The doubleheader win improved Madonna (15-8) to 5-1 in the WHAC. Jenny Krusel started Madonna's first inning of the opener with a walk, was sacrificed to second, advanced to third on a groundout and scored on a wild pitch. Aquinas (11-11) tied the score in the third on a Kristin Jones triple plus a sacrifice by Nicole VanGeest. Both teams scored two in the fifth. The Crusaders loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh and Angela Litwin delivered a game-winning single to left to make Janel Leschinger 8-3 this season. Leschinger scattered six hits, walked three and struck out six. Shortstop Kristy McDonald and left fielder Missy Bako had two hits while McDonald and Courtney Senger had RBI for Madonna. The Crusaders jumped out to a 7-1 lead after two innings of the nightcap and the Saints never got any closer than four runs.

Jamie Cook had three singles with an RBI with Krusel, Litwin, Vicki Malkowski, Senger and Jen Walker each getting two hits. McDonald had three hits including her sixth double of the season. Janelle Schmidt, 4-1, went the first 3 1/3 innings and gave up three runs on four hits. Three relievers finished up but Leschinger hurled the last three to close it out. Kurzel, Malkowski and Senger each drove in two runs. Madonna 5-3, Concordia 4-6: The Lady Crusaders took advantage of four Cardinal errors in winning the first game of their double-header Thursday in Ann Arbor, but a five-run fifth inning propelled Concordia to a victory in the second game. The split in the WHAC twinbill left the Cards at 12-11 overall. In the opener, Vicki Malkowski and Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn) got two hits apiece to lead the



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Shining stars

Observer's top stars made this a season to be remembered

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It was really a rare occasion. With 30 seconds left in the Class A regional basketball final between Plymouth Salem and Southfield-Lathrup, and the score tied at 60-all, Rocks' coach Bob Brodie signaled for a timeout. This is not something Brodie often does. He never uses his full complement; indeed, he'll go through entire games without using one.



Bob Brodie
Salem coach

Just not his style.

But the situation in the Lathrup game obviously warranted it. Brodie gave his team the strategy: "Spread the floor and attack the basket with five seconds left."

Can't get any simpler than that. And yet, it provides an insight into Brodie's coaching ability, a reason why, in 15 seasons as the Rocks' head coach, he has compiled one of the state's most impressive records.

Sure, the instructions were simple. They were meant to be. The more details a player has to deal with in a pressure situation, the greater the chance for a screw-up. Brodie knew what he was doing. He had it all analyzed.

"I thought they'd rotate (their defenders) to us," he explained afterward. That's the way (Lathrup) plays, they rotate to the ball. They're aggressive. We had our big guys back, so the plan was when we attacked the basket and they rotated to us, we'd dish it off."

It worked, although the second part of the plan wasn't necessary. With the floor spread, the Chargers were caught with their backs turned, allowing Salem's Adam Wilson to drive easily to the basket for a game-winning, quarterfinal-clinching layup.

That the play called worked only partly defines Brodie's coaching ability. His players listened. They did what they were told, without question. They believed in Brodie's system, which is why they finished 20-5 this year.

It's also why Brodie is the Observer's coach of the year.

It's a well-deserved honor. After all, Brodie's teams have an average won/loss record of 17-6; they have accumulated seven district, two regional and four Western Lakes Activities Association championships.

In a season of excellence among Observerland teams — North Farmington, Redford Bishop Borgess, Redford St. Agatha and Plymouth Christian Academy also won state district titles — Salem went further than any other team.

FIRST TEAM

Nick Moore, senior, Redford CC: Without an inside presence, Moore had to carry more of the offensive burden, and it showed all over the statistics sheet.

Moore averaged team-highs in points (19), assists (7.8) and steals (2) and also made 51 of 142 three-point attempts. He made 64 percent of his

free throws.

A three-year starter with a 3.5 grade point average, Moore will attend the University of Toledo on a basketball scholarship.

He is another in a long line of all-stars at CC.

"He's one of the best players we ever had at CC," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "He got doubled up most of the time, one game he even got tripled on the inbounds. He did a nice job handling pressure, he did that for three years. Each year he's gotten a little stronger. He's always had great court sense. This year he scored more because he had to."

Emir Medunjanin, junior, N. Farmington: For someone who has played organized basketball only three years, Medunjanin has developed quickly into a skilled and polished player.

His family fled Bosnia in 1990 when war broke out in the Yugoslavian province and emigrated to the United States in late 1996.

Medunjanin, who is fluent in three languages, played his first year of basketball at Southfield-Lathrup before transferring to North Farmington as a sophomore.

The junior center led the Raiders to their best record (18-5) in school history and a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season championship.

He averaged 16.7 points, 8.6 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game, as well as 1 1/2 steals and assists.

Medunjanin shot almost 57 percent from the floor (164-of-290) and sank better than 70 percent of his free throws (50-of-71). He also made six of 19 three-point attempts.

"What he's accomplished in three years is amazing," said North coach Tom Negoshian, who credits assistant coach Pete Mantyla for helping Medunjanin develop into a quality post player. "He's become a student of the game."

"He has very good hands for a kid his size, and he has very quick feet. We'd love to put him on the perimeter a little more, but he does such a great job inside. He shoots the ball extremely well facing the basket as well as posting up."

"He's a sincerely nice young man. Where he's come from and where he's at now in this country, I think he totally appreciates everything he has and his freedom."

Ty Haygood, senior, Westland Glenn: The 6-4 senior center was the Rockets' most consistent inside player averaging 16 points and 11 rebounds per game.

He is a two-year starter. Haygood, who carries a 3.46 grade-point average, has been accepted to the University of Michigan-Dearborn and has applied to Tennessee State.

"Ty is a very intense player, very skilled with a great work ethic," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "He came to play every day."

"He's a good big player as I've ever coached. Haygood also made the All-Western Lakes squad."

Andrew Burt, senior, Harrison: Burt is a well-rounded player who plays bigger than his 6-foot-2 size and excels in all phases of the game.

He was the leading scorer for Harrison with 15 points per game, but he built his reputation as an aggressive, tenacious rebounder, averaging 9 1/2.

Burt's leaping ability is evidenced by his second-place finish last week in the Oakland County slam dunk contest.

Playing in the post, he shot 49 percent from the floor (124-of-252) and 69 percent at the free-throw line (70-of-101). Burt also had 18 blocks and 32 steals.

"He's come a long way since he was a freshman, and he still has a lot of basketball left in him," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said, adding Burt, who has a 3.3 grade point, will continue his career



Ty Haygood
Westland John Glenn



Emir Medunjanin
North Farmington



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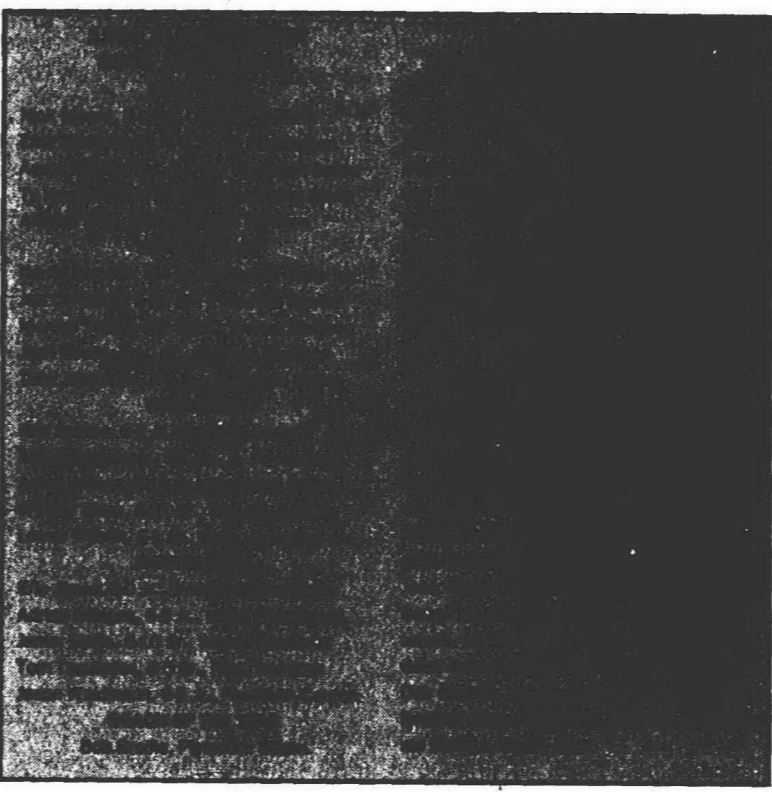


Derric Iannese
Plymouth Christian



Joe Cortellini
Plymouth Canton

Josh Bevan
Redford Thurston



at the next level.

"I think he could step out and play a wing in college. He has a good outside shot, and he can take it to the hole."

"He was the focal point for opposing teams, which tried to stop him. His rebounding ability is pretty amazing for a guy 6-2."

"The neat thing about him is he's not a prima donna. He'll dive on the floor for a loose ball and mix it up. He was a vocal and charismatic leader. His passion for the game was endless."

Aaron Rypkowski, Plymouth Salem, senior: The 6-foot-1 guard/forward was "our most versatile player all year long," said Brodie. An all-Western Lakes Activities Association selection, Rypkowski led the Rocks in scoring, averaging 16 points a game, and in steals, making three a game. He was also second in rebounds (6.0) and third in assists (2.8), and he was a deadly three-point threat, hitting 42 percent of his shots from beyond the arc.

"Aaron can play inside or out," said Brodie. "He's so smooth, he makes his job look easy. If they try to guard him with a guard, he'll go inside. If they try to guard him with a forward, he'll go outside."

Although several schools, including Siena Heights and Aquinas College,

have expressed an interest in Rypkowski (he's also a standout in soccer), his plans at present are to attend Michigan State and walk-on in basketball.

SECOND TEAM

Joe Cortellini, Plymouth Canton, senior: One of the surprise teams of the year was Plymouth Canton, which remained in the hunt for the WLA title until the final week. And a big reason the Chiefs were so successful — they finished 12-10 overall, 8-3 in the conference — was Cortellini.

The 5-11 guard riddled opposing defenses with his long-range shooting. He averaged 17 points per game, converting 42 percent of his three-point tries and 87 percent of his free throws. His abilities earned him all-WLA Western Division honors.

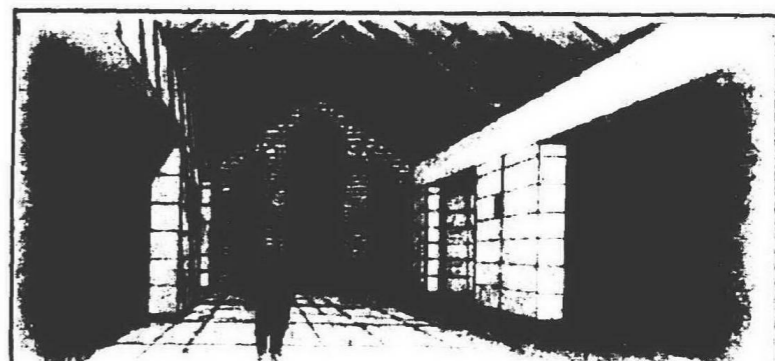
But Cortellini wasn't strictly an offensive threat. "He was one of our top defensive players," said Canton coach Dan Young. "He'd guard the top scorer on the other team. The kid meant everything to us."

Cortellini is considering attending, and playing at, Albion, Hope and Kalamazoo College.

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Two of the best: Canton's Joe Cortellini (left) and Salem's Aaron Rypkowski led the three-point shooters.



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League license, Plymouth State, junior: Eagles' coach Doug Taylor put license on the spot early in the season, calling him "our best player" and a "player to watch."
If license felt any pressure, it never showed. PCA rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship, won a Class D district title, and reached the regional finals before losing to finish the season at 21-4.
A large part of their success was due to license's efforts. A 6-4 forward with tremendous leaping ability, license led the Eagles in scoring (16.2 points per game) and rebounding (9.1), was second in steals (2.6) and third in assists (2.7). He hit 53.2 percent of his floor shots, including 40 percent of his three-pointers.

With only two centers on this season's squad, license will lead a formidable group of Eagles into next season.
Jack Bayne, center, Redford Prep: The 6-foot-10 guard started three years on the Thurston varsity. He set a school record this year for most three-point baskets in a season and for highest percentage made: 68 for 122 (56 percent).
Soven led the team in scoring (17.8 points), assists (4.1) and steals (3.1) per game. He made 43 percent of all his shots (114-263) and 75 percent at the free throw line (77-102). He also went to the boards well for a guard, grabbing 3.1 rebounds per game.
A three-sport standout who also plays soccer

and baseball, he led Thurston to one of its best ever boys basketball seasons, finishing with an 18-2 record and a Gold Division championship.
"He's the best point guard I've coached, as good as we've had at Thurston," Thurston coach Bob Smith said. "He's a great kid, hard worker, played both ends of the court. We counted on his judgment on the floor to do a lot of things. His leadership on the floor is one of the reasons we had the record we did."
Marcel Young, sophomore, Redford Bishop Bergess: Young has played on the Bergess varsity since his freshman year and this season his presence was easy to see.
Young, one of the rising stars in the Catholic League and in metro Detroit, averaged 20 points

and seven rebounds per game. Bergess coach Roosevelt Barnes believes Young is a potential high Division I college player.
"Marcus has a good attitude, works hard," Barnes said. "I think his potential is unlimited. He comes to play every day, is a 'gamer.' He has very good touch 15 feet and in. He has to get stronger, become a better defender and rebounder and run the floor better. He'll be working on his perimeter game, his passing, ballhandling, make him more of a complete player in the next couple years."
Tony Janovecki, Plymouth Salem, senior: Look at the stat sheet following a Plymouth Salem game, and it would be difficult to understand why

opposing coach's said what they said. "They got that big fella in the middle" was their constant concern.
The 6-foot-8 center didn't compile the most impressive offensive statistics. Janovecki averaged nine points and nine rebounds a game, leading the Rocks in the latter. But he also averaged two blocked shots a game and was the defensive anchor for Salem.
"He's not going to be your flashiest player," said Brodie. "He's not going to lead you statistically. But he can be a dominant force defensively. And he always gets double-teamed on offense, which creates opportunities for others."
"Fans don't always see that. But other coaches can."

FUND-RAISERS

TURKEY HUNTER'S WORKSHOP
The Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will hold its annual spring workshop on Saturday, April 10, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord. The workshop will feature presentations by the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, Al Stewart, local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes, raffles, a kids calling contest and more. Proceeds from the event will be used exclusively for MWTHA's winter feeding program. For tickets and more information call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES
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

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INTRO TO CYCLING
Adult beginners will learn the basics of the sport of cycling during this class, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.
BIKE MAINTENANCE 101
Get your bike ready for spring during this instructional clinic, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.
STEELHEAD FISHING
Metro-West Steelheaders will present a free seminar on steelhead fishing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Garden City High School. The seminar will include discussion on river and lake fishing, trolling, drift boats, planer boards and other offshore tactics. The seminar is held as part of the regular monthly meeting of the Metro-

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two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day. Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

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West Steelheaders fishing club and the public is welcome to attend. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.
WOMEN'S FLY FISHING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rafe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.
FLY FISHING SCHOOL
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for April 25, May 8 and 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.
YOUTH FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person

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and class size is limited. To register and for more information call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.
FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.
MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ACTIVITIES

CASS BENTON HIKE
Take a 5-mile hike with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Participants are asked to meet behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call John Kalem at (248) 681-9160 for more information.
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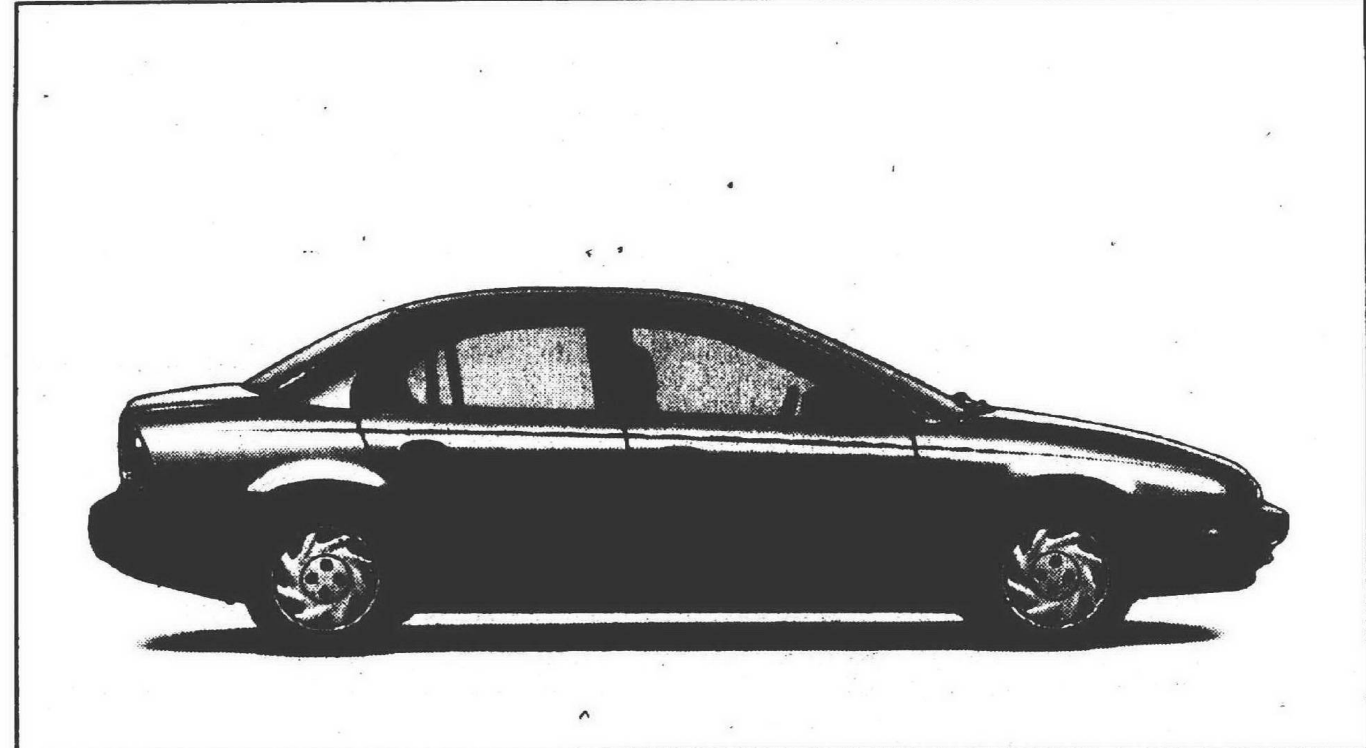
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Trout season opens April 24 on designated streams, rivers and lakes.
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Walleye season opens April 24 on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.
SAUGER
Sauger season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.
MUSKY
Musky season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.
PIKE
Northern pike season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield.

CLUBS

Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.
FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.
CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.
METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.
MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
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.
FOUR SEASONS
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. Jim Graham from "Friends of the Rouge" will be the guest speaker at the April 7 meeting. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served.
Call Jim Kudej (734) 591-0843 for more information. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.
FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.
HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.
BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.



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MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 7-8, at the Four Points Sheraton, 4960 Towne Center Road, Saginaw. The commission will be taking public comment on baiting and other 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.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.
JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48008; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bparker@ehomecomm.net)

RECREATION & BOWLING

Trout anglers eye pre-season special

Trout season is open and not just for April fools.

Trout anglers school-up early each year on the Huron River to participate in a special flies-only, catch-and-release trout season.



BILL PARKNER

The regular trout season doesn't open until Saturday, April 24, but those who can't wait the additional three weeks can get in on some spring training on the Huron.

Approximately 2,500 eight-to-12-inch trout are planted in the river each year prior to the start of the special season.

Normal regulations apply when the regular season opens with the exception of a three-fish possession limit.

The program began in the mid 1970s and has been a joint venture of the Livonia-based Michigan Fly Fishing Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources ever since.

The biggest smallmouth

The recent warm weather has most air-weather anglers across the state spooling-up new line and cleaning out tackle boxes in anticipation of the summer fishing season.

Livonia's Mike Canfield, his wife Deborah, and their 6-year-old daughter Maggie were fishing in the Loud Dam Pond last July 5 when they decided to beach their boat and allow Maggie to take a swim along a sandy bar.

As soon as it hit the water he hit it," Canfield said. "He gave me a great fight."

After battling the feisty small-mouth bass for several minutes

Canfield was able to bring it to his net and finally got a good look at the fish.

"I really had no thought of keeping him," Mike said. "I knew it was a big fish, but Maggie had already named him 'Fred' before I even got him into the boat. We quickly measured him, took a picture and released him."

The bass was big enough to earn Canfield a Master Angler Award for catch-and-release smallmouth bass. The minimum entry is 21 inches. On top of that, Mike recently received another award from the DNR because his fish was the largest catch-and-release smallmouth in the state that was registered with the Master Angler Program during the 1998 fishing season.

"I knew he was big, but I had no idea he was an award winner," Canfield said. "I'm just glad we thought to measure it and take a picture."

"It was a good afternoon of fishing as Maggie caught her first bass and Mom got to take another picture."

Fund-raiser reminder

Don't forget about the spring wild turkey workshop coming up Saturday, April 10, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord, especially if you hunt in the northwestern section of the state.

The Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association distributed over 100 tons of shelled corn in northwestern Michigan this winter to help the birds in that area get through the harsh winter.

This turkey workshop is the chapter's main fund-raiser. Proceeds will be used specifically for the wild turkey supplemental winter feeding program.

The workshop will feature presentations by Al Stewart, the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, as well as local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters.

For tickets and more information or to make a donation to the chapter, call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

At 95, Lew Saad keeps rolling along

Do you remember the comedian who said, "If I knew I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself?"



LEW SAAD

For Lewis Saad its no joke, this very active 95-year-old bowler is still averaging around 150 in a couple of leagues.

He has been a member of one league for 72 years (second longest in the U.S.) and on top of that he is highly recognized for one of his yearly activities as a director in the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

A native Detroit, Lew is now retired from the Board of Education where he taught at Cooley High School for 39 years.

His all-time high game was 289 in 1964 (he left a ten pin) and since then he has had a 726 series.

He is in his 72nd straight year in the Board of Education League at Oak Lanes in Westland.

The league began in 1920 and he joined it in 1927. He also bowls in the Westside Proprietors Senior Travel League.

Saad got started bowling at the age of 13, so he has enjoyed the sport for almost 82 years.

Saad recently returned from the American Bowling Congress meeting in Syracuse, N.Y. where he was awarded a plaque for 25 consecutive years of competing in the big event, the ABC Tournament.

As a delegate from one of our local associations, he helped pass most of the amendments which were on the agenda.

Do you remember the comedian who said, "If I knew I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself?"

In this, the Silver Level membership will be \$15 per year and the Platinum is \$35, which, of course will be at the members' option.

To make the silver level membership more appealing, a \$5 discount coupon on catalog merchandise will be added to the package. Platinum Club members will receive these benefits as well as other benefits to be announced.

Both Silver and Platinum Club tiers will include ABC/WIBC play privileges and quarterly issues of Pin Action magazine.

Lew considers this a good deal, but does not think the majority of members will go for it (maybe in some sections of the country).

The other major subject was the idea of moving the national headquarters from Greendale, Wis. to Orlando, Fla.

This would also require them bring the ABC tournament to Orlando every three years as they do now for Reno.

Saad became a director of the GDBA in 1975, while in 1977 he started collecting the dollars for the yearbook sponsorship.

He has surpassed \$20,000 in collections, and that is mostly at a rate of one dollar at a time from individuals (each person gets their name listed under sponsors).

This goes a long way towards making this book available at a low cost to those who wish to purchase one.

Bowling centers and sanctioned league secretaries can all get one at no charge.

Anyone who wishes to send in a donation can send a check directly to: Lewis N. Saad, 12656 Coyle, Detroit MI 48227; or call him at (313) 836-0284.

Association directors do not

Mr. Saad is a perfect example of that. Monday is my usual night for girl watching.

These particular girls are the Cloverlanes All-Star Bowlerettes, and I have seen some pretty great bowling when this league is in action.

Last Monday it was Tracey Wad who put on a show with a 280 in Game No. 2. She followed that with a 267 in the third game during which she had 14 consecutive strikes.

In bowling language that is an Andy Varipapa 300, spreading the strikes over two games.

A few lanes down the line there was lefty Julie Wright, who was faced with a very difficult spare, the 4-6-7-8-10.

I said to her teammate that Julie will go for it, and she made it, a rare feat for anyone.

Marianne DiRupo put on a good show last week with a 298 game, and she has just won the Detroit Women's Bowling Association tournament in two events, actual singles with 226-237-258/721 and actual all-events with 641-651-721 for a 2,013 total, the results are now final.

Anyone else want to be a girl watcher? If so they begin bowling at 8:30 p.m.

As for the DWBA city tournament, the final winners are: Team event: Equipment Services, Shore Lanes; Actual Team: RJ's Pro Shop, Bonanza Lanes;

Doubles: Teri Niester and Charlene Porzondek from Bonanza Lanes (actual and handicap); Singles: Kathleen Krol, Foun-

tionary Lanes; Actual Singles: Marianne DiRupo.

All Events: Jackie Fether, Bonanza Lanes; Actual All Events: Marianne DiRupo.

We usually have a better representation from O & E cities in the winner's circle, but this year it was mostly eastiders who dominated.

Classic Lanes in Rochester and the Avon Hills Lioness Club will host the 18th Annual Leader Dogs for the Blind Bowling Benefit, beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 25.

Area bowlers will double with members of the All Star leagues to raise funds for the Leader Dog school.

Each bowler is eligible to win prizes and receive a gift bag donated by local merchants and vendors.

This is a family event and bowlers of all ability levels are encouraged to participate.

The Lioness Club's goal is to raise \$25,000 for the leader dog school. This year, tournament activities will include several raffles and live and silent auctions.

Members of the community are invited to come and cheer on the bowlers and participate in the auctions.

Representatives of the leader dog school, several of the dogs and leader dogs in training will be present throughout the day.

Leader Dog is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing highly trained dogs to eligible applicants throughout the world. The school is located in Rochester and operates entirely on donated funds.

Interested bowlers must register in advance.

The deadline for registration is Monday, April 19. The \$30 entry fee is tax deductible.

Forms may be obtained by calling Classic Lanes at (248) 862-9100.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- GARDEN LANES (Garden City) St. Lines Classic: Mark Gorno, 223-279-247/748; John Adomitis, 224-299-225/748; John Miller, 255-226-256/737; Rick Borges, 227-233-266/728; Frank Bollinger, 262-234-215/711. MATTFLOWER LANES (Redford) Monday Seniors: Frank Federico, 258-238-243/737; Mike Kwyy, 241-638; Mike Adorn, 258-636; Gary Broyles, 242-257/631; Alvar Freden, 254-626; John Blunden, 254/801. Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Mike Lucas, 268-223/684; Charles Lawrence, 277-228/686; Bud Kraemer, 258-246/681; Rich Zacheranik, 235-246/684; Jim Casteel, 228-236-235/699; Dale Hayes, 258-209/642; Bill Britton, 258/645. Good Neighbors: Gloria Mertz, 245/585; Dawn Weigel, 203. TOWN 'N COUNTRY LANES (Westland) Thursday Morning Men: Tony Przytulski, 299. Thursday Men's Tie: James Zupke, 300. Stevenson Middle School: Aaron Manning, 298. WOODLAND LANES (LIVONIA) Men's Tie: Dave Grabos, 299/726; Vern Flowers, 683; Dave Norwick, 684; Mike Travis, 675; Kevin Muto, 693; Brian Ziemba, 721. Thursday Morning Ladies: Jean Grzek, 204. Senior House (Premium Bowling Products): Greg Wizzard, 258/730; Mark Gorno, 267/738; Don Johnson, 279/748; Jerry Kassa, 244/692; Darin Kolb, 275/693; Brian Ziemba, 269/697. Family Pinbusters: Cathy Karasinski, 225. Morning Glories: Phyllis Czapia, 214; Margaret Yon, 217; Jane Heiman, 204. Monday Seniors: John Evich, 216; Don Boelter, 226; Mac Clark, 214; Howard Fether-

Time to add insect to state list

Though Michigan Week (actually two weeks) will be coming up in May, I thought I would bring up the topic of Michigan symbols now, so that teachers might think about a possible letter writing campaign.



TIM NOWICKI

Within the last couple years two new Michigan symbols have been added. Our state reptile is now the painted turtle and our state wildflower is the dwarf lake iris. Apple blossom is still the state flower, a state wildflower was added.

During Michigan Week, teachers often review and report about these and other state symbols to illustrate the diversity of natural resources in the state.

Well, another approach to take is, "How are these symbols selected and legislated?"

Currently in the state House of Representatives there is a bill HR 4901 that, if passed, would make the green darner dragonfly our state insect.

The Legislature has to pass bills that would officially designate a suggested species for state symbol status. When they get enough positive responses from their constituents, then they will pass the bill.

I would suggest a letter writing campaign to state House Representatives encouraging the passage of this bill.

Here are few reasons students could use in their letters.

Forty states have state insects and a few have both an insect and a butterfly. This illustrates that most state governments feel that insects are worthwhile.

Washington is the only other state that has also selected the

green darner dragonfly for their state insect. Green darners are large insects, they can be 5 inches long, so it's easy to see them.

Not only are they large, they are colorful. Male green darners have a beautiful lime green thorax and a soft blue abdomen. As students write about the insect, they can also learn some basic insect anatomy.

Green darners are very beneficial insects, they are not destructive or menacing. Much of their life is spent under water as a nymph.

They are predators on smaller aquatic animals. When the nymphs mature they emerge from the water, split their nymphal skin and out comes an adult-looking dragonfly.

Adults are strong fliers. They patrol territories where they hunt and attract mates.

Prey consists of other insects, like mosquitoes and deer flies. The day I saw a dragonfly eating a deer fly was the day I felt justice was done.

May is when the first green darners can be seen in Michigan. These individuals are migrants from the south. We don't know for sure exactly how far south, but observers have seen them on oil drilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

More observations will have to be made to see if they cross the Gulf of Mexico. Green darners seen during the summer are believed to be those adults from nymphs that spent the winter in Michigan.

Darners that fly south in fall are adults from nymphs that came from the early spring arriving migrants.

I think the green darner dragonfly is an excellent choice for a state insect. To learn more about how you can help log in at <http://members.aol.com/YESnet/w/index.html>.

Vince Imbier has been the owner of the 300 Bowl Pro Shop for 10 years. It is located on Cass Lake Road near Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford.



Vince Imbier 300 Bowl Pro Shop

He learned the fine points of bowling as a teen from the one and only Eddie Lubanski. Imbier still goes to Eddie for some coaching when he needs it.

Vince is in the book this year at 221 in two leagues, his highest ever and he gives full credit to Lubanski who helped him get more pocket hits to carry.

Imbier, like so many of us, would often leave a ten pin on what looked like a solid pocket

hit. What he learned from Lubanski was that he was coming out of the ball from around the side, or circling the ball.

The last two lessons he had him staying more behind the ball, causing it to roll better and drive harder to the pocket, therefore carrying the good pocket hits.

When you throw a big arcing curve, it seems like you are throwing a good ball but the six pin will ring around the ten pin.

Lubanski had him staying behind the ball a little more. The rotation does not look all that different going down the lane but he could get a better feel of the ball.

Vince says: "My carry improved a lot. I went from leaving between five and ten ten pins

in a three-game set to well under five."

So he advises if you are leaving a lot of ten pins, stay more behind the ball. (For lefties, the opposite happens, thus the seven pin remains. Same problem, same solution.)

Actually, let's look at the anatomy of a strike.

If you hit a pocket hit to carry, the six-pin is the key. Only the six can take out the ten unless you get very lucky and something else flies by.

If you hit the pocket flush, the three-pin goes straight back and clips the six enough to go around the ten.

In a perfect strike, the ball hits the head pin first, pushes it towards the two as the ball deflects hard into the three, into the six, into the ten.

Of course, something else may happen, as the ball must take out the nine pin.

With today's conditions and high powered balls nines and tens are left a lot because of less deflection at the pocket.

If the ball is driving too hard it can drive the five pin past the eight, then only the ball itself must take out the eight pin, too.

Worst case scenario, leave both the eight and the ten on a pocket hit. At least the eight and nine are better targets than the ten to make the spare.

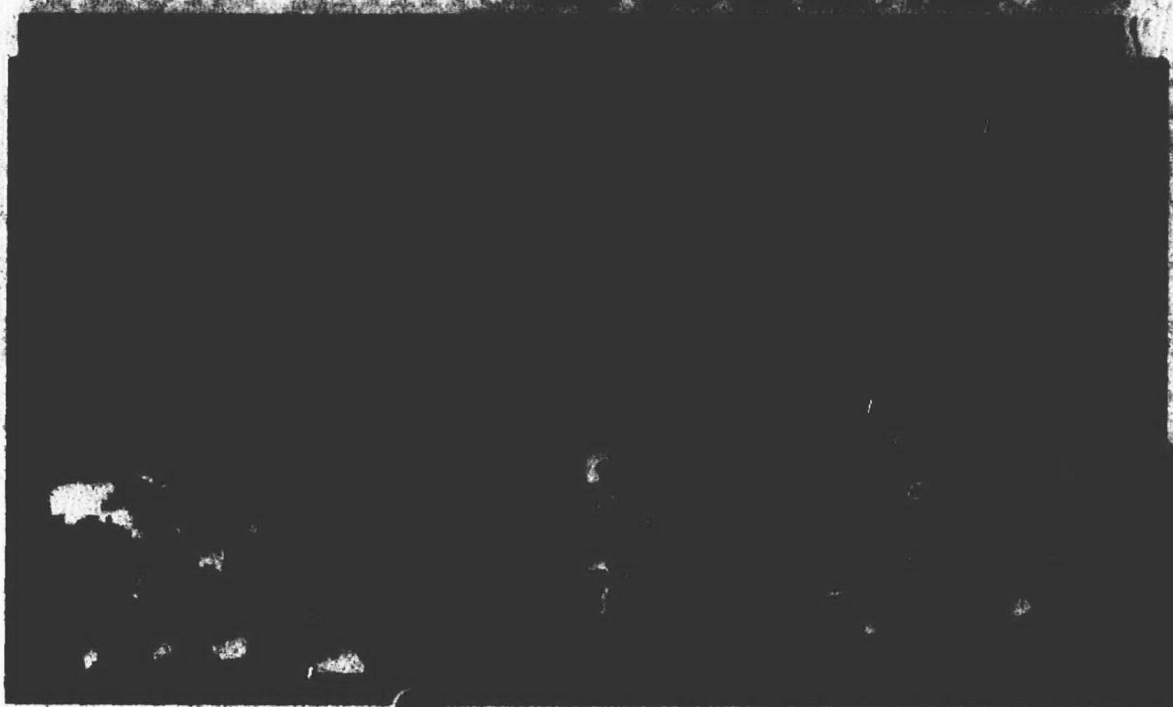
Very few people are accurate enough to hit the pocket in a certain way, so if you believe in the leary fairy, it may help, but most of all, believe in that good arm to deliver a perfect strike.

If you wish to contact Vince Imbier, call (248) 688-8730.

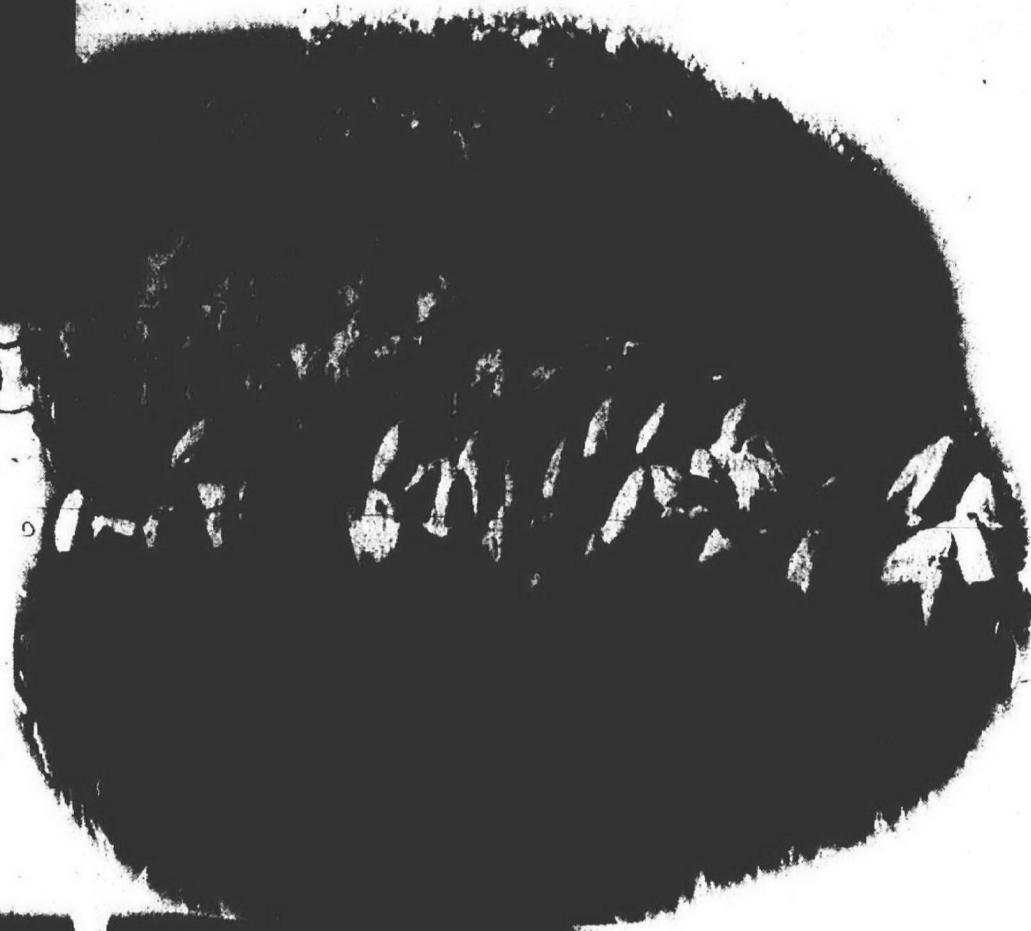
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