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THE WEEK AHEAD

Closing: The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be closed today in observance of Easter Sunday.

MONDAY

Republican Club: Susy Heintz, director of the governor's southeastern Michigan office, will be addressing the Westland Republican Club at 7 p.m. Monday at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 W. Warren (at Venoy) in Garden City.

TUESDAY

Annual meeting: The Westland Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Joy Manor.

WEDNESDAY

The tax man: Wednesday is the regular deadline to file 1997 income tax returns. Windows will close at 6 p.m. at the Westland post office, at 6300 N. Wayne. The lobby vending area will be open until midnight, and the last collection will be at midnight. Windows will close and last collection will be at 8 p.m. at the Westland Center post office, 3500 W. Warren.

THURSDAY

Awards dinner: The Westland Democratic Club has scheduled its first annual awards dinner and fund-raiser for Thursday at UAW Local 900 Hall, 38200 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m.

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ALS helps nearly 2,000



A new report shows that 1,987 patients needed Advanced Life Support services when Westland paramedics responded to medical emergencies. The new program was launched amid much fanfare on Feb. 5, 1997.

Nearly 2,000 people suffering potentially life-threatening medical emergencies received help during the Westland Fire Department's first year of providing Advanced Life Support services.

A new report shows that 1,987 patients needed ALS services when Westland paramedics responded to medical emergencies.

"It is absolutely working even better than we had anticipated," Fire Chief Mark Neal said.

The new program, launched amid much fanfare on Feb. 5, 1997, places paramedics at all four Westland fire stations 24 hours a day.

"A review of the first year's reports shows that we have at least eight patients who can be clearly identified

as survivors of certain death due solely to ALS intervention," Neal said in the report.

Those eight people include six heart attack victims, one drug overdose patient and one young boy who accidentally hanged himself.

"In each of these cases, the patient had no vital signs evident, and our paramedics revived them," Neal said.

"There are scores of patients whose lives were also saved by the quick intervention of our paramedics, who provided intravenous fluids and medications, which prevented them from

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Number of patients who received Advanced Life Support treatment during the first year

Feb. '97	195
March '97	169
April '97	144
May '97	160
June '97	179
July '97	161
Aug. '97	153
Sept. '97	151
Oct. '97	168
Nov. '97	139
Dec. '97	193
Jan. '98	175

TOTAL FIRST-YEAR ALS RUNS: 1,987

Happy Easter



Big bunny: Kendra Brown, 3, of Garden City looks up at the Easter Bunny at the VFW No. 3323 bunny brunch, sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Westland Civitan Club, in Westland recently. Below, Jake Pocoluyko, 18 months old, of Livonia takes a close look at the Easter Bunny with his mother, Jill.

Hoppy time Can't beat bunny brunch

The Easter bunny paid a visit to the VFW No. 3323 in Westland recently in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Kids enjoyed a visit and picture-taking with the Easter bunny, a pancake breakfast and an Easter bonnet parade.



The annual Brunch with the Easter Bunny program was sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Westland

Civitan Club. Also, the Auxiliary Post of 3323 was involved in the event.



Chamber election sparks shake-up

Rejected as president by his chamber of commerce colleagues, a Westland businessman said he will resign from a board of directors he accused of playing politics.

"I've got a feeling the chamber has unfortunately chosen to get down and wallow in politics a little bit," chiropractor Kim Shunkwiler said after the board ignored his president-elect status Wednesday while choosing a new president.

The latest controversy came three months after a publicized rift between Westland Mayor Robert Thomas and some chamber leaders, including Shunkwiler. The dispute prompted the mayor to sever ties with the group.

Thomas accused Shunkwiler and then-chamber President John Toye of campaigning against him in mayoral elections, and Thomas refused to work with them.

The dispute raised fears that Westland's business community would suf-

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Company's contract amended

As some north-end residents brace for a sewer-separation and street-paving project that will disrupt their lives this summer, city officials hope to ease the burden as much as possible.

The newest phase of a \$10 million federally mandated project is just beginning in a residential neighborhood bounded by Hubbard, Joy, Berwick and Ann Arbor Trail.

The area is just east of a neighborhood where many angry residents last summer complained of months of nightmarish conditions due to their streets being torn up.

"We do not want a repeat situation of what we had last year with this paving," Westland City Council president Sandra Cicirelli said.

Paving delays last summer followed an even worse problem in February, 1997, when raw sewage backed up into more than 400 basements due to a sewer construction flaw.

City officials are trying to bring better results this summer by approving an amended contract with Lanzco Con-

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Kindergarten round-up

A round-up for children entering kindergarten next fall in the Wayne-Westland school district will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Patchin Elementary School, 6420 N. Newburgh, Westland.

Children should be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 1998. The round-up will offer information about the kindergarten program and registration of prospective students. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about the kindergarten program and register for next year.

For more information, call Patchin School, at (734) 595-2616.

On way to Space Camp

Monica Harris, daughter of Kevin and Colleen Harris, will be blasting off for Space Camp at Cape

PLACES & FACES

Canaveral, Fla., the week of May 3-8.

Monica, a fifth-grader, is the first Hamilton Elementary recipient of the Lucite-Alan Shepard Invitational Space Camp Scholarship. The scholarship includes all expenses.

She was nominated by the fifth grade teachers at Hamilton, and her name was submitted to the district selection committee. Each school district is allowed to submit one fourth-through-seventh-grade nomination to Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency. Monica was selected as Wayne-Westland Community Schools' nominee and then as Wayne County RESA's scholarship winner.

Court ATM

Westland 18th District Court wants offenders to pay their fines - on time.

To help, the court has installed a Novi Public Credit Union automated teller machine inside the court building.

"We're trying to make payment of court fines, fees and costs more readily available to the public," court administrator David Wincok said.

"We do have some requests for alternative methods of payment - credit cards and the like," he added.

The court is averaging 50 to 60 people a week using the ATM.

"That's better than I initially expected," Wincok said. The ATM is expected to remain in place for one year, after which a determination would be made on whether to continue it.

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fer, although Shunkwiler and Toye had indicated a willingness to try to resolve differences with Thomas. The chamber has 361 members.

As president-elect, Shunkwiler was in line to become chamber president for a one-year term, but the 15-member board of directors instead voted by secret ballot Wednesday to elect Bonnie Carre, an NBD vice president who manages the branch on Wayne Road near Cowan.

"It hit me out of the blue," Shunkwiler said. "It was a very embarrassing situation, and I feel like I'm the whipping boy for some reason."

"I'm going to have to resign from this board," Shunkwiler said. "I don't know how I could work effectively within that framework."

Contacted at his office, Thomas said he will move immediately to have Deputy Mayor George Gillies renew ties with the chamber. Thomas had

removed Gillies from the chamber board.

"The door is cracked open, and we will be talking," Thomas said.

With those he views as his political enemies removed from chamber leadership roles, Thomas said he believes he and the chamber can work together to promote Westland to outsiders.

"I'm real glad that that happened," he said of Wednesday's chamber election results.

Carre said she is moving swiftly to develop some priorities, including restoring chamber-mayoral ties.

"It's important for the chamber to work in conjunction with the city to develop the business community," she said. "I'm pretty optimistic."

Margaret Harlow, a chamber member and former board member, said she believes Carre will do a good job as president.

"I think she'll be very good and very soothing to the rift between

the chamber and the mayor," Harlow said.

Harlow wasn't aware until contacted Thursday that Shunkwiler had been passed over as chamber president.

"The last I heard, he was going to be chamber president and that was it," she said.

Chamber members said they could recall only one other time when a president-elect was passed over for the next president.

Thomas had said in January that nothing short of having Shunkwiler and Toye removed as chamber leaders would convince him to resume ties.

Chamber members apparently listened, much to the dismay of Shunkwiler.

"This isn't supposed to be political. It's supposed to be the chamber of commerce," he said.

Meanwhile, the chamber board elected other officers Wednesday:

■ Nancy Barrons, employed by

Standard Federal Bank, will serve as president-elect, treasurer and vice president of operations.

■ Barbara Harris of Westland Car Care will serve as secretary and vice president of community development.

■ Ron Peterson of Adrian & Peterson has been elected president of economic development.

■ Barbara Barrel of Grand Court will serve as vice president of government affairs.

Named to three-year board terms are Secretary Harris, Mary Denning (Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe), Rick Ficorelli (Observer & Eccentric Newspapers), Claudia Frederick (Westland Shopping Center) and Shunkwiler, although Shunkwiler plans to resign.

Named to one-year terms are Gwen North (North Bros. Ford), James Williams (CFP Financial Planning Network) and Greg Baracy (Wayne-Westland school superintendent).

Chamber annual meeting Tuesday

The Westland Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Joy Manor at the monthly business luncheon.

Outgoing President John Toye will outline the year's accomplishments and give a sneak preview of next year's plans.

Toye has offered a drawing for the first 100 members who make reservations for the event to

enter. These members will be eligible to win a \$100 prize. Toye will donate this prize for every luncheon this year.

In addition, there will be a drawing for those who fill out the luncheon survey. The winner will win a free lunch.

For reservations, call the chamber office at (734) 326-7222 by 3 p.m. Monday, April 13.

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deteriorating and losing their vital signs," he added.

Paramedics are trained to provide highly skilled treatment that Westland's former emergency medical technicians couldn't give, such as intravenous drugs.

As training continues, 48 of Westland's 69 firefighters have now been certified as paramedics, Neal said Thursday.

Mayor Robert Thomas, during his State of the City address Wednesday, touted Westland as the first western Wayne County community to fully implement ALS services.

Some other cities have followed Westland's lead.

During single-month periods in the first year, the new program has helped as many as 195 patients and as few as 139.

Patients who needed ALS services include those involved in car accidents, drug overdoses, slip-and-fall accidents and medical emergencies such as heart attacks, strokes, seizures and life-threatening respiratory problems, the first-year report said.

The program mostly helped Westland residents, but it also served visitors from as far away as Los Angeles and Savannah, Ga., and as close as Livonia, Garden City, Canton Township, Inkster and Wayne.

Not every medical response warrants ALS services.

Paramedics used ALS training in 1,987 incidents in the first year, although they responded to 5,919 emergency medical runs that led to treatment of 6,883 people.

Many patients only needed basic life support services on their way to hospitals, while others required only minor treatment on the scene.

Neal compared ALS services to bringing an emergency room to the scene of a medical emergency.

"We can perform most all of the services that are performed in the emergency room."

Fire officials say immediate treatment is important at times when minutes - even seconds - can mean the difference between life and death.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

OVERBITE

While the malocclusion (bad bite) known as overjet refers to an excessive horizontal space between the top and bottom front teeth (incisors), an overbite is an excessive vertical overlap. The upper incisors should overlap the lower incisors by 1 or 2 millimeters. When the upper incisors overlap the lower by more than a third of their height, the malocclusion is called a deep overbite. With a complete overbite, the edges of the lower incisors may touch the soft tissues of the palate. When they do so to such an extent that they cause sores or inflammation, the so-called traumatic overbite may cause damage to palatal soft tissue or bone.

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 7-4/6/98

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
 Present: Anderson, Barnes, LeBlanc, Pickering
 Absent: Griffin, Scott

73: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 3/16/98
 -Adopted proclamation honoring White Cane Week from 4/25-5/4/98
 -Adopted resolution honoring the sale of Buddy Poppies from 5/14-5/16/98
 -Adopted proclamation proclaiming 4/9/98 as VFW Auxiliary Day
 -Adopted resolution proclaiming the month of May as "Better Hearing & Speech Month" in City
 -Request from Westland Festival Committee conduct annual summer festival from 6/30/98-7/5/98 on city hall grounds excluding west parking lot; conduct parade on 7/1/98 at 7 pm & conduct fireworks display on 7/5/98 behind Bailey Recreation Center at 10 pm
 -Approved traffic control sign #98-01; Install 3 "stop signs"; 1 on EB Merritt at Perrin & 1 NB & 1 SB Perrin at Merritt
 -Introduced Budget Amendment 98-12 & Contract Amendment for CWW Youth Assistance Grant, amt \$6,363
 -Approved Change Order #1, Jefferson Barnes Welding Project, amt \$2193 with Flat Rock Concrete
 -Approved Change Order #1, Asphalt Park Pathways, amt \$1522.06 with Wayne Asphalt Paving, Inc
 -Approved of Amendment to CSO Area 10, Contract III with Lanzo Construction
 -Set public hearing date on 5/18/98 for proposed 1998/99 fiscal yr budget
 -Request from Administration to go into closed session immediately following mtg discuss pending litigations
 -Approved Bid, Traffic Control Signs & Related Materials for DPS to Rathco Safety Supply, amt \$23,006
 -Approved Bid, Irrigation System for Central City Park Ball Diamonds to Artman Nursery, amt \$12,100
 -Approved Asphalt Pad Bid for DPS to K&B Asphalt, amt \$10,000
 -Approved Purchase, Aerial high Ranger Truck for DPS through Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program, amt \$92,044
 -Adopted resolution authorizing Filing with Treasury & Declaring Intent to Reimburse for Expenditures-Water Supply & Sewage Disposal System Revonute Bonds
 -Adopted Notice of Intent Resolution authorizing City Clerk public Notice of Intent to sell Water & Sewer Bonds
 -Adopted resolution authorizing Filing with Treasury & Declaring Intent to Reimburse for Expenditures-Michigan Transportation Bonds
 -Adopted resolution approving Building Authority Contract & Notice for acquisition, construction & financing of building addition at Police Dept. & parking structure at DPS
 -Approved agreement between MDOT & City for Warren & Inkster Road Intersection improvements, amt \$15,263

78: Confirmed reappointment of H Fowler & D Moranty to Westland Cable Commission for 4 yr term, expires 3/25/2002
 79: Confirmed reappointment of D Honaker to Local Officer's Compensation Commission for 7 yr term, expires 3/3/2005
 80: Granted revised site plan approval for proposed Metal Storage Building, 8440 Hix
 82: Approved Check List \$540,016.18 & Prepaid \$2,699,243.71
 Mtg adjourned at 8:53 pm
 Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

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Council President
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■ EASTER HOURS
 The library will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 12.

■ FOR YOUR REFERENCE
 Chase's Calendar of Events is a day-to-day directory that lists more than 12,000 entries of special days, weeks and months. Types of events in Chase's include: presidential proclamations, national and state days, sponsored events, astronomical phenomena, and historic anniversaries, folkloric events and birthdays. Chase's is a gold mine of facts, ideas and special reasons to celebrate every day of 1998.

■ CHECK THESE OUT
 New video titles include "Pro Tennis Video Clinic," "Home Furniture Repair," "Star Parenting" and "Prime Suspect 2."

■ PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
 7 p.m. April 21
 Adult book discussion group will discuss "The Poet" by Michael Connelly. Quotations from the works of Edgar Allan Poe are the grisly calling card of a savage and cunning serial killer. Call to reserve a copy of the book.

■ 7-9:30 P.M. MAY 6
 Poets Alive in the Community Meeting Room. Share your poetry with other local poets or simply enjoy the readings. Judge C. Charles Bokos hosts the evening of poetry featuring Kathleen Ripley Leo, an award-winning poet and president of the Detroit Women Writers. An adults-only activity, the event will feature coffee provided by Wonderground Espresso Cafe. Call (734) 326-6123 for reservations.

■ PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
 April 19-25 is National Library Week and the library is celebrating with special programs for children.
 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19
 Create your own book in the

Children's Activity Room. A hands-on project takes children step by step through the process of making their own books with words and pictures. Space is limited; registration is required at the Children's Service Desk.
 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21
 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 22
 Nursery Rhyme Time in the Children's Activity Room. A Just for Me Preschool Time will feature the songs and stories of Mother Goose. Special appearance by Mother Goose herself. No registration required.
 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25
 Magic of Libraries in the Community Meeting Room. Magician Gordon Russ investigates "The Mystery of the Lost Library Card." A mystery magic show filled with wild, crazy, colorful young characters from around the world. Registration is required at the Children's Service Desk. Space is limited; register early.

■ FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
 A new record now exists. The Friends of the Westland Library have received 3,340 donated books during the month of March. This is the largest book donation month in the history of the library. The Friends need volunteers who can work two days a month for an hour or two a day. Call (734) 326-6123.

■ VOLUNTEER CORNER
 For those who enjoy hosting a party or like a party-like atmosphere, the library needs your help. The library is looking for volunteer hosts to work one-two hours, once or twice a year. Call (734) 326-6123 and ask for the volunteer line.

'Heart Power' kits donated to schools

The Wayne-Westland school district Tuesday received 23 free "Heart Power" educational kits from the American Heart Association's West Central Wayne Division.

"Heart Power" is a supplemental language arts-based program intended to motivate children to learn how to keep their hearts healthy.

The Wayne-Westland kits were delivered Tuesday during a local principals' meeting at Elliott Elementary School. John Stern, West Central Wayne Division President, participated in the program.

The kits are aimed at elementary and middle school students.

"Last year the (heart association) board reviewed school dis-

tricts that had received free educational kits in the past, and the Wayne-Westland schools had not," Dan Stuit, the association's western Wayne regional director, said in an announcement.

"One in three Michigan children are overweight, and one out of three Michigan children watch five or more hours of TV a day," he said. "It is important for the American Heart Association to provide materials to schools regarding nutrition and physical activity since good habits today can equate to good health in the future."

"Heart Power" kits cost \$100 each, meaning that the gift to Wayne-Westland is worth \$2,300.

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struction Co.

Specifically:
 ■ Lanzo has to complete its work by June 26 or face a \$1,000-a-day penalty until the project is completed.
 ■ The company faces a \$250-a-day penalty if it fails to have work crews on site during weekdays that are suitable for work.
 ■ The city is holding nearly \$250,000 in project money until the work is done.

Westland Public Services Director Richard Dittmar said the city wants to get the work done as early as possible so that residents won't have construction occurring all summer in their neighborhood.

"We want the residents to be

able to enjoy at least part of the summer," he said Friday.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc said he is encouraged that the city has adopted penalties that can be imposed if necessary.

"This is far more than we had in the past," he said.

Council members approved the contract amendment during Monday night's council meeting.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING April 27, 1998

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on April 27, 1998, at 7:20 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on the following proposed ordinance:

To solicit public comments pertaining to the Special Use Permit for a New Church and Multipurpose Room located at 33102, 33126, and 33146 Cherry Hill.

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

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To a tea



PHOTOS BY RON PONTREY

All dolled up: Gina Antonucci, 7, and Erica Jackson, 7, dress up for a ladies tea, based on the American Girls series of books, dolls and merchandise, held in Westland recently. Mary Denning of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe and Joan Adis of Paperbacks & Things in Westland are holding the teas on Sundays during April at the cake shop. The next one is scheduled for 2 p.m. April 19.



Tea is served: Above, Paperbacks & Things bookstore owner Joan Adis, a co-sponsor of the tea, serves the girls. At right, Mary Denning and Gert Antonucci help the girls decorate picture frames.



Man charged with assault, retail fraud

A man caught stealing at a Westland supermarket last Sunday fled next door to a gas station, where he used a fake gun to try to seize a car, police said.

A suspect has been arrested and charged with assault with intent to commit armed robbery and first-degree retail fraud.

The incident began about 6:50 p.m. at Kroger on the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman, police reports said.

Kroger employees confronted the man and accused him of stealing 10 disposable cameras, three bags of socks and two packages of cheese - all valued at \$131, police reports said.

The man dropped the merchandise outside the store and, brandishing what turned out to be a fake handgun, escaped and fled next door to an Amoco station, police reports said.

The man again revealed the fake weapon and demanded car keys from a man pumping gas, police said. But the victim walked away without giving up his keys, prompting the culprit to leave the scene, police said.

The victim went inside the gas station and asked a cashier to call 911, and authorities from Inkster police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department arrested the suspect a short distance from the scene, police said.

The weapon was described in police reports as a copper-colored gun-shaped cigarette lighter. The man allegedly told police he behaved the way he did because he is addicted to crack cocaine.

The suspect is jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond. He is scheduled to appear in Westland 18th District Court on April 16 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial as charged.

If convicted as charged, he could face any number of years in prison.

Air bags seized at area scrap yard

A search warrant executed at a Wayne auto scrap yard resulted in the seizure of 150 suspected stolen air bags.

Members of the Western Wayne Auto Theft unit conducted the search Wednesday at Scrapbusters, 39223 Maple Road.

"Some of the air bags have been identified as stolen and we're working on the others," said Michigan State Police Lt. William Darnell, who heads the regional unit. "There were no arrests pending further investigation."

The value of the air bags was estimated at about \$80,000. Darnell said the search warrant stemmed from information received on an earlier case in which more than 1,100 stolen air bags were recovered last year from a Detroit business, C.J. Metro.

"C.J. Metro's records showed they had sold 390 air bags to Scrapbusters," said Darnell.

Charges are pending against several individuals in the earlier case.

Run by the state police, the Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit is staffed by state troopers along with members of local police departments who are assigned to the unit.

Amateur radio operators give officers helping hand

Westland public safety officers got some much-needed help from local amateur radio operators after losing radio and telephone communications recently.

"When we lose our communications, we lose our effectiveness," Fire Chief Mark Neal told the Westland City Council on Monday. "They made a huge difference in our response."

"We used them as an alternative to a phone system," said Assistant Fire Chief Bob Fields, Westland emergency services coordinator.

The problem occurred March 29 when an underground Ameritech cable shorted out, and employees worked until 7 a.m. the next morning to dry out lines and restore service, Fields said.

The city's central dispatch and the bulk of 911 lines were rendered useless for several hours at the Ford Road police department, as were phone lines at the city's main fire station next to City Hall.

The emergency occurred on "a beautiful day" when there was no storm, Neal said. The situation prompted the city to implement emergency measures to keep rescue operations going.

Firefighters used whatever means they had, including cellular

'Due to the quick response of the Westland RACES members, no delay was noted for any (emergency) response.'

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Fields
-Westland emergency services coordinator

lar phones, to communicate as plans went into effect to route all 911 calls to the city of Wayne, Fields said.

"The only communication that central dispatch had with the fire department was through a portable radio," Fields said in a report of the incident.

"Cellular phones were placed in service at the central (fire) station and the fire department provided a cellular phone to dispatch for emergency use," he wrote.

Members of Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) stepped in to help at 9:45 a.m., with members being assigned to each fire station, Westland dispatch and Wayne dispatch to act as a phone system.

By 1 p.m., mobile communications were working at dispatch, and repairs had been made to

the dispatch fire frequency radio, Fields said in his report.

The city then released amateur radio operators - a little more than three hours after they stepped in - and began handling communications without help from RACES.

"Due to the quick response of the Westland RACES members, no delay was noted for any (emergency) response," Fields said.

Neal and Fields honored RACES members during a Monday night Westland City Council meeting, thanking them for doing their part to keep the city safe.

RACES is a federally-registered volunteer group. Members are certified after meeting criteria such as completing the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management USA course.

Mom donates baskets to mission

Some children at the Pontiac Rescue Mission will have a happy Easter today thanks to a Westland woman.

Today, Tammy Lickliter is delivering 15 stuffed animal bunny baskets with their bellies filled with goodies to the shelter. She will be accompanied by her two sons, Jordan Monroe, 5, and Adam Monroe, 2.

This is Lickliter's second year doing baskets for the shelter. She heard about the program on the radio last year.

She does baskets for the shel-

ter because she can relate to some of the needs of people there.

"I am a single mom," she said, "I just know it's tough."

She began gathering items for the baskets about a month ago and she and her sons spent a couple hours putting them together.

Lickliter and her sons will be delivering the baskets to kids who are in the shelter on a short-term basis.

"We are seeing a rise in the number of young people who are

getting involved in community service," Kent Clark, chief executive officer of the Pontiac Rescue Mission, said in a press release. "It's inspiring to see young people reaching out to kids their own age, and in return they experience the happiness of helping others in need."

The Pontiac Rescue Mission is a nonprofit homeless shelter, founded in 1942.

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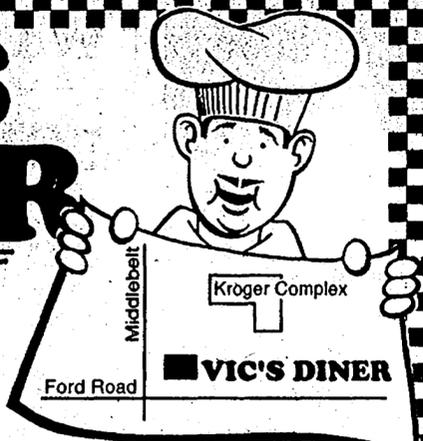
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CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF ENTERING INTO LIMITED
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OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, MICHIGAN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Westland intends to approve and execute a Contract of Lease with the City of Westland Building Authority pursuant to Act No. 31, Public Acts of Michigan 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended. Such Contract will provide, among other things, that said Building Authority will acquire and construction a facility for the Department of Public Services and an addition to the police department facility, together with related appurtenances, fixtures, site and communications and other equipment therefor (together the "Improvements"), and WILL ISSUE ITS BONDS TO FINANCE THE ESTIMATED COST OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING THE SAME FOR SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000. Said bonds will mature serially in not to exceed 20 annual installments, and will bear interest not exceeding 7% per annum on the outstanding principal balance.

The Contract will further provide that the City will lease said Improvements from said Building Authority and WILL PAY AS RENTAL TO SAID BUILDING AUTHORITY ALL SUMS NECESSARY TO RETIRE THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, TOGETHER WITH ALL COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL COSTS of said Building Authority in connection therewith, regardless of whether the Improvements are tenable. The principal amount to be borrowed by the Building Authority will be indebtedness of the City for purposes of constitutional, statutory and charter debt limitations, and said principal amount, together with the City's rental obligation for payment thereof, may be increased to cover increased costs of the Improvements.

CITY CONTRACT OBLIGATION

BY VIRTUE OF SAID PROPOSED CONTRACT AND ACT, THE CITY'S REQUIRED PAYMENTS UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL BE LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY PAYABLE FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE CITY, AND THE CITY WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED TO RETIRE THE BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON, IF OTHER FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AND AS LIMITED BY LAW. THE OBLIGATION TO LEVY TAXES IS LIMITED BY APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.

SAID PROPOSED CONTRACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHOUT VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY, AS PERMITTED BY LAW, UPON THE EXPIRATION OF 60 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SUCH CONTRACT SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY, IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SUCH PUBLICATION. If such petition is so filed, the Contract shall not be effective without an approving vote by a majority of electors of the City voting on the question.

This Notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8(b) of the aforesaid Act 31, as amended. Further information concerning the details of said Contract, the Improvements being financed and the matters set out in this Notice may be secured from the City Clerk's office. A copy of the Contract will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection.

DIANE J. FRITZ,
City Clerk

Hospital protest



PHOTO BY RON POKLEY

In Westland: A small group of protesters gathered outside the Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital at 30901 Palmer in Westland Tuesday. Protesters, who were workers and members of advocacy groups for the mentally ill, was calling for the end to the closing of state-run mental health facilities in Michigan. While the Westland facility isn't closing, other area facilities have been closed, including Detroit Psychiatric Institute and the Fairlawn Center in Pontiac.

ACHIEVERS

Ernest F. Kuehneman of Westland was recently awarded a Board of Trustees Community College Scholarship for the 1998 fall semester at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, where he is majoring in liberal arts.

A 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, he recently received his associate's degree from Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

He is the son of Ernest and Donna Kuehneman; Ernest retired after 33 years as a teacher at Livonia's Washington Elementary School.

Steven Sordahl, son of the Rev. Myron and Harriett Sordahl of Westland, is among the Kettering University students included in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Students are included based on their academic achievement, community service, lead-

ership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. Kettering University, formerly GMI Engineering and Management Institute, is an independent college of engineering, applied science and management.

Adam V. Chiasson of Wayne and Angelina M. Grubb of Westland, both juniors at Wayne Memorial High School, have been selected to attend the week-long Michigan Freedom Academy to be held at Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base near Alpena, Aug. 9-14. Chiasson is the son of Nancy Chiasson. Grubb is the daughter of Larry and Susan Grubb.

The Michigan Freedom Academy is an annual gathering of nearly 100 of Michigan's future leaders discussing and learning more about freedom. It is sponsored by the Michigan Freedom Foundation, a group of business

and military leaders interested in exposing high school-age students to a greater awareness of the obligation and responsibilities in a free and democratic society.

Fourteen Westland students were recently recognized at Walsh College for academic achievement during the fall 1997 semester. The students, who attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.750 or better and made the President's Honor Roll, are: Donald Letourneau, Janet Ternes, Marie Rumschlag, Suhell Shatara, and William Portman. The students who attained a grade point average between 3.749 and 3.500 and made the Dean's List, are: James Allen, Donna Allsteadt, John Bludzius, Michelle Coutillish, William Drabing, Brian Flynn, Ronald Gering, Richard Lhota, and Diana Saunders.

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS
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RIGHT OF REFERENDUM
RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Westland, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell revenue bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Three Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,250,000), for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of various water and sewer system improvements together with related sites, structures, equipment and appurtenances, to serve the users of the City's water and sewer system.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF REVENUE BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE solely from the revenues received by the City from the operations of said water and sewer system. Said revenues will consist of rates and charges that may from time to time be revised to provide sufficient revenues to provide for the expenses of operating and maintaining the system, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and other bonds payable from such revenues and to pay other obligations of the system. A schedule of the rates and charges presently in effect may be obtained from the City Clerk.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS will be payable in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at a public sale but in no event to exceed eight percent (8%) per annum on the balance of the bonds from time to time remaining unpaid.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE REVENUE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE CITY'S ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY, 36601 FORD ROAD, WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48185, WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 33, Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

DIANE J. FRITZ,
City Clerk
City of Westland

Commissioners critical of committee assignments

Two western Wayne County commissioners are angered over a request from the commission chairman that they give up committee assignments for a recently-elected commissioner.

They believe it is another move to impede Republican influence on the commission.

Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, have been asked by Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, to give up committee assignments for Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Dearborn Heights.

Husk, who also represents Redford Township and part of Livonia east of Middlebelt, was elected March 10. Her election brought the number of Republican commissioners to three.

McCotter and Patterson believe that because the commission has added another Republican, the GOP representation on committees should increase. Republicans currently occupy seats representing the following communities: Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren townships, and the cities of Belleville,

Dearborn Heights, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth.

Angry at actions

Both commissioners believe Solomon's request is an attempt to undermine the GOP's influence in committees and their work on the commission itself.

"There aren't two Republicans in any standing committee," McCotter said. "I've been asked to leave two committees, and Bruce (Patterson) has been asked to leave two committees."

"Now there are three Republican commissioners, and that's 450,000 people we represent out of 2.1 million," Patterson said.

Solomon did not return calls to his office last week on the commissioners' remarks.

McCotter serves on the commission's committees on Audit, Economic Development and Environmental, Drains and Sewers, and a standing committee on small, minority and women-owned businesses. Patterson serves on Committees on Roads, Airports and Public Services, Public Service and Judiciary, and Ways and Means. The commissioners also serve on a com-

mission Task Force on Townships.

'It becomes a question of disenfranchising voters out here.'

Thaddeus McCotter
—county commissioner

'Victims of success'

McCotter believes the Republicans were "victims of our own success," citing their actions with three other suburban commissioners to block the commission from acting to reject the Canton Downtown Development Authority in December 1996, even though the Republicans were clearly outnumbered on that issue. McCotter also said he acted to protect Northville Township's interest on the Economic Development Committee, delaying action on the Northville Planned Unit Development.

"We held things up to make sure the demolition took place," McCotter said.

McCotter expected to give up

his seat on Environment and Drains to Husk, because Husk's district includes Dearborn Heights, a community plagued by recent flooding, along with an appointment on a committee on small, minority and women-owned businesses.

'... that's 450,000 people we represent out of 2.1 million.'

Bruce Patterson
—county commissioner

Patterson said he would give up any of his committee assignments but with both airports in his district, Patterson probably would keep the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services.

The commissioners expressed frustration.

"It becomes a question of disenfranchising voters out here," McCotter said. "Now we'll have to go to the community and take it to the streets."

The two commissioners say the situation leaves them with little

recourse then to vote against agenda items.

"The explanation of 'no vote' is about the only tool a minority (Republican) member has available to set the record straight," Patterson said.

Travel ordinance held up

Patterson also is peeved over the lack of progress he sees on ordinances he introduces, particularly an ordinance he hopes would hold commissioners accountable for trips at county expense.

"If the way the Wayne County Commission runs the committee process is so important, then why do those in control so regularly miss meetings, reschedule meetings from regular meeting days to convenience their schedules, personal lifestyles and agendas and excuse missed attendance so cavalierly?" Patterson asked.

Patterson introduced a "Truth in Travel" ordinance in December. Patterson wants an audit completed of travel accounts, expenditures and documentation to be reviewed by the commission's Ways and Means Commit-

tee. The ordinance was sent to the Committee on Ways and Means, which Commissioner George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, chairs, instead of General Government, where ordinances are generally discussed.

"He had that sent to Ways and Means because he has control over the discussion," Patterson said.

Patterson said Cushingberry canceled the first meeting in January. When it was placed on a second agenda in January, Patterson said he showed up again, but Cushingberry was tied up in court and couldn't get there in time. The item was eventually passed for the day without any discussion by commissioners.

Patterson had two ordinances approved when Ken Cockrel chaired the Committee on Public Safety and Judiciary.

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Nankin Mills 'flooded' with kids, marshmallows

It wasn't just the rain that flooded Hines Park and the Rouge River last week.

While the park may have been doused Thursday by rain, it wasn't enough to dampen the Easter spirits of hundreds of western Wayne County residents and their children.

In fact the sun shone brightly Friday for the children from Detroit to Northville who gathered at Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Westland Friday morning for the annual marshmallow drop.

Children were divided into age groups to collect their share of the marshmallow treats. Marshmallows were dropped from a helicopter whirring overhead, much to the delight of hundreds of waiting children, who scrambled to collect the sweet treats and turn them in for a prize-filled egg.

Children were also entertained by the Easter Bunny, who hopped along a bunny trail that morning.

The event on Good Friday marked Wayne County's 13th annual Great Marshmallow Drop.

The event was co-sponsored by WNIC-FM 100. Another marshmallow drop was held in Trenton earlier that day.

The marshmallow drop kicked off what appears to be a busy spring and summer for Wayne County parks. Parks officials expect to start Saturdays and Sundays in the Park in May, where Hines Drive will be closed to motorists between Outer Drive and Ann Arbor Trail so the road can be used by bicyclists, in-line skaters and walkers.

Several children's and musical events will be planned, and parks improvements are expected this year for several comfort stations. These improvements will be funded with the parks millage approved two years ago.

For information, call Wayne County parks at 261-1990.



Waiting: Jacob Guminik, 9, of Livonia, awaits the delivery of the marshmallows from the skies above.



Dropping in: The Easter Bunny greets little ones (above) as they await the marshmallow drop. At left, Kevin Herschok, 9, of Redford, gathers a handful of marshmallows. At right, Andrew Rozen, 6, of Livonia, embraces the Easter Bunny and wouldn't let go for about 30 seconds



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Retailers, U.S. Postal Service work to ease stress for April 15 tax deadline

In anticipation of the annual surge of mail on Wednesday — April 15, the night taxes are due, the U.S. Postal Service has joined by Meijer and Super Mart stores to minimize the stress brought on by this yearly event.

Several Meijer stores and Super Kmart stores have agreed to have on-site collections from 6 a.m. to midnight. Postal employees will be on hand to collect mail and sell stamps.

Postal officials will be at the following Meijer locations:

- Ann Arbor, 3145 Ann Arbor-Alaine Road
- Belleville, 9701 Belleville Road; Northville, 20401 Hagger-
- Canton, 45001 Ford

- Westland, 37200 W. Warren Road
- Ypsilanti, 3825 Carpenter Road

Postal officials will be at the Super Kmart, 41660 Ford, Canton.

The Redford branch of the Postal Service, 12245 Beech Daly, and the Airport Mail Center at Detroit Metro Airport will carry IRS extension forms for added customer convenience. These locations will collect Tax Day mail for the April 15 cancellation until midnight and continue to stay open 24 hours after the tax deadline to provide retail services.

Other post office locations will have extended hours, as lobby vending is available until mid-

night, and the last collection is scheduled for midnight at the following locations:

- Ann Arbor, 2705 W. Stadium Blvd.
- Garden City, 140 N. Merriman
- Livonia, (24 hours), 11800 Merriman
- Northville, 200 S. Wing
- Plymouth, 47526 Clipper
- Plymouth Penniman, 860 Penniman
- Westland, 6300 Wayne Road
- Redford, 12245 Beech Daly.

Also, the post office at Westland Mall will have lobby vending available until 8 p.m. That office's last collection will occur at the same time.

Children's health plan signed into law

The federal government has approved the "MIChild" program — the federally-funded, state-passed Michigan Children's Health Plan.

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala approved the state program within hours of Gov. John Engler's signing it into law on April 7.

MIChild will provide public funds to help insure children of working low or moderate-income families that don't qualify for Medicaid. The family will pay \$5 a month, or \$60 a year, to insure all children in the family. There will be no co-payments.

MIChild will cover well-child visits, immunizations, hearing and vision screening, primary care, specialty physician services, diagnostic services, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, emergency services, prescription drugs, transportation and dental services.

It was a bipartisan effort. Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro, D-Roseville, credited Rep. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, with strong support on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health.

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, was floor manager when the bill went through the Senate.

CAPITOL CAPSULES

Romney serious

Scott Romney, Bloomfield Hills lawyer seeking the Republican attorney general nomination, announced the hiring of two top operatives to guide his campaign.

Valerie Tillstrom, former executive director of the Michigan House Republican Campaign Committee, will serve as political director of Romney's campaign.

Tricia Tucciarone will be finance director. She was finance director of the House GOP Campaign Committee from 1995-7 and finance consultant for the state party.

Delegates to the GOP State Convention at the end of August will select the attorney general nominee. Announced earlier were state Rep. Frank Fitzgerald of Grand Ledge and John Smietanka, the 1994 nominee and a former U.S. attorney for western Michigan.

New bills

City employees were freed of residency requirements under Senate Bill 878, proposed by Loren Bennett, R-Canton. The bill has been bitterly opposed for decades by the city of

Detroit but is supported by the Michigan Police Legislative Council.

Juveniles could be covered by Michigan's stalking and domestic violence laws, under a bipartisan package proposed in the House and Senate. Among sponsors are Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, and Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton. Their bills would allow the family division of circuit court to issue personal protection orders against persons under 17.

Women would have greater access to obstetricians and gynecologists under House Bill 4781, sponsored by Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford. The bill would permit women in health plans featuring primary care physicians to visit ob-gyns without a referral for routine gynecological services. Her bill was reported out by the House Health Policy Committee.

Parents on public assistance who are owed back child support will be repaid by their former spouses before the state can recoup its costs under bills sponsored by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville. Geake's two bills would give custodian parents priority over the state when back child support payments are collected.



Ernie Harwell

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KELLI LEWTON

Only a handful of chefs are truly 'Masters'

Out of the over 2 million chefs/cooks in the enormous food industry, fewer than 80 belong to the prestigious fraternity called Master Chef.

The governing body of the culinary profession is the American Culinary Federation. There is criteria for different levels in our profession ranging from Certified Cook, Working Chef, Executive Chef, all the way to Master Chef. Certified Master Chef examinations are held every year, or so, and cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5,000. It encompasses 10 days of testing. I wouldn't say the only great chefs in the United States are the 80 or so Master Chefs on file. There are many chefs who for their own reasons do not subscribe to American Culinary Federation criteria, and don't feel it a necessary goal in their professional life. But I'll tell you, I have the good fortune to know the Michigan Master Chefs, and let me tell you, these guys can cook!

Jeff Gabriel, Certified Master Chef

Jeff is a full-time instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and the chef owner of the Farm Restaurant in Port Austin. At the Farm, he and his wife, Pam, cook up some amazing, wholesome, homestyle dishes, such as chicken and dumplings. Jeff and Pam live in Port Austin with their son, Michael.

When asked what was his favorite meal to prepare, Jeff's response was "We like to keep things simple and we're very health conscious. I like to make one pot dishes, especially soups made with beautiful fresh stocks or miso with vegetables, and on occasion, meat with a crusty loaf of the special Farm baked bread, and we're happy folks."

Dan Hugelier, Certified Master Chef

Dan is recognized as well as respected locally and internationally for his accomplishments in the culinary profession. He seems to be a master of all including ice carving, cooking, consulting and a student of everything. Dan has also chosen after many years of running frantic in the restaurant world, to settle into the quiet community of Fenton where he lives with his wife, Katie, and son, Eric, 5. Dan said he is looking forward to soon picking wild Michigan morels and asparagus. As Dan enjoys hunting, his favorite meal to make is game of any kind.

Joe Decker, Certified Master Pastry Chef

Schoolcraft College is lucky to have Joe in their lineup. I choose the term lineup as Joe is a huge athlete who enjoys running, swimming and baseball.

Joe lives in Howell with his wife, Cathy, and their three sons, Aaron, Ryan and Kevin. Awards from Joe's culinary competitions sit right next to his son's trophies. One is just as important as the other. Joe enjoys breaking away from pastry making at home to make sushi.

Leopold Schaeli, Certified Master chef

Leopold's roots are in Switzerland where he started working in the hotel/bakery by his home. He is best known for his long-standing position at the Machus Red Fox. He currently teaches international cooking at Schoolcraft College, and lives in Bloomfield with his wife Margrit. At home he enjoys preparing her favorite - Muesli.

Mike Russel, Certified Master Chef

Mike likes in Rochester with his wife and daughter. He recently opened

Please see UNIQUE, B3

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Baking Basics

BALANCING YOUR DIET REDUCES CANCER RISK

PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

It has been said that once you've been diagnosed and treated for cancer that you never know whether you've had cancer or you have cancer.

Either way, cancer is frightening. It is the second leading cause of death in the United States. There is no clear scientific evidence that diet can cure cancer, but there is overwhelming agreement that a nutritionally balanced diet can greatly reduce your risk of developing certain forms of cancer and can improve your overall health if you do have cancer.

Diet is important because there is research to show that certain components in the diet can actually promote specific cancers. For example, a high intake of dietary fat, smoked, salt cured or nitrate containing meats, and excess calories, are potent contributors to cancer and other chronic diseases.

Cancer is actually a group of diseases with multiple causes in which abnormal cells grow and spread. There are three major phases in cancer development.

First - an irreversible genetic alteration that takes place inside a cell. Then, if this cell is stimulated by a promoting agent for a long time, the cell will become malignant. Finally, the last and most lethal stage, occurs when tumor cells metastasize, that is, colonize and grow in sites in addition to the site of origin. Although cancer can occur anywhere in the body, the most com-

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mon sites are the lungs, colon, rectum, skin, breast and prostate. Cancer research and recommendations focus on cancer prevention, risk reduction and early detection.

Cancer prevention

Scientists believe that 80 percent of all cancers are associated with a few lifestyle factors that we can control. These include diet, smoking, and exposure to the sun. Other factors associated with cancer prevention are environmental pollutants like automobile exhaust, charcoal barbecues and x-rays, and occupational pollutants like asbestos and vinyl chloride.

Risk reduction

It's never too late to reduce cancer risk. Cancer does not occur due to a single event, but it is a process that may take decades to develop. Cancer risk rises with regular exposure to cancer-causing agents over many



Fabulous frittata delicious way to salute spring

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

One of my favorites for a quick lunch or dinner used to be an omelet with cheese, ham, or a deli meat like salami or corned beef in addition to the eggs.

My omelets today are no less flavorful, but are substantially fat and cholesterol reduced. I still find them a tasty addition to a hurried

schedule, because the ingredients can be kept available in the fridge and on the pantry shelf.

Omelets are main courses that are ready to eat before I can even think of what to "order in." Besides, they taste better than most ready prepared main courses. They also fill the bill for easy to prepare treats for a weekend brunch or lunch.

The ingredients have changed to meet my "Eating Younger" goals of lower cholesterol and fat. One whole egg and two whites still makes a pretty yellow omelet. You can save 212 milligrams of cholesterol, 5 grams of fat, 1.6 grams of saturated fat, and 40 calories by using egg whites instead of a whole egg. Try this substitution for scrambled eggs too.

If high cholesterol is one of your health concerns, you might use a commercial egg substitute. But why bother when egg whites will serve the same purpose at one fourth the price? You can even color the egg white yellow by adding a pinch of turmeric.

This herb gives mustard its yellow color and can be found at your local bulk food store. You probably know that two egg whites will stand-in for a whole egg in a recipe.

I've suggested using tomatoes, onions and green peppers in my Tuna Frittata recipe, but you can substitute your favorites. It's important to partially cook and drain the vegetables so that the omelet doesn't become watery.

Lately, I have been trying a processed cheese made from tofu. With all the new studies pointing to isoflavones in soy to help prevent cancer, I've been looking for a source that I could regularly include in my diet. The cheese is low in fat (2 grams) and has no fat or cholesterol. It's perfect in this recipe.

I used tuna in the recipe because of its low calorie, high protein and Omega-3 fatty acid content. But you could substitute cooked chicken, some of the reduced fat turkey sausage or deli meats. The frittata has enough flavor so that it could also go solo as a vegetarian dish.

Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter filled with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check or money order for \$13.50 to Eating Younger, P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

TUNA FRITTATA

- 2 eggs and 4 egg whites
- 3 fresh plum tomatoes, sliced and seeded
- 1/4 cup onion, diced
- 1/2 red or green bell pepper, cut in strips
- 3 slices non-fat Cheddar cheese or tofu cheese
- 1 can (6 1/2 ounces) white albacore tuna, water-packed, rinsed, drained and flaked
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- Garnish: Fresh parsley or chopped green onions

Place tomatoes, onions and pepper strips in microwave-safe dish. Cover. Cook in microwave on high for 1-1/2 minutes. Drain liquid. Add thyme and flaked tuna.

Spray a 9-inch skillet with non-stick spray. In a bowl whisk together the eggs and caraway seeds. Pour egg mixture into skillet, tilting and rotating the skillet to spread the mixture evenly. Cook until set.

Spoon the vegetable/tuna mixture onto the egg pancake. Top with cheese. Cover skillet and heat on low for about 2 minutes, or until cheese melts. Cut into 4 serving pieces. Transfer to a plate, using a broad spatula.

Garnish with chopped green onions or parsley. Serves 4.

Nutrition facts per serving: Calories: 210; Fat: 2.5g; Saturated Fat: 0.8g; Cholesterol: 106mg; Sodium: 401mg.

Food Exchanges: 3 lean meat; 1 vegetable; 1/2 milk



fiber

TRY FOR 20-35 GRAMS DAILY

Higher fiber foods in a typical serving:

- Dried peas, beans, lentils
4-7 grams per 1/2 cup
- 100 percent bran cereal
7-10 grams per 1/2 cup
- Cabbage, corn, broccoli, brussels sprouts
2-3 grams per 1/2 cup
- Raisins, dates, figs, prunes
2-3 grams per 1/4 cup
- Air popped popcorn
1 gram per 1 cup
- Strawberries, apples
3 grams per 1 cup strawberries, or 1 medium apple

FOODS RICH IN vitamin

A

- Apricots
- Carrots
- Spinach
- Broccoli
- Kale
- Sweet potatoes
- Mustard greens
- Winter squash
- Tomato Juice

FOODS RICH IN vitamin

C

- Broccoli
- Citrus fruits/juices
- Red/green peppers
- Turnip greens
- Brussels sprouts
- Cantaloupe
- Kiwi fruit
- Strawberries

less fat

20-30% OF DAILY CALORIES

To keep total fat within 20-30 percent of daily calories, use the following table to determine fat grams for different calorie levels.

- 1,600 calories: Sedentary women, older women, children 4-6 - 36-53 grams.
- 2,200 calories: Sedentary men, older men, active women, teenage girls, children 7 and older - 49-73 grams.
- 2,800 calories: Active men, very active women, very active teenage girls; teenage boys - 62-93 grams.



Please see CANCER, B2

Cancer from page B1

■ **Vitamins A and C:** Vitamin A is a fat soluble vitamin found in dairy products. It can be toxic if mega doses from vitamin supplements are taken. Beta carotene, the precursor to Vitamin A, is found in dark green leafy or orange vegetables. Vitamin A is thought to be protective against lung cancer and vitamin C for cancer of the esophagus and stomach.

Other protectors include the mineral selenium (from seafood and grains) and vitamin E (from vegetable oils) which act as antioxidants to protect cells against oxidative change.

Remember that cancer can occur to anyone - even to people

who eat properly and exercise regularly. Although we can't prevent all cancers, a proper diet gives our body the fighting power to stay in optimum health.

We know now that good nutrition can help make a difference in our future health. In 1969 the government formed a committee to study the effects of malnutrition and poverty in America. From this initiative we began to fight "The war on hunger." However, the committee also discovered that malnutrition is not limited to the poor, it can be a disease of excess.

During the hearings evidence became clear that poor nutrition

is linked to heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes. In 1976 Sen. Hubert Humphrey was himself fighting cancer.

As the committee called on its experts, Humphrey listened attentively to the irrefutable evidence that some ways of eating were associated with the incidence of cancer and with cancer prevention. "If only someone had told us," he said to a witness. "If

only we had known."

Tips for cancer survivors

If you are in treatment for cancer it is vitally important that you pay attention to what you eat. Maintaining a good nutritional status can help your body recover faster and will make you feel better. Eat your favorite foods when you are feeling your best. Otherwise you may develop an aversion to them because

you'll associate these foods with feeling bad. For taste alterations and other mouth symptoms, moist, cool foods may be most soothing.

Try non-acidic fruit juices, gelatin, pudding, custard, ice cream, molded salads, meat or pasta salads, or soups and foods dipped in sauces or gravies. Eat foods that make you feel better without aggravating the pain

and symptoms you may be experiencing.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston, is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management and consulting company. Look for her story on the second Sunday of the month in Taste.

Bulgur fritters with jam great meatless dish

See related story on Taste front. Recipe compliments of HDS Services and Peggy Martinelli-Everts.

Here is a great meatless dish that is low in fat, and a good source of protein. You can serve it as a main course, or reduce the serving size, and use it as a side dish.

BULGUR FRITTERS WITH PEAR JAM

Serves 4
2 cups prepared bulgur wheat - bulgur can be found in the rice section. Prepare according to package

directions, adding 1 teaspoon salt, let cool. (Some packages may ask for more salt, some for none. For this recipe, use 1 teaspoon salt, no additional spices or seasoning packets.)

4 scallions, sliced thin
2/3 cup or 1 small yam, peeled and diced very fine
1/4 cup soy flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 egg whites
1/4 cup skim milk
Non-stick cooking spray for frying
Heat a non-stick griddle or fry-

ing pan to medium-high. Spray with cooking spray. Mix first 5 ingredients in a bowl with a fork, make a well in center of mixture and beat in egg and mildly fold to combine. Gently drop by one ounce scoops or spoonfuls onto griddle and pan fry turning once until golden brown on both sides. Serve hot with pear jam and a touch of light sour cream.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 124.21; Protein: 15.04 grams; Fat: 2.72 grams; Sodium: 630 milligrams; Carbohydrates: 77.84 grams; Percentage of calories from fat: 19.75.

PEAR JAM
2 ripe or overripe Bosc pears, peeled, cored and chopped
Juice of 1 lemon
1/2 cup water
2 teaspoons packed brown* sugar
Bring to boil over medium-high heat, reduce heat, but continue to boil until thick and almost dry (jam consistency). Puree in food processor or blender until smooth.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 27.91; Protein: 0.3 grams; Fat: .05 grams; Sodium: .53 milligrams; Carbohydrates: 7.17 grams; Percentage of calories from fat: 1.61.

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■ **Chef Larry Janes** - Will demonstrate the making of desserts 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. No charge, sponsored by the Friends of the Livonia Libraries.

■ **"Lickety-Split Meals"** - Zonya Foco, registered dietitian and cookbook author, will be sharing her innovative "Lickety-Split Meals" system, and autographing books, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at Borders

Books, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills.

The Community House - 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham offers a variety of cooking classes this spring including Food and Wine Tasting Dinner for two 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, May 4; Entertaining in Style with Whimsical Hors D'oeuvres and Elegant Wines 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, May 11; Gourmet, Heart Healthy Summer Delights and their Complimentary Wines 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, cost \$35 per session. Thai Cuisine I, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, \$18; Thai Cuisine II 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, \$18; Light and Simple: A Spring Menu, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12; Mideast Cooking 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, \$18; Totally Italian Cooking, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, \$18; All Taste...Low Fat,

\$18. Call (248) 644-5832 for registration information.

■ **Henry Ford Community College** - Chinese Low-fat Cooking, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 22 and 29, main campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Cost \$52, (313) 730-5964.

■ **Botsford General Hospital** - Healthy Cooking Demo, Dressing Up Plain Grains, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16 at Botsford's Health Development network, 39750 Grand River, Novi. Incredible Cheesecakes 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30. Fee \$6, call (248) 477-6100 to register.

■ **At Kitchen Glamor Stores** - Madeleine Kamman, a four-star chef will teach two cooking classes 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 23 at the West Bloomfield store. Pressure Cooking...Quick, Delicious and

Healthy, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Novi, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, Rochester. Pastry chef Dan Rowson of Oakland Community College teaches a chocolate class 11 a.m. Saturday, April 18, Novi, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, Rochester. Michigan Chef series features Chef Jim Barnett, corporate chef Unique Restaurant Corporation, 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19, West Bloomfield. Call (313) 641-1244 for registration information.

■ **Vegetarian Cooking Classes** offered by Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster Road, Farmington Hills, call (248) 478-4455 or e-mail: LBAUM@concentric.net for details. Upcoming offerings include Lasagna 6-9 p.m. April 22; Intro to macrobiotics 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 26; 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, Indian Meal.

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Schoolcraft students to compete in Singapore

Eight Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts students, including Amy Machnak of Livonia, are competing in the Salon Culinaire '98, a world-class culinary competition in Singapore.

Co-managers are Master Pastry Chef Joe Decker, Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, Executive Chef Shawn Loving, and Master Chef Kevin Gawronski.

The Salon Culinaire is the third largest culinary competi-

tion in the world, with more than 600 individual competitors from 25 countries vying in 20 categories. The World Association of Cooks invites competitors to the event and master chefs from all over the world to judge the foods.

"This is an opportunity these students might not get in a lifetime," said Gawronski. "Just to see the competition and understand the different

cultures and styles of food - it would take 10 years to get that kind of exposure."

For the past month, the students have been putting in 60 to 100 hour weeks practicing for the competition. They are competing in two events - the apprentice hot food and dessert categories. The hot food team is preparing a four-course meal, and the dessert team is responsible for six desserts, many showcasing the fresh

tropical fruits they will find in the open-air Singapore markets.

This is the second time a team from Schoolcraft has traveled to Singapore. In 1990, Gawronski managed the team and also competed. Loving, now executive chef at the Race Rock in Orlando, Fla., was a student competitor for Schoolcraft. The team returned with three bronze and three silver medals. The college has contin-

ued to be invited back to the biennial competition.

"These competitions are taken very seriously," said Gawronski. "These are world medals. When you present a dish to the judges, it must correlate exactly with the recipe. If the recipe says the food is braised, grilled, roasted or sautéed, each of those procedures has a certain appearance and the dish must conform to that standard. This competi-

tion is a springboard to the Culinary Olympics."

Students on the dessert team include Jennifer Todd, Amy Machnak and Rita Decker. The apprentice competition members are Aaron Cook, Robert Hurd, Eric Schilbe, Jason Weaver and alternate James Bologna.

The competition is April 12-15. The group will return to Livonia on April 20.

Unique from page B1

the newly renovated Hunt Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Mike enjoys simply good food at home such as perfectly roasted chicken.

Kevin Gawronski, Certified Master Chef

Kevin serves as the dean of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program. He's a culinary adviser, working chef, comedian, and all around great guy. Kevin enjoys helping students, staying late to coach culinary team members, arriving early for

gourmet club meetings. He is sought by students and instructors alike for mentoring the future of the culinary profession.

Kevin lives in the West Bloomfield, Commerce area with his wife Robin and three teenage children. Kevin enjoys hunting,

boating, and fishing, but mainly spending time with his family. When it comes to cooking at home, hand him the charcoal, he's a "grill man."

There are some other Certified Master Chefs in Michigan who I did not have an opportunity to

interview - Milos Cihelka who retired from the Golden Mushroom, Certified Master Pastry Chef Leon Korstijens, and Ed Janos, formerly of Too Chez and the Ritz who now lives in Colorado.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner

of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes inside.

From their house to yours, master chefs share recipes

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front.

MARGRIT'S SWISS "MUESLI"

Yield 8 servings
1 cup milk
1 cup quick cooking oatmeal
3/4 cup ground hazelnuts
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
2 Northern Spy apples, grated fine
1 cup strawberries, cleaned and sliced
2 bananas, sliced
Juice of 1 lemon
Juice of 2 oranges
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup plain yogurt
1 cup raspberry flavored yogurt
Whipping cream, optional

Add the milk to the oatmeal. Add the lemon juice to the grated apples and mix in all the other ingredients. Garnish with fresh fruits on top and whipped cream. You may use your favorite berries.

Note: Diet conscious people can omit sugar and whipped cream.

Use only plain yogurt.

Recipe compliments Certified Master Chef Leopold Schaeli. "A lot of Swiss people like to eat Muesli for breakfast, lunch or supper, especially in the summer," said Schaeli. "This is my wife's specialty."

CERTIFIED MASTER CHEF MIKE RUSSELL'S ROASTED CHICKEN

1 Amish roasting chicken
Fresh thyme, garlic, salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
Aromatic vegetables such as sliced carrots, onions, celery
Preheat oven to 400°F.
Layer bottom of roasting pan with aromatic vegetables such as carrots, onions, celery and some of the herbs.

Brush outside of bird with olive oil, and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Roast 30 minutes, reduce oven temperature to 350°F and roast until an instant-read thermometer

inserted in thigh registers 180°F, about 1 1/2 hours.

Serve with oven-browned Yukon Gold potatoes, roasted Roma tomatoes, asparagus or broccoli.

CERTIFIED MASTER CHEF KEVIN GAWRONSKI'S MIXED GRILL

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
Marinade
1/4 cup olive oil
1/2 lemon, squeeze juice
1 teaspoon tarragon
1/2 onion, cut into chunks

Mix ingredients together. Marinate chicken for one hour, season chicken with salt and pepper before grilling.

VEGETABLES

2 carrots
1 yellow squash
1 zucchini
1 red pepper
1 eggplant

Cut vegetables into small wedges, lengthwise. Brush with

olive oil before putting them on the grill.

POTATOES

3 cups diced potatoes
2 cloves chopped garlic
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon rosemary
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Mix ingredients together in a bowl. Place in a foil pouch. Bake on the grill 20-30 minutes.

AMERICAN RED ONION SOUP WITH BEER AND SOUR DOUGH CROUTONS

Serves 10-12
1 1/2 tablespoons whole butter
5 red onions, quartered and sliced thin

2 teaspoons brown sugar
3 teaspoons all purpose flour
1/2 cup good beer of your choice

2 cups chicken stock
2 cups beef stock
Fresh cracked black pepper to taste
Salt to taste

1 teaspoon Italian herbs, or herb blend of your choice
1 teaspoon Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce
12 toasted sourdough croutons (about 1 1/2 inches in diameter) sprinkled with freshly grated Parmesan cheese (approximately 1/2 cup)

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
Heat the butter over a medium flame and sweat the onions for 5-7 minutes.
Sprinkle in the flour and cook

for an additional 5 minutes, stirring frequently. The onions should be golden in color. Add the brown sugar.

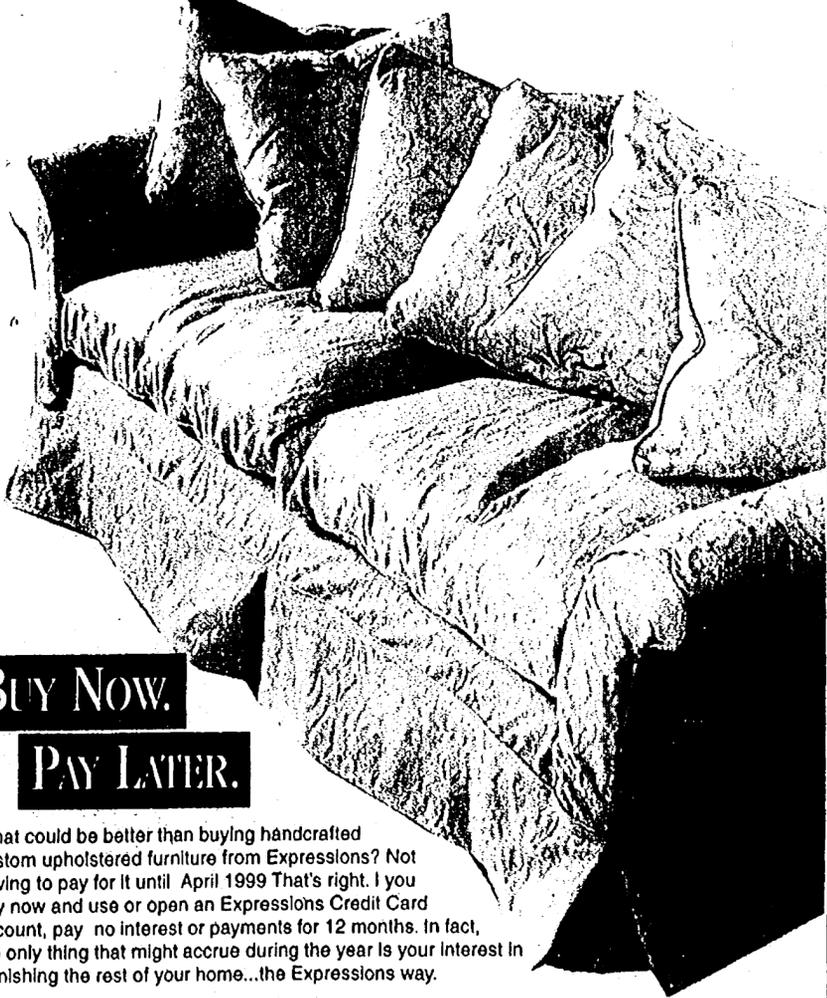
Slowly stir in the beer and the stocks. Add the black pepper, salt and Italian herbs or herbs of your choice. Simmer gently for 20 minutes.

Using a slotted spoon, remove about 1 cup of the cooked onions for the croutons. Chop the onions very fine and place them in a small pan and cook out the excess moisture. Blend with the Dijon mustard.

Spread the onion mixture on top of the toasted croutons and top with cheese. Adjust the seasoning of the soup. Brown crouton mixture under a broiler. Ladle soup into bowls. Sprinkle croutons on top.

Recipe compliments of Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Making connections

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Grief recovery

Grief Recovery is a five-week program designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction.

Professional facilitator will lead group. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants; registration is required. The program will be 7-9 p.m. May 21-June 18 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-2250.

Women's Day

Women's Day of Holistic Health, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 17, featuring Dr. Gladys McGary, M.D., author of "The Physician Within You," is sponsored by Sinnett Institute of Holistic Learning. For more information, call (248) 471-7010.

Special dedication

Oakwood Healthcare System Cancer Center of Excellence will dedicate a room of the Treatment Center in memory of Charlotte A. Woody, formerly of Dearborn, 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 29. For more information, call (313) 593-8600.

Oakwood holds low-cost clinics for children's immunizations

Immunizations have single-handedly eliminated and reduced the occurrence of many diseases. Incidences of diseases such as Hepatitis B and measles are declining, because more and more children are getting their shots.

In honor of National Immunization Week, Oakwood Healthcare System and the Colina Foundation, are sponsoring low-cost immunization clinics for your children. Clinics will take place on the following days:

Monday, April 20, from 1-5 p.m., at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton (7300 Canton Center Road)

Tuesday, April 21, from 3-7 p.m., at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Schaefer (13530 Michigan Ave.)

Wednesday, April 22, from 1-5 p.m., at Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland (36555 Warren Rd.)

Thursday, April 23, from 4-8 p.m., at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Belleville (201 Third Street)

Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Brownstown (17000 King Road)

The cost is \$2 and available to children up to age 18. Parents should bring their child's immunization records to the clinic.

Your children may receive the oral polio vaccine, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella vaccine), Hepatitis B and DTP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine). For more information, call 600-543-WELL.

Alternative medicine

CLINIC OFFERS PATIENTS A BLEND OF TRADITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Alice Lang believes that natural and alternative medicines are the answer to a lot of medical problems. That's why she decided to seek treatment at Oakwood North Westland Health Care Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Research Center.

"I don't like putting pills down my throat," said Lang, a 47-year-old Grosse Ile resident who has four grown children. She prefers herbal treatments and acupuncture, instead, she said, because they don't have the side effects that synthetic drugs often have.

"I think people are looking for perhaps a more gentle approach to medicine," according to Dr. Paul Dugliss, one of two primary care physicians at the center. "Emotional, mental and spiritual events interact and give rise to health and disease."

Doctors at the clinic offer patients a blending of traditional and alternative treatments. They work with patients to find the best solutions. One method doesn't necessarily rule out another.

The marriage between traditional and alternative medicines is unusual in American society where doctors trained in traditional medicine often turn a cold shoulder to herbal answers and other complementary treatments even though many have been used for centuries in other cultures.

"A lot of people who are into alternatives have been alienated from regular medical care," Dugliss said. "This is a blending of traditional with alternative." The focus on alternative medicine at the center will be on ancient traditions like Chinese medicine, Ayurvedic understandings, and homeopathy.

The Chinese have used acupuncture and herbs for healing since 3,000 B.C. Ayurvedic treatments are traced back to the sages of ancient India and are based on understanding the person's dosha, which is determined by physical type and emotional tendencies, intellectual style and spiritual inclinations.

Heal thyself

Homeopathic medicine relies on herbs, minerals and other substances to trigger a person's natural defenses in helping the body heal itself.

"For things that we have seen good research on, we will incorporate those treatments with the traditional ones," Dugliss said. The physicians at the Westland center, on Warren and Central City Parkway, are trained in the traditional medicine as well as alternative care.

The center opened Feb. 18 and is accepting new patients. Aside from patient care, the center will also be involved in research projects. Only patients who are interested in being part of the studies will be included, Dugliss said.

One five-year study, for instance, will look at complementary medicine in general and its impact on health care costs, patient satisfaction and quality of life.

Other studies at the center will review cardiovascular health; lowering cholesterol and improving the quality of life for patients after they've had a heart attack by making lifestyle changes. The use of echinacea, an herb that is said to strengthen the immune system, will also be studied at the center.

"We want to see if we can't decrease the overuse of antibiotics for people who have upper respiratory infections," Dugliss said. When patients seek medical treatment for cold and flu symptoms about 90 percent of the time they actually have viral illness and antibiotics won't help, he said. The research at the center will provide evidence about whether or not echinacea can help and if it decreases the duration of the illness.

"We try to relate to each individual on a personal level, understand what their goals and beliefs are

and find out what the health problem is," Dugliss said. "We look at other factors as well. We do an analysis to help you make decisions about your life and giving you information. If you're interested in alternatives that's something that we work together to explore."

Integrating alternative medicine actually isn't as radical as some might think, considering that medicine is a field that is constantly inundated with studies showing new findings, treatments and techniques.

Depth of knowledge

"It's important to have a depth of knowledge about these alternatives, which is why our focus is really on ancient systems," Dugliss said. "The point is to take a more holistic view of health." Holistic medicine focuses on understanding how the mind, body and spirit affect one another in determining how our bodies respond to various happenings.

"We know that the public is sometimes leery of these things and we want to be able to provide useful, more scientific information about these therapies, which is why we have the emphasis on the research," Dugliss said.

The interest in alternative medicine has blossomed recently in the United States and around the world as more and more people take responsibility for their health and get involved in deciding what kind of care they will receive. Dugliss stressed, however, that the center isn't a reaction to a passing trend.

Natural emphasis

"This is something we started planning a long time ago," he said. "We're hoping that given our focus on research on these ancient systems that it will endure past the fad stage."

The center includes Dugliss, an internist with training in Ayurvedic and traditional Chinese medicine; Dr. Clinton Lindo, also an internist trained in homeopathic medicine; a psychologist; a pharmacist and a nurse who is trained in massage therapy.

"We see this as an extension in our role as caring for people," Dugliss said. "Many people may see this as radical and unconventional. It's what we see as part of the role of a physician who cares about patients."

By keeping an open mind toward the traditional alternative treatments it allows physicians to pull out the best of the two. Likely, the average patient who seeks care at the Westland clinic will be open-minded people who are educated and in the baby boom era, Dugliss speculated.

Lang, a former Canton resident, fits that mold. She's a medical assistant at an Oakwood-affiliated clinic in Dearborn and recently became certified as a massage therapist where she was introduced to alternative treatments.

"Conventional medicine wasn't working for me," she said. Medical doctors prescribed anti-inflammatory medicine for carpal tunnel syndrome and Lang didn't believe it was helping.

Dugliss has been working with Lang on herbal treatments and acupuncture. "It's the best of both worlds, because he's an internist and knows about alternative medicine," she added.

"Pick up a magazine on natural medicine, or go to the library and read up," Lang said. "Keep an open mind. This medicine has been around for 5,000 years. And why in America, which has been around for 200 years should we think that Western medicine is the best? It's beyond my imagination. I would sooner have a natural medicine with no side effects."

"There's just a wonder of things out there that can help you," Lang said. "Conventional medicine certainly has its place. I can't say I discharge conventional medicine and only do alternative ... yet."



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National Infant Immunization Week is April 19-25

During National Infant Immunization Week, April 19-25, Wayne County is urging parents to get their children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.

"We are making progress in getting parents to respond to our message stressing the importance of early childhood immunizations," says Patricia Soares, Wayne County Public Health Director. "Our health clinics have seen an increase in the number of children getting vaccinations, however, our immediate goal is to get many more toddlers fully immunized."

Michigan is no longer last in the nation's immunization percentage rates, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health. The state's immunization rate for two-year-olds climbed from last position of 61 percent in 1994 to 80 percent in 1997 (this rate brings Michigan to a tie for 36th). Michigan's goal is to raise these immunization levels to at least 90 percent by the year 2000.

In spite of the good news, Health Department officials continue to urge that all two-year-olds need their basic recommended vaccines.

"Some young parents think diseases like polio and whooping cough are diseases of the past," says Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County Medical Director. "These diseases are still with us and can cause serious illness."

The following vaccinations are needed by age two and can be given in five visits or less by a doctor or at a clinic:

- diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) (DPT)
- measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- Hib meningitis
- polio
- hepatitis B

The Wayne County Health Department offers free shots at its health centers. Call any Health Department clinic for an appointment. Immunizations are given without an appointment on the days designed for walk-ins.

Inkster, (313) 563-1133. Walk-ins Wednesdays 8:30-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. By appointment, Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Westland Health Center, 2501 S. Merriman Road, Westland (734) 467-3319. Walk-ins Mondays 8-11 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. By appointment, Wednesdays 8-11 a.m., 1:30-3 p.m. and an evening clinic 4:30-7 p.m. through the end of April.

Wayne County Health Department Community-Sponsored Clinic at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Free vaccines will be given to children on Wednesday, April 22 by appointment. Call the Wayne County Health



Department's Field Services Unit, (734) 467-3355, for an appointment for vaccinations at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and for other immunization information.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

includes materials. April 13, 6-10 p.m. and April 20, 6-9 p.m. Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

CELIAC SPRUE SUPPORT
Tri-County Celiac Sprue Support is a network for person diagnosed with Celiac Sprue and Dermatitis Herpetiformis. Meets at 7 p.m. at the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 477-5953 or (313) 522-8522.

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Preserve the gift of life at no cost from 10 a.m. to noon. Call (734) 458-7100 to register. MedMax is at 35600 Central City Parkway.

TUE, APRIL 14

HEALTH-ORAMA
Project Health-O-Rama will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 14 and 15, at Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile Road, Livonia, by Oakwood Healthcare

System/Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Most screenings are free, however, those that have fees include body fat composition, HIV/AIDS screening kit, osteoporosis screening and blood panel testing. Must be 18 or older, call 800-543-WELL.

STANDARD FIRST AID
American Red Cross standard first aid and adult CPR. Course length is 7 hours and \$33 fee includes materials. April 14, 6-10 p.m. and April 16, 6-9 p.m. Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
Intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic knowledge of the hear, lungs, signs and symptoms of heart attack and CPR, choking rescue skills. \$25. Providence Medical Center Livonia, from 6-9 p.m. Call 800-968-5595 to register.

BONE MARROW DRIVE
The National Bone Marrow

Donor Program will hold a free drive (open to all minor participants) in diversifying its donor registry for this life-saving endeavor. McAuley Cancer Care Center, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor from noon to 7 p.m. Racial groups sought include African Americans, Asian and Pacific Islander, Hispanics, American Indians and Alaska natives. Call Amy Lawrence for eligibility details (734) 712-7072.

BABYSITTING TRAINING
Hands-on training for youths 11 years and older to prepare for caring and supervision of smaller children. Course is eight hours and taken in two session, \$25. April 14 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

POST-PARTUM SUPPORT
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group on Tuesday, from 10-11

a.m. Group meets in the West Addition Conference Room A near the South Entrance. Mothers and babies are invited to attend. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1100 or 800-494-1615.

HELP FOR IMPOTENT MEN
"Surgical Treatment Implant: Pros and Cons." Free at 7 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East pavilion, conference Room 2-B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100.

WED, APRIL 15

BREATHERS CLUB
A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7 p.m. in classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building, free of charge. Call 458-3481.

PROGRAMMABLE HEARING AIDS
Discuss advantages of today's hearing technology and why digi-

tal technology is the wave of the future. Manufacturers representatives will be present. Free from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call (734) 458-7100 to register. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway.

NEW ARTHRITIC JOINTS
If you are 50 years or older and suffer with arthritis, this session is for you. Two orthopedic surgeons will discuss the role of medications, joint injections, braces and surgery in treating arthritis of the knee, hip, shoulder and back. 2 p.m. Vladimir's Grand Ballroom, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$3 fee and preregistration required. Call (248) 471-8020.

HOMEOPATHY
Learn alternative ways to address respiratory conditions. We will discuss asthma, allergies, sinusitis and much more. Free from 7-8 p.m. Call (734) 458-7100 to register. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway.

MON, APRIL 13

SMOKE FREE LIVING
Smoke-Free Living Smoking Cessation Classes, Monday and Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 13-23, St. Mary Hospital, First Floor Conference Room (North Entrance off Five Mile Rd.) Course fee \$25. Preregistration required. Call, (734) 655-8940.

STANDARD FIRST AID
American Red Cross standard first aid and adult CPR. Course length is 7 hours and \$33 fee

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Hegira receives accreditation

Hegira Programs Inc., one of the largest free-standing substance abuse and mental health care organizations in the state, was again awarded Accreditation with Commendation by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations as a result of an on-site survey in November 1997.

Among Hegira's programs are: Hegira House, Hegira-Westland Counseling Center, Livonia Counseling Center, Oakdale Recovery Center in Canton and Psychiatric Intervention Center and Diagnostic Center in Westland.

"The organization should be commended for its commitment to providing quality care to the people in its community," said Dennis O'Leary, M.D., president, Joint Commission.

Home Health Care recognized

The American Diabetes Association awarded Metro Home Health Care Services Inc. a Certificate of Recognition for a quality diabetes education program.

Metro Home Health Care serves patients in 11 counties including Wayne and the city of Detroit. They were required to complete a comprehensive documentation process and undergo rigorous and expert peer review. MHHCS has 19 qualified diabetes program instructors. For more information call Marjorie Risher, R.N. or Kathleen Pruneau-Hill, R.N. at (313) 336-6303.

Imaging program receives accreditation

AWARDED

The Breast Imaging Program at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center - Dearborn has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in Stereotactic Breast Biopsy techniques as a result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

This accreditation will complement the Breast Care Program and is a first for the Oakwood Healthcare System — it is only one of six programs in Michigan to be awarded this level of recognition.

A Mammographic Stereotactic Biopsy System is used to help determine if an abnormal mammogram finding is a benign or malignant process. It is an alternative to the surgical method of an excisional open biopsy.

"We are so pleased to be able to offer our patients and physicians the option of Mammographic Stereotactic Biopsy technique," said Sharon Helmer, MD, physician leader, Breast

Multidisciplinary Team, Oakwood.

"We have learned through our experience that the procedures are amazingly well tolerated by patients. They appreciate the quickness and ease of this outpatient procedure and the absence of scarring."

The sophisticated new procedure allows Oakwood's radiologists to locate and obtain a small sample of tissue in a less invasive manner.

The procedure is performed when an abnormality is found on a mammogram for which further investigation is warranted. Stereotactic biopsies, which require only local anesthesia, are done at Oakwood on an outpatient basis and take approximately one hour to complete. The biopsy tissue is reviewed by a pathologist and a diagnosis is made.

The patient is then able to discuss with her surgeon and primary care physician appropriate next steps. Following diagnosis, a team approach is taken combining the skills and expertise of the radiologist, surgeon, pathologist, and oncologist to provide comprehensive early diagnosis of breast cancer and state of the art treatment.

The ACR awards accreditation to a Stereotactic Breast Biopsy program for the achievement of high practical standards after a voluntary evaluation of its clinical proficiency. Evaluations are conducted by board certified radiologists who are members of the College with special expertise in stereotactic breast biopsy technology. The quality of services of the Oakwood Program was assessed as well as the qualifications of technical and professional personnel.

The program's collaborative approach and successful accreditation will further enhance the active mammography program and support both the Oncology & the Women's Center of Excellence throughout the Oakwood Healthcare System. The recently accredited biopsy system at Oakwood has been funded, in part, through a generous contribution from the Oakwood Healthcare Systems Women's Healthcare Classic.

Experts encourage bike safety

The experts all agree: wearing helmet when bicycling is critically important.

"Most serious bicycle injuries are head injuries," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. Simply wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of brain injury by up to 85 percent, while allowing riders to enjoy bicycling to the

fullest."

Statistics reveal that caution in bicycle riding is warranted — especially for children. In 1996, Michigan youths under 16 years of age represented 37.5 percent of the 32 bicycle deaths involving motor vehicles. Additionally, 1,392 bicyclists 15 and under suffered injuries from motor vehicle collisions. Nationally,

more than 500,000 children annually go to hospital emergency rooms with bicycle injuries.

Basch said that children given permission to ride bikes in the street must be able to ride safely with traffic; youngsters under the age of nine usually are not able to identify and adjust to many dangerous traffic situations.

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Tell us something we don't know



MIKE WENDLAND

A recent study shocked no one when it noted that there are now so many Web sites on the Internet that it's impossible to search them all. The study estimated that there were more than 320 million Web sites out there, with several thousand new ones being added every day.

And despite the hype from the big search engines, the best they can do is search only a portion of them, 40 percent at best.

Steve Lawrence of the NEC Research Institute, co-author of the study, concluded that the amount of information on the Web is now so overwhelming even the most sophisticated efforts to sort it all out are doomed to failure.

To me, that's a major part of the appeal of the Net.

You never know what the next piece of e-mail will bring. Maybe it's a friend sharing a neat 'Net find', or a query on a News Group or Mailing List that provides a link to something so obscure and fascinating, or so fun and practical, that it's like finding a gold nugget on the shore of Orchard Lake.

I save, organize and archive sites daily. Probably half of the 200 or so pieces of e-mail I get every day from readers of this column, viewers of my TV reports or listeners of my radio show are from everyday people sharing a favorite web find.

And one of the most enjoyable things I get to do each week is share them with you. Usually, I write an entire column about a particular site, or a group of sites devoted to a particular subject.

But sometimes, I just have a whole bunch of neat and unrelated sites that I can only categorize as "fun" or "helpful." If I hold on to them too long waiting

for some relationship or theme to develop, they get stale. So, hidden away somewhere out there amongst the 320 million cyberspace spots, and to keep things fresh, here are a few of the neatest sites I've come across recently.

HelpMeNow (<http://www.helpmenow.com/>) - This site offers expert assistance... live... on the Web. Every night from 7 to 9 p.m. For those times when you need help and that chat room isn't, you can e-mail your requests. There's also a discussion board for assistance from other users. HelpMeNow even offers fitness and automotive help.

LearnTo (<http://www.learn2.com/>) - They call this site the "ability utility" and it's filled with the kind of practical stuff we all need to know, like how to clean a bathroom, how to make a great cup of coffee, how to iron a shirt... all sorts of basic stuff, complete with step-by-step instructions, easy-to-read sketches, diagrams and a pretty comprehensive subject index.

E-Mail Lookup (<http://mesa.rrzn.uni-hannover.de/>) - Ever wondered how to find someone online? There's a great German site that, in less than a minute's time, searches through a host of Internet directories to come up with e-mail addresses. Just type in a name and the search is on. It searches 7 e-mail directory services simultaneously.

Outlook 98 (www.microsoft.com) - It's free and it's Microsoft's hope that everyone will use Outlook 98 as their main messaging and scheduling application. One thing you'll notice with the Outlook e-mail program... it contains a Spam feature to block out unwanted e-mail advertisements.

Joe & Mindy's Garden (<http://www.nhn.uoknor.edu/~howard/garden2.html>) - There are a lot of hobby sites on the net and a lot with gardens, but this one puts them all together. This site is one done out of the pure

joy and appreciation of God's natural artwork... flowers. You'll learn what, when and how to plant.

Wall Street Research Net (<http://www.warn.com/>) - This is one of the slickest and deepest personal finance sites I've ever run across in cyberspace. There are over 190,000 links that allow both novice and experienced investors research stocks and mutual funds and locate economic data and news that they need to stay on top of financial trends.

PlaySite (<http://www.playsite.com/>) - Wanna play a game? Checkers, chess, cribbage, all sorts of online, interactive games can be played here with cyberspace partners. Click a name and press the issue challenge button. A game will download and appear automatically if your challenge is accepted. You play on an on-screen "board-like" display, with a scrolling chat area to the right for comments banter.

BingoZone (<http://www.bingozone.com/>) - While we're into games, try this stalwart site. Online bingo is played here, complete with prizes. You get a card and every 20 seconds, a ball appears. You match the number to the card...and...well, you know the rules. If you match the numbers, click bingo and you win some bucks... not a lot, but, hey... cash is cash.

Don't forget... keep sending me your favorites at mike@pcmike.com. I click on them all... honest

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mation Technology and Light Industrial staffing solutions to new and existing customers. Acro has also been recognized as the 19th fastest growing company in Michigan. For more information regarding Acro Service Corp. or its service offerings, call Barbara Bartlett at (313) 964-0775 or by fax at (313) 964-1173.

New records facility

Continuing its rapid expansion throughout the United States, **Pierce Leahy Corp.**, the world's foremost records management company, has expanded its already significant presence in the Detroit market with the opening of its new records management archive facility on Haggerty Road in Canton.

The new company, **Tickford-Engelhard**, based in Plymouth, is capable of managing emission systems projects from small-scale to mainstream design and development.

Rassini International

Rassini International Inc. of Plymouth, the U.S. operation of Sanluis/Rassini Autopartes, has appointed Robert J. Anderson as its president. Other appointments include: Alvaro Lopez, promoted to sales manager; Robert W. Friedrichs, named to engineering manager; George Waterman, joins the company as chief engineer, brakes components and systems; and James A. Juriga has been hired as director of engineering.

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Feed your soul some original art

If you're looking for something to feed your soul this spring, the members of Artifacts Art Club are offering reasonably priced original art in a show continuing through Thursday, April 30, at Livonia City Hall.

Sherry Eid's (\$150) would brighten up any area of your home or business. Eid drew the double hibiscus from a photograph taken on a trip to Panama a few years ago. A landscape titled "Reflections" (\$125) cools and warms at the same time. Peggy Gray's colored pencil work, "Grania" (\$165), has a medieval feel that would be perfect in a study. For a kitchen, Darrell Judy's large-scale color photographs (\$50 each) of apples, a sunflower and marigold could be rotated with the seasons. Cat lovers won't want to miss "Smokey's World" by Nancy Janosi of Westland. The colored pencil work featuring a cat amidst a stable of

horses, rendered after a photograph Janosi took at Greenfield Village.

Sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, the exhibit features something for everyone.

Whether oil, watercolor, pastel, photography, colored pencil, or sculpture is the medium of your choice, the work by Artifacts members soothes with pastels of children and mystifies with portraits of Rhett Butler.

Livonia artist Diane Dunn shows porcelain tiles featuring wildlife painted in oil. Dunn's work can also be seen at the Animal Odyssey Gallery in Plymouth.

Artifacts Art Club was founded by David

Spring Show and Sale

What: Artifacts Art Club exhibits paintings, mixed media and porcelain tiles in an exhibit sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission.

When: Through Thursday, April 30. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For further information about the club, call Sherry Eid, (734) 591-3094.

Where: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, (east of Farmington Road).

The arts commission is also highlighting the art of Livonia Public School students through April 24 in the showcases and fine arts gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, (east of Farmington Road). Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Messing, owner of the Art Store & More in Livonia, in 1986 as an outlet for artists of all levels, from beginning to advanced. Members are encouraged to further their art education while taking advantage of the camaraderie between artists. Activities include demonstrations, speakers, videos and critiques as well as trips to galleries and art exhibits.

Just for fun

"We decided not to have a judge so it would be a more relaxing atmosphere," said Eid. "The show is fun. We exhibit just for the fun of it, not to sell necessarily, but it's nice if we do."

A special event for club members is coming up on April 21 when third grade students from Cass Elementary in Livonia will visit the exhibit. Eid is

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Renaissance Man: Sherry Eid used colored pencil to create this portrait of a character at the Renaissance Festival.



Following tradition: This relief, "Christ on the Water" was done by Sergio DeGiusti for Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

"It's important to create something from the personal and to try and express spiritual ideas whether in painting, mosaic or sculpture."

Joseph DeLauro,
Canton sculptor



Religious art: Joseph DeLauro stands in front of the sculpture he created for Christ Our Savior Church in Livonia.

TRADITION

shapes religious images

Following in the footsteps of artists through the centuries, Canton sculptor Joseph DeLauro struggles to make the invisible concrete when creating religious art. DeLauro, a devout Catholic, and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, draws on his spiritual beliefs. But not all artists have such strong ties to religion. Redford sculptor Sergio DeGiusti's inspiration comes from his ethnicity

rather than from practicing the Catholicism he grew up with in Maniago, Italy. Zobel Kachadourian, baptized in the Armenian Orthodox church, studied icons from the Byzantine period before sketching altar paintings for St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield.

Whether it's Corrado Parducci's bronze Stations of the Cross at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, DeGiusti's "Christ on the Water" and "Genesis" reliefs at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, or DeLauro's 12-foot Christ figure on the front of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, artists turn to tradition for guidance.

"The only clue we have of what saints and other religious figures look like is from the artists," said DeGiusti. "They're the ones who've interpreted the stories."

Creating religious art calls for lengthy research on the ways artists

approached the subject throughout history. DeLauro figures about the saint or religious figure before turning to the masters and "how they attacked the problem." His years as founder and chairman of the art department at the University of Windsor have well acquainted him with the subject of art history. But even as early as grammar school, DeLauro was inspired by the Gothic cathedrals of Europe.

"The Gothic architecture keeps you looking up and up," said DeLauro. "The idea was to rise and give glory."

No matter the denomination, DeLauro strives to express spiritual ideas in his religious works in addition to respecting tradition. He considers charity, love, beauty and humility as aspects of the spiritual side. All have remained essential to his work since the 82-year-old sculptor's first commission for six limestone reliefs for a Carmelite

monastery near Marygrove College in 1947.

"It's important to create something from the personal and to try and express spiritual ideas whether in painting, mosaic or sculpture," said DeLauro, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Yale University and a master of fine arts degree from the University of Iowa. "Part of us as human beings has a spiritual side. Charity, love, beauty, humility are aspects of the spiritual side. Like music, Handel's 'Messiah,' uplifts you. I strive for that in my sculpture."

Everywhere you look in DeLauro's home are sculptures from his long career. In the living room, a one-third scale model of the Pieta commissioned for the grounds of Holy Cross Parish in Detroit graces the living room. A sculpture DeLauro created after the Native American

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ART IN THE COMMUNITY

Artists religiously rebuild sacred mystery

As Christians made their annual pilgrimage to reaffirm their faith during Easter week, many probably took for granted images that enlighten their entry into the sacred world.

Even for procrastinating Christians, the iconography of the church has served immeasurably to animate the drama of Jesus' resurrection and illuminate a religious creed of redemption.

For many, this past holy week reaffirmed how artists imaginatively portray the Scriptures, offering a mythology to support the Christian answer to the mystery about an afterlife.

Even in these secular times of trial by public opinion, the most striking religious art may compel agnostics to reconsider, and atheists to realize that perhaps they merely lack imagination.

"There's always been a great need for churches to have art to seduce their audience through imagery," said Sergio DeGiusti, a renowned sculptor from Redford.

The most powerful religious-inspired art, according to DeGiusti, has shown

the sacred as well as the profane. For instance, works that depict the beautiful Madonna and Child along visions of eternal damnation.

Ironically, DeGiusti noted that the overt nudity in paintings from as early as the 15th century might be called pornographic by today's standards.

"I sometimes wonder how free we are to express ourselves."

Art that integrates

DeGiusti's speculation seems a bit too heavy for a sculpture suffering from an attention deficit disorder and a compulsion for empirical verification.

Instead of pondering the power of faith, scholars have turned metaphysical speculation into the ultimate conundrum: Is the New Testament fact or fiction?

Two recently released books ("The Birth of Christianity," "The Acts of Jesus") and last week's PBS documentary, "From Jesus to Christ," offer deconstructive theories on the man from Galilee whose teachings — along with the Torah — have formed the value system of the western

world for nearly two millennia.

While some scholars seem intent to dim the halo of divinity surrounding Jesus, there's a growing trend for artists to reflect their own spirituality, sometimes drawing on traditional religious themes, sometimes their own interpretations of wholeness, healing and interconnectedness.

"Religious art is not necessarily liturgical art done on commission," said the Rev. Terrence Dempsey, director of the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art on the St. Louis University campus.

The museum, established in 1989, brings together more than 2,000 international artists working independently of any institutional religion.

That's a long way from the seminal religious art exhibit, "Precious," which featured only 12 artists. The exhibit opened in 1989 on the campus of New York University.

"People feel we are too materialistic of a society," said Dempsey. "There's a need for people to experience art that inte-



Ethereal: The painting of the Holy Trinity on the ceiling above the altar at St. Hugo's embodies an awe-inspiring sacredness.

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Indians' Creation story for the gardens behind Hiram Walker across the river in Windsor rests in front of the fireplace. DeLauro has artwork in private and public collections including a five-ton marble sculpture, "The Pieta," and a 12-foot bronze "The Resurrection of Christ," commissioned by the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1953. Locally, his 11-foot limestone shrine is permanently installed at Madonna University in Livonia.

For a millennium, the subject of nearly all art was religious. Not until the late 16th century did artists such as Caravaggio begin to create images of everyday life. Out of favor for the last few centuries, DeLauro says he is delighted that religious art is

now making a resurgence. Disturbed by a trend toward using production-style statues 40 years ago, DeLauro founded the Ecclesiastical Art Guild with a group of sculptors, painters and stained glass artists to encourage churches to purchase original art.

Uplifting

"People are realizing there's more to life than material things and are searching for spiritual things," said DeLauro. "I'm trying to capture the uplifting quality of the human spirit. It's intangible but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist."

Few, if any, artists and sculptors solely create religious art, not even DeLauro. The focus of

DeGiusti's work is not religious art but the Redford sculptor has created his share, including bronze doors for the Church of San Vito in Italy and a bronze Christ figure for a processional cross for Pope John Paul II's mass at the Silverdome in 1987. However, even DeGiusti's public commissions, including a 20-panel frieze for the rotunda of the State of Michigan Library and Archives Building in Lansing, contain references to the Italian tradition of religious art. The influence of sculptor Manzu is apparent in "Apparition," a relief by DeGiusti, who is best known for his shrouded figures. The tomb scene appears similar to Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

"My upbringing and relationship with the church is all part of it," said DeGiusti, "but I don't want to be known as a religious sculptor even though my work has undertones of historical spiritual references."

DeGiusti, a former art history and drawing professor at Wayne State University, uses photographs he's taken of art in churches, cemeteries and sites all over Italy for inspiration but doesn't rely on standard iconography. You won't see a halo on one of his "hanging figures" because everybody knows what it means.

"I remove the obvious and get down to the basics of Christianity," said DeGiusti. "I look at how I can do something with a histor-

ical reference without looking historical, something that transcends traditional religious figures."

When Alex Manoogian asked Zubel Kachadoorian to paint a 19-foot high by 6 1/2-foot wide Madonna and Child for the altar of St. John's Armenian Church 30 years ago, the Detroit artist studied icons from the 9th through 13th-century before making sketches and painting studies in his Greektown studio. He also drew on fourteen years of studying European religious art while living there.

"I used my observation and experience of being abroad in the Mediterranean area and Rome from 1950 to 1964," said

Kachadoorian. "At the same time, I was absorbing aspects of all cultures from French to Greece."

In 1996, Kachadoorian began work on side panels for the Madonna at St. John's. The paintings, "The Baptism" and "Annunciation" were consecrated in January.

Kachadoorian's Madonna remains popular today. Last year, the painter won the Purchase Award in an exhibition at Historic Trinity Church for an updated version of the Madonna at St. John's. Just recently, two of Kachadoorian's religious paintings were juried into the 12th annual "Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition," May 15-29, at Historic Trinity Church in Detroit.

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grates all aspects of our lives." Years ago, religious art created by noncommissioned or secular artists would've been called heresy.

At the end of the 20th century, it's simply called spiritual.

Immediately after Vatican II (1962-65), which reformed the liturgy and opened participation in the mass, a Benedictine aesthetic pervaded the church, said Daniel McAfee, director of the Office of Christian Worship for the Catholic Diocese of Detroit.

A minimalist, abstract sensibility took over, displacing ornate and figurative art.

Thirty years later, however, there's been a return to a more original, albeit a distinctively figurative, representational style, said McAfee.

"We had a lot of plastic statues and reproductions before the Council (Vatican II)," he said.

"Today, there's been a return to the appreciation of saints and away from sweet and sentimental images."

In other words, the days of ordering religious art from a catalog are long gone.

As chair of the architectural review committee for the diocese, McAfee encourages parishes to commission artists.

"The relationship between the church and artists is healthy," he said. "Good artists will challenge us to see the 'mystery' (of Christ) in a deeper way."

The transformation from "religious to spiritual art" seems inevitable in a century where art became less of a means to engage the masses, and more of a vehicle for individual expression, said MaryAnn Wilkinson, curator of 20th century art at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Art is not made to teach people religion as it was during Medieval times and the Renaissance," she said.

Instead, according to Wilkinson, paintings like Gauguin's "Yellow Christ," and works of the surrealists like Ernst, Tanguy

and Dali merged the spirituality with highly intellectual art.

Then, she said, the abstract expressionists merely took the next step and eliminated all literal references.

But Wilkinson cautioned that it's difficult to draw conclusions about the 20th century.

"Mainstream artists have turned away from religious imagery, but younger artists haven't," she said.

For instance, KiKi Smith, recently named one of the top 10 artists in America by *The New York Times*, created a figurative sculpture, "Lot's Wife," based on the Old Testament parable. Wilkinson purchased the piece for the DIA.

Locally, artist Carl Demeulenaere has gained a reputation for combining traditional religious ideas with gay themes.

And, of course, there are other artists who remain in a more traditional style.

a Masterworks volunteer at the school. Several times a month she visits the classrooms their with prints and information about the history of art.

"Visiting the show is a chance for the students to see a real live artist and talk to them about their work instead of looking at prints," said Eid. "With prints you don't get to see the texture, the real colors either."

Spring shows

If you miss Artifacts' exhibit, several clubs in the area are displaying work in late April and May. Here's a guide to what's going on:

■ Three Cities Art Club presents its annual spring show Thursday-Sunday, April 23-26 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill, Canton. The exhibit will be held during library hours except for Sunday when it closes at 3:30 p.m. For

more information, call Jackie Daniels, (734) 207-1535.

■ The Farmington Artists Club hosts their Spring Exhibit and Sale Sunday, April 26, to Sunday, May 3, at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road (gate four, west of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills. Admission is free.

Hours are 3-5 p.m. Sunday, April 26; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday, April 27 to May 3. The show is in conjunction with the Farmington Community Festival of the Arts. For more information, call (248) 646-3707.

■ The Visual Arts Association of Livonia holds its annual Spring Art Exhibit and Sale Monday, May 4, to Friday, May 29, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, (east of Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road).

A reception for the artists and awards ceremony will be held 7 p.m. Friday, May 1. Nearly 100 art works will be on display in the exhibit including paintings and mixed media.

Viewing hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information, call exhibit chairperson Melissa Snyder at (734) 591-1336.

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ARTBEAT

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

GRAND OPENING

Woodland Indians Garden & Gallery hosts a grand opening April 18-19 at its new location, 26161 West Six Mile, Redford.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Woodland Indians Trading Company has joined other First Nations traders and entrepreneurs to offer a metropolitan Detroit outlet for North American Indian art, crafts, trade goods, and services.

The gallery is seeking other traders and artists with quality products, especially those for consignment.

For more information, call (313) 535-7602.

THREE CITIES SHOW

Plymouth watercolorist Phyllis Hochlowski is one of 15 members of Three Cities Art Club exhibiting in an annual spring show Thursday-Sunday, April 23-26 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill, Canton.

In addition to Hochlowski's watercolors, members, including Yolanda Menchaca and Nancy Walls Smith, will display a total of 39 oil and acrylic paintings.

The exhibit will be held during library hours except for Sunday when it closes at 3:30 p.m. Livonia artist Elbert Weber judges the show awarding first, second and third place, best of show, and the Grumbacher award for best use of color. For more information, call Jackie Daniels at (734) 207-1535.

SPRING BOUQUET

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir performs a selection of choral works to welcome spring in "A Spring Bouquet," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. Donations accepted at the door.

For more information, call (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435.

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

MAKING CONTACT: Please submit items for publication to Frank Provenzano, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or fax (248) 644-1314

ART FAIRS & FESTIVALS

POSA
A juried fine art show exhibit and sale given by the Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday, April 17-25, noon-5 p.m., Sunday, April 26. Tel-Twelve Mall, Telegraph at 12 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 887-4844.

3RD ANNUAL FARMINGTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Works by a range of fine artists and craftspeople, April 26-May 3 at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28800 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 646-3707.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Fine art from local and national artisans, including boutique items, antiques, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, April 26, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, April 27. Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-5700.

ANTIQUITY BUTTON EXHIBIT

Vintage buttons from 1800s to the early 1930s at the Southfield Public Library, main level, through April 30, 26000 Evergreen Road; (248) 948-0470.

AUDITIONS, COMPETITIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS

CANTON TOWNSHIP CALLS ARTISTS

Invitation to all artists to participate in 7th Annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '98 on June 20-21. Artists must submit slides of painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise. Deadline: April 15. Sponsored by Canton Township Parks and Recreation and D&M Studio's. For information, (734) 453-3710.

DANCE AUDITIONS

Detroit Dance Collective seeks a male dancer to perform with company from March-May 1998, and for next season, August 1998-May 1999. Must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and training in ballet. Paid by the project for all rehearsals, performances and teaching positions. Company rehearses 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Bring resume and letter of recommendation during rehearsal times. Central United Methodist Church, corner of Woodward Avenue and Adams, just south of the Fox Theatre. Auditions arranged by appointment; (313) 965-3544.

KAREN HALPERN'S SPRING CLASSES

Workshops with Bloomfield Hills artist in a variety of media and subjects. Locations include Petoskey, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield and Ferndale; (248) 851-8215.

MICHIGAN THEATRE & DANCE TROUPE

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

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two formal concerts in May and December, and various other local community engagements. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099; (248) 879-0138.

VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY

Auditions for 1998-99 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 2 at Varner Hall, Room 134, Oakland University. For information, (248) 625-7057.

WORKSHOP ON SHAKESPEARE

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

YOUTH ART COMPETITION

"Friends of Polish Art," in conjunction with Orchard Lake Schools, is sponsoring annual Youth Art Competition for students ages 12-18. Competition open to all students in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. Works should be related to a Polish theme. No more than three entries per person. Cash prizes awarded. Deliver to Orchard Lake Galleria 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 25. Works must be ready for hanging or display, including matting, frame or stand. Art will be on public exhibit through May with opening and award presentation 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 3. For more information, call John Surma (248) 541-3697.

CHORALE

CANTATA ACADEMY
"A Concert of Negro Spirituals," presented by the Black Concerns Working Group, 7 p.m., Saturday, April 25. Donation: \$5-\$15. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Avenue at Forest, Detroit; (313) 833-9107.

20TH ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

3 p.m., Saturday, April 25, the Academy Singers present a performance at Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University. Admission: \$8, adults; \$5, senior/children/students.

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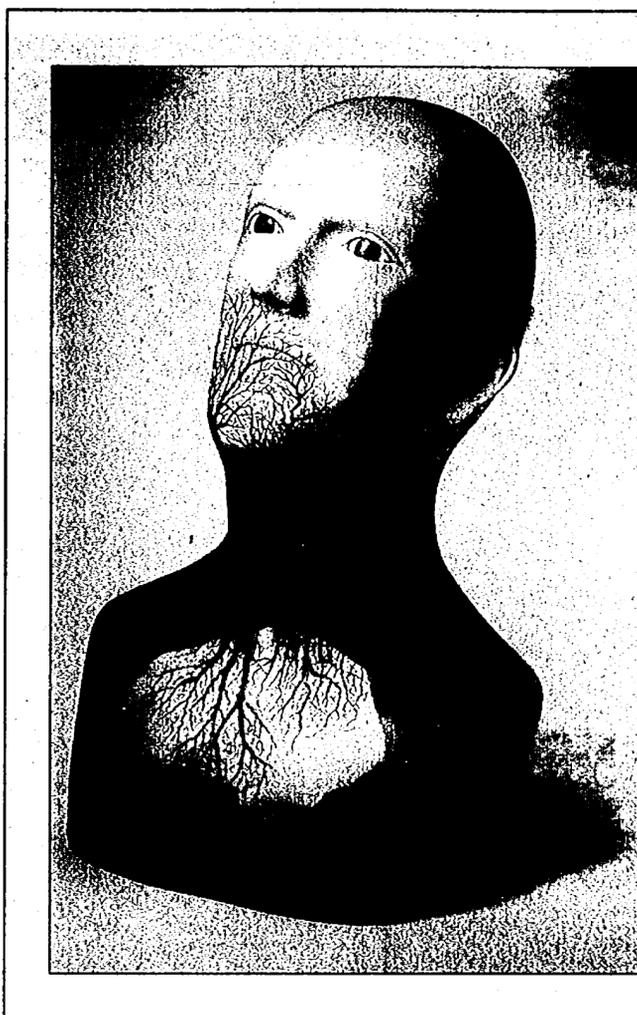
"A Spring Bouquet," an annual spring concert 8 p.m., Saturday, April 25, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads; (248) 349-8175.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Spring classes begin week of April 20, including watercolor, collage, weaving, bead stringing, photography and stained glass. Summer classes begin June 15. 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004, ext. 113.

THE ART STUDIO
Adult art classes in oils, pastels and drawing. Children's after-school classes in drawing, painting and crafts. 4417 S. Commerce Road, Commerce Township; (248) 360-6722.

BBAA
Spring classes include non-objective painting, floral still life, Art Deco Painting, 1920s-1930s. For children: drawing for teens, stone sculpture, bookbinding.



Reflective: The intriguing ceramic sculptures of artist John Woodward appear through May 2 at the ShawGuido Gallery, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-1070.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Spring classes begin April 18, 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 through May 2 for 5 to 7 year olds, and 8 to 12 year olds. Fee: \$40. Classes at Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 965-3544.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Registration for Spring Session, including creative dance, theatrical play, wood carving, wood burning, mahjongg training, six steps to basic Judaism, and basic Hebrew reading. Begins week of April 20, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES

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

MARYGROVE COLLEGE

"Kindermusik Beginnings," a program for children ages 18 months-3 years. Spring term runs April 18-June 27. 8425 W. McNichols Road, Detroit; (313) 927-1230.

MSU MUSIC SCHOOL FOR YOUNG

"First Music" classes for children birth to age 5. Children and parents move to music, learn songs and chants, play percussion instruments. Classes meet Friday mornings through May 22. Cost: \$100. Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills; (800) 548-6157, (517) 355-7661.

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.

ONCE UPON AN EASEL

Painting and drawing workshops 10 a.m.-3 p.m., April 13, 15-16. \$30 per student. 8691 N. Litley Road, Canton Township; (734) 453-3710.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Registration for spring classes: painting, creative writing, drawing, sketching. Also summer classes for children. 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-44RT.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Registration for Summer Day Camps, non residents can register beginning May 8. Also available specialty day camps in art, theatre, soccer and dance. "Designing for Today's Interiors," taught by designer Eileen Mills 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, April 16, 23, four-week class, fee: \$100. 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 354-9603.

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 in April and June 29, respectively. For specific dates and time 644-2076.

CLASSICAL

PIANIST EVEGNY KISSIN
8 p.m., Monday, April 13, Kissin, who has been compared to Horowitz and Rubinstein,

performs a program of Brahms, Beethoven and Liszt. Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-2538.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Leif Ove Andnes performing Still's "Afro-American Symphony," Prokofiev's "Piano Concerto No. 3," and Schumann's "Symphony No. 3 (Rhenish)" and "Symphony No. 2." 10:45 a.m., Friday, April 17, 8:30 p.m., Saturday, April 18, and 3 p.m., Sunday, April 19, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, (between Mack and Warren avenues), Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111.

PONTIAC OAKLAND SYMPHONY

8 p.m., Saturday, April 18, "Celebrate the Century," featuring works by American composers William Bolcom and John Harbison. Tickets: \$12. Pontiac Central High School.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

8 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, a concert by the Orion Chamber Ensemble. Tickets: \$25. The Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road; (248) 751-2435.

MAHLER'S "RESURRECTION"

The University Symphony Orchestra, University Choir and Chamber Choir will perform Gustav Mahler's monumental Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection," 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 21 in Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0594.

FARMINGTON MUSICALE

7:30 p.m., April 24, "Scholarship Benefit," featuring soprano Juliet Petrus, and piano team of Aiki Zachary and Joanne Boraks-Kramer. A seven-member clarinet choir will present selections for woodwind. Tickets purchased at the door. (248) 476-6221. Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads.

PRO MUSICA

8:30 p.m., Friday, April 24, lyric soprano Teresa Santiago performs art songs and by Barber, Strauss and Duparc. Detroit Institute of Arts Recital Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900. Tickets: \$25, (313) 886-3207.

CLASSICAL GUITAR

Second Annual Michigan Classic Guitar Summit, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. Sponsored by Madonna University's Music Department, Madonna University's Kresge Hall, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia; (248) 975-8797.

ARIANA STRING QUARTET

The Fair Lane Music Guild presents season finale with the internationally renowned Ariana String Quartet 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26. Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane, U-M, Dearborn. 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn; (734) 593-5330.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

"On the Road with the BCB," 3 p.m., Sunday, April 26, Trinity Lutheran Church of Utica; (248) 362-3303.

KIRK IN THE HILLS

"Keyboards & Instruments," 7:30 p.m., April 26, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-2515.

CRAFTS

COUNTRY FOLK ART SHOW

5-9 p.m., April 24-26, handcrafted folk art festival at the Pontiac Silverdome. Admission: \$6; (248) 634-4151.

QUILT EXHIBIT

Oakland County Quilt Guild presents "Quilt Celebration '98," 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday, April 17, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 18. Lutheran High Northwest, Rochester Hills, on Livonia, south of M-59. Admission: \$5; (248) 376-9638.

DANCE

PILOBOLUS DANCE THEATRE

Innovative modern dance company performs four concerts April 24-26. Tickets: \$25-\$35; (248) 645-6666. Music Hall, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-7622.

DESIGN EXPOSITION

MICHIGAN MODERNISM

April 25-26, an exhibition and sale of 20th-century design, including art nouveau, art deco, arts & crafts, Gothic revival, surrealism, folk art and more. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, noon-5 p.m., Sunday. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 547-5716.

JAZZ

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER

B'Jazz Vespers, featuring The Judge Mike Wahls Trio, 6 p.m., Sunday, April 19. Ninety minutes of jazz performance followed by 20 minutes for a worship interlude. First Baptist Church of Birmingham, corner of Willis and Bates, downtown Birmingham.

LECTURE

INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE

2 p.m., Sunday, April 12, Lecturer/performer Madhavi, director of Indian Dance Perspective, discusses "Rhythm in Motion: Indian Classical Dance Now and Then." Detroit Institute of Arts, Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

TALK ABOUT GLASS

Noon, Thursday, April 16, stained-glass artist Barbara Krueger talks about her art. Information Technology Building auditorium, Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16, "Master the Art of Public Speaking," presented by United Talent Agency's Auto Show narration specialists Charles Maas and Ron Pollack. Sponsored by the Royal Oak Arts Council. Royal Oak Library, 222 E. 11 Mile Road; (248) 547-2344.

LIFE AFTER DEATH

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16, lecture by Steve Murakishi, artist-in-residence. In a lecture about his printmaking, including issues of the politics of identity. 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

PSYCHOANALYSIS & MUSIC

8 p.m., Friday, April 17, a symposium sponsored by the Michigan Psychoanalytic Foundation in a weekend-long, interdisciplinary program, "Music, Love and Loss: Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Affect." Events will take place in Ann Arbor and Farmington Hills. For information, (734) 994-6645.

WRITER CHARLES BAXTER

Poet and novelist Charles Baxter reads excerpts from his works 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 21. Ula Jones-Johnson Theater, Royal Oak campus; (248) 540-1500.

AVANT-GARDE VIDEO SERIES

Second in a series of four on American art, "American Art of the 60s," 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 28. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

ART HISTORY STORYTELLER

Maureen Ester presents an overview of art from ancient to modern times 7 p.m., Thursday, April 30, Paint Creek Center for the Arts; (248) 651-4110.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

1st Anniversary Celebration, 8 p.m., Friday, April 17, featuring live entertainment. 315 E. Warren Avenue at the corner of Brush Street in Detroit's Cultural Center; (313) 494-5800.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

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.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through June 21 - "Affirmations," the sculpture of Richard Hunt; through June 30 - "The Life & Times of Paul Robeson," Coleman A. Young Exhibitions Room, 315 E. Warren, Detroit; (313) 259-4109.

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.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Through Sept. 30 - "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," produced by the Michigan State University Museum and the Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services, 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7934.

OPERA

WINDSOR LIGHT OPERA

"Fiddler on the Roof," featuring Nancy, Jody and Jenny Florowski of Redford, and Rachel Cantor and Fred Wassermann, both of West Bloomfield, 8 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and 2 p.m., Sundays April 19 and 26, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, Windsor. \$20, \$18 seniors, students or groups of 20 or more (Canadian). (517) 974-6593.

POPS

MUSIC OF OUR TIME

Second Sundays series at the Troy Public Library presents soprano Jean Dohanyos, flutist Anne Decker and pianist Arvi Sinka in a program of John Rutter, David Aram, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Lukas Foss. Library is located in the Troy Civic Center, Big Beaver at I-75 Interchange.

PIANO FESTIVAL

Gilmore International Keyboard Festival, April 25-May 3, including piano music in a variety of styles. The multi-program festival is held in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor. For details, (616) 342-1166.

BBSO

Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents, "The BBSO Goes to Broadway," 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26. Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-2276.

READING

POETRY AT WSU

1 p.m., Wayne State University's 16th Annual Student Poetry Festival, 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, poets of the new writing, featuring Barrett Wallen and Ted Pearson. Hosted by WSU and the Detroit UMCA Writer's Voice Director M.L. Lieber. WSU Dept. of English Bldg., 51 W. Warren at Woodward, Rm. 3234; (313) 577-2450.

BALDWIN LIBRARY

Local writer Thomas Lynch and poet Robin Robertson 2 p.m., Sunday, April 19, 300 W. Merrill, downtown Birmingham; (248) 647-1700.

TOURS

PHOTO/PRINT

Schedule tours 9 a.m.-3 p.m., April 25. Visit the studios of artist Richard Kozow, the Sybaris Gallery and Revolution gallery. Fee: \$20. Call for reservations, (313) 593-5058.

WORLD MUSIC

MUSICA VIVA INTERNATIONAL

Tenth Annual Michigan Flute Festival, 8 p.m., Friday, April 17. An evening of music and dance. Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. Tickets: \$18 at the door, \$16 prepaid. (248) 471-7667.

WRITING

CRANBROOK RETREAT FOR WRITERS

Register for retreat with more than two dozen renowned authors in various length workshops, from 3-7 days. Areas include poetry, fiction, memoir, nonfiction, screenplay and children's book writing. Cost: \$630. 7-day workshop: \$450. 5-day workshop: \$280. 3-day workshop. On campus housing available. For information, (248) 645-3492. Cranbrook Educational Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

WRITERS WORKSHOP

9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 11 professional writers will conduct writing workshops with lower and middle school students at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 646-8900.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

ARTSPACE II

April 14 - "New Master Prints by Claes Oldenburg," published by Gemini, G.E.L. of Los Angeles in 1997. Through May 16. 303 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 258-1540.

BBAA

April 17 - 6:30 p.m., "Born in the BBAA," artists nurtured by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association who have achieved successful careers in the world of art. Featuring works by Barbara Dorchen, Todd Erickson, Thomas Humes, Carol Luc, Stephen Maggig, Gail Maly Mock, Claudia Shepard, Mary Brecht Stephenson, Christine Welsh. Through May 22. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-7804.

CREATIVE RESOURCE

April 17 - 6:30 p.m., "River of Light," an exhibit of contemporary Impressionism, and "Anatoly Dverin, New Paintings," through May 23. N. Old Woodward at Maple, downtown Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

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'Rent' earnest but shallow

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Toward the end of "Rent's" first act, there is a hilarious send-up of performance art in which Jonathan Larson sticks a sharp pin in all the pretentiousness and pomposity of that art form. Unfortunately, the rest of Larson's musical suffers from those very same sins and a few more to boot.

"Rent" has settled into a long run at Detroit's Fisher Theatre. It has won the Obie, Tony and Pulitzer Prize. So this is definitely a minority report.

The story of "Rent's" gestation and triumph are legendary. The unknown Larson created his play from the framework of Puccini's "La Boheme," changing the setting from Paris' bohemian Left Bank to the art community in the contemporary East Village. The night before the off-Broadway opening, Larson died at 35 years old. The play, directed by Michael Greif, went on to rave reviews and success off and on Broadway.

"Rent" is earnest and intense. Boy is it earnest.

Larson replaces the lush music of Puccini with his own take on rock and a pastiche of other pop music styles. The outcome is usually shallow, banal, insipid and loud, but usually not rhythmic.

"Rent" is set in an East Village loft and environs. Paul Clay's set is free form and functional enough to suggest the Village as a whole as well as the loft of struggling artists Mark and Roger. An on-stage rock ensemble provides the music. The performers are mic'd.

Larson follows a group of characters suggested by the Puccini characters. Roger is an HIV-positive songwriter, Mark is his filmmaker roommate, recently

dumped by his performance artist girlfriend Maureen for a lawyer Joanne. He's the musical's narrator. Others in the neighborhood include street smart Tom Collins and his transvestite lover, Angel, both HIV-positive; budding capitalist Benny, who's eviction threat is the catalyst for the play's actions; and Mimi, an HIV-positive drug addict who falls in love with Roger.

As Benny says at one point, "This is Calcutta, Bohemia is dead." Larson doesn't entirely let his characters off the hook. At its best moments, "Rent" acknowledges the responsibility of its characters for their situations. At its worst it creates a fake political situation, caricatures caring parents as buffoons and screeches.

Through most of the play, there is an incessant whine and a hopelessly muddled message of love, brotherhood and understanding, delivered with sledge hammer impact.

Larson's idea of rock music is a loud wailing and constant drone. Sometimes, the music does break loose. "Out Tonight," sung by a frustrated, giddy Mimi has real intensity and beat. "Santa

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The performers are quite good, however, at conveying the angst and style of the characters. Manley Pope's angry-young-man Roger has a nice swagger and Christian Anderson actually creates sympathy for the conflicted Mark. Evan D'Angelo as the sweet-faced transvestite Angel has a voice and manner similar to Smokey Robinson and a fine stage presence. Erin Keaney is a riot as the sexy, funny Maureen. C.C. Brown and Sylvia MacCalla provide strength as Tom Collins and Joanne. Simone (daughter of Nina Simone) gives grit to "Out Tonight," but has to play a basically one-note Mimi.

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When: April 8 to June 13, Performances are 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. A special 1 p.m. matinee Thursday, April 9, has been added. Where: Detroit's Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd. Tickets: \$24-\$60. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

REVIEW

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BOOKS

Guide picks best state snorkeling

Snorkeling Guide to Michigan Inland Lakes
By Nancy S. Washburne
(Nanmar International)

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

When you think of snorkeling, do you get images of tropical fish darting about in crystal clear waters as warm as a bath. Me, too!

Nancy Washburne, who teaches business at Michigan State University, has done a lot of snorkeling and scuba diving in those warm Caribbean waters, but a camping trip with her son several years ago introduced her to the very different joys of snorkeling in Michigan's inland lakes.

"Snorkeling Guide" is a comprehensive county by county survey of the best lakes for snorkeling, how to get to them and what you'll find when you get there. It is also a guide to the sport of snorkeling and to the fish and flora that inhabit our lakes.

Washburne sets out criteria of visibility, variety of fish, accessibility, scenery and shape for choosing the score of lakes from the thousands in the state. She has chosen lakes from every part of the state, both upper and lower peninsulas. Many of these lakes are close to hand in Oakland County, as well as Lapeer, Washtenaw and Livingston counties.



Nancy S. Washburne

The book explains what equipment you'll need to take to the water, including how to dress, and what you'll need to get the most out of your explorations, including a section on still and video cameras. Washburne also provides a section with drawings of common plant life and fish and how to identify them.

The entries on each lake are based on diaries Washburne took while she explored each one. She covers scores of lakes, so the entries are short but clear and helpful. She also gives detailed information on how to get to each one.

Here are some of her insights on nearby lakes:

On Cass Lake: "Snorkel near the bulrushes, which is out of the way of the boat traffic. The clarity is great and you look out over big beds of coontails, curly pondweed, chara, wild celery and Brazilian elodea. The entrance is wide and the entry area is surrounded by low brush, giving it a

wilderness feel. Definitely a lake to come back to and spend considerable time exploring."

On Loon Lake: "This lake immediately startled me. I thought for a moment I was in Grand Cayman, the water was so clear. We can thank a multitude of zebra mussels for that as they are off to the right of the entrance, covering the fallen logs and branches. The whole underwater scene had a brightness and vividness to it that was exceptional."

On Union Lake: "Though the lake is heavily clogged, this is nevertheless an excellent lake with good visibility and shallow enough to enjoy. It is so incongruous to look down into a wilderness, yet lift your head and only a few feet away see bumper to bumper traffic go by."

To whet the appetite of prospective snorkelers, Washburne includes several color plates of underwater activity.

Washburne has set up several area book signings to promote her self-published book: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at West Bloomfield Barnes & Noble; 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at Novi Borders; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Farmington Hills Borders; 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 at Birmingham Borders (Woodward); 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Dearborn Borders and 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Northville Barnes & Noble.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313)591-7279, or e-mail him at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHFIELD ROAD)

Kids Easter Egg Hunt and stories 11 a.m. Sunday, April 12; Dr. Mark Robson discusses "Thank You for Being Such a Pain," 7 p.m. Monday, April 13; Dr. Michael Whitty presents "Chicken Soup for the Soul at Work," 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14; story time, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15; Curious George, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at the store 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham (248)644-1515.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY

Cyberkids 10:30 a.m. Tuesday,

April 14; basic Internet class, 6:30 p.m. April 16 (registration and fee) at the library 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, (248)948-0460.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)

Mary Doria Russell discusses and signs "Children of God," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14; former Tigers manager Sparky Anderson and Dan Ewald sign "They Call Me Sparky," 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16; Richard Carlson discusses and signs "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff With Your Family," 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17 at the store 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005.

BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)

Science Fiction club discusses "Star Wars, the Last Command," 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 13; Fiction Club discusses "The Handmaid's Tale," by Margaret Atwood, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15; story times, 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 14 and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15 at the store 17111 Haggerty Road at Six Mile, Northville.

BARNES & NOBLE (ROCHESTER HILLS)

Sparky Anderson and Dan Ewald sign "They Call Me Sparky," 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 at the store, 2800 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills.

BORDERS (DEARBORN)

Sparky Anderson and Dan Ewald sign "They Call Me Sparky," 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 at the store 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn (313)271-4441.

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY (BIRMINGHAM)

Annual Friends of the Baldwin Public Library Meeting and Literary Even, open to the public, features British poet Robin Robertson and Thomas Lynch, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham (248)647-1700.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>General Cinema Bargain matinee daily plus \$3.25 (Theater) show daily</p> <p>Clinton 6 Ford Rd. 1 1/2 mi west of I-275 • 734-981-1900 Advanced same-day tickets available *Denotes VIP restrictions</p> <p>LOST IN SPACE (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50</p> <p>MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50</p> <p>CREASE (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30, 9:50</p> <p>GOOD WILL HUNTING (R) 1:00, 9:15</p> <p>MY GIANT (PG) 12:10, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00</p> <p>TITANIC (PG-13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:00</p> <p>PRIMARY COLORS (R) (4:00 @ \$3.50) 7:00</p>	<p>Showcase Pontiac 1-5 Telegraph Sq. Lake Rd. W. Side of Telegraph 248-332-8241 Bargain Matinee Daily *All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. THRU THURSDAY</p> <p>SPECIES 2 (R) 12:45, 1:15, 2:50, 3:10, 5:00, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:10</p> <p>PLAYER'S CLUB (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50</p> <p>LOST IN SPACE (PG-13) 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00</p> <p>MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG-13) 5:10 PM</p>	<p>Showcase Pontiac 6-12 2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph 248-544-6777 Bargain Matinee Daily *All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. 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Sensual shapers: Victoria's Secret has a line of pantyhose that "sculpt the body from waist to toe," with four styles of contouring control panels.

New hosiery is high style

There are three big trends in women's hosiery this season:

- Pantyhose so sheer that they're barely there, in pale, pastel colors, worn under sheer print dresses and skirts
- Sheer, patterned pantyhose, worn under solid color skirts and dresses
- Floral, striped or solid color, lightweight, ankle-length socks, paired with long skirts or shorts.

If you truly want to pamper your legs and money is no object, then Wolford brand pantyhose may be for you.

"They're the Rolls-Royce of pantyhose," said Aileen Morgan, director of stores for Wolford of America.

Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue have carried 25 percent of Wolford's hosiery line for many years, but to see the company's complete line of pantyhose and other merchandise (including body suits and swimsuits), you

have to visit one of its boutiques and the only Wolford Boutique in Michigan opened at Somerset South in Troy in November.

Wolford pantyhose generally run from \$28 to \$60 a pair. What's so special about them? For starters, they're made in Austria, where Wolford is based, on knitting machines that are different from anyone else's in the world, Morgan said.

"Most hose take 15 minutes to make. Ours takes four hours to complete because of the workmanship involved," she said.

Unlike other brands, Wolford hose has a three-inch thumb guard to prevent runs from occurring when being put on. Also, the back of the hose is three inches bigger than the front and different-sized waist bands are available to accommodate real bodies.

Most pantyhose on the market today are dyed after the hose have been knitted. But Wolford dyes its yarn before knitting occurs. The result is a product that is the same color throughout.

Most importantly, she said, Wolford pantyhose feel softer, silkier and more comfortable than other brands. Its sheerest line of pantyhose, called Le9 (pronounced Le Neuf), has a denier of 9. Denier is a measurement of the thickness of yarn. The smaller the number, the thinner the yarn and the more sheer the pantyhose are.

Wolford's spring and summer collection includes a lot of sheer hose with unique patterns like arches and vines woven into them, and fashion colors, including emotion (a pale beige), marmor (an ivory), and drageo (a pinkish beige).

For more information, call the Wolford Boutique (248) 637-6641.

Donna Karan's Colorwash Collection of pantyhose is also very sheer, and the colors are soft, delicate and based on nature, perfect for spring. Colors include sea grass (a pale green), sea mist (sort of a purplish gray), quartz (a pale pink), storm gray and driftwood also at Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue, \$17 to \$19.

The Worthington Sheer Carress pantyhose at JC Penney also comes in some very pretty, limited edition, fashion colors for spring, including maize (a yellow), light gray (which includes a touch of lavender), blush (a peachy pink) and soft mauve. They have a denier of 20 and cost \$3.95 a pair.

As for socks, I like the delicate floral, striped and/or whimsical offerings by: Gold Toe and Yarnworks, \$3 to \$6 a pair at JC Penney; Arrow, \$4 at Sears; Cherokee, \$2.49 to \$3.99 and Merona, \$2.49 to \$2.99 at Target; Liz Claiborne, \$5.75 to \$7 a pair at the Liz Claiborne store, Somerset South, Troy.

A fish story

Water pets are the best bet

If spring has you thinking about adding a little kitten, cute puppy or fluffy chick to your household, think again. A pet is a lot of time, expense and trouble. You may want to take the well-worn path to the lowly goldfish and end it at that.

Almost every family has a fish story. The Wills of Troy, recall the summer they returned home from a week-long vacation to find their goldfish baked on to the side of son Matthew's dresser.

Apparently, as the water in his bowl near the west window, warmed from the heat of the sun, "Goldie" jumped out to escape the rising temperature. Sadly, he got stuck to the side of the dresser where he dried. The Wills had to scrape him off with a spatula.

The McFees of East Lansing, in the rush to get their kids to ballet lessons and basketball practice after school one day, failed to notice that their pregnant guppy was not in her usual water bowl on the kitchen counter.

It was only while serving the kids pizza that night, and stepping on an "anchovy" with her bare feet (which she hastily flicked down the garbage disposal) did Mom put two and two together.

"Oh my god!" she cried, her hand over her mouth. "That was no anchovy, that was Allison's guppy!"

The evening ended in a back yard prayer service with an empty box buried near the bushes in memory of "Caribbean" and her unborn guppy babes.

Pete Sackleh sales manager at Sea for Yourself Aquarium on Woodward in Royal Oak, said a fish is probably the easiest and cheapest pet a family can have, provided folks follow a few rules.

1. De-chlorinate the tap water or the fish will die within 24 hours. (Use dechlorinating drops or let the water stand for 24 hours before adding the fish.)



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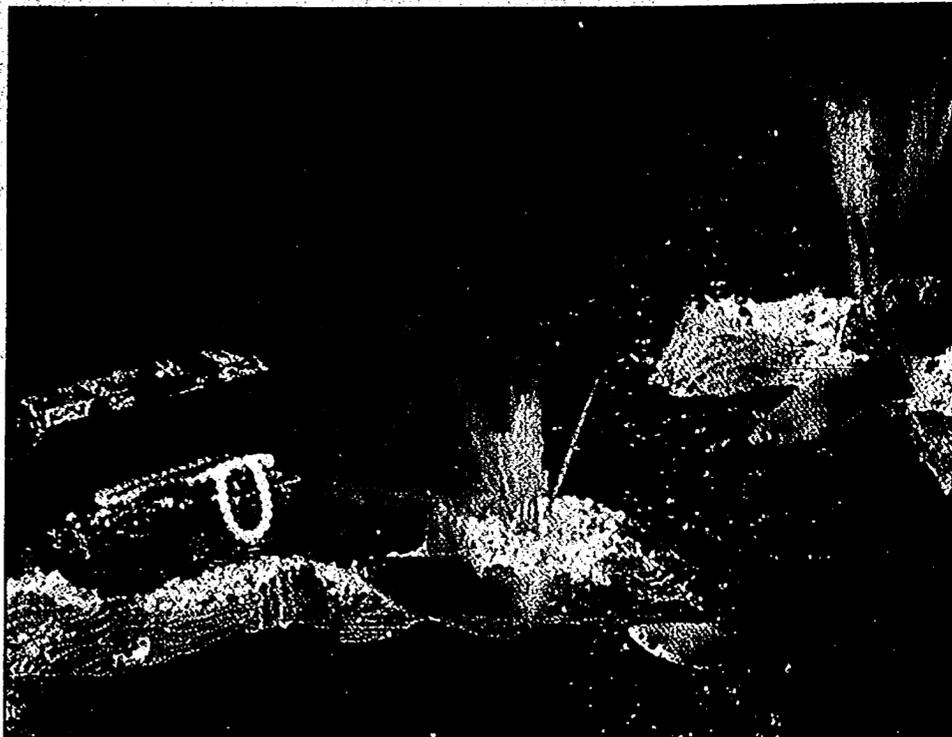


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Pick a pet: Is there a child in America today who has not had a goldfish growing up? (And even if you manage never to buy one, they are a sure prize at school fairs.)

2. Don't over feed the fish. Three times a week is recommended - a goldfish's stomach is only as big as his eyeball.

3. Increase the size of the bowl or tank as the fish grows.

4. Keep the water about 68-degrees Fahrenheit. Goldfish are fresh water fish that like it cooler.

Sackleh sells 12 goldfish for \$1. (They are also used as food for the many other exotic aquarium species he sells.)

"Once you select your fish, you'll need a bowl, gravel, food, a net, and a little decoration. The whole setup will run about \$25. If you opt for a 20-gallon tank or bigger, you'll need to add a filtration system to keep the water clean," Sackleh advised.

Goldfish sold locally are commercially bred and purchased from wholesalers in Pontiac, MI, Georgia and Wisconsin, he said.

Eileen Levine, assistant manager at Pet Supplies Plus in Royal Oak, said goldfish typically live three to four years, and some varieties can grow to two-and-a-half-feet. There are 100 different varieties of goldfish.

"If you have a bowl with no heater you can keep guppies, goldfish and betas," she explained. "Otherwise you must get an aquarium for tropical fish like neons and angel fish."

Goldfish at Pet Supplies Plus cost between 50-cents and \$1.99, depending on their size and variety.

Bowls run \$5-\$15.

There are several lines of high protein food especially for goldfish, 99-cents for a small canister, and should they contract an ailment, there are over-the-counter pharmaceuticals to administer.

If you really want to jazz up your goldfish bowl, decorations available include these deep sea treasures: a diver with air hose, \$5.99; a one-man submarine explorer that travels the aquarium from top to bottom, \$8.99; sunken ships, ruins of Atlantis with holes for the fish to swim through, skeletons behind ship wheels and mermaids.

No serious goldfish owner is without an instruction manual and pet stores have several good titles from \$8.

Did you know . . .

- Goldfish are from the carp family and are related to minnows.
- They have a single dorsal spine, single tail.
- A goldfish's fin forms are bred.
- Goldfish originally came from China. They are olive-colored in the wild, but centuries of captive breeding in Chinese fish ponds led to their colors of orange, gold, white and black.
- Goldfish in North America are feral (domestic animals gone wild.)

Ranking Michigan's 10 Biggest Malls

Center Name, City	Square Feet	Opened
1. Northland Center, Southfield	1,748,000	1954
2. Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn	1,532,000	1976
3. Lakeside, Sterling Heights	1,529,000	1976
4. Summit Place, Waterford	1,500,000	1962
5. Eastland Center, Harper Woods	1,450,000	1957
6. Oakland Mall, Troy	1,400,000	1968
7. Genesee Valley Mall, Flint	1,296,147	1970
8. Twelve Oaks, Novi	1,230,000	1977
9. Woodland Mall, Grand Rapids	1,100,000	1968
10. Briarwood, Ann Arbor	1,000,000	1973

— Source: National Research Bureau
There were 988 shopping centers in Michigan in 1996, up from 976 the previous year. Approximately 6.7 million adults shop in the centers each month, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers News.

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Holiday hours
Malls and Mainstreet shops closed for the holiday.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Baseball exhibit
Mall hosts baseball museum with exhibits, interactive activities and special guests through May 2. Television screens throughout the mall invite shoppers to relive historical moments of the game. Schools invited to attend as field trips.
Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (248) 585-6000.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Hearing Aid seminar
Med Max hosts "Up Close and Personal with Programmable Hearing Aids," 1:30 p.m. sponsored by the Garden City Hospital Audiology Dept. and Personalized Hearing Care. Reservations suggested.
35337 West Warren, Westland. (734) 468-7100.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Auto show
The mall will host the newest vehicles from Pat Mil-

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

liken Ford, Tennyson Chevrolet and Saturn of Farmington Hills through April 19.
Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (248) 476-1160.

Bridal show
Neiman Marcus hosts an open house and reception for couples to showcase products and services for weddings in the Gift Galleries from 6-9 p.m.

Somerset Collection South.
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (248) 643-3300. Ext. 2386.

Meet Sparky Anderson
Ex-Tiger manager Sparky Anderson signs his new book at Borders from 1-3 p.m. 15-percent of each Border's purchase April 17-19, goes to benefit CATCH for children.

Woodward/5. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 203-0005.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Fine Art show
Fraser Fine Arts Club exhibits and sells their work through April 26 during regular mall hours.

Tel: Twelve Mile, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 363-4111.

Meet Mort Crim
News anchor meets and greets visitors and signs his



Benefit ball

Evening sparkle: Saks Fifth Avenue provided the Badgley Mishka fashions modeled at The Whitney last month to kick off preparations for the annual Red Cross Gala, Saturday, April 18 at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn.

Tickets for the benefit, which includes dinner, dancing to the music of Mel Ball and Montage, and the chance to bid on David Yurman jewelry designs, are \$200, \$300, and \$500, available by calling (313) 494-2886.

Neiman Marcus hosted the March benefactor dinner.

book at Waldenbooks.
30200 Plymouth, Livonia. (734) 261-7811.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Mall concert
The Starlite Trio featuring "Sheree" performs 2-4:30 p.m. on stage near Crowley's. Their forte is contemporary, standards and show tunes.
Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (248) 476-1160.

Sew mom a gift
Haberman's Fabrics invites kids 8-11 years, to learn to sew while making mom a special pillow from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Repeated on April 25. Cost is \$25 including materials. Register by phone.

117 West Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 541-0010.

Kids day at mall
10 a.m. Face painting. 11 a.m. - Hooper the Piston's mascot. Noon and 2 p.m. - Music Makers and their puppet friends. 1 and 3 p.m. - Family Dino & Dixie Revue. 3:30 p.m. - Karate demonstration. Roscoe the Clown visits for photos.

Universal Mall, 12 Mile/Dequindre, Warren. (810) 977-5748.

Curious George visits
Border's Books hosts a kids party with Curious Little Monkey the guest of honor 7 p.m. Games and story hour.

Southfield/13 Mile, Birmingham. (248) 644-1515.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805, E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax (248) 644-1314.

Bass Pro Shop signs on at new Auburn Hills outlet mall

Michigan will become the fifth state to add a Missouri-based Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World to its roster of retailers. Bass Pro, will have 135,000-square feet of field and stream gear at the Great Lakes Crossing outlet center in Auburn Hills when the center opens in November.

The deal was announced at a press conference, April 8, at the nearby Big Buck's Brewery. Gov. John Engler was on hand to point out that the Michigan Jobs Commission worked to bring the store, expected to draw 4 million visitors each year, to the state.

Under an economic development deal, Travel Michigan will conduct joint marketing with Bass Pro Shops - Travel Michigan will advertise in Bass Pro catalogs for the next 4-6 years, and Bass Pro will advertise in Michigan's tourism catalog for the next three years.

Great Lakes Crossing is a Taubman shopping/entertainment center under construction at I-75 and Baldwin Road. Other anchors at the mall include a Neiman Marcus, JC Penney and Saks Fifth Avenue outlet, Rainforest Cafe, Oshman's Super Sports-USA, Wolfgang Puck Cafe, Group USA and Marshall's, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Star Theatres complex, to name a few.

Mall hosts job fair

Westland Center invites local businesses to staff a recruiting table at the second annual Job & Careers Fair Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details call (734) 326-7222.

Clinton gummies debut

All-American Gummi Bills (red, white and blue gummi candy heads resembling President Clinton) have been introduced with humorous graphics combined with slogans such as "Politically Correct, Scandalously Delicious."

The idea for Gummi Bills was hatched long before Monica Lewinsky became a household name, according to Jeff Munchak, whose company, Muggwump Creations, began distributing it last October (in stores or call 888-289-9867).

Kmart sponsors walk

Kmart invites shoppers to participate in the nation's biggest walking event - the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, to raise funds to help babies and their parents. WalkAmerica takes place in more than 1,500 communities April 25-26. Pick up a sponsor form at your Kmart Service Desk.

Transitions shop at Gorman's

Because of all the lifestyle changes people go through today, Gorman's furniture stores are introducing a new way to shop for home furnishings.

Intro is a store-within-a-store at three Gorman's locations beginning April 16 - Troy, Novi and Dearborn. The Southfield store will get a Intro department by late summer.

According to Gorman's president Bernie Moray, 58, a greater portion of the population is starting-out or starting over than in the past creating the need for less-complicated, more-streamlined living spaces and furnishings.

The traditional lifestyle with a single-career, lifetime marriage, home ownership in one area, followed by retirement, is virtually non-existent today," he said. "That's where Intro steps in."

Intro will showcase style, design and value, at a lower price range.

Princess rings debut

The Susan B. Ashlee Co. in Livonia is selling a tribute ring in memory of Princess Diana. The crystal ring is \$45 and delivery is available by calling (734) 422-8700.

Recycled clothing made for kids

Petticoats, 649 North Mill in Plymouth's Old Village, recycles worn denim jeans into fun jacket designs for children with pockets and collars of vintage chenille, quilt or bark cloth. Sizes range from infant to Size 10. Owner Diana Licht welcomes inquiries and stitches new garments daily. (734) 455-5109.

Shop hosts information series

The bath and body shop *Naturally* at 550 Forest in Plymouth, is hosting a series of educational classes Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning April 15 with

Massage Therapy by Robin Veros of Just Relax; April 22 *Aromatherapy and Foot Massage*; April 29 *Neck and Shoulder Massage*. The classes are \$20 each or \$50 for three. For more details call (734) 453-9491.

Costco is hiring for opening

The five Costco Warehouse stores opening in metro Detroit are looking to hire 700 people by the early May opening. Interested persons can apply at the stores at 2343 S. Telegraph in Bloomfield Township; 20000 Haggerty in Livonia; 13700 Middlebelt in Livonia; 30550 Stephenson in Madison Heights; or 27118 Gratiot in Roseville.

Mall hosts teen pageant

Young women interested in becoming Miss Westland 1998 can pick up an application for the festival pageant at the Customer Service Desk in East Court at the Westland Center, Wayne and Warren. The mall will host the Miss Westland Festival Pageant, Saturday, June 27 at 7 p.m. in East Court.

Fun event for history buffs

The Ladies of the 1812 Reenactment Committee invite interested persons to a Victorian afternoon filled with refreshments, games and prizes and a vintage fashion show, Sunday, June 14 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Lake Erie Metropark's Marshlands Museum.

Reservations at \$10 per person, are required and space is limited. Registered guests will decorate and take home a table decoration of Victorian style. For more information call (734) 671-0245 or (734) 289-1860.

Where can I find?

What we found:

- Small bagels or bagelettes for Connie can be found at Awrey's on Farmington in Livonia.
- Clean shower can be found at Farmer Jack's, Kroger and ACE Hardware stores.
- We found the directions for the game Water Works, a mist curling iron and Avon's hummingbird stemware and a Sawyer's slide carousel.
- Small brass ducks are at Brass Crafters in Livonia Mall near Crowley's.
- For movies try Sun Coast Video at Twelve Oaks or Laurel Park Place.
- Reproduction photos of Tiger Stadium and old auto plants can be found through Manning Brothers owned by Forbes Management (313) 961-6451.
- Stuffed bunnies 14 to 16-inches can be found at a Walled Lake antique store on Maple.
- Nora called to say she found a diamond stylist for her stereo at Remcor Electronics at 9 Mile in Oak Park.
- Fat-free organic milk can be found at Kroger at 13 Mile and Woodward, also Holiday Market on S. Main in Royal Oak (248) 541-1414, Busch's Market, Five Mile and Sheldon in Plymouth (734) 414-5200, Hiller's Food Emporium, Five Mile and Haggerty in Plymouth (734) 420-5555, Hiller's in Walled Lake (248) 960-1990, or the following distributors will be able to give you more stores where the milk might be carried: Country Dairy in New Era, Michigan (616) 861-662, Golden Dairies in Oak Park (248) 399-3120 and Caulder Dairy in Lincoln Park.

We're still looking for:

- Charlene wants all occasion cards in Russian.
- Gertrude is looking for washable men's Haggag 42-long suits or separates; and a child's book called *My Big Red Ball*.
- Delores hopes to locate a *Madonna & Child* outside garden statue; a bath tub mat (long) fits the whole bottom of the tub.
- Mrs. Gage wants Velvet Cake and pastry flour 5 lb. size.
- Patty wants an 18-inch statue of Michaelangelo's David, chalk with bronze paint on it.
- Sander's Caramel Cake or similar to it for Cheryl.
- For Trish, Popit Beads in White (pearl looking) they plug into each other to lengthen and pop apart.
- Margaret is looking for a Naples Junior High (Dearborn) yearbook from 1943.
- Patricia is looking for 1989 color photos of the Northern lights.
- Lee Ann wants the toy Terrifying Hydra (Hercules-line) from Disney.
- Daisy Kingdom dress pattern by Simplicity, size 1/2.
- Size 12 or larger ladies shoes for Teresa.
- Jodie wants Old Diamond Fort cheese in 3 or 5 lb. rounds.
- Anne is looking for Hot Salt from Texas Traditions.
- Keith needs an Old Vernor's ginger ale glass fountain dispenser.
- Angela is looking for a 10-inch bear sold at Target in 1996 at Christmas, has red pajamas, santa hat and rabbit slippers.
- Gail is looking for a woman's dress shoe, in Peau De Soie size 9D.
- Karen hopes to find a bud vase 6 to 8-inches in the shape of a fish, clear or colorful.
- Joanne is looking for an outdoor game called *Scram Ball*. It has different colored wrist bands, the ball has sides to it. It was out a few years ago.
- For Donna, Richards Tea Bags.
- A set of Care Bear twin sheets and cases for Julie Ann.
- Marcia wants a recording of *Jesus, you're the center of my joy*. CD or cassette.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

(248) 901-2555

Correction Notice

In our April 12 ad, we featured the DVD movie *LA Confidential* as available Tuesday, April 14. The manufacturer of this title has pushed its release date back to Tuesday, April 21. We are offering rainchecks for this title. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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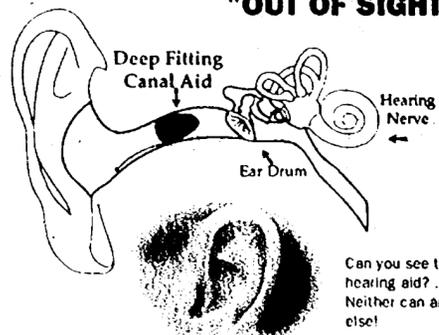
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Couple gets taste of new daughter's Chinese heritage

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

She's already become good friends with the family cat and dog, and she knows all about Elmo and Big Bird. She bounces happily on a bear and points to her own picture and squeals, "Baby." Kathryn Mauck, 1-1/2, is one of more than 4,000 Chinese girls who came to the United States last year, making adjustments to new families and a new world. Dale and Laura Mauck of Farmington Hills traveled to China to adopt their new daughter and learn something about the rich culture of her homeland. Laura Mauck said she had

undergone infertility treatments and nothing worked, so the couple decided to adopt. "We originally started looking into Russian adoption, but that didn't work out," Mauck said. Working with a Grand Rapids adoption agency, they began investigating adopting a Chinese baby. "On Oct. 24, our agency called and told us about Kathryn and we had a choice to accept or not. We adopted Kathryn on Dec. 9 and came home on Dec. 20," Mauck said. That trip was an adventure, full of the joy of meeting a new daughter and the frustrations of emergency hospital care and

missed connections. "Our adoption agency told us we should meet in Beijing," Mauck said. The agency suggested that flying into the Chinese capital would give the Maucks a chance to see some of the wonders of China before flying to Changsha in the Hunan Province to meet their daughter. The Maucks visited the Ming Tombs, the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. "The Great Wall was beautiful, something you can't describe, the size and beauty is amazing," Mauck said. "We walked along the wall when it was cold and snowy. The Chinese people are hard workers. It's amazing how hard they work. There are people who just shovel the Great Wall." Kathryn was born in the industrial city of Shaoyang just south of Changsha. She was abandoned on a bridge when she was just four days old and taken into a social security home for indigent elderly. In China, families are restricted to one child and because of cultural and economic considerations, male children are more highly valued. "A lot of female children are abandoned or left. Twenty-five American couples were there adopting girls that we had seen," Mauck said. The adoption went smoothly but not the trip. Kathryn became a little ill and had to be taken to a Chinese hospital. Mauck said an assistant to the group's translator, Samson, helped smooth the way and get Kathryn to a more modern clinic where she received help.



Wonderful sight: Dale and Laura Mauck of Farmington Hills enjoyed experiencing China's rich heritage.



At home: Kathryn Mauck is adjusting nicely to her new home in Farmington Hills.

Mauck said the family also received help when their flight back to Beijing ran into delays. After two attempts to fly to Beijing, the plane landed somewhere else. The Maucks were the only English-speaking people on the plane. A bus took them to wait overnight at a hotel. The next day, they spent waiting in an airport. They had already missed their connecting flight back to Detroit.

"There we were in Beijing at 7:30 at night, we had missed our flight back to the states," Mauck said. "But it worked out well. We ran into two Canadians and we stuck with them, they were in the same boat and had missed their flight to Vancouver."

The Canadians located a hotel and the Maucks secured a taxi. They ended up staying the night in a five-star hotel, "as nice or nicer than anything I've stayed at in the states."

Since returning to the United States the Maucks have become involved with the Metro Detroit Families with Children from China, a group that helps adopted children maintain their birth culture.

"We celebrate Chinese holidays. Once a month we have play groups where children get together and interact. We have a Chinese culture day ... It's a support group for people interested in adopting children from China," Mauck said.

Mauck said it is important that Kathryn know her culture. Mauck also brought back many Chinese items to remind her of her heritage, including a traditional chop mark kit.

When the Maucks returned they also had Kathryn examined for lead poisoning, a common problem for children adopted in China. The doctor found elevated lead levels but said living here should reduce those levels over time.

Meanwhile, Kathryn is an alert, active young girl discovering new things every day about her new home.

Laura Mauck is staying home to take care of her new daughter. Dale is a supervisor in the City of Southfield Water Department.

GREAT ESCAPES

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WHITE WATER RAFTING The Edgerunner Ski Club has extended the deadline for a white water rafting trip to West

Virginia, May 29-31. Downpayment is \$50 per person and due on or before Thursday, April 16. Trip includes all-day rafting on Saturday; two-nights camping; buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday; and an after-rafting party on Saturday night. Ski Club members pay \$95, non-members pay \$110. Trip is open to anyone older than 18. For more information, contact Schoolcraft College Student

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ture information on the Motor-sports Theme Cruise aboard the Norwegian Wind. This cruise is a seven-day Western Caribbean adventure. Drivers from NASCAR, CART, Indy Car League, NHRA and F1 are scheduled to be on board for photo and autograph session.

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Glenn golf baseball outing

Westland John Glenn's baseball team will hold a golf outing, beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 26, at Fellows Creek.

The cost is \$45 per player and includes 18 holes (with cart) under a four-man scramble format.

There will also be prizes for closest-to-the-pin, long drive and low foursome. Lunch will be served at the turn.

Prize donations and hole sponsors are welcome.

Entry forms and money are due Friday, April 17.

For more information, call Dan Shamrock (595-4944), Brian Stephenson (722-2243) or Todd Duffield (721-5127).

Madonna baseball camp

Openings remain available for Madonna University's summer baseball camp (youths ages 8-18) will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for three sessions: June 15-19, June 22-26 and July 6-10.

The cost of the camp is \$180 per person.

Participants will learn the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, fielding and throwing from college coaches, college players and former professional players.

To obtain a camp brochure, or pre-register, call Madonna assistant baseball coach Sean Maloney at (734) 432-5727.

Soccer alumni wanted

Former Livonia Franklin and Churchill girls and boys soccer varsity soccer players are invited to play in an alumni game beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16 at Churchill High School.

Those interested should contact Chad Campau at (734) 523-9234.

Collegiate notes

•Madonna University junior third baseman Daryl Rocho (Fraser) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Baseball Player of the Week.

During a six-game stretch, Rocho batted .588 (10 for 17) with five doubles, five RBI and three runs scored.

•Western Michigan University senior soccer goalkeeper Liz Gunn (Livonia/Ladywood) was named to the GTE Academic Region IV At-Large second-team.

A three-sport student athletic at WMU (volleyball and tennis), Gunn carries a 3.79 cumulative grade-point average in dietetics and exercise science. The Mid-American Conference All-Academic selection appeared in six games as the backup goalie, sporting a 3-2 record with a 1.57 goals-against average.

•Siena Heights University senior second baseman Eric Justice (Redford Catholic Central) went 3-for-3 with a three-run double the nightcap as the Saints swept Concordia College, 6-3, 16-3, in a baseball double-header on April 4. Through 24 games, Justice is hitting .318 with three homers and 15 RBI.

Teammate Tye Golden (Westland John Glenn), a sophomore left-hander, struck out eight in 5.2 innings in the 6-3 victory over Concordia.

•Western Michigan University junior Colleen Lesondak (Livonia Stevenson) now ranks No. 4 all-time on the Broncos women's track list in both the high jump, 5 feet, 7 inches, and the triple jump, 35.7%.

In-line hockey sign-up

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is offering an outdoor in-line roller hockey league for ages 7-8, 9-11 and 12-14.

Soccer and baseball is also available for ages 5-15.

Each program is seven weeks. The registration deadline is Monday, April 20.

For more information, call (813) 721-7044.

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Guelph draws 1st blood in series

It was everything Plymouth Whalers' coach Peté DeBoer had predicted.

Now, of course, the question is: Will it stay this way?

Certainly the Whalers are hoping not. Their 2-1 loss to the Guelph Storm in their Ontario Hockey League semifinal opener in Guelph Friday was just what DeBoer thought it would be — a defensive struggle. Guelph, after all, was the OHL's top team during the regular season, and the reason the Storm reached such heights was defense. They ranked among the league's best defensive

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teams.

The Whalers, on the other hand, are not a bad defensive team. But playmaking and quick offensive strikes are their favorite style of play.

Still, although it would seem the Storm had the upper hand going into the series — home ice advantage, more rest than the Whalers (who clinched their series against Belleville last Tuesday; Guelph clinched two days earlier) — it must be remem-

bered that Plymouth swept their season series, 4-3 and 5-0.

Also, Plymouth beat Guelph for the OHL championship in 1996.

Friday's opener, however, was just the way Guelph liked it. The Storm scored first, getting a goal from Brian Willisie at the 7:36 mark of the second period.

The Whalers managed to tie it with a power-play goal, scored by Yuri Babenko 3 1/2 minutes later. Steve Wasylko and Randy Fitzgerald assisted.

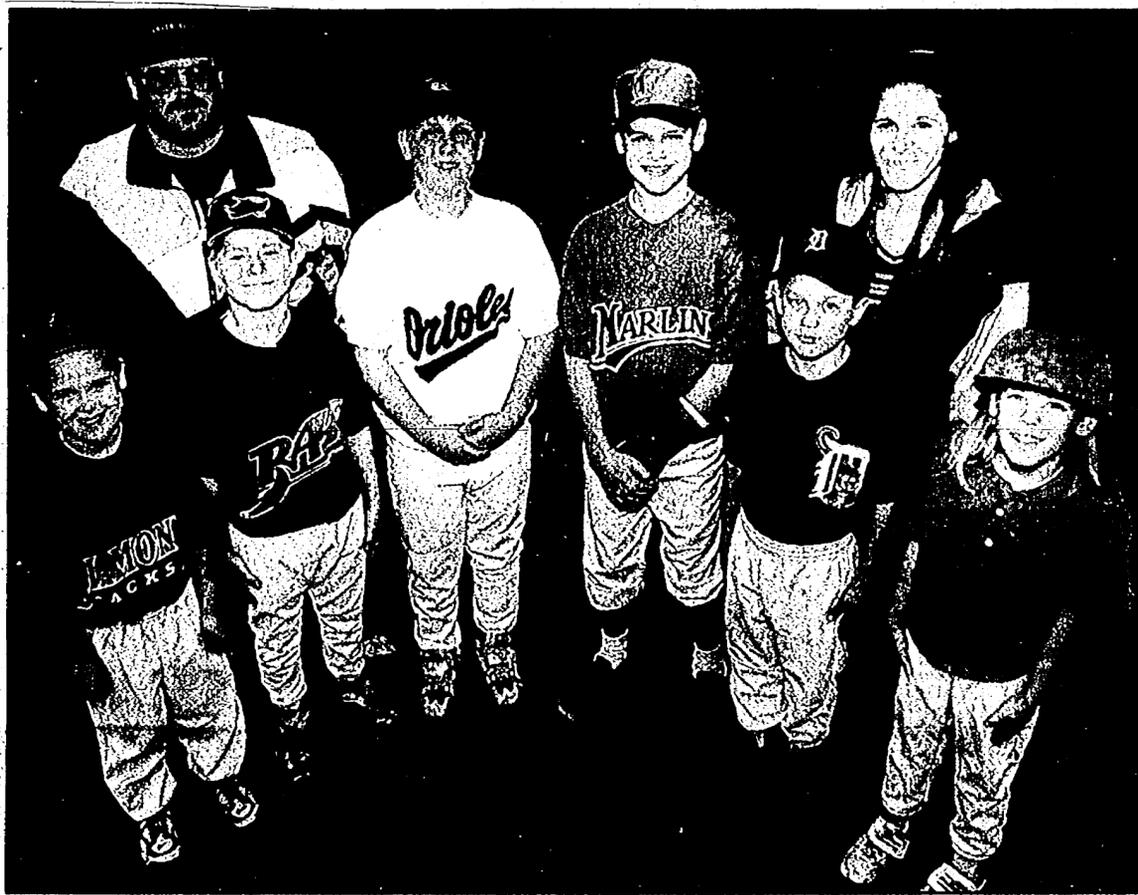
The game-winner was scored by Guelph's Eric Beaudoin at 11:19 of

the final period.

Plymouth goalie Robert Esche was again superb, making 36 saves on 38 shots. However, Guelph's Chris Madden was even better, stopping 38 of 39 shots.

The Whalers' scoring throughout the playoffs has been generated largely by the threesome of David Legwand, Harold Druken and Andrew Taylor (a combined 22 goals in 11 previous games). Those three, however, were completely shut down by the Storm, failing to score a point.

The second game is at 7:30 p.m. Monday at CompuWare Arena.



Ready for season: The Westland Youth Athletic Association will be donning kee-see replica jerseys this year to mark its 40th anniversary. Opening day is Saturday, May 2 at Central City Park. Modeling the new jerseys for WYAA officers Bud Somerville (upper left) and Tanya Thornton (upper right) are (from left) Andrew DeLuca, 7; Charlie Thornton, 10; Nick Kangas, 11; Vinnie DeLuca, 10; Chris Kangas, 7; and Linda Barrett, 8. The WYAA will hold registration through Friday, April 17. For more information about the WYAA softball and baseball programs, call (734) 421-0640.

Birthday celebration

Westland Youth Athletic Association turning 40

Bud Somerville carries around an ordinary business card just like everyone else.

But when it comes to his duties with the Westland Youth Athletic Association, his performance is nothing short of extraordinary.

Somerville, who played ball in the WYAA during the early 1970s, wears a number of different hats for the non-profit organization, which will be celebrating its 40th anniversary Saturday, May 2 on Opening Day at Central City Park.

He's the secretary for the executive board, sponsor chairperson, compound manager and coach — all on a volunteer basis.

"I probably spend 30 to 60 hours week at the Compound," said Somerville, referring to WYAA's building on 6050 Farmington Road, between Venoy and Wildwood. "It probably doesn't make my wife too happy when I could probably be doing some project around the house."

But without the services of Somerville, and scores of others, the WYAA wouldn't have succeeded under its longtime motto: "Kids in Sports, Stay Out of Courts."

Founded in 1958 starting under the guise of the Little Nankin Football League (located in Hines Park behind the now Lutheran High Westland), the WYAA has been serving boys and girls ages 4-16 for nearly 40 years.

The WYAA program currently includes football, baseball, coach-pitch, softball, volleyball, basketball and cheerleading (including mascots).

The baseball program includes girls softball, coach-pitch, T-Ball and Colt-Pony travel teams.

The football league, based on age (8-14) and weight, includes three teams — freshman, JV and varsity for each unit.

There are two football units which are divided by Wildwood — the Comets (John Glenn High) and the Meteors (Wayne Memorial). The teams usually

meet the weekend of the Wayne-John Glenn football game.

Rick Foy, who has been president three different times in the WYAA, has coached in the Meteors program for 25 years. Among his alums were the Besco brothers, Derek and Bryan, who led John Glenn to the state Class AA football finals in 1993 and now star together on the University of Michigan baseball team.

Other famous WYAA alums include Tony Boles, who once played for the Westland North Stars, and the Ham-montree brothers, Chuck and Mike.

The basketball program (ages 8-14) began during the early 1980s. Games are played at the City of Westland's Bailey Recreation Center. Practices are held at nearby elementary schools.

The WYAA also started a volleyball program for girls (ages 9-16) during 1991.

The program reached its peak with the baby boomers during the late 1970s with nearly 1,500 youths involved.

But now that number has dwindled to 400, something that concerns Somerville, whose two sons, David and Ryan, participated in the program.

"Other organization's turnouts are also down," said Somerville, who played at Glenn for Michigan's Lloyd Carr. "And now you have to compete with Dek hockey and soccer, and that takes away kids."

That's why Somerville has extended the registration deadline to Friday, April 17. Compound hours are from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays and noon-2 p.m. Saturdays.

"No kid will be turned away," Somerville said. "And we also need umpires, who will receive the necessary training."

The WYAA's total budget will exceed \$150,000 this year. There are currently 52 positions on the board with 26 filled.

"Most join the organization because they're coaches," Somerville said. "And

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Patriots end drought with win; Wayne prevails

Emily Kracht and Lisa Balko each scored goals Wednesday as Livonia Franklin broke into the winner's circle for the first time since 1996 with a 2-1 girls soccer victory over visiting Walled Lake Western.

The Patriots, who lost their first five of the season after going 0-12-2 a year ago, tallied both goals in the opening half.

Franklin also got a lift from freshman Jamie Harb.

"It was nice to have the experience to win, especially for our two seniors (Kracht and Kristin Doherty)," Franklin coach Mary Kay Hussey said.

•WAYNE 7, RIVER ROUGE 0: Alana Tucker scored twice and tended goal Wednesday, leading Wayne Memorial to a Mega Conference Blue Division girls soccer win over visiting River

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Rouge.

Kristina McCallill, Andrea Bean, Allison Lloyd, Jocelyn Nemeth and Natalie Garrison also scored goals for the Zebras, now 1-2-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the division.

Garrison and Tucker split time in goal for Wayne.

•NORTHVILLE 1, JOHN GLENN 0: On Wednesday, the host Mustangs tallied the game-winner midway through the second half to earn the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover win.

"It was a physical game, hard-fought all the way through," Glenn coach Jerry Pontelowski said. "We had kind of a short bench against a good Northville team. They moved the ball well and penetrated through. But I'm happy the way we played and feel good about our team."

Glenn goalkeeper Rola Amad stopped a penalty kick with just 10 seconds left.

Glenn falls to 3-2 overall.

•SHRINE 7, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0: Meghan Jannuzzi's hat trick Wednesday carried unbeaten Royal Oak Shrine (4-0 overall) to the non-league win over host Lutheran High Westland (0-2-1).

•SALEM 3, CHURCHILL 1: After trailing 2-0 at intermission Wednesday, Livonia Churchill's Kristin Leszczynski cut the deficit to 2-1 but host Plymouth Salem (6-0 overall) got an insurance goal with 10 minutes left to earn the WYAA crossover win over Livonia Churchill (4-2 overall).

Luca Steca assisted on the Leszczynski goal. Kristina Senluch tallied all three Salem goals. The Chargers played short-handed with three starters out including goalkeeper Kerrie LaPorte (flu).

"We played pretty well overall based on who we had and who we were up against," Churchill

coach Chad Campau said. "I'm proud of the way we played."

Churchill's non-league game Thursday at Troy was postponed because of wet grounds. The game has not been rescheduled.

•STEVENSON 10, HARRISON 0: University of Tennessee-bound Allison Campbell pumped in four goals Wednesday as defending state champion Livonia Stevenson (5-0 overall) rolled to the WYAA crossover win over host Farmington Hills Harrison.

Lindsay Gusick added two goals, while Andi Sled, Michelle Vetrano, Leah McGrath, Nicole Kalkos also scored for the Spartans, who led 6-0 at halftime.

Cheryl Fox contributed three assists and Sarah Willrock added two. Sled, Brianna Roy, Jill Richardson and Megan Urbats collected one each.

Katia Westfall went all the way in goal for Stevenson, which notched its fourth shutout in five games.

THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA-WESTLAND SPORTS CARD

PREP BASEBALL
 Wednesday, April 15
 UO Jesuit at Franklin (2), 3:30 p.m.
 Thursday, April 16
 Wayne at John Glenn (2), 11 a.m.
 Friday, April 17
 Luth. East at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 18
 (all double-headers)
 PCA at Clarenceville, 10 a.m.
 Redford CC at Brother Rice, 11 a.m.
 John Glenn at Belleville, 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
 Friday, April 17
 Clarenceville at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 18
 Franklin, Wayne Memorial at Taylor Tournament, 9 a.m.
BOYS TRACK
 Saturday, April 18
 Dearborn Elia Relays, TBA.
GIRLS TRACK
 Thursday, April 16
 A.A. Pioneer Invitational, TBA.
 Saturday, April 18
 Lady Chief Relays at Plymouth Canton, 10 a.m.
MEY'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
 (all double-headers)
 Monday, April 13
 Wayne State at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

Cornerstone at Madonna, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 2 p.m.
Friday, April 17
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
 Spring Arbor at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 19
 Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 (all double-headers)
Tuesday, April 14
 Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19
 Madonna at College of St. Francis Tournament (Joliet, Ill.), TBA.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFFS
 (Best-of-7 series)
Monday, April 13
 Ply. Whalers vs. Guelph Storm at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
 Whalers at Guelph, Ont., 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17
 Ply. Whalers vs. Guelph Storm at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 19
 (if necessary)
 Whalers at Guelph, Ont., 6:30 p.m.
 TBA — Date to be announced.

Crusaders hit stride in WHAC games

Turnaround. Madonna University's baseball team showed it had no intention of coming home from an eight-games-in-four-days road trip saddled with an overload of losses. After losing three of their first four games on the trip at St. Xavier University in Chicago last weekend, the Fighting Crusaders traveled to Tri-State University in Angola, Ind., Monday and Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio, Tuesday for a pair of double-headers.

The result: three wins, one loss.

Most important was the rescheduled twinbill played against Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Tri-State Monday. Madonna won both games, 6-4 and 10-4, thanks to some solid hitting (a total of 21 hits) and good pitching (five earned runs allowed in the two games).

That, combined with Tuesday's 14-12 loss and 9-8 win at non-league Tiffin, left the Crusaders with a 13-15 overall record and a 5-3 mark in the WHAC.

Daryl Rocho, named WHAC player of the week last week, continued his blistering offensive

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assault. In the 6-4 opening win over Tri-State, he went 3-for-3 and slugged his fifth home run of the season, a two-out, three-run shot in the first inning. Rocho had four runs batted in in the game.

Kevin Foley added two hits and two RBI, and Aaron Shrewsbury had two hits and scored two runs.

E.J. Roman got the pitching win, his first (1-0). Roman allowed four runs (one earned) on six hits and five walks in 6½ innings, striking out six. Jason Carter came on after the Thunder had struck for three runs in the seventh to get the final out and earn the save, his second.

In the 10-4 second-game win over Tri-State, Rocho contributed two more hits — both doubles, giving him 15 for the season — and three more RBI, but it was Shrewsbury who earned offensive star honors. Shrewsbury slugged his first homer of the season in the fifth inning, a three-run shot that allowed Madonna to overcome a 4-2 Tri-State lead. He finished with two

hits (in two trips), three runs scored and four RBI.

Brandon Jaskolski added three hits and two RBI, Jeff Warholik had two hits and an RBI, and Eric Marcotte (from Plymouth Canton) had two hits and scored twice.

Jeff Gutt (Redford Catholic Central) evened his pitching record at 1-1 with the win, giving up four earned runs on six hits and four walks, with two strikeouts, in seven innings.

MADONNA 12-9, TIFFIN 14-8: The crowded road trip didn't seem to bother the Crusaders' hitters. At Tiffin Tuesday, they banged out 22 more hits in getting a split.

The opening game, a 14-12 loss in 11 innings, featured a spectacular — if wasted — Madonna comeback. Tiffin put seven runs on the board in the first three innings, but the Crusaders rallied to score seven times in the fifth inning to tie it up.

Two errors and two wild pitches certainly helped the Madonna cause in the fifth. So did Rocho's two-run single and J.R. Taylor's two-run home run (his fifth).

Madonna took a 9-8 lead in the top of the sixth on Rocho's two-run homer (his sixth), but Tiffin rallied to tie it in the bottom half of the inning. The Crusaders' best chance to win came in the eighth, when they scored three times in the top half of the inning without the benefit of a hit, on two errors and two walks. But

Tiffin used one hit, two walks, a hit batsman and an error by catcher Delano Voletti to retie it in the bottom half of the inning.

The game-winner was scored by Tiffin on a run-scoring single in the bottom of the 10th.

Rocho had three hits and four RBI in the game, and Voletti, Foley and Marcotte each had two hits, with Voletti getting an RBI.

Paul Barkel started and lasted 7½ innings, giving up 12 runs (10 earned) on 10 hits and seven walks, with eight strikeouts. Jason Carter worked the final two innings and was charged with the loss (he's 0-4), allowing one earned run on one hit and one walk, with three strikeouts.

In the second game, it was Madonna that built the early lead then had to hang on for the win. The Crusaders scored all nine of their runs in the first three innings, five of them coming in the first thanks in large part to Rocho's seventh homer of the season, a grand slam.

Through 28 games (he's been in 27), Rocho leads Madonna in every offensive category except at-bats, walks and triples. He's batting .430 with 26 runs scored, 37 hits, 15 doubles, seven homers and 33 RBI.

Marcotte contributed two hits and two RBI, and Jaskolski and Voletti each had two hits.

Bob Mason survived some errant defensive play from his Madonna teammates to even his record at 3-3. Mason went seven innings and allowed eight runs (just one earned) on six hits and five walks, with five strikeouts.

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many move on and get involved with the high school booster groups."

And the WYAA could not exist without the help of sponsors, which currently include donors Electric Stick, Boy Scouts, D.E.S. Services, Expert Auto Service, Pizza Dude, Lazer Quest and Great Lakes Trophy.

"Those are good people who really help us out," Somerville said.

The 21-member board of directors meets the third Tuesday of every month. The executive board meets the first Tuesday of each month. The annual meeting normally occurs the first Thursday of December.

"All are volunteers and nobody gets paid except the officials," Somerville said. "If you serve five or more years, you become an honorary lifetime member."

This year's executive board includes Todd Kangas (president), Kris Barrett (vice-president of financial matters), Keith DeMolay (vice-president of operations), Somerville (secretary) and John Adams (newly installed treasurer).

DeMolay, a fixture at John Glenn football (statistician) and basketball (P.A. announcer) games, has served for 12 years.

To mark its 40th anniversary, the WYAA has grandiose plans for opening day (which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 at Central City Park).

For the first time in the organization's history, 35 teams will all be wearing keepsake replica major league jerseys.

One of Somerville's monumental tasks over the years was collecting equipment and jerseys, while keeping inventory at the

Compound.

"This is something they can keep," Somerville said of the jerseys.

Also in the works for opening day, in addition to the ceremonial first-pitch and subsequent games, will be an appearance by Paws, the official Detroit Tiger mascot.

"We're also hoping to get a couple of 1968 Tigers being it's the 30th anniversary of their World Series title," Somerville said. "And we've also put in a call to Karen Newman, who sings the National Anthem at the Red Wing games, to join us."

And not to be forgotten is the WYAA's annual picnic, Saturday, June 6, at the Central City Park Pavilion.

Donors such as Farmer Jack and Electric Sticks, will take care of food and beverages.

Central rally nips Churchill

PREP BASEBALL WRAP

Walled Lake Central struck for the tying and go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth inning Wednesday to defeat visiting Livonia Churchill, 5-3, in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover baseball game.

The win improves Central's overall record to 5-3, while Churchill drops to 4-3.

Ryan Wing hurled the final 2½ innings in relief to pick up the win.

Corey Cook, who went the final five innings in relief of starter Nick Lamb, took the loss for Churchill.

Andy Blackmore went 3-for-4 with two runs scored in a losing cause.

NORTHVILLE 10, STEVENSON 3: Brian Horn tossed an eight-hitter Wednesday to lead host Mustangs (6-1 overall) to the WLAAC crossover win over visiting Livonia Stevenson (1-4 overall).

Northville out-hit the Spartans, 12-8.

Steve Anderson went 2-for-3 and drove in a run for the Spartans.

Brandon Gajda was the losing pitcher.

SALEM 5, FRANKLIN 3: Junior right fielder Geoff Bennett clubbed a 2-run homer and added a solo homer Wednesday, giving

visiting Plymouth Salem (2-1 overall) a WLAAC crossover win over winless Livonia Franklin (0-5 overall).

Chris Longpre contributed a 2-run double in the second inning.

The Rocks out-hit Franklin, 9-7.

Joe Ruggerio had two hits for Franklin, including an RBI double in the third inning. Tom Jones contributed a 2-run single for Franklin in the fifth.

Franklin starter David Word went all seven innings, scattering nine hits, two walks while fanning eight.

Salem starter Kurt Berlin, who went the first five innings, earned the win. Jason Cox held Franklin scoreless over the final two innings to pick up the save.

HARPER WOODS 10, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Freshman Steve Rhodes, the winning pitcher, helped his own cause with two hits and four RBI Wednesday as the visiting Pioneers (1-2 overall) earned their first Metro Conference win at the expense of Livonia Clarenceville (0-3 overall).

LUTHERAN NORTH 12, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2: On Wednesday, host Macomb Lutheran North routed handed Lutheran High Westland its first loss of the season in a Metro Conference game.



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Spartans top WLAA champ

Livonia Stevenson scored an impressive girls track victory Wednesday by upending defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion Plymouth Salem, 77-59.

The Spartans, now 3-0 on the young season, captured 11 of 17 events.

"Comparing our previous meets on the same day I figured we had a shot going in," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "And we've had good luck against them on their track in the rain."

The trio of Kelly Travis, Christie Tzilos and Kelly McNeilance each figured in three firsts.

Travis, a senior, captured the 800- and 1,600-meter runs with times of 2:29.8 and 5:26.6, respectively. She also teamed up with Danielle Harris, Andrea Parker and McNeilance to win the 3,200 relay in 10:03.8.

Tzilos won the 100- and 300 hurdles with times of 17.1 and 48.9, respectively. McNeilance won the 400 dash in 1:02.4.

The two also combined with Nicole Dettloff and Katie Sherron for a first in the 1,600 relay (4:16.4).

"Christie isn't really in love with the 100 hurdles, but she's kind of been forced into it because of the injury to Cassie Ehlerdt," Holmberg said. "And Kelly McNeilance is not a 400 runner by choice, but we're trying to develop some others there. She's more suited for the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 where she could score more points. By running the 400, she's limited to a couple

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of relays. "But right now both are helping the team an awful lot."

Other individual Spartan firsts were recorded by Katie Mitchell in the pole vault (6-6), freshman Polasky in the high jump (4-8) and Dettloff in the long jump (14-11).

Stevenson individual seconds were recorded by Emily Yambasky, discus (106-7); Sherron, 300 hurdles (50-9); Parker, 800 run (2:32.0); Dettloff, 200 dash (27.6); and McNeilance, 3,200 run (12:28.0).

Salem had a pair of double winners — Tiffany Grubaugh in the shot put (33-3) and discus (118-11), and Rachel Jones in the 100 (13.0) and 200 (27.0).

Salem's other firsts came in the 400 relay (53.7) and 800 relay (1:53.62).

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 71 FARMINGTON HIGH 57 April 8 at John Glenn

Shot put: Javonna Akins (WJG), 21-1; discus: Erin Allen (F), 94-9; high jump: LaToya Chandler (WJG), 50; long jump: Nicolette Jarrett (WJG), 16-3; 100-meter hurdles: Nicole Herring (WJG), 52.1; 200-meter hurdles: Kania Adams (WJG), 12.7; 300-meter hurdles: Kania Adams (WJG), 26.3; 400-meter hurdles: Kania Adams (WJG), 1:04.9; 800-meter run: Kania Adams (WJG), 2:40.1; 1,600-meter run: Ellen Adams (F), 6:07.4; 3,200-meter run: Natalie Dawson (F), 12:52.8; 400-meter relay: John Glenn (Adams, Herring, Chandler, Jarrett), 1:52.9; 800-meter relay: John Glenn (DeAnna McCargo, Erica Robertson, LaTasha Chandler, LaToya Chandler), 4:44.9; 3,200-meter relay: Farmington (K. Adams, Dawson, Lindsey

Mergener, E. Adams, 11:17.4. Dual meet records: Glenn, 1-2.

NORTHVILLE 80 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 69 April 8 at Franklin

Shot put: Danielle Wensing (LF), 34-9½; discus: Goshak (N), 79-9; high jump: MacRae (N), 4-8; long jump: Shiloh Wint (LF), 14-5; pole vault: Wint (LF), 7-0; 100-meter hurdles: Winn (N), 18.4; 300-meter hurdles: Archer (N), 54.1; 400-meter hurdles: Wensing (LF), 13.5; 200-meter run: Wensing (LF), 29.6; 400-meter run: Wensing (LF), 1:02.8; 800-meter run: McCrumb (N), 2:43.7; 1,600-meter run: Loeffler (N), 5:51.0; 3,200-meter run: Loeffler (N), 14:07.0; 400-meter relay: Northville, no time available; 800-meter relay: Franklin (Stacey Dusina, Abba Alvarez, Shawn Lovell, Lisa Everson), 2:16.1; 1,600-meter relay: Franklin (Lisa Widrosky, Jennifer Furlong, Rita Malec, Lyndsay Sopko), 4:42.8; 3,200-meter relay: Northville, 11:18.0.

Franklin's dual meet record: 0-3 overall.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 85 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 52 April 8 at Churchill

Shot put: Jenny Sciberas (PC), 29-7; discus: Jaclyn Bernard (PC), 91-2½; long jump: Nkechi Okwumabua (PC), 17-2; high jump: Erin Stabb (PC), 4-10; pole vault: (tie) Peterman (LC) and Renee Kashawlic (LC), 6-0 each; 100-meter hurdles: Stabb (PC), 16.9; 300-meter hurdles: Doris Igwe (PC), 54.1; 400-meter hurdles: Alina Boyden (PC), 13.0; 200-meter run: Boyden (PC), 28.1; 400-meter run: Ashley Williams (PC), 1:04.8; 800-meter run: Kristin Hetra (LC), 2:35.1; 1,600-meter run: Kristin Hetra (LC), 5:36.7; 3,200-meter run: Kristin Hetra (LC), 12:24.4; 400-meter relay: Canton (Boyden, Camisha Heard, Igwe, Meredith Fox), 55.3; 800-meter relay: Canton (Boyden, Terra Kubert, Fox, Williams), 1:55.9; 1,600-meter relay: Canton (Amy Rogerson, Brianna Hartcourt, Williams, Kubert), 4:42.9; 3,200-meter relay: Churchill (Hetra, Fillion, Jenny Duncan, Michelle Dunaway), 10:55.0.

Dual meet records: Canton, 2-0; Churchill, 0-2.

Canton turns back Chargers

For the second straight meet, Livonia Churchill junior standout Ryan Kearney figured in four firsts, but Plymouth Canton came away with the Western Lakes Activities Association-Western Division boys track win in a thriller on Wednesday, 71-66.

Kearney won three individual events including impressive clockings in the 200-meter dash (22.2) and 110 hurdles (14.6). He also took the high jump (6 feet) and teamed up with Matt Weber, Brandon LaPointe and John McCullum to win the 1,600 relay (3:40.0).

"Ryan got his brand new spikes — hunter's orange," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "He ran today like he was shot out of a cannon, and it was a semi-cold day. He's been working real hard."

"And it was a good meet for us. We were competitive all the way through."

Canton was led by Kevin Keil, who broke his own school record in the shot put with a toss of 52-2. Keil set the mark only a week earlier at 51-7. He also took the discus (143-6).

Another double winner for the host Chiefs was Shaun Moore, who swept the 800 and 1,600 runs in 2:04.5 and 4:41.9, respectively.

Other Canton firsts were recorded by Eric Larsen in the long jump, 18-4½; Nate Howe,

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100 dash, 11.7; and Larry Anderson, 400, 54.7.

Canton's 400 and 800 relay teams were also victorious.

Howe, Gary Lee, Karamjit Singh and Jason Falardeau won the 400 relay in 46.8, while the quartet of Howe, Anderson, Larsen and Jerry Gaines took the 800 relay in 1:38.2.

Other Churchill individual firsts were garnered by Weber in the pole vault (11-0) and Jason Richmond in the 3,200 (10:27.0).

The team of McCullum, LaPointe, Josh Monthei and Joe Robinson won the 3,200 relay in 8:46.1.

Churchill, which won the Livonia Public Schools meet, is 1-1 in duals. Canton is 1-1.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 100 FARMINGTON HIGH 36 April 8 at Farmington

Shot put: Jim Doherty (WJG), 36 feet, 4 inches; discus: Kurt Boardman (WJG), 134-8; high jump: John Lowry (F), 6-3; long jump: Tim Moore (WJG), 20-4; pole vault: Jeff Frederick (F), 10-6; 100-meter hurdles: Moore (WJG), 16.6; 300-meter hurdles: Josh Keyes (WJG), 43.9; 400-meter hurdles: Moore (WJG), 11.4; 200-meter run: Dan Smitherman (WJG), 24.17; 400-meter run: Nick Colson (F), 56.2; 800-meter run: Justin Keyes (WJG), 2:13.9; 1,600-meter run: P.J. Wolocko (WJG), 5:04.0; 3,200-meter run: P.J. Wolocko (WJG), 10:56; 400-meter relay: John Glenn (Will Bozer, Devin White, Reggie Spearman, James), 47.48; 800-meter relay: John Glenn (Bozer, White, Spearman, James), 1:39.9; 1,600-meter relay: John Glenn (Kevin Derwich,

Janun Kelly, Ty Haygood, Josh Keyes), 3:51.9; 3,200-meter relay: John Glenn (Derwich, Jeff Ruppel, Kevin Durigon, Justin Keyes), 3:58.0.

Dual meet records: Glenn, 2-1; Farmington, 0-2.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 69.8 NORTHVILLE 67.6 April 8 at Northville

Shot put: Grider (N), 40-0; discus: Matt Lawson (LF), 143-0; long jump: Carol (N), 18-5½; high jump: Dan Colip (LF), 5-8; pole vault: Ryan Shiptlet (LF), 12-0; 100-meter hurdles: Pat Hayes (LF), 16.9; 300-meter hurdles: Pauling (N), 43.8; 400-meter hurdles: Pauling (N), 11.1; 200-meter run: Clemens (N), 23.4; 400-meter run: Nick Houstalakes (LF), 55.9; 800-meter run: (N), 2:09.9; 1,600-meter run: Josh Burt (LF), 4:50.6; 3,200-meter run: Burt (LF), 10:24.2; 400-meter relay: Northville, 48.8; 800-meter relay: Northville, 1:35.0; 1,600-meter relay: Franklin (Hayes, Ryan Kracht, Kevin Schneider, Houstalakes), 3:45.7; 3,200-meter relay: Franklin (Burt, Mike Schultz, Chris Jaskot, Schneider), 8:46.4.

Franklin's dual meet record: 1-1 overall.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 83 LIVONIA STEVENSON 83 April 8 at Stevenson

Shot put: Thomas Fogg (PS), 40-8½; discus: Kurt Plankuch (LS), 125-4; long jump: Cameron Blanchard (PS), 19-11½; high jump: Ian Searcy (PS), 5-8; pole vault: Bryan Derby (LS), 8-6; 100-meter hurdles: Ryan Thomas (PS), 15.6; 300-meter hurdles: Thomas (PS), 42.6; 400-meter hurdles: Thomas (PS), 11.3; 200-meter run: Mark Sheehan (PS), 23.8; 400-meter run: Gabe Coble (PS), 55.0; 800-meter run: (PS), 2:00.3; 1,600-meter run: Rob Block (LS), 4:36.8; 3,200-meter run: Block (LS), 10:13.8; 400-meter relay: Salem (Shull, Dave Clemons, Scott Kingslien, Kevin Conte), 48.3; 800-meter relay: Salem (Shull, Sheehan, Kingslien, Searcy), 1:34.0; 1,600-meter relay: Salem (Andy Briggs, Shull, Sheehan, Searcy), 3:39.1; 3,200-meter relay: Stevenson Block, Mike Felczak, Steve Kecskemti, Chris Mills), 8:38.0.

Dual meet records: Salem, 3-0; Stevenson, 0-2.

Viking hurler sharp

Kami Scott continues to be a nemesis for Livonia teams.

The Walled Lake Central hurler completed her "hat trick" of Livonia schools Wednesday with a 13-strikeout, five-hit performance in a 4-1 Vikings' win over visiting Churchill.

"Scott is one of the top pitchers in the conference (Western Lakes) and their hitters make contact," Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge said. "Overall I was pleased with our effort."

Central (5-2 overall) scored three unearned runs, thanks to a pair of Churchill infield miscues, in the third inning. The Vikings added one in the fourth.

Kalie Miller led the winners offensively with two hits and an RBI.

Sarah Stiles went 2-for-3 for the Chargers, while Kristin Derwich singled in the lone Churchill run in the third inning.

Losing pitcher Adrienne Doyle struck out two and walked three in going the distance.

FRANKLIN 15, SALEM 5: Jackie Ziem and winning pitcher Lori Jendrusik each went 4-for-4 Wednesday, leading host Livonia Franklin (2-3 overall) to the WLAA win over host Plymouth Salem (0-3 overall).

The Patriots and Salem were tied 4-4

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after five innings. Franklin exploded for four in the sixth and seven in the seventh.

Ziem knocked in four runs, while teammate Jamie Linden, who went 2-for-4, added three RBIs. Kristin Kmet contributed two hits.

Stephanie Volpe had two hits and two RBIs for Salem.

Becky Esper also had two hits. Jendrusik scattered six hits, three walked and struck out four in seven innings.

Shannon Coultas was the losing pitcher, allowing 14 hits and six walks. Each team committed two errors.

CANTON 15, JOHN GLENN 5: Patty Snook scattered nine hits over five innings (mercy rule) on Wednesday as Plymouth Canton (2-4) turned back Westland John Glenn (0-4) in a WLAA crossover.

Snook struck out five and did walk a batter.

Losing pitcher Katie Foran walked 10 and gave up five hits for the Rockets.

Foran, Angie Haas and Renee Kolb each collected two hits for Glenn.

Canton put the game away with six runs in the fifth inning.

STEVENSON 11, NORTHVILLE 1: Livonia Stevenson improved to 3-2 on the season with a WLAA crossover win Wednesday over the visiting Mustangs (0-5).

Llanna Vendramini paced the victorious Spartans going 4-for-4 with two RBIs.

Madonna gains split

It was a big rally, in a big game, at a very big time for Madonna University's softball team.

The Lady Crusaders had split a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header with a weak Siena Heights team the week before, then lost twice at Saginaw Valley State the day before. On Wednesday, they hosted one of the toughest teams in the WHAC: Concordia College.

The first game looked like trouble for Madonna — until the seventh inning, when the Crusaders squeezed out a run to tie it at 1-1. But the Cardinals came right back to regain the lead with a run in the top of the eighth, and Madonna was back on the spot.

But a two-run single by Jenny Krugel in the bottom of the eighth rescued the Crusaders, giving them a 3-2 victory. Concordia bounced back to win the nightcap, 12-2 in six innings (10-run mercy rule), leaving Madonna at 15-12 overall, 6-6 in the WHAC. Concordia is 15-5 overall and 8-2 in the WHAC.

In the pivotal opener, Madonna's Angie VanDoorn outduelled Concordia's Kelly Kennedy to gain the win. VanDoorn allowed two earned runs on six hits and two walks, striking out five to even her record at 6-6. Kennedy allowed three earned runs on eight hits and one walk, fanning eight.

Stephanie Dick and Courtney Senger each collected two hits for Madonna, with Marissa Mittleman adding a hit and an RBI.

In the second game, Shanna Price started but was pummeled, surrendering eight runs (three

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earned) on nine hits and a walk, with one strikeout. Janel Leachinger relieved and gave up four earned runs on eight hits and three walks in four innings, with one strikeout.

Kennedy started for Concordia and worked the first four innings, allowing one run on six hits (no walks) with four strikeouts to improve to 15-3.

Vicki Malkowski, Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) and Stacey Piontkowski each had two hits in the game for Madonna, with Malkowski and Piontkowski each getting an RBI.

SAGINAW VALLEY 8-9, MADONNA 5-8: Madonna's defense was non-existent Monday in a double-header against visiting Saginaw Valley State.

The Crusaders gave up seven unearned runs on 11 errors in the two games.

VanDoorn suffered the defeat in the first game, allowing four earned runs on 11 hits and a walk, with five strikeouts in seven innings. Madonna committed seven errors in the game.

Shawna Greene had two of the Crusaders' four hits, with Malkowski getting a hit and an RBI.

In the second game, Leachinger surrendered nine runs (six earned) on seven hits and three walks, with six strikeouts, in 5½ innings.

Five of Madonna's 10 hits were for extra bases. Christy Riopelle had two hits, including a double, and three RBIs; Krugel had a double and a single, driving in two runs; Piontkowski had a double and a single, scoring two runs; and Malkowski had a hit and two RBIs.



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LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5
LIVONIA STEVENSON 3
April 8 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Rob Aloe (LC) defeated Kiran Karwande, 7-5, 6-0; No. 2: Amit Patel (LS) def. Ian Quay, 7-5, 6-7, 7-5; No. 3: Maher Salah (LS) def. Ben Loung, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Matt Demgen (LS) def. Kenny Tseng, 6-2, 6-1;

No. 1 doubles: Mark Waldron-Bobby Koberlein (LC) def. Matt Hartunian-Kevin Lukasik, 6-7, 3-6, 7-5; No. 2: Eric Williams-Scott Riser (LC) def. Mike McGhie-Beau Duplantis, 7-5, 6-0; No. 3: Tom Fitzstephens-Mike Horka (LC) def. Tim Moody-Joe Turbiak, 6-4, 7-6; No. 4: Ross Puchalsky-Chris Singleton (LC) def. Todd Lavery-Sean Mann, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 1-1.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 5
FARMINGTON HIGH 3
April 8 at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Daniel Odendaal (F) defeated Kiran Karwande, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Amit Patel (LS) def. Chris Lee, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Randy Hassan (F) def. Mike McGhie, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Matt Demgen (LS) def. David Milewski, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4;

No. 1 doubles: Matt Hartunian-Kevin Lukasik (LS) def. Brandon Mytty-Shamik Treude, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Beau Broder-Erik Bolke (F) def. Beau Duplantis-Todd Lavery, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Tim Moody-Joe Turbiak (LS) def. Hearnth Sunius-Heluder Gill, 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; No. 4: Maher Salah-Sean Mann (LS) def. Raj Bed-Tom Mahon, 6-0, 6-3.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.

New divisional set-up alters regional lineup

Redford Catholic Central's tennis team has to take a different route, but coach Greg Grabowski believes the Shamrocks will still make the state meet their final destination this season.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has divided Class A teams in two divisions, with the Shamrocks earning Division I status because of their higher enrollment.

Teams playing in Division II are Class A schools with smaller enrollments.

The new classification means the Shamrocks will play in the Division I regional hosted by perennial state powers Ann Arbor Huron and Pioneer and Huron. For years, CC competed in the Dearborn regional, which it usually won to gain entrance into the state meet.

Dearborn is now the site of a Division II regional.

Grabowski doubts if the Shamrocks can win the Ann Arbor regional but thinks they can challenge for second place. The top two teams and anyone else finishing with at least 16 team points qualify for the state meet.

The Shamrocks are off to a 2-1 start, beating Dearborn Divine Child 8-0 and Ann Arbor Cabrini 7-1 and losing to Birmingham Brother Rice, 5-3.

"The regional should be a dog-fight — Pioneer and Huron are

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always tough — but we feel we can make it out of there and qualify for state's," Grabowski said. "We should probably finish in the top 10 in Division I. Overall we're stronger than we were last year and we're pretty well rounded. We could upset some good teams in the state's."

The Shamrocks were in a comfort zone in Dearborn and not just because they usually dominated there.

"Going to Ann Arbor's a heck of a haul, but the Livonia schools have to go there, too," he said.

Grabowski is a CC graduate who played on the Shamrocks' 1985 Class A state champion team. He was a doubles player — his No. 3 team won the 1984 state title and the No. 1 doubles team won the '85 championship.

Grabowski is in his second tour of duty at CC both an employee and coach.

He has returned as the vice-president of advancement and alumni relations after holding a similar title for a couple years at the new Cornerstone Schools, started by the Archdiocese of Detroit, before returning.

He was CC's head coach from 1993-95 before not coaching at all in 1996 and returning as an assistant coach in 1997.

The Shamrocks finished second in the Catholic League, won a regional and finished 12th at the Class A meet last year.

CC returns its four singles players from last year, including the former No. 1, Brian Foley, who is now playing No. 1 doubles.

Grabowski said it wasn't a demotion and Foley has handled his new position with class.

The No. 1 singles player is senior Tom Tarnacki, who won a regional and was runnerup in the Catholic League at No. 2 singles last year. No. 2 is sophomore J.D. Shade, who was a state finalist last year at No. 4 singles.

At No. 3 is freshman Michael Findling, whose older brother starred at Livonia Stevenson and now plays at Michigan State University.

"He's off to a real good start," Grabowski said.

Senior Marc Siciliano will fill in at No. 4 after spending his junior year at No. 3, winning a regional.

CAPSULE OUTLOOK OF AREA BOYS TENNIS TEAMS

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Greg Grabowski, fourth season.

League affiliation: Detroit Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's record: 6-6 in dual meets, 12th at Class A meet.

Titles won last year: Clarkston Tournament, Class A regional.

Notable losses to graduation: No. 1 doubles team of Greg Thursam and Matt Olex, Chris Marco (No. 2 doubles), No. 4 doubles team of Mike Soares and Matt Mish.

Leading returnees: Senior Tom Tarnacki, No. 1 singles (played No. 2 last year, won Class A regional, runnerup at Catholic League Meet); sophomore J.D. Shade, No. 2 singles (Class A state runnerup at No. 4 singles in 1997, won regional); senior Marc Siciliano, No. 4 singles (played No. 3 last year, won regional); senior Brian Foley, No. 1 doubles (played No. 1 singles last year, won regional); sophomore Jeff Fleszar, No. 1 doubles (played No. 2 doubles last year, flight won regional); senior Nick Rost, No. 2 doubles (reached state quarterfinals at No. 3 doubles, won regional).

Promising newcomers: freshman Michael Findling, No. 3 singles; sophomore Rob Sparks, No. 2 doubles; Junior Nick Gray and sophomore Lodewijk Vanholsbek, No. 3 doubles partners; Junior Ryan Cibor, senior Adam Murray, senior John Edwards, No. 4 doubles candidates.

Grabowski's '98 outlook: "We should probably finish in the top 10 in Division I. The regional (At Ann Arbor) should be tough but we feel we can make it out of there (with at least 16 points or a second-place finish) and qualify for state's. Overall we're stronger than we were last year and we're pretty well rounded. We could upset some good teams in the state's."

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Denise Berg, 10th season.

League affiliation: WAAA (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 7-2-2 (fourth in WAAA meet).

Notable losses to graduation: Nader Salah, Chip Norton, Mark Moore, Jason Boyd.

Leading returnees: Rob Aloe, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Ian Quay, Jr. (No. 2 singles); Kenny Tseng, Jr. (No. 4 singles); Mark Waldron, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Bobby Kolvenun, Soph. (No. 1 doubles); Eric Williams, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Scott Riser, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Tom Fitzstephens, Jr. (No. 3 doubles); Mike Horka, Jr. (No. 3 doubles); Ross Puchal-

sky, Soph. (No. 4 doubles); Mike Berry, Sr. (No. 4 doubles).

Promising newcomers: Ban Loung, Fr. (No. 3 singles); Chris Singleton, Fr. (No. 4 doubles).

Berg's '98 outlook: "I think we'll be in the top half in the league. If they continue to improve the way they have, we could have as good a team as last year. This team is made of up different personalities, but they have the talent."

"Norton and Salah (No. 1 doubles) lost only one match in the league last year and reached the regional at Ann Arbor, so they will be missed.

"Loung is really a good athlete and picks up things quickly. Our doubles teams are a little more experienced."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Dave Butler, second season.

League affiliation: WAAA (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 4-11 (11th in the WAAA meet).

Notable losses to graduation: John Hale (now serving as an assistant coach).

Leading returnees: Matt Cieslak, Sr.; Brandon Shering, Sr.; Ken Tamonis, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Matt Clearman, Fr.

Butler's '98 outlook: "Our freshman, Matt Clearman, will be our No. 1 singles player."

"We lost all four singles and both first doubles players."

"Losing so many players, we just hope this is a season where the kids really improve their skill."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Frank Dotson, second season.

League affiliation: WAAA (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 0-5-6 (12th in the WAAA meet).

Notable losses to graduation: Ryan Winkler, Mike Schmidt, Paul DeBusk, Robert Baker.

Leading returnees: Kiran Karwande, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Amit Patel, Sr. (No. 2 singles); Matt Hartunian, Sr. (No. 1 doubles and team MVP); Kevin Lukasik, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Mike McGhie, Sr. (No. 2 doubles); Beau Duplantis, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Tim Moody, Sr. (No. 3 doubles); Joel Turbiak, Sr. (No. 3 doubles); Todd Lavery, Jr. (No. 4 doubles); Sean Mann, Jr. (No. 4 doubles).

Promising newcomers: Maher Salah, Jr. (No. 3 singles); Matt Demgen, Fr. (No. 4 singles).

Dotson's '98 outlook: "I think we should have a much better year than a year ago. We have much more experi-

ence this year so should have a stronger season and a stronger finish. "We're stronger in singles than a year ago. I believe our doubles, as they get accustomed to playing with one another, will be fine and will be competitive."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coaches: J.C. Irvine and Jennifer Riley, second season.

League affiliation: WAAA (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 6-5-3 (ninth in WAAA meet).

Notable losses to graduation: Thiago Costa, Deepak Dashiya, John Raicu, Justin Rowland, Mike Purdy, Kevin Serra, Mike Stacy, Joe Mifsud, Dave Fowler, Don Godbey.

Leading returnees: Danny Kovacs, Jr. (No. 1 singles); Dave Kovacs, Jr. (No. 2 singles); Matt Vall (No. 3 singles); Rajiv Dashiya (No. 4 singles); David Stephens (No. 1 doubles); Darrin Turner (No. 1 doubles).

Promising newcomers: Pat Sonak (No. 2 doubles); James Johnson (No. 2 doubles); Charles Farley (No. 3 doubles); Dan Fowler (No. 3 doubles); Rob Wilson (No. 3 doubles); Tony Lambert (No. 4 doubles); Evan Waddell (No. 4 doubles).

John Glenn outlook: It may have to be a rebuilding year as the Rockets lost several key performers off last year's team. They lost their first match of the year to defending Western Lakes champion North Farmington, 8-0, on April 6.

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Wayne Woodard, second season.

League affiliation: Michigan Mega Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's overall record: Not available (White Division).

Notable losses to graduation: Lars Heinrich.

Leading returnees: Austin Rowland, Jr.; Ocie Carswell, Sr.; Phil Veckert, Jr.; Adam Chaisson, Jr.; Javin Thompson, Sr.; Quentin Turner, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Sos Rowland, Fr.; Jimmy Lewis, Soph.; Rob Kantner, Jr.; Ken Raubb, Jr.

Woodard's '98 outlook: "We're getting better, feel like we can compete for Mega Blue championship."

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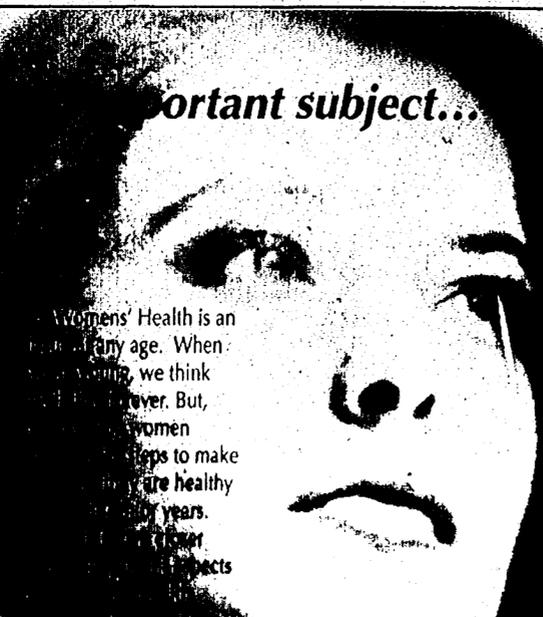
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ROMANTIC AT HEART

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LET ME KNOW

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EARTH ANGEL

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DYNAMITE CHARACTER!

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ONE OF THE FINEST

SBCF, 24, 5'5", friendly, employed, enjoys movies, reading, theatre, seeks tall, romantic, sensitive, compassionate, SCM, 28-40. Ad# 9273

BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES

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DEEP BELIEFS

Attractive DWCF, 46, 5'5", 115lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeking a professional, emotionally secure, athletic, honest, and optimistic SWCM, over 44, to share good times. Ad# 4646

FOREVER TRUE

SWF, 41, 5'4", shy, reserved, no children at home, enjoys movies, dining out and music, seeking sensitive, honest SWM, 37-48, N/S. Ad# 1650

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Attractive DWCF, 40, 5'4", full-figured, outgoing, friendly, enjoys music, the arts, museums, movies, seeks caring SWCM, 40-51, for possible relationship. Ad# 6788

LOVES THE LORD

DW mom, 45, 5', friendly, easygoing, N/S, non-drinker, old-fashioned morals, enjoys working out, country-western music, dining out, seeks honest, sincere, SWM, 40-50, for friendship-first. Ad# 1216

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

WWWCF, 51, 5'3", smoker, enjoys reading, gardening, theater, staying home, seeks SWCM, under 60, with similar interests. Ad# 1982

BEST THERE IS

Professional SWF, 61, 5'3", athletic, outgoing, intelligent, world traveler, seeks an energetic SWM, N/S, 55-65, who is a good conversationalist. Ad# 3134

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

Bi-racial SCF, 30, 5'3", dark brown hair, enjoys concerts, movies, loves to browse in markets and interesting shops, in search of Born-Again SCM, under 42, for friendship first. Ad# 3722

ONE OF A KIND

DWF, 36, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, outgoing, physically fit, enjoys cooking, arts, seeks SWM, 34-48. Ad# 1954

A BRIGHTER SIDE

Easygoing SW mom, 23, 5'2", Catholic, enjoys meeting new people, dining out, quiet times with someone special, seeks SM, age unimportant. Ad# 1739

WISHING UPON A STAR

SWF, 32, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys traveling, long walks, music, line dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, seeks SWCM, 28-35, to share same interests. Ad# 2732

LOVES THE LORD

Active, carefree, professional SWCF, 38, 5'11", 140lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks tall, enthusiastic SWCM, friend, to enjoy all that life has to offer. Ad# 6755

ONE OF THE FINEST

Catholic SWF, 47, 5'9", sort of shy, educated, employed, looking for Catholic SWM, under 49, who is optimistic and understanding. Ad# 2250

EXTRA NICE

Sociable DW mom, 28, 5'3", resides in Garden City area, participates in Bible study, seeking SWM, 27-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 2429

SPEND TIME TOGETHER

Catholic SWF mom, 24, 5'4", lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad# 8848

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Catholic DWF, 58, 5'2", 118lbs., brown-eyed brunette, lives in Livonia, seeks honest, romantic, firm SWCM, 54-62, who enjoys dancing, travel, movies, concerts, fine dining and conversation. Ad# 3355

HARDWORKING

Attractive SWCF, 35, 5'10", sociable, employed, enjoys spending time with her child, seeking easygoing, handsome, physically fit SWCM, N/S. Ad# 3876

A WARM WELCOME

Professional DWF, 40, 5'7", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, marriage-minded, a pet lover, seeks SWM, 35-48, for a possible relationship, children okay. Ad# 3957

LONG-TERM?

Fun-loving, open-minded SWCF, 19, 5'3", lives in Canton, seeks childless, compatible SWM, 21-29, who has never been married. Ad# 3842

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MEANINGFUL

Affectionate, open-minded SWM, 43, 6', seeks a professional, trim, slim SWF, 28-45, to spend romantic, quality times together. Ad# 1212

END MY SEARCH

Honest, sincere SWM, 31, 5'7", 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, sports fan, enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home, seeks a SWF, under 34. Ad# 2233

STOP RIGHT HERE!

Professional DWM, 49, 5'10", grey hair, blue eyes, interests include jogging, soccer, movies and staying in, seeks DWF, 30-56, for long-term relationship. Ad# 5141

YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME

DWCM, 44, 6', 182lbs., outgoing, believes in a relationship based on god, love, honesty, seeks SCF, age unimportant, for possible relationship. Ad# 1296

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

SWM, 34, 5'9", athletic, enjoys weight training, participating in sports and being outdoors, seeking a courageous, communicative SWF, 21-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1013

BEST THERE IS

DWM, 60, 5'7", 150lbs., brown hair/eyes, retired, shy, enjoys dining out, quiet evenings and much more, seeks SWF, 55-65. Ad# 1122

SHARE MY LIFE

Never-married SWM, 50, 6'3", N/S, drink and drug-free, interests include bowling, outdoor activities, quiet evenings, seeks SWF, 46-54, for long-term relationship. Ad# 8777

THE KEY TO MY HEART

Catholic SWM, 31, 5'9", outgoing, financially secure, enjoys movies, quiet evenings at home, dancing and dining out, seeks a spontaneous, SWF, 25-38, with similar interests. Ad# 3186

APPRECIATES HONESTY

SWM, 42, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, educated, a professional, enjoys jogging, long walks, reading and good conversation, seeks a slender, educated SWF, 27-40, who is passionate about life. Ad# 5757

FASCINATING

Easygoing SWM, 24, 6'2", 240lbs., dark brown hair, enjoys movies, shooting pool and socializing, wishes to meet and spend time with an attractive, petite SWF, under 28. Ad# 2322

ATTRACTIVE

Athletic, attentive, sincere SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks outgoing, big-hearted SWF, 28+, who has direction in life. Ad# 1111

MAYBE MORE!

Catholic SWM, 31, 6'1", outgoing, caring, generous, friendly, enjoys being outdoors, children, sports, seeking an attractive, kind, nice SWF, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 2415

RESCUE MY HEART

Catholic SWM, 44, 6'1", 180lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, affectionate, caring, professional, enjoys going to church, dining out, movies, seeks N/S, Catholic SWF, 28-45. Ad# 7456

NEVER-MARRIED

SWCM, 21, 6'2", N/S, caring, honest, sincere, reliable, outgoing, enjoys bible study, music, biking, seeks SWF, 18-26, with similar qualities. Ad# 4653

A COMMON BOND

Catholic SWM, 49, 5'11", 187lbs., black hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, reading and music, seeking SWCF, 30-45, with good morals. Ad# 1899

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Articulate, athletic swm, 42, 6'2", 190lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys traveling, romantic times, outdoor activities, seeks slim, attractive, professional SWF, to spend quality time with, age unimportant. Ad# 2525

HEALTHY & HAPPY

SWM, 41, 6'1", athletic, outgoing, enjoys having fun seeking trim, marriage-minded SWF, age unimportant, who enjoys athletic activities as well as quiet times. Ad# 2626

AWAITING YOUR CALL

Catholic SWM, 38, 6', 200lbs., brown hair/eyes, professional, loves swimming, tennis, the theater, biking, movies and dining out, seeking SWF, 23-36, with same religious ideals, for friendship first. Ad# 6789

THOUGHTFUL

Handsome SWM, 43, 6'2", enjoys all athletic activities, is seeking a romantic, slim-build, SF, with similar interests, who is looking for a long-term relationship, with marriage in mind. Ad# 4123

SIMPLY THE BEST

DWM, 48, 5'9", 195lbs., brown hair/eyes, outgoing, employed, enjoys outdoors, family activities, cards, dancing, seeks height and weight proportioned, SWF, under 50, who leads and active life with similar interests. Ad# 8732

HEAVEN IF YOU HEAR ME...

Catholic, never-married SWM, 41, 6'1", seeks sincere, athletic, thoughtful, positive, romantic SWF, any age, for a relationship that will lead to marriage, children welcome. Ad# 1944

A REAL GENTLEMAN

DWM, 39, 5'9", blond hair, blue eyes, smoker, non-drinker, outgoing, enjoys outdoors, family, seeks SWF, 35-40, for serious relationship. Ad# 7728

ONLY HERE.....

Talkative, definitive SWM, 38, 6', with multiple interests, seeks slim, trim, fun-loving SWF, 29-44, to share activities and friendship. Ad# 1027

GOOD TIMES

Upbeat, employed, Catholic DW dad, 53, 5'6", blond hair, enjoys dancing, bowling and traveling, working around the house, dining out and the outdoors, looking for a compatible, Catholic SWF, 40-50. Ad# 7683

LET'S HAVE FUN

Catholic, professional SWM, 30, 6'1", outgoing, friendly, enjoys shooting pool, darts, hockey, golf, movies, the outdoors and spending time with friends, seeking a spiritual SWF, 24-34. Ad# 3146

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Professional, open-minded SWCM, 36, 6'3", 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, a homeowner, enjoys NASCAR, movies and music, traveling, cars and new experiences, seeking a compatible SWCF, 27-38. Ad# 3968

SOUND LIKE YOU?

Educated, employed SWCM, 26, 5'10", 160lbs., enjoys socializing, movies, working out, running, camping and sports, seeks an intelligent, compassionate, honest SWCF, 21-26, without children and never-married. Ad# 7437

HEY, CALL ME!

Romantic SWM, 32, 6', "brown hair/eyes, enjoys a variety of summer outdoor activities and dining out, seeks a SWCF, under 38, with similar interests. Ad# 3997

ACTIVE IN CHURCH

Baptist, one-woman SWM, 49, 6', 200lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys biking, seeks a SWF, 18-45, for a traveling companion, to search for Christ. Ad# 4806

FAMILY-ORIENTED?

Athletic, sincere, professional, fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks a spontaneous, romantic SF, race and age unimportant. Ad# 2613

ATHLETICALLY INCLINED

Professional SWM, 40, enjoys dining out and dancing, music and movies, enjoying life and outdoor sports, seeks a romantic, articulate, sincere, fit SAF, age unimportant, children okay. Ad# 7972

ONE OF THE FINEST

SBM, 45, 6'2", enjoys concerts, movies and romantic dinner, would like to meet a loving, gentle SF, 25-45, who cares about herself. Ad# 8889

BUILD A FOUNDATION

Catholic SWM, 41, 6'1", 187lbs., independent, employed, never married, in search of outgoing, vibrant, professional SWF, 21-42, who enjoys the great outdoors. Ad# 4444

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE

Catholic DW dad, 42, 5'11", 185lbs., blue-eyed blond, professional, interests include movies, comedy clubs, jogging and sports, looking forward to meeting a SWCF, under 38. Ad# 3411

GOOD COMMUNICATOR

Positive, professional SWCM, 40, 5'11", 195lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, likes traveling, good conversation, concerts, golfing, the outdoors and dining out, seeks a SWCF, 30-45, for possible relationship. Ad# 5555

FROM THE HEART

Catholic SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs., N/S, honest, sincere and devoted, enjoys romantic dinners, dancing, sports and movies, seeking a SF, under 45, with similar interests. Ad# 5619

ODYSSEY OF LOVE

Protestant WWM, 48, 6', 195lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate, honest, likes traveling, good conversation, time with family and dining out, seeks an attractive, educated SCF, 35-52, N/S. Ad# 4747

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Sincere, professional SWM, 41, enjoys exercise, sports and the arts, in search of an attractive, slender SWF, who has never been married. Ad# 2500

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Catholic DWM, 60, 5'11", 170lbs., grey hair, laid-back, friendly, self-employed, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys quiet evenings at home, golfing, dining out, seeks Catholic DWF, without children at home. Ad# 2552

ENTIRELY YOURS

SWM, 44, 6'1", shy, enjoys outdoor activities, seeks slender, SWF, age unimportant, for romantic times. Ad# 7404

SINCERE AND DEVOTED

Honest SW father, 49, 5'11", 212lbs., enjoys movies and sports, seeks a WWWCF, under 50, without children at home. Ad# 6347

CREATIVE AND FUN

Artistic SWM, 28, 5'7", 160lbs., likes sports, movies and meaningful conversations, seeks a professional DCF, over 21, without children. Ad# 3001

FANTASTICALLY FAITHFUL

Catholic DW dad, 38, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, professional, outgoing, enjoys camping, cooking, dancing, being with his kids, romantic nights, seeks Catholic DWF, 32-40, who is family oriented. Ad# 5858

ANYTHING IN COMMON?

Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", 190lbs., enjoys sports, working out, outdoors, seeks slender, professional, SWF, age unimportant, 21-33 for a monogamous relationship. Ad# 1451

MATE FOR LIFE

SWCM, 39, 6'1", outgoing, seeks slim, relationship and commitment minded SWCF, age unimportant, or serious relationship. Ad# 4445

WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU

SWM, 23, 5'6", dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, camping, skiing, seeking a

RECREATION

Cooked goose

DNR starts controversial program to control Canadian flock

In a continuing effort to control the nuisance Giant Canada goose problem in urban areas of Oakland and Macomb counties, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is experimenting with a radical, albeit somewhat controversial, program.

Later this month, volunteers — many being supplied by the Humane Society of the United States — will head out into goose habitat areas and replace real goose eggs with artificial ones. The idea is to fool the hens into staying on the nest until, biologically, it's too late to lay any more eggs this spring.

"This is strictly an experimental deal in a very limited area," said Pete Squibb, waterfowl specialist with the DNR. "This is only taking place at sites that have filed petitions with us to remove nuisance geese. Overall there are 110 sites in southeastern Michigan and we anticipate that 15 or 20 sites will go through with this."

Squibb is quick to caution that geese are protected under federal law and disturbing a nest is a federal offense.

"The last thing we want is for people to start doing this all over the place," he said. "Geese are protected birds and this is being done under special federal and state permits."

Squibb assured hunters that they have nothing to worry about, even though the Humane Society of the United States is one of the biggest anti-hunting organizations. Hunting opportunities will not be affected by

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this program, he said.

"I don't see a potential problem with the HSUS that the hunting fraternity should be concerned about," said Squibb, "We do not want the program to go beyond urban areas where birds can not be hunted. It's a very limited program and is strictly an experimental deal."

Squibb went as far as to praise the HSUS for its interest in the program.

"HSUS expressed a very keen interest in the problem," he said. "We have some philosophical differences but they were willing to put their differences aside and offered to help us find trained volunteers to facilitate the program. This is the first time someone wanted to sit down and look at the problem. The problem is that we have too many geese in urban areas where we can't hunt them and we have to control them somehow."

The nuisance goose problem arose years ago when Giant Canada geese began inhabiting the state. The geese do not migrate like other species of geese. They prefer to reside in one location all year-long. When flocks inhabit urban areas where they are not impacted by hunting, the flocks continue to grow until there is a problem with overpopulation.

"The problem is that no one solution will work," said Squibb, who has been involved

with nuisance geese problems for 25 years. "These birds are in areas where hunting is not allowed, so that won't work. As far as trapping and relocating some of the birds, we will continue to do that. We'll move about 4,000 to 4,500 birds from Oakland County alone. We've pretty much filled all the places we can move them to. Some will go to Iowa and some to the western UP, but our bucket is full and spilling over."

Michigan is currently the No. 1 state in the nation in terms of goose harvest, according to Squibb. Michigan hunters take between 150,000 and 170,000 geese annually and approximately 100,000 of those birds are the resident Giant Canada geese.

Southern Michigan has two special hunts along with the regular goose season. The daily limit is one goose per day during the regular season when migrant geese are passing through the state. During the special seasons, early September and in January when the majority of the flock is made up of the resident Giant Canada geese, the bag limit is raised to five per day in an effort to control the population.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also welcome. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send E-mail to bpark@oe.homecomm.net or call (248) 901-2573 during the evenings.)

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

SWAP MEET

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold its annual Sportsman's Swap Meet, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ARCHERY

LEAGUES FORMING

Several archery leagues are forming at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston. There will be a MAA target league on Monday mornings (beginning May 4), 3D leagues on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday nights (beginning May 5), and Wednesday nights (beginning May 6) and field & hunter leagues (Thursday mornings and evenings starting April 30). All leagues are 12 weeks long. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

BANQUETS

TROUT UNLIMITED

The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 23, at the Royalty House in Warren. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The event features door prizes, raffles and auctions with prizes including a fly fishing vacation in the Bahamas, mountain bikes, golf outings, season tickets for U-M football, wildlife art and much more. Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 for a couple and available by calling (248) 363-4565.

BIG GAME HUNTERS

The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual banquet and fund raiser beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. Tickets are \$40 each in advance and \$350 for a table of 10. Tickets will be \$50 at the door. To order tickets and for more information call (313) 613-7471.

DUCKS UNLIMITED

The Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its 21st Annual Sportsman's Dinner on Wednesday, May 13, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

CLASSES

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING

West Bloomfield Community Education will offer a class in duck and goose calling beginning

at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. Taught by noted waterfowl guide Lyman Burgess, the class will meet for one hour each week for four consecutive weeks at the Orchard Lake Middle School. Registration fee is \$35. Call (248) 539-2290 for more information.

TWILIGHT TRAVELS

Learn about creatures that become active after dark during this evening walk, which will be held Saturday, April 25 at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold a hunter education class beginning Thursday, April 30, at its clubhouse in Clarkston. The class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on April 30, May 4, 5, 6 and 7 as well as 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Registration fee is \$6 and participants must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 1998. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will present Fly Fishing For the Beginner on Saturday and Sunday, May 23, 24. Both day-long sessions run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be held at the Drayton Plains Nature Center. Cost is \$80 per student. Call Rick Sak at (743) 464-3271 for more information and to register.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 632-0285.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the

Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 13-14 in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (617) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT

The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is April 1-24.

FISHING

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expired March 31.

CATCH AND RELEASE

A special catch-and-release trout season runs through April 24 on a designated section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

SPEARS/BOWS

Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs through May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46

PIKE

Pike season opens April 25 on inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula.

SMELT

Smelt netting season on non-trout streams runs through May 31 south of M-72 and May 1-31 north of M-72. Bow and spear fishing on non-trout inland waters is open for gar, carp and bowfin from 1-Aug. 15. Check the 1998 Michigan Fishing Guide for exceptions and closures.

STURGEON

Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 25.

WALLEYE

Walleye and sauger season

opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKIE

Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, the sporting clays course, trap & skeet shooting and archery ranges are open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beginning in mid-April the rifle range will also be open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs across the state that serve troubled children, adults and their families. Raffle/trophy tickets are \$10 each and enters the holder into a raffle and the fishing tournament. Raffle prizes include a four night cruise for two adults and two children in Cape Canaveral, Florida; use of a private suite at a Tiger baseball game; a weekend for two in Chicago; gift certificates; and a charter fishing trip. Tickets are also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any Chuck Muir restaurant. Anglers can win \$250 cash for the heaviest total catch in one boat as well as \$250 for the largest fish in each of four categories - king salmon, steelhead, brown trout and coho salmon. Tickets are available at Charlie's Crab in Troy, Muir's Seafood Tavern in West Bloomfield, Meriwethers in Southfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

Summer doesn't mark end of season

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Summer time... and the bowlin' is easy!

And so goes the song, the fish are biting and the cotton feels better than polyester.

When the winter bowling season ends, you don't have

to put your shoes and ball away, there's lots of good league bowling going on in spring/summer leagues.

Some of these are just fun activity, and yet many of them carry substantial prize money for the competitive sort of bowler.

Most of the off-season leagues offer a different format, such as trio leagues bowling a four-game set divided between two opponents.

Just about every house around offers spring and summer leagues. Each establishment provides sheets out on the counter with all the particulars.

The summer rates are usually a bit lower, and if you are sanctioned in a regular winter league, the sanction fee covers summer also.

Many leagues are available for the better than average shooter, with good prize money and jackpots as well. It may help make your off-season more interesting, and keep your skill level sharply honed all year round.

Caleb Gill, 8, of Livonia, already has a title to his credit after capturing the Greater Detroit Y.A.B.A. City Championship at 700 Bowl.

Gill averages 81, but finished first in the All-Events category with a 1,141 scratch over nine games.

His mother, Michelle, is an avid bowler and it appears she has her son headed in the right direction.

The Wednesday Senior Men's Classic League closed out its season at Mayflower Lanes in redford with a high-low doubles match.

In the second game, Tony Ballarta put together 12 strikes for his first 300. His previous high was 298.

With a total pinfall of 749, Tony and his partner easily cruised to first place.

The Metro Bowling Tour has gotten off to a flying start.

There were 112 entries last month at Century Bowl in Waterford.

Phyllis O'Connor of

Rochester Hills, a late and first-time entry, qualified first as her entire family watched.

Waterford's James Robinson, bowling from the fifth position, was defeated by Milford's Ron Seggie in the first match of the finals, 188-151.

In Match No. 2, Ross O'Dowd, who won the previous event, started off slow and gave Seggie a chance to close him down at 235-209.

Match No. 3 was a session of spare shooting for two frames between Segue and Michael J. Renner of Waterford.

Seggie finally found his strike line and nailed nine of his final 10 shots for a 258-190 victory, setting the stage for an O'Connor-Seggie championship matchup.

As so often happens to a first time competitor, especially being on TV, Phyllis was a little bit nervous.

She opened in the first three frames, and her opponent kept on striking for a 257-175 win. The title was worth \$550 for Seggie and runner-up O'Connor received \$350.

The next scheduled tournament is 9 a.m. and noon Saturday April 25, at Fiero Lanes, in Pontiac.

For more information or to obtain an entry form, call Roy Akers at (248) 673-7407.

You may have already read about this.

Phil Horowitz, 59, of West Bloomfield, rolled a 300 game March 21 competing at the 95th annual American Bowling Congress National Championships at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

Phil did not know his 300 was the first in this year's event.

"Whether first or last," he said, "it's still a thrill."

This was his fifth career 300, and he has three 800s to his credit, the highest at 815 which he rolled this February in the Senior/Youth Challenge at Mayflower Lanes.

In the ABC Doubles event, Phil paired with his good friend Mort Friedman of West Bloomfield to claim ninth place (at the time) with 688 from Phil and 664 by Mort for a 1,352 total.

Horowitz has proven to be one of this area's best senior bowlers. His team took the season championship in the Wednesday Senior Classic League at Mayflower.

He has also been a credit to the game, having won a Gold Medal in international competition in the Macabiah World Games in Israel last year.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

All-Star Bowlerettes: Cheryl Stipeck, 279-235-2117/725; Lisa Keough, 268-203-246/717; Penny Morgan, 249-211-255/715; Lisa McCardy, 224-267-212/703; Jeanne Gebbia, 245-199-257/701; Virginia Austin, 225-225-246/698.

St. Aldan's Men's: Bob Racey, 203-235-279/717; Vince Bastine, 212-233/621; Joe Naujokas, 214-213/619; Mike Polasky, 219-202; Jeff Amolsch, 235-206; Conrad Sobania, 243.

Friday Seniors: Tony Golchuk, 255-226-235/716; Bob Golin, 210; Fernando Melino, 204; Ken McDaniel, 202; Jean Simons, 202/508.

Tuesday Seniors: Howard Simons, 268/591; Ken McDaniel, 237; Larry Trute, 209.

Sunday Nite Mixed: Darryl Scott, 300/772.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Motor City Eagles: Jim Molnar, 699; Dave Baughman, 258/669; Jon Curtis, 255/667; Walt Paul, 258/665; Dave Rowe, 663.

Nite Owls: Sean Hite, 258-254/707; Kenny Mynatt, 260/706; Ray Card, 268; Randy Saunders, 278/664; Alan Blasutto, 677; Gary Steinman, 663.

MERRI-BOWL

Merrl Bowlerettes: Denise Atwater, 233-245/644.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

Sheldon Road Men: Craig Nebaert, 222-209-268/697; Ken Forbes, 208-255-194/717; Larry Minehart, Jr., 224-264-237/726.

Bel Aire Lanes (Farmington)

Our Lady of Sorrows: Steve Firachels, 268; Larry LaFord, 226-214-247/687; Bob Rube, 222; Robin Woods, 232.

Michigan Bell Men: Dan Winkel, 275/690; Jack Fischer, 245; Brent Lendis, 652.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

University Men's: Paul Olshchanski, 277/640; Bill Funke, 276/670; Bob Spidler, 268/637; Ray Vandewill.

258/710; Keith Guertin, 258/660; Martin Lunsford, 257/706.

Greenfield Mixed: Sandy Weed, 215-209/609; Debbie VanMeter, 222; Lee Anderson, 227/598; Paula Wilson, 203/553; Lou Brugman, 234/563; Lila Smith, 209.

Metro Highway: George Shaieb, 247/628; John Hirtzel, 246; Joe Bevak, 246/630; Steve Kosturko, 244; Mark Strzalkowski, 238-214-212/664.

Country Janes: Katie Szonye, 209/553; Terri Letwinski, 225; Donna Drew, 191; Diane Walsh, 191/527; Sue Sczapaniak, 211.

Spare & Strikes: Diane Walters, 210/557; Sherry McMahon, 235/586; Lori Buckshaw, 236/549; Lila Smith, 210-204/569.

Country Keglers: Joe Mainard, 300/815; George Vann, 287/608; Steve Dulka, 255; Dave Kalliszewski, 252/679; John Eldred, 247/661.

Tues. A.M. Ladies: Lisa Murphy, 234; Lois Koning, 233/566; Dolores Shevillon, 232; Diane Holiday, 614; Dixie Barth, 587.

Guy-N-Gals: Jim Malkowski, 225-247-230/702; Robert Loderman, Sr., 229; Dennis Balla, 232; Doreen Vittl, 204/502.

Tuesday Mixed Trio: Al Bohne, 257; John Osborne, 256/720; Keith Kingston, 688; Lynne Wegener, 577; Vicki Ingham, 604.

Country High School: Kevin Atto, 242/592; Scott Hanlon, 234/603.

Country Juniors: Kory West, 178; Scott Moscow, 178; Charlie Pepper, 169; Melissa Miller, 160.

Country Preps: David Silver, 158; Jordan Gorosh, 145; Christina Mouswad, 143.

Beginners: Ben Ogg, 112; Ashley Mouswad, 107; Rachel Dubiel, 107; Mark Campeau, 105.

Farmington High School: Greg Arsenault, 224; Mike Rott, 225; Carl Beriman, 213; Jesse Bernstein, 212-175-195/582.

Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield)

B'Nai B'rith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zeiger/Gross: Randy Bloomer, 237; Barry Giesler, 225; Randy Spitzer, 223; Harold Markson, 216; Gary Blstrom, 216.