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THE WEEK AHEAD

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Getting educated: The Plymouth Canton Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at Eriksson Elementary School, 1275 N. Haggerty in Canton.

THURSDAY

Chamber meets: The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce holds its annual meeting at 7 a.m. at Station 885. The meeting is open to the public.

Fitzgerald speaks: Michigan Commissioner of Insurance Frank Fitzgerald is the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club meeting at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The meeting runs from noon to 1:30.

SATURDAY

On the mat: Wrestling teams from all over the area will gather at Livonia Churchill for the annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament. The action begins around 10 a.m.

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Prosecutors show their hand



Defense argues evidence is flimsy, but judge orders husband held without bail in murder case.

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The children of a former Plymouth woman believed to have been murdered and dismembered say their parents had a big argument Dec. 19 at their Roe Street home when their mother was caught talking to a male friend in England.

However, they didn't suspect anything strange when the next day their mother was missing because it had happened once before, last August when she left her family to return to her native Great Britain.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Making a point: Prosecutor Mike Lehto speaks during Friday's prelim.

While the children may not have suspected anything, Wayne County prosecutors began presenting their case during a preliminary exam Friday in 35th District Court in Plymouth. Azizul Islam, 50, is charged with first degree murder and mutilation of a body in the death of his estranged wife, Tracy, 35.

Despite protests by defense attorney Michael Schwartz, Judge Ron Lowe allowed the prosecution to adjourn the

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Day in court: Defendant Azizul Islam (left) goes over paperwork with his attorney, Michael Schwartz, during a break in Islam's preliminary hearing in the alleged murder of his wife, Tracy.

Gaze into the future?



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Watchful eye: Jordan Thompsett of Canton, 6, watches a member of the Plymouth Canton High School Gymnastics team compete on the uneven parallel bars during competition against Hartland Tuesday. Jordan's mom said she hopes to compete in the future, and she is currently enrolled at the Michigan Gymnastics Academy.

Local educators give Engler mixed marks

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth-Canton school officials would like to see more details of Gov. John Engler's plans for education, as outlined in his State of the State address Wednesday night. However, at first glance, the governor gets a lukewarm reception.

While Engler's proposals include programs like making summer help available to second and third graders who have reading problems, mandatory summer school for youngsters who haven't mastered reading by the fourth grade, and a technology training program for teachers, some would rather have that money funneled to local school districts instead of into mandated programs.

"That way we could develop programs as we see fit," said Patrick O'Donnell, assistant superintendent for instruction. "Mandated programs have a set of regulations which earmark money. History shows us there's usually a gap in what is expected and what is funded."

O'Donnell remembers special education and driver's education programs mandated by the state, but not totally funded.

"We'd rather decide how to spend the money than having strings attached," added John Birchler, executive director

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of business and operations. "We know better on how to spend the money and what the community wants better than the governor. I think we're entitled to excesses in the school aid fund."

Engler has proposed raising the foundation grant for every public school student to a minimum \$6,500. Currently, Plymouth-Canton Schools receive \$6,220. Birchler said it's already determined the district will receive \$6,390 per student in the 2000-2001 school year. While the increase of more than \$110 is welcomed, district officials don't consider it to be a wind-fall of cash.

Engler's plan also calls for annual assessments at every elementary grade level.

"We value assessments and want teachers to assess students on a regular basis," said Verna Anible, executive director of K-12 instruction. "But, if the governor is talking about tests like the MEAP, then we'd have to look at what they look like, how much time it would take and how we would administer them."

O'Donnell sides with the governor on summer school programs, but the question of who pays still stands.

"I've been thinking about the issue of

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Builder withdraws from Plymouth development

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A Farmington Hills developer has pulled out of a Plymouth Township project but the reasons behind the move are unclear.

Gary Sakwa of Grand Sakwa planned to develop land owned by Don Massey, a Plymouth Township auto dealer, at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty with four one-story restaurants and offices and a 300-unit condominium complex.

"He didn't give a reason," said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township public services director.

However, other developers are now interested in carrying out the same plans, Anulewicz said. Phoenix Land Development has approached Anulewicz with questions about the property, and another unnamed developer reportedly is talking with Massey, Anulewicz said.

Neither Sakwa nor Massey returned phone calls.

The proposed complex would wrap around the Bill Knapp's restaurant that already exists on the corner. Pre-

liminary site plans called for the four restaurant/office sites to front Ann Arbor Road with all parking to the side and rear of the buildings.

Much of the existing treeline was to be used as a buffer between the rear of the restaurants and offices and the condominium development complex that was to be built to the north. Four vacant homes on the property were razed last fall.

Restaurants like Applebee's and Papa Vito's were planned in much the same fashion Sakwa included them in the development of the shopping complex at Haggerty and Six Mile in Northville.

Anulewicz considered the plans a

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There may be some other developers who are interested in negotiating with Massey about purchasing the property.

Kathleen Keen McCarthy
—Plymouth Township Supervisor

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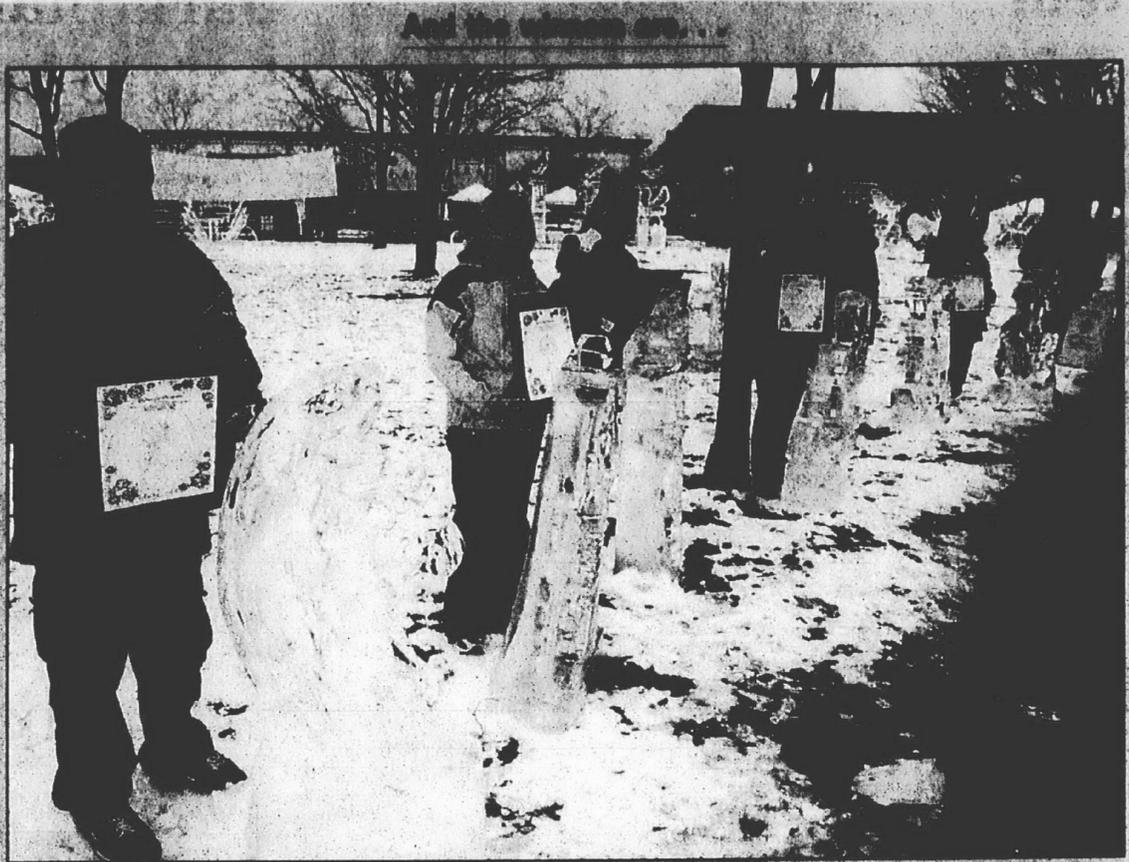
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Delightful designs: Seven middle school students won awards at the 1999 Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular for designing sculptures that were carved during the show. The winners (from left) Brett Renfer, an eighth-grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel, "Dragon Lair"; Kate Hanson, a sixth-grader at West Middle School, "Midnight on New Years Eve"; Neeti Chokshi, an eighth-grader at Central Middle School, "Soaring Snoopy"; Michelle Hamati, Pioneer Middle School, "The Pioneer Happy Face"; Sarah Forster, an eighth-grader at East Middle School, "Frog"; Lindsay Haller, St. Peter's Lutheran School, "Millennium Bug"; and Jordan McDonald, Lowell Middle School, "Blooming Sunflower."

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good transition from commercial to residential that would be respectful of the surrounding area. Landscaping and the preservation of the wooded area at the northern portion between the condos and the existing single-family residential homes to the north and west were planned.

Sakwa, who has developed other sites in metropolitan Detroit, sent a letter to Anulewicz two weeks ago stating he "wasn't moving forward," Anulewicz said. Sakwa has also developed condominiums in Southfield's new City Centre area on Evergreen across the street from the Southfield municipal complex.

Massey originally intended to build a large Saturn auto dealership on the site, but those plans fell through. A lawsuit ended in a consent judgment restricting that type of project.

"We have to wait and see," Anulewicz said of the change. "Sometimes life is full of curves."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy told township board members the news at the end of the study

session Jan. 18. "The agreement between Massey and Sakwa has ended," Keen McCarthy said. "There may be some other developers who are interested in negotiating with Massey about purchasing the property. It's not going forward (with Sakwa) but it may go forward with a different developer."

In the meantime, Anulewicz said, because of the possibility of other developers' interest in the plans, he has delayed sending letters to inform the residents of the news.

Dodie Santana, a Haggerty Road resident who lives across the street from the area to be developed, said she wouldn't mind if the area remained undeveloped. Prior to the four vacant homes being razed, Santana had safety concerns.

"We're a little bit disgusted because of the uncertainty about what will happen to the neighborhood and property values," Santana said. "Right now, I am happy with the way it is. We feel like pawns, like our opinions don't count."

year-round school opportunities for students, not only those who struggle but those who want to accelerate or increase opportunities," said O'Donnell. "But, who's going to pay for it? Will it cost the district some money?"

Anible believes Plymouth-Canton already addresses the needs with its Summer Academy.

"It doesn't sound much different than what we're already doing," she said.

Engler's creation of Golden Apple Awards, giving cash bonuses for school employees where performance improves, sounds more like merit pay, which the Plymouth-Canton Education Association is firmly against.

"Who is going to determine

and set the criteria?" said Chuck Portelli, PCEA president. "It raises a lot of questions. Besides, we don't have enough money now, so where are we going to get it?"

The governor is proposing that the cap on the number of charter schools be abolished, which doesn't set well with Portelli.

"He should be supporting public schools. If there's something wrong with them, then he should be working on fixing them," Portelli added.

"Engler should make the charter schools follow the same rules as public schools," he said. "Make the rules the same, and then we'll be able to compete on the same level."

Canton seeking artists for show

Canton Township is seeking artists for the ninth annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest 2000.

Dates of the show are June 24-25. The hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

In addition, any art student in middle school or high school in the Plymouth-Canton district can display and sell art in the student booth, sponsored by developers Jonathan Retzlaff and Bruce Silver. There's no entry fee for students.

The art show is a juried show and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of his or her work from the approved categories: painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts.

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preliminary exam until Feb. 16, when Tracy's sister Anita Ross is expected to testify and DNA tests on the body parts are expected to be ready from the Michigan State Police crime lab.

An argument on the last day anyone saw Tracy Islam alive began when her husband overheard a telephone conversation in which Tracy was talking to a man in England.

"I love you. I miss you. I'm not going to stay with this guy," Joseph Islam, 16, testified to what his father said he heard Tracy tell the man from England during the conversation. "He (Azizul) began yelling, 'This woman cheated on me. I can't believe it.'"

After an argument which lasted close to an hour, Tracy stayed away from Azizul the rest of the day, according to testimony by their daughter Anna, 14.

"She wanted to leave right then, but dad said, 'I don't want you to leave like this. I still want you to be friends.'"

Anna testified that she and her mother fell asleep in Anna's room, which the two were sharing during Tracy's visit last month.

When she and her brother awoke, her mother was gone.

"I just figured she left because she left the first time," Anna testified.

Anna said her mother's luggage was gone, but her toothbrush and watch were left behind.

"My father would be depressed sometimes, ever since my mother left," Anna said. "Sometimes he would cry."

The teens testified that Tracy's sister, Anita Ross, called the Islam home trying to find Tracy.

"Dad was on the phone yelling at Anita, saying 'don't play games with me. Tracy is there, don't lie,'" said Joseph.

After testifying, Joseph walked up to his father at the defendant's table and embraced him before leaving the courtroom. The pair began weeping, as did



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUSCHMANN

Just looking: Defendant Azizul Islam glances around the courtroom as his attorney Michael Schwartz listens to testimony.

several family members who consoled each other. Lowe then called for a recess. Azizul Islam was heard sobbing while isolated in a nearby room during the break.

Prosecutors began laying out their case during the six-hour preliminary examination. Despite the lack of positive identification, authorities believe arms and legs found in a Dumpster at an A&W restaurant in Dearborn Dec. 22 belonged to a torso found in a field in northern Ohio Dec. 31.

They're hoping DNA testing due by Feb. 11 will identify the body as that of Tracy Islam.

Dawn Bassitt of Millbury, Ohio, testified that she and her husband saw a well-dressed man with a light-colored minivan or sport utility vehicle in a field where the torso was found. Bassitt gave authorities a description of the man, although she testified she couldn't positively identify him.

"He was standing in weeds wiping his feet and looking at us," testified Bassitt. "He was clean-cut, wearing a suit and

overcoat. I believed him to be foreign, either Middle Eastern or Italian."

Azizul Islam was born in Bangladesh.

"He was well dressed and didn't look the part of someone you'd find standing in a field," said her husband, John Bassitt.

James Cholak, the manager of Advantage Rent A Car at Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth, testified that he rented a white minivan to Islam, who wanted a 24-hour, unlimited mileage lease.

Cholak testified that Islam, dressed in "business attire with a long trench coat-like jacket," picked up the van around 10 a.m. He returned the vehicle approximately five hours later with 213 miles on it.

When prosecutors asked to continue the exam, Schwartz objected.

"The case against my client isn't very strong," pleaded Schwartz to Lowe. "This is one of the weakest cases for first degree murder I've ever seen."

Judge Lowe remanded Islam back to the Wayne County jail without bond.

However, he did note, "I have to concur with defense counsel when he says this case is just thin threads right now ... but it's not unusual for the case to be weak when the entire case hasn't been presented."

'The case against my client isn't very strong. This is one of the weakest cases for first degree murder I've ever seen.'

Michael Schwartz
—Defense attorney

Park plans need tweaking before being sent to board

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Plans for Metro Business Park still need to be tweaked with plans for an adequate water main before it goes to the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

That's what Plymouth Township planning commissioners said Jan. 19.

Twenty-three industrial lots and two detention ponds on 76 acres are planned for the property that is zoned industrial district on the north side of Plymouth Road, between Haggerty Road and I-275. All of the proposed subdivision lots exceed minimum lot standards of 20,000 square feet and 100 feet of road frontage.

"There is still the water main issue," said engineer Rich Miner.

A loop water system from Haggerty Road to Plymouth

'We thought keeping the Plymouth name was very important.'

Leonard Gyselinck
—Group representative

Road to provide water is a requirement for the project that is in the final preliminary plat review process, a time when planners approve engineering plans.

Leonard Gyselinck, who represents the joint venture of the Dembs Roth and DeMattia Groups, said he will meet with representatives from Kallis Enterprise to resolve Plymouth Community Fire Department concerns for construction of a water main system that delivers enough water and pressure.

Gyselinck hopes the two developers can coordinate and share the cost for that water main.

"We plan on making a concerted effort with that developer and the fire department in the next 10 days," he said. "This is a two-way street here. I don't want the other developer to think that he can put a fire main in here that he can tap into."

Kallis has a site plan for a mini-storage project adjacent to the business park on the north side of the CSX train tracks, said Shirley Barney, community development director.

On another issue, Planning Commissioner Kay Arnold said the name "Metro Plymouth Business Park" may be confusing to those asking for directions because of other similarly named industrial parks in Plymouth Township.

Gyselinck said there are no plans to change the name. "We thought keeping the Plymouth name was very important," Gyselinck said.

Plymouth crash ends flight of driver

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A 20-year-old Canton man is facing at least three charges as a result of a car chase Thursday night.

The incident began shortly before 9 p.m. in Canton and ended minutes later in Plymouth Township east of Lilley Road.

No injuries were reported, but three police vehicles were damaged.

Both township departments are charging the 20-year-old with fleeing and eluding. He was also driving without a valid license, according to Canton Police Capt. Alex Wilson.

"We're looking at other potential charges," he added. "We will also be seeking restitution for the damage to our vehicles."

The 20-year-old hadn't been arraigned by press time Friday. He was, however, being held by Canton Police.

The incident began on Holmes Street in Canton just west of Canton Center Road and south of Warren at 8:54 p.m.

A township officer stopped the 20-year-old for driving without his headlights on. The officer asked for a driver's license and registration.

Wilson said the man began fumbling around in his glove box.

After a moment, the 20-year-old allegedly sped away in his 1990 red Ford Probe.

"He bolted and took off leaving the officer standing there," Wilson said.

He then cut through the adjacent subdivision and wound up on Warren heading west. The chase continued to Beck Road where the 20-year-old headed north.

At Ann Arbor Road, the man turned east and drove through Plymouth Township.

Two Canton patrol cars continued to chase. Plymouth Township officers joined in at Sheldon.

The chase finally ended east of Lilley Road at the CSX underpass. Plymouth Township officers boxed the Probe in.

The driver smashed into the rear of one of the patrol vehicles and wound up facing north in the eastbound lane of Ann Arbor Road.

The suspect then tried to get away by driving up an embankment but lost control of his car and hit two Canton squad cars.

He was then taken into custody without further incident.

"One of our cars had front-end damage and the other was just scrapped a little," Wilson said.

Plymouth Township Officer Jamie Senkbeil said about \$1,000 damage was done to the department's patrol vehicle.

Someone should stand up for role players in latest tragedy



BRAD KADRICH

John and Dawn Bassitt hurried from the makeshift 35th District Court, bundled against the cold of the weather, numbed by the experience they'd just undergone.

Each wore a relieved look, glad it was over, wondering, perhaps, if it was just starting. They seemed pleasant enough, until it was clear the inquisitor was a reporter.

"See you around," John Bassitt said. And he guided his wife out the door, a protective hand at her elbow, the gesture clearly letting anyone who observed it know enough is enough.

The Bassitts, who live in Ottawa County, Ohio, made the trip to Plymouth to testify at the preliminary exam for Azizul Islam. He stands accused of murdering and dismembering his wife, Tracy, who has been missing since late December.

Seems they saw a man standing near a light-colored vehicle in the same field where a torso was later discovered. Prosecutors say human limbs found in a dumpster behind a Dearborn A&W belong with the torso, and that the body is that of Tracy Islam. The head had also been severed at mid-neck and is still missing.

Police are awaiting results of DNA testing they hope will show the body is, indeed, Tracy Islam. In the meantime, the preliminary exam got under way Friday and brought folks like the Bassitts and Terry Chojnacki together in this one brief time, unwillingly lured into a situation they don't understand by circumstances they couldn't control.

Chojnacki is the young woman who found the bag with the limbs in the grease dumpster behind the Dearborn A&W. A shift manager at the restaurant, she was simply doing her job when fate thrust her into the midst of this drama.

And she was clearly uncomfortable with one of the on-stage roles, however minor it may turn out to be. Prosecutor Mike Lehto showed her photos of the items she found, and Chojnacki handled them gingerly. When Lehto asked her if she'd looked in the bag, she seemed to shrink in on herself.

"I saw ... from a very far distance," she replied. "I saw toes ... and I didn't want to see anything else."

When her testimony ended, Chojnacki left the witness chair and stepped carefully out of the courtroom, out of the spotlight. For now.

Others dashed in and dashed out through the course of the day. The A&W worker who helped Chojnacki get the bags out of the dumpster. The manager of the store. The owner of the property where the torso was dumped.

Those are the people who don't want to be here but must, decreed necessary parts of the puzzle by people they don't know, by acts they didn't commit. There are others involved, but they're here voluntarily. Michael Schwartz signed on as Islam's defense attorney, Lehto and co-counsel Kelhe



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUSCHMANN

On the stand: A&W shift manager Terry Chojnacki tells about finding plastic bags in a Dumpster behind the restaurant.

Gleason do this for a living. Cops, lawyers, judges — all, by profession, necessary players in the game.

Those people will finish out this case and move on, veterans of the kind of ghoulish, dastardly crime perpetrated upon this woman's body, whoever she is.

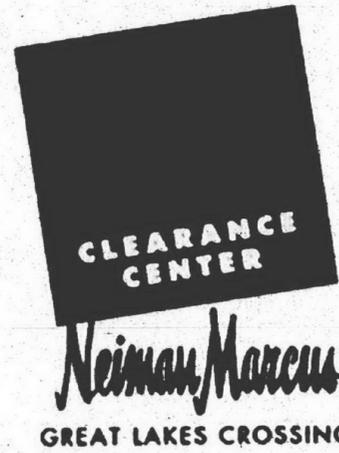
But what of the Terry Chojnackis and John and Dawn Bassitts of this world? How long will it be before Chojnacki sleeps without seeing toes sticking out of plastic bags? How long will it be before the Bassitts pass a stranger on the side of a road and don't worry what he's doing there?

Whoever did this will eventually be made to pay for the damage he or she caused to people directly affected by this woman's death: family, children, friends.

But what about the peripheral characters, the bit players in this tragedy? Will it be justice for them, too?

Watching Terry Chojnacki leave the stand overcome with relief, her face shadowed by the strain, one has to wonder.

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Canton man arraigned on pot charge

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A Canton Township man was arraigned Jan. 18 before Magistrate Eric Colthurst of 35th District Court on a charge of possession with intent to deliver in connection with a Plymouth Township incident a day earlier.

Jesse Andrew Leigeber, 18, was expected to have a prelimi-

nary exam Friday. He was released on \$1,000 personal bond following his arraignment, where he stood mute and a plea of not guilty was entered for him. If convicted, he faces up to a four-year sentence, police said.

Plymouth Township Police stopped a Mercury Mystique on Ann Arbor Road about 8:30 p.m. Jan. 17 after they observed a tinted license plate cover that

made it difficult to read the license plate number, according to a police report.

Police found marijuana and small baggies in plain view in the car.

The driver of the car said that he drove to Detroit, where one of his passengers obtained marijuana, the report said.

OBITUARIES

PHILIP HUNTER

Services for Philip Ray Hunter, 86, of Canton were held Jan. 18 from Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. David Warren.

Mr. Hunter was born Dec. 2, 1913, and died Jan. 16 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. He was a head custodian.

Survivors include his wife Ruby; sons Edwin (Peggy) Hunter and Paul (Diana) Hunter; brothers Clifford Hunter, Wiley Hunter and John Hunter; sister Lively Jones; stepsons Joseph Barrera, Tino (Debby) Barrera Jr., Bruce (Cathy) Barrera and Mark Barrera; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were wives Lucena Bunting and Gertrude Bailey and a grandson, John VanPatten.

IRIS BARBARA

Services for Iris Ann Barbara, 47, of Reading, formerly of River Rouge, were held Jan. 21 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

Mrs. Barbara was born Sept. 27, 1952, in Detroit and died Jan. 15 in Hillsdale. She was a homemaker who enjoyed crafts, singing and dancing.

Survivors include son Aaron (Rachal) Barbara of Plymouth; daughters Christine (Jerome) Thompson of Romulus and Sarah Barbara of River Rouge; sisters Zada Laramie of Belleville, Rosemarie Zobel of Westland and Anna Virgil of Westland; brother Joseph John Sauer of Reading and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Tonquish likes Ike



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

All smiles: Former Detroit Police Chief Ike McKinnon shares a light moment with those gathered at the 20th meeting of the Tonquish Creek Economic Club in Plymouth Wednesday. McKinnon discussed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as well as how each of us can impact others in our lives.

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Law aims at seat belt crackdown

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER
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Plymouth Township residents, like others in Michigan, face a new seat belt law that takes effect Friday, March 10.

The Office of Highway Safety Planning, a division of the Michigan State Police, has announced the change.

Michigan has had a mandatory seat belt law since 1985. Pre-

viously police officers could only enforce the law as a secondary action. That meant police could only pull a driver over for another violation — speeding, for example — before a seat belt ticket could be written.

"Before, we could only stop somebody for a traffic violation, for example," said Plymouth Township Sgt. Robert Antal, who is a traffic supervisor. Those ticketed will pay a \$50 fine, he said.

Last year, Gov. John Engler

signed Public Act 29, the standard enforcement law, that strengthened Michigan's seat belt law. It allows police officers to stop a vehicle if they observe the driver or front seat passenger not wearing a safety belt or not properly restraining a child.

Police can also make a traffic stop if children under age 4 are not in car seats or children ages 4-15 are not wearing seat belts, no matter where they are in the vehicle, MSP says.

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Area leaders oppose amending telecommunications act

BY RICHARD PEARL
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The Conference of Western Wayne, concerned over what it sees as an "erosion" of local control, has gone on record as opposing an effort in the state Legislature to amend the 1995 Michigan Telecommunications Act.

A unanimous resolution by the conference opposes state House Bill 4804 because it "undermines local municipal control over rights of ways" for telecommunications purposes and the franchising of same - rights which municipalities were granted by the 1995 act and the state Constitution, the conference said.

The resolution, passed Friday, Jan. 14, states HB 4804 "would effectively remove most municipal control of rights-of-way and substantially limit, if not overturn, the assessment of related fees, both of which would erode the ability of municipalities to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who serves as CWW chairman, called HB 4804, proposed by



Jack Kirksey: Mayor of Livonia

by officials in Lansing on a regular basis.

The Michigan Constitution "clearly gives reasonable control over public rights-of-way exclusively to cities, villages and townships," Kirksey said, and local governments "will unquestionably oppose any effort to diminish their right to determine how these valuable public resources should be best utilized and managed."

He said municipalities are "certainly in favor of competition and new technology (in fact, we welcome it), but not at the expense of the health, safety and welfare of citizens and businesses within our community."

"It is imperative that" such municipal control "be continued and strengthened, not diminished in the manner set forth in HB 4804," Kirksey said.

Water-main break

In passing the resolution, conference members - who are the top elected officials from 18 western Wayne County municipalities - were mindful of an incident in Auburn Hills last

year in which a contractor who wasn't under such control broke through a huge water-main while laying fiber-optic cable conduit.

The accident shut down the Great Lakes Crossing Mall, DaimlerChrysler headquarters and thousands of businesses and homes in the area for several days.

But the CWW didn't rule out any changes to the act, which expires Jan. 1, 2001.

"We may be able to change" some aspects of it, said Naheed Huq, assistant director of the conference and author of the CWW resolution.

■ Says municipalities may require bonds for restoration only after a provider pulls out its telephone lines;

■ Specifies that one member of the Public Service Commission mediate all rights-of-way disputes, instead of the courts;

■ Requires, if a provider claims it's an emergency, that the PSC member issue an order within seven days without any hearing and without participation of the affected municipality;

■ Apparently allows the awarding of attorney fees, damages and other monetary considerations against municipalities that violate the act.

■ Gives municipalities only 30 days, instead of the current 90, to issue a permit and eliminates health and welfare from consideration, leaving only safety as a concern;

■ Limits municipalities' ability to issue permits and assess related fees, eliminating those for providers who use federal, state or county roads;

of-way is "the only realistic means of overseeing the activities of numerous telecommunications companies currently doing business in Michigan."

PROTEC, an acronym for the Michigan Coalition to Protect Rights-of-Way from Telecommunications Encroachments, said the Auburn Hills incident was caused by the contractor having no information about where to dig.

Cathy White, chief assistant city attorney for Livonia and PROTEC chairwoman, said the coalition "is very pleased" that CWW has joined its efforts.

"There are a lot of companies seeking to get into rights-of-way and cities need to be on top of all the providers," she said.

"Those kinds of problems get very expensive," she said of the Auburn Hills incident. "And where is the money going to come from to pay for that?"

The CWW membership includes the Observer communities of Livonia, Garden City, Redford Township, Wayne, Westland, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

Brad Mitchell has been named the Plymouth Observer Carrier of the Month for January.

Brad, 12, of Plymouth, is a seventh grader at West Middle School. He carries a "B" average. His favorite subjects are science, art and band and he aspires to become an architect.

When he's not in school or delivering papers, he enjoys hockey, mountain biking and model cars. He is a stick boy for the Plymouth Whalers.

He delivers to the Woodbrook subdivision, is the son of Ken and Joy and the brother of Andy, 16. He has had the route since 1997.

Dealing with customers is his favorite part of being a carrier, and he said it will help him in future jobs.



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Parent caught in web (site)

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Pam Laing of Canton has become such a valuable parent volunteer at Gallimore Elementary that her colleagues joke about making sure her youngest child doesn't advance to middle school.

"We're not going to let her youngest (child) pass," media aide Kathy Pratt said, referring to Laing's 8-year-old son, Matthew.

Laing's big contribution at Gallimore was helping create Gallimore's Web site, the Plymouth-Canton district's first.

The people behind setting up www.resa.net/gallimore, took a determined attitude, Laing, 35, said.

"Two years ago a teacher here wanted to have a committee to start a Web site," she recalled. Though the committee fell through, the believers were still up to the task.

"We got together and just said, 'Let's get this done,'" Laing said, referring to herself, her husband, Paul, and a Gallimore teacher, Colleen Van Riper.

"It fascinated me. I thought the school should have (a Web site)."

But as with many tasks, it was easier talked about than accomplished.

"We knew nothing about creating Web sites," said Laing, who holds an accounting degree from Michigan State University. She

zInternet activity

Gallimore is one of four schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district with its own Web page. Several schools are in the process of getting them.

Allen, Hoben and Lowell are other schools with Web sites. All can be accessed through the district's Web site, at pccs.k12.mi.us/

All official school Web sites have to be approved by the district, said Judy Evola, Plymouth-Canton director of community relations.

"We ask (schools) to make sure the content of the Web page is what meets the community of that school," Evola said.

Schools are also recommended to do some kind of formal or informal survey to find out what staff, parents and students want out of the site - in order to tailor it for their needs.

Once the site is developed, the school needs to submit it to the district for review.

"Once completed, I review the content and it goes into a staging area," Evola said. "Then we talk about what needs to be added."

Schools also need to sign papers stating that they take responsibility for keeping the site up to date and for making sure none of the links are inappropriate.

Once approved, the district then gives the address of the site to the company handling the district's Web site, Evola said.

works in software support for Eagle Business Solutions in Farmington Hills and said she uses the computer frequently at home.

To get the Web knowledge, she took classes at Schoolcraft College and learned the basics of Front Page - a Microsoft program for designing Web pages. She also visited other school sites to get some ideas.

"I do it for the kids," Laing said of volunteering. "They're only little for such a short period

of time." Other schools have approached Laing about setting up their own Web sites and she's helped get them started. So far, only three other schools have Web sites that have been approved by the district.

As Webmaster, Laing spends about 10 hours weekly updating the site. She enlists free labor from her daughter, Samantha, 10 who types up lunch menus.

"She loves doing it," Laing said.

Salem student among symphony winners

A Plymouth-Salem student was among four young musicians selected as winners for the Plymouth Symphony's 1999 Youth Artist Competition Awards. The first and second prizes in both the junior and

senior divisions will be presented at the symphony's upcoming concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in the Little Theatre at Plymouth-Canton High, 8415 Canton Center.

The Youth Artist Competition

is held each year in December by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra to recognize young talent in the Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Wayne-Westland school districts. The competition this year was open to all orchestral instruments, including piano. The event was hosted by Evola Music in Canton and the prize money was donated in part by the Plymouth Rotary Foundation.

Taking second prize in the senior division was Faith Scholfield, a senior oboe player at Plymouth-Salem. She won a \$200 prize.

The winners were Eric Liao of Novi, taking first place in the

senior (high school) division, and pianist Tiffany Lin, 12, also from Novi who took first prize in the junior (middle school) division. In addition to their awards of \$500, they will each have the opportunity to play with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Children's Concerts March 2.

Liao will perform the first movement of Concerto No. 2 by Dmitri Shostakovich and Lin will play the first movement of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 19 in F major. Both are private piano students of Livonia resident Mary Siciliano.

Also taking second place and \$200 was pianist Robin Lin, a ninth grader at Novi High School.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

PLEASE NOTE that Monday, January 24, 2000, is the last date to register for the Presidential Primary to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000. Registration for City Electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 201 South Main Street in the City of Plymouth, or at any Secretary of State Branch Office. The telephone number of the City Clerk is 453-1234 x234 or 225. The Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during the regular business hours they should contact the Clerk's Office and set up a convenient time.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
Clerk, City of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 2000-2004 CONSOLIDATED PLAN INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

On January 27, 2000, the Canton Community will begin taking public comment to be incorporated into the above identified document. The 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan will guide the community in setting goals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the five-year period described. As sections of the document are completed, they will be available for public inspection and comment in the Resource Development Division, 1150 South Canton Road, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours. All comments will be acknowledged in or as a supplement to the completed document. The 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan will be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 2000. At least one public hearing will be held on the Plan. The public hearing date or dates will be published no later than 14 days before the public hearing. Information on the Consolidated Plan is available in the Resource Development Division at the above address.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE 2000 CDBG FUNDS: PROPOSED USES AND PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Year 2000 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits to senior citizens.
- To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 43% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- To provide benefits to physically challenged citizens.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.

PROPOSED YEAR 2000 PROJECTS:

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PUBLIC HEARING:

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives. A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 2000 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held by the Plymouth City Commission on Monday, February 7, 2000 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

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8"	\$700.00

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Engler puts emphasis on education

BY MIKE MALOTT
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE
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Evoking an image of East Germans clambering over the Berlin Wall to freedom, Gov. John Engler stole a line from President Ronald Reagan for his State of the State address Wednesday evening.

"Let me remind you that our Constitution established a system of free public education. It did not give districts the right to hold families captive behind a wall of separation called a district line," Engler said. "All families should be free to choose their public school."

Then, using words from Reagan's famous end-of-the-Cold-War speech, Engler urged state lawmakers to "tear down those walls!"

The image was enough to make some lawmakers uncomfortable.

"It is not one I would have used," said Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield. She doesn't favor raising the cap on the number of charter schools without more accountability. "I do not feel we should just let them go and look away."

Additionally, Quarles wants a plan in place for improvement of public schools, so that charters don't gut them and "leave empty walls standing."

Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, said she, too, is unsure how well unlimited charter schools will work.

"This is an effort to put some entrepreneurial spirit into education," she said. "That's a nice approach, but you don't know how these things will work out because they are not strictly for-profit enterprises. There are other more important factors to consider."

Engler upped the ante in his annual address, his 10th State of the State speech, delivered to a packed House chamber in the Capitol Wednesday night. Last year, he advocated raising the cap on the number of charter schools from 150 to 200. In his most emphatic point of the evening, Engler called on lawmakers to "abolish" the cap altogether.

"He was talking about choice," Rep. John Pappageorge, R-Troy, said. "It's a different kind of barrier and it needs to be removed."

Even though Pappageorge favors raising the cap on charter schools, he's not sure he's willing to allow for "unlimited" charters.

On the other hand, Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, thought Engler was on the money. But then, DeWeese is a strong advocate of charter schools and was the primary sponsor of the bill last year to raise the cap.

"In certain instances, the child is not served well at all by being bound to a school that is not performing well. For that child, it is a life and death issue. If we don't equip children with the skills to go out into the world, they'll be confined to a certain kind of life. If we don't give them a quality education, we undermine them for life," he said.

But is it politically feasible, considering the Legislature wouldn't agree to 50 more last year?

"I think this is a matter of quid pro quo," DeWeese said. "He's put a lot more money in here. There's the \$6,500 grant. There's the Golden Apple Awards. There's the computer equipment for teachers, and all that I think will be contingent on removal of this cap. There are a lot more carrots in here."

Education was the primary theme of Engler's State of the State. He offered a long list of changes, but his proposals won mixed reviews.

"He talked about \$6,500 foundation grants for students in a 'multi-year budget,'" said Rep. Laura Baird, D-Okemos. "In a couple of years, we would have been there anyway."

"I find it a little disingenuous," said Democratic party chair Mark Brewer. "He's spent the last nine years dismantling education and attacking public schools. Now he wants to be the education governor."

Some of Engler's plans did play to universal approval. All lawmakers queried favored his proposal to create a new Golden Apple Award program, providing cash incentives to all employees of schools that rank high in improvement or overall achievement.

"I thought there was some balance there," Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, said. "The poorer districts can qualify for at least one



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Talking It over: State Rep. Bruce Patterson (center) plays host to Canton resident Chuck O'Grady (left) and Canton Trustee Phil LaJoy at Gov. Engler's State of the State address.

of those awards. Of course, the highest achievement award will go to the richest districts."

"Cash can be a strong motivator," Rep. Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, said.

One of the more unusual proposals put forward by Engler was for the creation of a "Principal's Bill of Right." Few details were given, but the gist of the plan is to give school principals more authority to run their buildings.

"I haven't seen the details yet," House Speaker Chuck Perricone,

R-Kalamazoo Township, said. "And it needs to be fleshed out. But I'm highly supportive of the concept. If we are going to make principals responsible for their buildings and their programs, let's give them the authority they need to do the job."

Pappageorge seconded that. "Principals need to have the authority to run their buildings efficiently. We don't want some administrators telling them they can't have more brooms when they need them. The same goes with disciplinary matters," he

said.

Because the Principal's Bill of Rights includes authority to "hire and fire building staff," DeWeese concluded that could mean Engler intends to attempt to reform teacher tenure.

"You might see something come forward," he said, "not eliminating tenure but changing it to make it easier to discipline or fire bad teachers."

Democratic chair Mark Brewer read it the same way. "I just see this as another attack on organized labor," he said.

Engler won his longest standing ovation of the evening in an entirely different area - when proposing that the income tax rate be cut to 4.2 percent.

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, head of the House tax policy committee, said she was very excited about the proposal. She agreed that despite Engler's multiple proposals for new spending, there should be enough money in the budget to also cut taxes.

But Lingg Brewer called it "dangerous."

"One day this booming economy is going to end and we are going to need the money," he said.

Republicans were strongly supportive of Engler's plans for a one-time, intensive effort to get the last 36,000 remaining families off welfare roles. Democrats generally cautioned that the program needs to be done carefully to assure recipients aren't just pushed off the roles without adequate income or benefits.



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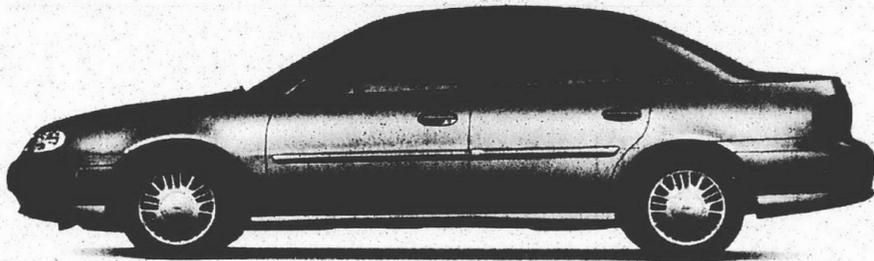
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Deal OK'd to use warehouse wall in Lions' stadium

BY RICHARD PEARL
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The "last major legal hurdle" to the creation of Ford Field, the future home of the Detroit Lions football team, was crossed Friday with a few pen strokes.

Legal documents were signed by the Detroit-Wayne County Stadium Authority and Lions representatives that incorporated a portion of the old Hudson's warehouse into the new stadium as its south wall.

"The warehouse and the stadium are becoming one," said Mary Zuckerman, assistant county executive who is also the county's stadium project manager.

In the process, the Livonia resident said, some of the land also was deeded over to the Stadium Authority and the Ford Field Condominiums project, a commercial development that will be part of the stadium, also was created.

"This now allows the Lions to move forward on the entire construction process," Zuckerman said.

The team still will need to sub-

mit any contracts over \$100,000 to both the Stadium Authority and the Downtown Development Authority for approval, she said, but "this was the last major legal hurdle. They'll now be moving ahead full force."

Zuckerman said the Lions began excavating the site in December, but that major work is scheduled to start Feb. 1.

The 65,000-seat Ford Field, situated adjacent to the new Detroit Tigers Comerica Park, is

to be completed by August 2002.

Zuckerman said the commercial condominium setup "is a unique way of dealing with the fact" the Lions "had to bring a portion of the warehouse into the stadium site and how to make it work" best.

Michigan's condo law "allows you to subdivide a commercial piece of property" but also requires establishment of a condo association to manage such common-area issues as

hallways and escalators, she said.

The Lions will develop all seven levels of the wall, which is actually the northern facade of the old warehouse, into an office/commercial area, she said.

Plans for Level 3 call for development of suites, club seats in the stadium and upscale concessions and restroom facilities for condo patrons, Zuckerman said. Portions of Levels 4-6 also will be suites, while the press box

will be located on Level 7.

She said two units were being deeded to the Stadium Authority as part of the project. The remainder will be retained by the Lions.

Zuckerman said the Lions hope to begin the caisson work — installation of the large, vertical steel structural beams — by Feb. 1. Relocating a large, 48-inch water main from Adams Street also is needed, she said.

A permanent construction

manager likely will be named "sometime in the early summer," Zuckerman said, with contracts for the steel, electrical and mechanical work announced shortly thereafter "and work to proceed full-tilt."

Wayne County's \$20-million portion of the stadium project "stays the same," she noted. Most of the funds come from the sale of surplus county land, most of which is in Northville Township.

Writers help writers with on-line class

Writers know that the difference between a published story and one that remains in the drawer could be as simple as receiving a quality critique by an experienced writer. Schoolcraft College offers the opportunity for just such a critique in its Online Manuscript Critique class, starting Wednesday, Feb. 2. The eight-week online course accommodates beginning and experienced writers with busy or inflexible schedules.

"The class was a real luxury," says Marc Hassen of Canton, an alumni of last fall's online course and audit manager for AAA of Michigan, who submitted a few chapters from the novel he's working on for young adults. "I could set my own pace. I didn't have to carve the time out of my personal schedule to physically show up in class every week."

The work is reviewed and critiqued by Kathleen Ripley-Leo, author of a handful of books including "Town One South" and "The Old Ways." She was nominated twice for the Pushcart Prize, an award recognizing literary work published in magazines and small presses, and received two tributes from the State Legislature of Michigan for her work in the K-12 schools.

Ripley-Leo says many writers reach a point where they don't know how to proceed with their manuscript. "I will look at your manuscript and tell you about it," she says. "I'll give you a diagnosis and a synopsis, and you will be invited to rewrite and return it to me for a second critique."

She says she teaches students to discover what their writing actually conveys to the reader, not what the writer thinks is being conveyed.

Writers may begin to realize their voice while jotting images on paper during work breaks or by scratching poetry on napkins in a restaurant.

Hassen started out by story telling. A year and a half ago he decided to develop the characters and the plot into a novel.

"The novel's protagonist is an early-teenaged girl," he says. "She is based on stories I told my daughter when we were driving in the car."

Hassen decided to take the online class to keep up his momentum after completing Ripley-Leo's creative writing class. His short fiction from that class was published in The MacGuffin literary magazine last fall.

Hassen now is revising material that Ripley-Leo critiqued in the online course, hoping to one day get his novel published.

The Online Manuscript Critique class begins 7 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, for a \$112 fee. Ripley-Leo will also teach a classroom-based Creative Writing course beginning on 6 p. m. Monday, Jan. 31 at for a \$109 fee. For class information, call (734) 482-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

College standouts

•Hope College keeps battling away in men's basketball, staying around the 500 mark both overall and in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Mark Bray, a senior guard from Plymouth Canton HS, is one reason they're still hanging in there.

Calvin College remains the premier team in the MIAA, and Hope could not dislodge the Knights in losing 78-68 Jan. 15. Bray scored 14 points for the Flying Dutchmen.

On Jan. 12, Bray was instrumental in repelling a late rally by Kalamazoo College, scoring six-straight points down the stretch after the Hornets had pulled to within three. Hope won, 66-54.

Bray ranks 18th in the MIAA in scoring, averaging 11.5 points per league game. He is also tied for eighth in assists at 3.5 per game.

•Janell Twietmeyer, a freshman forward at Alma College from Canton HS, continues to fill a key role with the Scots, who are in the hunt for the top spot in the MIAA women's basketball race.

Twietmeyer is averaging close to double-figures in scoring, and she ranks third in the conference in free-throw shooting; she's converted 26-of-30 attempts (86.7 percent).

•Oakland University's women's swim team is a good one, without doubt. But University of Michigan's ranks with the NCAA's best.

Still, the Golden Grizzlies gave the Wolverines a battle Jan. 14 before losing, 161-134 in a dual meet at OU. Yvonne Lynn, a junior at OU from Plymouth Salem, took one of the four individual firsts for the Grizzlies, winning the 100-yard backstroke in 57.71.

Coaching vacancies

•Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching positions open in track (JV, sprint and jump coaches); soccer (freshman and JV); field hockey (freshman and JV); girls softball (JV assistant and freshman assistant); and golf (JV).

For more information, call Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2323.

•Walled Lake Western is seeking a head varsity girls basketball coach. The deadline for applying is Friday, Feb. 4.

Those interested should call David Yarbrough, Director of Athletics and Physical Education, at (248) 956-2073.

Football signup

Football registration and open house for the St. Edith Eagles football program will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the school's gym.

All boys entering grades 3-8 this fall are invited to attend with their parents to meet the coaches and sign up for the 2000 season.

A freshman team, which will play a separate game schedule for boys in grades 3-4, has been added. St. Edith also offers varsity and junior varsity teams.

For more information, call Brad Dickey at (734) 542-0621 or Paul Hess at (248) 442-0238.

Winter runners wanted

Those interested in establishing a mid-day daily group runs will meet at 11 a.m. Mondays through Fridays at Maybury State Park.

Runner can also suggest other times or locales such as Kensington Metropark, Island Lake State Park, Christmas Tree Park (Lakeshore Park in Novi or any of the Running Fit stores.

All runners and walkers are welcome. Distance of the run will vary according to ability.

Those interested should call Daryl Jenks at (248) 669-8639 or E-mail Jenks at Derbsjenks@hotmail.com. You can also E-mail Randy Step at Email@Runningfit.com.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Chiefs rally, then fall to Northville



For whatever reason, Plymouth Canton keeps coming up just short. The Chiefs put together a valiant third-quarter comeback after falling behind by 12 in the first half Friday against Northville — only to lose in the final minutes.

The close-but-not-quite syndrome continues to plague Plymouth Canton's basketball team.

The Chiefs overcame a lackluster first half Friday, which saw them fall behind Northville by 12 at the intermission, with an explosive third quar-

ter. But it all went for naught when Canton could manage just one point in the last four minutes and lost, 52-45 at Canton.

The loss left the Chiefs at 2-7 overall, 1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Northville is 5-3 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA.

"We got down again," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We got off to a slow start. But we came out in the second half and played much better . . . We competed well and we got back in it."

Indeed the Chiefs did, outscoring the Mustangs 21-11 in the third quarter to pull within a basket (39-37) going into the final period after trailing 28-16 at the half.

The momentum continued to ride with Canton in the early moments of the fourth. The Chiefs forged ahead, taking a 44-42 lead midway through the period.

But that's where they hit the wall, managing just one more point in the game.

Free-throw shooting down the stretch didn't help. Canton was 11-of-19 for the game (58 percent), but made just 3-of-8 in the last quarter. Northville was 10-of-18 from the line (55 percent).

Jason Waidmann led Canton with 15 points. Kenny Nether added 10.

Travis Bliss had 20 for the Mustangs and Dave Gregor scored 13.

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Elimination factor

Rocks' strategy pays off in win over John Glenn

By ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you walked into Friday night's Plymouth Salem-Westland John Glenn game with just under two minutes left, a peek at the scoreboard wasn't required to figure out who was destined to win.

A simple glance towards the John Glenn gymnasium court's east sideline would have told you everything you needed to know.

There, waiting to defend a Salem in-bounds pass, was senior guard Eric Jones — the Rockets' primary outside scoring threat — with his hands on his knees, battling the fatigue that comes from playing over 30 minutes against a tenacious zone defense.

Less than 15 feet away from Jones was Yaku Moton — John Glenn's primary inside threat — planted on the bench with five fouls.

Fouls and fatigue: It turned out to be a rough combination for the Rockets, who lost to Salem 66-56.

"Part of our plan going into the game was to try to get their big guy into foul trouble by pump faking and getting him in the air on defense," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We also changed up our defense a little bit to make it more difficult for Jones to score. Overall, I was very pleased with our effort and the results."

"At one point late in the game, I heard (Jones) joking with one of the officials, saying he didn't know if he had enough left in him to finish the game. He had to work hard for his shots, which is what we wanted to happen."

The victory was a much-needed one for Salem, which improved to 4-5 overall (1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association). John Glenn's record fell to 2-6 overall and 0-3 in the WLAA.

"I thought we played hard and with a lot of heart right down to the end of the game," said John Glenn coach Mike Schuette. "Even when we fell behind at the end, we never quit. We just fell 10 points short."

"Salem played an aggressive zone defense against us. If we could have hit a couple outside shots, we could have loosened it up a little inside. But the shots weren't dropping."

Forward Ryan Nimmerguth paced the Rocks' balanced scoring attack, netting 17 points, including three triples. He was also a perfect 4-for-4 from the free-throw line down the stretch.

Senior guard Andy Kocoloski chipped in with 13

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

A struggle inside: John Glenn's Yaku Moton (right) is a load for anyone, which Salem's James McCaffrey found out Friday. Still, the Rocks gave Moton more than a few problems, too; he eventually fouled out and Salem pulled away.

Rocks unbeaten in WLAA; N'ville edges Chiefs

Again, the lower weights were the difference for Plymouth Salem's wrestling team. But don't discount a couple of key wins in those upper divisions.

The combination of the two factors gave the Rocks a 41-25 dual-meet win over Farmington Thursday at Salem. The win boosted Salem's record to 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association; the Rocks are 3-1 overall. The Falcons fell to 1-2 in WLAA meets.

Salem got off to a start that was almost insurmountable, winning its first seven matches.

WRESTLING

Mike Goethe got things started, pinning the Falcons' Kevin Ostrander in 27 seconds in the 103-pound division. Nick Moniodis followed with a 12-0 triumph over Farmington's Robert Easterday at 112.

Ron Thompson then beat Jon Simmons 11-5 at 119; Rob Ash won on a void at 125; Lucas Stump was an 8-5 victor over Aaron Turk at 130; Steve

Dendinos topped Jon Kremer 13-3 at 135; and Josh Henderson pinned Tom Manon in 4:46 at 140.

The Falcons turned things around a bit by winning the next three matches, but Salem clinched the dual-meet win when Phil Portelos edged Cortland Bartlett 9-8 at 171 and Mike Popeney pinned Ben Lukas in 5:22 at 189.

Salem hosts Livonia Stevenson in a key WLAA dual meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, then travels to Livonia Churchill Saturday for the Observerland

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Canton clubs Chargers; Salem reigns

Call it a warm-up.

Certainly Livonia Churchill didn't pose a major threat to Plymouth Canton and its hopes to win the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title. Thursday's dual meet gave Canton coach Ed Weber a chance to see different swimmers in different events, without real danger.

The Chiefs won 10 of the 12 events and rolled to a 113-71 win, evening both their overall dual-meet record (2-2) and their WLAA mark (1-1).

"Our main competition will be Northville in the division," Weber said. "I thought we swam a little stronger today."

Weber had been a bit concerned after Saturday's Rock Invitational, which featured some of the state's best teams. Thursday's victory helped restore any lost confidence.

The Chiefs succeeded without a single double-winner in individual events. Winners were Ryan Ahern in the 200-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Twice a winner: Salem's Brian Mertens splashed to victories in both the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyles against Stevenson.

yard individual medley (2:20.34); Aaron Reeder in the 50 freestyle (24.17); Blake Brunner in the diving (170.80 points); Matt Schacht in the

100 butterfly (1:03.61); Matt Wisniewski in the 100 free (51.92); Brad Herbeck in the 500 free (5:52.51); Yuhei Uno in the 100 backstroke (1:08.04);

and Brad Nilson in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.70).

Trey Gereak, Jon Heiss, Brett Reidsma and Herbeck combined to win the 200 medley relay (1:55.28), and Ahern, Schacht, Dennis Speck and Nilson teamed for a win in the 200 free relay (1:39.61).

Canton swims at Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Tuesday, then hosts Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. Thursday. Both are WLAA meets.

Salem stops Stevenson

It was a battle between two league heavyweights, Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson. And once again, defending WLAA champ Salem prevailed, 101-84, in a dual meet at Stevenson Thursday.

"We had some good races," said Salem coach Chuck Olson, his team now 3-0 in the WLAA, 6-0 overall in

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Ocelots overwhelm Raiders, 130-76

Wow. If consistency was something Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs was after, he got it Wednesday at Oakland Community College.

The Ocelots kept their record in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference perfect, outscoring OCC 65-39 in the first half and 65-37 in the second to post a 130-76 victory.

SC improved to 6-0 in the conference, 13-4 overall. The Raiders slipped to 6-11 overall, 1-5 in the conference.

It's difficult to find something that

didn't go well for the Ocelots. True, they did commit 20 turnovers, but they forced 28. SC connected on 50-of-82 floor shots (61 percent); OCC was 28-of-76 (36.8 percent). The Ocelots were 10-of-22 on three-pointers (45.5 percent), while the Raiders made 5-of-20 (25 percent).

SC also outrebounded their opponents 48-40, had 35 assists and blocked nine shots.

Quentin Mitchell's 31 points (7-of-9 on

three-pointers) topped the Ocelots; Robert Brown, Nick Evola and Brian Williams scored 17 apiece, Lamar Bigby had 16 and Dwight Windom netted 11.

Brown led the rebounders with 10; Windom had eight. Windom also had seven assists, while Reggie Kirkland dished out eight and Brown collected six. Evola had three blocks.

OCC got 18 points and eight rebounds from Tim Swafford. Darnell Bobo had 12 points and eight boards, and Edward Wallace, Eric Smith, Jeff Townsend and Rafiu Abira scored 11 apiece.

Saints sink Madonna

Take on a team ranked in the top five in the nation with a squad that has just two wins in 20 games, and the result is predictable.

Madonna University proved no match for Siena Heights Wednesday, falling 116-86 in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game played in Adrian.

The Saints improved to 18-3 overall, 4-1 in the WHAC; Madonna is 2-19 overall, 0-5 in the WHAC.

Siena Heights rolled to a 61-33 lead by halftime and coasted to the easy victory. Two statistics told the story: The

Saints outrebounded Madonna 57-37, and they hit 15-of-33 three-pointers (45.5 percent) to the Crusaders' 5-of-17 (29.4 percent).

Jason Skoczylas' 16 points topped Madonna; he also had seven rebounds. Mike Massey added 15 points, Tom See scored 11 points, Josh Jensen netted 10 points and grabbed nine boards, and Trevor Hinshaw had 10 points.

Siena Heights got 17 points from Mike Brown, 16 from Sean Carlson, 14 from Justin Bascom, and 11 apiece from Jeff Gullekson and Don Marcero.

A total of 14 players scored for Siena Heights.

Crusaders fumble against Saints

This was one that shouldn't have gotten away.

Madonna University's women's basketball team led visiting Siena Heights by 12 points five minutes into the second half. With just over six minutes to play, the Lady Crusaders' lead was still six. And with less than two minutes remaining, they had a four-point advantage.

But the Saints had one run left, and they made it when it counted most, outscoring Madonna 7-0 in the last 1:28 to post a 75-72 victory in this Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game played Wednesday at Madonna.

The loss dropped the Crusaders to 8-9 overall, 2-3 in the WHAC. Siena Heights is 10-10 overall, 4-1 in the WHAC.

The defeat certainly delivered one message to the Crusaders: It only matters who's ahead after the final buzzer. They led virtually since the game's opening minutes, but could not put the Saints away. With 80 seconds left in the first half, their lead had been eight, thanks to Michelle Miela's three-pointer with 1:37 left.

But Siena Heights scored the final four points of the half to halve the deficit to 36-32 by the intermission. It was a scenario that would be repeated 20 game-minutes later.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Madonna was hurt by mediocre shooting, from both the field (27-of-69, 39.1 percent) and the free-throw line (12-of-23, 52.2 percent). Siena Heights was 29-of-67 from the floor (43.3 percent) and 14-of-21 from the line (66.7 percent). The Saints also outrebounded the Crusaders, 48-40.

Chris Dietrich paced Madonna with 17 points; she also had eight rebounds, seven steals and five assists. Miela added 13 points and three assists, Lori Enfield had 12 points and nine rebounds, and both Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) and Carissa Gyzicki scored 10 points.

Fiorenzi also grabbed eight boards, while Gyzicki dished out four assists and had five steals.

Siena Heights was led by Allison Camp with 13 points. Bevin Malley and Amanda Lafontaine netted 12 points apiece, with Malley nabbing nine rebounds and Lafontaine eight, and Jamie Hallenbeck scored 10.

SC stops Lady Raiders

It wasn't an awesome offensive display,

but the 26 points Schoolcraft College put on the board by halftime proved almost unreachable to host Oakland CC Wednesday.

The Lady Ocelots limited OCC to 11-of-44 shooting (25 percent) from the field and outrebounded the Raiders 39-24 en route to an easy 57-30 victory in a Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference game.

SC improved to 5-8 overall, 4-2 in the conference. OCC is 4-12 overall, 2-4 in the conference.

The Ocelots played steadily, if not spectacularly (26 turnovers), outpointing the Raiders 26-17 in the first half and 31-13 in the second. SC hit 24-of-54 floor shots (44.4 percent), including an impressive 8-of-12 three-pointers (66.7 percent).

Carla Saxton and Antone' Watson topped SC with 13 points apiece, each making 3-of-5 triple tries. Watson also had six assists, while Saxton had five rebounds and three steals. Janelle Olson contributed 12 points, four assists and three steals, and Angelica Blakely collected eight points, 12 rebounds and three steals.

OCC, using just five players, got 17 points and four steals from Mahogany Fletcher.



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BASEBALL NEWS

CCJBSA sign-up
The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have registration for all of its summer seasons from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Summit in Canton.

Registration will be for players four-to-18 years old, both girls and boys, baseball and softball — including travel teams. Fees must be paid at time of registration; they range from \$65-\$95 (additional for travel teams). Birth certificates are required for first-time CCJBSA players. For more information, call 453-2040.

Directors wanted
The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is searching for league directors for its girls Instructional League (7-8 year olds) and Junior League (11-13 years old). For more information and benefits, call Ray Barnes at (734) 981-5170.

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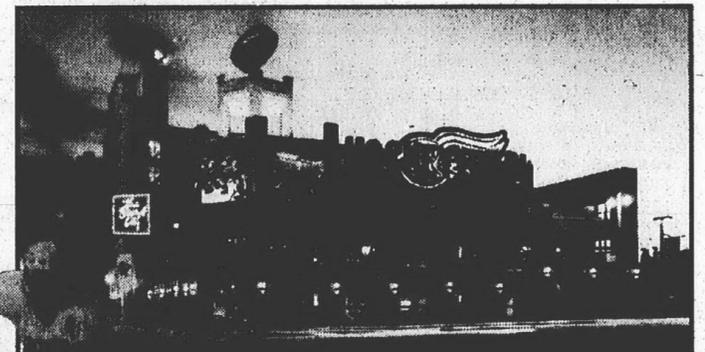
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Salem hoop *from page B1*

points and four steals, while senior guard Ryan Cook and senior center Matt McCaffrey each tallied 10 points.

Jones, who played the entire 32 minutes, led the Rockets with 19 points and three steals. Moton, who sat out most of the second half in foul trouble, dominated inside when he was on the court, racking up 18 tough points and 10 rebounds.

Guard Anthony Harrell was the only other Rocket who came close to scoring in double figures, dropping in seven points.

Both teams opened the game with their shooting touches in mid-season form. John Glenn converted 17-of-34 first-half shots (50 percent), but trailed at half-time, 39-38, due to the

Rocks' equally hot shooting (48 percent).

The largest lead either team enjoyed in the opening 16 minutes came at the 5:00 mark of the second quarter when John Glenn's Will Massey drained two free throws to put his team up 27-22.

The turning point in the second half evolved during a 1:40 stretch in the third quarter when both Moton and Massey were forced to the bench with four fouls apiece. Up to that point, the tall and talented two-some had accounted for 16 of their team's 23 rebounds.

With their big men no longer accessible, the Rockets turned to their perimeter shooting to keep

them in the game. They remained competitive, but it was in spite of their shooting (6-for-34) in the second half, not because of it.

Led by Nimmerguth's outside shooting, the Rocks never trailed in the second half, although the Rockets trailed by just one, 53-52, with 4:48 to go when guard Brent Bogle drained a 15-foot jumper.

The decisive play of the game unfolded with 3:30 left and Salem — leading 57-52 — trying desperately to in-bounds the ball under the Rockets' basket against a gritty, full-court press. With the referee nearing the end of his five-count, Nimmerguth wound up and hit Cook with a

three-quarter-court pass behind the John Glenn secondary, er, defense.

Cook, a wide receiver on the Rocks' football team, caught the ball in mid-stride and laid the ball in to put his team up 59-52.

The Rocks sealed the win from the free-throw line as McCaffrey and Nimmerguth sank two shots apiece in the closing minutes.

Led by McCaffrey's eight boards, Salem outrebounded John Glenn, 32-30.

The Rocks finished the game shooting 43 percent from the field (24-of-55) and 60 percent from the line (9-of-15). After a promising start, the Rockets shot just 33 percent from the field (23-of-68) and 70 percent (7-of-10) from the charity stripe.

Strong 3rd period lifts Churchill over Salem

Listen to Livonia Churchill hockey coach Jeff Hatley and you'd believe this game, a 9-2 rout of Plymouth Salem Friday at Edgar Arena, meant nearly nothing.

Particularly where the future is concerned.

"I told the guys they've got to look at it like a three-game set, and the only one that matters is the last one, in the state tournament," he said.

Churchill, now 11-4-1 overall and 9-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, has beaten the Rocks (1-13 overall, 1-8 in the WLAA) handily twice this season. The Chargers could run into them again in the state district tournament.

The Chargers had some early trouble Friday with host Salem at the Cultural Center, but a five-goal third period iced it. Tom Sherman scored twice in the first period and Brian

HOCKEY

Grant got another to put Churchill up 3-1.

Salem's goal, which temporarily tied it at 1-1, was scored by Mark Nagel.

The Chargers took a 4-1 lead into the third period. Nate Jakubowski getting their second-period goal, and Jason Turri increased their advantage to 5-1 early in the final stanza.

Steve Nagel pulled the Rocks to within 5-2, but Churchill got scores from Mike Andes, Ryan McDonnell, Jakubowski and Sean Szostak to win going away.

Adam Krug had three assists for the Chargers; Turri got two.

Ryan McBroom was in goal for Churchill. Scott Stukel was in the net for Salem.

Basketball *from page B1*

"We had our chances," said Young. "We played hard in the second half. We just couldn't get it done down the stretch."

Agape 78, Temp. Christian 37: Canton Agape Christian kept its Metro Christian Conference record perfect by romping past Madison Heights Temple Christian Friday at Agape.

The Wolverines upped their MCC record to 2-0; they are 5-3 overall. Temple Christian is 1-5 overall, 1-1 in the MCC.

Paul Anleitner led the onslaught with 17 points; he also had five steals. Julian Wettlin chipped in with 15 points and seven steals. Nate Jones had 14 and eight rebounds, and Josh Anthony scored 10.

Michael Hindman topped Temple Christian with 14 points and 14 rebounds. Jeremiah had 12 points.

Agape led 18-8 after one quarter and 40-19 at the half.

The Wolverines host Greater Life Academy at 7 p.m. Monday at Westland Stevenson Middle School.

PCA 52, Roper 49: Plymouth Christian Academy had to hold

on when faced with a three-point barrage delivered by Bloomfield Hills Roper's Silas Cardwell in the fourth quarter, and the Eagles did to earn their first win in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Friday.

PCA is now 4-4 overall, 1-2 in the MIAC. Roper fell to 4-4 overall, 1-2 in the conference.

The visiting Eagles increased their 20-17 halftime lead to 30-23 after three periods, but then Cardwell led a blistering fourth quarter for the Roughriders.

The senior guard had been limited to three points in the first three quarters; he scored 14 in the fourth, nailing three three-pointers and adding a three-point play as Roper put 26 points on the board.

But PCA came close to matching that total, scoring 22 points in the period.

"We played a good fourth quarter," noted Eagle coach Doug Taylor. "Free-throw shooting was the key for us."

Indeed it was. PCA was 10-of-12 from the line in the last period and 14-of-18 for the game; Roper made just 6-of-17.

The Roughriders did catch PCA early in the fourth and took a short-lived two-point lead. The Eagles recaptured it quickly, however, and never again trailed.

Dave Carty's two free throws with 2.5 seconds left in the game provided the final victory margin. Roper's final long-distance launch misfired.

Carty was 6-of-8 from the line in the fourth. He, Derric Isensee and Mike Huntsman each scored six points in the quarter.

Isensee led PCA with 18 points; he added five assists. Huntsman had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Carty finished with 12.

Cardwell totaled 17 for Roper.

Redford CC 68, DeLaSalle 63: Junior Ryan Celeskey poured in 22 points and Matt Loidas added 11 Friday as Redford Catholic Central (6-4, 3-1) earned the Catholic League Central Division homecourt victory over Warren DeLaSalle (7-3, 2-2).

Ryan Vlaker paced the Pilots with 15 points.

Swimming *from page B1*

The Rocks won eight of the 12 events, with Brian Mertens collecting a pair of individual victories. Mertens was first in the 200-yard freestyle (1:55.28) and in the 500 free (5:04.88) in leading Salem's sweep in the free events.

Other freestyle winners for the Rocks were Mike Johnson in the

50 (23.70); Mark Witthoff in the 100 (51.92); Aaron Shelton, Witthoff, Dan Jones and Johnson in the 200 free relay (1:33.18); and Johnson, Ben Dzialo, Witthoff and Eric Lynn in the 400 free relay (3:26.68).

Salem's other firsts went to Dzialo in the 100 butterfly (57.45) and Greg Kubitski in diving (210.85 points).

Wrestle *B1*

Invitational.

Northville edges Canton

For the past two years, Northville has been the ruling power in the WLAA. Now the Mustangs know making it three-straight won't be easy, if Thursday's dual meet against visiting Plymouth Canton is any indication.

Northville did survive — barely. The Mustangs had a 10-point lead with just two matches left, but had to struggle to a 29-28 victory.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 13-4 overall, 1-2 in the WLAA.

"We know we have surprised a lot of people, even ourselves at times," said Canton coach John Demsick. "However, we knew good things would come from all our hard work."

"It's hard right now, knowing that we could have beaten Walled Lake Western (a 39-36 loss) and that we should have beaten Northville. They are a good team."

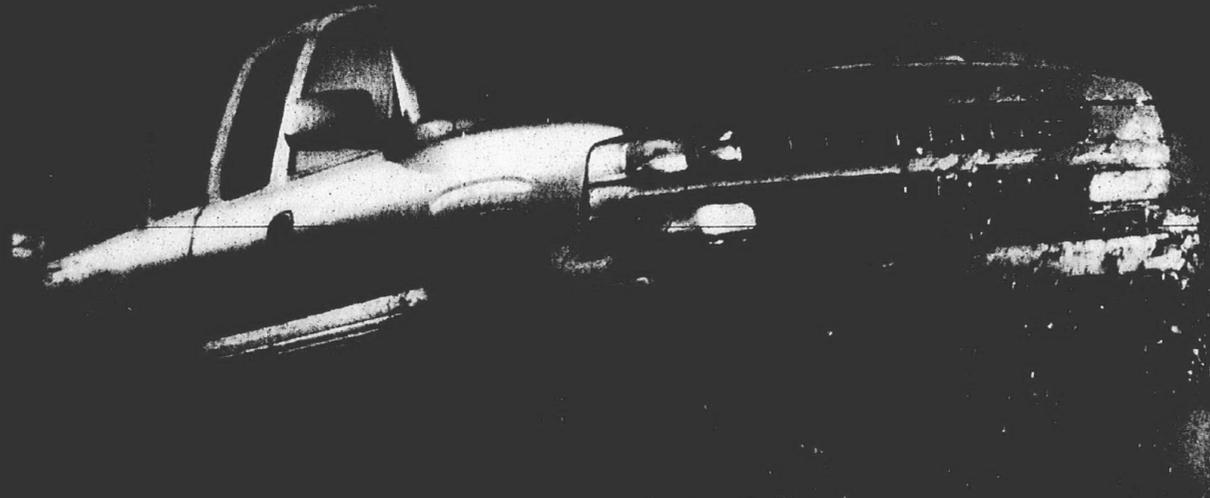
The Chiefs had an early lead, 10-8, after getting decision wins from Kyle Pitt at 103 pounds (by a 14-5 score), Doy Demsick in overtime at 119 (4-2) and Greg Musser at 130 (4-0).

But Northville won the next three matches and, although Canton closed to within a point — 20-19 — on wins by Scott McKee at 152 (5-2) and Shahein Rajae at 160 (pin in 5:25), the Chiefs could never quite catch up.

Following Phil Rothwell's 9-2 loss to Joe Rumbley at 189, Canton trailed 29-19. However, Ozzie Wagner chased his opponent all over the mat before settling for a 6-4 win at 215, then Derek McWatt pinned Val Palushaj in :46 to bring the Chiefs to the brink of victory.

Canton wrestles at Livonia Franklin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, then competes in the Observer-Tribune and Tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday.

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FLY TYING
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ROD BUILDING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod building classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

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MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be

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SHOWS

SILVERDOME BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING
The 17th annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features over 300 boats from more than 75 manufacturers, fishing tackle, fishing trips, charter captains, virtual fishing, trout ponds, seminars, casting demonstrations and more. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Admission is \$7 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-14 and children under five will be admitted free.

DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW
The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

SPORTFISHING EXPO
The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$7.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and

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The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

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The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

SPORTING FLIES FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE
The Paul Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited's 6th annual Sporting Flies Fundraising Challenge will be held Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Southfield Civic Center. Many fly rod retailers and manufacturers representatives will be in attendance showcasing their latest equipment. Manufacturers reps will begin setting up at 5 p.m. and casting begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gan-

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Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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Lane inspectors have important 'roll' to fill

TEN PIN ALLEY



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locally by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

The purpose of the lane inspector is to make spot checks in every sanctioned bowling center.

One of them is Paul Hutchinson who grew up in Garden City and now resides in Dearborn Heights.

Many readers will recognize the name from when Paul ran a local pro shop for 10 years. Another is GDBA Director Ed Malinowski of Livonia.

I watched Hutchinson as he made a spot check at one of the local centers.

"Many current bowlers do not fully understand the lane condi-

tioning process," Hutchinson said. "And think that the house is trying to pull a Halloween prank on them with a terrible shot."

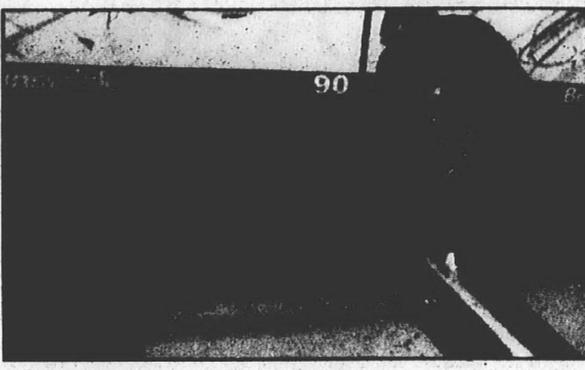
Let's just look at what happens when the lanes are oiled. Nowadays they are usually done by machines which can spread the oil on the lane in a programmed manner.

In order to be legal within the "System of Bowling," each lane must have a minimum of three units of oil across the width of the lane surface. It can be more than three, and the center sector is usually given much more, 50 units or so is quite common.

The house decides how far down the lane they will oil, most places will go somewhere between forty to 50 feet from the foul line.

The exact amount requires a little guesswork on the part of the lane man unless he also has a device to measure what number of units he has put down.

Up until 1991, whenever a 300 game was bowled, that pair of lanes had to be shut down until a representative of ABC came out to measure the oil and certify



Checking things out: Paul Hutchinson of Garden City makes certain the lanes are certifiable.

that the lanes were legal.

Nowadays the lanes must have been checked and certified within the previous 30 days, or else the lanes must then be tested sometime during the next 30 days.

It is now extremely rare that an honor score is rejected.

Hutchinson walks in with his testing equipment which resembles a gun case, and another that

holds the electronic black box.

He will then randomly select a pair of lanes which are not in use to do his testing.

The first sampling is taken at about 50 feet. The next sampling is at where the oiling has ended, and then another at 15 feet, around the arrows.

Paul uses a tape that resembles Scotch magic tape which is run across the lane at these

increments. The oil is absorbed into the tape, and then sealed in by a second tape.

It is then fed into the black box which measures by means of UV light to accurately tell how much oil is on each of the 40 boards across the lane. These figures are written into a report that is sent to the GDBA office for final analysis.

All of this procedure is being done on a continuing basis at odd intervals, therefore ensuring that league bowlers are going to get recognition for any honor scores bowled.

And that for all bowlers the shot will be up to a set of standards that make it a fair game for all participants.

There will always be some variance from house to house and from day to day as the changes in temperature, humidity and the type of oil used can have an effect on what the balls will do when they are rolled down the lane.

Most of the managers and proprietors are trying to give their bowlers the best possible shot without making it too easy.

One of the preferred oil pat-

terns is called the "Christmas Tree," as the oil diagram would resemble that image on a chart.

The pro bowlers get a much more difficult shot set down than the league bowlers, and the early league bowlers will generally have more oil on the lanes than the later squads.

It is really up to the individual player to watch their ball as it rolls on down the lane to figure out where to play the shot.

If you are good enough and lucky enough to roll a 300 game, you can be reasonably sure that it will not be rejected because of the lane conditions.

That is a part of what your annual ABC and local dues are used for. It is one of the many benefits provided by your association to assure that all bowlers get a condition which produces a fair shot for all competitors.

Do the lefties get a better shot?

They get the same conditions, but since there are fewer of them, the lanes stay more stable on the left side. Those lane inspectors are there to protect and preserve the integrity of the sport.

Trout challenge on the way

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Challenge, sponsored by the Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

This year's event, held in conjunction with the Chapter's annual "What's New in Tackle Night," is scheduled for 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3.

For the past six years members of the Paul H. Young Chapter have transformed the Southfield Civic Center into a artificial trout stream and invited anglers of all ages to come and try their hand at casting to specific targets. The stream is actually a huge, winding piece of blue plastic.

Obstacles like papier-mache boulders, old Christmas trees and other woody debris are placed strategically along the stream and participants must cast to water targets placed among the debris.

"We try to set it up to look as realistic as possible," said Bob Batchik, director of the challenge. "We've got simple casts and challenging casts. It's really a lot of fun."

Participants cast three times at each of five stations. If you hit the target on your first cast you receive three points. Hit it again with your second cast and receive two more points, and hit it on your third cast and receive an additional point.

A perfect score on any one tar-

get results in six points. The highest point total at the conclusion of each event is the winner.

The Sporting Flies Challenge started out as a contest between TU chapters, but has grown in popularity and now includes three divisions of competition — an Individual Challenge, a Club Challenge and a Team Challenge.

The Individual Challenge costs \$5 for each pass and individuals may pass through the course as many times as they want. The Club Challenge is a two-man team event reserved for clubs and organizations.

Entry fee is \$100 and the winning team gets 75-percent of the collected entry fees. The Team Challenge is a four-man team event open to any and all comers. The entry fee is \$100 per team and the winning team gets 50-percent of the collected entry fees.

Money raised through this fund-raising event is earmarked for stream improvement projects statewide.

"All the money goes into our annual grant fund for stream improvement," Batchik said. "We raised about \$2,000 each of the last two years. We hope to do a little better this year."

The annual "What's New in Tackle Night" will also be held and includes representatives from local fly shops as well as tackle and equipment manufacturer reps. Food and refreshments will also be served and tickets for TU's raffle of a Jeep Cherokee will also be available.

For more information call up the Paul H. Young Chapter's web site at www.paulyoungtu.org or call Batchik at (248) 683-3688.

Explorers Club grows

In an effort to help youngsters explore Michigan's vast natural

world the Michigan Department of Natural Resources a few years back started the Outdoor Explorers Club.

Membership in the club, which is geared for youngsters ages 12 and under, is free and club members receive a colorful and informative newsletter four times a year.

The newsletter is full of games riddles and activities as well as some surprises for its readers, such as the use of special pine-scented ink that was used in the winter edition featuring information on Hartwick Pines State Park and Michigan's logging history.

"The Outdoor Explorers Club newsletter was created because the DNR is committed to creating new opportunities for family interaction with educational activities that promote fun, appreciation and knowledge of Michigan's great outdoors," said K.L. Cool, director of the MDNR.

Over 10,000 youngsters joined the club last year, bringing the grand total to more than 30,000.

"Our goal is to reach 200,000 by the year 2002, making it one of the largest conservation youth groups in the world," Cool said.

To join the club send a sheet of paper with the name, address, phone number, age and date of birth of the prospective member to: Explorers Club, Department of Natural Resources, Box 30690, Lansing, MI 48909-8190.

Applications are also available at the DNR web site at www.dnr.state.mi.us and at all DNR offices statewide.

Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Send information or comments to: Outdoor, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Big appetite for a little shrew

NATURE NOTES



TIM WICKI

er to recall the activities of animals never seen.

One particular trail I discovered was not the typical foot prints of the animal, rather it looked like a trail made by a snake.

Across the undisturbed snow was a raised tunnel of snow with some abrupt bends and angles along its route. It was no more than three-quarters of an inch across. The snow was not deep, so some of the tunnel had breaks in the top.

Because the snow was not deep, this animal must have been very small to have been

able to tunnel rather than run on the surface. My guess was that it was a shrew. Based on its size, possible a masked shrew.

A masked shrew is one of the smallest mammals in Michigan. They are about 4 inches long with a half-inch of that is tail.

Like all shrews in Michigan it has a pointed nose, its eyes are very tiny, there are no distinguishable ears and the masked shrew has a brownish body with a buff colored belly.

Shrews remain active all year and need to eat constantly. Though a masked shrew weighs about one-fifth of an ounce, or less than two pennies, they must eat about one and a half times their weight each day to survive.

This time of year masked shrews look for small invertebrates like wintering spiders, crickets, caterpillars, salamanders and any other animal matter they can find. Seeds are not a big part of their diet.

Though invertebrates are not active in winter, shrews are able to nose under leaf litter, explore hollows of logs or sticks to discover where they are spending

the winter.

Small animals like the masked shrew are able to stay warm in cold winter temperatures by staying low to the ground and staying out of the wind.

Staying close to the ground is not hard for a shrew that stands 1/2-to-3/4 of an inch tall, and being that small allows them to find many areas of shelter.

While searching for their own food, masked shrews need to watch out that they don't become food for other animals trying to survive the winter.

Weasels, such as the least and short-tailed are small enough to hunt in the haunts of the masked shrew. Owls are also potential predators of the shrew. Even larger species of shrew are threats. Being small is not easy in the natural world.

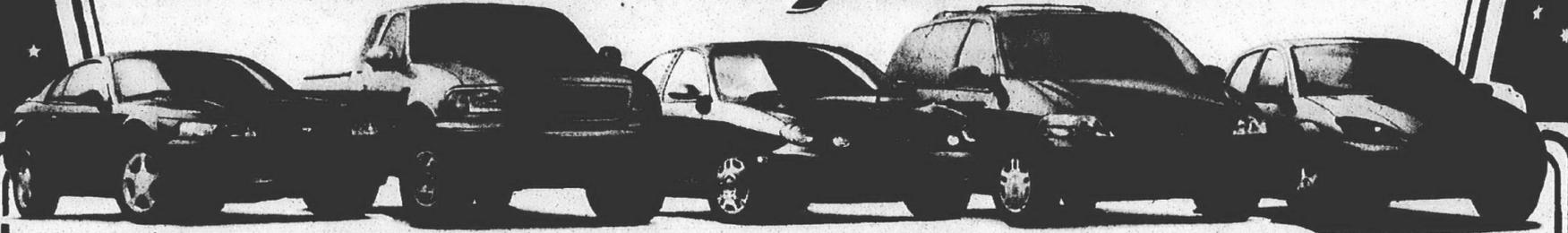
Shrews are difficult to see because of their size and speed, but with snow on the ground it is possible to at least see where these little dynamos have been hunting.

Be on the look out for evidence of shrews as you hike the trails in winter.

- Woodland Lanes (Livonia)**
Local 182: Emil Heilman, 211; Roy Lince, 208.
Ford T&C Ladies: Darlene McMullen, 231.
Koffee Klutchers: Clara Hopper (91 average), 164.
Men's Trio: Mark Shiemke, 278/755; Kevin Muto, 278/760; Mark Howes, 722; Norb Dominguez, 691; Mike Travis, 695.
Early Birds: Laura Sakata, 213/525; Karen Govenor, 207/528; Janet Chunn, 201/568; Judy Brosch, 509.
Guys & Dolls (Seniors): Ed Ash, 244; Ed Zdanowski, 265/632.
Livonia Elks: Bob Pierce, 297.
Senior House: Mike Norwick, 276/699; Mike Norris, 268/769; Pat Engerbreton, 259/670; Jeff Roche, 256/720; Rob Schepis, 257/700.
Midnighters: Jim Zalinski, 232/566; Frank Nickowski, 266/664; Cullen Cacicedo, 223/586; Jim Ryan, 244/611; Paul Bruckner, 236/613.
Gay '90s (Seniors): Howard Featherston, 203; Stanley Skarbinski, 246/604.
Rollmasters (Friday Youth): Colin Zurenko, 248; Mike Wilkowski, 245.
Monday Seniors: Shirley Johnson, 215; Jim Meloch, 221; Gunther Goetzinger, 207; Pat Sparks, 204; Ruth Brewer, 206.
G&G Auto: Jim Gaglardi, 268/738; Ken Smoltz, 266/720; Eric Wahlen, 266/748; Larry Ruzsas, 248/689; Scott Wilson, 237/692.
Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)
Kings & Queens: Steve Pencola, 253-251/707; Rick Kurek, 256/654; Mike Omilian, 645; Kevin Heikkinen, 244/636.
St. Sabina Mixed: Mark Santo, 277/723.
Merri Toast (Livonia)
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Karen Milligan, 224/202/604; Lisa Sallade, 217/208/582; Bev Munir, 207/551; Debbie Kohler, 204/537; Susan Tossava, 203/529.
Lost Weekend: Bob Truskowski, 300.
Wednesday Sundowners: Mary Mavren, 225/559; Pat Mardeusz, 219/528; Laurie Sackett, 215/520; Denise Stancato, 210/214/594; Linda Harding, 222/577; Marry Hassen, 213/543.
YABA Pops (Youth Majors): Tony Fettu (age 17), 300.
Strikes & Spares (Juniors): Jason Maples, 203.
Cloverlans (Livonia)
St. Aidan's Men Pat Ramsay, 242/218/648; Mike Kowalski, 236/664; Dave Golin, 233/630; Jack Pomeroy, 242; Walt Merritt, 248; Dan Gauvin, 234/622.
Thursday Junior House: Barry Lawrence, 300/721; Brandon Teddy, 279/755; Mike Makowiec, 278/747; Bob Lee, 268/691; Niles Denny, 267/726.
All-Star Bowlerettes: Marianne DiRupo, 229; 279/248/755; Lisa McCarty, 269/247/212/728; Renee Palmer, 248/262/211/721; Novella White, 224/258/216/698; Karen Martin, 236/222/236/693; Jeanne Gobbia, 260/258/688.
Friday Seniors: Tony Golchuk, 223/592; Ken McDaniel, 229/619; Jerry Page, 233/661; Jim Townsend, 230/556; Harry Bull, 221/562.
Tuesday Seniors: Andy Wright, 249/652; Larry Slavin, 235/547; Joe Bahagiar, 244/530; Bob Charbonneau, 225/585; Ken McDaniel, 216/615.
Super Bowl (Canton)
Friday Funsters: Edwin Ash, 202; Bob Vroman, 226; Freda Bernhardt, 199; Len Brown, 203; Gladys Portwood, 205.
Monday Canton Seniors: Farris Barnes, 229/516.
Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Majors): Cary Camcross, 238/613; Drew Barth, 227/616; Matt McCaffrey, 225; Diane Thomas, 143.
(11 a.m. Juniors): Nick Jahn, 179; Brian Rzepka, 135.
(11 a.m. Preps): Angel Gallo, 141.
(11 a.m. Bantams): Michael Nadratowski, 133; Derek Saban, 131.
(9 a.m. Majors): Jon Robinson, 234/604; Ken Bazman, 214/587; Brian Stack, 210/527; Justin Horvath, 203/528.
(9 a.m. Juniors): Brad Hill, 174.
(9 a.m. Bantams/Preps): Ashley Greening, 149.
Friday Youth (Majors): David Jacobs, 242/676; Leon Walsh, 220/543; Keith Kingsbury, 205/582; Brian Peczynski, 217/599.
(Juniors): Eric Pawlus, 243/633; Justin Bonkowski, 211/516; Brad Poremba, 201.
(Preps): Jerald Bonkowski, 184/507; Cathy Furman, 140; Brandon Garcia, 137.
Thursday Juniors (Majors): Erik Morrisette, 155; Sean Miller, 122.
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Paul Temple, 244/217/245/706; Ed Patrick, 254/661; Charlie Lawrence, 248/632; Jim Waldrep, 266/682; John Landuit, 259/662; Bob Sherwood, 257/664; Tony Wolak, 256/652.
Good Neighbors: Dot Haggard, 190/515; Gloria Mertz, 205/596; Annette Trader, 512; Pauline Polk, 211/514.
Monday Seniors: Pat Valerio, 268/675; Leonard Sobiechowski, 244/659; Jim Klebba, 659; Duane Kuras, 241/654; Ted Mack, 261/641; Howard Davis, 237/639.
Friday Seniors: Joe Buzanowski, 300; 257/756; Al Thompson, 288/702; Tom Newbrough, 235/681; Bob Burmeister, 257/681; Ted Murski, 257/674.
Garden Lanes (Garden City)
St. Linus Classic: Darrin Clark, 264/226/225/715; Dave Clark, 248/699; Gary Czaja, 248/665; Stan Klos, 257/667; John Adomitski, 244/653.
Oak Lanes (Westland)
G&G Auto: Linda Dietz, 221/572; Candace Brouwer, 225; Sue Ivanicki, 200/568; Sandi Smith, 209/566; Ann Niedermeyer, 225/569.
Town's Country (Westland)
Thursday Morning Men: Randy Stoddard, 300.
WB Memorial Open: Mike Chapman, 300.
Youth/Adult: Vicki Dean, 232.
W.C.R.E.S.A.: Gary Haldeen, 236; Joyce Coffee, 218.
Morning Preps: Cory Haden, 192.
Morning Teens: Peter Bednarz, 257/685; Darin Turner, 237/584; Evan Reich, 235/644; Sheila Honeycutt, 231/605; Erin Davis, 211/571.
Biltmore: Cheri Brezowski, 256/608; Kelly Rusinek, 205/540; Kathy Tokarz, 201.
Westland Bowl
St. Mal's Men: Jerry Kosc, 258/696; Troy Taylor, 254/628; Erik Hein, 241/646; Mike Kaem, 266/651; Max Bennett, 267/735.
Monday Morning Men: Randy Kline, 289/667; Vernon Loney, 263/701; Walter Machniak, 227/600; John Nakoneczny, 202/508.
Monday 6:30 p.m. Men: Carl Kuehnle, Sr., 267/677; Joe Dube, 259/628; Davis Pycyn, 255/667; Bob Darocha, 247/653; Mike Sosnowski, 245/582.
E/O Friendship: Dennis Allison, 214/583; James Javelis, 212/576; Pat Tabor, 201/522; Dorothy Whittell, 195; Sally Mersino, 192/504.
E/O Out to Lunch Bunch: Mike Abalos, 256/593; Randy Mulvin, 2137/632; James Laue, 234/654; Bill Freeman, 231/656; Shirley Couchman, 221/551; Michele Summers, 219/560; Deborah Powell, 205.
Thursday Men's 950: Don Goodby, 257/279/267/803.
Thursday Nite Mixed: Ken Forbes, 255/703; Dan Harrison, 246/672; Keith Post, 229/669; Candy Bailey, 260/628; Genevieve Forbes, 224/605; Sally Galabro, 210.
Westland Champs: Ilene Havro, 231/526; Sunday Gains, 220/607; Dee Pitt, 215/540; Candy Loschilo, 213/506; Jennifer Malloy, 200.
Sunday Sleepers: Ryan Wilson, 279/688; Larry Vojtkovsky, 278/647; Gary Meyers, 277/695; Chris Kiczinski, 273/756; Troy Lindon, 269.
NASCAR Trio: Augusta Bell Jr., 248/563; Dan Doodie, 246/646; Brian Doodie, 213/544; Mike Boucher, 211/591; Holly Stevenson, 192.
A.M. Ladies Trio: Rochelle Casada, 235/665; Phyllis Hammerberg, 201/529; Louann Salvendy, 201/544.
Coca Cola Youth (Majors): Charles Swope, 202; Eric Elberling, 247/583; John Skope, 224/534; Mike Hiltunen, 256/208/266/630.
Juniors: Eric Vojtkovsky, 204/209/210/623; Tatianna Carnahan, 153/166/148; Candice Amstrong, 180; Tracy Daughenbaugh, 138; Trey Raines, 191/551; Jeremy Hardy, 161.
Saturday Preps: Adam Whalen, 184; Samantha Biales, 131.
Bantams: Keith Chaston, 142.
(Doubles): Logan Forsythe, 164.
Piaza Lanes (Plymouth)
Waterford Men: Chuck Morris, 289/270/247/806; Tony Shea, 212/247/269/728; Mark Pennington, 266/247/707; John Gureghan, 244/259/707; John Thorsen, 279/701.
St. Collette Men's: Clem Diglio, Jr., 275/264/289/828; Mike Ksiazek, 234/242/246/722; Noah Guck, 214/228/256/698.
Country Lanes (Farmington)
Greenfield: Rob Allen, 232/624; Debbie VanMeter, 225; Walt Thomas, 245; Ted Mac, 226; Tony Varnas, 228.
Country Naglers: Dave Kaiszewski, 278/685; Dean Johnson, 275/702; Rich Nizza, 268/652; Gary Via, 247; Gerald Heath, 247.
EVER-7: George Berling, 278/668; Craig Servalish, 278/676; David Chetan, 258/665; James Fidell, Jr., 256; Greg Cooper, 255.
B'Nai B'rith Plagas: Keith Kingstom, 234/248/248/730; Howard Waxer, 276/687; Bryan Levine, 247/665; Mitch Finkel, 224/664; Al Mudyki, 246/640.
Brotherhood Eddie Leones: Howard Waxer, 267/216/248/729; Dennis Eder, 263/233/226/722; Andy Rubin, 247/694; Lee Roth, 226/662; Gary Goidan, 242/649.
University Men's: Glenn Coigan, 279/706; Chris Senik, 279; Keith Guerin, 276.
Suburban Prop. Travel (Bloom): Jim Schaeffer, 266/718; Tim Magyar, 260/694; Bill Brinkley, 253; Dan Zak, 246/642; Tony Balarta, 244.
(Ladies): Bernice Anthony, 217/592; Judy Washington, 213/586; Nancy Severo, 201/508; Lisa Borowski, 197; Iris Monie, 193.
Sunday Goodtimers: Ray Hassen, 229/564; Ray Buchalter, 213; Barry Adler, 201.
Tuesday Trio: Lyle Schaefer, 279/728; Mitchell Alley, 257; John Osborne, 692.
Tuesday Morning Ladies: Debbie Ciarrito, 214/532; Dorothy Monette, 213.
Metro Highway: Bruce Doran, 265/236/213/714; Paul Stoll, 258; T.D. Brown, 256/237/214/707; Jack Harrison, 248/653; Ed Thompson, 247/645.
Sunday Comics: Chris Kloc, 242; Jim Bairbridge, 234; Rebecca Sockow, 197/514; Kristie Rand, 211/501.
Strikers: Rita Dawood, 206/501; Debbie Leon, 202.
Monday Night Men: Nori Rzepka, 289; Rick Rynicki, 280/766; Bob Koenig, 734.
Afternoon O'Lite: Sue Osten, 254/574; Fern Wallace, 218/551.
Monday Midnight Men: Sam Bakka, 267; Mark Saimo, 269; Ray Toma, 672.
Saturday Odd Couples: Steve Karakula, 246/636; Wayne Kiestler, 234/657.
Country Couples: Edwin Small, Jr., 255/647; Al Dubiel, 246; Peggy Bone, 197/516.
Temple Israel: David Marsh, 247; Freddy LaBelle, 236; Jack Kopicak, 639.
C/L Semi-Classic: Judy Washington, 257/656; Pam Jones, 244/601.
St. Paul's Men: Thad Studnicki, 279; John Gauthier, 618.
Roadside Bowlerettes: Mary Nowak, 207/560.
Sparos & Strikes: Helen Burger, 219/544; Kate Bushler, 209; Lita Smith, 205.
Drakehouse Lanes (Farmington Hills)
B'Nai B'rith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zeliger Gross: Ryan Lash, 269/682; Jon Frisht, 215/619; Marshall Spinher, 237/619; Steve Hoberman, 220/221; Mike Diskin, 235.
Downtown Fox: Ken Gross, 246/681; David Lazarus, 240/655; Jack Blaine, 234/606; New Drlich, 246/609; Bruce Rosenblatt, 233/608.
Wayne Bowl
Youth Leagues (Tuesday Night Majors): Amber Henn, 257; Dale Moore, 244; Saturday Junior/Senior: Tony Barber, 239/234/661; Joe Fisher, 278.
W.W.T.C. Travel: Jennifer Sheridan, 252; Rob Toddington, 226/226/634; Niki Moore, 202/598/1152 pins or 41.
Novi Bowl
Westside Lutheran: Will Grulke, 268/735; Tim Warner, 255/705; Bill Bryant, 269/688; Steve Faith, 669; Jay Terranova, 269/651.
Cherry Hill Lanes
Friday Men: Bill Parris, 300; Patrick O'Neil, 289/697; Keith Sockow, 696.
Thursday Suburbanites: Debbie Hart, 212; Gina Johnson, 199.
Match Play Trio: Nancy Anthony, 289/689; Kathie Maser, 701; Mary Morksi, 258.
Monday Nite Men: Steve Klein, 266; Yves Szmanski, 700.
Taylor Lanes
Sunday Youth Classic Travel: Evan Relich, 245/247/226/718; Tom Hughes, 248/662; Keith Moore, 233/658; Jenny Long, 216; Howard Hardy, 236/622.

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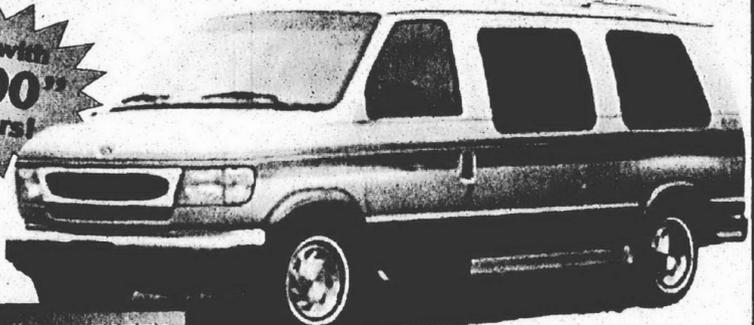
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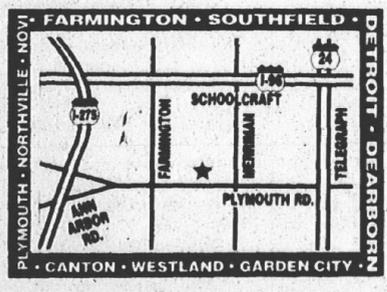
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Development director up for the task at hand

Ask Stella Greene one question about the Plymouth Community Arts Council and she's off and running like that unstoppable Energizer Bunny.

As the arts council's newly appointed development director, Greene is enthusiastic about finding new ways to inspire individuals, businesses and corporations to become involved with the organization dedicated to fostering and encouraging accessibility to quality arts experiences.

A series of writing workshops with authors is in the works, but already-established art classes, children's theater, scholarships, brown bag lectures, Music in the Park concerts, art in the schools programming, exhibits, and the Cultural Diversity Series have plenty of draw on their own.

The cultural series continues Sunday, Jan. 30 with a celebration of Polish art, dance, food, and an exhibit of works by Marian Owczarski that continues through Wednesday, March 1.

What we do well

"We're focusing on what we do well," said Greene, who assumed the newly created position Sept. 1 although she's unofficially been doing the job for some time. "We have a wonderful director and team. It's really great to see 15 people excited about the organization. They have this enthusiasm to continue what we're doing. And things like this make it so easy."

Greene motioned to the exhibit by Plymouth artist Todd Marsee, now on display at the arts council.

"It's about the general public responding to an artist," said Greene. "That's what we're doing day after day with events and exhibits. That's why it's so powerful to have a local artist. He has his own friends and following in the community who will come in. They might not know about the arts council otherwise. We want to cultivate that and encourage them to come back."

Polish celebration

The arts council is hoping to draw a variety of new visitors with its Polish celebration. An opening reception, featuring the Wawel Folk Dancers of Hamtramck on Sunday, Jan. 30 will give visitors a taste of Poland. Three Brothers Restaurant and the culinary students at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools will prepare everything from pastries to traditional dishes.

St. Mary's College president Thaddeus Radzilowski will delve into "Modern Polish Art and Culture" at an upcoming lecture. There will also be sculptures on display by Marian Owczarski, artist-in residence at Orchard Lake Schools and a native of Poland. At the Jan. 30 reception, visitors will have the opportunity to ask Owczarski about the stainless steel sculptures he's created of Pope John Paul II, Joseph Conrad and other prominent Poles and Polish Americans.

The celebration is similar to one
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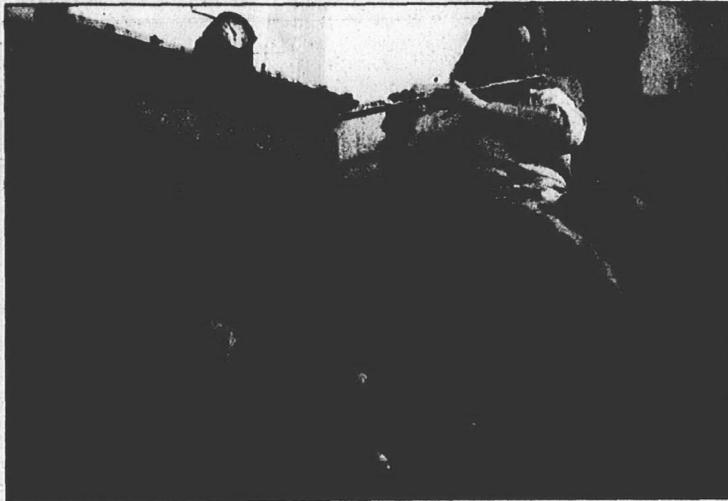
"Poland: A Celebration of Art and Culture"

WHAT: The Cultural Diversity Series continues with Polish art, dance and food.
WHEN: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30; sampling of Polish food and pastries at 1 p.m., performance by the Wawel Dancers at 2 p.m. Meet artist Marion Owczarski whose works will be on display until Wednesday, March 1. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday, until noon, Thursday-Friday.
WHERE: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

Mark your calendar:

■ "Modern Polish Art and Culture" lecture by St. Mary's College President Thaddeus Radzilowski 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts. All programs are open to the public. There is no charge.

Music critics:
(At right) Natasha Harhold practices in front of her toughest critics—Rhine (left) and Hope. (Photo below) Rhine is looking for a new home. His racing days are over after breaking a bone.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



Musicians on track for Greyhound rescue

STORIES BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Duke's no pushover. Neither are Rhine and Hope, the greyhounds living with Natasha Harhold. When the Westland flutist hits a wrong note, they let her know.

Harhold's been doing a lot of practicing lately on behalf of greyhounds so these three are making sure she gets it right. Harhold and several wind players will perform a benefit concert Saturday, Feb. 12 at Madonna University. There will also be a raffle and bake sale. Event proceeds will go to TLC Greyhound Adoption, a nonprofit organiza-

WHAT: A concert to benefit TLC Greyhound Adoption.
WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.
WHERE: Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.
TICKETS: \$5 adults, \$3 students. Call (734) 765-2248 or e-mail greyhounddog@earthlink.net

tion that secures homes for greyhounds after their racing days are over.

Joining Harhold on stage will be Donna Kallie, a Madonna University music professor; Benjamin Hayes (French horn), Cathy Feldman (flute), and her

father, Irving (clarinet). The Feldmans teach at Evola Music in Canton.

"They're my biggest critics," said Harhold. "When they lay there and sleep, I know I'm not doing bad but when they run away I know I still have a lot of practicing to do."

Full house

Snuggled on the couch and floor, the three fawn-colored hounds seem pleased with the sounds coming from Harhold's flute. Duke has a special place in the Harhold household. He was the first greyhound Harhold and her husband, Mike, adopted after attending a Southfield pet care festival.

Hope was adopted as a puppy. Greyhound puppies are rare. Hope broke her rear leg so the owner/breeder decided to find her a home. The Harholds found her on the greyhound list on the Internet, and after talking with the breeder, went to Alabama to adopt her. The Harholds also have a 5-year-old lab/mix they adopted from the Michigan Humane Society in 1994.

Rhine, the Harhold's third foster dog, started racing at about 18 months, the typical age that greyhounds are sent to the track. He raced a year before breaking his back stopper bone. After healing, TLC Greyhound Adoption

Greyhounds seek new homes

A greyhound's 12- to 14-year life span makes them an ideal pet. They're one of the few purebreds without genetic problems because they're bred for speed and agility, not looks. They can hit speeds of up to 45 miles an hour.

"Their dispositions, they're so gentle," said Natasha Harhold, who's adopted two greyhounds and fostered three since 1996. "We were concerned because we had a cat and greyhounds have a high prey drive but they're good with cats and small animals."

TLC Greyhound Adoption is constantly searching for homes for retired racing dogs. The \$200 adoption fee includes spaying/neutering, dental cleaning, heart worm testing and six months of medication, up-to-date vaccinations, a collar and leash. Those interested in adopting can contact Harhold or visit the Web site at www.access-one.com/greyhound/index.htm for more information and to complete an on-line application.

"We contact them to find out why they want to adopt. Then we

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Acting's no 'hard knock life' for star of 'Annie'

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Not too much fazes Elizabeth Bezzerko, especially when it comes to acting. The 9-year-old Farmington Hills girl is playing the lead role in "Annie Jr.," a shortened version of the musical about an orphan in search of a family.

Produced by Redford drama teacher Nancy Florkowski, "Annie Jr." continues through Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. Presented by TinderBox Productions and the Youth Music Theatre of Detroit, it is directed by Stephanie Stephan.

Although this is Elizabeth's first time playing a leading role, she has plenty of experience. She has performed in productions at the Marquis Theatre in Northville and was cast in "Oliver!" at Farmington High School. She studies dance at the Performing Arts Academy in Novi and began singing at the age of 4.

"I like performing and entertaining people," said Elizabeth, a fourth grader at Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington. "Annie's kind of two people. At the orphanage she's kind of mean, streetwise. Then with Daddy Warbucks, she's kind of..."

"The only challenge has been Sandy. Trying to work with the dog is kind of hard. I keep dog treats in my pockets. There's no dog trainer on set so I put them on the ground and she follows me."

Elizabeth has dreamed about playing Annie since she was 5 and saw the movie at a friend's house. A trip with her parents to see the live production convinced her that she wanted the role of the red-haired orphan. She hopes one day soon to dazzle audiences on Broadway. Time is running out, though. In a couple of years, she'll have reached the maximum age for playing the young girl.

"I really like that I get to sing by myself, and that I'm the star of the play," said Elizabeth. "I have lots of lines and sing lots of songs. Sometimes it's difficult because for songs like 'I'm Gonna Like It Here,' I have to really belt it out. But I really didn't have to learn the songs because I already knew them."

A father's prides takes over, as Rich Bezzerko quickly adds.

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Streetwise: Elizabeth Bezzerko in a scene from "Annie."

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CONCERT

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra swings from France to Mexico

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Before rehearsing Revueltas' "Ocho for Radio," conductor Nan Washburn asked how many members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra have played mariachi music. She "wasn't surprised when hardly any of the musicians said they had."

In her first season as conductor, Washburn has programmed a variety of musical styles. The next concert on Saturday, Jan. 29, is sure to intrigue the audience with pieces as varied as Haydn's "Lira Concertos," which aren't truly concertos, and Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing."

"I have very eclectic tastes and like to share them," said Washburn. "There's so much classical music and they don't all sound alike. There's a historical work by a woman composer on the chamber program and the piece by Revueltas, one of Mexico's most important 20th-century composers. The work is a delightful spoof on the sounds heard on Mexican radio including those sounds between channels."

The program is different from previous PSO chamber music concerts which featured several ensembles, each playing a particular piece of music.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HILSCHMANN

No, No Nonet: Conductor Nan Washburn leads the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in a rehearsal for a chamber concert.

"This year, I'm forming them into a mini orchestra of from 8 to 11 players to perform all of the pieces," said Washburn. "It's good for our principal players to solo so everybody gets to shine. It's my hope that this size ensemble will go out and perform and represent

the orchestra at various locations in the community."

A pre-concert chat with Washburn will include a discussion about the history of the works on the program, and the composers who wrote them, including Louise Farrenc.

Farrenc was born in the early 1800s into an artistic family of sculptors and painters. By age 15, she was already an accomplished pianist. According to Washburn, Farrenc's "No, No Nonet" remained in manuscript in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris for nearly 150 years and was only recently published.

"The most striking thing about Farrenc's music upon first hearing is that it does not sound French, especially when one considers the frivolous salon music dominating the Parisian musical tastes of the time. Her music is serious, full-scaled, well-crafted with a lyric beauty all its own."

Young artists

Winners of the orchestra's Youth Artist Competition will receive their awards during the program. The students competed on Dec. 19 at Evola Music in Canton.

Washburn and orchestra members Victor Hickman and William Hulsker

"No, No Nonet"

WHAT: Plymouth Symphony chamber concert features Poulenc, Haydn, Revueltas, Farrenc, and Ellington.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Pre-concert chat with director Nan Washburn begins at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Plymouth Canton Little Theatre (inside Plymouth) Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road at Joy, Canton.

TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. Call (734) 451-2112.

chore Eric Liao, a 15-year-old pianist at Novi High School, to receive first place in the senior division.

First place junior division went to Tiffany Lin, a seventh grade pianist from Novi Middle School. Tied for second place in the senior division were Faith Scholfield, oboe, Plymouth Canton High School, and Robin Lin, piano, Novi High School.

Tiffany Lin and Liao will be featured at the children's concert in March.

The Plymouth Rotary Foundation presented a grant to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra to help fund the student awards.

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last fall that spotlighted Japanese culture. Greene said, with so many companies doing business with the Japanese, the series served as a link between cultures.

"We reached out to Panasonic and they sponsored the tea and kimono ceremonies," said Greene. "They were eager to sponsor this to raise the comfort level of their own employees who were unfamiliar with the customs. Poland is an emerging country that companies are going to start doing business with. We encourage the public to take part during the student days and we'd especially encourage seniors."

The Cultural Diversity Series is also one of the ways, the arts council raises the awareness of

children in a fun manner.

"School classes can come during the day and have a session with an artist or person from this culture," said Greene. "The culture boxes convey different aspects of cultures from their money to clothing and artifacts. When we started the arts council, it was to reach young children. It's heartwarming to see an organization 30 years later recognize its responsibility."

Greene hopes the arts council's Sunday, March 11 dinner/auktion fund-raiser, "Escape to the Caribbean" at the Mayflower Meeting House, will attract anyone in search of a little fun, not just art lovers. Tickets are \$55.

"We're trying to do something different than we've gone before," said Greene. "We're try-

ing to put fun into it. The traditional auction will have a street vendor layout and Junkanoo musicians will be playing island music. We want people to come and have fun."

Networking in the community

Continuing to offer programs and events that attract new members are key to the future of the arts council but so is networking in the community.

"We've been networking one-on-one, talking to organizations and corporations," said Greene, a 20-year resident of Plymouth who until November served on the City Commission. "The best ambassadors for what we do are the people involved. The bottom

line is we're all looking to improve our quality of life. I can tell you how the arts council has changed my life."

Greene became involved with the nonprofit after her daughter took art classes and won a scholarship from the arts council in 1991. Since then, Greene's served in a number of positions including president and chairperson of the capital campaign to renovate the facility purchased five years ago. Until that time, the arts council was housed above a clothing store on Main Street.

"When my daughter tried out for the Demaris scholarship competition in vocal, she was very shy and for her to get this small recognition this encouraged her to go to a couple of vocal camps

including Interlochen. While there, she applied for the Interlochen Arts Academy as a creative writing student. She went there two years. I saw that child blossom through the classes here at the arts council so I wanted to say thank you and began helping out however I could."

Arts council president Dave Calzone thinks the board's selected the right person for the development director position.

"Any organization when you put on the level of programs that we do, require a consistent level of financing," said Calzone. "When we looked at that issue we knew we needed someone to assist in developing individual and corporate membership, and applying for and obtaining grant funding. An arts organization

needs a regular membership base to support its programming."

Greene fears recent articles about the arts council's financial problems with the City of Plymouth could scare off new members. Not to worry. The arts council's board recently announced "that the City of Plymouth has voted to refinance the land contract on the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts," the home of the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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set up an in-home appointment," said Harhold. "To the best of our knowledge, they're in good health. They're not necessarily housebroken but they are crate trained so that makes housebreaking easier."

Since greyhounds retire at age 5, their prospects are dismal without the help of groups such as TLC Greyhound Adoption. Breeders either euthanize the dogs or sell them to research laboratories. Thanks to adoption groups which have sprung up over the last several years, breeders now turn the greyhounds over to the groups who find them good homes.

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"It's not just right to breed them, race them and kill them," said Harhold. "We want to find as many homes for them as we can."

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asked the Harholds to foster him. Looking at Harhold's smiling face it's easy to tell that this has been a labor of love.

"We invested in extra thick carpet and padding so when they lay on the floor it's easier on them," said Harhold. "I don't know why we invested in it because they lay everywhere but the floor."

Long and winding road

Harhold has a history of her own, musically. She's been playing flute since fifth grade and was offered a music scholarship to Wayne State University after graduating from John Glenn High School in 1989. She turned it down and went to work as a police dispatcher in Westland for three years before getting married. Realizing she missed the instrument, Harhold resumed

flute studies with Kallie at Madonna University. She's attending Schoolcraft College full-time to satisfy general education requirements, and then plans to transfer to Madonna to pursue a degree in music performance and music education.

Harhold is looking forward to performing Charles Griffes' "Poem," Doppler's "Hungarian Pastorale Fantasy," and Mozart's "Concerto in D Major." Peggy Anderson will accompany her on piano.

All of the musicians are volunteering their talents for the concerts including Kallie, a Madonna University music professor for 20 years. Kallie didn't hesitate when Harhold approached her with the idea to put on a concert to benefit greyhounds.

"I think it's a wonderful cause

and I know she's very dedicated to what she's doing," said Kallie, minister of music at Divine Savior in Westland. "I always jump at any chance to perform to show my students to get out and play, and enjoy it."

Kallie and Harhold perform Doppler's "Andante and Rondo," arranged by Harhold, and Pachelbel's "Canon in D."

"What makes the Andante and Rondo fun is it's a light piece," said Kallie, who also performs at a faculty recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University. "The Pachelbel was not written for flute but for strings and keyboard. The difficulty is enduring as a flutist. You'll hear me taking large breaths."

Helping hand

Like Kallie, when Cathy Feld-

man found out about the concert through the Internet, she couldn't wait to help. The Westland flutist grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy before moving to Arizona and then Los Angeles where she played in several chamber music groups and symphony orchestras. She and Irving, a band director for North Dearborn Heights Schools for many years, will play a duet for flute and clarinet.

"When I saw the posting on the FLUTE LIST for performers for the TLC Greyhound Benefit Concert, I was really pleased to see that it was right here in Michigan," said Feldman. "I really believe in volunteering when I can and getting involved with my community."



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"We know them very well too, now," he said with a smile.

Rich thinks Elizabeth has a good shot at playing Annie on Broadway. The Bezerkos are planning a February trip to New York City to take in a few Broadway shows. While there, Eliza-

beth will audition for an agent.

But even if she never sets another foot on stage, Rich and his wife Margaret will be content with the growth they've seen in their daughter, including the ability to memorize 90 lines.

"The confidence level has gone up," said Rich Bezerko. "She's an

all-A student too. She know if her grades slip, theater goes, but she's such a natural. We don't get that nervous any more watching her. She has a beautiful voice and is an excellent dancer."

Kids from Troy, Rochester, Westland and other communities

in Wayne and Oakland counties make up the cast of "Annie."

"It's part of the Scottish Rite Mason family outreach program," said Rich. "It gives children outside of school a chance to do more challenging acting than in a drama club."

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of Orchestra Place, and the construction of the Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts, now there shouldn't be any doubts about their international stature.

On Wednesday, the DSO named renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman as principal guest conductor. Perlman, who debuted with the DSO in November, will begin a three-year tenure for the 2001 season.

In addition to conducting, Perlman will lecture and teach master classes.

For years, Perlman has been known exclusively as one of the world's foremost violin virtuosos. But five years ago, he began conducting. Since then, his performances at the podium have steadily increased.

While it's conceded that great performers do not necessarily



Itzhak Perlman

make great conductors, the DSO will gain broader exposure with Perlman holding the baton.

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AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

CALL FOR ARTISTS
The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its 24th annual Juried Art Festival — Art in the Village, Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Deadline for entry is Friday, Feb. 11. For an application, call Livonia Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.

CALL FOR ENTRIES
Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the Juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park. Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is \$25. Booth space is \$325 if accepted. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, 407 Pine, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

CANTATA ACADEMY
Auditions for new members will be held on Sundays in January. The choir has appeared with every major orchestra in the Detroit area and has made biennial tours to Europe. Experienced singers are asked to call the organization's voice-mail at (248) 358-9868.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE
January registration for ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop, ballroom, stretch classes for ages 3 to adult. Class site is at 5951 John R. Troy. (248) 828-4080.

GRANTS AVAILABLE
The Art Center announces the mini-grant deadline as Feb. 4 for cultural organizations, cities, towns, villages, schools, churches and civic groups to apply for arts-related projects from May 1 to Sept. 30. Grants may receive up to \$2,000 per project. For more information, call (810) 469-8666.

JACKSON CHORALE
Auditions for alto singers are held on Monday evenings at Rochester High School, 180 S. Livernois, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 651-3085.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

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

PARK PLAYERS
Opens auditions for all roles in the spring production of "The Wizard of Oz." Auditions are 1 p.m. today for children. North Rosedale Park Community House 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. Call (313) 538-2336 or (313) 592-4817 or (313) 835-1103.

RISING STAR SINGERS
Auditions are 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Open to ages 8-16 and involves choreography and movement using all talents of participants. Call (734) 354-9825.

S' CRAFT COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for new members in the Schoolcraft Community College Choir by appointment. This year's repertoire includes music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. For information call (248) 349-8175. To schedule an audition call Mark Perrine at (313) 937-0975.

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BELLY DANCING
Classes begin 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 for seven weeks at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 Ten Mile, Oak Park. Call (248) 967-4030.

DETROIT BALLET

BBSO happenings



Rising star: Andrea Lee, 16, is one of the featured performers in the "Millennium Special/ Four Centuries of Music" presented by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra tonight at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

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

DRAWING & PAINTING
Classes taught by Karen Halpern at West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 4640 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield; watercolor painting through March 22; drawing, Mondays through March 20; oil and acrylic through March 24. Call (248) 738-2500.

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

GLASSBLOWING
Touch of Light instructor John Fitzpatrick is taking applications for an eight-week class starting in early February at 23426 Weedards Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 543-1868.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes take place at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. The Jewish Community Center is at 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. Call (248) 967-4030.

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

KINDERMUSIK
Introduce your child to the wonders of music at Village Music. Classes start this week at 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth. Call (734) 354-9825.

NAVEL ACADEMY
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly at 32832 Merritt Dr., Westland. Call (734) 422-1246.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES
Seven week classes beginning 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26 at the Jewish Community Center, Oak Park, 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. Call (248) 967-4030.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon. Live model session, 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m., every third Friday of the month. Starting week of Jan. 24. Call (734) 416-4278.

U-M DEARBORN
Art Museum Project offers studio art classes and workshops beginning on Saturday Jan. 29 at 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5058 for registration information.

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

CONCERTS

BELIAN ARTS MUSICALE
Chamber Music Concert performing works by Brahms, Debussy, Poulenc and Aivazian at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 5980 Rochester, Troy. \$10 adults and \$7 students. Call (248) 828-1001 for reservations.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
Performs with the Farmington Community Band at 3 p.m. today at

Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile, Birmingham.

BORDERS' CONCERT
Derek Bronston Trio will perform Jazz at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28 at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 737-0110.

BOWER THEATER
Gemini will be performing "Good Mischief," a musical celebration for children and the whole family at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 at Whiting Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for children. Call (810) 237-7333 for tickets.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD
Meliora Winds quintet perform at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1 in the library of the Cranbrook House at 380 Lone Pine, Birmingham. Tickets are \$15-25. Call (810) 751-2435.

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR
Detroit Concert Choir will sing the pops series with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Jan. 26-29 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS
3 p.m. today, "Fanfares and More" at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
Gala preview concert with Renaissance High School Dance Company and Detroit All City Dance Company at 8 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 29 at the Adray Theater, Henry Ford Community College, on Evergreen and Ford roads. Tickets are \$10-\$15. Call (313) 965-3544.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
Vienna Choir Boys perform on Monday, Jan. 24 at the Detroit Opera House, Detroit. Call (313) 237-5193.

FERNDALE MUSIC SERIES
Peter Spave Quintet. Tango music with ganderone and strings at 3 p.m. today at the Drayton Ave. Presbyterian Church, 2441 Pinecrest, Ferndale. (248) 546-2503.

FIRESIDE INN JAZZ
Wednesday night jazz with Chris Collins. Tenor saxophone. 8:11-10 p.m. on Jan. 26 at 28937 Warren, two blocks east of Middlebelt. Call (734) 762-7756.

KIRK IN THE HILLS
Organ recital presented by Glenn Miller at 4 p.m. today at 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY SOCIETY
"No, No Nones" by Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, Plymouth. Call (734) 451-2112.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
American String Quartet performs Beethoven at 4 p.m. today at Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington, Ann Arbor. Russian National Orchestra performs 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor. Barbara Hendricks, soprano, performs 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29 at Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 North University Ave., Ann Arbor. Michigan Chamber Players performs Mozart, Haydn and Bach at 4 p.m. Jan. 30 at Rackham Auditorium 915 East Washington, Ann Arbor. Call 800-221-1229.

MILLENNIUM SPECIAL CONCERT
Four centuries of music are celebrated in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra millennium special at 7 p.m. tonight at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads in Bloomfield Hills. The award-winning orchestra will present one of the duo winners of the

BBSO's Young Artist Competition, Andrea Lee, from Okemos. Tickets at \$20 for adults and \$15 for students are available at the door or by calling (248) 645-2276.

CRAIG TAUBMAN
Family entertainer whose albums have won two Parent's Choice Awards, performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield. (248) 851-6880.

EVENTS

PERFORMANCE ARTIST ELLIOTT EARLS
"Eye Sling Shot Lions" Performance art with a hip-hop beat at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at Seventh House, Pontiac. Call (248) 335-8100.

SNOWFLAKE BALL
Orion Art Center celebrates its 11th annual ball on Saturday, Jan. 29 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion. Silent auction during a 6:30 p.m. open bar cocktail hour. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. \$65 per person. Call (248) 693-4986.

TAMBURITZANS
This Eastern European folklore ensemble will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 at Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 808-4332.

FOR KIDS

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE
Songs and puppets with Rita Kirsch for 10 Mondays, beginning Jan. 24. For ages birth to 4 years with a parent at 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER
Various Kindermusik classes for newborn to 7 years now through April 22. Enroll anytime. Classes held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call (734) 354-9109.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. A 10-week class on Wednesday and Thursday beginning Jan. 26 and 27. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

LECTURE

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
"Collecting Art: Greed, Need, Speed" by Carl F. Barnes, Jr. at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 307 Wilson Hall, Rochester. Call (248) 370-3005.

LITERARY

THE WRITER'S VOICE
YMCA's 18th Annual Colloquium Poetry Series with Cleveland performance poet Ray McNiece and Detroit poets Aurora Harris, Dennis Teichman and Scott Klein at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 at the Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth at John R behind DIA. Free. Call (313) 267-5310 Ext. 338.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through March 26 — Joseph Grigely: Publications and Publication Projects, 1994-1999. Deaf since age 10. Grigely's work explores social interactions and the nuances of language. The museum's address is 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Call 800-GO-CRANBROOK.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Feb. 13 — Alejandro Garcia Nelo: Papel Picado, a traditional Mexican folk art. Through March 26 — Robert Frank: The Americans. Through May 31 — "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." Through Feb. 13 — "The Painted Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. All at 5200 Woodward. Detroit (313) 833-7900.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through April 2 — Personal Favorites: Fine Prints from the Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes. The gallery is at 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

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

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HARLAN HATCHER LIBRARY
Through Jan. 29 — "From Papyrus to King James: The Evolution of the English Bible." Address: 412 Maynard, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-9377.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

ART IN THE CORRIDOR
Opens Jan. 24 — Evanthea Samra exhibits at the Farmington Hills and Farmington City Halls located on the corner of Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile. (248) 473-9570.

THE MANISCALCO GALLERY
Opens Jan. 29 — Nancy Proffit Memorial Exhibition through Feb. 19 at 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 886-2993. "Poland: A Celebration of Art and Culture." Opens Jan. 30 — Stainless steel sculptures of Pope John Paul II, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Joseph Conrad and other prominent Poles and Polish Americans by Marian Owczarski, artist-in-residence at the Orchard Lake Schools, through March 1. Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for

the Arts, Plymouth. Opening reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30; Wavel Folk Dancers perform at 2 p.m. (734) 416-4278.

'CLEAR' VIEWS
"Clear Story: The Stained Glass Art of Mr. Samuel Hodge," opens Jan. 29 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. Call (313) 494-5800.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ONGOING)

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through Feb. 18 — Anne Fracassa, Gordon Price, Shelly Richmond and Mark Schwing at 35 East Grand River, Detroit. Call (313) 961-4336.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Gallery through Feb. 19 — "Collective Memories," work of artists Linda Soberman and Jennifer Martin at 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 994-8004.

ART CENTER
Through Feb. 10 — An electronic exhibition of works by Robert Martin. Artists' reception is 1-3 p.m. today at 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens. Call (810) 469-8666.

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSTORE
Through Feb. 5 — Marji Silk: The New Millennium, 2800 S. Rochester, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 544-1203.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Feb. 14 — Diversity: Focus on India. U of M-DeARBORN campus, Mardigan Library, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM B'FIELD ART CENTER
Through Jan. 28 — Exhibition 2000: BBAC Faculty, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0866.

CARIBBEAN COLORS
Through Feb. 12 — "Hawaiian Dreams," a watercolor exhibit by Julie Marionette Wistinghausen at 2966 Biddle Ave., Suite 101, Wyandotte in the Wyandotte Art Lofts.

JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY
The lustres of Paul Krich at 404 East 4th St., Royal Oak. Call (248) 584-2223.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Graduate Works in Progress exhibition at Community Arts Building, Wayne State University, Detroit. Call (313) 577-2423.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Feb. 14 — Candace Compton-Pappas and Stephen Coyle Through Feb. 5 — Visions of Peace and Evolution in the New Millennium. Shows at 47 Williams, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through Jan. 27 — The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY
Through Feb. 4 — Misbehaving! Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund at 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Jan. 29 — Works by various artists, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

THE GALLERY AT MARYGROVE
Through Feb. 23 — "Dreams, Reflection & Space," painting and sculpture by Rick Vian and John Piet, 8425 W. McNichols at Wyoming, Detroit. Call (313) 927-1336.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Feb. 26 — Minotaur & Models: Important Intaglio Prints from Pablo Picasso's La Suite Vollard at 163 Townsend, Birmingham. Call (248) 433-3700.

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

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Jan. 28 — Mixed media of Norma McQueen; through Jan. 31 — Watercolor portrait of Toni Stevens, both at the Livonia Civic

Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 466-2490; through Jan. 31 — Schoolcraft College student artwork, at The Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. Call (734) 466-2540.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Feb. 28 — "In Focus," a photography exhibit, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. Call (248) 858-0415.

OM CAFE
Through March 5 — Paintings by Lisa Goedert portray the magic of moonlight, 23136 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 548-1941.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Feb. 19 — "Views from the Landscape," 407 Pine Rochester. Call (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Feb. 26 — "Yixing 2K," featuring more than 70 pieces of Chinese Yixing Teaware at 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Call (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS
Through Jan. 26 — "Spirit Earth," recent watercolors of Todd Marsee at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4ART.

JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY
Through Jan. 28 — Richard Mock: Mock of the Times. University of Michigan School of Art & Design, 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-0397.

S'FIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Jan. 28 — Images of Lost Spirituality with Southfield artist Charlene Jeter at 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Call (248) 424-9022.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through Jan. 31 — Visions from the Lens of My Soul: The Photography of Equila Slaughter, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. Call (248) 948-0470.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Feb. 5 — Bev Walker: The Light Beyond at 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 761-2287.

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, 48325-1651. Call (248) 626-2285.

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

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

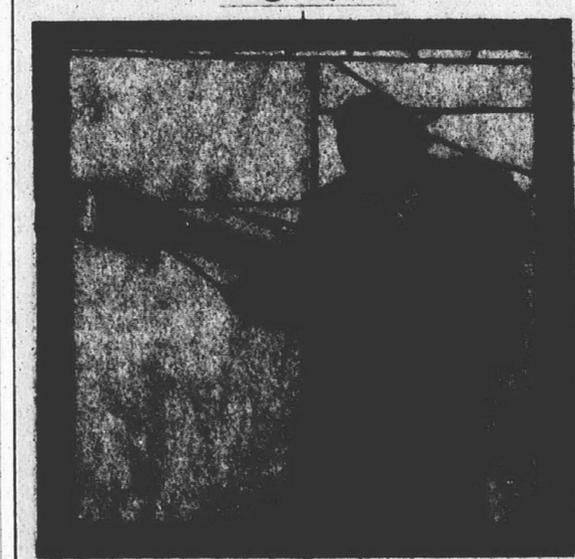
LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Seeks volunteers to work at the Vest Pocket Library located in the Civic Park Senior Center, 30100 W. Seven Mile, for a three-hour period once a week. Call (248) 476-0700.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield. Call (248) 349-0376 or email at www.mcbb.org.

THEATER

VILLAGE PLAYERS
Oliver! Jan. 23, 28-30 and Feb. 4-5. Ticket prices \$14, \$2 discount for students, 18 and under at 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-2075.

King of pane



African art: A stained glass portrait of musician B.B. King is one of the featured exhibits in the "Clear Story: The Stained Glass Art of Mr. Samuel Hodge," which opens Jan. 29 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

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Time passes strangely when you're downtown

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

Gift shopping, Y2K worries, post-season bargain hunting — all long gone.

It only made sense downtown Birmingham was taking a well-deserved, winter break. Or, so I concluded last Wednesday in between sipping my Starbucks latte and heading down Maple Road to check out spring clothes at a local clothing boutique.

Outside Starbucks coffee house, a few of the baristas were chatting and joking around while one of their co-workers replaced outdoor light bulbs.

Across Old Woodward, a man strolled along the sidewalk, carrying a cell phone between his ear and shoulder, smoking a cigarette. He, too, seemed to be partaking in casual conversation, as opposed to one of those "important-matters-mean-I-need-to-be-on-the-cell-phone" dialogues we've all tired of witnessing. (Is anything that rush, rush?)

Bumbling around the corner came another cell phone user. She, too, appeared aimless in direction and conversation. I never imagined finding cell phone use refreshing, but, at that moment, cell phones looked better than shopping bags.

The American Flag perched above the Limited Express building seemed to flap in slow motion.

Other than a woman eyeing sofas in Jennifer Convertibles' store front, nobody seemed intent on anything, especially shopping. A few love birds, walking hand-in-hand, paused to look inside The Gap's windows. Just about everybody else simply drifted by, sipping warm coffee house drinks or talking and laughing.

Walking back to my car, the salt on the road and sidewalks crackled. A few cars sailed by, but their roars were shallow and soft. There were a few season leftovers: a sale sign at Art Loft; a row of flashing Christmas lights in the Subway sandwich shop; a pile of "Y2-K9" tins on a table inside Three Dog Bakery.

These were carefree and peaceful times in downtown Birmingham, a respite from the hurried, uneasy and fussy world of selling and buying. I was pleased to conclude. I took a sip of my latte and turned the key in the ignition.

And, then, like a New York — or should I say downtown Birmingham — minute, it was over.

Across the street was a woman overloaded with purchases, two shopping bags perched atop a large box, scurrying towards the southwest corner of Maple and Woodward. Worse yet, she was headed towards a sports utility vehicle "parked" illegally at the intersection with its emergency lights flashing.

A man in a leather jacket burst out of Wachler Jewellers carrying a small shopping bag, barely missing the woman and her bag-and-box balancing act.

Then, as if time had reverted, delivering people and place back into the hustle and bustle of late December, a slew of people came marching across Maple carrying bags of newly purchased goods.

The cars, too, seemed to be moving more quickly. Within minutes, they were backed up on both sides of Maple under a green traffic light. Then, more people, some walking quickly, some with shopping bags; the sound of a car horn; a woman leaving Three Dog Bakery with two bags of bones for Spot; and thumping house music coming from a teenager's stopped car.

Doesn't this place take a break, I asked myself. Isn't a downtown about more than just hurrying and getting things done and shopping? Don't people ever just hang out, look around, take things in?

The clock read 2:45 p.m. About 15 minutes had passed.

But, I rationalized, I suppose that's all that we can ask. There are still birthday presents and wedding shower gifts to buy. Valentine's Day is just around the corner. And, surely there are few teenagers with leftover Christmas money to spend. Spot probably misbehaves without his gourmet dog bones.

That's when I realized I had been privy to something rare, a time of rest, what felt like a moment, in downtown Birmingham.

It's true time flies when you're having fun. But with all the rushing around we do in our favorite downtown districts, how much fun can we be having?

Next time you're downtown, look around, listen. You, too, might pay witness to something unusual.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CASTRELL

Just like home: Marna T. Nemon, of Clarkston, sips coffee while Garrett and Guilford Guthrie, also of Clarkston, enjoy Ray's ice cream and play with toys at the quaint and cozy Union General Sweetshop and Cafe in downtown Clarkston.

Downtown java

It's not Main Street without the coffee house

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Let's face it. Downtown coffee houses are nothing new; if you haven't ventured into one yet, surely you've spotted their trendy store fronts on the way to your Main Street florist, clothing boutique or gift shop.

But there's no denying the everyday importance that coffee houses have assumed; the chilly weather only makes it more apparent Main Street wouldn't be complete without a cozy coffee house into which to retire.

"There needs to be a gathering place. That's kind of important to keeping the homey feel of a downtown," said Ann Stevenson, owner of the Union General Sweetshop and Cafe in downtown Clarkston where local residents frequently stop to sip espresso drinks and spend time with friends and family.

Clarkston-area teenagers also regularly gather at the cafe, at 50 S. Main, to meet friends after school and socialize, said Stevenson.

Trend-setting downtown Birmingham has been home to several cafes for years. Today, four cafes, including

Starbucks, serve espresso drinks to customers who work and live in the area; and, it's not uncommon to hear the cafe's baristas call out regular customers' drink orders before a request is made.

In downtown Rochester, home to a Coffee Beanery and newly-opened Starbucks, getting coffee is a "morning regiment" for people who live and work in the community, said Kristi Trevarrow, promotions and marketing director for the Rochester Downtown Development Authority.

In downtown Plymouth, the Coffee Studio across from Kellogg Park not only provides java for a host of regular customers and is a gathering place for local teenagers but also serves as a meeting place and activity center for the town, said Paulette Wisnom, owner of the two-story, studio-style cafe.

"It's relaxed enough for people to meet each other. I know many people who have met in the cafe," she said. "The way society is going there is so much isolation and I don't think people have opportunities to meet up as much, especially in suburbia ... but this is conducive to that."

Coffee house identity
Coffee houses don't just serve us. They influence and reinforce our

sense of ourselves and our downtown districts.

In downtown Rochester, news of Starbucks' plans to open a cafe in the district meant "we were finally getting into the 90s," said Trevarrow.

Blessed with large windows, wood floors and a second-story loft seating area, the Coffee Beanery satisfies Plymouth residents' taste for a dose

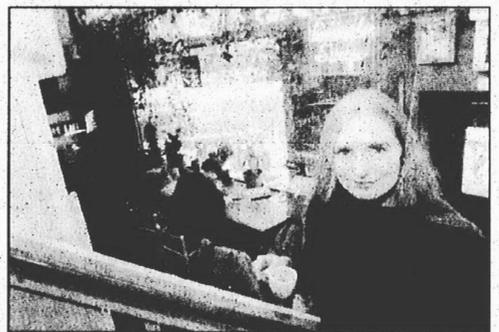
of Soho, Wisnom said. The cafe even hosted a series of drum circle sessions. "We're sort of a haven for those who don't want a chain coffee house."

Likewise, the 12-seat Union General cafe is tucked inside a mid-17th century house and sports an eclectic mix of vintage furniture and accessories, in keeping with

downtown Clarkston's small-town character.

"We have creaky doors and wooden floors — all that stuff that gives us a lot of character," said Stevenson.

"The modern coffee house probably wouldn't be appropriate for here — say what you'd maybe see in downtown Birmingham," said Stevenson. "I think you need to have a coffee house that fits the community."



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Modern and airy: At Paulette Wisnom's Coffee Studio in downtown Plymouth daylight pours in through large windows, and patrons can recline with their espresso and a good book in the coffee house's second-story loft.

Leiber handbag designed for Troy fund-raiser

The folks at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute have put their hopes in one bag.

A one-of-a-kind Judith Leiber bag to be precise.

The famous handbag and accessories designer has created a sparkling minaudiere bag to auction Friday, Jan. 28 at the institute's annual "Red Heart Blues ... and all that Jazz!" fund-raiser at Troy's Somerset Inn.

In the meantime, anyone who's interested in seeing the heart-shaped bag, which forms hearts and musical notes out of Austrian crystals and features a

semi-precious stone clasp, can do so at Neiman Marcus' Somerset Collection store in Troy.

Leiber, who is known as the last hand-assembled handbag couturier in the United States, designed the handbag specifically for the fund-raising event to reflect its themes.

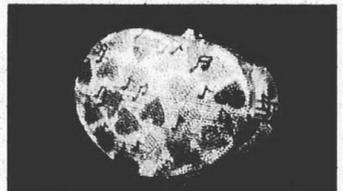
Leiber's handbags cost as much as \$7,500 and are carried by some of the world's most famous women, including Elizabeth Taylor, Barbara Walters and Queen Elizabeth.

Money raised at "Red Heart Blues ... and all that Jazz!" benefits research

and treatment for the prevention and cure of cardiovascular diseases at the institute.

Dinner, dancing, the sounds of jazz, a silent auction and award presentation are also slated for the event, which will be announced by WDIV-TV 4 health reporter Lila Lazarus and begins at 6 p.m.

Attendance at the event is not required to bid on the Leiber bag. For event tickets, priced at \$200 and \$300, or to place absentee bids call Henry Ford Health System's special events office at (313) 876-9259.



Dazzling heart: Judith Leiber's heart and musical note purse, on display at Neiman Marcus, is made of Austrian crystals.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

BRIDAL SHOW
Brides-To-Be Inc. presents a show of bridal fashions, trousseau wear and men's formal attire at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, noon-5 p.m. For more information, call (810) 228-2700. Tickets are \$7 at the door.
MONDAY, JANUARY 24

CALVIN KLEIN TRUNK SHOW
Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a trunk show of Calvin Klein's spring collection, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Sportswear, third floor.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

GOWN TRUNK SHOW

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Spring gowns and formal attire for women are informally modeled at Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., second floor.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

ERIC GASKINS COLLECTION
View Eric Gaskin's spring special order collection for women at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

STORE RE-OPENING
Fashions by Maria Bridal and Tuxedo host a champagne reception to celebrate the bridal salon's grand re-opening at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills, 4-9 p.m. For information, call (248) 375-4696.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

GIORGIO ARMANI TRUNK SHOW
View Giorgio Armani's spring and summer Black Label collection for women at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Sportswear, third floor.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

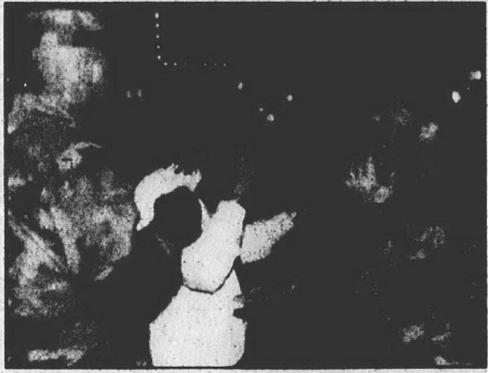
PINEWOOD DERBY
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts the Livonia Family YMCA's Annual Pinewood Derby, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Food Court. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

DONCASTER SPRING SHOW
View a private trunk show of Doncaster's spring attire for women through Feb. 4 at a local representatives' house. For more information or to schedule a personal consultation, call (734) 416-8838 or e-mail Stylemadeeasy@netscape.net.

WNIC going!

Paint job: Cynthia Canty (right), WNIC-FM Breakfast Club air personality, gets drilled by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve on how to quickly apply camouflage paint before an audience of Great Lakes Crossing shoppers. Members of the Marine Corps Reserve came to the Auburn Hills mall on Dec. 17 for a Toys for Tots event that was broadcast live on WNIC. More than 6,000 toys were donated because of the event.



WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

An AM/FM portable radio "Bone Fon" and two yogurt makers.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- We need eight more Hudson's millennium Santa Bears for readers.

- We also need Hudson's Santa Bears from 1987, 1989, 1990, 1994 and Anniversary Bears.

- Three readers were interested in the 8-millimeter viewing machine.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A store that sells Royal Ice Cream (black walnut) for Joanne who lives in Independence Township.

- A store that sells Lagerfeld "Photo" shower gel for Frank, a Southfield resident.

- Music for the song "Violets in the Snow" for Nancy, who lives in Waterford.

- A 1952 Detroit Central High School yearbook for Margerie, a resident of West Bloomfield.

- Small brushes for cleaning electric razors are available at The Shaver Shop, 61 W. Huron in Pontiac, (248) 334-1411.

- Patterns for making a tractor mail box are sold at Winfield Collection Woodcraft Supply in Fenton, Mich., (810) 629-7712.

- A 32-ounce jar of chopped garlic can be purchased at the Meijer stores in Westland and Novi.

- 4711 cologne can be purchased through the Beauty Boutique catalogue, (440) 826-2008.

- We found the following from readers:

transfers eight-millimeter film into video for Mrs. Miller.

- A Harlem Globe Trotters video with MeadowLark Lemon and other old players for Frank, who lives in Birmingham.

- A store that sells AHAVA hand cream for Rosemary of Birmingham.

- A carousel slide projector for Margaret of Orchard Lake.

- An old-fashioned, two-handed, crank grinder for meat or nuts for Jennifer, a Rochester Hills resident.

- A store that sells Angel Soft & Gentle floral/ color toilet tissue for Kathy of Redford.

- A porcelain doll named Kathy from The Wuthering Heights Collection of Immortal Heroines from the World's Greatest Literature for Nancy of Westland.

- A store that sells Dogwood trees that are native to and grown in Michigan (white flowers and planted as a specimen tree) for Wes, who lives in Rochester Hills.

- Hudson's Santa Bears from 1987, 1988 and 1990 for Marilyn.

- A store where a Gerrard turntable needle can be purchased for Joyce.

- A store that sells Christmas tree lights that look like candles and are filled with gold liquid for Lynn.

- A store that sells Murphy's Kitchen Care cleaner for Ruth, who lives in Bloomfield Hills.

- Atlantis Infinity II series luggage in the brocade/tapestry

pattern (purse or cosmetic style) for Gordon of Plymouth.

- A 1998 Christmas charity CD released by 98.7 FM radio for Chris of Oxford.

- Mikasa Home-spun stoneware in "Almond Blossom" for Helen, who lives in Westland.

- The Cooperstown figurine collection (1948 Cleveland Indians, item 8609) by FLAMBRO for Karen, a resident of Westland.

- A store where Charles of the Ritz Complete Cover-Up make-up in "Natural Cameo" is available for Loretta of West Bloomfield.

- Instructions for Vogue pattern #1312 (Santa, wreaths, ornaments and Christmas stockings) for Bonnie, who resides in Farmington Hills.

- A contact address or phone number for The Brownstone Studio Fashion Apparel catalog for Mrs. G. of Bloomfield Hills.

- Sierra's Incredible Machines III software for Ed, a Troy resident.

- An older Miss Piggy wristwatch for Myra.

- A store where a clip-on light for reading sheet music on a stand at a spinet piano can be bought for Joan.

- A store where a Farberware electric potato peeler can be bought for Janet of Livonia.

- A tape cassette of the soundtrack from "A Perfect World" for Shirley.

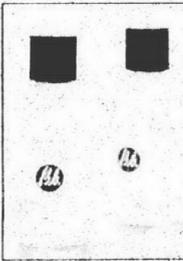
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Vintage Valentine: There's nothing more romantic than Victorian style, so Maximal Art combined an image of a rose from a vintage, English etching, an old love letter and the shape of hearts to create romantic pieces perfect for Valentine's Day, about \$32-250 at Ribbons or Magnolia in Birmingham, Janet Varnier in Rochester and Ilona & Gallery or Platinum Treats in West Bloomfield.



Frizz free: Hip hair product maker Bumble and bumble makes DeFrizz to help you tangle with hair problems created by weather and humidity changes, about \$10-17 at area salons.



Royal robe: Feel like royalty and stay warm this winter in a velvet robe with satin trim in sage green, \$188 at Anthropologie Birmingham.

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- And More!

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Author quenches thirst for knowledge about breweries

Brewed in Detroit: Breweries and Beers Since 1830
By Peter H. Blum
Wayne State University Press, \$34.95

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

When you think of manufacturing in Detroit, you automatically think automobiles. But this area has been the home to a diversity of manufacturing concerns from salt mines to steel mills to chemical plants.

All that hard work in all those industries and on construction crews generated a powerful thirst. It was only natural that immigrant brewers would try to slake that thirst with the working man's favorite beverage, beer.

Peter H. Blum, a longtime employee at Stroh Brewery and Stroh family archivist, has written a thorough and lively account of the many breweries that filled that important social function from the 1830s to the present day. Blum's book is part business history, part social commentary and part celebration of the brewer's craft.

In the early days, when transportation was slow and unreliable and beer was highly perishable, local brewers supplied the area taverns and private homes. Blum traces the beginning of Detroit brewing to the British, Irish and Scot settlers. These early brewers created the heavy ales, porters and stouts that were the preferred drink of the British Isles.

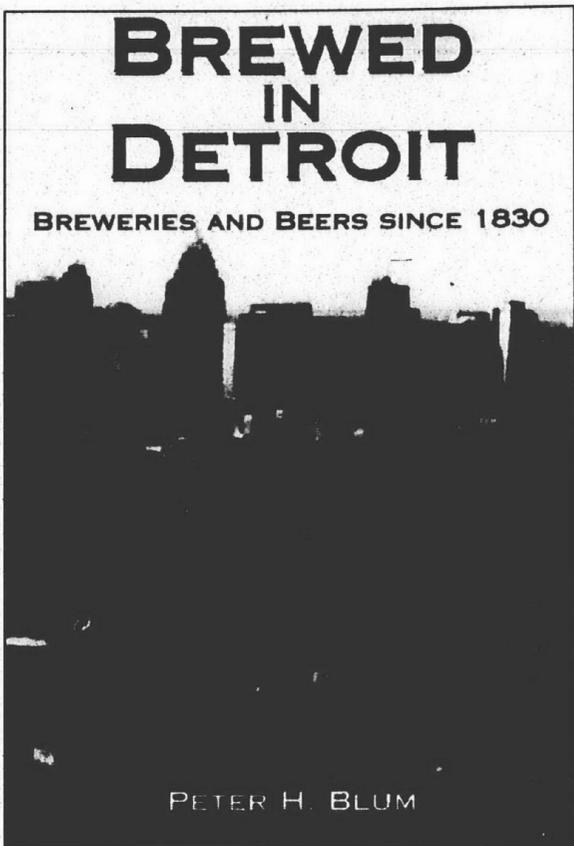
They would very quickly be replaced by German brewers who brought the lighter, golden yellow pilsner that would become the standard for American beer. Detroit's large Polish community also produced their own brand of beer.

Blum begins his book with a colorful section reproducing advertising posters, calendars, serving trays and labels. Throughout the book, Blum tells collectors what might be available from the many defunct breweries and how rare they are.

The author follows the color picture section with a short history of beer and an explanation of how dry grain is transformed into that effervescent elixir.

The heart of Blum's book is a series of short histories of all known Detroit brewers, following their fortunes from beginning to end. The longest section, of course, chronicles the history of Detroit's most successful brewer, Stroh, which at one time was the third largest brewer in the United States.

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By the end of the war, three breweries fought for supremacy in Detroit — Stroh, Goebel and Pfeiffer. Anyone who was in Detroit during the 1950s will remember how spirited a competition this was. For much of the decade Pfeiffer held the top spot until a changing market and poor management decisions caused its decline. Goebel was noted for sponsoring sports programs, but it was soon bought out by Stroh.

Noting the national decline of regional brands, Stroh gambled on becoming a national player. The company bought Philadelphia's Schaefer and then Milwaukee's Schlitz, at one time the nation's top brewer.

The company closed its Detroit plant. But, in the end, Stroh could not compete with Budweiser and Miller on the national scene, and last year the company sold its brewing operations to Pabst and Miller.

But Blum's story of brewing doesn't end there. He writes about the rise of micro-breweries and brewpubs. The desire for more variety in styles has led to a mini renaissance in the brewer's art.

The book is richly illustrated with historic photos and advertising. The pictures of the often ornately designed breweries are a special treat.

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THE GREEN MILE (R)
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Showcase Pontiac 1-5

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Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
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Showcase Pontiac 6-12

2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of
248-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
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Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
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STUART LITTLE (G)
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THE GREEN MILE (R)
12:40, 4:10, 7:45

One Yacht

Warren & Wayne Aves
313-425-7700
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
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Late Shows Friday & Saturday
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MAGNOLIA (R)
SUN. 12:00, 3:45, 7:30

Showcase

Westland 1-8
6800 Wayne Rd.
One blk. S. of Warren Rd.
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THE GREEN MILE (R)
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TOY STORY 2 (G)
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ANY GIVEN SUNDAY (R)
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MAN ON THE MOON (R)
7:40 PM ONLY
INCENTIONAL MAN (PG)
1:50, 4:45 PM ONLY
STUART LITTLE (PG)
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ANNA AND THE KING (PG-13)
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THE GREEN MILE (R)
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DUCE BICOLOR: MALE GIGOLO (R)
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TOY STORY 2 (G)
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SHOW FALLING ON CEDARS (PG-13)
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THE SIXTH SENSE (PG-13)
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AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:20

Star Rochester Hills

200 Barclay Circle
248-853-2260
SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY
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STUART LITTLE (PG)
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12:45, 4:50, 8:45
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MP Theatres

Brighton - Cinema 9
1-96 East Grand River
810-227-4700
Call 77-Film Ext. 548

NP DOWN TO YOU (PG-13)
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FINAL DAYS

"Looking Back/Facing Forward," an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Toni Stevens continues through Monday, Jan. 31 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its 24th annual Juried Art Festival—Art in the Village Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Deadline for entry is Friday, Feb. 11. For an application, call Livonia Community Resources department at (734) 466-2540.

■ Canton Township is also seeking artists for its ninth annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest June 24-25 in Heritage Park.

Deadline for application is April 15. Call (734) 453-3710.

In addition, any art student in middle or high school in the Plymouth Canton Schools can display and sell their wares in a student booth for free.

ART EXHIBIT

"Two Artists of the Millennium: Ellen Wilt & Robin Wilt" display their work through Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Exhibit Gallery at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The exhibit consists of fine art and multi-media works of a mother and daughter who are both accomplished artists known throughout Michigan and the U.S.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call art professor Ralph Glenn at (734) 432-5711.

NOTEWORTHY CONCERT

The men's chorus, "Measure for Measure," presents a concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Tickets are \$8, \$5

students/seniors, and will be available at the door 30 minutes before the concert. For advanced ticket sales or more information about this concert or other concerts in the Noteworthy Concert Series, call (734) 453-5280.

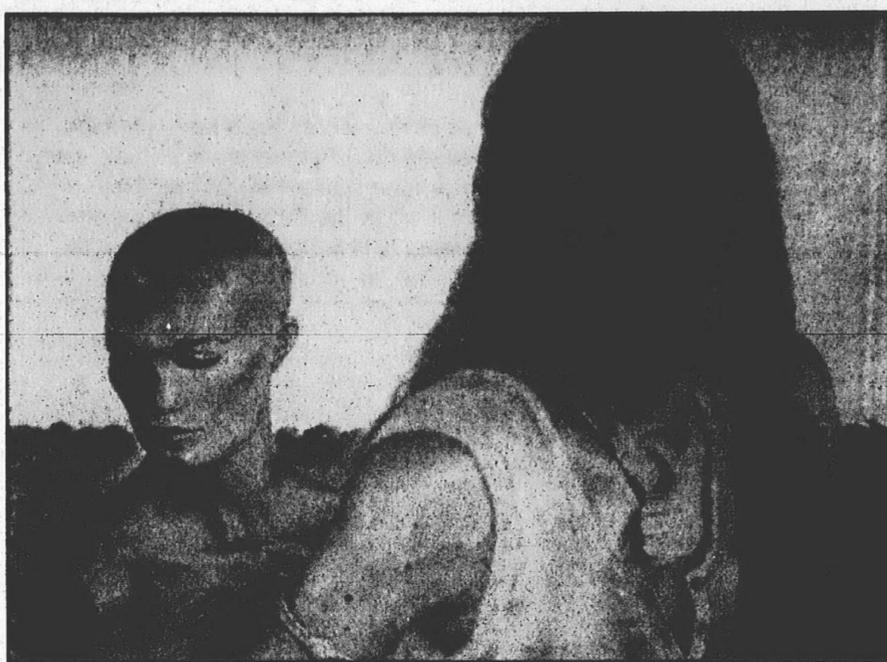
Performing in the style of a men's glee club, this chorus of more than 80 members has performed and competed nationally and internationally. Conductor Leonard Riccinto is a music professor and director of choral activities at Eastern Michigan University.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Schoolcraft College presents its annual Mardi Gras Celebration, "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Tickets are \$30 if purchased before Friday, \$35 afterwards, and available by calling (734) 462-4417. For information, call (734) 462-4435.

Dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine. The vocal choir SCool JAzz will also perform.



Looking Forward: "Leaving Eden" is one of three new pieces in the show by Plymouth artist Toni Stevens.

Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans marks 30th anniversary

PRNewswire —The year 2000 marks the 30th anniversary of the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans. Starting in the spring of 1970, a group of 125 young artists from Ann Arbor began working on an art fair for local artists and craftspeople along with students from the University of Michigan called The Free Arts Festival. At the time, the Ann Arbor Art Fair was comprised of two fairs that were organized by two local merchant groups. The festivities of

what later became The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans and the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. It has since become the largest of the three fairs that comprise the Ann Arbor Art Fairs as well as the most successful art fair in the United States.

Funding for this new, third fair was provided by the artists themselves. In 1971, the administrative costs were met by the

University of Michigan through the University Activities Center. The 1972 Free Arts Festival saw the initial inclusion of a complete entertainment program, a food service area, a children's art activity area as well as an added street that was allocated for the new fair. Shortly thereafter the event's name was changed to the Summer Arts Festival.

Fair artists met in 1973 to create a permanent organization to manage the new fair, which had

grown to 250 artists. Using revenues from the fair, they hired a part-time coordinator and formed The University Artists and Craftmen Guild with member dues, a newsletter and a health insurance program. During these early days, fairs were sponsored by The Guild in the Michigan Ballroom, fall fairs were held on Sundays at the Farmers' Market and an art fair was held in Greektown in downtown Detroit.

As years passed, The Guild quickly outgrew its office space that had been located in the Michigan Union at the University of Michigan. In the early 1980s, The Guild left the security of the University of Michigan, formed an independent, non-profit corporation, changed its name and moved to its present building at 118 N. Fourth Avenue in Ann Arbor. Today The Guild has approximately 1,300 professional artist members and has held constant with

540 booths at the Summer Art Fair since the late seventies. While most of the members remain in Ann Arbor and southeastern Michigan, members have relocated all over North America as well as Europe.

This year The Michigan Guild's Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair will take place July 19-22. For more information on events held by The Guild, please call (734) 662-3382.

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American myth-maker Norman Rockwell finally getting his due

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

If you want to be part of Norman Rockwell's victory tour around America you will have to travel to Chicago sometime between Feb. 26 and May 21.

The Rockwell exhibit will come no closer to Detroit.

The exhibit features 70 paintings and all 322 of his *Saturday Evening Post* covers and is in Atlanta through the end of January.

In Chicago it will be installed in two rooms at the Chicago Historical Society's building, which is in the south end of the city's Lincoln Park (well north of The Loop).

This exhibit, a new book by the curator of his hometown museum (in Stockbridge, Massachusetts), and a recent 90-minute documentary on PBS are all part of a renewed interest in Rockwell.

Rockwell has been dismissed as too sentimental, too corny, too much of an illustrator - he did Boy Scout calendars for heaven's sake - to be considered an American master. He couldn't ever match up to Homer, Hopper, O'Keefe, Pollock, Wyeth or even Warhol or Grant Wood:

Or could he?

It is interesting to note the full title of the exhibit: "Norman Rockwell: Pictures for the American People." It's as if to say: here is America's favorite artist; critics, art historians, pundits of high culture be damned. This show is for the American people he so richly evokes in his work.

It is also interesting to see

Norman Rockwell would have been pleased. He often expressed doubt about his ability and his place as a bona fide artist. But as Steven Spielberg tells us in the PBS show, he painted the American dream better than anyone else - so well, in fact, that his name became an adjective.

that this tour ends in New York City, at the Guggenheim Museum, the famed circular, "ultra modern" structure conceived by another American master, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Here, the foremost depicter of small-town life comes to terms with the teeming, cosmopolitan, American mecca for art and artists: New York City.

How un-Rockwell. Baby-boomers and their parents best remember Rockwell and those 40 years of covers for *Saturday Evening Post*. It is said that he never took on serious subjects until very late in life. By a poll of readers of the *Post*, his favorite cover is a boy and his grandmother saying grace in a small diner.

Supposedly by his own admission he painted an America he wanted to see; Rockwell's covers from the Depression do not reveal the despair that gripped the country.

The show comes more than two decades after his death and appears to be designed to bridge the turn of the century with a look back at our best and brightest moments: soldiers back from war, kids at the soda fountain, a whole family at the Thanksgiv-

ing table, a couple getting their marriage license. All his covers seemed infused with his sly wit, and like Hitchcock, he sometimes put himself into his own pictures.

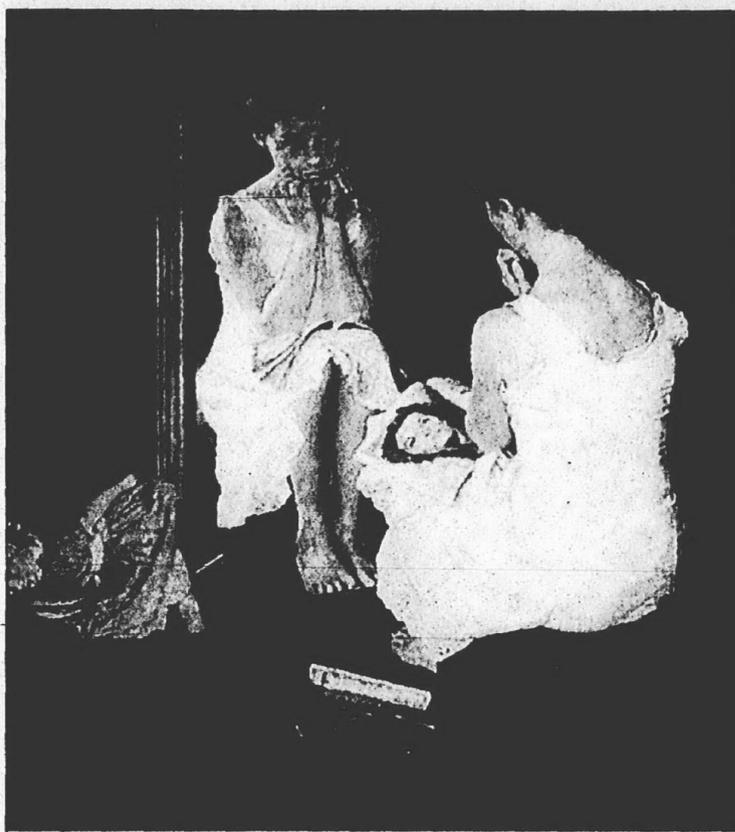
Visitors to the exhibit will learn about his meticulous methods, his use of preliminary sketches and models, and about his life through a biographical timeline that includes photographs.

After Chicago the show goes to the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., then to San Diego, to Phoenix, back to Stockbridge (the Norman Rockwell Museum) then on to the Guggenheim for a long run (November, 2001 to mid-February, 2002).

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"We just drove through a Norman Rockwell town; or, 'It was a Norman Rockwell family gathering.'"

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Daydreaming: "Girl At Mirror," an oil on canvas work by Norman Rockwell that was chosen for the March 6, 1954 *Saturday Evening Post* cover, is one of 322 of Rockwell's *Saturday Evening Post* covers that will be on display in Chicago.

tickets. The museum's number is (312) 642-4600. As of this week the Illinois Ticketmaster Web site was not listing this event.

The Drake Hotel, Doubletree

Guest Suites Hotel, the Westin Hotel and the Four Seasons Hotel are close to the museum. About 60 hotels are taking part in a Chicago WinterBreak pro-

motions and are advertising lowered rates for weekends through March. Call (888) FUN-EVENTS or (800)2CONNECT about various other deals and events.

GREAT ESCAPES

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SKI UPDATES

Most of Michigan's 42 downhill ski resorts and ski areas currently report open runs, with plenty of good skiing anticipated for January.

One-fourth of Michigan's downhill ski areas have beefed up their snowmaking systems for this season.

For the latest snow and travel conditions, call Travel Michigan's 24-hour conditions line at 888-78-GREAT (784-7328), updated twice daily by AAA Michigan, or visit the Travel Michigan Web site at www.michigan.org

The following information was provided by AAA of Michigan.

IMPROVEMENTS EVERYWHERE
In the southern Lower Peninsula, Pine Knob (Clarkston) has enlarged its terrain park and has a longer re-contoured race hill. It also upgraded its lodge and cafeteria. Mount Holly (Holly) has re-contoured its race hill and upgraded its lodge and

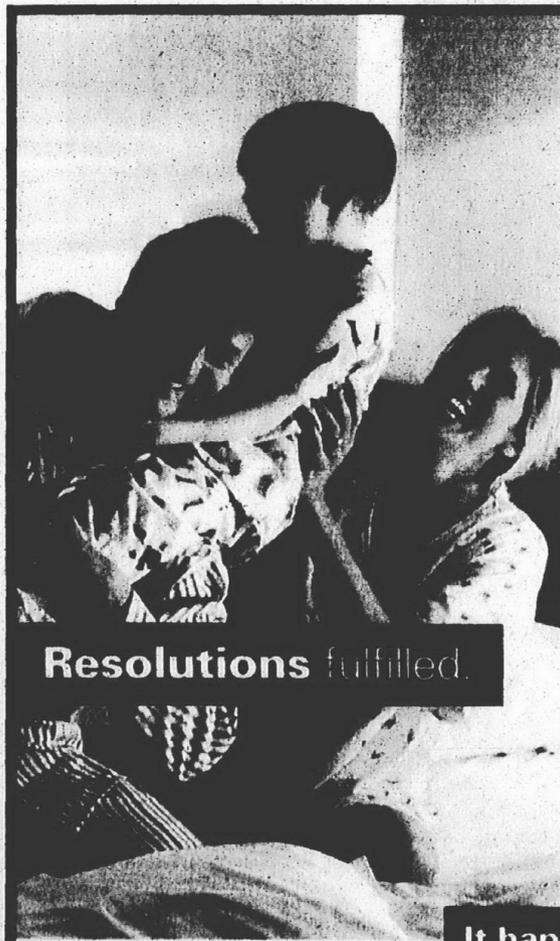
cafe. Mt. Brighton (Brighton), has a redesigned half-pipe that features shortened walls. Alpine Valley (Milford), has remodeled portions of its lodge. Cannonsburg (northeast of Grand Rapids), has increased grooming capability. Bittersweet (Otsego), has raised its ski peak to a 350 foot vertical drop, and sports a newly remodeled cafeteria.

In the northern Lower Peninsula, Caberfae Peaks (Cadillac), has added five new runs, a new day lodge and cafeteria, a new ticket sales office, and an expanded rental facility. In addition, Caberfae has boosted

the height of North Peak to 485 feet vertical drop. Shanty Creek (Bellaire) opened Cedar River Village, located at the base of Schuss Mountain, which features luxury ski-in ski-out lodging, dining facilities, and slope-side condominiums. The area also includes a new snow-tubing

park. Nubs Nob (Harbor Springs), boasts a new technology center and tuning center, where skiers may demo new skis and have their own skis and snowboards tuned for optimum performance. Nubs has also added another "just for kids" beginner's trail, and another

Pipe Dragon grooming machine to keep their half pipe in prime condition for boarders. Mt. Holiday (Traverse City), has doubled the length of its tubing run, doubled the size of its beginner's area, and increased the size of its terrain park.



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During the past few years, the media has reported on scientific studies that suggest that monounsaturated fats, such as olive oil, may decrease the risk of heart disease. Maybe it's time to think about an oil change in your kitchen.

Studies that included countries that primarily use olive oil showed they had a lower incidence of breast cancer. There are also studies that suggest olive oil may reduce blood cholesterol.

Sources

Olive oil is a monounsaturated fat and affects the body the least. Monounsaturated fat sources include olive, peanut and canola oils.

Polyunsaturated fats include corn, safflower, soybeans and sesame seeds.

Saturated fats are from animal sources such as meats and milk products. There are three vegetable oils that are highly saturated - coconut, palm and palm kernel. Saturated fats can boost cholesterol and cause heart disease.

No oil or salad fat has just one kind of fatty acid so whatever fat you choose, use it sparingly. All vegetable oils contain about 120 calories per tablespoon. Reducing fats, even the good kind, reduces calories, too.

Don't be fooled by the words "light" on olive oil. It means the oil is light in flavor, not calories.

Flavors

Olives produce a different kind of oil depending on when they were picked and how they were pressed. The flavors are everything from a green spicy oil to light and mild. Extra virgin has a pleasant aroma and is strong but not overpowering. Extra virgin oil is the first pressing of the olives. The more pressings the olives have gone through, the lower the grade of olive oil.

Olive oil can replace other vegetable oil in cooking products, but when you want the flavor to come through, choose extra virgin olive oil. The price of olive oils can range from expensive to very expensive. Price has little to do with flavor: Buy a small portion until you are familiar with the flavor.

Use extra virgin or superfine blend oils:

- For dunking slices of fresh bread
- For salad vinaigrettes
- Sprinkled over tomatoes and onions with basil
- Drizzled on raw or cooked vegetables
- Drizzled over baked potatoes (add some Parmesan cheese and fresh herbs)

Extra virgin olive oil should be used in cold dishes or added to a dish that is hot, otherwise you could lose the flavor of the oil.

Don't use olive - or any other oil - in pastry unless it's called for in a recipe. Oil coats flour particles, preventing the water-flour interaction that is necessary for the development of gluten. Pastries made with oil tend to be very tender, yet crumbly and have a greasy feel in your mouth.

Olive oil has a low smoke point, so don't use it for deep-fat frying. The smoke point of a fat is the temperature at which the fat "burns" or is overheated and gives off a blue gas that can irritate mucus membranes (and set off your smoke detector). Use olive oil for sautéing or frying.

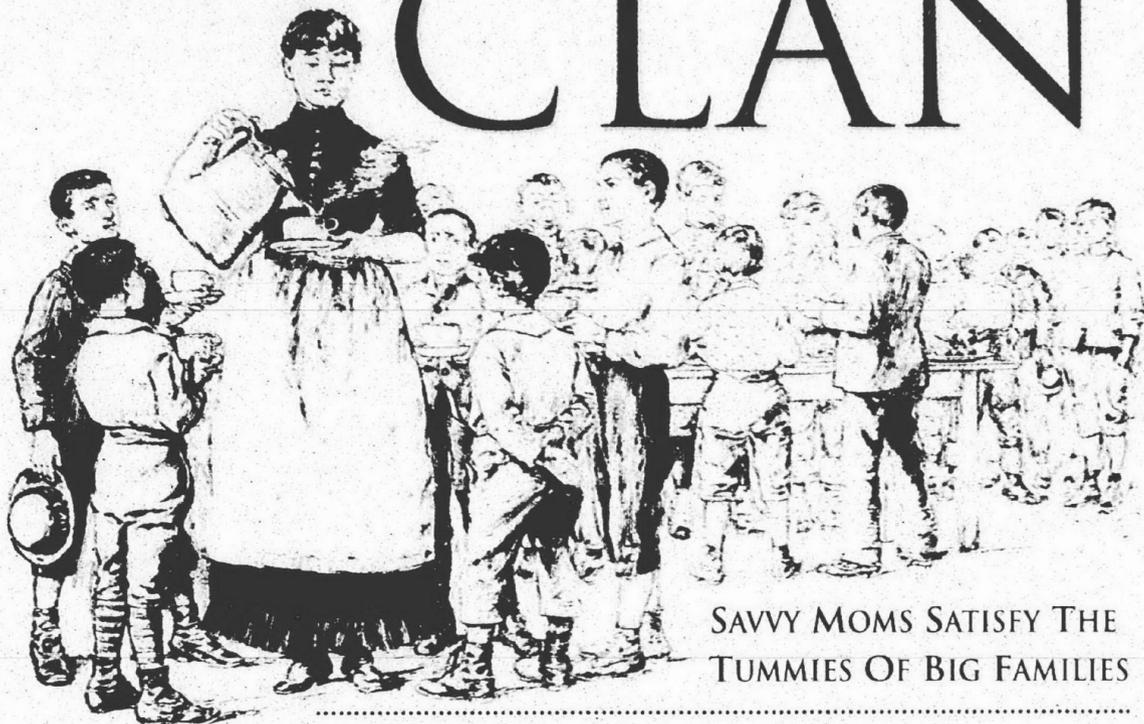
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COOKING FOR THE CLAN



SAVVY MOMS SATISFY THE TUMMIES OF BIG FAMILIES

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

What's a mother to do when it comes to satisfying the taste buds of a whole bunch of individuals? That's the challenge that two mothers face daily. Luckily, both are successful in meeting this demand.

Nancy Sovran of Southfield is the mother of seven children ages 3 to 12. Sarah Gijsbers of Beverly Hills has five daughters who range in age from 18 months to 9. Both mothers have some finicky eaters in their broods. However, both prepare only one dinner each day for their families.

"The picky eaters can select what they want from what is offered," said Sovran. "There may be some whining, especially when I try a new recipe, but the children have learned to eat what is put before them. However, I do try to make dishes that I know will please the majority."

Gijsbers also makes dishes that please the most members of her family. However, she too sometimes hears a few groans when she serves something new for dinner.

"I encourage the girls to take a few bites and try the dishes put before them," said Gijsbers. "If they don't like one particular offering, they don't have to eat it. They can fill up on the other available dishes."

Sovran and her husband, Andrew, a financial analyst at the Detroit Medical Center, learned

early into their parenthood days that majority rule is the way to go when it comes to feeding a large family.

"You can't please everyone all the time, but we found - through trial and error - certain dishes such as stew, spaghetti and chicken casserole that appeal to most of the kids," said Sovran. However, two of their children offer the biggest challenge when it comes to foods.

Sarah, 12, the Sovran's eldest child, doesn't like her food to touch the other foods on her plate. She likes everything to be separate and because of this, she avoids casseroles.

"This is my fault," said Sovran. "I also keep my foods separate. She's acquired my fetish."

The Sovran's youngest child, Hope, 3, also has special needs. Born with spina bifida and paralyzed from the waist down, Hope is currently being weaned from a feeding tube and is trying regular foods for the first time.

"Her favorite food is Cheetos," said Sovran. "She asks for these all the time, even for breakfast. However, we're trying to get her to eat other and more nutritious foods

and we're having some success."

The Sovran's other children are, Joe, 10, Annie, 8, Mary Kate, 7, Dominic, 5, and Molly, 4.

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Gijsbers Family

The Gijsbers's middle child, Annie, 6, is their fussiest eater.

"She doesn't like fruits or vegetables," said Gijsbers. "However, I don't force them on her. I don't like to make food an issue. Battles over food could lead to other problems, even eating disorders. So we just encourage her to taste these foods. She's now beginning to like salads."

The Gijsbers's other children are Deenagh, 9, Remy, 7, Demery, 2 1/2, and Emma 18 months.

Spousal support

Sovran's husband cooks dinner often. In addition, he is the family's main lunch maker.

"He makes the kids' lunches each night before going to bed. It's quite a production to watch as he lines up slices of bread for sandwiches and the fillings and fruits to accommodate each of the children's tastes," said Sovran. "He accomplishes this task quickly and well. He has it down to a science. Also, the kids are great helpers with the meals. Some are assigned to set the table, while others help with such tasks as pouring the milk or cutting up vegetables."

Gijsbers also gets help in the kitchen. Her husband, Brian, an attorney in private practice, often plans and prepares dinners, especially on Sundays.

"He does a good job with the main course," she said. "I usually

help with the side dishes, and the girls make the salad. It's a nice family activity."

These two mothers of large families have discovered what a "small world" it really is. Four years ago they ran into each other while enrolling their youngsters in the preschool program at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School in Beverly Hills.

"We were classmates ourselves years ago at St. Bede's School in Southfield," said Sovran. "We hadn't seen each other for years and had lost touch. Now our children are classmates and friends."

Reuniting, and seeing each other often at school functions, has provided them with a bonus. They share their kid-pleasing recipes, as well as tips for successfully raising so many children.

"It's good to have a friend who understands the same demands that you have," said Sovran. "Large families are a blessing, but also a challenge. And not just when it comes to feeding them."

We want to hear from you. How do you get dinner on the table, yet satisfy the appetites of all of your children? How do you encourage your children to eat vegetables, fruits and other things that are good for them? Is there a kid-friendly way to prepare cauliflower?

Send, fax, or e-mail your recipes and suggestions to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

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Hearty white bean chili a healthy alternative

Tips

- Keep canned broth in the refrigerator so the fat will congeal and be easy to lift off the surface before using. Who wants the extra calories?
- To freeze chili or soup, place a freezer-weight plastic bag inside a bowl, pour in chili or soup, then freeze. When solid, lift the plastic bag out of the bowl, seal and return to freezer for up to 3 months.
- For fast meals, freeze chili and soups in individual portions to be heated in minutes in the microwave.
- If you're going to be away from home longer than the cooking time, plug your slow cooker into an automatic timer. Set the timer to start the cooker while you're gone. Always place chilled food into the cooker that has a delayed starting time. Never let the food stand for more than 2 hours before the cooking starts.

Information from "The Food Lover's Thesaurus" by Sharon Tyler Herbst, (Hearst Books, New York, 1994)

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Sometimes change is good. Sheila Radtke of Westland adapted her chili recipe to what she considered a "more interesting" dish with ground turkey, a healthy alternative to traditional chili made with beef.

"People are shying away from red meat, but they have started coming back to it," Radtke said about her "recipe to share." "People are eating healthier, and they say you should eat more beans. This chili is something you can make in a Crock-pot and eat it whenever."

Radtke recommends that the chili is best if refrigerated, then reheated.

WHITE CHILI

- 1 1/2 pounds ground turkey
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup of diced green pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 1 teaspoon crushed chili peppers
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic granules

- 3 (15-ounce) cans white beans
- 1 cup chicken broth
- Salt and white pepper to taste

In a four-quart saucepan, brown the first five ingredients. Add two cans of beans (undrained). Drain the third can of beans, then blend the beans in a food processor to use for thickening the chili. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes.

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

Send recipes for consideration in Recipe to Share to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 591-7279, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

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

Does anyone use their grill in this weather?

OK, so we've had temperatures hovering around zero, and a few inches of snow on the ground. Summer seems like a long time ago, and so do Fourth of July barbecues, but we were just wondering:

Does anyone use their grill in this kind of weather?

If you do, we want to hear from you.

■ E-mail your favorite winter grill recipes, and tips for staying fired up when it's cold outside, to Ken Abramczyk at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

- Or fax recipes to (734) 591-7279
- Or send them to: Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150
- For questions, call (734) 953-2112



Warm up your crew with meat loaf, stew

See related story on Taste front.

Got the whole gang over for a feast? Here's two hearty recipes for your crew to consume:

FAMILY MEAT LOAF

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 3/4 pound ground veal
- 3/4 pound ground pork
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon chopped basil
- 1 teaspoon chopped chives
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup of ketchup (or barbecue sauce), divided

Preheat oven to 350° F. In large bowl, combine all ingredients, reserving 1/2 cup ketchup or barbecue sauce. Place mixture in a greased loaf pan. Spread remaining ketchup (barbecue sauce) on top. Bake for 45 minutes to one hour. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of Sarah Gijbers

OVEN STEW

- 2 pounds stewing meat (beef or veal), cut into bite-size pieces
- 3 cups V-8 juice
- 2 cups onion, cut into large pieces
- 2 cups potatoes, peeled and cut into quarters
- 2 cups carrots, peeled and cut into large pieces
- 2 cups celery, cut into large pieces
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 5 tablespoons tapioca
- 1 medium can sliced mushrooms (optional)

Preheat oven to 250° F. Combine ingredients in roasting pan. Stir to mix. Bake for 5 hours. (No pre-browning of meat is required. Brown gravy is produced during baking process.) Serves 8-10.

Recipe compliments of Nancy Souvan

IN SEASON Kiwifruits kick winter blues

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California kiwifruits are one of the few fresh fruits in peak season throughout winter, the California Kiwifruit Commission points out.

The fruit is compact, completely edible, has lively flavor and pretty green color and delivers vitamin C and fiber, among other nutritious values. Here are some pointers for its use:

■ Choosing kiwifruit is easy, the commission says. Pick firm, unblemished fruit and test by squeezing gently. If the fruit gives to slight pressure, it is ripe. If it does not yield at all, it is not ready to eat.

■ Size does not matter. Smaller kiwis taste the same as larger fruit.

■ Kiwi will keep for several days at room temperature and

KIWI MANGO SALSA

3 medium kiwifruit
 3/4 cup mango, chopped (see note)
 1 tablespoon minced green chilies (fresh or canned)
 2 tablespoons lime juice
 1 1/2 teaspoons honey
 3 tablespoons chopped cilantro
 Pinch of salt

Peel kiwifruit and cut into lengthwise quarters, then slice. Place sliced kiwifruit into bowl with other ingredients. Mix gently.

Note: If desired, for the mango substitute 1/2 cup (about 12) diced dried figs.

up to four weeks in your refrigerator.

■ If your kiwifruit is not ripe and you get impatient, put it in a vented plastic bag with an apple or banana and leave it out on the counter for a day to two, to accelerate ripening.

■ You don't have to peel your kiwifruit: The fuzzy skin is edible and a lot of the nutrients lie just beneath it, so rinse it off and bite right in:

■ If you wish you can slice the fruit in half and scoop the inside out with a spoon. You can also quarter it like an apple, slice it like a banana or dice it like a tomato. Substitute it for other fruit or tomatoes in salads and sandwiches.

■ Kiwi acts as a meat tenderizer. Crush a fruit and use it alone or in a marinade. It will be effective on even tough meat after a soaking of only 30 minutes.

■ The kiwifruit has a long history — it was known and prized for its flavor and color at least 700 years ago in China.

■ The following recipe is quick and easy to make, to serve with tortilla chips or as an accompaniment to a meat or seafood dish:

Sense from page D1

Olive oil becomes cloudy and thick at temperatures below 45°F. Store olive oil in a cool dark place.

You can store olive oil in the refrigerator, but it will become cloudy. When you are ready to use the olive oil, take it out of the refrigerator and let it come

to room temperature. The oil will become clear and thin again.

Studies have shown that using a monounsaturated oil is certainly better than using a saturated fat.

But fat is fat, so try to use it sparingly.

Lois Thieleke is a home economist for the Michigan State University extension of Oakland County, and a resident of Birmingham.

If you have questions about food safety, food and nutrition or food preservation, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline, 8:30 a.m.

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CORRECTION NOTICE

In our January 23 insert, we advertised *Supreme Clientele* by Ghostface Killah as available Tuesday, January 25. Due to a manufacturer delay, this title will not be available until Tuesday, February 8. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this title.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.





For The 21st Century
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.
THE BIGGER PICTURE

By addressing the problem of periodontal disease, dental patients can significantly improve their overall health picture. Researchers in both this country and Germany report periodontal disease appears to double the risk for both heart attack and stroke. What is the connection? Researchers speculate that the culprit is chronic inflammation. It raises levels of fibrinogen, a blood-clotting factor that is currently recognized as a marker of cardiac risk. Studies show that men with high levels of C-reactive protein (an indicator of chronic inflammation) are also at increased risk for heart attacks. Thus, when dentists combat the inflammation associated with periodontal disease, the healthful effect extends beyond the gums to the rest of the body.

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"Water can be stored for six months in clean plastic, glass, fiberglass, or enamel lined metal containers or other food grade

containers. Water should not be stored in containers that have previously held toxic chemicals.

Allow at least two quarts of water for drinking and two quarts for food preparation and hygiene. Therefore, a total of one gallon per person per day is recommended for storage."

CORRECTION IN TODAY'S MEDIA PLAY FLYER

Due to a change in street date, the Ghostface Killah CD entitled *Supreme Clientele* will not be available until Feb. 8, 2000. We apologize for any inconvenience.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to Section 36 of the Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 1999-2000, being Enrolled Ordinance No. 97-497, to provide budget execution instructions regarding institution by the Department of Management and Budget of a monthly budget allocation system. The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2000, 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers Room 400
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the above item may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226 (313) 224-0903.

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Arthritis Today

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ASPIRIN AND SALICYLATES

At times, the old ways are still the best ways. In choosing anti-inflammatory medications such may be the case. We are at the entrance of a millennium that promises extraordinary advances in technology, medicine, and the treatment of pain. However, we should not drop everything that comes from the past as being out of date.

Aspirin and salicylates emphasize this point. None of the other twenty-three non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication introduced in the last century including the most recent ones, do a better job in fighting inflammation as aspirin and salicylates.

Nor are any of these other drugs safer than the salicylates. It is true that aspirin can cause bleeding, stomach ulcer, and is related to Reye's Syndrome - a condition in children of high fever, with possible liver and brain damage. However salicylate is just as effective as anti-inflammatory medication and carries none of the risks of aspirin.

In addition, because of the rapid introduction of these other anti-inflammatory drugs, the medical community has insufficient experience in identifying when these drugs may interact with other medicines to cause a toxic reaction or nullify the other drug effect.

In the case of aspirin and salicylates, which have been in use for a hundred years, these interactions are known.

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Individuals experiencing poorly-controlled medical problems cannot be accepted for research. If you are interested in this research, please call.

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What's not to love about legumes?

What's to love about legumes? Plenty. Kidney beans, black-eyed peas, soybeans, lentils, chick-peas, black beans, pinto beans, limas, split peas and all other members of the legume family are low in fat and sodium and provide lots of protein, fiber, iron, potassium and magnesium.

A half-cup serving of cooked legumes contains as much as eight grams of fiber. About 75 percent of this is insoluble fiber, the kind believed to decrease the risk of colon cancer and other intestinal maladies. The remaining 25 percent is soluble fiber, which helps lower blood cholesterol. Among the B vitamins found in legumes is folate, a form of folic acid, which is linked to a reduced incidence of heart disease and birth defects.

Legumes are a nutritional bargain as well, providing eight grams of protein per serving at a much lower cost than meat. Although soybeans are the only legumes that provide all eight essential amino acids, you can easily add the missing ones by eating cereal grains like rice, pasta, or corn at other times during the day.

What's not to love about legumes? Well, there's that

CHICK PEA AND VEGETABLE RAGOUT (garnish, optional)

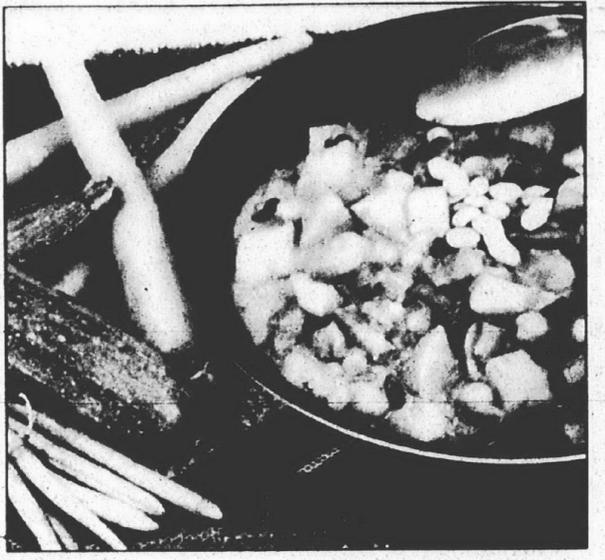
1 1/2 cups diced (1/2-inch) onion
 2 carrots, sliced (1/2-inch diagonals), about 1 cup
 1 rib celery, sliced (1/2-inch), about 1 cup
 1 garlic clove, chopped
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 teaspoon curry powder
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 can (19 ounces) chick peas, rinsed and drained
 1 can (15 ounces) cut up tomatoes with juices
 1 medium sweet potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
 1 cup frozen cut green beans
 1/4 cup raisins
 2 small zucchini, quartered lengthwise and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 1 cup plain nonfat yogurt, at room temperature
 2 tablespoons chopped, dry roasted peanuts

Combine the onion, carrots, celery, garlic and olive oil in a 10-inch nonstick skillet that has a tight-fitting lid. Cook, stirring occasionally, over medium heat for 10 minutes; do not brown. Stir in curry and cumin; cook, stirring, 1 minute.

Add the chick peas, tomatoes, sweet potato, green beans and raisins. Cook, covered, for 10 minutes. Add 2 or 3 tablespoons water as needed to keep the mixture moist. Stir in the zucchini, cover and cook until all the vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes longer. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Remove from heat; let stand uncovered. In a medium bowl, stir the yogurt until smooth. Add a spoonful of the hot vegetable mixture and stir to blend. Transfer to the skillet and stir to blend. Sprinkle with peanuts before serving, if desired.

Nutrition information: Each of the four servings contains 318 calories and 6 grams of fat.



Hearty dish: Chick Pea and Vegetable Ragout - a hearty, stew-like mixture of vegetables - makes a delicious meal.

embarrassing gas, caused by compounds found naturally in beans that our bodies can't digest. Although you can't eliminate the problem completely, you can make it better by soaking, draining and rinsing dried beans before cooking, or by draining the liquid off and rinsing canned beans (this also removes excess

sodium found in most canned beans). Then be sure to drink adequate fluids and build up tolerance by increasing the amount of beans in your diet slowly. Another perceived drawback to eating legumes is preparation time, but this can be overcome in several ways. Canned beans are an option if you don't have time

to spare. Or you can try the quick-soak method in place of the traditional overnight soaking for dried beans. The quick-soak method involves boiling the beans in water for two minutes, then removing the pot from the heat and letting it sit for two to four hours with the cover on. Then

drain, rinse and cover with fresh cold water and cook for one to four hours, depending on the type of legume. Essentially neutral in flavor, legumes complement a variety of cooking styles and ingredients. They are found both at the center of the plate or in supporting roles and are essential to many

ethnic recipes. This hearty, stew-like mixture of vegetables makes a delicious meal. Substitute, subtract or add whatever vegetables you have on hand. Information compliments of the American Institute for Cancer Research. Visit them online at www.aicr.org

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking* to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. All mailed entries must be postmarked Jan. 28. A panel of judges will select the top 10 finalists who will be notified by Friday, Feb. 11.

Entry forms are available at Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call the Temple (248) 661-0040 to have an entry form mailed or faxed to you. The winning recipe will be served at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

First prize is a feature segment on "Keith Fanie's Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV, Channel 4, and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor.

Second prize is dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield and third prize is a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor. Judges include Fanie and Keely Wygonik, assistant managing editor, Observer features group.

CHOCOLATE CANDYMAKING
 Learn how to make delicious chocolates, create delectable assortments such as dips, molds and creams, and experiment with a variety of flavors. 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at Berkshire Middle School, Room 108. The cost is \$16. Call Birmingham Community Education to register (248) 203-3800 or check

out www.communityed.net.
AT SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
 Schoolcraft College in Livonia will be offering a variety of culinary arts classes this winter including, Winter Soups & Stews, 6-10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31; All Things Chocolate, 5-9

p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 8 & 15; European Bread Making, 5-10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 & 21; Thai Cuisine at Home, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13 & 20; Pasta Cookery, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 16 & 23; Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m. Monday, April 3; Outdoor

Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m. Monday, April 17 & 24; and Buffet and Hors D'oeuvres-Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday & Friday, April 20 & 21. To register, or for more information, call (734) 462-4448.

ULTIMATE CHICKEN SOUP CONTEST
 Temple Kol Ami will host its Second Annual Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest at noon Friday, Feb. 25 in the Temple social hall. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form and may include a brief explanation of the soup's origin, if possible to the temple

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Home care

The first in a series of educational workshops for residents, families and members of the community. The first meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Marquette House (36000 Campus Drive) in Westland. Dr. F. Namei of Home Care Physicians has over 25 years experience helping caregivers cope with conditions of the elderly. Topics of the workshop include ways to regain dignity and self worth, improving the quality of life and strategies for living independently. Seating is limited so call (734) 326-6537 to register. Admission is free.

Think trim

Instead of New Year's resolutions, Lorraine Stefano, founder and director of Think Trim®, will suggest ways to develop New Year's solutions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Schoolcraft College (18600 Haggerty Road) in Livonia in Room LA 370. The fee for the all day class is \$57. For additional information and to register call (734) 462-4413.

Alzheimer's workshop

St. Mary Hospital is presenting a two-part workshop on the challenges of Alzheimer's disease from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 and 8 in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. On Feb. 1, Safwan Kazmouz, M.D., will discuss Alzheimer's disease and understanding behaviors. On Feb. 8, Constance Barber, Safe Return Specialist, Alzheimer's Association, will discuss safety issues and Kelley Fulkerson, Alzheimer's Association, will present safety issues in the home. This is a free workshop but pre-registration is required. Call 655-8940 to register.

Menopause support

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 at St. Mary Hospital in the West Addition Conference Room B. Guest speaker, Archana Uppal, PT, MHS, will be discussing the causes of urinary incontinence, treatment options and how physical therapy can help manage incontinence. The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group provides in-depth information, education and emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their mid-life years. There is no charge to attend the meeting. For information call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

AWAKE meeting

American Sleep Apnea Association A.W.A.K.E. (Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic) will host a health/support group for people with sleep disordered breathing problems. Sponsored by Garden City Hospital - Sleep Disorders Center and Garden City Home Equipment the topic will be "What's new in CPAP/BIPAP masks?" Meets at 7 p.m. in classrooms 3 and 4 in the lower level of Garden City Medical Office Building (6255 Inkster Road). Call 458-3330 for questions.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Realistic resolutions

Experts offer advice on sticking to New Year's plan

BY KURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

For many people the New Year means a couple things. Not only is it a time to toss out another calendar, but it also represents the possibility for second chances and a new beginning. Many use it as the impetus to quit some of the bad habits that have accumulated over the years.

So, with dogged determination, they set out to tackle a new batch of New Year's resolutions, feeling this will be the year for success. More than likely, these resolutions will have something to do with the way a person looks and feels.

According to the American Medical Association, 50 million people nationwide began this new year by making resolutions that dealt with either diet or exercise. Unfortunately, history shows most of these people will fail to meet their goal of getting into better shape.

Most experts agree the main reason for this failure is rooted in unrealistic expectations. Wanting quick results, many people jump headfirst into fitness programs or embark on fad diets but soon lose desire because they find such endeavors are just too tough to stick with. Like clockwork, January brings a flood of new members into the local health clubs. However, people who have consistently worked out over the years know that by either February or March most of those new members will drop out like flies.

"We definitely have an increase in workouts in January and February. They can go up from as much as 300 to 1,000 a day, depending on the size of the club," said Brian Wolverton, who is

a health and fitness instructor for Bally Total Fitness, which has 16 clubs in the Detroit area, including ones in Plymouth, Novi, and Dearborn.

"The tendency in the past is that people dropped off quickly because they either lost motivation or the goals that they set for themselves were unrealistic."

Darlene Zimmerman, a Northville-based registered dietitian points to similar factors for those who give up on diets.

"People tend to set expectations that are too high. They are not really realistic. January 1st comes along, so they plan to completely overhaul the way they eat. But they will find it is very difficult to change eating habits," said Zimmerman, who will soon be teaching courses on nutrition at Oakland University.

Both Wolverton and Zimmerman believe failure can be converted into success simply by altering thinking patterns when setting goals.

"I try to get people to focus on small changes in their eating plans, something that they are going to be happy with and be able to live with for the rest of their life. We're not talking about a diet, we're talking about a lifestyle change," Zimmerman said.

For example, just by substituting skim milk for whole milk, person can lose six pounds a year, and the same is true when spreading jam, rather than butter, on toast in the morning. Zimmerman also believes that fad diets, which come and go, should be avoided at all costs because the results they produce are almost always temporary.

"The question I always ask people is: What changes are you willing to make

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Darlene Zimmerman
— dietitian

for the rest of your life? Most people don't want to drink Slimfast forever," Zimmerman said.

Wolverton largely blames media sources, such as fitness magazines, for making people believe they can lose large amounts of weight in a short period of time, which can lead to frustration when such results are not achieved.

"Most research indicates that people can realistically lose no more than two pounds a week. But the majority of people who come in here have the goal of losing five or 10 pounds a week," said Wolverton, who, armed with the latest in health and fitness research, combats these misconceptions by stressing education to his new members.

Wolverton also tries to shift the focus away from losing overall weight, to altering body composition. He feels people need to concentrate on maintaining lean weight, while losing fat weight.

Both Wolverton and Zimmerman

also stress the fact that too much too soon can be a sure road to defeat.

"The people we find who are most successful make changes gradually. People should look at their own lifestyle, their own eating plan, and then take as long as needed to make changes and turn them into habits. The goal is to make it something you do all the time," said Zimmerman.

"Individuals who expect too much and over-exert themselves on their first couple of workouts are sure to fail. I see this all the time with ex-jocks, who come in and think they can pick up where they left off 10 years ago," Wolverton said.

Another factor to look out for is the "all-or-nothing" attitude. Sometimes there are going to be lapses. Workouts will be missed, and ice cream will sometimes be eaten. People should not bring themselves down too far because of it. In fact, changing eating habits does not mean completely giving up one's favorite foods.

"I think restricting yourself creates bigger problems. If you tell yourself you can never have another Oreo cookie, all you will do is think about Oreos. You shouldn't put that kind of pressure on yourself. All foods are okay in moderation. People just need to control portion sizes," Zimmerman said.

So, as January fades away, along with the memory of another New Year, the key to keeping those resolutions alive into the months of March, April and beyond is to modify thought patterns and expectations, before actually making lifestyle changes. Achieving a good quality of life does not mean having to look like a model on the cover of a fitness magazine.

It takes more than muscle to shovel snow

The American Heart Association suggests that the decision to shovel snow should not be made lightly. Shoveling snow might be one of the most strenuous activities some people will ever attempt.

Lifting a shovel piled with snow tremendously increases the heart's workload. The combination of sudden physical exertion and cold weather could have serious consequences. It's natural for the blood vessels to temporarily narrow in cold weather. It can be even more dangerous if vessels are already narrowed due to fatty deposits. Too much strain on the heart during these conditions could cause a heart attack.

Dr. Barry Franklin, director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at William Beaumont Hospital has some information that might make you think before you pick up that shovel.

"Several years ago, researchers found that the heart rate and blood pressure responses to shoveling heavy wet snow often approached and exceeded the same responses during maximum exercise testing. And, within two minutes, most subjects had already exceeded

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their upper heart rate limit for aerobic exercise training. It is no wonder that each year many middle aged and older individuals experience cardiovascular complications during snow shoveling."

According to The American Heart Association, anyone who chooses to shovel should take precautions. They include:

- Warm up before you begin to shovel.
- Pace your work and take frequent periods of rest.
- Lift small, rather than large loads of snow.
- Refrain from consuming large meals before and after shoveling.
- Do not consume alcohol, caffeine, or use tobacco before or after shoveling.
- Avoid inhaling cold air by wearing a breathing mask or muffler.
- Protect exposed areas of the body from frostbite, another snow shoveling risk.

In persons who are normally inactive, with known or hidden heart dis-

ease, snow shoveling can trigger heart attacks and even sudden cardiac death. People who are most at risk are men and women over 40 years of age with a history of heart disease or symptoms that suggest a cardiac problem. They include angina, palpitations or dizziness.

Also at risk are those people with one or more of the major coronary risk factors (cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, elevated blood cholesterol, or a sedentary lifestyle). For these people, the best solution is not to shovel at all.

Know the signs

The American Heart Association stresses, knowing the signs of a heart attack and getting to the hospital immediately can save your life. If you have any of these signs, get help fast.

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest lasting for more than a few minutes.
- Pain spreading to shoulders, arms or neck.
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.



Good technique: It's important to remember to bend your knees when shoveling heavy, wet snow. You can cause back injuries if you're not careful.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

ONGOING

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS
Adult Children of Alcoholics and dysfunctional families gather everyday for 12 step support group meetings in the metro area. To find a meeting near you call (248) 988-0873 or write: ACA, P.O. Box 401483, Redford, MI 48240-9489, for information.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday in conjunction with Visiting Nurse Association. Screenings are open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon at the Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (across from John Glenn High School). Call (734) 326-6537 for information.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23
LIFESTYLE/WEIGHT MGT.

Review the basic tenets of good nutritional habits and safe weight loss techniques. Practice the art of communication and group facilitation through education, lecture and role playing. Class begins at 12:30 p.m. at Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Call 800 AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

STEP WORKSHOP

This workshop will concentrate on choreography building techniques and fresh ideas as well as a review of the fundamentals and an update on the latest research. Class begins at 8:30 a.m. at Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Call 800-AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

TUE, JAN. 25

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
A one session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call (734) 458-4330.

LIVING WITH DIABETES
"Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes," Jan. 25-Feb. 17, from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940.

CPR RECERTIFICATION
This course is designed for healthcare professionals who hold a current Healthcare Provider Card issued by

the American Heart Association or Red Cross. \$25. Class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia. To register call (877) 345-5500.

WED, JAN. 26

NEWBORN CARE
A two session class meets at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes Child & Infant CPR conducted by American Heart Association instructors. Registration required. Call 458-4330.

WOMEN AND DEPRESSION
A mental health professional explains how to identify the signs, symptoms and causes of depression and explores treatment options in this free program. To be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Education Center Ann Arbor. Call (734) 712-5400 to register.

HELP WITH FOOD
"Food for Thought - Calories, How Much, What Kind, Portion Sizes," from 7-8 p.m. at the Bentley Center in Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

SMOKING CESSATION
Providence Medical Center in Livonia will host a stop smoking program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

THUR, JAN. 27

WEIGHT CONTROL
Providence Medical Center - Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh will host the weight control program from 3-5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Call (877) 345-5500.

HEARTBURN
Heartburn: Put out the fire. "Treatments for Chronic Heartburn," will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. This program provides an overview of gastroesophageal reflux, otherwise known as heartburn, including diagnosis and medical and surgical treatment. To register call (877) 345-5500.

FRI, JAN. 28

PSYCHOLOGY COURSE
Madonna University will offer a psychology workshop during the winter term "Psychological Issues in Child Abuse and Neglect," from 6-10 p.m. and will conclude Feb. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the workshop examines why child abuse and neglect occur, who perpetrates such acts, the short and long term effects of child abuse and neglect and the various treatment strategies employed with abused children. The non-credit fee is \$1000. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

Cool new Web sites worth checking out, bookmarking



MIKE WENDLAND

One of the neat things about doing a column like this and covering the Internet for TV and radio is developing a network of friends, high tech news sources, tipsters and e-mail informants who send in lists of Web sites for me to check out.

Some are pretty lame. Many come from businesses and would be Internet entrepreneurs looking for free publicity. But many sites are useful, entertaining, informative and seldom trafficked. Those are the ones I love to share with you.

My good friend "Surfin" Steve Colyer (steve@pcmike.com) is a regular on my weekend radio show on WXYT and the chief compiler of the Web site-of-the-Day feature on my PC Mike web site (www.pcmike.com).

Steve runs the Rochester Hills-based web site development and design company Awesome Pages (www.awesomepages.com or (248) 852-1930) and does a great job monitoring the Net for new and relatively undiscovered Web sites.

Here's some of the latest hot surf spots Steve has found for us: Netiquette (www.albion.com/netiquette/index.html)- You have your new computer and you're all wired to cyberspace. But what are the rules of the Net surfin' game? This site spells out the "do's and don'ts" of e-mail, chat rooms, browsing and discussion groups. A good place for newbies and old time surfers to brush up on our Netiquette.

FreewareHome.com (www.freewarehome.com)- Hold on to your mouse! This is the granddaddy of the free program Web sites. Business applications, games, desktop items, Internet, programming, system utilities and more. One huge web site.

Internet Society (www.isoc.org)- The ISOC is a professional membership society with more than 150 organiza-

tional and 6,000 individual members in over 100 countries. It provides leadership in addressing issues that confront the future of the Internet. Find out today where the Internet plans to be tomorrow.

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? (abc.go.com/primetime/millionaire/mill_home.html)- Move over Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, Regis has a hit show that is causing everybody to tune in. Call the toll free number to try to become a contestant on the show. Is that your final answer? CoolQuiz.com (www.coolquiz.com)- So you think you are pretty smart when it comes to trivia? Test your skills with topics like mysteries, music, comedy, video games and more. Submit your own trivia question to stump their expert and maybe win a T-shirt. Use this site to warm up for "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

OnLine Health (onhealth.com/ch1/index.asp)- Thinking about improving the quality of your precious health for 2000? Find out what the New England Jour-

nal of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic, Harvard, Columbia and Stanford have to say about your health concerns. This is a site where you can get some reliable health tips and suggestions.

Kodak American Mile-Markers (www.kodak.com/US/en/corp/features/onTheRoad)- Imagine a trip of 3,304 miles from New York to San Francisco in a car. Now imagine taking a picture every mile along the way. Kodak and a patient young traveler did it in 6 days. See all the snapshots in a "Flash picture viewer" format.

Acronym Finder (www.acronymfinder.com)- Remember "TEOTWAWKI"? How soon we forget. Over 122,000 acronyms, a reverse look up, search database and more. There's computer, technology, business, government and other reference categories. (Hint... In case you missed it, The End Of The World As We Know It was what the Y2K doomsayers said would happen January 1.)

National Osteoporosis Foundation (www.nof.org)- "How

dense are you" ... bone density that is. If you are concerned about osteoporosis, this site will give you the facts and some solutions to choose from. Video's, books, articles and abstracts, people, patients or professionals, it is all here for you.

Consumer Information Center (www.pueblo.gsa.gov)- This site is packed full of free information compiled by the experts on cars, business, federal programs, employment, children, travel and more. There is no excuse for shopping confusion after visiting this site.

DotComGuy.com (www.dotcomguy.com)- Imagine moving into an empty house, taking the clothes on your back and a computer. Now lock yourself in there for an entire year and you can't leave. BUT, you have the Internet and can shop till you drop. This site journals this one mans plan to do just that for the next year.

The Exhibit Hall (www.nara.gov/exhall) - The National Archives and Records Administration has collected the best

sites related to the history and events of our nation. Documents, articles, pictures and a favorite, "When Nixon met Elvis!" A must see for this one at least.

Every month or so, I publish a list of promising Web sites sent in my readers. I can't promise I'll use every one sent, but I will check them all out and list the ones I think are the most appealing to a general audience. So, please, send along your favorites.

"73" until next week.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newchannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: *Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.*

TUE, JAN. 25

CONTRACTORS' BEST 2000
The American Subcontractors Association of Southeastern Michigan (ASA-SEM) will present a seminar entitled Contractors' B.E.S.T. 2000. Its theme will be, "Embracing Change," from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy. The cost is \$95 per person. Call Julie Smith at (248) 666-1234 to register. The seminar is sponsored by Powers Carlson & Associates, Plante &

Moran LLP, and Arktek Enterprises. This event offers a wide variety of classes to meet the needs of a diverse group of contractors as well as an industry forecast by Construction Association of Michigan and a key note address by Michael Wickett.

WED, JAN. 26

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
The regular meeting of Business Network International Laurel Park Chapter will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road in Livonia. The Metro Livonia Chapter will meet at the same time at St. Maurice Catholic Church, 32801 Lyndon, Livonia. For information call BNI (810) 323-3800.

THUR, JAN. 27

MARKETING PLAN WORKSHOP
Definition and diagnosis of marketing problems; making profitable sales and pricing; making retail or industrial sales from 8:45 a.m. to noon at the Executive Office Building of Oakland County, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Cost is \$40 per person. Call the Service Corps of Retired Executives at (313) 226-7947.

FRI, JAN. 28

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
The regular meeting of Business Network International Livonia Chapter will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark in Livonia. For information call BNI (810) 323-3800.

JOB FAIR

PSI Repair Service, Inc. a division of Phillips Service Industries, Inc., will be hosting a job fair and open house for entry-level sales professionals at the company's corporate headquarters facilities in Livonia from 3-7

p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. Interested job seekers will have an opportunity to meet with company representatives and should bring several copies of their resume. PSI is the largest independent

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Grief support for children, adults

Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHCS) is offering "Connections," a six-week series to help children and their parents/guardians "connect" with their feelings and better work through the death of a loved one. The series will be held on Tuesdays beginning Jan. 25 through Feb. 29 from 6:30-8 p.m. There is a \$20 registration fee with sponsorships available as needed. "Connections" is specially designed to help children and parent/guardian learn, share and talk

about their feelings of loss and grief. The children who participate will be divided into age-appropriate groups. The parent/guardian portion of the group is offered at the same time but in a different room. The adults will cover topics such as how to cope with and adjust to loss and how children grieve. At the end of the program, the two groups will be brought together to share in a memorial service to remember their loved ones. Offered by CHHCS, call (734) 522-4244.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Health Newsmakers are welcome from all physicians, medical groups, hospitals and individuals active in the Observer-area. Health Newsmakers, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

New location
Dr. Roderico Luttmann, M.D. recently announced the new location of his practice as of Jan. 1. It will be at 577 Inkster Road in Garden City. The telephone number is (734) 458-2111. Luttmann will be sharing the office with Dr. Raju. Both are board certified pediatricians and members of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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