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AHEAD

MONDAY

Going public: Northville resident Teresa Folino, who has for several weeks made it clear she would run for the 20th District House seat being vacated by the term-limited Gerry Law, will make the announcement official at a reception being held at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Hilton Garden on Sheldon Road at M-14.

FRIDAY

Gospel Trio: The Chapels Gospel Trio will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 at The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth (45201 North Territorial Road west of Sheldon). Free will offerings will be taken. Call (734) 414-6409.

HEALTH

Blue with no clue?: Feeling fatigued and achy for the last six months or more? Do even 10-12 hours of zzzzz's leave you feeling unrefreshed and the simplest of household chores send your energy level plummeting? Have you been told "It's all in your head?" If so, read about chronic fatigue syndrome in today's Health & Fitness. /D5

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Chief seeks to shift police focus

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth residents could be seeing police officers cruising their neighborhoods on bicycles, or walking the beat, in a matter of a few months.

Police Chief Dick Miller, who is developing a community policing policy for his department, said, "I hope to have everything in place by the middle of this summer. In fact, as the weather gets warmer, we'll begin having police officers accessible on foot in downtown and Old Village to interact with the public."

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Miller, who was hired by the city commission to develop community policing in Plymouth, says the 2.2-square-mile city is "perfect" for the concept.

"In order for community policing to succeed, you need to have a sense of community," he said. "The city of Plymouth has had that for a long time."

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."

Miller said the well-defined downtown and Old Village areas are natural for community policing. He noted it will be easy to break down the neighborhoods into community policing zones.

"I would like to get to the point where a neighborhood or group of citizens can identify themselves with a police officer, or small group of officers,

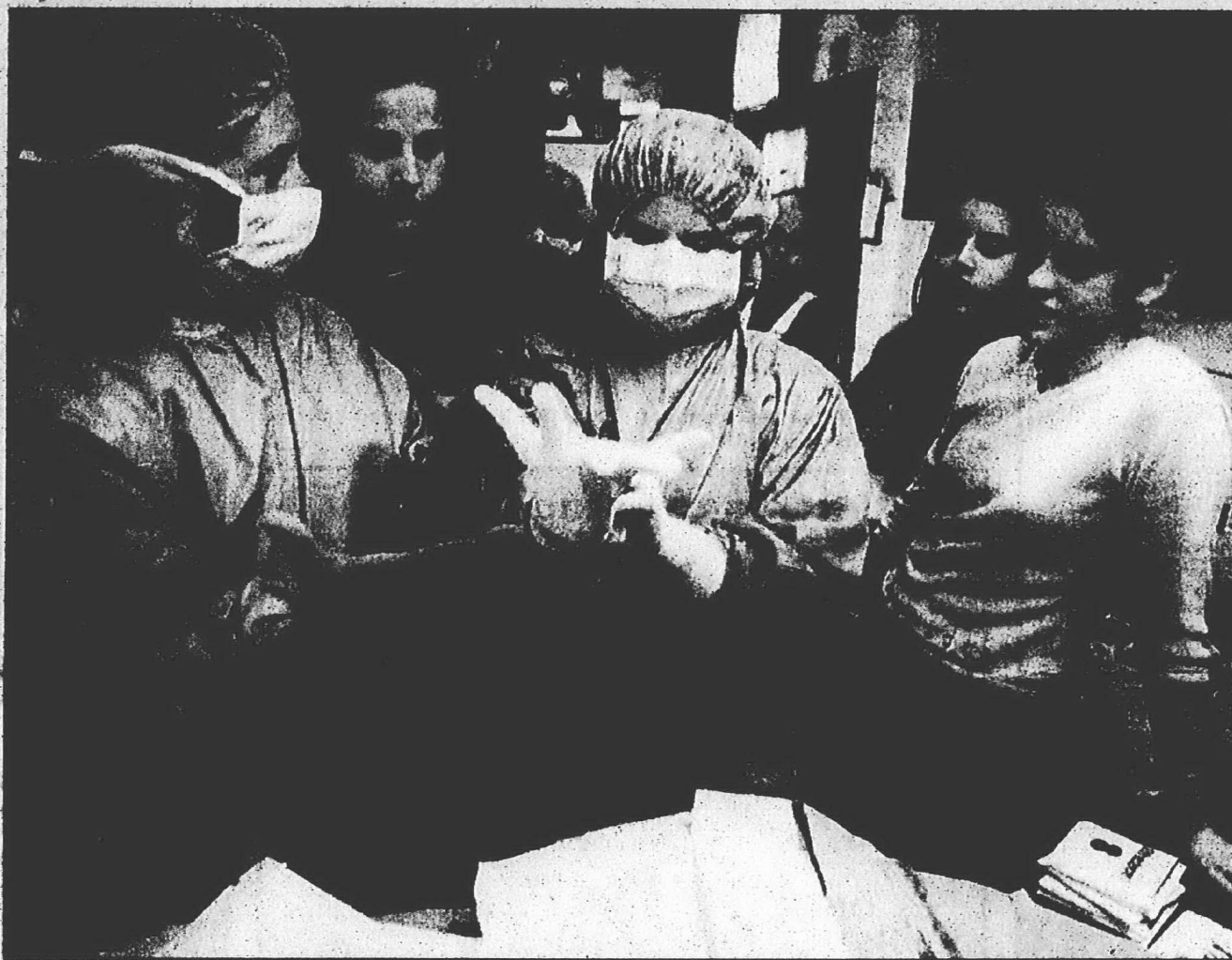
so when they have a concern they have a name they can contact about their issues," said Miller. "In many cases, the officer would be around them enough to know there is an issue that needs to be addressed. I look forward to having police officers who recognize the issues and solve them."

Miller is planning to educate his department on community policing with the assistance of the Regional Community Policing Institute at the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University.

"That's the birthplace of community

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Pondering possibilities



Career chances: Operating room nurse Kris Campbell of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti (left) assists "surgeon" Melissa Dean of Plymouth, 12, to don surgical gloves, as Alyse DeMember of Plymouth, 13, looks on at right. Campbell set up a mock OR and explained the various professionals needed for surgery for Career Day at Central Middle School in Plymouth Wednesday.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Township eyes plan for Hilltop

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Township officials are talking about funding a \$25,000 master plan for the 18-hole Hilltop Golf Course on Powell due to an increasingly competitive market and safety issues at the course.

They also discussed the need for a larger clubhouse during talks at Tuesday night's study session.

"We have talked off and on for eight years that we would like to have a clubhouse to accommodate golf outings and the need for our citizens to have a nice place for wedding receptions, or whatever," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

Township officials recently talked with officials at American Golf Inc., who manages the course. American Golf is seeking a renewed contract of more than five years. The township has also talked to Lansing-based Jerry Matthews Natural Course Design, a firm that has done work for the township before.

The board is considering hiring the

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Man tries to lure girl into van

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Proper training may have paid off for a 10-year-old Plymouth girl Thursday.

The girl was approached around 5 p.m. by a man driving a van in the area of Harvey and Carol in the city of Plymouth.

The driver demanded the girl get into the van, and the girl promptly ran home to tell her mother.

"The little girl did exactly the right thing," Plymouth police Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck said.

"She went home and reported the event to her mother, who immediately called the police."

The driver is described as a dark-skinned white male around 40 years old with short black hair, a beard and mustache. According to Hundersmarck, he was driving an older, rusted, faded red van with no windows in the back.

"We went out there, but there was no sign of the vehicle or the person," Hundersmarck said. "We're asking anyone who might have seen the van or the person to report it."

More importantly, he said, parents should advise their children to avoid any vehicle or person matching the descriptions.

"Actually, they should avoid anyone or anything suspicious looking," Hundersmarck said.

Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to call the police department at (734) 453-8600.

From the horse's mouth: Shawn Ruman of Canton, 12 (above), watches glass blower Don Schneider craft a button for Career Day at Central. Below, Kenny Miller of Plymouth, 14, brought his horse Thunder, a 12-year-old standard breed, and discussed horse training for Career Day at Central.



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Plymouth nursing homes get boost from grant money

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Two Plymouth nursing homes have received thousands of dollars in state grants to improve the quality of long-term care for their residents. They are part of more than 340 nursing homes across Michigan that have been chosen to receive nearly \$8.5 million in

state money. Heartland Health Care Center will receive \$26,832, which will be used for educating nursing aides. "We will provide educational support for our nursing aides through the National Association of Geriatric Nursing Assistants," said Tony Abela, administrator of the 124-bed facility. "It will help in the quality of

care given by our nursing assistants, and will help them to become more compassionate when relating to the needs of our patients and their families." West Trail Nursing Center will use its \$9,568 for the same type of educational programs for nursing aides, as well as to buy new equipment. "The educational support will help provide more consistent

care, a higher quality of care, and teach ethics and regulations," said Lynne Peters, administrator for the 46-bed facility. "We'll have money left over to buy 46 new electric beds with mattresses." The grants are administered by the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, which oversees nursing homes and care facilities.

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Matthews group for golf course design and is expected to vote on funding the master plan at the March 28 regular meeting. That plan could lead to \$1 million in total renovation.

"We have some stiff competition in the area, with the reconfiguration of St. John's Golf Course," said Charles McIlhargey, the township's chief building official. "They have added an additional nine holes and have added driving ranges. Northville is adding a new golf course. We have not kept up with our competition."

American Golf employees have complained to township officials about a liability problem created when large trees were removed with the widening of Beck Road, McIlhargey said. "People are getting hit driving their cars on Beck Road when balls have gone through their windshields."

Trustee Chuck Curmi asked that data be provided at the next meeting about how many cars were hit by balls.

Preliminary plans for golf course design were drawn up more than eight years ago, Keen McCarthy said. The Matthews firm would do a hole-by-hole analysis and recommend timelines, to minimize the impact on the course during operation, she said.

"There has to be a business plan around this," Curmi said. "I'm not convinced we are picking the right box here. In the interim, get some trees planted that will grow quickly."

He wasn't in favor of immediately voting for the master plan at the March 14 regular meeting after discussion at the study session that preceded the meeting.

"It's premature," Curmi said. "This is a non-budgeted item. I'm not sure that we are ready to pull the trigger on a \$1 million deal. The master plan has a long-term spending line. Knowing most master plans, they are off by 50-100 percent."

He also noted that the proposed master plan did not include the clubhouse design. "Why not have a design contest?" Curmi asked. "Do we have aerial photographs? Do we have prints?"

Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said that she also didn't want to vote on the master plan subject that night, one-half hour after its discussion at the study session.

"Considering the expansion of your original clubhouse concept, with its required parking nearly double from our original study in 1992, we will not only have to redesign the positioning of these amenities but also need to revise our plan regarding the golf holes that this construction will affect," said Denny Spencer, vice-president of Jerry Matthews Natural Course Design in a letter to McCarthy. "We will need updated information on the actual footprint of the building and the number of cars we'll have to accommodate. The building will create entirely new, or partially new holes that will not match much of the existing course."

Spencer, therefore, advocated a total master plan.

Trustee K. C. Mueller asked that the board also consider using the clubhouse for youth activities.

Kinkade event

Plymouth's Wild Wings Gallery announces the Thomas Kinkade Master Highlighter event April 14-16 at its location at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail downtown.

The event takes place 1-9 p.m. April 14 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 15-16. According to Wild Wings officials, Kinkade has been considered a "modern-day Normal Rockwell," perfecting a technique known as luminosity. The California artist was named 1994 Artist of the Year and the 1995 through 1997 Graphic Artist of the Year by the National Association of Limited Edition Dealers.

"We are extremely excited about this rare opportunity to bring such a unique event to our gallery," said Louise Jabara Deschenes.

For more information about the event, call (800) 755-3401.

Dance performance

Dance Ensemble West presents "Dance

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Collection 2000". Saturday, March 25, at 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Canton Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road just south of Joy. Admission is \$9.

The concert is an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works. For the first time, the apprentice dancers will be dancing in the annual dance collection. They will perform their signature piece, a presentation of dances and poetry readings to the music of Sain Saens "Carnival of the Animals."

Dance Ensemble West is a nonprofit performing arts organization that has provided dance and arts education services in the area for more than 10 years. It includes dancers from Livonia, Plymouth, Canton,

Northville and Novi dancing in one of three divisions - apprentice, junior or senior company.

ADD awareness

Plymouth Family Services announces an education series for adolescents interested in learning about ADD/ADHD. The series consists of five hours of education over five consecutive Saturdays. Classes are designed to help adolescents learn how to deal with ADD/ADHD. Topics include medication, symptoms, tips for studying and available resources for the student.

The series is open to anyone 11-17 years old. It is recommended for those who wonder if they have ADD or ADHD, or who have attention difficulties. The class meets Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. for five weeks. Classes will be conducted informally in a lecture-discussion format. Cost is \$100 payable in advance.

For more information, call Plymouth Family Services, 453-0890.

Schedule set for Ann Arbor Road project

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The Michigan Department of Transportation has released its

tentative construction schedule for the reconstruction of Ann Arbor Road.

The boundaries of the reconstruction area are just west of

Sheldon Road to General Drive, according to Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services.

Completion of the roadwork is expected by November.

"The contractor shall work extended hours and night shifts as necessary to complete work by November," according to post-card-sized information schedules available at Plymouth Township

government offices.

The request for bids went out earlier this month. Bid opening is April 5.

Construction will start about one month after bid opening.

For more information, call Anulewicz at (734) 453-2257 or Paul Sinecock, City of Plymouth director of municipal services, at (734) 453-1234 ext. 238.

LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2000 POOF PRODUCTS, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2000, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Poof Products, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for an addition to their leased facility located at 45400 Helm Street, Lot 117, Metro West Industrial Park No. 4.

The request of Poof Products, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

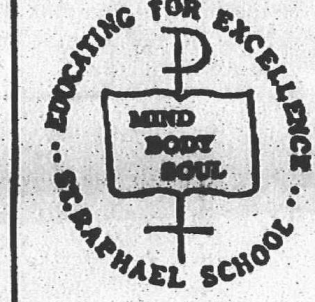
The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, March 28, 2000. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

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On Wednesday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearing on the FY 2000-04 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2000 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan will guide the community in setting goals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the five-year period described. The FY 2000 CDBG Action Plan will be funded at \$498,000. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on both items. Comment will be taken on the following project proposals: First Step, \$50,000; Growth Works, \$10,500; HelpSource Adult Day Care, \$5,000; Mediation Services, \$5,000; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$12,000; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; County Transportation System Management; Program Administration, \$87,800; construction contingency, \$44,000; Human Service Center Construction, \$200,000; Housing Rehabilitation, \$40,000. Note: not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 2000; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Final program decisions are made by the Board of Trustees. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48186, (734) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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Picture purrfect: Pet photographer Jill Andra Young had her work on display at the Detroit Kennel Club show at Cobo Hall this weekend.

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Pet project

Photographer puts pictures on display

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It's true that Jill Andra Young's business has gone to the dogs.

And to the cats, birds, and reptiles, too.

Any type of critter people keep as pets have seen the lights and camera of this pet photographer, whose office is located on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

Young, who has been in the pet photography business for 10 years, is displaying her work today at the Detroit Kennel Club Show at Cobo Hall as she has done for the last seven years.

"These are split seconds of time," Young said. "It's not like these animals sat there for a prolonged time. It's just a matter of catching them. Some will sit for two or three frames but a lot of times it's just that frozen moment of time."

Young started with a small studio on Main Street near the Clark Gas Station. "I thought it was a service that people needed and wanted," she said. "I thought that I would specialize in pets."

Every photographer has their own special niche that they are really good at - weddings, babies, families - I'm just good at pets. There is quite a market for someone who can work with animals. There aren't that many people out there who would allow animals into the studio."

Young has opened her heart and studio to small creatures like hamsters and gerbils, which children hold gingerly cupped in their hands next to their faces. "It's probably their first pet and they have come to have their portrait done," she said.

One family brought in their two kittens and an iguana. Their photo shows the three in peaceful co-existence.

Young's most unusual client was a three-foot Cayman alligator. "The young man worked with reptiles in an educational venue," Young said. "Normally I wouldn't do any exotics." The reptile came to the studio in a climate-controlled cooler. She's also turned her lens on

snakes and racing turtles. "You name it, they've been here, all sorts of little critters."

Kathleen Ashley of Brighton brought Winston and Madison, her two perfectly groomed standard poodles to the studio. "My family and I just wanted a picture of them," Ashley said. "My daughter came in with her pets last week."

Though she couldn't convince her children to come in for their own portraits, Ashley found that her son and daughter were willing to have photos taken with their pets. She plans to display all the members of the Ashley family on a photo wall in her home.

Dogs are Young's major clients, followed by cats.

"Cats probably think they are going to the vet," Young said. "When they realize they are not at the vet, they calm down just about enough. With cats we put them on the pillow and make them a little more comfortable. They keep waiting for something to happen that never happens. Cats usually don't leave the house that much. They have probably a little bit of fear or uneasiness, but overall, cats do pretty well. Cats are quiet enough that they participate unknowingly waiting for something to happen. Sometimes if they are more com-

fortable, they will sit up." Young always asks if clients want to be photographed with their pets. Some people bring props. "Dogs are pretty smart about stuff," Young said. "They catch on to what we are doing. I don't think they have the concept of photography. They know where they are supposed to sit. I use different toys. The flash goes off, they take that as a release, and then they run."

The front door is locked during the sitting because frequently the dogs are off their leash or have no collars on. "I certainly don't want anybody to scurry out the door and run away," Young said. "I don't want to lose our clients that way. Most people don't have to worry about their clients running off. I try to keep everybody in until we put their

leashes back on." Some people come in with specific ideas. Others come in with "whatever we can get them to do." She also goes to clients' homes and offers packages, Christmas cards, custom sweat shirts, aprons and totes.

She has photographed her own dogs, Annie, a basenji (an African barkless dog), and Odie, an Egyptian pharaoh hound. Their photos are displayed throughout the studio. Puppies create a different challenge. "They are very interested in everything," Young said. "Everything is new to puppies so they are very interested in a new squeaky toy or anything that is new. Adult dogs have different interests and have developed different personalities. It's just a matter of being patient. I assume that they can do it up until the point where the dogs say they can't."

Many times dogs and cats that have the most difficulty are those that are afraid and were rescue animals. "They have started life out a little bit harder than others," Young said. Young says she hasn't encountered a mean dog. She's photographed guard dogs and bomb dogs that were accompanied by their handlers.

For some dogs, the photo session is a game. "Some seem to be saying, 'I know you want me to sit here but I'm not gonna,'" she said. "When we get to cats it's like, 'This is so beneath me. I wouldn't possibly do this.' They will stay but then they won't look at you. For others it's, 'If I'm going to do this, I'm going to see every toy you have.'"

Animals, like babies, sometimes have bad days. "You can't keep trying if it's not working out on a particular day," Young said. Animal behavior has taught Young a lot about people. "Animals rely totally on body language to base their decisions on things," she said. "I find that they are rarely wrong. They know who to be afraid of, to be leery of. They have taught me a lot about patience."

"They have become a member of the family in a lot of households. It's like one more kid that's fuzzy."

For more information, call (734) 455-7787.

Chief: Merged dispatch was 'logical progression'

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It's been more than four months since the Plymouth police communications dispatch merged with that of Plymouth Township. And, in a report to city commissioners, Police Chief Dick Miller said he views the move as a success.

"The move happened before I was hired, but I would have approved the merger," said Miller. "This was a step that was necessary for these two agencies. It was a logical progression."

In his report, Miller addressed the major concern about the merger by residents in both communities, and the impact on the quality of service provided by their respective police departments.

"There is no discernible difference in either the quality or timeliness of our dispatched calls for service," Miller said in his report. "An additional tangible benefit has been the dramatically increased backup capability for city and township officers. With one dispatch and a shared dispatch channel, there is no delay in officers responding to each other's location for immediate backup. This has already proven to be an important and appreciated enhancement to officer safety for both

departments." Miller said he and Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey are "working on a lot of issues and talk several times a week."

While joint dispatch and joint fire services appear to be working well between the two communities, Miller said a merger of police services isn't necessarily in the cards in the near future.

"If the concern was this was going to lead to a merger ... as far as I can ascertain no one in Plymouth city government or the township is aiming toward merger of the (police) agencies," said Miller. "I can't say it will never happen because the future will be what is best for the community. In the foreseeable future, there's no one pushing for that, and I'm not pushing for it."

Carey, who oversees the combined dispatch service, agrees the merger has been a success.

"As far as operations of the joint dispatch, we've had no problems greater than any other time," said Carey. "In fact, it's been seamless."

"We've had some problems in managing the new contract and employees, but we've overcome most of those," said Carey. "Because of the one radio frequency which keeps officers in contact with each other, and the fact they can help each other out, it's been an asset to the whole operation."

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policing," said Miller. "They currently work with 28 police agencies, and I have every intention of being the 29th."

Until that happens, Plymouth police, along with the Downtown Development Authority, have conducted a survey of downtown businesses and residents concerning how the police department interacts with them on a

variety of issues. Furthermore, Miller said he plans on hiring and promoting those officers who embrace community policing as a principal law enforcement role.

Miller does point out that while community policing tries to nip crime in the bud, traditional law enforcement measures, such as preventative road

patrols, will not be tossed out.

"By shifting to Community Policing, this is not to say we won't aggressively pursue prosecutions on significant crimes," added Miller. "But there is another way, and we can find solutions to problems before they rise to a criminal threshold. I think citizens want to fix things before they get to that point."

Bid for charter school fails again

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A charter elementary school will not be built at the corner of Warren and Ridge roads.

Canton's Board of Trustees Tuesday denied a special land use request for National Heritage Academies.

It's the second time this year the board has said thanks but no thanks to the Grand Rapids-based company.

The denial was recommended last month by the Canton Planning Commission.

"I think the concept of a charter school is excellent," said Trustee Phil LaJoy. "But I think because of the size of the site, it's not a good fit."

An overflow crowd in the board's chambers cheered the decision, which was unanimous.


"This is a horrible site for any school," said Eric Krupp, who represented the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association. "We're against it."

Parcel size and potential impact on the beauty road status of Ridge were among the reasons cited by the board in making its decision.

"I'm concerned about traffic at this particular site," Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter added. "I will be voting to deny."

NHA first proposed a charter school for Beck and Hanford. Similar concerns led to a board denial last March.

Plans for the Warren/Ridge site emerged late last year. Canton's Planning Commission, however, denied NHA Jan. 10 and again Feb. 28 even after major plan revisions.



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OBITUARIES

CAROLYN SUE GOLDBERG
 Services for former Livonia resident Carolyn Sue Goldberg, 59, of Scottsdale, Ariz. were Feb. 22 in Hansen Desert Hills Mortuary of Scottsdale, Ariz.
 Mrs. Goldberg was born in Detroit and died Feb. 18, 2000, at her home in Scottsdale. She died after a lengthy battle with cancer.
 She was raised in Livonia and was a 1959 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. While living in Arizona, she worked as a travel consultant.
 Surviving are her husband, Philip; daughter, Jennifer; mother, Violet Allan of Westland; brother, Paul Allan of Chelsea; and sisters, Jane Garner of Plymouth and Julie Allan of Westland.
 Memorials may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 1624 East Meadowbrook Ave.,


Phoenix, AZ 85016.
MADelyn VIRGINIA (BLUNK) POTTER
 Services for Madelyn Virginia (Blunk) Potter, 83, of Plymouth will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Independence Village of Plymouth. (No flowers, please).
 She was born Jan. 13, 1917, in Plymouth and died March 11 at St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor. She graduated from old Plymouth High School in 1934 and worked at Blunk's Furniture Store on Penniman Avenue in Plymouth.
 In 1938 she married Donald Potter, also of Plymouth. She was a longtime resident of Plymouth. She was an active member of the Plymouth First Presbyterian Church. During the 1950s she worked as a volunteer administrator for the Huron Valley Girl Scouts. Starting in 1960 she was a cafeteria director at Plymouth High School for over 10 years. Don and Madelyn retired to Tampa, Fla. in 1972. In 1992 they returned to Michigan to make their home in Frankenmuth. She returned to


Plymouth with the opening of Independence Village on Northville Road. She was married for 57 years.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Don, in 1995. Survivors include her daughter, Jacquelyn DeLombard of Philadelphia; two granddaughters, Jeannie DeLombard of Tacoma, Wash., Leanne Thompson; and adopted son, Jerrold (Kathryn) Thompson of Ypsilanti.
 Memorials may be made to Hospice of Washtenaw or a hospice organization of your choice.
 Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.
CORBIN E. COVAULT
 Services for Corbin E. Covault, 82, of Sylvan Lake (formerly of Plymouth and Crystal River, Fla.) were March 13 in conjunction with the funeral of his sister, Betty Martin, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.
 He was born July 23, 1917 in Detroit. He died March 9 in West Bloomfield. He was a sales representative for Acorn Window

Company, retiring in 1978 after 15 years.
 Previously, he was founder and owner of Corbin Window Company in Detroit. While living in Crystal River, Fla., he continued to work at many small jobs. He always enjoyed working. He was born and raised in Detroit, he moved to the Oakland County area in 1950. He retired to Florida in 1978 and returned to Michigan in 1997. He lived at Independence Village of Plymouth until the summer of 1999. He was a member at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Crystal River, Fla. He was president of St. Vincent dePaul Society.
 He was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Martin. Survivors include his four sons, Ronald (Margaret) Covault of W. Bloomfield, Ned (Susan) Covault of Pleasant Ridge, Dennis Covault of Lake Orion, Mark (Gean) Covault of Sand Pointe, Ind.; one daughter, Mary (Craig) Hartz of Whitmore Lake; seven grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.
CHRISTOPHER E. CLOUGH
 Services for Christopher E. Clough, 23, of Farmington Hills were March 14 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Keith Moyers officiating.
 He was born Dec. 1, 1976 in Southfield. He died March 10 in Farmington Hills. He was a cook.
 Survivors include his parents, Earl H. of Farmington, Mary K. Clough of Plymouth; brother, Daniel (Joan) Eaton of Romulus; many uncles, cousins, aunts; and one niece and nephew.
 Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.
GERALD O. FUELLING
 Services for Gerald O. Fuelling, 74, of Plymouth were March 18 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born April 30, 1925 in Detroit. He died March 15 in Grand Rapids. He was an automotive engineer for Ford Motor Co. for 44 years.
 He came to the Plymouth community in 1955 from Wayne. He was a member of the United Methodist church of Plymouth. He was a Mason at the Wayne Masonic Lodge. He had a summer residence in Black Lake, Mich. He loved golfing, bowling, and baseball.
 He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School.
 Survivors include his wife, Florence of Plymouth; three children, Gary (Gretchen) of Grand Rapids, Kathy (Patrick) Dougherty of Sault Ste. Marie, Keith (Debbie) of Westminister, Colo.; two brothers, Richard (Dorothy) of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., Melvin (Cella) of Ocquec, Mich. twin sister, Geraldine (Jim) Keon of Westland; sister-in-law, Carol Wootton and Mary Wootton; 11 grandchildren, John, William, Andrew, Kathryn, Shannon, Kelly, Tara, Brigitte, Ryan, Brandon, Karli; and three great-grandchildren, Madison, Megan and Jordan.
 Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.
THOMAS H. WARD
 Services for Thomas H. Ward, 60, of Plymouth Township will be March 20 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, with Rev. Drexel E. Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating.
 He was born July 31, 1939 in Detroit. He died March 15 in the V.A. Hospital of Detroit. He was in the armed forces.
 Survivors include his mother, Alberta McLean; two sisters, Dona Ladach, Kathy Sajdak; and three brothers, Robert Ward, Stephen McLean, and Kenneth McLean.
THOMAS A. CHRISTOFF
 Services for Thomas A. Christoff, 47, of Plymouth were March 17 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne with the Rev.

Jack H. Baker officiating.
 He was born Dec. 12, 1952 in Detroit. He died March 14 in Livonia. He was a design engineer for Ford Motor Co./Visteon and was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.
 He was a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1974. He had lived in Plymouth since 1986 and previously in Livonia.
 Survivors include his wife, Judith Ann (Mireles) Christoff of Plymouth; parents, Alan and Mary Christoff of Westland; three daughters, Diana Christoff of Ypsilanti, Maria Christoff of Plymouth, Alicia Jean Christoff of Plymouth; two sisters, Debra Christoff of Indiana, Susan Christoff of Dearborn; and one brother, Glen (Mary) Christoff of Livonia.
 Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, Ill. 60678-3968.
MARGARET J. CLINANSMITH
 Services for Margaret J. Clinansmith, 90, of Ypsilanti (formerly of Salem Township) will be 4 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon.
 She was born March 14, 1909 in Onaway, Mich. She died March 12. She was a member of the Sunshine Club.
 She was preceded in death by two brothers. Survivors include her husband, Walter Clinansmith of Ypsilanti; four children, Bruce (Sally) Presley of Ypsilanti, Walter (Birdie) Clinansmith of Plymouth, Joanne (Norman) Ladd of Coldwater, Beverly (Robert) Coe of Coldwater; sister-in-law, Doris Avis; 28 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and four nephews.
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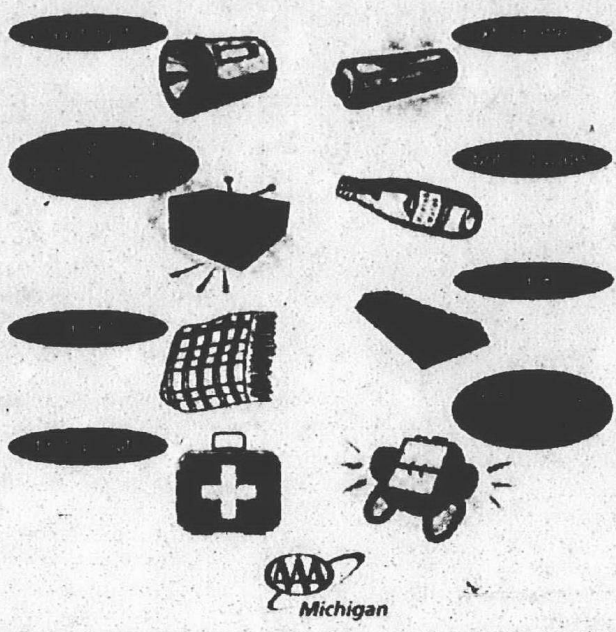
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March 26 to April 1 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan. The state's storm season runs from April to August, with peak season from May to June.

With volatile weather conditions likely in the spring and summer, state residents need to take steps now to be prepared, says Ric Philips, AAA Michigan manager for Homeowner Claims. To help homeowners and car owners protect their property, AAA Michigan offers the following severe-weather safety tips:

For the home:

- Check condition of the roof.
- Repair or replace loose shutters, eaves troughs and downspouts.
- Make sure downspouts direct rainwater at least three feet from the house.
- Trim dead branches off trees.
- Test the operation of the sump pump.
- Seal any cracks in basement walls.
- Clean out basement window wells of debris that prevents proper drainage.
- Fill above-ground pools with water so high winds won't blow the sides in.
- Replace glass storm doors with screens.
- Unplug all electrical appliances during storms.
- Use surge protectors on computers and unplug during storms or before vacation.
- Secure patio furniture, or put in garage when storms are predicted.
- Tie down mobile homes and arrange for emergency underground shelter.
- Keep items off basement floor and keep floor drains clear.

For the car:

- Park car in garage or carport, if possible.
- In event of hail, cover vehicle with a tarp or blanket.
- Pull off the road if driving during a hail storm.

Severe weather kit:

AAA Michigan recommends you keep these items in your basement in the event of severe weather:

- Two flashlights (with batteries)
- Extra batteries

- Portable, battery-powered radio
 - Bottled water
 - Blankets
 - Snack items
 - First-aid kit
 - Emergency phone numbers
- AAA Michigan urges residents to review tornado-safety procedures and monitor rapidly changing weather conditions.

Friend of Court updates operations

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Efforts are moving along to modernize operations of the Wayne County Friend of the Court and make them more efficient and customer-friendly, officials said Thursday.

Some 345 personal computers already have been installed at the agency and on Monday, office staff began scanning existing files into the computer system, they said.

Those two actions are the latest taken to improve office operations — a task, they said, which was begun two years ago.

It already has seen installation of an automatic call-distribution system, expanded hours of telephone operation and the opening of one satellite office and the promise of more to come.

Officials said the public should begin to notice improved operations by early summer.

The FOC officials were responding to inquiries by the Observer in the wake of complaints from agency clients about poor service and a vow by a western Wayne County commissioner to have the FOC's operations audited.

The commissioner, Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, said earlier in the week she is hopeful but has adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

Friend of the Court handles matters related to child-support.

Two years

Acting FOC Elena Kerasiotis, a 26-year veteran of the agency who was put in charge two years

ago, said the changes are all part of an attempt at making the agency "more accessible" and improving its image.

"By making ourselves more accessible to the public, we enhance our image," Kerasiotis said. "We need some good PR."

She and Sharon Pizzuti, assistant FOC for process improvement who also came on board then, said the scanning and other changes make for "a win-win situation."

The reason for the scanning program, called I3OC for Instant Information and Images on Computer, is to allow staff to both retrieve and provide information to the public quickly, said Pizzuti.

"It will enable us to get what we need so we can answer what they (the public) expect," she said.

Doris Ryans, FOC director of administrative operations, said the move into "day-forward imaging," wherein current documents will be scanned, is to begin June 1.

When that happens, FOC staff will be able to quickly get any document "without having to



New system: Jerry Hebron scans the first case file on the new imaging system.

retrieve a paper file," Ryans said.

Noted Kerasiotis, "That should eliminate a lot of faxing and the 'call-you-back when I get a copy of the letter.'"

Eventually, faxes from the courts and attorneys will go directly into the system, she said.

"This is very exciting," said Kerasiotis, who called it "a dream-come-true."

Kerasiotis cautioned, however, that while 17 of Ryans' staffers are handling the preparation, scanning and indexing of the 345,000 back-cases, it likely will take two years to complete.

Keep 10 years

She said state record-retention law requires back-scanning to 1966. Child-support files also must be maintained for 10 years after the last complaint is received, which means that, though child-support ends at age 19-1/2, files could be maintained nearly 30 years.

Scanning equipment, software,

personnel training and ongoing support cost the agency \$3.2 million, Kerasiotis said.

Other upgrades at the state's largest FOC agency includes the installation Feb. 28 of an automatic call-distribution system.

Available 24 hours a day, it allows callers to order FOC forms without having to come downtown to the FOC in the Penobscot Building.

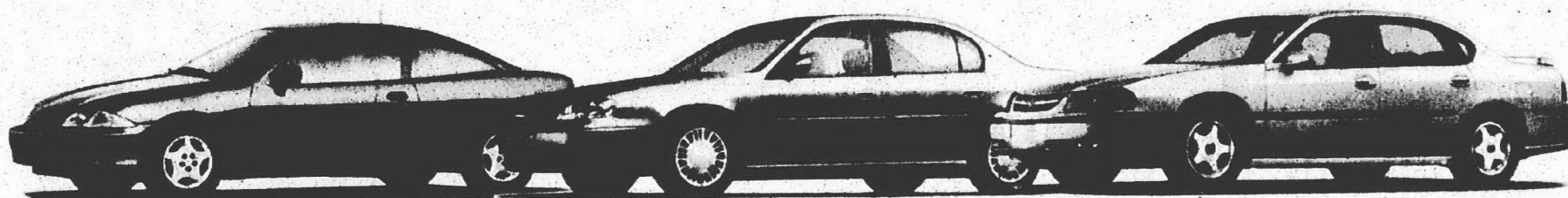
Six telephone operators have been added to boost the FOC staff to 15. They are available now from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., instead of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The FOC also opened a satellite office at Connor and Mack in Detroit to handle collection of costs for placing a child in foster care. The agency plans to open another office in Westland by the end of the year, said Kerasiotis.

A third office may open in southwest Detroit, she added.

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Rouge meeting set

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The first of three public meetings this year aimed at getting residents of, and businesses located in, Westland, Garden City, the southern half of Livonia and northern Dearborn Heights involved in restoring the Rouge River is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday.

That's when the first Rouge River Public Partnership Forum will take place at Riverside Middle School.

The meeting, part of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project, will offer an exchange of information between those involved in the cleanup and residents and business owners and officials.

Those providing information include Kurt Heise, chairman of the Rouge River Remedial

Action Plan Advisory Council; Cathy Bean of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, who's also active in RRAC; Dan Rathbun, whom Heise described as an expert on the Rouge environmental situation; and Barry Johnson of the Rouge program office, an adviser to the Middle 3 subwatershed advisory group.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said citizens "are encouraged to get involved in river activities by, first of all, attending (the forum) and sharing their ideas, dreams and vision for" the river.

Livonia is in two watersheds, the Middle 3 Subwatershed - which is hosting Thursday's meeting - and the Upper Subwatershed.

The first 100 people attending will receive giveaway items. Refreshments will be served.

County honors women of distinction

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Nine western Wayne County women were among 27 whose professional, community and civic achievements were recognized Thursday during the county Board of Commissioners' first celebration of March as national Women's History Month.

Commission Vice Chairwoman Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioners Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, each honored three.

"Women in Wayne County are trailblazers and heroines," said Commissioner Edna Bell, D-Detroit, organizer of the salute.

Interestingly enough, female accomplishments in Wayne County include a commission milestone: of the 15 commissioners, seven are women.

Beard's honorees were:

■ Margaret Harlow of Westland for "her commitment to voluntary activities" such as city committees, various service clubs and to organizations such as the Westland Chamber of Commerce and the Business and Professional Women;

■ Theola Jones of Inkster, local events and functions writer for the "Inkster Ledger Star," for her commitment to community activities, sorority projects and her church;

■ Carol Larkin of Garden City for "her many years of dedicated activities on the political scene in Garden City and Wayne County."

Larkin, who's been a voluntary campaign worker, is county campaign finance coordinator and chairwoman of the 13th Congressional Democratic District and former Garden City Democratic Club chairwoman.

Bankes' honorees were:

■ Harriet Larson of Livonia for "her many years of service," including her work on behalf of the Michigan Library System, the Friends of the Detroit Library "and most of all for the Friends of the Livonia Library."

"With the help of others, she has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support the Livonia library system and most recently she has made free books available to children who don't have books," Bankes' resolution said.

■ Fran Toney of Plymouth, director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, for her efforts "to ensure and protect the quality of life for the city of Plymouth as well as Plymouth Township."

"Her efforts on behalf of the business community as well as the residents are an enduring legacy that ensures an enhanced quality of life for all," the resolution said.

■ Karen Woodside of Northville Township "on behalf of the community that she so ably represented as township supervisor."

She led the community through a very important time of expansion and her legacy is yet to be recognized."

Honored by Husk were three Dearborn Heights women - Sharon Fitzgerald, Marge Horvath and Christine Scheuer.

Recognized by the other county commissioners were Dorothy Beard, Emma Bell, Pat Bosch, Angela Burris, Delphia Burton, Odessa Garrison, Marjorie Henry, Marge Horvath, Helen Johnson, Tameka Kennedy, Arlene Meadows, Lerrlyn Nelson, Alice Richardson, Linda Schoonover, Marvaline Solomon, Evelyn Spence, Kit Spencer, Gloria Thomas and Lori White.

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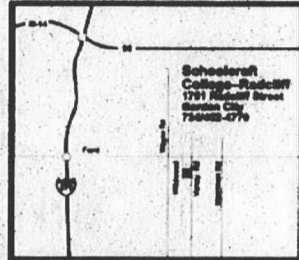
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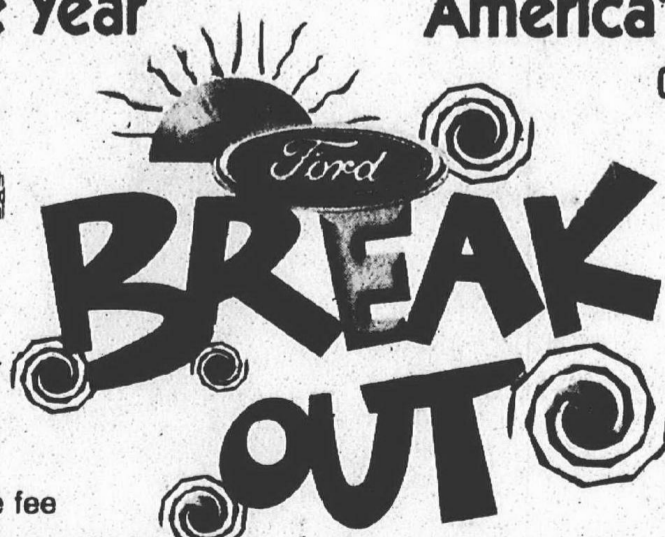
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All-American

Kari Jackson, a senior at Hope College from Canton (Plymouth Canton HS), concluded her collegiate athletic career by finishing fifth in the one-meter diving and 11th in the three-meter diving at the NCAA Division III Women's Swimming and Diving Championships March 9-11 at Emory University in Atlanta.

Jackson's performances earned her All-American status. She totaled 351.65 points on the one-meter, and 370-85 on the three meter.

Sold start

The University of Michigan's softball team got off to a good start on its spring trip to Florida and Georgia, posting a 12-6 record.

Stephanie Volpe, a Plymouth native and Plymouth Salem graduate, has begun well, too. The sophomore catcher is batting .289 with four doubles among her 11 hits and six runs batted in. She is within one RBI of 50 in her career and has surpassed the 70-hit mark.

Liz Elsner, a freshman from Plymouth (Plymouth Canton HS), saw limited action. Elsner batted twice and did not get a hit.

Golf league

The Canton Parks and Recreation Men's Golf League will begin April 26 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. A 27-hole facility, Fellows Creek offers three nine-hole courses and a clubhouse with a pro-shop and restaurant.

The 18-week league season costs \$420, which includes all league greens fees, prize money, league outing and awards. Play will be on Wednesdays, with 5-6 p.m. tee times; golfers will be paired as two-man teams for league play.

The league is limited to 36 golfers and is limited to Canton residents only until March 31. There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. April 19 at Fellows Creek to discuss league rules and regulations.

Register between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

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

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EuroUSA Futbol will give coaches clinics for club, teams, small groups or individuals featuring experienced trainers and coaches from around the world.

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Northville leagues

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department has several league programs open to non-residents.

• **Adult women's softball league** — Play will be Tuesdays, May 9-Aug. 8. Cost is \$345 per team for 12 games; umpire fees extra. Non-residents are \$15 each. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

• **Adult men's softball league** — Play will be on Mondays, from May 8-Aug. 7. Cost is \$345 per team for 12 games; umpire fees extra. Non-residents are \$15 each. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

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Whalers, PCA post an imposing figure



C.J. RISAK

News and views

Sweet 16? Forget it . . . that's so retro.

Seventeen's the number for now — well, at least it was until Friday night.

See, seventeen is a figure some teams may never realize, at least when it comes to victories. In a row, that is.

But that's where the Whalers stood going into Friday's game at Guelph. Their win streak was the second longest in Ontario Hockey League history (the longest: 25 by the Oshawa Generals). Coincidentally, 17 wins in a row — as impressive

as it is — wasn't the sole possession of the Whalers. Plymouth Christian Academy's basketball team had a streak that long going into Friday's Class D regional final against Lenawee Christian.

There are differences. The Whalers entered this season in a rebuilding stage; the foundation of last year's squad was playing pro hockey — David Legwand, Paul Mara and Harold Druken were all in the NHL.

Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer said this season's team didn't possess the raw ability last year's did. Which only makes what they've accomplished more remarkable.

Coming into the new year, a playoff berth was no certain thing for Plymouth. The Whalers started to get things going in January, winning six of 10 games,

then really turned it on.

Since losing 2-1 to the Ottawa 67s Jan. 29, the Whalers had not lost until Friday, when the Guelph Storm topped them, 5-3.

Only five losses since December? Hard to believe. Catching Sault Ste. Marie, which was leading the West Division by a comfortable margin in January, seemed unlikely.

But the Whalers surpassed the Greyhounds a month ago. Last weekend they reached another goal: the best record in the OHL, one point more than injury-plagued Ottawa, which had led the league since the season's early stages.

With just two games remaining, the Whalers could

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A wish unfulfilled Lenawee crushes Eagles' dreams

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

During the record-setting 17-game winning streak Plymouth Christian Academy carried into Friday night's Class D regional final game against Adrian Lenawee Christian, the Eagles' trademark was their ability to build comfortable leads in the first half, and coast in the second.

Incredibly, PCA hadn't trailed in the fourth quarter of a game since January.

Lenawee Christian turned the tables on the Eagles Friday night, surging to a 36-20 half-time advantage before finishing off PCA, 76-43, in a game played at the Hillsdale College Sports Complex.

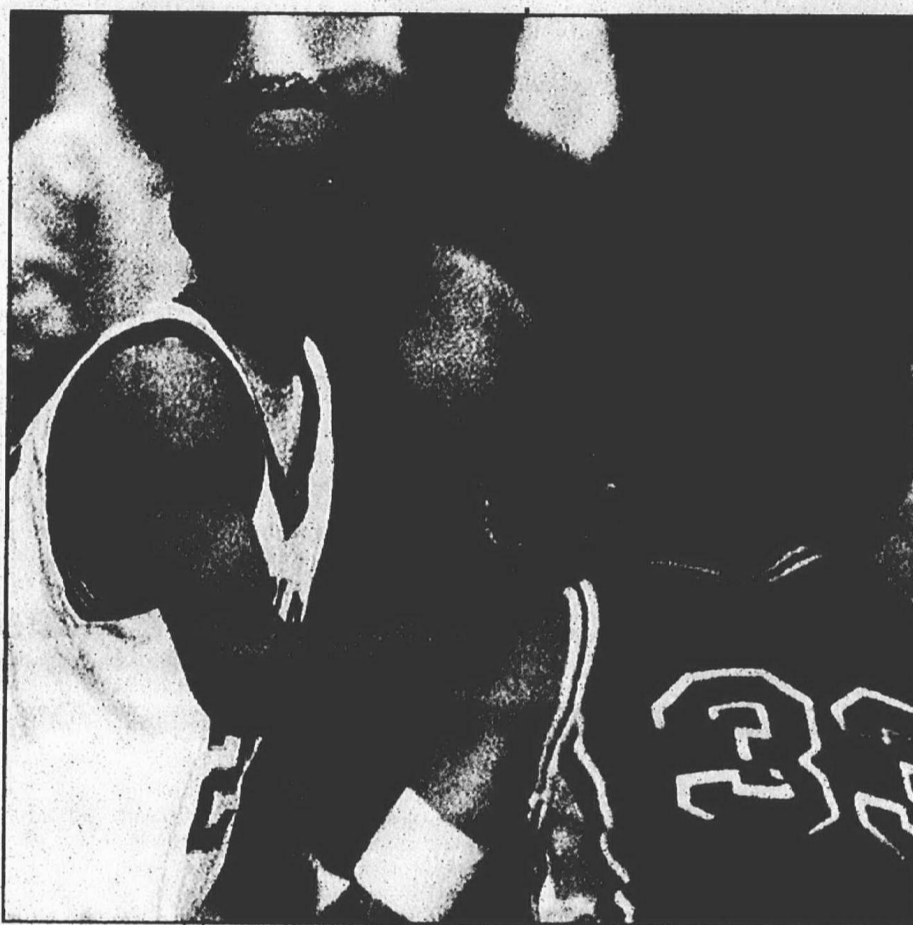
The Eagles (20-5) have now lost in the Class D regional final game two consecutive years.

"One thing we haven't had to do lately is play catch-up," sighed PCA coach Doug Taylor. "Obviously, we're not very good at coming from behind."

"But I am very, very proud of this team for what it has accomplished over the past two seasons. They have made me, their school and their city proud. They have the record for the longest winning streak in school history and Derric (Isensee) scored over 1,000 points for his career. This team accomplished everything I wanted it to."

Lenawee Christian improved to 24-1 with the victory. The Cougars' only blemish this season — a 76-60 setback Feb. 1 at PCA.

"The first time we played Plymouth

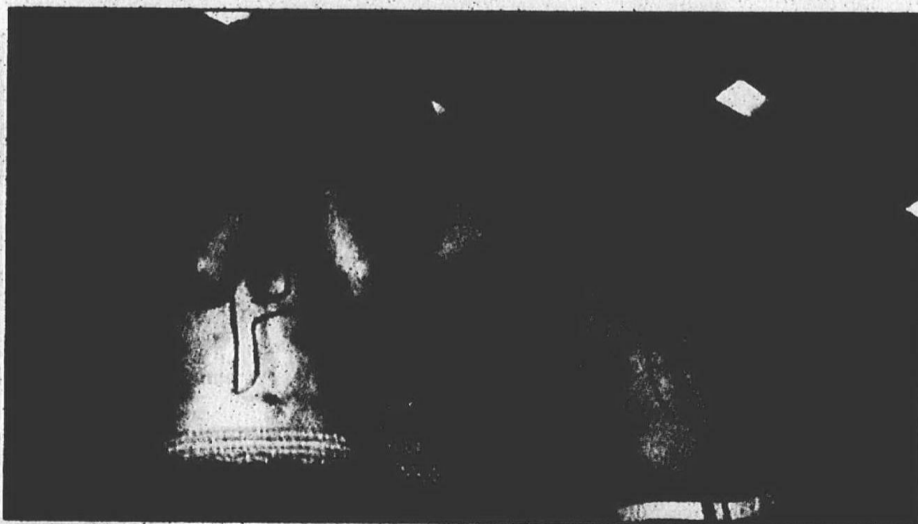


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Christian, they came out and shot extremely well right from the opening tip," said Lenawee Christian coach Jim

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No answer to be found: When Plymouth Christian ripped previously unbeaten Lenawee Christian by 16 points Feb. 1, the Eagles thought they could match their longtime nemesis. On Friday, Lenawee proved that to be an incorrect assumption. Dave Carty (above) looked for help but there wasn't much to be found, which was a disappointment to both the team and PCA fans (at left) Jonathan Dale (left, with P), Ryan Bloom (center, with C) and Ryan Copeland (right, with A) who traveled to Hillsdale College in hopes of witnessing a victory.



4 Rocks, 2 Chiefs rate with the best

BY BRAD EMONS
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Bridging the millenium isn't hard when it comes to the All-Observer wrestling team.

There are several familiar faces from a year ago including state champions Josh Gunterman (103 pounds) of Livonia Stevenson and Mitch Hancock (160) of Redford Catholic Central.

Other repeat first-team selections by the area coaches include Ron Thompson (119) of Plymouth Salem, John Mervyn (125) of Livonia Franklin, Rob Ash (125) of Salem, Josh Henderson (140) of Salem and Jeff Usher (145) of Redford Thurston.

Observerland Coach of the Year is Clint Kraft of Livonia Clarenceville, who led the Trojans to a 13-11-1 dual-meet record, a co-championship in the Metro Conference and a Division IV team dual district championship.

Kraft, in his second season, guided the Trojans to the regional finals where they fell to Brown City.

The Trojans placed a pair of grapplers on the squad, Dan Tondreau (119) and Josh Rose (275).

Introducing the 1999-2000 All-Observer wrestling squad as selected by area coaches:

FIRST TEAM

Josh Gunterman, 103, Liv. Stevenson: The senior capped his stellar career with two state titles and 99 career victories (with only 17 losses), including a 43-0 record this season and 56 straight wins dating back to his junior year.

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This season he finished first in regional, district and was named Observerland Invitational MVP. He also captured the Western Lakes Activities Association crown, along with the Garden City, Redford Catholic Central, Stevenson and Livonia City championships.

"It's not often you have the pleasure as a coach to have a two-time state champion," Stevenson's Joel Smith said. "Having Josh was truly that. He was powerful, technically sound, along with a willingness to try anything attitude. He is definitely a goal-oriented athlete and a blue chipper."

Chris O'Hara, 112, Redford CC: The junior moves into his final year after posting a 38-11 record this season and a 59-23 mark for his career.

O'Hara placed at the Observerland, Detroit Catholic League and Catholic Central meets and finished fourth in the Division I regional to qualify for the state individual meet. If he hopes to qualify next year, he might have to do it in a different class.

"Chris is now a true contender in the state of Michigan, as far as wrestlers are measured," said CC wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez. "He is going to have more fun next year at 150 pounds."

Dan Tondreau, 112, Clarenceville: The senior finished 43-16 this season and 137-54 in his career (a school record).

Tondreau wound up fourth in his weight class at the Division IV individual state meet after fourth-place finishes at the district and regional. He was a three-time Metro Conference champion. As a junior he won three invitational titles.



Three-time selection: Salem's Josh Henderson has been on the all-Observer team three times. He was 44-10 this season.

"Dan has been a valuable asset to our lower weights for four years," Clarenceville coach Clint Kraft said. "He has continuously improved from his freshman year all the way through the state meet."

"He deserves a lot of credit for the improvement in our younger wrestlers at the lower weights. Dan has a strong determination to never give up and is probably the best come from behind wrestler I have ever coached."

Please see ALL-OBSERVER, B2

Streak ends: Storm stop Whalers, 5-3



All good things come to an end. Now it's just a matter of how quickly the Plymouth Whalers can

adjust.

The Guelph Storm overcame a three-goal deficit after one period by scoring twice on the power play in the second period and adding a short-handed goal in the third, pulling away to a 5-3 win over the Whalers Friday in Guelph.

The loss ended Plymouth's 17-game winning streak, longest in franchise history. The Whalers last previous loss was Jan. 29 by a 2-1 count to the Ottawa 67s.

Everything started well for Plymouth, with Stephen Weiss, Jamie Lalonde and Damian Surma scoring in the opening period, Surma's on the power play with just 12 seconds left. Shaun Fisher assisted on Surma's goal; Cole Jarrett assisted on Weiss' and Rob McBride and Stephen Morris assisted on Lalonde's.

But things turned around in the second period. Kevin Dallman and Kent McDonnell got power-play goals in the first 11:15, and Dallman got the game-tying goal with 1:52 left in the second.

Eric Beaudoin got the game-winner, scoring with Guelph short-handed at 3:05 of the third; Charlie Stephens added an insurance goal four-and-a-half minutes later.

Dallman also had three assists for the Storm, with Manny Malhotra and Kevin Mitchell adding two apiece.

Rob Zepp made 24 saves in goal for Plymouth. Chris Madden had 23 for Guelph.

The Storm improved to 27-34-4 in the OHL's Midwest Division. The Whalers slipped to 43-18-4.

Plymouth plays at Sarnia at 7 p.m. tonight, then finishes its regular-season schedule at London at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Cruisers finish 3rd; Dzialo sets 3 records

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers enjoyed another stellar performance at the Michigan Team Swim League State Championship Meet, finishing third out of 23 teams and winning the 11-12 girls age division.

Harbor Springs and Saginaw were first and second, respectively.

The Cruisers did have several individual state champions, including Plymouth Salem freshman Ben Dzialo, who won the 13-14 year-old boys 50-yard and 100-yard freestyles and the 100 butterfly, setting new meet records in each.

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Plymouth Canton sophomore Matt Wisniewski was also a big winner for the Cruisers, collecting firsts in the 15-18 boys 50, 100 and 200 freestyles.

Other winners for the Cruisers included Ellen Palczynski, who won the 8-and-under girls 50 free; Kelley Hodges, first in the 9-10 girls 50 fly; and Nick Dixon, first in the 13-14 girls 500 freestyle.

Other Cruiser scorers were:

8-and-under division (girls) — Palczynski, third in the 100 individual medley and 25 breaststroke.

9-10 division (girls) — Hodges, sixth in the 100 IM, seventh in the 50 backstroke; Megan Hodges, third in the 50 back, fourth in the 100 free, sixth in the 50 free; Chris Marinica, second in the 100 IM, fifth in the 100 free, eighth in the 50 free.

11-12 division (girls) — Kristen Woods, third in the 50 back, fourth in the 100 free, sixth in the 200 free; Maggie Fisher, eighth in the 200 free, 11th in the 50 free, 12th in the 100 free; Elaine Lafayette, ninth in the 100 IM, eighth in the 100 free; Ashley Aquinto, fifth in the 50 fly, eighth in the 50 free; Allison

Arble, fifth in the 50 free, 200 medley relay team of Woods, Arble, Aquinto and Fisher, second; 200 medley relay team of Stacy Yee, Patricia Ahern, Lafayette and Hannah Walters, sixth; 200 free relay team of Walters, Yee, Ahern and Aquinto, fifth.

11-12 division (boys) — Penn Chou, second in the 100 IM and 50 breast, fourth in the 50 free; Alex Marinica, fourth in the 50 back, seventh in the 50 free, eighth in the 100 free; Joseph LaRiche, sixth in the 50 free, seventh in the 50 breast, ninth in the 100 free.

13-14 division (girls) — Celine Nambride, third in the 500 free, ninth in the 200 free; Heather Michalsen, second in the 200 IM, third in the 100 fly; Allison Goldsmith, eighth

in the 50 free; 200 medley relay team of Nambride, Michalsen, Goldsmith and Danielle Powers, fourth.

13-14 division (boys) — Nick Dixon, second in the 200 free and 100 back; Nick Yee, fourth in the 100 free, fifth in the 100 breast, eighth in the 50 free.

15-18 division (boys) — Ryan Ahern, second in the 500 free, seventh in the 200 free and 50 free; Adam Sonnanstine, second in the 200 IM, third in the 500 free, sixth in the 100 breast; Brad Herbeck, third in the 100 back, fifth in the 100 fly, 12th in the 100 free; 200 medley relay team of Herbeck, Sonnanstine, Wisniewski and Ahern, third.

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enter the playoffs with the home-ice advantage throughout.

There are several reasons for their success. Their defense, in particular their penalty killing, has sparkled; they lead the OHL in killing penalties with an 85.1 success percentage (through March 9).

They have allowed a league-low 159 goals (about 2.5 per game), with goalie Rob Zepp leading the OHL in goals against average (2.37). And they rank fifth in goals scored with 244. Their goal differential is third best.

This team has done more than anyone could have expected. Whatever happens in the playoffs, this will be a season to remember.

PCA rolling, too

Now for PCA, which — unlike the Whalers — entered the season with all sorts of lofty expectations. A junior-dominated team a year ago, the Eagles reached the regional final before losing to Lenawee-Christian.

Since that time, their sights were focused. Another state tournament run, only take this one even further.

Unfortunately, PCA didn't play that way coming out of the gate. Four losses in its first six games left coach Doug Taylor wondering what was going on.

But after losing back-to-back contests in mid-January to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Southfield Christian, the Eagles soared.

Yet their destiny proved no better. Lenawee Christian, a team PCA had beaten by 16 (the Cougars only loss of the season) on Feb. 1, crushed the Eagles in Friday's regional final.

Four seniors carried PCA: 6-foot-3 forward Derric Isensee, 6-foot guard Dave Carty, 6-4 center Mike Huntsman and 5-11 point guard A.J. Sherrill. All four averaged in double figures in scoring.

Too bad that they couldn't extend the season a few more games, but if it's any consolation, the team the Eagles fell to was no slouch.

And 17-straight's not too bad.

Season to remember

Last Tuesday, Detroit Pershing eliminated Plymouth Salem from the state basketball tournament with a 16-point win in a Class A regional semifinal.

Losing a state playoff game can be devastating to a group of high school kids. But I can't believe it had that kind of impact on these guys.

This has been a season that brought new perspective to the Rocks. When they witnessed their teammate, Mark Bolger, collapse at halftime of their game against Livonia Stevenson Jan. 28, learning later he had died, the importance of the game they labored to master slipped.

But their season progressed. Dedicating it to the memory of their fallen comrade — players each wore black armbands with Bolger's number 30 on it, and at game's end they always huddled at center court for a prayer — Salem ended up with a 13-10 record, going 7-5 after his death.

Included in that was a trip to the Western Lakes Activities Association playoff final and a district championship.

By Salem standards those numbers are modest, but this was not a season whose success was determined by win/loss figures. The Rocks battled their emotions, refocused their attention and emerged as winners.

There's no other way to describe them.

Top coaching jobs

This is one area in which the

Plymouth and Canton communities seem to excel.

This year's selections: Canton's Dan Abraham and Salem's Tom Teeters.

Anyone who can guide a first-year program to a winning record against some established competition deserves credit. That's what Abraham did, posting an 11-10-2 record with Canton's first-year hockey team.

An intense competitor, Abraham will guide the Chiefs into contention in the Western Lakes Activities Association quickly. Count on it.

As for Teeters... he's quirky, he's a control fanatic, and he's a very good coach in almost every sense of the word. Superior tactics earned his Salem volleyball squad both district and regional championships.

In his two years as coach of

the Rocks, he's guided them to the state quarterfinals twice. That's pretty darn good.

Special commendation goes to Salem's Bob Brodie, whose even-handed coaching approach worked wonders in helping keep the Rocks' basketball team together after Bolger's tragic death.

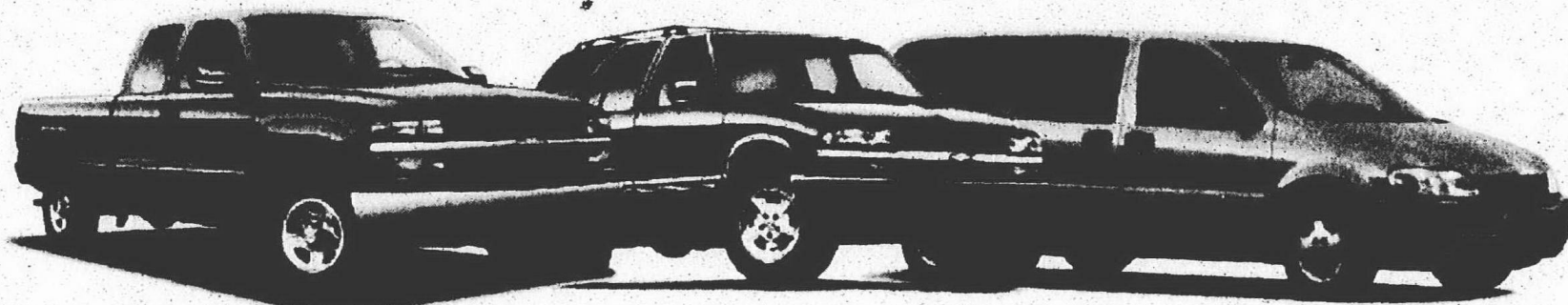
Others worth noting: Salem swim coach Chuck Olson, who guided the Rocks to an eighth-straight WLAA championship; PCA basketball coach Doug Taylor, whose patience with a team that will follow a silly mistake with a 10-point run is one big reason the Eagles reached the Class D regional final; and of course Canton wrestling coach John Demsick, who guided the Chiefs to a school record 19 dual meet wins.

And let's not forget the Whalers' DeBoer, either.



A time for prayer: The Feb. 11 game between Plymouth Salem and North Farmington was intense and hard-fought, but when it was over both teams knelt together at center court to remember Salem's Mark Bolger, who died two weeks earlier.

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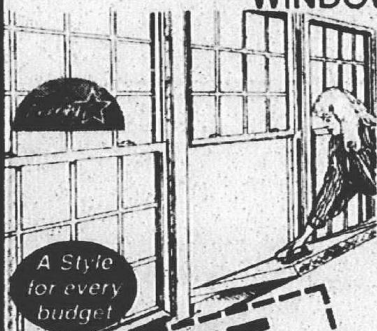
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On May 23, Western, Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, The Fortress in Frankenmuth and The Highlands in Grand Rapids will hold qualifiers.

Applications are available at the qualifying sites and the Michigan Section PGA office, by calling (734)-522-2323. The \$200 entry fee and completed application must be received at the Michigan PGA Office by Tuesday, May 9 at 5 p.m.

Adray Tourney set

The eighth annual Mike Adray Memorial Golf Tournament will

be held Wednesday, May 17, at Mystic Creek Golf Club at Camp Dearborn in Milford.

The tournament will benefit scholarships at Henry Ford Community College and has provided 176 scholarships for students in past years.

The package features lunch, 18 holes of golf, dinner and silent and live auctions for \$195. A dinner/auction only package is available for \$85.

For information on the outing, call HFCC's Office of Development at (313) 845-9880. For information about contributing prizes for the event, call (313) 845-6493.

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Brown. "Their confidence grew as a result of their shooting, and they really took it to us."

"Tonight, we were the ones who came out and hit our shots early. The key for us was that we received contributions from a lot of different kids, not just the starters."

All the momentum PCA brought into the game was smothered quickly by Lenawee Christian senior forward Doug Gray, who swished two three-point bombs in the opening minute to give the Cougars a lead they would never relinquish.

Gray proved to be unstoppable inside as well as beyond the arc, finishing with a game-high 25 points.

On the way to his 18 first-half points, Gray drew three fouls on PCA's primary inside offensive threat, Michael Huntsman, who, as a result of the foul trouble, played just one minute in the second quarter.

Despite the Cougars' 16-point lead at the break, both coaches knew PCA was only a couple David Carty three-pointers and

an Isensee baseline drive from getting back into the game.

"During halftime, I didn't even talk about the big lead," Brown revealed. "I told the kids that they had to go out and win the first three minutes of the third quarter. I stressed to my players that Plymouth Christian was a very, very dangerous team that was capable of scoring a lot of points in a hurry."

Taylor said he was also confident his team had at least one more run in it.

"I thought we could turn it around if we came out fast in the second half," he said. "But we came out and took bad shots three straight trips down the court, and we never really got into our offense. Plus, we only had two defensive rebounds in the first half."

"We just didn't play well, and Lenawee Christian had a great game. They shot the ball extremely well tonight."

Gray opened the second half with a strong drive to the basket, making it 38-20, but Isensee countered with a pair of free

throws.

The Cougars then went on a 16-6 run to completely extinguish any comeback plans PCA may have had.

Lenawee Christian senior guard Ben Brown (the coach's son) was the only Cougar besides Gray to score in double figures, pumping in 22 points. Brown, who connected on four-of-nine three-point shots, also dished out four assists and grabbed five rebounds.

Huntsman led the Eagles with 10 points and eight rebounds. Isensee and Carty capped sterling careers with sub-par games, scoring just eight points a piece.

PCA shot just 31 percent from the field (13-of-43), but shined at the charity stripe, hitting 15-of-19 shots.

Lenawee Christian shot the lights out, nailing 28-of-49 field goals. The Cougars could have earned frequent-shooter credits at the free-throw line in the foul-filled fourth quarter, sinking 12-of-18.

PCA turned the ball over 20 times and was outrebounded, 33-23.

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Salem team earns top honors at tourney

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

"We Build Excitement." This popular slogan could also apply to the Michigan High School Conference Championships last weekend at Century Bowl in Waterford. They came from all over the state including the

Upper Peninsula. A total of \$20,000 in scholarship funds were up for grabs, and from a starting field of 72 male and 66 female bowlers, the process of elimination produced winners in the singles events on Friday and the team competition winding up last Saturday.

"This is a wonderful way for kids in high school to gain pride in themselves, by competing for their school and in personal development as they grow into adulthood," Century Bowl's Mark Voight said. "The spectators were literally hanging from the rafters, and this is a larger house than most with 52 lanes and having temporary grandstands set up in the concourse."

The student/athletes put on a terrific showing both days, with singles competition on Friday

and team events on Saturday. There were separate divisions for boys and girls, with Saturday's action featuring 24 boys teams and 22 girls teams.

In the singles competition, both high qualifiers in the boys and girls division also went on to win their respective championships.

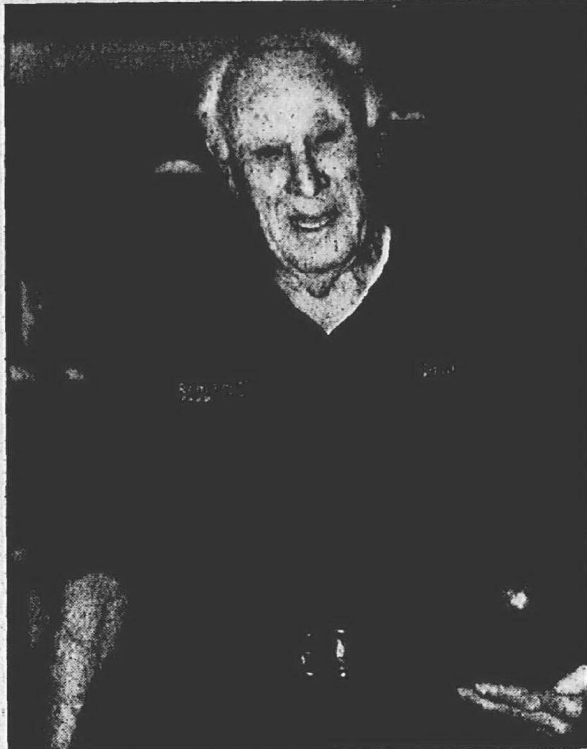
Abraham DeMond of Coldwater topped all qualifiers with 1,997. He rolled scores of 235, 256, 255, 230 and 231 for a 2,604 total, which earned him a \$1,000 scholarship.

Jhamall McGaughy of Flint Southwestern Academy finished second at 2,515, earning a \$700 scholarship.

On the girls side, Jenni Johnson of Bay City Western dominated the field, qualifying with 1,313, and then rolling games of 267, 181, 221, 224 and 246 for a total of 2,452 for a \$1,000 scholarship.

Kristi King of Warren Cousino, who won it all last year, finished second this time, earning another \$700 for her scholarship fund.

The team competition took place Saturday with 24 boys teams and 22 girls teams. The first three games of qualifying were all bowled in the standard team format, then the rest of the competition was in the Baker



On a roll: Jarvis Woehlke rolled the third 300 game of his career while competing in the Senior Men's League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford, the second for this 86-year-old since December.

System format, in which each bowler bowls one frame in the first five, then one more turn in the second five. It works somewhat like the batting order in baseball.

After they finished qualifying rounds, it turned out that the top two teams ended in a tie.

In order to decide which seed-

ed position they would have, Lansing Waverly and Wyoming Rogers had top bowl a one-game tie breaker, and as luck would have it, the tie breaker would end up tied 193-193.

That meant one more tie-breaker game was called for and this time Waverly won, gaining top seed for the match play

rounds. After the last pin had bitten the deck in match play, it was the team from Plymouth Salem that emerged victorious having defeated Lansing Waverly 458-329 in a two-game match, Rogers (358-336) and Bay City Western (467-380).

The Salem team, coached by Cliff Richards, consisted of Jeff Thomas, Cory Caincross, Justin Horvath, Steve Reitzel, Pat Brown, Eric Pawlus and Matt Bowden.

The win earned the Salem team \$3,000 in scholarships.

As for the girls, it was Waterford Mott going all the way to the winners circle by defeating Grand Rapids Creston, 358-274.

A special mention for those who worked so hard to make the event a huge success, Scott Bennett, Executive Director of Bowling Centers Association of Michigan, Bob Huebel, BCAM President, and Ron Tomassoni of Iron Mountain whose initiative four years ago started this new movement to high school bowling.

This year's event doubled last year's turnout and it is hoped that soon there will be a high school letter-sport called bowling.

"The Mechanic" has done it again.

Jarvis Woehlke of Dearborn recently rolled another 300 game in the Senior Men's League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

It was his third 300 game and the second one since last December when he became the third oldest in the history of organized bowling (at age 86) to roll a perfect game.

This time, Jarv rewrote the record books as he is the only person to do it twice at this age.

Jarv used the Columbia Extreme Chaos ball for both of his perfect games. As of now, it appears that Jarv Woehlke is the only person in 105 years of recorded ABC bowling history to have bowled two ABC sanctioned perfect games in his 80s.

For the third straight week a perfect game has been registered in the All-Star Bowlerettes League at Livonia's Cloverlanes when Novella White notched her third career 300.

"I was in a groove," said Novella, who had not found a comfort zone for awhile.

Meanwhile, Robin Barter of Westland came close with a 299 and 702 series, her first ever 700 set, Karen continued her hot streak with a 280 game in 751, while Westland's Diane St. Louis rolled a 257 in a 712 set and Erica Mickowski ran up a 267 game with a 720 set.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Mayflower Lanes (Redford)**
Tuesday Night Men's: Jeff Luyben, 300/640.
Garden Lanes (Garden City)
St. Linus Classic: Mike Baldwin, 268/238-229/735; Dave M. Bazner, 299-210/704; Rob Cook, 231-254/694; Dan Bollinger, 27-222-234/683; Jim Barina, 243-232/666.
Friday Ladies Classic: Sue Siemiasz, 279-244-266/789; Kim Even, 237-216-247/700; Erika Ruff, 246-210/657.
Cloverlanes (Livonia)
All-Star Bowlerettes: Novella White, 300/683; Robin Barter, 299/702; Karen Martin, 280/751; Diane St. Louis, 257/712; Erica Mickowski, 267/720.
Tuesday Seniors: Joe Newton, 211/530; Howard Simons, 203/555; Chet Zajac, 211/576.
FMCoCo Thursday Nite: Mike Malone, 287 (113 pins over-average); Mike Saunders, 278/702; Frank Knitter, 276; Chuck O'Rourke, 718; Jim Griffith, 714; Randy Thompson, 711.
Pico Inter Plant Mixed: Don Kanelos, 205/600; Jim Christian, 210-236/627; Steve D'Mitrichina, 215-227/645.
Friday Seniors: Floyd Halstead, 232-208/584; Joe Newton, 221-210-207/638; Dan Uller, 211/522; George Bowman, 2133/544.
Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
Lyndon Meadows: Debbie Ellsworth, 200/532; Glen Fedrigo, 221/567.
GG& Auto: Larry Geiger, 300/703; Keith Elwert, 269/709; Mary Holly, 288/730; Mike Robertson, 258/716; Lloyd Nichols, 288.
St. Edith: Roger House, 259/714; Bob
- Rushford, 246/653; John Paul, 245/663; Bob Bailey, 660; Ray Blair, 245.
Ford Parts: Stan Ickes, 266/765; Gary Shatter, 256/737; Vaughn Pistolesi, 238/693; Minh Grougan, 269/753; Rick Hillier 172 triplicate.
Morning Stars: Bobbi Allan, 224; Betty Koski, 204.
Men's Trio: Jeff Adamczyk, 299/784; Mark Howes, 707; Dennis Seeman, 716; Dave Grabos, 701; Tim Saunders, 698.
Early Birds: Ann Guerra (125 average), 214 (first ever 200); Robin Marchione, 215; Gerry Brady, 202; Marilyn Gould, 202; Joyce Yandric, 540.
Guys & Dolls (Seniors): Kris Barbour, 201; June Karker, 201; Ed Zdanowski, 207; John Halstead, 204; Bill Bauman, 204.
Midnighters: Tim Mielczarek, 257; Jim Zapinski, 239; Evans Brown, 235; Doug Wiseman, 230; Doug McMillan, 228.
Senior House: Darin Kolb, 267/697; Mickey Webb, 253/697; Jeff Roche, 289/773.
Midnight Mixed: Tim Rose, 256/704; Dave Parker, 279/677; Bobby J. Williams, 279/687; Joe Helm, 243/670.
Monday Seniors: Larry Norville, 217-210; Jim Meloche, 235; Zita Chemello, 219; Bob Wilhelm, 204.
Pizza Lanes (Plymouth)
Pizza Men: Larry Minehart, Jr., 224-224-279/727; John Paz, 246-235-246/727; Chris Kloc, 289; Bob Healy, 254-246-235/735.
Pizza Men: Brian Puckett, 247-209-267/723; Larry Gawlik, 212-259-238/709.
Sheldon Road Men: Dave Eastman, 216-218-287/721; Larry Minehart, Jr., 279-226/688.
- Suburban Proprietor Travel (Men):** Mark Voight, 267/654; Dave Jacobs, 248/686; Jeff Bennett, 248; Rod Florika, 247/687; Rudy Kramer, 246.
Suburban Proprietor Travel (Ladies): Shirley Steele, 236/603; Gloria Mertz, 212; Pat Russell, 204/547; Janet Harding, 203/523; Alice Cair, 202.
Super Bowl (Canton)
Friday Funsters: Gene Wiercha, 209/559; Nellie Vroman, 191/514; Robert Vroman, 189/501; George Bradley, 199.
Saturday Youth: 11 a.m. (Majors): Cory Caincross, 256/611; Drew Barth, 219/553; Matt McCaffrey, 204/516.
(Juniors): Andrew Siemasz, 200; Gregory Johnson, 179.
(Preps): Katelyn Ingraham, 163.
(Bantams): Ryan Clark, 189.
9 a.m. Majors: Jon Robison, 266/639; Pat Brown, 266/731; Heidi Pierce, 197/509; Ken Bazman, 208/547.
(Juniors): Amy Ansara, 124; Ted Panaretos, 198; Kevin Mudge, 145.
(Bantams/Preps): Chris Blythe, 138; Greg Pollard, 166.
Friday Majors: Brian Peczynski, 234/653; Leon Walsh, 229/674; David Jacobs, 235; Jon Robison, 234/627; Todd Schemanske, 228/541.
Friday Juniors: Tom Johnson, 179; Erica Shy, 140.
Friday Preps: Kyle Acuna, 165; Alex Drake, 151; Danielle Wrehn, 149.
Westland Bowl
St. Mal's Men: Mel Wolicki, 258/666; Roy Lince, 237/630; Jerry Kobe, 256/658; Nick
- Cirino, 298/734; Dan Roush, 267/676.
Monday 6:30 p.m. Men: Dino Makowski, 245/586; David Pydyn, 235/647; Paul Lindon, 234; Ronald Lundie, 234/625; Mike Sosnowski, 233/603.
Monday Morning Men: Danny Renberg, 267/680; Pat Stover, 256/653; Randy Kline, 252/713; Vernon Looney, 247/646; Fred Heater, 240/533.
E/O Out to Lunch Bunch: Steve Goldener, 235/622; Ron Wojewski, 227/562; Randy Mulvin, 223/595; Dan Zundel, 219; Louis Hargis, 215/526.
E/O Friendship: Dennis Allison, 231/596; Ray Garlow, 210; Pat Tapper, 205/506; Sean McConnell, 201/556; Annette Allison, 194/506.
Sunday Sleepers: Gerald Brown, 300/794; Rich Trullard, 300/821; John Hurley, Jr., 287; David Krivitz, 279/762; Larry Collins, 278/697.
Thursday Nite Mixed: Ken Forbes, 270/687; Larry Loague, 245/626; Brian Bailey, 235/577; Dan Harrison, 232/620; Audrey Chaffin, 224/519.
Westland Champs: Candy Loschiavo, 214/585; Mart Ann Burke, 203/530; Cathy Franczek, 199; Tina VanDyke, 198/503.
John Glenn Intramurals: Travis Robinson, 225.
NASCAR Trio: Brian Doddie, 233/650; Dan Doddie, 231; Mike Boucher, 229/634; Bill Elsey, 226/564; Lou Swindell, 225/607.
A.M. Ladies Trio: Rochelle Caisada, 290/693; Janis Tavormina, 207/555; LouAnn Saavedra, 198/503; Veda Zettel, 198/571.
Sunday Youth/Adult: Bradley Sheahan, 100; Blake Mullins, 198/533.
- Tuesday Men's Invitational:** John Saranas, 279/680; Bill Sikes, 277; Jeff Kirkland, 258/695; Mike Smeltzer, 256/686; Larry Finley, 255/714.
Youth Leagues (Tuesday Youth Doubles): Kristopher Moyer, 184.
(Tuesday Bantams): Stefan Harrison, 129; Joshua Vowles, 125; Callie Goodin, 115.
Saturday Coca Cola (Majors): John Leannais, 211/571; Brett Shiemke, 235/582; Rob Lademan, 245/648; Crystal Trongo, 190/529. (Juniors) Jena Trudell, 172; Marty Stand, 182; Darrell Olds, 245/669. (Preps): Chris Kelsay, 175; Jessica Barrett, 127; Samantha Blaies, 148.
Country Lanes (Farmington)
Greenfield Mixed: Rob Allen, 247/617; Ryan Wilson, 245-278-251/779; Tom Gow, 238-215-218/671; Chris Brugman, 232-217/635; Rick Madvin, 238/639; Walt Thomas, 232-217/635; Lynne Wegener, 232; Bill Weed, 247/632.
St. Paul's Men: Kevin Cece, 249; Tom Brown, 665; Jim Schafer, 676.
Saturday Odd Couples: Jim Anderson, 242/645; Wayne Kiestler, 235.
Sports Club: Mike Salmo, 243/583; Steve Hayoo, 240/614.
EVER-7: Dave Spitz, 278/708; Mike Ksi-azek, 269/747; Barney Knorp, 268; Bob Tustanowski, 267; Bill Bica, 164.
Ladies Semi Classic: Sue Marsella, 2689/616; Denise Linton, 223/595.
Monday Midnight Men: George Denha, 254; Wasam Patto, 247; Art Hamama, 649; Chicago Shaba, 675.
Afternoon D'Lites: Sue Osten, 222; Sherry
- Kanter, 211/507; Merryl Schwartz, 527.
Loon Lake: Jeff Haezebrouck, 247/599; Scott Tutas, 255/639; Dave Jarrett, 248.
Prince of Peace: Alice Iaconelli, 215; Karen Frick, 211/534.
Tuesday Trio: John Osborne, 267; Kim Klein, 247; Lyle Schafer, 247/681; Jeff Eisenberg, 247/660.
Country Keglers: Walt Ullrich, 277/695; Larry Kaplan, 268/654; Ralph McSorley, 257/677; Ron Krahn, 246; Pat Forma, 246/687.
University Men's: Kevin Keranen, 300; Joe Ashburn, 278.
Temple Israel: D. Abramson, 277/670; M. Cozzetto, 264.
Sunday Comics: Joe Kuptz, 237; Jim Bainbridge, 235/686; Vicki Miller, 202. Monday Night Men: Dave Weidenbach, 269; Chris Brugman, 268/723; Larry Spetbaum, 744.
Country Couples: Ed Stroud, 245/666; Doug Roc, 223; Peggy Bone, 204/535.
Wednesday Knights: Steve Lingertot, 277/692; Mike O'Dorety, 255; Dave Green, 269/692; Kevin Keranen, 248/684.
Advanced Youth: Stan Skarbinski, 205/592; John Hoven, 203; Pearl Friend, 200.
Farmington Schools: Ben Shapiro, 246; Howard Hardy, 226/622.
Country High School: Jake VanMeter, 236/626; Mike Lee, 223/616; Melissa Miller, 222/589; Jenny Long, 214/584.
Novi Bowl
Westside Lutheran: Jim Molnar, 251/663; Stu Levy, 632; Wil Gruke, 629; Scott Wiener, 268/628; Lynn Lewis, 626.

OUTDOORS

Parks trim deer hunting Road crossing a threat

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Controlled deer harvests at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks have been ruled a success and will likely continue in the future.

Last week's announcement by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority that it would not allow recreational hunting within the parks was interpreted by some to indicate the Metroparks were abandoning their deer management plan. That's not the case according to Dave Moilanen, chief of interpretive services for the Metroparks.

"There has been no change in our position and we will continue to control the deer in our parks," he said. "We're certainly not doing an about face."

"Many people think the next step coming is to open the parks to recreational hunting and we want to appease those concerns. The parks are simply too busy to let hunters come in any time they want, but we will probably continue to thin the herds through controlled hunts."

years ago. When plants and songbirds began diminishing, a decision was made to study the problem and look for a remedy.

Aerial surveys of the parks indicated deer densities of 50 per square mile at Hudson Mills and 82 per square mile at Stony Creek.

The Metroparks established a Wildlife Management Advisory Committee, which studied the situation and the committee recommended the parks maintain densities of 20 to 25 deer per square mile.

Controlled hunts were held last fall to accomplish that task. Metro Wildlife Management Base Inc., a consortium of several conservation groups, provided hunters - who participated in special training classes - to cull the herds. Hunters took 122 deer from Stony Creek and 32 from Hudson Mills.

That effort resulted in nearly 5,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious venison being donated to food shelters and soup kitchens in Metro-Detroit through Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger.

Over 200 deer were also culled from the herd at Kensington and an additional 6,000 pounds of venison was donated to the needy. However, trained sharpshooters shot the deer at that park because of the difficulty

involved in holding a controlled hunt in such a busy park.

All in all, the Metropark deer management plan was a success in its inaugural year and HCMA managers should be applauded for their effort. Much work, effort and commitment went into the program and the results bear the fruit of that effort.

Turkey permits are out

Hunters who applied for a spring wild turkey permit should have been notified. If not, check the DNR web (www.dnr.state.mi.us) for drawing results. If you still have problems, call the DNR directly at (517) 373-3904.

Biologists are predicting another outstanding season as the birds just came through another relatively mild winter in the North. Last year's nesting season was near perfect as well. Those two factors combined have increased the state turkey population to over 135,000 birds.

(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: Outdoors, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

When I show students mounted, stuffed animals at the nature center, I am frequently asked: "Where did you get that animal?"

"Did you shoot that animal? Is that animal alive?" Young kids don't realize that even though mounts look alive, they are very dead.

I tell them that we get most of our animals for teaching from road kills (special permits from the state are required even for a nature center to collect road kills).

Wild animals don't know the crossing rules we teach young students, I tell them. They don't know that they should stop, look and listen before crossing a road. If they don't do this, they will often get killed by a car.

The Humane Society and the Urban Wildlife Research Center estimate more than a 1 million large animals are killed annually on U.S. roads. That does not include the smaller animals that often go uncounted.

Some parts of the country have created tunnels under highways for salamanders, frogs, toads and other small animals to travel through so they can reach the other side.

Spring migrations of salamanders from wintering areas to breeding ponds bisected by highways have caused tragic accidents. Cars slide out of control because there are so many salamanders crossing the road at one time.

While driving around town the last couple weeks, I noticed several muskrat road kills. These animals must be moving from their wintering sites to new locations where they will establish a breeding territory.

Unfortunately, there are many roads that must be crossed before they can find a suitable body of water.

I was surprised to find several road kill muskrats far from water. At least as far as I could tell anyway. This illustrates that surplus animals raised by established territory holders must search great distances in order

to find a new home.

Muskrats can not just move to a nearby meadow and take up residence. They are designed for living in marshes and lakes. If they cannot find the appropriate habitat, they will die.

Wild animals have evolved over long periods of time to the habitats we typically see them in when we travel. Their encounters with man, roads and cars has been so brief, that they are often unable to deal with these new threats to their lives.

Some individual animals have learned to cross roads between on-coming cars, but most do not recognize how dangerous and fast a car can be.

This inability to adapt to cars and roads can be particularly devastating to endangered animals. Florida panthers are one of the nations most endangered animals, and unfortunately a few are killed by cars each year. In fact, a study in Florida showed that road kills are the primary reason for the death of large animals in the state.

It's not easy to avoid some animals crossing the road while you drive, but animal crossing signs can alert you to be extra careful in those areas.

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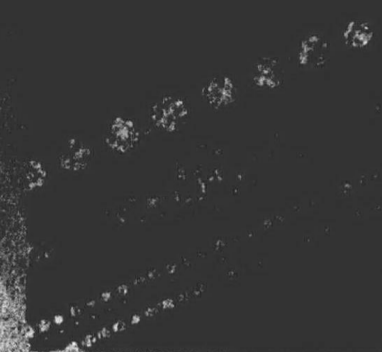
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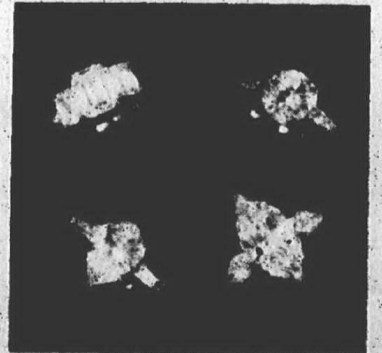
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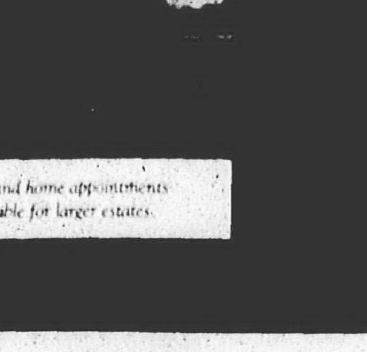
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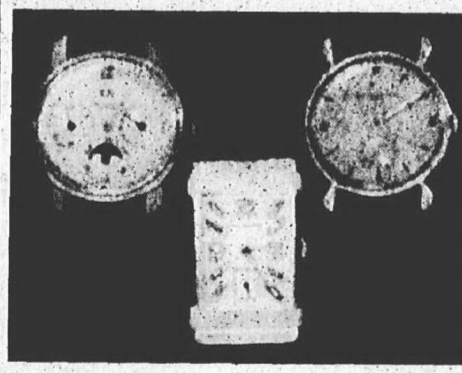
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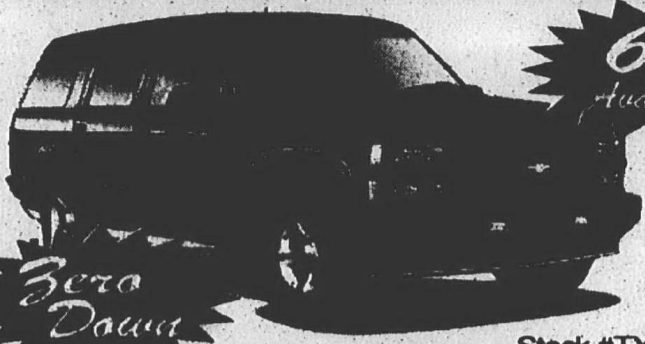
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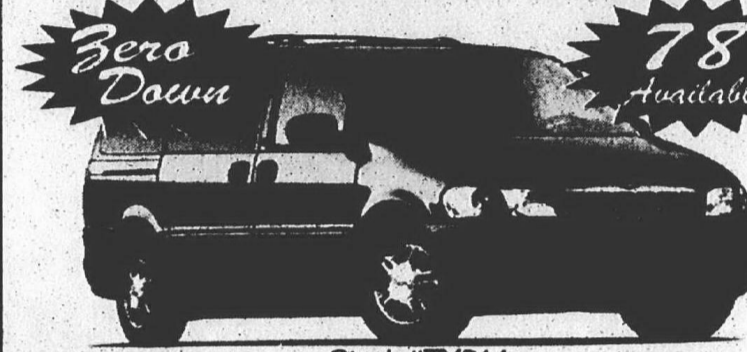


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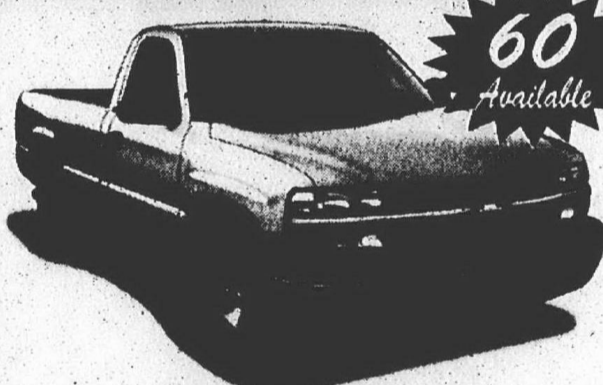
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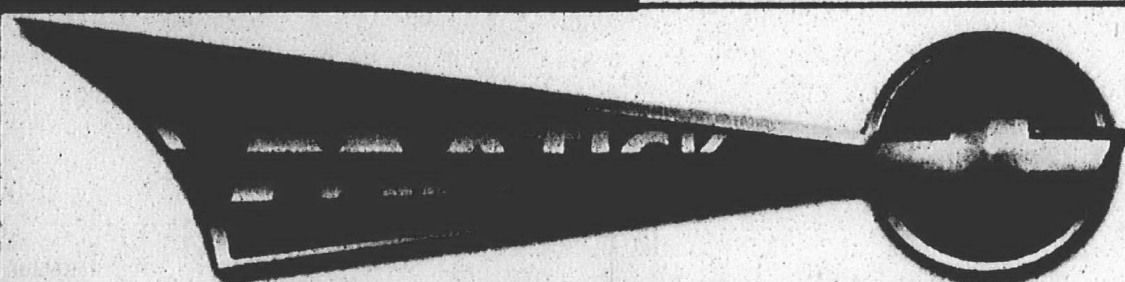
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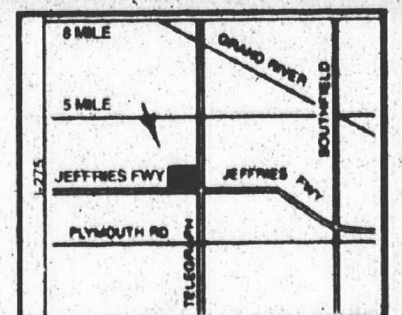
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Exhibits show local artists of all mediums

Artists aren't letting March doldrums get them down. They're too busy creating, exhibiting, and attending classes and meetings. Many artists have found that these classes and clubs strengthen their skills and provide venues to show their work.

From Farmington to Livonia and Plymouth, there are several opportunities to view paintings and photography being done by local artists. Here's a guide to what's going on:

VAAL student exhibit

The watercolors are vibrant and bright in a show of work by Edee Joppich's students in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library through Thursday, March 30. Joppich, a well-known Farmington Hills artist, has been teaching her "Creative Approach to Watercolor" class at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia for 25 years. She currently is exhibiting work in her 31st one-woman show at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing through Sunday, April 2. For information and directions, call (517) 484-1880.

"Mixing all levels of experience in one class is helpful to everyone," said Joppich. "It's a very academic approach. Each project adds to their experience. They all have talent but they have to learn to challenge themselves."



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

New life: Staci Miron holds her six-month-old son Paul, the inspiration for the exhibit of art works behind her.

The show is unified by a theme — flowers. The class began by doing collage and then transposing it into watercolor. The result is a variation of patterns coming together in one work. Not to be missed is Canton artist Kay Rowe's "Island Exotics." Iguanas seem to come out of nowhere to surround a huge pink hibiscus.

"Each of these have elements from the student's life," said Joppich. "You paint yourself. No matter what the painting, you are in the painting."

The VAAL show is one of three sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission in two venues every month. Next door to the gallery in the circular showcases is a whimsical exhibit by the Michigan Doll Makers Guild continuing through Thursday, March 30.

Members of the Palette Guild exhibit primarily realistic works with a dash of expressionism through Friday, March 31 at Livonia City Hall. Westland artist Annalee Davis shows a multiple portrait of the cats for which she is famous.

Livonia Camera Club

There's something for everyone in the Livonia Camera Club exhibit continuing to Friday, March 24 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The color and black and white photography focuses on subjects ranging from lighthouses to sunsets and still life. The Livonia Camera Club meets at 8 p.m. on the first three Thursdays of the month at Grant Elementary School in Livonia.

Leo K. Price's photograph is like a still life painting. Livonia photographer Kelly Dobson captures the golden light in an inside view of the dome at the State Capitol building. Seid A. Moosani's close-up look at three calla lilies sets a somber mood in black and white. Not to be missed is Richard

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... PHOTOGRAPHER AIMS TO CAPTURE LIGHT



PHOTOS BY JAMES L. AHO
STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

James L. Aho sometimes goes to extremes when he wants to capture a subject with the lens of his camera. An umbrella in the left hand, camera in the right, the Westland photographer snapped a portrait of legendary jazz pianist Dave Brubeck in the pouring rain during the 1999 Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival. Minutes later, the performance was stopped for fear the musicians would be electrocuted.

Brubeck, Kenny Burrell, Elvin Jones, and Kenny Garrett are a few of the images in a 30-year retrospective of Aho's work at Focus: HOPE in Detroit.

The official photographer for the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival (renamed the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival), Aho walks through the display of 58 photographs eagerly telling the story behind each image. The photograph of Brubeck holds memories of the first time Aho heard a recording by the jazz great at 10 years of age. Aho's loved the American art form ever since. But Aho's exhibit goes beyond capturing performers at Montreux Detroit. It's all about "A Quality of Light."

Process

Aho goes lost in the process of creating images that challenge his skills. It took him two hours to find his way out of the woods after photographing a lone wildflower growing amidst

foliage on the forest floor of the Bald Mountain Recreation Area near Lake Orion.

While photographing the interior of a rustic cabin, or a student kneeling in the rectory of St. Anne's Church in Detroit, Aho uses natural light to bathe his subjects in tranquility.

"Two things that attract me are the quality of light — how light caresses," said Aho. "And simple subjects. I love simple subjects that evoke an emotional response. There's almost always a serenity in all of these."

From a self-portrait taken 30-years ago in Birmingham, to the roof of a Canton Township barn that has long since been torn down, the images record Aho's history. The photograph of a shop window, piled with boxes of Trend detergent in Dearborn, was taken while mentoring students in a Focus: HOPE photography project. Aho came up with the idea for the annual series of workshops while carrying out his duties as manager of Focus: HOPE's communications department. "Focus on the Mission" exposes high schools students from the tri-county area to cultural diversity.

"I don't capture these subjects to document," Aho said. "It's something I'm responding to emotionally."

Influences

One of Aho's earliest influences was Ansel Adams whom he met at a 1974 reception for an exhibition by the master lensman in an old white



Jazz pianists: Taslimah Bey (above left) and Carla Bley were two of the performers at Montreux in 1999.



"A QUALITY OF LIGHT"

What: Three decades of photography by James L. Aho.
When: Through Monday, April 3. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
Where: Focus: HOPE Gallery, 1400 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit. Call (313) 494-5500 for information.



Hot time: James L. Aho captured the moods of drummer Elvin Jones (above) and Kenny Garrett at the event now known as the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival.

house in Birmingham known as the 831 Gallery. The space, now located on North Woodward, became the Halsted Gallery. Aho still has the poster from the exhibit by Adams.

"He emphasized visualizing on what you're shooting, what you want to end up as the print."

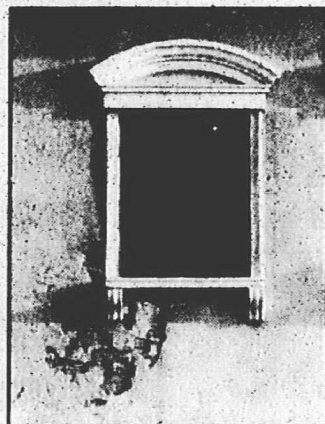
Aho fell in love with photography after buying his first camera shortly

after graduating from high school. Before long, he was doing his own darkroom work. In the '70s and '80s, Aho was almost never without the camera he kept loaded on the passenger seat of his car. He shot primarily in black and white during those early days.

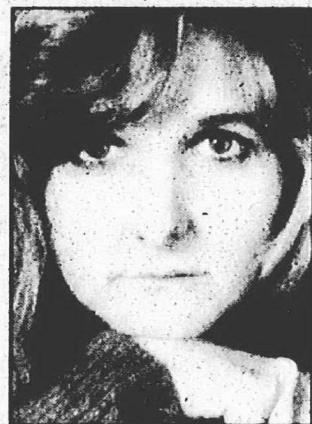
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Memories: One of the Westland photographer's favorite portraits is of his daughter Kelley, now age 24.



Historical element: Architectural details from structures across the U.S. can be seen in James L. Aho's one-man show.



Heartfelt: This portrait is another favorite because it features his wife of 30 years — Karen.



Barkless tree: James L. Aho captures a variety of subject matter including nature.

CONCERT

Dancers balance program with ballet and modern

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Heather Fountain will tell you in no uncertain terms that the senior company of Dance Ensemble West deserves to perform in the Gala Concert at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in Kalamazoo in May.

But before they do, the Plymouth-based dance company will preview "Six Souls," their winning piece, in a spring concert Saturday, March 25 at the Plymouth Canton Little Theater. The Dance Collection 2000 program

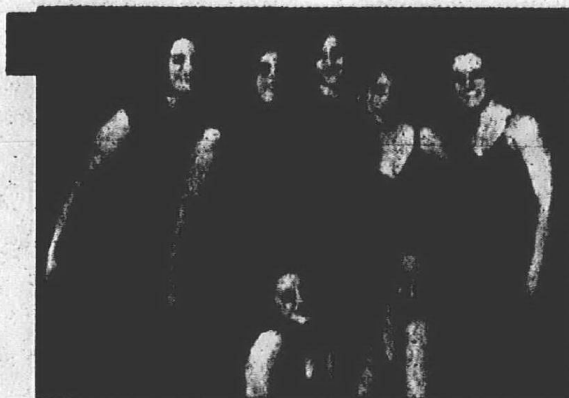
features a combination of ballet and modern dance by members of the apprentice, junior and senior companies.

"They worked hard and were among the three chosen from the 16 pieces adjudicated in East Lansing in February," said Fountain. "This is the third year they've been adjudicated into the festival which features students from around the state. Our spring concert is a great opportunity for them to showcase their talent. It's better than a

"DANCE COLLECTION 2000"

What: A concert of ballet and modern dance works.
When: 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25.
Where: Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, south of Joy Road.
Tickets: Donation \$9 per person, call (734) 420-4430.

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Spring concert: Dance Ensemble West's senior company. Valerie Miller (left to right, standing), Colleen Badgero, Heather Fountain (director), Andrea Miller, Lindsay Conklin (left to right, seated) Christen Ogden and Anne Bresler.

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Schott's "Tulips in Blue." Schott mixes colored pencil in this delicate work featuring three flowers with drooping heads.

Farmington Public Library

Staci Miron takes a new approach to pregnancy and giving birth in an exhibit continuing to Friday, March 31 at the Farmington Public Library, Grand River and Farmington roads.

Part of the artist-of-the-month exhibits by members of the Farmington Artists Club, "Son Life" was painted before, during

labor, and after the birth of her son Paul.

Miron's joy over the happy occasion comes through even in the bright yellow framing. Yellow is Miron's favorite color for painting.

"In the midst of the winter months, it's so nice to work with the brightest of yellows, mere splashes here and there," said Miron, who was influenced by Vincent van Gogh and printmaker Helen Febbo. "I want to impart a sense of belonging for those who look at the work and to convey the love of Christ and

a sense of peacefulness."

Using non-toxic watercolor and acrylic, Miron creates flowers, street scenes and even fish in lively colors. "Sun Fun" transposes lime against yellow in an exercise that required painters to section off their paper into six squares. Miron is a frequent student at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

One bouquet of sunflowers is named "Pitosin" after the labor inducing drug. Miron was in labor when she painted the work. One work, which Miron decided not to include in the

exhibit, was painted closer to the end of her 18-hour labor.

"It looked too crazy to frame," said Miron, a graduate of West Bloomfield High School.

In addition to painting and being a mom, Miron also teaches figure skating in Birmingham and at the Plymouth Cultural Center and Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

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recital, not so many numbers. It's short and sweet and people appreciate that."

Senior company

Christen Ogden, a member of the senior company and a dancer in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia, is looking forward to presenting the fast, modern piece "Six Souls" in the spring concert and at the festival in Kalamazoo.

"We're all really excited," said Ogden who will also dance a solo. "I like the emotion and intensity you have to put into it. You have to put all your personality into it. It's very strenuous. The inner turmoil is really intense."

In addition to "Six Souls," the senior company will perform four pieces including "Transcendence" presented at the Youth Arts Festival last year. "Beyond Easy" is set to Aerosmith's "Pink" by guest choreographer Carina Mills-Sietz of Chicago. "I Say the Words Out Loud" is a work the dancers choreographed themselves.

"They have great ideas and I wanted them to have the opportunity to create their own dance," said Fountain.

Barbara Raschke is just as proud of her apprentice dancers as Fountain is of the senior members. This is the first time the 6- to 12-year-olds will per-

form in the spring concert. Their dance is choreographed to the music of Camille Saint-Saens "Carnival of the Animals" and accompanied by the poetry of Ogden Nash which members of the senior company will read.

"Even though they've performed for seniors and preschoolers throughout the year, this concert gives them extra performance time in front of an open audience which is not just their family," said Raschke, Dance Ensemble West founder. "It's a polished performance. Many of them have been doing this for a few years."

Costumes

Colorful costuming, including a 4-foot long fish and a lion that holds six dancers, brings this work to life. Raschke dances with a child on her shoulders to create a 7-foot tall dinosaur.

"It includes music Pavlova made famous with her dying swan which the apprentice company performs as 'The Swan,' said Raschke. "I'm enjoying seeing them mature into their dance and eventually add their own personality."

The junior company takes their turn on stage with "Forest Through the Trees" a modern dance about belonging to a "big picture," and a jazz number done to "La Vida Loca" by Ricky Martin.

Beaux Arts Trio to perform in Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor's favorite Beaux is on the rebound.

The Beaux Arts Trio is back for a ninth appearance at Ann Arbor's Rackham Auditorium, where they will take the stage at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in a concert presented by the University Musical Society.

Composed of pianist Menahem Pressler, violinist Young Uck Kim and cellist Antonio Meneses, the Beaux Arts Trio continues the musical tradition which launched their official public debut at the 1955 Berkshire Music Festival, known today as the Tanglewood Festival.

What: The Beaux Arts Trio, in concert, presented by the University Musical Society
When: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26
Where: Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor
Tickets: \$34, \$30, \$26, \$18 and can be purchased at the UMS Box Office between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229 outside the (734) area code. \$10 student rush tickets may be available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 24 at the Michigan Union Ticket Office. Website: www.ums.org

Pressler is an original member of the Beaux Arts Trio, along with Daniel Guilet and Bernard Greenhouse.

Since its premiere at Tanglewood, the Trio has earned worldwide acclaim with more than

8,000 concerts on several continents. Chosen as Musical America's Ensemble of the Year in 1997, the Trio performs more than 100 concerts per year.

Born in Magdeburg, Germany, Pressler's career spans nearly

five decades and he ranks among the world's most distinguished and honored musicians.

He has for years been a member of the Indiana University music school, currently holding the rank of Distinguished Professor of Music. In addition to more than 50 recordings with the Beaux Arts Trio, Pressler has compiled more than 30 solo recordings, ranging from the works of Bach to Ben Haim.

Kim, from Seoul, South Korea, is one of the world's most acclaimed violinists, making three decades of international appearances as orchestral soloist, recitalist and chamber musician. He has appeared in recitals across the United States and as soloist with virtually every American orchestra.

Meneses was born in Recife, Brazil into a family of musicians. Learning the cello at age 10, he won the first prize at the International Competition in Munich in 1977 and five years later the first prize and gold medal at the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow.

— By Steve Kowalski

Photographer from page C1

"It was a time when a lot of fine art photographers believed it couldn't be done in anything but black and white," said Aho, "but then I began working at Focus: HOPE eight years ago and as part of my job duties started working in color."

It's harder for Aho to find time for photography now. As communications manager for Focus: HOPE, Aho's responsibilities

include overseeing publications, marketing, photography, the making of videos, and the Community Arts Department which produces projects such as "Focus on the Mission."

He also helps co-produce "Jazz for a New Generation" with musician Harold McKinney at a variety of venues from the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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Artists needed to exhibit their work at the fourth-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.

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.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Livonia Camera Club presents a workshop on Glamour Techniques 7:30-9 p.m. 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

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Takacs Quartet at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School. (248) 737-9980.

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE

St. Mary's College presents its last concert of the season, *The French Connection*, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19 in the campus shrine chapel, Orchard Lake. (248) 683-1750.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

Presents the Ysaye Quartet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 in the library of Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. For information call (810) 751-2435.

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

Conductor Roberto Abbado leads the DSO at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19. *A Celtic Celebration* is 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at Orchestra

Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5100.

JAZZ VESPER

Sunny Wilkinson and the Sisters in Jazz at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at the First Baptist Church in Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

KIRK IN THE HILLS CHANCEL CHOIR

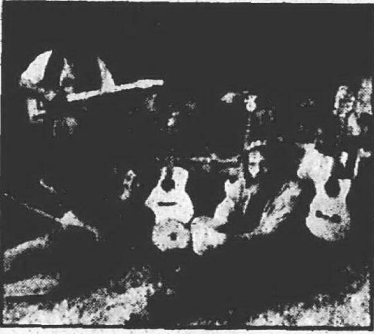
The choir, orchestra and soloists present Bach's *The Passion According to St. John* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in the Kirk Rectory, 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES 2000

Marion Hayden Trio with Eileen & Gaylynn at noon on Tuesday, March 21 at the Detroit Public Library, 3rd floor (Fine Arts Room), 5201 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-4042.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

Presents *Irish Spectacular*, a Celtic celebration with the Madrigal Chorus of Southfield at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.



Reva L'Sheva

REVA L'SHEVA

Israeli musicians perform at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

American String Quartet performs Beethoven at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. 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. Forgiveness, a contemporary Asian theater production is at 8 p.m. Friday, March 24 at the Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty. The Beaux Arts Trio is 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington. 1-800-221-1229.

EVENTS

DIA OSCAR NIGHT

The black-tie fund-raiser for the Detroit Film Theatre is 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at the Rooster Tail, off Jefferson in Detroit. (313) 833-7967.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT

The Detroit Area Film & Television association presents the Oscar Party at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 26 at Star Southfield, 25333 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield. (248) 547-0847.

FOR KIDS

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 SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

An *Instrumental Safari* is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21 and 22 and Friday, March 24 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5100.

KINDERMUSIK

Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to 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.

MAX THE MOOSE

Marc Thomas and his puppet, Max, will entertain in two benefit concerts for Parents of Children with Down Syndrome at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the Beaumont Hospital Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and are available at the door. For information call (248) 827-9135.

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)

A.C.T GALLERY

Opens Friday, March 24 — for one night, the annual *Off the Wall* show where patrons can purchase a portion of the gallery's paper-covered painted walls. 6:8 p.m. 35 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 371-6522.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Opens Thursday, March 23 — Glass artist Jon Kuhn through May 4. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

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 Wolok. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

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 multi-media exhibit by 20 artists. Through April 26, *Seeds of Expression*, a multi-media exhibit. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY

Through March 27 — artwork of Deborah Donelson and Vidvuds Zvedris. 162 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY

Through March 26 — *Actual Size*, a multi-media 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*, a 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 10 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 Thesman Statom. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY

Through April 15 — recent works by Melba Price and Richard DeVore. Black Vessels. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

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

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through March 25 — fourth 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 McClenaghan of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MANISCALCO GALLERY

Through March 25 — *Fantasia*, groups works. St. Patrick's Day Salog 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*. *Five 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. Through April 28 — *Image Light & Structure 2000*. Reception is 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 24. 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS GALERIA

Through March 31 — Graphics and ceramics by Anna Sikora and Lukasz Kosteci. Orchard Lake Schools Galeria, Commerce and Orchard Lake Roads, Orchard Lake. (248) 683-0345.

ORION ART CENTER

Through April 7 — Annual photography

Elizabeth Murray, 555 South Old, Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-9039.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through April 8 — Ceramic sculpture by Beth Kattelman 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. (248) 623-7907.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets \$10-12. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811.

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

Arthur Miller's *Broken Glass* through April 9 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Show dates March 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.

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exhibition. 115 S. Anderson, Lake Orion. (248) 693-4986.

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 joint 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, Crossroads 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 Philip Krier. 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) 356-5453.

REVOLUTION

Through April 22 — Scott Richter and Jim Chatelain. *The Notebook Drawings*. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

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 26 — *Radiance* by Koi, Detroit area artist. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6825.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through April 8 — Paintings by

LECTURES

CORETTA SCOTT KING

Speaks on *Building Bridges in the 21st Century* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 352-0990.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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) 661-0000.

THE WRITER'S VOICE

Presents fiction writer Charles Baxter and Michael Zadorian at the Scarab Club. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22. 217 E. Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338.

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) GO-CRANBROOK.

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"Dr. Judith Orloff's Guide to Intuitive Healing" (Times Books, March 2000), \$24

BY KEELY WYGNONIK STAFF WRITER kwygnonik@oe.homecomm.net

Like a lot of people, I'm always looking for ways to live a healthier, more balanced life. Every morning, as I sip a cup of coffee, I read something inspirational to get my day off to a positive start.

Lately, I've been reading "Dr. Judith Orloff's Guide to Intuitive Healing," highlighter in hand so I can mark passages to remember later, such as "positive attitudes accentuate growth, negative attitudes impair it. We cannot always control the events of our lives, but we can determine our attitude."

In her book, Orloff offers "5 Steps to Physical, Emotional and Sexual Wellness." Orloff's a psychiatrist with a private practice in Los Angeles and an assistant professor of psychiatry at UCLA.

Orloff helps readers understand how to "trust their gut" and use intuition as a diagnostic and healing tool, along with traditional medicine.

She'll be visiting the Church of Today in Warren on Wednesday to discuss her new book and intuitive healing. She's been traveling around the country discussing intuitive healing and will address the American Psychiatric Association in May. Her topic is "How Intuition Can Be Used to Enhance Patient Care."

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CONCERT TODAY

Sharon Hoyer will give a voice recital 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for the music scholarship fund. For more information, call Gini Robinson at (734) 432-5706.

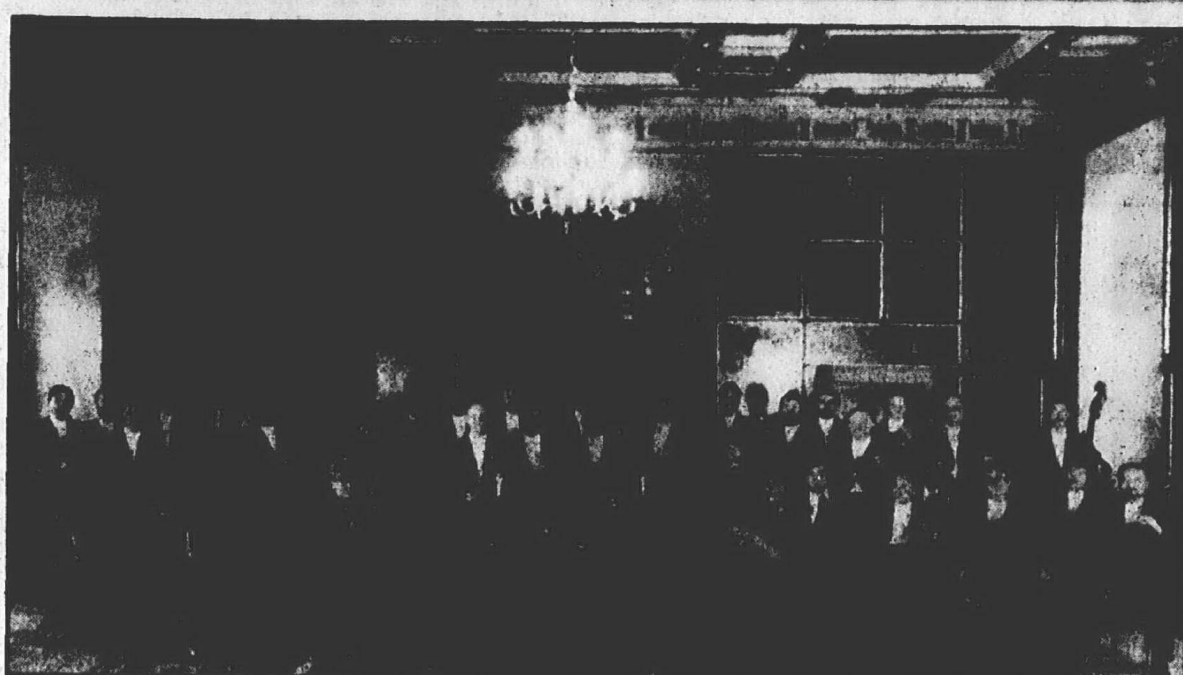
Hoyer, a senior majoring in music and English at Madonna University, will perform several pieces including early English songs, a Schumann song from "Frauen and Leben," Faure songs, and contemporary English songs by Britten.

The recital ends with an aria from the opera "The Telephone" by the American composer Menotti.

FREE CONCERT

The Redford Civic Symphony presents their annual "Cabaret" concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at Thurston High School in Redford.

In addition to works by Tchaikovsky and Rossini, the



Special concert: Wayne State University's Department of Music will host a performance by the Bohemian Chamber Philharmonic on March 28.

orchestra will perform "Brasse Galliard" by Battaglia; "Aire for Orchestra," Kalled; "King Cotton March," Sousa, and selections from "Carousel" by Richard Rodgers. The concert is free.

ARTS MEETING

Artifacts Art Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. There will be a formal critique

of members' work by Tony Williams, an art professor at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. Visitors and guests are welcome. For more information, call (734) 522-5989.

'Breaking the Code' interesting docu-drama at Hilberry

"Breaking the Code" will run in rotating repertory at Wayne State's Hilberry Theatre through April 8. Performances are at 8 p.m. selected Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, with selected Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. The Hilberry is located at 4743 Cass near Forest on the Wayne State Campus in Detroit. For more information check out their Web site at www.theatre.wayne.edu. For tickets and information, call the box office at (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Alan Turing, remains a relatively obscure footnote in history. Through a series of flashbacks, Hugh Whitmore's docu-drama "Breaking The Code" examines the life of a man who broke more than one code in his life, and because of it remains one of the unsung heroes of World War II.

As one of the greatest mathematical geniuses of the 20th century, Alan Turing was hired by Winston Churchill to break the Nazi's Enigma Code, which enabled the Allies to counter the Nazi naval blockade and ship sinking aimed at starving Britain into submission during World War II. However, Turing lacked the ability to relate well to people, which resulted in his own personal tragedies.

"Breaking the Code" gets off to a slow start, and weaves in and out of time periods to explore Turing's relationships with his family, friends and co-workers. We see Turing as a lonely young man with few friends and a strained relationship with his mother. Much of the play's exposition was lengthy and drawn out, with only a veiled promise of a more interesting storyline to come.

The play becomes more interesting when Turing joins the group determined to break the Nazis' Enigma Code. Not only does the intensity of the war effort make for an interesting view of history, but a female coworker's unrequited love for Turing adds an emotional dimension to his brash and forceful personality.

Turing's naiveté and his own lust caused his tragic downfall when he broke the social code of his time by not concealing his homosexuality. The postwar period, a time of suspicion and intolerance, brought about his eventual arrest and public humiliation, which may have led his suicide in 1954.

Mike Schraeder captures the challenging role of Alan Turing, encompassing the dual challenge of a British accent and an occasional stutter as well as the complex internal turmoil of an emotionally naive genius. He blends

Turing's arrogance and insecurities to present the many facets of an intelligent, but very lonely man.

Heidi Olson as Mrs. Turing took the character from superficial flightiness to one of a grief-stricken yet determined and supportive mother. She flirts with her son's friends and seems preoccupied with the mundane while seeming to be oblivious to his high level work. However, she becomes his staunchest ally when the authorities scrutinize him, a role Olson delivered with dignity and strength.

Pat Green, played by Cat Shoemaker, captured the simmering frustration of a woman in love with a gay man, going through the initial flirting stages with mixed signals from Turing, who treasured her friendship but wouldn't accept her love even for the protective facade it offered.

Patrick Battles' set design mirrored the technological yet melancholy mood of the play, with an overhead grid of antennae and steel mesh bathed in the bluish glow reminiscent of early cathode ray tubes. The simple and linear lines of the furniture, made of more metallic mesh,

picked up the pattern of the communication grid, and allowed the set pieces to serve multiple overlapping scenes. The conversations actually overlapped and flowed into each other, even as the time periods collided, mirroring Turing's confusion and stress, and providing instant insight into the forces which shaped him.

Mindy Aldrich's costume designs were understated yet appropriate to the era. Men's clothing differed little from today's dress conservative styles, but the women's clothes offered an interesting insight into their personalities. Mrs. Turing's attire confirmed her flighty, flirty quirks, while Pat Green's clothes were practical yet romantic.

Turing's tale, though ultimately sad, offers an emotional glimpse into a chapter of history that impacted our lives with an amazing ripple effect, even as we boot up our computers and reflect on the Allied victory in World War II. Though Turing never found his own peace, we owe much to his amazing capacity to dream and conceive the impossible.

FINAL CALL

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its Fine Arts in the Village June 10-30 in Livonia. Works will be displayed June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village then be moved to the Fine Arts Gallery in the Livonia Civic Center Library where they will continue on display through June 30.

Deadline for application is April 15. For more information and an application call, Debbie Dufour at (734) 466-2540.

BOHEMIAN PHILHARMONIC

Wayne State University's music department will host a performance by the Bohemian Chamber Philharmonic 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 in the Community Arts Auditorium, Cass and Kirby on the campus, Detroit.

Tickets are \$15 and available by calling, (313) 577-1795.

Considered the premiere mid-sized orchestra of the Czech Republic, the orchestra has made more than 300 tours abroad.

They will perform works by Mendelssohn and Dvorak in

addition to "Dreamscape" by composer and Wayne State professor James Lentini.

Pianist Dorian Ho will be the featured soloist for Schumann's "Concerto in A minor."

ORGAN MUSIC FOR LENT AND EASTER

David Wagner, a Madonna University music professor, presents organ music for Lent and Easter as part of his "Music for Meditation" series noon Thursday March 23 at St. Michael's Church in Livonia, and noon Friday, March 24 at St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Sheer makeup complements season's fashion

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

The look for spring is heavenly and colorful.

Styles for the season not only look airy and angelic, but also feel uplifting. Ruffles and floral prints are everywhere and popping up in unexpected places, like the edges of a tailored skirt and jacket or on the hem of a pair of pants. And, the fabric of choice for all you angels is chiffon. Most important, color is back in style in a strong way.

All that's true of course with makeup, too.

And, the face is at the heavenly heart of the matter. Skin should be clear and clean with a lighter-than-air freshness, so keep an eye out for dreamy, angelic, sheer makeup shades to accent the face.

Indeed, sheer and shimmer are choice word for describing current makeup trends.

Eye color should produce a clear and bright look with a small dose of flash, some appearing sun-lit, others more matte yet still sheer.

The shimmer saga is epitomized by shades like champagne, bisque, and clear blue. Gold tints, too, are popular.

Anything fused with gold is a huge hit in makeup this spring, said makeup artist Todd of Todd's Room in downtown Birmingham.

Along the same lines, sheer cream shadows in silver and lilac tones are another excellent choice. And, as far as matte eye shadows go — look for sheer khaki, denim blue and butter-yellow.

Perhaps surprisingly, when it comes to an angelic face what's more important than blush is a sheer shimmer powder. It will light up the entire face in warm gold and peach tones.

Even a pink-toned look can be everywhere on the face. Just avoid a dark tan or bronze tone, which would defeat the clear, clean aesthetic I mentioned earlier.

... when it comes to an angelic face, what's more important than blush is a sheer shimmer powder.

When blush is a must, try one of the new sheer glossy blushes.

Furthermore, traditional spring makeup colors, sunny coral, rosy fuchsia, and poppy red, come to us this season in softer, clearer, almost pastel, tones.

In fact, I believe chiffon pink and glazed, clear orange should be on everyone's lips this spring.

And, your grandmother's coral lipsticks lavished with a gooey lip gloss are a must-have.

I recommend trying M.A.C.'s new orange gloss or Mia Pelle's "Mocha Mist" lip lacquer, which will lend a just-drenched-wet look to your lips.

Hair returns to long, loose and romantic styles. And, curls and waves are abundant, creating an airy, angelic look.

Color in the hair needs to be strong, well-kept and glossy.

To achieve that look, I suggest using Lazartique Spray Blush. It gives the hair a brilliant shine without weighing it down. It also has tremendous revitalizing properties. Not to mention, Lazartique's styling products, which can be purchased at Red The Salon in downtown Birmingham, are wonderfully fragrant, as well as soothing and therapeutic.

On another note, I would like to congratulate Todd and his team of stylists on the opening of their new location, Todd's Room on Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham. With his talented staff and wonderful products, Todd's continued success is certain.

I'd also like to thank my readers again for their continued support and contributions.

Please send your beauty questions to Mary Anne Toccalino: c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Or, call her at (248) 203-9477.

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new directions

Celine clothing launch signals changes at Jacobson's

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A new millennium means new directions for Jacobson's.

Not only does that describe the mood but also the message Tuesday at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel where the Jackson-based department store hosted a fashion show to introduce customers to Celine, an upscale women's clothing label they now carry.

Jacobson's, which operates stores in downtown Birmingham, Rochester Hills and at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia, as well as more than a dozen locations in the Midwest and Florida, has long been treasured as a hometown department store by residents here.

However, image alone isn't enough to thrive in the business of retail, said Beverly Rice, Jacobson's senior vice president, fashion and merchandising. "It all starts with the merchandise. Shoppers have to be lured in by something that makes them happy, something that is fashion-forward, and that's what we're up to," Rice said, adding that plans to "update" and "upgrade" Jacobson's merchandise have been on-going for two years.

The goal — create a first-class specialty store where personal customer service and the hometown image are still present, said Rice.

And, the Celine label, which is currently on the floor at Jacobson's Birmingham store and slated for introduction at the company's Rochester Hills store in the fall, is only one of several additions.

Last year, the Kors label by Michael Kors, who also oversees Celine, was added to Jacobson's list of designer offerings.

Two years ago, Jacobson's began carrying M.A.C. cosmetics, which targets a younger and more trend-conscious market.

Once more, additional changes aimed at drawing younger and more sophisticated shoppers are planned for their men's, shoes, handbags and cosmetics departments.

At least one other exclusive women's wear designer will come on board next fall, Rice said.

"We definitely see the future of this century and know we have to be building new resources. We have to be in step with the times. Even older customers aren't thinking old hat. We can't be followers. We have to be leaders,"

she said, adding competition is particularly keen for Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham.

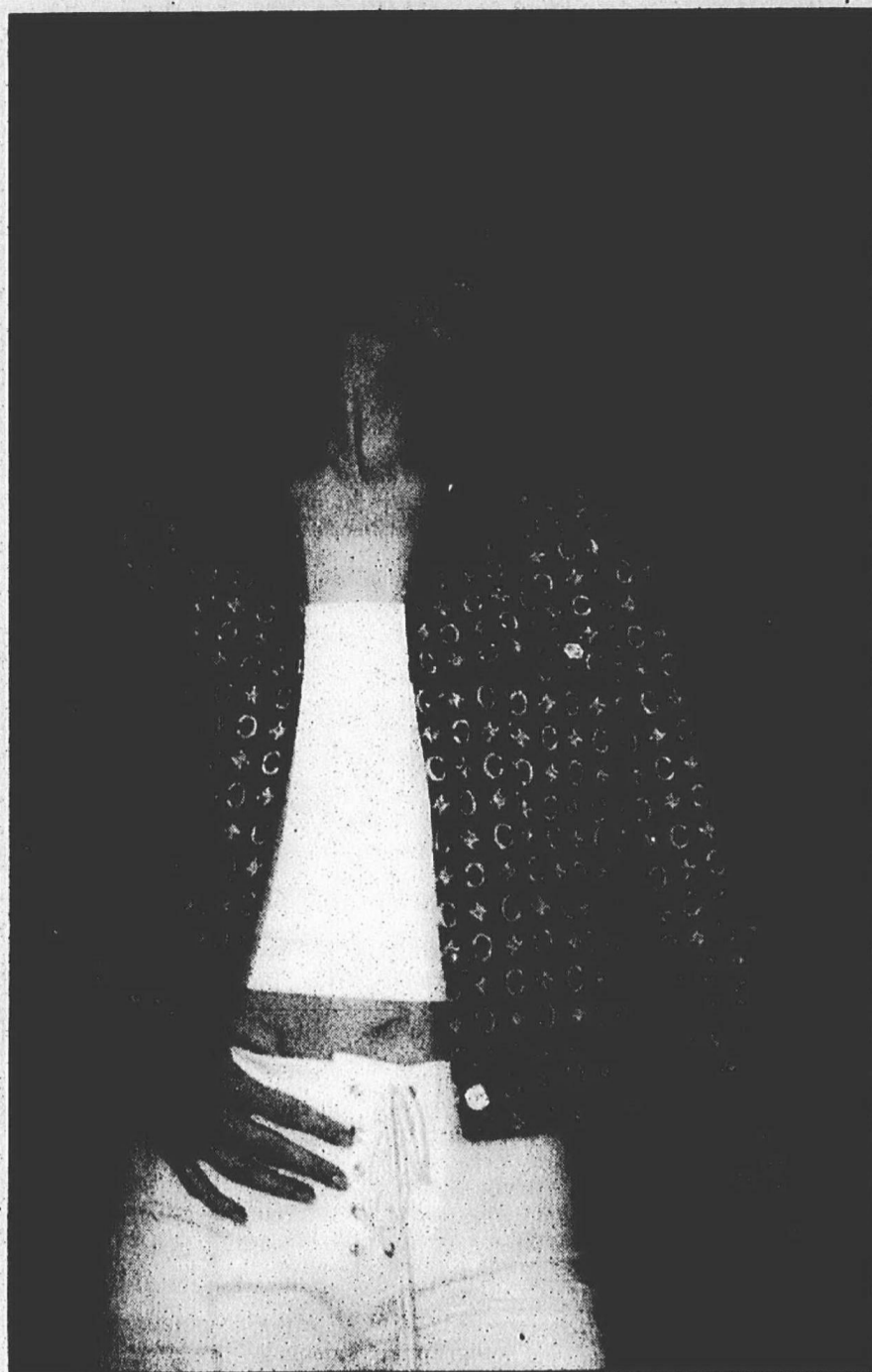
"Well, there's no doubt that Somerset mall is tremendous competition, and Jacobson's doesn't have a lot of company in the downtown Birmingham area, but my feeling is, if we have the right sales associates and merchandise, we will get our fair share of business."

Thus, one of the reasons Jacobson's chose its Birmingham store to launch Celine, a label that originates from a Paris boutique and started offering women's ready-to-wear pieces in the early 60s.

As shown by Jacobson's on Tuesday, Celine's spring collection is classic, yet sexy, sportswear: stretch denim and leather jeans and jackets; tie-dye prints, body-hugging tanks; a micro mini; and an abundance of turquoise hues.

"I think it's good for Jacobson's to go with Celine," said Annie Margulis, a Beverly Hills resident who attended the show. "It appeals to my age group, and it's little more fashion-forward. I think it's a fresh new look for Jacobson's."

Equally excited about the collection was Rosemary Bannon, a regular Jacobson's customer who also lives in Beverly Hills. "I think it's going to be such a wearable, exciting addition to the store. It's classic, it's tailored — but a bit more trendy," she said. "Today, you have to buy differently. You have to be there at the right time, so you need that contact (with the sales associates) ... but you want individual things, things that are a little different from everybody else."



Celine for sport: Logos are back, and here's Celine's on a dark denim jacket with white leather glove racing pants and white strapless top at Jacobson's launch of the clothing line on Tuesday at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.



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JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Black to white: Black at the waist fades to charcoal then white on Celine's easy-going, full-length skirt and fitted, white tank with scoop-front and racer-back, shown at left. An aqua and white tie-dye fabric doubles the vibrancy of Celine's off-the-shoulder mini dress, shown at right. Aqua, turquoise and other ocean hues were a dominant theme in Celine's spring collection of sportswear, which Jacobson's adds to its line-up for fashion-forward customers in Birmingham. Other trends of the show included leather, stretch denim, lime green and tie-dye prints. Celine will be available at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills in the fall.



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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

PETITE WEEK

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, holds Petite Week, a showing of spring collections for petite sizes, through March 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sport Shop, second floor. For more information, call (248) 643-3300.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

JUDITH LEIBER SHOW

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Judith Leiber Spring 2000 Collection through March 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Accessory Collections, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 456.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

DOUGLAS HANNANT SHOW

Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham presents a showing of Douglas Hannant's collection for spring, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., International Designer department. For details, call (248) 644-6900.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

WARDROBE SEMINAR

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Fibres women's clothing store hosts a wardrobe seminar and professional women's breakfast, 7:30 a.m., The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$8. For reservations, call (248) 644-5832.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

TEACHER APPRECIATION EVENT

Borders Books & Music at Oakland Mall in Troy holds a teacher appreciation weekend with entertainment, discounts and freebies through March 26. For details, please call (248) 585-6029.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS SALE

The Chelsea Merchants Association holds their spring Moonlight Madness sale, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., downtown Chelsea. For additional information, call (800) 265-9045.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

TYRESSE CONCERT

Recording artist and spokesman for Guess clothing performs and signs autographs at Hudson's, Northland Center in Southfield, 3-5 p.m., Men's Denim department. For details, call (248) 569-6272.

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW

View jewelry designer Michael Dawkins' collection

at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For details, call (248) 643-3300.

DANCING AT THE MALL

Wonderland Mall in Livonia offers free country line dancing lessons as part of their Dine & Dance series, 5-9 p.m., Food Court. For information, call (734) 522-4100.

MOTORCYCLE SHOW

The Gold Wings motorcycle organization displays their motorcycles and addresses negative stereotypes about their enthusiasts through March 26 at Livonia Mall, 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

FIRST STEP STYLE EVENT

Enjoy a runway fashion show, taste festival of food from over 20 area restaurants, music and more at Parisian, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, during FIRST Step is Stepping Out in Style, an event promoting First Step/Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. For tickets, call (313) 538-8043.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Oakland Mall in Troy hosts two live shows for children featuring Flumpa and Friends, a group of character amphibious creatures that teach kids about the wonders of science, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more additional information, call (248) 585-6000.

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:

- The House of Renew, 221 Merrill Street in Birmingham, (248) 642-0363, might be able to repair the glass dish.
- A heating coil that plugs into a car lighter can be purchased at the Meijer store in Commerce Township.
- Individual salad dressing packets can be purchased at Meijer stores (in deli department) and at Gordon Foods.
- Angel Soft colored toilet tissue can be purchased at the following stores: Meijer, Walgreen's and Wal-Mart.
- Homemade pizza rolls can be purchased at the following stores: Villa Bakery in Garden City, (734) 425-6245; Marie's Bakery, two locations at Joy and Newburgh roads and Haggerty and Cherry Hills roads.

- A gasket for a Mirromatic pressure cooker can be purchased at the following stores: Township Hardware on 5 Mile and Beech roads in Redford; Northside Hardware on Wayne Road in Wayne.
- The cotton underwear that a reader was looking for may be available at the Carter outlet stores in Monroe or Port Huron. Carter no longer manufactures Spanky, however the Stocking Style catalog carries their own brand of women's cotton underwear that is similar to Carter's, (800) 241-2224.
- A battery-operated flour sifter can be bought at Kitchen Glamour stores. If they're not in stock, they will order one for you.
- Standard bed sheets without elastic are available at the following stores: Sears, J.C. Penney, Kmart and Target.
- Loop Amusement Company, 20224 Van Born Road in Dearborn Heights, (734) 562-8033, may be able to repair the Seeberg jukebox.
- A Whistling tea kettle can be bought at Kitchen Glamour stores.

- A store where formerly carried by J.C. Penney, for Shirley of Commerce Township.
- An issue of "Life" magazine from May, 1988 and an issue of the "Saturday Evening Post" from April 24, 1926 for Ruth, who lives in Clarkston.
- The book "Memories of a Non-Jewish Childhood," by Robert Burn for Richard, a resident of Canton.
- A store where Heinz spicy brown mustard is carried for John, who lives in Livonia.

- A store where a men's sweater with a shawl or lapel collars can be bought for Al of Livonia.
- A store where shoe stretchers for ladies shoes can be purchased for Elsa of Livonia.
- A store or individual that has collectible African-American dolls for adults for sale for Tanya.
- A store where Guess cologne can be bought for Diane of Livonia.
- A store where tall, black, kitchen trash bags are sold for Dell of Livonia.
- A spiral-bound journal for the year 2000 with a page for each day of the year for Sue of Westland.
- A store where 7 Up and root beer-flavored popsicle treats are carried for Tom, a resident of Rochester Hills.
- An owner's manual for a Kero-Sun kerosene heater (Omni model, #105) for Luke.
- A store that sells Evian facial spray.

- A store that sells Singer sewing machine for Vera of Plymouth.
- A store that sells Midwestern Jean Company jeans, formerly carried by Winkleman's, for Karen.
- The 1999 Hallmark Christmas ornament Dorothy & the Good Witch, and a children's toy called Sticker Maker, which turns photographs into stickers for Kay, who lives in Canton.
- A store where Levi 517 boot-cut jeans for women can be bought for Lonie.
- A store where Jacqueline Smith's perfume California is available for Karen of Commerce Township.
- A store that sells Sander's cream puffs for Daisy.
- A store where Dana of New York lipstick in "Palm Desert" can be bought for Jane.
- A store where two tube lights for attachment inside a china cabinet (with a metal plate) can be bought for Delores of Livonia.
- A 1998 Muffy Bear "Sugar Plum Fairy" for Diane.
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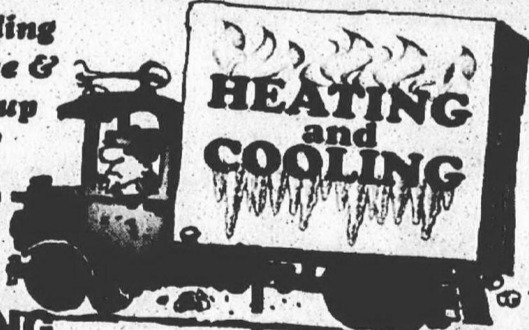


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To go: Travel is never easy on the skin. Airplane air tends to be dry and crossing time zones upsets sleep patterns. To counteract the rigors of travel, Guerlain Paris has created a system of skin care for travelers. Issima Blue Voyage. Each of the four products in the system, Recovery Cream, In-Flight Serum, Ready-to-Go-Cleanser and Body Relax Oil, are hypo-allergenic and work quickly, \$27-72 at department stores or through Guerlain, (800) 882-8820.



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In addition to hosting brunch, the Townsend Hotel will show off their wedding cake designs and offer tours of their new facilities and suites.

Other table displays will be set up by a photographer, videographer, floral designer and linen service.

Brides-to-be will register for the event and a give-away at the door and then be able visit those dis-



Wedding choices: Even stationary will be on display for view.

plays that interest them and enjoy brunch. Later in the event, bridal fashions will be informally modeled.

Also, a variety of experts will be on hand to speak with future brides about their wedding plans and bridal attire choices.

Although the event is free of charge, reservations are required. The Townsend Hotel is located at 100 Townsend Street in downtown Birmingham. For additional information about Tiffany's Wedding Day Celebration or to make a reservation, call Tiffany & Co.'s Margot Abramson at (248) 637-2800.

- Nicole Stafford

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Chefs create superior food, wine matches

This year's Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza, celebrating Mardi Gras at Mac & Ray's was not only a food showcase, but a seminar on pairing food and wine.

Chefs from area restaurants teamed with wine purveyors to create some stellar food and wine matches. Troy's Mon Jin Lau, the winner a few years ago, impressed the panel of judges that included us, and walked away with first prize again. Last year's winner, Café Cortina in Farmington Hills, came in a very close second.

Food styles at these restaurants are among the trendiest. Mon Jin Lau specializes in Nu-Asian while Café Cortina may well be the most Italian of the area's Italian restaurants.

Wine Picks

- Picks of the pack:**
- 1997 St. Clement Aropas, Napa Valley \$40 is a dynamite blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc comparing admirably with top chateau bottlings from Bordeaux.
 - 1997 Stags' Leap Winery Syrah, Napa Valley \$25 is hands down the best syrah we've tasted from the 1997 vintage.

Real deals under \$10:

- 1999 Santa Rita 120 Sauvignon Blanc \$8
- 1999 Geysler Peak Sauvignon Blanc \$9
- 1998 Barwang Shiraz (Australia) \$8

Imports Michael Kilano chose 1998 Chalone Vineyard Pinot Blanc as the "perfect" match.

"I focused on the weight of the wine and its flavors versus the dominant flavors in the dish," Kilano said. "The Chalone Pinot Blanc's 'weight' is its creaminess with some vanilla accents. It created an immediate harmony with the rich peanut sauce and brought all other elements together."

"The basic rule of white wines and white meats is still a good one. I started there, then knew a high acid wine such as a sauvignon blanc would not work with the peanut sauce. A chardonnay would have too much oak. The pinot blanc had the correct balance."

■ **Tip one:** Old rules are good basics to help focus on weight, a textural element creating balance between the food and wine.

Café Cortina
Owner Adrian Tonon paired Café Cortina's Tortelloni con Pomodoro Fresco with light herb cream sauce and the 1996 Allegrini Palazzo della

Please see WINE, D2

The International Language

COOKING TOGETHER BRIDGES GAP BETWEEN CULTURES

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
SPECIAL WRITER

My mother-in-law searches for something in the cupboard.

"Namac?" I ask. She nods fervently. I pull down the pepper. She shakes her head. I have mixed up salt and pepper again. I hand her the salt.

"I thought salt was felfel," I explain.

She smiles, pours a healthy dash into the pot, and continues to cook. Then she offers me a taste.

Sedigheh Najmaei and I have just communicated the best way we know how. Since we do not speak the same language (my mother-in-law is Iranian and speaks Farsi), and my husband and stepson are not around to interpret the entire six weeks of her visit, we have learned to communicate through a variety of means.

We use sign language, facial expressions, and pointing. We also use cooking.

Cooking together, or separately — as we hover around each other taking notes — has proven to be a wonderful way to get to know each other better.

Maman, as I call her, which is Persian for mother, knows that I want to learn to cook more Persian dishes. She is equally interested in learning more "North American" dishes.

For her birthday meal recently, she requested lasagna. I was glad to comply. But I have also introduced her to the odd dish of Malaysian or



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Persian dishes: It's dinnertime with dishes of *Baghali Pollo* (Rice with Fava Beans and Dill), *Khosh-e Gheimeh* (Stewed Beef or Lamb with Yellow Split Peas) and *Khosh-e Esfanaj* (Spinach Sauce).

Hungarian origin since I enjoy a variety of ethnic dishes. Thankfully, she will eat anything except pork.

There are a myriad of Persian dishes that rely on the same basic ingredients, but each has a small variation that totally changes the taste of the food.

Persian food is rich in fresh spices and vegetables. A Persian dish might include eggplant, basmati rice (a heavily scented rice common in Indian cooking, too), lamb, fresh dill, and beans. The aroma as my mother-in-law cooks is enough to entice

the most reticent of appetites. My three-year-old daughter is a big fan.

When Maman visits every year or two, we spend most of our time together in the kitchen. I will ask Maman how to pronounce something or how long it needs to cook. Maman understands more English than I do Farsi, so many of my questions are answered one way or another. We laugh as we try to come to a mutual understanding.

We are also each other's biggest fans. If I cook, I am sure she will tell me it is delicious. I am equally complimentary. After all, we all know food tastes better when someone else has done the work!

My mother-in-law always arrives from Iran with special items difficult to find here, such as Sumac (a spice used frequently in Persian dishes), fresh dates, and a tart dried red berry I still don't know the name of, used in rice dishes (there are some things even my husband can't translate!) When she returns to Iran, she

leaves behind enough to last me a long while as I try to replicate her cooking.

But cooking is not just a way to find a common footing. Cooking for each other has also become a way for us to express our affection.

When I returned from a few days away, my mother-in-law presented me with my favorite dessert from her repertoire: a cake made of dates. When she seems tired, I prepare dinner before she has the chance. On the day she arrived in the States, I had prepared an elaborate Persian dish. I have no doubt it did not taste like anything a Persian woman has ever made. That didn't matter.

It is the effort we make for each other that is important.

Maman and I are very different. We follow different religions, politics and lifestyles. Our basic difference is language. Thanks to cooking, we are able to communicate in a way that is fun, easy and invariably delicious!

Nancy Deutsch is a Canton resident. Share your stories about the language of cooking, and recipes with Ken Abramczyk, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. See recipes inside.



Let's eat: Let's eat: Nancy Deutsch of Canton, her nephew Milad Maleki and her mother-in-law Sedigheh Najmaei sit down to dinner.



Time to eat: Sedigheh dishes up some dinner while Nancy watches.

RECIPES TO SHARE

Sauerkraut ribs, Southern-style soup add twist to old favorites

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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It must be what Jeanne Lamb does with the sauerkraut that lives up her country-style spare ribs.

Lamb made her ribs and sauerkraut dish for her children and it is one they still enjoy today when they visit her in her Canton home.

"I prepare this dish when I want a quick meal," Lamb said. "It's easy to make. They really like the sauerkraut, and the honey really gives it a sweeter taste."

The sauerkraut is rinsed with tap water, then given a taste of honey and a spoonful of brown sugar. After an hour of baking with the ribs, the end result is a great accompaniment and a great meal.

Lamb said she purchases her ribs at Eastern Market of Canton or Mike's Market in Livonia. She recommends serving apple sauce, baked or mashed potatoes or a salad with her dish.

Another reader wrote us about her chicken butternut squash soup, what she described as a delicious Southern-style soup.

"My family enjoys this new recipe from the Libby family of Memphis," wrote Rita Kollin of Rochester Hills. "It is a traditional Hanukkah dish for the Libby family and now with ours."

"This soup is great for a cold night with latkes or garlic bread."

SAUERKRAUT WITH COUNTRY-STYLE RIBS

- 3 to 4 pounds country-style spare ribs
- 1 32-ounce jar sauerkraut
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 cup raw or brown sugar
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 bottle of ketchup (or 7 ounces)

Broil ribs until browned (or brown in pan on top of stove) to cook off excess fat. Rinse sauerkraut thoroughly. Combine with honey, sugar, onion and ketchup. Place in roaster and top with spare ribs. Season meat with additional ketchup or barbecue sauce. Cover. Bake in moderate oven (350°F) for one hour or until meat is tender.

CHICKEN AND BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

- 1 (4-pound) chicken, cut up
- 8 cups water
- 4 cubes Knorr bouillon
- 3 tomatoes, cut up
- 2 cups butternut squash, peeled and cut, 1/2-inch pieces

- 2 cups frozen corn
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 3 cups frozen sliced okra (optional)

Place chicken, water and bouillon in a heavy pot. Bring to a boil, skimming surface. Add all remaining ingredients. Reduce heat, simmer until chicken is cooked through or about 40 minutes. When chicken is cooked, cut into bite-sized pieces. Return to soup, simmer 10 more minutes. Yield: 10 servings.

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

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Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can contact you about your recipe. Try to be as specific with recipe details such as can and package sizes.



Memorable: Luctor International's Vincent Vodka bottle pictures an art gallery with some of Van Gogh's most famous paintings.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Salon team wins
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Try these Persian dishes

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KHORESHT-E GHEIMEH (STEWED BEEF OR LAMB WITH YELLOW SPLIT PEAS)

- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds, stew beef or lamb, cut into small pieces
- Cooking oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 cup yellow split peas
- 2 tablespoon lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 5 tablespoon tomato paste
- Small amount of water
- Frozen french fries or your own homemade fries (cook ahead)

Fry beef and onion in oil until browned. Cook in pressure cooker until tender or about 30 minutes. Add split peas and cook for another 15 minutes.

Add lemon juice, tomato paste and a small amount of water, and cook until some of the sauce has evaporated. Add fries and heat.

Serve with basmati rice. Serves four.

BAGHALI POLLO (RICE WITH FAVA BEANS AND DILL)

- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds stew beef or lamb, cut into small pieces
- 1 onion, diced
- Cooking oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup fava beans, dried
- 2 cups fresh dill, finely chopped
- 3 cups basmati rice
- 5 cups of water

Fry beef and onion in oil until browned. Place in pressure cooker with one cup of water (or enough to cover the meat) and cook until the meat is tender, about 1/2 an hour. Add fava beans and dill. Cook in pressure cooker for another 10 minutes or until the water has evaporated. Add three cups of uncooked basmati rice. Place in rice cooker with five cups of water. Cook until rice is ready.

Recipes courtesy of Nancy Deutsch and Sedigheh Najmaei.

Chocolate snack bars are a simple treat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Super Chocolate Snack Bars are a good idea for a treat. Cocoa powder provides the rich, chocolate taste. The addition of marshmallows, coconut, nuts and pretzels creates an interesting twist.

SUPER CHOCOLATE SNACK BARS

- 60 vanilla wafers, crushed, or enough to make 2 cups of crumbs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup cocoa, divided
- 1 cup (2 sticks) cold butter or margarine, divided
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup sweetened coconut flakes
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk, NOT evaporated milk
- 1 cup shelled nuts, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup thin pretzels or pretzel sticks, broken into 1/2-inch pieces

Heat oven to 350° F. Grease bottom and sides of 13x9x2-inch baking pan. In a bowl, combine the wafer crumbs, sugar and half of the cocoa. With a pastry blender or two table knives, cut 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) cold butter or margarine into mixture until it is crumbly. Press the mixture evenly on bottom and 1/2-inch up sides of prepared pan. Sprinkle marshmallows and coconut on top.

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk with remaining cocoa and butter. Microwave on HIGH (100 percent power) for 60 to 90 seconds or until mixture is smooth when stirred. Pour the butter and chocolate evenly over coconut and marshmallows. Sprinkle nuts and pretzel pieces on top. Press firmly. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or just until bubbly on top. Cool completely; cut into bars. Store leftovers tightly covered at room temperature.

Makes about 36 bars.

Nutrition information per serving: 200 cal., 11 g fat (6 g saturated fat), 15 mg chol., 120 mg sodium, 21 g carbo., 4 g pro.

Use leftover corned beef in hash or Reuben recipes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Corned beef on rye, Reuben sandwiches and corned beef hash are three reasons you may have celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Friday, even if you aren't Irish.

Corned beef is easier to slice for sandwiches if it is cold. It should be very thin, almost like deli roast beef or ham, so you can pile the meat high between the bread.

Corned Beef on Rye is a meal. Just add coleslaw, dill pickles and a good deli mustard. The Reuben requires a bit more preparation, as does the hash, but they are meals, too, and fall well within the range of quick cooking.

If you know how to make a grilled cheese sandwich, you can make a Reuben Sandwich. For each serving, you'll need 2 slices of rye or pumpernickel bread; about 1 tablespoon prepared Russian dressing; 1/4 pound corned beef; 1/4 cup sauerkraut, rinsed, drained and squeeze-dried; and 1 or 2 slices of Swiss cheese, depending on size.

To assemble, spread the dressing on one slice of bread and top with corned beef, sauerkraut, cheese and the other slice of bread. Heat an iron skillet or heavy griddle, add a small amount of butter if desired, and grill 2 to 3 minutes on each side until the cheese is melted and the bread lightly toasted. Corned Beef Hash is a basic dish, and how to

prepare it should be found in any basic cookbook. The following recipe is from Family Circle's "All-time Favorite Recipes" (Doubleday \$29.95).

CORNERD BEEF HASH

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium red onion, diced
- 1 large clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound all-purpose potatoes, cooked, peeled and diced
- 10 ounces cooked corned beef, diced
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon hot-pepper sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and saute 5 minutes. Add butter and potatoes and cook 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until browned. Add corned beef, Worcestershire sauce and hot-pepper sauce and cook 5 to 6 minutes. Sprinkle with black pepper and parsley and combine.

If desired, top each serving with a poached egg.

Makes 6 servings.

Wine from page D1

Torre Valpolicella from Italy's Veneto region.

"We have this wine from AHD Vintners on our wine list, so I know from experience that it is a great match," Tonon said.

"To create a pairing, it's important to pay attention to the fact that the pasta is light, therefore the wine must also be light, but have a presence. Tomatoes are frequently difficult to match with wine, but a valpolicella or in just a little heavier style, an amarone will always be perfect."

He described the Allegrini Valpolicella as a "ripasso," an Italian term literally meaning repassed. In the process, unpressed skins of amarone are added to valpolicella to enhance flavors, body and overall character.

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■ **Tip two:** Pay attention to texture and when the dish includes tomatoes which are high in acid, make sure the wine has sufficient body and is not too acid nor tannic in the finish.

Restaurateurs, chefs and wine purveyors are often ahead of the trend curve. If this is true, merlot is not on its way out, it's out. Not a single dish in the competition was matched with a merlot.

■ **Tip three:** Slightly sweet beats heat when it comes to matching food and wine was

demonstrated by Beans & Cornbread owner Patrick Coleman with his Spicy BBQ Shrimp and Sweet Potato Muffins and the 1998 Marchesi di Gresy "La Serra" Moscato d'Asti.

■ **Tip four:** If you prefer a dry red with a spicy dish, make sure it's mellow. This was underscored by Fox and Hounds Executive Chef Terry Shuster's preparation of Chicken and Shrimp Gumbo with Sausage and 1997 Folie a Deux Zinfandel from California's Amador County. The wine has plenty of flavor spunk to stand up to gumbo spices, but a smooth finish to beat the heat.

■ **Tip five:** When matching a sweet wine with dessert, the wine must be sweeter than the dessert as was the case with the good match of East Side Mario's Tiramisu with Crème Anglaise and 1998 Michele Chiarlo "Nivole" Moscato d'Asti.

Van Gogh

■ The 12-week run of Van Gogh: Face to Face at the Detroit Institute of Arts has grabbed attention of the international art community. You can buy a poster remembrance, but if you like vodka or gin, here's a really unique remembrance for your bar — and filled with the highest quality spirits.

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Salmon steaks: A favorite Purim dinner choice is this sweet and sour salmon baked smothered in vegetables. Based on an Iraqi dish, it makes a one-dish dinner.

Cook these salmon steaks for Purim

Purim, celebrated on March 21, is the most playful Jewish holiday. It even has a kind of carnival air.

As the Megillah, the story of how the Jews of Persia escaped destruction at the hands of the evil Haman, is read aloud, children and adults grind noisemakers called groggers and stamp their feet every time the villain's name is mentioned. In Israel, people dress up in masquerade costumes and parade boisterously, even hitting one another on the head with plastic mallets that make a chirping noise.

Food is an important part of the Purim celebration, particularly sweets and baked treats, which are both eaten and given as presents, along with fresh and dried fruit.

Hamantaschen is the most familiar Purim pastry. Supposedly, Central European Jews created this triangular cookie to resemble Haman's tri-cornered hat, and filled it with poppyseeds to symbolize the bribe money stuffed in his pockets. Israeli Jews fry long strips of cookie dough which they pinch in the middle and call Haman's Ears.

A favorite Purim dinner choice is this sweet and sour salmon baked smothered in vegetables. Based on Saloona, an Iraqi dish, it makes a complete, one-dish dinner.

You can make this colorful dish a day ahead and reheat it. The vegetables are so delicious you may want to increase the amount used to ensure yourself of leftovers.

SWEET AND SOUR SALMON STEAKS

Sauce:

- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 garlic clove, minced

- 1 tablespoon capers, rinsed and chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped flatleaf parsley
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

- 2 salmon steaks, 10 ounces each
- 1/2 large onion, cut in 1/2-inch crescents
- 1 large carrot, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch slices
- 1 large celery rib, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch slices
- 1 large potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 2 large or 3 medium plum tomatoes, thinly sliced

Preheat the oven to 375° F. For the sauce, in a small bowl combine the tomato sauce, sugar, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, capers and parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon 1/4 cup of the sauce to cover the bottom of a small Dutch oven or other oven-proof casserole dish. Set aside. Spray a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set it over medium-high heat. Brown the salmon about 2 minutes on each side. Set the salmon steaks on top of the sauce in the prepared casserole dish.

Spread the onions, carrot, and celery over the salmon. Arrange the potato, overlapping the slices to cover the mixed vegetables in one layer.

Arrange the sliced tomato over the potatoes. Pour the remaining sauce over the tomatoes. Cover the pot.

Bake, covered, until the fish is evenly pink to the center bone and the potatoes are just cooked, about 30 minutes. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Nutritional information: Each of the four servings contains 346 calories and 10 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>

Web site dedicated to Jewish holiday

Move over Pikachu, move over Pokemon.

Here comes Modechai and Esther in "A Virtual Purim."

These 2,300-year-old Jewish heroes come to life in a new web site — www.virtualPurim.com — unveiled at the Chabad Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn, N. Y., for the upcoming Jewish holiday of Purim (Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21). Michigan is home to 31 Chabad centers, including five locations in West Bloomfield and centers in Farmington Hills and Southfield.

Purim is the Jewish Feast of Lots, celebrating the salvation of the Jewish people 2,355 years ago from Haman's plot to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, in a single day, the exact date determined by Haman throwing a lottery. Purim commemorates Esther's deliverance of the Jews in Persia from Haman's plotted massacre.

Purim is also observed by public readings of the "Scroll of Esther," sending food portions to friends, giving gifts of money to the poor and enjoying a festive meal accompanied with joyous

drink. Children of all ages will enjoy everything from games to recipes to prayers to stories on "A Virtual Purim," the world's most comprehensive Purim web site. The site gives detailed instructions on how to celebrate, give, say, pray, listen, learn and eat on the holiday, plus actual meal menu suggestions and lots of fun and games.

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Passover recipes sought

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■ 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 shitake 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; Thursday, March 23, at the Orchard Mall northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and Friday, March 24, at the Rochester store at Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

■ Crostini and Pasta - Joanne Weir, former chef of the famed Chez Panisse 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 (800) 641-1252 for information.

■ Pasta Tips - Chef Dave Martinich 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.

■ Vegetarian Cooking - Lenore Yalisove Baum, author of Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking, conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills.

Baum has scheduled a session on soups 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, a lecture on menu planning 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, and Seltan (wheat meat) 6-9 p.m. April 5. Call (248) 478-4455.

■ 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), Wednesday, March 29, at 26770 Grand River in Redford, and Thursday, March 30, at the Rochester store at Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois.

■ 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.

■ Passover Gathering - Sephardic Jews have a common Spanish heritage. When the Jews left Spain at the end of the 15th Century, they took their cooking traditions with them. Passover foods from France, Turkey and Greece can include rice and beans, usually not found on Eastern European Passover menus. Spicy

appetizers, savory salads and side dishes and honey-filled desserts will be demonstrated by Annabelle Cohen at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at Kitchen Glamor at the Orchard Mall, on the northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

■ Spring Holiday - Teri Elwell, caterer and cooking instructor, will show how to prepare a dinner party with balanced flavors. Participants will see how to prepare beef tenderloin stuffed with spinach, chevre goat cheese and roasted red peppers, accompanied with cabernet-infused potatoes and raspberry hazelnut torte. Sessions are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Kitchen Glamor at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96) and Wednesday, April 5, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River.

■ Easter Candy - Audrey Edwards will demonstrate how to prepare hard candy suckers, an Easter egg shaped candy dish, salt water taffy and marshmallows dipped in caramel, rolled in pecans and coated in chocolate. Sessions are scheduled for Friday, April 7 at the Kitchen Glamor at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Continuing Education Classes

■ Schoolcraft College: Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m., Monday, April 3; Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m. Monday, April 17 and 24; and Buffet

and Hors D'oeuvres - Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m., April 20 and 21. For information about Schoolcraft's courses, call 462-4448.

■ Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Center: High Tea the British Way, 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 10, and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15; New Orleans Brunch, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, April 14, and Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 20. For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252.

■ Kitchen Glamor features Joanne Weir, cookbook author, food writer and PBS television celebrity, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 21, in a one- or two-day session at Kitchen Glamor, Orchard Mall, northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. Weir will feature recipes, including white winter salad with a hint of green oven roasted beet soup, pizza with smoked trout and caviar, salmon with asparagus and blood oranges on March 20, and crostini with artichokes and olives, asparagus with lemon creme fraiche and linguine with goat cheese and arugula on March 21.

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Pepper and spice spark this dessert

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baked Meringue Vesuvius is a delicate-seeming dessert sparked with a surprise touch of spice and pepper. Blistering Brittle also has a dash of pepper in the recipe, to similar effect - to balance its sweetness.

As the great pastry chefs of the world know, sweetness in a dessert is not all. One of the secrets of good cooking is balance, and that's one reason why these subtly piquant desserts are so pleasing.

The Baked Meringue Vesuvius is an airy confection of low-fat egg whites, ice cream, marshmallow and sweet apricot preserves, plus allspice and pepper sauce. The Blistering Brittle is a variation of a longtime favorite - peanut brittle - with a peppery lift. Both are easy to make, but note that instructions for the Brittle are based on use of a microwave.

minutes or until lightly browned. Garnish each with a strawberry fan and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: @ 437 cal., 8.4 g fat (4.8 g saturated fat), 68.5 mg chol., 227 mg sodium, 86 g carbo, 8 g pro.

BAKED MERINGUE VESUVIUS

2 tablespoons apricot preserves
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
4 individual sponge cake cups
1 pint (2 cups) ice cream
3 egg whites at room temperature
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
7-ounce jar marshmallow creme
4 strawberries, cut into fans

Combine apricot preserves and 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce in small bowl. Place sponge cake cups about 3 inches apart on cookie sheet. Brush with apricot mixture. Place 1 scoop ice cream on each sponge cake. Freeze until firm.

In a large bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add remaining 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, allspice and marshmallow creme, beating until stiff peaks form. Spread meringue evenly over ice cream and sponge cake cups, covering completely. Freeze.

To serve, heat oven to 500 F. Remove meringue-covered sponge cake cups from freezer; bake for 3 or 4

BLISTERING BRITTLE

Cooking spray
1 1/2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1 1/4 cups dry-roasted peanuts
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon butter or margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

Lightly coat spatula and large baking sheet with cooking spray; set aside. Combine hot pepper sauce and allspice in large bowl. Add peanuts and toss well.

Combine sugar and corn syrup in 2-quart microwavable bowl. Microwave on HIGH (100 percent) for 4 minutes. Remove from microwave and stir thoroughly. Add peanuts; stir again. Microwave again on HIGH for 5 minutes until light brown.

Remove bowl from oven. Add butter and vanilla. Blend. Microwave again on HIGH for 30 to 60 seconds. Remove bowl from oven. Gently stir in baking soda until well mixed and foamy. Pour onto greased baking sheet. Cool; as brittle cools on baking sheet, stretch it into thin sheets by pulling candy with two forks (stretching will help make it crisp). Break into pieces. Makes about 1 pound.

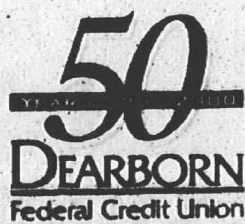
Note: Recipe was tested in large, full-power microwave oven (600-700 watts).

Nutrition information per 1-ounce serving: 146 cal., 6 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 1 mg chol., 214 mg sodium, 23 g carbo, 3 g pro.

Recipes from: Tabasco.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Food, fashion, fun

St. Mary Hospital will hold its sixth annual "Women's Health Day" 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Holiday Inn-Livonia. This upbeat event, sponsored by the Marian Women's Center, features a continental breakfast, lunch, workshops and a fashion show by Casual Corner Group (all sizes!).

Keynote speaker Bobbie Staten, a nurse and business woman with a creative sense of humor, has titled her opening speech "I'm Going to be Happy When." Her remarks about the pain, stress and frustration women experience at home and work are guaranteed to get the day going.

Participants select one workshop in each of three sessions. Workshop topics include: "Relax with T'ai Chi" by Schoolcraft College fitness educator Ann VanWagoner; "Looking good when you're not feeling so good" by Robin Smith, president and owner of Born to Shop in Rochester; "Easy on the Eyes" by Dr. Walter J. Cukrowski, an ophthalmologist with Michigan Eyecare Institute in Livonia and Southfield; and "Healthy, happy feet" by St. Mary Hospital podiatrists Jason Choos and Howard Kane. There are several other workshops to choose from. In addition, Staten will lead a wrap-up session titled "Where to from here?" Find out the answer by attending this fun-filled Women's Health Day.

Program cost is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. The Holiday Inn-Livonia is located on Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (800) 494-1617 by April 3.

Grief support

Arbor Hospice will offer a seven-week grief support group for parents who have experienced an adult child's death, whether recently or many years ago. The group will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 6 through May 18, at the Arbor Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. The group is available free, but donations will be requested. For more information or to register, please call Pat Bauer at (734) 662-5999.

MS essay contest

The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America is sponsoring a national essay contest - "PROJECT: Learn MS 2000" - for high school juniors and seniors and college freshman and sophomores. Students must write a 500-1,000-word essay on how multiple sclerosis affects a person and his or her family on a daily basis.

Entries can take the form of a traditional essay, personal narrative, an open letter, a feature story or a fiction story. All entries must be double spaced and postmarked by June 2, 2000.

PROJECT: Learn MS 2000 is designed to educate students about multiple sclerosis, a crippling disease that affects young adults. Students may obtain an official registration form by accessing www.msa.com, e-mailing projlearn@msaa.com or calling 1-800-LEARN MS.

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CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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Sharon Parven McGladdery, a 44-year-old mother from Farmington Hills, was a "total athlete" in her teens and most of her 20s. An ace tennis player, there was hardly a sport she wouldn't try. Then her life changed.

"When I was 28, I got very sick one spring," she said. "All my lymph nodes in my neck, arm pits, everywhere, blew up. I thought I had Hodgkins disease."

McGladdery credits Dr. A. Martin Lerner, an infectious disease specialist on staff at William Beaumont Hospital whom she met last March, with correctly diagnosing and treating her for chronic fatigue syndrome. However, the road to his office was a long and frustrating one.

Shortly after the acute onset of symptoms, McGladdery began experiencing extreme muscle pain across her back, a loss of smell and total exhaustion. When her internist at the time couldn't find a cause, she went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. The message was the same: It's psychological; there is nothing wrong with you.

"The diagnosis was non-specific virus," she said. McGladdery's symptoms, including the extreme fatigue, not only continued, they worsened after the birth of her son in 1991. Picking up her baby and washing dishes were almost impossible. Grocery shopping left her exhausted for days.

She began seeing psychiatrists. Fortunately, the third one told her about chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia. "He gave it a name and told me I wasn't alone."



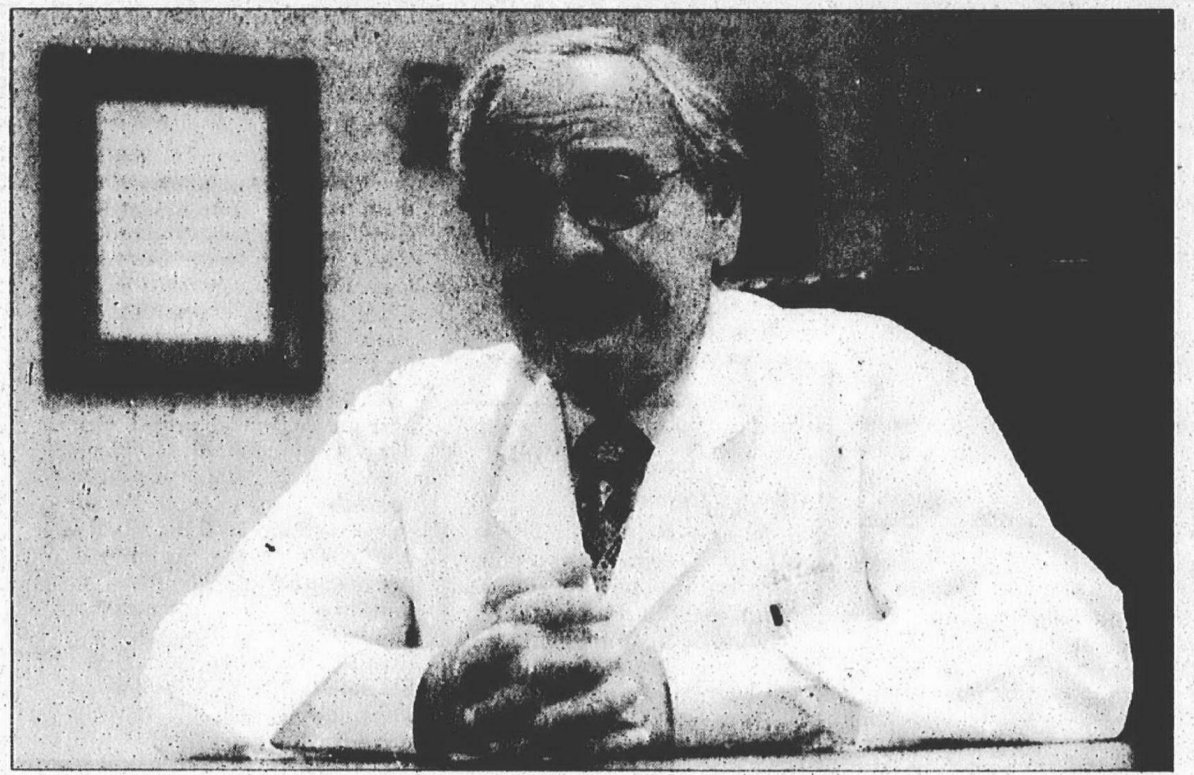
Mainstream: Dr. Cary Engleberg, head of infectious disease at U-M Hospital, believes many diseases labeled chronic fatigue syndrome are "nervous system problems."

Cary Engleberg, head of infectious diseases at the University of Michigan. Depending upon the symptoms presented, he may treat a CFS patient with a sleep enhancer, pain reliever, or an anti-depressant. He also recommends exercising to tolerance. Aerobic exercise is more beneficial to CFS patients than yoga, he added.

Engleberg believes many disorders labeled "chronic fatigue syndrome" are really nervous system problems. After a female patient in her 50s, who had CFS symptoms for years, suffered a stroke, her symptoms disappeared. "The CFS got stroked out," he said.

Dr. A. Martin Lerner, who has a private practice in Beverly Hills, Mich., believes CFS results from a viral infection in the heart.

He discovered that patients with CFS have abnormal T-wave readings on their 24-hour Holter electrocardiograms - associated with a possible weakened heart muscle - but no evidence of



New ground: Infectious disease specialist Dr. A. Martin Lerner considers himself a medical pioneer in treating chronic fatigue syndrome as a virally-induced heart disease. Patient Sharon Parven McGladdery (below) credits Lerner with restoring her to a near normal life.

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Dr. Joseph J. Weiss,
St. Mary Hospital

coronary artery disease. He also found evidence of herpes-related virus.

Blood tests revealed that half the patients in his studies had antibodies indicating ongoing Epstein Barr virus (EBV). The other half had either antibodies for cytomegalovirus (CMV), the other known cause of mononucleosis, or antibodies for both viruses.

Based on the abnormal T-wave readings and the presence of EBV and CMV virus antibodies, Lerner concluded CFS is a virally-induced heart disease. He began treating his patients with Valtrex, an anti-viral drug approved for the treatment of herpes, at four times the recommended dosage.

Lerner's CFS patients responded well. "From non-functional lives, they went to functional lives," he said.

He defends his use of high dosages of Valtrex. (A normal dosage is 1/2 gram once a day. Lerner prescribes 1 gram four times a day for patients 150 pounds and 1 1/2 grams four times a day for patients over 170 pounds.) It is not toxic, he said. "It skips into the bloodstream across the intestinal tract, allowing me to give effective dosages orally."

CFS patient Anna Lipar, a 34-year-old advertising consultant for the Observer Newspapers in Livonia, sees Lerner every six weeks. Blood tests show whether her Epstein Barr antibodies are on the rise. Four years ago, Lerner ordered her bedridden for six months due to an extremely high



level of EBV antibodies. "I didn't know where my life was going. When my counts were so high, I was contagious. I wasn't to kiss anyone," she said. (According to CDC studies, there is no proof that CFS is contagious.)

Today, Lipar feels much better, and she credits Valtrex. "It's been an energy boost. I'm able to function again. But I'm not at the point I was four years ago."

Other views

The association of a virus with CFS "has been thoroughly looked into and is not the case," said Dr. Joseph J. Weiss, a rheumatologist associated with St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Drug therapy is wrong, he added.

Weiss views CFS from the muscular, skeletal, bone and joint component. He recommends the same treatment for CFS as he does for fibromyalgia syndrome: exercise, coping skills and mild dosages of pain medication.

Weiss tells his patients to exercise seven days a week, preferably in the morning before stress takes its toll. They must sweat and warm their muscles. There are no quick fixes in treating CFS, he said.

"You have to level with the patient. I have to say I know what it isn't. It's not a horrible disease. Given that, I have to be very careful what medications I put in you."

Engleberg's beliefs are similar. There is "no convincing data that anti-viral drug therapy works" in treating CFS, he said. (He has used anti-virals when evidence "conventionally looks like a virus.") Besides, he added, over 90 percent of the population has the Epstein Barr virus, and it's rare for someone in middle-age to have mononucleosis. Also, a spike in antibodies from time to time doesn't always translate into CFS symptoms.

Engleberg believes hormones play a role. "Women who have CFS who are pregnant get better. Sometimes they relapse afterward, sometimes they don't," he said.

He also believes CFS is influenced by attitude. "If CFS is not helped by attitude, nothing will help."

Dr. Patricia Schmidt, an internist and primary care physician with Garden City Hospital, sees

WHAT IS CFS?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines chronic fatigue syndrome as "a debilitating and complex disorder characterized by profound fatigue that is not improved by bed rest and that may be worsened by physical or mental activity."

According to the CDC, a patient must satisfy two criteria for a diagnosis of chronic fatigue:

■ Have severe chronic fatigue for six months or longer with no other known medical causes. (Those causes include hypothyroidism, anemia, diabetes, depression, chronic mononucleosis, sleep disorders, cancer, autoimmune disease, subacute infections and reactions to prescribed medicines.)

■ Have four or more of the following primary symptoms concurrently: substantial impairment in short-term memory or concentration; sore throat; tender lymph nodes; muscle pain; multi-joint pain without swelling or redness; unusual headaches; unrefreshing sleep; and post-exertional malaise lasting more than 24 hours. Most importantly, the symptoms must not have predated the fatigue.

In addition to these eight primary symptoms, CFS patients in Center for Disease Control surveys have reported abdominal pain, alcohol intolerance, bloating, chest pain, chronic cough, diarrhea, dizziness, dry eyes or mouth, earaches, irregular heartbeat, jaw pain, morning stiffness, nausea, night sweats, shortness of breath, skin

sensations, tingling sensations, weight loss and psychological problems.

"Chronic fatigue syndrome is a constellation of symptoms," said Dr. A. Martin Lerner.

Who gets CFS? In a four-city survey conducted by CDC from 1989-93 of patients under a doctor's care, a pattern emerged: Caucasian female about 30 years old at onset of symptoms, well-educated and often from an upper-income family. The syndrome became known as the "yuppie flu."

Those findings were based on symptomatic evidence, not medical work-ups, said Dr. Cary Engleberg, head of infectious diseases at the University of Michigan. "We don't know how many of these people would be excluded."

According to the CDC, there is now evidence that CFS affects all racial and ethnic groups of both sexes. "I don't think my women patients outnumber my men," said Dr. Patricia Schmidt, an internist at Garden City Hospital.

The CDC continues to monitor the patients enrolled in the four-city study. While defining "recovery" as subjective, 50 percent reported recovery within five years after onset of symptoms. However, most doctors agree that "chronic" is the correct adjective to describe the syndrome.

"We look a lot better than we actually feel," said CFS patient Anna Lipar. "That's hard to deal with."

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CFS patients in their 20s to early 50s. She looks at all factors in a patient's life, from nutrition to family stressors, and she physically checks for skeletal and muscle problems.

After ruling out all known medical factors, including viruses, she discusses treatment: rest, pacing themselves, exercise and anti-depressants.

"Depression is part of it whether or not the patient recognizes it," she said. The depression could be reactive or primary, "but they won't acknowledge they're depressed."

Many CFS patients are "super vigilant" of their own physiology, said Schmidt. "A gas bubble rattling in their intestine is a major thing."

She also has prescribed Valtrex, but at the standard dosage. Some of her patients are doing well on the drug. Sometimes doctors have to break new ground, she said. "If I just practiced evidenced-based medicine, I would not be a risk-taker with my patients."

Lerner knows treating CFS as a virally-induced heart disease

Despite a vigorous search, no single cause for CFS has been found; rather, the syndrome is considered the common 'endpoint' of multiple causes: virus infection, allergies, autonomic regulation of blood pressure and pulse, and stress to name a few.

is controversial, but after a long career he is willing to take that risk. "I've always been in step. I've never been in this condition of being out there all by myself. ... Every new paradigm in medicine has been greeted with opposition. Skepticism is correct. We need to be guided by scientific medicine."

However, he discounts any inference that Valtrex is a placebo. "If this is a placebo, I'm probably the best hypnotist I know."

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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 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) 776-9415. 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 the 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.

WEIGHT LOSS CLUB
The Merry Bowl Trimmers Club, a weight loss support group, meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Livonia Senior Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The program is open to both men and women. The cost is \$4 a month. Call (734) 425-5675 for more information.

TUES, MARCH 21

AGING AND MEMORY
The Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane will sponsor "Update on Aging and Memory," a free lecture from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the medical center, 19401 Hubbard Drive at Evergreen in Dearborn. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

LYME DISEASE
The Lyme Disease Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. Call Connie, (734) 362-3502 for more information.

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 the West Addition Conference Room B, St. Mary Hospital. This course provides arthritis educa-

tion 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, 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.

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FOOD FOR HOLISTIC HEALTH
The Tree House in Farmington, 22906 Mooney Street, offers a seven-week class 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday. Learn the five rites of Tibetan exercise and why Jack LaLane is still strong at age 85. Cost: \$95 (paid at first class). Call (248) 473-0624 to register.

THUR, MARCH 23

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 Canton Health Center - 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 398-7557.

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. For more information call Kathleen (800) 350-7927.

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. 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.

SUN, MARCH 26

SCLERODERMA DISCUSSION
The Michigan Chapter of the Scleroderma Foundation will feature Dr. E. Newton Rottenberg, who will discuss "Management and Treatment of Sclero-

derma," at 1 p.m. Classroom 2 of the Administration Building, William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak.

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.

SAT, APRIL 1

FRAGILE X SYNDROME
The Fragile X Syndrome Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak, in the Administration Building, first floor, conference dining rooms A and B. For more information, call (248) 373-3043.

SUN, APRIL 2

ALOPECIA AREATA
Hair loss disorders are emotionally distressing. "Alopecia Areata Answer Day" will be held noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Lawrence Technological University (Science Building, Auditorium S-100) in Southfield. To register, call (734) 420-4155.

SAT, APRIL 8

PITUITARY DISORDERS
The Pituitary Disorders Education and Support Group will meet 11 a.m. at the Brighton District Library, 200 Charles H. Orndorf Drive, Brighton (near Meijers and St. Joseph Mercy Medical Building on Grand River). Dr. Nasir Ul Haque, board certified in both pediatric endocrinology and internal medicine, will be the main speaker. For more information, call (810) 227-5615 or e-mail sully@ismi.net.

MON, APRIL 10

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>

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 No. 205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

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 comfortably 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 No. 205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

SAT, APRIL 15

FOOD FOR HOLISTIC HEALTH
The Tree House in Farmington, 22906 Mooney Street, presents a "Health Starts with Food" class 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about foods your body needs to avoid and eat a gourmet meal free of allergy-causing foods. Presenter, Monica Levin is a registered holistic nutritionist. Cost is \$20. Call (248) 473-0624 for reservations.

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 Nanette Cooper or Denise Manion for reservations at (248) 428-7055.

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THUR, APRIL 20

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event 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.

TUE, MAY 2-16

BIOKINESIOLOGY
Learn to use muscle testing techniques to determine which vitamins, herbs, and 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 No. 205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

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New staff officers

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia announced the election of the following new staff officers: **Dr. Eliezer Monge**, chief of staff; **Dr. Vali Orandi**, chief-of-staff elect; and **Ash Gokli**, secretary and treasurer.



Monge



Orandi



Gokli

Dr. Monge of West Bloomfield is an internist in Farmington and has been on staff at St. Mary Hospital since 1968. Dr. Orandi of Royal Oak, a radiologist, joined the staff in 1987. Dr. Gokli of Farmington Hills, an internist, has been on staff since 1994.

New members-at-large are **Dr. Michael Calice** and **Dr. Sanjeev Vaishampayan**.

Volunteers sought

Blood pressure

William Beaumont Hospital needs people 18 and older with high blood pressure to volunteer for two research studies of new medications. All study-related health care is provided at no charge to participants. Call the Cardiovascular Disease division at Beaumont, Royal Oak at (248) 551-5991 or the Division of Preventive and Nutritional Medicine in Birmingham at (888) 807-8839.

Breast cancer

Postmenopausal women with an increased risk of developing breast cancer can take part in a national research study at William Beaumont Hospital that will compare the effectiveness of two drugs in preventing breast cancer. Volunteers will either take Tamoxifen, a drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to reduce the incidence of breast cancer in women at increased risk; or Raloxifene, which is approved by the FDA. Call (877) BEAT-CANCER.

Artery disease

The Cardiovascular Disease division at William Beaumont Hospital is conducting a research study and needs volunteers who have coronary artery disease and/or elevated cholesterol levels. Call (248) 551-9161.

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The discussion will be held at Shifrin-Hayworth, a consumer research firm on **March 29**. For more information call **Jackie at 1-800-559-5954**.

Arthritis Today
JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D. RHEUMATOLOGY
18829 Farmington Road
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ODD PAINS THAT WILL NOT GO AWAY
By odd pains I mean aching that occurs at one side of the back or near the hip. The pain may be in the foot or the side of the neck, another common site is behind the knee or ankle. These pains are present every day, or if you suffer from the morning so that arising from bed and starting the day is difficult.
Another aspect of odd pains is that the doctors you see about the matter encounter difficulties in determining if you have a neurologic problem, or a defect in your blood circulation, or if you suffer from osteoarthritis, but not rheumatoid or osteoarthritis.
If you live with an odd pain, you should prepare yourself for a round of appointments for MRI and/or CT scans. You will undergo nerve conduction and electromyographic (EMG) tests, possibly more than one.
My experience with odd pains is that they are muscular in origin, and represent a repetitive strain on a set of fibers within the whole muscle. The cause of the strain is obscure, but once occurring, the ache becomes hard to stop.
If your doctor has undertaken the above studies once, and found nothing, then the next strategy is to treat the pain with acetaminophen or ibuprofen and observe what happens. If the pain resolves, and it may take 4-6 months, that ends the problem. If the pain remains the same, then you and the doctor have difficult decisions to make. Should you continue to watch and wait, or change to stronger pain medication and repeat the testing again?
In my experience, if the pain worsens, its true cause emerges, and rational treatment for a definite disorder can begin.

E-publications are growing quickly in popularity



PC MIKE
MIKE WENDLAND

Book purists may frown, but the overwhelming response to the \$2.50 new Steven King novella that is being distributed only online has stunned the book world and brought smiles to online

entrepreneurs. In the first 24 hours the "Riding the Bullet" e-book went online, more than 400,000 orders were processed, way more than typical book sales.

"We see a time in the not too distant future when virtually every book in print will be available in both physical and electronic formats," says Barnes and Noble online sales exec Steve Riggio.

A lot of the orders are coming from people with Palm and Win-

dows CE handheld devices. While it does take some getting used to using scroll buttons to read a book on a tiny handheld computer screen, it soon becomes as familiar as paper.

For example, I no longer subscribe to a paper copy of a daily newspaper. I read everything from the Wall Street Journal and New York Times to my local paper on my Palm, thanks to a free program called AvantGo (www.avantgo.com).

If you think that's something, wait until Web-equipped wireless phones become as standard in the U.S. as they are in Europe. Chuck Westbrook, senior producer with CNN Interactive (www.cnn.com) told me the other day that in Europe, 40 million people read CNN content on wireless phones.

Just last week here in the Detroit region, AirTouch Cellular rolled out its Mobile Web wireless phone, which offers news, sports, weather and business Web-site surfing from the

same handheld device you use to place wireless phone calls. There's also e-mail, paging and a Web-based calendar accessible through the phone. Other services, like online shopping and surely the downloading and reading of books and magazines, also are possible.

It looks like "e-publications" are here to stay.

PC Mike gets a Palm IIIc

Speaking of Palm, I traded my Palm Vx in this week for the new Palm IIIc color unit. I know, I know. I said a few weeks ago that I didn't think I'd get one of the color models. But then I was browsing through my local computer store and saw it. The display is absolutely breathtaking. It is crystal clear and really bright. I was seduced by a pretty face, what can I tell you?

The new color model is a little larger than my Palm Vx, but it's still way smaller than those klutzy and complicated-color Windows CE competitors. The

Palm IIIc sports a new hot-synching update that speeds up the time it takes to synch data and, with 8 megs of memory, there's room for everything I need. I've now had every model of the Palm from the day it was introduced.

With this new color model, I am again struck by the simplicity and efficiency of the Palm. It is not a "be-all, do-all" gizmo that tries to jam in all sorts of useless features like voice dictation and MP3 playback. It is practical and aimed clearly at the no-nonsense business user who wants to manage a calendar, to-do list, address book and memo pad.

There are tens of thousands of programs available that work on all models and the little machines synch perfectly with Outlook on my desktop computer.

I haven't had this new unit long enough to give you a reliable read on how the color screen will affect battery life, but from

all the reports I've read on the Net, that does not seem to be a problem.

Voice e-mail

I received a talking e-mail from PCMike.com regular Mike Biasin alerting me to a new free program called Talksender (www.talksender.com). It's a pretty cool download that takes less than a minute to grab and then use. Just click the mouse to record and hit send to zap it off. Your recipients need nothing extra to listen to your messages. They hear it right away when they open your message.

Free PC's not a good deal

Before you jump on the free PC bandwagon, be aware there have been a lot of complaints about some companies that bill your credit card and then don't deliver PC's for weeks or months. And if things go wrong with these freebie PC's, customer support is usually impossible to find. Right now, I would-

n't recommend any of these so-called freebie systems, especially if it is to be your only computer. Most have only limited expansion capabilities. Same goes with the free DSL service being offered these days. The catch with this is you have to give your name to scads of advertisers, who will bombard you with come-ons and sales pitches.

PC MIKE on WWJ, NewsRadio 950

Starting Monday, listen to my Net News Daily feature on the Internet, at 6:30 PM on WWJ-Radio, NewsRadio 950. And don't forget my regular WXYT "PC Talk" call-in computer show every Saturday and Sunday from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

"73" until next week.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: *Business Calendar*.

TUES, MARCH 21

HI-TECH TUESDAY
The Ann Arbor IT Zone will sponsor "Research Grants as a Funding Alternative" at 5 p.m. at 330 E. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor. Mark H. Cleveley, director of the Small Business Association of Michigan's Entrepreneurial Development Center, and Dr. James MacBain, director of research relations at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering, will be the featured speakers. Cost is free to members, \$25 for non-members and \$5 for students. Registration: online at www.annarboritzone.org or call (734) 623-8286.

NAT'L ASSOC. CAREER WOMEN
The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will meet at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restau-

rant, 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.

WED, MARCH 22

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

FRI, MARCH 24

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

THUR, MARCH 30

SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXEC.
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 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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New executive director

Kevin Keating of Livonia is the new executive director of The Heritage of Southfield, a premier retirement community providing services to more than 80 senior residents.



Keating

Keating was formerly with The Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center, in Detroit for 10 years.

New VP appointed

John McManus has been appointed vice president and director of commercial banking at Michigan Heritage Bancorp Inc. of Farmington Hills, the holding company for Michigan Heritage Bank. McManus joined the company in 1998. He joined the company in 1998 as managing director of commercial lending. He is a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserves.



McManus

Farm Bureau Insurance

Dominic Frontera joined Farm Bureau Insurance - Livonia office as a new agent. His training includes Michigan State University's professional insurance program and the agent career school at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. His phone number is (734) 525-9440.



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