

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Swim registration: The Plymouth/Canton Cruisers Swim Club is holding registration for the spring session Tuesday, April 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Salem High School. For more information, contact Janice Derian, registration coordinator, at (734) 455-3103 or Coach Leslie Greeneisen, (734) 207-7708.

Masters, too: The masters program will also be registering the night of the 18th. All swim sessions begin on May 1. For information on the masters program, call Coach Sarah Ubanks, (734) 207-0883.

WEDNESDAY

Planners meet: The Plymouth Township Planning Commission meets April 19 at 7 p.m. at the township hall, Ann Arbor and Lilley roads. Among other agenda items, they are expected to conduct a public hearing about the rezoning the area that includes Sunshine Honda.

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District court ruling favors CSX



Plymouth City officials are worried a U.S. District Court ruling Thursday will pave the way for trains to cause even longer delays for motorists at any of the town's nine railroad crossings.

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The city of Plymouth and CSX have for years battled over the train company's penchant for blocking intersections for extended periods of time.

Now a U.S. District Court ruling is expected to add fuel to the fire.

Judge Nancy Edmunds ruled unconstitutional Thursday a Michigan law saying trains can only block intersections for five minutes when stopped

and seven minutes when moving. The judge ruled that federal regulations pre-empt the state statute and effectively struck the state law down.

Jacksonville, Fla.-based CSX Transportation challenged the law in 1998.

"Essentially, she struck the state statute on all the claims CSX raised," said Richard Connors, who represents Plymouth. "In effect, we can't write tickets against the state statute any longer. It means local municipalities have no recourse against any train

company that wants to park a train for any length of time."

Motorists have long objected to the lengthy delays experienced at railroad crossings. City officials also worry about safety issues — the ability of police and fire crews to respond with trains blocking intersections. CSX has a switching station here, and the city contains nine railroad crossings.

While the city worries the judge's ruling gives CSX carte blanche, the transportation company says it will continue to work toward solving the problem.

"The ruling upheld our argument the state statute can't regulate the speed or length of trains," CSX spokesman Gary Wollenhaupp said. "(But) even

with this decision, we'll work with local communities and continue to try to find a resolution."

Assistant city manager Paul Sincok said the city was "disappointed" in the ruling.

"We still have to evaluate the entire ruling, which we haven't seen," Sincok said. "Obviously we're disappointed. It means our residents are going to be sitting and waiting."

Sincok was skeptical of CSX's pledge to work toward a solution in local communities.

"CSX has proven they are a poor corporate citizen in our community," he said. "Unfortunately, that will probably continue to be the case in light of this ruling."

Stable Foundation?

Versions differ about what went wrong at PCF

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The Plymouth Community Foundation has completed its first year of existence with definite signs of growing pains.

Foundation records indicate the civic organization collected \$62,000 in donations, with some of the money going to worthy causes. However, former board members are questioning the validity of other programs which received money as they part ways amid turmoil, controversy, charges and innuendo.

The past few months the foundation has resembled more a soap opera than a charitable organization as former board members accuse the executive director of having his own agenda in spending contributions; the former president of the foundation claims his signature was forged on the by-laws; the executive director fires the board members in a tug of war over control; and former board members hire an attorney to find out who the real board members are and where the money is going.

Much of what has transpired is a "he said-she said" accounting of events, with the four former board members claiming one version, while the executive director presents board meeting minutes which dispute their

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY HELEN FURBEAN

Unhappy split: Plymouth Community Foundation Executive Director Bill Joyner (left) fired all four of his board members, including Bill Steiner and Harold Berquist (right). The board members are contesting the legality of the move.

Foundation labels 1st year successful

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Plymouth Community Foundation Executive Director Bill Joyner says the organization's first year is a success by any standard.

He reports the foundation's first year brought in \$62,000 and is convinced "that will grow to \$90-\$100,000 this year."

In a flier sent last March to 2,000

homes in Plymouth, Joyner listed accomplishments for the first year of the organization. It included information about the successes in three areas Joyner considers the most important: A community survey, recognition of volunteers and the Plymouth Youth Forum.

The community survey was mailed to more than 9,000 homes in Plymouth and Plymouth Township to assess the views of the community.

The foundation recognized the

annual Clara Camp Plymouth Citizen of the Year award winners — Marti Coplai, Sally Welch, Ray Mueller and Richard Swanagan at the annual Celebration of Hometown dance.

The foundation was also the catalyst that helped spearhead the Plymouth Youth Forum last September, which has been addressing issues relating to youth, youth activities and long-term solutions to youth issues.

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Director no stranger to foundation controversy

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Plymouth Community Foundation Executive Director Bill Joyner is no stranger to controversy when it comes to running foundations.

Joyner was the first executive director of the Canton Community Foundation from 1989 to 1994. He ran the CCF much like he does the Plymouth Community Foun-

dan, as a pass-through organization which collects money and passes it on as donations to groups and people who apply.

Canton's current executive director, Joan Noricks, said Joyner and the CCF parted ways when it was decided Canton wanted a true foundation with endowment funds, not just a civic organization.

"Bill did not embrace the

idea of becoming a true foundation at all," said Noricks. "That philosophical difference was a big part of not renewing his contract. When he left, the foundation was \$15,000 in debt."

At the time, Joyner was making \$35,000 and had two full-time staff members, according to Noricks. When Noricks took over, she spent the first three years at an annual salary of \$16,000,

with no assistants, while the endowment funds were being collected. She presently makes more than \$40,000 a year.

Currently, the CCF has \$400,000 in endowment funds, with a total amount of \$550,000. Noricks said the CCF gives out approximately \$50,000 a year.

"There was a real question when it came to his (Joyner's) handling of funds," said

Noricks. "And there were no policies in place for distributing funds."

"Now if someone wants funds from the foundation they can apply, the request is reviewed by a committee and then it's handed to the board to make a final decision," she said.

"Bill was doing what he thought was the right thing to do to advance the commu-

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Town bids farewell to Saxton

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Longtime Plymouth resident and community leader Dean F. Saxton died Tuesday at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. The former owner and namesake of Saxton's Garden Center was 102.

In addition to owning the store, which has stood at 587 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth since 1937, Saxton and his wife, Margaret, lived in the city for 48 of their 74 years together. She died in 1994 at the age of 97.

Saxton was active in several community organizations, including the Theater Guild, Historical Society, American Legion, V.F.W., and the Kiwanis

Club, for which he served a stint as president. Saxton also served on the board for the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

"Dean was always a leader and showed enthusiasm at our meetings," said Kiwanis member William Miller, who has known Saxton since the mid 1970s. "He was a very gracious man. He always had a smile, and he was always willing to do what he could for you."

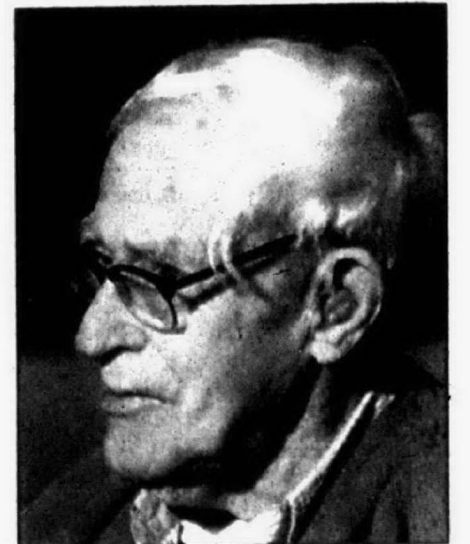
Born Aug. 9, 1897 in Grand Rapids, Saxton moved with his family to the Detroit area in 1913 when his father took a job with Cadillac. Saxton attended Detroit Central High School,

but dropped out after the 10th grade to take a job so he could help support the family.

With America's entry into World War I, Saxton enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Battery D, 129 Field Artillery Unit of the 32nd Red Arrow Division. Serving in France, he saw extensive battle action.

When he returned from Europe, Saxton took a job as a crane repairman for Ford Motor Company at its Rouge Plant.

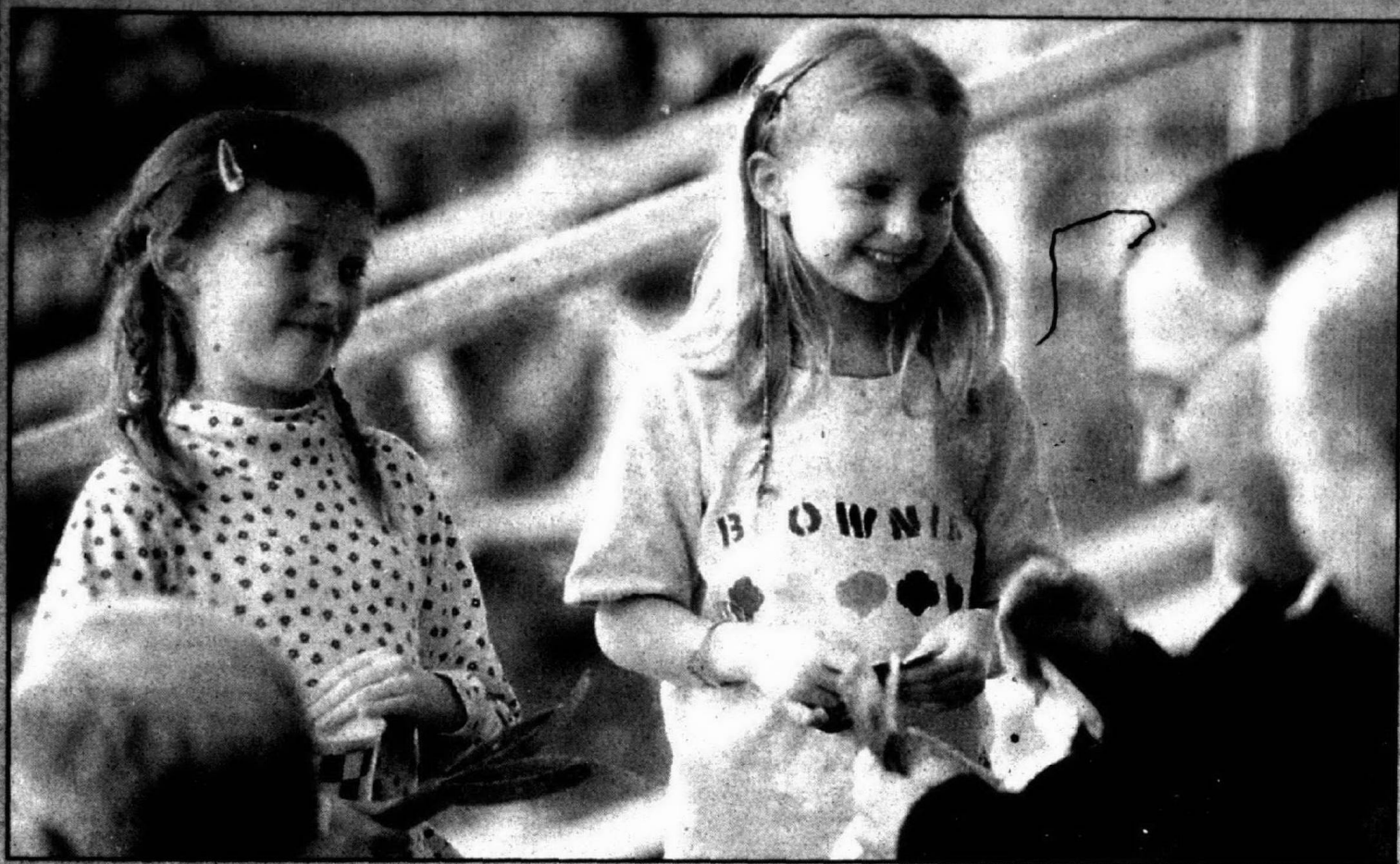
In 1928, Saxton began taking an interest in raising chickens. That same year he quit his job with Ford, and



Dean F. Saxton

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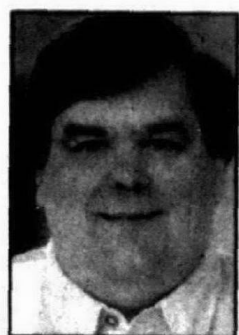


Care to help?: Christina Goodwillie, 10 (left), and her sister Brittany, 9, of South Lyon, sell 50/50 raffle tickets prior to Wednesday's Plymouth Whalers playoff game. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Plymouth Gems on Ice Synchronized Skating team. Christina participates on the Youth Gems team. Brittany will try out for the upcoming season.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BRUBICEMANN

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nity," said Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor. "But you have to go back to the question of who it is that's helping to collect the money. It's the credibility of the foundation board members. As soon as people stop believing in them, the money stops flowing. If people think the foundation is



Bill Joyner

wasting money, they'll stop giving. "Sometimes the executive director can get out in front of the board too far," added Yack. "If you're out there handing out money without bringing the board along, there will be problems. The executive director needs to pull the board together, constantly educating them. The executive director needs to let the president have the lime-light." When asked if he thought Joyner had done anything illegal with CCF funds, Yack said, "If we had felt that, we would have probably moved to prosecute."

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Monetarily, according to the foundation newsletter, the organization donated \$1,200 to the Plymouth Community Arts Council for their scholarship program, \$1,000 to the Plymouth Woman's Club for their annual scholarship ball, \$250 to the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Scholarship Program and \$100 to the Plymouth Salem Cheerleaders. "By any standard, you can clearly see we have been a success, even if we close our doors tomorrow," said Joyner. "We've achieved 100 percent of everything the board stated when we started."

The three biggest concerns of the previous board of directors was the Celebration of Hometown dance, the Plymouth Economic Club and the raising funds for filmmaker Rachel Paris. The Paris fund-raiser, to help the local filmmaker complete her film and distribute it, showed a deficit of between \$5,700 and \$18,000, depending on which

story is believed concerning how much Paris was told she would receive. Joyner admits the Economic Club is a money loser, but believes bringing in speakers such as Gov. John Engler, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has an educational value and brings people to downtown Plymouth. The Celebration of Hometown dances are good for the community despite the fact they basically break even, according to Joyner. The Plymouth Community Foundation did get its 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service in March of this year. And Joyner said he expects the foundation to begin putting away endowment funds. "It has always been the plan of the Plymouth Community Foundation to begin an endowment fund in our second year of operation," said Joyner.

Township to talk about honoring King

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.homecomm.net Persuaded by civil rights leaders, the Plymouth Township board will consider ways to honor Martin Luther King at its 7:30 p.m. April 18 study session meeting. The meeting will be held in the Plymouth Township board meeting room located at Ann

Arbor and Lilley roads. George Ward, the Rev. Virgil Humes, and Francisco Villarruel, all Plymouth Township residents, as well as Jim Netter, legal redress chairman for the Western Wayne Branch of the NAACP, appeared before the township board's Feb. 29 study session meeting to inquire why there are no observances of King in the township. Closing township offices was one suggestion. "All eyes are on Plymouth Township," Netter said. "Cities set the example. School districts don't set the example."

Netter believes honoring King both strengthens appreciation of diversity and diffuses hate mongers. "They know the price of everything and the value of nothing," Netter said. He noted that last year's incident at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., occurred April 20, Adolph Hitler's birthday. After the massacre, and after one African-American teen was barraged with racial insults just prior to his killers shooting him, the school put up a picture of King, Netter said.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said the township will be looking at the big picture at Tuesday's meeting. "I can't really say what the discussion will entail until the board meets," Keen McCarthy said. "We have two different requests. We have one request from Jim Netter of the NAACP asking us to close township offices. We will be discussing the pros and cons of that. We have another request from George Ward to do 'something' to recognize the day. We will discuss the broader perspective." Ward, chief Wayne County assistant prosecutor, is running for Wayne County prosecutor. A life member of the NAACP, Ward has called the timing of both events "controversial." Humes pastors a church in Wayne. Villarruel is the chairman of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. Netter annually monitors municipalities to see which observe the holiday set for the third Monday in January and which don't. According to Netter's list, city and township offices that were closed this year included those in Belleville, Dearborn, Detroit, Highland Park, Inkster, Northville Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and Westland.

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claims. Late in March, foundation executive director Bill Joyner fired four board members — Bill Steiner, Jim Jabara, Annette Stutrud and Harold Berquist. Joyner then appointed Plymouth residents Jerry Vorva and Tom Prose to the board.

"I've always wanted them to be more involved, but they've been too busy," Joyner said of the former board members. "The board was only meeting quarterly and I wanted them to meet monthly. Some months I couldn't get them to meet because they were too busy. The board was temporary because they hadn't yet held an annual meeting."

"We are obviously at odds with our executive director," said Steiner, former president of the board. "We would love to have someone sit down and look at how the money was spent. Let's look and see how much money was spent to help people."

"We're not alleging anything because we don't have, and have never seen, an accounting," added Steiner.

"I've asked him for an accounting from a spreadsheet and never saw it," said Jabara. "We just wanted something black and white to see where we stand."

Once again the account of the four former board members differs from that of Joyner.

"They've never asked for the records," said Joyner. "They were given all the itemized bills and checks, plus the cash flow report for the entire year at the December board meeting. We reviewed every single project we were running. What am I hiding?"

Looking for answers

The four former board members plan to find out the answer to that question, hiring Plymouth attorney Salem Samaan.

"I've sent a letter to the foundation, requesting written documents from the foundation," said Samaan. "This board has a right to know the status of the foundation and we want to see it."

Samaan said he is looking at the foundation's by-laws to see if Joyner, as executive director, can legally fire the board members.

When the Plymouth Community Foundation was started in March 1999, Steiner admitted the four board members didn't know anything about running a foundation.

"We have no clue as to how a charitable foundation is run," said Steiner. "That's the reason Mr. Joyner was put in the position of executive director. He had run the Canton foundation, he spoke very knowledgeably, I was impressed with him."

Who's in charge?

In fact, the board members pretty much let Joyner do all the work and hand out the money, including his \$22,000 salary. It wasn't until a fund-raiser for local filmmaker Rachel Paris went sour that red flags started

'We've discussed some new strategies in building money for the foundation. I hope Bill is successful.'

*Tom Prose
—New board member*

coming up.

"We've heard everything, that it wasn't a fund-raiser but a party," added Steiner. "Then she claims she wasn't paid the full \$20,000 promised her, though Joyner said she was promised just 80 percent of the proceeds. Paris received \$8,000, which is a \$12,000 shortfall. We were short money to pay the Mayflower Meeting House for the event. Annette (Stutrud) was good-hearted enough to write the check for \$5,700 so the foundation wouldn't look like fools. This project was done without the approval of the board."

Joyner's version is much different than that of the four board members.

"They met with Rachel the first of November and Berquist called her a scam artist," said Joyner. "The minutes of the meeting show they voted not to give her one additional penny. What we have here is a creative revision of history."

Under the umbrella

The four board members expressed concern the Plymouth Economic Club, which was put under the umbrella of the Plymouth Community Foundation, was a losing proposition and draining the funds.

"We've heard the Economic Club is a (money) loser and that's what we're scared of death of," said Steiner. "That means we're taking funds out of the foundation to support the Economic Club and we don't want that. Now, we're asking for an accounting."

Joyner admits the Economic Club is losing money, but feels the luncheon speakers are educational and help bring about community awareness.

The fact that Habitat For Humanity moved into the Plymouth Community Foundation offices on Starkweather in Plymouth is another cause of controversy.

"It's a very legitimate organization, but when we questioned (Joyner) as to if they were paying rent, he said half," said Steiner. "Turns out, they weren't paying a dime. Habitat is a well-funded organization, we don't need to be giving money to it."

"All the board members knew about the arrangement and never made an issue of it," said Joyner. "If it was an issue, why didn't they say something?"

Sheila Friedrich, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, said she was in the office when some foundation board meetings were held and said "board members knew we were operating without paying rent."

Friedrich says Habitat for Humanity will soon be paying rent, as much as half the \$1,050 a month that is paid to the landlord, former board member Harold Berquist.

Steiner recently went to Plymouth police, claiming his signature on file with the Michigan Attorney General's Charitable Trust Division on the foundation's by-laws was forged. In fact, Steiner claimed he'd never seen the by-laws and never signed them.

However, after the Observer produced a copy with what appeared to be his signature on them, Steiner admitted it was his signature and he must have, at some time, seen the by-laws, though he couldn't remember when.

Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll said "there is no evidence to support a forgery" and the case was dismissed.

What to do?

With the controversy surrounding the Plymouth Community Foundation, board members discussed firing Joyner in February.

"Mr. Joyner's name is hurting our ability to raise funds," said Steiner, whose claim was supported by the other three board members. "We've all been approached by people who say as long as he is here they won't contribute. We've brought in the \$60,000 that's been raised to date."

"At our February board meeting we voted to accept his resignation and he told us that we may get rid of him as executive director, but the articles of incorporation state he will still be on the board. So, we just left it."

"They've never tried to get me to leave," said Joyner. "There was a motion to accept my resignation; but it died for lack of support. They need me. About \$40,000 of what we've collected

has been directly attributable to me."

Differences also come up when discussing the Century Society, \$18,000 in funds collected by Jabara that was supposed to begin an endowment fund for the foundation. That money was instead used to help pay Rachel Paris and operating expenses, according to Joyner.

Once again, board members say they are miffed as to where the money went. Joyner said board members knew the foundation had financial problems and encouraged him to use the funds.

What's next?

Where does the Plymouth Community Foundation go from here?

"A lot of people tell us to just move on, but there is some principle here and we want to see it survive," said Steiner. "This wasn't intended to be a party thrower or a (Celebration of Hometown) dance giver. We honestly intended to help people. "We feel bad the foundation has become a lame duck," he said. "If we have no grounds to sue, then we'll walk away."

Usual business — for now

Joyner, meanwhile, is continuing business as usual with two new board members.

"This isn't the first time Bill Joyner has been involved in something controversial," said new board member Jerry Vorva. "However, he has a commitment to the community. It's a mission of his."

"I think this foundation can survive, despite the recent problems," said Tom Prose, who has given \$9,000 to the foundation, the largest single donor to the organization. "We've discussed some new strategies in building money for the foundation. I hope Bill is successful."

A foundation by any other name . . .

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Many organizations call themselves foundations, but in the true definition of the word they are really civic organizations.

"There are numerous small nonprofit charitable organizations that call themselves community foundations, but don't meet the criteria of such a foundation," said Robert Collier, president and chief executive officer of the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF), a Grand Haven-based association representing nearly all the largest foundations in the state.

"When we're talking about family (private), corporate or community foundations we're talking about permanent endowment funds that can benefit a wide variety of community needs," he said. "When you raise money and pass it through, you're really a civic organization."

Collier said foundations are required to meet certain reporting requirements with the Internal Revenue Service and the state.

There are significant tax incentives for those corporations or individuals who donate to community foundations in Michigan.

A contribution can be worth three times the out-of-pocket cost as a result of state income tax legislation. The Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit permits a taxpayer to reduce state income tax or single business

'When you raise money and pass it through, you're really a civic organization.'

*Robert Collier
—Council of Michigan Foundations*

tax liability by a credit of 50 percent.

According to the CMF, the definition of a community foundation includes:

■ A tax-exempt, independent publicly-supported philanthropy organization organized and operated as a permanent collection of endowed funds for the long-term benefit of a defined geographic location.

■ Seeking new, typically large, contributions of permanent endowment from a wide range of donors ... to make unrestricted gifts in order to build a flexible, permanent endowment.

■ Using interest income from invested assets, a community foundation functions primarily as a grantmaking institution supporting a broad range of charitable activities that creatively address emerging and changing community needs.

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A week before a controversial Plymouth Township planning commission public hearing about Sunshine Honda's rezoning, township officials held a separate meeting April 10 for neighbors living adjacent to the business.

Tom Bohlander, owner of Sunshine Honda, seeks to rezone property from both single family residential and vehicular parking to a new zoning classification called the Ann Arbor Road Corridor (ARC).

Ten residential lots are involved in the rezoning. Township officials have a long-term plan to close streets south of Ann Arbor Road between Main Street and Sheldon Roads in an effort to ease truck traffic.

"We wanted to discuss the

proposal with residents and hear what their concerns are," said Shirley Barney, the township's community development director. "Everyone isn't comfortable talking at public meetings."

That meeting was held at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Services.

A public hearing before the Plymouth Township planning commission is scheduled 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Plymouth Township board meeting room, located at Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads, to discuss the Sunshine Honda rezoning.

Township Trustee Chuck Curmi said residents representing five of six households in the Green Meadows subdivision, all of which are within 300 feet of Sunshine Honda, attended the April 10 meeting.

"It's perceived we haven't

really done anything in that area for the last 10 or 12 years," Curmi said. He called the meeting very positive.

Elaine Hovey, who is seeking to form a citizen's group in the area, said she heard about the meeting but didn't attend. "It was done to placate them," Hovey said.

Some residents in the area off Ann Arbor Road between Main Street and Sheldon Roads don't approve of the amended master plan that requires more commercial depth as re-development occurs on a business-by-business basis because it will impact surrounding neighborhoods.

Residents who attended the meeting saw a site plan, Barney said.

Landscaping with a berm was also discussed as an option for

Please see MEETING, A6

Neighbors form strategies to fight against project

BY SUE BUCK
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A standing-room-only crowd of neighbors from an area south of Ann Arbor Road packed the Plymouth Township clerk's meeting room Thursday night to discuss both the rezoning and other neighborhood concerns.

Talk of a possible petition drive, a ballot referendum, hiring an attorney to represent the interests of Plymouth Township homeowners, and repetitive telephone calls to township officials until satisfaction is gained, were some grass roots strategies to target rezoning on Ann Arbor Road.

The meeting was conducted by resident Larry Grow.

Tom Bohlander, owner of Sunshine Honda, seeks to rezone property from both single family residential and vehicular parking to a new zoning classification called the Ann Arbor Road Corridor (ARC). Ten residential lots are involved in the rezoning.

"This meeting is to let you know that you are not alone in how you feel," said Elaine Hovey, a Ball Street resident who was instrumental in forming the new citizen's group.

Residents said they don't want township offi-

cial to underestimate the pride they take in their homes because their homes aren't in the \$300,000-plus range as houses are in other parts of the township.

"When you are a big enough pest, they are going to give you something to shut you up," Grow said. "I don't know if anybody really understands what they are trying to do here. The image that they are projecting is that this rezoning will solve everything."

The rezoning may be passed with conditions, he said. Grow called information in the amended master plan "contradictory."

"It is very frustrating," agreed Mike Litwin, a Northern Street resident.

A show of hands indicated that no one in the audience wanted the rezoning. A second show of hands displayed the many registered voters in the audience. The sentiment was that township officials' decisions will be remembered at the polls this year. The entire board is up for election.

"Most of these people, I don't think anybody has heard of them until they run for office," Grow said.

One resident prefers an established-looking

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Removal and Replacement of a Hydraulic Bus Lift for the PCCS Transportation Department**. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information or for a walk through, please contact David Rocker in the Transportation Department at (734) 416-3037. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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BONNIE JEAN DINGELDEY

Services for Bonnie Jean Dingeldey, 59, of Canton Township were held April 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Mr. Hugh McMartin officiating. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery, Canton Township.

She was born Dec. 7, 1940, in Northville. She died April 6 in Englewood, Fla. She was a homemaker and worked part-time in the Plymouth Salem High School cafeteria. She has lived in Canton Township for the past 38 years. She loved her grandchildren and crafts and sewing.

Survivors include her husband, George L. of Canton; three children, Michelle (Ken Wassenaar) Dingeldey of Grand Rapids, Deborah (John) Kaske of South Lyon and Scott (Nichole) Dingeldey of Novi; one brother, Larry (Sue) Shade of Ft. Collins, Colo.; two nieces, Sandy and Kristy; and six grandchildren, Tyler, Zachary, Nicholas, Hailee, Hannah and Kamrey.

Memorials may be made to Children's Hospital in Detroit.

DEAN FREDERICK SAXTON

Private Services for Dean Frederick Saxton, 102, of Plymouth will be held at a later date.

He was born Aug. 9, 1897, in Grand Rapids and died April 11 in Livonia. He was the owner/operator and founder of Saxton's Garden Center. The store was located in Northville in 1928. He sold that store in 1943. He opened a store in Ply-

mouth in 1934. The original store was on Main Street and moved to its Ann Arbor Trail location in 1937. He also owned and operated a store in the Five Points area of Redford Township which he closed in 1942. Saxton's Garden Center Inc. is one of the oldest family-owned businesses in Plymouth.

Mr. Saxton came to the Plymouth community in 1942 from Southfield. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth, and had been a member of the church for over 80 years. He served on the church board (Vestry), sang in the church choir and taught Sunday school.

Mr. Saxton was active in the Plymouth Theatre Guild where he once served as president. He also served by going through the chairs of the Plymouth Theatre Guild. He served in the United States Armed Services during World War I and was the last surviving member of Battery D, 119th Field Artillery of the 32nd Red Arrow Division. He was a member of the American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post, and was a member of the VFW Mayflower-LT. Gamble Post No. 6695 in Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and one daughter, Molly Carrie. Survivors include his two sons, Dean F. (Lucille) Saxton Jr. of Tucson, Ariz., and William (Valerie) Saxton of Plymouth; one daughter, Margaret Saxton (Ralph) Milanowski of Harrisville, Mich.; 14 grandchildren;

and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society Museum.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

RICHARD ARTHUR USHER

Services for Richard Arthur Usher, 46, of Canton were held April 14 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

He was born Aug. 31, 1953, in Detroit and died April 12.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur, and father-in-law, Robert. Survivors include his wife, Gloria F. Usher of Canton; two sons, Erik and Jason Usher; one daughter, Hillary Usher; mother, Marie Usher; three sisters, Susan (Jon) Hunter, Deborah (Nick) Wilson and Lynn Usher; one brother, Jeffrey (Susan) Usher; mother-in-law, Midge Schurkamp; and sister-in-law, Pat (Rick) Edmunds.

Memorials may be made according to the wishes of the family.

RICHARD L. HOLLIS

Services for Richard L. Hollis, 52, of Plymouth were held April 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Rev. John

Ortman officiating.

He was born Dec. 10, 1947, in Howell and died April 12 in Ann Arbor. He was a systems analyst for 10 years at Parke Davis, Ann Arbor. He was a Vietnam veteran in the United States Army. He was a member of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and lived for the last 15 years in Plymouth.

Mr. Hollis was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, U of D Jesuit High School Dad's Club, and Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. He was a coach for many years with the YMCA T-Ball Team, Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball, Our Lady of Good Counsel baseball and basketball. He previously worked as project manager for AT&T.

Mr. Hollis was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd E. and Lyla Marie Hollis; and one sister, Mary Hollis-Wilson. Survivors include his wife, Sally Hollis of Plymouth; one son, Christopher J. Hollis of Plymouth; one sister, Patricia (James) Gross of Northville; one brother, Ronald F. (Sue) Hollis of Brighton; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society of America Michigan Chapter, 21617 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-2254 or as Mass cards.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

GREGORY SCOTT STERNBERG

Services for Gregory Scott Sternberg, 30, of Vero Beach, Fla. (previously of Plymouth), are scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell.

He was born in Ann Arbor and died April 1 in Vero Beach, Fla.

Survivors include his father, James W. Sternberg of Pinckney, Mich.; his mother, Diane E. Clark of Salinas, Calif.; and one sister, Kirsten Sternberg of Salinas, Calif.

Memorials may be made as a donation in Gregory's memory to The Source, a religious organization helping the homeless in Vero Beach. Donations may be mailed to the MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell, MI 48843-1503.

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Motor carrier 'compromise' doesn't please local officials

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Legislation pending in Lansing may not stop local enforcement of trucking violations, but it may put the brakes on it.

And if that happens, "Nobody wins," says Westland Mayor Bob Thomas.

The state House of Representatives is expected to concur soon with a Senate bill that in part gives 30 percent of the revenue that local communities now get from motor-carrier fines to public libraries - revenue that officials in both western Wayne and southern Oakland counties say is needed to fund trucking regulations.

Although cities such as Livonia, Garden City and Farmington Hills plan to continue enforcement regardless - "It's not going to deter us," says Garden City Police Chief David Harvey - other communities such as Canton Township and Westland aren't so sure.

While Canton Supervisor Tom Yack says any cuts definitely will raise questions about continuing, Westland's Thomas says he and Police Chief Emery Price likely will cut trucker enforcement to 25 percent, with the city's two motor-carrier officers assigned other enforcement duties.



Bob Thomas: Westland mayor



Tom Yack: Canton supervisor

"If you think about it, it (the legislation) makes no sense at all," Thomas says. "The state can't really do the enforcement, so here we are, doing enforcement on our biggest street, Ford Road," which is State Highway 153.

"We're out there guarding their highway from trucks with bad brakes that can't stop or that are overweight and tearing up the road and not fixing it," he says.

Not five over

"We're not talking about speeding five miles over the limit," says Frank Lauhoff, Farmington city manager. "Many of these issues (being enforced) are very serious issues."

"We've never been close to breaking even yet" on covering the cost of officer training, equipment and trucker enforcement," says Westland's Thomas.

"Our goal is to at least recoup

our losses, but we have never been able to do that yet, and now they want to keep what little we get," he says.

"We're not in the activity to make money," says Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, "but we have to have enough to pay for what we do."

He says that, in 1999, motor carrier enforcement got 35 trucks "that couldn't stop in a safe distance" off Livonia's streets.

Some officials say the amount communities could lose may be more than 30 percent.

They say that money for the judicial and legislative retirement funds is being deducted first, followed by "some money to the state highway fund" and then court costs before communities see any of it.

Deny harassing

Both Westland Police Chief Emery Price and others deny that officers harass truckers and their companies with tickets - a major complaint by the companies, which pushed for the new legislation.

"The majority of violations were certainly upheld" in court, or else resulted in plea-bargains in which fines were paid, says Price.

"For the last five years, trucking companies have paid their

finances because they know the tickets are legit, and I think that's quite an indicator," says Livonia's Kirksey.

The state should have dealt with those communities that were acting capriciously "rather than take all the communities out of enforcement," he says.

Besides, adds Plymouth Township Chief Lawrence Carey, if he were on patrol, he wouldn't ticket a trucker who showed he'd just been ticketed for the same violation in another community.

Kirksey says the Senate bill allows regular police officers to stop trucks for violations, although the original House legislation tried to prevent that, specifying that only motor carrier officers could make the stops.

'Most rotten'

Calling the original House bills "absolutely the most rotten piece of legislation I've ever seen in my life," Kirksey says the Senate bill, which he worked on together with state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, Gov. John Engler and Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, is "a reasonable compromise."

But both Canton's Yack and Farmington's Lauhoff say Lansing should have never gotten involved in the issue.

"The whole thing shouldn't have come up in the first place,"

says Yack, adding that the motor carrier industry "never demonstrated any harassment or anything like that" by local police agencies.

Lauhoff, who served nine years as Farmington's public safety director before becoming city manager, was even more direct, saying, "It's sad if we have the Legislature wanting to adjust traffic laws to make it easier (for trucking companies and others) to violate the law at the public's expense."

Citing what he says are Michigan State Police reports verifying "a tremendous lack of maintenance on these large trucks," Lauhoff said he is "amazed that the state Senate would reduce the amount of effort that goes into assuring safer roads for the public."

"What the Senate is trying to do is micro-manage this enforcement and what they're going to do is diminish" it, he said, with the result being "the general public is the loser."

Making it more difficult for communities to enforce regulations, says Yack, "is exactly what the truckers wanted."

"They don't want enforcement of any kind. They want to run their big rigs and don't want to be bothered. It interferes with their business, so to speak," he says.

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County, UM team up on diabetes program

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Wayne County and the University of Michigan have teamed to fight diabetes with a new self-management education program for already-diagnosed diabetics over age 18.

Begun last fall, the program offers free diabetes control tests and individual or group counseling sessions.

The goal is to reduce deaths and serious health complications from the disease, said county officials.

"Michigan has the fifth-highest diabetes rate in the country, affecting 600,000 people statewide, according to Patricia Soares, Wayne County public health director.

According to the state, Wayne County had some 93,290 adult diabetics as of July 1998. National studies suggested another 48,880 residents - divided almost equally between Caucasians and African Americans - had it but were unaware.

"This new program provides us with a great opportunity to not only bring in the resources of the University of Michigan,

but also to get the word out about this deadly disease," Soares said.

The Sumpter Health Center in Bellefontaine offers diabetics 18 to over 75 free blood and cholesterol tests, blood pressure and foot exam readings, urine analysis, retinal screening, and kidney function tests, providing results both to clients and their physicians.

A certified diabetes educator then teaches self-management skills and lifestyle changes, Soares said.

Mary Lou Gillard, U-M registered nurse and an educator, said some doctors "are often in a hurry and don't provide patients with the necessary care and information needed to delay or avoid serious diabetic complications" such as blindness, kidney and heart disease and amputations.

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Ford will teach police customer service

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to foster a better relationship between police officers and residents, 18 communities with representation in the Conference of Western Wayne will send officers to participate in a customer service program to be held in May.

The program was designed and will be conducted by the Customer Service Academy (CSA), which is a partnership between Ford Motor Co., the Pollock Consulting Group, and the CWW.

"As community employees we are service providers and we have to make sure we provide quality service," said Naheed Huq, a spokesperson for the CWW. "The private sector has been doing this kind of thing for

years. It is a relatively recent development with the public sector."

The \$30,000 it will take to fund the May sessions will be solely provided by Ford, which knows a thing or two about customer service.

"We're glad the CWW has recognized the importance of customer service when having contact with its residents," said Jerry Snider, manager of the company's government relations.

"Our corporation has learned some hard lessons along the way about what happens when you ignore the customer. They will just go somewhere else."

This will be the third year CWW communities have participated in the CSA. Nearly 300 employees from CWW member communities have already

attended classes from the two previous rounds.

"The individuals who have participated in these classes have really found them to be beneficial," said Jack Kirksey, the mayor of Livonia and chairman of the CWW. "They have actually gained from the experience."

The May sessions will be the first designed specifically for police officers. In fact, the sessions were developed with the input from CWW community police officials, including Westland Deputy Chief Lennis Hayes and Lieutenant Patrick Nemecek of Canton.

"We had to devise a special session for police officers because, unlike other public employees, they have to deal with certain public safety

issues," said Huq. "They encounter emotional problems and emergency situations that others just don't see."

Huq expects each CWW member to send at least six officers. By the end of the six one-day sessions during the first week of May, she said 150 officers will have received customer service training.

The sessions will be co-facilitated by former Detroit Chief of Police Isaiah McKinnon and Jill Pollock of the Pollock Consulting Group, a human resource management firm.

"I hope this will teach our officers to treat our residents with dignity and respect, even in adverse situations," said Hayes. "Citizens pay the bills. We understand that and we want to treat them as such."

SEMCOG magazine explains transportation plan

PRNewswire - SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has released a special issue of SEMscope, its quarterly magazine, devoted entirely to summarizing the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Southeast Michigan. The issue is available to the public, free of charge, by calling SEMCOG Information Services at (313) 961-4266 (week-

days, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Emphasizing the need for public input, SEMscope helps citizens understand the key components of the 2025 RTP by framing the issues, describing plan goals, outlining where future transportation dollars will be spent, discussing major projects to be undertaken and indicating several ways in which to comment on the plan.

"We actively seek input from the Southeast Michigan community ... both for this version of the transportation plan and for future refinements. We need input from the public to help us

shape our region's transportation future," says Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director.

SEMscope notes that the 2025 RTP is only a proposed plan, or "blueprint," for the region's transportation system. Projects listed become eligible for programming after the public has had opportunity to comment. SEMCOG's General Assembly has taken its vote to adopt the plan and federal agencies have signed off.

The magazine goes on to say that funds currently available to

improve and maintain Southeast Michigan's transportation system over the next 25 years total \$24 billion. But, since billions more are still needed, not all projects will receive funding. The largest percentage of RTP funds (39 percent, or \$5 billion) will be spent on resurfacing and replacing 6,787 of the region's 22,576 miles of existing roadway.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership of local governmental units serving 4.8 million people in Southeast Michigan.

Marshmallow drop on Friday

Children in western Wayne County will have a chance on Good Friday, April 21, to turn marshmallows from the sky into prize-filled eggs when the county parks department hosts its 15th annual Great Marshmallow Drop.

At 11 a.m., a helicopter will drop thousands of marshmallows to age-groupings of children waiting at Nankin Mills in West-

land, on Hines Drive east of Ann Arbor Trail.

Co-sponsored by radio station WNIC-FM 100, the event is the first of a record number of warm-weather programs scheduled this year by Wayne County Parks and Recreation. Rain date is Saturday, April 22.

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Emergency evacuation class concludes with helicopter visit

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Some 75 Schoolcraft College students got a first-hand look at a flying ambulance recently when one landed on their Radcliff campus parking lot.

The visit by the "ambulance" — a 140-mph, fully equipped medical-transport helicopter — climaxed a special 90-minute classroom presentation on emergency medical evacuations just taken by the students, who are police and fire recruits in Schoolcraft's public safety program.

The chopper's by-the-book arrival — "high reconnaissance, low reconnaissance, land" — helped bring home the lesson for the students, many of whom will begin their public service careers in a few weeks.

"I didn't realize there was that much pre-planning involved" in an evacuation, said Cadet Capt. Craig Dersa, a Madonna University graduate from Dearborn Heights whose future employer, the Farmington Hills Police Department, sent him to Schoolcraft for training.

"I never would have thought about rocks or the slope on a hill" as being obstacles to landing for a helicopter, added Cadet Sgt. Kristin Faull, a Central Michigan graduate who'll be working for Highland Township.

Due to their effectiveness in the aftermath of severe storms and in traffic jams, helicopter evacuations of the sick and injured have become increasingly popular.

When downed power lines and trees, or road construction, or airplane crashes in swamps, for example, make it all but impossible for regular land ambulances to reach the scene, "We can get there," said flight nurse Pat Leutheuser, RN, who presented the special class.

Cut in half

And they make the trips quickly, too. "They can cut a 10-minute response time in half," said Daniel R. Antieau, coordinator of Schoolcraft's police academy.



Check it out: Police and fire recruits check out an emergency medical transport helicopter at Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center.

Leutheuser, who was part of the crew that ferried race car driver Ernie Irwin to the hospital when he was injured at Michigan Speedway last summer, said the specially equipped chopper is a flying emergency room — even an airborne intensive care unit — because it has all the same monitors and much of the other equipment.

Its crew can administer strombolitics — clot-busters — to heart attack or stroke patients, for example, and the team can do "life-saving surgical interventions" such as opening air passages.

But the patient evacuations themselves are so relatively new that veteran police officers often have never been trained in things like choosing a landing site that's not only flat but free of rocks and also power or telephone lines. The site also must be upwind of the scene so the chopper and even its propeller-wash won't affect patients, rescuers or bystanders.

That's why, after experiencing a few instances in which chopper crews were hampered by lack of knowledge among officers on the ground, Antieau, who also is a full-time Canton Township patrol officer, decided to put chopper evacuations into the curriculum.

"Officers need to know how to pick a landing zone, to know what a pilot is looking for. (The officer on the ground and the pilot) need to be on the same page," said Antieau.

'Eager to learn'

Leutheuser said she enjoyed

teaching the recruits. "They're just so eager to learn and their questions were appropriate," she said. "They're good people to teach to."

On that clear March day, the police and fire recruits marched out to the scene and stood in a semi-circle as the helicopter from Midwest Medflight of Ann Arbor approached the area, first circling high, then circling low to reconnoiter the yellow-coned landing zone.

All the while, pilot Bob Shurr, who pulled two tours in Vietnam as an Army medical pilot, talked over the radio with Leutheuser, his "landing zone officer" for the exercise.

Then he set the helicopter down, shut off the engines and let the recruits get a look at what many of them likely will work with at some time during their public service careers.



Pinpoint: A medical transport helicopter comes in for a landing at Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center.



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Top goalie

Craig Kowalski, who helped guide the Compuware Ambassadors to the top record in the North American Hockey League's Eastern Division, was named NAHL goalie of the month for March.

Kowalski, a 19-year-old native of Clinton who will attend Northern Michigan in the fall, was 7-2 in his last nine appearances of the regular season with a 2.11 goals-against average and a .931 save percentage. For the season, he was 33-12-3 with a 2.38 goals-against average and a .923 goals-against average. He had four shutouts.

Indians start 4-0

The Michigan Indians, a 12-year-old travel baseball team based in Plymouth, opened their season April 7-9 at the 2000 Tennessee River Classic. Teams participating were from Tennessee, Kentucky and Michigan.

Despite poor weather, the Indians came away with four victories, defeating the Knoxville Thunder 10-2; the Knoxville Yard Dogs 14-11; the Knoxville Yard Sharks 14-4; and the Knoxville Dodgers 10-2.

The Indians advanced to the title game, but delays caused by weather and airline reservations caused the Indians to concede the championship game.

Team members are Greg Marrone, Kyle Gendron, Brian Kirkendall and John Scanlon of Plymouth; Sean Baker, Justin Latin and Shawn Little of Canton; Eddie Duggan and Stephen Merlo of Livonia; Kevin Gordon of Redford; Nick Sarkissian of South Lyon; and Arthur Middlebrooks of West Bloomfield. The team is coached by Nick Marrone, Dave Sarkissian and Jim Gendron.

Sailing instruction

The American Sailing Institute, a non-profit corporation dedicated to teaching sailing and seamanship in the Detroit area for the past seven years, will begin classes the beginning of May for sailors of all levels, from beginner to advanced.

Sessions include classroom instruction, with different formats, dates and locations, and on-water instruction, taught mostly at Kensington Metropark. ASI classes are available through Schoolcraft College. Depending on the type of class chosen, costs range from \$170 to \$295.

ASI is entirely a volunteer organization. For class schedule or other information, call Diane, the ASI secretary, at (248) 624-4030, or try the ASI website at www.sailasi.org.

Chiefs cheerleading

A mandatory informational meeting for those interested in trying out for the 2000-2001 Plymouth Canton HS cheerleading team is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday in the Canton HS cafeteria. Parents are asked to attend, too.

Tryouts for the Canton HS cheerleading team will be 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 1 through Thursday, May 4 at the Canton HS gym. All those interested are welcome; please bring completed paperwork and a current report card.

Softball clinic

The Plymouth Canton HS softball team is sponsoring a softball clinic from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20 at the Canton softball diamond.

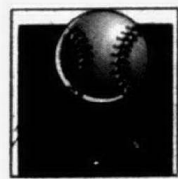
The clinic, which will be conducted by Canton players and coaches, is for those seven and older. Cost is \$25; with T-shirt, it's \$32.

Throwing techniques, fielding techniques (infield and outfield), hitting and bunting techniques, base-running and sliding and other practice drills will be the focus of the clinic. Those taking part should show up at 11:45 a.m. and should bring glove, and wear workout clothes and athletic shoes or cleats.

Registration is limited; early sign-ups are encouraged. Call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 to register or for more information.

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.

Key hits push Salem to 3-1 victory



Quite a start — there's really no other way to describe how Salem and Canton have begun their softball seasons. Both were unbeaten going into the weekend, and both were 2-0 against divisional foes.

It was just a matter of who got what when.

The honors went to Plymouth Salem, which got the key hits in Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association softball game against Lakes Division rival North Farmington.

The result was a 3-1 win for the

Rocks, keeping them unbeaten in three games (2-0 in the Lakes). North slipped to 1-2 overall, 1-1 in the Lakes.

"The bottom line was, they got a couple of key hits and we didn't," said North coach Dave Brubaker.

Dawn Allen provided those key hits. The first baseman slugged a fourth-inning triple that drove in one

run; she then scored what proved to be the game-winner on a Raider error on the next play.

"She drove that thing down the right field line, inches inside the chalk," recounted Salem coach Bonnie Southerland of Allen's triple.

Allen added an insurance run in the sixth when she led off the inning with a double. An errant throw brought her home.

The beneficiary to all this was Liz Dekarske, who outdueled North freshman Beth Danielewicz. Dekarske improved to 2-0, surrendering one run on four hits; she did not walk a batter

and struck out eight.

"Liz is doing her job," said Southerland. "She's throwing three or four pitches consistently."

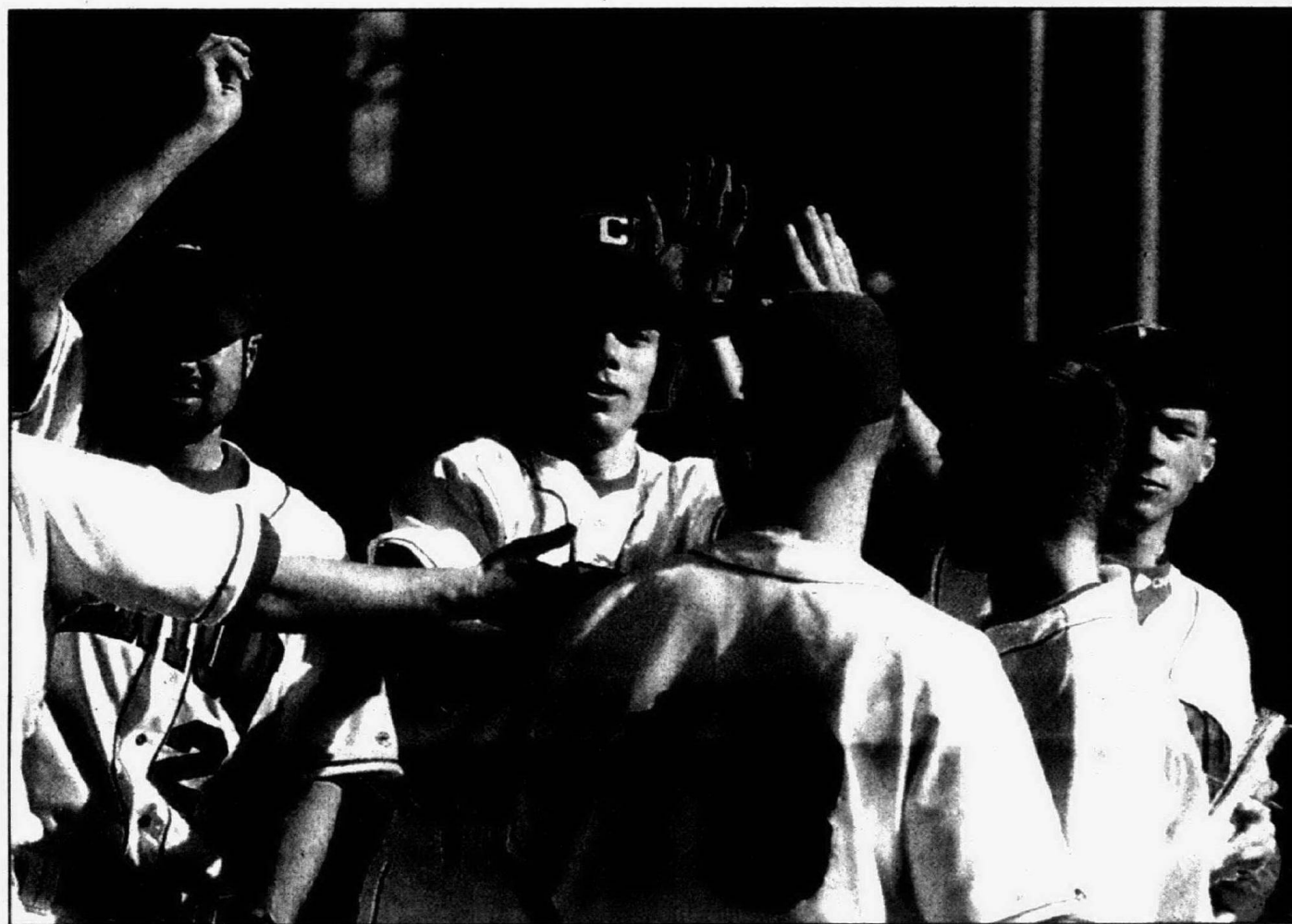
"She's come a long way from last year, when she was our No. 2 pitcher. She kept working at it."

Danielewicz allowed just five hits, but three North errors hurt her. She walked one and struck out five.

"She deserves better than she got the last two games," said Brubaker. "Now we're getting the pitching and defense, but the offense needs some tweaking."

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Power boost



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHIMANN

A reason to celebrate: Canton's Bryan Kay (center) is congratulated by teammates after slugging one of his two home runs in a lopsided win over Walled Lake Western Friday.

Extra-base blasts lift Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
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BASEBALL

Walled Lake Western came to town Friday, and Plymouth Canton's hitters greeted the Warriors by knocking their baseballs all over the place.

The Chiefs clubbed three home runs — two of them by Bryan Kay — and added three doubles in drubbing Western 11-5. The win pushed Canton's overall record to 4-1; the Chiefs are 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

Kay slugged solo homers in the first inning and fifth inning, and Jon Johnson added a second solo shot in the

first.

But in a game filled with big hits, perhaps the biggest came from Russ Caid, who came within inches of a grand-slam homer in the fourth; his double produced three runs in a five-run rally that broke a 3-3 tie and put Canton in control for good.

Jay Sofen contributed three singles and two RBI to Canton's 12-hit attack; Jim Reddy had two hits, including a double, and an RBI; and Brian Smigelski had a double and scored two runs.

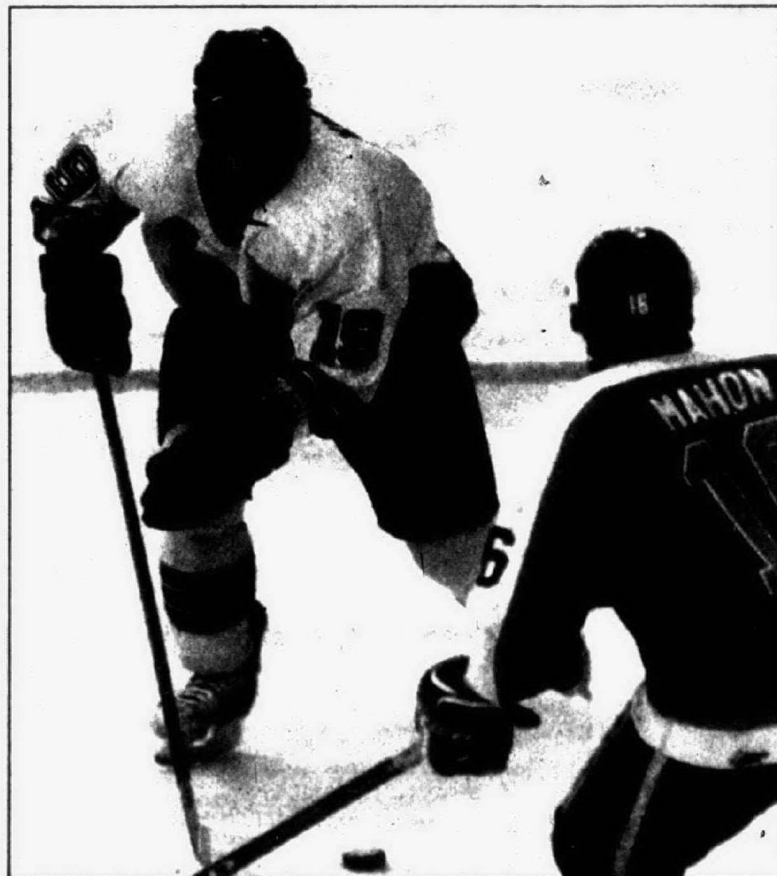
Johnson got the pitching win, work-

ing all seven innings to improve to 2-1 for the season. He gave up three earned runs on six hits and one walk, with eight strikeouts. Rob Pisha took the loss.

The victory was a key one; Western was one of the better teams in the division last season. Combined with Greg Neino's strong pitching in a win over Farmington Wednesday, it helped solidify the Chiefs' mound corps.

"I thought Neino threw well against Farmington," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. In the crowded weeks ahead, pitching will become increasingly important.

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FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHIMANN

Goal-scorer: Tomas Kurka (19) got one of eight goals scored in Friday's win over Windsor.

Closing in

Whalers blow past Windsor



The Plymouth Whalers moved to within one game of clinching a berth in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference finals by routing the Windsor Spitfires 8-3 Friday in Windsor.

Randy Fitzgerald scored the hattrick for the Whalers, who got rolling early, opening up a 5-2 lead after one period. They led 6-2 after two periods.

The win gave Plymouth a 3-1 lead in games over the Spitfires. Game Five was played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena Saturday night; results will appear in Thursday's Observer.

Rob McBride, Damian Surma, Eric Gooldy, Tomas Kurka and George Nistas all got goals for the Whalers.

The Spitfires scored three times on the power play, with Patrick Finnegan, Steve Ott and Tim Gleason getting the goals. Plymouth was one-for-six on the power play.

After scoring six unanswered goals in the

opening game of the series at Compuware Arena, the Whalers had struggled offensively. They lost in Windsor last Monday 2-1, then held off the Spitfires in a 2-1 victory Wednesday at Compuware.

At Windsor Arena, Plymouth apparently rediscovered its offense — and did so without its top three point-producers in the playoffs, Stephen Weiss, Shaun Fisher and Justin Williams, scoring a goal. Once again, balance paid dividends for the Whalers' offense.

Rob Zepp turned away 24 of 27 shots on goal for Windsor. Mike Leighton started in goal for Plymouth; he was replaced after one period by Ryan Aschnaber. Combined, they faced 27 shots, Saturday 19.

Depending on Saturday's result, tentative games in the series are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in Windsor Monday and at Compuware Wednesday.

Should the Whalers prevail, they would meet the winner of the Erie Otters/Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds semifinal in the Western Conference final. That semifinal was tied at two games apiece through Friday, with the Greyhounds visiting Erie at 6 p.m. tonight.

GIRLS SOCCER

Morrell's late goals carry Chiefs to win

Two goals by Anne Morrell in the game's final 12 minutes lifted Plymouth Canton to a 3-2 triumph in a pivotal Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division game Wednesday at Canton.

The win kept the Chiefs unbeaten in five matches, lifting their overall record to 4-0-1. They are 1-0 in the division.

"It was a good game," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We had some good opportunities early but we didn't do anything with them."

Northville did something with its chances, however. After a scoreless first half, the Mustangs struck first, getting a goal from Marisa Vhil early in the second half.

Canton struck back quickly, with Abi Morrell knotting it a minute later. But Northville was relentless, and the Mustangs recaptured the lead with another goal by Vhil.

That's the way it stayed until the game's final 12 minutes. Anne Morrell knotted it at 2-2 all with 12 minutes left, then with just 1:34 to play she took a pass from Amanda Lentz and put it in the net for the game-winner.

Stephanie Johnson, also had an assist for the Chiefs, who conclude the first half of their season this week with WLAA games at North Farmington Monday and at home against Westland John Glenn Wednesday. After the Glenn match, Canton is idle until May 1.

Salem 3, Farmington 0: Jami Coyle had a goal and an assist and Jeannine Edwards picked up two assists as Plymouth Salem racked up its fourth shutout in five matches this season — all of them wins.

Wednesday's shutout of Farmington at Farmington improved

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Rocks need overall improvement to challenge

BY C.J. RISAK
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GOLF PREVIEW

A blend of seasoned veterans and promising younger golfers makes the season outlook for Plymouth Salem's girls team — well, uncertain.

"Most of these kids played last year," noted Salem coach Rick Wilson. Indeed, only one of last season's regulars, Grace Yelonek, has graduated.

But since the Rocks finished closer to the bottom than the top of the Western Lakes Activities Association in 1999, optimism is tempered. They were seventh at the WLAA Tournament and tied for seventh overall.

Just where Salem fits in the overall scheme of things, at least statewide, was visible last week when the Rocks competed in a tri-meet at Grosse Ile Country Club against defending Division I champion Farmington Hills Mercy and Division III runner-up Grosse Ile, which won the Class B title from 1996-98.

Salem scored 231 in that encounter. Grosse Ile carded a 184 and Mercy had a 194. Top scorers for the Rocks were senior Angie Jones with a 53; sophomore Danielle March with a 56; and junior Molly Hedges and sophomore Kellie Tamme, each with a 61. Salem's non-counting scores went to senior Kim Tamme, a 62, and sophomore Jenny Schwan, a 63.

Medalist in the meet was the Red Devils' Sarah Martin with a 40. Mercy's low scorer was Erin Borowiec with a 45.

Three of the Marlins scores were in the 40s, and their fourth score was a 51 — all better than Salem's best. But while that may appear to be a huge gap between the two teams, what happened to Salem the very next day (last Thursday) should be taken under consideration.

The Rocks went up against Ann Arbor Huron at Leslie Park. Huron won the meet, scoring 183, but Salem lowered its previous days' score by 29 strokes, firing a 202.

Jones led the Rocks with a 46, followed by Kellie Tamme's 51; Hedges' 52; March's 53; and Kim Tamme's 55. Other scores of note: Schwan had a 57, and freshman Lindsay shot 52 in a JV meet at Tanglewood.

"Even though we got trounced," said Wilson, "it was an improvement."

The Rocks won't climb to the top of the WLAA heap, but they could get a heckuva lot closer. "I think Angie and Kim (Tamme) will be our top two scorers," Wilson predicted. "Kim just hasn't gotten it going yet."

It's true Kim Tamme struggled last week, particularly with her

short game — which, Wilson noted, isn't so unusual. "A lot of people think that at the start of the season girls have most of their trouble with their long game," he said. "But it usually isn't the long game, it's the short game that needs work."

The younger players — March, Kellie Tamme, Schwan and Young in particular — have brightened the outlook for Salem's future. While many girls give up the game after the season, these young golfers "all like to play in the summer, and that makes a difference," Wilson said.

How much a difference they can make this season is difficult to say.

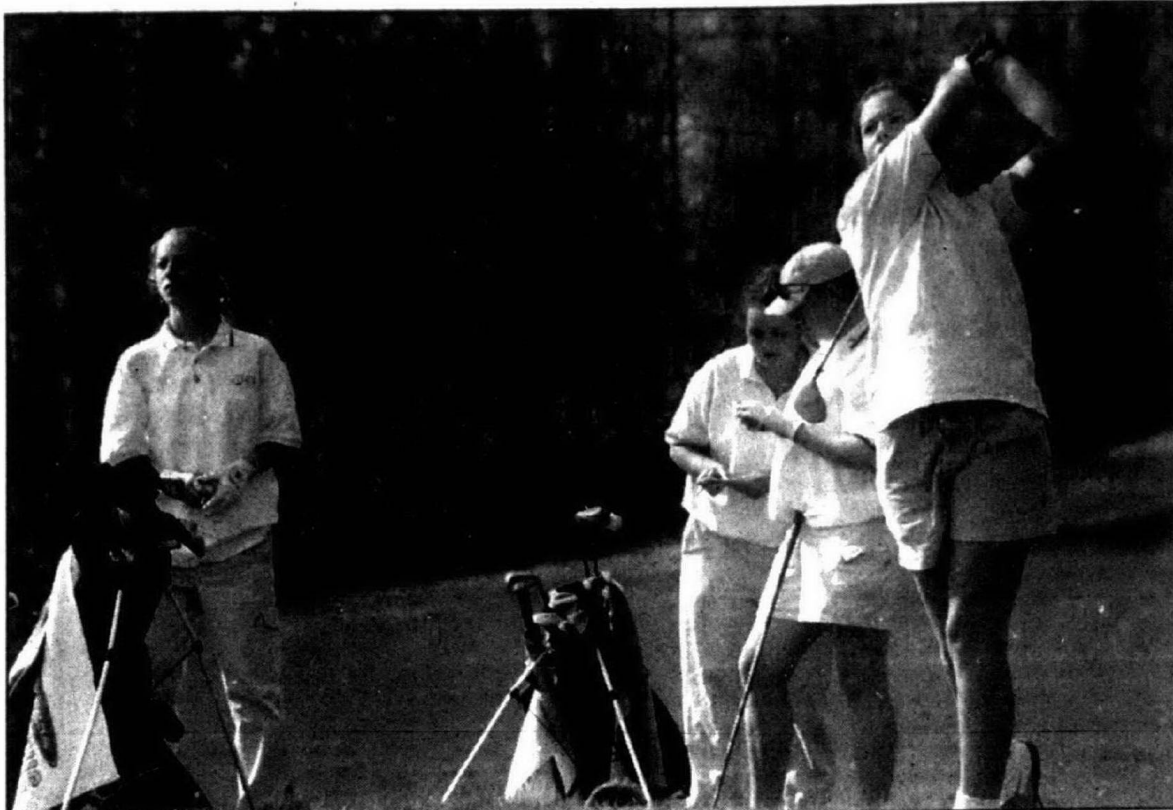
Farmington, the defending WLAA champ, figures to be one of the league's best; Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill won't be far behind.

As for Salem: "We have to win more than we lose at home," said Wilson. "If we can win at home on a consistent basis, yes, I think we can (break into the upper half of the league)."

It isn't an unreasonable goal, nor is it very specific. But success has been hard to find for Salem's golfers over the past couple of years; this season could be different.

Rocks slip

It's been a tough opening for Plymouth Salem this season, and it's come against some tough



Salem vs. Canton: Salem's Angie Jones and Kim Tamme (middle) tee off with Canton's Julie Dziekan and Stephanie Koppe at last season's dual meet.

opponents. The Rocks went up against a tough Farmington Unified team, which finished third in the WLAA last year and has the league's top player in Cassie Jemison returning, on Friday at

Glen Oaks. The result: a 196-213 win for Farmington Unified.

Jemison shot 43 to lead the Unified squad.

Salem was paced by Angie Jones, who shot a 48. Danielle

March had a 51, Kim Tamme scored a 54 and Molly Hedges had a 59.

Salem is 0-2 in dual meets, 0-1 in the WLAA. Farmington Unified is 2-2 overall, 2-0 in the WLAA.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 17
Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Allen Park at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. N'west at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18
Redford Union at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Clarenceville at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Fairlane at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19
Salem at Northville, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Churchill, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 4 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Harper Wds., 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Rice (2), 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 20
PCA at Roper, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, April 17
Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.

Salem vs. W.L. Central (at W.L. Western), 4 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child (2), 4 p.m.
Luth. N'west at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18
A.A. Huron at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
Churchill at EdseFord (2), 4 p.m.
Regina at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
Fairlane at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Inter-City Baptist (2), 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
Churchill at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Canton at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Harper Wds., 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 20
Churchill at Thurston, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Agape at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS TRACK
Monday, April 17
Livonia Public Schools meet at Stevenson H.S., 3:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Divine Child at Farm. Hills Mercy, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18
PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 4 p.m.
G.P. Liggett, H.W. Lutheran East at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19
Canton at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Tuesday, April 18
Wayne at Redford Union, 3:30 p.m.
Harrison at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Divine Child at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 4 p.m.
G.P. Liggett, H.W. Lutheran East at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19
Northville at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Salem at Ypsi. Showers Inv., 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 17
Canton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Kingswood at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Southgate at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 20
Churchill at Troy, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers)
Sunday, April 16
Tri State (Ind.) at Madonna, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19
Siena Heights at Madonna, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 22
Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers)
Monday, April 17
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Ladywood High School, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18
Stevenson at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19
Madonna at Cornerstone, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 20
Madonna vs. Albion College at Ladywood High School, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 22
Madonna at Tri State (Ind.), 1 p.m.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Conference offers chance to explore Indian culture

It's easy to see that Sumita Chaudhery, dressed in a colorful sari, is proud of the culture and arts of her native India. When Chaudhery came to the United States in the early '60s, she brought the knowledge of traditional dance, music and literature with her. Chaudhery will share all three at a conference and celebration of Indian culture Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



Ancient art: Christel Stevens performs a North Indian dance recital with Guru Naba Ghana Shyam-Singha and troupe.

forming Arts also sponsors the conference. The Aditi Institute is a nonprofit dedicated to creating awareness of Indian culture.

Chaudhery would like to invite everyone to "experience the mystery and mysticism of this fascinating country" as scholars, artists and performers explore Indian dance, poetry, philosophy, food, and film.

Deadline to register for the conference and dinner (catered by the Peacock Restaurant, Dearborn) is Monday, May 1. Some tickets for the dance recitals on Friday and Saturday evenings may be available after that date.

Dream

"It's a dream of mine to bring in international events to the college because I feel students, faculty and the community need that as a way to broaden our horizons," said Chaudhery. "From a cultural standpoint, India is one of the ancient civilizations with dance, music and art forms all its own."

"There's a totally different concept of music and dance in traditional Indian arts. The theory and practice are totally different from Western concepts. Philosophy is primarily a non-violent or introspective one. In today's harrowing life, that becomes a great way to find some peace."

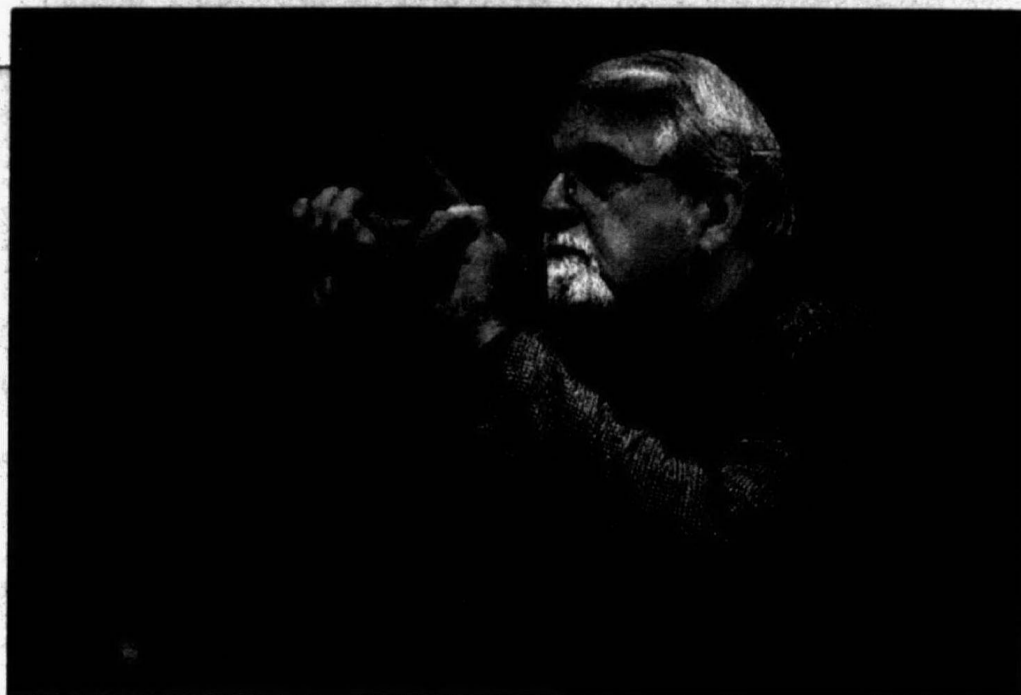
Recitals of dance and sarod (an ancient Indian string instrument) on Friday evening and a dance recital Saturday night feature styles of dance ranging from odissi to manipuri. After a 6 p.m. Indian dinner on Saturday, guru Naba Ghana Shyam-Singha and his seven-member troupe will dance a north Indian recital. Shyam-Singha is from Assam in the easternmost province of India. The dance troupe is based in the Washington, D.C.,-Maryland area.

"This form of dance is very vigorous and the music sounds tribal," said Chaudhery. "Food in India is different if

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Art of India Conference

- **What:** A celebration of Indian culture including dance, poetry readings, round-table discussion, yoga lecture and demonstrations, and dinner.
- **When:** 1-4 p.m. and 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, May 12. Saturday, May 13, program begins 9:30 a.m. and concludes 8 p.m. with a concert.
- **Where:** Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.
- **Cost:** \$70 for all events, or \$25 conference, \$15 concert/dance recital (Friday), \$40 Indian buffet dinner/dance recital (Saturday). For more information or to register, call Rebekah Weber at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5641. Deadline for registration is Monday, May 1.



Schoolcraft Jazz Band

Jack Pierson (left) performed with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band at the Livonia Mall. Below, Schoolcraft College Jazz Band horn section. Bottom photo, Westland fireman Andy Buck lays down the beat.

Making a comeback

IN FULL SWING

STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Count Basie would have loved the mellow sounds coming from the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band Monday evening. The 18-member ensemble didn't need a dimly lit smoky room to set the mood for their version of the legendary jazz master's *That Warm Feeling*. Their big band beat drew a standing-room-only crowd to the most unlikely of places - the Livonia Mall - during a week-long celebration of the arts.

It was hard to believe that the band had been together only since September. Jazz is definitely making a comeback at Schoolcraft College, thanks to band director Jack Pierson. The concert was the proof.

"It's sort of a community group and is a mix of college students, a high school student and people who played in high school and college but went on to careers in different fields," said Pierson, who directed the band 15 years ago before it was disbanded. "Educationally, I'm trying to expose everyone to a variety of styles of big band jazz including contemporaries like Puff Daddy. We perform an assortment of music from Stan Kenton to Thad Jones, and Don Ellis from the '60s and '70s who played unusual time signatures."

Pierson realized there was a need for the band after he passed out fliers in July at the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College. The answer to his call for musicians was overwhelming. Over the last eight months, the band's sound has matured so rapidly as to earn them an invitation to play this year's Michigan Jazz Festival on Sunday, July 16.

"I was surprised by the turn-out last fall," said Pierson. "The first concert last fall was good in the right instrumentation with five saxophones. We picked up a couple of drummers along the way. Two bass players alternate. There's also guitar and piano."

Education

Pierson is big on education, so when the opportunity arose to direct the jazz band at Schoolcraft, he jumped



- **What:** Schoolcraft College Jazz Band performs songs by Count Basie, Stan Kenton and Thad Jones. Admission is free. For information about the band, call Jack Pierson, (734) 420-8984
- **When:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 24
- **Where:** Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia

at the chance. Together with jazz musicians Louis Smith and Ernie Rodgers, he serves on the education committee for the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival (formerly the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival). This year, he'll give a clinic for high school and college students. Even though he retired as band director at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn, Pierson continues to serve as a judge at festivals for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. As a consultant, he frequently works with students in the schools. Last week, he was helping the Livonia Franklin Jazz Band prepare to compete at an upcoming festival.

"My goal is to give these folks a place to play and to keep this happening," said Pierson. "Next summer, we hope to start a two-week summer jazz program similar to one that existed at Henry Ford Community College in the '70s and '80s."

Hot jazz

Andy Buck has spent the last seven and one-half years fighting fires in Westland, but he never forgot the days he played in Pierson's band at Edsel Ford High School. He misses those student days and is glad to be playing drums for the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band. During college, he was a member of the Henry Ford Community College Big Band, playing Carnegie Hall and touring Europe twice.

"Careers come about and now I'm trying to find more time to play music," said Buck, who started playing drums in fourth grade. "I like the style and excitement of the jazz band. It's enjoyment for me."

Like Buck, Northville High School student Ken Charette enjoys playing with the band.

Hobby

"This is a lot of fun for me," said Charette, a trumpet player who began piano lessons in first grade. "But I'm

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Majestic: Donald Alley took this photograph of a Great Horned Owl.

Artists spring for out-of-the-ordinary mediums

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Local artists aren't letting any grass grow under their feet, even if it is springtime. Members of Artifacts Art Club and the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan are exhibiting everything from serene landscapes to jazzy jackets and vests at shows in Livonia and Plymouth through the end of April. The surprise is you won't find any watercolor florals or heavy oil paintings of barns.

Sherry Eid has a way with colored pencil. Her delicate portraits are just some of the works third graders at Livonia's Cass Elementary will see when club members take them on a guided tour of the Artifacts Art Club show. Eid believes it's important to introduce children to original art. She and other club members have worked with teachers for the last few years to encourage these third students to take an interest in painting, drawing, photography, and sculpture.

"It's a delight to have them come through," said Eid. "Beforehand, the teachers ask the children what each piece might be after hearing the title. My portrait of the Native American Dancing Wolf - the kids think it's a wolf dancing in the living room."

Not to be missed is Peggy Gray's "Beware of the Dogs." The students thought the work would show mean dogs. Quite the contrary. The pastel features two dogs

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Art Exhibits

- **Artifacts Art Club exhibit** works in a variety of mediums through Friday, April 28 at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 7-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.
- **The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan** show a diversity of fabric art through Wednesday, May 3 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. Opening reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, or enjoy the fashion show and luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 3 (\$20). Call (734) 416-4278 for information.

SACRED MUSIC

Choir members ring in Easter season

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Half way through rehearsal choir members rolled their eyes as director Jim Lenz reminded them that they were ringing the Palm Sunday service at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

"We've got to be here at 9 a.m. with bells on," he quipped.

That's an inside joke. The St. Thomas a' Becket Church choir is composed of handbell ringers. Founded by Lenz in 1993, the Ding-a-lings' primary function is to ring handbells at Mass. Although most group members have either played an instrument or sung in a choir, members needed no musical training in order

to join - just an interest in bells. Lenz would then do a little arm twisting to secure a commitment to the choir. Of course, when family obligations arise, Lenz is only too happy to fill in himself or call in another ringer. This night, Cathy Piasta, a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel's handbell choir, was filling in for Vivian Cook, who was in Chicago for the opening of daughter Mary Kay's new play.

Positions to fill

"Each person has their own position, and you have to have every position filled," said Lenz. "It would be like having a couple of keys broken on your piano if you didn't. But the biggest challenge is keeping 12 women happy."

There he goes again. But that's why members stay on for years. Lenz is a cheerleader for the ancient art of bell ringing. He began as a ringer with the choir at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth in 1989.

"I fell in love with it," said Lenz, who still rings with the Good Counsel choir. "It's just fun. I've been playing piano all my life. With the handbells it was fun to hear your own little part become part of the total sound."

Their movements create a visual rhythm that ebbs and flows. It looks simple enough, but don't be fooled. It takes a certain flick of the wrist to produce a note.

"At first it was hard to get used to,"

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Appealing music: Don Hosman (right) and Leslie Queen rehearse for Palm Sunday services at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

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Good Friday Service.....8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Services.....7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Clarenceville United Methodist Church
20300 Middlebelt Rd.
Livonia, MI 48152
Rev. M. Jean Love, Pastor
248-474-3444
April 20 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. - Communion Service
April 21 - Good Friday
12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Prayer & Meditation
7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service
April 23 - Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Breakfast (reservations required)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 a.m. Easter Morning Service - 6:00 p.m. The Gathering

BIRMINGHAM'S
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1669 W. Maple Road
www.fpcbirmingham.org
Holy Week and Easter
Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.,
Holy Communion
Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.
"Drama of Tears"
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord
7:00 a.m., Sunrise Service, East Lawn
8:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
644-2040

NORTHBROOK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
22055 WEST 14 MILE AT LAHSER, BEVERLY HILLS, MI 48025
(248) 642-0200 WWW.NORTHBROOKPRESBYTERIAN.ORG
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Palm Sunday, April 16 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship and Confirmation
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship and Confirmation
Holy Thursday, April 20 7:00 p.m. Dessert in Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Cantata and Communion in the Sanctuary
Easter Sunday, April 23
Celebration of the Resurrection with Special Music for Choirs and Brass
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
"Living the Love of Jesus Christ"

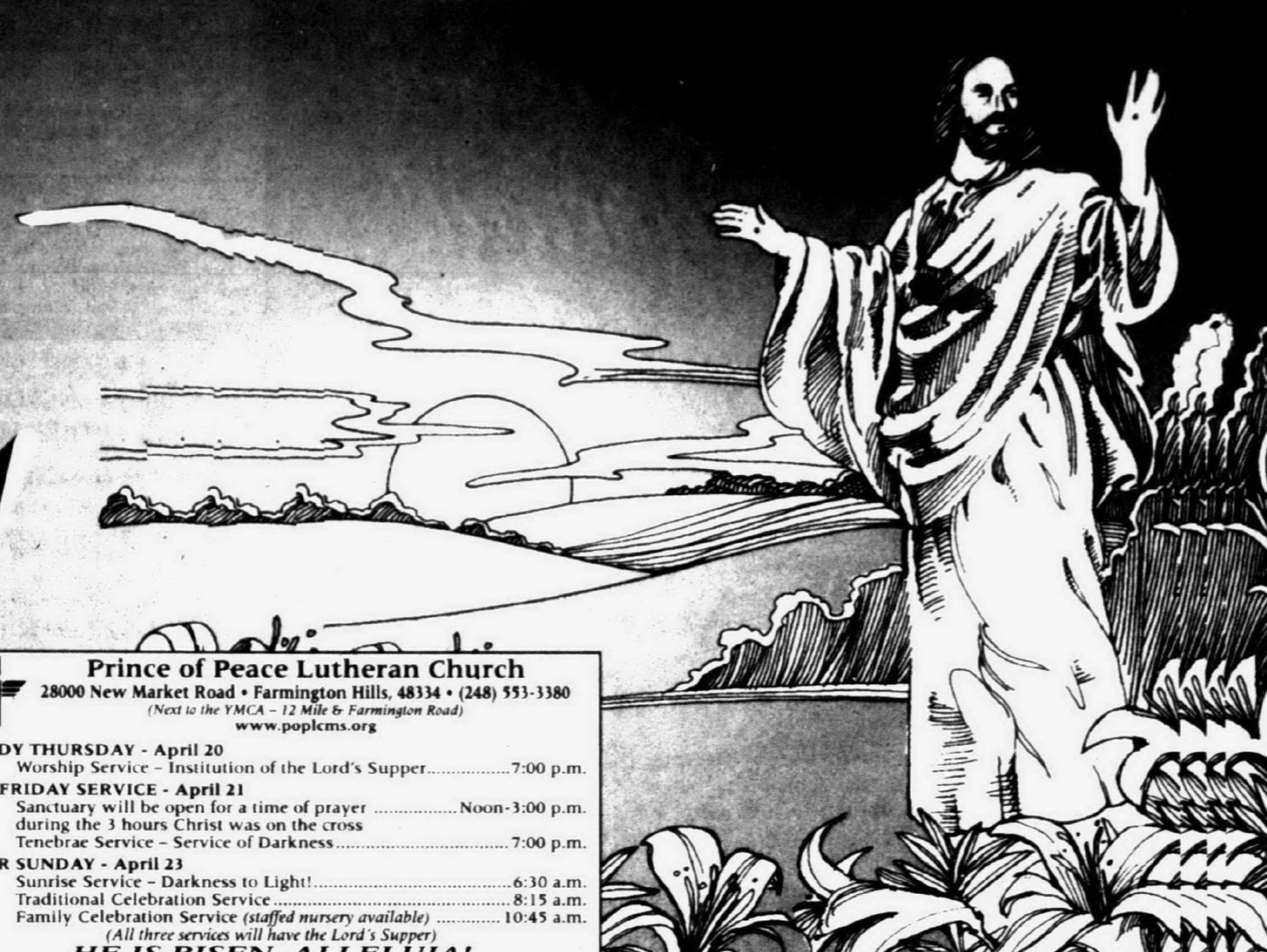
Plymouth First United Methodist Church
Welcomes you and your family to Celebrate Easter with us
Thursday, April 20
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service*
Friday, April 21
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Good Friday Service to be held at First Baptist Church (across the street)
Sunday, April 23 - Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration*
11:00 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration*
4:30 p.m. Contemporary Easter Worship Celebration*
*Indicates childcare is available
45201 N. Territorial Rd. (west of Sheldon)
(734) 453-5280

Has the True meaning of Easter Gotten a little fuzzy?
Give your children bunnies & baskets - But give them the Miracle too! Join us on Easter as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (USA)
27475 Five Mile Rd.
Livonia, Michigan
(one block west of Inkster Rd.)
(734) 422-1470
Lent & Easter Schedule
Maundy Thursday April 20, 2000
Communion Service 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday April 21, 2000
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Continuous Service
Easter Sunday April 23, 2000
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Easter breakfast will be served 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall

WARD
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
"Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne..."
And to our blessing, there He sits today in intercession, your sin-debt paid-in-full through the ultimate display of love, compassion, mercy, and grace known to mankind. It is a life-altering experience, to meet the Lord Jesus Christ on a personal level, at whatever point you are in your walk of faith. The time is now, invite Him into your heart today.
Ward extends to everyone, wishes for a blessed Easter season and an invitation to join in the celebration of God's holy love.
Holy Week Schedule
Thursday, April 20 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service of the Shadows with Communion
Friday, April 21 Noon - 3:00 p.m. "The Storm Flares Around The Cross" by the Ministerial staff of Ward EPC with special music
Sunday, April 23 Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. (Chapel) Celebration Services, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service, 8:45 a.m.
40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville (N.W. corner of Haggerty & 6 Mile Rd.)
248-374-7400

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
620 ROMEO STREET
ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN 48307
(Located one traffic light north of University and five blocks east of Rochester Road)
248-651-9361
PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES
PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, APR. 16
9/11 a.m. Worship, "A Shadowed Yes", Dr. Hickey
HOLY THURSDAY, APR. 20
7:30 p.m. - Holy Communion, Blessing of the Children
Dramatic Presentation - "The Twelve"
Mrs. Thelma Childress, Coordinator
GOOD FRIDAY, APR. 21
12:30 p.m. Music for Meditation
Dr. Hammerling
1:00 p.m. Worship - "The Scapegoat is Back", Dr. Weemhoff
7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae - Rev. Bartelt, Coordinator
EASTER SUNDAY, APR. 23
6:30 a.m. Service of Lights
7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Buffet, Friendship Hall
9/11 a.m. Worship - "The Beginning of Everything", Dr. Hickey
NURSERY AND TODDLER CARE PROVIDED AT ALL SERVICES

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 28000 New Market Road • Farmington Hills, 48334 • (248) 553-3380
 (Next to the YMCA - 12 Mile & Farmington Road)
 www.poplcms.org

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 20
 Worship Service - Institution of the Lord's Supper.....7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - April 21
 Sanctuary will be open for a time of prayer Noon-3:00 p.m.
 during the 3 hours Christ was on the cross
 Tenebrae Service - Service of Darkness.....7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 23
 Sunrise Service - Darkness to Light!.....6:30 a.m.
 Traditional Celebration Service.....8:15 a.m.
 Family Celebration Service (staffed nursery available).....10:45 a.m.
 (All three services will have the Lord's Supper)
HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

Breakfast with the Apostle John
 8:15 a.m. Easter Sunday
Meadowbrook Christian Church
 Located on Walton Blvd., just East of Adams Road
 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.
 Brunch for the Adults,
 Sunday School for the Kids
 10:45 a.m. Service

GRACE CHAPEL (E.P.C.)
 27996 Halsted
 Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Easter Worship
 11 a.m.

"He Still Moves Stones"
248-488-0151
 www.gracepc.org

THE LORD IS RISEN!
 Come, Worship With Us

Easter Sunday
 10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Covenant Alliance Church
 15858 W. 13 Mile Rd.
 (1 block west of Greenfield)
(248) 644-9009

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 27800 Southfield Road (at 11 1/2 Mile)
 Lathrup Village (248) 597-0044
 Rev. Kenneth A. Brown

April 20 7:30 p.m.
 Maundy Thursday Communion

April 21
 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
 4:00-7:00 p.m. Fish Fry Supper
April 23 10:00 a.m.
 Easter Sunday Service

FAMILY VICTORY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
 Join us as we worship

The Risen King

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 21, 2000 at 12:30 noon

Special Women's Fellowship Meeting
 With Special Guest: Evangelist Francis Norwood
Friday, April 21, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Worship Service
Sunday, April 23, 2000 at 7:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Nursery, Children, and Youth Ministries available.

19421 W. Ten Mile Road - Southfield - (248) 354-1990

COME CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US
Embury United Methodist Church
 1803 East 14 Mile Rd., Birmingham
 (1 block east of Woodward Ave.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE - April 20, 7:30 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL - April 21, 12 Noon to Midnight
EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE - 10 a.m.
 with Easter Anthems by Chancel Choir
 Nursery Care provided.
 Children's Sunday School for all ages - 10 a.m.
EVERYONE WELCOME
248-644-5708

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 30450 Farmington Road
 Farmington Hills, MI
 (Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 20
 7:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Holy Communion
 - Service of Healing
 Opportunity to walk the labyrinth
 - Nursery for Crib thru 3 years

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - April 21
 12:15 p.m. - Covenant Baptist Church
 5800 West Maple Road
 (west of Orchard Lake Road)
 Message by Rev. Carol Johns

EASTER SUNDAY - April 23
 8:00 a.m. - "SON RISE" Service
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. - CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION
 - Regular Sunday School and Nursery Schedule

Pastors: Carol J. Johns - Jim Braid
Diaconal Minister: Margo Dexter
 www.orchardumc.org
248-626-3620

Good News! Jesus Lives!

We invite you to celebrate with us this Easter

Faith Covenant Church
 35415 14 Mile Road (at Drake)
 Farmington Hills
(248) 661-9191

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 29887 West 11 Mile Road • Farmington Hills
248/476-8860

Holy Thursday Communion
 Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.
 "Saturday at the Park"
 Contemporary Easter Worship
 Saturday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in our Chapel

Easter Worship
 Sunday, April 23 at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
 The Easter message with brass and choir!
 Come to Celebrate the Joy of the Resurrection!

"Were You There?"
 A Journey to the Cross

This powerful presentation of music and drama will be presented by

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene
 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road
 Plymouth, Michigan 48170 • (734) 453-1525

Good Friday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
 Easter Sunday, April 23, 8:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 20, 7:00 p.m.
 Easter Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Franklin Community Church
 United Methodist in Affiliation Ecumenical in Spirit
 26425 Wellington, Franklin (248) 626-6606
 Between 13 & 14 Mile Roads, west of Franklin Road

Easter Services
 7:30 a.m. • Sunrise Service
 (4th & 5th Graders will lead in Franklin Cemetery)
 Breakfast at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (between services)
 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 Easter Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir
 with String Quartet
 Nursery Available

Ministers Karl L. Ziegler and Murphy Ehlers

Make Holy Week holy, Come to...
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
 10000 Beech Daly 313-937-3170
 2 blocks south of Plymouth Road

April 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday
 "Lord is it I?"

Good Friday
 April 21, 7:30
 Tenebrae Service
 Candles are extinguished as Mary the Mother of Jesus reflects on the life of her son. Candles are lit as a Narrator interprets meaning for our lives.

Each Disciple shares his thoughts on why he may be the one to betray Jesus. Special lighting & music make this a very moving experience

Easter Sunday Morning
 at 8 and 11 a.m. Chancel Bells & Choir
 Dialogue Sermon: "I am the Resurrection and Life"

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls Between Services
 at 9:30 a.m. Youth Play: *The Verdict*
 (The Trial of Judas)

DO YOU NEED PEACE, JOY, HOPE, REFRESHMENT OR HEALING? GOD IS TOUCHING LIVES AT LIVING ROCK CHURCH!

EASTER SERVICES:
 GOOD FRIDAY, April 21, 2000, 7 p.m.
 EASTER SUNDAY, April 23, 2000, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

We invite you to come and worship with us at:
LIVING ROCK CHURCH
 291 E. Spring Street, Plymouth, MI 48170
 (734) 453-0323

2 blks. N. of Main Street (Plymouth Road)
 and 2 blks. E. of Mill Street (Lilley Road)

Harvest Temple Worship Center
 23233 Drake Road
 Farmington Hills • 248-478-1511

Good Friday Service April 21 at 12:00 Noon

Choir Musical "I Will Follow Christ" Easter Sunday Morning, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Casual Worship & Word, Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
 1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham (248) 646-1200

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 P.M.
 Holy Week Services of Worship
 Monday - Dr. Doug Vernon
 Tuesday - Rev. Faith Fowler
 Wednesday - Dr. Carl Price

Maundy Thursday 7:30 P.M.
 "Look at My Hands and Feet" - Dr. William A. Ritter

Good Friday Ecumenical Services 12:00-3:00 P.M.
 In our Sanctuary

Easter Sunrise 7:00 A.M.
 "Figuring Out When Easter Comes" - Dr. Carl Price

Easter 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
 "I Will Bet My Bottom Dollar" - Dr. William A. Ritter

Easter Sunday Night Alive 5:00 P.M.
 "Revelations from the Tomb" - Rev. Matt Hook

Pastors
 William A. Ritter Matthew Hook Rodney Quainton Lisa McIlvenna Carl Price

HOLY WEEK

COME AND SEE HOW THE POWER OF GOD CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

Historic Mariners' Church
 Since 1842 • Independent Anglican
 At House of Prayer for all People
 The 1928 Book of Common Prayer

Holy Week and Easter Day
Maundy Thursday, April 20
 12:10 p.m. - The Holy Communion in commemoration of the first Lord's Supper
Good Friday, April 21
 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
 Psalms, The Stations of the Cross, and the Good Friday Liturgy, with choral music throughout the Three Hours. Enter when you can, leave when you must

Easter Day, April 23
 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - The Easter Liturgy
 Festival Choral Communion at both services

Regular Services of Holy Communion
 Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.

Mariners' on Hart Plaza at the Tunnel
 Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage
 Enter on Jefferson at Woodward
 The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector
 Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist & Choirmaster
(313) 259-2206

Saint John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 569-3405
 Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

April 18 - Great & Holy Tuesday - Vespers 7:30 p.m.
 April 20 - Great & Holy Thursday - Divine Liturgy
 commemorating the Last Supper 10:30 a.m.
 Washing of the Feet 7:30 p.m.
 Betrayal & Passion of Our Lord 8:30 p.m.
 April 21 - Great & Holy Friday - Divine Liturgy
 commemorating the Crucifixion of Our Lord 11:30 a.m.
 The Entombment of Our Lord 7:30 p.m.
 April 22 - Church School Holy Communion & Easter Supper 5:00 p.m.
 April 23 - Easter Sunday Matins 9:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy of the Holy Resurrection of Our Lord 10:00 a.m.

Salem United Church of Christ
 33424 Oakland Ave.
 Farmington, MI 48335
 (248) 474-6880

4/20 **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**, Communion/Tenebrae 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY
 Breakfast serving at 9:15am followed by Hymn Sing
 Divine Worship/Communion 10:45am

North Congregational Church
 36520 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills
 (between Drake and Halsted Roads)
 (248) 848-1750

Gathered... See... for the Worship of God and service of Humanity

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 20
 7:30 p.m. Worship, Communion
 "Remembrance"
 Scripture: Matthew 21:28-32


EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 23
 10:30 a.m. Easter Family Worship
 "When the Lillies Bloom"
 Scripture: Mark 16: 1-8

Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen, Rev. Mary E. Biedron, Ministers
 Steven Kosinski, Director of Music

Farmington First United Methodist Church
 33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd.)
 (248) 474-6573 e-mail - furncfarm@rjc.net

Maundy Thursday Communion - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - 12:00 Noon
Easter Sunday - 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Nursery & Child Care Provided
 Pastors: Rev. Dr. Wayne T. Large
 & Rev. Sondra B. Willobee



Ascension of Christ Luth. Church
 (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)
 16935 W. Fourteen Mile Rd.
 Beverly Hills, MI 48025
 248-644-8890

Ronald R. Farah, Pastor
 April 19 7:00 p.m. - Sedar Supper
 (Attendance by reservation only - call by 4/17)

April 20 7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service
 April 21 7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Tenebrae Service
 April 23 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. - Easter Festival Services
 Easter Breakfast served between services

Resurrection Catholic Church
 48755 Warren Road • Canton, Michigan 48187
 Rev. Richard A. Perletto, Pastor
 734-451-0444

Individual Benedictions: Monday & Tuesday • April 17 & 18 - 7:30-8:30pm
 Wednesday • April 19 - Group Celebration with Individual Confession of Sins - 7:30pm
 Thursday • Tuesday • Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass 9:00am

Holy Thursday: April 20 - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper - 7:30pm. Adoration in the Day Chapel until 11:00pm following the Liturgy.

Good Friday: April 21 - Noon - Good Friday Meditative Service: 12:45pm • Rosary: 1:00pm
 Stations of the Cross: 1:30pm • Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday: April 22 - 1:00pm - Blessing of Food; 8:00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday: April 23 - 8:30 & 10:30am Mass in the Church and 10:30am Mass All Saints School Gym. (Blessing of Food after all Masses.)

St. Owen Catholic Church
 6869 Franklin • Bloomfield Hills • 248-626-0840

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
HOLY THURSDAY: April 20th Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of feet, 7:30 p.m. followed by all night adoration.
GOOD FRIDAY: April 21st, 12:00-12:30 p.m. quiet prayer, 12:30-1:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday with Veneration of the Cross 12:00-3:00 p.m. Children's Good Friday Workshop in Parish Center
HOLY SATURDAY: April 22nd, Blessing of Easter Food: 11:00 a.m. in church. Children's Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 a.m. in Parish Center.
EASTER VIGIL: April 22nd, 8:00 p.m. followed by a reception.
EASTER SUNDAY: April 23rd, Masses 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

We Welcome You to Celebrate With Us

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH
 23815 Power Rd. at Shilohwood
 (S. of 10 Mile bet. Farmington & Orchard Lake Rds.)
 Farmington, MI 48336

Rev. Msgr. Walter A. Hurley
 Rev. Scott A. Thibodeau Rev. Arthur W. Pauser
 Rev. Loren P. O'Dea

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM -- HOLY WEEK
Holy Thursday, Apr. 20 (No Morning Mass):
 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, Apr. 21 (No Morning Mass):
 12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, Apr. 22 (No Morning Mass):
 11:00 a.m. Food Blessing
 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY IN CHURCH:
 Solemn Masses of Easter at
 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 (Note: There is no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter)

EASTER SUNDAY IN THE FAMILY CENTER:
 Solemn Masses of Easter at
 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.





ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
 25225 CODE ROAD, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48034
 248-356-8787

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Palm Sunday (April 16) Sat. 4:30 p.m., Sun. 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Noon	Good Friday (April 21) 12 Noon Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Monday - 7:30 a.m. & 12 Noon Masses	Holy Saturday (April 22) Blessing of Baskets at Noon
Tuesday - Confession 11 a.m. & 12 Noon Mass	Liturgy of the Lord's Resurrection Saturday Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 a.m. & 12 Noon Masses	Easter Sunday (April 23) 8:00, 10:00 & 12 Noon
Holy Thursday (April 20) Mass of Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.	


ST. ANNE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X -
 TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
 23310 Joy Road
 Redford, MI 48239
 313-534-2121

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

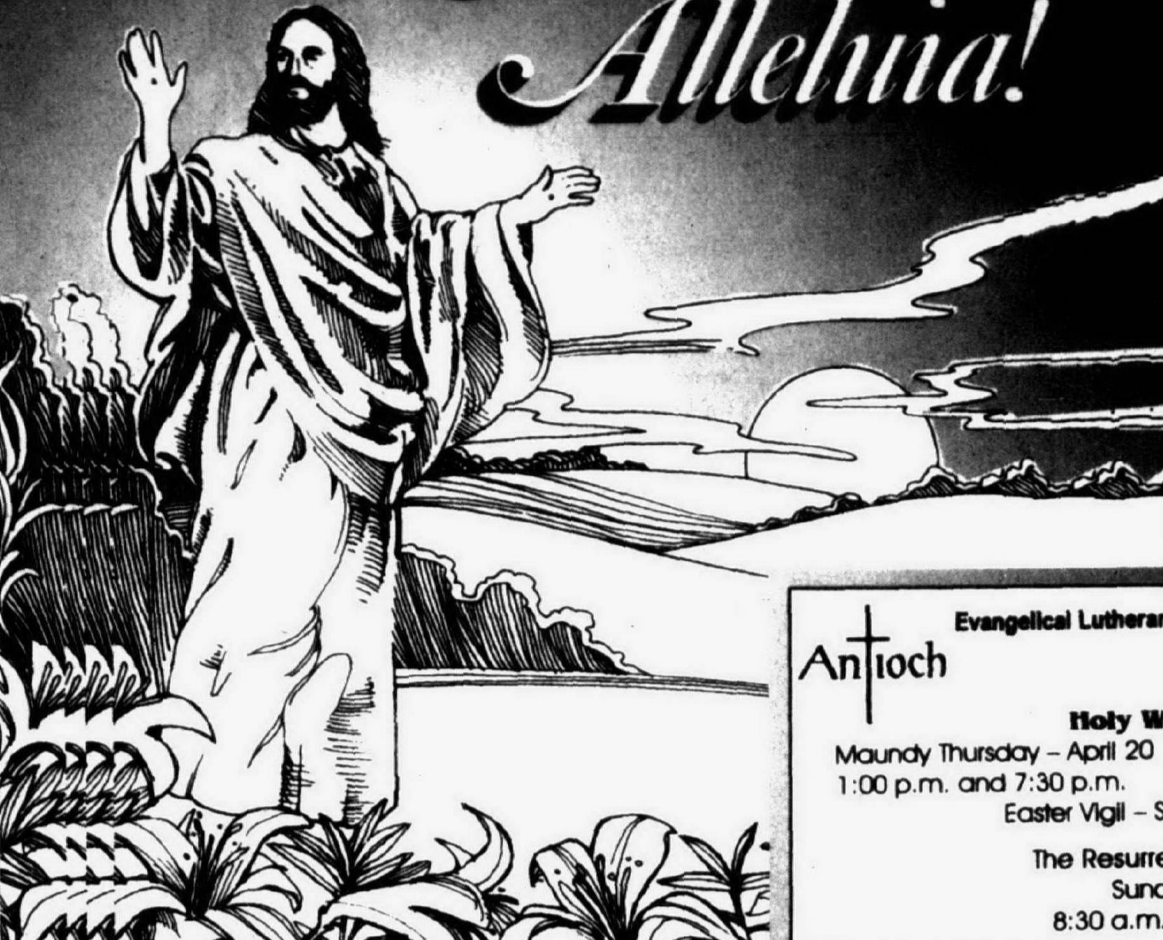
4/20 HOLY THURSDAY: 7:00 p.m. - Solemn Evening Mass - Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose - The Stripping of the Main Altar And Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

4/21 GOOD FRIDAY: Confessions 11:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. & 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 12:45 p.m. - Stations of The Cross 1:30 p.m. - Solemn Afternoon Liturgy, with the Latin Chant of the Passion of Christ and Solemn Adoration of The Cross. Confessions 8:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. 10:00 p.m. - Paschal Vigil and High Mass of The Resurrection at Midnight

4/22 HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. 9:30 a.m. - Mass of The Resurrection



He is Risen as He Said
Alleluia!



ST. ANDREW ELCA
 6255 Telegraph Rd. - Bloomfield Hills
 just north of Maple
 caring & serving
 Fred Overdier, Pastor
 248-646-5207

Maple Rd.
EASTER April 23
 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
 9:15 a.m. Children's Egg Hunt
 10:00 a.m. Festival Service
 Maundy Thurs. 6:30 Meal - 7:15 Communion

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
 9415 Merriman Road • Livonia
 Maundy Thursday Service
 April 20 at 7:00 PM
 Easter Sunday
 April 23 at 7:00 & 10:00 AM
 734.422.6930

Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church 33360 W. 13-Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334 248-626-7906

Holy Week Services
 Maundy Thursday - April 20 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
 Good Friday - April 21 7:30 p.m.
 Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord
 Sunday, April 23
 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Farmington Hills • 23225 Gill Road
 248-474-0584

5 Blocks W. of Farmington Rd. • 3 Blocks S. of Grand River

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 p.m. Service of Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service
EASTER SUNDAY 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service
 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Festival Easter Worship with Choirs and Holy Communion
 Nursery Provided
 9:40 a.m. Easter Breakfast
 Pastor Daniel Cave • Vicar David Muller

St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School
 5885 Venoy Rd., Westland, MI 48185 • 734.425.0260

Worship Together Holy Week
MAUNDY THURSDAY
 April 20th
 Holy Communion
 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
 April 21st
 Tre Ore Service - 1 p.m.
 Tenebrae Service - 7 p.m.

Prayer Vigil will take place on Friday, April 21st from 2:00 - 10:00 p.m. (church service is at 7:30 p.m.). We hope you can take part. Before all Lenten services we will be having our annual Lenten Dinners in the gym beginning at 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY
 April 23rd
 6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service
 7:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - Family Service
 11:00 a.m. - Festival Service w/Communion

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 42690 Cherry Hill Road
 Canton, MI 48187 (Between Sheldon and Lilley Rds.)
 734-981-0286

Please join us for Worship:

April 20	Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m.
April 21	Good Friday	7:00 p.m.
April 23	Easter Sunday Service	7:00 a.m.
April 23	Easter Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Risen Christ
 LUTHERAN CHURCH

46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170
 Phone: 734-453-5252 Fax: 734-453-0224

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Worship & Communion 7:00 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY - Worship 7:00 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY - Easter Celebration 7:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
 EASTER BREAKFAST will be served from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. All invited!



What Are You Doing Easter Sunday?
 Discover Hope For The Future! If you could receive one gift this Easter, would it come in a basket or would it be something far more enduring? Easter holds the key to real love, complete forgiveness and strong relationships. Join us at Troy Baptist Church Easter morning and discover the gift that can unlock hope for your future.

Join Us For
I Stand In Awe!
 A Dramatic Easter Musical
 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

- 80 Voice Choir
- 25 Piece Orchestra
- Full Dramatic Cast
- No Admission Charge

May Sermon Series:
Principles for Successful Living
 For more information, please call
 248-689-2015
 www.troybaptist.org



TROY BAPTIST CHURCH
 3193 Rochester Road
 Troy, MI 48083
 One block North of 16 Mile Road

Remembering the Passion and Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus

The Maundy Thursday Liturgy
 Maundy Thursday, April 20, 7:30 P.M.

The Good Friday Liturgies
 Good Friday, April 21, Noon & 7:30 P.M.

The Great Vigil of Easter
 Holy Saturday, April 22, 7:30 P.M.

Easter Festival Worship
 Easter Sunday, April 23, 8:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Faith Lutheran Church
 30000 Five Mile Road
 Livonia, Michigan 48154
 734.421.7249



You're Invited To Attend... The Caring Place!

Grace Baptist Church
 • Preaching God's Word
 • Reaching God's World
 • Teaching God's Workers

Sunday School 10:00 am
 Worship Service 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
 Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm
 Wed. Youth Clubs 7:00 pm

Nursery Provided - Transportation Available
28440 Lyndon (at Harrison), Livonia
(734) 425-6215



PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST
 Daniel J. Perry
 Pastor

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
 5631 N. Adams Road
 Bloomfield Hills 248-646-5401

Holy Week

Palm Sunday	April 16	8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 20	7:30 p.m.
Good Friday	April 21	12:15-1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil	April 22	Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 23	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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 Easter, April 23, 11 a.m.
 Resurrection Worship!
 Children, adult and Handbell Choirs - 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast



Men, too, should protect their skin

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

Hey men, in between coaching the soccer team, ripping golf balls, investing in the stock market and pounding the pavement, have you ever stopped to think about your skin?

Yeah, your skin, the outer layer of your body that protects everything else. You, too, (not just women) need to protect it

from external and internal influences. Both the environment and what happens inside your body affect your skin. An active lifestyle and abusive diet that includes alcohol and cigars can add years to your face. However, you can prevent premature aging by cleansing, toning and moisturizing your skin.

What does that mean, you ask. Well, cleansing the skin is just that. Instead of using a bar of deodorant soap, which strips the skin, I suggest trying a gentle foaming wash. You can even shave with a cleanser. Better yet, it will reduce twisting of the skin caused by shaving.

Then tone the skin. That means apply a mild astringent to remove anything the cleanser may have missed. The two-part cleansing system insures clean skin.

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After, you will move on to protecting your skin with a moisturizer. Before you proceed, though, you'll want to evaluate your lifestyle and determine your skin type. For example, if you're often outdoors, you'll need to use a moisturizer with a strong sun block. If, on the other hand, you sit at an office computer all day, you will probably want to apply a lighter, hydrating moisturizer to alleviate dryness.

For men who work-out daily and take more than one shower a day, I recommend a moisturizer with a gel consistency. Showering depletes the skin of natural oils, and a gel protects the skin without feeling greasy.

Since many men are unfamiliar, not to mention uncomfortable, with skin care products, I'd also like to simplify matters, by making a few specific recommendations. By the way, there are plenty of products on the market that won't insult even the toughest guy's masculinity.

Pevozia for Men, for example, offers everything from a gentle cleanser to an exfoliating gel mask, a skin care treatment that gives facial skin a healthier, more rugged appearance.

A good product for the eye area, which is without oil glands and shows age prematurely, is Cell X G Eye Contour Cream. It's available at major department stores and Todd's Room in downtown Birmingham.

Mia Pelle is another skin care line that's user-friendly to men. Available at Red The Salon in downtown Birmingham, Mia Pelle's holistic skin care products are herbal and include cleanser, toner, moisturizer and eye cream. They're also light and refreshing without being heavily perfumed.

Available at Sephora stores, Hemp Works is another group of products that I recommend for men. They're gentle, all-natural and environmentally sound. And, the company makes soaps and shampoos, in addition to products for the face.

Whether you choose a skin care regime made for men or a unisex product line, the point is you only have one skin. Take care of it! You can still take on the world. Your face just won't bear the signs.

Please send your beauty questions to Mary Anne Toccalino: c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Or, call her at (248) 203-9477. Toccalino is a professional make-up artist and skin care consultant at RED The Salon in downtown Birmingham. The owner and founder of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and make-up for film and print.



Season's trends with classic looks

Ellen Tracy's collections presented at Saks Fifth Avenue



Jackets and other classics: A series of jackets paired with skirts and cropped pants made for an elegant finale of Saks Fifth Avenue's runway show of clothing designer Ellen Tracy's looks for the season, above. Jackets were in abundance and lent a classic look to the collections. And, many of the jackets were classic designs such as trapeze and double-breasted. At right, a simple linen wrap dress in true red was a show stopper. Ellen Tracy's color choices were equally classic - white, Navy, red and khaki.

Fashion trends do lend themselves to classic looks. Saks Fifth Avenue's runway show of current collections by designer Ellen Tracy, held Tuesday at the Somerset Collection in Troy, was case in point.

The show followed a presentation of the Matilda R. Wilson Award to local philanthropist Maggie Allesee and was a benefit for the Boys & Girls Clubs of South-eastern Michigan.

From cropped pants to wrap-fronts to gingham prints, the season's trends had a strong presence but never overwhelmed Ellen Tracy's signature style - casual, classic and luxurious.

"Very classic - that's what I liked," said attendee Doreen Bull of Bloomfield Hills. "You know what I loved," she added. "The colors."

Though Ellen Tracy primarily relied on classic shades like Navy, red, khaki and white, small doses of apple green, pale jade, bright yellow and lilac were injected into the collection.

And, overall, color had a crisp, vibrant quality. A simple matte jersey tunic and matching drawstring pant in solid red, for example, inspired a burst of applause. Another look favored by the audience was a simple linen wrap dress, again, in true red.

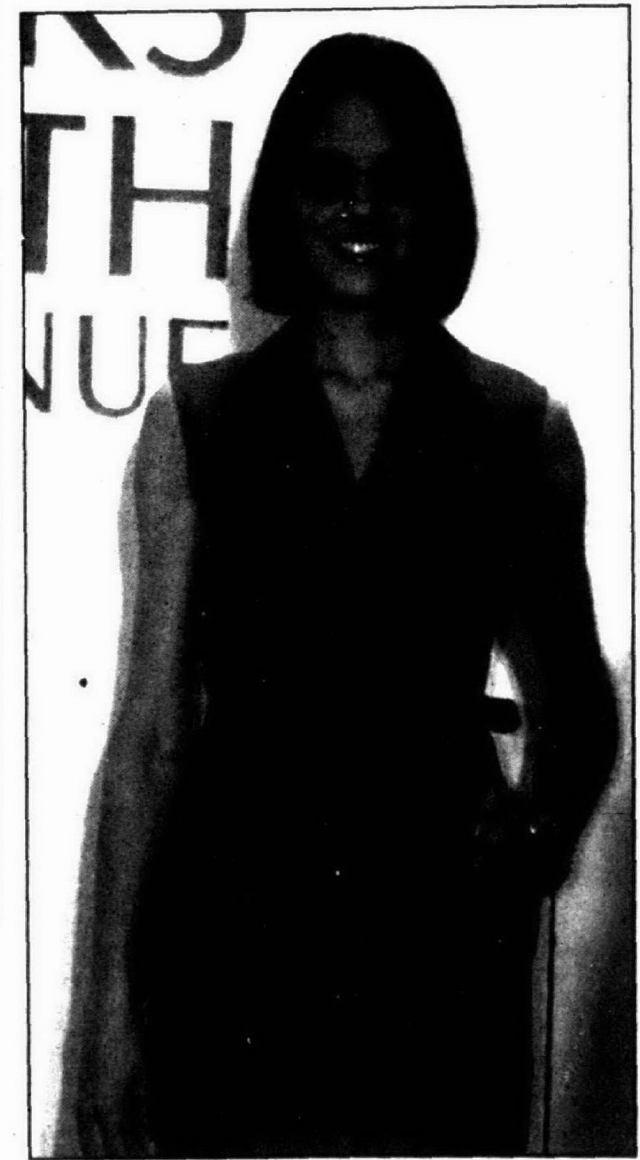
Tops were mostly V-necks - another season trend - and came with and without collars.

Cropped pants were shown just below the knee, at the ankle and everywhere in between. Skirts, too, were shown in a range of lengths with shorter skirts hitting just above the knee.

Sparkle and embellishment were kept to a minimum. And, with beading, sequins and embroidery virtually absent, the collection relied on luxurious materials, such as organza, paisley print on silk, metallic shantung and iridescent knit for a dash of elegance.

Beyond the absence of ornamentation, perhaps what gave the collection its classic, clean finish was the plethora of linen and strong presence of tailored jackets from trapeze to double-breasted designs.

- Nicole Stafford



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.

GOWN SHOW
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a selection of designer evening wear through April 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor. To make an appointment with a representative, call (248) 614-3393.

CRAFTS SHOW
Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield hosts a spring arts and crafts show featuring handmade gifts and seasonal Easter items, noon-5 p.m., throughout the mall. For details, call (248) 353-4111.

PRIVATE TRUNK SHOWS
View the Elana collection for fuller-figured women at the home of a local representative through April 20, by appointment only. Call Jean at (248) 335-1204.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

ST. JOHN FOCUS DAY
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a representative from St. John and pieces from the designer's spring and summer collections through April 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., St. John Boutique, second floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 643-9000 ext. 491.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

SCHOOL JAZZ BAND
Farmington High School's jazz band performs at Livonia Mall as part of the shopping center's celebration of the arts, 11 a.m. Also, several art exhibits will be on display in the mall through April 20. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

TRISH MCEVOY TEAM VISITS
Meet Trish McEvoy's team of national makeup artists and experiment with the cosmetic company's spring color line at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset

Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Cosmetics and Fragrances, first floor. For information, call (248) 643-9000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

MAGIC SHOW
Northland Center in Southfield hosts magic shows for children and adults, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., J.C. Penney Court. For details, call (248) 569-6272.

MOVIE PASS GIVEAWAY
Art Van Furniture in Southfield gives away passes for a preview of the new Flintstones movie, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (movie passes are available for preview at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the Star Southfield). For more information, call (248) 569-3770.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

BATTLE OF THE SEXES
WNIC's Breakfast Club radio show hosts its popular Battle of the Sexes competition at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. Team entries of either two men or two women will be accepted through April 26. Winners will receive a trip to Chicago. Competitors also will be entered into a prize drawing. For additional information, call (248) 454-5010.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Noritake china in the Polonaise pattern may be available through Replacements, 1089 Knox Road, P.O. Box 26029, Greensboro, N.C. 27420, (800) REPLACE.
- The doll Rosie & Rags is sold by the QVC home shopping television network, (800) 345-1515 or www.qvc.com on the Internet.
- A reader has a copy of the children's book "Flipity Jebbit."
- Shoe stretchers can be bought at Craftsmen Shoe Repair in Canton, (734) 451-7463.
- Earring backings can be purchased at Joanne Fabric and Target stores, and at Unique Accessories in Plymouth, (734) 459-3040.
- The following items can be purchased on the Internet at www.ebay.com: old issues of "Life" magazine, the book "Proud Breed," My Sin perfume, "My Little Margie" videocassette tapes, "Polly Pockets" and Showboat posters.
- Hiller's Markets in Southfield, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield sell Howard Johnson clam strips.
- Chicago Old Telephone Company in Sanford, N.C., (919) 774-6625, will repair a GPX phone.
- Carter's address is P.O. Box 523, Stituate, Mass. 02066.
- A charitable organization that would take donated fabric remnants, patterns and other sewing supplies.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- A reader called to say Faygo Diet Sensation soda pop has been discontinued. She sug-

gested calling Faygo, (313) 925-1600, and asking them to manufacture it again.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A pattern for a knit red and white Santa climbing out of a chimney (with angora beard, sequins and a moon) for Terry.
- An instruction manual for an Elna sewing machine made in the 70s.
- A store that sells quality baby scissors for Robin, who lives in Commerce Township.
- An extended, wood porch swing that attaches to the ceiling for Maxine of Bloomfield Hills.
- A recipe for old-fashioned steam pudding.
- A store where 1/2 wood barrels can be purchased.
- A store that carries Carrolta perfume for Bea.
- A videocassette tape of the 1970 Disney movie "Dad Can I Borrow the Car?" for Billy and Jimmy of Livonia.
- A compact food processor by Moulinex for Marilyn.
- A store that sells nylon wind bonnets that tie for Marguerite.
- A street guide for Detroit and its suburbs.
- A store that sells honey butter for Dale.
- A store that sells lead testers for use on china and other dish ware for Cam.
- A store that sells pop-up coffee filters by the box for Dan, a resident of Westland.
- A 1951 St. Hedwig High School yearbook for Betty of Dearborn.
- A store that sells men's Royal Lime all-purpose lotion by Royal Ltd. of Hamilton, Bermuda for Richard.
- A store where Penny Brite paste copper cleaner can be purchased for Eunice.
- A ribbon for a 30-year-old Royal manual typewriter.
- A Selectric typewriter for Nell.
- A store that sells Jennifer curtains, formerly carried by Hudson's, for Rose, a resident of Plymouth.
- A store where a Pokemon candy mold can be bought for Darlene.
- A Bausch & Lomb slide projector tray for Wright, who lives in Livonia.
- A used artist's air brush with compressor for Elaine, a

Clarkston resident.

- The cookbook "Sweet Miniatures" for Marcie, who lives in Farmington Hills.
- A Panasonic color kit for a color printer (KX-PCK11) for Peter.
- The card game "Chronology" for Mary of Redford Township.
- An item from the product line Paintings by Peg called "A Special Event for Baby's First Year" for Tina.
- A store that sells Little Tyke's outdoor houses for Catherine.
- A store where soft-sole, house slippers (size 12) can be bought for Mrs. Amato.
- A business or crafts person who will make a quilt that is already designed for Stephanie.
- A store that sells 100-percent petroleum jelly lip treatment (3.5 oz. tube) for Anne of Redford.
- A store that sells Chicklets chewing gum for Ron of Troy.
- A videocassette tape of "Mickey Goes to a Circus" for Dee.
- A store in the Canton area where mother-of-the-bridal dresses are sold.
- An appraiser for a John Lennon lithograph.
- A copy of a poem that's typically inserted in a handkerchief baby bonnet given to new mothers.
- Collectible "Flying Pigs" statues for Julie of West Bloomfield.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas



Easter Events will keep you informed about Easter Bunny appearances and other activities for children and families being offered by local retailers and shopping malls in April.

STROLLING SPRING BUNNY

A festive spring bunny hops around Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills to visit with children, noon-6 p.m. Sunday, April 16 and noon-8 p.m. Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. For details, call (248) 454-5010.

EASTER BUNNY AT NORTHLAND

The Easter Bunny visits children at Northland Center in Southfield, noon-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday now through April 22, Boy and the Bear Court. For additional information, call (248) 569-6272.

LIVONIA MALL'S BUNNY

The Easter Bunny has taken residence in Value City Court at the Livonia Mall to visit with children and sit for photos, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, now through Easter. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS AT WESTLAND

The Easter Bunny visits with children and sits for portraits at Westland Shopping Center in Westland, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, now through Easter. The Easter Bunny sets up res-

idence in the mall's East Court. For details, call (734) 425-5001.

PETER RABBIT AT TWELVE OAKS

Peter Rabbit and Mr. McGregor's Storybook Garden, as well as, other displays of Beatrix Potter characters await young visitors at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Dozens of spring flowers are on display for shoppers of all ages. More importantly, Peter Rabbit visits with children and sits for portraits during the event, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, now through April 22, Center Court. For details, call (248) 348-9411.

EASTER BUNNY AT TEL-TWELVE

The Easter Bunny sits for photos and visits with children at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The bunny will wait for visitors in the mall's Center Court, noon-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, now through April 22. Photo packages and a free gift for children are available. Also, shoppers can enter to win a giant Easter basket filled with toys and candy. For details, call (248) 353-4111.

PETER RABBIT AT FAIRLANE

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Peter Rabbit will inhabit a recreated version of Beatrix Potter's garden complete with oversized flowers and vegetables and giant pop-up storybooks in the mall's Fountain Court. Several photo packages are available. For details, call (313) 593-1370.



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BY PAT RITNER
SPECIAL WRITER

San Antonio is a colorful mix of big-city glamour, cultural excitement and small-town warmth. I loved the Spanish flavor and multi-cultural heritage of San Antonio when we visited the HemisFair in 1968. Just recently, however, I was delighted to see that this grand old city just keeps getting better.

San Antonio is the No. 1 visitor destination in Texas. There is something for everyone to do. Whether you are a history buff, an art lover, a gourmet, or family that enjoys theme parks, you'll find your niche in San Antonio.

Our three-day visit was planned as a reunion with old friends from Michigan who now live in Arlington, Texas. The only agenda was "let's stay near the River Walk and just hang out." We did that and a lot more.

What to see

The Alamo - most people think of the Alamo and the city of San Antonio simultaneously, and that is how it should be. Spain established Mission San Antonio de Valero (later called the Alamo) more than half a century before the founding of the United States. It was the first of five Spanish missions founded in San Antonio to Christianize and educate resident Indians.

The Alamo became known as the "Cradle of Texas Liberty" based on 13 days of siege in 1836 when 189 Alamo defenders fought a Mexican army of thousands led by General Santa Anna. The Alamo defenders - including Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, and William Travis - all died. The church structure and Alamo Museum are open daily, but don't make a common visitor mistake of going there first. It is helpful to see the 45-minute IMAX docudrama "Alamo - The Price of Freedom" before you visit the Alamo site.

The IMAX Theater is at Rivercenter on Crockett Street just around the corner from the Alamo. The story of the fight for Texan independence puts you visually in the middle of the historic action with dramatic sight and sound. After seeing the movie you'll understand what happened during the battle and be better prepared to appreciate where it happened. For IMAX ticket information, call (210) 247-4629.

Military bases

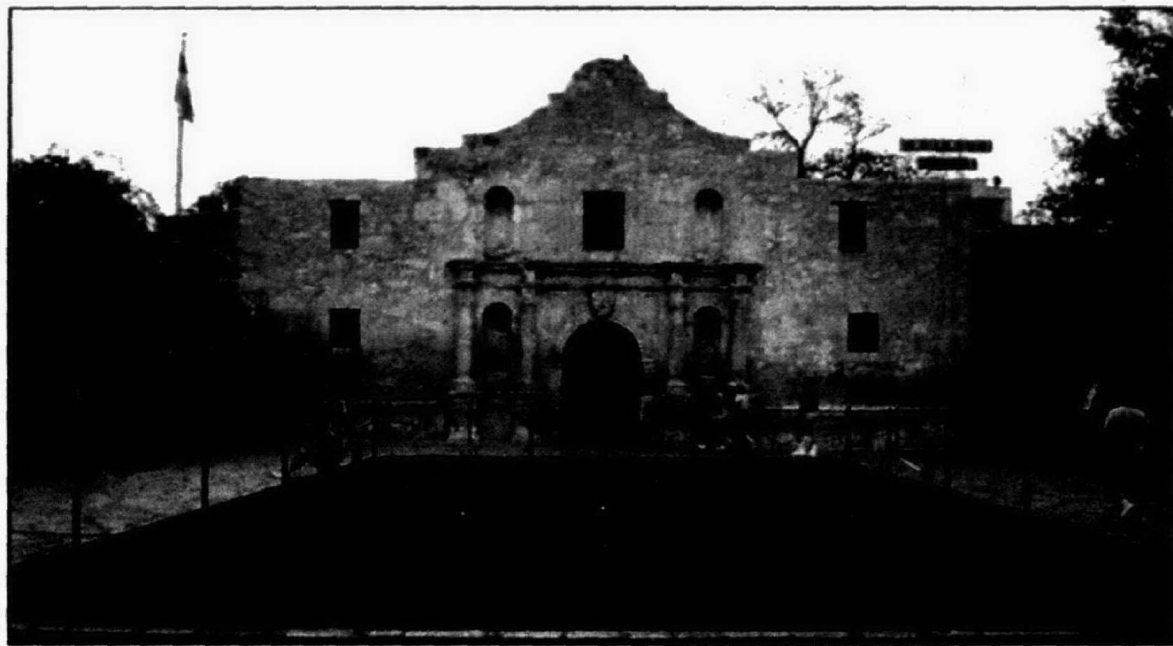
Since the city's founding as a presidio in 1718, the military has been an integral part of San Antonio. There are four Air Force bases and the historic Fort Sam Houston. In addition, you can visit one of four military museums.

Fort Sam Houston is two miles north of the city between I-35 and the Harry Wurzbach Highway. The museum is in building 123. Visiting the museum would make a nice follow-up to a visit to the Alamo, since the museum chronicles the history, uniforms and equipment of Fort Sam Houston from 1845 to the present.

Botanical gardens

We spent a delightful afternoon at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens just north of Fort Sam Houston. The gardens consist of 33 acres of formal gardens, pools, fountains, and natural areas and the Lucile Halsell Conservatory, a 90,000-square-foot complex of below-ground greenhouses.

If you visit the gardens, be sure to allow plenty of time to tour the conservatory, which could easily be missed since only the pyramidal glass roofs are visible from above ground. Once you descend the steps, you will be able to view a tropical house, a desert house, a palm house, and a fern room all surrounding a courtyard insulated by the earth.



Historic: The Alamo earned its name as the "Cradle of Texas Liberty" in 1836 and is still the heart of San Antonio.



Getaway: The River Walk meanders for 2 1/2 miles along the San Antonio River offering a beautiful cool oasis on a warm Texas day.

Lunch at the gardens is inexpensive, tasty, and beautifully presented with edible-flower garnishes. You can visit the botanical gardens online at www.sabot.org

Interesting stops

La Villita is a restored Mexican village beside the river in the heart of downtown San Antonio. The buildings along the

in Spanish). The natural beauty of the area and formal design includes cypress trees, tropical foliage and flowering shrubs.

A scenic riverboat cruise called the Yanaguana Cruise is well worth the small fee. It is not only a beautiful and captivating journey, but the guides do a wonderful job of relating the history of the river. They call it an odyssey - not just of distance but of the heart. And it truly is.

The River Walk was designed in 1921 by Robert Hugman. He worked with far-sighted residents who sought to save the river from being paved over after destructive floods. The walk began to flourish commercially in the late 1960s with hotels, restaurants, sidewalk cafes, and art and gift shops. It is possible to spend a whole mini-vacation at the River Walk.

Other neat stuff

Check out the San Antonio Museum of Art housed in the historic Lone Star Brewery, the San Antonio Zoo with the largest animal collection in northern America, HemisFair Park, Sea World of Texas, or Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

If you still have some energy after a full day of sightseeing, walking, shopping and dining, see a sporting event featuring the Spurs, the Missions, or the Dragons; visit the Rivercenter Comedy Club, or hear the finest jazz. We especially liked the live jazz at the Landing in the Marriott.

Pat Ritner is a Troy resident. Where have your travels taken you? Send travel stories for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers to Keely Wygonik, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net Or call Wygonik (734) 953-2105 with information about your trip, so we can interview you for a story.

If you're planning to go to home of the Alamo

Where to stay: There are dozens of hotels in downtown San Antonio. Pat Ritner recommends staying on or near the River Walk.

Choices range from the five room A Yellow Rose Bed and Breakfast, 229 Madison (210-229-9903) to the luxurious Marriott Riverwalk, 711 E. Riverwalk (210-224-4555), or the Adam's Mark Riverwalk (800-444ADAM).

She enjoyed the historic Camberly Gunter at 205 E. Houston

(210-227-3241).

Where to eat: San Antonio has world-class Spanish, Mexican and German restaurants as well as wonderful seafood, and, of course, steaks you will never forget.

Some of Ritner's favorite restaurants: Rio Rio Cantina for Mexican food and roof-top dining for people watching; Paesano's for authentic Italian treats and a good place to visit quietly with friends, and the Little Rhine Steak House with perfect steaks


and the best view on the River Walk.

Little Rhine is especially interesting because it is on a historically rich site. Coahuiltecan Indians founded a settlement there before 1500. Spanish soldiers established a village on the site in the early 18th century, and the Mexican General Santa Anna encamped there during the battle of the Alamo.

During the late 19th century German immigrants settled the area and thus the name Little

Rhine. The restaurant building was built around 1847 as a home. It became a steak house in 1967. The outdoor dining is charming at night, with candles on all of the tables and waiters who expertly navigate the hillside in the semi-darkness. The steaks are enormous and grilled to perfection.

Helpful Web sites: Visit the San Antonio Visitors Bureau www.sanantoniocvb.com and the San Antonio Texas Guide www.alamocity.com



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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

California has its chateau wineries, too

Time was when "chateau" applied exclusively to French wineries, particularly those in the Bordeaux region. That's no longer true. Especially not in the case of French-born Marketta and Jean Noel Fourmeaux, owners of Chateau Potelle, a Napa Valley winery on Mount Veeder.

The original Chateau Potelle in northern France is owned by Jean Noel's family. No wine is made there, so legally, the name could be used as a winery name in the United States.

An artist's rendition of the original is on the bottle label. As with all French chateaux, this story of an American one speaks to hard work and skill with as many interesting twists and turns as the road leading to the mountain winery.

Marketta and Jean Noel came to the United States in 1980 as official tasters on assignment for the Bordeaux wine commission heading up appellation controls.

While Marketta jokes that they "came to spy," she said "it was official business to taste California wines and learn all aspects of winemaking and vineyard management."

After six months and tasting about 2,000 wines, their telegram to France read, "Looks good, we stay." They did return to France, but only to pack up their family of four and move to California.

In 1982 they made their first wines from grapes grown in the Napa Valley and the Alexander Valley of Sonoma County. Because they were friends of owner Donald Hess, they used his

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Wine Picks

For Passover beginning April 19, there are many new wines on the market. Gone are the days of only sweet kosher wines. Today's choices are dry wines from quality producers spanning the globe including California, Israel, Australia, Chile, Italy, and France.

■ From California, 1998 Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc '98, was the Sweepstakes Award White Wine in the 1999 West Coast Wine Competition.

■ Baron Herzog "Selection" wines are French origin. There's Beaujolais Villages, \$13; Merlot, \$9, and Syrah, \$9.

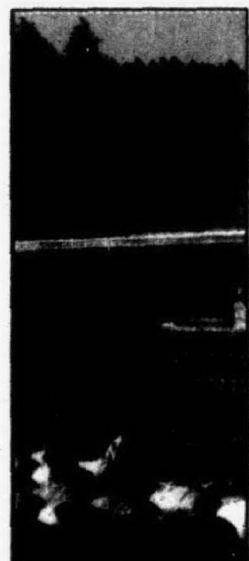
■ The Alfasi label has wines from Chile's Maule Valley. A 1999 Chardonnay, 1997 Merlot, and 1997 Cabernet are \$8.50. A step up in Chilean wines are Winestock Reserves, a Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, both \$13.

■ Teal Lake is an exceptional new line from the respected Normans Winery in South Australia. Very fruit-forward 1999 Teal Lake Shiraz and 1999 Teal Lake Chardonnay are both \$12.50.

■ Bartenura is the popular kosher wine from Italy. Barbera d'Asti, Moscato d'Asti and Malvasia are about \$10 each.

■ Yarden and Gamla wines made at the Golan Heights Winery in Israel are solid examples of chardonnay, merlot, and cabernet sauvignon at \$8-12.

As we've said a number of times, you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy flavorful kosher wines, which at these price points are among the best value wines on the market.



Top of the wine world: Jean Noel and Marketta Fourmeaux at the entrance to their winery, Chateau Potelle on Mount Veeder, high above California's Napa Valley.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Turn off the TV and cook
- Tea time



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Celebrating Seder: Monica Stein lights candles as her children, Stephanie and Steve, and her husband, Gerry, watch before they eat a traditional Seder dinner. Below, foods form a circle on a Seder plate, including a shank bone, horseradish, lettuce, parsley, egg and Haroset, which is a relish of red wine, chopped nuts, apples and pears.

One FAMILY SACRED holidays



Pope John Paul II's recent visit to Israel to promote respect and acceptance of various religious beliefs was followed with interest by the Gerald Stein family of West Bloomfield.

The family of four knows the importance of respecting others' beliefs.

"When I married Gerry, a podiatrist, 21 years ago, I knew that the only way we could thrive as a couple was for me to accept my husband's Jewish background," said Monica. "He, in turn, has respected my Roman Catholic upbringing."

According to Monica, her husband has never pushed his religion on her. "I, myself, chose to attend services at Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield.

"Together we made the choice to raise our children in the Jewish religion. This decision has provided less confusion and more unity in our family."

While Gerry endorses Monica's involvement in the temple, he also enjoys celebrating Christian holidays with her family. Monica's relatives, in turn, have celebrated Jewish holidays with the Steins.

Customs

"My extended family has become more knowledgeable in Jewish customs and traditions," said Monica. "Also, our children, Steven, age 20, and Stephanie, age 15, have benefited from attending celebrations marking Christian holidays."

Steven, a student at Oakland Community College, said that although he's been raised Jewish, he experiences a comfort level with individuals of other religions.

"I've been taught to respect others' values and beliefs and I've been able to have the best of both worlds - Judaism and Christianity."

Stephanie, a freshman at Groves High School in Birmingham, agrees with her brother that the awareness of the two religions they have obtained from both sides of the family has allowed her to relate to all her friends - Jewish and Christian.

The Steins look forward to two religious holidays, Passover (sundown April 19-27) and Easter Sunday (April 23).

"One of our most sacred observances during Passover, which is the celebration of the liberation of the Jewish people thousands of years ago from Egyptian slavery, is the Seder," Monica said.

"We invite my extended family to share in this special meal with us."

Seder

The Seder meal, which is celebrated at sundown on the first two nights of Passover, requires special plates and foods. Matzah, which is unleavened bread, is central to the celebration.

"Because the Jews left Egypt in such haste, there was no time to wait for the bread dough to rise, so they ate matzah."

The other Seder foods include roasted lamb shank and hard-cooked egg (to represent the pascal sacrifice); raw horseradish or bitter herbs (to commemorate

the bitter suffering of the Jews in Egypt); an apple, pear, walnut and red wine relish, called Haroset, (to symbolize the mortar used by the enslaved Israelites to make bricks); and parsley, which is dipped in salt water, which symbolizes the tears of the enslaved Jews.

Other foods are also served during this meal, including gefilte fish, matzo ball soup and Passover Perfect Sponge Cake, a family favorite made by Gerry's aunt, Sarah Weiss of Southfield.

Easter

While the Steins are preparing for one of the most sacred Jewish holidays, Monica's aunt, Winifred Kubisz of New Baltimore, is busy cooking and baking, including Babka, a Polish sweet bread, for a lavish Easter Sunday dinner.

As is her custom, she puts some of the food into a basket and takes it to church on Saturday, the day before Easter, for the priest to bless.

"We all enjoy going to my aunt's to share in the Easter meal," said Monica.

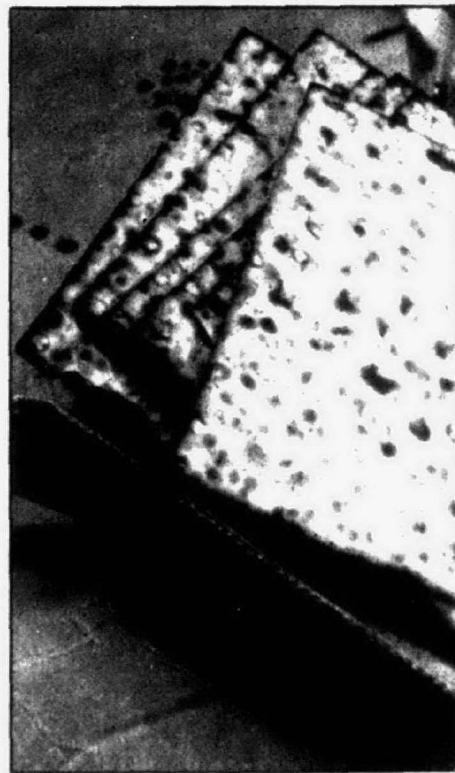
According to her children, another thing they enjoyed growing up was searching for their Easter baskets early Easter Sunday.

"Gerry and I have raised our children with some of the same customs and traditions that were part of our own lives growing up."

The Steins are a testament that interfaith marriages can work and bring a richness of both religions and traditions to the family.

"It only works, however, when both partners are open to and respect the other's beliefs and values," Monica said. "We are fortunate to be members of a temple which has many interfaith couples. Because of this, there is total acceptance of all our members."

Sandra Dalka Prysby is a Beverly Hills resident and writes about food for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



Tradition: Foods for Seder include matzah, an unleavened bread considered central to the celebration.

For potlucks, these meatballs are a hit

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Marie Promo of Westland enjoys potlucks, using a recipe she received more than 30 years ago in a way friends traditionally share recipes and the way lives cross.

Her daughter, Joyce, made friends with Cathy Michelini in Girl Scouts, who was "delightful," Promo said.

Cathy's mother, Agnes, "was such a nice person," Promo said.

Both mothers raised children and shared stories. Promo's daughter joined the Women's Army Corps upon graduation and received a recipe from the woman for Creole Meat Balls with Applesauce.

"I've made it for many occasions. Please see MEATBALLS, D2

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your family looks forward to, not only on holidays, but every day.

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Columnist wins award

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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A nutritionist and Taste columnist was awarded for her distinguished professional service by the 250-plus members of the Southeastern Michigan Dietetic Association.

Muriel Wagner, whose Main Dish Miracle column appears each month in the Taste section of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, received the award for her work on April 5 at Henry Ford Hospital.

"The award goes to an individual who does outstanding work in nutrition," said Alisa Levine, public relations and marketing chair of the Southeastern Michigan Dietetic Association, a local chapter of the American Dietetic Association.

Levine cited Wagner for her work in consulting with businesses, governmental units and

agencies on nutrition, namely the Ford Motor Co., the city of Detroit, the U.S. Senate and the American Dietetics Association.

"She's done amazing things for the community," said Levine. "She developed, coordinated and implemented 'Dial a Dietitian.' She's also received regional and national recognition for her programs."

Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. Wagner, who has a doctorate and master's of science degrees, also teaches classes on nutrition.

Wagner has been published in the Journal of the American Dietetics Association, American Journal of Clinical Nutrition and Nursing Outlook. "I've seen her work and I think she's reaching a lot of people," Levine said.

Meatballs

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since and have always received many compliments on the flavor," Promo said. "I have used turkey as well as ground beef, or a mixture of both, with equal success."

Promo likes it for potlucks, but always checks first, with a host before bringing it, as it is a meat dish.

"The applesauce gives it a different flavor," Promo said. "The kids were happy to have it. They love it."

The recipe's longevity remains a great symbol of the relationships and shared memories between families and friends.

CREOLE MEAT BALLS WITH APPLESAUCE

1 pound ground beef or turkey (or combination)
• 1/2 cup applesauce
1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
1 egg
Salt and pepper
Flour
3 tablespoons cooking oil
1/2 stalk celery, sliced thin
1/3 cup green pepper, finely chopped
1/2 cup carrot, sliced thin
1 small onion, diced
1 cup tomato juice

Mix beef, applesauce and bread crumbs. Add egg, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Shape into rounds.

Roll in flour and brown in hot oil. Place balls in a 1-1/2 quart casserole after draining oil from pan.

To a small amount of the drippings, add celery,

green pepper, carrot and onion. Add tomato juice, then season with salt and pepper. Heat to boiling and pour over meat balls.

Cover and bake at 350° F for 40 minutes. Serve as is or over rice. Serves 6.

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

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Wine

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winery, Hess Collection, to make an initial 1,000 cases of sauvignon blanc, chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon.

"Back then, our style of wine moved away from big, oaky, overly alcoholic wines," Marketta said. "We tried to fashion them in a more subtle style, somewhere between the prevailing goals of California at that time and France — not too rich and not too austere because they are wines to complement food."

"It pleases us that today's California wine styles have moved in the direction we chose nearly 20 years ago."

Distinctive style

Understanding the distinctive character of mountain-grown grapes, in 1988 the Fourmeaux

purchased a 273-acre property with home and winery on Mount Veeder, 1,800 feet above the Napa Valley floor. Wines produced from their mountain-side vineyards are packed with intensity and flavor.

Most ironic is the fact that Chateau Potelle's first world-class success came with the 1990 vintage, not with a French-origin grape, but with America's heritage zinfandel. It put the winery on the map and fast track to recognition. "This made us very happy," Marketta said. "We fell in love with zinfandel during our 1980 business trip."

Such success required that Chateau Potelle expand production of zinfandel. More was planted on the Mount Veeder estate and Marketta and Jean

Noel found a grower in California's Amador County, zinfandel heaven, willing to let them farm his vineyard to their specifications and buy the grapes.

After an intensive search, a 90-acre parcel was discovered in Paso Robles and purchased in 1997. Both zinfandel and syrah are planted there. This year, grenache, mourvedre and eight acres of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, and cabernet franc will be added.

Additionally, this year, 20 more vineyards acres of cabernet sauvignon and merlot will be added to the Mount Veeder estate.

Proof in the tasting

All Chateau Potelle wines grown from estate grapes carry

the VGS (Very Good SH-T, no joke!) designation. Try:

- 1997 Chateau Potelle Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, \$13;
- 1996 Chateau Potelle Chardonnay, Central Coast, \$17;
- 1996 Chateau Potelle Chardonnay VGS, \$44;
- 1997 Chateau Potelle Zinfandel, Amador County, \$17;
- 1995 Chateau Potelle Cabernet Sauvignon VGS, \$46, available in very limited quantity, but worth a search.

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

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- **Hot Dog benefit** — The Kroger supermarket at Five Mile and Merriman in Livonia will sell a hot dog, chips and Pepsi for \$1 today to benefit the March of Dimes. Free ice cream will be given to children for each donation.
- **Vegetarian Cooking** — Lenore Yalisove Baum, author of "Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking," conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills. Baum has scheduled sessions 6-9 p.m.

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- **Schoolcraft College:** Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m. Mondays, April 17 and 24; and Buffet and Hors D'oeuvres — Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m. April 20 and 21. For information about Schoolcraft's courses, call (734) 462-4448.
- **Wine-Tasting benefit** — Wine aficionados can taste wine and help benefit scholarship and other groups at A Toast to Canton Wine-Tasting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at the Summit on the Park.

The event will help the Leadership Canton scholarship fund, the Canton Goodfellows, the Canton Place Helping Hand Fund, Character Counts! and the Community Literacy Council. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. They can be bought at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 Canton Center.

or at Holiday Market. For information, call the chamber at 453-4040.

- **Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Center:** Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 20. For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit HFCC at www.hfcc.net
- **Appetizers** — Mary Spencer will instruct a session on how to prepare a wild mushroom enchilada, curried pates and Thai spring rolls. Sessions at Kitchen Glamor stores are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Novi Town Center; and Wednesday, May 3, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River. Call (800) 641-1252.
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Scones, cake celebrate Easter holiday

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A pot of coffee, a pitcher of juice and an Easter basket brimming with scones is a cheerful wake-up call on Sunday morning. Lemon Cake can be served for dessert later that day.

COCONUT ALMOND SCONES

- 3 1/2 cups unbleached flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 2 ounces (1/2 stick) butter
- 7 ounces almond paste, chilled
- 1 cup flaked sweetened coconut
- 1 cup coconut milk
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 egg, lightly beaten with 1 tablespoon water

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Grease and flour a large cookie sheet, or line the sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, sift the flour with the sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add the lemon rind. Using two knives or a food processor, cut the butter into flour mixture until the butter is evenly incorporated and there are no large chunks. Grate the almond paste and mix it into the flour mixture with 1/2 cup of the flaked coconut.

In a medium bowl, beat the coconut milk, egg and almond extract until well combined. Add the dry ingredients and beat with a spoon until the dough pulls away from the sides of the bowl and forms a ball. Knead 5 or 6 turns to get a nice consistency. The dough should be firm enough to roll out but still delicate, not stiff or dry.

On a lightly floured surface roll the dough out to a 3/4-inch thickness. Using a 2 1/2-inch-diameter cookie cutter, cut out the scones and place on prepared cookie sheets about 2 inches apart. Brush with the egg wash and sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup of coconut.

Bake for 18 minutes, or until they are a light golden brown and spring back to the touch.

Makes about 22 scones.

Recipe from: *Andre Proust Inc.*

LEMON CAKE WITH LEMON FILLING AND LEMON BUTTER FROSTING

For the cake:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup vegetable shortening or 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour two 8-inch round cake pans.

In a medium bowl stir together flour, baking powder and salt.

In a large bowl, using an electric mixer at medium speed, beat shortening and sugar until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Reduce speed to low; add flour mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat just until smooth, scraping bowl frequently with spatula.

Spoon batter into prepared pans and bake about 30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool in the pans on wire racks 10 minutes. With small knife, loosen layers from sides of pans; invert onto wire racks to cool completely.

For the Lemon Filling:

- 3 large lemons
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 4 large egg yolks

Grate 1 tablespoon of lemon peel. Squeeze lemons to make 1/2 cup of juice. In a 2-quart saucepan, with a wire whisk, mix cornstarch and lemon peel and juice until smooth. Add butter and sugar. Heat to boiling over medium heat. Boil 1 minute, stirring constantly.

In a small bowl, beat egg yolks lightly. While still beating, add a small amount of hot lemon mixture. Pour the egg mixture into the saucepan, beating the hot lemon mixture rapidly. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring constantly, 5 minutes, or until thick (do not boil).

Pour mixture into medium bowl. Press plastic wrap onto surface to keep skin from forming as it cools. Cool to room temperature. Refrigerate 3 hours, or up to 3 days.

Makes about 1 cup.

For the frosting:

- 1 package (16 ounces) confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons milk or half-and-half

In a large bowl, with electric mixer at medium-low speed, beat confectioners' sugar, softened butter, lemon juice and lemon peel until smooth and blended. Beat in 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk as needed for easy spreading consistency. Increase speed to medium-high; beat until light and fluffy.

Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

To assemble: With a long serrated knife, split each cake layer in half horizontally, making 4 layers. Place 1 layer, cut side up, on a cake plate. Spread half of the lemon filling up to 1/4 inch from the edge. Top with another layer, cut side down, and spread with 1/2 cup frosting. Repeat with remaining 2 layers and filling. Frost side and top of cake with remaining frosting. Refrigerate cake until serving time.

Makes 12 servings.

Recipe from: *"Good Housekeeping Baking"* (Hearst Books, \$30)

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The live via-satellite teleconference is sponsored by the Hospice Foundation of America and moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News. Issues covered include death, serious illness, divorce and other traumatic incidents. Lay persons and professionals invited. No fee. Registration begins promptly at 1 p.m. For information, call Hospice of Washtenaw at (734) 327-3400.

Project Healthy Living

There's still time to take advantage of Project Healthy Living. Botsford Health Care Continuum is sponsoring two bonus days, Tuesday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 4 at the Livonia Mall on 7 Mile Road and Middlebelt.

Many of the screenings are free, including blood pressure and vision. The following optional laboratory-evaluated tests are available for a discounted fee:

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Diabetes management

"Michigan has the fifth highest diabetes rate in the country, affecting 600,000 people," says Patricia Soares, Wayne County Public Health Director.

To reduce deaths and serious complications of diabetes, the Wayne County Health Department and the University of Michigan is offering a new diabetes self-management education program for individuals 18 and over. Several free diabetes control tests are being conducted at the Sumpter Health Center, 19130 Sumpter Road, Belleville.

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"This project gives clients a rare opportunity to ask questions and receive answers about their disease, in addition to receiving test results from a caring health professional," says Mary Lou Gillard, U-M registered nurse and certified diabetes educator.

Warning signs of diabetes include frequent urination, unusual thirst, extreme hunger, weight loss, extreme fatigue, irritability. For more information or to make an appointment, call (877) 382-8507.

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 Databook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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The inner earthquake

Devastating Parkinson's tremors are yielding to medication and surgery

BY M.B. DILLON
SPECIAL WRITER

It was 1987 when Warren Oberlee, now 43, first noticed something was terribly wrong. "I was pouring milk on the kids' cereal, and I couldn't hit the bowl," he said. "I looked at my hand and thought what's going on?"

Oberlee had carpal tunnel surgery on both hands to control the shaking. "They told me that's what it was. That really screwed things up. I had tremors big time after that."

He was eventually diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, which is characterized by tremors, rigidity, loss of balance, slowed movements, speech impairment and other motor problems.

Employed with the Oakland County Register of Deeds, Oberlee did microfilm and photographic work. "We had a 4-year-old and a 2-year-old, and I had to quit my job," he said.

"My wife and I were both pretty devastated. My kids (Amanda and Katelyn) learned how to adapt because Dad couldn't do what he used to do. If my wife wasn't here, they helped me get dressed. It was really tough for me. I was still a young man, and I had little kids holding my sandwich so I could take a bite."

Things deteriorated and by 1991 the White Lake resident couldn't walk across his living room. He spent the next seven years in a wheelchair. "I couldn't do anything. I tried extremely high doses of Sinemet (a drug effective for many Parkinson patients) to no avail. I went to the Mayo Clinic twice. They couldn't help me."

Treatment

In 1998, Oberlee underwent an operation at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Called tremor control therapy, the procedure uses mild electrical pulses to stimulate the brain to block signals that cause tremor. An insulated wire lead is implanted in the thalamus, the walnut-sized structure deep inside the brain that controls body motion.

The lead is connected to a pulse generator, similar to a pacemaker, placed under the skin near the collarbone. The patient controls the stimulation with a hand-held magnet. If errant messages are interrupted by electrical stimulation, the tremor may be suppressed.

"I experienced dramatic results," said Oberlee, who leads "Movers and Shakers," the Waterford-West Bloomfield Parkinson Support Group. "From the first day after surgery, I was able to hold a glass and drink water and feed myself. I could comb my hair again and write a sentence - not real clear, but better than I'd done in a long time. Dr. Fredrick Junn gave me my life back."

Dr. Junn, a staff neurosurgeon at Henry Ford, was recently granted FDA approval to conduct a study on Parkinson patients involving a variation of tremor control therapy. The stimulator is implanted deeper into the brain, into the subthalamus.

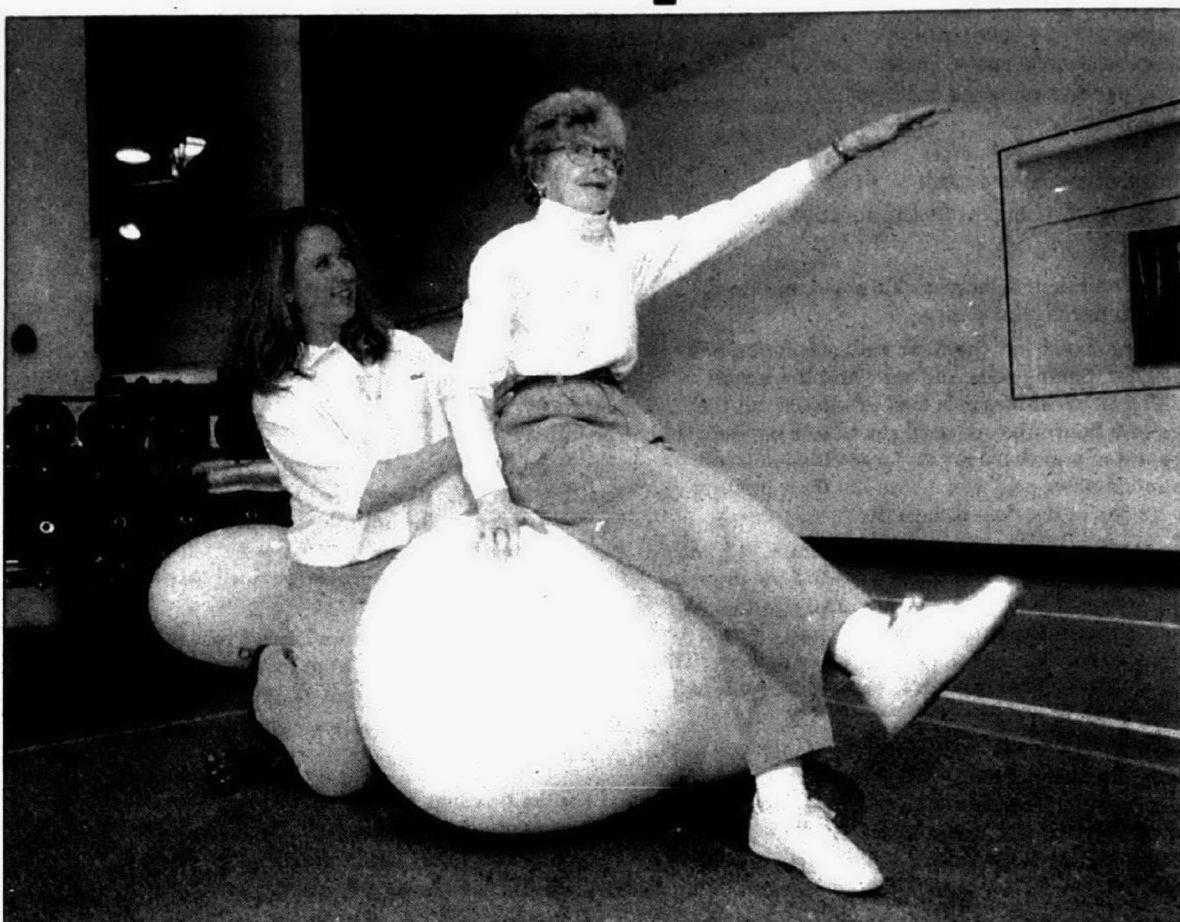
Early results are encouraging. The four patients operated on so far have experienced a lessening not only of tremor but rigidity and slowness, said Dr. Junn. "Sometimes, even walking is improved."

Tremor control therapy partially or completely suppresses tremors in 80 percent of patients. It is recommended in cases where drug therapy is ineffective. However, the surgery is not without risk, said Dr. Junn, who does the operation about once a week.

"Actual risk is not that well known. But something like one in 100 patients will have bleeding in the brain, or they could have a major stroke with paralysis on one side of the body, or they could die from surgery."

"Side effects usually are caused by the stimulation itself. There can be transient tingling. If the stimulation is very strong, sometimes there is pulling or tightness on one side of the body. Sometimes talking is slurred, or the patient gets confused. To alleviate the effects, the patient can simply turn the stimulator off."

For the newly-diagnosed, drugs can be effective, although they're not without side effects. According to educational material provided by the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, controlled-release Sinemet is most often prescribed to ease the



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Bouncing along: Exercise therapist Monica Pagels helps Millie Progren work on balance, coordination and flexibility.

symptoms of Parkinson's. Anticholinergic drugs, used until the late 1960s, still may be helpful in the early stages of the disease.

Amantadine, first used to treat viral infections, can help thwart symptoms, as can Selegiline when used in combination with Levodopa, the most frequently used medicine for Parkinson's. Levodopa penetrates the brain, where it is turned into dopamine. Drugs called "dopamine agonists" give relief by copying the action of dopamine in the brain.

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If drugs don't work or if they cause too many severe side effects, patients can look to other surgical options. With a thalamotomy or a pallidotomy, a lesion is made in the brain tissue to reduce tremors. But due to the risk of disabling and permanent side effects, these surgeries are done less often than the stimulator implantation.

An experimental, controversial surgical procedure is the fetal neural implant, in which fetal tissue is transplanted into the brain to replace degenerated nerves. It is rarely performed, however.

"There is still too much difficulty with ethical issues," said Dr. Junn.

Exercise therapy

Many Parkinson patients keep active with the help of an exercise plan, said Monica Pagels, exercise physiologist with Botsford General Hospital's Center for Health Improvement in Novi. The center offers a 12-week exercise program designed for early to mid-stage Parkinson patients that focuses on improving cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility and balance.

Why the emphasis on exercise? Often, the person with Parkinson's adapts to the loss of coordination and balance by becoming more sedentary. Unfortunately, that leads to an even greater restriction of physical activity.

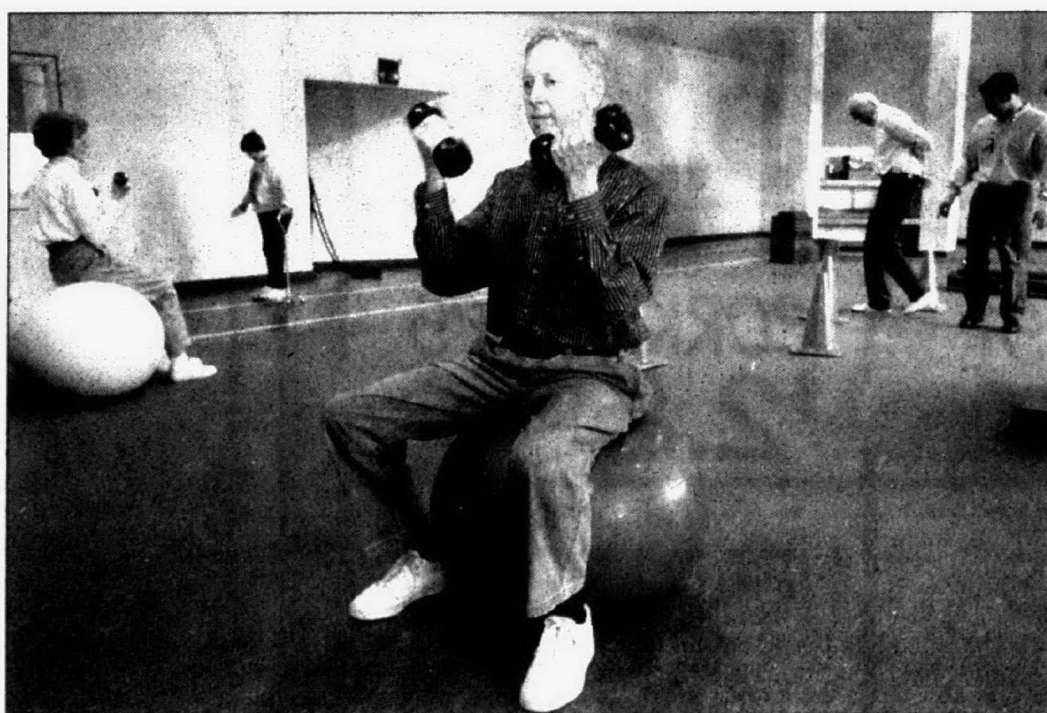
Parkinson patients in Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center program exercise three days a week for an hour. "Right now, we have three people at all different stages of the disease," said Pagels.

Patients use the bike, treadmill, weights, and big Swiss ball for specific balance training. One day is devoted to water exercise. The results are exciting, said Pagels. "Exercise helps the disease progress more slowly, so patients can avoid a lot of the setbacks that happen. It doesn't eliminate the tremors, but it does decrease the amount of muscle spasms that they have and other symptoms, such as feet 'sticking' to the floor."

"We find that the balance exercises really do prevent falls, and help keep patients from losing their independence. The water exercise is an amazing form of exercise, good for improving core strength in the trunk or mid-section of the body."

Botsford's next session is June 5-Aug. 24. The cost - not covered by insurance policies - is \$225. To register, call (248) 473-5600.

Please see PARKINSON, D6



Weight therapy: Parkinson's patient Del Wright does a workout with hand weights. Sitting on the ball helps him develop better balance.

WHAT IS PARKINSON'S DISEASE?

Parkinson's disease, a chronic, progressive neurological disorder, was originally identified by Dr. James Parkinson in 1817. For unknown reasons, brain cells in the Parkinson patient are injured or destroyed, impairing their ability to produce dopamine. Dopamine is the chemical messenger that carries specific instructions to the thalamus, the area of the brain controlling movement and balance.

One million people in the United States and 50,000 Michigan residents are afflicted. Parkinson's disease can attack at any age. There's a higher incidence of the disease in men than in women.

On average, the disorder affects an individual approximately two to four years before it's diagnosed. Patients often attribute their shaking to stress

and live with it assuming it will go away.

Ruth Ann Butler of Westland, a registered nurse and coordinator of the Western-Wayne Parkinson Support Group, has been caring for her 75-year-old husband since he was diagnosed with Parkinson's at age 36. "If you think you have Parkinson's disease and you see a general practitioner, go to a neurologist for a consultation to receive a positive answer," she said.

It's not known exactly what role heredity, age, gender, geography and environment play in the incidence of Parkinson's.

"There is not one specific gene, but many genes that can put you at risk," said Dr. Frederick Junn, a neurosurgeon at Henry Ford Hospital. "There is a hereditary tendency, but I don't

think you would get it per se if a parent or grandparent had it. Most doctors believe Parkinson's disease is caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. We do see a greater incidence of the disease in rural areas."

Dr. Junn is optimistic that the cause of Parkinson's will be discovered within our lifetimes, but not necessarily a cure. "I think we will develop better coping strategies and maximize what we have. I don't think drugs will be the solution. We need to get to the bottom of why (dopamine-producing) cells are dying."

For more information, contact the Michigan Parkinson Foundation at (248) 433-1011 or (800) 852-9781. For information about the Western-Wayne Parkinson Support Group, call Ruth Ann Butler, (734) 421-4208.

Alaska bound

Leukemia survivor prepares for race of his life

Tim Scarbrough of Ann Arbor, who was diagnosed and successfully treated for lymphoma at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti last fall, wants to help others suffering from the same disease.

"Today, after both chemo and radiation treatments, I'm OK and expect to stay that way. I have been training for the past two months to prepare for the

Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, this June."

The event takes place June 17, and since January, Scarbrough has been raising funds for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (formerly known as the Leukemia Society of America).

"My goal is to raise \$4,500," he said.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Team in Training" is the number one endurance program in the country to benefit a charity, said Scarbrough. Walkers, runners, cyclists, skaters and triathletes raise funds to support research for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease and myeloma.

In exchange, team volunteers

receive a personalized fitness program that will help them successfully walk or run a marathon (26.2 miles), cycle a century ride (100 miles), skate a 38-mile road skate, or complete an Olympic distance triathlon.

Each volunteer trains in honor of a local leukemia or blood-related cancer patient or survivor, who serves as a motiva-

tional partner.

"I felt compelled to give something back," said Scarbrough, now in his early 30s.

In 1999, Team in Training generated \$61 million for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Michigan Chapter trained over 2,500 volunteers and has raised over \$5.5 million since its inception. For more

TNT information, contact Beth Smith at (800) 456-5413 or visit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Web site at www.leukemia-lymphoma.org.

If you're interested in helping Scarbrough raise money for the fight against cancer, contact him at (734) 995-8502 or e-mail: tgcc@prodigy.net.

Healthy conversation



Good news: Keynote speaker Bobbie Staten, a registered nurse and certified speaking professional, talks to participants of St. Mary Hospital's 6th Annual Women's Health Day. Her topic, "I'm Going to be Happy When" — a message that laughter lets out the pain and stress of life — was just what the doctor ordered. Over 200 women attended the April 9 event held at the Holiday Inn-Livonia. Workshop topics included foot care, aromatherapy, cardiovascular disease, Tai Chi, and laser eye surgery. Participants also enjoyed lunch and a fashion show by Casual Corner Group.

Read Observer Community Life

Arthritis Today

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ARTHRITIS THAT DOESN'T FIT

Textbooks devoted only to arthritis can run into 2 volumes and include over 2000 pages. You would think that all those words would eventually describe arthritis, and how each one can present.

However, nature is elusive and at times will fool a veteran human observer. In arthritis, a good example of this deceptive behavior is the difficulty physicians face at times in making a diagnosis between rheumatoid arthritis and polymyalgia rheumatica.

Polymyalgia is a condition of profound morning stiffness in the shoulders and hips. The features of rheumatoid arthritis are swelling of the small joints of the hands and feet accompanied by marked aching and stiffness of the joints in the morning. You would think that since these conditions are so different that a doctor would have no difficulty distinguishing one from the other.

However, polymyalgia, which is a condition of the elderly, can involve the joints of the hands and feet in a manner that mimics rheumatoid arthritis. In turn, rheumatoid arthritis can start in the older person with shoulder and leg stiffness in the morning that looks exactly like polymyalgia.

Making a correct diagnosis is important as you treat polymyalgia with cortisone, while therapy for rheumatoid arthritis begins with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications with the addition of drugs like methotrexate if needed.

Blood tests don't help as an elevated sedimentation rate can be present in both conditions, and a positive rheumatoid factor is common in old age.

The correct diagnosis comes only by observation over time.

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Answer the following questions based on the last 2 weeks or more.

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- 3 I have trouble sleeping (either too much or too little)
- 4 I have trouble concentrating, or my mind goes "blank"
- 5 I feel irritable, I can't relax
- 6 I notice my heart beating rapidly
- 7 I feel worried, anxious and fearful

If you answered "yes" to 3 or more statements, you may be suffering from an anxiety disorder, a serious condition affecting millions of Americans. The Institute for Health Studies is currently looking for individuals experiencing the above symptoms to participate in a research study of investigational medication for anxiety. If you are selected, all research related care and study medication are provided at no cost. Get drivers and information about anxiety.

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Tobacco settlement money target for initiative

The State of Michigan has announced its plans to use \$1 billion from its tobacco settlement award to establish a world-class Life Sciences Corridor for research in biotechnology, medicine, and genetics.

The state will issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) next month seeking projects to fund in five categories: basic research, applied research, development grants, development ventures and commercial services.

The state plans to allocate \$25 million for Collaborative Research and Development, \$20 million for Basic Research, and \$5 million for Commercial Development to assist life sciences companies starting operations in Michigan.

The move to fund the Life Sciences Corridor with the \$1 billion in tobacco settlement money — \$50 million each year — is unique among states who have

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reached a \$246 billion settlement with the tobacco industry. The funds are to be paid over the next 20 years to assist in treating smoking related illnesses of people on Medicaid. The State of Michigan was awarded \$8.5 billion in the settlement.

A 14-member steering committee, under the leadership of pres-

ident and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Doug Rothwell, held its first meeting March 20 at Michigan Virtual University in Lansing. "The Executive committee will invite full proposals for each category due this summer," said Rothwell. "Following a diligent review process, the committee will make awards by the fall."

The panel has enlisted the help of the Washington Advisory Group to conduct an analysis of Michigan's life sciences research infrastructure and to advise on investment initiatives.

Panel members include the former president of the National Science Board, Frank Press, and the former director of the National Science Foundation, Erich Bloch. A Technical Advisory Committee comprised of 20 scientists has been established to study those proposals requiring scientific review.

The Life Sciences Corridor is a working collaborative between the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, The Van Andel Cancer Institute in Grand Rapids and numerous pharmaceutical, chemical and related research companies and organizations.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is promoting the Life Sciences Initiative to position Michigan as a major global center for both life sciences and research, and business development. The Corridor is part of the state's plan to create high-paying, high-tech jobs that will make Michigan a more attractive place to start or locate a business. According to Site Selection Magazine, Michigan led the nation for new plants and expansions for the third year in a row.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail: rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

ONGOING

OVEREATERS

Overeater Anonymous will meet every Sunday 7-8:30 p.m. April-June in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, Conference Room A, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Another group meets every Thursday evening 7:30-9 p.m. in Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile. Call

Kathleen at (734) 427-8612.

AA & ALANON

Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays

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Do Social Situations Make You Nervous?

Do you experience extreme anxiety?

- During public speaking
- While eating or writing in front of others
- While speaking on the phone in front of others
- Any situation where you are the focus of a group of people



The Institute for Health Studies is now enrolling for a research study of an investigational medication that may improve the symptoms of social phobia. Participation is free to those who qualify. Individuals experiencing alcohol or drug abuse, or poorly controlled medical problems cannot be accepted for this research study.

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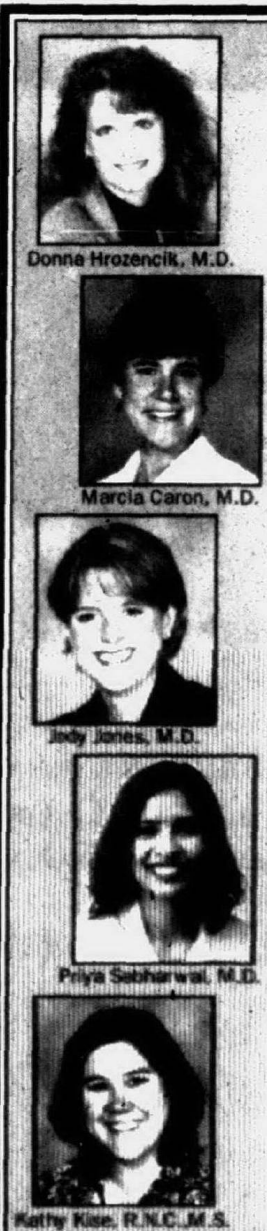
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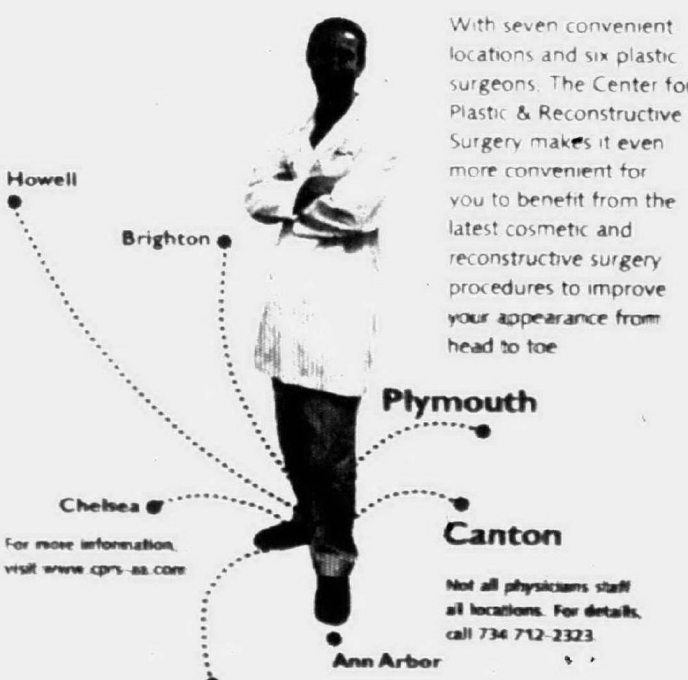
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Plymouth company fulfills Make-A-Wish dreams for three families

"Gentlemen, start your engines!" Those words are ingrained in the minds of race fans and drivers across the globe.

During this year's BFGoodrich Tires Trans-Am Racing Series, automotive interior supplier Johnson Controls will provide three lucky children the opportunity to announce those famous words, starting each of the Johnson Controls 100 races.

For the second consecutive year, Johnson Controls will partner with the Make-A-Wish Foundation during the Johnson Con-

trols Triple Challenge, a three-race series during the BFGoodrich Tires Trans-Am racing season.

Three children, sponsored by Johnson Controls through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, will be asked to announce those four magic words — "Gentlemen start your engines" — to officially begin the day's race.

"The race doesn't start until the child says it does," said Rande Somma, president of marketing and development for Johnson Controls.

"There's nothing like the smile

on a young person's face when more than 20 high-performance race engines roar to life. I'm glad that our company can make an impact on these kids through our association with Make-A-Wish."

For the children

Johnson Controls provides a hands-on experience for each Make-A-Wish child and his or her family at each of the Triple Challenge races. The family is given the "VIP" treatment, including weekend passes, pit access and grandstand tickets.

The family also gets an opportunity to attend driver autograph sessions and a one-on-one tour of the Team HomeLink racing paddock by two-time BFGoodrich Tires Trans-Am Series champion Paul Gentilozzi.

The Johnson Controls Triple Challenge races with the honorary Make-A-Wish starter will take place on April 16 at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach; on June 17 at the Tennessee Automotive Detroit Grand Prix; and on October 29 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway Grand Prix.

Somma added, "This is the third year Johnson Controls is participating in the Make-A-Wish program. We have used our involvement with the BFGoodrich Tires Trans-Am Series to make a difference in the lives of young people. We encourage other businesses who have the opportunity to get involved in worthwhile programs like Make-A-Wish to do so."

Founded in 1980 in Phoenix, Arizona, the Make-A-Wish Foundation is the largest wish-granting organization in the world. It

has 80 chapters in the United States and its territories, and 20 international affiliates on five continents. Make-A-Wish has granted more than 66,000 wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses in the United States alone. The wishes are granted through the generosity of private donors and more than 18,000 volunteers.

The Plymouth-based automotive business of Johnson Controls — which employs more than 65,000 people at 275 facilities worldwide.

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Study

A recent study published by Clinical Exercise Physiology magazine showed that the Botsford program led to "statistical improvement" for participants, improving their endurance, strength, and flexibility. A related Harvard University study showed that moderate levels of exercise lead to "higher levels of dopamine, which could be pro-

tective against the development of Parkinson's disease or delay the progression rate."

Dr. Sue Anderson, a chiropractor in private practice in Ann Arbor, has found that chiropractic treatment can help people with Parkinson's, particularly in the latter stages of the disease.

"Getting adjusted can help with their balance and help maintain better mobility," she said. "It's certainly not a cure,

but it helps the patient function at 100 percent of their potential, just like you or me."

A future

What advice does Oberlee have for the newly-diagnosed? "Don't give up hope. Sometimes the ship will sail in the night without you, but in the morning, there is another boat," he said. "I found that when I was depressed and down, I'd turn the

corner and something new was coming along that was worth trying."

Oberlee is still on disability leave, but he's able to drive again. He has a wheelchair lift in his van, and can do some walking. He's learned to look at the bright side.

"One thing the disease gave me was time with my kids," he said. "I'll never forget the good

quality time I had with them, time I probably wouldn't have had had I not had the disease. It gave me some good things even though it's a bad deal. It made me a better person. You don't appreciate what you have until you lose it. I think back to the days I hated to go to work. When they tell you can't work, you miss it. You cry like a baby."

Henry Ford, currently the only

hospital in Michigan with FDA approval to perform the tremor control procedure involving the subthalamus, is still seeking candidates for the study. Interested patients may call the hospital's neurosurgery department at (313) 916-3528.

Dr. Junn expects the technique will receive overall approval within a year's time, making it widely available.

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(734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday only.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday. 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.

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

TUES, APRIL 18

BONE DENSITY
Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile, will feature a discussion on "Osteoporosis and Bone Density," 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center. Bone density screen available. Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Manion for reservations at (248) 428-7055.

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

THUR, APRIL 20

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE
The Manic Depressive and Depressive Association of Metro Detroit will hold a "dual diagnosis" meeting 7-9:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. Call Gary at (313) 532-4217 or Mary Ann at (734) 284-5563.

SCLERODERMA MEETING
The Livonia Scleroderma Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. in the first-floor classroom at St. Mary Hospital, 36575 West Five Mile Road. Call Barbara Case, (734) 464-3644. For information on the Scleroderma Foundation-Michigan Chapter, call (248) 349-2899.

WED, APRIL 26

ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION
Free community outreach program on "erectile dysfunction" (impotence) presented by Dr. John Frederick Harb 7 p.m., St. Mary Hospital, Marion Professional Bldg., 14555 Levan Road, Livonia. Call (734) 462-5858.

THUR, APRIL 27

IMMUNE SYSTEM DISORDERS
Discussion topics will cover the latest technology and remarkable success by top immunologists for immune system disorders such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, arthritis, chronic fatigue, lupus, and more. Free to public. 7 p.m. Comfort Inn, 2455 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor.

SAT, APRIL 29

TAI CHI BENEFITS
Dr. Jess Goodman will be giving

a free lecture on the health benefits of Taoist Tai Chi on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at 38121 Ann Arbor Road,

Livonia. The public is welcome to attend. Call (248) 332-1281 for more information.

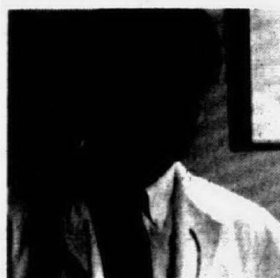
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Standing back to assess the dot-com carnage

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Whew! What a couple of weeks it has been.

The dot-coms have tanked. Everywhere you go you hear everyday people complaining about the Nasdaq tech-stock collapse and what it's doing

to their 401ks.

And with good reason. Consider the damage. The E-Music Web site has lost 92 percent of its value from its high. Drugstore.com is off 87 percent. Egghead is down 83 percent. Barnes and Noble.com dropped 67 percent and even Amazon.com, the supposed model of e-commerce (which still, by the way, hasn't made a profit), lost 56 percent of its worth over the past two weeks.

That's why people are panicking. For a depressing but complete assessment of the dot-com carnage, check out the detailed dot-com disaster chart and analysis compiled by MSNBC (www.msnbc.com/news/394638.asp).

Meanwhile, two respected Internet marketing and financial firms are predicting even more

massive gloom and doom for the dot-com industry. Forrester Research says most will go out of business by next year. The research firm blames investor flight, competitive pressures and weak financials for the poor performance of the companies. The exact same scenario is predicted by Michael Fleisher, president and CEO of GartnerGroup. "We believe that the vast majority - perhaps 95 to 98 percent - of all dot-com companies will fail over the next 24 months," he says.

Fleisher is a major player in the industry and his remarks, delivered in San Diego at a big information technology conference last week, carry a lot of weight.

But despite the shakeup, the Gartner Group's CEO says "virtually no traditional companies will be able to survive without a significant Internet component as part of their business model."

What he sees is a resurgence by winning companies that focuses on "old economy concepts" such as market share, brand equity, distribution channels, financial control.

And that was exactly the theme I kept hearing at the Michigan IT conference in Dearborn last week. I moderated the afternoon automotive e-commerce roundtable and introduced Gov. John Engler. And

despite what the Nasdaq was doing, I have never seen such optimism.

From the governor to the high-tech hot shots who spoke to the crowd of 1,100, everyone was pointing to the trends that show business-to-business e-commerce becoming much more important than business-to-consumer e-commerce.

How much more? Gartner estimates that worldwide b-to-b transactions will rise, from \$145 billion in 1999 to \$7.3 trillion in the year 2004.

High-tech jobs

About 35 percent of the estimated 1.6 million new jobs being created in the information technology industry will end up in the Midwest, according to a new survey of 700 companies released last week by the Information Technology Association of America.

The companies said they need information technology specialists, people to help install and troubleshoot corporate computer networks and new high-tech equipment. And the companies are worried. Based on the qualifications of current applicants, they estimated that more than half of the openings, about 843,000, may be difficult to fill.

Behind tech support, the fastest growing jobs categories are database developers and

administrators; programmers and software developers; and people who design and manage Internet sites.

Among other categories included in the survey were technical writers, digital media specialists and systems integrators. The survey says after the Midwest, the West stands to gain most from new information technology jobs, followed by the South and then the Northeast. About 10 million Americans now work in the information technology field.

Young adults trust Net

The Internet, not traditional radio, television or newspapers, is now the leading choice of "useful information" for young adults 18 to 24. A study, commissioned by an academic research group called the Round Table, found 59 percent in the age group say their household gets more "useful information" from the Net than from newspapers; 53 percent say they receive more information from the Internet than from TV.

For specific questions, 68 percent are more inclined to consult the Internet than turn to a newspaper, and 67 percent are more likely to go to the Net than rely on television.

Hackers exposed

Broadband Internet access may let you surf 100 times faster than with a dial-up modem, but a new study says it also makes you vulnerable to hackers. In fact, the study says one out of every four DSL or cable Internet subscriber is exposed to a potential hack attack.

The reason? A feature called file sharing, meant for networked computers so programs and printers can be shared and files can be moved back and forth.

If that is enabled on a computer, the always-on status of broadband Internet hookups means everything on your hard drive is as easy for outsiders on the Internet to access as if you had posted them to a public Web site.

A Web site called Shields Up! (<http://grc.com/x/ne.dll?bh0bkyd2>) allows anyone to test their exposure to hack attacks free of charge. As of the end of March, about 2.3 million people had tested their computers at Shields Up!, and almost 650,000 of those computers - or 28 percent - allowed anyone on the Internet some sort of access to their file systems. About 8 percent were "wide open," meaning anyone could copy or even delete files.

Problems with browsers?

We had a lot of discussion on

the PC Mike radio show last weekend about bugs, glitches and other assorted problems involving the new Netscape Version 6.0 Web browser and Microsoft's Version 5.5 of its Internet Explorer. While both versions are beta, or pre-release test copies, both are getting a lot of attention in the media and a lot of users are downloading the free evaluation copies.

Listeners and e-mailers complained to me about incompatible Web sites and the inability to display certain graphics and JAVA programs. And Bernie Johnson, the owner of Michigan Connect (www.michiganconnect.com), a Detroit-area ISP firm, said the beta version of IE so locked up his own computer that he had to reformat the whole hard drive. My advice: Stick with Version 4.7 of Netscape and 5.01 of IE until the beta bugs are worked out.

Till next week ... 73 everybody.

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Tuesday, May 2-16, from 6-9 p.m. The Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street No. 205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

MON, MAY 8

THYROID DISORDERS
The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

TUES, MAY 9

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES
Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice will present "Advance Directives: When and how soon should they be in place," 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center of Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile. Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations.

CANCER SUPPORT
A support group for newly-diagnosed cancer patients in southeast Michigan will gather at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd.,

Dearborn. Call (313) 593-7765 for times and information. Topics will include experiences from other patients, chemotherapy, radiation and employment issues.

TUES, MAY 16

LYME DISEASE
The Lyme Disease Support Group will sponsor a "Lyme Disease Education Night" at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Wayne. Call Connie at (734) 326-3502 for more information.

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