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THE WEEK AHEAD

Murder mystery party: *A Western Murder Mystery Party will be 1:30-4:30 p.m. today, at William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, in the Community Room. Pit your sleuthing skills against seven costumed authors and a detective to see who can determine the murderer.*

MONDAY

Study session: *The Westland City Council will hold a study session beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of Westland City Hall on Ford Road, west of Wayne Road in Westland.*

TUESDAY

Candidate for governor: *Edward T. Hamilton, a 1998 Democratic candidate for governor, will speak to the Westland Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 37025 Marquette, one block east of Newburgh.*

WEDNESDAY

Sound of music: *Schoolcraft College's music department presents guitarist Stephen Aron noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The public is invited to enjoy this free concert. For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5218.*

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Vandals strike local mailboxes

Postal inspectors don't know how much personal mail has been stolen from the familiar blue street corner mailboxes. But they warn that several hundred pieces of mail may be missing after recent vandalism.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Vandals have broken into six street corner mailboxes in Westland in recent weeks, apparently searching for money, checks and credit card numbers, Westland police and U.S. postal officials said.

"There's a lot of credit card fraud, and they're getting checks, too," Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said Friday.

Postal inspectors don't know how much personal mail has been seized from the familiar blue street corner mailboxes. But they warn that several hundred pieces of mail may be missing.

U.S. Postal Inspection Service spokesman Fred Van de Putte said thieves have struck three times since Jan. 1 at a mailbox at Palmer and Venoy.

Vandals also have seized mail two times at a Glenwood-Wayne Road mailbox and once near the Cherry Hill-Merriman intersection, he said.

Elsewhere, thieves have struck in Wayne and Taylor, Van de Putte said. In one break-in, vandals seized mail from a public mailbox outside of the Wayne post office, he said.

Altogether, postal officials say 10 mailboxes have been targeted, with Westland being hardest hit.

Baffled postal officials are seeking public help in nabbing the offenders, and a cash reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

A 24-hour phone line has been established at (313) 226-8184 for public tips. Callers may remain anonymous but should make reference to "Poster JCA 2-17-98."

Westland police are investigating the case, but Stobbe said calls should go to the phone number cited by postal officials.

"We're working on the case, but they're doing the prosecution," he said.

Van de Putte said the following ZIP codes are affected: 48185, 48184 and 48180.

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Joining in: *From left, Nicole Dawson, Hollie Vernon and Katie Vernon dance when urged to by the performers. At right, Erica Huizar performs with a group from Detroit.*

Cultural program

Students celebrate diversity

They all lifted their voices in song. And they learned a lot about other cultures, according to Celestine Sanders, principal of Adams Middle School in Westland.

"Everyone seemed to have smiles," Sanders said of the school's first Multi-Cultural Celebration on Monday.

"We learned a lot from various cultures ... We had groups from all around," she said.

About 300 parents, students and guests attended the program which included a Rosa Parks bus scene performed by Adams Middle School students. Also performing were the O'Hare School of Irish Dance, the Eastern Cherokee Tribal Clan, the Chinese American Society of Ann Arbor, Raices Mexicanas and Hakamah African-American Dance Group.

Rekiyah Hart performed an a cappella solo of "Eye on the Sparrow."

Participants also got the chance to taste different cultural foods, see displays and play games, Sanders said.

Some of the people who participated in Westland's Martin Luther King Day celebration also participated at Adams, Sanders said.

Planning for the program began about a month and half ago and was chaired by Judy Bailey who worked on activities and displays. Ana Hiramanek worked with Sanders on the programs.

As the program wrapped up the audience joined in singing "We Are the World."

"The audience participation was just wonderful," Sanders said.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Elegant moves: *Sixteen-year-old Susan Chung performs a Chinese ribbon dance.*

2 nabbed in separate robberies

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Two witnesses chased and captured a fleeing suspect after seeing him rob a woman of her purse Wednesday night outside of Family Drug Mart, 1930 S. Venoy, police said.

Westland police arrested the suspect just 25 hours after they captured another bandit in an unrelated robbery at Hungry Howie's Pizza, 1820 S. Newburgh.

In the Family Drug Mart incident, witnesses reported seeing a man approach a woman from behind and wrestle her purse from her as she was leaving the store at 8:05 p.m.

Rather than ignoring the situation, the witnesses – one on foot and one driving a truck – started pursuing the man westbound on Palmer Road, a police report said.

The driver then stopped his truck and joined the other witness in a foot chase that ended with the suspect being tackled and pinned down until police arrived to arrest him, the report said.

Police found the missing purse lying on the ground, near the suspect.

On Friday, Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight arraigned Melvindale resident Alan Richard Eggleston, 17, on a charge of unarmed robbery and ordered him jailed in lieu

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Man seeks protection for ferrets

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland resident Jerry Kovach, appalled that ferrets are routinely beheaded for biting humans, decided to defend little pets like his own Coco and Memphis.

Kovach, 33, was shocked when he read that ferrets who nibble too hard are killed and examined for rabies, even though they may not be infected.

"It was amazing to me that this was actually happening to the ferrets," he said.

Kovach found a friend in Lansing when he called state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and convinced her to sponsor a bill providing a 10-day rabies quarantine for pet ferrets.

The legislation would grant ferrets the same protection already given to dogs and cats, and it would save healthy ferrets.

DeHart's bill is scheduled for debate Tuesday on the state House floor, and Kovach plans to be there.

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Basement flooding dampens resident's spirits

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Retiree Cecil Blanton could think of little but selling his Rahn Street house after 6 inches of water flooded his basement Tuesday.

"Everybody's just going to want to move out of town," he said. "But the problem is they won't be able to sell their houses."

Blanton and his wife live in a residential Westland neighborhood near Venoy and Cherry Hill where heavy rains caused basement flooding early last week.

"Some of us had 6 inches of water in our basements. It was like somebody was pumping water in," Blanton said. "Some people didn't even have time to move anything before the water ran them out."

Blanton, 62, said he pays more than $3,000 a year in taxes, and he recently spent another $3,000 fixing up his basement with paneling and a shower, among other improvements.

"I was getting it fixed up pretty good, and now my garage is full of carpet that I took out of the basement," he said.

Blanton tried using a garden hose to pump floodwaters from his basement.

"Everybody's got an indoor swimming pool," he said. "Our taxes just keep going up and up, but we can't get any help from the city."

City officials plan to study the problem, but Deputy Mayor George Gillies said sewers simply couldn't accommodate heavy rains that caused sporadic flooding across the city.

As many as 125 flooding problems have been reported to the city.

Blanton questioned whether the city's sewer sys-

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of a $50,000/10 percent bond. The suspect will have to post $5,000 to be released.

McKnight has ordered the suspect to return to court Thursday for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial on the charge in Wayne County Circuit Court.

According to a police report, the suspect had a prior felony larceny conviction in 1995 in Macomb County.

In the Hungry Howie's robbery, employees reported that a man walked to the counter, threw a wet towel at a female employee and demanded money from her at 7:41 p.m. Tuesday.

The woman told police she feared the man was carrying a gun because of the way he had his left hand tucked under his right arm. The woman turned over the money from a cash register.

The man fled the pizzeria but was seen walking along Martin Street, south of Palmer, by patrol officers who had been given a description, a police report said.

Police began questioning the suspect, noticing that he wore only one shoe. Moments later, a matching shoe was found by another officer whose police dog was sniffing its way from Hungry Howie's to the suspect, the report said.

Police recovered about $370.

Reginald Spencer, 19, of Wayne was arraigned Thursday on an armed robbery charge. He remains jailed in lieu of a $25,000 cash bond.

He has been scheduled for a preliminary hearing Thursday to determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Mailboxes *from page A1*

"The mailboxes usually contain mail deposited for pickup by the Postal Service," postal officials said in a press release issued Wednesday.

"Postal inspectors do not know how much mail has been stolen, but it's possible that several hundred pieces of mail were taken by the thieves," postal officials said. "Thieves usually look through such mail to locate cash and other valuable items."

Van de Putte said such problems don't happen often.

"Crimes of this nature are pretty rare," he said.

However, many people are typically affected when mail is seized, postal officials said.

Anyone convicted of stealing mail can be jailed for five years.

Wedding bells

Local couple tempts fate on Friday the13th

Thirty-two area couples — including a manager from the Livonia Observer Newspapers — took their wedding vows en masse Friday night, tempting their fate on Friday the 13th.

Livonia Observer circulation manager Michele Gale married Danny Austin Jr. The Westland couple were one of 36 couples to take the plunge on the dance floor at the Diamond Back Saloon in Belleville with W4 radio 106.7 FM. The event was broadcast live by the country station.

"It went great," said the new Michele Austin. "It was different — I'll never forget it."

Two Garden City couples also took their vows: James Lyons married Wendy Lavake and Charles Strauser married Cynthia Malone.

Austin said there were originally going to be more than 50 couples taking their vows, but "I guess some of them chickened out," she added.

W4 Country provided the ceremony, flowers and reception. Couples arrived with a marriage license and wedding ring. W4 personalities Michael J. Foxx and Cadillac Jack served as "flower girls" for the ceremony which was performed by Debbie Hatt of the Golden Rings Wedding Chapel in Livonia.

Each couple received a free wedding portrait as part of the package.

As part of the event, a quick round of the Newlywed Game was played, with the winners receiving a honeymoon in Jamaica. The Austins just missed winning the trip; they came in second place.

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Flooding *from page A1*

tem was correctly built.

"Somebody made a boo-boo somewhere," he said.

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The 1997 flood was caused when a 6-foot sewer pipe was improperly sealed, causing sewage to flow into basements. But Gillies has attributed the new flooding to "an act of God."

James Zoumbaris, city water-sewer superintendent, said Friday that "all the flooding has gone down."

He echoed Gillies' statements that the city has no responsibility for the latest flooding.

"There was no problem with the city," he said.

Blanton and some other homeowners have said the city keeps adding new businesses and homes to the sewer system without thinking about the consequences.

Blanton said the city should use some of the taxes it gets from homeowners to buy more pumps to alleviate flooding. City workers used all six pumps Tuesday but couldn't combat all the problems.

"As high as our taxes are, why can't they buy some more pumps?" Blanton asked.

City officials have pledged to study the flooding problem, which some residents say has persisted for many years. Some homeowners have said their concerns have been ignored by the city.

City officials often call Westland "the place to be," but residents like Blanton say they would prefer to live elsewhere.

"You can't in good conscience sell your house when you've got problems like this," Blanton said. "So you get stuck in this town."

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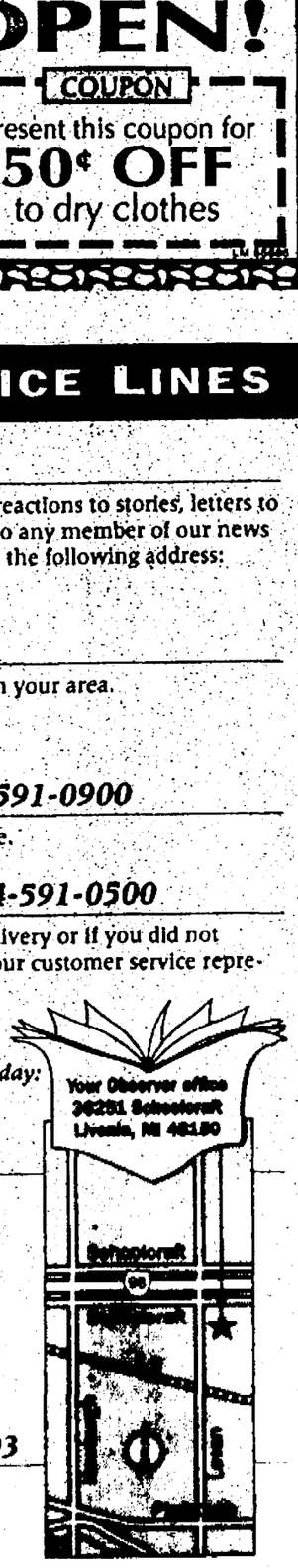

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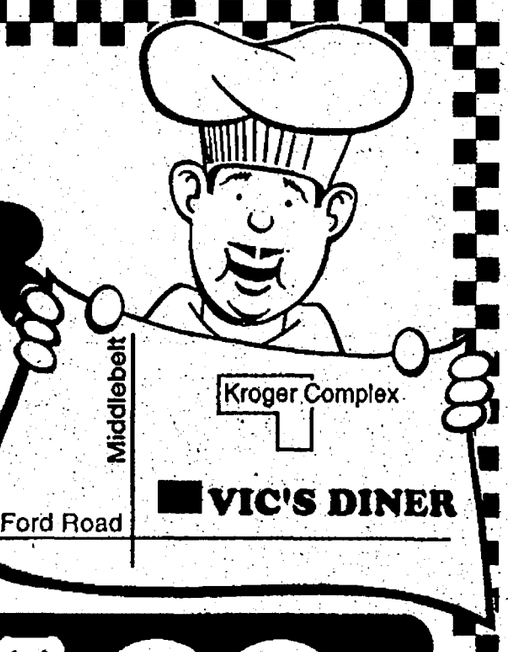

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Ferrets *from page A1*

Owning a pet ferret became legal in Michigan in 1994.

"Current state law requires that we kill ferrets who are alleged to have bitten humans so the animal can be examined for rabies," DeHart said. "My legislation would put an end to that practice and allow for a quarantine period similar to the one used for cats and dogs."

Ferrets who remain healthy during a 10-day quarantine period would be considered safe from rabies.

"The quarantine method is a much more humane practice," DeHart said. "Destroying and beheading a family pet is cruel for the animal and for the owner, as well."

Animals don't pass the rabies virus until the final stages of the disease, she said, and symptoms would become quickly apparent in a quarantine.

DeHart's bill will go to the Senate for approval if the House passes it Tuesday.

"Hopefully, if the Senate acts quickly on this bill, we can make sure ferrets receive the same humane treatment that dogs and cats do," DeHart said.

That would be welcome news to Kovach, who said ferrets make perfect pets for apartment dwellers like himself. He took in one of his pets from Westland Vet, which has a ferret shelter.

Kovach, a computer programmer for Kasle Steel, recommends owning ferrets in pairs.

"They're very entertaining," he said. "They're great pets."

OBITUARIES

BARBARA A. SKONE

Funeral services for Barbara A. Skone of Wayne were Monday, Feb. 9, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne with the Rev. Jack Baker officiating.

Mrs. Skone, a homemaker, died Feb. 6. Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Survivors include: sons, Joseph and Edwin of Westland; brother, Jake Dombrowski; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Local man brews up neighborhood bar

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

BUSINESS

John Goci, owner of the Wayne Brewery on Michigan Avenue in Wayne, hopes his comfortable neighborhood bar becomes a place where everybody knows your name. He opened for business in December.

Westland resident Goci, 28, believes he's created just the right setting. "What I've noticed about this place is it gets people talking. The blue tin ceiling, the green wallpaper, the brown wood floor – it reminds them of being outside. Green relaxes people."

That relaxing atmosphere took a little work. Goci, whose family owns the next-door Omega Restaurant, spent two years saving money and attending bar and restaurant auctions. His doors and stools come from the former Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Township.

Sometimes when he sits on one of the stools or opens a door, he thinks of Jimmy Hoffa. "You never know, I'm sure he used the door."

Goci said some people doubted his efforts, even though he successfully ran a couple of prior businesses, including the Wayne Hobby Shop and young adult night club in Canton. "I did a little shopping. I didn't have money going into this. It took awhile, but I didn't listen to ridicule and it got done."

In addition to 75 different beers, "all reasonably priced," Goci has a modest menu of appetizers, sandwiches and burgers. "I have excellent Philly Steak Hoagie. I think the cows came from Philly," he joked.

If Goci was short on cash when he first began his venture, he was big on tenacity. He learned it from his father, who could only get work as a dishwasher when he immigrated his family to the United States from Yugoslavia. Goci was 10 years old and, like his father, couldn't speak English.

Life at Patchin Elementary School in Westland was tough for Goci. "The kids were so cruel. I couldn't afford Jordache," he said. A teacher took Goci and several other kids to the Salvation Army and bought them some clothes. "Fortunately, I liked all the clothes that went out in the '70s."

These days, Goci hopes to eventually expand his business into a full-fledged brewery, making some of the best beer in the town. "Right now, it's not just in my budget," he said. Besides, he puts in more than a full day. In addition to the bar, he works full time at Northwest Airlines. "I'm the guy who handles your bags."

Meanwhile, Goci works at making the Wayne Brewery the cleanest and safest bar around, the secret he says of any successful bar. He has karaoke on Sundays and has plans for dancing on the weekends.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOFELD

What's brewing: *John Goci (right) has opened the Wayne Brewery in Wayne. Here, he is pictured with his brother, Scott.*

And then there's that friendly atmosphere to maintain.

"I treat people like the family. If they come with a friend, I leave them alone. If they come alone, I am their friend."

The Wayne Brewery is open 7-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 2 a.m. Sunday. It's located at 34816 Michigan Ave., east of Wayne Road.

Westland woman robbed in Livonia

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A Livonia man was charged with armed robbery in the holdup Tuesday morning of a Westland woman outside a Plymouth Road auto parts factory.

Albert Daniel Wyland, 31, was arraigned Wednesday on one count of armed robbery before 16th District Court Judge Robert Brzezinski. He stood mute to the charge and the judge entered a not-guilty plea for him.

In the holdup, just after 5 a.m. outside the Peregrine Inc. plant, a man who implied he had a gun under a sweat shirt took a purse and a duffel bag, with $80 cash, credit cards and a cellular phone in them, a Livonia Police Department report said. He drove away in a dark-colored two-door car.

Wyland, with previous convictions for larceny and armed robbery, was charged as a habitual offender, which could increase his sentence if convicted of the robbery charge. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail on a $500,000 cash or surety bond.

The victim, 55, told police the robber approached her after she got out of her vehicle and asked how she was doing, according to a police report.

When she replied, the man said: "Look, lady, I'm robbing you. Give me your purse or I'll kill you," the victim told police. He was pointing something at her that was concealed by a sweat shirt.

The woman said she doubted whether the robber had a gun, but that she could see the outline of a barrel, police said. She gave him her things, and he tried to grab jewelry off her left hand but could not. He then fled.

Minutes later, police in Dearborn Heights spotted a car matching the description of the getaway car on Joy Road. There were two people in it.

Police chased it unsuccessfully, but did get close enough to get a license-plate number, which they relayed to police in Livonia.

Wyland was arrested in Detroit later Tuesday, police said.

The woman's belongings were not recovered, but police believe they were thrown in a creek and they are waiting for the waters to subside, said detective Sgt. Curtis Caid.

15-year-old won't face attempted murder charge

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

HINES PARK

The youngest of six Garden City teens accused of brutally beating two Westland men in Hines Park won't face trial for attempted murder, a juvenile prosecutor said.

Kent Tingstad, 15, had been petitioned to Wayne County Juvenile Court after a group of teens allegedly tried to kill one Westland man and wound another as a bonfire party ended in violence early Oct. 4.

But Tingstad, unlike five older teens including his brother Kyle, isn't implicated in an attempted killing, juvenile prosecutor Marty Krohner said. Rather, the younger Tingstad faces only two charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Kent Tingstad is scheduled for a March 31 pretrial hearing in front of Referee Chester Drake, according to court records.

Krohner, who said the case will be handled by another prosecutor because it was assigned to him only temporarily, said he didn't know whether Tingstad as a juvenile might receive a plea agreement in exchange for a lenient sentence.

"I have no idea at this juncture," he said.

The younger Tingstad – if convicted as charged – would face a maximum sentence of juvenile incarceration until age 21.

His charges stem from a 3:30 a.m. Oct. 4 attack that followed a dispute between the Garden City teens and two Westland men, 20-year-old Robert Sumey and 19-year-old Kevin Baker.

Sumey, who suffered a week-long coma, and Baker came under attack on a dark pathway leading from Hines Park to Floral, a dead-end street near Warren and Inkster. Police say the suspects used bonfire logs and beer bottles during the assault.

Friends of the Garden City teens testified during a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court that Sumey was the aggressor and that he tried at one point to push Kent Tingstad into the bonfire.

Charged as adults in the trial are Kyle Anders Tingstad, James Thomas Domagalski Jr., David Ryan Kozakowski, Brian Alan Wiatr and Christopher Totten, all of Garden City. All of the defendants were 17 at the time except for Totten, 16.

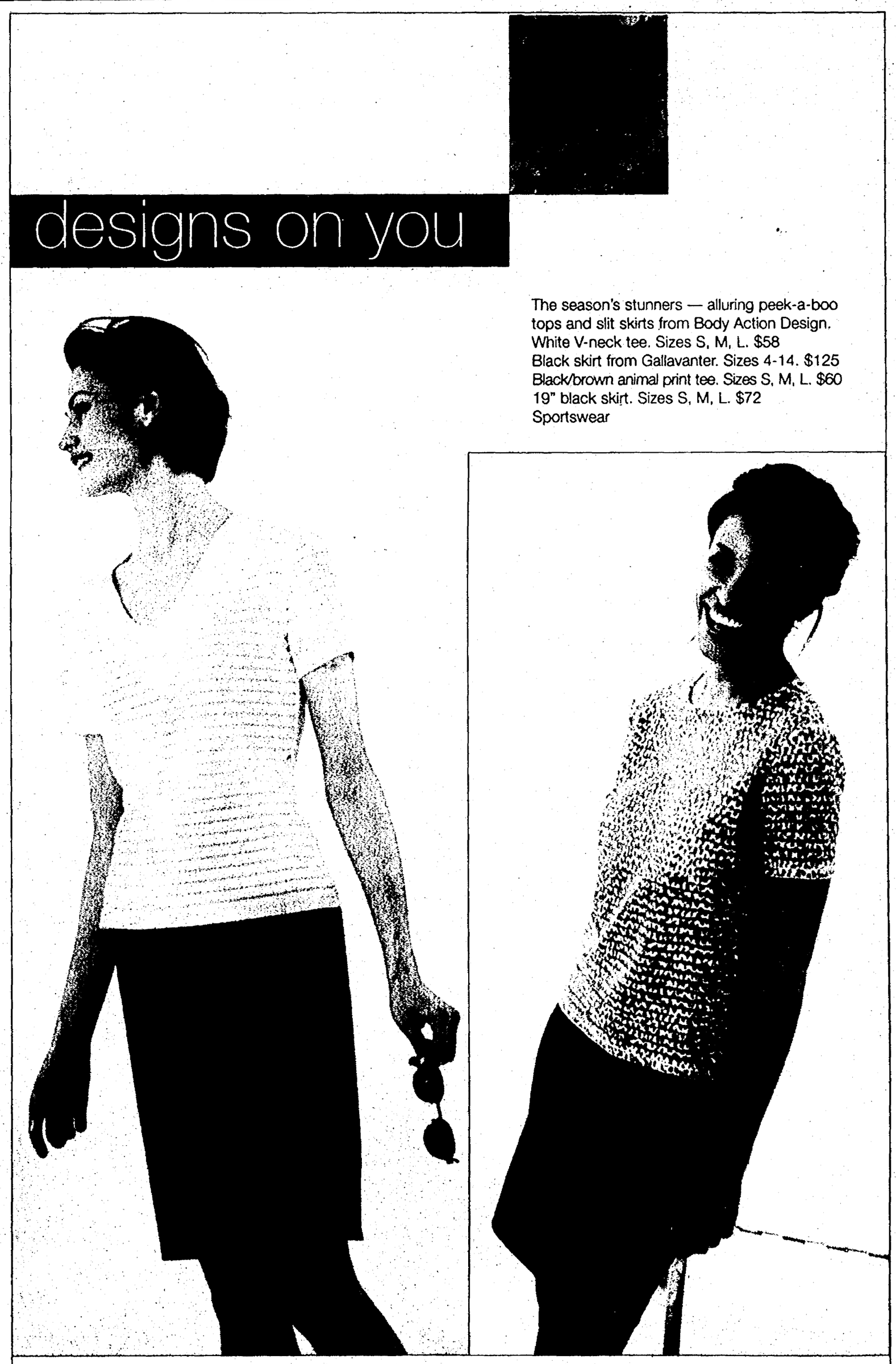
The five teens charged as adults face court hearings in early March, but their trials haven't been scheduled, according to a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk.

They could face maximum sentences of life in prison if convicted as charged of assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos ordered the five older teens to stand trial following testimony that surfaced during a preliminary hearing that concluded Jan. 14.

Although Bokos noted that Sumey appeared to be an aggressor, he said the defendants should have walked away without causing the dispute to escalate.

According to court records, the teens charged as adults have been assigned to have their cases heard by Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny.



Proposed road projects studied by council

Residents on Florence and Radcliff streets in Westland are expected to have paving completed on their roads this construction season.

At a recent council study session, Westland City Council members and Department of Public Services Director Richard Dittmar reviewed possible local and major road projects for the upcoming season as well as future seasons. The projects will still have to come back to the council for approval, Dittmar said.

The road projects being considered for the current construction year include:

■ Florence from Christine to Hanlon. The cost to finish paving Florence, which was half-paved years ago, from Hanlon to Byfield is $17,660.

■ Radcliff from Hunter, south to Terminus. The budgeted amount for the project is $69,000. Residents in the area near Jaycee Park petitioned to have the paving completed on the street, which was half-paved years ago.

■ Marquette from Newburgh to Terminus. The project was not in the budget for this year, but petitions were received from area residents. The estimated cost to pave Marquette is $250,000 or about $100 per foot. Owners who signed the petition represent 1,770 feet. The city is looking at using $206,000 budgeted for paving Malvern from Haller to Lathers to help fund this project instead. The city is considering charging residents about $40 a foot for the project, according to Dittmar.

■ Martin Street from Palmer to Vincent. This project is also not in the budget, but leftover funds from Florence Street could be used for this project, according to Dittmar. The estimated cost is $50,000.

Major road projects being planned for 1998-1999:

■ Hannan from Palmer to Glenwood. Estimated cost is $460,000. The city's share is $115,000 and the city has paid $57,500 already, according to Dittmar. The project was approved by council in 1997 with construction to be completed in 1998. The county pays 50 percent with Westland and Canton Township each paying 25 percent.

The following projects are funded in part with federal aid that the city participates in with Wayne County.

■ Cherry Hill from Merriman to Wayne at an estimated cost of $1 million. The city's share is $68,750.

■ Van Born from Merriman to Inkster at an estimated cost of $2.5 million. The city's share is $125,000.

Advanced construction

Wayne County is having a $60 million bond sale for road improvements as part of its Partnership 1998 plan. These roads are on the 1998-2000 Surface Transportation Program list to be constructed in either 1998, 1999 or 2000. The following are the roads that the county would like to see completed earlier than planned in Westland, according to Dittmar.

■ Wayne Road from Ford to Hunter at an estimated cost of $250,000. The net expense for the city would be $42,500.

■ Wayne from Hunter to Warren has been requested by the city as an add-on to the other Wayne Road project. It isn't yet known if the county will add the project, with the city's cost expected to be $42,500.

Other proposed city projects for 1998 include:

■ Henry Ruff from Palmer to Michigan Avenue at an estimated cost of $350,000. The city's share is $175,000. The cost would be shared with the city of Inkster.

■ Newburgh from Avondale to Palmer at an estimated $1.2 million. The city has applied for a grant, but won't know if it has been approved until March. The city's share would be $500,000.

■ Newburgh grade separation at a total cost of $9.5 million. The city's share would be $4.4 million.

■ Hix from Warren to Joy at an estimated cost of $400,000.

The 1998-1999 budget for proposed local road projects includes:

■ Ford Wayne Subdivision, Phase I, north of Ford Road from Wayne to Carlson. The project will have to be done in a number of phases because of limited funding, according to Dittmar. Some $200,000 will be allocated per year for four to five years until the project is completed.

1999-2000

Proposed major road projects with federal funding for 1999-2000:

■ Inkster Road from Hines ramp to Joy Road at an estimated cost of $190,000. The city's share is $9,500.

■ Inkster Road from Van Born to Annapolis at an estimated cost of $250,000. The city's share is $12,500.

Proposed major road projects for 1999-2000, which are part of the county's internal paving program with no federal funding:

■ Farmington from Ann Arbor Trail to Joy at an estimated cost of $48,000. The city's share is $16,000.

■ Hines Drive from Inkster to Middlebelt at an estimated cost of $209,280. The city's share would be $69,760.

■ Hines Drive from Merriman to Middlebelt at an estimated cost of $192,000. The city's share would be $64,000.

Proposed city projects for 1999-2000:

■ Palmer from John Hix to Hannan at an estimated cost of $250,000.

■ John Hix from Palmer to Glenwood at an estimated cost of $200,000.

Proposed local road projects for 1999-2000:

■ Ford Wayne Subdivision, Phase II, north of Ford Road from Wayne to Carlson.

2000-2001

Proposed city major roads projects for 2000-2001:

■ Carlson from Marquette to Ford Road at an estimated cost of $150,000.

■ Marquette from Wayne to Radcliff at an estimated cost of $250,000.

■ Marquette from Wayne to Herbert at an estimated cost of $200,000.

Proposed local roads projects in the 2000-2001 budget:

■ Ford Wayne Subdivision, Phase III, north of Ford Road from Wayne to Carlson.

Other proposed future projects include:

■ Nankin Boulevard from Warren to Wayne at and estimated cost of $301,500.

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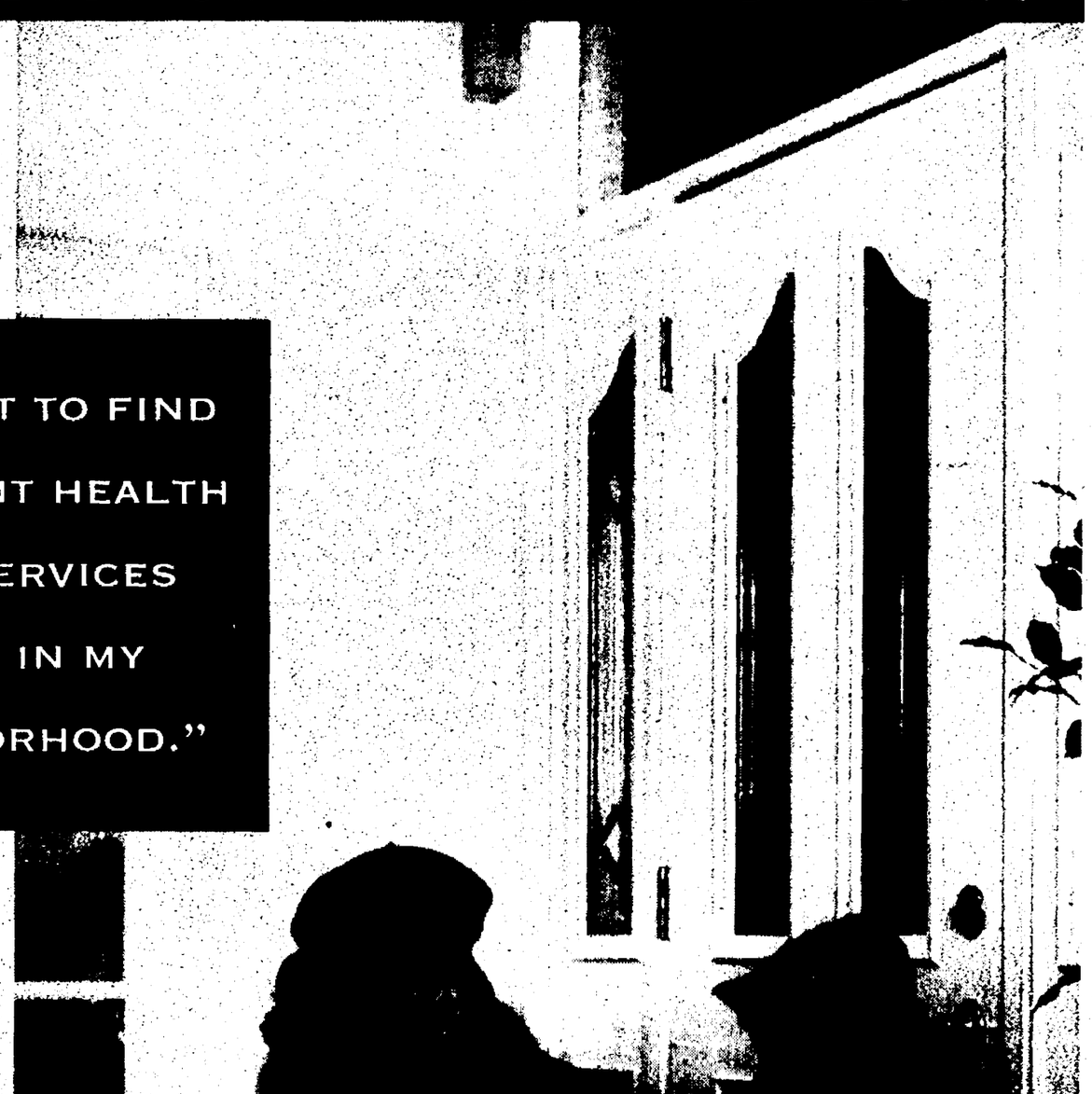

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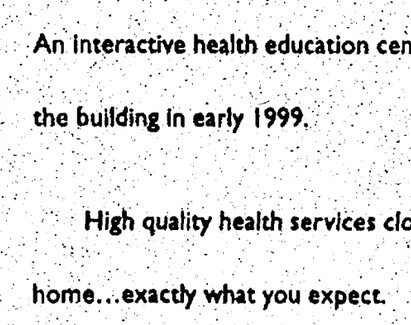

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Eatery fined on labor law violations

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The Lone Star Steakhouse on Ford Road in Westland recently picked up a $2,500 tab compliments of the 18th District Court for allegations of illegally employing minors.

Judge Gail McKnight levied the fine after Lone Star, through its attorney, pleaded no contest to several violations of youth labor laws between July and December 1997.

The violations, which involved 13 employees, included:

■ Failure to obtain work permits.

■ Working minors ages 16-17 in excess of 48 hours per week (school and work combined).

■ Working minors ages 16-17 between 11:30 p.m. and 6 a.m.

■ Working minors more than five hours without 30-minute breaks.

Kalmin Smith, deputy director of the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services, said his department received several complaints about Lone Star.

An investigator from the department's Wage and Hour Division met with restaurant manager Anthony Mitchell. The complaints continued after the meeting, and Smith referred the matter to police in early January.

Smith said Lone Star had a total of 29 violations, of which 14 occurred after the meeting with the investigator.

The Department of Consumer and Industry Services receives complaints against about 1,000 employers every year; however, about 10 are referred to local prosecutors, Smith said.

"In terms of our investigation at the state level, the goal is get the employer to comply. Our emphasis is on compliance, not punishment," he said.

Court documents showed that Lone Star pleaded no contest to five counts for violation of state youth labor laws, and is under advisement for six months. All other counts were dismissed.

Salvation Army helps 797 families

The Salvation Army located at 2300 Venoy Road in Westland in 1997 helped 797 families in Westland, Wayne and Romulus.

The Salvation Army gave emergency food to 543 families and assisted 207 families from becoming homeless through the Homeless Prevention Program.

The breakdown per city that the local Salvation Army serves is:

■ Westland – 538 families assisted

■ Wayne – 51 families assisted

■ Romulus – 208 families assisted

The Salvation Army in Westland is always happy to help those in need, according to Capt. P. Mark Welsh.

Beard, Patterson oppose Katz for airport appointment

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The new director of Wayne County airports — who brings no airport experience but is credited for overseeing several county building projects — was approved by county commissioners Thursday in a 13-2 vote.

County Executive Edward McNamara's appointment of David Katz, a longtime McNamara aide, was opposed by Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, who cited his lack of airport experience and education to run the airport.

Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Edward Plawecki Sr., D-Dearborn Heights, were among the 13 supporters.

For the most part, supporters commended Katz, a Livonia native who now lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Commissioner George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, said Katz was "very well qualified." Cushingberry said Katz already worked on the airport expansion in lobbying for federal funds as McNamara's chief of staff.

Since Katz joined McNamara's staff in 1987, he has coordinated policy development and administration for eight Wayne County executive departments with a combined staff of 5,000 and a $1.9-billion budget.

Katz, 39, also lobbied the federal government for more than $200 million in grants for airport projects, including the $65 million grant to build the south access road and the $150 million needed to complete the midfield terminal financing package.

"I think he'll do an excellent job as airport director," Cushingberry said. "I hope we recognize that we need to improve the transportation issues."

The 1977 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate and University of Michigan alumnus also was credited in overseeing the county's $14 million medical examiners office, the $70 million Dickerson Jail, the $4 million Warren Valley Clubhouse and $30 million restoration of the Wayne County Building.

Commissioner Edward Boike, D-Taylor, said outgoing director Bob Braun and others had taken "giant steps' to improve the airport.

McCotter said the commissioners' role under the charter was to support the appointee as long the candidate did not violate "moral turpitude" provisions in the county charter or was a convicted felon. "That is our due process in the charter," McCotter said.

But Beard and Patterson — who are far apart in political philosophies and unlikely to agree on many issues — followed the same line of thinking on Katz's qualifications.

"We have a responsibility to look at the qualifications," Beard said. "Certainly education and experience are extremely important."

With the $1.6 billion in airport expansion, Beard said it was important for commissioners to look at all elements of the appointment.

"I'm pleased with his forthrightness and pleased with his enthusiasm, but not pleased with his education and experience. I'm not put here by voters as a rubber stamp, but to exercise the best judgment I can."

Beard called her vote a "sacred trust." Beard apologized to Katz that she could

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Court ruling paves way for bingo license

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club can continue to hold their bingos in Westland after all.

The organization can conduct its games after Wayne County Circuit Judge James Rashid ordered the Bureau of State Lottery Wednesday to issue bingo licenses to a group of Democrats that use the games to raise money.

Rashid ruled the plaintiffs and the public will "suffer irreparable injury, loss or damage" if licenses were not issued by March 1.

"The public interest will be served by the issuance of this order, since it enforces the will of the people as expressed in the referendum," Rashid wrote in his ruling. Rashid referred to Michigan voters rejection of Proposal A in November 1996, which would have made political bingos illegal.

That ballot proposal struck down a statutory ban on political bingos passed by a Republican-controlled Legislature in 1994. Rashid's ruling dismisses claims by state officials that Michigan law excludes political organizations from operating bingos.

The 16th Congressional District Democratic Committee; the Metro Wayne Democratic Club and Cliff Johnson, the club's president, were among plaintiffs who sued the state Lottery Bureau and Lottery Commissioner Bill Martin earlier this month, claiming bingo licenses were denied for political reasons.

Johnson called the license denial for his group "nothing but harassment."

"It's not just political bingos, it's about politics and power," Johnson said.

Johnson said Friday he was told that morning the Bureau of Lottery was issuing a license to the Metro Wayne Democratic Club.

Johnson said the group's fundraising efforts do not just go to the Democratic Party and candidates, but to other organizations in the city of Wayne, such as Little League baseball, scholarships and city food drives for needy families.

Johnson didn't believe any appeal would be successful, if one was filed. "I don't think any court will go against a vote of the people." Johnson said.

The club conducts bingo once a week at the Joy Manor in Westland.

Mark Brewer, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, said Rashid sent two messages to the public. "One, your voting privileges and desires will be upheld by the courts; and two, the governor cannot create or do away with laws just to accommodate his partisan efforts."

On Thursday, the state House of Representatives passed two resolutions reinforcing Rashid's order, urging the Lottery Bureau halt its efforts to disqualify political bingo fund-raisers.

"Political bingo is a grass-roots fund-raising tool that brings working people into the political process," said state Rep. Lynn Owen, D-Monroe, one of the bill sponsors. "It allows people who don't have the dollars to attend big ticket fund-raisers to support candidates for office."

Senate OKs bill to house prisoners in other states

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan could more easily house its prisoners in other states under a bill that cleared the state Senate after hot partisan debate.

The Republican majority on Feb. 18 shot down an amendment by Democrat Gary Peters, of Bloomfield Township, to require the Department of Corrections to "exhaust all alternatives" before sending Michigan criminals to other states.

"Just transferring is an expensive solution," said Peters, a former stockbroker who enjoys using Republican slogans to support Democratic ideas. "This does not limit the options of MDOC. It demands good business practices. If it's cheaper to send a prisoner out of state, you can go ahead and do it."

But the bill's sponsor, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, insist-

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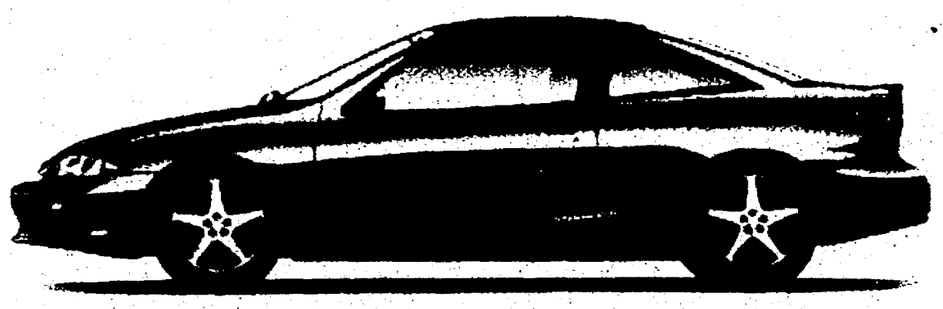

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Lunch ladies: *At left, Geraldine Rowden and Donna McGahan have each spent the better part of three decades working in the cafeteria at Wayne Memorial High School. At far left, Mary Gottert has worked in the Madison Elementary cafeteria for 26 years. She was also recognized on cafeteria employee recognition day.*

Lunch room workers cook up cafeteria memories

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF REPORTER

Welcome to your friendly Wayne-Westland school cafeteria kitchen, where laughs are plenty and mistakes are few ... but memorable.

Like the time Nancy Allen, assistant cafeteria leader at Wayne Memorial High School, switched seven pounds of salt for sugar in the school's much-loved chocolate chip cookie recipe. The recipe makes about 200 quarter-pound cookies, so you're talking about a lot of salty dough.

Fortunately, a co-worker discovered the mistake.

"We put it in the garbage. The custodians could hardly lift it. They said 'why did you throw it out?' We could have fed the cookies to the football players," Allen said with a hearty laugh. Allen has been a food service worker in the district for 17 years.

Wayne-Westland school officials decided to honor the district's 93 employees like Allen and declared a recent Friday "Cafeteria Employee Recognition Day."

"Our cafeteria workers are among the backbone of the school district. They serve thousands of meals a day," said Superintendent Gregory Baracy. "For the price, the food is pretty darn good. I like the hot dogs."

Certainly it takes a lot a good humor to keep the district's cafeterias in order. Cafeteria employees cooked up 154,419 breakfasts and 873,619 lunches last school year. So far this year, they're averaging 9,143 meals a day. Sixty-seven percent of district students buy school meals.

Donna McGahan, a 27-year veteran of Wayne Memorial's cafeteria, starts each day at 5:15 a.m. That's when she begins preparing sausage and egg muffins, sweet rolls and French toast for hundreds of students. And no sooner are the breakfast crumbs swept away then it's lunchtime for more than 1,000.

McGahan loves her job and the students. "Why do I love it? It's just nice. If you treat the kids right, they treat you right. They're our customers. We wouldn't have a job if it wasn't for them."

Geraldine Rowan took a job as a food service worker 28 years ago because the hours were good and also gave her the time she needed at home with her children. Her children are grown, but Rowan still works the cash register at Wayne Memorial.

"I've always loved my job. I get mad when someone complains," she said.

Rowan said pizza, at $2.25 for Little Caesar's, has long replaced the traditional hot lunch.

"We serve four different kinds of pizza. If we didn't do that, we wouldn't be in business." Chili dogs, nachos and French fries also sell well.

Allen, McGahan and Rowan have no plans to hang up their aprons.

"It's silly and it's enjoyable," Allen said about life in the cafeteria.

"I think it's nice to get paid for what you're doing," McGahan said.

"I'll be in a wheelchair when they take me out of here," Rowan said. "Most people stay here forever."

Cookies for a crowd

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

At 50 cents each, Wayne Memorial's chocolate chip cookies are hot sellers. OK, so maybe they don't weigh a quarter pound, but they're close. If you want to feed the entire neighborhood, give the recipe a try.

WAYNE-WESTLAND PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

1 #10 can peanut butter
3 pounds shortening
3 pound butter
6 pounds brown sugar
6 pounds white sugar
½ cup baking soda
¼ cup salt
⅓ cup vanilla
10 pounds flour
22 eggs
2½ pounds chocolate chips

Beat peanut butter, shortening, butter and sugars until triple in size. Blend in baking soda, salt, vanilla and flour. Add eggs and beat well. Lightly mix in chocolate chips. Bake cookies 12-15 minutes at 350 degrees.

Piano teachers invited to meeting

"Teaching the Very Young through Kindermusik" will be the topic for the March 4 meeting of the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum. Guest speaker for the meeting will be Sue Ann Vanderbeck Lenz.

Lenz is associate professor of music at Marygrove College in Detroit, where she teaches piano, piano pedagogy and music history. She is founder of the Marygrove preparatory music program which includes courses in Kindermusik and early childhood music instruction as well as group and private piano instruction.

She will offer ideas and instruction andanswer questions regarding the teaching of music to young children.

The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. in the recital hall of Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia. All area piano teachers are invited.

The group has members throughout western Wayne County.

For further information, call (248) 442-0114.

ACHIEVERS

The following students from Westland have been named to the dean's honor roll for the fall semester at Lawrence Technological University: **Matthew P. Ardin, Michael A. Baaso, Mazen T. Daalbes, Daniel K. Krist, Stephen R. Merritt, Curtis A. Schneider,** and **Misty L. Valle.** To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term and be a full-time student.

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Creighton University student **Ganesh V. Kakarlapudi** of Westland has been named to the dean's honor roll for academic achievement during the fall 1997 semester.

Full-time students who achieve a grade-point average of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale are eligible.

Creighton is an independent Catholic university operated by the Jesuits. It is located in Omaha, Neb.

SPOTLIGHT ON:
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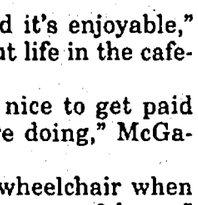
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.



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There are numerous benefits of orthodontics. Treatment time involved varies, because every case is unique. Some conditions can be corrected easily. Other, more complicated situations, can take slightly longer. Because bones and muscles have finished growing and are in their permanent position, treatment time may take longer for adults than for younger patients, ranging from as little as 18 to 24 months. To schedule a free consultation, call THE ORTHODONTIC GROUP, 19223 Merriman (442-8885).

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James Bosse J-2/23, Building Materials, Misc Music Equipment.

Michael Murphy M-31, Toys & Misc Household.

David Gilliam M-9, Misc Outdoor Equipment, Misc Household.

Linda Buttigieg D-20, 2 Bikes, Boxes, Misc Household.

Theresa Harmon N-5, Misc Household.

Cory Heebsh L-5, Lawn Tools, Outdoor Items, Misc Household.

American Dance Academy O-6 & O-8, Stage & Dance Equipment.

Janice Kirks D-1112, Waterbed, Misc Boxes.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
1998 BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to receive and examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday March 3, 1998 9:00a.m.

The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the 1998 Assessment Roll:

Monday	March 9, 1998	9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
Tuesday	March 10, 1998	1:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Wednesday	March 11, 1998	9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
Thursday	March 12, 1998	1:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Friday	March 13, 1998	9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Appeals by appointment or write-in. Write-ins must be received by Monday March 9, 1998.

Tentative ratios and factors for the 1998 tax year are:

Commercial Ratio	49.51%	Factor 1.0000
Industrial Ratio	49.48%	Factor 1.0000
Residential Ratio	46.47%	Factor 1.0996
Personal Property Ratio	50.00%	Factor 1.0000

Taxes are paid on taxable value, which is the lower of assessed value or capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value; is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index) which will increase 2.7% for 1998. As a result, residential taxed values will increase only 2.7% unless there has been a transfer of ownership or an addition to the property

The 1998 Assessment Roll will be open for public inspection from March 4, 1998 through March 6, 1998 in the assessment office from 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m.

STEVEN SMITH, City Clerk-Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 12, 1998
CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Garden City Planning Commission at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, on Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and considering all comments of all persons interested in or concerned with the following requests.

03-98-004 Applicant: Diab Hacham SUP-98-004
Solicitation of public comments on the Special Use Permit for a Standard Restaurant located at 415, 425, and 435, 455, and 465 Inkster Road.

The applicants submittal materials are available for public review at the Garden City Planning Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, (734) 525-8862.

All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to this Public Hearing and be heard.

STEVEN J. SMITH
Interim City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: February 19, 1998
Publish: February 22, 1998

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 12, 1998
CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and considering all comments of all persons interested in or concerned with the following:

Proposed Amendment to Subsection 161.003 of Zoning Ordinance Regarding Privacy Screens.

The proposed amendment is available for public review at the Garden City Planning Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, (313) 525-8862.

All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to this public Hearing and be heard.

STEVEN J. SMITH
Interim City Clerk-Treasurer

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Publish: February 22, 1998

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not support him, because she believed he did not have the education, training and experience for the job.

"It's so critical, not only for Wayne County, but to the whole state,' Beard said.

Earlier Patterson asked Katz several questions about his qualifications and experience for the job, reading aloud portions of job descriptions from airports in Chicago, Miami and Minneapolis-St. Paul, noting that many of those positions required experience in airport operations and an educational background in aviation or business.

Patterson said he never received a copy of Katz's job description and inquired what Katz believed was the job.

Katz responded: "It's a leadership job, it's a policy-making job."

Katz also cited his 15 years of public service, to which Patterson responded that Katz did not have a business or public administration degree.

Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, said he was confident Katz in supporting the new director. "I think he'll do a good job, and I think this discussion will encourage him to do a good job," Solomon said.

Patterson did acknowledge that Katz had some credentials in his public service experience, but it wasn't enough to convince him because he lacked a degree in aviation management.

"Why are we appointing someone when he doesn't have the proper credentials?" Patterson asked.

After the meeting Katz acknowledged there was a lot to learn in his new position, which he expected to accomplish by getting involved through meetings with airport and airline industry officials and experts. "They have conferences and discuss the issues that affect the industries," Katz said.

Katz will earn $112,576 as director of airports, the same salary he earned as chief of staff.

Report challenged

On Thursday, Patterson also challenged recent media reports that Detroit Metro Airport was the worst in the nation, citing a conversation he had with a vice president of the research firm that conducted the survey.

"No questions were asked to determine the rankings," Patterson said he was told.

"I'm disappointed that nobody challenged that report."

But at least two other commissioners — Cushingberry and Hubbard — agreed with the report's conclusions.

Katz later said: "You have to ask about the (survey's) methodology. I think it hit a chord, and it makes good headlines.

"But if we thought (the airport) was fine, why spend $2 billion?"

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ed the measure was "a common sense and public safety" bill. "We must not take any option off the table in keeping prisoners locked up."

Peters' amendment was backed by 16 Democrats and one northern Republican and opposed by 19 Republicans.

Republicans also shot down on a purely party-line vote an amendment by Democrat Virgil Smith of Detroit to prohibit assigning Michigan inmates to privately-operated prisons in other states.

Bennett objected that "this amendment would erode our ability to keep the public safe. The more we lock up prisoners, the safer our communities will be. That's an absolute statement of fact. I will protect my daughter."

Replied Democratic floor leader John Cherry of Clio: "It's simply not true that the issue is locking up prisoners. We dealt with that in sentencing guidelines. This bill is not about whether they should be locked up. The issue is *where* they will be locked up.

"Imprisonment – depriving a person of liberty – should only be done by government. We ought not to return to the 18th Century and allow that to be done by private individuals. These facilities should be publicly owned and publicly run."

Democrat George Z. Hart of Dearborn said sending inmates to other states would place them further from their families and retard their rehabilitation, increasing the chances that the inmates will turn to crime once released.

Democrat Jim Berryman's amendment to prohibit married inmates from being sent to other states was defeated.

The bill was passed 24-12, with 20 Republicans and four Democrats supporting it. Here is how area senators voted:

YES – Loren Bennett, R-Canton and Robert Geake, R-Northville.

NO – Democrats George Hart of Dearborn and Alma Wheeler Smith of Salem.

Bennett's bill would amend the Corrections Act to say the department doesn't need an inmate's consent to transfer him or her to another state, unless the transfer is for the inmate's personal safety.

The bill also:

- Removes the requirement that a Michigan prisoner in another state receive a hearing within a specified time.
- Allows the DOC director to enter into a contract confining Michigan inmates to private prisons in other states.
- Provide that Michigan wouldn't be responsible for a prisoner hearing for a prisoner transferred to another state.

Michigan's prison population has grown from 12,500 in 1983 to 42,000 currently.

Alliance for gifted plans state meeting

The Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education will hold its annual conference Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25 in the Somerset Inn, Troy.

Nationally known speakers will address conference members at four lunches and dinner.

John Abbott, president of 21st Century Learning Initiatives, will discuss "To Be Intelligent" and "How Do We Create Intelligence?"

Other speakers include:

- Joseph Renzulli of the University of Connecticut on "The Schoolwide Enrichment Model: A Comprehensive Plan for Developing Gifts and Talents."
- Ellen Winner of Boston College will discuss "Gifted Children: Myths and Realities." Saturday's topic is "The Miseducation of Our gifted Children."
- Shelagh Gallagher, University of North Carolin,will address "Problem Based Learning."
- Jim Webb, co-chair for SENG, will discuss "Guided Discussion Groups for Parents Using th SENG Model." Webb will close the conference with a "Cultivating Courage, Creativity and Caring."

For more information or to register call, Patrice Smith at (734) 425-7538.

Latin group offers student scholarships

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council 11070 is offering scholarships, ranging from $500 to $1,000 to Hispanic students who are already enrolled or plan to attend accredited colleges or universities. The scholarship award can be used for the payment of tuition, academic fees, room, board or books.

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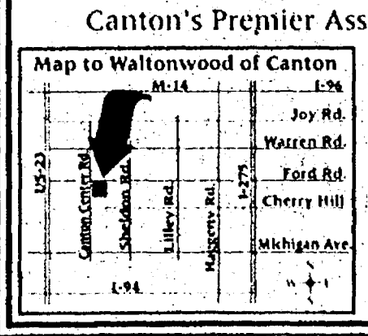

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CHEERS FOR BEER

CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Serve ale with hearty bread, soup, stew

Rainy, unpredictable cold weather calls for hearty soups, stews and bread, and enjoying the brown ale I made last fall. Microbrewed brown ale has a nice roasty and nutty flavor. It has the appearance of being hearty, but won't overpower soups and stews. Try it with sausage and venison too.

Here are two of my favorite winter dishes – a dense chewy black bread and French-style Country Cassoulet. Serve them with a Brown Ale.

If you'd like the taste of homemade without the fuss, a good local choice is Kings Crown Brown from Kings Brewery, 895 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, (248) 745-5900.

So grab some ale, invite some friends over, and enjoy.

BLACK STOUT RYE

1 cup Young's Oatmeal Stout (heated to 90°F)
1 package yeast
4 tablespoons melted butter
1 egg plus 1 egg white
1/4 cup honey plus 1 tablespoon
1 1/2 tablespoons caraway seeds
2 tablespoons cocoa powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups dark rye flour
1 1/2 to 2 cups bread flour
Egg wash: Combine 1 egg and 1 tablespoon warm honey

Combine beer, melted butter, yeast and 1 cup rye flour, mix well and let sit 15 minutes.

In mixer or food processor, combine (beer, butter, yeast, rye flour mixture) with all of the remaining ingredients, except bread flour, and mix well.

Add bread flour 1/2 cup at a time until a nice elastic consistency is achieved and dough pulls away from sides of bowl. You may not need all 2 cups of the bread flour. Form into round loaf, or place in a greased loaf pan. Brush with egg wash and let rise in a warm draft-free place for 45 minutes.

Bake at 350°F for 30 to 40 minutes until crust is hard and loaf sounds hollow when tapped with a spoon.

Chef's note: Look for Young's Oatmeal Stout at any good beer and wine or liquor outlet such as Merchant of Vino.

CASSOULET

1 pound double smoked slab bacon diced
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 cup flour
6 chicken legs
1 large Spanish onion medium dice
8 cloves garlic, minced
2 carrots, diced
2 parsnips, diced
1 pound white button mushrooms
1/2 ounce dried Porcini mushrooms
1 pound smoked pork sausage, sliced (kielbasa will work fine)
1 pound Italian sausage cut into 3-inch pieces
3/4 pound smoked ham, diced
1 pound dried Navy beans (soaked overnight in water to cover 3-inches over beans)
1 1/2 quarts beef stock
1 cup brown ale
1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
1 tablespoon fresh thyme
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
6 ounce can tomato paste dissolved in beef stock
2 cups seasoned bread crumbs

Soak Porcini mushrooms in 2 1/2 cups hot water until rehydrated.

Cook beans until half done (about 25 minutes) in fresh water, drain and set

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Eating Better Sensibly

CHICKEN PAPRIKASH

A FAMILY FAVORITE FOR 100 YEARS

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Lots of people make chicken paprikash, but not like Beverly Hinsch of Livonia.

Her recipe has been in the family for 100 years. "I remember watching my Hungarian grandmother making it most Sundays for dinner," wrote Hinsch in response to our Jan. 25 request for a recipe to share. "I have made some changes to accommodate today's healthier lifestyle, but the taste is the same. Everyone that has ever eaten it has asked for the recipe."

A commercial sales secretary for Carrier Great Lakes, the Livonia-based Midwest distributor of Carrier HVAC (heating, ventilation and air condition) equipment, Hinsch, like a lot of us, doesn't always feel like cooking when she comes home.

"I go into a cooking frenzy on Sundays," she said. "I'll make a pot roast, or low-fat chicken paprikash. We love leftovers."

Since she tries to cook in advance, weekday dinners are a snap. Hinsch reheats the main dish, makes a vegetable, and tosses a salad. The packaged caesar salad is one her favorites.

She cooks about five times a week. Friday is "date night" when she and her husband, Jim, go out to dinner. On Sundays Jim will often grill fish – salmon, mahimahi, or halibut.

Like a lot of people, they've reduced the fat in their diet for the sake of good health but still enjoy their favorite foods.

"When my grandma made chicken paprikash she used a whole chicken," said Hinsch. "She'd fry it in a skillet with Crisco and wouldn't drain the fat. She used real sour cream."

Hinsch uses boneless chicken thighs or skinless, boneless chicken breasts, and light or no fat sour cream instead. She coats a nonstick pan with cooking spray or a little bit of Canola oil before browning the chicken and drains the fat before adding the remaining ingredients.

Her grandparents emigrated to the United States separately from Hungary in 1903.

"Grandpa was 23 and grandma was 16," recalled Hinsch. "They met in New Jersey, eventually married and moved to northwest Detroit. Grandpa died young at 56, but plucky grandma sold the house and got a job at Daisy Air Rifle in Plymouth. She rented a room in a private house and walked to work. She was a wonderful cook and baker.

"My parents often brought her to stay at our home on weekends. her apple strudel and apricot and nut rolls were to die for. I have never been able to duplicate them. My favorite dish was her chicken paprikash, which she made every Sunday that she visited with us. It is still my favorite dish – I could honestly eat it at least once a week. Grandma lived to be a vigorous 90 years old."

Hinsch and her husband, an executive with Akzo Nobel in Troy, will be married 40 years this August. They moved to Livonia in 1961 and have four grown children – Kathryn, Debra, Jim and Bob, and two grandchildren.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Family favorite: *Beverly Hinsch presents Chicken Paprikash with dumplings. Created by her grandmother, it's one of Beverly's favorite dishes, and a recipe she enjoys sharing.*

Brenda Seeman of Garden City shared her Mexican stew recipe. "I've given away many copies of this recipe," she wrote. "It's quick, easy, very filling and delicious. Even the most fussy eaters like it, even children. If you don't happen to be on a diet, you may use hamburger in place of the turkey, regular V-8 in place of low sodium, regular canned tomatoes and Cheddar cheese. When our large family gets together we double the recipe, toss a large salad and serve big hot loaves of store bought French or Italian bread."

Gwen Krestel of Farmington Hills shared her creamy chicken and cheese enchilada recipe.

"It's my favorite recipe because everyone always loves it and asks for the recipe," she wrote.

Lots of readers also asked for Auntie Flo's Fruit Salad recipe, which my pal Peggy Vautaw Peck shared in our Nov. 23 issue.

Peggy and I worked on the Tower Tribune together at Fordson High School.

Everybody's got a great Recipe to Share – what's yours? I'd love to hear from you. Send, fax or e-mail your recipe to share, with a daytime phone number to me – Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

We'll pick one recipe to feature in Taste on the fourth Sunday of month, and share a few of our favorites. The person picked for our feature will be photographed for the article, and receive an apron and cookbook.

Get out your recipes, and call friends, family members and neighbors, we're anxious to receive more Recipes to Share.

See recipes inside.

Pastries mirror award-winning chef's art

KITCHEN MAGICIANS

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Like a kaleidoscope, Kris Jablonski of Redford wants to make pastries that reflect the changing patterns of our lives – seasons, weddings, birthdays and graduations.

In six months the award-winning pastry chef plans to open Kaleidoscope Confections and Pastries, a gourmet pastry shop specializing in French-style wedding cakes and pastries.

On Feb. 1 he won Best of Show, The "Masterpiece Award" and the Patisfrance Award for best utilization of chocolate in a recipe contest held during the Ninth Annual Chocolate Party at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center in Lansing to benefit the care of the collections of the MSU Museum.

His chocolate hazelnut mousse torte, which he called "Taking Flight" was a work of art. He was invited to attend the Pastry Chef of the Year Competition in New York at the end of March.

A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program, Jablonski was a teacher's assistant/pastry chef at the William D. Vocational Center in Westland, and head finisher at the Townsend Hotel Bakery in Birmingham. At the Townsend Hotel he was responsible for providing pastries for the hotel, bakery, wholesale accounts and wedding cakes.

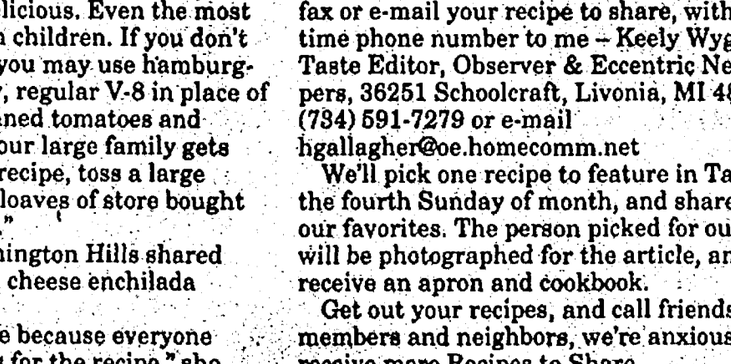
"I'm at the point in my career where I need to utilize my strengths. Competing in contests is one way of getting recognition at the national level," he said. "Competitions challenge me to put myself out in the industry. In the food industry you're competing against yourself and setting out to do your best work."

Jablonski wants to create pastries that are natural, and use the very best products available.

"There are going to brides out there who want something different," said Jablonski. "They may want to showcase their own style with an innovative cake that's different from anything else out there. My style is more abstract and contemporary."

Jablonski also wants to work with the seasons instead of against them by using only the best products.

"I want to work with flavors that are in season – pears and apples in the fall, strawberries and raspberries in the summer," he said. "Tropical fruits are coming in now – passion fruit, mangoes, kiwifruit. They have the best flavor."



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Award-winning presentation: *Kris Jablonski with his chocolate hazelnut mousse torte, which won first prize in a chocolate recipe contest.*

Jablonski plans to locate his bakery in Plymouth or Livonia. He's in the process of designing the interior and ordering equipment.

Hot food cooking and pastries are artistic mediums, and Jablonski views himself as an artist.

"I start a meal with breads, rolls and muffins, and end a meal with desserts having passionate flavors," said Jablonski. "You can take a theme such as tropical summer breezes and express it with pastries by using the

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aside.

In a large pot heat olive oil and brown bacon until almost crisp. Coat chicken legs in flour and brown on all sides.

Add onions, garlic, carrots, parsnips and mushrooms, and saute 3 to 5 minutes. Add thyme, rosemary and black pepper, saute 1 minute. Remove from heat.

In a large oven-proof casserole. Place beans, sausage, chicken, ham, vegetables and Porcini mushrooms (removed from water).

Add stock, brown ale and 1 cup of mushroom water. Bake for 1 hour (covered) at 400°F. Remove from oven (uncover) and top with bread crumbs. Continue baking 10 minutes, break up crust with a spoon and add more bread crumbs. Do this 3 times for a total cooking time of 1 1/2 hours. Serves 6.

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

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flavors of the tropics."

Here are some of his tips for better baked goods:

■ When you're tackling a recipe, read it over first, measure the ingredients and have everything ready to go.

■ Over mixing cookie and muffin dough will result in a tougher cookie or muffin. When you're adding liquid to dry ingredients mix just until incorporated. It's OK if there's still a few lumps in the batter.

■ Chill pie dough 30 to 45 minutes before you roll it out. You'll get a flaky pie shell.

■ Use an ice cream scoop to measure out uniform cookies. Kids can help portion out the dough.

■ Fill cake pans two-thirds full.

■ Use a microwave to melt chocolate for desserts. Use 50 percent power. Remember, microwaves work from the inside out, stir the chocolate before increasing the amount of time. It takes 1 to 3 minutes to melt about a pound of chocolate.

Heart Association seeks main dish salad recipes

Enter your favorite main dish salad recipe in a recipe contest being sponsored by the American Heart Association of Michigan.

The recipe should contain no more than a 3 ounce portion per serving of protein such as lean meat, chicken, fish, legumes or soy, and a fat-free, or reduced fat dressing, which is within American Heart Association dietary guidelines.

Recipes must be typed or clearly written. Include your name, address and a daytime phone number where you can be reached. Send recipes to: American Heart Association of Michigan/Recipe Contest, 16310 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076, or fax (248) 557-8533. Deadline for entry is Friday, Feb. 27. Five finalists will be chosen, and asked to prepare their salads for judging at the "Ask a Nutrition Expert – The Registered Dietitians," a free educational event noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The winning recipes will be featured in the Observer & Eccentric Taste section on Sunday, March 15, and in a brochure to be produced by the American Heart Association of Michigan. First prize is a gift certificate for two for lunch at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield. Second place is two cookbook selections from the American Heart Association. Third place is one cookbook from the American Heart Association.

All five finalists will receive a subscription to Muriel Wagner's "Eating Younger" newsletter. If you have questions, call Wagner, (248) 350-1190.

Readers share treasured family favorites

See related story on Taste front.

LOW FAT CHICKEN PAPRIKASH

- 1 1/2 pounds chicken – your choice boneless thighs, skinless, boneless chicken breasts, or a whole cut-up chicken
- 1 1/2 to 2 tablespoons paprika, or more to taste.
- 1 tablespoon Canola oil
- Fresh or dried Italian parsley to taste
- 1/2 pint light (or no fat) sour cream
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon instant minced onion
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon
- 1/4 cup flour (for broth)

Mix 1/2 cup flour and paprika in a bowl and dip chicken pieces in mixture until well coated. Brown pieces (a few at a time) in oil, sprinkling on more paprika as desired.

Drain on paper towels. Pour oil from pot and rinse. Add chicken pieces, parsley, minced onion, chicken broth and bouillon. Bring to a boil, turn to low, cover pot and simmer until chicken is tender, about 30 minutes.

Taste, adjust seasonings, adding more chicken bouillon if desired.

Remove chicken. You can cut up into 1/2-inch strips or leave intact as desired. Bring liquid to a boil and add 1/4 cup flour mixed with about 1/4 cup of cold water adding more to thin if too thick, and stir constantly to thicken.

Turn to low and add sour cream. Add chicken and simmer until hot (do not boil). Serve with dumplings and/or mashed potatoes.

This recipe tastes best if you stir in the cooked dumplings and let it sit overnight before reheating.

DUMPLINGS

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 egg
- About 2/3 cup milk (I use dry low fat reconstituted milk)
- Fresh parsley to taste, chopped (optional) –If I have fresh parsley, I sometimes cut up the leaves and add that to the batter

Stir ingredients together. The batter should be very stiff. Heat a large pot of water to boiling. Lower heat so water is gently rolling. Dip a soup spoon in the water, then scoop a small amount of batter onto spoon and dip into the water. (Dipping the spoon in the hot water first keeps the batter from sticking to it.) Continue until all the batter is used up. Cook with a lid on (low heat) for 10 minutes. Drain in colander. If you prefer lighter dumplings, add 1/2 teaspoon baking powder to the batter. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Beverly Hinsch of Livonia, inspired by her Hungarian grandmother Elizabeth Csengeri.

CREAMY CHICKEN & CHEESE ENCHILADAS

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 can (4 ounce) chopped green chilies
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 4 ounces cream cheese, cubed
- 8-10 flour tortillas (6-inch)
- 1/4 pound Velveeta cheese, cubed
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup chopped tomato, divided

Microwave onion, garlic and oil in 2 quart casserole on High 2 to 3 minutes or until tender, stirring after 2 minutes.

Stir in chicken, chilies, broth and seasonings. Microwave on High 4 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Add cream cheese, stir until melted.

Spoon about 1/3 cup chicken mixture onto each tortilla; roll up. Place seam side down, in 8-inch square baking dish. (Can be refrigerated at this point. You will need to heat tortillas longer if made ahead and refrigerated).

Microwave Velveeta, milk and 1/4 cup tomato in small bowl on High 2 to 3 minutes or until cheese is melted, stirring after each minute. Pour sauce over tortillas, top with remaining tomatoes. Microwave on high 6 to 8 minutes or until thoroughly heated, turning dish after 3 minutes.

Serves 2-3 people. Can be doubled (use 9 by 13-inch baking dish).

Recipe compliments of Gwen Krestel of Farmington Hills.

MEXICAN STEW

- 1 pound (100 percent) ground turkey breast
- 1 1/2 cups onions, diced
- 28 ounces canned tomatoes, no-salt added, liquid reserved
- 15 ounces canned pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 17 ounces canned corn, drained
- 1 cup picante sauce
- 3/4 cup low-sodium vegetable juice (V-8 for example)
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 cup low-fat sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded

Brown ground turkey and onions. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil, simmer covered for 15 to 20 minutes. Serves 6.

Nutrition information per serving: 346 calories, saturated fat 2g, total fat 6g (16 percent of calories), protein 35g, carbohydrates 37g, cholesterol 50mg, sodium 956mg, iron 3mg.

Recipe compliments of Brenda Seeman, Garden City.

AUNTIE FLO'S FRUIT SALAD

- 1 (3 ounce) package lime Jell-O
- 1 cup hot water
- 1/2 pint whipped cream
- 1 cup finely chopped marshmallows
- 2 packages cream cheese (3 ounces each)
- 1 (9 ounce) can crushed pineapple
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1/4 cup sugar
- Pinch of salt

Dissolve Jell-O in hot water and cool. Put sugar in whipped cream. Mix marshmallows, nuts, pineapple and cream cheese.

Fold in whipped cream and sugar mixture. Add to Jell-O. Chill until firm.

Recipe compliments of Peggy Peck of Redford.

Chef's chocolate cake is really decadent

See related story on Taste front. This flourless cake recipe is compliments of Chef Kris Jablonski of Redford.

When you bite into this cake, Jablonski said it tastes like fudge.

CHOCOLATE DECADENCE

- 6 ounces sweet dark chocolate, chopped
- 7 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 2/3 cup water
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 1/4 sticks unsalted butter, softened
- 6 whole eggs
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar

In a small saucepan mix together 3/4 cup sugar and water; and bring to a boil to dissolve sugar.

Add chopped chocolates to above mixture off the fire, and blend well to melt. After chocolate mixture is smooth, add butter to mixture and incorporate until melted. Set aside to cool.

In mixer with whip attachment, begin to whip the eggs with 1/3 cup granulated sugar to soft peaks, do not over mix the eggs because it will make the cake dry and crumbly.

Fold together the eggs and cool chocolate mixture. Pour into prepared buttered pan. Bake for 40 minutes at 350°F in a water bath, or until top feels firm. Once set with a firm feeling in the center of the cake let cool over night in refrigerator.

Remove cake from pan the next day by warming the bottom and sides over a burner.

Makes 1 10-inch cake

Top with a dusting of confectioners' sugar or whipped sweet cream such as Cool Whip.

Chef's Comment: Baking in a water bath is like making steamed pudding. Pour cake batter into 10-inch pan, set on shelf, fill another pan with water and place in oven on rack below cake. If you bake this cake in the oven without any water, it will result in a dry, crumbling cake.

Pineapple coffeecake for breakfast or dessert

AP – Pineapple Right-Side-Up Coffeecake is moist and rich-tasting. It can be served as a breakfast bread or for dessert. Each serving has 304 calories and 3 grams of fat. The recipe is from Anne Fletcher's Eating Thin for Life" (Chapters Publishing, 1997, $24.95/hardcover).

PINEAPPLE RIGHT-SIDE-UP COFFEECAKE

- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup light or dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup pecan or walnut halves (about 1.3 ounces), chopped
- 20-ounce can crushed pineapple in its own juice

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Place rack in center of oven. Coat bottom and sides of a 9- to 10-inch springform pan with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In a large bowl, stir together all dry ingredients, including nuts, until well mixed. Add pineapple and juice. Stir gently with a wooden spoon just until moistened; do not overmix. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven for 50 to 55 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes on a wire rack. Run a knife around edges of pan to loosen. Release sides and continue cooking. Serve warm, or at room temperature, or chilled. Makes 10 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 304 calories, 3 grams fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 260 mg sodium, 4 grams protein, 67 grams carbohydrates.

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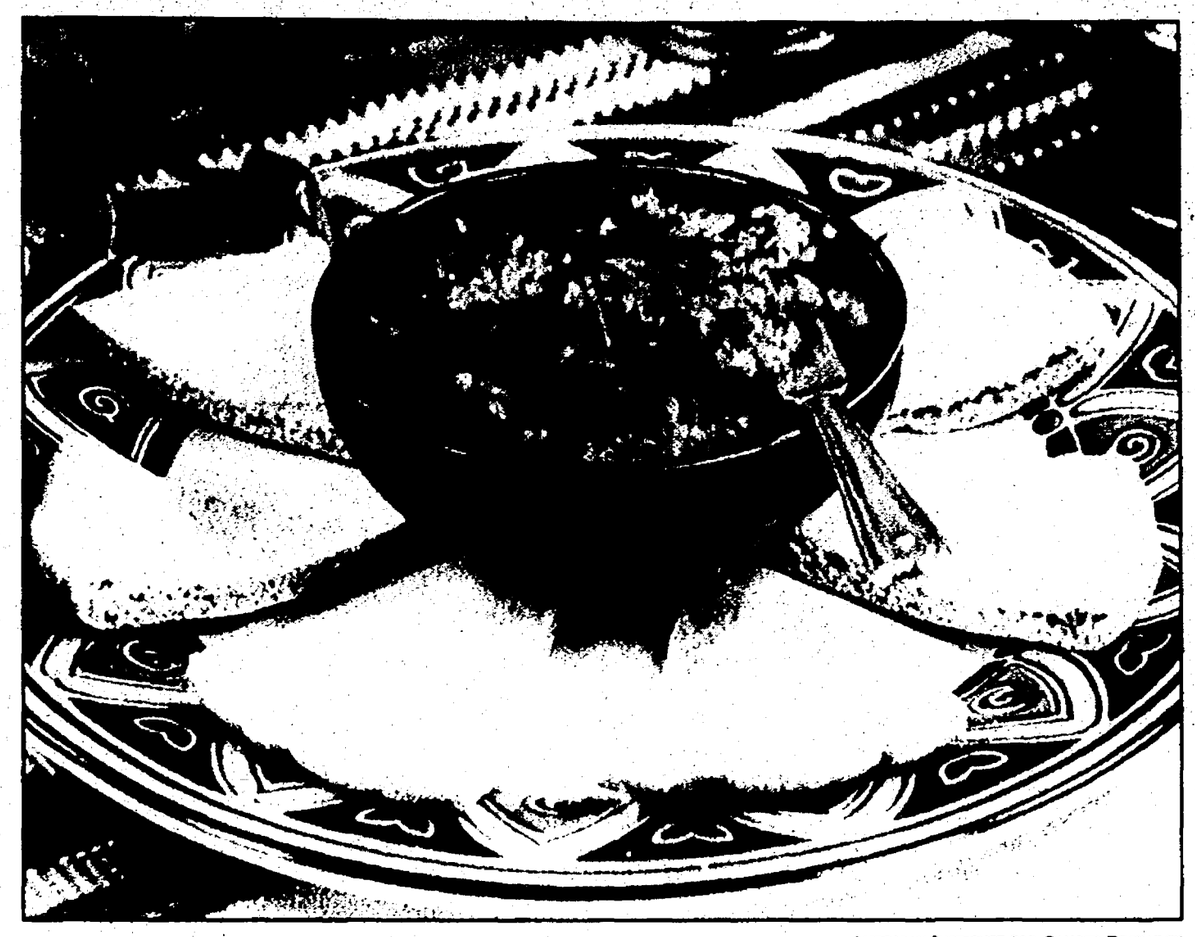
Middle Eastern cuisine inspires exotic meals

There may not be 1,001 ways to enjoy the foods from the land of the Arabian Nights, but the rich variety of Middle Eastern Cuisine can inspire many deliciously exotic meals. Tabbouleh, tahini, hummus, falafel, and baba ghanoush are just a few Middle Eastern dishes that are increasingly turning up at supermarkets and on dinner tables across the country.

Since Middle Eastern meals are frequently based on grains and legumes, they can be a good source of fiber, vitamins and minerals. Hummus, for example, is a rich, filling spread made from mashed chickpeas, seasoned with garlic, lemon juice and olive oils and sometimes tahini (a sesame-seed paste, not unlike peanut butter). A zesty vegetable melange, baba ghanoush mixes eggplant that has been broiled, peeled and mashed with garlic, grated onion, lemon juice, parsley, olive oil, and tahini. Tabbouleh is a bulgur salad made with a mixture of fresh chopped tomatoes, cucumbers, scallions, fresh parsley, mint or cilantro.



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Super spread: *Eggplant takes on a smoky flavor in Baba Ghanoush, which can be served on crackers or with pita bread.*

Enjoying Middle Eastern food doesn't have to mean an end to a low-fat diet. Rich spreads like hummus and baba ghanoush can be lightened by mixing in plain, low-fat yogurt. Instead of frying falafel's chickpea or lentil "croquettes," bake them for less fat.

Healthful Middle Eastern menus mix small portions of lean meat, fish and poultry with larger portions of vegetables, grains and fruit. Create a spicy kabob by skewering chunks of onions, green pepper, zucchini with small pieces of cumin-rubbed chicken breast. Squash, eggplant, bell peppers or apples make edible bowls for flavorful stuffings made of ground meat, pureed eggplant, bulgur, nuts, currants, and seasonings. Seasonal fruit often serves as a refreshing dessert to a meal featuring the strong flavors of Middle Eastern cuisine.

A pulpy texture and a neutral flavor make eggplant a popular stand-in for meat in ethnic cuisines of all kinds. It takes on a smoky flavor in this baba ghanoush, which can be served on crackers or with pita bread.

BABA GHANOUSH (EGGPLANT SPREAD)

- 1 medium eggplant (1 lb.)
- 1 small onion, cut into fourths
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1-1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 Tablespoons fresh parsley chopped
- Pita bread wedges

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Pierce eggplant 3-4 times with a fork. Bake about 40 minutes or until soft. Set aside to cool. Peel eggplant and cut into cubes.

Place eggplant, onion, garlic, lemon juice, oil, and salt in a blender. Cover and blend on high speed, stopping to scrape the sides, if necessary, until smooth. Spoon the mixture into a bowl and garnish with parsley.

Serve baba ghanoush with pita bread wedges.

Nutrition information: Each tablespoon-serving contains 9 calories and less than a gram of fat.

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research

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Peru fish dish

Here are some recipes for two classic Peruvian dishes:

FISH CEVICHE

- 1-1/4 pounds boneless fish steaks (sole or sea bass, usually) cut into one-inch pieces.
- 1/2-cup lime juice.
- 1 teaspoon ground garlic.
- 1 celery stalk, finely chopped.
- 2 Peruvian hot peppers (ajies), chopped without seeds or veins.
- 2 teaspoons coriander, chopped.
- 2 onions, thinly chopped lengthwise.
- 2 boiled ears of corn.
- 2 boiled white potatoes.
- 2 boiled sweet potatoes.
- Salt

Lightly rinse fish in cold water then drain, careful that pieces maintain shape. Season with salt, garlic, peppers, celery and coriander. Mix well and add lime juice (juice from acidic Peruvian limes works best). Allow mixture to stand for three minutes; lime juice will "cook" the raw fish. If using fish other than sole or sea bass, let mixture stand for 10 minutes.

Serve on platter with lime juice mixture, covering fish with washed and drained raw onions. Garnish with corn, and slices of white potato and sweet potato. Serves four people.

AJI DE GALLINA

- 4-1/2-pound chicken, boiled in one quart of water with one leek, one carrot, one onion and salt.
- 3/4 cup oil.
- 1 onion, finely chopped.
- 1 clove garlic, crushed.
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds.
- 2 cups soft bread crumbs, soaked in one cup evaporated milk.
- 3 tablespoons blended hot Peruvian pepper (aji).
- 1 cup grated cheese.
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped.
- 2 pounds boiled, peeled yellow potatoes

Remove chicken meat from bones and shred. Save stock. Brown onions, garlic and cumin seeds in 1/2 cup oil. Add soaked bread crumbs and simmer 15 minutes.

Pass through blender for creamier sauce. In remaining 1/4 cup oil, fry hot pepper, then add it to mixture together with chicken, cheese and walnuts. Simmer 10 minutes, thinning with chicken stock and adding salt as necessary. Sauce should be fairly thick.

Put sauce on bed of potatoes and serve with rice. Garnish with black olive and slice of hard-boiled egg. Serves six people.

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Susan DeMaggio Editor 248 901 2567 on the web: http://observer-eccentric.com Sunday, February 22, 1998

Mousepads with moxie: *For inspiration, gaze down at these pads from Successories.*

Desktop jazz perks up work stations

For a sophisticated, professional look to your computer work station, check out **Successories**. Most of its products — including coffee mugs, pens, stationery, mouse pads, screen savers, framed lithographs and awards — feature serene or powerful photographic images, paired with an inspirational or motivational quote.

There are also sports images, like the picture of a gymnast mid-flip on a balance beam. It reads, "Courage, determination, pride. That's what little girls are made of."

SHOPPING CENTERED

DONNA MULCAHY

Mouse pads and coffee mugs are $9.95 each; note pad cubes are $12.95 each; a box of 12 greeting cards (blank on the inside) is $14.95; and framed lithographs are $15.95 (for a 5 x 7) to $89.95 (for a 24 x 30).

Screen saver software packages are $29.95 each, and there are at least four different titles to choose from: "Attitude Savers Volume I," which features 22 motivational images; "Attitude Savers Volume II," which contains 22 corporate images; "The Essence of Golf Screen Saver," which features magnificent vistas of 18 challenging holes; and "Great Moments in Golf Screen Saver," with views of 18 world-class courses.

The screen savers are on 3.5-inch diskettes and require a PC with a Windows 3.1, 386 system or better, or a Macintosh system 7.1 or better. Other requirements also apply, so read the packages before buying to make sure that they're compatible. (Screen savers come on when the computer is idle to prevent screen burn-out). Find Successories stores at **Laurel Park Place**, Newburgh/Six Mile Road in Livonia (734) 591-2040; and on **Square Lake Road** at Livernois in Troy (248) 879-8917.

If you'd like to have a dog, cat, or aquarium at work, or look through the Hubble telescope, or are a fan of "Jurassic Park," "I Love Lucy," the late Princess Diana, the art work of Monet, or the comic strip "Dilbert", then check out these screen savers, which require a CD-Rom drive, among other things, and which are available at **Best Buy.**

"Catz II," and "Dogz II" screen savers, by PF Magic, are $19.99 each. They let you play with an on-screen cartoon dog or cat while you are working on something else (like a letter or spreadsheet). When the computer is idle, the pets nap on-screen.

"Desktop Life Aquazone — the virtual aquarium," by Umbrella Software, is $29.99; "Through the Eye of Hubble," by Second Nature Software Inc. is $14.99; and "The Lost World Jurassic Park, Limited Edition, Entertainment Utility," by Sound Source Interactive, is $19.99. "I Love Lucy, Limited Edition, Entertainment Utility," by Sound Source Interactive, is $14.99; "Diana, the Screen Saver, an anthology in pictures, music and words," by HeadGames Publishing, is $17.99; "Monet's Passionate Art," by Second Nature Software Inc., is $14.99; and "Dilbert — Not Just a Calendar," by CEDCO Publishing, is $19.99. Best Buy has locations in **Westland, Southfield, Madison Heights** and **Waterford.**

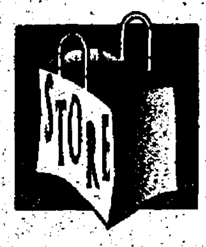
Gail's Office Supply Co., in **Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham** and **Detroit**, sells a variety work space treats, like photograph holders that attach to a monitor or cubicle wall, and an Expressions Scrapbook Mouse Pad ($10.40) by Rubbermaid. Photographs or important notes can be displayed under the mouse pad's clear tracking surface.

Gail's, like Office Depot and other such stores, carries whimsical mouse pads featuring Mickey Mouse, Looney Tunes characters, and Dilbert.

If you'd like a mouse pad that shows your allegiance to the University of Michigan or Michigan State University, check out the M-Den at Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

And if you'd like to have your favorite photograph copied onto a mouse pad or coffee mug, visit the "Mug-Shot" booth across from D. Hilton at Westland Shopping Center. Personalized mouse pads are $[illegible] and mugs are $15.75 to $17.[illegible].

Specialty shop celebrates Sweden



Talk about niche marketing . . . Swede Anne's Butik boasts the only shop in the lower peninsula for lovers of all that is Scandinavian. It's open, of all places, in Orion Township.

BY JUDITH HARRIS SOLOMON
SPECIAL WRITER

What a charming idea for a specialty shop.

Down a winding road, off the beaten path, stands a red frame building with a sky blue door. Colorful flags wave from poles and a sign announces "Swede Anne's Butik".

"This is kind of a dream I've had since I was a little child," said owner Anne Bentley, whose parents migrated to Michigan from Sweden before she was born.

When her husband Ron, a Troy School District counselor and principal, retired after 35 years, they both decided to pursue Anne's dream.

"We wanted a country place store with the ambiance of the countryside of Sweden," she said. "Ron is not a builder by trade, but he designed and built it."

With its natural pine walls, natural oak floors, big working fieldstone fireplace, red exterior and blue door, the shop is meant to resemble a Swedish home.

Inside, there is a fantastic smorgasbord of products from all of the Scandinavian countries.

"There are no other stores like this in lower Michigan," Anne proudly boasts. "But, there are some in the upper peninsula. Norway is known for its sweaters and Dale of Norway is the most popular of all of the companies. I have every pattern that Dale has — maybe 70."

And right now, customers are flocking to buy Dale's U.S. Winter Olympic Team official sweater. Available in a red or dark blue, the sweater ($210) has a snowflake design and an official Olympic patch.

Also from Norway, are Lillunn coats and jackets that are sold in only a few boutiques in the U.S. The owner of Lillunn, Unn Dale, is 70, and was once a top fashion model in Paris.

Princess Diana was photographed wearing her powder blue Lillunn coat with the white polar bear design. Jane Fonda has one too, but hers is black.

From Sweden there are beautiful glass objects. While most Americans are only familiar with Orrefors. Anne points out that there are 16 glass factories in central Sweden within a 20-mile radius who "do the same type of high quality as Orrefors." Swede Anne's stocks glass items from Sea, Lindshammer, Nybro and Bergdula, "the four best known companies beyond Orrefors."

Denmark is represented by wrought iron chandeliers and candle holders, plus a wonderful selection of unusual shaped candles. Finland contributes cloth wall hangings, fine wood hand-carvings and Ittali glass.

Swede Anne's stocks a mouth-watering array of foods imported from Scandinavia. There are 12 different types of herrings, lingonberry jams, crackers, cookies, cheeses, bottled gloggs, a Swedish vanilla sugar "that's great for cooking" and even canned reindeer meatballs.

The store also has a terrific potpourri of informational and travel-oriented videos, cassettes and books.

True Swedish aficionados can get their fix from joke books about Ole and Lena and from children's books about the beloved Pippi Longstocking.

And let us not forget the wide array of items that feature Dala horses, the symbol of Sweden.

"Swedes are so into their horses," Anne insisted. "They will buy anything with horses on it."

Find Swede Anne's Butik at 948 Baldwin Road in Orion Township (248) 814-9000.

Marketing marvels: *Anne and Ron Bentley work together inside their Scandinavian merchandised boutique.*

Plaza becomes the place for parties

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER

Making party arrangements that include beautiful invitations, a great photographer and lots of fresh flowers usually means plenty of running around town. Unless of course your willing to travel to Southfield and get all three details taken care of at once.

Providing one-stop shopping to frazzled party hosts is the idea behind a trio of stores that recently opened in La Mirage Plaza at 12 Mile and Northwestern.

PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Party time: *Deborah Goldfine-Weisserman (left) poses with daughter Maureen Mansfield in their new location in La Mirage Plaza, Southfield.*

The unusual approach to shopping is represented in the small center, which houses just eight stores, in the three shops in a row that cater to customers planning everything from birthday parties to bar mitzvahs. The Rain Forest Florist, Gary Miller Photography and Deborah's Invitations are neighbors in the recently renovated plaza.

"I think it works out real good having all three of us here together," said Maureen Mansfield, a co-owner of Deborah's Invitations. "And there's talk that a fourth spot that is empty right now may be for a limo service."

Mansfield, who operates the store with her parents, Harold and Deborah Weisserman, new having the florist and photographer nearby "would be a big draw" for her shop when she signed the lease last year.

C B Commercial is the firm that leased the space at the re-vamped center. The company specializes in the sale and leasing of commercial real estate property. Senior Vice President Jim Stokas agrees that having one location which includes three party planning services is unique.

"This would have a destination type use where someone, say a bride from Royal Oak, would make a special trip to visit the plaza because it is one stop shopping," he said.

While Mansfield would tend to agree with that assessment she has also found the flow of customers just dropping in to see her new store is steady.

"There's lots of walk in traffic here and it's been very, very, profitable," she said. "We are very pleased with this location." Actually new to the business, Mansfield said her Mom has been creating customized cards for 30 years. Mrs. Weisserman began her career working from her home before later moving to an office building in Southfield in a spot she occupied for many years.

When Mansfield agreed to begin learning the business and working in the store last year they decided to take a chance on a new location.

"My Mom is so good at what she does and is so well known in this business that what we were really nervous about was the huge rent increase," Mansfield said.

Deborah's Invitations is housed in a 1000 square foot shop that prides itself on catering to the customers needs.

"Some people are happy to look in the books and select something but others prefer a more custom look," Mansfield said. "We do a lot of personalized items and specialty things "It's a great business because you are always working with people for a happy occasion and you get to be creative too," she added.

Deborah's Invitations is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Hours are flexible to meet customers schedules. Call 356-2454.

News of special events for shoppers is included. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

Puppet show

Performed daily at 7 p.m. Saturdays 11, 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m.

MeadowBrook Village Mall.
Adams/Walton. Rochester Hills.
(248) 375-9451.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

Designer visits

Pam McMahon presents her unique spring collection in exquisite fabrics and trims from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus through Feb. 25 in the Couture Salon. Informal modeling from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

Somerset Collection South.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 643-3300.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

Art clothing show

Meet local artisan/designer Jennifer Sly Kirk and enjoy a spring show of her unique jackets, vests and coats from noon to 7 p.m. Refreshments served. Also, see the latest belts, purses and jewelry from Brighton Leather at the Apple Tree Room boutique.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 27

Spring Trunk Shows

Neiman Marcus presents the newest St. John knit wear collection for cruise and spring '98 with informal modeling from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Feb. 28. Also on Feb. 28, a Hickey-Freeman trunk show in the Men's Department from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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(248) 643-3300.

Golf Show

Third annual Great Michigan Golf Show through March 1 features 250 merchandise, golf getaway booths, fashion shows by Bavarian Village Feb. 27 at 3,5, and 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. 2 and 5 p.m. March 1 at 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets are $8.

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Open House

Rerun Consignment Boutique celebrates its third year in business with a special sale of 50- to 75-percent off winter merchandise through Feb. 28.

33666 Five Mile. Livonia.
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SATURDAY, FEB. 28

Designer visits

Meet woman's sportswear designer Sigrid Olsen commentating a spring show of her new collection at a breakfast at Jacobson's, 336 West Maple, Birmingham at 9:30 a.m. and at a luncheon at Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store, Six Mile/Newburgh at 12:30 p.m. Reservations required.

Call Lori Cohen (248) 644-6900.

Family Fun central

Black History storytellers Carole Richardson and Ivory Williams present educational and entertaining narratives at 4 and 6 p.m. in the Fountain Court. Free. Photos.

Fairlane Town Center.
Michigan/Southfield Fwy. Dearborn.
(313) 593-1370.

Safety exhibits

Sponsored by the Red Cross through March 1, hands-on informational prevention and safety activities to kick-off Red Cross month. Regular mall hours.

Tel-Twelve Mall. 12 Mile/Telegraph. Southfield.
(248) 353-4111.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Home & Garden program

The Somerset Collection hosts a home and garden style and fashion program through April 11. Garden displays, stage performances and daily gardening lectures. Sale of playhouses to benefit Habitat for Humanity begins April 1. Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. informal modeling of spring fashions in the North Grand Court and South Rotunda. Cabaret jazz series each Thursday night at 7 p.m. March 5.

Today at 1 p.m. *Arranging Fresh Cut Flowers* by Tim Hourigan from The Flower Co. At 3 p.m. *Sculptures to Accent Your Garden* by Anthony Bellomo from Black Forest Building Co.

Event hotline: (248) 816-5484.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? **(248) 901-2555.** *Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in the following Sunday's column.*

What we found:

• **Tetra D** is available at the Crescent Continental Company (313) 867-5675.

• A reader donated **Ivory Snow flakes** for Deb for her girl scouts.

• The **Little Foot Figures** and **Sara dinosaur** can be found in **JC Penney Overstocked** catalog for $9.99.

• Doug, found **Jeopardy** games for you, please call.

• For **Wham-O plastic bow tacks,** call Halleine Fish, a distributor for Cameo products, (313) 425-2304.

• Susan wants Rochelle's **Work Basket** magazines.

• **Chupa suckers** can be found at **Sam's Club** in Westland. But, they changed the #1 bucket.

• **Smucker's marshmallow topping** can be bought at **Richardson's Pharmacy** on Ford/Lilly in **Canton.**

• **Toys R Us** still carries "**Go to the Head of the Class**" and also **lapdesks,** when in stock.

• A reader offered **Bodycology Cool Blue** eye gel for Chris.

• **A Barry Sanders shirt** can be found at **Field of Dreams,** The Somerset Collection, Troy. Pam called to say the New Morning School is having an auction on March 28th at Laurel Manor, along with a formal sit-down dinner, there is a signed Barry Sanders jersey up for bid.

• **Beanie Babies** can be found at the Susan B. Ashley Co. Livonia (313) 422-8700.

• **Adrienne Arpel** products can be found at Hudson's Oakland Mall, Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi.

• **Adventures in Toys,** 163 Maple, Birmingham has the games Pit, Kling, and Tric Trax (248) 646-5550.

We're still looking for:

• **Barbara McCall Seaver** owns a dance school on Maple and is wondering if any of her former students has pictures of the inside of the studio from the '50s, '60s and early '70s (248) 644-5133.

• Dan of Troy is looking for large, new or used **chafing dishes** for a reasonable price.

• Old-fashioned **night caps** with a peak and ball at the end, for Sol of Lathrup Village.

• Al is looking for **Wood to Wood** similar to **Liquid Gold** which he was able to purchase through Family Circle magazine about 5 years ago. It is a self polishing for cabinets.

• **Bonanza** board game by Parker Bros. for Gwen.

• Debbie is looking for a store or restaurant that sells **Halibut** fish that Sutherland Fish & Chips on 7 Mile/Middlebelt used to sell.

• Joe is looking for parts to a **Sunbeam master shaver** with Coleman blades.

• A game, **Kids on Stage,** for Linda.

• The movie video **Hope & Glory** for Jack.

• Julie is looking for a Farberware **counter top convection** oven.

• **A Betty Crocker** cookbook from the '50s.

• A large **scrapbook** for Marlene.

• Lori wants the **Pivot Pool** game by Milton Bradley.

• **A Stanley mop head** for a dry mop. The caller is looking for anyone who sells Stanley products.

• Winnie wants a recording or a video tape of the **1998 Rose Bowl** Parade, to buy or copy.

• Toddler **plastic pocket bib,** Kangaroo brand, and a Thank You bib by Family Concepts, used to buy at **Baby's R Us.**

• Mary is looking for **hand soap 4711 White Rose glycerine.**

• **A hood ornament** for a 1952 Dodge pickup truck for Marga's granddaughter who is refinishing the truck.

• Joanne is looking for a place to buy a **Sander's Colonial Buttercream cake** in the Livonia/Canton area.

• Lynne is looking for **Revlon Natural Herb Cleanser** eye makeup remover in a light green/yellow 15-ounce jar.

• Linda is looking for the movie sound track **Rich in Love** CD or cassette.

• Checker players for the Coca-Cola Town Square Village Collection, issued in 1994.

• A **five year diary** for Jeannie.

• **Coty** mascara, long & healthy or thick & healthy, for Faye.

• Travel **Scrabble,** all magnetic board and pieces, this game does not fold.

• **A recording** of the Singing Plummer (Bob Taylor) performing the Star Spangled Banner or the National Anthem, for Don.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Winter warmth: *Wool sweaters by Devold are gaining renewed popularity.*

Games warm sweater sales

Americans are wearing Norwegian wool sweaters on the slopes and they're expected to be seen even more after the 1998 Winter Games.

According to Henrik Lumholdt of Devold (woolens since 1853) the Norwegian Textile Industry anticipates the Winter Olympics in Japan will spark even further demand for these classic sweaters. In fact, the Canadian speedskating team has asked for and will wear Devold wool sweaters.

"Wool is becoming the choice among skiers, snowboarders, hikers and backpackers," says Lumholdt, president of the U.S./Canadian operations for Devold, which is based in Aeslund, Norway and sold locally at Swede Anne's Butik, 948 Baldwin Road.

"Some of our earliest designs that outfitted the great explorers like Roald Amundsen, are still popular today. They haven't changed a bit except that today's wool sweater is softer and feels less itchy due to better wool treatment."

Lumholdt credits the ski shops with popularizing the Norwegian sweaters nationally. As a result, Devold is expanding its 1998 line to include a full range of light weight to heavy weight sweaters in classic and contemporary designs that fit all outdoor and casual wear.

"The wool sweater has taken its place again as a fashionable as well as functional apparel piece," said Andrea Gabbard, senior contributing editor for Outdoor Retailer trade magazine.

Cardigans, pullovers and tunics are most popular, she said, and there is increasing interest in the windstopper sweaters – wool sweaters that are lined with a windproof/water resistant membrane, such as SympaTex or Gore.

RETAIL DETAILS

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GILDA CLUB MERCHANDISE

Sears, a national sponsor of Gilda's Club, will test sales of special logoed merchandise for the non-profit, cancer support organization named in honor of comedian Gilda Radner.

The merchandise will be available through Sunday, March 22 in the **Twelve Oaks Mall** store in **Novi.** The signature Gilda's Club red door and signage will alert shoppers to the "Gilda's Club Shop" which will be located in an area adjacent to the Men's department. The merchandise will include: T-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, baseball caps, mugs, mouse pads, and Sears' exclusive Gilda's Club neckwear collection, designed by celebrity friends and members of Gilda's Club. Ten percent of sales will be donated to the local clubs. Gilda's Club provides free social and emotional support to people living with cancer, and their families and friends, in a non-residential and home-like meeting place.

GETAWAY TO THE SPA

If you need a mid-winter escape and you can't make it happen, **Salone Nadwa & Day Spa** offers this solution: Stop in for a stress-reducing treatments to "bring bliss to your physical and mental well-being." They recommend an aroma therapy facial, a detoxifying body masque, a massage, or a rest in the Energy Sequence Chair "unraveling tight and tense knotted muscles in the back, shoulder and neck."

The spa is at the **Novi Town Center.** For more details call (248) 348-7316.

DELI ORIGINATES PITA WRAP

Dan and Kerri Sarb claim to have introduced the grilled pita wrap sandwich (a new deli sensation) a year ago at the **Harvey's Olde Village Deli** on 696 North Mill St. in **Plymouth.** They explained that their famous entree in "grilled to perfection and served with an array of side dishes for less than $5." The deli is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Saturday until 4 p.m.) For information call (734) 453-3705.

SKIN CARE SEMINAR

Vincene Parrinello, creator of **Hope Skin Care,** hosts an informational seminar on Saturday, Feb. 28 at The Athenuem Suite Hotel in Greek Town, downtown **Detroit,** from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. A continental brunch will be served. Tickets are $10-$15 and will be applied to any purchase. The skin care line contains patented formulas and a water replacement system enriched with fruits, herbs and flowers. Seating is limited. Reservations required by calling 1-888-987-0098.

ART OF FASHION SHOW SET

The public is invited to attend a benefit for **HAVEN** featuring spring's best from the top designers at **Neiman Marcus,** on Thursday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m. The event will take place on the store's Level Two, Somerset Collection South, **Troy.** Patron reservations are $100; Friend reservations are $50. Refreshments included. For more information call (248) 334-2343, ext. 26.

JEWELERS DONATE ICE

The annual **VARIETY** auction for children with special needs, will feature diamonds and other stunning jewels from **Greenstone's, Astrein's, Sidney Krandall & Sons** and **David Wachler & Sons,** on Saturday, Feb. 28 at The Wabeek Country Club in **West Bloomfield.** The theme for this year's gala is "Diamonds and Ice." For ticket information, please call (248) 258-5511.

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On May 5, 1998, the Wayne County Treasurer will be selling delinquent real property tax liens on lands which have unpaid taxes for the year 1995. The sale will be held at the county seat in Detroit

The property descriptions and total taxes to be offered at the tax sale will be published for three weeks in the Michigan Citizen on 03/08/1998, 03/15/1998, 03/22/1998

Copies of the tax sale publication may be obtained by contacting the newspaper shown above.

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ANN ARBOR PIONEER
Class of 1978
July 18 at the Crowne Plaza.
(810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

BELLEVILLE
Class of 1988
Sept. 19 at the Marriott, Ypsilanti.
(800) 677-7800

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER
Class of 1987
March 21 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
(248) 360-7004, press 2
Class of 1978
Aug. 1 at Somerset Inn, Troy.
(248) 366-9493, press 3

CHERRY HILL
Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August.
(734) 729-6783

CHIPPEWA VALLEY
Class of 1978
July 24 at Zuccaro's in Chesterfield.
(810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

DEARBORN
All classes
A western Caribbean cruise for alumni and friends aboard Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas will sail from Miami on Oct. 25.
(800) 545-0435

DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1968
Looking for classmates for a reunion.
Pam Yee Gianola, 1243 Smith Road, Beulah, Mich., 49617-9493 or e-mail at mie-nai@aliens.com
Class of 1988
Is looking for names and addresses of classmates.
(313) 896-0736, (313) 859-0261 or (313) 882-1632
Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 442-9320, by fax at (248) 442-8830 or Sharon Law-Williamson, 28479 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia 48152
Class of 1958
Oct. 10 at the Detroit Golf Club, Detroit.
(313) 882-4626 or (248) 548-5384

DETROIT CHADSEY
Classes of 1948 and 1949
Oct. 3 at St. Clement Hall, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn.
(313) 266-4129 or (313) 383-2343 for 1948, or (313) 273-1589 for 1949
Class of 1958
July 31 at the Novi Hilton Hotel.
(248) 548-4829

DETROIT COOLEY
Class of 1948
A reunion is planned for Oct. 9-11.
(248) 473-4437

DETROIT KETTERING
Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion.
Send name, address and telephone number to Chrystal Esaw, 27930 Berkshire Dr., Southfield 48076, or call (248) 358-5236, (313) 526-8667, (313) 839-9858 or (313) 372-3159

DETROIT MACKENZIE
January-June classes of 191948
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(248) 553-4033 or (734) 464-3793

DETROIT MUMFORD
Class of 1958
Oct. 3 at the Northfiled Hilton Hotel, Troy.
(248) 851-5679, (248) 855-9262, (248) 626-5406, by fax at (248) 855-9194 or by e-mail at Mealesin@Mich.com or gr4245@aol.com

DETROIT PERSHING
Classes of 1949-53
Are planning a reunion.
(248) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244
January-June classes of 1952
A fall reunion is being planned
(248) 623-2454, (810) 771-9810 or (810) 979-4594

DETROIT ST. THERESA
Class of 1948
A September reunion is planned.
(248) 879-8173 or (517) 546-0903

DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN
50th anniversary
May 30 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. $50.
(248) 356-0018 or (313) 881-5927

DETROIT WESTERN
Class of 1949
Is planning a reunion.
(313) 274-3214

DURAND
Class of 1948
Is planning a reunion.
Send name, address and telephone number to Gerald Bartram, 505 E. Clinton St., Durand, Mich. 48429 or call (517) 288-3732 or (517) 288-3679

FARMINGTON
Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for July 25.
(313) 266-0783 or (313) 394-0649
Class of 1968
Aug. 7 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi.
(810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

FARMINGTON HARRISON
Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for July at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.
(248) 442-2862

GARDEN CITY WEST
Aug. 21-23 at Laurel Park Marriott Hotel, Livonia. Dinner-dance on Aug. 22 costs $60 per person.
(734) 427-8768, by fax at (313) 427-2311 or (734) 420-0156

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Class of 1978
Aug. 8 at the Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods.
(800) 677-7800

HAZEL PARK
Class of 1978
Is planning a reunion in 1998.
(800) 677-7800

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Aug. 15.
(734) 420-2558

PLYMOUTH CANTON/SALEM
Classes of 1988
A joint reunion is planned for June 20.
CEP Class of '88, P.O. Box 5356, Plymouth 48170

REDFORD THURSTON
Class of 1973
Nov. 28 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.
Donna Erndt, 33466 Vargo Dr., Livonia, or call (734) 522-9405 or *(313) 535-4000, Ext. 412*

ROYAL OAK
January Class of 1953
May 16 at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills.
(248) 549-3863 or (810) 752-8961

WARREN
Class of 1978
July 25 at the Fernhill Country Club.
(248) 644-3545

WARREN WOODS TOWER
Class of 1988
Is planning a reunion.
(810) 790-4214 or (810) 771-7328

WATERFORD KETTERING
Class of 1968
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 628-3926, (248) 681-1768 or (248) 623-6057

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at the Roma Banquet Center, Garden City.
(248) 360-7004, press 1

YPSILANTI
Class of 1988
Aug. 8 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Arts scholarship triumphs over disabilities

While volunteering to create art with disabled children and adults at the Very Special Arts Festival over the last three years I've had the opportunity to observe Jack Olds working in the wings as a member of the Southeast Region Committee of Very Special Arts Michigan.

Olds, a Livonia artist and volunteer extraordinaire, strongly believes in the Very Special Arts mission of providing programs for people with disabilities to grow, to whatever degree possible, through the arts.

It puts a smile on your face to work with these children and adults, and I'm sure Olds feels the same way I do.

Always the arts advocate, Olds for several years encouraged me to serve on the Southeast Region Committee. In June, my schedule finally permitted me to join five other members working to produce the annual festival, and award grants to groups such as JARC in Southfield. So, it's especially satisfying to be involved with honoring Olds by awarding a scholarship in his name. The winner of the first Jack Olds Scholarship to an adult performing or visual artist will be presented at the Very Special Arts Festival Friday-Saturday, May 1-2 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

Jack Olds Scholarship Competition

What: The Southeast Region Committee of Very Special Arts Michigan will award a scholarship of up to $500 to a disabled individual, age 18 and older, to further their creative talent in the visual, performing or literary arts.

Eligibility: Applicants must reside in southeastern Michigan (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson counties).

Deadline: March 16. For an application or more information, call Cyndy Babcock (248) 543-9158.

"I was sort of speechless when I was told about the award," said Olds, former grants director for the Michigan Council for the Arts (now the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs). "I hope it's going to enable someone to accomplish what they wouldn't have been able to do before."

Jack Olds embodies the heart of the Very Special Arts philosophy.

"Very Special Arts is important because it presents an opportunity for people with disabilities to express themselves in creative ways that are personally satisfying," said Olds, "and to enable the public to realize the innate gift and pride of accomplishment in all of us."

The Southeast Region Committee of Very Special Arts began thinking about awarding a scholarship in Olds' name more than two years ago. This is the first scholarship to be given to an individual. Until now only groups have been awarded funds to operate arts programs.

Spirit

"Jack epitomizes the spirit of Very Special Arts," said Millie Stachowski, who will be honored as Very Special Arts Teacher of the Year in Grand Rapids March 4. "Supporting other artists is what Jack is all about."

Olds spearheaded and coordinated the first Very Special Arts Michigan touring art exhibit created by children with disabilities. One of the venues it was displayed at was Urban Park-Detroit Art Center in Trapper's Alley in Greektown. This year's exhibit will be on display at the festival in May.

"Jack quietly works behind the scenes," said Jody Conradi-Stark, president of the Southeast Region Committee. "He's such a man of integrity, so caring and humble. You get the sense of how much he cares about people. He truly believes in the importance of the arts for persons of every ability and the power of the arts to transform."

Connie Lott, a fellow committee member and executive director of the

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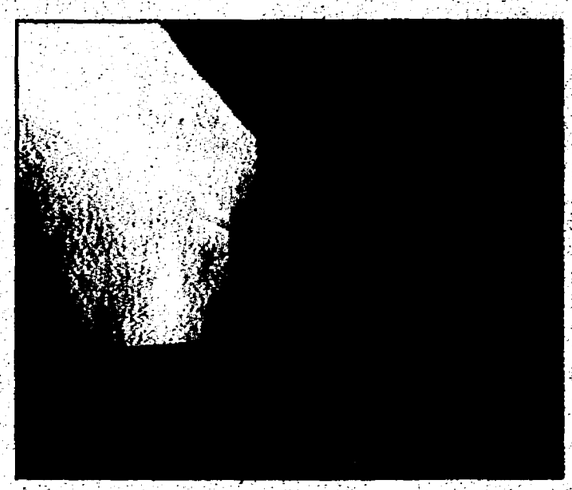
Art programs take learning out of books



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Volunteering answers: *(Above photo) Jenna Larabell (right), Damon Trestain and Amanda Willyard were eager to answer questions about art during a DIA program which encourages students to observe and develop critical thinking skills. (Top photo) Sharon Herman, a docent for the Detroit Institute of Arts, leads a discussion about American art at Cass Elementary School in Livonia.*

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Janet Friedman's students toured the Detroit Institute of Arts on Feb. 10 without leaving Cass Elementary School in Livonia. The sixth graders electric response to the Art to the Schools program, presented by docent Sharon Herman, could be felt even at the back of the room.

Friedman began inviting the museum into her classroom more than 15 years ago. The presentation enriches student understanding of the place of art and humanities in society. The docents usually precede an annual visit by students to "see the real thing."

"They need to see history in other ways than a book," said Friedman, a 30-year veteran of teaching. "They have to see it through the eyes of other people and hear it from someone else as well."

A heartening moment early in the presentation occurred when Herman, a West Bloomfield resident, asked how many students had visited the DIA. All 19 hands went up. Although students receive only 50 minutes of art a week at Cass, Friedman supplements the class with DIA presentations by local volunteers in the Livonia Public Schools' Masterworks program. A similar program run by the Plymouth Community Arts Council exists in Plymouth Canton Schools.

"Art to the Schools starts in fourth grade because they're developing listening and sitting still skills, and stops at sixth grade, because we want teachers to bring them to the museum to see the real art work," said Herman, who once a week takes the free program to schools in Garden City, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester, Birmingham and Clarkston.

Depending on the length of class time, docents speak from 45 minutes to one hour using the "Visual Thinking" approach which encourages students to observe and develop critical thinking skills. After writing terms such as narrative, mosaic, portrait, sculpture, Herman illustrated each with slides of art works in the DIA's permanent collection. The terms landscape and sculpture came easy to the sixth graders.

"I want you to do the work," said Herman. "I want to encourage you to start thinking about works of art in different ways, not just paintings and sculpture."

Using a bronze sculpture of a freed slave, a mosaic created at the DIA by Romare Bearden in 1986 for the 100th anniversary of the museum, and a silver tea pot crafted by Paul Revere, Herman created a slice of "American Life" which relayed this country's history from the 1700s to 1986. Greg Goddard admired William Merritt Chase's still life of eel, stingray and octopus from the late 19th century.

"It looks so realistic," said Goddard.

Students were impressed by the art works. When asked at the end of the presentation for their thoughts, Goddard replied, "I learned the different ways you can make paintings and sculpture and that you can put whatever you feel like into them."

Laura Skrobot, who had painted a portrait of her mother in art class said, "I thought it was great. I learned you can tell a story without words."

Lynsey Coran was amazed, "there's so many different kinds of art."

In the 1996-97 school year, Art to the Schools docents gave 905 talks at 302 schools bringing art to 25,385 fourth, fifth and sixth graders in 71 communities. Docents receive 10 months of intensive art history studies at the museum before stepping into their first classroom. Herman, an interior designer, always loved art even before taking the training six years ago.

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Art to the Schools: Organized by the Detroit Institute of Arts in 1961, this program sends docents into tri-county area schools. The free 45-minute to one hour session enriches student understanding of the place of art and humanities in society. Each class gets a chance to win a drawing for a trip to the DIA and each child receives a card for one free admission. For more information, or to volunteer, call (313) 833-9178.

Masterworks: Sponsored by the PTA, this program was designed after the nationwide "Picture Lady" presentations. For information about volunteering, call Livonia Public Schools community relations specialist Mary Pat Benoit (734) 532-9112.

Art Volunteer Program: The Plymouth Community Arts Council takes art and sculpture reproductions, and culture units into 15 elementary schools in the Plymouth Canton district. To learn more about volunteering, call (734) 416-4ART.

MUSIC

The 'King' returns to sing with symphony

Cabaret Concert

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs a variety of selections ranging from "Don Giovanni" to light classics and Elvis tunes at its annual benefit concert.

When: 7 p.m. Friday, March 6.

Where: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Cost: Tickets are $25, and available at the Livonia Civic Center Library Gift Shop or by calling (734) 421-1111/464-2741.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Elvis is alive and singing with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

OK, Kelly Boesl is not really Elvis Presley, and he actually won't be performing with the orchestra, but between their segments in a benefit concert and all-out celebration on March 6, Boesl will rock the house with Elvis tunes such as "Don't Be Cruel," "Teddy Bear" and "Suspicious Minds."

The orchestra and conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk invite you to join them for this festive evening, cabaret style.

"We're characterizing it as our 25th anniversary party, so we'll have champagne on all the tables," said Bob Bennett, Livonia Symphony president.

This is Boesl's first performance with an orchestra. A used car salesman by day, the Waterford resident puts on his jumpsuit evenings and weekends to become a hunk of "Burning Love" at clubs and senior centers around town.

"In 1963, me and my uncle went to see "Viva, Las Vegas" and I've been an Elvis fan ever since," said the 41-year-old singer. "Later, I won first place at a talent show impersonating Elvis and I've been on my way ever since."

Elvis sighting: *Kelly Boesl is "All Shook Up" about performing at the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's March 6 concert.*

Board member Rose Kachnowski first saw Boesl perform as Elvis at a 50th anniversary celebration for Madonna University.

"I, of course, grew up in the Elvis era and saw him in person," said Kachnowski. "We asked Kelly to perform just for the fun of it. The cabaret is fun. We want to make sure everybody has fun. We'll have a smattering of music from light classic to show tunes and pop."

Liz Mihalo

Joining Boesl on the guest roster is soprano Liz Mihalo and baritone Sachal Vasandani singing something a little "heavier," a duet from "Don Giovanni." Mihalo, a freshman at the University of Michigan School of Music, will make her debut as a soloist with a symphony orchestra although she's soloed with the Catholic Central Jazz Band. Mihalo is a graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills

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my daughter's school but a way to expand my knowledge of art history."

While Herman spoke in Friedman's class, Barbara Wojcik led a discussion next door in Marilyn Pobanz's sixth grade classroom. The chairman of the Art to the Schools program is an old hand at bringing art to life. Like all of the docents, she give a minimum of 20 talks a year.

"The training is different for younger children than it is for the older ones," said Wojcik, a Farmington Hills resident. "I love talking to the kids. I love it when they say, I never knew I liked art. We try to teach children how to look at art without a docent. You don't have to figure it out, just enjoy it or just hate it."

Local heroes

Sherry Eid volunteers in the Masterworks program. The color pencil artist brings art into the classroom once a month at the request of teachers at Cass Elementary.

"You ask is the painting quiet or active? There's no wrong answer. We try to get them to look at the picture," said Eid. "It's a wonderful chance for kids to get exposed to different styles of art from Cubism to Surrealism. What's interesting is the approach kids have to art. They have more fun letting their imagination loose."

In April, third and fourth graders at Cass will take a trip to Livonia City Hall to view an exhibition by Artifacts Art Club, of which Eid is a member.

"We'd like to get more parents involved," said Eid. "You don't need to have a background in art."

Sponsored by the PTA, Masterworks began 12 years ago and visits the Jackson Center and 22 elementaries in the Livonia Public Schools system. Volunteers only need an interest in art to bring the subject to life for students from kindergarten through sixth grade.

"At the beginning of the school year, art teachers give a demonstration," said Mary Pat Benoit, community relations specialist for Livonia Public Schools. "A packet tells about the artist, how they painted. You ask what color do you see. It really opens students eyes to what's out there as far as art. It keeps art in the classroom."

Volunteers from the Plymouth Community Arts Council tote red portfolios filled with reproductions of Picasso Portraits, the Art of Black America and works from the Detroit Institute of Arts collection. The Art Volunteer Program reaches students from kindergarten to fifth grade in 15 Plymouth Canton Schools. The average presentation, which also includes sculpture and culture units, runs one-half hour, once a month.

Co-chair of the Art Volunteer program with Marty Coplai, Noreen Desilets volunteers at Fiegel where her son Justin is in third grade. For a unit on portraiture, Desilets asked students to draw a self portrait after reading a synopsis sheet that comes with the portfolio.

"Material can be incorporated in many different ways from a drawing to relaying the history of an artist," said Desilits, who graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in art. "It's a wonderful program because the children just love it. Many of these children will never step foot into a museum so it exposes them to what's there."

As with all art programs, the Plymouth Community Arts Council needs volunteers. Art Volunteers attend an orientation session on presenting material at the beginning of the school year.

"Some schools have 15 to 20 volunteers; Fiegel has six," said Desilets. "Hopefully, one day with more volunteers we could expand to higher grades."

The Art Volunteer program is in the process of assembling culture units on countries like India but is in desperate need of donations.

"We're looking for coins, postcards, anything from anyone who's taken trips abroad so children can see what the currency looks like," said Desilets. "We also have a unit on North American Indians."

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where she studied with Lawrence Teevens and was a member of the Mercyaires. In just a few short years, Mihalo's become a veteran performer. She toured Germany, Austria, France and The Netherlands as part of the Blue Lake International Choral Ensemble in 1995.

A native of Livonia, Mihalo participated in the All-State Choir program at Interlochen Arts Camp last summer and received first place vocal scholarships from Farmington musicale in 1995 and 1996. Her senior year at Mercy, she studied voice with Francis Brockington at Wayne State University and presently takes classes with Willis Patterson at School of Music in Ann Arbor. She has acted in several Mercy High School musicals and a Nancy Gurwin production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

"I've been singing since forever, but studying voice since I was in high school," said Mihalo. "It's good to be nervous in that you care about your performance."

Vocal talent seems to run in Mihalo's family. Mother Carole Mihalo is choir director at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills. Father Daniel sings with the Schoolcraft College Community Choir. Liz, a cantor at St. Collete Church in Livonia, frequently performs with her mother at weddings, funerals and masses at various churches in the Detroit metropolitan area.

'It's always important to give back your talent to God and Community.'
Liz Mihalo
singer

"I will always be singing in churches," said Mihalo. "It's always important to give back your talent to God and Community."

For 23 years, the Livonia Symphony held Young Artist Competitions to spotlight emerging talent. The past two years lack of funding prohibited the orchestra from holding an official contest but continues to support young musicians and vocalists by featuring them in their concerts.

"We're always highlighting young talent," said Kachnowski. "The key factor with holding the competitions was money for the prizes. We hope eventually to reinstate the competitions."

Now in its 25th season, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, prior to 1988, was known as the Oakway Symphony, short for Oakland and Wayne counties from which its members hailed. Today, it's composed of about 75 professional and semiprofessional musicians from a number of area communities.

"This is a fund-raiser," said Kachnowski. "People will be able to bid on conducting the orchestra. It costs a lot of money to put on concert. We're so fortunate to have a community orchestra. We'd like to see as many members of the community come out and support the orchestra. It's their orchestra as well."

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FAR Conservatory in Birmingham, added "Jack appreciates the art and artist in all of us."

History in the arts

Growing up, Olds saw first hand the positive effect art had on an uncle with a disability. Maybe, that's why he spent more than three decades working as an arts administrator and supporting Very Special Arts. One opportunity just seemed to lend itself to another to help the arts.

In late 1967, Olds began a 12 year tenure as a board member and eventually became director of the Iowa Arts Council. He first learned about Very Special Arts after he was elected to the board of directors for the National Assembly for Arts Agencies and chaired the arts education committee. At the time he was also a university art professor and four times a year flew to Washington, D.C. to sit on the Alliance for Arts Education board of the J.F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, in Washington, D.C.

"That's when I originally got started with Very Special Arts," said Olds. "The Alliance for Arts Education, from which Very Special Arts was born as an educational affiliate of the J.F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, came about because of the Kennedys' involvement with the disabled."

An international organization founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith, Very Special Arts enriches the lives of persons with disabilities by encouraging development though music, drama, dance, and visual arts programs then sharing their accomplishments.

Upon returning home from one of his trips to Washington, D.C., Olds knew Very Special Arts "was a program he was anxious to get working in Iowa." Under Olds direction, the Iowa Arts Council funded money to help start a Very Special Arts in the state. The nonprofit organization held its first festival at Luther College in Iowa.

Very Special Arts Michigan offers programs in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, arts and community centers throughout the state.

By the time Olds, a native of Marquette, returned to Michigan in fall of 1979, Very Special Arts was established here so Olds supported Very Special Arts from his vantage point as grants director for the Michigan Council for the Arts. After retiring in 1990, Olds became active as a volunteer with Very Special Arts Michigan, serving on the state board and eventually joining the Southeast Region Committee. He also joined the Livonia Arts Commission for three years and eventually became president of the group.

"Karen DiChiera of the Michigan Opera Theatre whom I knew through my work at the Michigan Council for the Arts was involved and wanted to have this festival across from the Fisher Building at New Center One," said Olds. "Karen was one of the founders of the Southeast Region Committee. I thought the festival was a great idea to showcase persons triumphing over their disabilities through the arts."

Since then, the Southeast Region Committee has held eight festivals featuring performing artists with disabilities. Look for the showcase complete with hands-on art activities the first weekend in May. Children and adult performers with mental and physical challenges are still needed to participate in the festival spotlighting dance, vocal and instrumental achievements of special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area. Deadline for entry is March 16. For applications, teachers and art therapists should call (248) 646-3347.

In the last few years, Olds spent less and less time volunteering with Very Special Arts because he wanted to concentrate on his own art. His first love, besides wife Joan, is print making. Hung from a clothesline in his basement is a wood cut. The self-portrait with his cat will be given to recipients of the Jack Olds Scholarship Award.

"I wanted to accomplish certain things like competing and having a one-man show," said Olds.

He has done both. Through March 15 Olds exhibits his part of a drawing in the "Exquisite Corpse" exhibition at the Ann Arbor Art Center. One of his prints is also in the Alma College Statewide Touring Print Exhibition currently at the Saginaw Art Museum

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ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL
Enter 16 mm film in the following categories: documentary, animated, experimental, narrative and personal. Shown during week of March 17-22. Entry form: Ann Arbor Film Festival, P.O. Box 8232, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8232. URL: http://aafilmfest.org

DOCUMENTA USA
Slides, videotape (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1998 exhibit. Every submission will be presented. Artists of any medium, age free to participate. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence St., Ste. 101, Pontiac, MI 48342.

GREEKTOWN ART FAIR
Artist applications available for the 1998 Greektown Art Fair, sponsored by the Greektown Merchants Association in cooperation with the Michigan Guild of Artists and aRtisans. Deadline: Feb. 27, 1998. For application, call (313) 662-3382.

MACOMB BALLET COMPANY
6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, open auditor male and female ballet dancers. Must be 12 years of age to audition. Ladies wear black leotard, pink tights and pointe shoes. Men should wear black tights and white t-shirt. Fee: $10. (810) 286-8300.

MUSIC COMPETITION
The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded. Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

RUSSIAN BALLET SUMMER PROGRAM
Dancers ages 12 through college age are invited to audition for admittance and scholarship to the Ballet Intensive from Moscow Summer Program at Michigan State University on Sunday, Feb. 22. 2 p.m.: 12-13 year olds; 3:30 p.m.: 14 and up. The Michigan Ballet School, 5526 Drake Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-2430.

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

BENEFIT

COMMUNITY HOSPICE
6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, the sixth annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance & Auction to benefit Community Hospice & Home CAre Services, Inc. St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Tickets: $50-$125; (734) 522-4244.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

THE ART GALLERY/STUDIO
Classes in basic drawing and general art for the very young with Frances Fletcher Saturdays Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14 in the studio, 29948 Ford Road between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt, Garden City. Times: 10-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. Cost: $40 (includes supplies). Portrait and still life for adult taught by Lin Baum 1-4 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 20 & 27. Cost: $50; (313) 261-0379/513-4044.

THE ART STUDIO
Adult winter art classes in oils, pastels and drawing. Children's after-school classes in drawing, painting and crafts. 4417 S. Commerce Road, Commerce Township; (248) 360-5772.

BOOKMAKING/COLLAGES
6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, through March 5. Techniques to make books, journals, cards and envelopes. Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248() 651-4110.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC
Winter classes, including drawing, sculpture and painting. Children's classes included drawing and cartooning, painting, mask-making, arts and crafts and printmaking. Teen and adult classes include beaded jewelry, ceramics, photography, Chinese brush painting and blues guitar. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

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

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through March 5 – 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., "Survey of World Art," Holley Room; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Feb. 28 & March 7, "From the African Loom to the African American Quilt." Fees vary. Classes and workshops require preregistration. To register call (313) 833-4249.

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

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

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Two-day workshops 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. 8691 N. Lilley Road; (313) 453-3710.

PAINT CREEK WINTER CLASSES
Black & white photography workshop, including developing, printing and darkroom techniques. Feb. 26 & 28, and March 11 & 14. Hand coloring workshop 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Learn to hand-color black and white photos. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 651-4110.

VILLAGE PLAYERS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS
Spring and summer workshops using theater games, improvisation and covering a playful introduction to children's musical theater, including singing, dancing, acting and performing. Directed by composer/teacher David Mayer in association with The Village Players. Workshops begin March 7 and June 29, respectively. For specific dates and tim 644-2075.

WINTER CLASSES WITH KAREN HALPERN
February classes with noted Bloomfield Hills artist. Class offerings include a range of media. Locations include Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Ferndale and Petosky. Schedules and information, call (248) 851-8215.

CLASSICAL

MENDELSSHOHN'S ELIJAH
4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, the UMS Choral Union of Thomas Sheets, featuring baritone Gary Relyea, soprano Katherine Larson, alto Jayne Sleder and Tenor Richard Fracker. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-2538.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Broadway Night Celebrates Cole Porter, features conductor Erich Kunzel, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28; 3 p.m. Sunday, March 1. Tickets range from $42 to $17 (box seats $60).
"Raiders of the Lost Symphony," conductor David Alan Miller asks his audience of young "Raiders" to help uncover the origins of the symphony by solving riddles posed by the Symphonic Spinx, as part of **"Young People's Concert Series,"** 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $7-$27. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

FAIR LANE MUSIC GUILD
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, the CutTime Players, a new ensemble of seven musicians from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane, University of Michigan, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (313) 593-5330.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
7 p.m. Friday, March 6, with Maestro Volodmyr Schesluk, featuring songs from Broadway shows, hors d'ouevres, a drawing and cash bar. Tickets: $25/person; (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741.

PRELUDES WEST/MEMBERS OF DSO
Noon Friday, March 6, featuring string quartet with Joseph Stiplin, Derek Reeves, Beatriz Budinszky and Paul Wingert. Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 851-1100.

B'HAM CONCERT BAND
3 p.m. Sunday, March 8, annual Cabaret Concert. Groves High School cafeteria, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road; (248) 474-4997.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
3:30 p. Sunday, March 8, the annual Piano Festival, sponsored by Hammel Music. Four renown Michigan pianist will perform, including Fedora Horowitz, Joseph Gurt, Richard Ridenour and Louis Nagel. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue. Tickets: $10-$25; (313) 833-3700, or (248) 357-1111.

CRAFTS

BEAD FESTIVAL
10 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 28, the "6th Annual Teaching Seminar," presented by local and nationally recognized bead artists. Registration required. Southfield Lathrup High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield; (810) 756-8099.

PEWABIC POTTERY
10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, March 1, a one-day festival of ceramic tiles. St. George Cult Center, 1515 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (313) 822-0954.

A long stretch: *German born Axel Fisser took this photograph of a giraffe on a 1996 on his 1996 safari to Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia. The image is one of more than a dozen on display at the Animal Odyssey Gallery, 621 South Main Street, south of Wing, Plymouth. (734) 414-MEOW or www.animalodyssey.com*

DANCE

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Music Hall, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-2366.

GEORGIAN STATE DANCE COMPANY
3 & 7 p.m. Sunday, March 1, the Georgian State Dance Company, a folk dance troupe perform with original costumes and choreography. Macomb Community College, 44575 Clinton Twp., (810) 286-2141. Tickets: $22 & $24.

JAZZ

MUSICA VIVA INTERNATIONAL
3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, The Fabulous Evergreen Blues," performing in the style of "Manhattan Transfer." Tickets: $16 & $18 at the door. Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 851-6987.

WINDSOR JAZZ SERIES
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, Chicago Jazz artists Franz Jackson. Tickets: $12. University of Windsor Moot Court, Lau Building, University at Sunset. (519) 944-9798.

JAZZ IN THE STREETS
Detroit Historical Museum's fourth annual, "Jazz In the Streets," featuring Alexander Zonjic, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. Tickets: $15. 5401 Woodward, at the corner of Kirby; (313) 833-1262.

LECTURE

VISITING WRITER AT CRANBROOK
7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Thomas Lux, author of seven collections of poetry. Kingswood School, Cranbrook Educational Campus, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3492.

ARTIST AT GALLERY ANIMATO
Noon-2 p.m. & 3:30-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, animation artist Paul Carlson, original artist of Mr. Magoo, who also worked on "Sleeping Beauty," "101 Dalmatians," "Lady and the Tramp," and "Winnie the Pooh." 574 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 644-8312.

PHOTOGRAPHY DURING HOLOCAUST
2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Professor Sidney Bolkosky presents "Hidden Eyes and Hearts: Submerged in Holland during the Holocaust." Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

NON-VIOLENT CELEBRATION
5:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, "The Global Spread of Non-Violence" by Richard Deats, featuring a performance by the Detroit Dance Collective. Swords into Plowshares Peace Center, ARts for Peace, 33 E. Adams, Detroit; (313) 963-7575.

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION LECTURE SERIES
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, featuring Michael Farrell's lecture, "Three Masters of American Painting." Season: $25; $9 at door. Northville High School, 775 N. Center, Northville; (248) 349-3091.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART
Through March 15 – "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point," an exhibit of Monet's work around 1880 in the small village on the Seine. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thurs., noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Docent-led tours 7 p.m. Thursdays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395. Cost: $6 adults; $3 for non-U-M students, U-M faculty and staff, and senior citizens; free to Museum Friends, U-M students, and children under age 12. Advance tickets are recommended, call (800) 585-3737.

FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through March 15 – "Best of Both Worlds: Human and Divine Realms of Classical Art from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston," a collection of 81 objects of marble, bronze, terra cotta, limestone, ceramics from ancient Greece and Imperial Rome, from 6th century B.C. to 3rd century A.D. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 1-5 p.m. Sunday. 1120 E. Kearsley Street, Flint; (810) 234-1695.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through March 29 – "Beautiful Scenes: Selections from the Cranbrook Archives by Buzz Spector," "Chairs of Words," a visual essay by Carla Harryman; through April 5 – "Art on the Edge of Fashion," "Olga de Amaral," "Selections fro the Permanent Collection for Younger Visitors." 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through May 3 – "Hunters of the Sky," an exhibit on the falcon through an array of mounted specimens and video footage. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday; (248) 645-3200.

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY
Through June 30 – "A Victorian's Passion for Egypt: David Roberts, 1796-1864." Roberts' drawings and paintings during his travels through the middle eastern country. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; (313) 763-3559.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through June 30 – "The Life & Times of Paul Robeson," Coleman A. Young Exhibitions Room, 315 E. Warren, Detroit; (313) 259 4109.

READING

BALDWIN LIBRARY
10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, "Preschool Storytime;" 2:30 p.m. Tea and coffee provided. 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 647-1700.

WRITER'S VOICE
12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, New York poet Thomas Lux and northern Michigan poet Gerry LaFemina. Wayne State Department of English Building, Room 3234, 51 W. Warren at Woodward; (313) 577-2450.

VOLUNTEER

DIA
12:30 p.m. Sunday March 29, Detroit Institute of ARts Volunteer Committee is conducting their semi-annual volunteer orientation. DIA Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

WRITING

PLAYWRIGHTS OPEN HOUSE
Area playwrights will meet Meadow Brook Theatre's Artistic Director Geoffrey Sherman, Playwright-In-Residence Karim Alrawi, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23. Topics include: Meadow Brook's selection of plays, development play process. Event is free but space is limited. For reservations call (248) 370-3493.

WORKSHOPS BY PUBLISHED AUTHORS
7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, writing seminars including, "Writing for children," "Writing the romance novel," "How to tell the same old story in a new way," "Crimes real & imagined," "Writing the suspense novel." Fee: $90 for five-week program, $20 per session. To register: Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 424-9042.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

PARK STREET GALLERY
Feb. 27 – 8 p.m., featuring Grady Avant, Nancy Prophit, Mark Laliberte, Mike Cichon and Christian Aldo Sfalcin. 29 Park Street West, corner of Ouellette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario; (519) 256-3989.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

REVOLUTION
Through Feb. 25 – "Sculptures of Gina Ferrari," 23257 Woodward Avenue; (248) 541-3444.

GALLERIA, OC EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
Through Feb. 26 – "Oakland County Community Mental Health, 1998 Exhibit," works in all media, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-1562.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Feb. 27 – 6 p.m., "Compassion and Achievements of African-American Culture," featuring the works of Ivan Stewart. Exhibit includes paintings celebrating military, sports, music and western achievements by African Americans. 24350 Southfield Road, just south of 10 Mile Road; (248) 424-9022.

ART CORRIDOR GALLERIES, FARMINGTON HILLS
Through Feb. 28 – A retrospective by international potter John Glick. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 473-9583.

BBAA
Through Feb. 28 – "Get the Red Out," an exhibit of works by General Motors designers. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

BORDERS – FARMINGTON HILLS
Through Feb. 28 – Photo exhibit of children's portraits featuring work of Linda Joy Solomon. 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 737-0110.

CLIQUE GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 – "Free/Floating: New Etchings from Lithuanian artist Nele Zirnite." 200 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 545-2200.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
Through Feb. 28 – Lisa E. A. Maitland, art of the month. Featuring paintings inspired by life in Texas. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through Feb. 28 – "Women on the Edge," four contemporary women artists Karen Izenberg, Card Sams, Nancy Schatt, Janine Gibeau." 162 Old N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Through Feb. 28 – Sam Nadon-Nichols paintings. 300 River Place, Ste. 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 – Vincent D. Smith: Paintings from the '70s and the '80s." 161 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Feb. 28 – "It's In Material," an exhibit of artist who use glass as a mixed media in sculpture. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 – "Martin A. Maddox: Memorial Exhibition." 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 – "The Modern Masters: Photographic Portraits by Michel Sima (1912-87)." 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

LAWRENCE STREET
Through Feb. 28 – "Sweet Rhythms," 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Feb. 28 – Pottery of Steve Thurston and Gregory Roberts, first floor gallery, and Ed Harkness in the Stratton Gallery. 10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

SHAWGUIDO GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 – "Kelsuke Mizuno: Forbidden Fruit." 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-1070.

SUSANNE HILBERRY
Through Feb. 28 – "Pottery by Warren MacKenzie," one of the foremost functional potters. 555 S. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 842-8250.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 – "Image and Object," an unconventional mix of miniature embroideries and wood turners. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through March 6 – "MFA Thesis Exhibit," featuring Suzanne Andersen, Anne Fracassa, Joe Gohl, Anne Harrington-Hughes, Todd Mitchell and Teresa Petersen. 5400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University campus; (313) 577-2423.

SWANN GALLERY
Through March 7 – Gallery Invitational Show. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Through March 13 – "Un-defining...Painting, featuring contemporary works that challenge conventional definitions. 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Through March 13 – "Place/Position: Installation Art," main gallery. Concurrent exhibit: "Wraiths Stain," by Pi Benlo. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-651-4110.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through March 15 – "Exquisite Corpse," artists from U of M, EMU, Center for Creative Studies, Cranbrook among 22 participating groups. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

POSNER GALLERY
Through March 15 – Group show featuring new works by Ricki Berline, Felix Braslavsky, Susan Sales and Tara M. Grew. 523 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-2552.

THE WETSMAN COLLECTION
Through March 15 – Colombian artist Olga de Amaral. 132 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-6212.

SENIORS ART
Through March 16 – "Visions of Dimension," works by metro area senior citizens. Hannan House Gallery, 4750 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-1300.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSUEM/GALLERY
Through March 19 – "The Illegal Camera Exhibition," photography in the Netherlands during the German occupation, 1940-1945. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through March 20 – 6 p.m., "Blues and Jazz," featuring artists Robert ones, Bill Harris and Leni Sinclair. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Through March 20 – "Printer's Choice," 12 master printers, curated by Fracine Halvorsen. 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES
Through March 21 – "There Must Be A Better Way," art by Allen Berke of Madison Heights. 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-7575.

THE END OF ART
Through March 27 – An exhibit that mourns the death of painting. Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

DETROIT GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS
Through March 28 – "In the Spirit: Masks, Figures and Vessels." 104 Fisher Bldg., Detroit; (313) 873-7888.

DONNA JACOBS GALLERY
Through March 21 – "The Glory That Was Greece," artifacts from early 4th century. 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 540-1600.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY
Through March 28 – "Sentimental Signs: Iron wall objects by Gary S. Griffin, head of the metalsmithing department, Cranbrook Academy of Art. 1719 W. Fourteen Mile Road, Royal Oak; (248) 549-3016.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through March 29 – 4 p.m., "Clinton River Studios," the work of Peter Hackett, Jeff Hale, Mark Rutkowski, Greg Utech and Daniel Vernia. Images of the Rochester factory district along the Clinton River. Wilson Hall, across from Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University; (248) 370-3005.

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REPLACEMENT KILLERS (R)
9:15
SPICE WORLD (PG)
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GREAT EXPECTATIONS (R)
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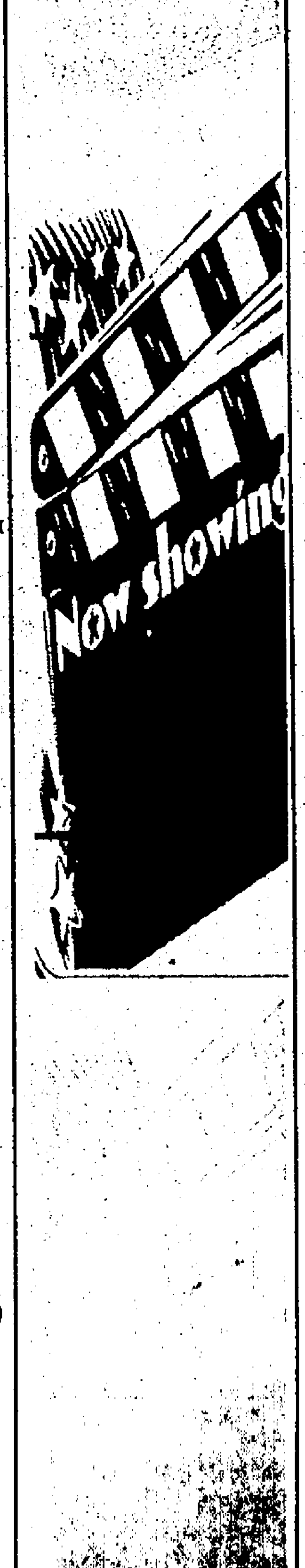

BOOKS

Wilder had vision of her books

A Little House Reader ($15.95)
Pioneer Girl ($15.95)
By William Anderson
Harper Collins, 1998, $15.95

ESTHER LITTMANN

Laura Ingalls Wilder is a name forever associated with what was best in the American pioneer: courage, hard work and the spirit of adventure. The author's eight-book series, from "Little House in the Big Woods" to "Those Happy Golden Years," continues to educate and delight children and adults interested in the daily struggles of our American ancestors.

It may come as some surprise to her fans to learn that Wilder did not begin writing her autobiographical books until she was 65 years old. Yet the woman who spent her days as a farmwife, devoted mother and community leader was no stranger to the world of publication. Long before she described her childhood experiences on the American frontier, Wilder was a columnist for the "Missouri Ruralist" and contributed numerous articles to Kansas City and St. Louis newspapers as well as to the nationally known "McCalls Magazine."

Michigan author and award-winning historian William Anderson has written extensively about Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family in "The Little House Guidebook" and in "Laura Ingalls Wilder Country." His latest publication entitled "A Little House Reader" is a compilation of Wilder's writings penned well before her children's series. Its contents include poetry, composed primarily for her own pleasure, and published articles selected to represent significant periods and events in the author's life.

What emerges from the writings of Laura Ingalls Wilder is the portrait of a strong, self-reliant woman who valued her accomplishments but at the same time avoided the more radical elements of the feminist movement in the early 1900s. Her request to fiance Almanzo Wilder to delete the customary "obey" from their wedding vows set the tone for a marriage that combined a loving relationship with equality and teamwork.

Wilder believed that there was no better occupation to "combine the desires of a 'modern woman' with all the advantages and traditions of homemaking" than that of a farmer's wife. In an article written for McCalls (June, 1919), she points out that "farm women have always been wage earners and partners in their husbands' business."

In words that could apply equally to the board room, Wilder writes: "There is a joy of spirit and a pride of power that come to a farm woman who is fully alive to her opportunities, meeting and solving problems, confronting and overcoming difficulties, refusing to become petty though attending to numberless details or be discouraged before threatened disaster."

The interests of Laura Ingalls Wilder went well beyond the borders of her 300-acre farm in Mansfield, Mo., however. She organized and become treasurer of the Mansfield National Farm Loan Association. She was elected chair of the Wright County Democratic Committee. And she sought political office. When her campaign failed, Wilder was disappointed but not disheartened. She simply devoted herself all the more to church activities and the Athenians, a culture and study club of which she was a member until her death in 1957.

The first time I read the "Little House" series was as an adult, sharing the books with my elementary-school daughter. Fascinated, I recall being curious about the mature personality that created, so vividly, the young protagonist of her novels. William Anderson's book satisfies that curiosity and confirms my initial impressions. Wilder's success lay in the ability to combine in her nature both the practical and the idealistic, a blend that finds expression in the following words written during a trip out west with her daughter, Rose:

"To be broad in outlook as the plains themselves; free as the cloud shadows that drift over and brave as the small creatures that make their homes upon them; to be clean and pure like the air and strong like the winds that sweep over the uplands."

William Anderson has also published a short biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder geared to young readers. Called "Pioneer Girl" and replete with beautiful large-scale, color illustrations by Dan Andreason, this 9-by-12-inch, 31-page book is a perfect companion for enthusiastic followers of the "Little House" series.

Both books are available at Halfway-Down-the-Stairs Children's Bookshop on E. 4th Street in Rochester. Mr. Williams will visit the store for a signing 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

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Mystery weaves complex plot

An Unfortunate Prairie Occurrence
By Jamie Harrison
(Hyperion, $22.95)

VICTORIA DIAZ

If you plan to read this mystery novel, I suggest you do so with pencil and paper close at hand. This is not just so that you can keep up with its rather sizable cast of characters, but with their many, highly serpentine interrelationships. Personal connections in the fictional town of Blue Deer, Mont., (pop. 5,000) and environs are so dizzying at times that a reader wouldn't necessarily be surprised to meet on these pages some oddball who had just discovered that, somehow, he really was his own long-lost grandfather.

Actually, I'm kidding. This is a perfectly serious book. Sometimes.

Look at it this way: Experiencing this tale by Michigan-native Harrison is a little like watching an episode of "Northern Exposure," as written by a Russian novelist with a penchant for Grace Metalious and a now-and-then nod toward the funny papers.

In the course of the story, Blue Deer's beleaguered, "essentially solitary" sheriff, Jules Clement, faces a whole passel of problems: A camper uncovers a skeleton in a shallow grave near Blue Deer. A serial rapist is on the loose. A beer-swilling traveler jumps into the Yellowstone River and disappears. An area rancher and his dog die under definitely mysterious circumstances.

Add to that: 1. Jules' love life is down the toilet. 2. He drinks too much. 3. The weather sucks. 4. He hates his job.

Also, an arsonist may be prowling the streets of Blue Deer, a bear ventures into somebody's yard, a divorced couple is fighting like wildcats over custody of their dog.

Not to mention what is probably Jules' number one concern: Given Blue Deer's concentrated population, he may have to arrest a close friend – or even a relative – who might also be a judge, attorney or officer of the law for any one of the above high crimes and misdemeanors.

Told you it was complicated.

Though Jules stands at the center of Harrison's fictional world here at the edge of the Crazy Mountains, some secondary characters provide significant resonance and texture. The Honorable Miles Birdland, presiding at the courthouse for some 30 years, definitely adds his own kind of punch (even though his longtime secretary swears the humorless judge is "too dry to spit)), as does his "big ... bumptious" and "psycho" daughter, Flo. The wheezy, flashlight-wielding rapist manages to be one of the most riveting and alive characters in the story, even though his real identity is not revealed until late in the game. Montana itself plays an important role, too, as the story opens and winter begins to pay its annual visit to "the gray and blustery mountains, the wind-flattened grass on the wind-shaped golden rises."

In addition to her lively characters, Harrison provides strength to this whodunit via some richly evoked scenes (one involves "a troop of coyotes, wrestling with something" that resembles a human body part in the "eerie snow light" of a deserted mining town). Also, though this is a story set in a contemporary world, the author is often subtly eloquent about the inescapability of our collective and individual histories.

"An Unfortunate Prairie Occurrence" is the third mystery in the Jules Clement series (others were "The Edge of the Crazies" and "Going Local"), but it your haven't read the others, you can jump right in with this one and not feel left behind, since Harrison has a way of putting each book together so that it stands on its own.

On the other hand, readers familiar with all three books may feel they've had three times the fun, getting acquainted and reacquainted with the melancholy-but-heroic Sheriff Clement (and ex-archaeologist and University of Michigan alum, by the way) and all his motley Montana crew.

Just remember to keep those pads and pencils handy.

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)
Mystery Book Club discusses Margaret Laurence's "Hearts & Bones," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24; Laurie Palazzo reads from her new book "The Spider Trampoline," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25; Oprah Book Club discusses Toni Morrison's "Paradise," 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at the book store, Six Mile and Haggerty Road, Northville.

BARNES & NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)
Fiction Book Club discusses "The Edible Woman," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25; Cinema-Lit Book Club discusses "Great Expectations," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 at the bookstore, 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHFIELD ROAD)
Beaumont Hospital and Borders team to answer questions on "Eating Disorder Awareness Week," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24; story time for little ones, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25; Spanish Club, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26; storyteller Alma Greer, 10:30 a.m. Feb. 28 at the store 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham (248)644-1515.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)
African American Women Mystery Writers, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25; Contemporary Lit group discusses "We Were the Mulvaneys," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26; guitarist David Leabo, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27; Corduroy 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the store, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005.

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)
Former WQRS radio host Paul Russell conducts classical music workshop of music for romance, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22; story teller Naim Abdur Rauf, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22; Jeff Caponigro signs his book "The Crisis Counselor," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the store 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248)737-0110.

MURDER, MYSTERY & MAYHEM
Mystery Mavens discuss Thomas Perry's "Vanishing Act," 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the store 35167 Grand River, Farmington (248)471-7210.

ART BEAT

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

FINAL DAYS

You'll think you're seeing spots when you see "Puppy Love," one of the woodcut prints in an exhibition by Michael McCullough at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road.

The Dalmatian fivesome looks like trouble to me.

A native of Redford currently living in Farmington Hills, McCullough creates a variety of subject matter from whimsical ("In the Trees") to thought provoking "The Prophecy"). The show, sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, remains on exhibit through Feb. 27.

A black and white expressionistic seascape is reminiscent of the terror inherent in Edvard Munch's work. The men in "The Smoking Room" look like characters from a Ben Shahn print.

Along with the prints is a display of an actual carved woodblock, rice paper, and the wooden kitchen spoon, McCullough uses to hand-rub the prints. The display also tells about the process involved in the initial stages when the artist carves the design into birch plywood.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Also of note:

Pottery by James Castiglione of Milford continues on exhibit through Feb. 26 in the Livonia Arts Commission's circular showcases on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington.

Geisha Girl: *McCullough created this woodcut print titled "A Dance in the Garden."*

CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT

Schoolcraft College's music department presents guitarist Stephen Aron noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

The public is invited to enjoy this free concert. For more information, call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

Aron's playing is clean, crisp and understated. He gets into the spirit of the music and gives interpretations that sing with vibrant rhythm, subtle color and a feeling of intimacy. This virtuoso perofrmer and pedagogue has a unique repertoire and experience. An active participant in new music, Aron has premiered numerous works for guitar, marimba-guitar, and guitar-flute-percussion. He performs and records with soprano JoNell Aron. In addition to his position as professor of music and chairman of the guitar studies department at the University of Akron, Aron teaches guitar and and is the founder of the classical guitar studies program at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

"SWEET CHARITY"

Ken Pletzer and his seven piece orchestra help bring the story of "Sweet Charity" to life in The Plymouth Theatre Guild production of this popular musical, which continues through Feb. 28.

Pletzer was recently appointed music director/conductor of PTG.

"He's been a member of our group for four years," said Karen Groves. "He's played the piano for us as an accompanist for other shows, but this is first time as music director. There are seven people in the orchestra, but Ken makes it sound like there are a lot more. In my opinion, it's the best music we've ever had for any musical."

Performances of "Sweet Charity" are scheduled 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22; and 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 27-28 at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads), on the grounds of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, Northville. Tickets are $11 in advance, $12 at door. Call (248) 349-7110 or check out their Web site at http: // www. causeway. com/ ptg/

OPENING RECEPTION

Madonna University features the work of its graduating seniors in a two-part art exhibit. The public is invited to attend the free events.

The first show, opening with a reception 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, spotlights Deborah Levesque of Redford; Brandi Parenti, Westland; Tanya Proctor, Farmington Hills, and Carol Bateman-Sheposh, Westland.

The show closes Tuesday, March 17.

At 6 p.m. Friday, March 20 the second exhibit opens with works by Andrew Dent of Dearborn; Shaun Hayward, Highland, and Michael Pochmara, Dearborn Heights.

The exhibits consist of various forms of art including commercial, art history pieces, portraits, and print making and will be held in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the Library Wing on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft (I-96) at Levan, Livonia.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 432-5711.

MONET TOURS ADDED

Due to the popularity of "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point, the University of Michigan Museum of Art has enhanced its schedule of exhibition tours.

Sunday tours continue 2 p.m. Sundays through March 15 at the museum, 525 South State Street at South University, Ann Arbor. In addition tours will be given 7 p.m. Thursdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays. There will also be tours in French on noon Thursdays, March 5, 12.

For the first time since leaving his studio more than a century ago, the paintings of French Impressionist Claude Monet come together in an exhibition of works created during the most turbulent period of his life.

This is a ticketed exhibition, advance tickets strongly recommended.

Tickets are $6 adults; $3 for non-U-M students, U-M faculty and staff, and senior citizens; free to Museum Friends, U-M students, and children under age 12, call (800) 585-3737. Even with advance tickets, there may be a wait at the entrance to the gallery. A limited number of tickets are available at the door, first-come, first-served basis.

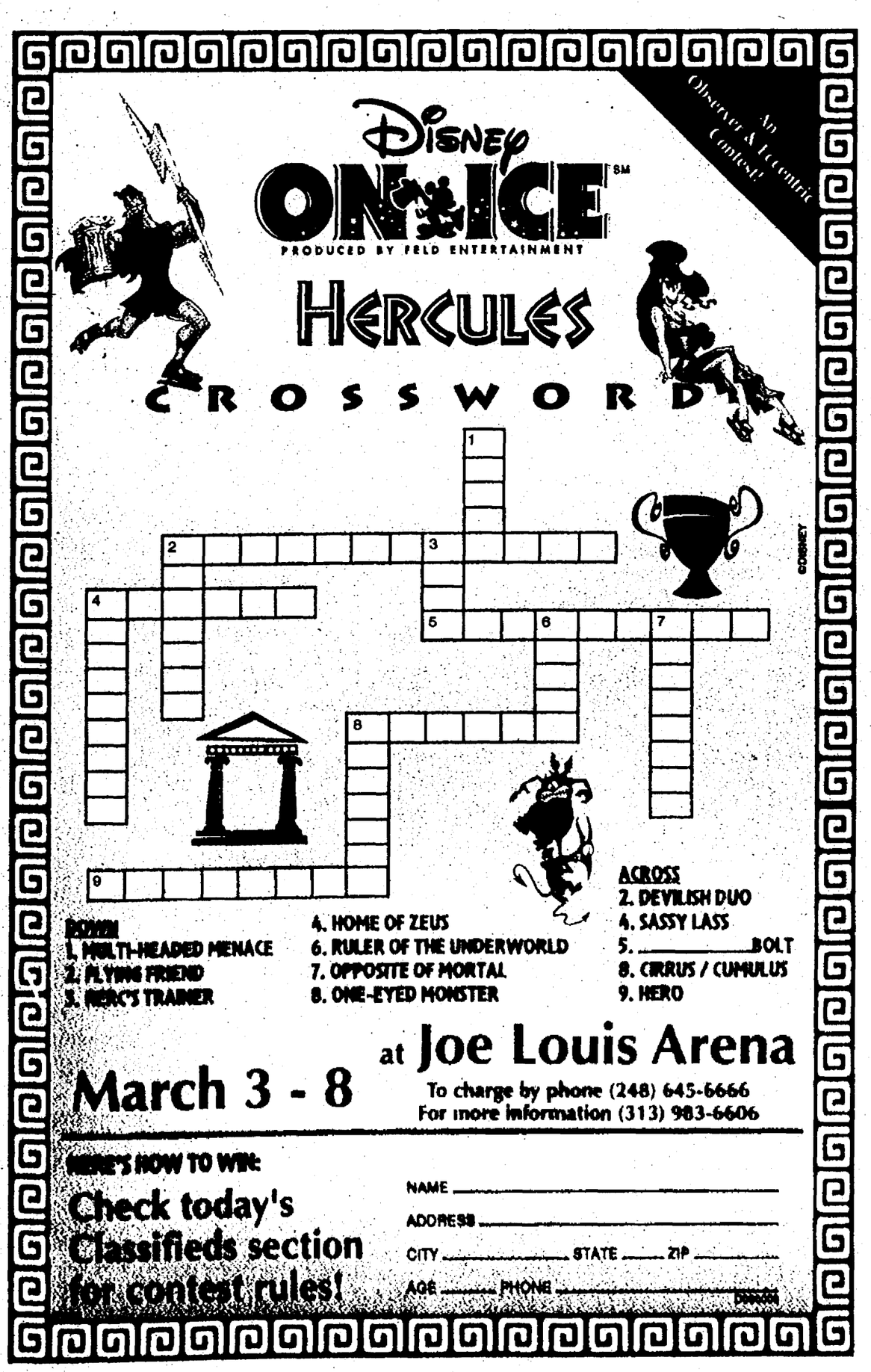
Note: The Monet exhibition has broken every attendance record ever set at the University of Michigan Museum of Art. Weekends are particularly crowded. As the show concludes March 15, the museum expects even more visitors. The public is encouraged to come during the week, if at all possible.

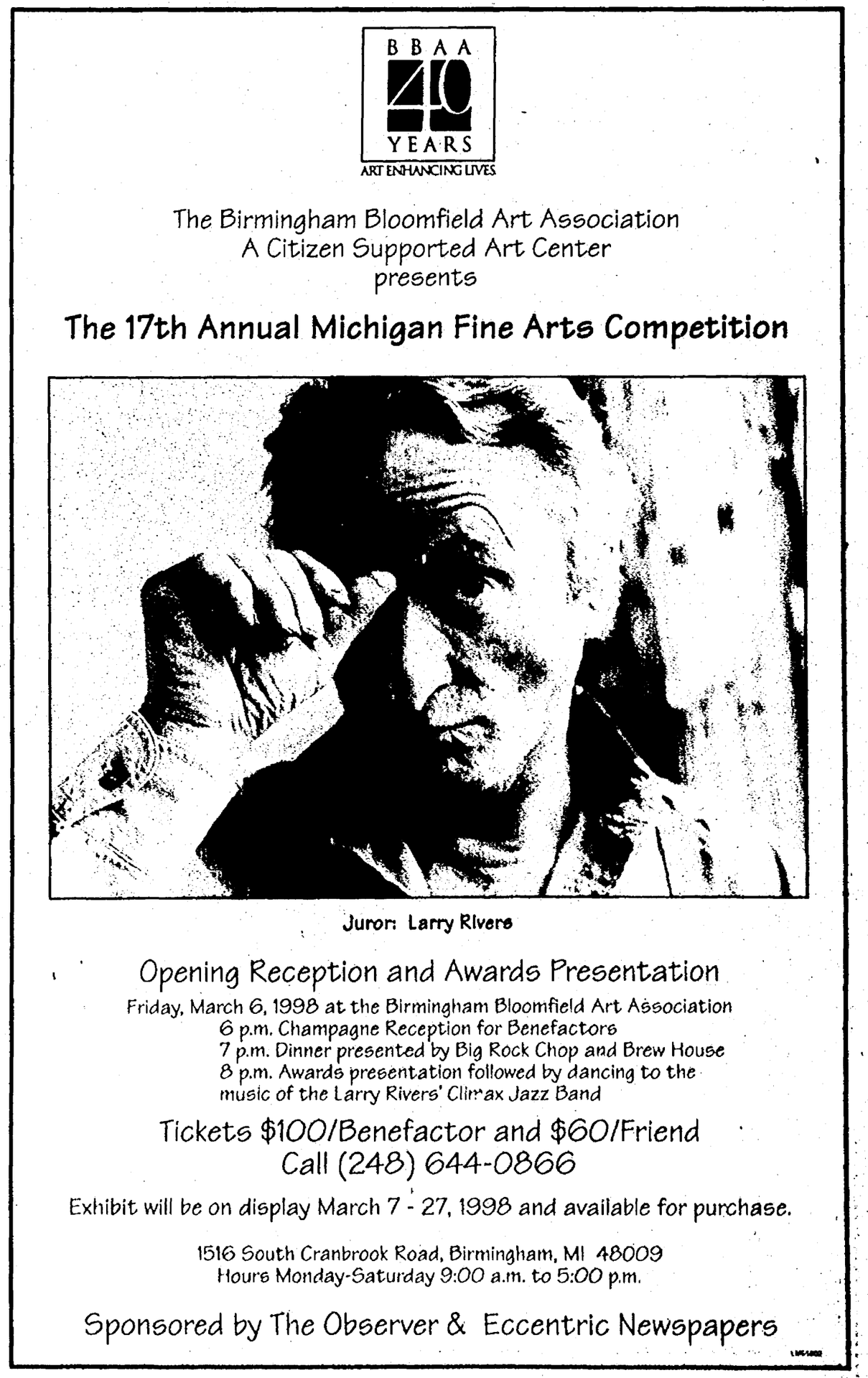
Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 764-0395.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Art Museum Project at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is conducting a multi-media art competition, "Botanicals II: Florals and Landscapes by Michigan Artists." Deadline for slide entries is March 7.

Open to Michigan artists 18 years of age and older, the competition will be judged by Robert H. Wilbert, professor emeritus, Wayne State University. Two and three-dimensional works in various media will be accepted. Selected works will be on display at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Alfred Berkowitz Gallery May 16 to June 27 before traveling to the Slusser Gallery at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in July, and the University of Michigan-Flint in August. For entry information, call (313) 593-5058.





Photos reflect telling faces behind modernism

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

> **What:** The Modern Masters – Photographic Portraits by Michel Sima
> **Where:** David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700
> **When:** Through Saturday, Feb. 28
>
> **NOTE:** Exhibit can also be viewed at http://www.dkgallery.com

Long before artists sought their 15 minutes of fame, they appeared more serious minded and utterly untouched by commercialism.

Yes, that was before tell-all biographies, camcorders, the Internet and even television. And no, untouched by commercialism doesn't mean they lacked a monumental ego.

In a fascinating series of black and white photographs at the David Klein Gallery, the inner sanctum of the masters of modernism appears in a stark, novel light.

While much of modern art distorts or eliminates the presence of a discernible human form, the photographs of Michel Sima places front and center the faces of the most influential artists of the first half of the 20th century.

Unlike formal portraits, Sima's photos offer an insiders look at Picasso, Matisse, Duchamp, Chagall, Leger, Miro, Arp, Giacometti, Braque, Utrillo, Le Corbusier and Calder, among others.

Working with the Sima estate, the Klein Gallery negotiated the first North America exhibit of the photographs taken between 1946 and 1957. Sima, who worked primarily as a painter and sculptor, died in 1987.

"Other than being photos of famous people, there's something quite artful about the photos," said David Klein.

"These are the people whose work I want to show in the gallery."

Wide-eyed: *Pablo Picasso holds an owl given to him by photographer Michel Sima. A series of photos of Picasso are included in Sima's book, "Picasso at Antibes."*

Spirit in art

Without resorting to artifice or props, Sima's compositions show an intriguing contrast between the artists and their work. Many of the photos were taken in the artists' studios or apartments in post-war Paris.

In gesture and expression, Sima's subjects appear strikingly similar to the spirit of their art work.

For instance, Chagall has the inquisitive delight of his playful paintings. And Le Corbusier appears as complex behind his thick round glasses as his roving abstractions.

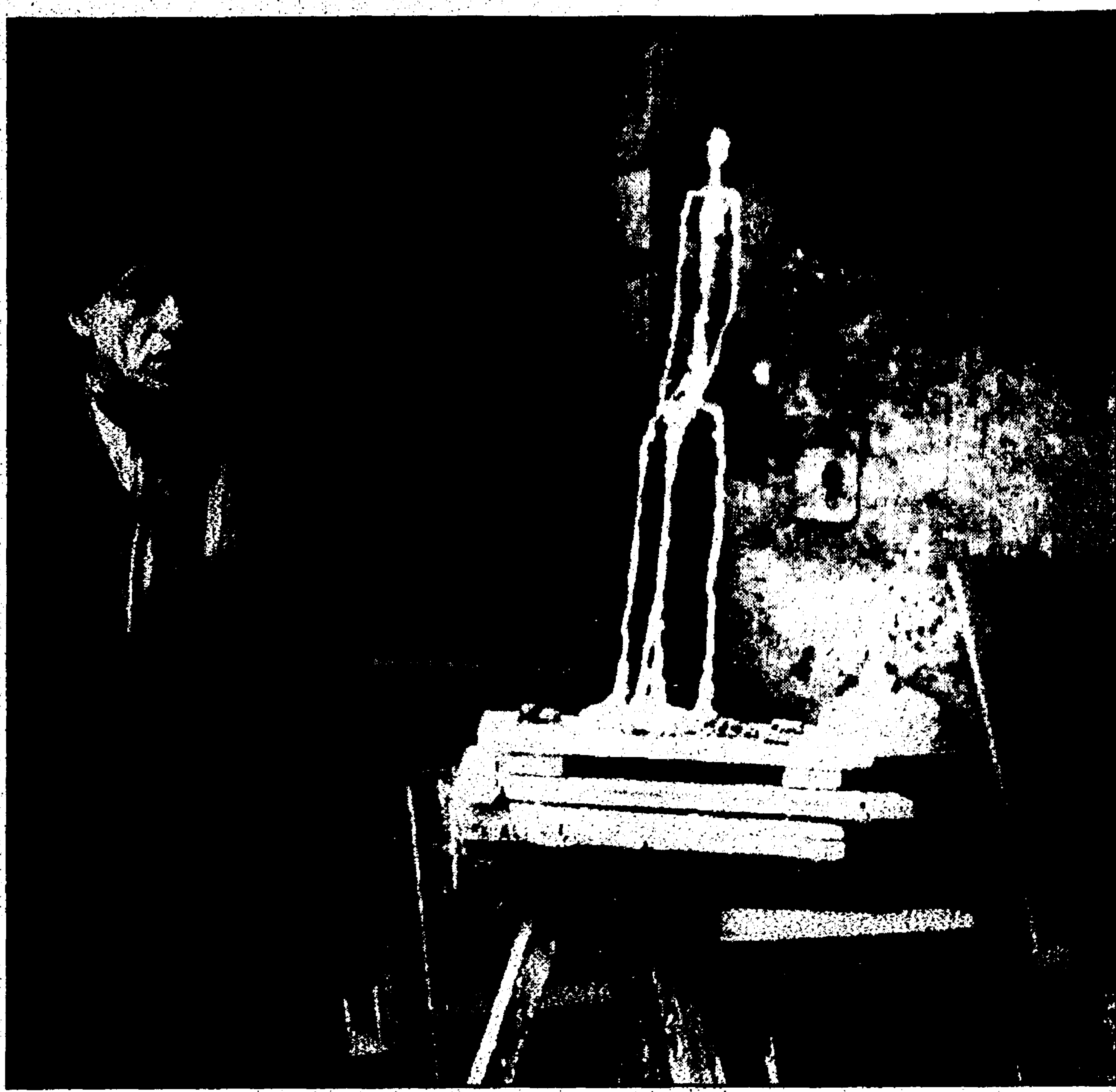
Meanwhile, the burly Leger looks as resilient as his mechanical, machine-like canvases, and Calder appears as disheveled as his floating sculptures.

Yet for sheer intensity, there's no comparison to Picasso's wide-eye expression, Matisse's somber steadiness, Duchamp's guarded irreverence or Giacometti's tortured angst.

Gazing into the artists' stark studios is a reminder of the socio-political condition in which they worked.

Fifty years ago, the central issues of the day didn't pertain to international trade or sex scandals but related to sovereignty, freedom and morality.

Rampant anxiety was the common feeling amid the horror of war, concentration camps and Hiroshima.



Critical eye: *Swiss sculptor Alberto Giacometti sizes up his characteristic thin figure with slender armatures. Michel Sima took the photo in Giacometti's Paris studio.*

Through the collective works of the artists who land in front of Sima's lens, the spirit of the time has been portrayed. Not necessarily on canvas or in sculpture. But simply in their expressive faces.

Before the onset of World War II and the German occupation of France, Sima mingled in the Parisian avant garde with the likes of poet Paul Eluard, sculptor Constantin Brancusi, Gertrude Stein and Picasso.

During the war, Sima was incarcerated at Auschwitz. After his release, he moved back to Paris, where in 1946 he shared the space with Picasso.

Encouraged by Picasso, Sima documented the progress of the great artist's paintings.

A photo of Picasso holding an owl has become a legendary anecdote.

Reportedly, one day Sima brought Picasso a wounded owl. Picasso, who had cared for pigeons when he was young, examined the bird, then set its broken limb. Meanwhile, the owl fought and bit Picasso.

In Sima's photo, Picasso holds the placid bird in his hands. The same hands that reinvented art to reflect the spirit of the times.

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THEATER

Meadow Brook Theatre reaches out to community

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

After the frenetic pace of the last month, Meadow Brook Theatre artistic director Geoffrey Sherman finally took a day off.

Coming on the heels of producing the collaborative musical, "Thunder Knocking on the Door," Sherman changed hats to direct the demanding and intricate farce, "What the Butler Saw."

With bags under his eyes and a cup of coffee within reach, Sherman returned early the next day from his day off to handle that other part of the job: chief visionary and ticket seller.

After decades of predictability, however, the sales pitch at Meadow Brook has changed dramatically.

Like many other regional theaters around the country, Meadow Brook is in the process of reinventing itself.

"We're at a watershed," said Sherman, who is in the last year of a three-year contract.

"For years we neglected our future because when money got tight the first thing that went was the outreach programs," he said.

Producing acclaimed plays is the most obvious sign of a viable theater. But building an audience is just as mysterious and magical.

Typically, a theater may lose 20 percent of yearly subscribers. Last year, Meadow Brook lost about one-quarter.

There's no alarm, just concern and a shared conviction that the theater must reach out to make its case to prospective audiences.

In the next few weeks, the professional theater on the Oakland University campus will hold a playwright's open house, conduct a statewide tour to public schools and reach out to community theaters throughout the area.

Then, in late April, Meadow Brook will collaborate with the OU department of music, theatre and dance in the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches" by Tony Kushner.

As the millennium beckons, Sherman is determined to heed the call.

Convivial: *Meadow Brook Theatre is broadening its presence in the community through educational programs to schools, workshops for local playwrights and collaborations with community theaters. Karim Alwari, (left), Debra Wicks and Michael Vigilant are getting the word out.*

Like a church

"We want to produce theater that will entertain and challenge our audience, to help them re-examine their lives," said Sherman.

Keeping in mind practical business realities, Meadow Brook must move ahead progressively yet cautiously.

With a modest subscriber base of 9,000, they must seek a broader audience by appealing to contemporary sensibilities.

Yet at the same time, Meadow Brook can't risk overlooking their longtime loyal audience.

"There isn't a major theater company in the country doing all new plays," said Sherman. "We owe a debt to the classics."

Perhaps that's the reason next season, according to Sherman, promises to be more conventional.

Ultimately for Meadow Brook to grow, said Sherman, the emphasis has to be on attracting a more diverse audience, making theater more relevant, and educating students and the general public about the value of theatre.

But the strongest selling point, he said, must be that live theater is incomparable to other entertainment alternatives, such as television and movies.

"Live theater is like a church," said Sherman. "A living, breathing group of people becomes unified in a celebration of community."

Making a statement

Three years ago, Sherman's choice of August Wilson's "Piano Lesson" made a statement. That was the first time Meadow Brook produced a play by an African-American playwright.

Last year's "I Am A Man," about the Memphis garbage strike in 1968, and this year's "Thunder Knocking at the Door" were further attempts to appeal to African-American audiences.

Both plays were produced in collaboration with Plowshares Theatre of Detroit, an African-American company.

Along the way, however, there's been a few rough spots. "Thunder Knocking on the Door" was out of focus, and the current play, "What the Butler Saw," offended some subscribers even before the curtain went up on the risqué farce.

The criticism is part of the growing pains.

"I'm not interested in producing plays that reinforce prejudices," said Sherman.

A fast-changing world

For a director who spent 13 years in New York City, and stints with Seattle Repertory, Center Stage in Baltimore and the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, metro Detroit poses a conundrum.

After three years of offering the most diverse selection of plays in the theater's 30-year history, Sherman wonders: Has anyone been paying attention?

The answer may have more to do with the fundamental organizational shifts that have redefined American business in the last decade, said Sherman.

In common parlance, the emphasis on service, accountability and quality has seeped into the arts. Presenting quality theater is only part of the equation. Responsiveness and outreach initiatives to "customers" are key.

Art groups have to act like entrepreneurs, said Sherman. Patrons and ticket buyers are customers looking for choices.

In the last several months, Sherman has hired associate director Debra Wicks to oversee Meadow Brook's outreach program, and Karim Alrawi as playwright-in-residence and literary manager.

Alrawi taught at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in England, and served as artistic director of the New Play Centre in Vancouver.

Until Sherman arrived, the common view was that Meadow Brook had become too cliquish and wasn't creating new artistry, said Wicks.

"Ten years ago the audience was more homogenized," she said. "We're trying to make theatre more accessible rather than appearing elitist."

To broaden their appeal, Meadow Brook is serving as diplomat and educator.

In the first month on the job, Alwari has met with several local community theater groups, and has set up a playwrights open house.

Long-term plans could include new collaborations with local arts groups and a playwriting development process similar to the New Play Centre's system.

In addition, Alwari has adapted two short stories of William Faulkner for Meadow Brook's newly formed touring ensemble, which in early March will begin a six-week state tour to schools.

"For theater to grow, we've got to get students interested," said Alwari. "They must see that theater is related to their curriculum. You can't separate culture and education."

David Hare, the English playwright, predicted that theaters would have to reinvent themselves every five years to maintain and attract new audiences, said Alwari.

"Wherever you want to slot this theater today, we won't be there in five years," he said.

For Meadow Brook Theatre, reinventing itself might become routine.

Building a theater community

■ **Playwrights Open House** – Area playwrights invited to discuss theater and play-development process with Meadow Brook's artistic director and playwright-in-residence. 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3493.

■ **"Page to Stage"** – an 8-session outreach program to 11th-12th grade students in Oakland County schools. Program culminates in a staged presentation at Meadow Brook, May 14-17.

■ **Touring Company** – A theater for young audiences, featuring a six-week statewide tour. Program includes two 45-minute plays based on William Faulkner's short stories "Straw Soldiers," and "Wilderness." Adaptation by Karim Alrawi.

■ **"Angels in America: Millennium Approaches"** – Produced by Meadow Brook Theatre and OU's department of music, theatre and dance. April 29 to May 17, Varner Studio Theatre, OU campus; (248) 377-3300.

Now playing

■ "What the Butler Saw" by Joe Orton. Tuesdays-Sundays, through March 8.

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■ "Murder by Misadventure," by Edward Taylor, March 18 to April 12

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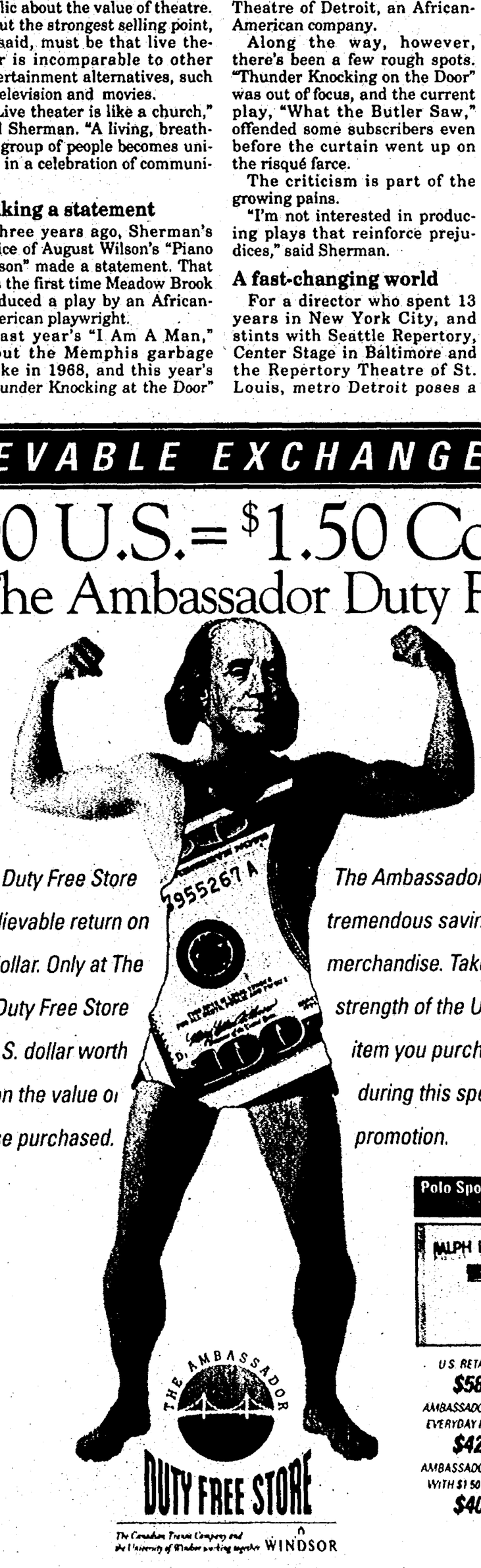

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TRAVEL

Clinic helps travelers deal with dangerous world

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Susan Knoll says that when she lectures on travel her colleagues at Farmington's Botsford Hospital chuckle.

"I'm the most conservative person in the world," said Knoll, of Botsford's Department of Infectious Disease. "I give lectures on travel and I cannot imagine anyone going anywhere. It's an 'exciting' world out there."

Perhaps Knoll of Farmington Hills can be forgiven her provincialism. She's an expert on what dangers lurk when people travel. She advises international travelers through Botsford's "Passport to Health: International Travel Health Program."

Opened in September of 1996, Passport to Health prepares the international traveler for the many health hazards they might encounter, especially in third world countries.

"The program is designed to prepare, inform and immunize travelers going overseas, especially to Africa, South America and Asia," Knoll said.

The Passport to Health program focuses on three aspects for travelers:

- pre-trip planning
- counseling that covers precautions and immunizations
- a post-trip follow-up visit that can include medical tests and treatment if necessary.

"We pride ourselves on providing quick care. A lot of programs you have to wait weeks," Knoll said. "But you have to call enough in advance to make the immunizations effective."

Knoll recommends calling within one month of a trip. The process includes doing a past medical history, a study of medications and making recommendations specific to the areas they're visiting. Immunizations often have to be spaced out to avoid unfavorable drug interaction and to save patients from discomfort.

"We have a lot of travelers going to Asia, Africa and South America," Knoll said. "We give recommendations on food and beverages, precautions people should take when they're there."

In addition to the ubiquitous "traveler's diarrhea," other health concerns include malaria, Hepatitis A and B, dysentery and even such rare but serious diseases as yellow fever and ebola.

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Travel doctor: *Dr. Susan Knoll of Botsford Hospital's Passport to Health advises that it can be a dangerous world out there.*

Eating and drinking in a foreign country is a major source of problems for travelers because sanitary regulations are not as stringent in other parts of the world. Knoll warns against drinking the water or eating fresh fruits unless a traveler peels it (see the list of travel do's and don'ts).

Knoll said malaria is widespread. The degree and extent varies from country to country. She said big cities and higher elevations usually present less of a problem. But she advises travelers on what medicines to take, how to dress and advises using mosquito netting when sleeping.

Recently the Hepatitis Foundation has been running a regular ad in the New York Times warning against the prevalence of Hepatitis A and urging travelers to get protection.

"We can protect against it very well," Knoll said. "Formerly, immunizations only protected for six months or so, now they protect for life."

Another problem for travelers is that most company insurance programs do not cover illness outside of the United States. Passport to Health advises travelers to purchase a rider to their insurance or a short term special travelers insurance policy.

In addition to warning against the dangers of drinking the water in foreign countries, Knoll also warns about swimming in foreign waters.

"Snorkeling and scuba diving are usually done in ocean water and are not a big problem, but shallow river waters are often used to defecate and throw wastes," she said.

She also warns against swimming in still or stagnant water.

But disease is not the only problem. Knoll said the number one killer for foreign travelers is automobile accidents and the clinic provides precautions on driving as well. It also updates travelers on the political conditions in the country they are visiting.

Many area companies, especially the auto companies, are making use of travel clinics to advise their employees who will be stationed in foreign countries for up to several years.

"We also get many church mission groups. They contact other travel clinics and use us because of the price," Knoll said.

Passport to Health provides its clients with a computer printout of recommendations, immunization records and updates on their destination.

Knoll said that when she completed training as a medical technician in microbiology in Erie, Pa., she decided to pursue her interest in medical school and did graduate work in infectious diseases.

While doing residency at Botsford Hospital, she met her husband, Darrell Vlachos, an emergency room physician at the hospital. They have three children ages 1, 4 and 6.

Knoll admits that her pre-trip lectures can be frightening.

"One physician had a huge trip planned. He came in and I told him all I knew. Next thing, he changed his travel plans. I think he ended up going to Grand Cayman," she said.

But if you do decide to go and you become sick, Knoll said, "Come back and we'll take care of you."

Passport to Health Trip Tips:

■ Before you leave check your insurance policy to make sure you're covered. If you aren't covered consider purchasing a short-term health insurance policy designed for travelers.

■ It you're traveling with pre-existing medical problems, it's a good idea not only to carry a letter from your physician describing your condition but a list of prescription medicines you take (with their generic names. Wear a medical alert bracelet if you have allergies or unique medical problems.

■ Always travel with your prescriptions in their original, labeled containers and always keep them with you.

■ Keep your doctor's fax number handy.

■ To make sure you're not violating the drug laws in the countries in which you're traveling, check the country's embassy or consulate before leaving the United States.

■ Food do's and don'ts:

Do only drink beverages made with boiled water (such as tea and coffee); canned or bottled carbonated beverages, such as bottled water and soft drinks; and beer and wine.

Do listen when folks say, "Don't drink the water," – and remember that includes ice.

Do drink from a beverage can or bottle before you drink from a container that may have been contaminated. Always wipe clean wet cans or bottles before drinking from them.

Don't brush your teeth with tap water.

Don't eat salads (or any uncooked vegetable), milk or milk product (such as cheese) or fruit peeled by someone other than you. Eat only cooked food that is still hot and fruit you peeled yourself. Also avoid undercooked and raw meat, fish and shellfish. Remember, all raw foods should be viewed as possibly contaminated.

Don't bring back perishable seafood from a trip.

■ Avoid swimming in contaminated water. Only pools that contain chlorinated water are safe. Avoid stagnant water. Freshwater streams may be contaminated and contain the snail hosts of schistomiasis; or warm dirty water may contain fatal primary amoebic meningoencephalitis.

■ In some urban areas, such as Mexico City, air pollution can be quite severe and even dangerous for the elderly and/or persons with pre-existing conditions such as high blood pressure, respiratory, anemia or cardiac conditions. Also, high altitudes can cause altitude sickness.

■ Avoid the sun and pack plenty of sunscreen and/or sun blocker.

■ Sometimes an infection (viral, bacterial or parasitic) or a disease (for example, malaria) contracted abroad may not manifest itself for weeks, even months, after returning from international travel. See your doctor at the first signs of an illness.

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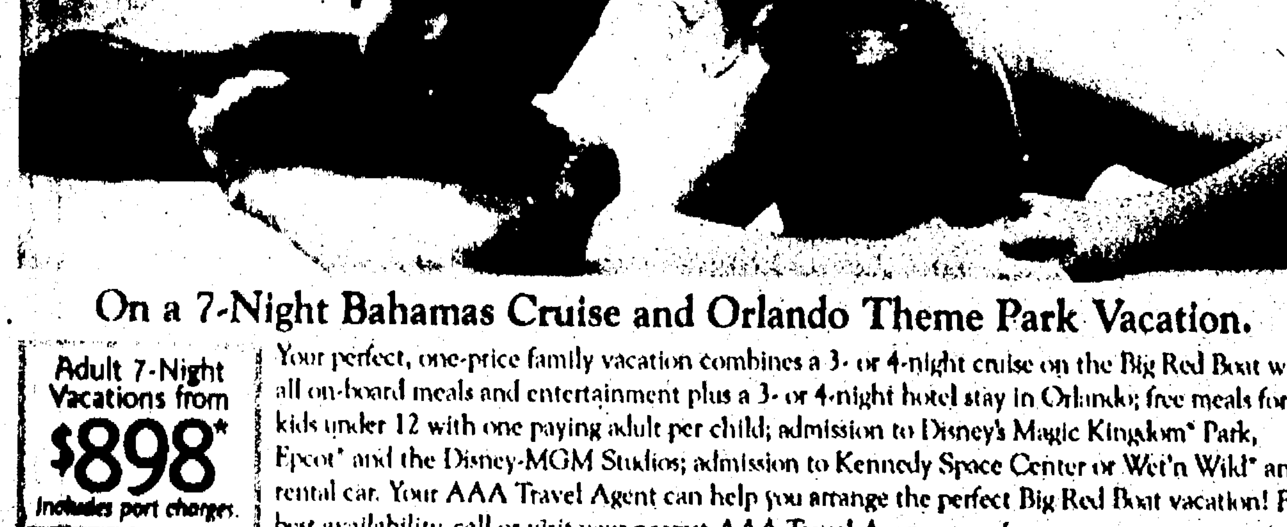

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Oakland signs Skolnik

All-Observer goalkeeper Mike Skolnik signed a national letter-of-intent Friday to play soccer at Oakland University.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound Skolnik was named to the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association DreamTeam.

"We think we have one of the Michigan's best goalkeepers, if not the top goalkeeper in Michael," OU coach Gary Parsons said. "Mike will have a real opportunity to compete for the starting goalkeeping job at Oakland this fall."

Skolnik played in Michigan's Olympic Development Program and was a member of the under-17 state team in 1997 and the under-16 state pool team in 1996.

Skolnik also plays for the Michigan Magic, a club team where he has been a starter and co-captain for four years.

The senior is currently ranked 88th in his graduating class of 441 students at Churchill.

Mighty Ducks victorious

Nick Defenthaler, who was named tournament MVP, had seven goals and 10 assists in four games as the Livonia Mighty Ducks captured the District IV Squirt B championship at Great Oaks Ice Arena in Howell.

Goaltender Ryan Dennett posted the shutout in a 3-0 victory over Lakeland in the finals.

The Mighty Ducks advance to the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association playoffs March 5, at Garden City.

Brandon Mishowski added nine goals and four assists as the Mighty Ducks also defeated Lakeland (6-1), Plymouth (7-3) and Farmington Hills (6-5).

Other members of the Ducks, coached by John Restum, include: Dan Furca, Derrick Swintek, Mike Galvin, Danial Restum, Dan Ross, Corey Quinneville, Mike Yaroch, Derrick McMullen, Matt Mouland, James Beavis, Ryan Burke, Thomas Korch and Richard Bass.

Assistant coaches include Jim Dennett, Dave Quinneville and Steve Galvin.

The team is sponsored by D.M.S. Moving Systems and Gregg Elliott, D.D.S.

Wayne Wings flying high

The Bantam B Wayne Wings took the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association 10-team District I playoffs with a 3-1 win over Westland on Feb. 11 at Redford Arena.

In district play, the Wings suffered their first loss of the year, 3-2, to Westland, but bounced back with a 5-0 win.

The Wings, now 37-1 overall, advance to the state playoffs, March 6-8, in Gaylord. They have outscored their opponents 93-14 this season.

Members of the Wings, who finished 18-0 in during the regular season, include: Joe Reed and Brandon Gunn, goalies; Eddie Winnie, Jason Zimmerman, Jerry Ball, Eric Bauman, David Haas, Scott Dunahoo, Joe Zimensky, Paul Price, Keith McLaughlin, Bobby Lee, Mark Neighbor, Brandon Ray, Andy Chester and T.J. Conry.

The coaching staff includes Russ Price and Marty McLaughlin.

Team sponsors include Sons of American Legion Squadron 409 and KimCraft Printers.

Life Athletes swim camp

Livonian Sheila Taormina, an Olympic gold medalist in the women's 800-meter freestyle relay at the 1996 Atlanta Games, will be on the coaching staff for the Life Athletes Swim Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the Canham Natatorium on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 11-17 with an emphasis on healthy minds, bodies and virtuous lifestyles and relationships.

Also expected to appear is Eric Namesnik, silver medalist in both the 1992 and '96 Olympic Games and American record holder in the 400 individual medley, along with UM men's coach John Urbanchek and UM women's coach Jim Richardson.

Life Athletes president Chris Godfrey, former U-M football player and All-Pro guard with the Super Bowl XXI New York Giants, will also be speaking.

The cost is $15 per person (includes camp T-shirt, lunch, award and videotape).

For more information, call 1-888-695-5433.

Blazers 7-peat in Catholic League

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Winning the Catholic League A-B Division volleyball title has become predictable at Livonia Ladywood.

Even Sal Malek, the school's athletic director, took a chance that the seventh straight tile was imminent as he printed shirts proclaiming the feat prior ot Thursday's championship match at Madonna University.

Malek's risk wasn't in vain.

The Blazers struggled, but were eventually able to put away a feisty Birmingham Marian team, 15-13, 16-18, 15-3.

"It is challenging to keep the tradition alive here," said senior Jenny Lachapelle, who came up big for Ladywood with 10 kills and three aces. "I'm happy because in my three years on the varsity, I've kept the tradition alive."

VOLLEYBALL

Ladywood (42-7-1), whose only loss in a regular season match over their seven-year reign has been to Marian, was taken to the limit by the Mustangs. Making the Marian effort even more impressive was the fact they played without their setter, Erin Mathews, who had mono.

"We played with a brand new rotation and I thought we played miraculously," Marian coach Patty Kopmeyer said.

"We went into a room before the game and talked about how everyone felt. We were a little nervous and this was the largest crowd we played in front of all year. But we discussed the fact that we had no pressure on us, and that all the pressure was on Ladywood."

The Mustangs (27-10-2) didn't appear to be nervous as they jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead. The Blazers responded by scoring eight unanswered points. After a pair of kills by Lachapelle, Ladywood took a 12-8 lead.

The Blazers appeared to have the game in hand after a kill by Mary Lu Hemme made it 14-11. But Marian closed the gap to 14-13.

Ladywood won the game on a kill by Sarah Poglits, which appeared to be past the end line – according to Kopmeyer.

"I thought we got ripped off on that call," Kopmeyer said.

"They had a better look at the shot from where they were sitting, but one call never should make a game," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said.

Behind the powerful hitting of senior Kristy Kreher, the Mustangs jumped out to a 7-1 lead in the second game. The Blazers gradually came back and eventually took an 11-10 lead after a Poglits tip. Marian countered with four straight points – two on Kreher kills – and led 14-11.

Jenny Young got Ladywood back into the game with a pair of kills, as the lead see-sawed until a Kreher block tied the game at 16-16. Two Ladywood shots sailed out as Marian stunned Ladywood with an 18-16 defeat.

"This is a great Marian team with great players and they change something on us every time we play them," Teeters said. "Tonight, they were doing match-up blocking, where they put their big hitters and blockers on our big hitters and blockers. I didn't adjust to that strategy fast enough."

Before the decisive third game, the Blazers were calm, according to Hemme.

"We wanted to work harder and keep

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACKFELD

Mad scramble: *Livonia Stevenson's Marty Kennedy (left) dives for the loose ball against Plymouth Salem's Andy Power during Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association game. Salem, the top seed in the WLAA, won, 75-32.*

Zebras get by Inkster; Hawks win

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wayne Memorial was fortunate to get out of Inkster with a victory.

Wayne pulled out a 76-72 boys basketball win with a furious late fourth-quarter rally Friday night to square its Michigan Mega Conference Red Division record at 5-5. The Zebras are 10-7 overall.

Inkster, 2-13 overall and 1-9 in the Mega Red, squandered a 12-point lead in the fourth quarter and an 8-point bulge in the final 90 seconds.

Quentin Turner scored Wayne's last three points to insure the victory.

Jamar Davis paced the Zebras with 14 points coming off the bench. Karl Calloway had 12 points and seven rebounds and Reddick Borkins had 11 points, including the go-ahead hoop, plus six assists and five steals. Brian Williams scored 10 points.

Michael Williams led Inkster with 20 points. Inkster went 12-for-19 from the free throw line.

Wayne, which made 19-of-29 free throws, trailed by eight, 20-12, after one period but shaved three points off that in the second and one in the third.

•**HURON VALLEY 45, BETHESDA 43:** The Hawks staved off a late rally by Warren Bethesda to earn the victory.

Tom Husby scored 12 while Nick Wisniske and Jeremy Zahn had 11 apiece as Western Huron Valley Lutheran avenged a home-court loss to Warren. The Hawks are now 5-13 overall, 2-6 in their league.

Host Warren Bethesda (3-13, 2-7) got 17 points from Frank Malcolm but Huron Valley held Andy Vandenberg, who had torched it for 24 in Bethesda's 58-54 earlier victory, scoreless this time around.

Bethesda's late shot from the corner to win was wide of the mark.

•**WL WESTERN 58, CHURCHILL 56:** The Chargers earned a Western Lakes Activities Association playoff berth even though they lost.

The bad news, though, is that Churchill, as the eighth seed, hosts top-seeded Plymouth Salem in the first round game (see complete pairings in The Week Ahead, page D2).

Visiting Churchill stumbled out of the gate and was blanked in the first quarter. It held Walled Lake Central to just eight

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Shamrocks fight back to deadlock Trenton

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

PREP HOCKEY

Some left-over aggression?

That may help explain, although certainly not excuse, the incident in the hand shake line after Redford Catholic Central's 2-2 tie with Trenton before a sellout crowd Wednesday at the Kennedy Arena in Trenton.

Trenton coach Mike Turner said the referee told him one of CC's players started a near post-game altercation. CC coach Todd Johnson, filling in for the ailing Gordie St. John, said he was told the same thing.

"The ref determined their player started it, their guy yanked our guy down," Turner said. "It's supposedly a 'sporstmanship' hand shake."

Johnson probably wishes some of that aggression was used in the first 18 minutes when Trenton jumped to a 2-0 lead.

"I don't know what happened," Johnson said when asked about the post-game incident. "I was busy talking to (one of Trenton's seniors), asking him where he was going to play next year. Let's talk about the 45 minutes of action."

The CC player in question is a grinder – "Anyone in the state would like to have him on their team," Johnson said.

Some opponents look at him like the Red Wings look at Claude LeMieux.

St. John, who returned to practice Friday, watched the film and said the CC player wasn't at fault.

"I reviewed the film and the player referred to did not precipate a problem and there will be no disciplinary action," St. John said.

The tie didn't change the standings in the West Division of the Michigan Metro Hockey League, where CC remains in first place, one point ahead of Trenton with one game remaining.

Defending Class A champion CC, No. 1 ranked in the latest poll, is 12-1-3 in the Metro, while Trenton is 11-2-2.

"It was a chance for us to do something at home and we didn't finish very well, did we?" said Turner, whose team is 17-3-2 overall.

Trenton is a seven-time state champion, but the three-time state champion Shamrocks have dominated the series lately with three wins and two ties in the last five meetings.

Trenton became the first team to outshoot CC this season, enjoying a 30-19 shots on goal advantage.

Trenton opened the scoring 1:05 into the first period when Angelo Petrucco scored on a rebound. A couple minutes later, Petrucco almost scored again, his shot in the slot going just wide of the net covered by CC goaltender Rickey Marnon.

Before the first period ended, Marnon also stopped a Trenton player on a breakaway.

Trenton raised the lead to 2-0 only 3:03 into the second period when Brian Hancock scored.

"Trenton has all this tradition and hasn't beaten us in four games — when was the last time that happened?" Johnson asked. "They really, really, really wanted to beat us and we have a lot of inexperienced guys who aren't used to this environment. I told the 10 guys who have played here to show some leadership and the 10 who haven't that they had their 15 minutes to grow up — start playing or we're going to be blown out of here."

CC tied the score with a pair of goals less than five minutes apart in the second period. Tony Keshishian scored the first, assisted by Greg Berger at 7:42 of the second period.

John Hunt tied the score at 11:46 of the second period with a goal assisted by Dave Turner.

"Tony's goal got our guys off the bench, got us going," Johnson said.

The third period was the most physical of the three and the Shamrocks had the only power play when sniper Jim Melton was pulled down with 5:51 remaining on a near breakaway.

Turner's only problem with the call was that the Shamrocks got away with what looked like a more flagrant penalty minutes earlier when a Trenton player was driving toward the CC net.

"If they're going to let things go, then let things go on both sides," Turner said. "Let the players decide it."

See prep hockey roundup on D2.

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Wayne at [illegible], 7 p.m.
Garden City at [illegible], 7 p.m.
[illegible]
Friday, Feb. 27
Clarenceville at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
Andover at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Light & Life, 7:30 p.m.
Cardinal Mooney at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
(Western Lakes Playoffs)
W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Farmington at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 1
[illegible]
C-D Division championship, noon.
East-West championship, 2 p.m.
AA-Central championship, 4 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Feb. 22
Whalers vs. Oshawa
at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 27
Whalers at Oshawa, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 28
Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 1
Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Feb. 25
Franklin vs. Andover
at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

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Friday, Feb. 27: Livonia Churchill vs. [illegible]

[illegible]

Wednesday, March 4: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional [illegible] Saturday, March 7 at Compuware Arena vs. Grosse Pointe South district champion.)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Feb. 23
Luth. W'sld at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Harrison, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
Farmington at N. Farm., 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Ferndale, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 24
Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road
at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25
[illegible] at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26
Huron Valley at [illegible], 6 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at [illegible] Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 28
UM-Dearborn Tournament, 8:30 p.m.
Metro Conference Tourney, TBA.
TBA — time, site to be announced.

[illegible]
Thursday, Feb. 26
Western Lakes [illegible] prelims
at Plymouth Salem, 1 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 27
Western Lakes diving prelims
at Plymouth Salem, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 28
WLAA finals at Salem, noon.

Spartans roll past district opponents

It's becoming a familiar pattern.

Livonia Stevenson cruises through another team dual wrestling district and advances to the regional.

It will be the seventh straight time Stevenson will make a regional appearance.

Stevenson will meet Dearborn Edsel Ford in one semifinal, beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, at Temperance Bedford.

The host Spartans, now 16-3 overall, made quick work of two Livonia foes Thursday, whipping Franklin in the championship, 63-7, and Churchill in the semifinals, 51-20.

Churchill gave up 36 points by voiding six matches.

See summary of matches.

Shamrocks advance

Redfod Catholic Central's wrestling team cruised through the Division I district team meet on Thursday with wins over Southfield and host Southfield Lathrup.

The Shamrocks lost only one match all afternoon, beating Southfield 83-0 and Lathrup 74-3 to earn a trip to Wednesday's regional at South Lyon.

The regional begins at 4 p.m.

WRESTLING

The Shamrocks pinned all of their opponents against Southfield. The winners were Aaron Turk (103 pounds), Tom Buddenborg (112), Ed Lendrum (119), Andy Lendrum (125), Jeff Wheeler (130), Mitch Hancock (135), Peter Mazzarese (140), Ryan Zajdel (145), Sean Bell (152), Jeff Pascoe (160), Rob Wentworth (171), John Abshire (189), Brocc Naysmith (215) and Casey Rogowski (heavyweight).

CC used the same lineup with the exception of Ron Sarata at 140 pounds against Lathrup.

The regional is a challenging one, with the headlining team being Northville, the Western Lakes Activities Association champion.

The Shamrocks, who recently won their 18th Catholic League meet under coach Mike Rodriguez, aren't awed, however.

"We've got an awesome regional," Rodriguez said. "But we get better as we wrestle more. Other teams get tired. We usually start getting strong at the Catholic League. All the hard work and competition we met starts to pay off."

TEAM DUAL DISTRICT MAT RESULTS

DIVISION I DISTRICT (No. 131)
TEAM DUAL WRESTLING TOURNEY
Feb. 19 at LIVONIA STEVENSON

LIVONIA STEVENSON 63
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 7
(Championship final)

103 pounds: Joe Moreau (LS) pinned Lee Warren, 0:45; **112:** Josh Gunterman (LS) won by void; **119:** Zack Yaffai (LS) p. Adam Hughes, 2:13; **125:** Katsuhiko Sueda (LS) p. Don Hughes, 2:39; **130:** Chris Goins (LS) dec. Derek Azzopardi, 8-2; **135:** Chris Cooprider (LS) won by void; **140:** Imad Kharbush (LS) p. Brian Walker, 1:58; **145:** Dan Seder (LS) won by injury default over Ryan Shiplett; **152:** Jeff Brach (LS) p. Allen Duff, 3:42; **160:** Brian Barker (LS) p. Eric Toska, 3:14; **171:** Steve Myslinski (LF) dec. Mike Radley, 13-3; **189:** Brian Tibus (LF) dec. Waleed Haddad, 13-12; **215:** George Tsoukalas (LS) won by void; **heavyweight:** double void.

Stevenson's dual-meet record: 16-3.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 51
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 20
(Semifinal match)

103 pounds: Josh Gunterman (LS) won by void; **112:** Joe Moreau (LS) pinned Scott Elstone, 3:25; **119:** Mike Strugala (LS) won by void; **125:** Katsuhiko Sueda (LS) won by void; **130:** Chris Goins (LS) won by void; **135:** Chris Cooprider (LS) won by void; **140:** Imad Kharbush (LS) p. Steve Abar, 3:47; **145:** Dan Seder (LS) won by void; **152:** Mike Carter (LC) won by technical fall over Joe Jamieson, 16-0; **160:** Brian Barker (LS) dec. Brandon LaPointe, 8-3; **171:** Brian Panczyszyn (LC) dec. Mike Radley, 6-0; **189:** Vincent Ascione (LC) dec. Waleed Haddad, 5-0; **215:** Mike Gaffke (LC) dec. George Tsoukalas, 3-2; **heavyweight:** Jeff Sinnina (LC) won by void.

DISTRICT (No. 130)
Feb. 19 at PLYMOUTH SALEM

PLYMOUTH SALEM 54
WAYNE MEMORIAL 15
(Championship match)

103 pounds: Rob Ash (PS) decisioned Paul Goyt, 12-4; **112:** John Mervyn (PS) dec. Mike Kassabri, 13-3; **119:** Nate Wensko (WM) dec. Dan Morgan, 9-5; **125:** Josh Henderson (PS) p. Justin Beseler, 5:04; **130:** Justin Bruner (PS) won by void; **135:** Sam Boyd (PS) dec. Jason Sienko, 6-4 (overtime); **140:** Dan Hamblin (PS) p. Ken Raupp, 1:59; **145:** James Greene (PS) dec. Keith Britt, 9-3; **152:** Rob Theisen (WM) p. Eric Greene, 0:56; **160:** Mike Popeney (PS) p. Jason Quinn, 1:40; **171:** Anwar Crutchfield (PS) p. Kurt Spann, 1:30; **189:** Teono Wilson (PS) p. Dave Bell, 1:50; **215:** Kevin VanHolten (PS) dec. James Wallace, 13-1; **heavyweight:** William Laramie (WM) won by void.

Dual meet records: Wayne, 12-6 overall.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 67
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 12
(Semifinal match)

103 pounds: Paul Goyt (WM) won by void; **112:** Mike Kassbri (WM) p. Jesse Purdon, 4:48; **119:** Nate Wensko (WM) dec. Jeff Albrecht, 11-4; **125:** Justin Beseler (WM) p. Eric McMichael, 3:49; **130:** Justin Bass (WJG) won by void; **135:** Jason Sienko (WM) dec. Chris Wolfgang, 12-2; **140:** Ken Raupp (WM) p. Alan Waddell, 1:55; **145:** Keith Britt (WM) p. Matt Peters, 0:49; **152:** John Fedulchak (WJG) p. Tom Wolak, 1:43; **160:** Rob Theisen (WM) won by void; **171:** Kurt Spann won by void; **189:** Dave Bell (WM) won by void; **215:** James Wallace (WM) won by void; **heavyweight:** William Laramie (WM) won by void.

Stevenson ties Milford after frying Rice

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

PREP HOCKEY

Livonia Stevenson, South Division champion of the Suburban High School Hockey League, fought to a 3-3 draw Friday with Milford, co-leader in the Kensington Valley Conference, in a non-leaguer played Friday at Edgar Arena.

Ryan Sinks had a pair of goals for the host Spartans, who finished the regular season at 16-6-2 overall. Bill Marshall had the other Stevenson goal, while Darin Fawkes, Steve Anderson, Mike Radakovich and Roy Rabe each drew assists.

"We did tonight what we needed to do," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "We played everybody and got one last observation before the state tourney.

"We're going to shorten our bench to help keep the flow going with a little more muscle."

Junior Cory O'Toole, who has 19 goals in the KVC and over 30 for the season, scored twice for the Redskins, including a penalty shot in the first period.

Mark Machnak got the game-tying goal at 12:40 of the final period.

Stevenson netminder Matt McLeod stopped 26 of 29 shots, while counterpart John Brown of Milford blocked 29 of 30.

Milford, riding a 17-game unbeaten streak, enters Wednesday's first-place KVC showdown with Brighton at 16-3-3 overall.

"Nobody likes to tie, but we were coming off a big win over Brother Rice (see below) and it was a good learning experience," Harris said.

Stevenson opens district play Friday at Edgar against Livonia Franklin.

"If we stay intense and play with determination, we should do all right," Harris said. "If we get some breaks and some luck, we could go 6-0.

"Fortunately we have no injuries and we're healthy. We will respect all of our opponents and we know the season is over the next time we lose."

•STEVENSON 7, BROTHER RICE 2: A four-goal outburst in the opening period sparked Livonia Stevenson (16-6-1) to an impressive non-league victory over Birmingham Brother Rice in a game played at Edgar Arena.

Jeff Lang scored twice for the victorious Spartans, while Willie Wilson, Joe Suchara, Mike Zientarski and John May added one each.

Ryan Sinks and Mike Walsh each picked up two assists, while Mike McCowan, Tim Allen, Steve Anderson, May and Wilson contributed one each.

Kevin Lefere scored twice for the Warriors.

Matt McLeod started in goal for the Spartans before giving way to Chris McComb, who worked the final 10 minutes.

Stevenson outshot the Warriors, 32-30.

•CHURCHILL 6, TROY UNIFIED 2: In a game played Wednesday at Edgar Arena, host Livonia Churchill wound up the regular season with a 17-4-3 overall with the win over Troy Unified (9-9-2).

The Chargers jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Frank Furdero (from Adam Krug and Felix Jentzmik at 8:01) and Matt Grant (from Brandon Martola at 14:15).

Troy's Fern Kidder cut the deficit to 2-1 at 0:58 of the second period, but Churchill answered with four straight goals, three coming in the middle period.

Matt Wysocki scored on a power-play from B.J. Teahan at 9:59; Antti Kervinen from Furdero at 10:37; and Jentzmik, from Furdero and Krug at 11:56.

Sean Szostak then netted his first varsity goal at 5:39 of the third from Ed Rossetto.

Troy's Dave Bull scored at 10:28.

Churchill outshot Troy, 34-26, as Dwaine Jones and Greg Sliwka split time in the Charger goal.

•FRANKLIN 5, LAHSER 1: Despite dressing just 11 players, Livonia Franklin improved to 12-8-2 overall with the win Thursday over host Bloomfield Hills Lahser at the Detroit Skating Club.

Franklin goaltender Rob Williams was sharp, stopping 27 of 28 shots.

The Patriots jumped out to a 4-0 first period lead, scoring three times within a two-minute span.

Greg Job led off with an unassisted goal at 14:13; Tony Sala drove home a rebound from Dave Tyler and Job at 13:26; and Sala scored from Tyler and Brandon McCullough at 13:12.

Job then scored again just 24 seconds before the end of the period on assists from McCullough and Tyler.

Sala notched his second of the night from Greg and Jeff Job at 10:03 of the second period.

Lahser (5-15-2) got a third-period goal from Mark Wells to ruin Williams' shutout bid.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

FINAL LJAL BASEBALL SIGNUP

Final baseball registration for the Livonia Junior Athletic League (ages 8-14) will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Bentley Center, located on Hubbard and Five Mile roads.

Those registering must reside in either the Livonia or Clarenceville school districts.

SOCCER COACHES WANTED

The Michigan United select soccer program, sponsored by the Westland Soccer League, is seeking candidates to coach two new select teams beginning in the fall.

The age groups are boys under-10 (born Aug. 1, 1988 to July 31, 1989) and boys under-11 (born Aug. 1, 1987-July 31, 1988).

Residency is not a requirement for players or coaches. A coaching license is not required, but will be needed prior to the time the teams become under-12.

Team tryouts will be conducted by the new coaches in June.

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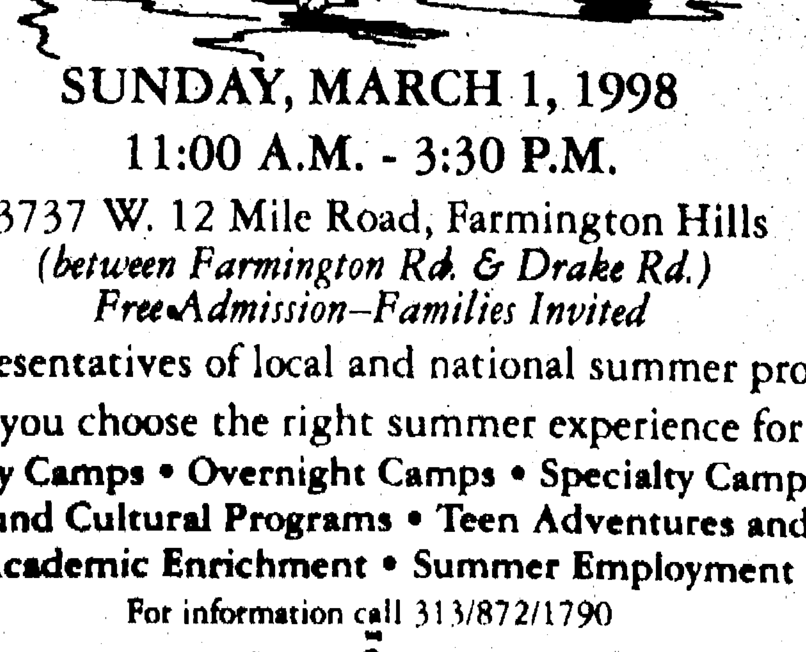

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Churchill blocks Western

Livonia Churchill rallied from deficits of 14-10 and 7-2 in the first and third games to earn a 16-14, 11-15, 15-7 Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball win Thursday over visiting Walled Lake Western.

With the victory on Parent's Night, Churchill improved to 17-13-7 overall and 6-4 in the WLAA.

Susan Hill turned in a sterling effort for the victorious Chargers by serving 11 points to go along with 19 digs and 19-for-19 passing.

Senior Jenny Duncan augmented Hill's strong defense with a team-high 27 digs. She also served seven points.

Churchill's top hitters included Jessica Sherman and Lauren Ruprecht with 11 kills apiece. Beth Rutkowski and Lisa Fabirkiewicz added nine and eight, respectively.

"Western played tough defense and we got a little frustrated seeing the ball keep coming back," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "But we stayed patient and worked through it."

Clarenceville splits

Livonia Clarenceville suffered its second Metro Conference loss of the season Thursday at the hands of visiting Macomb Lutheran North, 15-8, 15-12.

The Trojans are 29-8-1 overall and 5-2 in the Metro.

Agnieszka Palarz had 10 kills in 17 attempts, while teammate Melissa Berry made good on six of 10.

Jackie Kilbilko led the defense with 67 digs with only five errors.

On Wednesday, Kristin Jaber served 14 straight points, including five aces, in the third and deciding game as the Trojans won at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 15-8, 3-15, 15-0.

Palarz was the top attacker once again with seven kills in 12 attempts.

Hawks come close

Warren Bethesda Christian, unbeaten in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, escaped with a 14-16, 15-11, 16-14 victory over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in a match played Thursday at Livonia St. Paul's.

Bethesda won it by breaking a 14-all deadlock in the third and decisive game.

"We almost beat them — our girls played tremendous, the best they played all year," said Huron Valley coach Jeff Hale, whose team is 8-10-3 overall and 4-5 in the MIAC. "The girls wanted it and played their best. They played their hearts out."

Rachel Zahn was the Hawks' top server, while setter Stephanie Graves had four blocks. Anya Day recorded three kills, while Stacie Graves was impressive setting.

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our confidence and spirits up after that game," said Hemme, who had six kills. "No one panicked. Everyone got together and played well, and it was truly a team effort."

After falling behind 2-1 on a pair of spikes by Liz Bellwood, Ladywood quickly took command. Poglits and Lachapelle supplied much of the offense as the Blazers broke out to a 11-3 lead. After a pair aces by Young made it 13-3, Ladywood won its title on a Lachapelle kill and a net violation by Marian.

"I wasn't sure if we had a mental letdown or what in the third game," Kopmeyer said. "We fell behind and just never played. I thought we played very well in the first two games and were aggressive. You just have to make sure you're always at the top of your game and never flat against Ladywood. They always play with cool heads."

"They came out strong, but we eventually took control like we always do," Hemme said.

Poglits paced the Ladywood attack with 13 kills in 27 attempts. Young added 12 kills and four aces, while Katie Brogan recorded 15 digs.

Kreher was dominating for Marian, collecting 14 kills in 30 attempts. Senior Katrina Lehman added eight kills, and Teresa Carlesimo chipped in with 12 assists.

"We weren't triple blocking (Kreher) at first, but once we did, we defended her all right," Lachapelle said. "It's tough to defend her because she's a lefty and a good jumper."

"We wanted to put a triple block on Kristy and force her to tip the ball; if she tips and scores, that was fine with us," Teeters added.

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland boys best swimming times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 953-2141 or faxing the information to (313) 591-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 1:40.62
Plymouth Salem 1:42.04
Redford Catholic Central 1:43.94
Plymouth Canton 1:44.82
North Farmington 1:46.49

200 FREESTYLE
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.54
Nick Corden (Salem) 1:44.80
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 1:48.61
Ryan Meskins (Redford CC) 1:48.97
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 1:49.11
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:50.20
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 1:52.31
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 1:53.33
Jason Musson (Canton) 1:53.35
Brent Mellis (Salem) 1:53.37

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.73
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 2:01.41
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.67
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:06.26
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 2:06.49
Brent Mellis (Salem) 2:06.73
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:07.36
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.44
Nick Corden (Salem) 2:07.49
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:07.73

50 FREESTYLE
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 21.81
Nick Corden (Salem) 22.14
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.44
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 22.96
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 23.05
Dan Kelly (Salem) 23.10
Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 23.21
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 23.24
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 23.29
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.36

DIVING
John Lowry (Farmington) 269.85
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 265.45
Chris Totten (Garden City) 250.55
Jeff Phillips (John Glenn) 242.95
J.T. Svoke (Harrison) 242.30
Mike Betvitch (Salem) 231.90
Chris Cameron (Salem) 223.00
Greg Brazlunas (Redford CC) 205.05
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 196.95
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 193.55

100 BUTTERFLY
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 53.16
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 53.79
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 54.73
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.36
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 55.66
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 56.75
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.26
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 56.10
Matt Tobkin (Redford CC) 56.19
Brent Mellis (Salem) 56.26

100 FREESTYLE
Nick Corden (Salem) 48.39
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.67
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 48.68
Ryan Meskins (Redford CC) 49.25
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 50.00
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 50.07
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 50.26
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 50.58
Andrew Locke (Salem) 51.14
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 51.40

500 FREESTYLE
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:48.79
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 4:49.30
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 4:57.05
Brian Martens (Salem) 5:01.37
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 5:03.41
Brent Mellis (Salem) 5:03.43
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 5:03.64
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 5:05.58
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:06.84
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:09.05

200 FREESTYLE RELAY
Plymouth Salem 1:29.46
Livonia Stevenson 1:30.46
North Farmington 1:33.48
Plymouth Canton 1:34.63
Redford Catholic Central 1:36.74

100 BACKSTROKE
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 54.12
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.52
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 56.16
Nick Corden (Salem) 56.17
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.30
Brent Mellis (Salem) 57.44
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.30
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.74
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 59.18

100 BREASTSTROKE
Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:02.85
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.94
Ryan Zoumberis (John Glenn) 1:04.05
Paul Connolly (Redford CC) 1:04.07
Jody Gomez (Franklin) 1:04.87
Matt Heiss (Canton) 1:05.11
Andrew Locke (Salem) 1:05.66
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:06.45
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:07.10
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:07.26

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
Plymouth Salem 3:20.38
Livonia Stevenson 3:20.72
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.69
North Farmington 3:30.82
Plymouth Canton 3:31.99

BOYS DUAL MEET SWIM RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 112
NORTH FARMINGTON 73
Feb. 19 at North

200-yard medley relay: Stevenson (Mark Sgriccia, Kevin VanTiem, Joe Bublitz, Brad Buckler), 1:44.81; 2. North, 1:45.49; **200 freestyle:** 1. Steve Domin (LS), 1:48.51; 2. Mike Malik (LS), 1:58.1; 3. Justin Ketterer (LS), 1:59.94; **200 individual medley:** 1. Keith Falk (LS), 2:02.69; 2. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:13.56; 3. Jim Gabriel (NF), 2:13.91; **50 freestyle:** 1. Matt Zaid (NF), 23.45; 2. Jacob Varty (LS), 23.86; 3. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 24.2; **diving:** 1. Joe Lebovic (NF), 183.75 points; 2. Justin Goodwin (NF), 150.40; 3. Jared Goldman (NF), 126.90; **100 butterfly:** 1. Sgriccia (LS), 54.11; 2. Falk (LS), 55.36; 3. Bublitz (LS), 58.1; **100 freestyle:** 1. Domin (LS), 49.47; 2. M. Zaid (NF), 50.58; 3. Varty (LS), 51.7; **500 freestyle:** 1. Malik (LS), 5:14.14; 2. Ketterer (LS), 5:14.62; 3. Greg Paske (NF), 5:31.74; **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Domin, Varty, Buckler, Falk), 1:34.27; 2. North, 1:37.15; **100 backstroke:** 1. Gabriel (NF), 54.12 (pool record); 2. Bublitz (LS), 55.52 (pool record); 3. Sgriccia (LS), 58.06; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Nemer (LS), 1:08.59; 2. VanTiem (LS), 1:09.16; 3. Jon Zaid (NF), 1:11.07; **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Domin, Varty, Bublitz, Falk), 3:29.02.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 8-3 overall.

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points, though and trailed 18-8 at the half.

The Chargers made just 4-of-22 field goals in the first half.

"We got 3-4 good looks at the basket," Coach Rick Austin said, "and we executed our game plan, but we just couldn't finish our plays in the first half."

Things sped up in the second half and Churchill piled up 30 points in the fourth quarter alone. Corey Cook had 14 points, Erik Uhlinger scored 12 and had seven steals, and George Kithas had 11 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks.

Ben Dewar led the Warriors with 17 points, Jack Teasdale 15 and Wes Hazel had 12.

The Chargers cut the deficit to two points with 10 seconds to play but threw the ball away on an in-bounds play. Western missed free throws with seven seconds to play but a last-second three-point shot caromed off the iron.

•**JOHN GLENN 65, W.L. CENTRAL 55:** On Thursday, senior forward Jason Crofton came off the bench to score 11 points and sophomore center Yaku Moton had 10 points and 15 rebounds to lead Westland John Glenn (11-6, 9-2) to the WLAA victory over visiting Walled Lake Central (8-9, 5-6).

The Rockets trailed 10-9 after one quarter, but took command with an 18-7 second-quarter run.

Reggie Spearmon and Eric Jones each contributed 10 points for the victorious Rockets.

Todd Negoshian had a game-high 21 for the Vikings, while Cory Heitch contributed 17.

Glenn, which wrapped up the third seed in the upcoming WLAA playoffs, was 13 of 24 from the free throw line.

Central was six of nine.

•**NORTHVILLE 70, FRANKLIN 65:** They scratched and clawed, but the second-quarter hole the Patriots found themselves in was just too deep to get out of.

The Mustangs outscored the Patriots 27-19 in the second quarter Friday night and held host Livonia Franklin off in the final two periods.

The victory squared Northville's record at 8-8, 3-8 in the WLAA. Livonia Franklin, 5-11, dropped to 1-9 in the league.

Rob Reel scored 17 points to pace Northville, David Tarekedis had 16 and Ben Keetle 11.

Jay Fontaine led all scorers with 22 points and also had 13 rebounds for Franklin. Nick Mongeau and Jacob Goedde each had 11.

Northville used a pressure defense and fast break in the second quarter to break to its big lead. Free throws were also a factor as the Mustangs made 16-of-22 while the Patriots only sank 10-of-21.

•**SALEM 75, STEVENSON 32:** The string continued for the Spartans.

Host Plymouth Salem clinched the WLAA championship by drubbing winless Livonia Stevenson.

"We took care of what we had to do," Rocks' Coach Bob Brodie said. "We didn't want to get tripped up by a team that had nothing to lose."

Mike Voutsinas paced Stevenson (0-17, 0-11) with six points.

Salem (14-3, 10-1) got 16 points in half a game from Andy Power. All 12 Rocks scored.

Stevenson trailed, 19-10, after the first quarter but was outscored 40-10 in the middle two periods.

•**LIGGETT 85, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 75:** Metro Conference power Liggett outscored visiting Lutheran Westland by nine in the first half to win.

Joel Parrott had 27 points and Brain Bruenton 20 as Liggett improved to 13-3 overall and 10-3 in the Metro. Lutheran High Westland is now 7-9 for the season, including a 6-7 league mark.

Tom Habitz led the Warriors with 15 points, Ryan Ollinger scored 14, Brian Spoljaric 12 and Brad Woehlke 11.

Grosse Pointe University-Liggett made eight three-point shots in the game. Lutheran Westland missed just three of 23 free throw opportunities.

•**LUTHERAN EAST 72, CLARENCEVILLE 57:** Joe Murphy's 21 points weren't enough to keep the Trojans, 5-11, from their eighth loss in 11 Metro Conference games.

Lutheran East, 11-8 overall and 10-5 in the Metro, got 25 points and 14 rebounds from Phil Condon.

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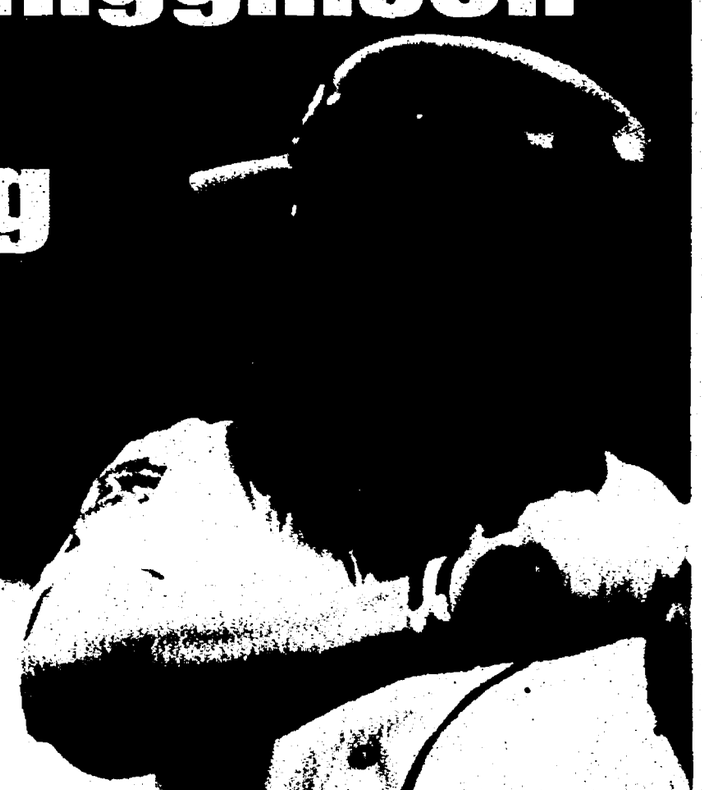

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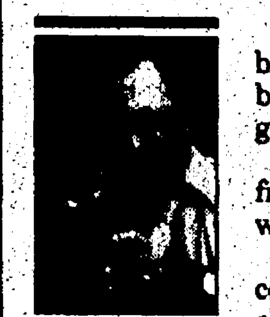

AL HARRISON

What's unique to the sport of bowling is the excitement that builds up during the possible 300 game.

By the seventh or eighth frame, all eyes are on the bowler who has a big string going.

When the 10th and final frame comes along, the tension mounts and it is a pressure situation for whoever is on the line.

Two such occasions make for a good story.

First was Fuerst. Sandy was Fuerst until she married and became Sandy Winbigler. She has been a top notch bowler in the ladies All-Star leagues for many years, but last Monday night at Cloverlanes in Livonia, I looked to see what all the yelling was about, and sure enough, it was Sandy in the 10th frame, solid strikes all the way.

Again, I watched as she took her time for No. 12 and calmly nailed her shot, it was her very "Fuerst" perfect game, and she was excitement personified.

"I never thought I'd really do it," she said.

This from a young lady who has been the queen of Detroit women bowlers two consecutive years, '92 and '93 and has been on the All-City team several times.

Detroit Women's Bowling Association members who roll a 300 game get their photo in the yearbook annually.

The other noteworthy 300 game was rolled by David Craft on December 15 at Cherry Hill North Lanes in Clarkston. He did it in the Monday Night Bucks & Does Mixed League. David had previously rolled a couple of 298's, leaving the 7-9 on the last ball both times.

This is an amazing story, considering the fact that David Craft is legally blind. He is 43 years-old and has been retired from General Motors on disability after his eyesight started failing 10 years ago.

He does not use a guide rail as he can distinguish where the lane is, but needs a sighted spotter to let him know which pins are standing after each shot. That was one time he did not need anyone for a spotter, but he was extremely nervous after the 11th, and his friend calmed him down enough to throw one more strike.

■ Entry forms are now out at all area bowling centers for the Pro-Am event of the 15th annual Greater Detroit Open Pro Bowlers Tour at Taylor Lanes. The Pro-Am in Adult, Junior and Junior-Adult combined divisions will be Saturday through Tuesday, May 9-12.

Adult entrants may pay $75 without ball or bag, $145 adds the Storm Thunder Road Ball or $135 for the triple ball carrier.

An entry fee with $205 gets you the ball and roller carrier. Youth entrants can bowl only for $35 or take the same options as the adults, the difference is that there is $1,000 in prize money for each adult squad, and youth bowlers can earn some scholarship money.

The Pro-Am is a great experience for all, and it is a chance for anyone regardless of averages to bowl with the famous pros such as Walter Ray Williams, Amleto Monacelli, Norm Duke and Pete Weber.

And you combine scores with the pro bowlers to win the prize money. The finals will be televised on CBS 3-4 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Westside Senior Traveling – Mort Friedman, 290/717; Art Kuzniar, 237/675; Jess Macclocco, 247/673; Tony Ballarta, 238/660; Ron Lancaster, 641.

Wonderland Classic – Dan Gustus, 276-300/808; Ed Dudek, 255-255/761; Bud Bogotay, 761; Matt Celmer, 299; Al Swinglehurst, 279/741.

Nite Owls – Gary Cornelius, 273/690; Alan Biasutto, 682; Paul Pisani, 254/674; Pat McKenna, 235/642; Reamous Bennett, 269 (101 pins o/a).

Merri Bowl (Livonia)

Delphi – George Fineran, 256-215-300/771; Rick Biegas, 801.

Monday Ladies Doubles – Mary Mohacsi, 299/687.

Tues. Delphi – Tom Davis, 248; Larry Fritz, 247; John Wilamowski, 259; Jason Dillaha, 245.

Merribowlers – Chris Mood, 221-192-223/636.

Frost School – Colin Zuremko (age 13) 220-265.

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

FoMoCo Thurs Nite – BobWilliams, 268/717; Chuck O'Rourke, 289/708; Steve Gutuskey, 244/706; Bob Ashcraft, 276/703; Wayne Walters, 265/690; Bill Barnes, 276/683.

St. Aidan's Men's – Dave Golen, 234-213/630; Bob Racey, 222-227/609; Keith Isaac, 224; Jeff Amolsch, 231.

Kings & Queens – Kerwin Briggs, 225; Sue Naster, 256/568; Frank Robinson, 227/583; Don Hoot, 222/648.

All-Star Bowlerettes – Sandy Winbigler, 215-300-226/741; Kathie Maser, 244-256-224/724; Tamika Glenn, 242-246-234/722; Ellen Johnson, 213-223-279/715; Cheryl Stipcak, 269-211-217/697; Carol Mielczarek, 268; Carmen Allen, 267.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Senior House – Minh Grougan, 269/710; Mark Howes, 268/772; Mickey Smith, 279/733; Ken McMillan, 694; Ken Harvey, 708.

Beters – Mike Rankin, 300/690; Mike Kowalski, 279/736; Dave Kaczor, 279/737; Ron Stevens, 256/737; Jim Gagleard, 246/716; Michael Kowalski, 288/686; Rick Ostrander, 265/714.

Ford Parts – Frank Hoffmen, 687; Brennan Moss, 290/750; Dennis Weatherford, 725; John Fargo, 679; Jim Balgrie, 678.

Men's Trio – Mark Shlemke, 268/740; Ken Kibit, 278/687; Mike O'Malley, 299/695; Mark Payne, 676; Butch Cook, 268/750; Mike Travis, 300/759.

Midnight Mixed – Dale Manteuffel, 666; Paul McMurray, 258/726; James Prostell, 706; Noreen Rose, 665.

Jacks & Jills – Greg Glumm, 644.

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills)

Country Keglers – Walt Uilrich, 246/635; Steve Hughes, 245/673;Dan Dwyer, 244; Steve Dulka, 243/636; Robert Shimko, 237/631.

Greenfield Mixed – Tom Gow, 214-300-247/761; RyanWilson, 221-278-210/709; Dan Shea, 257-254-233/744; Lila Smith, 202-243/628; Debbie VanMeter, 253-223/664.

Metro Highway – Rick Ostrander, 256/604; Randy Martin, 248-224/666; T.D.Brown, 247-205/613; Frank Kasprzynski, 236/599; Rick Doremus, 235.

Country Janes – Terri Letwinski, 275/675; Lynne Wegener, 237/661; Paulette Young, 213/540; Norma Milazzo, 210; Sharon Duncan, 209.

Senior Wing Dingers – Doris Craig, 230; Bill Hardy, 203-210/605; Vance Birchman, 212/547; Joe Kubinec, 210.

University Men's – Ed Renilovich, 278/702; J. Jaco, 274/719; Jeff Adkins, 289/710; C.Rosin, 259/671; Jerry Fiema, 256/649.

Sunday Goodtimers – Joe Roerink (just subbing), 290/652; Mike Kovacs, 220-210-209/639; Larry Frommer, 226.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford)

Good Neighbors – Gloria Mertz, 221; Kathy Riech, 201; Joanne Sturgis, 192/504.

Wednesday Senior Men's Classic – Phil Horowitz, 219-290-227/736; Gabe Fazekas, 264; Stan Gaglacki, 214-215-231/660; Bob Slayden, 245-205/632; Ernie Segura, 220-276-202/698; Milt Schroeder, 252/664.

Friday Seniors – Hank Pearson, 233/661; Lloyd Thompson, 266/649; Angie Bertuca, 235/637; John Yontz, 265/634; John Berci, 241/625.

Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic – Tim Murray, 218-254-233/705; Dan Bollinger, 227-238-232/697; JoeCook, 219-254-205/678; Mike Bazner, 237-222-211/670; Jim Bering, 234-224/666.

Garden Lanes (Garden City) 2/13/98

Mark Williams, 237-247-205/[illegible]; Dave M. Bazner, 235-223-226/684; Allen Justin, 238-244/678; Mike Baldwin, 231-206-238/675; Jason Garland, 226-212-234/672.

Oak Lanes (Westland)

Thurs. Ladies Nite Out – Carla Dowling, 289/624; Cindy Forrester, 203/560; Delanine Cornett, 194/562; Rhonda Felczak, 194.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

Ford Sheldon Road Men's – Mike Lundy, 211-225-253/689.

Plaza Men – Bob Smith, 234-237-233/704; Joe O'Connell, 230-233-247/710.

Burroughs Men – Glen Hims, 290/709.

Waterford Men – Rick Wiseck, 248-243-215/706.

Nut Shots – John Hurley Sr., 279; Paul McMurry, 266.

St. Colette's Men – George Cadovich, 258-244-204/706.

Super Bowl (Canton)

Suburban Prep Travel (Men) – Bob Chubs, 265/[illegible]; Bill Bishop, 246/632; Jack Oliphant, 241/634; Greg Gumlow, 233; Dave Jacobs, 228.

SuburbanPrep Travel (Ladies) – Janet Doering, 225/575; Loretta Moss, 224/566; Dorothy Stever, 200; Barb Hernandez, 195/514.

FARMINGTON WOMEN STAY FIT, COMPETITIVE PLAYING SOCCER

ANGELS GET A KICK OUT OF GAME

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Kids at heart: *Lisa Clark (left) battles an opponent at a recent match for the over-30 Farmington Angels soccer team. Many players are moms who bring their kids to the Sunday night games, but they take the competition seriously and listen carefully to their coach.*

While watching women play indoor soccer, a novel idea for a horror film comes to mind.

In this supposed plot, a swarm of normally passive soccer moms become enraged at hearing how the man they helped elect president becomes embroiled in a tawdry sex scandal.

To exact their revenge, they depart in a convoy of mini-vans to the nation's capital where the mob overtakes the White House and vents its collective anger by kicking the heck out of the politician's backside.

"Wrath of the Soccer Moms" is not hard to imagine, especially for those who witness these over-30 women passionately putting the boot to a regulation size-5 ball Sunday nights at Beechwood Arena in Southfield.

The Farmington Angels — aptly named for their sweet demeanor off the field — are all business come game time.

Daughters are provided coloring books and money for concessions; husbands are hustled off to the bleachers. This is their moment to compete at center circle.

"Everyone is in the same boat and we have families," said forward Sue Schrauben, who lives in Lake Orion. "Everyone is competitive . . . and we don't feel like we're just moms."

The team includes engineers, teachers, nurses and telemarketers. Many pursued soccer as girls, indicative of the sport's early boom in the late 1970s. Others entered the game as adults, seeing soccer as a way to stay fit.

The Angels are given advice by a pair of Charlies — Sean Magee and Ben Stomber, who live in Farmington and Farmington Hills, respectively.

Stomber, 53, handles the first team while Magee, who played soccer in his native Belfast, Northern Ireland, guides the second squad. Their coaching partnership extends 16 years when Magee once coached Stomber's daughter.

"He's taken over the 'A' team because my legs are giving out," said Magee, 75. "I sort of advise him now."

The Farmington Angels go back to the early 1980s, which was then an open women's team with college-aged players. The squad ran off to three league titles and won a regional championship in its halcyon days.

Those women are replaced by others who became married, had children and started careers.

"I want my children to see me play so they know they don't have to give everything up when you get older and have a family," said midfielder Beth Miller, 33, whose ankle was propped on the bench after she twisted it.

Miller has a girl, 8, and a boy, 5, who both play soccer. Sue Temby's two girls also play.

They watch their mother's games and line up before mom for money before kick-off. "Don't spend it on junk," she tells one daughter, who collects the currency but seems to ignore the wisdom attached with it.

The 1976 Livonia Stevenson graduate enjoys the exercise and competitiveness over-30 women's soccer offers.

There's also the camaraderie and friendships that develop through such sporting endeavors. But family and job responsibilities limit those bonds to the playing field.

"We play and go home," Temby said.

Added a teammate, "We have families and we have kids, and we're *all* busy."

In control: *Sue Temby, a member of the over-30 Farmington Angels, works the ball up the field during her game. Temby's daughters also play soccer.*

Sometimes those things under the heading of real life interfere with soccer. The Farmington Angels 'B' team was left with only one substitute as only seven players showed up. The team they played featured a full contingent and, to make matters worse, one of the Angels' regulars turned up in goal for the opposition.

Magee, whose rests both hands on his cane, kept a close eye on players who quickly became winded and substituted accordingly.

"Where are our reinforcements?" asked Patti Lindstrom, 46, breathing heavily after coming off the field.

Lindstrom, who is a teacher at Longacre Elementary in Farmington, didn't start playing the game until she was 25.

"A lot of the girls have better skills than I do," Lindstrom said. "They didn't have soccer when I was younger.

"Some of these girls played in college. That's why the quality of the game has come along. Of course, it's the quality of the coaching, too."

Magee cautioned Lindstrom not to play too far up before sending her back onto the floor.

The effort to conserve energy paid off as the Angels led at half-time thanks to goals by Claudia Lousma, a nurse in the intensive care unit at University of Michigan Hospital, and Darlene Houdek. During the break, the weary women congregated at the bench for instructions.

All Magee could talk about is the opposing team's tall leggy blonde forward, but he wasn't leering. His interests were purely strategical.

"You have to watch her; You can't let her get through," Magee said to the team's defenders.

The fact he's surrounded by attractive women — many half his age — doesn't cause any strife with Mrs. Magee at home, either.

"She's wonderful," he said. "She says 'as long as you're enjoying yourself and having fun, go ahead (and coach).'"

Houdek, a 1980 Livonia Bentley graduate, responded with two more goals as the Angels B side triumphed.

"It's good exercise and it's challenging to get around the players, which I'm not always able to do," Houdek said.

It's something their mothers didn't have a chance to do; hurdle those obstacles or experience the camaraderie associated with playing team sports.

"I wish she had something like this," Schrauden said. "It's a generational thing, I guess."

NATURE NOTES

TIM NOWICKI

Snow in winter allows me to follow the movements of animals that I would not be able to follow ordinarily.

But this winter snow has been meager, so I have had to rely on other clues to find evidence of animals.

Since all living things have to eat, I search for food that has been used by animals. Deer browse the ends of twigs and rabbits gnaw the bark from small saplings, as well as nipping off branches of bushes.

Squirrels leave behind their diggings for nuts and acorns, which can be seen on the forest floor if you look carefully. Red squirrels like to leave behind a pile of pine cone scales on a tree stump.

But after animals eat, they must relieve themselves of waste at some point in time. This is not the subject people like to think about when they explore the natural world, but it is reality.

In winter, grasses are not very nutritious so rabbits and other animals depend on the bark of trees. Animals that eat bark produce a very woody looking scat (naturalist's term for animal fecal material). After eating nothing but tree bark, their scat reflects what they eat.

While cross country skiing near Georgian Bay in Canada recently, my family and I found an active porcupine den.

Fanning from a hole at the base of a hollow tree was fresh scat characteristic of a porcupine. We had seen dens like this in northern Michigan with old scat that had dried up. When dry, their scat looks like pellets of sawdust about a half inch in diameter and about an inch long.

In winter, porcupines rely on the bark of trees, like the rabbit.

Close to the active den we discovered were places where the porcupine had chewed the bark off large sections of the tree.

Scars from previous years could be seen on neighboring trees. The light coloration of the fresh gnawing was very evident against the dark bark of the surrounding tree trunks.

Some scat was scattered below branches where they had been eating high in the tree, but most were coming from inside the den where the porcupine sleeps during the day.

Two or three trails formed spokes toward the den hub and headquarters for this well-known forest dweller. Unless porcupine numbers become very high, they do not affect the health of a forest, despite their habit of girdling, which can kill a healthy tree.

Even though snow may be scarce this season, you can still search for signs of scat.

Livonia resident Timothy Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Sanctity of life

Today, Feb. 22, Connie Davis, president of the Michigan chapter of Lutherans for Life, will speak on the topic of Sanctity of Life. The presentation will include a video and question and answer period from 9:50-10:45 a.m. in the gymnasium of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, in Livonia.

Women's Health Day

St. Mary Hospital, sponsored by the Marian Women's Center and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will host the 4th Annual Women's Health Day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Holiday-Inn Livonia. The daylong event will feature breakfast, a keynote address by Joyce Weiss, lunch, workshops and a fashion show. Program cost is $30 in advance and $35 at the door. To register, call 800-494-1617 no later than March 13.

Office help needed

Volunteers at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute share their time in a variety of ways. Office volunteers are being sought for 3-4 hours per week to provide assistance with mailings, light clerical duties, greeting visitors and other special projects. Call Cat Dominici at (248) 827-1592, Ext. 7163, for information.

Health conference

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System presents the Fifth Annual Women's Health Conference, Saturday April 4 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest. Enjoy a lineup of guest speaks on timely women's health issues as well as breakfast, exhibits, lunch, workshops and prizes. To register by phone or for more details call (734) 712-5946.

Positive living

A workshop designed for people under treatment for cancer and their families and friends will be presented "A Morning of Hope and Encouragement" on Saturday, March 7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (2040 S. Commerce Rd.), Walled Lake. Suzanne Argenta and Carol Lee of Angela Health Care in Livonia will discuss "Facing Cancer with Hope." Reservations are required — by calling (248) 624-7676.

Headache specialist

The Livonia Migraine Support Group will hold their Monday, March 16 meeting (7-9 p.m.) in Ann Arbor where Dr. Jim Wintraub, who specializes in headaches and pain, will discuss sleep disorders associated with headaches and pain. For more information call Bonnie (313) 662-4278 or Nancy (248) 486-1764.

Immunization clinic

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering an Infant and Child Immunization Program from 5:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 in the West Addition Conference Rm. B near the south entrance off Levan. Cost is $5 per child regardless of the number of immunizations. Call (734) 655-2922 or 800-494-1650. Please bring all available immunization records.

Beyond Ritalin

John F. Taylor, Ph.D., an authority on Attention Deficit Disorder, will present a day-long seminar for parents and professionals entitled "Beyond Ritalin" Mega-Answers to AD/HD" on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (248) 988-0532.

Items for Medical Briefs are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to:

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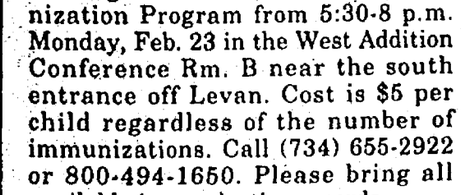

BEGINNING TO BLOSSOM

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS TALK ABOUT GROWING UP

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Do you remember how you learned about "the birds and the bees?"

If you were like most baby boomers the subject was glazed over by a reluctant parent in a decade when liberally talking about sex, with your children, was more of an exception than the rule.

A program sponsored by Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, A Heart-to-Heart Conversation on Puberty and Growing Up, has become very popular with mothers who "want something better for their daughters," said Dr. Chrystal de Freitas, pediatrician.

"Most of the moms that participate, never had the opportunity to talk openly about puberty when they were growing up. The hope, is that this class is the first step in a continuum for establishing open lines of communication into their mid and late-teen years."

Anonymous evaluations submitted following the October, 1997 series gleaned comments from moms that participated such as:

- *"My mother and I never talked intimately – it didn't help either of us."*
- *"I sometimes feel frustrated in my ability to communicate effectively with my daughter."*

de Freitas, who instructs the two-session course, shares the curriculum with clinical social worker, Eileen Bond. She and Bond present "accurate information for mothers and daughters ages 9 to 11 about the normal physical and emotional changes that preteen girls will experience as they enter puberty."

Breaking the ice

Michele Lytle of Plymouth said she and her 9-year-old daughter Megan (class participants) had previously discussed many of the issues related to puberty prior to the class, but felt the program might cover "practical information" she hadn't thought about.

Subject matter discussed throughout the four-hour course includes menstruation, body hair, growth spurts, acne, nutrition, body odor and the emotional changes of adolescence. This isn't a time, said de Freitas, to worry about your weight — just eat healthy.

Bond added it's not uncommon during puberty for girls to gain 8-10 pounds and grow 3-4 inches. "The body will even itself out and the weight will be redistributed, so if you're feeling pudgy, that's natures way of gearing your body up for your period through fat accumulation."

"There's a window of opportunity when girls are in the fourth and fifth grade when they're still listening to their parents and willing to consider the same values and morals. That's a good time to introduce a topic like puberty."

Nationally known parent educator, Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., says communication is tremendously important.

"The best time to begin dialogue with your child should be as soon as the child can talk," said McCarthy. "Some parents might view this as a difficult job ... venturing into topics such as human sexuality and the development of the body, but there are several positive techniques to discussing puberty."

■ '...there is something wonderfully normal about growing up.'
Chrystal de Freitas
—pediatrician

McCarthy says the St. Joe's program is a good start in addition to reading health-related literature; leaving out reading material to initiate discussions; and finding time to talk about puberty in a neutral location.

On common ground

"Parents spend a lot of time transporting their children to activities such as music, sports and dance," said McCarthy. "This presents an opportunity to talk freely about certain issues, without making direct eye-contact, so the child feels more comfortable."

de Freitas said when discussions are initiated the girls are most commonly concerned with the "What if's?"

'What if I start my period in school? What if I'm on my period and we're swimming in gym? What if my friends find out?'

"I answer anything they're curious about and provide an opportunity for questions to be answered anonymously through cards they submit at the end of the first class," said de Freitas.

"A lot of the young girls think this is only happening to them," said de Freitas, "or that there is something unnatural about puberty. On the contrary, there is something wonderfully normal about growing up."

"At times adolescence is very egocentric," added Bond.

For mothers the class offers a supportive round-talbe for talk about the changes their daughters are going to experience. "Most moms don't remember their own experience. They want to know the right words to use, how much information to share and when to share it," said de Freitas.

"Hearing from others about these issues, made it clear to my daughter that it happens to everyone," commented one mother.

"It's also a chance for them to talk with other moms and reveal the concerns and anxieties they feel about their daughter growing up," added de Freitas.

The Saint Joseph Mercy pediatrician said it was an experience with her own children that led her to initiate the preteen puberty program in 1994. "I learned my daughter's health class was going to be taught by a male instructor and I thought 'A man is going to be telling my daughter about menstruation' so I volunteered to teach the class and they took me up on it."

de Freitas, who shares a private practice in Ann Arbor, said she felt the elementary-aged girls were asking questions she thought they really should be asking their own moms. For that very reason, coupled with the success of the school program, de Freitas was prompted to establish a curriculum for the community at-large.

McCarthy, the author of numerous books, manuals, curricula and newsletters, believes short, light conversations on puberty conducted in a casual manner (doing dishes, riding in the car) makes conversing about intimate issues easier for the parent and the child. Other suggestions include:

- Don't force the discussion if your child appears embarrassed or angry.
- Try asking open-ended questions that invite your child's involvement.
- Supplement conversations with books written especially for kids.
- Be approachable. You can keep your child from receiving information from unreliable sources. — *(Laura Nathanson, M.D. Parents Magazine and Health n'Me© curriculum, 1997; Sopris West).*

The Saint Joseph series, Puberty and Growing Up, will be offered March 8 and 15, Ann Arbor; April 18 and 19, Saline; and May 16 and 17 in Canton. There is a fee and registration is required. Call (313) 712-5400 or 800-231-2211.

Recommended reading

Get Out of My Life: But First Could You Drive Me and Cheryl to the Mall? Anthony E. Wolf, Ph.D. (The Noonday Press, 1995, $10). About adolescence - explained with quotes from kids and their families.Chapters on what they do and why; and a multitude of other issues of great concern to adults with teens. All written with humor.

My Body, My Self. Lynda Madaras and Area Madaras (Newmarket Press, 18 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017, (212) 832-3575; 1993 $9.95). Illustrations, quizzes and exercises for preteen and teenage girls exploring the physical changes of puberty.

Period. (Revised with a removable Parent's Guide). J. Gardner-Loulan, B. Lopez; M. Quackenbush (Volcano Press, P.O. Box 270, Volcano shipping). National Science Teacher's Association says, "This is perhaps the only satisfactory book on this important topic."

Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls. Mary Bray Pipher (Ballantine Books, 1995, $12.95). A must-read for parents of teenage daughters. The book explains why, in spite of the women's liberation movement, girls today have a harder time growing up than ever before due to our media-dominated culture.

The What's Happening to My Body Book for Girls. Lynda Madaras (Newmarket Press, 18 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017; (212) 832-3575; 1987, $9.95). Written for parents and their daughters and sons, this is a guide to the changes of puberty, along with information on AIDS, sexually transmitted disease and birth control.

Healthy Teens. Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D. (Bridge Communications Inc. 1997, $5.95 plus $3.25 shipping). Book may be ordered by calling (248) 646-1020. A resource book for parents and teen caregivers that confirms the family's all-important role.

Sister Giovanni elected to national hospice board

Sister Mary Giovanni, president and founder of Angela Hospice and Angela Home Health Care, was recently elected to the board of directors of the National Association for Home Care and subsequently named chairman of the board for the Hospice Association of America. Sister Giovanni will hold both positions for a two-year term, 1998-99.

The National Association for Home Care (NAHC) represents the nation's home health agencies, home care aide organizations and hospices. Sister Giovanni serves as the only hospice or home health care representative in Michigan to serve as a board member for NAHC. Also, as chairman of the board for the Hospice Association of America, a division of NAHC, Sister Giovanni will lead the hospice movement in Michigan and throughout the country.

"It is an honor to represent the estimated 20,215 home care organizations who provide health and supportive care services to more than 7 million Americans with acute, long-term or terminal conditions," said Sister Giovanni. "It is truly a privilege to serve as chairman of the board for the Hospice Association of America as I have been active in hospice for 24 years."

Sister Mary Giovanni

Sister Giovanni was part of the conference that brought England's Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern day hospice movement, to the United States in 1974.

In 1985, Sister Giovanni founded and is currently president and chief executive officer of Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. Named after Blessed Mary Angela, foundress of the Felician Sisters order, Angela Hospice is a community-based not-for-profit program that serves most of southeastern Lower Michigan.

"Home care is one of the faster growing segments of the America health care system," stated Sister Giovanni. "The home care industry is project to grow at an annual rate of 15.8 percent from 1994 to 1999, and in Michigan we have experienced this tremendous growth. For example, Angela Hospice cared for 20 patients in 1986 and just ten years later, we provided care for nearly 1,000 people throughout southeastern Michigan in 1996."

Sister Giovanni has been an innovator of the hospice movement throughout Michigan. In 1993, Angela Hospice opened the very first free-standing inpatient hospice facility of its kind in Michigan. The 34,000 square-foot-facility contains 16 private rooms in its initial phase to care for people who are not able to stay at home.

"Hospice and home health care is provided by special people who look at their work not as a job or profession, but as a calling," said Sister Giovanni. Angela Hospice and Angela Home Health Care continue to grow throughout the area and recently expanded their home care service areas to include areas west of Detroit to almost Lansing and south of the city nearly to the Michigan/Ohio border.

For more information about Angela Hospice and Angela Home Health Care, call (734) 464-7810.

Pastries pack a punch-key

February 24 is the day before Ash Wednesday, otherwise known as Fat Tuesday — the last day for revelry and gorging before the 40 days of Lent begin. Many area residents plan to mark this day by indulging on a paczki (pronounced POONCH-key) a jelly doughnut-like pastry made popular by Detroit's Polish community.

These pastries can pack a mean punch to the heart, according to Beth Ledford, a registered dietitian with the Heart Smart® program at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute. A three-inch paczki contains about 400 calories and 17 grams of fat.

"For that same 400 calories, you could consume an entire meal — a turkey sandwich with mustard, banana, handful of raw baby carrots and a Fig Newton®," said Ledford.

If you choose to indulge on a paczki, what will it take to burn off the calories?

"Plan about four miles or 60 minutes of brisk walking," said Ledford.

Free screening program offered during Eating Disorders Awareness Week

If you think that you, a friend of family member may be suffering from an eating disorder, don't ignore the symptoms — help is available.

Madonna University in Livonia, in conjunction with the National Eating Disorders Screening, is offering a free education program on eating disorders on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 4:30-7 p.m. in Kresge Hall.

As part of Eating Disorders Awareness Week, this public outreach will offer information about the signs and symptoms of anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorders. The program will include a lecture, video presentation and handouts. Individuals will complete an anonymous written test and have the opportunity to discuss the results with a psychologist.

■ FREE HELP

"Unfortunately, eating problems have become quite common place, especially among women in our culture. This screening program will help educate people about eating disorders and treatments available for them, and how to get help," said Dr. Robert Cohen, associate professor in the psychology department and coordinator of bachelor of science in mental health.

Eating disorders affect more than 5 million Americans, the majority of them women, and are illnesses associated with severe body image distortion and an obsession with weight.

For more information, call (734) 432-5427. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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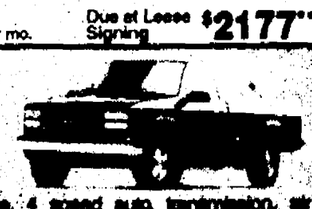

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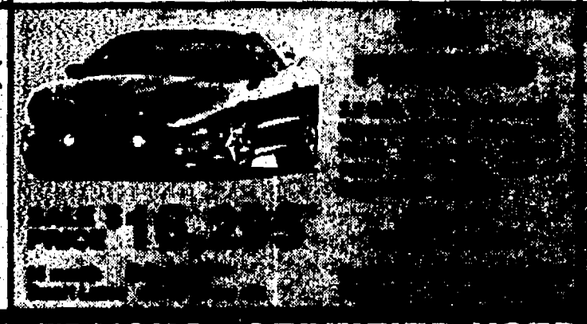

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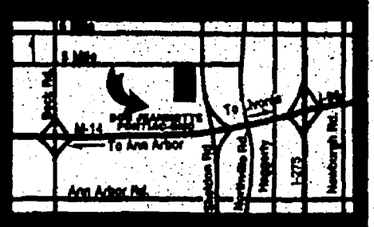

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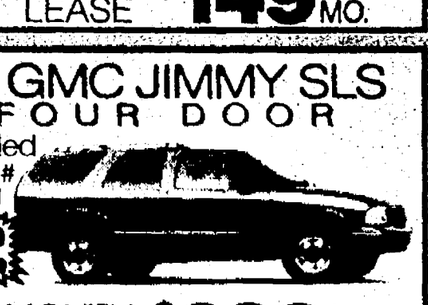

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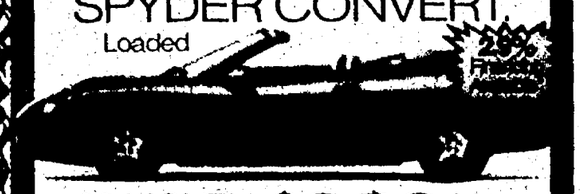

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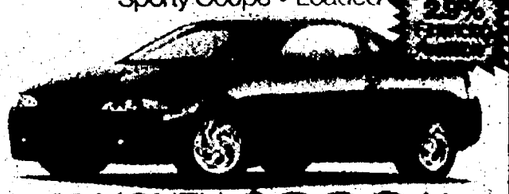

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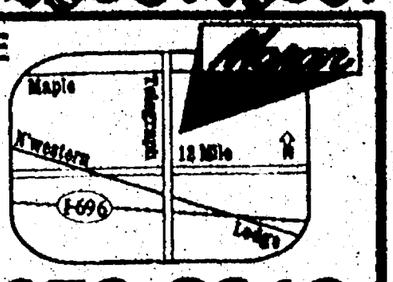

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