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AHEAD



Yeah! The Plymouth Whaler's No. 19 Harold Druken celebrates scoring a goal against the Sarnia Stings during game three of the first round of the OHL playoffs Thursday night. For more information on the game, please turn to D1.

TUESDAY

Meet: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty, Can

Township: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. at township hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

WEDNESDAY

Recreation: A city-township joint recreation meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. at Plymouth Town-ship Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Don't forget: Kindergarten registration continues this week.

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'Grease is the word'

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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The famed musical about love from opposite sides of the tracks opens at Salem Auditorium 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, and March 28, and April 1, 3, and 4. It will be presented by the Park Players, comprised of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students. All shows begin at 8 p.m. except the April 1 show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

A fifth showing of a Park

Players show is unprecedented, said and the show's director and choreog-Gloria Logan, Salem drama teacher rapher. She attributed this to the



Attitude: In the photo at top, chicks with attitude are Frenchy, Becky Turza (left) and Annette and Beth Murphy as well as some of the other girls in the cast of "Grease." Above, Steven Tutor and Kellie Drinkhahn play Danny and Sandy, the stars of the

Please see GREASE, A6

Old Village noise reverberates

An Old Village couple returned to Plymouth City Hall on Monday to urge city officials to do something about loud

Terri and Dean Kariniemi of Starkweather Avenue told city commissioners they understand it takes time to put together a new noise ordinance.

"But for every month that goes by we are losing another 16 nights of sleep," Terri Kariniemi said.

Saying live music four nights each week at the Lower Town Grill on Liberty keeps them up, Kariniemi added, "we'd like this settled." ■ 'But for every month that goes by we are losing another 16 nights of sleep."

Terri Kariniemi —Old Village resident

Lower Town Grill owner Kim Guenther has said he has spent significant money to acoustically contain sound from bands, adding that a local music club is appreciated by residents who like music.

Please see NOISE, A6

Center plans criticized

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township planners don't like proposals for day care centers near busy streets and intersections.

The township planning commission Wednesday rejected the Crayon Academy proposed for the southeast corner of Ridge Road and North Territorial.

And while they delayed a vote until April on the Tutor Time Child Care Learning Center, several commission-

Learning Center, several commissioners were critical of the plan.

The criticism came despite the recommended approval for the project, with some changes, from the township's planning consultant McKenna and Associates.

lease see CENTERS, A7



New life: After years in the law enforcement business, retired Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry changed his life with a new career as an operator of a Harley Davidson motorcycle dealership in Taylor. A grand opening is set for March 28 and 29. For the story, please turn to page A4

New library to open April 26

It's been an long wait, but it looks like the new library will open April 26. The temporary library will close April 6 for the big move.



BY KEVIN BROWN

The grand opening of the new two-level Plymouth District Library is scheduled for April 26.

"We've been moving in the new furni-ture the last week or so," said Library Director Pat Thomas.

Other work that needs to be completed in the new building just south of Plymouth City Hall on Main Street includes painting and trim work, carpet laying, laying sidewalk brick pavers, building a handicapped ramp

and landscaping.

"Also the parking lot needs a final (asphalt) coat," Thomas said.

The new library will have 41,000 square feet of space. The former Dun-ning-Hough Library had 13,000 and the temporary library 16,000 square

The library's main level will include best selling books, rental books, computers, picture books, current magazines and fiction

Please see LIBRARY, A6

Teacher bargaining under way

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Representatives from the Plymouth-Canton Education Association began meeting with the district's bargaining team this week and are expected to bring a number of issues to the table.

Chuck Portelli, president of the PCEA, the district's teachers' union, would not comment specifically on the issues they intend bring before the district's team. He said only the school calendar would be one subject of dis-

"We have a lot of issues that are unresolved that we want resolved," he

Bargaining is beginning "earlier than normal," Portelli said.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

The contracts for the district's 887 teachers end Aug. 31 this year. The new contract will cover one to three

The most recent contract negotia-tions in 1996 were marked by disagreements over the benefits plan. The district wanted to cut the teachers' Blue Cross plan and replace it with a managed care plan, a move that angered many teachers. The contract terms compromised with teachers paying for the traditional plan if they wanted to

keep it.
Members of the PCEA bargaining team are chief negotiator Tom Cotner, a Salem math teacher; Sharon Belobraidich, PCEA vice president and a Hoben teacher; David Wert, a Hoben teacher; Joann Gustafson, a Lowell teacher; Bill Wooster, a Gallimore teacher; and Tracy Brooks from the Michigan Education Association. Errol Goldman, assistant superinten-

dent of employee relations and person-nel for the district and chief negotiator was unavailable for comment. District Superintendent Chuck Little referred all comments to Goldman.

More than 350 legislators, hool officials and concerned residents are expected to congregate at a special presentation Monday exploring the pros and cons of Proposal A and dissing how it has affected local chool districts.

The meeting is planned for 7 m. Monday, March 23, at the ummit on the Park in Canton Township. It is sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Community ools Legislative Action Com-

Though Proposal A has brought lower property taxes, it has also brought vast state fund-

ing inequities between districts. For example, Plymouth-Canton receives about \$5,986 per pupil in state spending compared to \$10,916 in Bloomfield Hills.

Judy Mardigian, Plymouth-Canton school board memberelect and a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Legislative Action Committee member, said it's these inequities she hopes to educate people about.

"This summit I think is a real

important event because we need to educate our community about changes in the way schools have been funded," Mardigian One way Proposal A has tied districts' hands is in that they can no longer ask voters for enhancement millages, she said.

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

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

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

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

(\$5,900 per student).

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

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little is hoping to educate many who believe growing communities like Canton get more money, while the reality remains state funding is now determined by school population.
"I don't think a lot of people

realize that we are currently being funded at a percentage

less than the cost of doing business," said Little.

He said that last year the dis-trict received a 2.7-percent increase in state funding, while the Consumer Price Index was more than 3 percent. Little noted this is the fifth consecutive year the district has operated with state funding increases less than the cost of doing business.

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

Administrator resigns for new job in school district

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

A longtime Plymouth-Canton administrator has resigned his position and will soon become the district's new director of maifitenance and operations.

Plymouth-Canton Assistant Principal Ken Jacobs will begin work at his new job after spring recess April 20. He announced his resignation last

Jacobs has overseen student discipline, supervised special education, physical education and art, instituted a health program, overseen the maintenance and operations of the building and helped develop the school's security department about 15 years ago.

Making the move to maintenance and operations will be a natural step, Jacobs said.

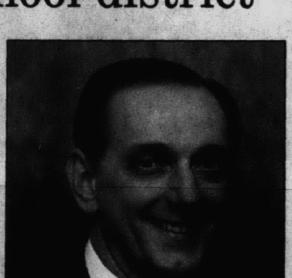
"I guess in a nutshell this is just an opportunity for me to venture into other areas," Jacobs said.

"Since I have been closely associated with maintenance and operations at the high school for the past several years this is a good opportunity for me to step into the position and use the skills that I have been developing," Jacobs said. Though he will be treading into fairly familiar

territory, he still has a large and difficult job

"It's certainly going to be a challenge," he said. "I'm looking forward to that."

Neither burnout nor pay were factors in Jacobs'



Changes: Ken Jacobs, Plymouth Canton assistant principal, will take over as director of maintenance and operations.

pursuing a different district job.

"I don't want people to think (I resigned) because of burnout," Jacobs said. "This is a very important job and I've enjoyed doing it. (My resignation) has nothing to do with stress.

His pay as director of maintenance and operations will be comparable to his

current pay, he said. Both are similar contractual positions. He will continue to handle major dis-

Superintendent Chuck Little said plans are under way to fill Jacobs' assistant principal posi-

"By April 20, all (Jacobs') responsibilities will be in maintenance," he said.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Possible water interruption

Monday marks the start of the city's 1988 Sewer Rehabili-tation Project, and that means possible interruption of water service Monday on Harvey Street from Ann Arbor Trail to

Also, the intersection of Wing and Harvey will be closed for at least two days starting Mon-day, the city Municipal Ser-vices Department reported.

Good-bye, Plymouth House

Greenfield Village is no longer displaying a log cabin structure known as the Plymouth House, and the cost to move it here is just too much, city officials say.

The Plymouth Historic Dis-trict Commission has deter-

mined the cost to move the structure at \$27,000-\$37,000. On Monday, City Commission-

er David McDonald, saying he's a member of the American Historical Society, added, "I for one would be willing to pass on this one," due to the cost and the modest nature of the structure dating from the mid

"I agree," said Commissioner Joe Koch. "I can't see spending the extra funds, which we don't

Appointments announced

At Monday's Plymouth City
Commission meeting, five
appointments to city boards
were approved.
William Graham was named
to the city planning commission for a term ending Dec. 31,
1999. Named to the Old Village
Development Authority were
Amy Heiden, Colleen Kelly and
Daniel Sexton, to three-year

Daniel Sexton, to three-year terms effective Jan. 1 this year. Susan Watson was reap-pointed to the Downtown Development Authority for a

four-year term effective Jan. 1 this year.

Liquor licenses

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission is ready Wednesday to consider three applications for downtown liquor licenses, Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile reported to Plymouth city commissioners on Monday.

The licenses are for Tom's Oyster Bar and the Penniman Deli, both on Penniman; and Cafe Giverney on Main Street.

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Michigan Citizens Lobby Michigan Citizens Lobby founder and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Doug Ross couldn't make it for the monthly meeting of the Tonquish Creek Economic Club Wednesday. But guests were nonetheless kept focused by club director Bill Joyner, who spoke shout community involvement-

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CLARIFICATION

Due to misinformation from the Plymouth-Canton schools, an article about school security in ly listed the loft above Jan Sutherland's production room as a potential danger spot as listed in a district security report. The report should have instead listed the Little Theater in Canton

High School.

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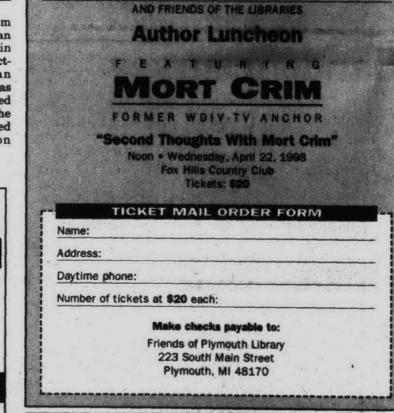
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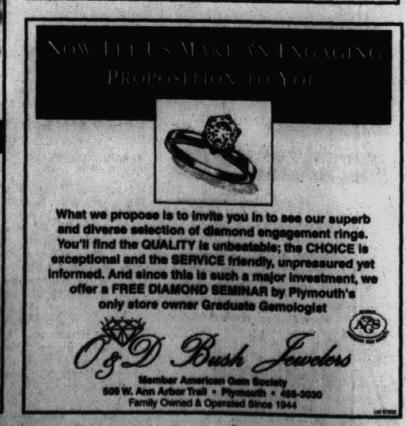
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40 years

The job never lost its charm

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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When Lucy Morris began teaching for the Plymouth-Can-ton schools, "Ike" Eisenhower was in the White House, Lakepointe Village in Plymouth Township was sprouting up and the Cold War chilled relations between Soviet republics and the United States.

After a 40-year tenure that included John F. Kennedy's assassination, the Vietnam War, the Iran hostage crisis and three different school buildings, Morris, a Fiegel Elementary kindergarten teacher, decided it was time to retire. She will retire the end of this school year.

"My husband retired last year," Morris said. "It just seemed to be time."

Some post-retirement plans include volunteering at Calvary Baptist Church and perhaps an Alaskan cruise.

Though 40 years might seem like a long time to stay in one profession, for Morris, the job has never lost its charm.

"Every day is different. It's not like you're going to a machine. It's very hard to find two days in a row that are the same (in this profession)," Morris said.

But the key to sticking to a job for that long is simple.

"You have to like what you're doing," Morris said. "I've enjoyed immensely the people I've worked with over the years. I'm a people person.'

When Morris was a sixthgrade student, she realized she wanted to be a teacher. Her sixth-grade teacher was Ruth Eriksson, who had some interesting ways of bringing culture to students.

"She introduced us to a lot of different things," Morris said, remembering Eriksson's vivid dramatizations of stories like "A Tale of Two Cities." The late

Eriksson has since had an elementary school named for

Of all the historical events that happened during her tenure, the one that most sticks in her mind is the build-

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ing of the Lakepointe Village subdivision the year she began teaching.

"A lot of young couples were moving there," Morris said of the now-established subdivision north of Plymouth. "There was lots of excitement and parental involvement."

Morris began her teaching career in 1958 at Farrand Elementary School, a brand-new building. A few years later, while the building was being expanded, she taught classes in the gym. Rather than complain about the unusual class space, however, she and the other teachers had fun with it.

"We had a ball," Morris said. "We really had a good time."

Morris tends to run into many of her former students, and even teaches alongside two of them at Fiegel. She doesn't always remember her former students' names, but sometimes she does.

"Every once in a while I'll come up with a (student's) name," Morris said.

So what advice does this veteran teacher have for parents? Give their children time to do

"Kids need down time," she said. But, "it's really hard for parents to find time to spend quiet time with their kids.





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Random survey says city crews OK

BY KEVIN BROWN

City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury's random survey suggests city residents are pleased with services.

The survey comes at the same time commissioners are debating in closed session what sort of raises - if any - are due city employees in upcoming contract negotiations.

Shrewsbury on Sunday, Feb. 15, organized 20 Close Up program high school student volunteers to distribute surveys.

The students passed out more than 2,000 surveys and were treated to pizza and pop at Papa Romano's for their troubles.

"In a perfect world the survey would have been designed and written by a team of professionals," according to the commissioner's press release on the survey results.

The surveys were returned and compiled earlier this month. "These results were tabulated while sitting in booth No. 1 at the Box Bar and Grill. They were tabulated by hand," the

release continued. "My purpose was to validate what I thought was the case, that our city employees are doing a good job," Shrewsbury

said. "I'm also concerned with the YMCA being the only choice for running a future recreation department," he added.

There was a 4-percent return of the surveys, or 85 respondents, according to the report.

Three of the questions posed to residents concerned recreation. Shrewsbury asked if residents favored a joint city-Plymouth Township recreation authority. Those responding were 68 percent in favor and 25 percent

Meanwhile, 45 percent said they opposed the YMCA administering the operation, while 35 percent favored this.

Asked to rate city services on a 1-5 scale with 5 as the most favorable, 42 percent rated services a 4, while 28 percent rated them a 3. Asked if they were satisfied with city employees' work performance, 82 percent said

One question posed on the survey read, "Assuming that the employees of any city are doing a good job is it your opinion they should be eligible to receive periodic raises in pay and benefits?" Eighty-six percent said yes.

In other questions: ■ 50 percent favored and 40 percent opposed a joint town-

ship-city police department. ■ 54 percent favored a complex to replace the Mayflower Hotel while 46 percent favored

■ 78 percent said they were generally satisfied with the Plymouth streetscape.

■ 74 percent favored direct election of the mayor by the peo-

On a 1-5 scale, 53 percent gave the schools a 3 rating.

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BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Carl Berry has traded his blue police chief's uniform for a

gray Harley T-shirt.
"In my new life I'm starting to be real comfortable," he said smiling, from his new office.

The former Plymouth Township chief's Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealership is no little shop.

The brand new 3,000-squarefoot dealership on Telegraph north of Eureka Road in Taylor boasts the biggest showroom in the Midwest

On display are dozens of gleaming American-made Harley Davidson and Buell motorcycles, ranging in price from \$8,000 to \$18,000.

He'll celebrate an official grand opening March 28 and 29 with bands, food and giveaways, which include a new

"Thirty-five years was enough," Berry said, on his decision last spring to leave police work.

"I'd been wanting to own a Harley shop for a long time," he

The longtime Plymouth city police officer started the Plymouth Township Police Depart-

ment in 1985. Berry served as a deal?" he said. chief until last year.

"The last couple of years, it was starting to bother me," he said, particularly shootings at the Sheldon Road Ford-Visteon

He and business partner Bob DeMattia traveled to Milwaukee, Wis., to interview with Harley-Davidson about operating a dealership, and were selected.

While Berry no longer con-fronts criminals, "people are cer-tainly upset when you tell them you don't have any Harleys for ale," he said.

When the shop opened for business Feb. 16 - Berry's 58th birthday - a computer crash meant no motorcycles could be sold. That was unfortunate, considering the shop was filled with scores of customers.

"We had the police directing traffic outside," he said.

Customers range from bearded, leather-clad toughs to middle-aged professionals. "The average age is 43, the average income is \$68,000," he said, adding 30 percent of customers

Already among his customers, Berry has spotted a few he arrested in his former job. "They see me and say, 'Can you get me

The dealership offers a full service department. "We can change oil in five minutes, change tires in 35 minutes,' Berry said. There's also a soundproof room used in engine test-

The dealership also offers motorcycle storage. That comes in handy for the occasional customer who doesn't want the spouse to know he or she has bought a motorcycle.

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Berry has known the passion for motorcycles since he was a

"First off, you're part of the environment. You get wet when it rains, you get hot when the sun's out," he said.

"In a car, you tend to see things in a frame. On a motorcycle, you can look all around."

The shop also offers collectibles, accessories, T-shirts and a slew of other items with the Harley logo.

Berry, who serves as 13th District Republican Party chairman, said he will likely run for elected Plymouth Township office in

As to which office, he responded, "That's a different article."

Sexual assault exam waived

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

A Plymouth-Canton student accused of sexually assaulting another student March 5 could face trial for the charges.

Christian Gerrard Armstead, 17, waived his preliminary exam Friday and faces his next court date at 9 a.m. April 3 in Wayne County Circuit Court, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ray Maguire said. Armstead has been charged

with one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct for

allegedly sexually assaulting a 15-year-old student under a Canton High School stairwell. He was arraigned March 13 in Plymouth's 35th District Court.

Canton police Detective Dave Schreiner said Armstead could enter a plea bargain before the trial begins. By doing so he would waive a trial and possibly be sentenced for lesser charges.

The purpose of the preliminary exam is for the prosecutor to show probable cause. This means he or she has to show that a crime was committed and that the suspect charged was

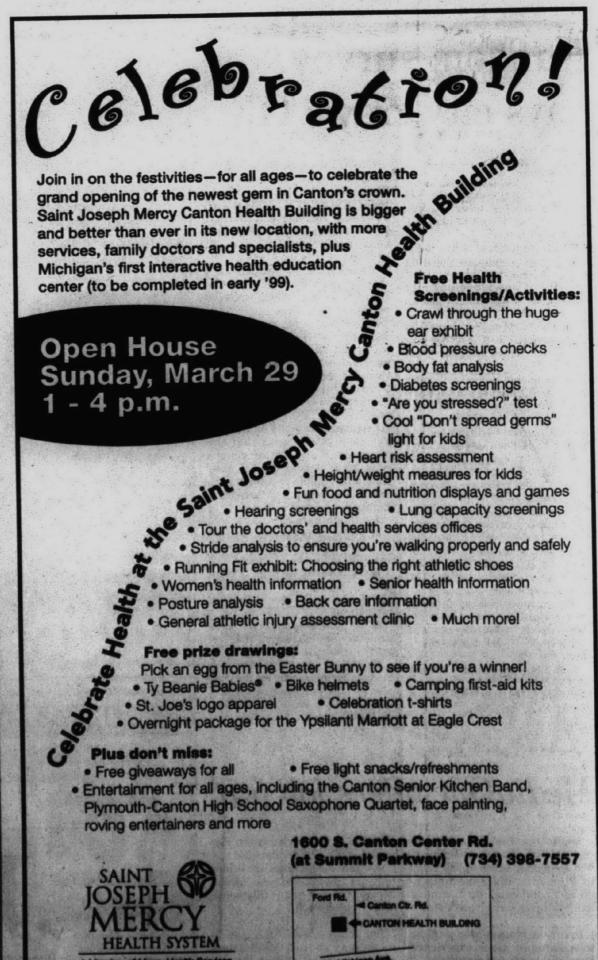
responsible, Schreiner said. "(The prosecutor) only has to

have enough witnesses to show probable cause," he said. Armstead is being represented by a court-appointed attorney.

Had the exam taken place Fri-

day, the 15-year-old complainant and other witnesses would have testified about what happened, Maguire said.

The complainant is attending school in another district. Armstead, who is free on \$10,000 bond, has been suspended from school.



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On the stump

County exec tells area residents about good things, challenges facing county

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

County Executive Edward McNamara is on the stump.

Just days after announcing his intentions to run for reelection, McNamara returned to his hometown Thursday, appearing at a luncheon with the Livonia Exchange Club to inform 40 club members and guests about the good things going on in Wayne County.

But the task of the county executive wasn't always easy.

When we took over the job 12 years ago, we had a \$135 million debt, that soon became over \$200 million," McNamara said. "One of the reasons was the county was responsible for indigent health care."

Hospitals would bill the state for the health care of poor people, who in turn billed Wayne County. The county discovered 43,000 indigents manage to get casinos togeth-resided in Wayne County, er, it will be a positive. There McNamara said. will be negatives but

Four providers were given 10,000 clients each, then \$71 a month to keep people healthy. "The providers realized it was a good thing to search these people out, find them and take care of them," McNamara said.

Variety of issues

McNamara touched on other

■ GM's purchase of the Renaissance Center was "one of the greatest investments" in Wayne County, McNamara About \$1 million a day with flights to China, Japan, enters Windsor casinos. "If we Great Britain, Paris and Hol-

a lot more positives."

■ The Detroit Lions football team wanted to move from the Pontiac Silverdome back to "(Lions Detroit. owner) Bill Ford wanted to make this happen. We went to the car rental people

and hotels, and they agreed the ballparks will do them good." McNamara predicts a Super Bowl will one day be held there.

Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport is "probably one of the greatest economic generators for this part of the world"

Great Britain, Paris and Hol-

The Chinese government allowed only one flight path from the United States to Beijing. "Metro is the only airport that flies to Beijing," McNamara said. "So now we have a lot of companies who want to relocate here. So overseas travel is doing tremendous things for our area.

Some Exchange Club members had questions. One asked whether there was enough land to make Metro a top airport in the country. Wayne County acquired land to create a fourth runway.

Within the next three weeks Wayne County will issue \$1 billion in bonds, the largest

Please see COUNTY, A8

Communities urged to answer high court Rouge authority plan

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

A member of the Conference of Western Wayne reminded community leaders recently that a federal judge still can rule that a management authority should oversee the Rouge River project.

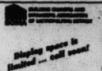
Kurt Heise, administrative assistant to Dearborn Heights Mayor Ruth Canfield, told CWW members March 13 that communities should express their opinions on the authority issue

to U.S. District Judge John

"We are still being pressured, I believe, by the federal court to come to a decision whether communities favor an authority?

Heise said. The CWW is a legislative consortium of 18 western Wayne County communities including the cities of Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of

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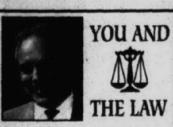
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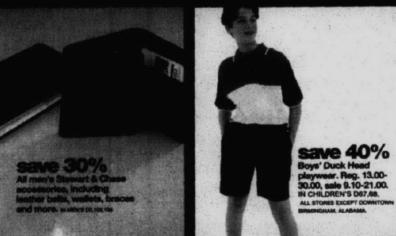
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Almost: Crews work on the interior of the new Plymouth District Library, which is expected to open April 26. The temporary library will close April 6 and the move will begin.

Library from page A1

Thomas said the lover level will have study areas, reference collections, and non-fiction col-

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lections. "That's where we expect most students to hang out," she

The former supermarket building on Main Street south of Wing that has served as the library's temporary home during construction will close April 6, Thomas said.

"The movers will start moving the books over, it will be a couple-three weeks to get squared away," she said.

Depending on how fast the move can be completed, Thomas said it's possible the library could open before the April 26 grand opening.

Because there will be at least a 20-day period when no library materials can be returned, patrons are now getting a break on due dates. "Normally they get three

weeks on their books, they are getting a real long time now," Thomas said as due dates have been extended to late April.

Thomas said that because the library is a traditional source for income tax return forms - and

the library will be closed 11 days before the April 15 filing deadline - forms could be made available at some other public sites.

To complete work on the new library, Thomas said, "The schedule's been tight, they've had to work really hard.

"I'm down there every day double checking and answering questions, like 'Where is this going to go.'

"Then at this end we're fine tuning the floor plan - deciding where special collections begin and end and placing things where it makes sense, little odds and ends like where does the public typewriter go in the new building, some pretty detailed stuff," she said.

a ribbon cutting ceremony, trea-sure hunt for kids, a dedication, cookies and punch and a chance to have questions answered about the new library.

Taxpayers are being assessed nearly one mill to build and stock the library, constructed on the site of the former library.

ease from page A1

"I don't know anybody who besn't like 'Grease,' " Logan said. "It ain't great art but it is

great fun."
Students appearing in the production include Diana Riley as Miss Lynch; Kelli Zink as Patty Simcox; Matt Marquess as Eugene Florczyk; Bridget Carney as Jan; Liz Filios as Marty; Cindy Wittrock as Betty Rizzo; Mike Allesandrini as Doody; Rick Eva as Roger; Patrick Gray as Kenickie; Wes Farrow as Sonny LaTierri; Farrow as Sonny LaTierri; Becky Turza as Frenchy; Beth Murphy as Annette; Annie Radcliffe as Donna Sue; Natal-Molly Martin as Pam; Meg Hyland as Louise; Kellie Drinkbahn as Sandy Dumbski; Steven Tutor as Danny Zuko: Chris Curd as Bobby;

Jim Albert as Ricky; Luke Williams as Jimmy; Martin Rodriguezacosta as Frankle; Kyle Wardynski as Vince Fontaine; Jim Duggan as Johnny Casino; Justin Polick as a gambler; Ellen Gallerini as Cha-Cha DiGregoria; Teddy Abesamis as Teen Angel, Annie Radcliffe as Radio

Rydell High School dancers include Ani Gray, Nicole Reitz, Amber Law, Delaine Andrejewski, Molly Hyland, Devin Burnstein, Teddy Abesamis, Sean Galvin, Jesse Willians, Dave Bennett, Tom Hason and John Huddas.

PCEP faculty members appearing as Rydell High School staff include Mary McGrath, Tom Salbenblatt, Mary Beth Carroll, Sue Welk-

er, Janet Wears, Lisa Peal, Kay Woodruf, Cyndi Burn-stein, Darrin Silvester, Lauren Peareson and Jan Kavulich. Four staffers will appear in

Also appearing as a gambler will be Salem principal Jerry Ostoin. The participation of PCEP staff is another Park

Players' first, Logan said.

In the orchestra are Brian Flemming and Paul Reger on tenor saxophone, Jeff Barrett and Shelby Henry on guitar, Guime Odendaal on piano.

Christian Their on bass Timo-Christian Theis on bass, Timo-thy Merenda on drums and

Norman Logan conducting.

To order tickets or for additional information, call 416-

COP CALLS

Theft reported

Three long guns valued by their owner at \$600 turned up missing from a home on

Parkview March 17. According to a report filed with Plymouth Township police, the gun owner was wakened at 4:30 p.m. by his dog barking.

That caused him to get up, and he found the door to an attached garage open, the report continued. When the man checked around the house, he found the guns missing from the basement.

Nothing else was taken in the theft, police said. The gun owner gave police the names of some people who'd been in the home recently, the report continued. Police are investigating the

Noise from page A1

Kariniemi's comments came after city commissioners reviewed an updated report on what's happening with a proposed noise ordinance, sparked by complaints about loud noise at the Lower Town Grill.

The city has written tickets against the Lower Town Grill for loud bands, but those tickets

were thrown out of local district court. The court maintained the disturbing the peace provision of the ordinance, by which the tickets were written, was too vague.

City officials decided a better ploy was to create a separate noise ordinance, and research other towns to determine how they successfully enforce such

ordinances.

"We need to make it broad enough to cover situations and limited enough to enforce," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur. "I think we can do this within the next two weeks so we can keep this moving."

tuff," she said. The grand opening will feature ribbon cutting caramony tree.

A new play based on Dr. Paul L. Maier's Pontius Pilate will be presented at at 6 p.m., March 29 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

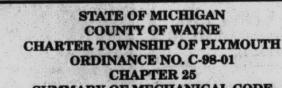
The play is about Pontius

Pilate sometime after the crucifixion Jesus. He is a searcher of truth but caught in the middle of political and moral embroilments between Rome and the Jews. He speaks in retrospect and throughout the performance lapses into flashbacks to the

his mind.

in a courtyard where Smenge, as Pilate, wears an authentic Roman toga and stages his portrayal before a cross and a bowl where Pilate continues his attempt to wash the stain of the crucifixion from his hands.

The public is invited to attend is mind. call Trinity Presbyterian Church, (734) 459-9550.



AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25 TO PROVIDE THE ADOPTION, BY REFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, 1998, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC., AS THE MECHANICAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP; TO PROVIDE FOR STANDARDS GOVERNING THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS; PROVIDING REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AGAINST THE HAZARDS OF INADEQUATE, DEFECTIVE OR UNSAFE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND INSTALLATIONS PROVIDING FOR PRINTED COPIES OF THE BOCA NATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PYLMOUTH ORDAINS:

ends Chapter 25 of the Charter Township of Plymouth

25.010 This Section adopts, by reference, the International Mechanical Code, 1998.

25.020 This Section provides for periodic inspections, a fee, penalties and continuance

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision

of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or void, all other portions of the Ordinance are not affected

This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

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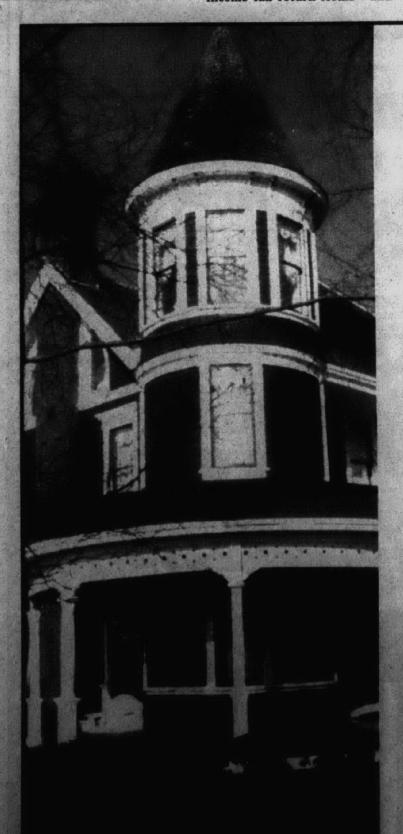
This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 during regular business hours.

The above summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-98-01 considered for first reading at the March 10, 1998, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 1998. The Ordinance, in full, is available for public perusal in the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann. Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, during regular business hours - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone 453-3840 X 224.

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ans: At left is a photo of the property at Five Mile and Haggerty where developers want to build a Tutor Time day care center in Plymouth Township. At right is a photo of an existing Tutor Time on Canton Center Road, just south of Saltz in Canton Township. Planning commissioners are concerned about day care centers on busy roads. They also said they were concerned about the size of the proposed Tutor Time development in relation to the size of the property.

Centers from page A1

Planning Commissioner Don Sprogeli aid that at a presentaon before the Lakeinte Homeowners **Association on the** an, several neighbors said safety was a conern due to traffic at he corner.

Planning Commissioner David Nick said the 8,600 square-foot facility at the southwest corner of Five Mile and Haggerty roads was too large for the .85-acre parcel of land, as specified by the township's ordinance pertaining office service district zoning.

He encouraged the developer to return with plans for a smaller building, as suggested under the zoning classification.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **ORDINANCE NO. C-98-02 CHAPTER 27** SUMMARY OF PLUMBING CODE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 27 TO PROVIDE THE

ADOPTION, BY REFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, 1997, AS PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE

COUNCIL, INC., THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATORS INTERNATIONAL, INC., THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS, AND THE SOUTHERN

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INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;

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This Section amends Chapter 27 of the Charter Township of Plymouth

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27.010, et seq. Adoption of Code. This Section adopts by reference

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PYLMOUTH ORDAINS:

the 1997 International Plumbing Code.

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ECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

ECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE

ECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

ECTION 4. REPEAL.

Homeowners Association on the plan, several neighbors said safety was a concern due to traffic at the corner.

Planning Commissioner Donald Skinner added, "there's a considerable number of children in a high-traffic area."

Representing Tutor Time, Norman Hyman said children would be let out for two half-hour exercise periods each day, in a fully fenced-in area.

Like Nick, planning Commissioner Nancy White said, "I am concerned of the size of the development in relation to the

The developer responded that he has tried to develop the parcel for years, but has no other tak-"The property really has no value as zoned," Hyman said.

Planning Commission Chairman Dennis Cebulski encouraged Hyman to return with estimates on the maximum number of students and staff at the cen-

One neighbor of the proposed development, Terry Davis of Amber Court, said he was coning lot. Hyman responded that a Time's day care centers in Canwall or trees could go up, whatever residents preferred.

The building, if approved, would be built with a brick cerned about screening of a would be built with a brick Academy day care at 49331 N. Dumpster and the lighted park- facade and resemble Tudor Territorial for special use

The commission also rejected the request on behalf of Crayon

The traffic is two lanes going 50 miles per hour. I would not be in favor of this application," Sprogell said.



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MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

S'craft to host public safety career fair

al Public Safety Career Fair is planned 4-7 p.m. Wednes-day, March 25 in the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

It is free and open to the public and will include a firearms training simulator demonstration.

Representatives from 46 law enforcement agencies, security firms, emergency health services and fire departments will be on hand to answer questions, describe job opportunities and accept resumes.

Police departments attending include the cities of Ann Arbor, Dearborn, East Lansing, Novi, Royal Oak, South-

Schoolcraft College's annu- field and Westland. Other law enforcement agencies represented include the Michigan Department of Corrections, the Michigan State Police, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and

Meijer, Target, T.J. Maxx and Ford Motor Co. security departments will attend, along with Huron Valley Ambulance, American Medical Response and Pinkerton Security & Investigations.

For information, call (734) 462-4421. The Radcliff Center is located at 1751 Radcliff Street, just south of Ford Road between Wayne and Merriman roads.

Madonna holds registration for spring, summer classes

p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with the exception

Madonna University's open office will be closed; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with the exception of Thursday, April 9 when the office will close at 5 p.m. Classes begin the week of May 4.

Fax registration for all students is available until April 20, prior to the start of classes

County from page A5

single bond issuance for Wayne

In response to another ques-tion, McNamara expects amenities to be improved at Metro Airport. "We're redoing the bathrooms," McNamara said. "We will be installing a family bathroom, where a parent can take a 5-year-old, or a granddaughter. This facility will be attended, have a little privacy and take care of them.

Road improvements

Bob Gaberson, president of the Livonia Exchange Club, wondered what was happening with

road improvements. McNamara said the 4-cent increase in the gas tax proposed by Gov. John Engler was not enough. "To take the political beating he took is ridiculous," McNamara said.

McNamara cited the county's \$60 million earmarked for road improvements this year and named several roads in Livonia, namely Farmington, Five Mile and Seven Mile roads and Middlebelt roads.

Exchange Club members were impressed and many sounded like McNamara supporters.

Dave Brewster, a Detroit attorney, said McNamara

McNamara a "positive factor" in county government.

Don Hoyt, owner of Walker
Tool and Manufacturing in Red-

showed a "solid knowledge" of

what's going on in Wayne Coun-

plans for Metro Airport," Brew-

ster said. "He recognizes that the

situation needs to be improved,

and he's giving us a concrete explanation of what's going on at

the airport." Brewster called

"I was impressed with his

ford Township, said McNamara's work with health care was "posi-

"He's trying to clean up the

nonessential cases and making it more positive," Hoyt said. "The airport is a big 'vital' to the coun-

Hoyt doesn't anticipate an increase in business from the

Tom O'Brien, owner of Re-Construction Inc. in Detroit, said McNamara has done a "heck of a job." O'Brien worked for Wayne County for 20 years under a previous administration.

"He's done a real good job. What he's doing with Metro Airport is important and he's got our budget real strong."

registration for spring/summer 98 term continues through Friday, May 1, for new and return-

ing students.
Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 of Friday, April 10 when the

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Canton, Plymouth and Redford. Feikens threatened to issue a court order in September 1997 to call for an authority to oversee the Rouge project, but decided in November to delay that decision for 14 months until communities had a chance to respond to the voluntary permit request from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
In 1997, the MDEQ introduced

a new permit program to help communities reduce the amount of pollution that enters the Rouge River from stormwater and snow melt that run off the

The new voluntary general

permit anticipates new federal stormwater management standards that will take effect in 2001, and responds to a call from the federal court for governments to demonstrate their commitment to cleaning up the

The state's program calls upon communities to develop water-shed management and pollution prevention plans, including the control of illegal pollution discharges and a plan to educate the public on its role in pollution

prevention.

Many communities are responding to those permit requests with an ultimate goal of

showing Feikens and the EPA their own local cleanup efforts to improve the Rouge's water quality. Those plans may include activities ranging from proposed ordinances and programs to fight illicit sewer connections into storm drains to street sweeping and public education

While the DEQ permit is vol-untary now, all 48 Rouge River basin communities eventually will have to meet EPA require-

Heise said his community opposed a management authority. "I'm sure you don't want to see another level of government," Heise told the CWW.

A federal court committee consisting of a court monitors, Washtenaw and Oakland county drain officials and Wayne County Department of Environment will appoint another committee to draft a letter to the federal court on whether or not to proceed with the authority. That summary will be distributed to all the CWW communities, Heise said

"I think the federal court is looking for more consensus on this work," Heise said.

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The Learning Center at Madonna University in Livonia is currently accepting applications for its summer term, which begins in June.

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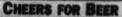
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CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Lighthouse Ale great with pasta

stopped at my neighborhood bistro for a few ginger ales after work on Monday, and the proprietor came over to say "hi" and talk hockey.

He asked me what I was going to have for dinner the next day, and when I answered pasta with tomatoes and basil, and focaccia with rosemary and thyme, he asked if he could come over, as did the gentleman on either side of me.

Pasta with tomatoes and basil served with focaccia is one of my better half's favorite meals. It's simple, hearty and full of flavor.

The beer that I really like to serve with this meal is Old Mission Lighthouse Ale from the Traverse Brewing Co. in Williamsburg, Mich. It's a medium body golden ale, crisp and clean with well-balanced bitterness and aroma from the whole casscade hops. If you are ever up that way, stop in at the Brewery and have a pint or two, and tell Jack and the gang that Chef Joseph said "hello."

Old Mission Lighthouse Ale is also available for purchase at Wine Barrel Plus in Livonia and Cap and Cork in Plymouth.

PASTA WITH TOMATOES AND BASIL

- 4 Roma Tomatoes seeded and diced
- 1 small yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced 3 tablespoons fresh basil chopped
- 3 or 4 slices of prosciutto, chopped (optional)
- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup white wine 6 ounces angel hair pasta

Pecorino or Romano cheese, shredded to serve on the side

Set a pot of salted water to boil for pasta. This pasta cooks very fast, about 3-4 minutes for dry, and in a heart beat

Add oil to sauté pan. On medium heat sauté onions until they get a little color. Add garlic and basil and cook for 2 minutes. Add tomatoes, and prosciutto (if using), and cook 3 minutes more. Add

Drain pasta very well and add to pan and toss. Serves 2.

FOCACCIA WITH ROSEMARY AND THYME

- 2-5 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup warm milk, 80°F
- 1 egg yolk 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil plus 4 tablespoons
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon fresh garlic, minced 1 package yeast
- Pour yeast into milk and let set for 10 minutes.

Place all remaining ingredients (except 4 tablespoons olive oil) in a large bowl. Add milk/yeast mixture and mix well with a large wooden spoon.

This is not a dry dough and it will be moist. If it is a little too moist, add flour by the tablespoon until it pulls away from the bowl.

Turn dough out onto lightly floured work surface and knead dough by hand for 5 minutes.

Place dough in a greased bowl (I use PAM) cover and keep in warm draft-free place for 45 minutes, or until almost doubled in size.

Preheat oven to 400°F. On a greased baking sheet, form dough into a round like pizza. With a fork poke lots of holes all over the top, and spread the 4 tablespoons olive oil on top, and very lightly sprinkle with salt.

Cover lightly and let rise again for 20 minutes. Bake in oven for 20 minutes. Makes 1 round.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Spring Celebrations
- Home Sense



Easy and delicious: Laurie Wethington (center) with her daughters, Alyssa (right) and Lauren, and nephew Matthew Meidell presents one of her favorite dishes, Pork Piccata.

PORK PICCATA

FANCY ENOUGH FOR COMPANY

Veal Piccata is one of Laurie Wethington's favorite dishes to order out. At home, she makes her own version, Pork Piccata, which Laurie says is "similar in taste and texture to veal Piccata but

not as expensive." Her Pork Piccata is fancy enough to serve company, and it doesn't take all day to make.

"I use this recipe a lot because it's so easy," she said. "I don't

"I don't want to stay in the kitchen while I have company. I can cook it early, and keep it warm on the stove."

Laurie Wethington

want to stay in the kitchen while I have company. I can cook it early, and keep it warm on the stove."

Wethington's Pork Piccata is made with pork tenderloin, trimmed of all fat, and topped with a lemony mushroom, onion sauce.

"I've been trying to cook low-fat because my cholesterol is high," explained Wethington who lives in

Farmington Hills with her husband, Robert, and two daughters, Alyssa, 6, and Lauren, 10. "Getting a recipe to taste good and be low in fat is a challenge."

Wethington cooks every night. "I enjoy it, it's like a hobby," she said.

For inspiration she turns to magazines and loves collecting recipes. Her favorites are "Better Homes and Gardens," and "Cook-

ing Light." If she's out of an ingredient. Wethington improvises. She grocery shops once a week and plans her menus a week in advance.

Rosemary is her favorite seasoning, and in the summer she grows it in her garden. Her must-have items on hand include canned tomatoes and chicken broth.

Like many parents, finding foods her children like to eat is a challenge. "They hate everything I cook," she said. "They like chicken nuggets, hot dogs and grilled cheese sandwiches. It makes me crazy. They like my homemade chicken soup and sesame fried chicken."

Since she's been cooking low-fat, her husband Robert's cholesterol has gone down. "I feel a lot better when I eat lower in fat," said Lau-

rie. "I have more energy.

Betty J. Manthey of Plymouth shared a recipe and story about her daughter Roberta who lives in Ohio. When Roberta was 14 she baby-sat for two children who lived down the street. Their mother told Roberta to make lunch for her children with whatever she could find in the fridge.

"Roberta invented this dish, and we've never found it in any cookbook," said Manthey. "She used 1 bag of spinach, (well rinsed three times), and cooked it down in a four-quart pot. Then she added, and stirred in slowly, 2 scrambled eggs. Lastly toss in buttered croutons made from 2 slices of toast. Mix, and add salt and pepper to

taste. When she served the dish to the children they asked, "What is this?" She answered "It's Spinach

Delish, and it's good for you." They loved it, and Spinach Delish has become a family favorite. I asked Manthey where Roberta learned to cook, and she said, "she mostly taught herself. She never did what she was told."

Roberta is now 50 years old, and Manthey says she's "a wonderful cook, and still inventing other

PORK PICCATA

Serves 2 to 4 (depends on how hungry you are

- 1 pound pork tenderloin, trimmed of all fat
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice 8 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1 medium onion, thinly
- sliced into rings
- 2 tablespoons flour 1/2 cup water
- Lemon slices and chopped fresh parsley for garnish (optional)

Slice pork tenderloin into 1 1/2-inch slices. Place, one at a time, between 2 pieces of plastic wrap. Pound with a meat mallet until thin.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large non-stick skillet, brown meat on both sides. You can do it in batches if the pan isn't big enough.

Reduce heat and return all meat to skillet, top with wine, water, bouillon, lemon juice, mushrooms and onions. You may add more salt and pepper if you wish. Cover and simmer slowly until onions and mushrooms are tender, about 30 minutes.

Remove meat from skillet, arrange on platter, increase heat to almost boiling, mix flour and water and pour into pan, stirring constantly, let thicken. Pour sauce on top of meat, garnish with lemon slices and parsley, if

Serve with rice pilaf.

Roberta wasn't always a good cook. Manthey told me a family story that still makes everyone laugh. "I was sick and Roberta decided to make spaghetti sauce. She used anything red in a jar including tomato sauce, cayenne and paprika. Her brother dipped a noodle into the sauce, it dripped on his neck, and he got burned.

What's your favorite recipe to share? We're still looking for East-

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er recipes. Send us your recipes, and be sure to include information about why it's your favorite, along with a daytime phone number.

If your recipe is picked, you'll be photographed and interviewed for a story in Taste on the fourth Sunday of the month. Along with our thanks you'll receive a recently published cookbook, and apron. Runners-up will receive an apron.

Students fill grocery carts with nutrition information

Grocery Store Tour

Presented by: Gail Posner,

registered dietitian n: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 30 re: Shopping Center Market, (Maple at Orchard Lake Road), West Bloomfield. Cost: \$15 per teen, or \$25 for teen and an adult, includes food samples. Call (248) 855-4558 to register, prepayment required. se are some of the questions teens answered on Gail Posner's grocery store tour:



Nutrition Challenge

- Challenge: Evaluate the content of your favorite cookie or
 - chip. Does it meet the less than 3 grams of fat, less than 1 gram of saturated fat per 100 calorie guidelines?

 Nutritious choices Include Reduced fat Nilla Wafers instead of the regular wafers, fig newtons, Snack-Well's Chocolate Chip Cookies.
 - Challenge: Compare your favorite cereal to the healthy nutri-tion guidelines. Is there a healthier cereal you will try? Com-pare the nutrition label of your old cereal to the new one you
 - is choices: Include Wheat Chex and Fiber One.
- es Find one fruit and one vegetable that you will eat that has 10 percent or more of the Daily Value for vitamin A. Find one fruit and one vegetable that you will eat that has 10 percent or more of the Daily Value for vitamin C. Mutritious choices: Vitamin A: Carrots, kiwi, romaine lettuce. Vitamin C: Cabbage, oranges, cantaloupe, kiwi, broccoli.

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Teens care about what they wear on the outside, but sometimes what's inside gets neglect-

"They're dieting and not always in the correct way," said Terrie Karebian, a West Hills Middle School home economics teacher. In her nutrition and foods classes, Karebian talks about making healthy choices, but touring a grocery store with registered dietitian Gail Posner really helped send the message home

"She was so entertaining and so knowledgeable," said Karebian about Posner. "She did a wonderful job. They've been taking other kids. The hands-on experience really helped."

Since taking the tour in November, Debra Gluck has noticed some changes in her daughter, Lisa, an eighth grader at West

Hills Middle School, part of the Bloomfield Hills School District. "She's making better choices,

said Gluck. "She's reading labels,

which she didn't before."

Gluck, who also went on the tour, has made some changes too. "I have more vegetables cut up so they're easy to access. Instead of reaching in the drawer, they can grab cut up carrots and cucumbers. Graham crackers satisfy

Lisa instead of cookies." Since taking the tour, Lisa said she's more aware of healthy foods, and how food labels can be misleading. For her, eating better is not just about losing weight, "it makes me feel better about myself," she said.

She appreciates her mom's efforts, too. "There's more at reach," she said. "Now I'll grab a carrot instead of a cookie. I'll eat graham crackers instead of chips and more fruits. Grapes are a good snacking food when I'm doing homework."

On the tour, Posner encouraged students to sample foods they might not have tried before such as baked chips and Asian pears.

"It's just a fun place to learn," said Posner about the Kroger on

Orchard Lake Road at Lone Pine Road in West Bloomfield where the tour took place. "The kids live within one mile of the store, and their parents probably shop here. Posner believes the way to

change habits is to expose people to new things. Walking through the grocery store aisles, students learned to read labels to learn which were misleading and to get the best food values.

"Bread was one of the favorite stops," said Posner. "They learned to pick a bread that's high in whole wheat flour."

Macaroni and cheese is a favorite with teens, and Posner encouraged them to skip the margarine called for in the directions and use nonfat milk.

While 70 percent of teens say they are getting enough calcium. U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics show that approximately 80 percent of teens are not meeting the National Academy of Sciences recommendation of

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1,300 mg of calcium per day five to six servings

On the tour, Posner showed the students how to include more calcium in their diet. "They can make tomato soup with milk instead of water and have pudding for a snack. Some brands of yogurt have more calcium than others. Buy orange juice with added calcium."

Posner also stressed serving size. "Lisa will eat the same as before, but she'll eat a smaller portion," said Gluck. "She'll say it's not worth the extra calories.' Teaching teens healthy habits,

so they'll eat for a healthy body and lots of energy is Posner's

"We have to combat all these negative media images of thin is in," said Posner. "By not eating breakfast you will gain six pounds a year. You have to start your metabolism in the morning so you can concentrate in

Country potato soup warms chilly days

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Country Potato Soup is a creamy potato soup, accented with leeks, onions and fresh thyme. This warming soup is topped with sharp Cheddar cheese and bacon. Serve with a hearty grain bread. The recipe is from executive chef Remy Schaal of la Madeleine French Bakery & Cafe. Founded in Dallas in 1983, la Madeleine has 51 neighborhood cafes and bakeries in Ari-Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Texas and the Washington, D.C.-area.

COUNTRY POTATO SOUP Preparation time: 10 minutes Cooking time: 45 minutes

1/4 stick butter, unsalted

2 leeks (white part only), thinly sliced

1 large yellow onion, sliced

1 1/2 quarts chicken stock 4 large peeled Idaho potatoes, sliced evenly in 1/4inch slices

Salt, to taste

2 branches fresh thyme

1/2 cup heavy cream 1 cup Cheddar cheese, grated

1/2 cup bacon, cooked and diced

In a large saucepan, add butter, leeks and onions, cook. Do not brown vegetables. Add chicken stock, potatoes, salt and fresh

Cook for 40 minutes over medium heat, stirring frequently to avoid scorching. Add cream, bring to a boil and serve hot. Garnish with Cheddar cheese and diced bacon. Makes 8 servings.

Salmon salad with beans wins first prize BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Most main dish salads are made with chicken, but Sandra Biagini, winner of a contest sponsored by the American Heart Association of Michigan, made one with salmon and beans that wowed judges.

"The flavor was an interesting combination of salmon and beans. Most of the recipes were for chicken salad with sweet and sour salad dressing," said regis-tered dietitian Muriel Wagner of Southfield who judged the contest with registered dietitian Catherine Goldberg of the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, and Elaine Horowitz, a registered nurse with the continuing education department at Providence Hospi-

Biagini, a Clarkston resident, won a gift certificate for two for lunch at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, and a subscription to Muriel Wagner's "Eating Younger" newsletter. Runnersup also received a newsletter subscription and a cookbook.

Biagini's recipe is easy to make with ingredients you can keep in your pantry - canned cannellini beans and canned red salmon. These ingredients are tossed with sliced green onions, thinly sliced celery, lettuce leaves and a tangy vinaigrette.

Arlene Chypchar of Warren placed second with her Favorite Romaine Salad. Linda Stockton and Eileen Rande of Farmington Hills tied for third, and Mimi

Doherty of Troy received an honorable mention

Stockton said her whole family is kind of fat and weight conscious. She and her husband Bill are runners, and her low-fat Mandarin Chicken Salad is a family favorite.

To make this salad she marinates boneless, skinless chicken breasts in pineapple juice, ginger, garlic and other seasonings overnight. The chicken is broiled or grilled, sliced and served with tossed Romaine lettuce, water chestnuts, bean sprouts, snap peas, mandarin oranges and a weet/sour dressing.

"I find with my kids it's hard to get them to eat vegetables and fruits," she said about her daughters Holly, 16, and Christy, 12. "If I cut it up and

serve it with dips they're more likely to eat it. Kids want to go in the fridge and grab something.

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Apples with caramel dip, grapes with yogurt and vegetables with fat-free salad dressing are favorite snacks.

Contest finalists presented their salads at the American Heart Association of Michigan's "Ask a Nutrition Expert - The Registered Dietitians," a free educational event presented by local dietitians with the American Heart Association on March 8 at Tel-Twelve Mall in South-

Look for Wagner's Main Dish Miracle column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

See recipes on Page B3

Healthy meal ideas for people on the go

See related grocery store tour story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Gail Posner, Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling, West Bloomfield.

SEAFOOD COLE SLAW

- 1 (16 ounce) bag cole slaw
- 2 (8 ounce) packages imitation crab legs
- 1/3 cup fat-free cole slaw dressing
- 3 green onions
- Dice crab legs and green onions.

Mix all ingredients together and chill. Serves 12.

Healthy Meals in Minutes ■ Low-Fat Burritos - Start

with a large flour tortilla. Cover with 1/4 cup fat-free refried beans, add chopped tomatoes and onions, cover with 1/4 cup salsa. Sprinkle with low-fat Monterey Jack cheese. Broil for a few minutes until cheese melts

■ Topped Baked Potatoes -Wash and scrub Idaho or Yukon Gold potato, pat dry. Pierce with a fork. Place on microwave safe dish uncovered and cook on high for 4-5 minutes per medium potato. Let stand for 10 minutes. Slit open top and cover with Green Giant's Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Carrots in Cheese Sauce, or fat-free salsa.

■ Macaroni and Cheese -Follow the directions on the box, but use skim milk in place of whole milk, and replace all of the butter or margarine with 2 more tablespoons of skim milk. I even sneak in a few green peas to help get veggies into my son's diet.

■ Focaccia - It is a meal in itself. Serve with a salad with canned chick peas added for pro-

■ Pizza – Place a flour tortilla on a baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees F. for 4 minutes or until lightly toasted. Turn tortilla over. Spread spaghetti sauce over tortilla, top with shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese. Add veggies and broil until cheese is browned.

Coney Dogs - Start with fat-free hot dogs. My favorite is the Ball Park Frank, Fat-Free. Add a low-calorie hot dog bun (80 calories instead of 120 calories per bun). Add 2-3 tablespoons Hormel Turkey Chili, 99 percent fat-free. Top with chopped onions and mustard.

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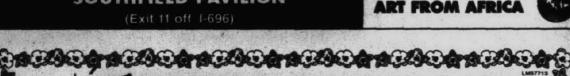
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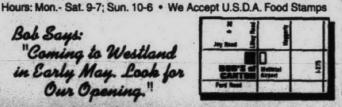
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Dish up a prize-winning salad for dinner

See related story on Taste

front.
VINAIGRETTE SALMON AND BEAN SALAD

- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1 (16 ounce) can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (7 ounce) can red salmon, drained and flaked
- 1 celery stalk, thinly sliced Vinaigrette dressing (below) Lettuce leaves

Vinaigrette

- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar 2 tablespoons olive or canola
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

In a bowl, lightly toss green onions, beans, salmon and celery.

Stir ingredients for vinaigrette. Pour over salmon mixture; toss lightly. Arrange lettuce leaves on dishes; spoon mixture on top.

Nutrition information: Total fat per serving 10.2 grams; calories per serving 288, 1.6 grams saturated fat.

Recipe first prize winner in main dish salad contest sponsored by the American Heart Association of Michigan, compliments of Sandra Biagini of Clarkston.

FAVORITE ROMAINE SALAD

dried and trimmed, cut into bite size pieces

- 1 clove garlic 1 tablespoon Parmesan
- 1 1/2 tablespoons red wine
- vinegar 1 1/2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon anchovy paste

Put all dressing ingredients in blender. Blend until smooth and creamy.

Garnish:

1 slice wheat bread

Toast bread and cut into cubes. Dry cubes in microwave oven for 1

Salt and pepper to taste

To serve: Put lettuce in a large salad bowl. Pour in dressing and toss. Garnish with bread cubes. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information: 6 grams fat per serving, 33 caloies per serving.

Recipe second prize winner in main dish salad contest sponsored by the American Heart Association of Michigan, compliments of Arlene Chypchar of

CHICKEN TANGO SALAD

4 (3 ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breasts, flattened to 1/2-inch thick-

- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 2 tablespoons lite soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon ginger
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 bag mixed lettuce/greens
- 1 cucumber, pared and sliced 1/2 green pepper, sliced thin 1 small can mandarin oranges

Seasoned croutons Dressing:

- 4 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 tablespoons water 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 dashes red pepper sauce
- 2 dashes soy sauce
- Dash black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley

Put apple juice, soy sauce, honey, garlic powder, ginger and oil in a glass baking pan. Marinate chicken (cover, refrigerated) 12-24 hours before meal.

Mix dressing ingredients and set aside for 12-24 hours before meal.

Divide lettuce among four plates. Add cucumber slices and green pepper.

Arrange mandarin orange slices around edge of plate. Sprinkle croutons over salad.

Spoon 1-2 tablespoons dressing

Barbecue chicken on grill about 5 minutes on each side. Baste with marinade and discard remainder. Cut each chicken breast into 1/2inch slices. Carefully place on top of salad. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information: Total fat per serving 8.7 grams; calories per serving 314.

Recipe third prize winner in main dish salad contest sponsored by the American Heart Association of Michigan, compliments of Eileen Rande of Farmington Hills.

LINDA'S LOW-FAT MANDARIN CHICKEN SALAD

- 12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Marinade for the chicken:
- 1 (6 ounce can) unsweetened pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup Lite Teriyaki marinade
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic & ginger stir-fry seasoning (comes mashed in jar can be found near the raw garlic in most grocery stores)

Dressing

- 1/4 cup honey microwaved for 20 seconds
- 1/4 cup Lite Teriyaki marinade
- 1/4 cup rice wine or apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic & ginger stir-fry seasoning

Sesame dressing

Romaine lettuce - enough to

- feed 4 2 cans sliced and peeled
- water chestnuts
- 1 can bean sprouts, drained

darin oranges, drained

- 1 package thawed snap peas 2 cans unsweetened man-
- Combine ingredients for mari-

nade in medium size bowl and stir with fork until well blended. Place 12 ounces of boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into strips or boneless tenderloin strips, in marinade. Cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator for minimum 3-4 hours. Can be kept in marinade up to overnight.

Combine ingredients for dressing and shake in jar or stir in bowl until well blended. Set aside or refrigerate as preferred.

Remove chicken from marinade and grill on barbecue or under broiler until no longer pink inside and golden brown.

Fill large bowl with romaine lettuce. Add water chestnuts, bean sprouts, snap peas, and oranges. Lightly mix together. Arrange cooked chicken strips on top of salad, drizzle on dressing, or serve on the side. Serves 4.

Nutrition information: Total fat per serving 3 grams; calories per serving 351.

Recipe third prize winner in main dish salad contest sponsored by the American Heart Association of Michigan, compliments of Linda Stockton of

Farmington Hills. CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD

- 4 (3 ounce) cooked boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 small head lettuce
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped or sliced almonds
- 1 can rice noodles

- 1/2 teaspoon pepper 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar 2 tablespoons canola or light
- olive oil 1/4 cup fat-free reduced,

chicken broth Toast sesame seeds and almonds

in a nonstick skillet until brown. Combine salad ingredients. Combine dressing ingredients. Toss before serving with dressing.

Nutrition information: Total fat per serving 12 grams; calo-

ries per serving 306. Honorable mention in main dish salad contest sponsored by the American Heart Association of Michigan, compliments of Mimi Doherty of Troy.

Celebrate spring with spinach pear salad

By the Associated Press

No time to cook? Add canned pear slices to a green salad, drizzle with a tangy vinaigrette and top with a sprinkling of pecans. Spinach Pear Salad with Warm Vinaigrette is a delicious side dish or light main dish.

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- 16-ounce can pear slices, drained 3 tablespoons balsamic vine-

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1/4 red onion, thinly sliced

1 tablespoon olive oil Salt and pepper, to taste

Wash spinach leaves and dry thoroughly. Place spinach leaves in large

bowl and sprinkle with blue cheese and onion slices. Add canned pear slices. In small

saucepan, heat vinegar and oil until mixture is steaming. Immediately pour dressing over salad and toss until evenly dressed Season with salt and penper; serve at once. Makes 6 ser

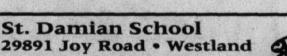
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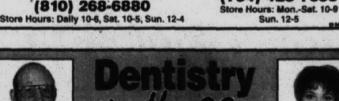
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Cancer seminar

Harris-Kehrer Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 3323 will host a cancer seminar from 2-4 p.m. April 4 at 1055 S. Wayne Road in Westland. The free seminar will be given at the clubroom annex to educate participants about nutrition, prostrate and breast cancer. Refreshments will be served.

Dignified death act

Hospice of Michigan is offering a free educational program for physicians on how to comply with the Michigan Dignified Death Act. The 20-minute program can be presented in a physician's office or a hospital. To learn how to comply call Elizabeth Miles at (248) 443-5882.

Karmanos earns grant

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute earned a \$50,000 grant as part of the "Avon Kids Care" essay contest, sponsored by Avon's Breast Cancer Awareness Crusade. The money will be used for "Look Find, Stay Well" a community-based program utilizing lay health advocates to promote breast cancer awareness and scrrening in local beauty salons in economically depressed areas of

St. Joe open house

Canton's Saint Joseph Mercy Health Building is holding an open-house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, to introduce the community to the new facility at Canton Center Road and Summit Parkway. The free open house will feature entertainment for the whole family, free health screenings, health information exhibits, tours, a visit by the Easter bunny, food, great getaways, prize drawings

Physicians and representatives from the medical programs will be on

Diabetes Alert set for this Tuesday

The American Diabetes Association, on Tuesday March 24, is urging people to dis-cover their risk for a silent disease that kills 187,800 people per year before facing its devastating complications, such as blindness, heart attack, kidney disease

Known as the American Diabetes Alert, this one-day national campaign will inform the public about diabetes and its associa-tion with obesity, age, lack of exercise and family history of the disease.

"It is especially crucial to alert people to ne dangers of diabetes because it can be a the dangers of diabetes because it can be a silent killer — gradually causing you body's blood vessels and nerves to deteriorate with no warning signs of symptoms," said George Grunberger, president of the American Diabetes Association of Michi-

The goal of the American Diabetes Alert is to inform people of the deadly link that exists between diabetes, age, inactivity, being overweight and having a family history of the disease. The centerpiece of the alert is a simple paper and pencil test people can take to assess their individual risk for the disease.

The risk test is free and available by lling the association, 1-800-DIABETES.

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Striking right balance at work can reduce stress and injury

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

Lower back pain, a strained neck and sore joints are some of the distress your body feels when your working environment doesn't measure up to your physi-

Job-related injuries, currently costing \$68 billion per year in medical costs and lost wages, affect some 7 million workers annually regardless of occupation and existing safety standards.

The solution to this growing dilemma might conceivably be the science of ergonomics, the belief that equipment and the atmosphere in the workplace should strike a balance between the physical, emotional and environmental needs of the worker in an effort to reduce or eliminate the risk of injury.

With the momentum of computers being integrated into all aspects of our daily lives, occurrences of eyestrain, headaches, carpal tunnel syndrome and neck injuries have risen dramatically while injuries outside the office include back pain, pulled muscles, and repetitive motion injuries from small redundant tasks.

"Ergonomic improvements don't have to be costly," said Mary Ruehl, St. Mary Hospital director of occupational therapy. "Oftentimes it's about rearranging already existing equipment or improving upon a system that's hindering worker performance."

Ergonomic attributes include:

addressing how a person's skeletal structure is affected by the physical tasks he or she performs; memotional atmosphere such as

stress, personal space, social interaction, sense of security and support; environmental issues including

lighting, temperature, comfort, and air

Factors that affect one's senses, like noise, color and aroma, have also been linked to productivity, health and perceived satisfaction.

Pain in the neck

According to 3M, "as much as an incorrectly adjusted chair can cause back or neck pain, color can affect workers' stress levels, productivity, and even their physiological state."

Psychoneuroimmunology, an evolving study of the effects our senses have on the brain and nervous system, links our perceptions (good or bad) with stimuli such as hearing, smell, touch and sight.

The Journal of the Association for Study in Perception matched physiological outcomes to color. For example, red increased brain activity, heart rate, blood pressure and circulation. Blue produced a soothing, calm effect; purple combined the reactions from blue and red while green induced a sense of

Therefore, scientists encourage one to put some thought into designing an office or workplace while taking into consideration existing light sources, geographic locale and the type of work being performed.

Bright colors schemes are good for creative occupations while more subdued colors work well in individualized environments where law or accounting

is practiced.
3M Commercial Office Supply Division unveiled its line of office ergonom-



Sultable for work: Joyce Anspach, CME coordinator, works in a "human-friendly" office at St. Mary Hospital after an in-house evaluation was performed by the Occupational Therapy Department. Some of the ergonomic improvements include a split keyboard, document holder, wrist rest and adjustable chair.

ic products at the Ergonomics Exposition held in Atlanta, last April. It marked the first major entry into the booming office ergonomics category for the Fortune 500 company.

According to Chuck Harstad, vice president, 3M Commercial Office Supply Division, the company will draw upon knowledge in not only developing office products but also in similar fields such as medical, security and occupational health and safety.

"3M's approach to solving ergonomic problems in the office workplace is unusual because of the company's comprehensive strategy, according to Claude Denais, manager for the 3M Office Ergonomics product line."

Different needs

Many companies that offer office ergonomic products focus on one area of ergonomics, such as physical needs. But ergonomists will tell you that the most effective approach to ergonomics is one that addresses the environmental, emotional and physical needs of office workers.

St. Mary Hospital CME Coordinator Joyce Anspach inherited an office eight years ago with a hodgepodge of furni-

Her desk was on an opposite wall to her computer. The computer and keyboard sat on an unsteady table that shifted easily from the slightest pressure and she had to prop up documents on a chair next to the terminal to do any sort of typing. Anspach's chair didn't accommodate her height either -5 feet, 9 inches tall.

"Nothing was at arm's length and I did a whole lot of reaching and stretching," said Anspach.

An in-house evaluation by the Occupational Therapy Department determined not only was the system inefficient, but the medical staff secretary was suffering from shoulder and neck discomfort, as well as experiencing pain up and down her arms.

Her office was rearranged by the OT

department and some new furniture and equipment were installed. In the month since the adjustment, the pain she was experiencing has diminished.

Anspach now has an adjustable chair with elbow supports and her computer sits to the right of her desk eliminating the need for her to get up and down continuously to work.

Ruehl said other improvements include an adjustable keyboard that tilts forward and backward; a wrist rest; document holder attached to the side of her computer screen reducing awkward head positions and a split keyboard for more natural hand place-

"Not only is the set up more efficient but my productivity has increased," added Anspach.

Following a work-related injury, the best course of action, in addition to rehabilitation, is to evaluate your workplace for safety risks. You and your employer should work collaboratively to determine safety improvements, preventative measures and an educational plan for reference and implementation.

Ruehl said depending on the degree of injury, rehabilitation and therapy might involve joint mobility, strength and fine motor testing. Many area hospitals have programs to evaluate and improve your working environment. St. Mary for example has five Work-F.I.T. (Functional Improvement Together) programs that include consultation. assessment, fitness profiles and evalu-

"We're better educated about working in a healthy environment," said Ruehl. "The changes we made to Joyce's office involved breaking down her job tasks and determining where the problems were and what was causing her muscles to be overextended."

Tips for preventing workplace injuries

- Use a power screwdriver instead of a hand screwdriver to decrease hand fatigue.
- Position the lower edge of a keyboard so that it is located about one inch about your legs.
- Keep lights on to decrease eye
- Get help when the task is too
- much to handle. Keep work area clutter-free to
- prevent tripping. ■ Adjust seat height so hips/knees are at right angles with feet on the
- Use a document holder to keep paper at eye level and avoid neck
- Use rollers or casters to move heavy objects to decrease risk of back injury.
- Take time out every hour to stretch tight muscles.
- Keep your back straight, bend your knees and use both hands when lifting.

- St. Mary Hospital, Department of Occupational Therapy

A Palmer Mouse in the hand is better

Versatility plays a major role in establishing an

Versatility plays a major role in establishing an ergonomic working environment.

Garden City resident Bill Hoffman had individualized comfort in mind when he developed The Palmer Mouse, an improved computer mouse designed with thermosetting plastic coating to conform to the shape of the user's hand.

Once the surface is heated, the user places his or her hand on the top of the mouse. As the plastic cools, the device conforms to the shape of one's palm and fingers for improved support to the hand and wrist.

Hoffman, a highway technician for Wayne County, has a patent pending with the National Invention Services Inc. The idea came to fruition out of the amount of time he spends at his computer station on the job and his need for such a product.

"Of all the input devices — track balls, the mouse, touch (digital) pad and infrared, the bottom line is they're all one-size-fits-all," said Hoffman, "and I don't know any two hands that are exactly alike."

Hoffman's philosophy about the invention is "everyone else has tried to make a better mouse trap" – he was able to make a better mouse.

Mary Ruehl, director of occupational therapy at St. Mary Hospital, said Hoffman's idea will be beneficial to arthritis sufferers who are better served by a mouse that conformed to the shape of their hand.

a mouse that conformed to the shape of their hand rather than trying to make their often painful fin-gers and joints compatible with a pre-fabricated

"If you had arthritis, the mouse would allow you to have a less firm grip than the traditional device,"

said Ruehl.

The Palmer Mouse is targeted toward computer users and households with computers, PC operators, business establishments, Internet users and more.

Hoffman's wife, a registered nurse, offered her husband advice on the benefits the mouse would provide to prevent injury or to ease hand and wrist stress associated with a pre-existing condition like,

carpal tunnel syndrome.

"Conventional input devices are uncomfortable and aren't suited to the natural position or form of a person's hand," said Hoffman.

Not only did Hoffman have ergonomics in mind when he created the mouse, he also considered recy-

"We're looking into having a thermoplastic coating so the mouse could be reconditioned from user to user," said Hoffman. Thermoplastic has a memory, so to speak, and could be reshaped for resale, in the event of a hand injury or for a developing child whose computer mouse could change as he or she

grows.

The Garden City father said his active involvement in sports also led to the conforming mouse idea. He was reminded of his son's mouth guard that when warmed in water adapts to the shape of his child's mouth, insuring personalized protection.

The Palmer Mouse comes in large and small sizes in a two- or three-button configuration and is equipped with a wider base and higher profile for improved support to the nerves and muscles of the hand and wrist. Currently, it is available to manufacturers for licensing or sale and not yet to the general consumer.

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MON, MARCH 30

MENOPAUSE EDUCATION Women's Health Services at Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring two perimenopause/menopause support groups for women in the midlife years. The four-week series will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays, March 30 and April 6, 13 and 20, in the McAuley Cancer Care Center community room at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor. Call (734) 712-5400.

FOOD/BEHAVIOR RELATIONSHIP Barbara Reed Stitt, Ph.D., will speak on the relationship between food and behavior, free of charge and open to the public at the Novi Hilton (Haggerty Road north of 8 Mile) at 7 p.m. No reservations are necessary. Call Nancy Rigsby, (313) 563-

TUE, MARCH 31

LIVING WITH DIABETES

"Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes" diabetes education class, four-week class, eight sessions, 7-9 p.m., Pavilion Conference at St. Mary Hospital Room G (South Entrance off Levan) Class fee \$75. To register, call (734) 655-8940.

Program addresses cancer survivors' needs

he motion picture Titanic is the mega-blockbuster hit of 1998. In real life, and in the movie, only 708 peo-ple survived. Many folks being confronted with a diagnosis of cancer might feel that their odds of surviving cancer aren't much better than surviving the sinking of the Titanic.

That's why the Metropolitan Detroit Community Coalition for Cancer Survivorship is sponsoring a special program "Meeting the Needs of Cancer Survivors and their Families," Saturday, March 28 from 8 a.m.

"Gone are the days when a diagnosis of cancer meant a death sentence," claims Bill Ruby of Westland, a 68-year-old survivor of throat cancer since

Ruby underwent radiation and chemotherapy sessions, and says that when he first heard his diagnosis of cancer, he decided then and there that he was going to fight the disease with everything he had. The survivors' program will fea-

chemotherapy, Johnson contin-ues to be a survivor because she knows her family needs her.

When pressed to offer advice to someone recently diagnosed with cancer, Johnson suggests that we learn to use patience as a virtue. "If there's one thing I've learned, it's to have patience and believe in the fact that you, too, will be a sur-

Speaking of survivors, 75-year-old Lucretia Nistor of Clinton Township can be considered a professional. Diagnosed with melanoma 28 years ago, and then dealing with a mastectomy in 1989, Nistor is considered a "regular" at survivor conferences. She's determined to not only offer encouragement to others facing the

three was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1996. Cooperwasser can't express her grati-tude enough to the "outstanding support groups" that offer her determination to handle the difficult diagnosis. The conference will feature information on various support groups for survivors, spouses, siblings and

Kathy Wieckowski of Wyandotte is a member of the survivorship coalition who experience breast cancer in 1988, and a recurrence in 1996. "You have to learn to live in the moment and never, never give up hope," claims the 45-year-old mother of three. Speaking of hope, the March 28th conference will feature all the latest information on cancer treatments and

ture folks just like Bill Ruby—
folks who have conquered cancer.

For Sheryl Johnson of West
Bloomfield, diagnosed with breast cancer in 1993, being a wife and mother of two kids means that she has to survive.

Presently

disease, but also to spread the awareness that a cancer diagnoseis is something that can be overcome.

If there's one person who wouldn't miss the survivor's conference it's Mary Cooperwasser of Ann Arbor. Forty-seven years old, this mother of information, call (800) 527-

The author, Larry Janes, is also a cancer survivor, and wrote this article as a volun-teer. Larry was diagnosed with small cell carcinoma in 1996 and continues to survive.

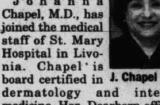
and continues to survive.

"I agree with the survivors profiled in the article," notes Larry, "and I echo their sentiments unequivocally. But I also want to say that I survived because of belief in a higher power. I survived because I envisioned the radiation and liquid chemotherapy chemicals not as killers, but as healers, spreading a powerful light that radiated through my body, healing it rather than destroying it."

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Dermatologist welcomed

Johanna Chapel, M.D., has Hospital in Livonia. Chapel' is



dermatology and internal medicine. Her Dearborn office is located at 2814 Monroe Street.

Chapel joins St. Mary

Thomas Chapel, M.D., has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Chapel is board certified in dermatology. His office is located at 2814 Monroe St., Dearborn.



Smokers run the risk of depression

Daily smokers have twice the risk for major The study ... is the first-of-itsdepression compared to people who have a history of smoking on an occasional basis, according to a Henry Ford Health System study.

In addition, researchers found that not only may smoking lead to depression, but depression may lead to increased smoking. The study revealed that in young adults who smoke and have history of major depression, their risk of becoming daily smokers is three times more likely. The progression to daily smoking typically begins in adoles-

The study, published in the February issue of Archives of General Psychiatry, is the first-of-itskind to demonstrate the influence of major depression on increased smoking. The study tracked 1,000 young adults ages 21 to 30 over a period of five years in southeastern Michigan. A daily smoker is defined as a person who smokes daily for one or more months.

Interestingly, no conclusive data showed that major depression played a role in the initiation of smoking, nor did it show smokers with depression have a harder time quitting, said Naomi Breslau, Ph.D., principal investigator and director of research for the Department of Behavioral Services at Henry Ford Health System. She offers several possible explanations for the relationship

kind to demonstrate the influence of major depression on increased smoking."

between depression and smoking.

"Smokers who have depression tend to see their smoking become a daily habit, and it may be because they use nicotine to medicate their depressed mood," said Breslau. An addiction to nicotine may be especially powerful in depressed smokers because of the substance's mood-altering characteristics.

The Henry Ford data also revealed that smokers are significantly more at risk of major depression. But does smoking cause depression? There may be neurobiologic evidence that nicotine and other smoke substances play a role in causing depression, but additional research is needed to support this, according to Breslau.

"We may find that factors predispose people to both depression and smoking. Social environment and personality may be the common causes. One study suggests that the relationship results solely from genetic predisposition. Future research is needed to determine what, if any, are the common causes of both," Breslau said.

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weeks last months Tony Hansen was stationed in one of the loneliest places of the world - The South Pole. And yet he found himself more connected to the world than anyone can imagine. Each day,

thousands checked up on him, shared his observations, saw how his studies for the National Science Foundation were going and offered encouragement and support.

Along for the ride

Tony Hansen wired himself to the World Wide Web and thus, took all of us along on his adven-

A researcher tracking environmental pollution at the South Pole Dr. Tony Hansen discovered a world divided - snowblanket beauty accommodating top-notch scientific missions on the one hand, an environment increasingly smothered in exhaust fumes on the other.

And while his primary mission was to collect evidence regarding the degree of pollution, his other goal was to educate friends, colleagues, and the public about the region and the NSF's work

there. This was his second stint at the Pole. On his first expedition Hansen took still pictures with a digital camera and sent them back by e-mail. This time he sent video clips around the world using a new technology for sending high quality video on the

Internet called Video Sphinx

Hansen sent his accounts of the latest expedition at site (http:www.mageesci.com/Antarc tic), as well as to his colleagues at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, to collaborating scientists at government and university research institutions both in the U.S. and in European countries.

The site is still online, drawing thousands of hits a day and is typical of a growing number of sites that use the immediacy of video to illustrate the objectives, the methods and the nature of scientific research in an attention-grabbing, " live on-location" manner. For parents and educators battling the draw of television on children, these sites are great alternatives to the tube.

Another great Web site you'll want to bookmark and check regularly is the Zambezi River "Make a Difference" site (http://www.zzam.org/) that will soon chronicle the adventures of a group of river rafters attempting to navigate this dangerous African river.

Sponsored by a group of Detroit-area folks, the trip is aimed at drawing attention to the problem of land mines, which litter the African nations the river flows through following ecades of civil war.

While the expedition itself won't start until mid-April, there's already lots of excitement

Paul Templer, of Zimbabwe, is one of the key members of the expedition. In 1996, as he led a party of tourists floating down the river near Victoria Falls, Templer was attacked by a hip-

"Want to know what it's like to climb the world's tallest and most dangerous mountain? This site does everything but take you there.'

The animal inflicted 38 puncture wounds to his head, chest, arms, and leg, before releasing him. Seven hours of surgery saved his life but could not save his left arm. He now has an artificial arm designed and fitted by one of the "Make a Difference" sponsors, the Wright and Filippis company.

Templer's tale is well-told on the site, and as the trip gets underway, photos and daily reports will let us all share the adventure...online.

Online adventures

Here are some other online adventure sites you may want to

■ The Jason Project (http://www.jasonproject.org/) -There are all sorts of Jason project online adventures. The current one involves a bunch of Scuba divers off Bermuda investigating coral reefs. But you can also find other online adventures here aimed at kids and their parents. One of my favorites is an online chronicle of what it's like to live aboard a nuclear sub-

■ Kevin and Daye's Great Adventure - http://www.whitetrash.com/mo/mcworld/adv.html

Not all the online adventures are done by foundations and big groups. Everyday people use the net to share their fun. This site

details the long distance motorcycle adventures of a couple of regular guys who set out to cover 7,000 miles in three weeks.

■ Adventure Everest Online (http://www.vrsystems.com/everest/everest97/) - Want to know what it's like to climb the world's tallest and most dangerous mountain? This sites does everything but take you there.

Cross Adventures Online (http://www.crossadventure.com/ advs/) - This is a collection of links to companies that sell travel adventure packages. But a number of the links here have pictures and stories online that give you a pretty good feel for what it would be like to really do it ... everything from sky diving to whale watching adventures are featured here.

Running the Nile (http://www.adventureonline.co m/nile/index.html) - The story of a group of kayakers who attacked the Nile River. There are some great photos here.

■ Project Central America (http://www.adventureonline.co m/pca/index.html) - This is the online adventure of a group of bicyclists who peddled 1,900 miles through central America.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT and he is the owner of Awesome Pages, a web development company (248-852-1930).

You can reach Mike Wendland through his PC Mike Web site at http://www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L BNI will meet regularly from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Laurel Park

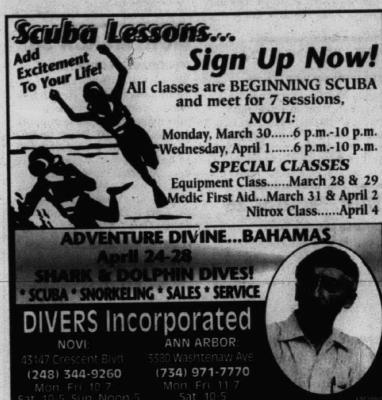
Chapter, Richards Restaurant on Plymouth Road & Newburgh. For more information call BNI at

(734) 397-9939 BUSINESS BY REFERRAL

Robert Davis will speak on Business by Referral - a surefire way to generate new business," from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Burton Manor, 2777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$15 per person, includes lunch. Call Business Network Int'l of Southeast Michigan, (734) 397-9939.

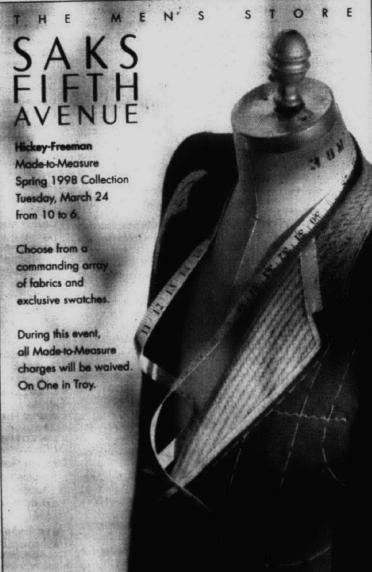
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BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L BNI will meet at 7-8:30 a.m. at the Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island, on Plymouth Road near Stark. For more information call BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.







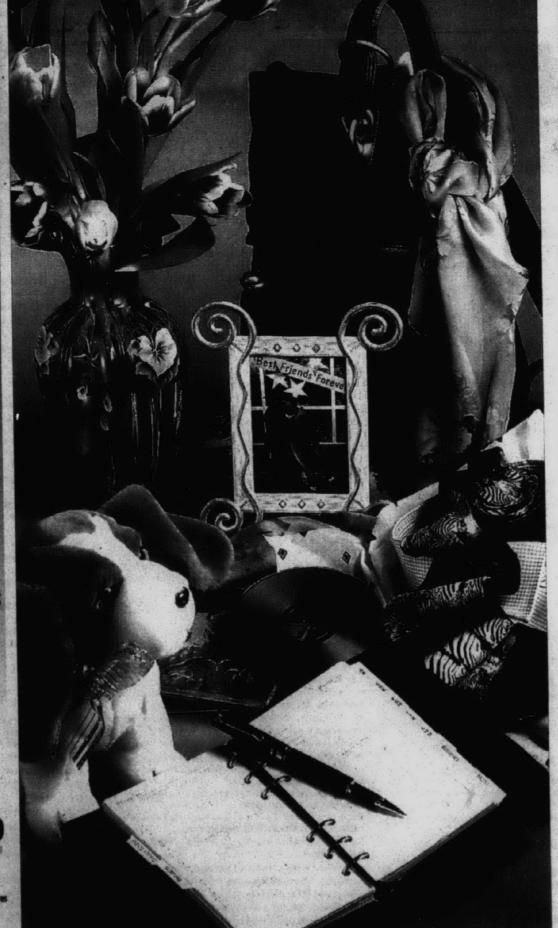


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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Multi-media work at heart of musical collage

ames Nissen's come a long way since writing his first piece of music at age seven. Nissen is coordinating "Collage VI," a concert spotlighting Schoolcraft College music students and faculty Saturday, April 4 at the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

Nissen, a humanities professor and conductor of the Wind Ensemble,

COLLAGE VI What: A program spotlighting Schoolcraft College's Chamber Singers, Commu nity Choir, Wind Ensemble, SCool JAZZ and SCool JAzz PRime, the computer generated MIDI group, and the piano program. Free admission, donations accepted. For more infor-

mation, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5218. When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Where: Radcliff Center Community Room, 1751 Radcliff Road, (south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriman), Garden City. (734) 462wrote the music for one of the pieces on the program, "The Times of Our Lives." The multi media work is accompanied by video created by the college's computer graphics technology pro-

"Collage VI is a showcase for the music department," said Nissen. "All of us are excited about the variety of pieces. It's a collage of everything from classical to rock to jazz, from Renaissance to the present. It's like taking a roller coaster ride through time with one piece written 10 years ago, another piece shows off the lat-

est in computer technology. Professor Brad Bloom and the three students in his MATS MIDI Band will perform a range of selections from "A Raggy Waltz" by Dave Brubeck to "In Paradisium" by Faure and the mysterious sounding "O Magnum Mysterium" by Lauridsen. The MATS (Musical Arts Technology Studio) MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) Band create computer generated

music. "They'll be hearing sounds that are other worldly," said Bloom. "The musicians will make sounds the other ensembles won't be able to. We're taking pieces that are already written and we're transcribing it for electronic instruments. What we're trying to do is arrange existing pieces for a differ-

ent palette of sounds." For those who love the big band sound, SCool JAzz and SCool JAzz PRime, under the direction of Steven SeGraves, are sure to be a hit. At least one of the jazz standards the vocal groups will perform is from the CD, "From Russia With Love," which was recorded after a Russian tour last summer. Later this year, SCool JAzz and SCool JAzz PRime will perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills and the Detroit Montreaux Jazz Festival

"The Collage concert will be fun, upbeat," said SeGraves. "It's one of the very few events at Schoolcraft College where the entire music department is involved."

SeGraves also directs the college's Chamber Singers who perform 20th century and madrigal music for "Col-lage VI." The concept for the collage concert is that selections are per-formed back to back without applause. There will be about 130 performers "on stage" at the same time. Performers stand for their turn in the

"The musical variety is interesting and how the pieces go right from one piece to the next," said SeGraves. When pieces contrast greatly, it can

Donald Morelock, director of the college's piano and applied music depart-ment, and student Tracy Kwang, an eighth grader at Novi Middle School, will perform as soloists. Kwang, win-ner of the Michigan Music Teachers Association concerto competition last year, plays Debussy's "Gardens in the Rain," Morelock, Schumann's "Whims, Op. 12 No. 4."

Circle of Life

awaiian delights brighten March days

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Everything is coming up flowers at River's Edge Gallery II in Canton thanks to watercolorist Tanya Au. As featured artist for the month of March, Au is exhibiting large scale watercolor paintings of flowers one of which is titled "Go

Au painted the daffodils and hydrangea after attending the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show in Ann Arbor. The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens produces the show featuring 22,000 square feet of plants, designs, sculpture, and garden accessories, March 26-29 at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Au loves flowers.

"Mom had a huge rose garden," said Au, "and used to cut them and bring them into the house. I used to spend a lot of the time in the garden when I was a young girl. I loved to weed and care for the flow-

The paintings of the exotic plants known as bromeliads were created by Au during a visit to a bromeliad farm owned by a friend of her brother's in Hawaii. Au spent the summer of 1992 with her family in Hawaii. At night, after putting her three daughters to bed, Au would paint. She's returning this summer for a monthlong stay. Her brother raises ginger and exotic flowers on a farm in Hawaii. She plans to do plenty of painting while she's

"As an artist, everything (I paint) needs to come from the heart," said Au. "Flowers represent where I came from, the lushness, the bright light. When I was painting, I could smell the flowers.

Tulips, daffodils and other perennials fill the garden at Au's Ypsilanti home. A painting of fuschia, outside her back door, reflects her strong sense of color.

"I've watched tulips so long they've bloomed right before my eyes," said Au. "I do need to have that color around me. Flowers have helped me to survive in Michigan. I'm looking forward to working in my garden. Learning how to garden in Michigan is very different from gardening in Hawaii."

A single mother of three daughters ages 8 to 13, Au spends nights working on a master of fine arts



Tropical beauty: Tanya Au painted this bromeliad from plants growing on an exotic flower farm in Hawaii.

What: Tanya Au exhibits her large scale (up to 8 by 6 feet) watercolor paintings of bromeliads grown on a farm in Hawaii.

When: Through Tuesday, March 31. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Saturday; until 6 p.m. Tuesday; 7 p.m. Thursday; and 8 p.m. Friday.

Where: River's Edge Gallery II, 44934 Ford Road, between Sheldon and Canton Cen-

ter Road, (behind Murray's Auto Supply), Canton, (734) 254-9880.

degree at Eastern Michigan University. Days, she teaches art at three elementaries in the Wyandotte Public Schools. She earned her master of art education in 1991 from Eastern.

Au wasn't interested in art during her school days in Hawaii. Not until she came to Michigan in 1979

did painting become one of her loves. Au took drawing and watercolor courses while working on a bachelor degree at Eastern Michigan University. Shortly thereafter,

her major became watercolor. According to gallery co-owner Patt Slack, "you can see Tanya's heritage, Hawaiian and Chinese, in

her watercolors. She has the flowing brush stroke well known to the Chinese and the colorful palate of the Hawaiians."

Jim Slack, an artist himself, admires Au's watercolor florals. He and his wife Patt invited Au to exhibit her watercolors in the original River's Edge Gallery in Wyandotte six years ago. The medium intrigues him. Slack attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art where figurative-based oil painting was primary. After returning from a military stint in Vietnam, he took watercolor classes at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Slack's own watercolors "are very big and very loose.'

"Tanya's watercolors are terrific, loose, expressionistic," said Slack. "Watercolorists tend to get limited because of the size of the paper. When we see an artist working in this scale (up to 8 by 6 feet), it's impressive.

Au is always experimenting with materials, techniques and subject matter. Once, she painted in the dark only to awake the next morning to find the painting's palette primarily consisted of green instead of the purple Au thought she was creating. Her latest series deals with dying, grieving and the burial rituals of the Chinese culture. She began the paintings after the death of her grandmother who immigrated to Hawaii from China.

"If someone asks me to repaint something, I couldn't do it even if I tried," said Au. "I can't paint something the same way twice.'

Au thinks most people love flowers as much as she does that's why she chose to focus on the subject in the show at River's Edge Gallery II. The only non-floral painting is of a water and dock scene.

"Flowers sell," said Au. "I've sold more flowers than anything else.'

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

MUSIC



Double the fun: Father and son pianists Joseph (right) and Michael Gurt perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra on April 4.

Concert aims to 'double your pleasure'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Eastern Michigan University music professor Joseph Gurt is counting the days until son Michael arrives from Louisiana. The two pianists perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under conductor Russell Reed, Saturday, April 4.

Music played a major role during the years Joseph and Gloria Gurt were raising Michael and daughters Naomi, Deborah and Jordani in Ann Arbor. The family's two pianos saw plenty of action. Michael, who began playing when he was about 10, received his early training from Joseph as did the other children. Gloria is also a pianist who teaches privately. Naomi is a

soprano living in Boston.

"They're all musical," said the 64year old Gurt. "We were playing at home from when Michael was a kid just in our living room. Living 1,000 miles apart, it's difficult to perform as a duo. That's the only bad part of playing

DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

spotlights the talents of father and son pianists Joseph and Michael Gurt in Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major."
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4.

Where: Novi High School Auditorium, 24064 Taft Road, Novi.

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, \$6 children grades K-12, and available by calling (734) 451-2112. An Afterglow will be held at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Free.

together as father and son is we live so far apart.'

Gurt is excited about performing

Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major" for the first time with Michael, 39. Father and son will practice their parts at Gurt's studio at Eastern before a dress rehearsal with the Plymouth Symphony.

"Everything that's artistic is chal-lenging," said Gurt, who's taught piano

at Eastern for 31 years. "This is a bubbly piece, bright, not dissonant, quite melodious. It's a real crowd pleaser, a piece the audience will enjoy.

This is the Gurts first performance with the Plymouth Symphony as a duo although they've performed several solo recitals together in Florida, Michigan and Istanbul, Turkey. The engagement had first been discussed during the years when Gurt was a colleague of Reed, a professor of music and director of the Symphony Orchestra at Eastern Michigan University for 12 years before retiring in 1991. The topic arose again about 10 years ago when Gurt joined the orchestra as a soloist in the performance of Gershwin's "Rhapsody

"We've talked about doing this for some time," said Reed. "I have heard Michael play and I have so much respect for Joseph's musicianship. The Poulenc concerto is a charming piece of

Please see CONCERT, C2

West of SoHo

Local artists find gritty home in Pontiac

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

Three years ago, Janet Christensen's view from her studio ooked out at the San Francisco Bay where freighters and sail

oats slowly passed. Today, Christensen of Bloomfield Hills is a transplanted Californian. Her spacious fourthfloor loft overlooks dusty train tracks and a residential Pontiac neighborhood where economic opportunity has yet to arrive.

On a day when a group of Pontiac-based artists are meeting in her loft, the western sunlight pours through the expansive space located in a nondescript warehouse a few blocks north of downtown Pontiac.

"There's a scene here bigger than ever," she said. "We're just waiting for things to happen.

These artists may be wideeyed idealists, but they're also grounded in bottom-line reali-

Said Christensen: "We all realize that everything is driven by

And, of course, perception.

Born from hope

In key high-traffic areas in Oakland County, billboards proclaim the emergence of a new, chic locale, provocatively enti-

tled, "The SoHo of the Suburbs." Since the message went up in early February, it's been a reallife "Where's Waldo" adventure to find the place named after the famous artists colony in a section of New York City.

But here? In the cultural capital of gears, wheels and transmissions? SoHo in metro Detroit? Uh, not so-ho obvious.

Then again, to be self-evident would be missing the point.

In the city named for an Ottawa Indian chief and a division of General Motors, artists are finding a gritty street scene that mirrors their inner grit, defiance and sense of possibility.

Along with Hamtramck and parts of Detroit, downtown Pontiac has become an artist's dream: low rent, sprawling work areas and plenty of camaraderie.

We used to move from the fashion of one art movement to another," said sculptor Terry Lee Dill, who owns several buildings near the downtown area.

"But now, there's really no new movement in the art world. It's all about finding a new space (to create art.)"

For local artists, that new place is hundreds of miles west of SoHo. Calling Pontiac an "art scene," however, is a bit of an exaggeration.

"We basically see artists in our own buildings," said Marilyn Schechter of West Bloomfield.

A publicized tour last summer of artists studios drew some media attention, but few visitors, according to Schechter.

Artists are concentrated in a few blocks from downtown Pontiac in two renovated warehouses on Howard Street and the reconditioned Pontiac Business Institute a few blocks away.

Unlike SoHo, where many alternative galleries were created to show the work of local avant-garde artists, there's only a handful of Pontiac galleries, none of them known for showing exclusively the work of local

And while several new restaurants have recently moved in. the specter of vacant buildings casts a shadow of doubt about how long it'll take before a thriving "art and entertainment" scene exists in the geographical center of the county.

"Cities don't realize what artists contribute," said Dill, who lived in SoHo for 16 years before moving to Pontiac several years

We move into areas where the rent is cheap, renovate the spaces and bring an energy to the community," he said, "This concept that artists are a credit risk is wrong.

In the eclectic, utility-based 1990s, "SoHo in the Suburbs" is as much a statement about a state of mind as a striking piece of art.

In many ways, "SoHo in the Suburbs" is about the power of positive thinking. An attitude born from hope, not desperation.

On the verge

"There's a notion that the art world doesn't exist outside of New York," said Jef Bourgeau, whose Museum of Contemporary Art in Pontiac is a Duchampinspired gallery of conceptual

"The art community needs to focus," said Bourgeau of Rochester. "The art world is ready to be punched through. We're here to create our own rules. We're not going to restrict ourselves.'

Years before artists discovered Pontiac artist Linda Golden nersevered in a studio "with every code violation under the sun.

That was 15 years ago, a time of recession and pervasive apathy. Today, the Bloomfield Township resident rents an updated space in the northern edge of an upbeat downtown.

Some landlords have only modestly increased rents, said Golden. But rent in studios along N. Saginaw, she said, are increasing three-fold.

With increasing popularity, comes the Catch-22: Many businesses want to appeal to mainstream tastes while Pontiac artists revel in an avant-garde grittiness

But there is common ground. A countywide festival, "Arts, Beats & Eats," is scheduled in downtown Pontiac over Labor Day Weekend.

Circle of Art: A common topic for artists is how to get out the word about their art, and the fledgling art scene in Pontiac. Above: Linda Goldman of Bloomfield Township, (left), Laurie Domaleski of Waterford, Marilyn Schechter of West Bloomfield, Terry Lee Dill of Pontiac, Jef Bourgeau of Rochester and Janet Christensen of Bloomfield Hills.

The event will feature the works of 100 local artists, and 50 restaurants and local musicians.

Steve Weikal, director of Oakland County Arts & Humanities Council, believes that the festival could be the much-needed catalyst for a wider acceptance of the notion of SoHo in Pontiac.

"There's an attitude and fair in Pontiac," he said. "There's a feeling that this is a place on the verge, just waiting to happen."

The signs are already appear-

"So far the billboards have accomplished what we wanted: to let people know that there's a jewel sitting here," said Chuck Uzelac, a Bloomfield Hills resident and president of the Pontiac Business Association.

"We don't want to be an extension of Royal Oak or Birmingham," said Uzelac, a painter and sculptor who also owns the Uzelac Gallery in downtown Pontiac.

Creating a new perception will require plenty of creative energy. The power that the artist has

is in the ideas," said artist Laurie Domaleski of Waterford, whose "Hands On Art" project sets out to build a sense of community through art.

"People might not know what's going on here. But what you say is what you create in your community.

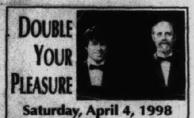
SoHo, after all, is all about

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music, brilliantly orchestrated, very colorful. It's a wonderful interplay between the two pianos and the orchestra."

Like father like son

Born in Poland, Joseph arrived



Novi H.S. Auditorium 8:00 24064 Taft Rd. . Novi

Father and son, Joseph and Michael Gurt, planists, combine for a rare performance of Poulenc's CONCERTO FOR TWO PIANOS. Two brilliant artists in one special performance. The PSO will close to format the property of the pro s formal concert season with the striking SYMPHONY NO. 5 BY PROKOFIEV.

After Glow-

in Australia at age 4 and spent his youth there. At age 20, he moved to New York City to attend The Juilliard School. Years later, Michael did graduate work at The Juilliard School after earning a bachelor's degree with top honors from the University of Michigan School of Music.

"By the time Michael was 12, he was playing Tchaikovsky's concerto," said Gurt. "We didn't make him practice. Even after he finished the assignments I gave him, Michael would continue to run scales up and down the piano."

After graduating from Juilliard, Joseph continued studies under Dorothy Taubman. He has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and many professional and community orchestras, and chamber music groups.

He has also played in Canada, Israel, Australia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. He has including two compact discs. During the summer, he is on the faculty of the Dorothy Taubman School of Piano at Williams College in Massachusetts.

In 1982, Michael won first prize in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition. As a result, he was invited to perform recitals in cities throughout the United States including Detroit Orcnestra

Michael currently is an associate professor of piano Louisiana State University where he chairs the piano department. He also serves as chair of the piano department at the Sewanee Summer Music Center in Ten-

"I'm excited about the concert because I'll be playing with the Plymouth Symphony which is one of the finest community orchestras," said Gurt, "but the fact, I'm playing with Michael. It's just fun to play with him because he's a wonderful

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Concluding the program is Nissen's multi-media work with text based on a number of poems by former University of Michigan professor Bert Hornback. "The Times of Our Lives" was first performed nine years ago when Nissen was a student at

the University of Michigan. "The poems are about the cycle of life from birth to death and redirth, said Nissen. To go with a poem on young adulthood, I composed a rousing march that goes out of control. Overall, it's a very moving, powerful work and with the computer graphics it will enhance the whole thing."

Steve Wroble, an associate professor in the computer graph-

ics technology program, is working with two other instructors to piece together children's drawings and snapshots from a scrap book of "a person's life" for the video. Transitions vary with the tempo of the music.

"It's a series of scanned images to supplement the poetry and music," he said. "It's a unique

way to supplement the music.' Last year's Collage concert spotlighted Nissen's "Hymn of Apollo." based on a poem by Percy Shelley. Nissen composes works for organ, piano and choir. He recently finished his second sonata and has started his first opera. Over the last few years, for the Wind Ensemble.

"The Times of our Lives' is an exciting piece of music with a contemporary sound," said John Witten, a member of the Wind Ensemble for nearly 20 years. A counselor at the college since 1967, Witten plays euphonium. "During conception, you hear the heart beat as you hear life begins in the child. The music is a challenge. I've played enough of Jim's music to know you won't be disappointed."

Linda Ann Chomin is an arts reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have interesting idea involving the visual or performing arts, call (734) 953-2145.

Calling all artists, deadlines drawing near

Nissen's written several pieces

Canton Township is looking or artists to exhibit in its 7th annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show June 20-21 in Heritage Park, Canton. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Artists can display their work inside the two big tents or can bring their own. The juried show is an opportunity for local artists to demonstrate and sell their art work during the Liberty Fest.

Deadline for application is April 15. Artists must submit slides or photos of their work from the categories of painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel, and selected fine crafts. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

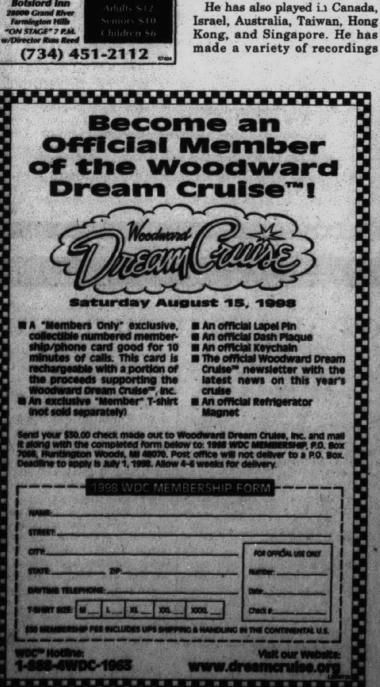
Canton Township is also looking for art students in middle or high school in the Plymouth Canton School District to display, demonstrate and sell their work. The student booth is sponsored so there is no entry fee for

students. However, young artists must submit an application and photos or slides of their work ecause it is a juried show. The Livonia Arts Commission

is also seeking entries for its sec-ond annual "Fine Arts in the Village," June 13-14 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. The two- and three-dimensional works will be exhibited in the historical homes at Greenmead.

Deadline for entries is April 10. For application, call Robert Sheridan at (734) 422-6400.

Prizes totaling \$2,350 will be awarded for first, second and third prize, juror's choice and honorable mention. John Van-Haren, an art professor at Eastern Michigan University, will judge the entries.







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10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, an art fair showcasing local artists, presented by the FinnWeavers of the Finnish Center Association. Proceeds go to the Finnish Center Association. Admission free. Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 546-

AUCTION

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY 6 p.m. Thursday, March 26, a live auction at the Michigan Design Center, featuring Dick Wallace, WYUR radio personality. Music provided by Mark and Patricia Kaczmarcyzk. Tickets: \$50. 1700 Stutz, just east of Coolidge and north off Maple Road, Troy; (248) 649-

AUDITIONS, COMPETITIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS

4772, (248) 650-2655.

GHAM MUSICALE The following scholarships and awards are being offered - JEAN HOHMEYER STRING SCHOLARSHIP, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22; applicants must be Oakland County residents, perform on violin, viola, cello or string bass, and either in 11th or 12th grade; requirements: one selection from Baroque/classical period or romantic/modern period; award: \$400. CHARLOTTE RUPPEL MEMORIAL VOICE SCHOLARSHIP, 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, applicants must be 20-25 years old; requirements: one selection from aria, foreign language art song, and 20th century art song. Performance should not exceed ten minutes, one copy of each selection must be provided; award: \$600; deadline: postmarked no later than March 21, 1998. ELIZABETH GARDNER VOCAL AWARD. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5; applicants must be 18-22 years old; requirements: one selection from area, old Italian, foreign language art song, 20th-century art song, all selections must be memorized; fee: \$6; deadline: postmarked no later than March 28, 1998. Applicants must be Michigan residents. Previous winners of award are not eligible. Applicants must provide accompanists. Auditions held at First Baptist Church, Willits

DANCE AUDITIONS Detroit Dance Collective seeks a male dancer to perform with company from March-May 1998, and for next season, August 1998-May 1999. Must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and training in ballet. Paid by the project for all rehearsals, performances and teaching positions. Company rehearses 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday Wednesday, Friday. Bring resume and letter of recommendation during rehearsal times. Central United Methodist Church. corner of Woodward Avenue and Adams, just south of the Fox Theatre. Auditions arranged by appointment; (313) 965-

3544. EDE AUDITIONS

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble will hold auditions in March for community dancers interested in performing at the Macomb Center: (248) 370-3024. **MARQUIS THEATRE**

Auditions boys and girls ages 8-16 for "Hansel and Gretel," 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Actors will be asked to recite a short poem of their own choosing, not more than two minutes long. Performances May 8-June 6. (248) 349-

8110. MICHIGAN THEATRE & DANCE TROUPE Open auditions through August. Dancers 16 years old and older. Auditions by appointment on Saturdays beginning at 2 p.m.; (248) 552-5001.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two formal concerts in May and December, and various other local community engagements. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099.

WOMEN IN ART ENTRIES Twelfth annual art exhibit, "Our Visions: Women in Art," accepting entries in visual art and poetry. Deadline April 1, 1998. Exhibit runs May 11-29. Womencenter, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-7500.

(248) 879-0138.

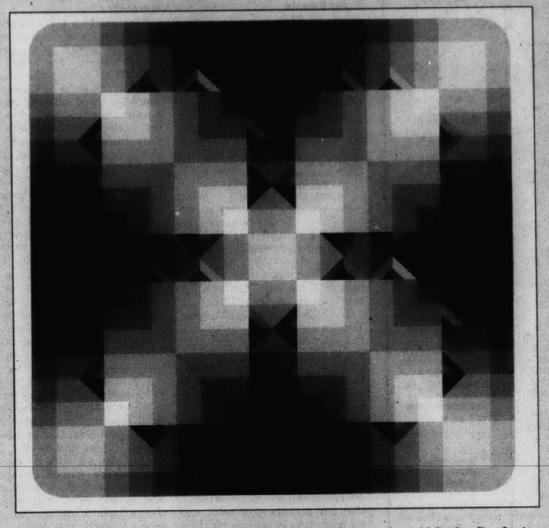
WORKSHOP ON SHAKESPEARE 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5-28. Preview selected plays in production at Canada's 1998 Stratford Festival. Leading the workshop will be Niels Herold and Bruce Mann of Oakland University. Fee: \$250. Register by April

1, 1998 YOUTH ART COMPETITION "Friends of Polish Art," in conjunction with Orchard Lake Schools, is sponsoring annual Youth Art Competition for students ages 12-18. Competition open to

all students in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. Works should related to a Polish theme. No more three entries per person. Cash prizes awarded. Deliver to Orchard Lake Galleria 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Works must be ready for hanging or display, including matte, frame or stand. Art will be on public exhibit through May with opening and award presentation 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3. For more information, call John Surma (248) 541-3697.

BENEFIT

CELEBRATE THE OSCARS 8 p.m. Monday, March 23, "Second Annual Official Oscar Night America Gala to BEnefit Detroit Film Theatre," sanc-



Visual geometry: The abstract paintings and serigraphs of Marko Spalatin are on exhibit through March 27 at Uzelac Gallery, N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

tioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. A gala event with celebrities and glitz of Hollywood at Intermezzo Restaurante in Detroit's Harmonie Park, between Gratiot and Madison Avenue. Tickets: \$125, include buffet supper, open bar and multiple large-screen projection of the Oscars. WJR's Mitch Albom, Kenny Brown and Racheael Nevanda join WXYZ's Denise Dador in hosting a live auction. Proceeds go to the Detroit Film Theatre. For tickets, (313) 833-0247.

"STARRY, STARRY NIGHT An Oscar Awards party with an Italian cuisine, champagne commentary by Q95.5's morning show host Kevin O'Neill, 8 p.m. Monday, March 23, Star Southfield Entertainment Centre, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. \$30, \$50 per couple, benefits the Detroit Area Film and Television's scholarship fund. (248) 547-0847.

FAR CONSERVATORY

Therapeutic and Performing Arts presents two events fea turing the skating skills of children and adults with disabilities, 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29, "A Salute to Broadway," ar ice show. Both events held at the Birmingham Ice Arena. Donations accepted. (248) 646-3347.

CHOIR

OAKLAND SINGERS

3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Oakland Singers, including a chorus of 78 men bers. Rochester Church of Christ, 250 W. Avon, Rochester Hills. Admission free, donations accepted; (248) 651-5351. RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, "Psalms and

Songs," featured guests the Detroit Chamber Winds, harpist Patricia Terry Ross in program of Berstein's "Chichester Psalm," Rheinberger's "Psalm 83." and Gabrieli's "Jubilate Deo." A special Michigan premiere of Jonathan Willcocks' "Sing Praises will be performed. . Holy Name, 630 Harmon, Birmingham; (313) 341-3466.

> CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Spring classes begin week of April 20, including watercolor, collage, weaving. bead stringing, photography and stained glass. 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004, ext. 113.

THE ART STUDIO Adult art classes in oils, pastels and

drawing. Children's after-school classes in drawing, painting and crafts. 4417 S. Commerce Road, Commerce Township; (248) 360-5772 CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Spring classes, including drawing, sculpture and painting. Children's classes included drawing and cartooning, paint ing, mask-making, arts and crafts and printmaking. Teen and adult classes include beaded jewelry, ceramics, photography, Chinese brush painting and blues guitar. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE Saturdays through May 2 for 5 to 7 year olds, and 8 to 12 year olds. Fee: \$40. Classes at Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit: (313) 965-3544.

DROP-IN FIGURE DRAWING CLUB feets 10 a.m. -1 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays each month, except on day weekends. Use medium of your choice, \$5 fee. Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 661-5291.

LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES

Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting pottery. The Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register. (248) 477-8404.

MSU MUSIC SCHOOL FOR YOUNG "First Music" classes for children birth to age 5. Children and parents move to music, learn songs and chants, play percussion instruments. Classes meet Friday mornings March 20-May 22. Cost: \$100. Antioch Lutheran Church. Farmington Hills; (800) 548-6157, (517)

MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOPS

Tinderbox Productions offers acting and musical theater workshops for beginners to advanced students, grades 1-12. Classes run through April 19. Clarenceville High School. Brochures available at Livonia Civic Center Library. Redford library or call (313) 535-8962. PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Register for spring classes, April 20-June 13. Children's classes. Adult courses include basketry, ceramic bead-making, clay, collage, drawing, matting, painting, photography, sculpture, tapestry and watercolor, 407 Pine Street, downtown Rochester: (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL Pottery Workshops - 8-12 year olds, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, March 28 & April 4, fee: \$40; adult classes, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Saturdays, March 28 & April 4, fee: \$50. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4278.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS Registration for Summer Day Camps begins March 23, non residents can register beginning May 8. Also available specialty day camps in art, theatre, soccer and dance. 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 354-9603.

VILLAGE PLAYERS WORKSHOPS FOR

Spring and summer workshops using the ater games, improvisation and covering a playful introduction to children's musical theater, including singing, dancing, acting and performing. Directed by composer/teacher David Mayer in association with The Village Players. Workshops begin early March and June 29, respectively. For specific dates and tim 644-2075.

CLASSICAL

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE 11:15 a.m., Sunday, March 22, "Viva Espana," featuring the CutTime Players,

an ensemble of Detroit Symphony Orchestra musician perform music with a Spanish flavor. Detroit Institute of Arts Recital Hall, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets: \$18, adults; \$15, students/seniors; (248) 357-1111.

MUSICA VIVA INTERNATIONAL CON-CERTS 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, "Tango,

featuring cAnadian guitar virtuoso Philip Candelaria and internationally acclaimed flutist Gerova-Ortega in a concert by Latin American composers including Astor Piazzolla. Tickets: \$16, advance; \$18, at door. Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine. Bloomfield Hills; (248) 851-6987.

ORGAN RECITAL In recital 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Jean Johnson Bynum; 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29. David Barlett, Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, one mile west of Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 644-5210.

RUSSIAN NATIONAL ORCHESTRA With violinist Gil Shaham, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Hill Auditorium, 825

N. University, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$45. Camerata Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, University of Michigan Alumn Center, Ann Arbor. \$25. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

With conductor Richard Tognetti and cellist Steven Isserlis, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$22-\$36. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

PRO MUSICA 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Detroit debut of planist Frederick Chiu, winner of a Avery Fisher Career Grant. Chiu will perform works by Prokofiev, Debussy, Schumann and Chopin. Tickets: \$25. Kresge Court, Detroit Institute of Arts,

5200 Woodward, Detroit; (313) 886-7207. DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With Conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth and tenor Douglas Ahlstedt, as part of "Opera Pops" featur-

ing selections from Mozart's "The Magic Flute." Verdi's "Un di se ben rammento mi" and Puccini's "Nessun dorma," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Orchestra Hall, Detroit; (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT

Organ concerts featuring music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 26 and April 2. 170 East Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking, Ford Auditorium Underground Garage. (313) 259-2206.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY, ANN

Pianist Ursula Oppens performs a "Beethoven the Contemporary" program, 8 p.m. Friday, March 27; American String Quartet's world premier of a program of Beethoven and Fuchs, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Rackham Auditorium. Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE'S VIVACE SERIES

3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, planist Louis Nagel in a program, "Speaking of Music," a combination of music and commentary of Bach, Debussy and Schumann. Tickets: \$15, general; \$14, seniors/students; (248) 788-9338 or (248) 288-3953. 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 477-1410. WAGNER IN CONCERT

3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, "Musical Magic," featuring radio personality Dave Wagner, formerly of WQRS-FM, in a special organ performance with flautist Suzanne Bona. Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8860. WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With sopranos Ellen Chickering, Jan Albright and Barbara Wiltsle, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$17, \$15 seniors, \$5 children ages 12 and younger, \$13 groups of five or more. (810) 754-2950

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Double Your Pleasure" concert featuring father and son pianists Joseph and Michael Gurt performing Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Novi High School Auditorium, 24064 Taft Road, Novi. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students \$6 children K-12th grade. (734) 451-2112. Afterglow at Botsford Inn. 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

MUSIC STUDY CLUB OF METRO DETROIT 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, "From Classical Violin to Jazz: Gave Bolkosky & Friends, Tickets: \$7, general; \$5, students.

Birmingham Temple 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 851-4307. BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

1998 Scholarship winners will be featured in recital 1 p.m. Thursday, April 9. Program will present scholarship recipients Jean Kang, Soojung Chang, Meg Murphy, Caitlin Lynch, Yoko Minawa. Open to public. Donation: \$2. The Community House of Birmingham, 360 S. Bates Street; (248) 475-5978.

COMMUNITY BANDS

NGTON COMMUNITY BAND Spring Symphony concert origin duled for March 22 will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads), Farmington Hills. \$3, \$2 students and available at the door, senior citizens free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or http://www.mystery.com/fcb

DANCE

A '60S HAPPENING

Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents, A Happening Thing," a look at dance in the 1960s, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22. Tickets: \$10, general seating; \$8, senior citizens; \$5, students; (248) 370-3013. Studio Theatre, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills.
ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-

ENGLISH DANCE

7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158 WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE

Presents "Rebounding," the annual spring concert of dance, featuring choreography by Garth Fagan, Eva Power and Linda Cleveland Simmons, Fagan choreographed the Broadway musical "The Lion King," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, at the Bonstelle Theater, on campus, Detroit. \$8 students/advanced sales, \$10 at the door. (313) 577-4273 ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE

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8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, March 31-April 3, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$60. All ages. (313) 983-6611 STREB: POPACTION

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$15-\$35. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST

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8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, Art Wiggins presenting excerpts from his book, "The Five Biggest Ideas in Science." Oakland County Community College, Royal Oak campus; (248) 540-

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, wellknown author and historian Richard Longstreth, who specializes in U.S. commercial architecture. Admission: \$15. Scarab Club, John R and Farnsworth streets, directly behind the DIA. (313) 222-0321.

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7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, "Pops Concert 'E'," featuring light overtures, dances and intermezzi from the world of

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READING

THE WRITER'S VOICE

12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, U-M Poet-in-Residence Richard Tillinghast, novelist Larry Smith and WSU poet Anca Viasopolos; 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, LA poet Stellas Lee, and local writers Kim Webb, Michael Madias and Ellen Hildreth. Woodward, Room 3234, Wayne State University campus, Detroit; (313) 577-2450.

BALDWIN LIBRARY 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, "Let's Talk About it," a reading and discussion program. Also, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, children are invited to bring dinner and listen to storyteller Jack Hickey. 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham: (248) 647-1700.

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AFRICAN ART

2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, gallery tour of African Art at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Speaker: Michael Kan, DIA curator of African, Oceanic and New World Cultures, DIA Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-

3700. PHOTO/PRINT Schedule tours 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on March 28 and April 25. The "Photo/Print" on March 7, features a visit to Stewart & Stewart Workshop of Fine Prints, a tour of the Halsted Gallery and a visit to the studio of Balthazar Korab. The *Royal Visits to studio of artist Richard Kozlow, the Sybaris Gallery and Revolution gallery. Fee: \$20. Call for reservations,

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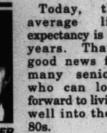




Compassionate new book examines problems of aging

Saying Good-Bye: You & Your toward the stage of peaceful

By David Klein Browntrout Pub., 1997, \$17.95



life expectancy is 78 years. That's good news for many seniors who can look forward to living well into their

But longevity comes a price: eventual

physical and mental decline. This means growing dependence for once-competent and selfreliant individuals plus an unfamiliar, sometimes frightening, role for their adult children.

In "Saying Good-Bye: You and Your Aging Parents," East Lansing clinical psychologist Dr. David Klein writes compassion-ately and knowledgeably about the inevitable role-reversal that occurs between aging parents and their mature offspring. Graduate of Michigan State University and member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapists, Klein describes what he calls "two good-byes." The first, he says, occurs when we acknowledge that our parents need help, and we take steps to provide for their welfare. The second good-bye is the final one, when we comfort a dying parent and move, together, acceptance.

Both good-byes are emotional djustments and demand sensitivity and growth on the part of adult children. For some, it is difficult to give up the illusion that their parents will always be there for them, offering encouragement and support. For others, whose relationship with parents has been marked by ambivalence or stress, the switch in roles may stir up complex, unresolved feelings of resentment. Nevertheless, except in extreme cases of neglect or abuse, Klein insists that it is our duty to care for our aging parents, providing for their emotional and physical well-being.

Our actions, maintrins the author, create a model for the next generation, who will, in turn, care for us. "This is the unbroken chain," he writes, "the continuity in our lives, and it bears in no small part on our dignity as human beings."

A book that instructs as well as inspires, Dr. Klein describes numerous examples of parentchild relationships to show how each coped with the process of aging, illness and death. The author also includes a personal reminiscence, writing lovingly of his own mother, a nurturing woman who succumbed slowly to the ravages of Alzheimer's disease. In each case, Klein offers practical advice, such as using the resources of neighbors and community, enlisting the ser-

vices of a geriatric specialist and honoring a living will.

But mainly, "Saying Good-Bye" helps readers face their own anxieties about aging and death. Citing Elizabeth Kubler-Ross's five steps that dying people pass through - denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance - Klein explains that adult children pass through a similar process as they face the death of a mother or father. Just as a dying parent's anger is "not really intended for the target," the anger of an adult child as he or she responds to a loss can erupt at inappropriate times and over inconsequential events.

Klein's book is the product of much wisdom and experience, tackling difficult subjects with a literary voice that is soothing and sometimes lyrical. It teaches us to cultivate an attitude that affirms life while, at the same time, recognizing and accepting the reality of death as part of life's continuum.

(David Klein's "Saying Good-Bye" is available at Borders Book Shop on Southfield Road in Birmingham, where the author recently appeared to sign and discuss his book.)

Esther Littmann is a resident Bloomfield Township. She is a private tutor with Una Dworkin and Associates. You can leave her a message from a touch-tone phone at (313) 953-2047, mailbox number 1893. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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Storytime features "The Secret Shortcut," 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 25; Readers Club discuss es "Snow Falling on Cedars," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Cinema-Lit club discusses "Oscar & Lucinda," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27; storytime features kids' choice, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at the bookstore, 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM,

WOODWARD)

Singer Karen Newman performs 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22; Robert Greer signs his book "The Devil's Backbone," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23; Dr. Dave Janda discusses "The Role of Prevention in Sports," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Lit group discusses "Alias Grace," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Greg Summer signs "Dwight MacDonald & the Politics Circle," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Alice Lenaghan and Terry Herald perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27; in-store photo shoots with Maureen Monty 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

the store, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248) 203-0005. BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM.

SOUTHFIELD ROAD)

"Success Without Stress," lecture by Bolton Carroll, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22; Bari-Ellen Roberts and Jack E. White sign "Roberts vs. Texaco," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Osceola McCarty signs "Simple Wisdom for Rich Living," / p.m. Inursuay, March 26; Fisher Price Little People's Career Day, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at the store 31150 Southfield Road,

Birmingham (248)644-1515. BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE) Michael T. Campbell signs his book "Dandy the Chipbear's Fun Day at Dad's" 11 .m. Tuesday, March 24, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Dr. Louis Tartaglia signs "The Great Wing," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27; Steve Thayer signs "The

Weatherman," 7:30 p.m. March 27 at the store, Haggerty and Six Mile, Northville. BORDERS (DEARBORN) Home buying seminar, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24; Mother-Daughter book discussion group discusses "The Diary of Anne

Frank," 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Intermediate fiction group discusses "The Island of Blue Dolphins," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Xavier Joseph Carbajal signs his thriller "Lady President," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Judith Hillman Paterson signs "Sweet Mystery,"

David Laabs performs, 7 p.m. Friday, March 27 at the store 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn (313)271-4441. BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26;

Mask Puppet Theater, 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 22; Judith Hillman Paterson signs "Sweet Mystery," 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, (248)737-0110.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)

Personal journal workshop, "Writing Your Legacy" with Iris Underwood, at the store 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills (248)652-0558.

HALFWAY DOWN THE STAIRS

Betsy Hearne, author of "Seven Brave Women" speaks, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at the store 114 E. Fourth St., Rochester (248)652-6066.

The Mystery Mavens discuss

MURDER, MYSTERY & MAYHEM

Thomas Perry's "Vanishing Act," 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at the store, 35167 Grand River, Farmington (248)471-7210.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY Children's book illustrations exhibit through April 25 at the Gallery, 536 N.Old Woodward.

SHAMAN DRUM

Daniel Burton-Rose discusses "The Celling of America: An Inside Look at the U.S. Prison Industry," 8 p.m. Monday, March 23 at the store 313 South State Street, Ann Arbor 734-662-7407.

Festival showcases wildlife art

Fifty six artists will present their work at the annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, a fund raiser for the Michigan Wildlife The festival runs from Friday-

Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 at

Sunday, March 27-29 at the Southfield Pavilion on Evergreen Road (between 10 and 11 Mile Among the artists are Russell Cobane of Clarkston and Bruce Everly, Sr., a graduate of Cran-

ok Institute of Arts in Bloom-Cobane has been voted peo ple's choice five times at the annual festival. He has won the 1986 Michigan

Duck Stamp contest, the 1988 Michigan Trout Stamp contest, and the 1992 South Carolina Duck Stamp contest.

Everly is a classical sculptor of portrait, figurative and wildlife

He is currently working on a series of African animals that will be limited edition bronze

Festival hours: 4-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Bird's eye: "Summer's Eve," a photograph by Russell Cobane. Admission: \$6, general; free, children under 12. Free parking.

Also of interest:

In its final exhibit of its

In its final exhibit of its inaugural year, the Museum of African American History is presenting "Affirmations."

The expansive exhibit features the sculpture of Richard Hunt, who has created some of the most public and commissioned works of any sculptor over the last three decades.

In the mid 1960s, Hunt was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to serve on the National

Council for the Arts. He serves on numerous museum boards, including the National Museum of American Art and the Smithsonian Institute.

A 64-page color catalogue doc-umenting "Affirmations" is avail-able. The exhibit runs through June

21. For information, contact

Carla Glamb, (313) 494-5864. The Museum of African American History is located at 315 E. Varren Avenue at the corner of Brush Street in Detroit's Cultur-

Writers of all skill levels can streat into nature and composition at Cranbrook Schools' sec-ond annual "Retreat for Writers, from July 10-July 23.

The retreat includes sessions with more than two dozen authors of poetry, fiction, mem-oirs, nonfiction, screenplays and children books.

Cost ranges from \$280-\$630 ding on the length of the

A catalog of classes, teachers biographies and registration information available at (248)

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

The open house and photogra-phy workshop featuring S. Kay Young will run from noon to 3 p.m. instead of noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the North American Indian Art Gallery and Trade Center, 17321 Telegraph Road, (north of Six Mile Road), Detroit.

Hours for the workshop were shortened because the Woodland Indians Trading Company, owner of the gallery, is moving its main offices and arranging to move the gallery and trade center into a storefront.

Young, a professional photographer with a show currently on exhibit at Tango in New York City, has work in the touring exhibition "She Be Me," opening 6 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at Summit on the Park in Canton. Sponsored by the Arts League of Michigan, the exhibition, continuing to April 2, spotlights women artists of African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American ancestry. Young, of Cherokee descent, focuses on heritage, flo-rals and nature in her imagery.

Young also has work "In the Eye of the Garden," a photogra-phy exhibition continuing to Friday, April 10 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road, (off Ann Arbor Road), Ann Arbor. For viewing times, call (734) 998-7061.

A Center for Creative Studies graduate, Young will talk about her work during the workshop on photography, composition and natural light at the North American Indian Art Gallery. For more information, call (313) 535-7602.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia began its spring term of classes but there's still room for students at the Jefferson Center

in Livonia. The curriculum includes watercolor with Edee Joppich and Marge Chellstorp; oil and acrylic painting, Saundra Weed; life drawing, Bob Blanchard, and basic drawing, Alice Nichols. A numbers of workshops are also being offered: landscapes, Gwen Tomkow; exotic still life, Connie Lucas; wet-in-wet watercolor florals, Joppich; wet-in-wet landscapes, Donna Vogelheim; pastel, Audrey DiMarco; making your own book, Monica Learning, and expressive watercolor, Linda Mendelson. For a complete listing or to register, call Marge Masek at (734) 464-6772.

NAISSANCE CHORUS

Male singers are invited to attend a guest night, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia.

The Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and ncouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America annual show held March 6-7 at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills featured the chapter's Renaissance Chorus.

For more information, call Alex Willox at (734) 728-6865

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POTTERY WORKSHOPS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering pottery workshops for children (ages 8-12) and adults, Saturdays March 28 and April 4 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth.

Cost is \$50 adults, \$40 children. All materials are included.

Children's workshops are 10 a.m. to noon. Students will make a coil pot and then decorate the fired piece the following Saturday. Adult workshops are 12:30-2:30 p.m. Adults make a coiled vessel or candle holder. For information or to register, call (734) 416-4278.

EVENING OF ARTS

Canton Project Arts spotlights the arts with two events March 28 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, (west off of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill), Canton.

Empatheatre, an improvisa-Arbor, is featured in the first of a two-part Spring Theater Series 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the Summit on the Park. Seating is limited to the first 150 people. For information, call (734) 397-6450.

"She Be Me," a touring fine arts and fine crafts exhibition by women artists of African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American ancestry, precedes Empatheatre's performance with an artists reception at 6 p.m. An opening ceremony follows at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Arts League of Michigan, the show includes painting, sculpture, photography, fused glass,

ceramics, and collage.

Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 29 to April 2. For more information, call the Arts League of Michigan at (313) 577-

ARTIST TO SPEAK

Award winning watercolorist Mark E. Mahaffey will visit Eastern Michigan University 6 p.m. Thursday, March 26 in 107 Ford to discuss and give a slide presentation of his work. Admission is free and open to the public. For information, call (734) 487-1268.

Mahaffey is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, Rocky Mountain Watermedia Society, Watercolor West-California, and a life member of the Midwest Society. His awards include the Beverly Green Memorial Purchase Award in the National Watercolor Society's 77th Annual Exhibition. His work will be featured in "Splash 5: The Glory of Watercolor," a book by Rockport pub-

BECOME A DIA TREASURE

If you're suffering from a case of cabin fever, the Detroit Institute of Arts has a solution to cure those winter blues. Why not spend an afternoon in the company of Edgar, Vincent and Claude (better known as Degas, van Gogh and Monet)? Surrounded by the beauty of the museum you have the opportunity to meet interesting individuals from all walks of life while serving as a DIA ambassador.

The DIA Volunteer Committee is conducting their semi-annual Volunteer Orientation 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 29 in the Lecture Hall of the museum, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

Volunteers play an important role in the daily operation of the DIA and the Volunteer Committee eagerly welcomes new members to be a part of their growing volunteer family. For more information or to volunteer, call (313) 833-0247.

The FinnWeavers of the Finnish Center Association present an art fair showcasing local artists and their work 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 West Eight Mile, between Farmington Road and I-275, Farmington Hills.

Admission is free. Refreshments and a light lunch (served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) will be available for purchase. Proceeds donated to the Finnish Center Association. For information, call (248) 546-6527.

The Livonia Artists Club presents its 37th annual Festival of Arts 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5 at the Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington.

The show will honor club founder Olive Harrrington, who



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What to wear

Bridal salons may suit you

Anyone who's ever scrambled to find the right dress for a special occasion can identify with Harriet Spurlin of

When she received an invitation to a bar mitzvah at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club in West Bloomfield, she visited one department store after another, searching for the perfect dress, to no avail. Then she thought, why not try a bridal shop?
She found what she was looking for

at Bonnie's Bridal in Livonia. "I found a beautiful



DONNA MULCAHY

middle-age spread. They let it out for me. I felt beautiful," she said. "I just wanted to tell your readers about this store so it could be a source for others shopping for special occasion dresses. Plus, the alterations helped do wonders. The staff was so nice," she said.

velvet gown there, but

it was too tight due to

Here's more information about Bonnie's and other stores you might want to try if you're searching for a special dress, too.

· About one-third of the dresses at Bonnie's Bridal shop are wedding gowns. The rest are social occasion, bridesmaid and prom dresses.

Customers can buy dresses off the rack (generally in sizes 6 to 30), order them from the manufacturer (available sizes are usually 2 to 42), or have the seamstresses custom make a dress, said Karen McDermott, who co-owns the store with Bonnie Bentley.

Some of the names the store carries include: Bill Levkoff, Jordan, Caterina, Sylvia Anne and Nadine. Manufacturer orders generally take eight to 12 weeks to come in and it takes about 12 weeks to custom make a dress.

Social occasion dresses generally run from \$125 to \$350. The store has been at its current location, 19183 Merriman at Seven Mile Road, for the past five years. Call (248) 471-7394.

· If you're looking for the kind of dress a movie star would wear, try Exclusives for the Bride at 708 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham. The shop carries formal and bridal gowns by Vera Wang, Badgley Mishka and other designers.

"Women see their favorite actresses wearing Vera Wang or Badgley Mishka in magazines and then come to us because they know we carry them,"

said the manager, Jacqui Paramo.

It usually takes 12 to 16 weeks for an ordered dress to come in. Most people don't have that long from the time they receive an invitation until the event itself. For that reason, "A lot of women will order a dress, just to have it on hand," Paramo said.

Customers also can buy sample dresses off the rack, but the sizes are limited (usually 8 to 12). Regular-priced bridesmaid and social occasion dresses start at about \$225. Bridal gowns can run from \$1,200 to \$7,000.

Alterations are extra and dresses also can also be custom made. For more information, call (248) 647-4999.

• Shapes Design Studio, 208 Eleven Mile Road at Main Street in Royal Oak, carries a wide variety of contemporary women's clothing, from "fun separates to extraordinary evening dresses and bridal gowns," said

its owner, Treas Charow.

The store carries dress sizes 4 to 12, and clothing also can be custom made. Evening gowns start at about \$200. Prom dresses run from \$80 (for short ones) to \$250 (for full-length ones). Alterations available for a small cost. Popular this spring, Charow said, are looks that combine layers of sheer fabric with layers of lace in bright, fresh colors.

Black is always popular, she said, especially in slip dresses that are strappy and shapely. For more information about Shapes, call (248) 547-4990.

Betsy's Bridal, at 6335 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield's

Orchard Mall, has a wide selection of formal gowns, with more than 600 to thoose from, according to owner, Betsy

"I only carry full-length gowns. I on't carry short dresses," she said. For-nais start at about \$300 and prom is start at about \$300 and promisses run between \$150 and \$400, pular looks for promithing year lude sheath and trumpet-style silections, sheer fabric around the briff, halter-style necklines, and exotolors, such as neon green, lavender light ice blue, she said. For more emation (248) 855-3770.



Green retallers: Minding the Tree House store in Farmington are: (left) Simone McReynolds, massage therapist, and Herman, Christine and Cloriece Meinke.

Organic specialists open a shop for nature lovers

BY AMY MESSANO SPECIAL WRITER

This tree house does not come equipped with a blue sky, chirping birds and lush plants stretching for the sun, but you don't have to climb a ladder or be a member of a secret club to get in. The Tree House for Earth's Children in Farmington is an organic connection for many environmentally conscience shoppers.

"We don't want to just utilize nature, we want to be a part of it," said certified mymomassologist and store owner, Christine Meinke, about the philosophical root of this family-run business. And that's a message that is abundantly clear as you stroll down the aisles of organically grown vegetables, vitamin supplements and herbs.

There is even an organic raw food deli that serves up good-for-you snacks and favorites like a calcium-rich sesame drink made with horsetail (shavegrass), red clover and prickly

"My favorite is the strawberry shake made also with bananas, honey and maple syrup," said eight-year-old Cloriece Meinke, Christine's daughter, as she gives a spur-of-the-moment, oiled foot massage to a regular customer, Gary Wickersham of Farmington.

"They are not just trying to sell products, but provide information so people can make up their own decisions," said

'We're laying the groundwork for future generations. If a child leaves here and only remembers a turtle or a plant they touched, but one day decides to plant his own garden, then it's all

- Susan Meinke

a horizontal Wickersham. Besides giving him a place to hang out and drink carrot juice, the wide variety of products and the availability of alternative information are some of the reasons that keep Wickersham coming back.

Tree House for Earth's Children also carries organic, 100- percent cotton and hemp clothing for all sizes, personal hygiene products that involved no animal testing and literature that shares the store's holistic approach to life.

Kirk Meinke, who makes jewelry sold at the store and Christine's brother, said the store is "all about showing people another direction in which to live." For that reason the store offers classes in Tai-Chi, alchemy, biodynamic gardening and preparing organic raw

If it's a visit to a holistic doctor, an oxygen bath or a massage that you desire, they've got those too.

All of the Meinkes are knowledgeable about the products they sell and the beliefs they stand firmly behind. Herman, Kirk and Christine's father, is a research scientist and alchemist who helps to run the store.

Herman Meinke is passionate about biodynamic gardening with what he calls "living water" that he credits for produced a 28-inch corncob in 1982. According to Christine, people come from as far as northern Michigan, Ohio and Indiana to learn about her father's gardening techniques.

Herman's wife Susan, is a registered nurse at Botsford Hospital, an alchemist, certified myomassologist, mother, grandmother and manager of the store. On top of all that, in a pinch, Susan delivered Christine's youngest daughter three months ago.

Susan Meinke believes Tree House for Earth's Children is exactly what the name "tree house" connotes, "a sanctuary half way between heaven and earth." To her, as to the rest of the Meinke family, the store's organic integrity is for the children.

"We're laying the ground work for future generations," Susan said. "If a child leaves here and only remembers a turtle or a plant they touched, but one day decides to plant his own garden, then it's all worth it."

Rabbits hop out at malls

Whether you call him Peter Rabbit, Peter Cottontail, or just The Easter Bunny, this March Hare is the star at area malls this week through April 11.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO EDITOR

The malls are getting ready to welcome some very famous rabbits this weekend, preparing garden settings and hosting local performers appearing in spring programs for children.

At the Fairlane Center in Dearborn, each child who visits Peter Rabbit in his storybook garden beginning Saturday, March 28, will receive a water-coloring book while their parents purchase special photographs.

Fairlane is also hosting a drawing for a

basket full of beanie babies, valued at \$400, which includes 40 plush pets from various mall retailers including The Disney Store, Natural Wonders and Warner

Not to be outdone, Lakeside Center in Sterling Heights, welcomes Peter Rabbit with a free, 40-minute puppet performance of There's A Frog in the Woods by Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-FEX at noon, also on Saturday, March 28.

For the first time, Lakeside visitors who want photos of their kids with the bunny, can buy them on a floppy disk. Photographers will be using the digital imaging process which will allow parents the option of using home computers to send the photos to loved ones over the Internet.

At The Somerset Collection, Troy, the spring bunny takes on a new personae as Nestor Fairweather, "a Grassrabbitt Gentleman." He resides in a village of small play cottages in the North End, designed and built by artist John Bellomo which will be auctioned off at the end of the season to benefit The Lovelight Foundation.

The mall is also hosting a series of performances by the Children's Theatre of Michigan, Beyond The Garden Wall, with: three alternating storylines. Dates and times are posted throughout the center and on brochures near the concierge



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

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Spring program for kids
"The World Beyond The Garden," a musical presentation by the Children's Theatre of Michigan, performed free on Grand Court stage, Sundays at 1 and 3 p.m. and throughout the week. Stories differ each day. Visits with the spring bunny, Nestor Fairweather, begin March 28 through April 11. Polaroid courtesy of the mall for \$10. Somerset Collection North. Big Beaver / Coolidge. Troy. (248) 816-5484.

Puppet Show
Enter the Mask Puppet Theatre's magic world where sunflowers sing to vegetarian monsters. 2 p.m. Free

Borders Books, 30995 Orchard Lake. Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

Meet Stephanie Mellen from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Waldenbooks. 30200 Plymouth, Livonia.

Waldenbooks. 30200 Plymouth. Livonia.

(734) 261-7811.

Easter Bunny photos

The "Eggstra" special garden at Center Court will be home to photo visits with the Easter Bunny through April 11, during mall hours. Each child who visits will receive a Easter Egg stuffed with a surprise. Digital photos available from \$9.99 to \$39.50.

Northland Center. Nine Mile / Greenfield. Southfield.

(248) 569-6272.

ter Bunny photoe Inotos and bunny visits through April 11. Free. Vestland Center. Wayne / Warren.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Hudson's hosts a workshop commentated by Liz Claiborne specialist Karla Gaardar 12:30 p.m. Level Two featuring the newest looks for spring. Repeated on March 26 at 12:30 p.m. at the Twelve Oaks, Novi, store. Free. Public is invited. Somerset Collection North.

Big Beaver / Coolidge. Troy.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Personal lingeric fittings
Hudson's hosts Wacoal fittings with a computer imaging analyzer in private fitting rooms. 2-7 p.m. Repeated March 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Reservations not required.

Somerset Collection North.

Big Beaver / Coolidge. Troy. (248) 443-4774.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Easter Bunny arrival
Jelly Bean Park Easter Bunny Show begins with kids picking up neon sunglasses at 6:30 p.m. for a magic show that starts at 7 p.m. and ends with the surprise arrival of you-know-who. Photos through April 11. Visit the Customer Service Booth for a coloring sheet featur-ing a wild and wacky Easter Rabbit. Kids of all ages are invited to color the rabbit for a chance to win a \$50 mall gift certificate. Names randomly drawn on April 13. Vinner notified by phone or mail.

Universal Mall. 12 Mile / Dequindre. Warren.

Easter Bunny arrival

Now through April 11 photos in JC Penney wing.

On March 29 the Clawson High school Band per-

orms from 3-6 p.m. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (248) 585-6000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Hollday kids program
Peter Rabbit & Friends, performed by Theatre Arts Productions, 1 p.m. Center Court. Free. Bunny arrives at the end of the show for photo opportunities through April 11. Free gifts for kids who visit. Decorated Easter Egg trees on display.

Tel-Twelve Mall. 12 Mile/Telegraph. Southfield.

(248) 353-4111.

Easter kids show

The Easter Bunny arrives at 11 a.m. for instant photos \$6.95. Gardens bloom with live spring flowers, gifts for kids who visit the bunny. Wings & Wheels aircraft and motorcycle club presents displays and exhibits through March 29. Livonia Mall. Seven Mile / Middlebelt.

(248) 476-1160.

DKNY show

Neiman Marcus hosts a DKNY spring fashion presentation at 1 p.m. Leisure sportswear on Level 2 Reservations required for the free show.

Somerset Collection South.

Big Beaver / Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 643-3300. ext. 2511.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 Barble Doll collectors show

9th annual show with many dealers and collectors from the Great Lakes Barbie Doll Collectors Club. Fun for all ages with special guest designer Carol Spencer from Mattel. \$4 admission benefits local kids charities. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring old dolls and acces-

sories for appraisals, Livonia Marriott. Six Mile/Newburg.

(313) 432-5146.

Peter Rabbit visits

Coloring, storytelling, photo opportunities and an egg hunt when Peter Rabbit visits Hudson's Kids Department 1-3 p.m. Free.

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The movie Hope & Glory can be found at Blockbuster on Orchard Lake/Maple.

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Saddle shoes were spotted at Perkos, Five Mile Road, west of Farmington Road in Livonia, (734) 427-3477.
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Teresa says sunglasses with bifocals can be found through the Orvis catalog (800) 541-3541, also at Loehmann's on Orchard

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• For Joe, razor parts can be found at Shaver & Time World 27326 N. Grand River, one block east of Inkster, in Redford, (313) 534-0736. Sunbeam parts can also be found at Raleigh Service Center, 17 Mile/Ryan, (810) 795-4170. Or try Sunbeam on the

• Linda Kelly from Lord & Taylor called to say the stores now carry Alexander DeMarkoff products again, but they no longer carry Germaine Monteil.

• Judy called to say Michigan Chandelier, 190 East Maple, east of Livernois in Troy, has lamp parts, (248) 583-3200. Sharon Kern (248) 641-0137, has a lamp business and she might have the

• Jeanne called to say thigh high boots and red sequined shoes can be found at the Village Shoe Inn in Farmington.

· Men's pajama bottoms are in the JC Penney catalog. · Found and made connections for: the Betty Crocker cookbook from the 50's, milk bottles from the 30's, a Kenmore zig zag sewing

• Chris called with a tip: Try garage sales to find old stereo record players. He has seen them in Lake Orion, Rochester -area garage sales. • Chupa suckers can be found at Neighborhood Hardware 33801 Woodward.

· A reader has seen Revion Milk Plus at the Dixieland Flea Mar-

ket, Dixie Highway at the end of Telegraph.

• Deep Magic by Gillette has been discontinued. Gillette Personal Care (800) 872-7202

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Joely is looking for ceramic soup crocks for onion soup.
 Video of the Music Man for Diana.

Joan wants doll clothes patterns for a Martha/George Washington handmade porcelain dolls.
 Marie is looking for a 3D puzzle of the London Bridge by Mil-

ton Bradley. Patty wants "Request" designer blue jeans.

· Veronica is looking for an Avon Chessboard from the 70's (it is

Eleanor wants Clearview professional glass cleaner.

Lady and the Tramp movie for Hilda.
Jean is looking for yellow toilet tissue.
Pamela is looking for T-shirts or sweat shirts with dragons and wizards on them for her son.

· Nora is looking for a dinner plate in creme with a gold edge

sold at Target, made in Italy. On the back ESTE-ZE, sold for \$3.50. Becky is looking for Grand Manor towels/wash cloths.

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· Axion pretreatment for washing clothes/stains, and also whole

wax beans in a can for Janet. Theresa is looking for the game of Hearts for Apple II.

• Ed is looking for the trivia game Is the Pope Catholic?

· Carrie is looking for one of the first computers VIC 20 and any of the software, especially the Las Vegas games.

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Little Women dolls
The Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop, 3947 West Twelve Mile, Berkley, is showing the complete collection of Little Women Dolls by Madame Alexander, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Match 28. The March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy, from the book by Louisa May Alcott, come in 14 different sets dating from 1949 to the present. Free color catalogs are available with special March prices during the exhibit.

In 1923, Madame Alexander moved dollmaking from her kitchen table into a shop in New York City. 1988 marks the 75th anniversary of her company. For more details call (248) 543-

Kmart sponsors walk

Kmart invites shoppers to participate in the nation's biggest walking event - the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, to raise funds to help babies and their parents. WalkAmerica takes place in more than 1,500 communities April 25-26. Pick up a sponsor form at your Kmart Service Desk.

Kmart stores across the country are selling paper die-cut sneakers for \$1 during March and April with all proceeds benefiting the March of Dimes. In addition, Kmart is the exclusive retailer to purchase the newest Mattel WalkAmerica Barbie(R) doll. One dollar is being donated to the March of Dimes for every WalkAmerica Barbie doll purchased at \$14.99.

Retailer collects

clothing for COTS
The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills will give shoppers \$3 off every man's shirt purchased in March for each dress or casual shirt brought in to the store. The shirts will be donated to Coalition on Temporary Shelters (COTS). For more details call (248) 851-6770.

Egg decorating class is free

The American Polish Cultural Center at Maple and Dequindre in Troy, welcomes interested guests to a free, Pisanki egg decorating class, 1:30 p.m. on Saturday March 28. All necessary supplies are provided. The class ends about 4 p.m. Reservations are suggested by calling (810) 689-3636, during regular business hours.

The APCC reminds area residents that it is open for lunch serving authentic Polish dishes Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is available Wednesday until 8 p.m. and Friday until 9 p.m. Friday evening there is also entertainment from 5 p.m. Carryouts are available.

Parisian supplies pageant fashions for teens

Parisian special events director Jane Bassett will host a March 21 luncheon for Miss Teen USA and Miss Michigan USA contestants at the Livonia Marriott. Reigning and past win-ners will model interview suits, swimwear, gowns and shoes from the department store, plus share hints on skin care.

Dessert follows in the Parisian Room of the store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The private event is a prelude to the beauty pageants that will be held at the Macomb Center for the Perform-ing Arts, on Sunday, May 24.

Home decor warehouse opens

The Home Accessory Warehouse is open at 1017 East Maple in downtown Walled Lake, selling silk flowers, glass artwork and fine pottery for the office or home. The owner is Jackie Schwartz of Farmington

Check services agreement
JC Penney and TeleCheck Ser-

vices, Inc., have reached an agreement to have TeleCheck provide check verification services to the retailer's 1,200 stores nationwide. Also in the TeleCheck portfolio are Kmart. WalMart, Target, Farmer Jack, Meijer, MC Sporting Goods, Sib-ley Shoes and Dunham's.

Penney's will use the check company's extensive negative database in conjunction with its own internal check authorization service to identify bad check writers not in their existing

Oakland Mall hosts
cool baseball event
In anticipation of opening day,
a baseball museum packed with interactive displays will be open at Oakland Mall from April 1-May 2, sponsored by WDFN radio and The Detroit Tigers.

The museum within the mall

will honor professional baseball, the Negro League, Women in Baseball, Olympic baseball, and a special tribute to the 1968 World Champion Detroit Tigers,

including a special appearance

by veteran players.

A scenic display of a miniature stadium, located at Center Court, will feature an electric

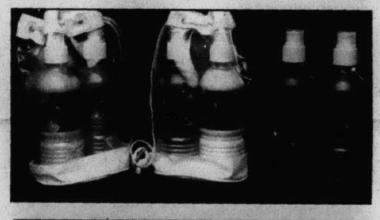
Shoppers will have the oppor-tunity to review the evolution of the game through authentic the game through authentic equipment displays, such as the growth and change of the catch-er's mask; full-size photographs of America's original profession-al baseball stadiums; and base-ball artwork by Michigan's very own legendary artist: Bill

"We're thrilled to bring the museum to a major shopping center like Oakland Mall where shoppers can be entertained, educated and enlightened about America's favorite pastime: baseball," said David H. Martin, director of exhibit design and curtain of the college Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. "Our goal (through this exhibition) is to rejuvenate the zeal for baseball among parents and kids, coaches, Little League players and baseball lovers from years

Television screens located throughout the mall will enable shoppers to relive exciting moments in baseball history. Batting cages will be available for those who would like to practice their swings, and actors will present dramatic performances of baseball greats, such as Jack-ie Robinson and Babe Ruth, during live stage shows.

Key to the exhibition will be

field trips by metro Detroit ele-mentary and middle schools to Oakland Mall. Students will take guided tours of the exhibi-tion, and David H. Martin and his team will present lectures to the students that incorporate the disciplines of geography, mathematics and physics — all tied to baseball ideology.





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Dogsledding in the north woods renews the spirit

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Many paddlers know the secrets of Northern Minnesota's **Boundary Waters Canoe Area** Wilderness with its many lakes and rivers to travel for wonderful summer canoe trips.

However, more and more visitors are planning their journeys after Old Man Winter freezes the waters and blankets the north woods with snow - not to glide along on skis, but to traverse the wilderness on dogsleds.

Dogsledding offers the oppor-tunity to quickly move deep into the woods where the spirit is renewed. The trip brochure states, "there is nothing that compares to the thrill and excitement of driving a dog team."

And from the moment you jump on a sled floating across the crusty snow, you know this

The journey begins

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This was my second mushing trip into the Boundary Waters wilderness to answer the call of these dogs and after a brief refresher on how to harness and drive a team of four sled dogs, a sense of anticipation was building in me and the dogs

These are Alaskan Huskies, a breed known for its strength,

speed and stamina; they would rather run than do anything else. And that's a good thing because we had five sleds full of gear and four days to trek across this wilderness.

Now is when the novice musher learns about pandemonium and silence

We were almost ready to shove off and our 27 excited dogs knew it. At this point their chorus of barks and howls are almost deaf-

"The dogs are ready, " yells Kurt Lothe, one of our guides. "They love to run."

Hopping onto the sled runners, I untie the safety rope holding the dogs back. Slowly I step off the brake and command them,

"All right." Like a slingshot, my four new canine friends, Pat, Champ, Fletcher and Bennie shoot onto Fall Lake. The silence piercing barks give way to only the soft shhhhhhhhhhhhhh of the sled runners gliding along the snow and the rush of a crisp wind in your face.

Anyone with some basic instruction and a sense of adventure can drive a team of sled-

Peter McClelland, our lead guide and part owner of White Wilderness Sled Dog Adventure,

told the story of a blind man driving his own team on a recent trip. "We just told him left, right, brake a little, duck. It was great," Peter said.

But we didn't really drive the team. Basically the dogs follow the team in front of them, single file with the guide and his team leading the way. Our job was to steer the sleds away from trees, push the sleds to help the dogs particularly on steep uphills
 and braking the sled on quick downhills to avoid running into the dogs. It can be hard work. But helping these Huskies and becoming a part of the team is extremely rewarding.

Fueling up

After each daily mushing adventure we would stop to make camp for the night. And after camp was established our first priority was to fuel our transportation.

The barking chorus explodes back to life the minute the dogs spot the feed bucket. A mushy mixture of warm water and high-protein dog food is a canine delight which each one devours almost before their bowls hit the ground. Its important to keep the dogs fueled and well-hydrated. This ensures the energy they need to pull the 200- to 300pound sleds as well as keeping warm at night.

Humans need some potent and tasty fuel also, and we were not disappointed. Foods can be brought in winter that would normally spoil in the summer heat. Furthermore, you can eat as much fatty foods as you want because your body burns much of it off keeping warm. The fourday menu consisted of such delicacies as steak and potatoes, biscuits and gravy, and lots of

"The fat will keep you warm," Peter told us. So we fill ourselves full before jumping into our toasty sleeping bags for the



Well-earned: After a day of mushing, Burn, one of the Alaskan Husky sleddogs gets some rest as the group sets up one of the tents and established

Whatever the weather

The trip started with El Ninoinspired mild temperatures and even some rain. However, midway through our trek temperatures fell below freezing overnight bringing four inches of new fluffy snow. Winter had returned with all its beauty offering up a perfect day for mushing.

At one point on that day some distance developed between myself and the sleds in front and behind. I imagined traversing a great uncharted wilderness, just me and the dogs. A peaceful, tranquil feeling fell over me lasting throughout the day. And I crawled back into my sleeping bag that night reflecting on how life doesn't get any better. Yet just as I was drifting off to sleep a lone dog started a mournful howl. Soon the others joined in serenading us to sleep. Now the day was

Our last day on the trail



Mush-mush: Lester, left, and Ivory, lead the rest of the sled-dog team down a trail in Minnesota pulling Fred Mitchell, standing, and guide Kurt Lothe.

arrived much too quickly. I sometimes forget to soak up the experience before it's gone. And as we arrive back to the trailhead I called out, "whoa," and praised, "good dogs," for the last time. It's moving how hard they work for you, loving every minute of the journey. I hugged

and patted each dog saying my good-byes with a bit of sadness, after becoming quite attached to my new canine companions.

But, I will be back to answer their call once more joining them in this white wilderness where they roam.

If you decide to go dogsledding

the folks at White Wilderness Sled Dog Adventures, 1-800-701-6238. Or you may get a list of other outfitters as well as other information from the Ely, Minn., Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-777-7281. Prices range from \$50 for an hourlong ride and \$150 for a day trip to roughly \$400 to \$1000 for a wilderness trek, depending on the number of days.

Drive Time — Ely, Minn., is about a two- hour drive north of Duluth Minnesota (about 930 miles from Observerland). Take highway 53 north from Duluth then highway 169 west until you hit Ely. You can also fly into Duluth International Airport from Detroit Metro.

When To Go - Trips are run from December through March with March being the warmest with some of the best trail conditions. Late January, early February tend to be the coldest. Snow is generally three to four feet deep although

Outfitters - I recommend snow is down and temperatures are mild this year, so call

> area are full of trout, northern by international award winning photographer Jim Bran-Avenue in town, 1-800-223relaxation at Smitty's on Snow-1-800-777-7281 for more information.

for conditions. Other Things To Do -

There are miles of trails for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoing. And with thousands of lakes in the pike, walleye and perch the fishing is a delight If visiting over a weekend the International Wolf Center is a must see, 1-800-ELY-WOLF. Swing denburgs gallery above Piragis North woods Co. on Central 6565. You can stay at a warm cozy lodge for some rest and Voyageur Winter Festival, call Great Escapes features various

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travel news items. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 18150, or fax them to (313) 591-Or e-mail hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

WHITE WATER RAFTING

The EdgeRunner Ski Club presents is annual "White Water Rafting" trip to West Virginia on May 29-31. The trip includes Saturday rafting on the "New River," three meals, two nights camping and an after-rafting party. Members pay \$95, non-members pay \$110 and a down payment of \$50 is due April 9. For more information, contact Schoolcraft College Student Activities Office at (734)462-

B&B CONTEST

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Entry deadline in May 15.

For an entry form and more information on the contest and the Graystone Manor, send a self-addressed, stamped enve-

lope to Bed & Breakfast Contest, PO Box 36, Bad Axe, Mi 48413-

NAGANO SLIDE SHOW

Photographer Jack Gruber, who photographed the Winter Olympics for USA Today, will host a slide show of his photographs 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at REI, 17559 Haggerty Road, Northville at Six Mile and Haggerty.

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NCAA hoop tourney has familiar faces

The NCAA men's basketball tournament was interesting from the standpoint that several familiar faces from Observerland appeared, including players Perry Robinson (Redford Bishop Borgess) and Matt Bauman (Livonia Franklin) for the University of Detroit Mercy; James Head (Plymouth Salem) of Eastern Michigan; Lorenzo Guess (Wayne Memorial) of Michigan State; Donte Scott (Plymouth Canton) for Michigan; along with UNC-Charlotte assistant coach Bob Kummer (Redford Catholic Central) and MSU assistant coach Stan Heath (Redford CC).

One player who appeared in last year's NCAA Tournament, but missed the big dance this year, was Iowa center Guy Rucker (Westland John Glenn), who appears to be in Dr. Tom Davis' doghouse after an outstanding freshman year. Rucker reportedly showed up during the preseason in poor physical shape and never really got his game off the ground. He played just three minutes in an NIT oss against Georgia . .

On Sunday I visited the United Center in Chicago for the lackluster double-header between U-D Mercy and Purdue and Western Michigan-Stanford. I was impressed with all the amenities inside the United Center, but the architects did a poor job on utside of the building. It looks old, but I was told it was desi duplicate the adjacent Chicago Stadium, which was torn down two years

It appears that Shawn Respert's days are numbered with the Toronto Raptors. The former Borgess and MSU star, however, did toss in 16 points during his last outing against the Pistons .

whatever happened to Parish Hick-

Just wondering: If MSU coach Tom Izzo had no plans to use Lorenzo Guess this season, then why didn't he red-shirt him instead of playing him in 11 meaningless games?

Also heard a rumor that Guess will get another look this spring at quar-

His brother LaVelle just completed his season at Kalamazoo Valley Community College . . .

Congratulations to Michigan's Bobby Hayes (Westland John Glenn) for making second-team All-Central

Collegiate Hockey Association . . . What a year it's been for Westland's Mike Modano, who has the Dallas Stars perched in first place overall in the Western Conference. First it was a knee injury, then the Olympics, and now a separated shoulder which could keep him out until the playoffs.

His misfortune, however, has opened a spot for Livonia Stevenson High grad Chris Tancill. The former University of Wisconsin standout, who has bounced around the NHL. IHL and AHL, was called up from the Michigan K-Wings (where he leads the team in scoring). Tancill drew an assist in his first game with the

Meanwhile, Mark Beaufait, from Stevenson, Northern Michigan and a former U.S. Olympian, continues to rank among the scoring leaders for the Orlando Solar Bears in the IHL.

Little known fact: Tancill, Beaufait and Hayes have all played on NCAA championship teams .

Whatever became of journeyman minor league defenseman Dennis

Smith of Livonia?

Al Iafrate (Livonia Bentley), another Olympian (1984), has played in just eight games this year for the San Jose Sharks. He underwent arthroscopic knee surgery on Dec. 28 and is out indefinitely.

Good to see former Livonia.

Good to see former Livonia Churchill all-state soccer goalkeeper Jeff Cassar make his debut last Sun-day for the expansion Miami Fusion in the MLS. Cassar, the former Flori-da International standout and one of

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Former Rock helps set NCAA mark



Sarah Hamilton has emerged as a budding star at Michigan, playing a major role in the Wolverines winning a Big Ten Indoor Track championship and then helping them establish a new NCAA distance medley relay record.

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

Falling neatly into place.

That's where everything has ended up for Sarah Hamilton, former Plymouth Salem running star now in her junior year at University of Michigan.

When Hamilton graduated from

Salem, she had several schools under consideration. U-M, however, wasn't

"I really didn't know where I was going to go," she said. "It was kind of a last-minute decision. Michigan wasn't even in consideration, you know, because their academic standards are

None of the standards at U-M are too high for Hamilton now. A walk-on as a freshman in track, she has elevated her status enough that she helped the Wolverines' distance medley relay team set an NCAA Indoor Track Championship Meet record, breaking the old mark by five seconds, March 13 in Indianapolis.

"I knew we were going to run faster," said U-M assistant coach Mike McGuire. "I told the kids it would take an 11:07 to win. But I'll be honest with you, 11:03 did surprise me."

The U-M foursome of Lisa Ouellet 1,200 meters), Adrienne Hunter (400), Hamilton (800) and Katie McGregor (1,600) had run the race just once before, qualifying for the NCAA championships a month earlier in 11:13.30.

They won the race in 11:03.28; breaking the previous meet record of 11:08.60, set by U-M in 1994.

"Yeah, we made a pretty big improvement," Hamilton said. "Maybe it was because the level (of competition) was raised for that meet. We

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No sweat: Whalers rip Sting

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

Just when you think you have things figured out, at least partially so, along comes the unexpected.

Thursday's Ontario Hockey League playoff game, between the Sarnia Sting and the Plymouth Whalers at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, was supposed to be similar to the first two in the bestof-seven series - close, edge-of-the-seat, tightly-

Some relevant stats from the first two games: The home team won both times, the game wasn't decided until the winners scored an empty-net goal in the final minute, each team scored seven goals.

Here's the only relevant stat from game No. 3: Whalers 7, Sarnia 1. Completely unanticipated. It put Plymouth up one game going into last night's match at Sarnia. Game five will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Com-

"There's nothing like home ice," said a smiling Pete DeBoer, the Whalers' coach, after the game. We had a ref who was calling all the stuff that happens after the whistle, the stuff you're supposed

That meant 21 penalties called against Sarnia (and 16 against Plymouth). It also meant five

power-play goals for the Whalers. And that was the game. No comebacks this time to disillusion the home team, the kind they'd been

prone to surrendering the last month of the season.

The Sting solved that problem for the Whalers. They ruined any hopes they had for a rally by taking silly penalties.

And they did it over and over and over. The game was pretty much decided, it's true, by the time the third period started. Plymouth led 5-0 after two, then David Legwand jammed a rebound past Sarnia's back-up goalie, Greg Hewitt, to make

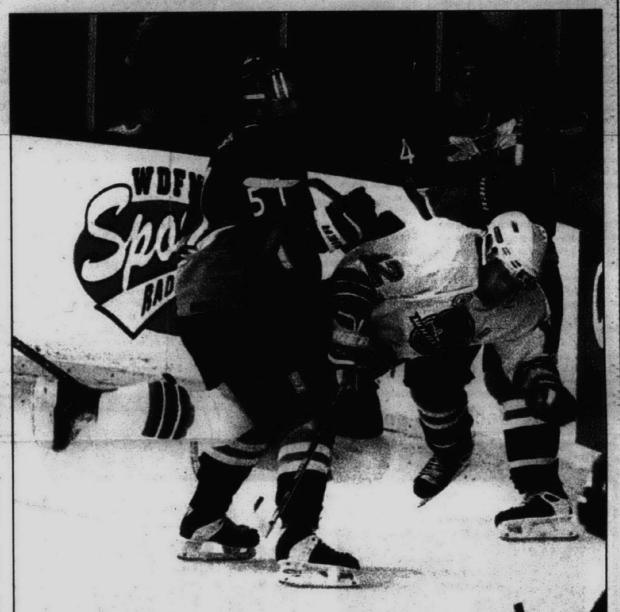
But the Sting did battle back, with Jeff Heerema finally putting a puck past Whaler goalie Robert Esche to make it 6-1. And there was 16 minutes left

But 92 seconds later, Sarnia's Shane Kenny was called for cross checking. Harold Druken followed by scoring his second power-play goal of the game for the Whalers, knocking home a pass that was actually a deflection off Andrew Taylor's skate.

Before the puck could be dropped for the ensuing face-off, Sarnia was penalized again, this one on the bench for delay of game. And 2:41 after that the Sting bench was penalized again, this time for too many men on the ice.

It was not going to be Sarnia's night, that was for

But then, that was apparent from the start. The Whalers scored twice (on the power play, of course) in the opening period, Yuri Babenko getting the first just 3:05 into the game and Druken scoring



Tumbling: The Whalers' Yuri Babenko (white jersey) gets knocked down by Sarnia's Darryl Knight (left) and Kevin Mota, but he regained his balance to score two goals against the Sting.

the second (with a two-man advantage) with 3:41

Sting goalie Patrick DesRochers, who played the first period and 14:35 of the second, displayed one glaring problem: a tendancy to not smother

"He's a big guy, and he tends to leave rebounds lying around the net," said DeBoers. "For us to

score on him early was the key.

"We had to go to the net hard. He stops all the first shots — almost all of our goals against him in this series have come on second shots."

Shots were something else the Whalers got a bunch of — an 18-5 advantage after one period, 31-

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Tech slips by CC in 2 OTs to win region

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Can anybody top this one?

In a game which will go down as one of the greatest in Michigan schoolboy basketball history, Detroit Cass Tech outlasted Redford Catholic Central in double-overtime, 116-115, to claim the Class A regional basketball championship before a jam-packed crowd Friday night at Dearborn Fordson.

To say it was a shootout would be

a gross understatement. It was 46-all at halftime, 75-70 Cass Tech after three quarters, 94-94 at the end of regulation, and 105-105 after the first OT.

In the second OT, Marlon Williamson split a pair of free throws with 32 seconds left to provide the final margin of victory.

But not before CC's 6-foot-10

senior center Chris Young (from Plymouth), in perhaps his finest hour as a Shamrock with a game-high 39 points, 20 rebounds and 12 blocks, rammed home his fifth dunk of the



Slammed: CC's Chris Young, from Plymouth, rid-dled Cass Tech with 39 points, 20 rebounds and

Salem wrestlers lead All-Observer squad

BY DAN O'MEARA

This year's All-Observer wrestling team is once again a formdiable collection of athletes who would represent the area well in an all-star event.

The honor squad includes five first-team, repeat selections in Katsuhiko Sueda and Dan Seder of Livonia Stevenson, Anwar Crutchfield and Teono Wilson of Plymouth Salem and Mitch Hancock of Redford Catholic Centered

The outstanding Observerland wrestler of 1998 is CC The outstanding Observerland wrestler of 1998 is CC junior Casey Rogowski. A third-team, all-area pick last year, he emerged as one of the state's best, winning the Division I heavyweight title while going 45-0.

Four other members of the team were second-team, all-area wrestlers last year. Salem's James Greene, Westland John Glenn's John Fedulchak, Garden City's Brian Hinz-

John Glenn's John Fedulchak, Garden City's Brian Hinsman and CC's Brocc Naysmith.

Salem coach Ron Krueger, who retires after 27 years at the only wrestling coach the Rocks have ever had, is the Observerland Coach of the Year.

His team won the Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet championship, its first Observerland Invitational title and a Division I district championship.

The Rocks have the most first-team representatives with five, including John Mervyn and Josh Henderson, Stevenson and CC have three each and Garden City two.

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ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

John Mervyn, sophomore, Salem: In just two years, Mervyn already has a career record of 76-20, which includes a 49-7 finish this year. He won 27 bouts

He was the Observerland Invitational champion at 103 pounds, as well as the first-place finisher in the Salem, Holt, Wyandotte and WLAA and district tournaments. He was second in the regional and is a two-time state qualifier.

"John had a great year," coach Ron Krueger said, adding Mervyn set a school record for sophomore wins, surpassing the old record by 13.

"I think he learned, if you want to be on the award stand for the last tournament, it requires a lot of off-season work. I think he will be on that stand."

Katsuhiko Sueda, senior, Stevenson: Sueda is one of the all-time best wrestlers in Observerland, ending his prep career with a 141-25 record, establishing a school record for victories. He was 48-5 as a senior.

Sueda is a three-time state qualifier who was (second) in the state at 103 last year and third at 112 this year. He was the Observerland, WLAA and district champion; he was second at the

"(Sueda) might be small in size, but his heart and determination are huge," coach Don Berg said. "He was a quiet leader who will be very much missed."

Chris Goins, senior, Stevenson: Goins compiled a 40-9 record this year at 119 pounds, giving him a career total of 67-22. Goins was the Observerland, Trenton-Doyle McIntosh and Salem Invitational champion. He was second in the district and a regional qualifier.

"His abilities improved with each year's effort," Berg said. "Every coach wanted to know where he was going to be, so they didn't have to face him."

Josh Henderson, sophomore, Salem: The 125-pound Henderson distinguished himself early in his prep career. He was 35-13 this year and is 47-25 for the last

He was the Observerland champion. placed third in the WLAA meet and "was second at nearly every other tournament throughout the year," according to

"Josh is a very promising young man. He had a good year. But, Josh, there were a lot of sophomores at the state meet. There were even some state

champs who were sophomores. "If you want to go to the "show," you

have to work hard. Remember, if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always

Ryan Atwood, sophomore, Garden City: The 130-pound Atwood is moving to California with his family, but he left the Cougars with a lot to remember.

A Mega Conference White Division champion, he also won the Observerland and Belleville tournaments as well as the Garden City Novice Tournament for the second straight year.

He also broke school records for reversals and near falls, leading the Cougars in pins. He had a 35-12 record this year to give him a career mark of

"Ryan is one of the best sophomores I've ever coached," coach Dave Chiola said. "He has great mat sense and doesn't back down from anyone. The sad part is just when he's getting his name out there, he's moving to California. There's no question in my mind he would have been a state placer next.

Dan Seder, senior, Stevenson: Seder concluded an outstanding career and senior season by finishing second in the Division I state tournament at 135. He had an impressive, 50-2 record this year, pushing his career mark to 130-

At the Observerland Invitational, Seder was named the most outstanding wrestler in the lower weights. He won the same honor at the Trenton and Garden City tournaments.

With the exception of the state meet. Seder was first in every tournament he entered, including the Salem, CC and WLAA tournaments. He was a district and regional champion, too.

"Dan Seder will be my measuring point for all of the wrestlers to follow in the areas of hard work and dedication," Berg said. "He will be most difficult to

Mitch Hancock, sophomore, Cath Central: Hancock, who split time between 135 and 140, placed fourth in the Division I state meet at 135 and was second at the regional, losing to eventual state runner-up Dan Seder of Livonia Stevenson in the final.

A district champion, he was 44-6 this ason and raised his career record to

"Mitch has a great deal of talent and heart," Rodriguez said. "It's just a matter of time for it to break loose and be made visible."

James Greene, senior, Ply. Salem: Greene won the Observerland Invitational a second time; placed sixth in the state at 145 pounds and finished with a 47-11 record. His career total was 105-

He also took first place at the Wyandotte, Western Lakes and district tournaments. He was fourth in the regional but two weeks later reached the state

'James had a very good year," Krueger said. "In his first match at state, he beat the No. 1-ranked wrestler, something not many people gave him a chance to do. Considering last year's state champ finished seventh, James did very well."

John Fedulchak, senior, John Glenn: Fedulchak posted over 100 career wins. He was the Observerland and WLAA champ at 152 pounds. He was also named Observerland's most outstanding wrestler in the upper weights.

"John was an excellent captain who did a nice job for us," Glenn coach Dave Hill said. "He's a fine fella with good grades. He's planning to go to Eastern Michigan and continue his career."

Anwar Crutchfield, senior, Ply. Salem: Crutchfield won six tournaments this year at 160 pounds and finished his senior season with a 51-7 record. His career record is 91-21.

He won the Holt tournament and invitational, and he was the Salem, Observerland, WLAA and district champion. Crutchfield was second in the regional, losing an overtime match to Wyandotte's Aaron Greene, the eventual state champion.

"It was fun watching Anwar wrestle this year," Krueger said. "His matches with the state champion were great to "Placing eighth in the state was not

what he wanted. But placing in the state and only wrestling two years on varsity is very hard to do."

Brian Hinzman, Junior, Garden City: Hinzman placed eighth at the Division I state meet at 171 pounds and was a Mega Conference White Division champion. He also took first place at the Trenton, Pinckney, Belleville, Salem and Garden City Christmas tournaments.

He had a 42-8 season record to raise his overall mark to 82-34.

"Brian is an incredibly hard worker," Chiola said. "He's one of those kids who comes along every once in a while that you just love to coach. He never misses practice; he's a great leader; he always wants to get better, and he wrestles

"He does a lot of work in the off-season to improve and sets a great example for the young wrestlers on the

Teono Wilson, senior, Pty. Salem: Wilson ended an outstanding career by finishing sixth in the state at 189 pounds. His record was 49-6 this year and 155-46 for his career.

Wilson, who was fourth in the state last year, won the Observerland, WLAA and regional tournaments this year as a

"I think some day Teono will look back at his days as a Salem wrestler as the best days of his life," Krueger said.

"I know he wanted to win it all and now he is disappointed. Most wrestlers will never achieve 100 wins in a career. Teono did it in two years. Good luck,

Broce Naysmith, Junior, Catholic Centrai: Naysmith won the 215-pound division at five tournaments, including the Catholic Central and Observerland invi-He was third in the Division I district

at Temperance-Bedford and also earned a third straight Catholic League title en route to a 40-4 record. He is 99-12 for his careers placing as a sophomore at 189 pounds at the state meet.

Naysmith's grandfather, Rodriguez, is also his coach.

"A father can love his son and daughter, but a grandfather truly adores his grandchild," Rodriguez said. "I am very proud to say Brocc is our first grand-

Casey Rogowski, Junior, Catholic Central: Rogowski was Observerland's only state champion, winning the Division I state title with a 10-2 victory over Plymouth Salem's Charlie Hamblin in the

A first-year heavyweight, Rogowski went undefeated in 45 matches despite not being ranked in a statewide poll throughout the year. He carries an 82-7 career record.

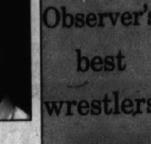
wrestling at 160 pounds as a freshman and 189 as a sophomore. Rogowski also is a standout in football and baseball. "Casey is a rare person," Rodriguez

said. "He set his sights on high goals at the start of the season and was determined to fulfill them with hard, hard,

"He is outstanding and a credit to his mother father and the Rogowski family. It is awesome and a joy to have had a young man like Casey cross my path."



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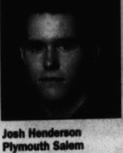
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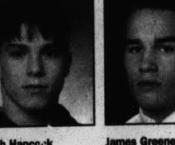


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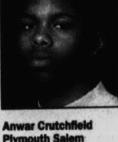




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knew it was the last time we'd run it together this season."

Hamilton played a major role in the record, according to McGuire. "Her leg was pivotal."

When Hunter handed Hamilton the baton, the Wolverines were in fourth, five meters out of first. "I told her before the race there was a chance she would be behind when she began her leg," McGuire said. "I told her she needed to display controlled aggression."

Which meant don't try to win the race at the start. Hamilton did just that, and yet when she handed the baton to McGregor for the final leg, U-M was in the lead.

And that was all McGregor, an All-American, needed. "You give her the lead, and no one's going to run her down from behind," said McGuire.

No one did. And Hamilton? She sliced nearly four seconds off her previous best time, turning a split of 2:05.8 - which means she did more than her share in cutting 10 seconds off U-M's qualifying time.

"She ran her race textbook." summarized McGuire.

It was a breakthrough race for Hamilton in a breakthrough season. On March 1, she surprised the rest of the Big Ten by winning the 800 meters at the league indoor championships. Her winning time: 2:09.40.

If there is a reason for Hamilton's improvement, it's goal-setting. Or lack thereof.

An elementary education major, she figures goal-setting may have been a problem for her. It wasn't this indoor track season because she dumped the whole proces

"When I didn't do as good as I thought I should, I'd get really upset," she said. "I used to set a lot of time goals and things to get accomplished, and when I didn't I'd be harder on myself.

"This year I just decided to go into every meet thinking that I'd do the best I could and have

Hamilton admitted this might not be the best route for all athletes, but it worked for her.

"It's really something she did on her own," said McGuire. "] just told her to just go out and compete.

That kind of thinking helped raise Hamilton's confidence to a new level. Indeed, any concerns regarding goal-setting — "A time goal can be so restricting" would have limited her this sea-

At Salem, her best time in the 800 was 2:18. Going into this season, it was 2:10.8 indoors and 2:09.18 outdoors.

With all parts of her track career currently on a fast track, the question now is: Can Hamilton carry this breakthrough stuff to the outdoor season, which starts next weekend?

"I'm really looking forward to it." she said.

Which is about as far as she's going to go in setting a goal.

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Jesse Boulerice made it 3-0 5:15 into the second period, knocking in a pretty centering pass from Eric Gooldy, who beat a Sting defenseman to the puck behind the net.

Two more power-play goals followed, both in the final 4:35 of the second. Babenko got his second of the game, beating

DesRochers with a hard shot from the right wing.

That was all for Sarnia's No. 1 goalie. Hewitt replaced him, and he was greeted by a power-play score 4:23 into his stint, this one scored by Taylor.

Taylor finished with a goal and three assists. Paul Mara and Nik Tselios added two assists

So: the obvious question. Can the Whalers continue this type of performance?

That depends, according to DeBoers. "We're a skilled kind of team, we rely on the refs calling that (extracurricular) stuff," he

The Whalers can be physical, but they'd be better off (against Sarnia, at least) with a game that's called more closely.

NOTES: Should a game six be neces sary, it would be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Sarnia. A game seven is tentatively scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at

The opponent for next round of the playoffs (should the Whalers advance) depends upon who survives the first round. The survivors from round one will

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the rising stars in the U.S., sat out most of last season with the Dallas Burn after undergoing elbow surgery. The Fusion lost their opener, 2-0, against D.C. United in a game that drew 20,000 fans to Lockhart Stadium in Fort Lauderdale. Over 3,000 fans were turned away at the

Two other former all-Observer standouts — Canton's Kerry Zavagnin (Redford Catholic Central) and Travis Roy (Livonia Stevenson) - are listed on the New York/New Jersey MetroStars roster. Zavagnin played at North Carolina, while Roy helped lead Wisconsin to the 1996 NCAA crown.

Roy, who is currently finishing his indoor season with the Detroit Rockers, is the leading candidate for Rookie of the Year

honors in the National Professional Soccer League. He leads all rookies with 62 points on 23 goals and 18 assists. He also been productive on the defensive end with 23 blocks

Does high school girls soccer really start next week?

Message to area athletic directors: Get those spring sports schedules to us as soon as possi-

the difference between Division I and II in high school girls gymnastics? I don't get it: two separate state tournaments?

Can somebody explain to me

The MHSAA is going to have to address the proliferation of unified hockey teams - very

Some people may be questioning why Glenn quarterback Justin Berent, who is recovering nicely from knee surgery, chose to walk on at Michigan and play behind Drew Henson. But stop and think about this: What if Henson, who is a strong candidate to go in the first round of the Major League baseball draft,

decides to sign a pro contract? Not such a bad move afterall for Berent, especially in light of the fact that Westland's Ryan Anderson signed last fall with Seattle for a \$2.175 million bonus.

The money is tempting, plus Henson's father just quit Eastern Michigan's football staff to join a pro sports management

Speaking of Anderson, it ppears he ran afoul of some of his future teammates (starting with Ken Griffey, Jr.) in spring training with some out-of-school

comments that ran nationally on the wire and in Sports Illustrat-

If the Anderson family thinks the Observer was rough and unfair to him, wait until he deals with major metropolitan beat

And by the way, it appears Anderson is headed for Lancaster in the California State League. Maybe he can room with another former Observerland hurler, Aaron Scheffer (Westland John Glenn). That would be interesting, wouldn't it?

Idle thought: Why is Temper-nce Bedford so good in volleyoall and wrestling, but never does anything in basketball or'

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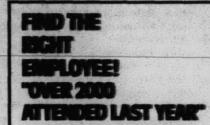
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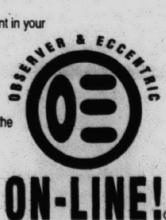
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Ocelot star makes choice

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College's Kevin Melson, the nation's second leading scorer among junior college players, has made a verbal commitment to play basketball at Wright State University. The 6-foot-6 Melson, who aver-

The 6-foot-6 Melson, who averaged 29 points and led the Ocelots to a 24-7 record and their first winning season since 1984, made his decision Friday before Schoolcraft's basketball banquet.

He is expected to sign an NCAA national letter-of-intent with the Raiders on April 7.

with the Raiders on April 7.

Melson, who attended Detroit
Communication & Media Arts,
was also recruited by University
of Detroit Mercy, Colorado State
and Eastern Kentucky.

Wright State plays in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference which sent three teams — U-D Mercy, Illinois-Chicago and Butler — to the NCAA tournament field of 64.

"I believe Kevin made a good choice because he's going to a program on the rise and a coach in Ed Schilling who is also on the rise, a guy who could be the next (Rick) Pitino," Schoolcraft first-year coach Carlos Briggs said. "Wright State really showed that they wanted him. He's a junior college player that they really wanted. They liked

him a lot.

"I believe their program and coaching staff is a class act. And Kevin will learn a lot about basketball, a lot about life, and a lot about the Lord. It's a good fit for



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The 190-pound Melson, recruited originally to School-craft by Glen Donahue (who later left to become an assistant at Central Michigan), sat out his freshman year after fracturing an ankle.

This season, he catapulted the Ocelots to second place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 13-3 record (one game behind Flint Mott). He also helped the Ocelots receive votes for the first-time ever in the NJCAA national poll.

In a 114-104 double-overtime loss, Melson pumped in a career-high 53 points to go along with 19 rebounds.

He was voted all-Eastern Conference and MCCAA Player of the Year.

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night to pull his team within one, 116-115, with 13 seconds remaining.

Letting just two seconds go off the clock, CC immediately fouled Javon Clark, who missed a pair of free throws.

Nick Moore then dribbled the ball up the floor against the Cass Tech press, manuevered his way to the baseline, and launched a 10-footer.

The shot rimmed off, but teammate Dave Lusky grabbed the rebound and hoisted up a shot as the buzzer sounded. His attempt never made it to the rim as Cass's Hilton Napoleon blocked the potential game-winner as time expired.

No foul was rendered on the play and the Technician fans stormed the floor in jubiliation.

The win puts Cass, the Detroit Public School League champion, in Tuesday's quarterfinal round at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall with a 21-4 record.

Meanwhile, the heartbroken Shamrocks finish their year at

"I told them to be proud of what they accomplished and keep their heads up, but it still hurts," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Both teams shot and played extremely well. You won't see a better high school game than that one."

Cass Tech coach Robert Shannon had empathy for his opponent afterwards.

"It was a great display of oustside shooting by both teams and a lot of tenacity on both sides," he said. "Both teams never quit. I feel for them over there, but I'm glad I'm over here. I'm just proud and pleased we won.

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Buzzer-beater: CC's Joe Jonna (left) launches a desperation three-pointer over several Cass Tech defenders as time ticks away in the first overtime. As the scoreboard on the wall indicates, it was a shot the Shamrocks had to have — and he hit it.

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an excellent team. Everyone got Young's their money's worth."

Four of CC's five starters 24 points scored in double figures, led by point show

Senior guard Joe Jonna added 24 points, including a three-point shot with :01 left in the

first OT that capped a wild sequence and tied the score at 105.

Jonna, who had six three-point baskets, had missed two earlier three-point attempts during the possession but rebounds by Young and Slankster gave him a third try.

Sophomore guard Rob Sparks also pumped in 24, including four triples, while Moore, who handled the ball against Cass Tech's pressure, added 17. Senior forward Don Slankster came off the bench to score 10 before fouling out in the second extra period.

D. Bryant, a 6-3 senior guard headed to Duke on a football scholarship, showed why he can hang with the Blue Devils on the hardwood as well, finishing with a team-high 31.

Williamson added 22, while Napoleon contributed 20. Reserve Blaine Denning chipped in with 14.

"I got a little tired at the end,"
Bryant said. "I was short on a
couple of free throws so I had to
dig down and make them
because I wanted to play three
more games and get to Breslin
(for the state finals)."

As a team, the Shamrocks shot 53.0 percent from the floor (43 of 81), including 11 three-pointers.

"Catholic Central had three shooters who could flat-out shoot to go along with the big man in the middle," Bryant said. "And I can see why he (Young) is going to the University of Michigan."

Shannon also came away impressed with Young's performance.

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"What can I say? He played a marvelous, superlative game—he did what a big fella is supposed to do," the Cass coach said. "Big fellas have given us trouble all year long."

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Added Coratti: "Chris played extremely well. He didn't want it to end."

Cass, meanwhile, was 39 of 88 (44.3 percent) with 10 three-pointers.

"We figured it could be a game in the high 70s or 80s because both use the same kind of press," Shannon said. "We have people who know how to break a press. And they know where the next pass is going to go."

The difference may have come

The difference may have come at the free throw line as the Technicians were 28 of 39 (71.7 percent), while CC was 16 of 21 (76.1 percent).

Another telling statistic was

Another telling statistic was turnovers — the Shamrocks committed a total of 20, including 14 during the final 24 minutes.

Cass turned it over just eight times the entire game.

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Temperance Bedford eliminates Ladywood

Y RICHARD L. SHOOK

One great play was possibly all that stood between Livonia Ladywood and the state Class A volleyball championship.

Regretfully, that play was made Tuesday night by Temperance-Bedford's Bree Hickman and it led to the kill by Brooke Burton that gave the Kicking Mules a 15-6, 12-15, 15-13 victory over the Blazers.

That victory sent Temperance-Bedford on to the semifinals of

Bedford on to the semifinals of the state Class A tournament Friday night with its 44th straight victory in an 87-3 season that included five victories over Ladywood. The gallant Blazers bowed out 53-9-1. "We had a good season," Coach

"We had a good season," Coach Tom Teeters of Ladywood said after the Blazers nearly rode the hitting of Jenny Young and Sarah Poglits to the upset.

"I liked the way Sarah stepped up at the end, the way she took charge," Teeters said. "And Jenny was very aggressive throughout the match." Bedford, which has been state runner-up three times, had to

Bedford, which has been state runner-up three times, had to dig deep to beat Ladywood before a crowd of nearly 1,000. "They did what they should VOLLEYBALL

have done the other times we played," coach Jodi Manore of Bedford said, "they went to their two big kids.

"They used the lefty (side) as the hitter much more. I feel (Poglits) is wasted when they use her as a setter."

After getting demolished in the first game, Teeters tinkered with his lineup.

"We changed our rotation," he said. "We reversed them. That matchup worked out. We stayed with that in the third game and they didn't change, either, so we had the right matchups again."

While Manore might not have

While Manore might not have approved, Poglits did an outstanding job of setting up Young on the left side. The Blazers also did a nice job of keeping their setters back at midcourt and letting Poglits float one up before the attackers roared in for the kill.

Young looked like the best athlete in her family during the second game of a match that took so long brother Chris and their father were able to make it from Catholic Central's regional basketball victory to the volleyball quarterfinal at Ann Arbor Huron's Riverdome.

The 6-foot-1 Young racked up 12 of her 17 kills in the second game in a "get on my back and

let's go" type of effort.

Bedford held a 5-2 lead in the third game before Ladywood rallied to take a 9-8 lead. The Kicking Mules pulled ahead, 13-10, but had to fight off one last run.

MaryLu Hemme made a block to pull Ladywood up to 14-13 and Poglits put down one of her 11 kills to stave off match point.

Bedford earned a side-out on a kill attempt that went long to put the ball in Sarah Schneider's hands for the winning serve.

Young made an excellent cross-court kill attempt from the left side but Hickman made a brilliant dig to keep the ball in play and the next time it came back to Bedford's side, Burton put just enough on it so that Ladywood couldn't get it back.

Katie Brogan was solid in her sets while Leslie Orzech "played her best hitting game of the season," Tetters said.

But in the end, Temperance-Bedford just had too much for Livonia Ladywood.

And it was for the fifth time



Hard to take: Ladywood's Jenny Young (left), from Plymon th, is consoled by teammate Natalie Rozell after a fifth-straight loss to Temperance Bedford.

A rare find: CC star Rogowski is a college prospect in 3 sports

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Dennis Rogowski starred in three sports at Wayne St. Mary's High School, which no longer exists, before playing baseball at the University of Detroit.

Rogowski's son Casey would like to follow in his footsteps at U-D Mercy but with each passing season it becomes remote

Casey, a Redford Catholic Central junior, is an outstanding college base-ball prospect but how about his extraordinary talents in football and wrestling?

U-D Mercy hasn't had football in four decades and never had varsity wrestling. If Titans' baseball coach Bob Miller, who also coached the elder Rogowski, campaigns for adding football and wrestling as varsity sports we'll know why.

Rogowski's one of those rare athletes who could play three sports in college.
Rogowski completed a 45-0 wrestling season, winning the 275-pound division at the Division I state championship

WRESTLING PROFILE

last weekend in Battle Creek.
Rogowski wrestled at 160 pounds as a freshman and as a sophomore qualified for the state meet at 189.

He's undersized for a heavyweight, packing 216 pounds on his 6-foot-3 frame. But with an accomplished wrestler, Brocc Naysmith, already in the CC lineup at 215, Rogowski decided to give it a try.

Rogowski was unranked throughout the season. No one knew him better than Plymouth Salem's Charlie Hamblin, who lost to him in the finals, 10-2. It's the fourth time Rogowski's beaten

"Every time I wrestled him it got tougher," Rogowski said. "I started off as a 60 pounder so I have a 'lighter weight' wrestling scheme. Since I shoot on people, and most heavyweights don't, he adapted to my style and kept me up on top more, move him around so I could get his legs moving.

"I'm very happy. I worked hard, you know. It came as a surprise I went undefeated but I deserved it for the hard work."

Another plus of being a heavyweight is he can eat all the perogies he can stomach.

"My mom can make anything and I can eat it," Rogowski said.

An athletic family

Before he graduates, Rogowski could rank right up there with Livonia Stevenson's Dave Hall as Observerland's all-time greatest athlete. Hall played quarterback at Michigan after starring in football, basketball and track at Stevenson.

Rogowski is one of the top junior linebackers in the midwest in football, helping CC to a state title last fall. He started at first base on the CC varsity

baseball team as a sophomore.

The athleticism doesn't stop with

Casey and his father.

His mother, Kathleen, played basketball at Livonia Stevenson. His sister, Kelley, now attending Michigan State, swam at Churchill. Younger brother Ryan, an eighth grader at Riley Junior High, excels in three sports.

"He's going to be a good one," Casey said.

Dennis teaches in the Redford Union schools and Kathleen is a nurse.

The boys are a chip off the old block, for sure.

"My dad was a hitter in football and he could hit in baseball," said Casey.

Helping hands

Rogowski credits sparring with Naysmith and CC's 171-pounder John Abshire for his improvement on the mat. Jay Helm, one of the several former CC state champions who stops by regularly, also helped.

Helm won his state championship at

144 pounds.
"He does a number on me sometimes,"

Rogowski said. "Working on my speed helps because I need a lot of speed to beat heavyweights."

Coach Mike Rodriguez is a positive, motivation as well.

"He's the best, really," Rogowski said.

"A good teacher of wrestling, morals, stuff about life."

En route to the championship,

Rogowski had to beat Port Huron Northern's James Nelson, this year's favorite to win. He was given the favorite's role by last year's state champion, Troy's Adam Adkins.

A tradition started years ago with the Division I heavyweight winner passing on a shirt for good luck to the one he deemed the favorite the next year.

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So much for tradition. Rogowski won 12-2.

"He didn't wear it or he might not have had it with him," Rogowski said. "If I win next year, I'll pass my own shirt down. I never thought of myself as state championship caliber until I won it."



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NRC approves elevation in deer, bear hunting



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Michigan's firearm whitetail deer and bear hunters can join archers "up a tree" this fall.

That's because the state Natural Resource Commission did what many expected it to do last week at its monthly meeting by approv-ing an order to allow the use of elevated platforms this fall during the bear and firearm deer seasons.

This proposal had been support-ed by many of the state's largest conservation groups and was unanimously approved by the

However, after a month of considerable discussion and research on the matter, the NRC also voted last week to accept public comment for the next 30 days on the appropriate use of safety har-

nesses for hunting from an elevated platform and a proposed ban on climbing attachments such as spikes and screw-in steps.

"The Commission received many, many letters and took lots of calls from hunters on the issue, and the testimony at public hearings was very helpful," NRC chairman Keith Charters said.

"Our vote today was based on that public opinion. I also think it's important the public have the opportunity to fully understand the ramifications of a ban on spikes and screw-in steps and for hunters to provide comment on the proposal that's before the commission."

Anyone wishing to comment to the Commission on the use of safety harnesses or screw-in steps can do so by contacting Charters at 8195 Bel-Cherrie Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686. You can rach him by phone at (616) 947-7566.

The other commissioners in southern Michigan

are Jerry Bartnik, 840 S. Telegraph, Monroe, 48161, (313) 243-7325; L. Thornton Edwards Jr., 10711 Northend, Ferndale, 48220, (248) 547-5760; Lloyd "Pete" Weeks, 11337 Jonas, Warren, 48089, (810) 757-4908; and Paul Eisele, 21001 Van Horn, Taylor, 48180, (313) 792-6031.

If you have an opinion on either of these matters, be sure to let the Commission know before it takes up the matter at the April 8-9 NRC meeting in St. Joseph.

New commander named

Troy resident Mike Maziasz will be inducted as the new District 9 Commander of the Power Squadron on Saturday at a ceremony during the Power Squadron meeting at the Troy Marriott. District 9 encompasses the entire state of Michigan along with South Bend, Ind.

Maziasz is currently a member of the Birmingham Power Squadron and was the commander of

that squadron in the early 1990s.

The Power Squadron is the largest boating association dedicated to boating safety and education. It has 2,900 members in District 9 and 52,000

The goal of Power Squadron is to educate the general public in basic boating in an attempt to make the waters of Michigan safer.

Power Squadron offers a variety of classes throughout the year on such topics as safe boating, GPS use, celestial navigation, sail weather and many more.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

earn about some of the fascinating connections between plants and animals and their habitats during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Satur-day, March 28, at U-M Dear-born. Call (313) 593-5338 for

more information.

LAND NAVIGATION
The School of Outdoor Leader-ship, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area. Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 for more information.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsnan Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 23-0444 for more information.

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Satur-days at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION Wayne County Spo

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcom-ing months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certi-fied instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered March 28-29, Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov.

7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will hold a Youth Fly Fishing School, 9a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The school is open to youths age seven to 15 accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Admission is \$5 and includes pizza, donuts, pop and hot chocolate. Cali Dale Ross (734) 420-2233 or Tony Yuhas (248) 478-7461 to register and for more information.

CLUBS

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafete-ria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248)

476-5027 for more information. MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club ts at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club neets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.)
The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Tay-lor. Call (734) 676-2863 for

MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Com-mission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-9, at the St. Joseph Hotel in St. Joseph. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing and other assistance.

SEASON/DATES

Smelt netting season runs through May 31 south of M-72 and April 1-May 31 north of M-

SHOOTING RANGES **BALD MOUNTAIN**

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more infor-

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Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more infor-

SHOWS

WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL

The 15th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habi-tat Foundation, will take place March 27-29 at the Southfield Pavilion. The show features the Midwest's largest jurried show of wildlife and environmental art; 60 nationally acclaimed paintings, prints, photos, carvings, etchings, sculptures, stained glass pieces, batiks, and scratchboards; exhibits by Michigan's leading conservation Michigan wildlife topics; a celebrity decoy painting contest and much more. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. March 27, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. March 28, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 29. Admission is \$6 and children under 12 will be admitted free.

An animal's name can tell quite a lot What's in a



Well, if the name is bobwhite, its the that name describes the sound that a small quail makes. Phoebe and

peewee are two names for flycatchers that phonetically

describe the sounds they can make. Names paraphrasing the sounds that an animal makes are common. Some names are very descrip-

tive of the appearance of the ani-A bobcat, for instance, has a

bobbed tail and is a recognizable member of the cat family. Cottontail accurately describes

the soft, fluffy tail of our rabbit. Red-headed woodpecker, chestnut-sided warbler and sharptailed grouse are also helpful names that conjure an image of the animal.

Other names are a combination of the two, sounds and appearance.

Blue jay iden this bird and a call note that sounds like someone saying "J."

Black-capped chickadee combines the call note and the black on the top of the head of this common bird at our feeders. Gray catbird is another name that describes a gray colored bird that sounds like a cat. Some names can be very con-

fusing, like lynx, nuthatch, or moose.

Where did these names come

Lynx comes from Greek words that mean "lamp," referring to the fact that this cat can see in the dark, "like its using a lamp."

Nuthatch does not refer to this bird sitting on a nut to hatch a little tree.

It is a corruption of nut-hacking, or the habit of using its bill to hack open a seed. Moose comes from the Algonquian name "moos," which means eater of twigs," or "one who strips off bark.'

All these names are descriptive too if you know the origins of the words.

Some of the best names are those that describe real or imagined habits of the animal.

One of my favorites is the woodcock. A woodland member of the shorebird family, this bird sings and dances at night, eats worms in wet moist soils and has large eyes positioned on the top side of its head.

These are some of the features that lead people to common names such as, big eyes, bog borer, bogsucker, Laborador twister (relates to its evening courtship dance that is really worth seeing), night peck, siphon snipe, timber-doodle and whistling snine (refers to a sound made by wing feathers during the courtship flight).

These are all very colorful names for the same bird that has so many unique characteristics. They also reflect an intimate knowledge of the habits of this

Common names for animals often describe something the animals does or looks like, the uninitiated just have to look deeper in some cases to understand the relationship.

It's playoff time as bowling season winds down the Blind bowling benefit at 11 a.m.



Ah! Spring is in the air, the sun is shining, Gordon Bickle is smiling, and the first robin will be along soon. It is a great time of

the year as some of us are thinking about that new putter or going to the beach. But hold on just a minute, the best part of the bowling season is at hand.

Now is the time for league bowlers to find a little extra edge if they are in a position to contend for any of the top spots in the

These last few weeks of the season can mean big dollars in some leagues.

sic: Scotty Laughland, 300/779: Ed

On the other hand, many leagues are competing just for the trophy and the pride of winning This is "Crunch Time," regardless of

the money or the honors involved, every team wants to win and usually that is determined by a few lucky breaks, a vital strike when it makes a difference, or a missed spare which can affect the fame's outcome. The end of the regular season can

mean lots of excitement, and as they say, "May the best team win!" ■ If you have signed up for the Pro-

Am this May at the Greater Detroit Open PBA at Taylor Lanes, you might have already picked up your new ball.

The paid entry fee includes a Thunder Road by Storm Products.

I have received mine, had it drilled to fit, and all I can say is that it's a terrificpiece of equipment, versatile enough for most lane conditions, and hits with

The entry forms are available at bowling centers everywhere. There are cash prizes to be won in every squad in the Pro-Am. For details, call (734) 946-9092. ■ The DWBA women's city tourna-

ment is underway now at Sterling The current leader in the Team Event is Contour Power Grips No. 1, Jeanne

Gebbia (Garden City), Capt.

Their score was 1,112-1,112-1328/3552 (plus 160 handicap equals 3712. The 1,328 actual is also tops in that category.

The Doubles leaders are Jeanne Gebbia - Marianne DiRupo with 479-506-484/1469 (plus 84 handicap equals 1,553). They also led in actual score with the 1,469 count. Michelle Ewald leads the field in Sin-

handicap equals 818 with an actual of Marianne DiRupo leads All-Events handicap with 741-797-699/2,237 (plus 108), but the actual All-Events leader is

gles with 206-257-300/763 (plus 55

Aleta Sill with 726-793-718/2237. There are still a few weeks to go, the scoring leaders can still change as the tournament keeps on going.

■ Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills and the Avon Hills Lioness Club will host the 17th annual Leader Dogs for

Sunday, April 26. Area bowlers will bowl doubles with

members of the All-Stars to raise funds for the Leader Dog School. Each bowler is eligible to win prizes and will receive a gift bag donated by local merchants and vendors. The Lioness Club's goal is to raise

\$25,000 for the Leader Dog school this year. Residents of the community are invited to come in and participate in the silent auction. The school is located in Rochester and

operates entirely on donated funds. Interested bowlers must register in advance.

Forms may be obtained by calling Classic Lanes at (248) 852-9100.

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Wed. Senior Men's Classic: Art Kuzniar, 256/722; Ernie Segura, 703; Mike Lucas, 257/666; Tony Golchuk, 651; Jack Dahlstrom, 268/648.

Super Bowl (Canton)
Youth Leagues: Vince Canzoneri (148 avg),
221/567; Brad Burmeister, (135 avg), 15/683; Chris Sherly (119 avg), 192/542; Rick Sernard (79 evg), 163; Beth Metz (108 evg), 166; Damlen Krimm (133 evg), 202; Jeff Hunley (94 evg), 162; Dewn Stronski (96 h

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

Keglers: Ken George, 202-246-252/700; Wally Wolfe, 212-238-247/697. Waterford Men: Bob Johnson, 213-296-

244/753; Chuck Morris, 264-225-234/723; Steve Demeter, 268/672. Burroughs Men: Dave Schwartz, 278-

254/710; Rich Biegas, 230-268/651. Plaza Men: Mickey Gullett, 226-278-

Sheldon Road Men: Ken Forbes, 236-

288/706; Jeff Bracken, 214-244-236/694. Garden Lance (Garden City)
St. Linus Classic: Ed Stephenson, 265-213-St. Linus Classic: Ed Stephenson, 203-213-235/713; Tony Humphrey, 226-268-214/708; Dave B. Bazner, 269-203-200/672; Rance Bertok, 258-220/64; Dave M. Bazner, 206-279/662; Jim Kowalski, 257-233/662.

Bel Aire Lance (Fermington)
Our Lady of Sorrows: Darnell Krause, 206231-220/657; Joel Brunette, 224-204/608; 212-211/620: John Himebaugh, 203-

Mich. Bell Men: Jack Flaher, 200-280/642; Kelth Jones, 245-217/656; Tim Cook, 241/606; Mike Spaven, 234-201-215/650; Mark Valonte, 223-236-214/673; Gerald Twigg, 245-228/612.

Temple Israel Brotherhood: Keith West,

216-289-215/720; Mark Richie: 256-210/647; Eric Weiss, 242-620; R. Kirsch, 200-242/621: N. Littman, 200-211-215/626. Keglers: J. Heikkenen, 222-211-234/667; D. Roberts, 232/617; Cliff Mushne, 226;

George Ash, 217. J.W.I. Wednesday: Dianne Schneider, 503; Marianne Pesick, 190-190/539; Nancy Anhowitz, 502; Lynda Steinberg, 524; Cheryl

Feldman, 214/525. Walnut Creek C.C.: Peggy Chmello, 511; Sue Cocke, 215/539; Joanne Conrad, 541; Shelly Vogelsberg, 206/538; Linda Chain,

Novi Pinpointers: Lori Seltzer, 205/568;

Rosemary Banish, 190.

B'Nai Brith Downtown Fox: Steve Kay, 247-216/643; Nancie Rakotz, 222-204-202/628; Ken Gross, 226-220/627; David Shaunbaum, 221-209/603; David Rose, 214-202.

Country Lance (Farmington)

Greenfield Mixed: Caroline Marchewitz, 222/597; Debbie Blanchard, 223/579; Deb bie VanMeter, 222; Ron Blanchard, 244-244/635; Ed Dudek, 211-258/639.

Kendallwood: Myrt Stephens, 208; Karen Tuesday AM Ladies: Dixie Barth, 218/557. Spares & Strikes: Joanie Kaminski,

214/551; Sherry McMahan, 266-223/648; Estelle Drabicki, 232/555. Country Keglers: Jim Malinowski, 266; Bob himko, 254/714; Dean Johnson, 244/666;

Walt Ullrich, 244/680; Bob Lemuel. Metro Highway: Ed Forsyth, 266-215-203/684; Jerry Meyers, 258/623; Bob Stelfer, 251/615; T.D. Brown, 247-234-

212/693; Rick Doremus, 244-215/649. University Men's: David Canavesio, 267; Chris Semik, 266/652; John Olejniczak, 258/696; Terry Chase, 257/708; Clint Hous-

Guys-N-Gals: Paul Felan, 290; John King, 277/726; Tim Hicks, 275/684; Rick Madvin,

Rosedale Bowlerettes: Mary Nowak, 4- Klinger, 215-224/631.

247/578; Annette Stabile, 214/586; Sue Klostr, 210/522

Sunday Goodtimers: Frank Blazofsky, 213-227/631; Ray Buchalter, 225; Al Harris 216-203-213/632; Wayne Lanning, 226/621; Mike D'Angelo, 242/597.

Farmington High School: Carl Brman, 231; Mett Laxh, 241; Tony Ciarmitaro, 227. Country High School: Justin Lee, 234; Brian Otwell, 222; Brandon Teddy, 222/584.

Country Juniors: Scott Moscow, 231/558 Melissa Miller, 207/524. Country Preps: Caleb Gill, 154; Matt Lake

154; Billy Shay, 147; Kerriann Sidor, 157; Amy Lebels, 144. Country Beginners: Matt Cybak, 139; Joe Knight, 120.

B'Nai Brith Pisgah: Andy Rubin, 236-236 257/729; Matt Friedman, 217-254-225/69 Howard Waxer, 253-203-223/682; Stee ss, 234-244/672; Lyle Schaefer, 23

B'Nei Brith Brotherhood: Eddie Jacobe Ken Gold, 212-289/691; Ira Saperstein, 2 245/684; Sanford Mandell, 269-237/67 Gary Klinger, 225-208-200/633; Ma