

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Busy night: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets in a 5:30 p.m. study session discussing the Sheldon Road overpass with Wayne County officials. The board's regular meeting begins at 7 p.m. Both meetings will take place at the Plymouth Township complex, located at Lilley and Ann Arbor roads.

School board: The Plymouth-Canton schools Board of Education meets in its regular session at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClelland Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey St.

SATURDAY

St. Pat's fun: The Eighth Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance & Auction is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, to benefit Community Hospice & Home Care Services Inc. at the St. Mary Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia. The evening will include dinner, entertainment, dancing, silent and live auctions and an appearance by former Detroit Tiger pitcher, Dave Rozema. For ticket information, call (734) 522-4244.

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Friend helped victim get help

School counselor told police about alleged attacks

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When a 12-year-old Plymouth Township girl confided to a friend that she had been sexually assaulted, that friend relayed information to a Plymouth Canton School District counselor, who then called police Feb. 4.

As a result, Plymouth Township resident Brent Anderson and his girlfriend, the mother of the alleged victim, are facing the possi-

bility of going to prison.

Anderson and the woman, whose identity is being withheld to protect the daughter, were arraigned Wednesday and face a preliminary exam March 20 before 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald.

"We took the report, and then did the investigation," said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer. "The minor-age victim stated in an interview that for two years she has been the victim of

criminal sexual conduct in the first degree. She has stated that this has been going on for six years, but we can only prove two years in Plymouth Township."

At the arraignment, Anderson was charged with five counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, which involves penetration. The felony charge carries up to a life sentence and also requires mandatory AIDS and testing for sexually transmitted diseases, Senkbeil said. Anderson was

also charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree, which involves contact only. It is a felony that carries a 15-year sentence with mandatory AIDS and STD testing, Senkbeil said.

Magistrate Eric Colthurst set bond for Anderson at \$500,000 cash.

The girl's mother was charged as an accessory. Her charges of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Charged: This woman was charged as an accessory to her boyfriend's alleged criminal sexual conduct.

Baby boom

Dolls in school help kids learn about kids

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Matt Hammond knows what it's like to be a teenage dad.

"The first night I had my baby I was awakened at midnight, two and four in the morning," recalls Hammond, 14, of Plymouth Township. "It took a half hour each time to get the baby back to sleep. It was terrible."

After having his baby for only three days, Hammond admitted "some kids think they're ready to have babies, but they're not."

Hammond gave up his baby after those three days. But, in this case, it's a happy ending.

Hammond was one of dozens of

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Handling instructions: These babies come with a manual! The "Baby Think It Over" dolls come complete with a "Student Handbook," which is more than the real thing provides. The manual came in handy for David Bok, 14, of Canton. That's Matt Hammond, 14, of Plymouth to Bok's left.

Grant puts additional cop on streets

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The city of Plymouth has been awarded a \$75,000 federal grant to add another police officer to the ranks.

The money, to be given over a three-year period, comes from the U.S. Justice Department's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The COPS program awarded \$9 million in grants to add 138 officers to the beat in 62 communities nationwide.

"The money will allow us to dedicate full-time hours, or the equivalent of one police officer, to community policing," said Chief Dick Miller. "My plan is to do more than that."

Community policing is a crime fighting

strategy that encourages law enforcement to work in partnership with the community to solve crime problems.

"The philosophy is for residents to help identify possible problems before they become real problems," added Miller. "We want to open the lines of communication."

While the grant will pay for the equivalent of one police officer over a three-year period, Miller said he expects most of the officers will be spending more time on foot patrol, interacting with the community.

"It's something the community has asked for," said Miller. "We'll be inter-

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'Plymouth is perfect for community policing with its neighborhood atmosphere.'

Steve Hundersmarck
—Grant writer

Plymouth police will warn first, ticket later

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Plymouth Police Chief Dick Miller said his department will give some slack to motorists who don't buckle up under the new seat belt law that went into effect Friday.

"For the first two weeks of the new law, we'll be giving verbal warnings to those drivers we stop who aren't wearing their seat belts," said Miller. "However, that will apply only to motorists who are observed not wearing their seat belts, not those stopped for other infractions such as speeding."

Miller said there will be no tolerance if officers see children moving about the inside of a vehicle.

"We're not going to cut slack if children aren't buckled," said Miller. "If children aren't secured, motorists will get tickets."

Miller said the two-week period is a chance to get motorists used to the new

SEAT BELT LAW

law. Until Friday, seat belt violations could only be ticketed if officers stopped motorists for another offense. Under the new law, someone in a vehicle not wearing a seat belt can be ticketed.

The penalty is a \$25 fine plus court costs, but no points on the driver's license.

In Plymouth Township, Sgt. Bob Antal said, as always, tickets will be issued at the discretion of the road patrol officers.

"Because of the media blitz we feel most people know about the new law," said Antal. "We still don't want to use the seat belt law as the primary reason for stopping motorists."

"However, if officers see children moving around a vehicle, that's a definite violation and drivers will be ticketed," he said.

Judge refuses Islam bond

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A Wayne County Circuit Court judge refused to consider bond for Plymouth resident Azizul Islam, charged with first-degree murder and dismemberment in the death of his estranged wife last December.

"The judge decided to keep the bond conditions the same, which means no bond," said Islam's attorney, Michael Schwartz, of the ruling by Judge Patricia Fresard. "The next step is to get ready for trial."

"Our argument was that Mr. Islam is a flight risk, and we presented enough evidence in the preliminary exam to expect a conviction," said Mike Lehto, assistant Wayne County prosecutor.

The next Circuit Court appearance is April 7, a pre-trial hearing in which Schwartz said he'll "file several motions to suppress statements," though he wouldn't be specific.

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Michael Schwartz
—Defense attorney

When asked if there was a possible deal in the making between Islam and the prosecution, Schwartz said, "I won't comment on that subject."

However, Lehto said there's been no discussions concerning a plea bargain.

"This case is in a no-reduced-plea status," said Lehto. When asked if he would consider a plea bargain, Lehto said, "probably not."

Islam, 50, is accused of killing his wife, Tracy, 35, dismembering her body and dumping the body parts in a dumpster in Dearborn and a field in northern Ohio.

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students who have participated in Susan Kolbas' pre-parenting program at West Middle School. The three-day experiment uses the Baby Think It Over doll, a lifelike computerized baby that cries or coos, depending on how well it's cared for by its teenage parents.

"The babies make the program more realistic ... better than the five-pound bags of flour we used to dress up," said Kolbas. "But, of course, the flour babies don't wake you up in the middle of the night."

Teachers can program the babies to be cranky, normal or easy temperament. Kolbas admits to setting the babies at normal, "because if I didn't I would have some very frustrated students."

The students have bands with a care key attached to their wrists that can't be taken off for the entire three days. The key is needed to stop the baby from crying after it is fed, burped or comforted.

"We want the student to have the parenting experience, not just pass the baby on to someone else when they get tired of it," said Kolbas. "In real life, that's how parenting is ... if they have to make arrangements for a baby-sitter they have to come back to me. It's 100-percent concern on their part for an entire three days, 24 hours a day."

Kolbas' students found out



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Second thoughts: Lydia Zimmer of Canton, 14, holds a "Baby Think It Over" doll while listening to "Pre-Parenting" class teacher Susan Kolbas at West Middle School.

first-hand that having a baby is a full-time responsibility.

"It wakes you up all the time ... at night, during the day. You don't know when it's going to cry," said Lydia Zimmer, 14, of Canton. "It's a lot of work."

"You have to give it full attention, and whoever you let hold it has to be a good friend because you have to trust them with your baby," said Karen Sanders, 13, of Canton.

"I have hockey five days a week and every day I had to find a sitter," said David Bak, 14, of Canton. "I had to pay my mom \$20 to baby-sit, but it was worth it."

A daycare has been set up in the West library for students who need special care for their babies, at 25 cents an hour.

"I had to use the daycare when I was in band," said Hammond. "If it started crying, I wouldn't

be able to hear it."

The eight computer babies, which cost upwards of \$280 apiece, were purchased with donations from fund-raisers, parents and the Kiwanis Club.

"Students take on the role of adoptive parent," said Kolbas. "Rather than condone parenthood for any teenager, the focus is to help them make good decisions in their life and not have children until they're ready."

The message appears to have come across loud and clear.

"I learned that I want to get my career started first, and have a baby when I'm emotionally and physically ready," said Zimmer. "I want to have a baby with a spouse, not be a single mother."

"You have to be willing to give a lot of your spare time away," added Sanders. "You should wait to have a baby until you have enough money because they're really expensive."

"It puts a deep impact on your life, gives you a different perspective," admits Bak. "It's basically work or baby. Sometimes you can't even get your homework done."

And, after only three days with their own child, students said they were attached to their bundles of joy, and didn't want to give them up.

"You get emotionally attached to it and wonder 'Where is my baby?'" said Zimmer.

Middle school auction

West Middle School hosts its sixth-annual Silent Auction Wednesday, April 5. Silent auction bidding takes place from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

All proceeds benefit West Middle School students through the purchase of materials and technological updates.

West Middle School is located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call 416-7650.

Christian Academy auction

Plymouth Christian Academy hosts its 10th annual school auction Friday, March 24. Over the years, this event has raised \$1 million for school expansion.

Among the items for bid this year is a baseball bat with the potential for a unique

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

distinction: being autographed by a father-and-son presidential team. Former President George Bush's autograph is on the bat, and when his son, George W. Bush, campaigned in Canton recently, he also signed the bat.

For more information on the auction, call the school, 459-3505.

Farm, garden meeting

The Plymouth Women's National Farm

and Garden Association meets Monday, March 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Waldorf Room of the Plymouth Public Library.

President Maureen Armstrong discusses the coming season's activities, with scholarship fundings, spring plantings, development of the Garden Club park and the June picnic, the theme of which will be "Working together means staying together."

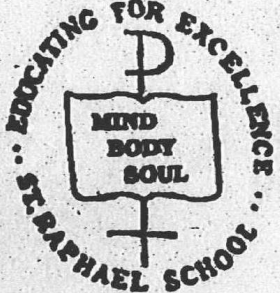
The tea committee chairpeople are Pat Robinson, Dorothy Sincock, Juanita Fenkell and Shirley Connors. The spring tea will be followed by a tour of the library, hosted by library director Patricia Thomas, who will present the resources members may use to meet their personal, educational and professional needs.



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Thinking about it: Nila Rowland and Red Lepping ponder their lesson during a computer class at Plymouth Cultural Center in February.

Not wanting to be left behind in the technological rush, Plymouth seniors are sinking their teeth into a course to learn more about computers, leaving their own special. . .

Byte marks

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth resident Joe Pasek doesn't have a computer at home, but he understands they're part of the future and he wants to learn as much as he can about technology.

"I want to learn enough to show the grandchildren before they show me first," said Pasek with a smile. "I want to keep a couple of steps ahead of them ... to at least know what they're talking about."

Pasek is one of nearly 50 seniors who have enrolled in the city's computer classes at the Cultural Center.

The Plymouth Recreation Department received a \$5,000 grant from the Michigan Association of Senior Centers for the purpose of establishing an intergenerational training program. The idea is to have young adults teach seniors basic computer operations, word processing, spreadsheet and using the Internet.

"It's been a wonderful program," said Carol Donnelly, recreation department supervisor. "Sometimes seniors feel so illiterate when it comes to computers. The kids are buying their parents computers so they can stay in touch through e-mail, but they don't know how to use it."

And that's the exact reason Grace Foerster wants to learn how to use her computer.

"I have a computer at home and I'm glad to have these classes so I can learn," she said. "I'm learning to e-mail my two



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

How to: Instructor Dan Clark (standing) points out a pathway to Plymouth seniors during a computer class at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

daughters who don't live around here."

The grant calls for the seniors to be taught by young adults, so the recreation department enlisted the help of two Plymouth Canton high school juniors, Dan Clark and Sachin Kumar, to teach the program.

"A lot of the seniors haven't used a computer before, but they are very willing to learn," said Clark, a Plymouth Salem student from Canton. "It's a lot of fun. I crack some jokes and get them laughing. It's better than just having a lecture."

"Most want to learn how to e-mail to they can talk to their children or grandchildren," he

added. "A lot of them want to learn about the Internet, so they need to learn the basics of the computer first."

"I had experience with computers when I worked, but there are a lot of things I still don't know," said Louise Carr of Plymouth. "At first I thought computers were intimidating, but I feel more comfortable using it now."

Currently there are three eight-week classes for seniors, each meeting once a week. Anyone who would like to be put on the waiting list for the classes can call the Plymouth recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

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are "similar in a sense to aiding and abetting," Senkbeil said. "Her charges can be changed at the preliminary exam."

Colthurst set bond for the mother at \$20,000, or 10 percent.

Police emphasize that the mother is not being charged with having sexual contact with the victim.

Currently, the mother cannot see or talk either with the victim or with her other child; both children have been placed in foster care, Senkbeil said.

"My client vehemently denies any truth to the accusations," said Benton Richardson, an attorney for the girl's mother. "She believes that this is a misunderstanding and absolutely denies it."

The mother was expected to

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Benton Richardson
—Mother's attorney

be released soon from Wayne County Jail, Richardson said.

John McWilliams, Anderson's attorney, called the charges "the accusations of a child that can be recanted."

According to Michigan Criminal Law, criminal sexual conduct, in the first, second, or third

degree is a felony. Basically, first and third degree criminal sexual conduct involve penetration. The fourth degree, which only involves forceful touching, is a misdemeanor punishable by two years.

In conjunction with the Westland Police Department, a warrant was written up for Anderson and the girl's mother, according to Senkbeil.

"The reason why Westland was involved in this is because the victim talked about an isolated incident that occurred in Westland," Senkbeil said. "However through investigation, we are going to target Plymouth Township as the agency conducting this investigation."

Grant from page A1

acting more with business owners, having more liaisons with the schools, and more interaction with residents."

The grant application was written last fall by Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck. Acceptance of the money mandates the police officer's salary will continue to be funded by the city. That will bring the Plymouth police force to 13 patrol officers, two

sergeants, one lieutenant and the chief.

"The additional officer means a significant jump in the our numbers," said Miller. "It allows for one more person to be around during festivals and weekends."

Hundersmarck, who has been known to be on bike or foot patrol downtown, looks forward to being out in Plymouth's various neighborhoods.


"Plymouth is the perfect for community policing with its neighborhood atmosphere," said Hundersmarck. "Police officers will be interacting with people by car, foot or bike patrols in areas like downtown, Old Village, and the other neighborhoods."

The acceptance of the grant still needs the approval of the city commission.



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Computer literate: Warren and Helen Hurley work through a lesson on a computer at the Plymouth Cultural Center during a class for seniors in February.



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Plymouth seeks public input on city's recreation master plan

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For the first time, Plymouth city officials have hired a professional firm to put together a Recreation Department master plan.

And, beginning Monday, city administrators will be soliciting public input on a vision for future parks and recreation goals.

"In order to be eligible for state funding under the Clean Michigan Initiative, we need to have an approved recreation master plan filed with the state," said assistant city manager Paul Sincock.

The city has hired the firm of Langworthy, Strader and LeBlanc of Royal Oak to assist in the process.

"We like them because they put a real emphasis on the public input part of the process," said Sincock. "We're required to have a formal public hearing on

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Paul Sincock
—Assistant city manager

the master plan, but sometimes they aren't well attended. So, we'll be holding focus groups to get comments and input from the community."

City officials have set up time with hockey, soccer, senior and other groups Monday afternoon to come up with ideas.

"Ideas could be anything from another sheet of ice at the Cultural Center, more soccer fields, more outdoor facilities, tennis courts, neighborhood parks," said Sincock. "It's very much open-ended."

"We'll compile the information from those groups and have it

available for a workshop scheduled later that night which will be open to anyone who wants to discuss alternatives and recommendations on park improvements and recreation programming for the city," he said. "We'll also break up into smaller groups then. All the information acquired that day will be compiled and ready for a public hearing to be scheduled by the city commission."

Currently, the city commission has committed one-half mil to recreation. That amounts to \$157,000, which Sincock said covers the office and administrative staff.

"All the programming has to pay for itself," added Sincock. "That comes to about \$800,000, which has to be raised through user fees. We have to remember, recreation is a business."

The workshop for the Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan will be held Monday, March 13, at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 7-9 p.m.

OBITUARIES

REV. PAUL ISSAC GREER

Services for Rev. Paul Issac Greer, 82, of Livonia were March 9 at the Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia with the Rev. Thomas Badley and the Rev. Edward Coley officiating. Burial was in Lawnview Cemetery, Cordell, Okla.

He was born Feb. 17, 1918 in Winslow, Ark. He died March 6 in Livonia. He was an ordained Methodist minister. He started his ministerial career at the Messiah Methodist Church in 1946 at Schoenhalm and Bringard.

He continued to serve in several Methodist churches throughout Michigan including the Houghton United Methodist Church in the Upper Peninsula. Locally he served in Dearborn, Romulus and Livonia at Newburg United Methodist Church from 1962 until 1969.

He taught arts and crafts at Lake Huron United Methodist Camp during his active ministry and after retirement continued in Sebewaing, Mich. (Bay Shore Camp). While at Standish United Methodist Church he worked with the Sebewaing Indian Mission. Born and raised in Arkansas, he lost both his legs in a train accident at the age of 16. Equipped with two artificial limbs, he never allowed the loss to interfere with his goals or ambitions of life.

He met his wife Dorothy at Oklahoma University. They

were married in 1943 in Detroit after attending Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., and Wayne State University. After retirement he enjoyed gardening while living with his son David in Sumpter Township. His hobbies included "tinkering" with cars and anything else he could take apart and reassemble.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, in 1982; and two brothers, Amos Greer and Samuel Greer. Survivors include his son, David P. (Suzanne) Greer of Livonia; one daughter, Paulette E. Angove of Plymouth; one sister, Mabel Greenlee of Ill.; one brother, Wesley (Sylvia) Greer of Miss.; seven grandchildren, Amy, Daniel, Alexander, Sarah, Jessica, Danielle, Felicia; step-grandson, Nathaniel Andrews; and great-granddaughter, Tiffany.

Memorials may be made to Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Ill. 60201.

ANNE BROGAN

Services for Anne Brogan, 72, of Canton Township will be March 14 at St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland with the Rev. Terence Treppa officiating. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

She was born July 5, 1928 in Briabain, Pa. She died March 9 at Oakwood Hospital. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John. Survivors include her husband, John; five children: Nanci (James) Bahdan, Lawrence (Margaret), Gayle (Ray) Sackett, Dennis, Michael (Loretta); three brothers and sisters, Helen, Paul, Nancy; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton.

ROBERT G. UHL

Services for Robert G. Uhl, 80, of Plymouth will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church. A reception will follow.

He was born Feb. 6, 1920 in Kendallville, Ind. He died March 3 in Ann Arbor VA Medi-

cal Center. He was a tax accountant. He attended Walsh Business School in Detroit, joined a local accounting firm and in 1940 opened an independent accounting practice.

During World War II Mr. Uhl served as a navigator in the Army Air Corps as a lieutenant. On his 10th mission he bailed out of a crippled B-17 over England. A week later, on July 16, 1944 his plane was downed near Munich, Germany and he was a prisoner of war for 10 months. He received the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Independent Accountants of Michigan, Kiwanis Clubs International and the Plymouth Historical Society and a past commander of Post 390 of the American Legion in Rosedale Park. He was a delegate to the 1968 Republican Convention.

He was preceded in death by one son, Wayne. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; one sister, Phyllis Bradford of Davisburg, Mich.; one son, Gregg Uhl of Salt Lake City; three grandchildren; five step-children; and two step-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Duzak Funeral Home.

DORIS KATHLEEN (WELBY) REINHOLZ

Services for Doris Kathleen (Welby) Reinholz, 90, will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Wayne County.

She was born Jan. 2, 1910 in Camborne, England. She died March 7 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was a teacher in the Detroit Public School district for years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Walter Welby, and Albert A. Reinholz. Survivors include her two nephews, William J. (Sue) Ivey of Dexter, Sam Ivey of Eagle Creek, Ore.; and one niece, Doris (William) Douglas of Ft. Meyers, Fla.

Memorials may be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community. Local arrangements were made by the Staffen-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

MEIFANG GUAN

Services for Meifang Guan, 66, of Canton were March 10 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. Haju Murray of Zen Buddhist Temple officiating.

She was born June 14, 1933 in China. She died March 7. She was a teacher in education.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty (Bill) Yee; and three grandchildren.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S POPULAR PICKS

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- *Faith of My Fathers* by John McCain
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Plymouth, MI 48170
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2000 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for a Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.

• **TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000 @ 2:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. **COMPLETED 2000 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY** and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 8, 2000 by 9:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Monday, March 20, 2000.

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

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

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (734) 453-1234 ext. 223.

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Local leaders oppose Motor Carrier Bills

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER
lhumphrey@oe.homecomm.net

Eighteen Wayne County community leaders came together with a strong message for Lansing.

"The public policy being proposed is so bad, so ill-founded...it seriously compromises the best interest of the citizens in this state," said Jack Kirksey, Livonia mayor and chairman of the Conference of Western Wayne. CWW is an organization of the elected leaders of Western Wayne County, with 750,000 constituents.

CWW representatives argue that House Bills 4927-4932, also known as the Motor Carrier Bills, will endanger the lives of people who drive on local roads and will lead to the deterioration of our roads.

The Motor Carrier Bills, which have already passed in the House of Representatives, deny local governments the opportunity to enforce safety and weight regulations for the trucking industry within community limits.

Enforcement will become the responsibility of the State Police.

Additionally, the money collected in fines will no longer go to local governments for local amenities, but will be directed to three specific areas: County libraries will receive 40 percent, county courts will receive 30 percent and local governments will receive 30 percent to be used only for road repair. The bills restrict local governments from using any of the money to fund the expenses involved in safety road inspections.

Implications of the bills will be far-reaching according to Kirksey.

"Local governments, with the passage of these bills, will no longer have the funds to be able to provide this essential citizen safety service. This diverting of

'This is another example of unnecessary and inappropriate involvement of the state into local matters.'

*Jack Kirksey
Mayor of Livonia*

local fines will significantly reduce local motor carrier enforcement," he said.

The legislation originated with a state representative from a rural area of northern Michigan. Sponsored by Rick Johnson (R-LeRoy), the Motor Carrier Bills are now before the Senate and could be voted on as early as next week.

Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, (D-Westland) does not support the bills. She contends that if the bills pass, there will be less enforcement, which could encourage some trucking companies to load more cargo on the trucks. The heavier the truck, the more room they need to come to a stop before hitting whatever is in front of them.

"I've been concerned that these larger vehicles cannot stop in time. It's something all of us on the Commission are wary of," she said. "We need to be vigilant on the safety factor."

The legislation was proposed after trucking companies complained about being unfairly targeted in certain communities. Some truckers claimed to have been ticketed in more than one city on the same route for the same problem.

Kirksey countered, "If there are communities who are irresponsibly enforcing motor carrier operations, deal with them directly. Don't attempt to change the system to correct the actions of a few government units."

He alleged that this proposal is "designed to benefit the trucking industry" at the expense of residents welfare. "The resulting

reduction of highway safety would be an unacceptable price to pay."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said that Michigan already has the most liberal weight restriction truck laws in America. He shared this information as well as many other statistics with senators who are now considering the bills.

"Instead of discussing carrier enforcement, this committee should be looking at reducing truck weights and improving truck safety inspection programs," he said.

Yack has a large stake in the passage of these bills. Canton is divided by Interstate-275, and has portions of Ford Road and Michigan Avenue in its boundaries.

"We are also home to an active landfill. Trucks from Canada, Michigan municipalities and private waste firms deliver waste to this landfill via I-275. Michigan Avenue and Wayne County roads," he said. "To my knowledge, no state motor carrier officer has ever been seen enforcing the state of Michigan weight or safety regulations on these roads."

Larger fight

These bills are part of a larger fight between local government and Lansing. If these bills become law, they will be another example of Lansing taking control of local issues from local officials.

"This is another example of

unnecessary and inappropriate involvement of the state into local matters," said Kirksey.

This on-going argument has inspired some municipal leaders to support a ballot initiative which would amend the state Constitution. The Michigan Municipal League is actively seeking signatures to put the amendment question before voters in November. About 80,000 signatures have been collected, but 325,000 are needed by July 10.

The MML is proposing an increase in the amount of support needed at the State level to make a bill a law. The Constitution currently requires a simple majority vote, but the amendment would require support from two-thirds of each house in the legislature. The CWW will vote on supporting the ballot initiative, called Let Local Votes Count, at their meeting next month.



Opposes bills: Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, as chairman of the Council of Western Wayne County, has taken an active role in opposing the Motor Carrier Bills, which he calls a danger to the public.

Task force holds hearing on senior long-term care

A special legislative task force studying ways to make it easier for senior citizens to receive long-term care and stay in their homes longer will be holding a public hearing 9-11:30 a.m. Monday, March 20, at the Thomas F. Taylor Towers, 36500 Marquette, Westland, said state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, co-chair of the task force.

"Senior citizens in our community have made it clear that they would prefer to stay in their homes as long as possible, and not go to a nursing home," said Rep. DeHart. "This task force is studying how we can help make that possible for Michigan seniors because they deserve a secure retirement."

The task force will examine proposed tax credits for families who care for elderly relatives at home, expanding the Michigan Emergency Prescription Pro-

gram, providing coverage for in-home and emergency prescription fees, legislation to require criminal background checks on home health care workers, and having state-required training for in-home health care workers.

"The task force is interested in hearing the community's thoughts on these issues, as well as any ideas residents have to help seniors stay in their own homes longer," said Rep. DeHart. "My colleagues and I are interested in any proposal that makes it easier for families to take care of elderly relatives at home."

The task force is in the midst of a statewide tour to listen to Michigan residents concerned about long-term care for senior citizens. The task force will make specific legislative recommendations later in the year."

Schoolcraft hosts college reps on bachelor degree programs

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The seminar will feature presentations and meetings with representatives from the following institutions: Central Michigan University, Cleary College, Concordia College, Detroit College of Business, Northwood University, Rochester College, Saint Mary's College, Siena Heights College, Spring Arbor College, University of Detroit Mercy, the University of Phoenix, William Tyndale College and Wayne State University.

The programs, in fields such

as business and health administration, trade skills and industrial professions, offer upper division courses during the evening and weekends. Students may receive as much as one year of credit for work experience or training and life activity.

Each institution's programs are different, so it is advisable to listen to all presentations. There will be time to ask questions, browse, collect materials and speak with program representatives. The seminar is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Presentations begin at 10 a.m. in room 200 of the McDowell Center.

For information or to make reservations, contact the Schoolcraft Counseling Center at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5213. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Road just west of I-275.

Meeting on vouchers Monday

The Western Wayne County Republican Club will host an informational meeting on the pros and cons of Kids First Yes! school vouchers ballot issue 7 p.m. Monday, March 13 at the Golden Plate Restaurant, 626

Wayne Road, Westland (across from the YMCA).

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Virgil Smith announces he'll run for prosecutor

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Virgil Smith formally announced his candidacy for Wayne County prosecutor Thursday.

The announcement from the longtime Detroit lawmaker, who is trying to succeed the retiring John O'Hair, was widely expected.

Smith, 52, who has represented the Second Senatorial District for the past 12 years, ran against O'Hair in the 1992 and 1997 elections, and was narrowly defeated each time.

Even without O'Hair in the running, this year's election promises to be a difficult one with Livonia's Michael Duggan and Plymouth's George Ward expected to be Smith's main opponents.

All three men have powerful backers in the political world.

Duggan, who has already announced his candidacy, has the support of Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

Ward, who has said he will officially announce his candidacy on March 20, has been an assistant in the prosecutor's office for 14 years. O'Hair has endorsed Ward to be his successor.

Smith, who also spent 12 years as a state representative prior to being in the Senate, has secured the backing of Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and former Attorney General Frank Kelley.

"I want to fight for our children, for those who are trying to do the right thing and for those who have lost their way," said Smith, who made his announcement at Detroit's Dave Miller UAW Retirees Building.

"I want to ensure that our children, youth, and seniors feel safe to live, work, play and worship in their own neighborhoods."

Prospective candidates still have until May 16 to file their candidacy for the office.

Schoolcraft sets April 9 open house

Learn how to apply for college, choose classes, get financial aid and find a program that fits your career plans at Schoolcraft College's College Expo, Sunday, April 9.

Visitors can drop in from noon to 3 p.m., tour the campus, talk with current students and explore the range of programs available to lifelong learners.

The College's various divisions will present information for graduating high school seniors, adults who have not attended college or have some college but have not earned a degree, for those seeking personal enrichment classes, and for parents interested in summer enrichment courses for their children.

Prospective students can learn about admissions, financial aid, scholarships, career planning, tutoring, student activities, athletics, distance learning and Continuing Education Services.

The event includes free materials, a lab with computer-based course sampling, and faculty members available to answer any questions. Public safety will

display the police, fire and EMT vehicles. Culinary arts will have a table display. Computer assisted drafting and electronics will demonstrate software, and computer graphics technology will host a hands-on workshop. Biology will demonstrate techniques used in DNA fingerprinting, and Continuing Education Services will have materials available on its program for gifted and talented children. A group of students from communications arts will provide story telling for younger visitors.

Schoolcraft offers the first two years of a university education, as well as one and two-year programs leading to a specific career.

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For information, call the Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426.

Seminar focuses on mental health and substance abuse

Madonna University will offer a substance abuse course this spring. "Dual Diagnosis: Substance Abuse and Mental Health" will be held 6-10 p.m. Friday and 8:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7-8. This is an introductory class to understanding the assessment and treatment of individuals who have a dual disorder of mental illness and chemical dependency. The non-

credit fee is \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units.

Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. Students may register by mail, fax and in person. These courses are also available for degree credit, even if you are not an admitted student at Madonna University.

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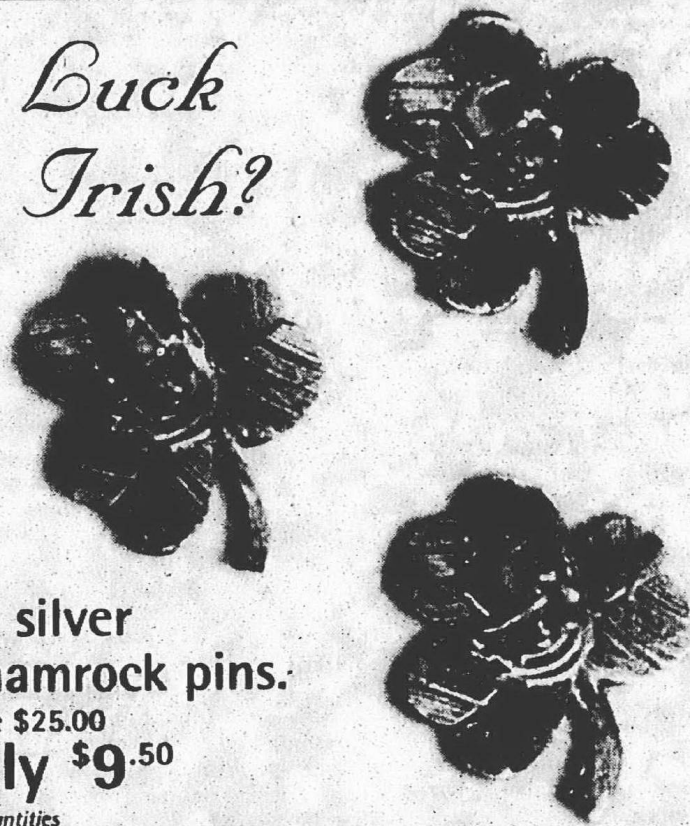
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Airport awards runway job to two Macomb contractors

By KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Last week Metro Airport officials accepted a \$44.77 million bid for the construction contract of the main 4-22 runway, a key component of the massive Midfield Terminal project.

The low bid was proposed by the joint venture of Dan's Excavating and Ajax Paving, both Macomb County-based contractors.

"The 10,000-foot-by-150-foot project will account for 95 percent of the take-offs and landings at the new mile-long terminal that has a price-tag of \$1.2 billion.

"This runway is going to give us a superior airfield and make us very competitive with other major airports," said Michael Conway, Metro's information director. "It is the piece of the puzzle that is going to guarantee the success of this airport."

Although signatures are still needed from the county's purchasing department and executive office before it becomes official, Metro officials and representatives from Dan's and Ajax expect to begin construction on the runway sometime in April. It is scheduled to be completed in December, 2001, the same month the entire Midfield project is expected to be finished.

However, the bidding process has not been without its share of controversy. Claiming they had miscalculated the breadth of the project, county officials rejected a previous round of bids made last November.

John Carlo Inc., a Mt. Clemens-based contractor, which had presented the previous lowest bid of \$66 million, challenged the legality of the re-bidding process.

Noting the county had the legal right to reject all bids, Wayne County Circuit Judge Kathleen Macdonald threw out the challenge in early February. That decision opened the way for the county to accept the new bid.

Metro officials believe their decision to reject the previous round of bids was fair because an entire taxiway was eliminated and the building materials were overestimated.

"We felt the scope of the project changed significantly enough that the prudent thing was to re-bid it," said Conway.

Attorney Sam Damron, who represents John Carlo, said the company is waiting for the county to make an official announcement on the new bid and may take further legal action at that time.

In the meantime, representatives for Dan's and Ajax are

happy about getting the contract and are ready to get moving on the work.

"It is unfortunate the way the bidding process went," said John Otto, vice president of Dan's Excavating, which had also proposed a bid last November. "Wayne County probably could have handled the situation a little better, but this is the type of project we excel at and we're excited about moving forward."

The \$44.77 million contract is only one part of the larger \$119 million runway project, which also calls for property acquisition, drainage, wetlands mitigation and road relocation.

The construction of the runway will disturb 168 acres of existing wetlands. Because of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirements, the airport replaced them by adding 277 acres of wetlands to the Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve in Sumpter Township.

The new runway will also force the county to relocate portions of both Wayne and Goddard Roads, which will be moved at separate times to minimize traffic problems.

"We will be building the new runway and doing road relocation at the same time," Conway said.

Airport recommends vendors

Metro Airport officials presented their recommendations for the new Midfield Terminal's 80 retail and restaurant operators to the county's Commission on Roads, Airports and Public Services.

The presentation took place Thursday at the county's Warren Valley Golf Club.

While the list of recommended vendors included many familiar names, such as Burger King, Olga's Kitchen, and a PGA Tour Shop, there are also those of a

more local flavor, including The Motown Bar & Grill and Henry Ford Museum.

County officials believe the airport's revenue will nearly double because of the new retail shops and restaurants.

"Revenue from retail earns approximately \$10 million for the airport today," said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara. "The midfield concessions alone are estimated to earn in excess of \$22 million."

Officials also boasted that

nearly half of the new shops are owned by either minorities or women.

"The percentage of minority, disadvantaged and women owned participation, we believe, will lead all U.S. airports," McNamara said.

The commission is expected to make a decision soon.

For more information and a complete list of the vendors, check the airport's website at www.metroairport.com

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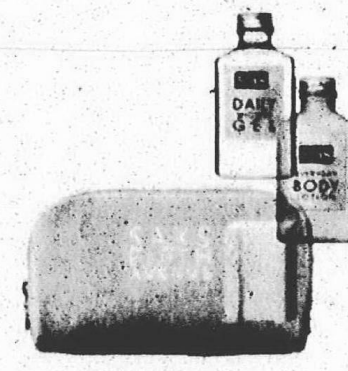
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City: 'Revenues depend on census'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth city officials are hoping residents will take special care when it comes to filling out Census 2000 forms, which will be in mailboxes by Friday.

"Almost all the revenue sharing, block grant funds, gas taxes and many other types of funding are based on per-capita compilations," said City Manager David Rich. "Over a 10-year period, we're talking about millions of dollars."

Kim Hunter, media specialist for the Detroit Regional Census Center, said there is plenty of federal funding available as a result of the census.

"There is \$200 billion returned from the federal government based on census figures," said Hunter.

The city's population is approximately 9,700. If the census carries the figure to over 10,000, Plymouth could be in for additional funding.

"If we get above the 10,000 figure, you're in another bracket when it comes to federal money," said Rich. "So this is really critical. It will make a big difference on what money comes back to us."

Rich isn't too optimistic the city will increase enough in population to break the barrier.

"Household size has dropped, but we also have 100 percent capacity in both apartment and residential property," he said. "It could be close."

Hunter noted that if census information is sent back by March 19, an enumerator won't show up at your door. However, if the census form is sent back after that date, or no census from the address is received, an enumerator will show up to gather the information.

POLICE BEAT

Rising gas prices may or may not have been responsible for four drivers leaving without paying for gasoline last week at Plymouth Township gas stations.

Three incidents occurred at the Shell Gas Station on Five Mile Road. The other occurred at a gas pump located at the east-side Dunkin Donuts Food Shop on Ann Arbor Road.

At the Shell Gas Station, the driver of a Jeep Cherokee laid the gas pump down, rather than replacing it, before driving off without paying for \$30 in premium gas about 8:30 p.m. March 4. A driver of a Ford Thunderbird didn't pay after pumping \$28.10

of unleaded gas about 8:30 a.m. March 3. A Grand Am driver left without paying for \$23 of gas on March 1.

Anees Ahmed, an assistant manager at the Shell station who handles inventory, said that gas theft is a recurrent problem.

"They take advantage," Ahmed said of run-off drivers. Management tried having customers pay first, but that's an inconvenience to some, he said.

"Now we require those at the farther pumps to pay first unless we know the person," Ahmed said. "Gas prices may be adding fuel to the situation, but people who will do it, do it."

The driver of a 1997 Chevy Venture van drove off without paying for \$30.24 in gas about 10 a.m. March 3 at the eastside Dunkin Donuts Food Shop on Ann Arbor Road.

Peeping Tom

When a Hamill Street resident looked out of his window about 1:15 a.m. March 6, he saw a man dressed in a camouflage jacket looking into residents' windows, according to a Plymouth Township police report.

The man ran south between two houses toward Lakeshore Tire and Auto on Northville Road, police said.

City denies cops' grievance

The Plymouth City Commission has denied a grievance filed by the Plymouth Police Officers Association, claiming that at times there aren't enough police patrols as required by their labor contract.

The union maintains that on some occasions there is only one patrol car on the streets, instead of the required two.

City administrators claim that having the sergeant or lieutenant on duty as a backup, even if they are at the police station, is sufficient to meet contractual requirements.

The union, which has at least four grievances against the city, can take the denied grievance to binding arbitration. The other three grievances have yet to be heard.

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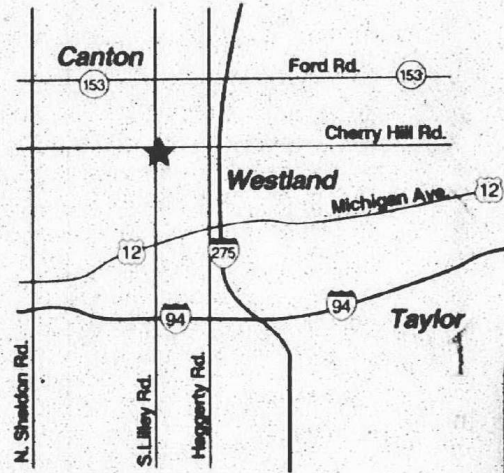
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Ocelots honored

Schoolcraft College's Robert Brown collected several post-season honors, including nomination for NJCAA All-American honors.

A 6-foot-4 sophomore forward, Brown was named to the Division I all-Region 12 team, the all-state team and the first team all-Eastern Conference squad. Brown led SC in scoring, averaging 18.9 points per game, and rebounding, at 11.2 per contest. He connected on 222-of-339 floor shots (65.5 percent) and had 3.3 assists a game.

Several other Ocelots collected honors as well. Lamar Bigby, a 6-5 sophomore guard, collected all-region, all-state and all-conference honors as well; he averaged 16.7 points, 5.7 boards and 3.4 assists per game.

Gilbert Mitchell, a 6-4 sophomore guard, earned all-region and all-conference honors. Mitchell averaged 13.3 points a game, making a team-best 73 three-pointers (40.8 percent).

Last but hardly least, SC coach Carlos Briggs was named conference coach of the year after guiding the Ocelots to a 24-7 record and a conference championship.

SC's Kirkland commits

Reggie Kirkland had some other options, but chose to stay close to home when he committed last week to attend Wayne State University.

A 6-foot-3 sophomore guard who played at Romulus HS, Kirkland averaged 6.0 points and 3.8 assists per game, making 24-of-59 of his triple tries (40.7 percent).

NAHL All-Time Team

The North American Hockey League has named its all-time all-star team, dating from the league's inception in 1975. Seventeen former NAHLers have gone on to play in the National Hockey League.

Of the 18 players on the all-time squad, several have local ties. The most recent is David Legwand, the Plymouth Whaler standout who is currently playing with the Nashville Predators.

Others named to the team are defenseman Don McSweeney, a Plymouth native who played at Michigan State and for the NHL's Anaheim Mighty Ducks, and goalie Brent Johnson, from Farmington, who played for Owen Sound in the Ontario Hockey League and for the St. Louis Blues.

WMU track standout

The outdoor season is about to start for Western Michigan University's men's track team, and one of the indoor stars looking to make an impact outside is Plymouth Salem graduate Andy Briggs.

Briggs had the Broncos' top indoor time this season in the 600-meter run at 1:21.94, just off the school record of 1:20.44, set in 1990 by Mike Evans. Briggs' performance came at the Michigan Intercollegiate Feb. 12.

He also recorded the third-best run in the 800: 1:55.80, at the Notre Dame Quadrangular Jan. 21. Briggs was part of WMU's second-fastest 4x400 relay (3:18.81); second-fastest 4x1,000 relay (10:25.42); and third-fastest 4x440 relay (3:26.64).

Spring hockey sign-up

Registration is now underway for adult spring recreational hockey leagues.

The Rockets (over 21 years) will play Sundays and Thursdays at the Artic Pond Arena in Plymouth; the Plymouth Masters (over 40) will play Sundays and Wednesdays at the Plymouth Cultural Center; the Golden Eagles (over 49) will play Sunday and Wednesday nights at the Artic Pond.

The season runs April 2-May 11. To register, call or FAX name and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or E-mail him at: john@rspi.net.

Harrier coach wanted

The Plymouth Salem girls cross country team is seeking an assistant volunteer coach for the fall 2000 season.

The job includes knowledge of distance running and ability to convey that experience to high school athletes.

Financial compensation will be worked out upon hiring.

Those interested should contact Salem varsity coach Dave Gerlach at (734) 418-7708.

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Nether carries Canton into state district final



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIERUX

Determined: Canton's Kenny Nether had some added incentive — if any was necessary in a state tournament game — against Northville Thursday after being snubbed by WLAA coaches in the all-conference balloting. He responded by pouring in 33 points, despite a swarm of defenders.

BY C.J. RISAK
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Point made. Indeed, you can multiply that by 33. Because that's how many points Kenny Nether put on the board in Plymouth Canton's state district basketball tournament opener Thursday against Northville, played at Novi HS.

A determined Nether missed just two shots from the floor in decimating the Mustangs, leading the Chiefs to a 70-61 victory and a berth in the district final opposite Plymouth Salem in a game played Saturday night (details of the final will appear in Thursday's Observer).

"I was playing with a lot of emotion," said Nether, a 6-foot-5 senior. "This was a statement game for me. I didn't make all-conference, and I wanted to prove something to the coaches."

"And I knew this could be my last game."

Northville, which beat Canton 52-45 Jan. 21 in a Western Lakes Activities Association conference game, was the fall guy. Nether poured in 10 points in the first quarter, scoring the last eight for the Chiefs (who improved to 11-10) as they took a 14-12 lead into the second.

He added seven more in the second

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Salem 'D' stops Novi

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Let's be blunt. Plymouth Salem's offensive game wasn't exactly in high gear in the first half of its state district basketball tournament opener against Novi. The Rocks were simply fumbling away too many opportunities — 14 of them, to be exact — against the host Wildcats.

But this credo, rated high in the coach's handbook, proved itself once again: Defense wins games.

So while the Rocks were limited by a hard-pressing Novi defense to just 19 points while committing 14 turnovers in the first half, they redeemed themselves on defense by holding the Wildcats to just 14 points in the opening two quarters.

Salem found its offense in the second half. Novi never did. The result: a 54-42 Salem victory, its 12th in 21 games, and a berth opposite Plymouth Canton in the district final (played Saturday night — details will be in Thursday's Observer).

"It's state tournament time," said Salem coach Bob Brodie in summarizing the opening

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half. "Things tighten up out there. But I thought there was a lot of good defense played, by both sides."

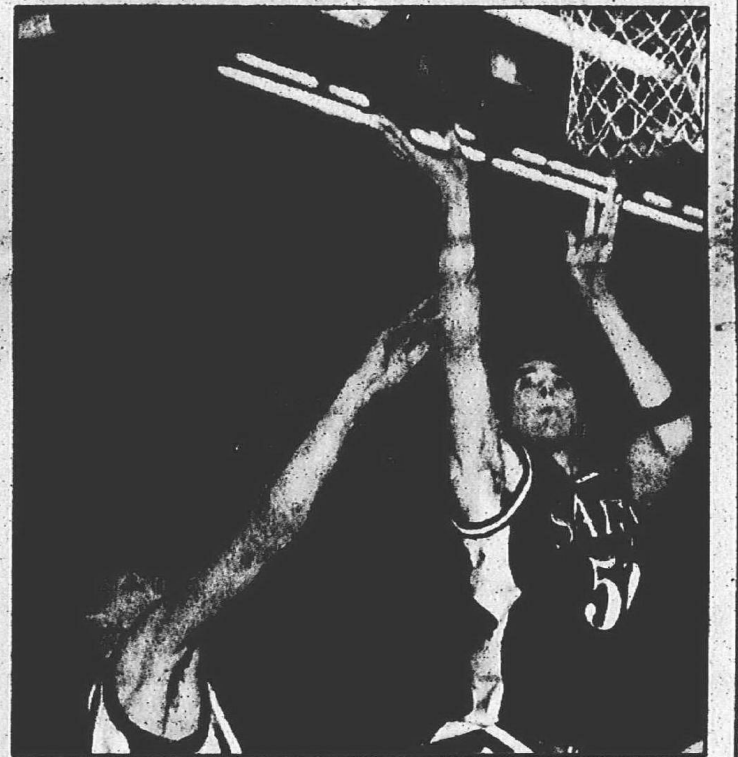
"We put a lot of pressure on them. We switched up a lot (between man-to-man and zone). They're a good shooting team from the perimeter, and if they miss they get the rebound and get the putback."

Those strategies, which led to 11 wins during the regular season for Novi (an 11-10 final record), didn't work against Salem. The Salem defenders limited the Wildcats to a woeful 13-of-46 shooting from the floor (28.6 percent); in the first half, they were just 5-of-22 (22.7 percent).

"We played hard, but we struggled offensively," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "I thought we stayed with them, but they had that little spurt in the third quarter and we just couldn't get over the hump."

"We played well defensively. We got to with-

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STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIERUX

Tough inside: Matt McCaffrey paced the Rocks, working inside for 19 points and 14 rebounds.

PCA routs Royals for 2nd-straight district title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

What started out as a Class D district final basketball game between Plymouth Christian Academy and Jackson Christian Thursday night quickly evolved into a basketball clinic — with the Eagles serving as instructors.

Playing before a raucous home crowd, PCA schooled the undermanned Royals on the fine art of three-point shooting, full-court-pressure defense

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and rebounding on the way to a 79-48 triumph.

The 31-point winning margin was deceiving — the game wasn't that close. PCA led 27-6 after one quarter and 50-21 at the half.

PCA coach Doug Taylor mercifully limited his starters to brief cameo appearances over the final 16 minutes, or his team would have almost

assuredly eclipsed the century mark in points.

The most revealing stat from the game: Jackson Christian (7-15) finished with more turnovers (22) than field goals (20).

The district title was the second consecutive for the Eagles, who will take their 18-4 record and 16-game winning streak to Hillsdale College Tuesday for the regional opener against Reading. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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Abi Morrell picks WMU

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Few high school soccer players have their athletic future so clearly defined as Abi Morrell.

But don't for a moment believe she's willing to simply go through the motions in this, her senior season at Plymouth Canton. That certainly is not the Morrell style.

And Abi has a lot to keep her motivated.

Where she'll be playing soccer in the fall is not a part of that equation, however. Morrell has already signed with Western Michigan University.

The reason for her choice? "I want to study education or business," she answered, adding, "and to play soccer, of course."

She'll get her chance with the Broncos. But first, there's her senior season at Canton, which officially starts in about three weeks.

Morrell has been part of a state

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championship-caliber team since she joined the Canton varsity as a freshman. She's been starting for the Chiefs since her sophomore season.

But Canton has never reached that status. Livonia Stevenson's powerhouse teams of the '90s had a lot to do with that; last season, arch-rival Plymouth Salem shocked the Chiefs in district play.

This is Morrell's last shot at a state championship. But more, it's probably the last time she'll be able to play with her talented younger sister, Anne.

"We've been playing on the same team since we were 10," said Abi. "It'll be kind of weird not being together."

Anne, a junior at Canton, has already signed to play collegiately at University of North Carolina, one of

the NCAA's most prominent women's soccer schools. She is already being compared with the best players to ever come out of this state.

Somewhat lost in all this is Abi, a player with exceptional ability of her own. "It's hard to stand out when you have a sister like Anne," admitted Canton coach Don Smith.

But he's awfully glad to have both of them. "Basically, Abi's a good, sound player," he said. "She can play defense for them and she can play midfield for them."

"She's a solid, heady player. She handles the ball well and she marks well. She's a good, hard worker."

One problem Abi has had to overcome is injuries. A broken foot led to surgery last fall and prevented her from playing indoor soccer. According to both she and Smith, she has recovered completely and will be ready to go come the season-opener against

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

A steady performer: Abi Morrell's consistency has been a bright spot.

Madonna shuts out last 3 opponents on trip

It seems Al White's optimism was well-placed, after all.

The second-year head coach of Madonna University's softball team had been impressed with the talent level of this season's squad, but the youth — nine of 14 players are freshmen — was worrisome.

"If we can finish above .500, I'll be happy," White said before his trip.

Your wish has been answered,

coach. The Crusaders completed their spring trip to Fort Myers, Fla., by winning their last seven games to give them a 9-4 record.

On Friday, they ended their trip with an 8-0 shutout of Emanuel College (from Boston, Mass.), their third-consecutive blanking.

Tanya Liske, one of two seniors on the team, tossed a one-hit, no-walk, five-inning shutout, striking out five in running her season-record to 4-0. Her earned run average for the trip was 1.52.

Stacie Wilson's three-run triple highlighted a four-run third for Madonna. Two hits and two errors led to three Crusader runs in the first inning. Vicki Malkowski had two hits, scored two runs and drove in another to lead the hitters; Emily Cunningham also had two hits, including a triple.

On Thursday, Madonna got a three-hit shutout pitching performance from freshman Jenny Tenyer in blanking Northwestern College (Orange City, Iowa),

4-0. Tenyer, a freshman who has surrendered just two earned runs on 19 hits and two walks in 29 1/3 innings (a 0.61 earned run average), struck out three and didn't walk a batter in evening her record at 2-2.

Pam Konwinski had two hits, including a double and a two-run single in the second inning. Jennifer Kruzal also had two hits and an RBI.

The first of the Crusaders' three-straight shutouts, a 7-0 triumph, was tossed by freshman Jennifer Staup, who improved to 3-2 with a four-hit, one-walk, four-strikeout blanking of Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.) Thursday.

Meghan Quinn led the 12-hit

attack by going 3-for-3 with two RBI. Devon Fletcher added two hits and two RBI; Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) and Kruzal each had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI (Kruzal had a triple, McDonald a double); and Wilson had two hits.

Madonna's opener Thursday was an 8-1 trouncing of Wittenberg College (Springfield, Ohio). Liske got the win in this one, allowing one run on four hits and no walks.

Kruzal had two hits and three RBI to pace the Crusaders, including a two-run single in the first. Malkowski had two hits, scored twice and drove in two more; Emily Cunningham had two hits and an RBI; and Erika Keys had two hits.

Malkowski emerged as Madonna's top hitter, batting .425 with a team-best 13 runs scored, seven doubles and seven RBI in 18 games. Wilson, a freshman, hit .345 with five RBI and Kruzal batted .344 with a team-best eight RBI. Quinn hit .306 and had seven RBI.

One area the Crusaders struggled in was fielding. They committed 23 errors in the 13 games, with 17 of the 27 runs allowed unearned. But their pitching sparkled, giving up a combined 10 walks in 83 2/3 innings and compiling a 1.08 ERA.

Not too shabby for a completely rebuilt staff. Madonna is now idle until March 25, when it plays at Olivet College.

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Crusader's are rolling in Florida sun

Madonna University was in the process of winding up a very productive spring baseball trip.

The Crusaders defeated Waynesburg (Pa.) College, 4-3, Friday to improve their spring mark to 10-3-1. Earlier in the day Madonna played a seven-inning, 10-10 tie with West Liberty State.

Nick Newman got the win in the second game, hurling two

innings in relief of starter Jeremy Stevens. He gave up two hits and walked three but the three runs he allowed on a three-run home run were unearned.

Madonna had taken a 4-0 lead after he came in to pitch. Newman was 2-0 with a 3.27 overall.

Roy Rabe and Bob Hamp had two hits apiece for the Crusaders while catcher Lance Siegwald stroked three. Rabe and Eric Lightle had the only two RBI by Madonna.

Ryan Andrzejewski worked 5 1/3 innings against West Liberty State, allowing 13 hits, walking two and fanning two. He was

touched for seven runs, two unearned.

James O'Connor worked an inning and gave up an unearned run while Derick Wolfe and Rabe each got an out.

The Crusaders scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to create the 10-10 tie.

Neil Wildfong, Todd Miller, Wolfe, Jason Brooks and Lightle had two hits apiece for Madonna. Nick Dedeluk drove in three runs while Wolfe and Rabe had two RBI apiece.

Through 13 games, Rabe was the squad's leading hitter at .462 among those with 10 or more at-bats. Dedeluk was next at .429 while Brooks had a .410 average.

The team was batting .339 but

only had two home runs, one by Dedeluk. Brooks and Todd Miller led the team with 10 RBI apiece.

O'Connor had a 1.80 ERA to lead pitchers with 10 or more innings pitched. He was 0-1.

Mitch Jabczenski was 1-1 with a 2.13 ERA and Stevens had a 2-0 mark with a 2.57 ERA. The staff ERA was 3.10.

Highlights from earlier in the trip included a three-hit five-inning shutout by Dale Hayes (one walk, one strikeout) in a 16-0 thrashing of Columbia Union.

Mario D'Herin drove in four runs in a 12-8 victory over Columbia Union and Jabczenski allowed five hits in seven innings of a 4-1 win over Bethel College.

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in six there (in the fourth quarter), but we couldn't get another basket."

That Salem "spurt" was the turning point in the game. After scoring just 19 first-half points (while committing those 14 turnovers — Novi had seven), the Rocks more than doubled their point total in just the third quarter. The reason: Matt McCaffrey.

"We were just looking to run our offense," said Brodie. "We wanted to get the ball inside. McCaffrey's a load. He's been playing really well."

Salem scored 22 third-quarter points. McCaffrey had half of them. After Novi closed the five-point halftime deficit to three on a Dan Nawrot basket to start the third quarter, Salem scored seven-straight points (four by McCaffrey).

A three-pointer by the Wildcats' Chad Nadolni trimmed that 10-point deficit to seven, but only briefly; the Rocks followed with another seven-point run, and by the quarter's midpoint, they had a 14-point lead.

Which, for Novi's slumbering offense, was too much to overcome. Brodie knew what to

expect from the Wildcats. Other than their strong perimeter game, their guards — in particular sophomore Brandon Davis — liked to drive to the basket.

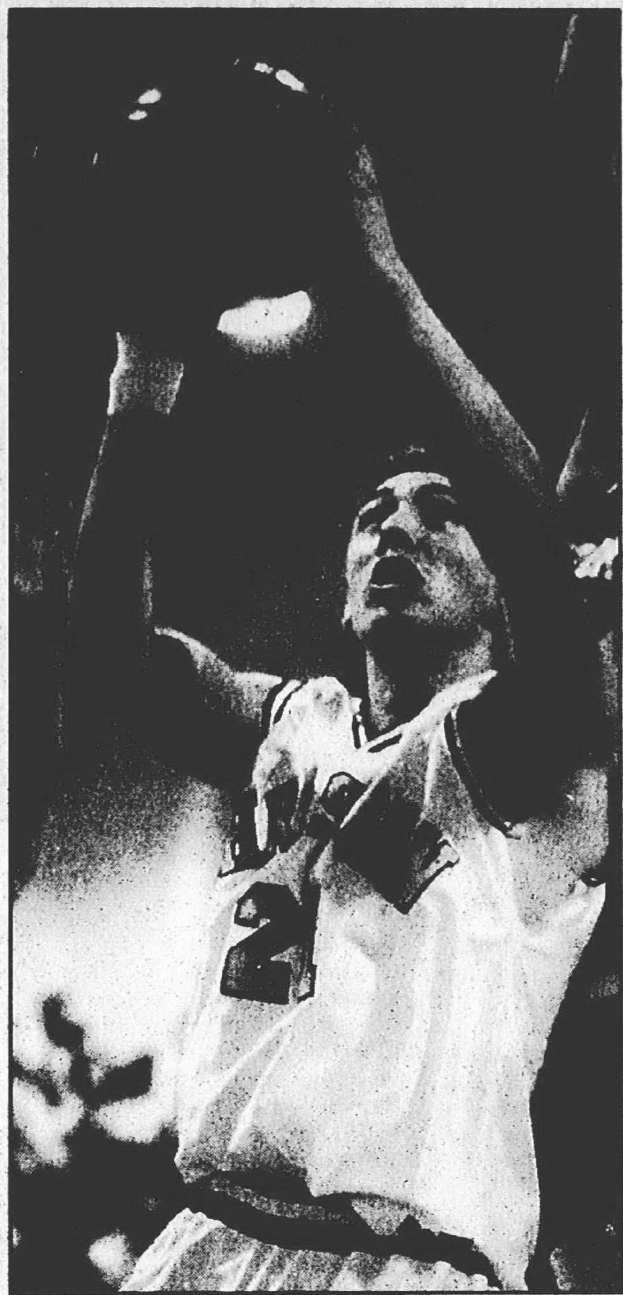
"We put some good pressure on their guards," said Brodie. "I thought we were in control of the tempo most of the game."

Once the Rocks cut back on their mistakes — they had just two turnovers in the third quarter and nine in the second half — the game turned around. They made 7-of-10 third-quarter shots from the floor; for the game, they were 16-of-31 (51.6 percent).

Their 22-11 scoring spurt allowed them to concentrate on free-throw shooting in the final period. They were 11-of-15 from the stripe (17-of-22 for the game, 77.3 percent), while taking just four shots from the field.

And McCaffrey lived up to his credentials, scoring 19 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Andy Koccoloski added 12 points, and Ryan Cook scored 10 points and dished out five assists.

Davis' 13 points paced Novi; Nadolni added 12 (on four three-pointers).



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1st-rate effort: PCA's David Carty poured in a game-high 17 points in leading the Eagles to their second-straight district title.

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Thursday's win was the final home game for nine PCA seniors. Starting with forward Derric Isensee's departure at the 4:40 mark of the fourth quarter, each senior was taken out of the game and honored with a standing ovation by the appreciative crowd.

"Derric (Isensee) told me the other day that he and the other seniors had only lost three home games since they were in the eighth grade," Taylor said. "There's a love affair there between our fans and this senior class, which was obvious by the reaction the crowd gave the players when they were taken out of the game."

"They deserve everything they get, too, because they're hard-working kids." Jackson Christian coach Bob Stanton was not about to disagree with that assessment.

"They're a very solid team," Stanton said. "If they keep hitting their three-point shots like they did against us, they're going to be tough to beat."

Stanton said his team wasn't intimidated by PCA's gaudy record and lofty stature among the state's smaller schools.

"I think our kids were fired up more than anything," Stanton said. "But emotion can only take you so far. After a while, you have to start making shots."

Making shots wasn't a problem for the Eagles in the first half; they shot 54 percent (19-for-35) from the field. After Royal forward Jeremiah Downer banked in a 10-footer to bring his team to within 7-4 three minutes into the game, the Eagles went on a 20-2 romp to close out the quarter — and any realistic chances the Royals had of hauling a trophy back to Jackson.

How lopsided did the game become in the second half? In the latter stages of the third quarter, Jackson Christian

reeled off 14-straight points — but still trailed by 25!

Fittingly, a quartet of seniors led the way for the Eagles. Guard David Carty stroked in a game-high 17 points and harassed the Royals' guards all night with his in-your-face defensive pressure.

Despite playing limited minutes, Isensee racked up 16 points and five rebounds, while Michael Huntsman had 14 points and four boards. A.J. Sherrill also reached double figures in scoring, netting 12 points, all the result of three-pointers.

Senior forward James Westers was the lone Royal to score in double figures, netting 11 points.

Led by Randy Elenbaas (seven boards), PCA outrebounded Jackson Christian, 37-20.

Jackson Christian struggled shooting from the field (35 percent) and the free-throw line (38 percent). The Eagles finished by hitting 49 percent (26-of-53) of their field goal attempts and 17-of-26 (65 percent) free throws.

Taylor said he first had a hunch that the 1999-2000 season may be extraordinary almost three years ago.

"I think we realized we might have something special when the members of this senior class were sophomores," Taylor said. "Derric played on the varsity, and Mike and David played really well at the junior-varsity level. We knew at that point that their senior season was going to be fun."

"But the turning point for this team came earlier this year when we beat Lenawee. They were ranked fifth in the state at the time, and they had beat us in the regional final last year. Going into that game, we were struggling, so it was a huge win for this team. It turned things around for us."

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Novi March 29.

Prior to her junior year, Abi had to undergo foot surgery, but she apparently tried to hurry her comeback. The result was a groin pull that plagued her throughout her junior season.

The foot surgery she underwent last November should prevent any further problems. At least that's what's hoped, but to help insure her recovery Abi avoided playing indoor soccer through the winter, opting instead to rest and rehabilitate.

A stopper/defensive midfielder throughout her career at Canton, her improved mobility could result in a switch this season. Smith admitted he was toying with the idea of inserting Abi into the attacking midfield spot to take advantage of her offensive skills.

Wherever she plays, Abi's goal will be the same — a state title.

"We're playing a little better than we have the last couple of years," she said.

Does that mean they can take that final step? "I think so," she cautiously predicted. "If we play like we can, we can."

With two Morrells on the same team, certainly anything is possible.

Chiefs — B1

period as teammate Jason Waidmann — who finished with 19 points — came alive, scoring seven points in the second.

The outcome, however, was still very much in doubt. Northville (11-10 final record), behind the play of Travis Bliss (14 first-half points) and David Gregor (nine in the first half), took a 33-31 lead at the intermission by scoring the final five points of the half.

But the end came quickly in the second half for the Mustangs. Canton scored the first six points of the third quarter (four by Nether) and, after a brief flurry by Northville that left the score tied at 39-all with 5:19 remaining in the quarter, the Chiefs took complete command.

They scored 10-consecutive points, six coming from Nether as he drove the middle against two (and sometimes three) Cats. Canton took a 56-44 lead into the final quarter, thanks to a 25-11 third-quarter run.

"We made some adjustments on how we were guarding them defensively at halftime," said Canton coach Dan Young. "And I thought our offense set the tone for our defense."

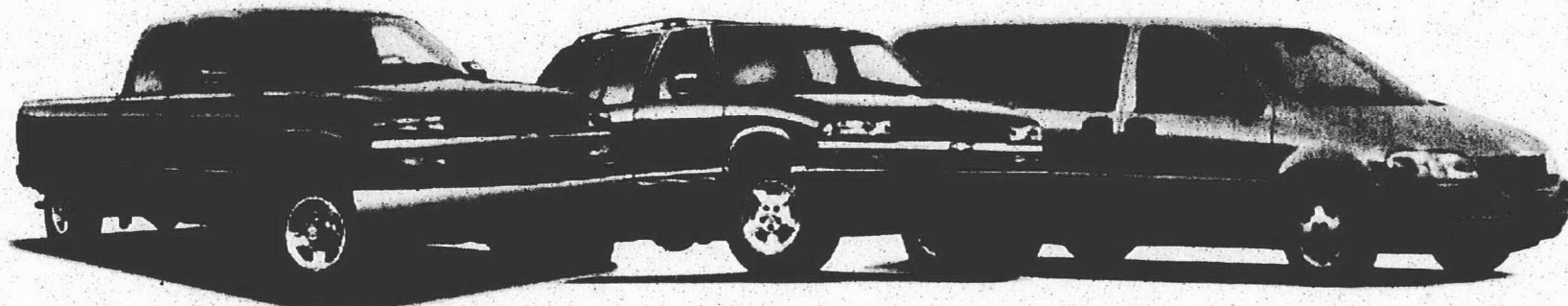
That offense, of course, has centered around Nether and Waidmann since mid-season. Against Northville, they scored 52 of Canton's 70 points; some of that was due to the foul trouble experienced by Thom Knapp, the Mustangs' 6-10 center. He got three fouls in the first half, eventually fouling out with 3:44 left in the game and never becoming a factor in the outcome.

His absence was felt by Northville defensively. Without Knapp to clog the middle, Nether and Waidmann roamed free.

"They're both really good passers to each other, too," noted Young, adding, "We wanted to come out and play hard tonight, and I thought we did that — (Northville's) a hard team to guard, inside and outside. They're going to be the team to beat (in the WLA) next year."

The closest the Mustangs got in the fourth quarter was the final margin, which came on a basket at the buzzer. Bliss, one of two seniors on the team, led Northville with 23 points; Gregor had 15 and Aaron Redden scored 11.

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SEASON/DATES

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Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING
Point Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and

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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. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

SHOWS

SPRING BOATING EXPO
The 8th Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 18-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama 2000 Michigan Sport and Travel Show concludes today at the Novi Expo Center. The show features over 200,000 square feet of floor space devoted to more than 400 exhibits featuring the latest in hunting, fishing and camping-equipment, recreational vehicles, boats, conservation clubs travel and outfitting destinations and more.

ARCHERY

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

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.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held

the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310. The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also hold a Sportsmen's Game Dinner March 18 at Bishop William F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall in Warren. The dinner is open to the public and doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person.

BASS TOURNAMENT
The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

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 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. 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. 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. 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 Rd., 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.

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. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

HERITAGE PARK HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on Sunday. Call Don Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

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Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on

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Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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TRACK RESURFACING
The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for the resurfacing of the North High School track located on the athletic field of North High School.
Specifications and bid forms will be available at a MANDATORY pre-bid walk-through on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. beginning in the receiving room at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.
Sealed bids will be due on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.
Please direct questions to Tom Gauerke, Assistant Principal of Grosse Pointe North High School, at (313) 342-2214.
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Pistons/Shock Clinic

Members of the Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock will put on a basketball clinic Saturday afternoon, March 18, at Ward Presbyterian Church, located at 40000 Six Mile (west of Haggerty) in Northville.

Boys and girls in the third-to-eighth grades are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$15.

Session I (grades 3-5) will run from 2-3:15 p.m. Session II (grades 6-8) will run from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early to register, or pre-register at the Ward Presbyterian Church by March 17.

Parents are invited to attend. The clinic includes five follow-up Saturdays of open basketball practice, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fundamental basketball skills will be emphasized (ball-handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding).

For further information, call (248) 374-5937.

Baseball clinics

The Plymouth Salem baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor their annual instructional clinics on consecutive Saturdays, March 25 and April 1, in the Salem gym.

Cost for each session, which includes a hot dog lunch (served from noon-1 p.m.), is \$20. The 11-15 year-old session will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m.

Mail your check, made payable to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, to Bill Styles at 10782 Red Maple Drive, Plymouth, 48170. For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

Final registration

The last chance to sign up for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's baseball, softball and T-ball leagues is scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. March 16 at the Plymouth Township clerk's office, located on the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

New players must provide proof of birth. For more information, call (734) 453-2040.

T-ball registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will

have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-ball league April 3-21 at the Recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer, Plymouth).

Children must be born July-December 1993; January-December 1994; or January-July 1995. A birth certificate is required. The season runs June 24-Aug. 12 (no games July 1).

For more information, call (734) 455-6623.

Softball leagues

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will sponsor adult softball leagues this spring/summer for men's slow pitch, women's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch and men's modified.

Registration for returning teams begins Monday. New teams may begin registering March 15. All registrations may be completed at the Recreation offices, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

The season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620 or check the web at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

CYO football meeting

The Catholic Youth Organization will have a meeting for those boys in grades 3-8 who are interested in playing CYO football at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

All boys interested in playing are invited to attend this informational meeting. Good Counsel is located at 1062 Church in Plymouth.

For more information, call Mike Girsakis at (734) 454-0847 or at (734) 427-6270.

3-on-3 Junior Shootout

The Milford Police Athletic League is sponsoring its 10th annual 3-on-3 Junior Shootout basketball tournament for boys and girls in grades 4-12 on March 17-19.

Entry fee is \$60 per team (four players). There will also be a special three-point shootout in each division to win a pair of \$100 Converse basketball shoes.

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

REGIONAL PAIRINGS

CLASS A

at SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP

Tuesday, March 14: Plymouth Canton vs. Plymouth Salem district winner vs. Detroit Pershing, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15: Bloomfield Hills Lahser vs. Birmingham Groves vs. Southfield-Lathrup district winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 17: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 21 vs. Macomb Dakota regional champion.)

CLASS C

at RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD

Tuesday, March 14: Detroit DePorres vs. Petersburg Summerfield district champion, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Flat Rock district champion, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 17: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 21 at Schoolcraft College vs. Reese regional champion.)

CLASS D

at HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Tuesday, March 14: Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Reading, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15: Morrice vs. Adrian Lenawee Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 17: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 21 at Portage Northern vs. Allegan regional champion.)

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, March 12

Ply. Whalers vs. Owen Sound at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 17

Ply. Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 18

Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 19

Ply. Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m.



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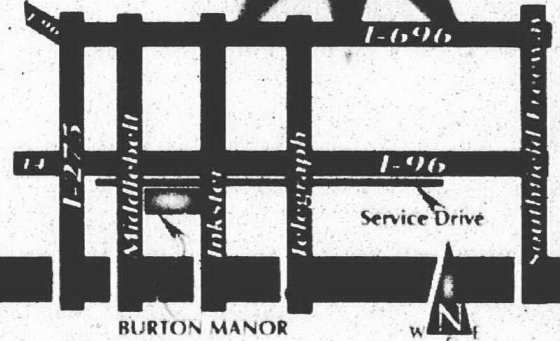
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Former Westlander captures top cash prize



AL HARRISON

TEN PIN ALLEY
A Bacardi/Brunswick Blue Ribbon Group scratch tournament took place March 5 at Taylor Lanes.

After three games of qualifying, Linda Batke of Redford hit the first ten strikes in the third game to finish with a 289.

She lost in the match play finals but the big game gave her an award for 100 pins over average, which for her was 182.

Linda runs the night snack bar at Mayflower Lanes.

Brandon Hildebrandt, the 14-year-old who won the last Bacardi/Brunswick Blue Ribbon Group tournament, made the last cut to match play but was defeated by another previous champ, Donald Parks.

Meanwhile, Tina Barber-Judy, a long-time Westlander who now lives in Dearborn, was able to qualify eleventh in the 12 match-play spots.

She took care of some very strong competition including Don Parks, who was consistently in the pocket but was unable to get the carry.

Tina made some great shots and car-

ried her hits to emerge on top and receive the first-place check of \$1,000.

Her husband, Joe Judy, and two of their daughters, Amy and Amanda, were there to root her on to victory.

The next Bacardi/Brunswick Blue Ribbon event is slated for Saturday, April 15, at Roosevelt Lanes in Allen Park.

Call (313) 381-0222 for more information and entry forms.

The Mid-States Masters held its new 222 division competition March 4 at the Super Bowl in Canton.

Gerald Johnson of Detroit took home first-place money while Matt Dalley of Plymouth came in second, 233-212.

Dalley came out of the 212 division to help support this newly created division.

Local qualifiers for match play were Joe Fitzsimmons of Waterford (7th); Derrick Jasper of Livonia (10th); Tim Bany Jr., of Westland (14th); and Don Potts of Plymouth (16th).

Others who made a good showing were Ron Burgess of Plymouth (22nd); Michael Ksiasek (25th); Ed Dudek (27th); Gary Duarard (32nd); Steve Demeter (35th); and George Fineran (39th), all of Livonia; Pat Engebretson (29th) of Westland and Chuck Morris of Garden City.



A winning number: Tina Barber-Judy (second from right) receives the first-place check from Al Harrison (right), Vicky Ingham (second from left) and Michael Capaldi.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association held a caucus last Tuesday to discuss and coordinate the voting of the delegates to the ABC national convention in Albuquerque later this week. Delegates from all local associations

will be on hand, with results appearing in next Sunday's Observer. The Cloverlanes All-Star Bowlerettes continue to rack up big scores as Sandy Schultz rolled her third perfect game and Tamika Glenn of

Farmington Hills shot the lights out with 231-279-278 for a series of 788.

Karen Martin kept her hot streak going with a 277 game and Kelley Ross chipped in with a 289 game.

The league bowls at 8 p.m. Mondays at Cloverlanes in Livonia. Fans are welcome to come on down and watch these great bowlers in action.

The Wayne Westland Metro Bowling association and the Tri-City Womens Bowling association held the 17th Annual Mach Memorial Youth Scholarship Tournament on Sun., Feb. 27, at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland.

Top finishers in the Girls Division were winner Laura Engebretson of Westland, 574 plus 252 handicap for 826 and a \$1,000 scholarship; runnerup Amber Trongo of Garden City, 500 plus 222 handicap for 722 and a \$500 scholarship.

The Boys Division winners were winner Kevin DeMara of Westland, 699 plus 150 handicap for 849 and a \$1,000 scholarship; runnerup Steve Reitzel of Canton, 666 plus 150 handicap for 816 and a \$500 scholarship.

Amber Henn of Westland had high game in the girls division with 234/579 and Bill Collins of Garden City tied for boys high game at 267 and a 708 series.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Men's Bowls (Livonia)**
K of C Men: Frank Hoffman, 741; Ron Blanchard, 734; Wayne Lanning, 699; Claude Niemiec, 734; Rich Madson, 706.
- Wednesday Toast & Coffee:** Lisa Sallade, 206/561; Lila Chamberlain, 210; Gloria Carter, 210; Bev Munir, 237/576; Ann Grohski, 220 Kim Eller, 235/553; Susan Tossava, 203/554.
- Wednesday Morning Early Birds:** Ann Marie Rogalski, 200; Debbie Litter, 202; Claudia Lawless, 207.
- Last Weekend's Men's Trio:** John Watkins, 279/737; Thomas Newbrough Jr., 260/711; Kevin Landon, 279; Jim Dust, 247/726; Brian O'Rourke, 725.
- Woodland Lanes (Livonia)**
Monday Seniors: Jon Jarman, 201; Howard Simons, 201-224; Howard Featherston, 205; John Nelson, 212; Paul Brewer, 246.
- Lyndon meadows:** Debbie Ellsworth, 203/549; Nancy Altounian, 202.
- Local 182:** Robert Bertani, 248.
- Minglites:** Stewart Roemmele, 262/611; Paul Bruckner, 259/648; Robert Allen, 245; Doug Wiseman, 234/619; Vaughn Oliver, 241/630.
- Gay 90's (seniors):** Tom Gerovac, 225; Howard Featherston, 200.
- Saturday Youth:** Chris Lenhardt, 248/658; Nick Farruggia, 212; Don Lisinski, 213; Nathan Cumming, 207.
- Happiness is (mixed):** Susan Rodey, 279/639.
- Allstate Ladies:** Sharon Pond, 221/571; Jennie Coykendall, 225.
- Senior House:** Mike Norris Jr., 300/741; Bob Banks, 279/732; David Mahaz, 267/703; Frank Hoffman, 258/695; Mike Larocca, 245/723; Philip Caldwell, 257/701.
- Ford T & C Ladies:** Michelle Warner, 219; Judy Lehman, 244; Val Katinsky, 201; Verna Coulter, 215; Darlene McMullen, 221.
- Food Parts:** Jim Jones, 265/667; Michael Yaros, 269/773; Brad Strange, 268/686; Gary Shatter, 249/680; Jason Lollar, 246/681; Mark Wenzel, 246/681.
- Wednesday Men's Trio:** Erv Watson, 268/728; Mark Howes, 258/700; Greg Witzig, 256/721; John McGraw, 279/704; John Weiss, 698.
- Early Birds:** Jean Grzak, 509.
- Guys & Dolls (seniors):** Bob Wilhelm, 238/576; Ed Zdanowski, 213; Irvin Nadolny, 228.
- Cloverlanes (Livonia)**
All-Star Bowlerettes: Sandy Schultz, 300/719; Tamika Glenn, 231-278-788; Karen Martin, 212-277-245/734; Lisa McCurdy, 279/672; Kelley Ross, 287/639; Angela Will, 240-245-236/721; Patsy Wray, 245-255/714.
- Saturday Specials:** Curt Lawless, 299/698.
- Sunday Nite Mixed:** Garland Goodwin, 299/711; Yavonne Griffin, 257/695; B'Jal Currie, 268/676.
- St. Aidan's Men:** Mike Kowalski, 246-213/656; Tony Kaluzny, 227/615; Bob McArthur, 236; Hurley Fields, 227/601; Jim Halpin, 202-213.
- Tuesday Seniors:** Bob Goin, 224-214/608; Reggie Budzik, 224/576; Jerry Page, 260-222/596; George Brown, 234/592; Tony Wolak, 222-218/609; Andy Wright, 235/554.
- Friday Seniors:** Tony Rye, 244/563; Larry Slawik, 224/543; Joe Newton, 229/558; Howard Simon, 224/522; Jerry Page, 225/561.
- Oak Lanes (Westland)**
G & A's: Candace Brouwer, 239/570; Sandi Smith, 226/564; Linda Batke, 219/620; Paula Sitaraki, 222/581; Toni Strange, 222/550; Sheryl Newton (Mrs. G & A), 203.
- Westland Bowl**
Sunday Skippers: Tony Tesarz, 290/667; Jeff Roche, 288/767; Mike Suchy, 279/697; Chris Kucznik, 278/699; Randy Wilson, 277/682.
- S/O Scoble Trouble:** Andy Barrett, 269/688; Tim Meyer, 244/659; David Flak, 226/569; Jeff Straight, 218/572; Sherry Lockhart, 212/556.
- Monday Morning Men:** Joe Kovatch, 278/708; Mike Seymour, 229/625; Fred Meyer, 225/688; Pat Stever, 224/582; Bill Eggenberger, 223/566.
- E/O Hard Times:** Dick Brown, 264; Jon Williams, 261/593; Ed Mitchell Jr., 258/676; Valerie Maci, 236/604; Marge Villierot, 234/537; Linda Mitchell, 225/567.
- Monday 6:30 p.m. Men:** Jeff Sosnowski, 278/708; Charles Taylor, 257/689; Dwight Klemczak, 256/615; Harmon Graves, 249/679; Ward Nixon, 248/597.
- Thursday Nite Mixed:** Dean Neely, 254/649; Ken Forbes, 225/607; Jim Koenig, 217/546; Brian Bailey, 211/608.
- Westland Champs:** Sunday Gains, 258/617; Dee Plitt, 242/647; Sharon Oliver, 230/532; Donna Middleditch, 221/553.
- NASCAR Trio:** Bill Elsey, 236/609; Greg Westbrook, 210/552; Dan Daddie, 210/581; Lou Swindell, 205/554; Terry White, 212/546.
- A.M. Ladies Trio:** Louann Saavedra, 197/520; Rochele Calsada, 180/517.
- Youth Leagues**
Coca Cola Majors: Abdy Caldwell, 247; George Remy, 222; Jason McMillin, 257/656.
- Coca Cola Juniors:** Pat Caldwell, 286; Heather Lindon, 192-190/510; Jason Olds, 193/562; Chris Ajlouny, 211/534.
- Coca Cola Bentams:** Eric Robertson, 129; Adam Vojtkofsky, 103; Joshua Vojtkofsky, 125.
- Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)**
Suburban Seniors: Janice Oliverson, 278; K. Stockdale, 279.
- Blitmore:** Cheri Brezovsky, 207/592; Lisa Wilkins, 202/537; Patricia Henke, 205.
- Inter-City Mixed:** Mark Brezovsky, 279; Dick Hansen, 271; John Brancheau, 232.
- Mayflower Lanes (Redford)**
Good Neighbors: Alicia Wafer, 208/536; Kathy Risch, 204/510; Pauline Polk, 518.
- Wednesday Senior Men's Classic:** Bill Newbrough, 270/661; Gabe Fazekas, 237-258/698; Wil Suokas, 243-258-249/750; Joe Buzanowski, 259/642; Jim Waldrep, 268/628; Chuck Ruel, 257-234-219/710.
- Monday Seniors:** Mike Lucas, 280-243/753; Dave Makowiec, 268-254/724; Jim Zellen, 279/696; Frank Federico, 245/688; Howard Davis, 242/666.
- Detroit Diesel Trio:** Bill Newbrough, 270; Chuck Clement, 279/731; Doug Ellison, 723.
- Friday Seniors:** Tom Hay, 258/701; Ray Olson, 267 (10 strikes in a row)/700; Jim Rosni, 257/640; Howard Davis, 238/665; Bob Brennan, 235/631.
- Garden Lanes (Garden City)**
Friday Ladies Classic: Sue Siemiesz, 213-245-246/704; Chris Griffith, 234-233/656; Kathy Mermigas, 197-246/622.
- St. Linus Classic:** Dave M. Bazner, 245-247-247/739; David B. Bazner, 215-279-238/730; Allen Joslin, 268-245/702; Dave Clark, 237-255/668; Bob Rayl, 220-245/665.
- Suburban Prop. Travel (men):** Rudy Kramer, 258/669; Tim Magyar, 246/704; Jack Oliphant, 246/615; Greg Gumtow, 246/619; Norm Leppala, 235/661.
- Suburban Prop. Travel (ladies):** Gloria Mertz, 211; Margy Brothers, 194; Barb Hernandez, 192; Pat Russell, 191; Judy Washington, 190/541.
- Pizza Lanes (Plymouth)**
St. Colettes Men: Tim Hicks, 208-224-266/708; Clem Diglio, Jr., 267; Mike Ksiasek, 267-225-245/737.
- Burroughs Men:** Gene Josey, 243-243-216/702; Jim Lighthill, 268; Dan Foster, 276; Dave Schwartz, 267.
- Waterford Men:** Chuck Morris: 245-247-266/758; Jim Kurash, 229-228-246/713; Joe Gureghian, 268-225-202/695; Kevin Feeley, 242-212-256/710.
- Super Bowl (Canton)**
Suburban Prop Travel (men): Greg Gumtow, 277/664; Bob Pittaway, 258/614; John Hurley, 247/650; Tim Magyar, 246/675; Jeff Bennett, 248.
- Suburban Prop Travel (ladies):** Bonnie Thornton, 215/536; Judy Washington, 212/559; Janet Harding, 211/608; Janice Ream, 200/875; Mary Baratta, 192/506.
- Monday Canton Seniors:** Joe Cabrera, 224/586; Bob Makowiec, 200; Bill Sankey, 198; John Carr, 195/521; Patricia Bird, 187.
- Parish/Glenn:** Keith Kingsbury, 246/638.
- Youth Leagues**
Saturday: 11 a.m. Majors: Tony Hopton, 209/528; Drew Barth, 209/526.
- 11 a.m. Prope:** Nick Taggle, 205/514.
- 11 a.m. Juniors:** Gregory Johnson, 231; Heather Kubacki, 126.
- 9 a.m. Majors:** Donald Woodman, 200; Matthew MacLellan, 133.
- 9 a.m. Majors:** Todd Schemianske, 234/607; Pat Brown, 265/704; Ken Bazmen, 205/581; David Mintz, 209.
- Friday Majors:** Brian Peczynski, 247/673; Leon Walsh, 242/619; David Jacobs, 237/621; Keith Kingsbury, 223/540; Todd Schemianske, 236/683.
- Friday Juniors:** Brad Poremba, 224/569; Eric Pawlus, 236/649.
- Preps:** Michael Jacobs, 197; Ricky Huddleston, 171; Kyle Acuna, 174; Alex Drake, 150.
- Country Lanes (Farmington)**
Greenfield Mixed: Debra VanMeter, 243-215/638; Ken Smith, 226-246-236/708; Phil Szonye, 218/627; Tom Gow, 219-256-243/718; Ryan Wilson, 216-221-263/700; Lynne Wegener, 209/566.
- Temple Israel:** Walter Littman, 257/678; Dan Bagdade, 256; K. West, 269/691; R. Klein, 258; D. Abramson, 258/652.
- C/L Ladies Semi Classic:** Phyl Long, 235; Arlene Dawson, 227/591; Janice Ream, 209/603; Lisa Gutowski, 209.
- Rosedale Bowlerettes:** Mary Nowak, 215/530.
- Sunday Goodtimers:** Mark Silverstein, 224; Todd Wortinger, 223/604; Larry Lipson, 222-216/630; Bill Vida, 215-205; Wayne Lanning, 213.
- Wednesday Nite Ladies:** Jennifer Chinn, 220; Linda Grant, 212.
- Strikers:** Edie John, 220/569; Ann Namin, 203.
- Loon Lake:** Dave Amolsch, 255/633; Jim Wilson, 245/635; John Kovacs, 246.
- Monday Night Men:** Aaron Wright, 277; Julius Malsano, 268; Chris Brugman, 268; Larry Franz, 269; Art Reher, 268; Bob Duman, 268; Jim McPhail Jr., 268.
- Monday Night Men:** Saad Hamma, 247; Layth Garmo, 266/660; Sinan Shamoun, 257; Jerry Kassa, 715.
- St. Paul's Men:** Bob Zaguroli, 265/660; Larry Gennette, 255.
- EVER-7:** Robert Roy Jr., 277/791; Greg Cooper, 267/655; Richard Roy, 258/672; John Hungenman, 267; Bob Smith, 265/673; Rob Holton, 255.
- Country Keglers:** Dan Shea Jr., 279/752; Brian Borel, 258/703; Mike O'Doherty, 256; Jim Reynolds, 255/682; Dave Kalszewski, 253.
- University Men's:** Larry Kanter, 300; Chuck Rossin, 279/723; Keith Guertin, 269; Ron Mathison, 267.
- Tuesday Trio:** John Osborne, 269/715; Mike Tashner, 258; Joe Staknis II, 267/708; Erik Herman, 257.
- Prince of Peace:** Celeste Flack, 223; Jackie Terksi, 216; Jokay James, 204/527.
- Afternoon D'Lites:** Sherry Kanter, 212/546; Sharlean Sullivan, 210; Sue Osten, 586.
- Sunday Comles:** Warren Whitehouse, 256/630; Bob Wolney, 245/657; Becky Sockow, 204/561; Jean Baldwinbridge, 201/550.
- Wednesday Knights:** Pat Testa, 252; Kevin Keranen, 250; George Kassa, 716.
- B'Nal Brith Leadership Network:** Stuart Novick, 246/548; Robert Weine, 199.
- Sports Club:** Sam Yono, 277/600; Thair Neiso, 222-Lillian Yono, 209/546.
- Saturday Odd Couples:** Jim Anderson, 232/610; Steve Karakula, 227/609.
- Country Couples:** Phil Hicks, 247; Keith Suda, 245/638.
- Shirts & Skirts:** Alan Hedger, 246/540; Terry Machlett, 222/607.
- Farmington Schools:** Howard Hardy, 234/602; Mike Foon, 231/544.
- Country High School:** Mike Thomas, 233/633; Keith Herman, 222/618; Jenny Long, 236/588; Kory West, 248/588; Brad Waker, 233/612.
- Novi Bowl**
Westside Lutheran: Lynn Lewis, 257/708; Rip Gagnon, 648; Clark Stone, 627; Al Hunt, 620; Tim Warner, 615.

Deer management questioned



BILL PARKER

A group of concerned hunters is taking the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resource Commission to task over the way the state sets regulations regarding fish and game management.

The current antlerless permit situation, which the DNR claims is needed to reduce a statewide deer population of approximately 1.8 million deer to a more manageable size of 1.4 to 1.6 million.

Hunters claim there are many areas of the state that can't handle unlimited antlerless permits and that the DNR is not managing the deer, but slaughtering them to appease the Farm Bureau and state insurance companies.

Whitetails Forever, which started out as a small group of deer hunters from Gratiot County, has blossomed over the last few months.

The group, which is receiving legal council from Fred Trost, producer of "The Practical Sportsman" TV show, claims to be circulating petitions in 70 of the state's 83 counties in an effort to change the Legislative Procedures Act.

Subsection 207 (D) of that act exempts the DNR and NRC from holding public hearings before setting regulations.

Public opinion is welcomed at the monthly NRC meetings, but Whitetails Forever wants to force the NRC to hold public hearings so every opinion expressed at these hearings will become a matter of public record and will have to be considered in the decision-making process.

Senator David Jaye (R-Macomb) has jumped on the Whitetails Forever bandwagon and is considering sponsoring legislation to change the act.

Whitetails Forever is opposed to the DNR issuing unlimited antlerless deer permits and holding an extended antlerless-only deer season throughout most of the Lower Peninsula over the last two years.

A lot of hunters disagree with

the current antlerless permit situation, which the DNR claims is needed to reduce a statewide deer population of approximately 1.8 million deer to a more manageable size of 1.4 to 1.6 million.

Whitetails Forever has a legitimate point in that there are areas of the state where the deer population is but a skeleton of what it was just five or six years ago.

There are areas that were closed to antlerless hunting three years ago but have been open to unlimited antlerless killing the past two years.

That doesn't make much sense to me.

But to change the way the DNR and NRC manage wildlife over one controversial issue doesn't make sense to me either.

Whitetails Forever claims it doesn't want to take away any power from the DNR or NRC, and that it just wants to force the state to listen to hunters and anglers.

The problem is that changing the Legislative Procedures Act through an act of legislation simply brings more government and more complications into the picture.

If public hearings were held on every rule or change, game management would be sacked in the backfield. What now takes 60 to 90 days to accomplish would take months to get through a public-hearing process.

And what happens the first time a not-so-hot topic arises and hunters get back to their typically apathetic ways and fail to show up at an NRC meeting?

I'll tell you what will happen. The anti-hunting crowd, knowing it's opinions will be a matter of public record and factored into the final decision, will show up in force.

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The vote is in

In 1996, state voters approved Proposal G, which gives the Natural Resource Commission the authority to manage our fish and wildlife. Public comment is welcomed at monthly NRC meetings.

For those doubters who claim the DNR and NRC don't work with or listen to the concerns of sportsmen, I say that's not so.

For proof, look no further than the recent passage of a preference permit system for bear hunting. It took some time, but patience and perseverance paid off for bear hunters, who now have the permit allocation system they wanted.

I hope Whitetails Forever realizes what it is asking for and reconsiders. On paper, changing the act looks like a good idea, but the ramifications of such a proposal could backfire and slap hunters and anglers in the face.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

Spring brings new mating season



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Spring is definitely in the air.

Squirrels are chasing each other, crows are building nests, chickadees, nuthatches and cardinals are singing or posturing to each other. All these activities are signs that a new season of reproduction has arrived.

Squirrels spiraling down a tree trunk like the stripes on a barber's pole is a sign of amorous actions. Males may be chasing females, or males may be chasing other males from the area so they will have exclusive rights to the females in the area.

Watching the intensity of the chases and the duration of the chase is an indication of how serious the animals are about their intentions.

Small animals like squirrels and song birds do not live very long. Fox squirrels may live about six years, while chickadees average about three years.

During their short lives they must make the most of each reproductive season and raise as many young as they can. That means they are very serious about protecting their investments.

I enjoy watching crows build a nest. First, they start when their are no leaves on the trees, that makes their activities easy to watch. Second, if you watch them for a while you can actually see them collect nesting material.

They land near the ends of branches where the twigs are thin. Then they grab a twig with their bill and twist their head to see if it will break off. If the twig breaks free, they will hold on to it and transport it to the nest.

Other crows may be in the vicinity and provide sounds of "encouragement." Sometimes two or three crows will be in the area of the nest. These satellite birds can be young from the previous year. They will help with raising their parent's next brood.

During the nest building period, birds are nervous about predators scouting the area for potential meals.

When a predator, like a hawk, is spotted, crows will call to rally others in the area to deter it from getting closer. Crows mobbing a hawk near a nest make a loud raucous call that warns not only crows, but other kinds of birds in the area that danger is present.

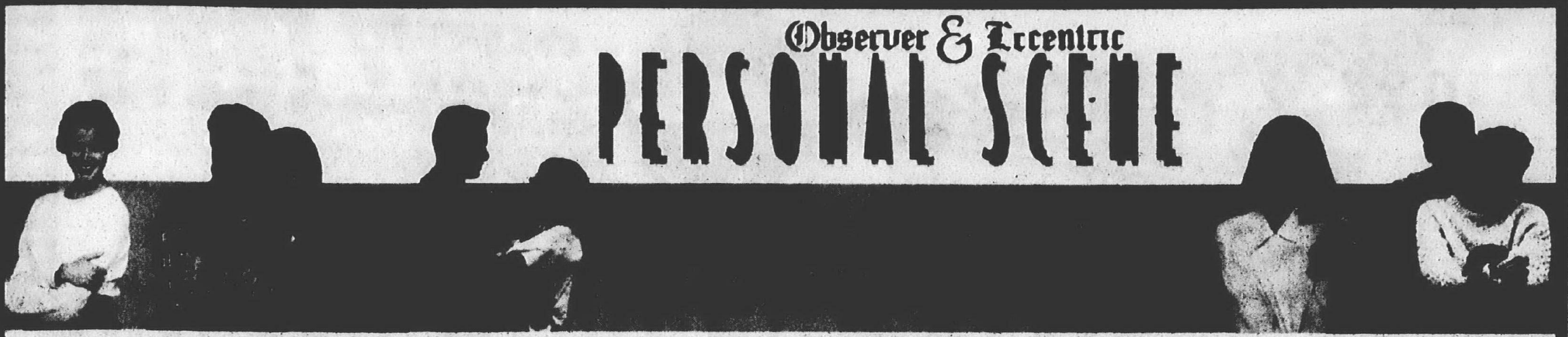
Chickadees hearing the calls of crows will become aware of the threat, but do not have to worry too much. They can continue their flights of fancy and subtle posturing which alerts other males that they should stay away, or where the nest hole selected is located.

Singing, raising the feathers on top of their head, quivering their wings, all mean something in chickadee language.

If you watch them close you will see some of these actions. Though a cold spell may occur — knowing Michigan weather — birds and other animals will continue their efforts to raise as many young as possible.

Spring foretells the period of plenty which has been productive for past generations.

PERSONALS



LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE... Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WF, 61, 5'11", blonde/blue, N/S, social, friendly, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and frequent travel. Seeking similar gentleman for companionship. LTR #1192

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LIFE IS GRAND... Pretty SWF, 57, 130lbs, energetic, non-religious, degree, spiritual, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar SM to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open-ended communication, mutual trust. LTR #1213

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT... Easygoing and honest SWF, 6, blonde/blue, HW proportionate, two children, N/S, social-dancer. Seeking SWF, 28-36, for possible LTR. #1176

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SEEKS OLDER GENTLEMAN... SWF, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, black and white films, antique computers. Seeking SWM, 40-50, 6'1", clean-cut, humorous, gentleman. LTR #1449

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BLUE-EYED BEAUTY... I've been laid, down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty SWF, 25, 5'5", 115lbs, seeks tall, short, nice, poor SM for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County. #1176

HORSEMAN WANTED... SWF, 51, blonde/green, tall, figured one 13 year old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, music, and travel. Seeking horseman SWM, 30-40, for friendship, dating, and possible LTR. Kiss #1142

ADVENTURESOME... SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family time. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, successful, minded SWM for romance and companionship. LTR #1178

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INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING... Sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys traveling, shopping, dining, traveling. Seeking lean, healthy, financially secure SWM, 35-55, N/S, N/S, similar interests, for LTR. #1188

HELLO MY GEM... Attractive, affectionate, full-figured, SF, 32, serious-minded, employed, independent, down-to-earth, sense of humor. Seeking a serious, positive, monogamous SBM for LTR. #1144

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN... SF, 33, 5'11", 110lbs, blonde/blue, likes romantic movies, cuddling, friends, summer fun. Seeking a SWM who knows how to treat a lady, who likes going out and staying in, for possible LTR. #1455

LET'S GET TOGETHER... Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art, long walks, gardening, strong nature, some sports. Seeking open, communicative SWM with similar interests, for friendship first. #1122

THIS IS ME... SF, 51, 110lbs, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SWM with similar interests, for LTR. #1194

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE... Attractive, plus-sized SWF, 35, enjoys long walks, comedy, reading and animals. Seeking honest, communicative SWM to enjoy time with. #1111

SECOND TIME AROUND... Fun-loving, attractive, widowed WF, 60, 5'3", 120lbs, blonde/blue, loves dogs, dancing, camping, long drives, good books, PBS specials, and more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SM, 50+, W/D, drop-free, with similar interests. #1129

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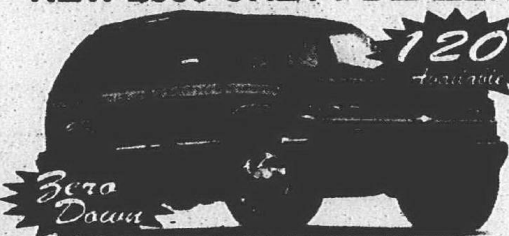
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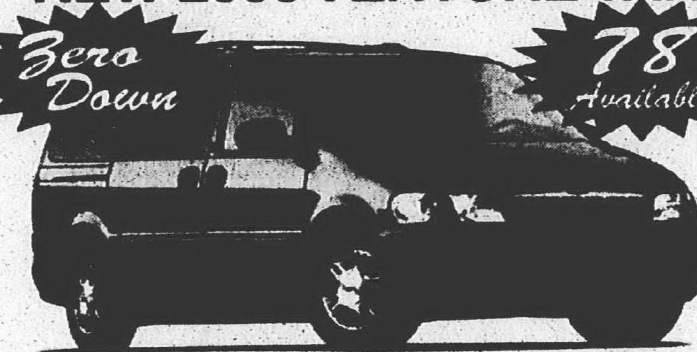
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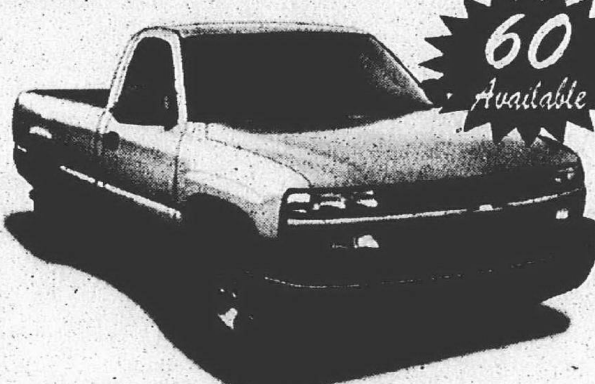
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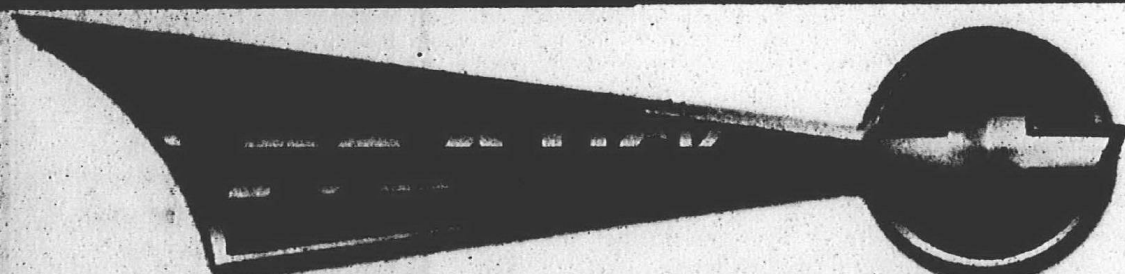
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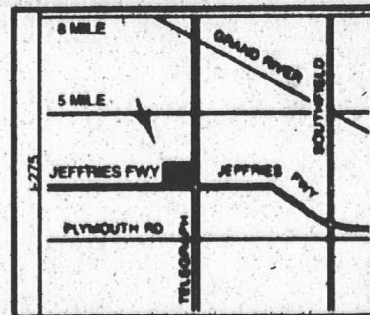
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Master class features former CAPA student

Gal Mack had tickets to see "Fosse" long before she knew her former student, Greg Reuter, was one of six principal dancers in the production, which continues through March 19 at the Fisher Theatre. Mack frequently goes to see shows at the Fisher, Gem and Fox to stay on top of her job as director of the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia. But she never would have had the opportunity to coordinate a March 2 master dance class with Reuter if it hadn't been for Mary Murphy.

It was during a November class trip to Chicago to see "Fosse" that the CAPA dance instructor discovered Reuter doing some of the same steps he'd done in the CAPA production of "Sweet Charity."

Still, students weren't expecting Mack to begin the master class by reminiscing about how Reuter locked students in a props cabinet when a substitute teacher was filling in for one of her theater classes in the 1980s. Reuter's come a long way since his days in the CAPA program. This year the program is training 150 Livonia high school students in theater, dance and music.

Sharing experiences

"I think it's wonderful that students who've gone on to success come back to share their experience," said Mack. "For the dancers in CAPA it gives them the chance to dance with professionals and find out what's involved. For theater students, it exposes them to dance and musical theater."

After a brief introduction, a video of the production featuring "Big Spender" and "Mein Herr" was shown. Reuter and cast members Linda Bowen and Jennifer Savelli then led 40 CAPA students through a combination of steps from "Bye, Bye Blackbird." Afterward, during a question and answer session, students had the opportunity to find out what it takes to become a professional performer.

Did Reuter have a degree in theater? Yes, he earned a bachelor of fine arts in musical theater performance at Western Michigan University. Bowen, originally from Maryland, has a degree in dance and choreography. Savelli went straight from high school to performing with a ballet company.

How did they survive while auditioning in New York City? Bowen worked as a waitress on Second Avenue before she got a break. Reuter advised students to get a job and save money before leaving Michigan.

Getting the job

How did they get the job dancing in the production that showcases the works of legendary choreographer Bob Fosse? Through open calls. Before

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Dance Fest

WSU hosts Great Lakes regional festival

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Linda Simmons is a little nervous, but nonetheless thrilled about the Great Lakes Region American College Dance Festival coming to Wayne State University March 15-18. More than 700 students and faculty members from 16 universities throughout the Midwest and Canada are participating in the event that exposes dancers to the latest techniques and choreography in master classes, lectures and performances. A faculty concert, Michigan Choreographers Concert and Gala Concert cap the festivities.

This is the first time WSU is hosting the event founded in 1973 to support

and affirm the role of dance in higher education.

An honor

"This is an honor for us," said Simmons, the WSU dance professor coordinating the festival. "We're excited about showing off the dance department at Wayne and all the great artists in the area. With our Michigan Choreographers Concert we wanted to showcase Michigan and show them our very best."

Simmons, and the staff of the university's dance department, invited established companies such as Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, Rochester Hills; Peter Sparling Dance Company, Ann Arbor; Detroit Dance Collective and Onyx Dance Company of Detroit to present the best of Michigan dance

on Friday, March 17 at the Detroit Opera House. Ann Arbor based-Bichini Bia Congo Dance Theater will add cultural diversity to the concert with its Congolese-flavored fare.

During the festival, faculty and student dance companies will present two choreographed pieces from each of the schools for judging by Luke Kahlich, dance professor at Temple University in Philadelphia; Gina Gibney, director of the all-female ensemble Gina Gibney Dance in New York; and legendary dance/choreographer Carmen DeLavallade.

The best of the student and faculty choreography will be presented at a Gala Concert on Saturday, March 18 at the Bonstelle Theatre on the WSU campus. Several of these companies will go on to compete in the national festival in Maryland in May.

Wayne State's dance department will perform "Sand People of the" by faculty member Erica Wilson-Perkins, and the student choreographed piece "Her," by Megan Brunke of West Bloomfield.

Preview

On Friday, March 17 the Peter Sparling company will preview the first section of "Possible Dances" which is scheduled to premier June 30 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival in the Power Center. Set to poems written by Sparling and a score by Paul Epstein, the work features dancers moving to the sounds of nature. Sparling, who spent his teen years in Plymouth, will read the text for this multi-media piece.

"Every poem is a dance in a way," said Sparling, a University of Michigan dance professor who for the last couple of years has been working on his poetry during a summer writers retreat at Cranbrook Educational Park in Bloomfield Hills. "It's through imagery and the flow that a poem comes alive."

Tim Smola, a member of the Peter Sparling Dance Company, is looking forward

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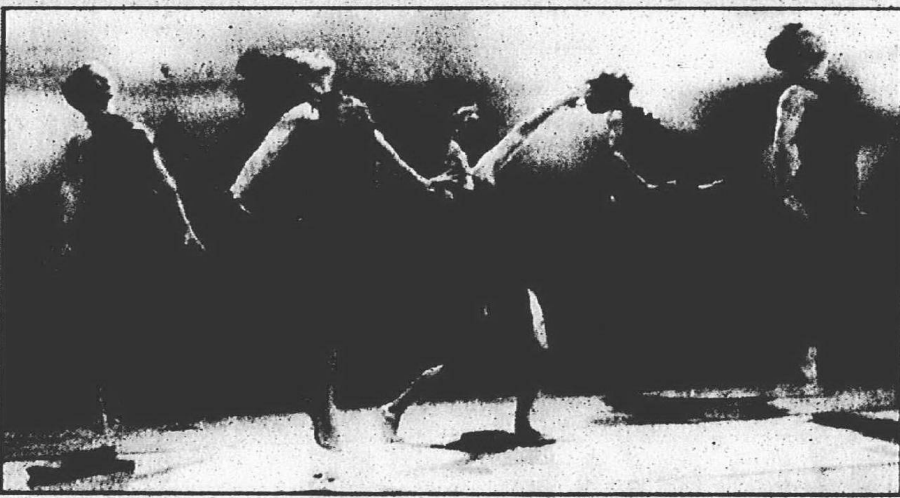


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Multi-media: Peter Sparling Dance Company previews the first section of "Possible Dances."

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■ Faculty concert 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit
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Passing Through: The Detroit Dance Collective performs a work by Barbara Selinger.

CONCERT

Jazz musicians ready to wail and do battle

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Midge Ellis remembers a time in the '40s and '50s when jazz greats such as Gene Krupa, Oscar Peterson and Ella Fitzgerald traveled all over the world just to play in a Battle of the Bands. Perched on a revolving stage that individually showcased each group, the bands would lay down licks, one as hot as the next.

On Sunday, March 19, Ellis is sounding the battle cry as a fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College. Larry Nozoro, Matt

Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit Jazz All Stars will go horn to horn playing everything from be-bop to swing and Dixieland in a Battle of the Bands at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

Ed Love, WDET jazz DJ and newly-named programming director for the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, will emcee the battle.

"We're trying to bring that idea back," said Ellis of Livonia. "It was just the most fun. They would take turns wailing. It's a lesson in improvisation, and that's the mission of the Michigan Jazz Festival - to educate."

Matt Michaels remembers those days too. He and his trio with guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell will play jazz in the swing style. The trio, with various guest artists, can be heard every Wednesday night at Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City.

"We're offering a choice of what they like," said Michaels, a Southfield resident and instructor at Wayne State University. "Guy Lombardo, Harry James, they all would engage in these. There'll be three different styles. Tom

Saunders has quite a large following for Dixieland."

Saunders began playing coronet 54 years ago. For more than 20 years the jazz veteran's Surfside Six band was a staple in clubs around the Detroit area. It was during this time, Saunders met the legendary Wild Bill Davison, the musician who most influenced his style. Saunders went on to tour Germany, Switzerland, Ireland and England with Davison. He returns to Germany for a week of performances this summer after touring Switzerland for three weeks as leader of the Wild Bill Davison Legacy band.

But before he leaves, Saunders and Detroit Jazz All Stars Al Winters, trombone; Bob Pinterich, drums; Bill Meyer, piano; Don Bayberry, bass, and clarinetist Jim Wyse of Livonia will battle it out with Michaels and Nozoro.

"We all know each other so it'll be fun," said Saunders. "Each band will play a mini-set and then their version of one specific song. I got hooked on Dixieland as a little kid. My brother played it. It was in the house all the time. I like it because it's happy music."

Festival debuts avant-garde productions

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Nearly everything about the Ann Arbor Film Festival is avant-garde — from the defiant sensibilities of the films to the actual location of the screening room, where an annual-media preview of the entries is held.

Clearly, Ann Arbor isn't Sundance. Festival organizers loathe the notions of commercial popularity or mainstream



Film spectrum: Over six nights, 114 experimental films will be shown at the Michigan Theater. Shown above is a scene from "The Bottomless Cup."

acceptance. The intent is to prod, provoke and challenge.

Experimental isn't just a concept used by filmmakers. It's the operating philosophy followed by festival director Vicky Honeyman, who graduated in film studies from the University of Michigan in the late 1960s, and maintains the fervent idealism of the counter culture.

By day, Honeyman is a hair stylist. Every other waking moment she gives shape and style to the longest running experimental film competition in the country, held this Tuesday through Sunday at the 1,700-seat Michigan Theater in downtown Ann Arbor.

Against the current

Last year's preview venue was in the back room of Honeyman's hair salon a few blocks east of Main Street, which, by any standard, is a

bit cramped. Certainly, there's been an in-your-face hipness to previewing films in a room where you can also get your roots retouched and a few inches taken off the sides.

This year's preview was held next

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Steppin' out: Greg Reuter shows CAPA students at Churchill High School a few dance steps from the musical "Fosse."

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they reached the stage however, dancers spent eight hours a day, six days a week in rehearsal with Fosse protégés Ann Reinking and Gwen Verdon. When students asked if he had to give up his social life Reuter replied, "there are sacrifices and you have to take care of yourself." While on the road, dancers work six nights a week with one day off. But Reuter never discouraged students. He told them if they're serious about a career in theater to go for it. That his "biggest lesson is that there's room for everybody in this business."

"These kids are great and it brought back a lot of memories," said Reuter afterward. "We wanted to give them exposure to the material so they could get a taste of what Fosse is all about."

Mack and Murphy were beaming with pride at the speed with which students caught on to the

"I really enjoyed the master class. I learned I like this type of dancing."

Meghan Dolan
CAPA student

steps. Reuter said he was exposed to different dance styles by Murphy who was excited by his visit. She said, it was a feather in the cap of the dance program which brings in guest artists several times a year.

Murphy was most pleased to hear Reuter's answer to the importance of ballet in becoming a dancer on Broadway. The CAPA dance program is based on ballet with explorations of modern dance, jazz and tap.

"I'm thrilled for my students,"

said Murphy, who directs CAPA students in their Jazz Blowout dance concert Friday-Saturday, March 17-18 at Churchill. For tickets, call the CAPA office at (734) 523-8841. (CAPA will present "David and Lisa" at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford May 11-14.) "He offered them hope of being able to obtain a dream whether it's in dance or theater."

Junior Meghan Dolan was one of the CAPA students who saw the production in Chicago and had the opportunity to work with Reuter on stage in the dance session.

"I really enjoyed the master class," said Dolan who began tap lessons at age three. "I learned I like this type of dancing."

Jessica Reschke, a second year CAPA student, thought the information was something she'll eventually be able to use. A dance student for 14 years,

Reschke's goal is to one day dance on Broadway.

"I liked it because it was like an audition and gave me a feel for what I'm up against," said Reschke.

Leah Trzcinski, now in her fourth year of CAPA, echoed Mack's sentiments about Reuter's visit.

"It's really good to see CAPA-trained kids come back and give to the program."

"Fosse" continues through Sunday, March 19 at the Fisher Theater, Detroit. Tickets are \$37.50-\$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, \$35-\$62.50 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings. Call (248) 645-6666.

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All That Jazz: "Fosse" cast members Jennifer Savelli (right), Greg Reuter and Linda Bowen answered questions after a master dance class at Churchill High School.

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to returning to the festival he participated in as a University of Michigan student. Smola's senior thesis was presented during the festival at Northern Illinois University two years ago.

"I enjoy the festivals a lot," said Smola, a Garden City resident. "There's a wide range with so many different colleges participating. You get to see what kinds of pieces other colleges are doing."

Like Smola, Anne Bak had her work chosen to be performed at the festival held at Oakland University in Rochester in 1993. This year, she's back as a member of the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble to perform "Catharsis," a dance choreographed by company founder Laurie Eisenhower. The large ensemble work is set to music by Phillip Glass with Brian Eno and David Bowie.

"Not only does it give you the opportunity to take classes from dancers around the region but also to have adjudication and a gala concert that shows the best," said Bak, a Lake Orion resident who's also associate manager of Eisenhower Dance Ensemble.

Paula Kramer is excited about the Detroit Dance Collective previewing Barbara Selinger's "Passing Through" at the Michigan Choreographer's Concert. The work premieres at an April 8 Music Hall concert which celebrates the company's 20th anniversary. Founded at the Midwest Dance Center in 1981, the company was in residence for 14 years at Oakland Community College in Royal Oak before moving to Detroit's theater district three years ago.

"It's fast paced with intricate patterns and set to the music of J.S. Bach," said Kramer, co-artistic director of the company with Selinger, a Farmington Hills resident. "It's a full-out moving piece that shows off technical skills."

Kramer and Selinger will be teaching several of the 40 master classes being given each day during the festival.

"The level of dance at colleges is getting close to professional," said Kramer. "The fun of the festival is the young people joining together. When that happens there's sparks flying everywhere."

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door to Honeyman's salon in a relatively spacious converted storage room with well-preserved hardwood-floors. A screen was hung above a steam radiator that defied any attempts to be regulated.

Several armchairs were placed randomly in the room. Apparently, publicity agents and Hollywood producers weren't notified. Two years ago, Honeyman recalled, no one even showed for the screenings. This year, there wasn't enough press for a euvre game.

A tepid media response hardly deters festival organizers, most of whom are volunteers with a passion for film and an against-the-current sensibility.

Longtime volunteer Michael Woodruff, who takes pride in the title "festival handyman," is a performance artist whose work can be seen in and around the Michigan Theater during the six-day festival.

A Birmingham Seaholm graduate of 1983, Woodruff considers avant-garde film a breeding ground for ideas that eventually make their way into the mainstream.

"A lot of the hip stuff you see

Experimentally intriguing

Notable films in this year's Ann Arbor Film Festival include:

■ "Zyklon Portrait by Elida Schogt" — A chilling account of how the Nazis used Zyklon B in gas chambers. The clinical tone presents an eerie resonance of the rationalization of those who committed genocide.

■ "The Light in Our Lizard Bellies" by Sarah Abbott — Follows a highly erotic dancer. Shot in black and white to the rhythm of breathing and chanting.

■ "Sunday Afternoon" by Paul Charney and Marc Vogel — A comical dialogue based on the intention of language.

■ "The Bottomless Cup" by Paul Bonner — A Kafkaesque/Twilight Zone story about a man who stops at a roadside diner for a wake-up cup of coffee and never leaves.

■ "Grace" by Lorelei Pepi — Looking at the electric energy fields of the body in a highly-sensual exploration of the body.

■ "The Day Stashi Ran Out of Honey" by Sonia Bridge — An allegory of the subtle relationship between the mundane of daily life and the bombardment caused by war.

■ "Edgeways" by Sandra Gibson — A highly-experimental exploration of color and sound utilizing hand-painted cells.

■ "Abandoned Dolls" by Karl Staven — A Toy Story with a seedy edge. Dolls with missing and broken parts appear forlorn amid abandoned urban setting.

— Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer

on MTV, commercials and (wide-distribution) films originated in the work of experimental filmmakers," he said.

A list of past entries in the festival read as a Who's Who of American Film, including Brian DePalma, Andy Warhol, Gus Van Sant and George Lucas.

Over six nights and 24 viewing hours, 114 films will be shown, ranging in length from one minute to two hours. The films cover a range of topics and explore the elements of film similar to how abstract painters express the elements of their art.

Generally, the films in the festival push the boundaries of genre and medium.

Some films fit into distinct genres, such as narrative, documentary or animation. Other films defy pigeonholing and can be best described as "visual paintings," said festival director Honeyman, who served on a

four-person review committee that watched each of the 380 submitted films.

This year, to broaden audience appeal, a screening room at the Michigan Theatre will feature documentaries, animated works and narrative films. In addition, four hours of film will be available for viewing at universities around the country.

All entries have been shot, edited or transferred to 16-millimeter film, which is probably most recognized as used in newsreels. The type of film is about half as wide as the 35-millimeter film used in feature movies. The choice of 16-millimeter film is also a practical consideration since it is relatively affordable for student filmmakers, said Honeyman.

Idea is the art

Over nearly four decades, the festival has persevered despite operating on a shoestring budget. This year's festival is funded largely by a \$12,000 National Endowment for the Arts and \$24,000 state grants and corporate support. Last year's main corporate sponsor, Absolut, dropped out, leaving the festival to rely more heavily on support from the metro Detroit film/video production community.

What's strikingly absent in the festival is flashy, high-tech polished imagery. Of course, that's hardly the point. Clearly, the festival isn't enamored by technology, nor is it looking to find further derivations of a popular theme.

For 38 years, the Ann Arbor Film Festival has been a place where the idea is the art. In an age of blockbuster movies and multi-million-dollar marketing budgets, focusing on the possibilities of film as an artform may be the most defiant act of all.

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ART FAIRS & SHOWS

PEWABIC POTTERY
A one-day festival of ceramic tiles from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 at St. George Cultural Center, 1515 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (313) 822-0954.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

ART IN THE VILLAGE
Artists needed to exhibit their work at the 4th annual fine arts exhibit June 10-11 at Livonia's Historic Greenmead Village. Applications must be in by April 15. Applications and information may be obtained by calling Debbie Dufour at (734) 466-2540.

ARTS AWARDS NOMINATIONS
The Farmington Area Arts Commission is accepting applications for the Artist-in-Residence and "Distinguished Service to the Arts" awards for 2000. Deadline is Monday, March 21. For information contact Ginny at (248) 682-6562.

BOHEMIANS MUSIC COMPETITION
Deadline for the third annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments is April 1. Prizes are \$500-\$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. High school and college students (between ages 16 and 22) throughout Michigan are eligible. Submit tape to Herbert Couf, President, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331 or email CoufLinks@aol.com.

LIBERTY FEST 2000
Call for artists for the ninth annual fine art and fine craft show on June 24 and 25 in Canton Township. Application deadline is April 15. (734) 453-3710.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School Vocal Room, 27000 Evergreen, Southfield.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for new members by appointment. This year's repertoire includes music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. Call (248) 349-8175. To schedule an audition call Mark Perrine at (313) 937-0975.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton; 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton; 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcomed. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile. (248) 474-3174.

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

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday, 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Registration begins March 14 for spring classes for children and adults. Tour the van Gogh exhibit at the DIA on Wednesday, May 10. Registration is taking place now at PCCA, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Livonia Camera Club presents a workshop on Glamour Techniques 7:30-9 p.m. March 15 and March 22. Held at Grant Elementary School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia. (734) 416-4ART.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative, drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

BRUNCH WITH BACH
The music of Mario DiFiore at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS
The Soldier's Tale at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit (248) 362-9DCW.

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR
"A Little Bit of Heaven" is 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at St. Mary's in Greektown. For information call (313) 882-0118.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Mary Black performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16. Roberto Abbado conducts the DSO-March 17-19. Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

FERDALE MUSIC SERIES
Pamela Jordan Schiffer presents "Contemporary Song for Dummies" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Zion Lutheran Church, 143 Albany, Ferndale. (248) 546-5103.

NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES 2000
Vocalist Sylvia Inwood and pianist Deborah Hochberg perform standards and theatre songs at noon, Tuesday, March 14 at the Detroit Public Library, 3rd floor (Fine Arts Room), 5201 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-4042.

LAKE ORION CONCERT SERIES
Theresa Weiss and Lois Kaare will perform musical theatre classics at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3009.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Presents "Irish Spectacular" a Celtic celebration with the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

PATRICKTIDE CONCERT
An afternoon of Irish poetry and song featuring Mary Callaghan Lynch, Caitlin Lynch and Patrick Lynch is at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at St. Regis Church located on Lahser Road between 14 and 15 Mile in Bloomfield Hills. (248) 647-4619.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY
"Scenes & Landscapes" is 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. (734) 451-2112.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
Ali Akbar Khan, sarod accompanied by Zakir Hussain, tabla at 8 p.m. Friday, March 17 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor. American String Quartet performs Beethoven at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington. Thomas Quasthoff, baritone with Justus Zeyen on piano at 8 p.m. Monday, March 20 at Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 North University, Ann Arbor. J.S. Bach birthday celebration with the Michigan Chamber Players, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 at Rackham Auditorium. 1-800-221-1229.

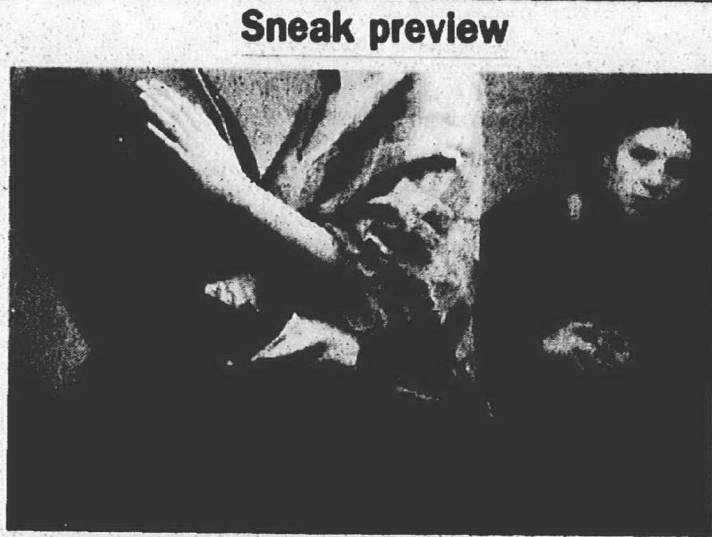
FOR KIDS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Enjoy the West African Cultural Workshop, an event for the whole family, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE
Songs and puppets with Rita Kirsch, for ages birth to 4 years with a parent. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Kids can explore the history of traditional African musical instruments at the "Wiggle Giggle Dance Studio," 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Woodward and Kirby, Detroit. (313) 833-1262.

KINDERMUSIK
Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to children age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.



Sneak preview

Good act: Bethanne Still plays Sarah in "Translations," a play by Brian Friel, and produced by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at Oakland University's College of Arts and Sciences. The production opens on Thursday, March 16, and runs through Sunday, March 26 at OU's Varner Studio Theatre. Call (248) 370-3013 or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Opens Saturday, March 18 - "Seeds of Expression," a multimedia exhibit through April 26. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 18. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

ORION ART CENTER
Opens Thursday, March 16 - Annual photography exhibition through April 7. Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at 115 S. Anderson, Lake Orion. (248) 693-4986.

REVOLUTION
Opens Saturday, March 18 - Scott Richter and Jim Chatelain: The Notebook Drawings through April 22. Artists' reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, March 18. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ASSARIAN CANCER CENTER
Through March 21 - Handmade quilts by cancer survivors and their families in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Center for the Healing Arts, Providence Cancer Institute, 47601 Grand River, Novi. (248) 374-5478.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Through April 1 - Michigan Fine Arts Competition, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

CARY GALLERY
Through April 1 - Oil and watercolor paintings by Sonia Molnar and Fran Wofok. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

CENTER GALLERIES
Through March 18 - Sherry Hendrick & Hugh Timlin: Fire + Water. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through April 7 - MFA Thesis Exhibition featuring John Harkins, Harlan Lovestone, Loretta Markell, Frank Rouleau and Marsha Wright. 150 Community Arts Building, Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through March 31 - "Visions of Peace and Evolution in the New Millennium," a multimedia exhibit by 20 artists. 47 Williams St., Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY
Through March 27 - Artwork of Deborah Donelson and Vidvuds Zviedris. 162 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY
Through March 26 - "Actual Size," a multimedia show. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4278.

FORD GALLERY
Through March 31 - Michigan Biennial 2000 juried by Charles McGee. 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1268.

GALERIE BLU
Through April 29 - Crash, New

York artist at 7 North Saginaw (2nd floor), Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

GALLERY AT MARYGROVE COLLEGE
Through March 24 - Riverside: The Songbooks of Craig Matis and Cal Smith/Personal Views on Racism. Closing reception is 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 24. Also "The Saga of J Blue" by J.H. Dozier is a ten chapter suite of prints through March 24. Fourth Floor, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols at Wyoming, Detroit. (313) 927-1336.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through March 25 - New work by Therman Statom. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through April 30 - "New Photography II" photographs of 14 artists from around the world. 63 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY
Through March 25 - 4th annual exposures 2000 photography show of emerging regional professionals, students and amateur photographic artists at 6 N. Saginaw. (248) 334-1676.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through March 30 - The Visual Arts Association of Livonia. Through March 30 - Michigan Doll Makers Guild at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490; Through March 30 - Exhibition by the Palette Guild of Livonia in the Livonia City Hall Lobby; Quilts by Susan McLenaghan of Livonia. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through March 25 - "Fantasia," groups works. St. Patrick's Day Salon with poetry, music and monologues is 3-6 p.m. Sunday, March 19. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through April 6 - "Personal Favorites: Fine Prints From The Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes" at Oakland University, 307 Wilson Hall, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

MILLERS ARTISTS SUPPLIES GALLERY
Through March 25 - Neville Clouten's exhibit of sketches and watercolors. 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. (248) 414-7070.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through April 6 - "People, Plants and Culture," an exhibit of fine arts and crafts presented by the Arts League of Michigan. 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS GALERIA
Through March 31 - Graphics and ceramics by Anna Sikora and Lukasz Kostecki. Orchard Lake Schools Galeria, Commerce and Orchard Lake Roads, Orchard Lake. (248) 683-0345.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through April 1 - Solo exhibition by Nancy Thayer and "Photography," an exhibition showing the diversity of photography as an art medium. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB
Through June 16 - A juried exhibit of the club's paintings at the BPS Corporate Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills. (248) 646-7033.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY
Through March 31 - Israeli artist David Gerstein. 4301 Orchard Lake Road, Crosswinds Mall, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through April 15 - Posey Bacopoulos in the Stratton Gallery and "Wood Fired, Salt Fired," a group exhibition. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through March 24 - Personal Visions, a photography show in cooperation with Livonia Camera Club. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4ART.

POSA GALLERY
Through March 31 - Featured artist: Phillip Krier. Portrait artist Lin Baum presents the portrait in an hour demonstration at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Summit Place Mall, Waterford, next to Hudson's. (248) 683-8779.

THE PRINT GALLERY
Through April 3 - Latin American artists including Lenora Carrington, Remedios Varo, Frida Kahlo, Gonzalo Cienfuegos and Fernando Botero. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Through March 31 - Group exhibition: Images of the Mind. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SPLASH GALLERY
Through March 25 - Radiance by Kpi, Detroit area artist. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6825.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through April 8 - Paintings by Elizabeth Murray. 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-9039.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through April 8 - Ceramic sculpture by Beth Katieman and "Past Form-Present Tense," found object jewelry by Boris Bally, Robert Ebendorf and Ramona Solberg. 202 E. Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

UZELAC GALLERY
Through April 1 - Off The Wall featuring six area artists exploring the third dimension in art. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5257.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through April 1 - First anniversary exhibition of small works. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

WATERFORD CULTURAL COUNCIL
Through March 31 - artwork of more than 50 elementary students will be on display at Waterford Wendy's, 370 Elizabeth Lake Road. (248) 623-7907.

LECTURES

ARCHITECTURE
Jon Kletzien lectures at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at the auditorium at Lawrence Tech University, 21000 West Ten Mile, Southfield. (248) 204-2880.

BROWN BAG LECTURE
Irish folk performance by Charlie Taylor at noon, Thursday, March 16 in the Information Technology Auditorium, County Campus in Waterford. (248) 855-0415.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Writer's corner featuring Wayne State University Professor Norma Goldman is 10 a.m. Friday, March 17. Suzanne Seward from the speaker's bureau of the DIA will discuss "Women in Art" at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 23. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

MICHAEL MEDVED
The film critic and author will speak about his new book: "Saving Childhood: Protecting Our Children from the National Assault on Innocence" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-5700.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through March 26 - Joseph Grigely Publications and Publication Projects, 1994-1999. Through April 2 - Painting Zero Degree group show by contemporary artists. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (800) 60CRANBROOK.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
"Take My Picture, Please," a Festival of Cultural Snapshots. Sunday brunch series is "Medical Illustration Through the Ages," 11 a.m. Sunday,

March 12. Spring Fling, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 18 & 19. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3224.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through June 4 - Van Gogh: Face to Face. Through March 26 - Robert Frank: The Americans. Through May 31 - "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Sonny Eliot is the celebrity tour guide for "On the Air!" exhibit from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 19. The exhibit runs through April 30 at the museum. Woodward and Kirby, Detroit. (313) 833-1805.

TROY MUSEUM
Through March 30 - "Going West-Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars." 60 Wattles, Troy. (248) 524-3570.

THEATER

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass" through April 9 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Opening night today at 7:30 p.m. Show dates March 15-19, March 22-26, March 29-April 2, April 5-9. Tickets \$15-25. To purchase tickets call (248) 788-2900.

GEM THEATER
"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, extended through June 25. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays; 3 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800.

THE KING KORN TRIO
A romp back to the 1950s presented in the McAuley Theatre of the University of Detroit Mercy March 30-April 16. Tickets \$10 for regular admission, for information call (313) 993-1130.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
The production of "Translations," a play about the clash between the Irish of 1833 and their English landlords by Brian Friel, opens Thursday, March 16 and runs through Sunday, March 26 in the Varner Studio Theatre on Oakland University's campus. (248) 370-3013.

STAGE DOOR PLAYERS
"A Night at the Theatre: Five Short Plays," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Birmingham Groves Little Theatre, 13 Mile and Evergreen.

VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Sherlock Holmes" March 17-April 1 at 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Tickets \$14. (248) 644-2075.

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE
"Tony and Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays; at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668 / (248) 645-6666.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

SNOW WHITE
Sara Smith Productions Youth Theater at The Community House in Birmingham will show "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Appropriate for ages 5 and up. Performances are 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Tickets are \$7 per person (general seating), \$9 at the door. Reserved seating is \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theater at The Community House. (248) 644-5832.

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 Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, Mich. 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training sessions at the DIA 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-0247.

FUND-RAISER

AMBASSADOR TO AFRICA
A fund-raiser for the CCB African Collection Committee is 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 341-4278.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Local bands get a shot at major Michigan entertainment venues

Local musicians, it's time to shine.

Palace Sports & Entertainment, Inc. is gearing up for its second annual Opening Act Contest, which gives local, unsigned and local-label bands a shot at warming up some of the hot summer shows scheduled for Pine Knob Music-Theatre in Independence Township and Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester Hills.

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The requirements

- Artists must perform original material
Artists must be unsigned or signed only to a local label
Artists cannot be related to any PS&E employee or have previously performed at any PS&E venue

What to send in

- Audio/video tapes or CDs must contain at least 10 minutes of original material
All music and lyrics must reflect a live performance
All submissions must include a biography and photo, contact name, address and daytime phone number. Materials will not be returned.

All submissions must be postmarked no later than March 31.

Send it to: Opening Act Contest, The Palace, Two Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. Do not call.

Finalists will be announced May 1.

The competition between eight finalists will be held Wednesday, May 24 at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Each finalist will perform a 10-minute live set. A panel of judges from the local entertainment scene will then choose three winners to open for various artists throughout the 2000 concert season.

Enter today, and good luck.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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

by Harold Frederick. The program, which features guest scholars from Madonna University and focuses on the changing concept of community, takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the library, 30100 Seven Mile Road west of Middlebelt.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK

Michigan outdoor author Tim Smith will make a special appearance in March at the Northville Barnes & Noble store. Smith, author of the Buck Wilder outdoor guides for children and a popular speaker for adult groups, will appear at the store 7 p.m. March 22.

SPEAKER AVAILABLE

Mary J. Stevens, autobiographer of "It's All in Your Head," a book relating her experiences as an identical twin, nun, teacher, wife and mother, as well as her "death" and recovery experience.

PSYCHIC TALK

Olympia Entertainment presents "An Evening with Sylvia," part of Sylvia Browne's book tour and psychic lecture series. Included will be a discussion of the author's third book, "Life on the Other Side."

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reimagining Community - This winter book discussion series at the Carl Sandburg branch of the Livonia library will next examine "The Damnation of Theron Ware"

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Flint African American Quilters' Guild will put on display a selection of legacy-inspired quilting styles and patterns at the Southfield Public Library.

Iris Underfoot returns to Borders Farmington Hills 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, to conduct one of her patented creative writing workshops.

PARENT AWARENESS

Jaque Martin Downs, director of the Family Resource Center of Wayne-Westland, will speak about how to help children make the right decisions when faced with uncomfortable situations.

National Announcements

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248-334-6777

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200 Barclay Circle
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9:00 PM ONLY
BOLLER ROOM (R)
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AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)

AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
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FREE CONCERT

Brazilian guitarist Fábio Zanon will perform Scarlatti sonatas and music by Sor, Brouwer and Miranda noon Wednesday, March 22 during a concert in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Schoolcraft, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-4403.

Zanon made his orchestral debut with the London Philharmonic in 1998. In 1999, he recorded the soundtrack of the French film "Les Enfants du Sicle" and premiered new works in the Czech Republic and Lon-

don. His CD of Villa-Lobos' guitar works was hailed as a reference recording and his debut recital CD was chosen as the best CD of 1998 by Gramophone Magazine.

OPEN AUDITIONS

The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford is holding open auditions for singers, dancers and specialty acts 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford.

Performers should have at least 2-3 minutes of prepared material. All types of performers are encouraged to audition for this fund-raising event. Performance dates are May 5-6. Call (313) 531-0554.

GLASS BEADMAKERS WANTED

The Michigan Glass Beadmaker's Guild will hold an organizational meeting noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in Room 251

of the Science Building at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

The program includes a bead-making demonstration by Plymouth glass artist Don Schneider in addition to the organizational meeting.

If you can't attend and would like to be notified of future meetings/events, call Anne Sheppard at (734) 261-2150 or Don Miller at (313) 593-5262 or e-mail him at drmill@umich.edu.

HONORS RECITAL DEADLINE APPROACHES

Students of voice, piano and all band and orchestral instruments are encouraged to audition for the 2000 Honors Recitals sponsored by the Schoolcraft College music department. Deadline for application is Sunday, March

19. The competition culminates in performances on April 9 for cash prizes. The recitals are designed to encourage excellence in performance and teaching in the Detroit-Ann Arbor area. Students in elementary through high school are eligible for the piano competition, students in grades 5-12 for the instrumental division, and students grades 9-12 for the vocal category.

Auditions for the piano recital are Friday, March 31. Piano, instrumental and vocal auditions continue through Saturday, April 1. All auditions and honors performances will take place in the college's Forum Recital Hall. For information and an application, call (734) 462-4403.

PHOTO SEMINAR

Canton photographer Ted Nelson is one of the presenters at

the 37th annual Photo Seminar Friday-Sunday, March 24-26 at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen at Ford Road, Dearborn.

Advance registration is suggested and will be accepted through Monday, March 20. For more information, call (248) 474-6509 or (810) 775-3165.

Nelson will talk about the "Nature of Kensington." Nearly 3 million people visit Kensington Metropark every year but only a few see what Nelson has captured on film - sandhill cranes poking through dewy fields at daybreak and the rising sun filtered through the wings of a damselfly. Nelson will also share his experiences of self-publishing his recent book "The Nature of Kensington."

ART PROGRAM

The Ann Arbor Women

Painters presents its third "Can We Talk?" program 7 p.m. Monday, March 20 at the Ann Arbor Public Library on Fifth Avenue at William, Ann Arbor. A panel of artists from the Ann Arbor Women Artists will talk about art related issues ranging from how-to-do-it to current art issues.

The public is welcome. Call (734) 998-1123 for information.

WRITERS WANTED

Writers of all ages are invited to join the Plymouth Writer's Club which meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Aspiring writers of all experience levels are welcome to share their work. For more information, call Brian Anderson at (734) 416-0418.

Campaign aims to 'de-snob' culture, build regional cooperation

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After years of political squabbling about the futility of regional cooperation and the cantankerous "Detroit versus suburbs" hogwash, the southeastern Michigan cultural scene is about to undergo a long-overdue makeover.

Stand up and take notice. Here's the first glimpse at the changing metro-area cultural scene of the 21st century.

Talk of culture will have to be expanded beyond the tired political rhetoric and typical jabbering about auto industry trends and box scores.

Success also means the push for regional funding for the arts will be given a huge boost. Currently, the discussion to assess a half-mill tax on property owners in Wayne and Oakland counties has been at a logjam.

"Enrich Your Life"

On Tuesday, 14 of the area's most recognized and attended cultural institutions will unveil a new, provocative advertising campaign aimed at transforming public perception about the array of cultural offerings of the

OPINION

region.

The bold initiative, optimistically entitled "Enrich Your Life," is a comprehensive multimedia campaign that will begin airing within the next week or two on TV and radio and run in newspaper and magazine ads.

The campaign is expected to run at least a year.

Developed pro-bono by Doner Co. of Southfield, "Enrich Your Life" has a contemporary, edgy tone.

Heavy on humor and filled with irreverence, the campaign goes a long way to deflate highfalutin' notions of what is "art."

And, more importantly, the campaign makes an appeal that the arts (and cultural experiences) are for everyone, not just for the wealthy or "informed."

Hopefully, the ad campaign won't drip with the sappiness of the "It's a Good Time In Detroit" mantra intended to reinvigorate the perception of Motown as a happy place.

Rather, the focus of "Enrich Your Life" should be on making a compelling case for the

strength of the region's culture, from exhibits at Cranbrook and the Detroit Institute of Arts to Detroit Symphony concerts to plays at Meadow Brook and lavish productions at the Detroit Opera House.

After years of self-doubt and poor self-esteem about the area's cultural offerings, it'd be unfortunate if the campaign message sounded desperate or too flip-pant.

Too much is at stake.

Follow the cue

For a moment, consider that the campaign will have the typical Doner magic.

What's needed for actual change in public attitudes?

First, the regional media must air and print the ads as public service announcements. That means local media must be committed to supporting the initiative.

Of course, that means they give as much attention to the public service commitment as they give to titillating special reports during ratings month.

Second, business and governmental leaders must follow the cue, and step up to the plate.

Now is the time to raise the

level of debate about culture.

It's not enough to enjoy the humor of the ads. Nor will any worthwhile change occur if the catchy slogan does nothing to convince people of the deeper message.

Raise level of debate

Frankly, promoting the arts and culture isn't simply hyping exhibits and concerts. Promoting the value of culture is a means to stand up for a higher quality of life and a more humane society.

Ironically, with the proliferation of the suburbs over the last five decades, the notion of a shared regional culture has diminished.

An ad campaign can't change reality. But it can get everyone talking.

And talk in southeastern Michigan hasn't always come

easily. Frank Provenzano is an arts reporter for the Eccentric News-papers. He can be reached at (248) 901-2557.

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How do you define shopping?

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

I've been waiting for a reason to write about my participation in a Gallup Poll survey on Internet shopping.

Since this section is called "Malls & Mainstreets," it's difficult to justify writing about shopping in cyberspace. (By the way, I'd like to hear from readers who have feelings one way

or the other about seeing Internet shopping information here. Send me an e-mail, drop me a note or give me a phone call.)

Anyway, there was a deluge of shoppers in downtown Birmingham earlier this week, apparently brought on by the unseasonably warm weather. Such an occurrence seemed to me to drive home the point shopping isn't just about buying or looking around for merchandise. Often, shopping is simply entertainment.

Anyway, a few days before Christmas, I received a telephone call from a guy at the Gallup Poll.

He asked about 10 questions. When was the last time I used the Internet? When was the last time I looked for merchandise on the Internet? Did I have Internet access at home?

He then asked whether I'd be willing to participate in a larger survey on web shopping. I said yes and listened to his instructions. He told me I would fill out the survey on the Internet. Written instructions and a pin number to access the survey would arrive in a few days, he said.

Since I regularly rely on the Internet for information about retailers and new merchandise for my job, I decided I was an excellent candidate for the survey. I probably knew things about retail cyberspace most people didn't.

Shortly after beginning the survey, I realized my knowledge about what retail offer on the Internet was unimportant to the Gallup Poll.

The survey was divided into retail categories, such as books, airline tickets, clothing, house wares and so forth. Each section began with the question: "Which of the following descriptions best fits your behavior when you shop on-line for ...?"

■ "I'm usually just browsing, not really in the market to buy at that time."

■ "I'm usually getting information so that I can make my purchase elsewhere."

■ "I'm shopping and may or may not make my purchase on-line."

■ "I'm usually intending to make my purchase on-line."

Following was a list of web sites and a series of boxes that were to be checked based on whether I had shopped or purchased there within the last two weeks or last two months.

In other words, the survey taps into how different people define shopping.

Is it merely browsing or a process of gathering information, comparing products and price tags? Or is it a more complex decision-making process? Is it pulling out the credit card and buying something? Perhaps it is a combination of these actions?

Of course everybody defines shopping differently, and I'm fairly certain most of us don't really think about these distinctions. I mean who has time for a semantics debate concerning something as trivial as shopping?

But obviously, there are people - probably the executives who head up apparel companies and publishing houses and so forth - who care tremendously about these distinctions.

Interestingly enough, after completing the survey, I concluded I didn't actually shop on the Internet. Even when I was in the market to buy, I was merely gathering information; I decided. Thus, shopping on the Internet isn't shopping from my point of view.

On the other hand, heading to downtown Birmingham to walk the streets, enjoy the unseasonable weather, browse store windows and perhaps buy something, is shopping in my opinion.

It's often said that shopping malls and real stores with salespeople won't lose business to the Internet and catalogs because consumers like to touch and feel merchandise before they buy. Shoppers also like atmosphere, a warm, inviting storefront, interesting store displays and the like.

Nonetheless, I have a feeling I won't be the only one who is shopping and purchasing merchandise on the Internet in the near future.

Sweet times

Teens and retailers prepare for prom season



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALIBRA

Good fit: Rochester Adams High School juniors Keely Gramling and Katie Potter try on prom dresses at Hudson's at Summit Place Mall in Waterford. Both young ladies are participating in Prom Gala 2000, a program sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Healthy People, Healthy Oakland. Through the program area teens pledge to stay substance-free through prom season and appear in a prom fashion show and dance performance at an area mall.

That all-important night in a young girl's life - prom - is approaching quickly.

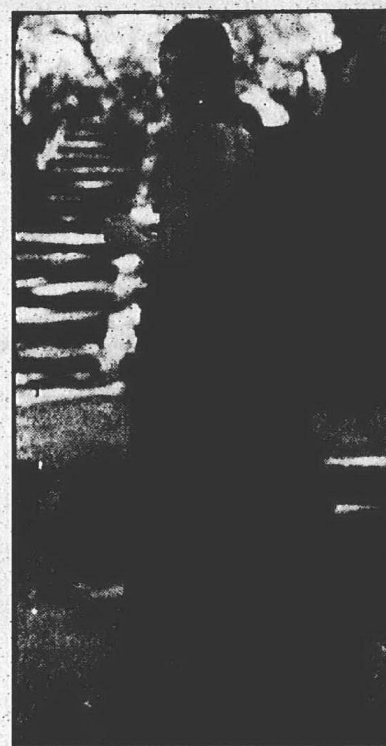
And both retailers and teenage girls are in the throws of preparing for the event.

Several prom fashion shows are slated at area stores and malls, including Prom Gala 2000, a runway presentation of prom attire and a dance performance featuring both guys and girls from local high schools who have committed to stay substance-free through prom season.

The program is being sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Healthy People, Healthy Oakland and culminates in a fashion and dance presentation at 1 p.m. today (Sunday, March 12) on the stage at Oakland Mall in Troy.

For those who can't make the show, Jacobson's will highlight trends in prom attire at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18 in the Ms. J department at their stores in downtown Birmingham, Rochester Hills and Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

The season's prom attire promises a substantial dose of color, especially different shades of pink. Bare shoulders, midriffs and backs that are discreet enough to keep parents happy also are in abundance, said Beverly Rice, Jacobson's senior vice president, fashion and merchandising. Separates, such as full skirts with cotton camisoles, and use of tulle are other promising trends, she said. "They're dressing up, you know," said Rice. "They're not slouching around. ... It's a big occasion for most young people, and they want to dress up."



Sweet styles: Bare midriffs, shoulders and backs, feminine details and separates sweep prom looks, \$132-156 all at Jacobson's.

Pop singer Brandy visits Hudson's at Northland

Brandy style: Pop singer and television star Brandy is slated to visit the Northland Center Hudson's store in Southfield on March 18 to promote DKNY's new junior jeans line.



Jeans, teenagers and a role model. Gather them together at the mall, and you have a winning event.

That's why DKNY, which is launching a collection of junior jeans, is following in the footsteps of other apparel companies who have targeted the youth market, and bringing pop singer and television star Brandy Norwood to the area.

Brandy, a Grammy Award-winning, pop R&B star with Atlantic Records, has been chosen to appear in the company's advertisements for the clothing collection and participate in their marketing campaigns, which means retail appearances across the country.

She'll visit metropolitan Detroit shoppers and teens at noon Saturday, March 18 at the DKNY Junior Jeans shop at Hudson's Northland Center store in Southfield.

Brandy is slated to spend about an hour signing autographs, shaking hands, conversing with fans and

talking about DKNY's junior collection.

The denim line is a new junior girls division for DKNY that targets teenagers, age 14 to 18, and seeks to appeal to the groups' urban and independent sensibilities.

The jeans, original styles designed specifically for a teenager's body and lifestyle, are available in different colors with a variety of embellishments. The label, which is accented with neon pink, says "DKNY//Jeans."

Coordinates for the collection are a mix of sexy and sweet: tie-dye halters, hook 'n eye ribbed tanks, plaid tops, nylon surfer shorts, lace-edged white Capri pants and other trendy pieces.

For additional information about Brandy's appearance, call Hudson's at Northland Center, (248) 443-6000.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

AMERICAN BEAUTY WEEK
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents American Beauty Week, a week of special events and gift-with-purchase promotions at their cosmetic counters through March 18, Cosmetics & Fragrances, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 261.

GIANFRANCO FERRE SHOW
View the special order collection of Gianfranco Ferre for spring at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy. Trunk show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and informal modeling, 1-4 p.m., Salon Z Collections, third floor. For additional information, call (248) 643-9000.

RENFREW TRUNK SHOW
Fibres, 270 West Maple Road in downtown Birmingham, presents a trunk show of spring suiting and separates by Renfrew through March 19, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For details, call (248) 723-2880.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MEN'S TRUNK SHOWS
Jacobson's in Rochester Hills hosts two trunk shows for men, the Hart Marx Collection, Men's Department, and the Johnston & Murphy Collection, Men's Shoes, 4-8 p.m. For details, call (248) 651-6000.

CAROL PERETZ TRUNK SHOW
Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, presents a trunk show of spring and summer evening gowns by Carol Peretz with an appearance by the designer through March 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For details, call (248) 855-8855.

TADASHI TRUNK SHOW
View the spring collection of evening gowns by Tadashi at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Galleria, third floor. For additional information, call (248) 643-3300.

DERBY EVENT
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts the Livonia Family YMCA's Indian Guides Pinewood Derby, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Food Court. For details, call (734) 522-4100.

CRAIG TAYLOR APPEARANCE
Shirt designer Craig Taylor visits Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Women's Sports, first floor. For additional information, call (248) 644-6900.

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW
Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a trunk show of the most recent jewelry collection by Robin Rotenier, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-3300.

CHILDREN'S MAGIC SHOW
Livonia Mall, at 7 Mile Road, hosts a children's magic show that teaches social skills and strategies, 1 p.m. Value City Court. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Corn Huskers hand lotion can be bought at most Rite Aid, CVS, F&M, and Meijer stores.
- The Beauty Boutique catalog carries some Adrienne Arpel cosmetics, (800) 497-7463.
- The game Michigan Rummy, also known as Tripoli, can be bought at Toys R Us stores and at some Target and Kmart stores.
- The perfume KL by Lagerfeld can be purchased at the Fragrant outlet at Birch Run, (517) 624-0134.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- We did not find a company that will repair a Seeborg jukebox, so we are still looking for one.
 - We are no longer looking for an iron mangle; we had several readers with one available.
 - We have had many requests for Hudson's millennium Santa bears, but those readers with the bears no longer have any available.
 - Jungle Gardenia perfume by Tuvache is no longer manufactured.
 - Sutherland's restaurant served halibut not cod.
- WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**
- A company or person to appraise a small ceramic Chinese dog for Margaret of Canton.
 - A store that will repair a glass dish holding a prism for a lamp for Julia, who lives in Westland.
 - A 1998 "Muffy Bear" Sugar Plum Fairy for Diane.
 - A used 32-volt Delco sys-

tem generator for Walter.

- A Farberware or Revere stove-top percolator that is not electric.
- A store that sells Carter's all-cotton Spanky pants with a band leg.
- The 1930-40 Time/Life book series for Evelyn of Livonia.
- A store where single serving salad dressing packets can be bought for Elaine, a resident of Garden City.
- A store where Angel Soft & Gentle floral/colored toilet tissue is available for Kathy of Redford.
- A Samsonite metal card table chair in yellow and gray for children for Mary.
- A videotape copy of a television program aired on WDIV-Channel 4 on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2000 about events and influential people of the century.
- Barney software by Microsoft called "Barney Under the Sea," "Barney Goes to the Circus," and "Fun on the Farm," for Colleen.
- A store that has a whistling tea kettle that shuts off when it reaches boiling point for Barbara of Troy.
- A Detroit Brady Elementary School book containing poems and photos (1944-45) for Florence, who lives in Southfield.
- The game Scotland Yard for Debbie.
- British Sterling men's stick deodorant for Shirley of Livonia.
- A store that sells FINESSE hair brushes for Judy.
- New or used "Moon Glow" curtains, sheets, drapes and scarves made by Drapery Boutique for Debbie, a resident of Canton.
- A gasket for a 4-quart Mirromatic pressure cooker for Agatha of Livonia.
- Two Millennium Barbie dolls for Nancy, a Livonia resident.
- Waterford's 1999 "Twelve Days of Christmas" ornament series for Helen of Livonia.
- Coty's 24-hour cream lipstick in "Redstone" for Lois,

who lives in Livonia.

- A June, 1950 Grosse Pointe High School yearbook.
- AGZALELAND lavender-water after-shave for men for Mike of Plymouth.
- The front page or a section from the June 18, 1998 edition of The Detroit News & Free Press for Carol, a resident of Troy.
- An antique library-style dictionary stand for Joanne, a Bloomfield Township resident.
- The book "Alphie, the Christmas Tree," by John Denver for Cyndie.
- A store where a heating coil for use in a cigarette lighter that warms coffee can be bought for Regina, a Commerce Township resident.
- A 1939 Commerce High School yearbook for Grace, a resident of Livonia.
- A store where "Wibbles that Wobble" are sold for Marge of Canton.
- A 6 or 8-ounce Vernor's ginger ale glass used for ice cream floats for John.
- A store where bed sheets for a 3/4 antique bed can be bought for Janet, who resides in Clarkston.
- A Foley pastry cloth.
- Solo soprano music for "Dancing Doll" by E. Poldini for Gail of Dearborn.
- A 1934 Ferndale Lincoln High School yearbook for Catherine, a resident of Novi.
- A video tape of the movie "Bus Top" for Heidi of Bloomfield Hills.
- A store that carries products from the Super Guard II Ideal Security Hardware Corporation, based in St. Paul, Minn. for Christine of Ortonville.
- A store where homemade, tightly-wrapped pizza rolls with a generous amount of cheese and pepperoni are sold for Kim of Livonia.
- A store where standard mattress sheets without elastic around the entire sheet are sold for Marie, who lives in Canton.
- A store where a battery-operated flour sifter can be bought for Sandra, who lives in Sterling Heights.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

Just friends: Friendship rings can symbolize the innocence of new romance, a special closeness between two friends or a promise made between two lovers. Whatever their purpose, they've recently gained in popularity, so Cartier has created an indulgent one complete with a 0.21 carat diamond and 18 karat white gold, \$1,750-2,575 at Cartier.



Simply luxurious: Neiman Marcus has launched an updated private label collection of goodies for the bath, including body lotion, shower gel and bath, guest and hand soaps. Look for new fragrances like tuberose, verbena, lavender and frangipani, \$15-32 at Neiman Marcus.



Tropical punch: The beautiful, vibrant colors of fruit are informing cosmetics collection this spring, as well as fashion. Stila's lineup includes extremely sheer eye color in shades of guava, kiwi and mango. Look for hues of melon, nectarine and raspberry in Stila's Lip Color lipsticks, Nail Shimmer nail polish and other products, \$12-17 at department stores.



Oakland Mall offers certificates on-line

Sure, merchandise can be purchased on the Internet. But what about a gift certificate for a friend or family member who'd rather shop than unwrap a package? Actually, several local shopping venues offer on-line gift certificate programs, including Oakland Mall - the latest to extend the service to customers. The Birmingham Principal Shopping District, the Somerset Collection in Troy and The Village shopping district in Grosse Pointe also sell gift certificates on-line. Oakland Mall's certificates are redeemable at any of the center's stores and can be purchased

with a credit card for between \$5 and \$50 (in increments of \$5) by visiting the center's web site at www.oaklandmall.com.

The shopping mall is located at I-75 and 14 Mile Road in Troy.

The certificates, which have a one-year expiration date, also bear a personalized message from the purchaser. Mailing and handling costs are paid for by the purchaser.

The service is being provided through an agreement between Oakland Mall and Isiah.com.

Gift certificates for use in downtown Birmingham (Birmingham Principal Shopping District) and the Somerset Collection in Troy can be purchased on the Internet at Isiah.com.

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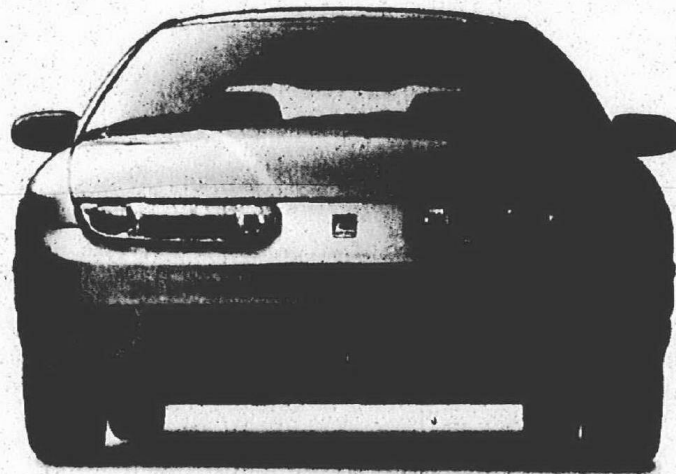
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Couple's travels lead them into Michigan's past

Down the dusty washboard road and across the river brings you past a canoe livery and the remains of the old wooden bridge jutting out of the water. A few old departed cabins, barely visible in the overgrown brush, lie behind a fenced-off area on the other side of the river. Is that where the past is?

—from "Towns at the Turn" by Gene Scott

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

"Nothing in history stands still but it sure seems like it when you get there," explains Gene Scott, Livonia writer and author of a new paperback book, "Towns at the Turn."

The "there" is any of nearly three dozen towns, villages and mere crossroads in Michigan that are 100 years old.

Visiting them, researching their history and turning the information into a book was a labor of love for Scott, a retired reporter, editor, educator and public relations employee for the city of Detroit. His constant companion for travel and research is his wife, Barbara.

The writing/retirement project began in 1998. In May of 1999 the couple logged several thousand miles as they traveled around the state.

Goal

Their goal: talk to at least one person in every 100-year-old Michigan town. In one town they sat on a front porch and talked with three generations of people. As they reminisced, out of the barn came the family's patriarch



Gene Scott: The author is flanked by Painesdale residents Ruth Katalin (left) and Debra Pindral (right). Last July the little town celebrated its centennial.

— a fourth-generation individual. The family had run the same farm since 1906, according to Scott.

In another town they met a woman who offered to drive them around to point out the places of historical interest.

The project included trips to the Michigan Room of the Library of Michigan and to the famous Burton Collection at the Detroit Main Library, where there are massive genealogical records. The local Livonia library helped, too.

Scott also talked to county and township people, postmasters, and local historical society members.

"Towns" takes the reader to 32 out-of-the-way places, many of them in the far reaches of the

Upper Peninsula

"I got interested in this some time ago when I was working on my masters degree. I researched how eight Michigan towns worked." Also, Scott said, since he is involved in the Detroit 300 anniversary project and as a resident is aware of Livonia's 50 birthday as a city this month, he wondered about towns "in between."

Scott is quick to point out this book is not academic; it is, rather, a layman's effort to have some fun, some "nostalgic enjoyment."

Most of the surviving towns from the turn of the century were once logging towns or copper mining villages. Some were farming or even resort communities.

Criteria

The book provides vignettes of 32 locations. Also included are lists of ghost towns, and towns long gone from Michigan maps. To be in this book, Scott set several criteria:

- The place still had to be on the map.

- The county engineers decide what stays on a map and what goes. These towns had stayed.

- There were road signs to the location.

Some places are small indeed. One town, Northport Point on the Leelenau Peninsula, only has seven families.

The Scotts' favorite Lower Peninsula town is Bentheim, where they spent time talking with Maurice and Henrietta Heck, descendants of Germans who came to the area south of



Prosper didn't prosper: The Prosper Christian Reformed Church near Lake City apparently gave the tiny village its name.

Holland to farm. The couple delighted the Scotts when they rolled a 83-year-old Chevy soft-top out of the barn and started it up. "We spent an hour and a half talking to the couple. They took us through one barn that had been built in the 1880s," Scott said.

Their favorite Upper Peninsula town is Ralph. Yes, the city limits sign says "Welcome to Ralph."

"Ralph is about 15 miles from Iron Mountain, Scott said. "Out on an old Federal highway."

Hardest to find was Leota on dirt roads in Clare County northwest of Harrison. "It was all unpaved roads in and out," Scott said.

The book is illustrated with many vintage maps of the areas, and 63 photographs.

An audio-visual presentation (slides and sound) is available for community and service groups, presented free by Scott. The show takes about 30 minutes followed by time for questions.

"People are interested in the



Painesdale: One of the bigger "Towns at the Turn" is near Houghton and features this copper mining shaft-house.

method of research," Scott said. "More than the material itself. There is a lot of interest in genealogy."

The book is available from Scott at 8861 Utah, Livonia MI 48150. Send \$10, which covers all costs. Phone (734) 523-7844.



Still running: The author's wife, Barbara Scott (in car), talks with farm wife Henrietta Heck. The Chevy is 83 years old and still runs.



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Use Internet as essential cooking tool

The Internet is fast becoming a chef's best friend. With the click of a mouse I can find recipes, nutritional information, compare vendor food prices, look at equipment, and place food orders.

The Internet has also proven to be an essential teaching tool.

Students with Internet access can jump on their favorite search engine to do research instead of driving to a library. Anyone with an appetite for information about food can satisfy their hunger for knowledge on the Internet. How about an afternoon chat regarding dinner menus with someone in California, Florida or even Europe? The latest and greatest fads, recipes and other food related items are a keystroke away.

Be proactive

With quick access to information we can be more proactive about protecting our food sources. You can be an avid activist without ever leaving your PC.

Parents can easily access nutritional information and be assured their family is eating balanced meals. You can also learn the latest and greatest news about all those good-for-you and bad-for-you foods.

The Internet has also spawned many home food endeavors from canning to bottling micro beer. My neighbors started roasting their own coffee beans after learning how from sources they found online.

How about more mushrooms or unique, hard-to-find spices delivered to your home in a day? You can order lots of food items online. The Internet has expanded the options for people who have a passion for cooking, and are searching for hard-to-find ingredients.

Appetizing stops

■ **Starchefs.com** - Is an interesting and informative site for food novices and professionals. Starchefs.com offers information on a variety of topics including healthy cooking, tea, quick meals, Sunday dinners, and holiday baking.

I spoke with Ann Brody at Starchefs and she is confident they will be expanding to offer restaurant reservations, culinary tours and more. Guest chefs share secrets and tricks of the trade; Ann encourages all to stop by anytime, no reservations required.

■ **Breadrecipe.com** - Features a new recipe everyday. You can build your own bakery cookbook a day at a time.

■ **Foodtv.com** - If you are looking for recipes from your favorite cooking show, you can always hop online to find them.

■ **Epicuria.fr/anglais/index.htm** - Here's where you'll find enchanting French recipes and some interesting ideas for wild game.

■ **Nutribase.com** - This site will help you find, calculate and convert various recipes to meet the nutritional needs of you and your family.

■ **Gourmetspantry.com** - Visit this site for help locating those hard to find food items.

■ **Wholefoods.com** - Whole Foods is a national chain with numerous stores right here in our area. They always have great, helpful, healthful hints on food and exciting recipes.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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- Recipes from readers

Breaking the fast

Healthy eating starts with the first meal of the day

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

March is National Nutrition Month! Eating healthy foods and staying physically active contribute tremendously to your quality of life.

There are no secrets as to what it means to eat healthy. The best advice can still be summed up in three words: balance, variety and moderation.

Healthy eating starts with your first meal of the day when you "break the fast." It gives your body the fuel it needs to function throughout the day. It's no surprise to me that National School Breakfast Week (March 6-10) also fell during March, the month we dedicate to nutrition awareness.

Children and adults who skip breakfast tend to overcompensate and eat more over the course of the day. It is especially important for parents to eat a good breakfast because they are role models for their children.

Children who eat breakfast are less likely to miss school, be overweight or get sick. Breakfast eaters score higher on tests and have better concentration and muscle coordination.

Eating breakfast as a family provides a good opportunity to spend quality time together. If you're not used to eating breakfast, you can acquire the breakfast habit in progressive stages. Start with a glass of milk, juice or a piece of fruit. Have a little something more - maybe a piece of toast or a hard-boiled egg - a few hours later so that you complete your breakfast by mid-morning.

Then as the days go by, add other breakfast foods to the early morning menu. You will soon have a healthy routine to start your day. Since no single food contains all of the 40 or so nutrients your body needs every day, it's important to eat a variety of foods.

Breakfast pleasers

The few minutes it takes to fix breakfast can result in several hours of greater efficiency and a better frame of mind in the morning. Chances are those extra few minutes of sleep will not benefit you as much as a good breakfast. Here are some quick and easy breakfast ideas to keep you going all morning:

- Ready-to-eat cereal with fruit and milk
- Toasted bagel with cheese
- Fruit-filled breakfast bar and yogurt
- Toasted waffle topped with fruit and yogurt
- Fruit smoothie (fruit and milk whirled in a blender)
- Peanut butter on toast
- Scrambled eggs and Canadian bacon on an English muffin
- Ricotta or cottage cheese mixed with cinnamon and served with canned peaches
- French toast with ham and canned pineapple

Breakfast and sugar

Watch any children's TV program and you'll see commercials for sweetened breakfast cereals, breakfast bars, toaster pastries and other sweet breakfast treats. We're a grab-and-go society that loves our sweets! From a young age, our children learn to prefer sweet tastes over others.

For most people, sugar in moderation is fine. Just remember that sweets are at the top of the Food Guide Pyramid and are really intended to be eaten in small quantities.

Breakfast around the world

Eating breakfast refuels your body with energy, vitamins, minerals and fiber. After eight hours of sleep and a "fast" (since last night's dinner was eaten some 12 hours before), adults need energy to help them function properly throughout the morning hours. Children need breakfast for the same reasons and to help them grow.

All over the globe, youngsters eat breakfast. Here are some examples of breakfasts around the world, which may be very different from what you eat - or maybe not:

- China: Rice, dried pork, pickles and soybean juice - eaten with chopsticks.
- England: Grilled kidneys, tomatoes, sausages and eggs.
- Italy: Fresh rolls with chocolate butter spread, hot milk with a little coffee in it, blood oranges and yogurt.
- Japan: Roasted seaweed dipped in soy sauce, boiled rice, pickled radishes and salted plums.
- United States: Cereal, milk, juice, toast (is this close to what you ate today?).



HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

If your young child is over the 95th percentile for his/her age for weight on the growth chart and is having sweetened cereal for breakfast, then that cereal might be the only sweet that should be consumed that day.

Encourage kids to eat a variety of foods at breakfast. If you have time, make the "Egg Eyeballs" recipe inside today's Taste section. Arrange egg halves on a plate to make eyes. Complete the face with a half of a banana for a nose and an orange slice to make a smiling mouth. Toast quarters make good ears.

For those of us on the run, a healthy breakfast can be quick and easy with a little planning.

Try the breakfast sandwich recipe also inside today's Taste. We call it "The Count" because it is adapted from a recipe for Monte Cristo sandwiches.

You can make a bunch of these in advance and freeze them. Pop one in the microwave to heat through and you've got a healthy sandwich to eat on the run.

Another quick breakfast idea is to make pancakes in advance and freeze in individual portions. Then just microwave and top with fruit.

The important thing is to eat a good breakfast to get your motor running, keep you healthy and maximize your potential all day long!

Peggy Martinelli-Everts, R.D., a Clarkston resident, is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a 34-year-old Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management and consulting company, specializing in foodservice management for hospitals, long-term care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools. HDS Services has approximately 290 management accounts throughout the United States and Japan. See recipes inside.

Here's some trivia to munch on

Since it is National Nutrition Month, here is a little nutrition trivia to munch on while you're eating your breakfast:

■ A food that is labeled 98 percent fat-free doesn't necessarily contain only 2 percent fat, the 98 percent fat-free claim refers to the weight of the food, not its calories.

If a food is labeled fat-free, it contains three grams of fat or less per serving. Read the Nutrition Facts label for grams of fat per serving.

■ It is not true that fresh fruits and vegetables contain more nutrients than canned or frozen. Whether canned, fresh or frozen, they contain about the same amount of nutrients. Canned and frozen produce is generally processed at their peak and may contain more nutrients than fresh produce.

However, canned or frozen produce may have added sugar or salt, which something to consider when purchasing these items.

■ People are not born with a preference for salty foods. It is learned. If you slowly cut down sodium intake, your desire for salt will decrease.

■ Your stomach does not shrink when you eat less. It expands to handle large amounts of food. As the food moves through your digestive system, your stomach returns to its normal size and stays there until your next meal.

■ Brown bread does not necessarily have more fiber than white bread. If the bread ingredient list states it contains whole wheat or other whole grains, then it probably has fiber. The brown color is likely from caramel coloring found in the ingredient list. Check the Nutrition Facts label for the number of grams of fiber per serving.

■ If you're looking for calcium-rich foods, cottage cheese is not a good source. A half cup of cottage cheese supplies only 65 mg calcium. On the other hand, eight ounces of milk or yogurt contains 300 mg calcium and one ounce of cheddar cheese contains 200 mg calcium.

■ The myth, "Feed a cold, starve a fever ... or is it starve a cold, feed a fever?" has no health benefit. To fight infection, your body needs a supply of nutrients, plenty of fluids and extra rest. A day's eating plan with variety and balance are as important as ever.

EATING HEALTHY

Wrap cube steak around a delicious veggie

MAIN DISH
WRAP/ROLL



MURIEL WAGNER

Everyone knows vegetables are good for you, but getting your family to eat them can be a chore.

Here's a welcome remedy - a dish that disguises the vegetables with meat and a well-seasoned sauce. The dish is simple and quick and made with cubed steak. It cooks so quickly you need to watch that it's not overcooked. A 3-ounce portion looks larger because it's wrapped around a veggie filling.

The veggies I chose for the filling are mild flavored - tomatoes, carrots and spinach, all excellent sources of vitamin C and iron. These vegetables also contain cancer-fighting antioxidants like lutein, lycopene and beta carotene.

Serve Stuffed Cube Steaks with my Super Fried Potatoes.

Muriel Wagner is a registered dietitian who holds a doctorate. She will be profiled in the 2000 edition of "Marquis Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare" to be published in June. She has practiced in Southfield since 1980, and specializes in smart eating, not dieting. Look for her column in Taste on the second

Sunday of every month. Wagner publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

EATING YOUNGER SUPER FRIED POTATOES

- 1 (1 pound, 4 ounce) Simply Potatoes (refrigerated potato wedges found in the dairy case at your supermarket)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil or canola oil

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Pat potatoes dry with paper towel. Spray a shallow baking pan (jelly roll pan) with nonstick spray. Spread potatoes in a single layer on the pan. Brush potatoes with oil using a pastry brush.

Bake at 450 degrees F until the potatoes are brown and crisp, stirring occasionally to prevent burning and insure even browning (about 15-20 minutes). Serves 4.

Food values per serving: Calories 115, fat 3g. Sat. Fat 0.4g, Sodium 15mg, Cholesterol 0mg. Food Exchanges: 1 1/2 starches, 1/2 fat

STUFFED CUBE STEAKS

- 4 beef cube steaks (1/4 pound each)
- 1/4 cup fat-free Italian dressing
- 1 (8 1/4 ounce) can sliced carrots
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, defrosted
- 1 large tomato (seeded and chopped)
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 (15 ounce can) tomato sauce (garlic and herb flavor)

Brush steaks on both sides with Italian dressing. Mix carrots, spinach, onion, tomato and 1/2 cup of tomato sauce.

Place one quarter of the vegetable mixture on each steak. Roll up, jelly roll style; secure with wooden toothpicks. Spray a nonstick skillet. Place meat rolls in skillet. Pour remaining sauce over meat. Simmer, covered, until tender, about 15-20 minutes. Serve topped with remaining sauce. Serves 4.

Food values per serving: Calories 228, Fat 6.1g. Sat. Fat 2.4g, Sodium 530mg, Cholesterol 82mg. Food exchanges: 3 lean meat, 2 vegetables

Here's minestrone minus the fat of beef

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beans are both vegetable and protein, the only food that falls into two groups on the USDA Food Guide Pyramid. They're low in fat and calories and rich in vitamins and minerals.

Minestrone Verde is a meatless soup with fresh green veggies. It is both quick and nutritious.

MINESTRONE VERDE

- 6 cups reduced-sodium vegetable broth
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1/2 cup small or medium pasta shells
- 15-ounce can kidney beans, or 1 1/2 cups cooked, dry-packaged kidney beans, rinsed, drained
- 15-ounce can Great Northern beans, or 1 1/2 cups cooked, dry-packaged Great Northern beans, rinsed, drained
- 2 cups sliced zucchini

- 1 1/2 cups small broccoli florets
- 1 1/2 cups cut asparagus (1-inch pieces)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil, or 2 teaspoons dried basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary, or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Shredded Parmesan cheese, as garnish

Heat vegetable broth and onion to boiling in large saucepan. Add pasta, reduce heat and simmer, covered, 5 minutes.

Add beans and vegetables to saucepan; simmer, covered, until broccoli is tender, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in herbs and garlic; season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve in bowls; sprinkle lightly with cheese. Makes 8 servings of about 1 1/2 cups each.

Break your nightly 'fast' with these easy recipes

Here's a kid-pleasing recipe, followed by a breakfast sandwich. See related story on Taste front.

EGG EYEBALLS

- For each serving, use:
- 1 egg, hard boiled, shell removed
 - 1 turkey sausage patty (we used the Turkey Store patties)

Preheat oven to 375° F. Wrap sausage patty around egg so that it completely covers the egg. Place eggs in baking dish and bake for approximately 30 minutes, until sausage is browned and cooked through.

Remove from oven. Place on paper towel to drain. Slice in half and position on plate with yoke side up as two eyeballs.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 162; protein, 11.5 grams, fat, 12 g, sodium, 271 mg, carbohydrates, 1 g. Percentage of calories from fat: 68.

THE "COUNT"

(AN ADAPTATION OF THE MONTE CRISTO SANDWICH)

- 4 slices whole wheat bread (we used Healthy Choice Soft Honey Wheat)

- 1 egg
- 4 slices Canadian Bacon (or sliced ham or turkey)
- 2 slices Kraft Free American Singles Cheese

Peel crust off of bread slices. Beat egg in a shallow bowl. Heat a non-stick griddle to medium and spray with olive oil. Lay two of the slices of bread on a plate and place a piece of cheese and two slices of Canadian bacon on each. Cover each sandwich with the other slices of bread. Using a fork, crimp edges together so that the slices are sealed with the cheese and bacon inside.

Dip the sandwiches in the egg to coat both sides. Then place on griddle until browned. Flip and brown the other side. Serve immediately. Makes two sandwiches.

Note: You can freeze sandwiches and microwave one minute on high for an individual meal on the run. We suggest turning the sandwich pocket every 15 seconds during cooking and making certain the egg is thoroughly cooked.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 193; protein, 18 grams; fat, 6 g; sodium, 811 mg, carbohydrates, 19 g, percentage of calories from fat, 26.

Recipes courtesy of HDS Services.

Veggie burgers feature lentils and wheat germ

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

They grew up as food opposites, these British Columbians. Tanya Barnard believed meat was fuel for a strong body. Sarah Kramer didn't taste meat until she was 13.

Barnard and Kramer were sharing a house with some other people when the two women decided to take the plunge into veganism - no dairy, no eggs, no meat.

"Turning vegan was a much harder decision than becoming vegetarian because there were so many unanswered questions," Barnard says. "For example, if I didn't drink milk, where would I get my calcium? And what about iron and protein?" She also had to persuade her family to accept her decision as a healthy one.

It was an easier transition for Kramer, who grew up with a lot of vegetarian dishes, including Big Ben's Lentil Burgers. The recipe is in their cookbook, "How It All Vegan" (Arsenal Pulp Press, \$15.95 paper). The subtitle? "Irresistible Recipes for an Animal Free Diet."

As for this entree, Kramer says, "We called them Big Ben's burgers because my younger brother Ben was a miniature human garbage disposal with a big appetite. This was his favorite meal as a kid."

BIG BEN'S LENTIL BURGERS

- 3/4 cup wheat germ
- 2 cups cooked or canned lentils
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped onions
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

On a small plate, set aside 2 tablespoons of wheat germ for coating. In a medium bowl, stir together the remaining wheat germ, lentils, bread crumbs, onions, oil, salt and pepper. Divide and shape into 4 patties. Lay each in wheat germ, coating each side.

In a lightly oiled frying pan on medium-high heat, cook the burgers for 5 to 10 minutes, flipping occasionally. Serve like a bun with condiments of choice.

Makes 4 patties.

Try these potato recipes on St. Patrick's Day

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front.

TRUFFLED YUKON GOLD MASHED POTATOES

- 4 Yukon Gold potatoes (cut into quarters)
- 2 Idaho potatoes (cut into quarters)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 pound butter
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper (freshly ground)
- 1 tablespoon truffle oil (available in specialty stores)

Rinse potatoes well before cutting. Place potatoes in pot and cover with water. (Water should be 4 inches above potatoes).

Cook potatoes until a knife inserted easily slides out.

Drain potatoes, place on a cookie sheet and roast in the oven for 5 minutes. (This keeps the potatoes from being runny!)

Place potatoes in mixer with a paddle attachment. Mix until smooth, slowly adding heated milk and butter.

Season with salt, pepper and truffle oil. (Amount of truffle oil added will be dependent on your personal taste.)

ST. PADDY'S POTATO SALMON CROQUETTES

- 2 large peeled Idaho potatoes
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh chives
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 4-ounce fillet cooked salmon
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 whole eggs (beaten)

- 1/2 cup fresh or dry bread crumbs

Boil potatoes till tender. Place hot potatoes in mixer. Add egg yolk, chives, butter, cream and salt and pepper. Mix ingredients. Roll truffle-sized balls of mashed potato mixture.

Divide cold salmon into 16-20 small cube size squares. Tuck a piece of salmon into center of rolled mashed potato balls, and roll again so salmon is not exposed.

Place potato balls in freezer (to temper) for one hour. Using standard breading procedure, roll frozen potato balls in flour, dip in egg, then roll in fresh bread crumbs.

Place breaded potato balls back in freezer and chill for 30 minutes.

Fry in oil of choice until balls are golden in appearance and float to top of pan.

Feel free to make potato balls in advance and hold in freezer and fry when ready to serve.

CORNERED BEEF HASH

- 4 large Idaho potatoes, baked (skin on)
- 1/2 Spanish onion, diced
- 1/4 corned beef brisket (cooked), diced medium-sized
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cut cooled Idaho potatoes in 1/2-inch discs. Melt butter in sauté pan.

Sauté diced onions until golden. Add potatoes, corned beef and second measure of butter.

Cook until crisp on side down; flip with spatula and cook other side the same. Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton.

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recipes by category, such as dessert, snack, breakfast, international, main dishes, side dishes, condiments, soups, salads, sandwiches, special diets and dinner in an instant.

Foodweb.com - Offers a variety of recipes and information about special interest topics associated with food, drink and eating.

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Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes inside.

Benefit slated for tonight for Red Wings

Join the entire Red Wings team at the Hockeystown Café, tonight from 6-9 p.m. for an elegant evening of wine-tasting to benefit the family funds of Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergei Mnatsakanov.

The Toast of Hockeystown will feature a sampling of fine wines, cigars and a strolling buffet. Red Wings forward Igor Larionov serves as the honorary chairman of the event and Wings' television broadcaster Ken Daniels will be the master of ceremonies.

Guests will also have an opportunity to bid on an array of unique sports memorabilia. In addition to sports collectibles, fans may bid on priceless, one-of-a-kind Red Wings opportunities such as:

- Ultimate Road Trip (March 26 and 27 vs. New York Rangers).
- Ultimate Home Game Package (April 7 vs. Washington Capitals).

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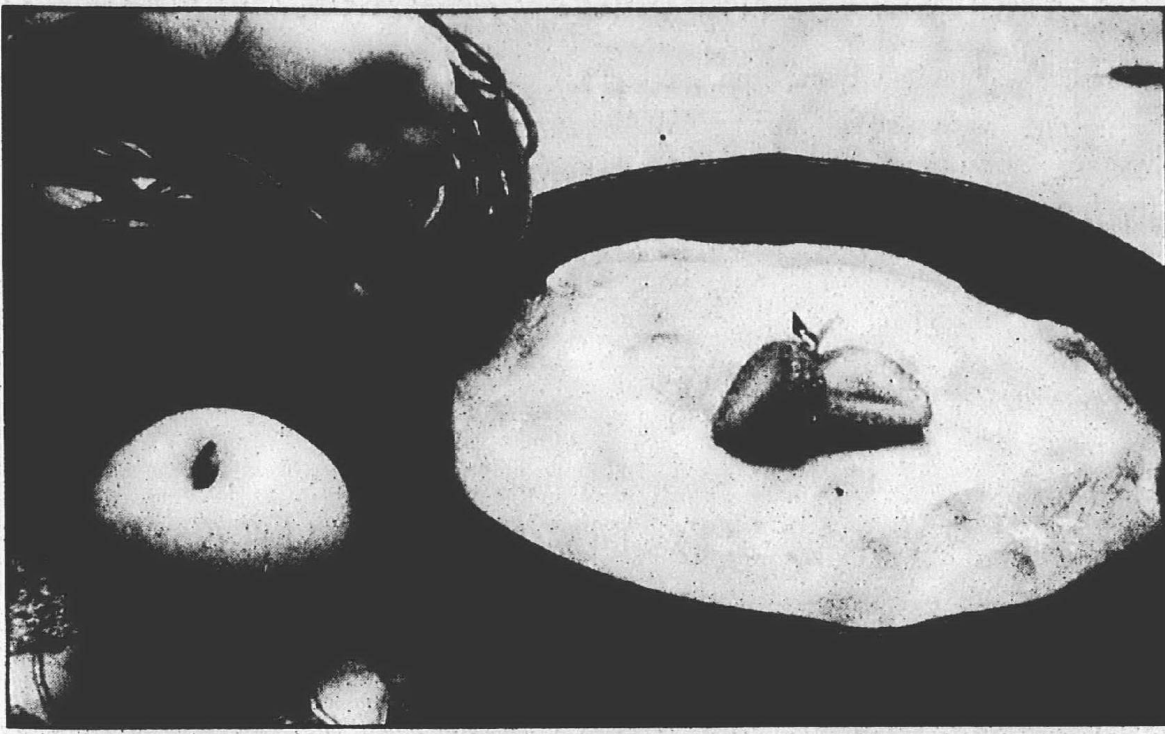
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Apfelfannkuchen: Eating this Apfelfannkuchen, a German apple-filled pancake, is like enjoying a buttery baked apple, an airy souffle and an egg custard, all at once.

Apple sweetens this pancake

The Apfelfannkuchen is a German apple-filled pancake that puffs up like a pillow. This huge pancake is cooked on top of the stove in a deep, cast iron skillet.

Turning it can be hard without practice. To eliminate this challenge, this version is made starting on top of the stove, then finished in the oven, so turning it is not necessary. Eating it is like enjoying a buttery baked apple, an airy souffle and an egg custard, all at once.

"APFELFANNKUCHEN" — PUFFED APPLE PANCAKE

- 2 Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 6 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 tablespoon apple juice or water

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup reduced fat (2 percent) milk
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons confectioners' sugar

Preheat the oven to 425° F. In a bowl, toss the apple slices with the lemon juice.

Spray a medium cast iron skillet or other heavy, oven-proof pan generously with cooking spray. Place 2 tablespoons of the sugar, the apple juice and apples in the pan and set it over medium-high heat. Cook the apples, stirring occasionally, until they are slightly softened and caramelized in places, about 7 minutes. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, remaining 4 tablespoons sugar, flour and the

vanilla. The batter will be slightly lumpy. Mix in the warm apple slices.

Add the butter to the skillet. Heat until the butter melts. Swirl the pan to evenly coat the bottom with butter. Pour in the apple batter and let cook for 1 minute over medium-high heat without disturbing it.

Place the skillet in the oven. Bake until the pancake is slightly puffed. When done, it will be dark brown around the edges and pale but dry in the center. Sprinkle the pancake with the confectioners' sugar. Cut into wedges and serve.

Each of the six servings contains 128 calories and 4 grams of fat.

Recipe courtesy of Dana Jacobi for the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR's Internet Web address is <http://www.aicr.org>

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *Cooking Class Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer* Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

Vegetarian Cooking — Lenore Yalisove Baum, author of *Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking*, conducts vegetarian cooking classes and has scheduled a session on soups for Wednesday, March 29 at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills. The class fee is \$35. Call (248) 478-4455.

Pasta Tips — Chef Dave Martinico will show how easy it is to make your own pasta and ravioli at 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Traffic Jam & Snug Restaurant, 511 West Canfield, two blocks west of Woodward at the corner of Second, near Wayne State University in Detroit. Recipes, lunch and a glass of wine are included in the \$50 class fee. Credit cards accepted. Call (313) 831-9470.

Pressure Cooking — Toula Patsalis, author of *The Pressure Cooking Cookbook*, will provide information on how to handle, operate and cook with a pressure cooker, including how to prepare vegetable soup with sausage bits, chicken with arborio rice and peppers and South Pacific bread pudding with pineapple sauce. Sessions are scheduled for the

Kitchen Glamor stores at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), and 1 p.m., Wednesday March 15, at 26770 Grand River, in Redford. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

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

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

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

Kids in the Kitchen — Home economist Dana Reynolds will instruct parents and grandparents with their children or grandchildren (aged 7-12) about the enjoyment of cooking. You and your child will learn how to wrap and roll phyllo pastry filled with berries and topped with ice cream and chicken fingers, southwest style, wrapped in tortilla and served with a variety of sauces. Class is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Kitchen Glamor, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

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

Easter Eggs — Learn how to make panoramic Easter eggs with sugar, royal icing and an egg mold with Audrey Edwards at a three-hour class at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Kitchen Glamor, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

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Topics include: financial planning, interpersonal violence, consumer protection safety, heart disease and healthy cooking, cancer, stress and depression, and caring for children and aging adults.

Keynote speakers include Florine Mark, president of Weight Watchers, and a news anchor from Fox 2 News. Classes are limited to 50. Participants may register for two classes. To RSVP, please call Rivers' office at (734) 485-3741.

Holistic health fair

The association of Michigan Myomassologists Inc. will present its annual Holistic Health Fair 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive.

The fair features massage therapists performing free 15-minute modified massages and special massage for the physically challenged. The fair's roster includes aura photographs, chiropractic spinal screenings, allergy elimination techniques and astrological profiles. Vendors will sell preventative health care products. Saturday's lectures, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., feature reflexology, aromatherapy and natural approaches to menopause.

The health fair cost is \$5 to the general public and free to IMF members. For information, contact Kathy Grogan at (248) 569-4263.

Food for thought

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a class on emotional eating as part of the "Food for Thought" nutrition education program 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Five Mile Road, Livonia. Participants will learn how to identify emotional eating and how to cope with it.

Cost to attend is \$6, \$5 for those over 55. Registration is requested. Please call (734) 655-8940.

Kidney transplant on Web

In conjunction with National Kidney Month, WebMD will Webcast a kidney transplant at www.WebMD.com at noon Wednesday, March 15, from the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Dr. J. Stuart Wolf, Jr., director, Michigan Center for Minimally Invasive Urology in the U-M Health System, will perform the kidney removal, a less invasive, "hand assisted" laparoscopic donor nephrectomy.

Immediately afterwards, Dr. Darrell A. Campbell, Jr., head of U-M's Division of Transplantation, will perform the transplant of the kidney into the patient. Dr. Walter Larimore of The Health Network will provide commentary during the operation. Additionally, Dr. Jeffrey D. Punch of U-M's Division of Transplantation, will host a live chat at www.WebMD.com.

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Nutrition

CLIMB THE FOOD GUIDE PYRAMID TO GOOD HEALTH

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Americans suffer from a nutritional paradox: They know the value of nutrition and exercise in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, yet their levels of obesity are at epidemic proportions.

"We have a national epidemic in obesity," said Dr. Diane Howlin, assistant professor of internal medicine in the U-M Health System. "In fact, within the last decade, the obesity rate has risen roughly 50 percent in the United States. This is a very serious problem, especially in Michigan."

Simply put, Americans don't practice what they preach.

According to a recent nationwide survey by the American Dietetic Association, a whopping 85 percent of Americans believe diet and nutrition are important, and 84 percent say exercise and physical activity are equally important.

So what's the problem?

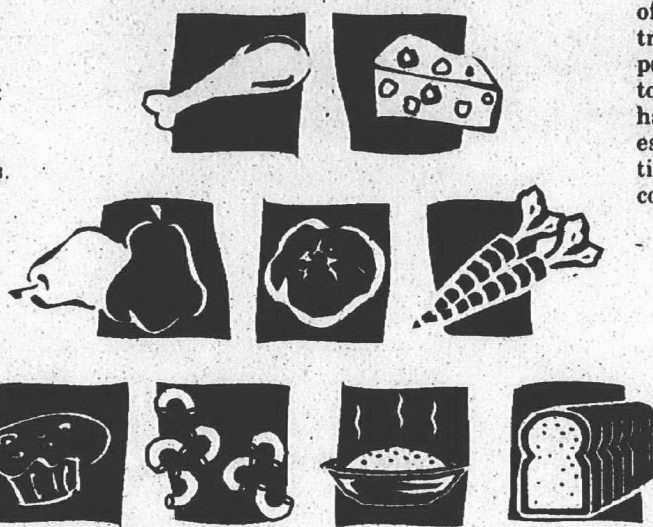
"The problem is we are sending dual messages. One is eat healthy and exercise, and the other is sit in front of the TV or computer and buy fast food and supersize it," said Linda Devore, a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator for St. Mary Hospital's Community Outreach Program in Livonia.

Forty-four percent of the participants in the ADA survey said they didn't want to give up foods they like, and 38 percent claimed it took too much time to plan and practice a really healthy diet.

The good news is we can have our cake and eat it, too ... but in smaller portions.

"Americans seem to suffer from portion distortion," said Boston-based registered dietitian and ADA spokeswoman Elizabeth Ward. "A portion size isn't a plate full of pasta, 32 ounces of soda, or a 10-ounce steak. People need to realize that when it comes to weight control, they can eat any food they want, as long as they control the portion and get regular physical activity, too."

Another example is muffins. A USDA standard-size muffin weighs one ounce and has approximately 100 calories. "I weighed the muffins at Cosco. They were 7 ounces, and I know people who eat the whole muffin," said Beth Thayer, a registered dietitian with the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.



Diet destruction

Our culture constantly sabotages healthy diets. At supermarkets, the bigger package of cookies is often available for few cents more, and the two-for-one specials are seductive. "It's never two apples for one price; it's two gallons of ice cream for one price. You're paying with your health," said Devore.

And in elementary school - a time when children are most receptive to adopting healthy eating habits - students are often rushed through lunch. "It takes longer to eat an apple than a bag of chips," said Devore. Even toddlers aren't exempt, she added. They're encouraged to collect their favorite TV character figures, which are sold at fast food restaurants.

Americans are their worst enemy when it comes to adopting a healthy diet, said Devore. "They expect to do it perfectly and evenly. You have to have moderation and restraint rather than omission. If you 'fail' than mentally it takes a toll, and you feel guilty."

In addition to good food and smaller portions sizes, exercise is the third component of healthy nutrition. In an article on the prevention of chronic disease through exercise that appeared in the February issue of *Journal of Applied Physiology*, the authors wrote:

"... a strong association exists between the increase in physical inactivity and the emergence

of modern chronic diseases in 20th century industrialized societies. Approximately 250,000 deaths per year in the United States are premature due to physical inactivity. ... Epidemiological data have established that physical inactivity increases the incidence of at least 17 unhealthy conditions, almost all of which are chronic diseases or considered risk factors for chronic diseases."

Common sense

It's time for Americans to start making healthy food selections. The produce section is a treasure trove of vitamins and minerals. "It has everything you need," said Devore.

Good breads are out there, but you must read the labels, said Thayer. "Make sure the first ingredient is a whole grain. Usually the wheat bread is just a colored white bread. Even with something like a 7-grain bread, the first ingredient still might be white flour and the next ingredients may be in small amounts."

Breakfast remains the most important meal, Thayer emphasized. "It gets your metabolism going, especially if you're trying to lose weight. And it provides the brain with glucose for thinking." She suggests "breakfast on the run" - a small muffin, sandwich or yogurt - for people who don't usually eat breakfast.

Dietitians agree that most healthy people do not need food supplements. While research indicates certain vitamins, minerals and herbs may be beneficial, the dietary supplement industry is not regulated. What's more, some supplements, like omega-3 fatty acids, may interact with medications. Omega-3 could compound the effect of blood thinners and raise the risk of a bleeding stroke.

In other words, if you want to take a supplement, absolutely ask your doctor.

Changing bad nutritional habits to good ones is not easy. Both the body and the spirit must be willing. It's a matter of practice and adhering to the golden rule of a healthy lifestyle: Eat less, move more.

For food and nutrition information and a referral to a registered dietitian in your area, call the American Dietetic Association's Consumer Nutrition Hot Line at 800/366-1655. For customized answers to your nutrition questions, call 900/CALL-AN-RD (900/225-5267). The cost of the call will be \$1.95 for the first minute and \$.95 for each additional minute.

Adult fat phobia bad for kids' diets

Fat-free cheese, fat-free mayonnaise, fat-free cookies. By stocking kitchens with fat-free products, many parents may unknowingly put their children's health at risk.

"Meal time for a child should not mean fat-free spaghetti with fat-free meatless sauce, served with fat-free bread and a tossed salad with fat-free salad dressing," says Heart Smart registered dietitian Beth Thayer of the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

"Many moms buy fat-free products, often because they want to limit their own fat intake or because they mistakenly think 'fat-free' means 'healthier' for their family. The problem is that they may deprive their children of necessary fat."

Fat is an important nutrient for growing children. It plays a key role in the development of nerves. Fat also is necessary for the absorption of essential vitamins A, D, E, and K. In the most extreme situation, the absence of fat can retard growth or cause diarrhea, sores on the scalp and extremely dry skin.

Thayer emphasizes that unsaturated fat found naturally in fish, vegetable oil such as canola and olive, and in whole grains, fruits and vegetables provides the essential fatty acids necessary for children's growth and development.

According to the American Dietetic Association, there should not be a fat restriction for children under the age of two. Children 2 to 11 need about 30 percent of their daily calories from fat.

Thayer suggests parents take the focus off fat and follow these steps to ensure their children are eating a healthy diet:

- Buy lean meat.
- Serve low-fat (not fat-free) dairy products.
- Cook with canola oil or olive oil.
- Serve fish several times a week because it provides plenty of essential fatty acids that protect against heart disease.

More importantly, instead of saying "no" to certain foods, allow children to pick and choose what they like so eating is a positive experience. Offer a variety of fruits and vegetables and whole wheat grains such as whole wheat bread, oatmeal and cereal.

Thayer notes, however, children with specific health concerns or a genetic predisposition to high cholesterol or heart disease may need certain fat restrictions.

Do you need supplements?



Take the following quiz to rate your eating habits. For questions 1-5, give yourself three points for every "yes" answer; for questions 6 and 7, give yourself three points for a "no" answer.

On most days, do you:

1. Eat six to 11 servings of grains (breads, cereal, rice, pasta, and other grain foods)? One serving equals one slice of bread, 1/2 cup of rice or pasta, 1 ounce of cereal or half a bagel.
2. Eat at least two servings of fruit? One serving equals one piece of fruit; 1/2 cup of chopped, cooked or canned fruit; or 3/4 cup of fruit juice.
3. Eat at least three servings of vegetables each day? One serving equals 1/2 cup of cooked or chopped vegetables; 1 cup of raw, leafy vegetables; or 3/4 cup of vegetable juice.
4. Eat two or more servings of dairy foods, such as milk, cheese and yogurt each day? One serving equals 1 cup milk or yogurt, 1 1/2 ounces of natural cheese or 2 ounces of processed cheese.
5. Eat two to three servings of lean meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs or nuts every day? One serving equals 2-3 ounces of cooked lean meat, poultry or fish. One egg, 1/2 cup of cooked beans, or 2 tablespoons of peanut butter count as 1 ounce of meat.
6. Generally eat the same foods every day?
7. Frequently skip meals or miss out one or more food groups for the entire day?

Score:

15 points or more: Food Guide Pyramid expert. You know how to make wise food choices and the variety of foods important for a healthy eating plan.

9-12 points: You're on your way. You could be getting more nutrients by fine-tuning your food selections. For example, if you fall short in the grains group, try including at least one more serving.

0-6 points: Keep trying! By making small changes, you can gradually improve your eating pattern. Focus on one food group at a time and aim to eat the minimum number of servings each day.

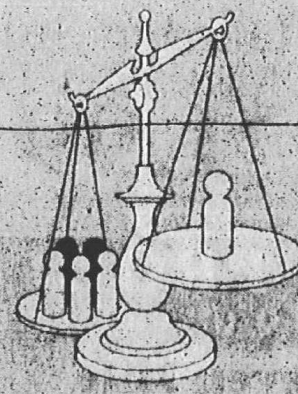
While nutrition experts agree that following the Food Guide Pyramid is the best way to obtain vitamins, minerals and other nutrients, you may benefit from a multivitamin/mineral supplement - if you're unable to eat from all the food groups.

However, consult your doctor before taking supplements. Source: National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics

Portion guide

No one carries a food scale in their pocket. If you're having trouble determining a standard portion, here's a visual guide:

- Three ounces of meat, poultry or fish is about the size of a deck of playing cards, the palm of a woman's hand or a computer mouse.
- One-half cup of cut fruit or vegetables, pasta or rice is about the size of a small fist.
- One cup of milk, yogurt or chopped fresh greens is about the size of small hand holding a tennis ball.
- One ounce of cheese is about the size of your thumb.



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 rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

ONGOING

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS
Adult Children of Alcoholics and dysfunctional families gather everyday for 12 step support group meetings in the metro area. To find a meeting near you call (248) 988-0873 or write: ACA, P.O. Box 401483, Redford, MI 48240-9489, for information.

AA & ALANON
Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meetings meet Wednesday and Sunday from 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance (5254 Inkster Road) at Garden City. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. "Alanon meeting" Sunday ONLY.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday in conjunction with Visiting Nurse Association. Screenings are open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon at the Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (across from John Glenn High School). Call (734) 326-6537 for information.

TUE, MARCH 14

MASSAGE III (BODYWORK)
Advanced techniques that provide long-term results. Techniques include strain-counterstrain, trigger point therapy, myofascial release techniques. Class runs Tuesday, March 14-April 4, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

HOSPICE CARE
Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile, will feature a discussion on "Hospice 101" given by a speaker from Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center. No charge. Call

Nanette Cooper or Denise Manion for reservations at (248) 428-7055.

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY
Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends, a support group for anyone hypersensitive to chemical or environmental irritants, will meet from 2-5 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Wayne (across from the library at Wayne Road and Michigan Ave.) For more information, call (348-349-4972).

THYROID DISORDER
The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

WED, MARCH 15

DYSLEXIA SUPPORT
The Michigan Dyslexia Institute of Detroit Metro Center will meet from 7-9 p.m. at MDI, 30230 Orchard Lake Road (Suite #130) in Farmington Hills. The topic will be "Dyslexia: What is it, how is it treated and how important is early intervention?" The presenter will be Ann L. Beatty, director, a Fellow from the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators.

VEGETARIAN NUTRITION
Menu planning tips and resources for individuals of all ages who are already vegetarian and those who are leaning in that direction. Includes hands-on cooking demonstrations. Class runs from 4-5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor/Briarwood Mall Health Stop (620 Briarwood Circle). Call (734) 827-3777.

YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more.

Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

VEGETARIAN COOKING
Macro Val will teach how to cook with soy from 6-9 p.m. at 30561 Krauter, Apt. 3 C, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 261-2856.

ADD AND HYPERACTIVITY
Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic will sponsor a free workshop on Attention Deficit Disorder and hyperactivity 7-8:15 p.m. Non-drug solutions will be discussed. Call (734) 455-6767.

THUR, MARCH 16

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia will host an immunization from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

STRONG DAUGHTERS
Parents of pre-adolescent girls age 5 and up can develop practical strategies to help their daughter achieve and maintain high self-esteem. Learn strategies to counter limiting cultural stereotypes in this six-hour program. Calls runs from March 23 through April 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center - 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 398-7557.

SAT, MARCH 18

PREGNANCY PLANNER
If you're thinking about having a baby or are newly pregnant, come to this pregnancy planning seminar. Presentations will cover a range of topics, including deciding if it is time to start a family, preparing for pregnancy, birthing options and parenthood realities. Optional tour of St. Joseph Mercy Family Birth Center. Class from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 712-3456.

WED, MARCH 22

ARTHRITIS SELF-HELP
St. Mary Hospital and the Arthritis Foundation (Michigan Chapter) are sponsoring an Arthritis Self-Help Course, Wednesday, March 22, March 29 and April 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B, St. Mary Hospital. This course provides arthritis education and skill building to help participants take a more active part in their arthritis care. People with arthritis or related diseases such as lupus, fibromyalgia, or scleroderma will benefit from this course. The cost is \$20 per person and registration is required. Classes are limited. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-8940.

VEGETARIAN COOKING
Learn to cook a healthy breakfast, including tofu sausage and miso tea with "Macro Val" from 6-9 p.m. at 30561 Krauter, Apt. 3 C, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 261-2856.

THUR, MARCH 23

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP
HIV/AIDS heterosexual support group and family is sponsored by Friends Alliance and meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and W. Chicago in Redford. More information call Kathleen (800) 350-7927.

TUE, APRIL 11 & 18

SHIATSU
Learn the traditional Japanese method of balancing body energy. Done on the floor over the clothing, this energizing treatment promotes health and well-being. Bring a mat and dress comfortably. Class runs Tuesday, April 11 and 18, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$75. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

SAT, MARCH 25

GIRLS IN SPORTS
Event is for girls ages 11-18 who are active in sports, their parents and coaches. Learn ways to reduce girls' risk of bone, joint and muscle injuries while improving strength and flexibility.

ty. Don't miss a special talk by swimmer and Olympic gold medalist Annette Salmeen. Includes breakfast snack and lunch. Call to register. Program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive. Call (734) 712-3456.

WED, MARCH 29

RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME
Do you or someone you know suffer from restless leg syndrome? There is support available and a wealth of new information. A Restless Leg Support group meets every other month at OptimEyes in Westland (across from Westland Shopping Center) on Central City Parkway. An area dietitian will speak and a video will be shown at 2 p.m. in the OptimEyes community meeting room. For information call Jan Prentice at (734) 453-4847.

VEGETARIAN COOKING
Learn to cook for your sweetie - hot and spicy peanut butter tofu stir-fry, sweet potato chips - with "Macro Val" from 6-9 p.m. at 30561 Krauter, Apt. 3C, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 261-2856.

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WED, APRIL 12

YOGA
A series of graceful, slow motion movements for increasing flexibility and tone, improving health and mental outlook. Good for relief from muscular tension and mental stress. Dress comfortable and bring a mat. Your instructor is a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer with 16 years of teaching experience. Classes run from 6-7 p.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. April 12 - May 17. Cost is \$48 for 6 week class; drop-in rate per class is \$10. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

TUES, APRIL 18

BONE DENSITY
Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile, will feature a discussion on "Osteoporosis and Bone Density" 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center. Bone density screen available. Call either Nanette Cooper or Denise Manion for reservations at (248) 428-7055.

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TUE, MAY 2-16

BIOKINESIOLOGY
Learn to use muscle testing techniques to determine which vitamins, herbs, foods are best for you. Cost is \$115. Class runs Tuesday, May 2-16, from 6-9 p.m. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

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MAINTENANCE

You should give yourself the same consideration you would give to your car. If your vehicle has over 50,000 miles on it, you expect to spend more time and money on maintenance.

So with yourself, and particularly so with your moving parts. In the care of your body, time is more important than money. For your joints, the best way to preserve them is to use them. The exercise need not be strenuous, but it should be done at least 30 minutes a day, 5-6 days of the week. Walking is fine. If your arthritis is in the legs and limbs, ambulating, then swimming or exercises in a pool are excellent substitutes. Using a stationary bike or treadmill is appropriate if weather or other conditions make walking in your neighborhood inappropriate.

The second aspect of maintenance is diet. You need to make sure you include milk or cheese, that you limit your meals with meat, and increase the fish in your diet. Use fruits and vegetables with abandon, and stop the habit of completing your meal with a slice of cake or pie.

You need not spend extra time or money on food, just be thoughtful in what you select.

The third aspect of personal maintenance is rest. You may not need more than 8 hours a day, but it is possible that going to bed with the intent of arising 8 hours later is no longer appropriate. If your schedule permits, consider resting 6-7 hours at night, with additional time, from 20 minutes to an hour, taken, as a nap during the day.

Remember, personal maintenance is both to repair wear and prevent it.



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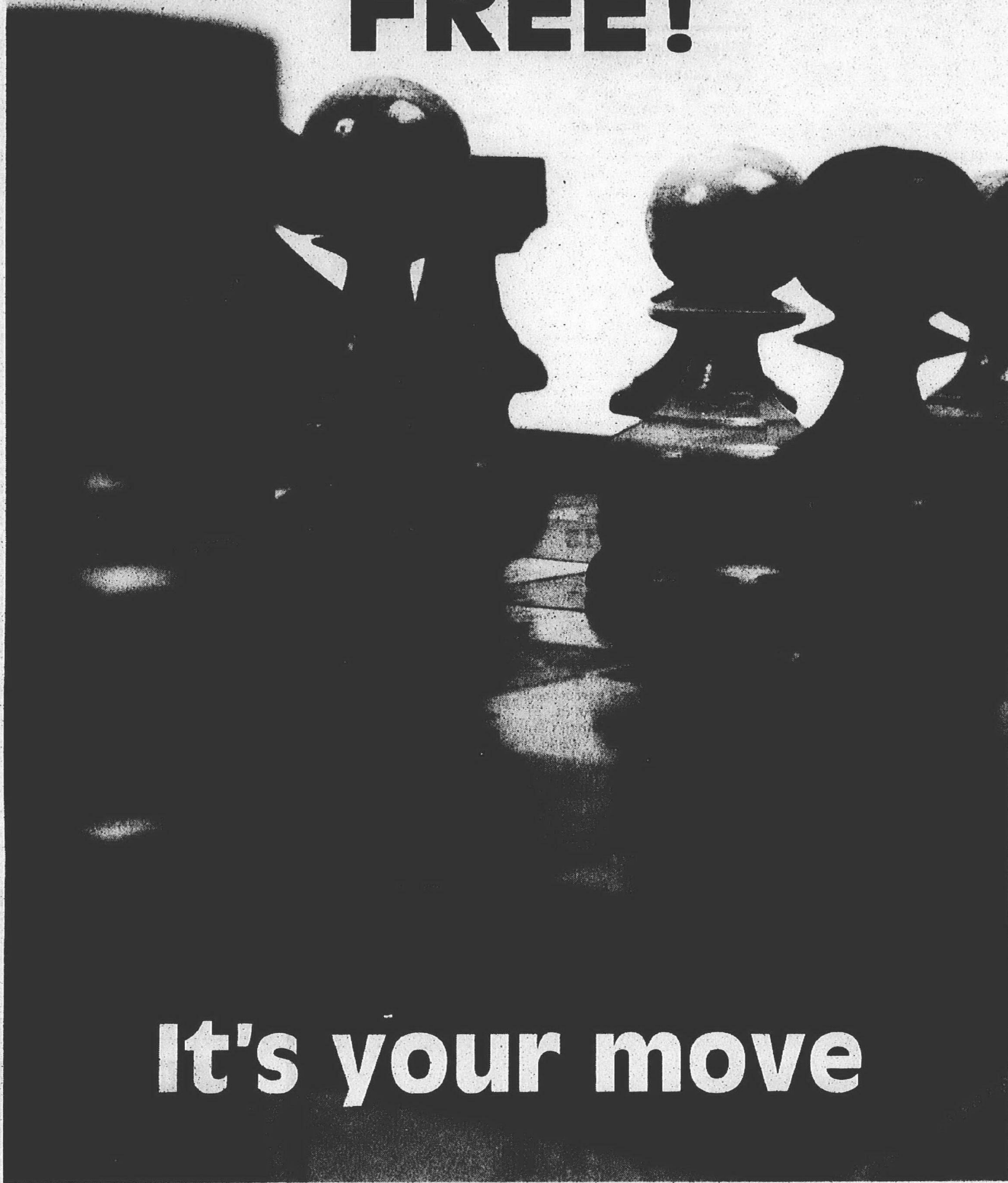
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 - 6. I have trouble concentrating, remembering things or making decisions

If you answered "yes" to 3 or more statements, you may be suffering from depression, a serious condition affecting millions of Americans. The Institute for Health Studies is currently looking for individuals experiencing the above symptoms to participate in a research study of investigational medication for depression. If you are selected, all research-related care and study medication are provided at no cost. Get answers and information about depression.

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Debate continues: Turn it off or keep it on?



PC MIKE
Should you turn it off or leave it on?

I've been deluged with e-mails and calls to my WXYT weekend PC Talk radio show from people who have strong but differing views on the relative merits of keeping your computer turned on all the time, or turning it off at night or when you weren't using it.

The votes have been about split. Some users said power surges, power brownouts and nearby lightning strikes during thunderstorms had harmed their computers when left on and taught them a valuable lesson about turning it off and unplugging it.

Others say the wear and tear of turning on and off the equipment and thus heating up and cooling off the components unnecessarily shortened their lifespan.

For the record, I did some cost checking. Based on an Energy Cost Calculator at a utility Web

site (<http://www.snopud.com/infouse/enercal2.htm#auto>), it would cost about \$7.11 a month to keep a typical home computer on 24 hours a day. If your printer is kept on all the time, too, add another \$5.33 to the cost.

Run the calculations yourself based on hours on and power drain and you'll see, there indeed is a cost savings to only turning your computer on when you need it. As far as component wear and tear, that's pretty hard to measure.

What prompted all this discussion was my coming home the other day from a week-long, out-of-town trip to find my computer room filled with the smell of burning wires. Sure enough, a power supply transformer on one of my servers burned out. Fortunately, the PC just shut down without causing any fire or damage.

But it was a good reminder to be sure and have a smoke detector in your computer room. And as for me, when I'm around, my PC's are on all the time. When I'm away from home for extended periods of time, they're off.

And all my equipment is protected by an Uninterruptible Power Supply unit. For info on power protection, check out the Web site (<http://www.apcc.com>)

run by American Power Conversions.

Keystroke cops

Ever since the Wall Street Journal and MSNBC ran a story on surveillance software this past week, I've been deluged with e-mails asking if this is really true. The answer, as I've been warning here for months, is yes.

More and more employers are investing in surveillance software that lets them monitor or eavesdrop on everything their employees type on their computers, be it e-mail, Web site surfing or even word processing. Everything. Every keystroke, every deletion, every punctuation mark.

The most popular software out there is called "Investigator" (<http://www.winwhatwhere.com/invest.htm>) and it costs just \$99. Spouses are buying it to see if their husbands or wives are having cybersex with someone else. Parents are buying it to monitor their children's Internet activities and employers, by the score, are installing it to see how employees are spending their time on the office computer.

So far, over 5,000 customers, including many major corporations, have bought the software, and more and more companies

■ ... It was a good reminder to be sure and have a smoke detector in your computer room. And as for me, when I'm around, my PC's are on all the time. When I'm away from home for extended periods of time, they're off.

are making similar applications. Bottom line is that you must assume that everything you do on your work computer can be read by your boss.

Check's in the mail

I've been pointing out how dubious some of those so-called "Free PC" offers that give you a computer at greatly reduced costs after an "Internet rebate." Besides the barrage of ads and Spam e-mail you'll get, besides the problem of being stuck with long-term dial-up contracts, there's another potentially more serious issue.

Some of these alleged rebates are apparently not being paid in a timely manner. That's according to a little-publicized class action suit filed last week

against CompuServe. The suit claims that CompuServe failed to promptly remit rebate checks to consumers who purchased computers in expectation of \$100 or \$400 rebates. As many as 150,000 consumers may be affected. No comment from CompuServe. A special website (<http://www.web-access.net/~cscact/index.html>) has been set up to provide details of the suit.

Virus spreading fast

I'm not big on virus warnings but a virulent one called "Pretty Park" is really spreading fast. There are reports that dozens of government and corporate mail servers have been infected. I've already received eight e-mails infected with it. Some readers have written me saying they're getting even more.

The virus is really a Trojan Horse, and while it apparently does no real damage to a computer, it sends a copy of itself to everyone in the victim's e-mail address book every 30 minutes. It typically arrives in an e-mail from someone you know. The telltale sign is the e-mail contains the subject line "C:\Cool-Progs\Pretty Park.exe."

There's an attachment. If you open it, you may see a picture of Kyle, one of the "South Park" TV

series cartoon characters. But then if you do open it, it's too late. It starts sending everyone in your e-mail address book a copy of the virus. And because the e-mail seems to be sent by someone you know, many people are being tricked into opening the file.

If you get it, immediately trash the whole e-mail message without opening the attachment. Most anti-virus programs will eradicate it but, to be sure, don't open any e-mail attachments with any variation of the name "Pretty Park." Just send them to the trash. If you feel you already have the Pretty Park virus, you can find a removal program at <http://www.web-access.net/>

Until next week, "73" everybody.

PC Mike Wendland

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 website at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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Summer registration

Summer registration for Walsh College is March 20-24 at any of the four campuses: Troy, Novi, University Center in Clinton Township and Port Huron. Summer 2000 classes begin Monday, May 1 for 11- and 14-week semesters.

Walsh offers junior- and senior-level course work toward bachelor's degrees in accounting and business administration, as well as a master's degree in business administration and master's of science degrees in finance, accounting, management, taxation, and information management and communication. The web address is www.walshcollege.edu.

Women executives

Executive Women International, a business women's organization dedicated to the professional development of its members, is seeking new members. EWI helps members build professional relationships with career women and promote their business or company. In addition, EWI fosters community participation through scholarship programs, literacy efforts and philanthropic projects. For more information, contact Detroit-Windsor Chapter president Madeleine Philips at (313) 921-1200, or e-mail: mphilips@pvchemicals.com.

Prestigious award

President Bill Clinton recently awarded the 1999 Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award to STMicroelectronics. The award represents the highest level of national recognition for quality that a U.S. company can receive. The award ceremony

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, File No. 2000-617629-1E

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Independent Probate

Estate of JOHN A. CARTON, Deceased.

Social Security Number: 351 09 4874

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 11311 Braile, Detroit, MI 48228, died December 7, 1999. An instrument dated October 1, 1999 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Thomas J. Burkett, 11311 Braile, Detroit, MI 48228 or to both the independent personal representative and the Wayne County Probate Court, Detroit, Michigan 48226, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Attorney Robert C. Hall, P34400, 24500 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Telephone Number (313) 274-4084.

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Accounting promotion

Rehmann Robson, P.C. announced the promotion of **Thomas E. Jurewicz**, CPA to Principal. Jurewicz, who works out of the Farmington Hills office, specializes in tax planning and compliance services for corporations and individuals. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, Urban Land Institute and Construction Innovation Forum.



Jurewicz

International manager

The Detroit Regional Chamber has named **Yanina Vega** of Westland international trade development manager. She will promote the Detroit region in both the NAFTA and U.S. markets. She has a bachelor's degree in Spanish and business administration from Madonna University.



Vega

Valassis Communications

Valassis Communications announced the promotion of **Aaron Trager** to plant manager of the company's Livonia facility. Trager started at Valassis in 1973 as pressroom material handler. "Aaron's strong manufacturing background and personal relationship skills will enable him to lead the Livonia Printing Division to great successes," said Ron Goolsby, vice president of PSI and Internet/e-commerce operations at Valassis.

Marketing promotions

Grace & Wild, Inc. of Farmington Hills announced the addition of **Jama Fenstermaker** to the company's marketing department and the promotion of **Amy Weishuhn** to lead marketing coordinator.



Weishuhn

Weishuhn holds bachelor's degree in applied arts from Central Michigan University. Fenstermaker will now assist in advertising and promotional development. She also holds a bachelor's degree in applied arts from Central Michigan University.



Fenstermaker

Visual effects director

Steven D. Wild, president of Grace & Wild, Inc. of Farmington Hills announced the promotion of **Kevin Gillespie** to director of Design and Visual Effects Services for the company's three divisions: Postique, Grace & Wild Digital Studios and Division X. "While we've always recognized the excellent artistic talent within our post-production divisions, Kevin's experience and understanding of this area of business will help us continue to recruit the highest caliber of talent," said Wild.



Gillespie

Marketplace

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...took place in Washington, D.C. **BTMicroelectronics, Inc.** Automotive Business Unit of Livonia joined the company's 3,000 employees in viewing the event in specially designed viewing rooms.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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

WED, MARCH 15

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM
John L. Pepper, associate business editor and columnist for The Detroit News, will speak about "Business and Borders" at the International Business Forum 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive, Dearborn. Cost is \$20 including lunch. For reservations, call Vanessa at (734) 479-2345 or e-mail ibf@wtcdw.com. Confirmation given.

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

THUR, MARCH 16

SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES MEETING
Business Plan Workshop from 8:45 a.m. to noon at One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. Topics include planning process overview, financial statements and management and marketing questions. Cost: \$40. To register, contact SCORE at (313) 226-7947 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.

INVESTORS RECEPTION
The Livonia Economic Develop-

ment Partnership's "Third Annual Investors Reception" takes place 6-8 p.m. at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive (off Six Mile Road between Newburgh and I-275). Please respond by March 13. Call (734)427-2122 or fax (734) 427-6055.

FRI, MARCH 17

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL
Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800. Sat, March 18

SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES MEETING
Pre-Business Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wayne State University-McGregor Conference Center, 495 W. Ferry, Detroit. Topics include analyzing opportunities, marketing and advertising, and business planning. Cost: \$40. To register, contact SCORE at (313) 226-7947 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.

MARCH 21

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CAREER WOMEN
The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will meet at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Etiquette consultant Patricia Warner will discuss "Minding Your P's and Q's in the Workplace." Cost: \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members.

To make reservations, call Tracey Huff (248) 347-3355.

MARCH 30

SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES MEETING
Marketing Plan Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Executive Office Building of Oakland County, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Topics include diagnosing marketing problems, market targeting, and advertising and publicity. Cost: \$40. To register, contact SCORE at (313) 226-7947 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

WED, APRIL 5

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
The Michigan Business and Professional Association will sponsor the 4th annual Women's Leadership Conference and Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon Wednesday, April 5 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Conference is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two workshops are planned: "How to Build a Successful Personal Strategic Plan" followed by "Is Your Busi-

ness Checklist in Order?" The total cost is \$50; cost for luncheon only is \$25. For information about attending, co-sponsoring or advertising, contact MBPA at (810) 979-6322.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

BUSINESS IN CHINA
Oakland University's Professional Development and Education Outreach, School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) will present "Opening Doors in the 21st Century, Creating Business Opportunities in China after WTO." The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 14 in Oakland University's Meadow Brook Ballroom. Co-sponsors include: The Detroit Regional Chamber, Pontiac Export Assistance Center - U.S. Department of Commerce, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and Leonard Woodcock Legacy. The seminar is an introductory course for individuals and organizations interested in developing or expanding markets in China. Jerome D. Hill, J.D., Ph.D. and Ledong Li will share their exper-

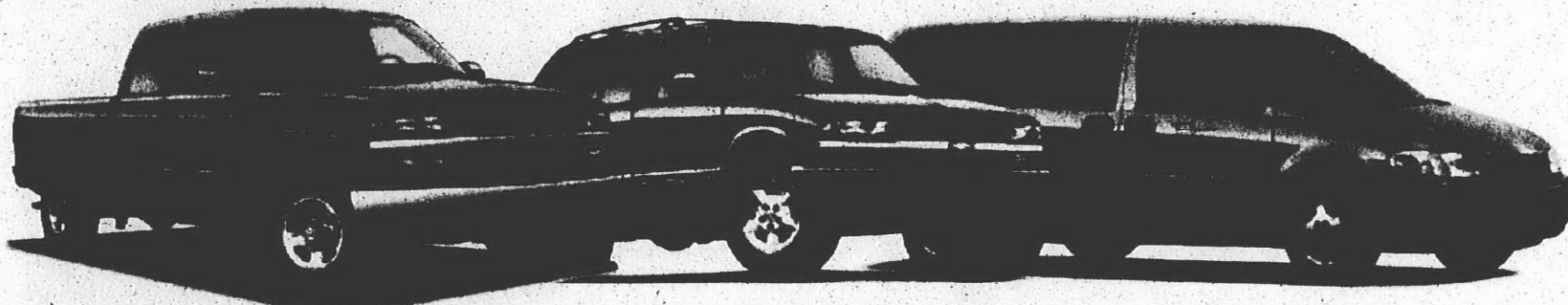
tise on expanding interests and overcoming the challenges of doing business in China. Cost is \$295 and includes a Chinese luncheon and handout material. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5. Enrollment is limited. Contact the Professional Development office at (248) 370-3033 for a brochure or to register for the seminar. Fax registration with VISA or MasterCard payment is accepted at (248) 370-3137.

FRI, MAY 12

FIESTA HISPANA BALL
The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosts its 11th Anniversary Fiesta Hispana Ball at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The VIP reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bo Andersson, executive in charge of worldwide purchasing for General Motors Corp., is event chairman. The ball provides an opportunity to network with business representatives and meet corporate sponsors. For tickets, contact MHCC at (248) 208-9915.

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