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Judge dismisses Skene lawsuit

Circuit Judge Pamela Harwood rejected former Westland Parks Director Charles Skene's lawsuit claims even though he was fired for an embezzling case that ended with a jury declaring him innocent in February 1998.

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A Wayne County judge Friday dismissed a wrongful firing lawsuit that former Westland Parks Director Charles Skene filed against the city and five officials.

Circuit Judge Pamela Harwood rejected Skene's claims even though he

was fired for an embezzling case that ended with a jury declaring him innocent in February 1998.

"It won't be going to trial," Westland City Attorney Angelo Plakas said Friday afternoon.

Skene defense attorney Stephen Boak said no decision has been made about a possible appeal of Harwood's ruling.

"I don't know at this point," he said.

"I briefly talked to Chuck, who wants to consider his options."

Even though Boak called Harwood's opinion "well-reasoned," he criticized a justice system that he said holds government officials and average citizens to different standards.

Skene's suit had named the city, Mayor Robert Thomas, Deputy Mayor George Gillies, Budget Director Elizabeth Duggan, Westland police Lt. Gary Sikorski and former Finance Director Michael Gorman.

"It's disappointing," Boak said, "that if these were ordinary citizens doing the same thing, we'd still be in the ballpark. The only difference is they work

for the government."

But, he said, "those are the rules ..."

Thomas couldn't be reached for comment, although he had predicted all along that Skene's suit would be dismissed.

Plakas said city administration officials are "pleased" by Harwood's ruling. Skene had claimed he was wrongly fired and prosecuted on charges of embezzling money as Westland parks and recreation director.

Some counts in the lawsuit sought \$25,000, and Skene also had demanded back pay for lost earnings. He didn't,

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A-MAY-ZING MOM

Moms ... they're amazing people. Granted, they can't leap buildings in a single bound or stop a speeding train like Superman, but when it comes to juggling the demands of work, home and their children ... Well, they're just amazing.

In recognition of their amazing status, the Observer Newspapers is looking for the most "A-May-Zing Mom," living in Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Redford, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Westland or Garden City.

In 50 words or less, tell us why your Mom is so amazing. Be sure to include her name, address, telephone number and a photograph as well as your name, address and telephone number.

Entries should be sent to Sue Mason, "An A-May-Zing Mom" contest, 36281 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by 9:00 p.m. Friday, April 30.

The winner will receive a complete makeover at Gerald's Salon in Northville Township, a \$200 ensemble from Bon-Loot in Northville and dinner for two (a \$50 value) at Fonte d'Amore Ristorante in Livonia.

And all eligible "A-May-Zing Mom" nominees will be recognized in the May 9 edition.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Council meets: The Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, second floor of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road.

School board: The Wayne-Westland school board meets at 7 p.m. at the administration office, 36745 Marquette.

WEDNESDAY

Library board: The Westland Library board meets at 7 p.m. at the library.

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Paint job: Jessica Hughes, 13, from Adams Middle School paints the face of Nicole Quaine, 4. Nicole will attend P.D. Graham next fall. Kindergarten roundup took place at Stottlemeyer this past week. Parents and children had the opportunity to talk to teachers from different schools.



Family affair: Kindergarten teacher Susan Vertin talks to the McNally family. Andrew Conner, 14, his mother, Peggy McNally, Emily McNally, 4, Katie McNally, 5, and Ron McNally have their questions answered.



Cool treat: Yvonne Pintar gets a bite of ice cream from her daughter Korinn, 5, at the kindergarten roundup. Korinn will attend Hoover Elementary next fall.

Trial ordered in Internet sex case

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland man showed no emotion Thursday as a judge ordered him to stand trial for having sex with a 13-year-old Plymouth Township girl he met on the Internet.

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Sergeant describes sex club

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A police sergeant who posed as a patron of a Westland sex club testified Friday that he saw partially nude people engaging in sex acts.

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Portable classrooms studied

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Two portable classrooms could be erected at Johnson Elementary this summer as a one-year stop-gap measure.

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sure to ease overcrowding before the school moves to the much-bigger Lowell school building in 2000.

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City's top mom, dad, teacher, student honored

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Singled out as the best, Westland's top mother, father, teacher and student won rousing praise and outstanding honors Wednesday during Mayor Robert Thomas' State of the City ceremony.

Chosen by a 17-member committee that reviewed a staggering 876 nominations, the 1999 winners are:

- Kelly Hovermale, Mother of the Year.
- Robert Ybarra, Father of the Year.
- Carolyn Washington, Teacher of the Year.
- Samantha Snabes, High School Senior of the Year.

Deputy Mayor George Gillies said 461 people attended the ceremony - more than earlier reported.

Thomas also presented a special award to longtime legislator Justine Barns, a Westland City Council member and former state representative whose political career spans 35 years.

Thomas called Barns "the champion of the people" and said she "has done as much for Westland as any one person."

Thomas also honored Gillies, surprising the deputy

mayor by giving him a special award for his dedication to his job and the city.

"I was very thrilled," Gillies said.

Hovermale was chosen Mother of the Year from a field of 291 nominees.

"I felt honored," she said. "I felt overwhelmed that I should be chosen when I just do my job every day as a mother."

Nominated by husband Greg, Hovermale chooses to stay at home to educate her 7-year-old son, Steven, who is diabetic and has special needs. She teaches him in a home-school program and often stays up at night planning lessons.

Hovermale also cares for younger children, Austin, 3, and Jonathan, 1.

"Being a mother takes a lot of quality time spent with your children," she said. "You have to understand their needs and their uniqueness."

Ybarra was named Father of the Year among 217 nominees, but he seemed humble when asked about his secret to parenting.

"I just listen to the kids and give them advice, but

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Barns honored: A special award was also presented to longtime legislator Justine Barns, a Westland City Council member and former state representative whose political career spans 35 years.

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however, ask to be reinstated to his job.

Skene had worked for the city about four years when Thomas fired him on April 22, 1997.

After filing his suit, Skene told the Observer, "I feel that this (firing) has damaged my ability to get a job in a field where I've worked for 20 years."

He started selling advertising for a Plymouth newspaper.

Thomas claimed that he fired Skene because of poor job performance and not because he had been the target of an embezzling investigation.

"I would do it again," the mayor has said. A Wayne County jury cleared Skene of embezzling charges during a trial in which he was portrayed as a problem gambler who embezzled thousands of dollars.

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Skene's suit claimed gross negligence, defamation and malicious prosecution, and it said he was placed in a false light and denied a job that he had expected to keep.

The suit also claimed that Skene was denied his due process and that he suffered emotional distress intentionally inflicted by others.

YMCA to honor Shaw, Sanders

The Wayne-Westland YMCA will honor Glenn Shaw Jr. and Celestine Sanders at its annual recognition dinner 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos, board chair, announced the honorees and commended them as "dynamic volunteers who have done so much to help the lives of many families in our Wayne-Westland communities."

The YMCA's recognition dinner, in its 23rd year, honors volunteers who best exemplify a lifetime of giving and who serve as role models for others.

The dinner will be open to the public, and reservations at \$30 per person can be made by calling (734) 721-7044.

Bokos, in a press release, commented on this year's honorees. "Glenn Shaw's leadership in establishing the Westland Community Foundation has raised

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the level of charitable giving in this community to a new high level, and more importantly has enabled valuable grassroots groups and projects to obtain necessary funding."

Organizations and citizens who have benefited from Shaw's efforts include the Salvation Army, the YMCA, Taylor Towers' senior citizen residents and numerous students who have received scholarships, according to the press release.

Raised in Westland and now a Canton resident, Shaw served on the Westland City Council and founded the Nankin Transit Board, which brought bus service to seniors and others in need. He also served as Westland city assessor, and with his own business he now provides consulting assessing services to many area communities.

"Shaw does not just raise money for the communities' charitable causes; he is always right there making sure that the services are provided to the people who need them," Bokos said in the YMCA announcement. "He also has developed a new generation of volunteers committed to helping the community."

Shaw is the father of seven and grandfather of eight.

Sanders, Adams Middle School principal and former Wayne-Westland teacher, is known for her positive "can-do attitude," Bokos said.

"Celestine has made a difference wherever she has lent a hand, whether it is professionally or as a volunteer," he said.

A member of the YMCA board and the Wayne Rotary, Sanders chaired the city of Wayne's annual Christmas parade for four years and served as chair of Jack and Jill of America Inc. in 1998-99.

"When prizes are needed at the last minute, or a program needs to be set, Celestine is always the first to raise her hand," Bokos said. "She just gets it done."

She also serves on the school Superintendent's Advisory Committee, the Westland Youth Assistance Advisory Board and the Mayor's Advisory Council. Nationally, she is recognized in the list of 2000 Notable American Women and has been nominated for the National Secondary School Principal of the Year award.

Also April 29, the YMCA will honor Wayne-Westland teachers. This year's honorees include Denise Bateson, Wayne Memorial High School math teacher; Cherie Clark, Taft-Galloway Elementary second-grader teacher; Nancy Schlaner, Stevenson Middle School math teacher, and Bonnie Schram, Jefferson-Barns Elementary learning consultant.

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A Detroit man faces trial for first-degree criminal sexual conduct and carjacking amid allegations he raped a homeless woman after smashing out the window of her car on April 4.

An earlier story had reported a lesser sex charge.

The woman was parked behind a retail strip center on Warren Road when she said a man raped her.

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Internet from page A1

Brian Joseph Rose, 21, faces trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for third-degree criminal sexual conduct following accusations that he gave vodka to the girl and had intercourse with her after she passed out.

Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos announced his ruling Thursday - three weeks after the girl testified against Rose during a preliminary hearing.

Defense attorney Michael Rex has portrayed the girl as a willing sex partner who lied about being unconscious "because she was too embarrassed" to admit her behavior.

Rose admitted having sex with the girl after she sneaked out of her parents' house early Nov. 26 and rode in Rose's truck to a Westland business owned by his parents, Plymouth Township Detective William Groff has testified.

Rose had initially faced a first-degree criminal sexual conduct charge, but Bokos reduced it to third degree Thursday after assistant Wayne County prosecutor Thomas Beck conceded that the girl didn't suffer physical injuries.

A doctor testified March 25 that the girl didn't have any obvious signs of injury, but state

forensic scientist Dorothy Martus said semen was found on the girl's body and on her panties.

Bokos, after reviewing the case, ordered Rose to stand trial on a third-degree sex charge that carries a maximum 15-year prison term upon conviction.

"The testimony I've heard satisfies me... that there was sexual contact," the judge said.

Groff has testified that Rose, in a police statement, said the girl told him that she was 15 years old - an age that still would fuel criminal charges.

Rex tried to argue that Rose's statement shouldn't be admissible in court, but Bokos disagreed

in announcing his ruling.

The girl has said she and Rose corresponded for two months by e-mail and by telephone before they arranged to meet.

She said she called Rose about 1 a.m. Nov. 26 and that she sneaked out of her parents' house, only to be caught by her father when she returned about 6 a.m.

As he awaits trial, Rose remains free on a personal bond.

Police have said the incident marks the first known Westland case in which a minor and an adult had sex after meeting on the Internet.

Westland man faces exam in rape case

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Four men face criminal sexual conduct charges in the rape of a Detroit woman at a house in Livonia last month.

The victim testified for about 90 minutes Tuesday at a preliminary hearing for two of the men. In graphic detail, she described how three of them assaulted her and took turns punching her at a house on Five Mile in the early morning hours of March 29.

After the woman's testimony, Scott Hartmeyer, 30, of Livonia, and Erik Michaud, 21, of Canton Township, were sent to trial by 16th District Court Judge Robert Brzezinski. They are to be arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court Tuesday, April 27.

A third suspect, Keith Ziobron, 22, of Livonia, waived his preliminary hearing and was also sent to trial. The fourth, Ryan Corey, 22, of Westland, is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Tuesday.

All four are charged with four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, to which they pleaded not guilty at their March 31 arraignment. They could face sentences of up to life in prison if convicted.

The 39-year-old victim, who said she was a prostitute, testified that she first encountered the men near Fenkell and Chatham in Detroit. She got in the car they were in and asked for a \$20 "rock" of crack cocaine as part of her payment in exchange for sex, she said.

The men hesitated, dropped her off, then picked her up again a short time later and took her to a crack house, she said. With \$20 from Hartmeyer, she bought cocaine, she said.

She had sex with Hartmeyer in the car and later at the house on Five Mile after he gave her \$20 more.

The victim seemed uncertain Tuesday about which defendant began the attack, threatening

her with a knife and ordering her to have sex with another man after she announced she didn't want to continue a "transaction" with them.

But she maintained throughout the hearing that all of the men sexually assaulted her, and that all but Hartmeyer punched her and threatened her life. Hartmeyer "meekly" said something to try to stop the attack, she said.

After the attack, she said, the men indicated they were going to drive her back to her neighborhood. She left the house first, she said, and ran to the middle of Five Mile, refusing an offer of a ride.

The second vehicle that went by was a Livonia Police Department patrol car, she said. She was taken to St. Mary Hospital, where she was treated and released. The suspects were arrested at the scene.

She said she still suffers pain from the attack and beating.

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Congratulated: Carolyn Washington, a Canton Township resident, was chosen Teacher of the Year for the job she does at Marshall Middle School in Westland.

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Super senior: Wayne Memorial senior Samantha Snabes, one of 94 student nominees, was hailed as a top-notch student who also is involved in numerous school activities.



Dad honored: Robert Ybarra has four children: Nicole, 12, Ryan, 15, Ray, 34, and Ann Marie, 36. Nicole nominated her father for the award.

you've got to let them learn on their own, too," he said. "I like doing things with them and spending time with them."

Ybarra and wife, Diane, have four children: Nicole, 12, Ryan, 15, Ray, 34, and Ann Marie, 36. Nicole nominated her father for the award.

Said Ybarra: "I'm proud. I guess I did something right. This is a great honor that my daughter has bestowed on me."

Washington, a Canton Township resident, was chosen Teacher of the Year for the job she does at Marshall Middle School in Westland. She was one of 274 nominees.

Students say they enjoy coming to her eighth-grade algebra classes.

"You have to be concerned about your students' welfare and treat each child as a potential learner," Washington said.

She was nominated for her award by counselor Kelly Reinink.

"I'm honored, truly honored," Washington said. "It was a surprise."

She often spends her own time tutoring students, and she also has helped create programs such as a pen pal program between students and senior citizens.

Washington and husband, Ron, a pastor, have two chil-

dren, Rachele, 15, and Staci, 5.

Snabes, a Wayne Memorial High School senior, wants to be an astronaut, and counselor Jim Couillard wrote in his nomination that Snabes has "the right stuff."

Snabes, one of 94 student nominees, was hailed as a top-notch student who also is involved in numerous school activities. When asked about her favorite subjects, she named four: advanced-placement math, Spanish, political science and English.

Snabes said good students "have to have the determination to stick through all their years in school, and they have to have perseverance."

Of her award, she said, "I'm very flattered. It's a great honor."

Barns, meanwhile, received her special award as she plans to retire from the Westland City Council at the end of this year, closing a 35-year political career.

She has served near 21 years on the Westland City Council and 12 years in the state House. She also served on a charter commission that helped Westland become a city in 1966.

Thomas called Barns "a grand lady, a wonderful lady."

Said Barns: "My town has been extremely good to me."

Chosen by a 17-member committee that reviewed a staggering 876 nominations, the 1999 winners are: Kelly Hovermale, Mother of the Year; Robert Ybarra, Father of the Year; Carolyn Washington, Teacher of the Year; and Samantha Snabes, High School Senior of the Year.

Top mom: Mother of the Year Kelly Hovermale with her sons from left to right, Steven, 7, Jonathan, 1, and Austin, 3 1/2. Hovermale was honored at the Hellenic Cultural Center as part of the State of the City program.



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Law Day essay contest

The Westland City Attorney's office is holding its Fourth annual Law Day Essay Contest. This year's topic is "What is your most valued freedom?" Entries will be judged on the basis of composition and originality. The contest is open to all ninth through 12th-graders enrolled in a civics class at John Glenn High School.

Entries should be typed, double-spaced, be a minimum of two, to a maximum of three, 8 1/2-by-11-inch pages, bear contestant's name, home address, home telephone number, name of civics teacher and be submitted to Thomas Buckalew, John Glenn High School, by 3 p.m. Monday, April 26. The award will be presented to the winner on Monday, May 3, during a Westland City Council meeting.

Rotary golf outing

The Westland Rotary Club golf outing is Thursday, May 20, at the Golden Fox. Proceeds benefit the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and the Westland Rotary's projects.

Registration is 8:30-10:30 a.m. Hole sponsorships are \$150, premium sponsorships are \$300. Individual golfers are \$135 if paid and registered by May 6 and \$150 after May 6. A foursome is \$540 if paid and registered by May 6, \$600 after May

6. The day includes 18 holes of golf, 11 a.m. shotgun start, continental breakfast, lunch and beverages at the turn, beer and pop carts on the course, balls and tees, door prizes and a filet mignon dinner and banquet.

Send registration and checks to Rotary Golf Outing, c/o Dick Isham, 6252 N. Hix, Westland 48185.

Surplus food

The city of Westland will be distributing surplus food at the Dorsey Community Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and Friday, April 23.

Residents in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, will pick up their commodities on Thursday, April 22.

All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities on Friday, April 23. Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church at 30055 Annapolis.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. For April, food to be distributed will include corn cereal, orange juice, white sliced potatoes and ground beef. Call (734) 595-0366.



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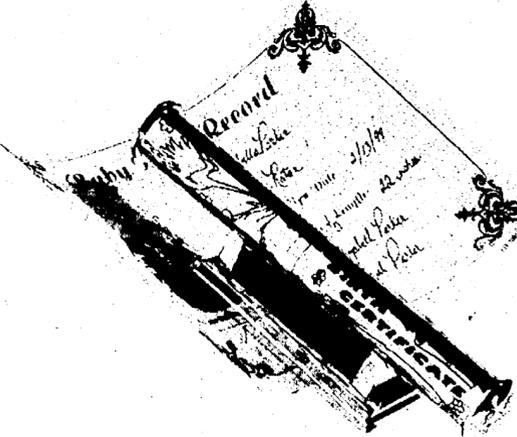
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Sgt. Michael Gould said he saw two couples involved in group sex acts inside Peaches 'n' Cream, a 230 S. Venoy club that police raided and shut down early Dec. 20.

"They were all entwined for several hours. They would take a break every so often. They were pretty hot and heavy," Gould said during a preliminary hearing for 14 sex club defendants.

"There were other couples who were engaging in oral sex," he said.

Gould also described seeing couples move their chairs into a semicircle on a dance floor where

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he said men and women exchanged oral sex favors.

Some patrons simply watched as others engaged in sex, and some women shed some of their clothing while dancing, Gould said.

"A portion of their clothing had been removed to reveal their breasts," he testified.

Gould also testified that he saw men clad only in their underwear.

Gould led off a series of wit-

nesses who provided graphic details of what they said they saw at Peaches 'n' Cream, an Internet-advertised sex club that drew patrons from Westland, Garden City, Redford, Canton and other cities as far away as Flint and Monroe.

Following testimony Friday, Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos announced that he will rule on June 24 whether 14 men and women — accused of running the club or working there — should stand trial on felony charges.

Outside of the courtroom during a break in testimony, one

defendant accused the Observer of reporting only one side of the story, but he then refused an opportunity to tell his side of the story.

One friend of the defendants who wouldn't give his name criticized the way some police officers revealed their guns during the early morning raid.

"It's a wonder somebody didn't get killed," he said. "This was a real cowboy show."

Four suspects accused of running the club could face maximum 20-year prison terms if tried and convicted of conducting a criminal enterprise and keeping a house of prostitution or ill fame. They are Taylor resident William Michael Rice, 49; his wife, Elizabeth Ann Rice, 39; their Westland son, Christopher Avery Rice, 22; and Southfield resident Hikmat Asso Kallabat, 54.

Ten other defendants accused of working at the club could face lesser, five-year prison terms if convicted only on charges of keeping a house of prostitution or ill fame. Gould said the workers carried out duties such as serving beer, acting as security and taking admission of \$35 for couples and \$25 for singles.

Gould testified that he called ahead for reservations when he and other officers visited Peaches 'n' Cream. He said he was told that patrons could bring liquor and buy mixers at the club, but he also said beer was served.

Gould said he had to fill out paper for a membership during his first visit. He estimated the crowd at 150 people.

Gould said defendants running the club announced rules prohibiting illegal drugs and warning men not to harass women who shunned them.

He testified that the club's doors were locked before patrons arranged their chairs around the dance floor for mostly oral sex acts.

One female Westland police officer sneaked a video camera inside the club to capture what went on.

The latest hearing occurred after more than 40 patrons pleaded in March to misdemeanor charges for being at the club. Most of them received fines of \$360, probation and warnings to avoid sex clubs.

Portable from page A1

The portable rooms are one of four options now being considered to create more space at Johnson. But it is the one that appears to have the most support in the Johnson community, especially since Livonia Public Schools has agreed to pay \$1,000 a month to rent the two portable buildings for the 1999-2000 school year.

"It's the least disruptive option," said Johnson Principal Andrea Oquist.

A transition committee set up to smooth the move to Lowell is expected to pick one of four options by mid-May. Also under consideration are:

■ Turn the art room into a classroom, and put "art on a cart" that can be wheeled into each classroom. It would join Johnson's music program, which is now "on a cart" also.

■ Dismantle the computer lab, shifting computers into both the library and classrooms.

■ Transfer the 60 or so kindergartners who enroll for the 1999-2000 school year to another school, just for the one year.

The last option is the least popular, Oquist said, because the Johnson community wants to stay together as much as possible during the transition period to Lowell, a former Livonia Public Schools' middle school now leased to Plymouth-Canton schools. The lease expires in June of 2000.

Neither the "art on a cart" or computer move alone would create the two new classrooms needed. Both would have to be done to give the space needed, Oquist said, causing major disruptions to two different programs.

That leaves two portable classrooms as the best option, even though they could create an area "eyesore" for the school year, she said.

Johnson expects to enroll another 30 students next year. The school's current enrollment is 440. The school is bursting at the seams because of new subdivisions that have gone up in the Hix-Joy area.

Compounding Johnson's problem is the district's decision to beef up its physical education program and launch an instrumental music program in all elementary schools starting in Septem-

ber. Music classes at Johnson now take place in the gym. But this space will not be available in September because of the extra physical education classes, said Paul Derwick, director of elementary education.

Also, instruments can't be stuffed "on a cart" and wheeled around the school. A music room is a necessity, Oquist said.

The Johnson community expects to meet shortly with staff at Livonia's Cooper Elementary, a school in Westland that underwent transition stresses when it moved in the early 1990s from the old Cooper school to a larger middle school across Ann Arbor Trail. The state determined the Cooper school grounds were contaminated.

When the move to Lowell takes place in September 2000, Johnson will go from being one of the most cramped and crowded elementary schools to being one of the most spacious. Johnson has 41,000 square feet, Lowell 96,000.

"It's a move fraught with opportunity," Oquist said.

Johnson parents frequently ask why classrooms just can't be added onto Johnson, like they will be added onto Garfield.

Oquist's answer is that the entire building is too cramped, a space crunch that won't be solved just by adding on more rooms.

"We've outgrown this facility," she said. "When there's an event in the gym, we can't fit the community in there. It's a tiny gym. We need more space all the way around."

School administrators continue to pledge that a closed Johnson will be maintained by the school district and that a new tenant will be quickly found.

"We will not close down and board it," Derwick said. "We can lease it to a private day care. Or to another Jackson Center preschool program, like having a Jackson Center west. Or the county may need space for one of its special needs programs."

If portable buildings are erected, either in the courtyard or near the west side exit door, Oquist made one promise.

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Nature preserve group wants more tests on landfill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Another former landfill along a Rouge River tributary is expected to be covered with a protective barrier.

And once again, the president of the Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland and member of a Rouge advisory council has asked for more groundwater testing and wonders whether the cover will be large enough to contain the trash.

"I don't know how much is 'too much' testing," said Bill Craig of Livonia to the Michigan Depart-

ment of Environmental Quality at a public hearing Thursday in Westland. "I've always believed that these places aren't tested enough."

"I don't think that 26 samples was quite adequate."

About 20 people attended the hearing to discuss plans to cover the former Nankin Township landfill, located approximately 1,200 feet northeast of the intersection of Newburgh and Warren Road. It is a fenced-in field adjacent to Tonquish Creek and the Wilderness Park Apartments.

Wayne County, 3M and Crestwood Development, co-owners of

the site, have proposed to cap a 6-acre fill area with a geosynthetic fabric covered by a 1-foot thick layer of clean soil and 3 inches of topsoil.

Once the site of an environmental "hot spot" cleaned up by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1995, the landfill contains groundwater still contaminated with barium which, oddly enough, meets drinking water standards but not surface water quality standards. Other contaminants remain at the site, but these do not exceed state standards for the site's use.

Craig leads a group that over-

sees an adjacent preserve in Westland and Canton that contains the Tonquish Creek. Craig's critique of the landfill plan is similar to one he made in November about another former landfill at Middlebelt Hill in Hines Park, which has been proposed by Wayne County to be capped for recreational use.

Craig pointed out that trees felled in storms last year exposed the trash at the Nankin site. He believed that a ridge area northeast of the mapped site also contains trash.

"I don't believe the 'footprint' has been adequately defined,"

said Craig. Since the material is not being removed, it should be covered, Craig said.

Curt Cramer, an engineer and vice president of the eastern Great Lakes region for ARCADIS, Geraghty & Miller of Novi, told the audience that electromagnetic and geophysical surveys of the site were completed. ARCADIS, the consulting firm hired by Wayne County, 3M and Crestwood Development, also collected 26 samples.

"What's left is a lot of household trash from the 1950s," Cramer said, including chunks of concrete and rubber tires. The

barium levels in the groundwater meets drinking water standards. Barium, a natural-occurring metal, actually is used in a liquid for gastro-intestinal tests by doctors, Cramer said.

For surface water quality standards, the groundwater exceeds those standards, which has a smaller threshold than drinking water because fish and other smaller animals ingest surface water contaminants at a faster rate than humans.

"It doesn't present a risk in its present state, but we want to

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EDUCATION CAPSULES

BY TIM RICHARD
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State officials have no end of ideas on how to spend the \$8.1 billion pot that tobacco companies are due to pay the Michigan Treasury.

Gov. John Engler was first in line, suggesting in his state of the state address that it be used to pay for Michigan Merit Award Scholarships. Eligible for up to \$3,000 would be students who had good scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests in communications, science, math and social studies.

Democrats, however, say tobacco harms the public's health, and the money should go into public health programs.

Two key Republicans on the Senate Appropriations Committee - John Schwarz of Battle Creek and Harry Gast of St. Joseph - offered a compromise.

Here's how it would affect two-thirds of the first year's \$383 million of tobacco money:

- Scholarships and Merit Award Commission - \$104 million.

- Tuition incentive program - \$5.3 million.

- MEAP testing - \$13 million. The first three items are in Engler's proposal.

- Life Sciences Research Corridor - \$50 million. This is a proposed collaboration of the three major research universities (U-M, Michigan State and Wayne State) and the Van Andel Institute for Medical Research in Grand Rapids. "It will link Michigan's best scientists, scholars, inventors and venture-capitalist specialists in such areas as genetics, chemistry, biology, neuroscience and pharmaceutical development," said their news release.

- "Health Michigan Fund" increase - \$8.6 million.

- K-12 infrastructure revenue bonding - \$45 million. Local units would have to put up a 33 percent match.

- Local public health grants - \$20 million, a 50 percent increase.

- Senior citizen prescription drugs - \$30 million, on top of the current \$20 million.

"On target," said House Minority Leader Michael Hanley, D-Saginaw, usually a sharp critic of the GOP. Hanley praised the proposal for senior citizen prescription drugs and grants to public health agencies.

Meanwhile, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis praised the Engler plan for scholarships to students who pass MEAP tests. It gives greater importance and an incentive to take the MEAP, which many suburban students have been skipping.

Using MEAP will guide school districts to teaching the core

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OBITUARIES

ALBERT R. TEMPLE

Services for Albert Temple, 61, of Taylor were April 15 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Neil D. Cowling.

Mr. Temple, who died April 12 in Wayne, was born April 12, 1938, in Wayne. He was a roofer.

Surviving are his son, Albert (Karl) Temple of Fenton; daughters, Debra (Charles) Gibson of Taylor, Donna (Bobby) Caksackkar of Westland, Tammy (Larry) Curtis of West-

land and Brenda (Robert) Pelkey of Westland; sister, Margaret McKee of Gregory Lake, Mich., and Dorothy Patterson of Waterford; seven stepchildren; fiancée, Joyce Arron; 14 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

FREDERICK L. MALLOY

Services for Frederick Malloy, 74, of Westland were April 12 in St. Theodore Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were from L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Mr. Malloy, who died April 8, was born Jan. 2, 1925, in Detroit. He was a groundskeeper for the Archdiocese Catholic Cemeteries.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; son, Frederick; daughters, Dianne (Bill) Stella, Margaret (John) Cortney, Judy McKeivley, Cathy (Don) Formolo and Marlene (Erick) Franz; one brother; two sisters; and 13 grandchildren.

Danielle Dolson; daddy, Tym Wallace; father, James Ramsey; grandparents, Daniel (Terry) Dolson; grandparents, Jimmy (Vicky) Ramsey; great-grandparents, Ed (Wanda) Boyce of Westland; many aunts and uncles, including Stacey Black and Justin Dolson; godmother, Kristy Heas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

JOSEPH A. KURAS

Services for Joseph Kuras, 67, of Westland were April 17 in Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Kevin Thomas. Arrangements were from John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Kuras, who died April 14 in Wayne, was born Feb. 11, 1932, in Detroit. He was a machine repairman.

Surviving are his wife, Donna; sons, Michael Kuras and John Kuras; daughters, Mary (Douglas) Esposito, Therese (David) Weed and Catherine (John) Dygert; sisters, Irene (Harry) Krupa and Gertrude (Arthur) Twoler; and four grandchildren.

CAROL S. ORSETTE

Services for Carol Orsette, 53, of Westland were April 17 in St. Raphael Catholic Church with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Edward Prus.

Arrangements were from John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Miss Orsette, who died April 13 in Garden City, was born Dec. 20, 1945, in Detroit. She worked in customer service.

Surviving are her mother, Mary Toomajanian; brothers, Roger Smith and Donald Smith; sister, Shirley Camp; many nieces and nephews.

Miss Orsette was preceded in death by her father, Earl Smith. Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

SHIRLEY S.A. JANNISCH

Services for Shirley Jannisch, 77, of Westland were April 5 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Mrs. Jannisch, who died April 2 in Westland, was born Jan. 26, 1922, in Summit, Wis. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Walter; daughters, Bonnie Grizzle, Beverly Newman, Denise (Robert) Carlisle and Sheryl (Max) St. Antoine; sisters, Vivian Williamson and Gloria Smith; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jannisch was preceded in death by her daughter, Delores.

EDWARD J. STOCK

Edward Stock, 54, of Westland died April 12. He was born July 22, 1944, in Chicago, Ill.

He was an assembler in the automotive industry.

Arrangements were from Uht Funeral Home.

Surviving are his wife, Donna; sons, Edward, Jerry and Brian; daughter, Nicholette; and three grandchildren.

JAMES D. RAMSEY

Services for infant James, 8 months, of Pinckney were April 17 in Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

James, who died April 12 in Howell, was born Aug. 18, 1998, in Detroit.

Surviving are his mother,



Murphy's law: The Honsowetzes are searching for their golden retriever mix, Murphy, who jumped a fence.

Couple tries to retrieve missing family pet

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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More than a week after Murphy jumped a fence and ran away from her dog sitter's house in south Livonia, Debbie and Michael Honsowetz still believe the young golden retriever mix will somehow find her way to her own back yard in Canton Township.

If Murphy doesn't make it home, it won't be because the Honsowetzes haven't tried.

After only two days on the slopes, the couple cut short their skiing vacation in Banff, Canada, when Murphy's dog sitter, a Livonia resident, phoned to say the dog jumped a fence near Hillcrest and Merriman roads Monday and disappeared.

By Tuesday, the couple was back in their Canton home, spending the rest of their one-week vacation organizing a rescue effort.

They listed Murphy on local lost-dog Web site www.petz-n-jam.com; distributed about 3,000 fliers in the Livonia-Westland-Canton area; phoned local police departments daily; walked

countless neighborhoods; put a lost-dog ad in the Observer, newspapers; and followed up on every Murphy-sighting tip they received.

Last week, now back at work, they still hadn't found their best friend and beloved golden retriever.

"Based on the sightings, we think she is trying to get from Livonia to Canton," Debbie Honsowetz said. "We're talking to everyone, mail carriers, paper boys, children. We've spent hours every day trying to find her."

One sighting had Murphy swimming across Newburgh Lake. Another had her in the Joy-Hix area. Two sightings Sunday put her in the Cherry Hill-Newburgh and Lilley and Warren area.

Murphy wears a medium blue collar imprinted with yellow and white flowers. She wears two tags, her Canton Township registration and a bone tag listing the family's address and phone number.

The family can be reached at (734) 397-8128 (home) and (734) 717-0605 (cell phone).

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 26, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on April 26, 1999 at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comments regarding the Proposed Special Assessment for the paving of Beechwood and Birchlawn from Merriman to Moeller and Moeller from Ford Road to Birchlawn.

Property ID Number	Street Address or Lot #, Subdivision
004-02-2941-000	31850 Ford Road
004-03-0016-300	Lot 18, Highwood Park Sub
004-03-0020-300	Lot 20, Highwood Park Sub
004-03-0030-000	10D30 to 38 & 44 to 49, Highwood Park Sub
004-03-0039-000	31592 Krauter
004-03-0040-000	Lot 40, Highwood Park Sub
004-03-0041-000	Lot 41, Highwood Park Sub
004-03-0042-000	Lot 42, Highwood Park Sub
004-03-0043-000	31569 Beechwood
004-03-0050-000	Lot 50 & 54, Highwood Park Sub
004-03-0055-300	31572 Beechwood
004-03-0058-000	31586 Beechwood
004-03-0060-000	31585 Birchlawn
004-03-0062-002	31543 Birchlawn
004-03-0064-000	31543 Birchlawn
004-03-0065-000	31527 Birchlawn
004-03-0066-002	31519 Birchlawn
004-03-0069-000	31509 Birchlawn
004-04-0070-000	5775 Merriman
004-99-0012-002	10M8A2B, 6B1A3A2B2-7
004-99-0019-000	5915 Merriman
004-99-0029-000	5775 Merriman

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Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 5, 1999

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent and excused was Councilmember Dodge. (*Councilmember Waynick was present at 7:50 p.m.)

Also present were Acting City Manager Kocis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, and City Attorney Salomone.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

• Gary Gallo, IAF, spoke to the ambulance billing issue.

♦ **Item 04-99-152** moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of March 29, 1999. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge and Waynick.

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

No communications from Boards and/or Commission were received.

♦ **Item 04-99-160** moved by Briscoe; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge and Waynick.

♦ **Item 04-99-161** moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve Change Order #5 in the amount of \$5,640.00. This Change Order is an increase in the contract amount for the DDA Streetscape Project to be charged to Account #729-729-987.400. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge and Waynick.

♦ **Item 04-99-162** moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve Change Order #6 in the amount of (\$12,573.00). This Change Order is a decrease in the contract amount charged to Account #729-729-987.400. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge and Waynick.

♦ **Item 04-99-163** moved by Kaledas; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To introduce the ordinance and call for a public hearing regarding the size of the Cable Commission to be held on Monday, April 19, 1999 at 7:20 p.m. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge and Waynick.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Transfer Ownership of 1998 SDD-SDM License - 6883 Middlebelt (Mid-Warren).
2. DDA Resolutions
 - a. Storm Drainage Connection
 - b. Landscape & Streetscape Construction
3. DDA Streetscape & Watermain Improvements Project - Payment #7.
4. Introduce Salary Ordinance & Public Hearing - Athletic Coordinator Position.

♦ **Item 04-99-164** moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the transfer of the 1998 SDD-SDM license from Mid-Warren Party Store, Inc., to Shabib, Inc. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge and Waynick.

♦ **Item 04-99-165** moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiacek: DDA Director Couch responded to Council's questions regarding this and the following resolution. RESOLVED: That Garden City agrees to assume jurisdiction of the storm sewer connection in the vicinity of 29316 Ford Road and all associated maintenance responsibilities therein and authorizes Acting City Manager Kocis to execute the required permit with Wayne County. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge and Waynick.

♦ **Item 04-99-166** moved by Kaledas; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: That Garden City agrees to assume maintenance of the permitted landscaping, streetscape, including brick pavers, and irrigation system within the Middlebelt Road right-of-way at no expense to Wayne County, and ; indemnify and save harmless Wayne County and its employees against all claims, suits, and judgments of every name and description arising out of the operation covered by the permit or the issuance of permit, and; authorizes Acting City Manager Kocis to execute the required permit with Wayne County. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge and Waynick.

♦ **Item 04-99-167** moved by Lynch; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve Payment Request #7 to Wayne Oakland Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$191,781.85. This payment is for work completed as of 3/24/99 and taken out of Account #729-729-987.400. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge and Waynick.

The Mayor requested that Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis show Councilmember Waynick now present.

♦ **Item 04-99-168** moved by Lynch; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To introduce the ordinance and call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 18, 1999 at 7:25 p.m., the Salary Ordinance for Athletic Coordinator Position. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmembers Dodge. Abstain: Councilmember Waynick. Motion passed.

♦ **Item 04-99-169** moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To go into Closed Session, as requested by Acting City Manager Kocis, to discuss the City Manager evaluation and to approve the minutes of the previous Closed Session. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmember Dodge.

Councilmember Dodge joined Council in Closed Session.

Council returned from Closed Session and there being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by Walker Elementary School, 39932 Michigan Avenue, Canton, Michigan 48187 for:

FURNISHINGS

Proposals are to be submitted in accordance with contract documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. 11911 W. Square Lake Road, P.O. Box 289, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303-0289 dated April 30, 1999.

0.01 DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after April 16, 1999. Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC.

B. Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Architect's office, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

0.02 DUE DATE

A. Bid Proposal will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Date and Time: April 30, 1999 at 2:00 p.m.

Place: Wayne-Westland Board of Education
36745 Marquette Road
Westland, MI 48185

0.03 GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after date of receipt of bids. A 5% bid bond is required in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders (See Section 00100-F-1, 0.02.G).

B. Accepted Bidder shall be required to enter into a contract with Wayne-Westland Community Schools and furnish satisfactory Performance Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. (See Section 00100-F-2, 0.02.L).

C. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein. If in the Owner's opinion it is in their best interest, the contract may be awarded to other than the lowest bidder, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time, etc.

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, 36075 Currier Street, Wayne, MI 48184 for:

FURNISHINGS

Proposals are to be submitted in accordance with contract documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. 11911 W. Square Lake Road, P.O. Box 289, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303-0289 dated April 30, 1999.

0.01 DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after April 16, 1999. Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC.

B. Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Architect's office, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

0.02 DUE DATE

A. Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Date and Time: April 30, 1999 at 2:00 p.m.

Place: Wayne-Westland Board of Education Office
Board Room
36745 Marquette Road
Westland, MI 48185

0.04 GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after date of receipt of bids. A 5% bid bond is required in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders (See Section 00100-F-1, 0.02.G).

B. Accepted Bidder shall be required to enter into a contract with Wayne-Westland Community Schools and furnish satisfactory Performance Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. (See Section 00100-F-2, 0.02.L).

C. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein. If in the Owner's opinion it is in their best interest, the contract may be awarded to other than the lowest bidder, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time, etc.

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GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Garden City Schools is accepting sealed bids for specific floor coverings at Garden City High School. For questions or specifications, contact Gary Narchel at (734) 762-8306. Deadline for sealed bids 3:00 p.m. on May 5, 1999. There will be a mandatory walk through for all prospective bidders conducted on April 23, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at Garden City High School.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 26, 1999 PROPOSED ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an ordinance to authorize not to exceed \$11,000,000 of refunding bonds was introduced before the City Council of the City of Garden City at its regular meeting of Monday, April 12, 1999. The City Council will meet at 7:25 p.m., Eastern Time, on Monday, the 26th day of April, 1999, in the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed ordinance. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. The proposed ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 CITY OF GARDEN CITY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 1999 (LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION); TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL TO ISSUE THE BONDS IN DEFINITIVE SERIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Determination of Necessity; Authorization of Bonds.

The City Council determines that it is necessary to issue refunding bonds of the City in pursuance of the authority set forth in Chapter VI of Act 202, Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended ("Act 202") for the purpose of refunding and decreasing all or part of the callable bonds of the City's Limited Tax General Obligation Wastewater Treatment System Bonds dated May 1, 1991, Limited Tax General Obligation Wastewater Treatment System Bonds dated May 1, 1993, and Sewage Disposal System Bonds, Series 1195B (General Obligation Limited Tax) (collectively, the "Prior Bonds"), previously issued by the City to pay the City's share of the cost of construction, installation, alteration, and improvement of the City's sewage system and storm drain system and related street improvements as a part of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Program being administered by the County of Wayne, and paying the cost of issuing the bonds, in an amount not exceeding \$11,000,000. Sewage disposal system refunding bonds (limited tax general obligation) are hereby authorized to be issued for such purposes in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000, subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Payment of Bonds.

The bonds authorized by this ordinance shall be payable from such sums as the City may raise annually by taxation or from other sources as the City Council may deem necessary to pay interest on the bonds, and to pay the principal thereof as it falls due, to the full extent authorized or permitted by Act 202 or law.

SECTION 3. Bonds Subject to State Law; Determination of Details.

The bonds shall be subject to the provisions of Act 202, shall bear interest as determined upon public or private sale thereof, but not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law, and shall mature as permitted by Act 202 is not to exceed thirty (30) annual installments. The City Council shall determine by resolution to issue the bonds authorized by this ordinance in one or more series, specify the title and date of issue of each series, amounts of bonds maturing annually, redemption provisions, if any, and such other details as shall be necessary or convenient for issuance of the bonds, and all prior actions relating thereto are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

SECTION 4. Sale of Bonds.

The bonds shall be sold subject to the provisions of Act 202 in a manner approved by resolution of the City Council.

SECTION 5. Repealer; Publication; Effective Date.

All ordinances, resolutions and parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance by and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be published as required by the City Charter and shall take effect upon publication or ten days after its adoption, whichever is later, as provided by the City Charter.

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curriculum, Ellis added. "They will never teach it unless it's tested," he told the State Board.

More C.C. money

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, and Gast unveiled a package of bills to provide free tuition to the vast majority of community college students using some of the tobacco money.

Smith's bill would create a supplement to the federal HOPE program called HELP, for Higher Education Learning Promotion. HOPE provides a tax credit for the first two years of college education.

The Smith-Gast package would allow any family that qualifies for HOPE to get state HELP, a state tax credit equal to whatever portion of community college tuition is not already covered by the federal credit.

"Making community college more affordable for young people will make it easier for prospective workers to be trained for the high-paying jobs that companies are striving to fill," said Smith in an April 15 news conference.

A Gast bill will allow HELP to pay for textbooks with a tax credit equal to 10 percent of tuition.

They estimated the HELP program will cost "less than \$30 million" and aid more than 120,000 students. Eligible would be students from families with incomes lower than \$50,000 for an individual filing and \$100,000 for a joint filing.

"This will be a perfect complement to the governor's Merit Scholarship program," said Smith.

Nonpublic aid

High school coaches and public school officials are alarmed at a bill to allow students from nonpublic schools and "home schools" to take part in public school sports and activities.

Their anxious question: If they're going to use special education services and take part in extracurricular activities, why not just go to the public schools?

A problem is that the bill doesn't give public schools any more money to cover nonpublic students' activities.

Sponsor of House bill 4024 is freshman Judson Gilbert II, R-Algonac. It is assigned to the House Education Committee, where chair Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, has yet to schedule a public hearing on it.

But Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, said the money problem may be addressed in a "supplemental" school aid bill. Godchaux, a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on school aid, sees a lot of debate ahead because:

- **Athletic eligibility.** How do you determine eligibility with students from two schools with different curricula and standards?

- **Cheating.** Suppose a coach suggests to a failing athlete that he be home-schooled in order to be eligible. The athlete's mother does the grading.

- **School jumping.** Suppose a student plays first string on a team for two years and in his third year is beaten out by a transfer from a nonpublic school. The first student's collegiate chances are harmed.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, sees a problem where booster clubs help the athletic program. Suppose the nonpublic school student's parents don't participate in the public school booster club.

But Brown has no trouble with the basic concept of letting nonpublic students take part in public school activities. "They (parents) pay their fair share of taxes. Their kids should be treated exactly the same as public school students."

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make sure it doesn't present a risk to anyone in the future," Cramer said.

ARCADIS reviewed geological and hydrological data of the fill material with saturated sands and silts and concluded that the discharge rate of the groundwater into the creek meet the DEQ's requirement. But actual hydraulic conductivity tests have not been conducted at the site. ARCADIS has suggested that the DEQ review its "mixing zone" proposal.

Cramer also outlined the creek's erosion protection barrier that was to be constructed, along with the exposure barriers of a grass and topsoil cover over a felt-type cover. Trees hanging out over the creek will be removed, while the slope will be pulled back from the creek, so that the fill can be capped further away from the creek.

Cramer said the plan is to create a "structurally stable" slope. The erosion barrier will need approval from the DEQ and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"The material should be durable so that the bank doesn't break away, yet allow grasses to grow," Cramer said.

Craig hoped the plan will fit the remedial action plan for the Rouge River, which calls for billions spent in the 48 communities in three counties of the watershed to control sewer overflows, stormwater runoff and illicit sewer connections. Monitors are measuring the effectiveness of these measures further downstream.

"We're not removing this material, so we want to get it all under this cover," Craig said.

The landfill's RAP calls for no monitoring, Craig pointed out to state officials. "I would call for a monitoring program to prove the success of these programs."

"This is what happened to 95 percent of sites. We don't know that they actually prove successful."

Cheryl Graunstadt of Westland cited a map from 3M that showed trash was sent to the upper area, and echoed Craig's concerns. "I think it's appalling that that property sat for too long without monitoring," Graunstadt said.

Hugh Macdonald, director of special projects for Wayne County Department of Environment, said county employees are being trained to monitor the site and check the exposure barrier.

"We'll check the integrity of the cap and look for animal burrows," Macdonald said. Once the project is completed, the meadow will be a "pleasant amenity" to

the nearby apartments, Macdonald said.

The DEQ will take all public comments through May 3, then discuss them among DEQ supervisors and geologists. It may amend the plan with public comments or DEQ suggestions before approval.

The plan is available for public review through May 1 at the reference desk of the William Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, in Westland.

Comments should be addressed to Steve Hoin, project manager and geologist, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Response Division, 38990 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Hoin can be reached at (734) 432-1296.



WRONGFUL DEATH

A wrongful death case may involve the negligence of another, and who lives for a length of time before succumbing to his or her injuries. The survivor of the deceased would be entitled to compensation for any medical costs or expenses that were incurred prior to death. In addition, the survivor could seek damages for pain and suffering, as well as for reasonable burial expenses. If the injured party were to die immediately (or nearly so), the surviving spouse, child, or parent could look to the wrongdoer for damages in the amount that would be commensurate with what the deceased would have provided in the way of economic support.

When you have just suffered a death of a loved one because of the negligence of another, your mind certainly will not immediately be on compensation for the tragedy. Yet, after the shock wears off and financial reality sets in, the consideration of a lost income may suddenly loom large. I can help.

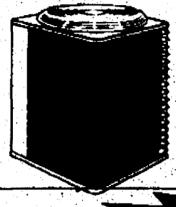
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ALL SAINTS
Class of 1950
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. (248) 437-9736

BERKLEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 28. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1963-1964
A reunion is planned for July 17. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Oct. 16. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for August. (313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907

BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER
Class of 1974
A reunion is planned for Sept. 4. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for June 18. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

BRABLEC
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Oct. 23. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

BROTHER RICE/MARIAN
Class of 1979
Nov. 26 at the Birmingham Country Club. (248) 647-2155 or (248) 542-6051

BROTHER RICE
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for July 31. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

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

CHIPPEWA VALLEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for July 16. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

CLAWSON

Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for July 2. (248) 366-8053 or (248) 628-2077

CLINTONDALE
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 26. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DEARBORN FORDSON
Class of 1989
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. (248) 366-9493, press #8

Class of 1946
Aug. 5 at Park Place in Dearborn. Cost is \$28 per person. (313) 274-3929 or (313) 562-4639

DOMINICAN
Class of 1959
July 31 aboard the Diamond Belle cruise boat. (248) 542-1909, (810) 566-7642 or (810) 677-9404

EAST DETROIT
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 13. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

FARMINGTON
Class of 1989
Nov. 26 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington. (248) 360-7004, press #4

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON
Class of 1978
Nov. 27 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington Hills. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

FRASER
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Nov. 19. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 26. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

FERNDALE LINCOLN
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for June 5. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

GARDEN CITY WEST
Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for September. (517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170

Class of 1979
Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

GIBRALTAR CARLSON
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 11. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

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January-June classes of 1949

Welcoming party Sept. 17 at the

Grosse Pointe Hunt Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, sit-down dinner Sept. 18 at the Detroit Country Club in Grosse Pointe Farms and brunch Sept. 19 at the Bayview Yacht Club. (313) 885-2197

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Class of 1979
Aug. 21 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. (800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com.

HAZEL PARK
Class of 1974
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Class of 1989
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HENRY FORD TRADE
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for June. (313) 565-2392 or (734) 261-8546

HIGHLAND PARK
Class of 1969
Is planning a reunion. (313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 867-3201

January-June classes of 1950-51
Are planning a reunion. Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023

Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

JOHN GLENN
Class of 1979
Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland. (734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214

Class of 1989
Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City. (248) 366-9493, press #2

LAKE SHORE
Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Nov. 5. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 6. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

LAKE ORION
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for July 17. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

LINCOLN PARK
Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Sept. 25. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

LIVONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1964
July 24 at the Holiday Inn-Lau-rel Park in Livonia. (734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone.net

Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Nov. 27. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Oct. 15. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites in Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #3

MADISON
Class of 1974
A reunion is planned for April 24. (810) 795-0266 or (248) 548-6044

MERCY
Class of 1949
noon-4:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Marriott Inn in Livonia. (248) 349-8589.

Class of 1950
Is planning a reunion for June 2000. (248) 851-7620

Class of 1969
Nov. 27 at Baker's of Milford. (313) 621-8350

Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 344-8767

Class of 1994
A reunion is being planned. (248) 476-3270

MOUNT CLEMENS
Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for June 26. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

NORTH FARMINGTON
Class of 1969
Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites in Southfield. (248) 360-7004, press #2

Class of 1979
Nov. 26 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn. (248) 737-4419

Class of 1978
Nov. 27 at Big Daddy's in West Bloomfield. (248) 366-9394, press #4

NORTHVILLE
Class of 1979
July 10 at the Italian America Club in Livonia. (800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com.

Class of 1974
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NOVI
Class of 1979
Sept. 11 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. (248) 360-7004, press #1

OAK PARK
Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 932-0006 or opha79@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH
Class of 1969
Aug. 6-8 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 446-1028 or Karlanca@aol.com, or (734) 420-3811 or PHS1969@aol.com

Class of 1964
A reunion is planned for June 25-27. (248) 486-7917 or (734) 994-3438

PLYMOUTH CANTON
Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

PLYMOUTH SALEM
Class of 1979
Aug. 14 at the Holiday Inn-Lau-rel Park in Livonia. (800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com.

Class of 1973-74
A reunion is planned for Oct. 9. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

REDFORD THURSTON
Class of 1969
May 1 at St. Michael's Church in Redford, with a pre-reunion get-together on April 30 at Woolly Bully's in Northville. (734) 463-0157, (734) 261-4827 or (517) 548-3535

REDFORD UNION
Class of 1979
Aug. 28 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (313) 592-8537 or (734) 416-0807

Class of 1949
Is planning a reunion for September. (313) 937-9329 or (734) 427-4208 or (248) 349-1331

Class of 1964
A reunion is planned for October; all former RU students welcome. (734) 427-1327

Class of 1989
Is planning a reunion. (313) 532-9414 or reunion89@juno.com

Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for July 16. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

RIVERSIDE
Class of 1969

Aug. 21 at the Northfield Hilton Hotel in Troy. (248) 641-1859 or (248) 333-7671

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD
Class of 1979
Sept. 11 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (734) 432-0774 or (734) 254-9616

TAYLOR CENTER
Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. (248) 360-7004, press #7

TAYLOR TRUMAN
Class of 1989
Nov. 6 at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center in Southgate. (734) 467-7694 or (734) 676-8906

Class of 1979
Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center in Southgate. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

Class of 1984
A reunion is planned for Aug. 14. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

TRENTON
Class of 1989
Aug. 26 at Arnaldo's Banquet Center in Riverview. (248) 360-7004, press #6

TROY
Class of 1978
A reunion is being planned. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

TROY ATHENS
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 14. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

WATERFORD
Class of 1979
Is planning a reunion. (248) 674-3946

WATERFORD KETTERING
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for May 15. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

WAYNE
Class of 1950
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WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at Roma's of Garden City. (248) 360-7004, press #1

WOODHAVEN
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 13. (800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

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Class of 1989
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Summer is near, it's time to cut the fat

As my wife and I get ready for our son's first summer at the beach, we realize it's time to get back into our swimsuits, which seem to have shrunk over the winter. Before we hit the sand, we plan to modify our eating habits to reduce our fat and sugar intake.

Our situation is not uncommon. Americans are looking for healthier ways to eat and for good reason.

One in three or 58 million American adults age 20 through 74 are overweight. According to data from the third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, the number of overweight Americans increased from 26 to 33 percent between 1980 and 1991.

We need to think of fat as the enemy. It is a constant battle, you against fat, and right now fat is winning in the United States.

Fight fat one meal at a time. Be aware of what you put in your mouth and keep track of fat calories. No more than 30 percent of the calories in your diet should be fat, even less if you are trying to lose weight.

Making foods that are easy, quick and low in fat will help everyone feel better.

Here are a few recipes that I shared with a Weight Management class at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. You're sure to enjoy these flavorful dishes that are pleasing to your palate and good for you too.

MUSHROOM AND GARLIC ROTINI WITH BALSAMIC VINEGAR

- 4 cups cooked rotini pasta
- 2 cups sliced button mushrooms
- 2 cups sliced shiitake mushrooms
- 2 cups sliced oyster mushrooms
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- Water as needed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fat-free Parmesan cheese

Sweat mushrooms and garlic in covered sauté pan, use water if mushrooms are dry.

Cook over low heat for about 15 minutes. Add rotini, parsley, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper. Add more water as needed, just enough to keep the pasta moist, but not enough to make it look like soup. Heat through and serve topped with fat-free Parmesan cheese.

MARINATED VEGETABLE SALAD

- 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and largely diced
- 2 medium tomatoes, washed and largely diced
- 1 small red onion julienne and minced
- 1 medium green pepper, washed, seeded and thick julienne
- 1 package baby carrots cut in half
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 2 sprigs chopped fresh basil or 1 tablespoon dried
- 1/4 cup fat-free Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup apple sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar

Mix together all ingredients, let stand overnight for better flavor.

Chef Randy Emert of Clarkston is Executive Chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester. He will be preparing exotic international cuisine with a healthy twist for a Baylies & Fortune Wine-maker's Dinner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. The food package is \$43 per person, a food and wine package is also available for \$60 per person. Call (248) 651-8361 for reservations and information.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Don't simmer and stew, learn how to cook

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Like a lot of single parents, Leonard Charla of Bloomfield Township wanted to keep his teenage son close to home.

He wanted his home to be a place where his son Chris, then 15, would feel comfortable bringing friends home for dinner, or to just hang out.

There was a problem though, Leonard, an environmental attorney, didn't know how to cook or manage a kitchen.

"I called my mom, cousins, aunts and a lot of my friend's wives," said Charla who shares what he learned with others who, like him, "Never Cooked Before — Gotta Cook Now! A Total Guide for the Beginning Cook," (The Countinghouse Press, Inc.)

"I made a lot of mistakes, but I learned from

my mistakes" said Charla who soon learned to cook and enjoy it too. When his son, now grown, comes home to visit, he looks forward to dad's cooking.

Charla's advice is simple — "Use anything that works. Today, I opened a can of potatoes and sautéed them with some parsley, chopped onions and artichokes. It tasted real good. There are so many choices available. If a recipe calls for spinach there are recipes for fresh or frozen spinach. That way, the cook can stay with the same menu, no matter what the time constraints are."

Instead of making waffles from scratch, Charla dresses up plain frozen waffles with fresh sliced strawberries or sautéed apples and bananas flavored with molasses. You can make brownies from a mix, or try his easy "Scratch" brownies recipe.

"Never Cooked Before — Gotta Cook Now!" is

a comprehensive how-to for anyone who needs to learn how to cook quickly or starve. It's the perfect gift for a student off to college, bride or groom to be, or someone getting their first apartment.

Charla explains step-by-step how to stock a kitchen — everything from what pots and pans to buy to appliances, utensils and dishes.

He offers five weeks of menus and more than 160 recipes. Some recipes are original such as the one for broccoli and apple salad, others are Charla's version of classic American dishes such as tuna noodle casserole and spaghetti. There's



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Dishing It up:

(At right) Leonard Charla prepares Broccoli and Apple Salad.
(Top photo) Leonard Charla presents one his favorite recipes for people who "Never Cooked Before — Gotta Cook Now!"



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International traditions yield superior Sonoma County wines



Vintner Marimar Torres at her Sonoma County California winery, built in the style of a Spanish Catalan farmhouse.

Marimar Torres is the only woman in the fifth generation of the Torres family, famous for its Spanish wines. If Marimar stayed in Spain, she knew she would lose her personal identity. She admitted that "with a father and brothers like mine, there was no room for me." Additionally, Spanish culture and traditions did not want Marimar the choice she did want — to become her own person.

U.S. market

In 1976, armed with a degree in business and economics from the University of Barcelona and fluency in six languages, Marimar left Spain for the United States to market Torres wines as president of Torres Wines North America.

"After experiencing California

wine country, I knew that the Torres name had to be represented here," she said. "It took until 1981 to convince my father that Torres should make an investment in California to make chardonnay and pinot noir, wines that are not made in Spain."

After receiving her father's consent, it took 18 months of careful searching to find the 56-acre property that has become the Don Miguel Vineyard, named after her father, and Marimar Torres Estate Winery. There, international traditions have given rise to superior wines from Sonoma County.

Vineyard

In 1985, Marimar's brother

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Wine Picks

- **Pick of the pack:** 1995 Niebaum-Coppola Rubicon \$90 (blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc) is fruit-laden, intense and complex. Excellent now, it is a cellar candidate for maximum enjoyment in a few years. The following white wines sing springtime and will pair terrifically with all types of seafood. 1997 La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi Pinot Grigio \$16; 1996 King Estate Reserve Chardonnay \$18; 1997 Carmenet Chardonnay, Sangiacomo Vineyard \$18; 1997 Stags' Leap Winery Chardonnay \$21.
- **Great reds for grilled meats:** 1996 Clos du Bois Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County \$19; 1996 Canoe Ridge Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$25; 1995 Tenuta Marchesi Antinori Chianti Classico \$33; and 1995 Carmenet Mountain Estate Reserve \$40 (a Bordeaux-style blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot); and 1996 St. Supery Meritage Red \$40.
- **Best buys at \$13 and under:** 1996 Mirassou Pinot Noir, Monterey \$11; and 1996 Pedroncelli Cabernet Sauvignon Morris Fay Vineyard (great value) \$13.

Dad shares recipes for people who 'Gotta Cook'

See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Leonard, Charla, author of "Never Cooked Before - Gotta Cook Now!" (Countinghouse Press, \$16.95).

Charla encourages new cooks to keep trying, even if they make mistakes, you'll learn from them. "Once I was making a cake that called for two tablespoons of vinegar," said Charla. "I put in two cups of vinegar. The dog and cat loved the cake, and I have never been able to live that one down! Made the cake over again, with the correct amount of ingredients, and it was fine."

Here are some recipes to try.

BROCCOLI AND APPLE SALAD
1 (10 ounce) frozen broccoli, cooked; or 1 cup cooked fresh broccoli, chopped

1/2 medium red onion, chopped
2 small apples, such as Jonathan or Winesap, or 1 large apple, such as Granny Smith, unpeeled, but washed, cored and cut up
4 to 5 medium strawberries, washed, cored and cut up into slices
2 tablespoons flavored vinegar, such as malt, raspberry or cider vinegar
2 tablespoons olive oil
Black pepper to taste

Chop the broccoli, onion, apples and strawberries and mix together in a large bowl. Toss with the vinegar, then add the oil and toss again. Sprinkle to taste with black pepper. Serves 4.

"SCRATCH" BROWNIES
2 cups granulated sugar

1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, melted
4 eggs, beaten
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/4 cup cocoa
1 teaspoon salt (optional)
1 and 1/2 cups flour, sifted
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Melt butter, beat eggs, mix together with other ingredients and pour into a 9 by 13-inch pan.

Bake at 375°F for 25 minutes or until knife blade or toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.

Cool, cut into squares and serve. Makes 24 brownies.

MEATLOAF
1 medium onion, chopped
1 rib celery, chopped

1 can condensed "cream of" soup (such as cream of chicken, cream of broccoli, cream of mushroom, etc. Using any single soup will give a slightly different accent to the meatloaf. The soup provides a "binder" effect to hold all the ingredients together and makes the meatloaf moist).
1 pound ground beef
Some fresh parsley, chopped (to taste)
1 cup bread crumbs
Ground pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°F. Assemble ingredients. Mix ingredients well. Place in a 9-by-5-by-4-inch loaf pan and bake for about 1 hour. Serves 4 with some leftovers.

SAUTEED APPLES AND BANANAS
2 apples, sliced (peel them if

you want to; you don't need to)
1 banana, peeled and sliced
Butter for sautéing
Molasses, about 1/4 cup

In frying pan, melt butter over medium heat; add apples, stir gently to coat with butter and sauté for 2 or 3 minutes; add bananas and sauté about 1 minute. Drizzle molasses over apples and bananas, stirring gently. Serve over waffles.

EASY EGGPLANT BAKE
2 cups bread cubes, about 1/2-inch by 1/2-inch.
Bread can be slightly stale, or it can be toasted lightly in the oven
1 medium eggplant, peeled and diced into 1/2-inch by 1/2-inch cubes
2 medium onions, sliced crosswise then broken into rings

2 medium zucchini, sliced on the diagonal
2 medium tomatoes, sliced crosswise
Oil and/or butter for sautéing
2 cups chicken broth or vegetable stock

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a skillet, melt butter (if using) and add oil; heat but do not let the fat smoke. Gently sauté the bread cubes about 5 minutes. Add the eggplant cubes and continue to sauté for another 5 minutes.

Do not let bread or eggplant burn. Place bread cube/eggplant mixture in a 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking dish.

Layer zucchini, onions and tomatoes on bread/eggplant mixture. Pour stock over dish. Bake in oven for about 1 hour. Serves six to eight.

Cook from page B1

even a menu for a "Big Game" buffet dinner for 12 people. Each week's worth of menus is preceded by a "Stocking Up" list of ingredients you'll need to prepare the dishes he suggests. If you follow his suggestion for "The Always There," a list of "foodstuffs and supplies you might want to keep around on a fairly constant basis," such as fresh apples, cold cereal, fruit juices, and tuna, "you won't likely be hungry," he writes. If "There's always some elbow macaroni and canned tuna — we can do a quick casserole."

Helpful tips and suggestions are sprinkled throughout every

chapter. Charla's book is like a grocery cart with information — everything you need to know to plan, prepare, and clean up winning meals.

"Each week the shopping lists become more extensive and the menus become more variety in ingredients and more complex, reflecting the fact that you'll be getting more skilled," he writes.

Charla has since remarried and enjoys sharing kitchen duty with his wife Elizabeth DuMouchelle, an attorney.

"Never Cooked Before — Gotta Cook Now" is available for \$15.95 at area Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores, at L & L

Books, 66 Penobscot Building, Detroit, online from amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com; at the Bon-Loot stores in Rochester and Northville.

Mail orders can be sent to Countinghouse Press, Inc., Suite 311-9, 6632 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 for \$15.95 plus sales tax (\$1.14 in Michigan) and \$3 shipping.

Charla is working on his second cookbook, "Gotta Cook Now! Goes Italian," which is about 50 percent completed. A third cookbook, "Gotta Cook Now! Goes Mexican" is under way.

Wines from page B1

Miguel visited California to advise her on how to plant the vineyard. She had difficulty getting a California vineyard contractor to plant according to Miguel's specifications. But over the last several years, retrofitting more accurately represents initial design. Vines are healthy without a heavy canopy and are bearing sound, well-formed bunches of fruit. They have been sculpted to represent European methods adapted to California New World conditions.

The long growing season in Don Miguel Vineyard in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley appellation, affords slow ripening that adds concentration and finesse to the grapes. High density planting promotes root competition between vines and reduces the plant's vigor. Each vine produces less fruit and the grapes develop more delicate aromas as well as better sugars and acidity.

"I selected this vineyard parcel because of its rolling nature," Marimar explained. "It is very European to grow grapes on a slope. The sandy soil and cool climate, only 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean, are ideal for pinot

noir and chardonnay — my favorite varieties."

The 11,000-square-foot winery is built in the style of a Catalan farmhouse. "This will never be a quantity project," Marimar contended. This is exactly why the Detroit metro-area has only now been supplied with Marimar Torres Estate wines.

Having had the privilege of tasting these wines since their first vintages, 1989 for chardonnay and 1992 for pinot noir, what is most impressive to us is their consistency vintage to vintage. Stylish, gutsy, head-strong, Marimar Torres, a single mother, has succeeded in establishing her own wine style. This is due, in no small measure, to the fact that she planted the Don Miguel Vineyard with a variety of clones: three for chardonnay and five for pinot noir.

Available now are 1996 Marimar Torres Don Miguel Vineyard Chardonnay, Russian River Valley to be followed soon with the 1997 vintage (less than 10,000 cases produced each vintage and retailing at \$25 per bottle). In both vintages you detect three levels of aromas and flavors stemming from one of three different clones: Granny Smith

apples and ripe pears; floral, citrus blossom; plus tangerine and spice.

1996 Marimar Torres Don Miguel Vineyard Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley will be followed shortly by the 1997 vintage (5,300 cases at about \$30 per bottle).

In addition to her instincts about growing and making New World wine, Marimar is an accomplished cook. Her first book, "The Spanish Table" (Doubleday), is a repertoire of authentic recipes from all regions of Spain and a tour of its wineries.

Her second book, "The Catalan Country Kitchen," (Addison-Wesley) is a collection of more than 100 authentic recipes, capturing the flavors of her homeland Catalunya. Gustatory cuisine from this Spanish region has escalated to the top of savvy chefs' menus from coast to coast. Marimar's recipes are easy for the home cook to follow.

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

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Fish a 'reel' nutritious option for dinnertime

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

The nutritional benefits of seafood abound, and nutritionists suggest we should enjoy fish once or twice a week. It's a great alternative to meats high in saturated fat and provides omega-3 fatty acids which are believed to help protect against heart disease and cancer.

Depending on the type of fish, it may also provide varying amounts of vitamin B-12, calcium, phosphorus, potassium and zinc.

As with other foods, it's good to have variety in your seafood meals. Lean fish, such as cod or haddock, can be alternated with fattier fish, like salmon or trout. Fish such as tuna, snapper, sole and grouper fall somewhere in the middle. Cholesterol levels vary among seafood as well: clams, oysters, mussels and scallops are low in cholesterol, while shrimp, lobster and crab contain more.

The total cooking time of most fish is 10 minutes for every inch of thickness. Test by inserting tines of a fork into the center of the fish.

The flesh should be opaque, but if it flakes too much it may be overcooked. This is a common problem, and you can keep fish from drying out by marinating it for up to two hours before cooking.

Try swordfish marinated in a mixture of orange juice, ginger, sesame oil and soy sauce. Keep baked fish moist by topping with a quick-to-prepare sauce of low-fat yogurt, light sour cream, minced dill pickle, minced fresh parsley, Dijon mustard and dried tarragon. Or, add color and flavor to broiled halibut steaks with a sauce made by blending diced tomatoes, chopped fresh basil, finely chopped green onions, red wine vinegar, olive oil and orange rind, seasoned with salt and pepper.

Salsa is also a delicious complement to the mild flavor of



Fish for dinner: Sole Florentine can be prepared ahead of time, and warmed when you're ready for dinner.

fish. Serve salmon with a salsa made of finely diced cucumber, diced peeled papaya, white wine vinegar, chopped fresh dill and pepper.

SOLE FLORENTINE

- 1 1/4 pound sole fillets
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 peppercorns
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 fl. oz. broth or dry white wine
- 1 pound fresh spinach
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 cup lowfat milk
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Roll up fillets and secure with cocktail sticks. Arrange rolls in pan just large enough to hold them in single layers; add onion, bay leaf, lemon juice, peppercorns and salt.

Pour in broth or wine; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove fillets

from liquid, reserving liquid.

Wash spinach; cook, covered, in saucepan in just the water clinging to leaves. Drain, and squeeze out excess water; chop finely. Place spinach in shallow greased dish just large enough to hold the fish rolls. Place fish on top of spinach.

Strain reserved poaching liquid; measure 1 cup (add water if necessary). In small saucepan, melt butter; add flour and stir over low heat for 1 minute.

Whisk in poaching liquid, milk, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. (It may be prepared ahead to this point and reheated.)

Pour sauce over fish and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 375° F for 10 to 20 minutes or until bubbly.

Nutrition information: Each of the four servings contains 225 calories and 6 grams of fat.

Melanie Polk is a registered dietitian and director of Nutrition Education, American Institute for Cancer Research.

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The Third Annual Race Expo 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, 850 Tower Dr. Try will feature entertainment, fitness displays and guests. The expo is the last chance to register for the race. Entry forms are available online at www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit, or Call 1-800-KARMANOS.

Canope Cart in Ferndale developed this recipe for BroccoSprouts. Canope Cart will be serving this sandwich at the Race for the Cure on Saturday, April 24.

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BROCCOSPROUT VEGETARIAN ROLL-UP

- 3 ounces chopped Roma tomatoes
- 3 ounces chopped green onion
- 3 ounces finely shredded carrot
- 3 ounces BroccoSprouts
- Alouette cheese
- Whole wheat lavash

Spread Alouette cheese on lavash bread. In a single layer down the

middle of the bread, layer vegetables on top of each other. Roll lavash as tight as possible, trim ends, cut in half and serve. Makes 1 sandwich.

ASIAGO CHEESE FESTIVAL

Panera Bread Company celebrates the zesty flavor of Asiago cheese during its "Asiago Cheese Festival" through June 1. The bakery-cafes are offering Asiago cheese, loaves, mini baguettes, bagels, and the Asiago Roast Beef sandwich and Asiago Chicken Caesar Salad.

Here's a recipe to try:

GRILLED GRUYERE ON ASIAGO CHEESE BREAD

- 8 slices of Asiago Cheese Bread, sliced 1-inch thick
- 1 ounce dry white wine
- Dijon-style mustard
- 4 ounces Gruyere cheese, sliced
- 2 Roma tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1/2 small onions, thin sliced
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

Toast the sliced Asiago Cheese Bread in a toaster, on the grill, or under the broiler. For each sandwich, moisten the bottom piece of toasted bread with wine using a pastry brush or your fingertips.

Next, spread mustard on bottom piece of bread, then add one fourth of the cheese, tomato and onion. Grind a generous amount of pepper over the sandwich and top with another slice of toasted bread. Return the sandwich to the grill or broiler until the cheese is melted. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

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Widowed lady, young 63, blonde, enjoys movies, theater, dining, swimming, would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman. #2319

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Headache therapy

Oakland Physical Therapy will present "Headache: Physical Therapy Management and Prevention" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Providence Park Medical Center, Physician Office Building, Suite B124, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Programs are available at no charge but an RSVP is required by calling (248) 380-3550. The program will emphasize management and prevention of chronic headache and temporomandibular joint pain (TMJ) through patient education and self-care techniques.

Blood drive

Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive in Denise DeRaud's name (Redford resident suffering from Myelodysplastic Syndrome - precursor to leukemia), 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 28-29. Donations will be accepted on a walk-in basis and the public is encouraged to attend.

Lyme disease

The Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. The next three meetings are April 20, May 18 and June 15. May is Lyme Awareness Month and there will be a special Lyme Education Nite on May 18. Call Connie, (734) 326-3502, for information. All are welcome.

Bone marrow drive

Madonna University will be the site of a volunteer bone marrow donor recruitment drive noon to 6 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the science wing. This drive will register donors with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 who is in good general health and not excessively overweight can be a potential donor. For more information about the donor process or to become a volunteer marrow donor, call (800) MARROW-2 or (248) 471-1226.

ADHD & nutrition

Do you know a child with ADD/ADHD? Dr. Karen Craig, Ed.D., will host a seminar titled "Nutritional Connections to Learning and Behavior," 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square in Wayne. Seating is limited; call Natalie Thurmond at (734) 595-4403 to reserve a spot. Craig will discuss Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder and Autism.

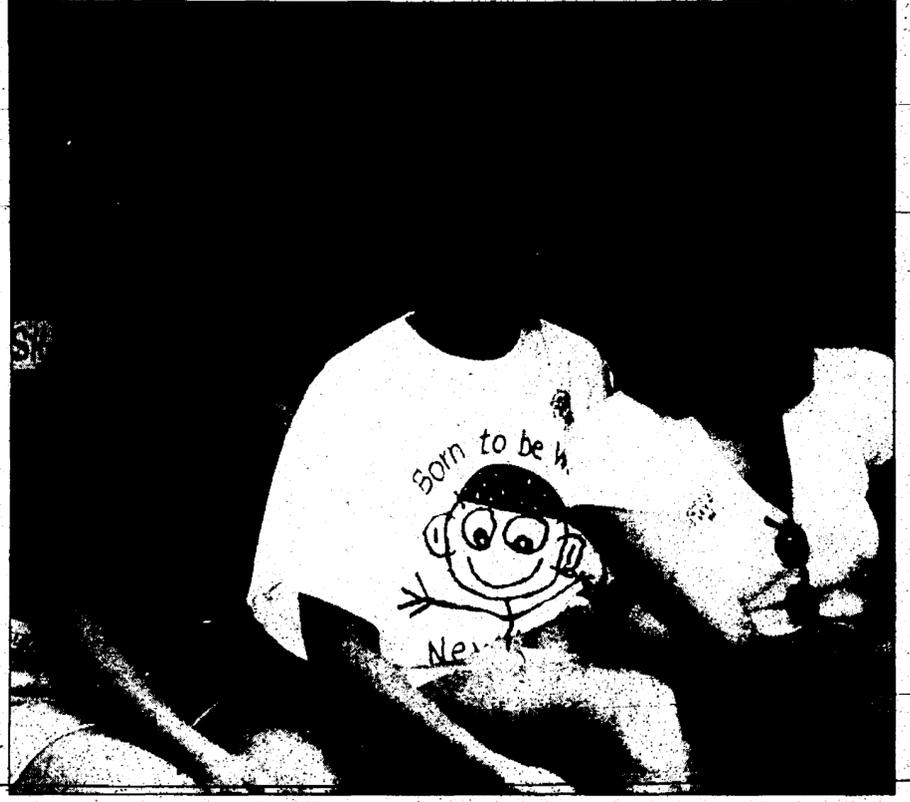
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LIFESAVERS

Siblings hopeful transplant will save sister

In the family: Denise DeRaud (far right) will undergo a bone marrow transplant in May with the support of her sisters (from left) Michele Rice of Canton and Annette Russo of New York. Russo will donate her bone marrow during the transplant at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.



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In the back of Denise DeRaud's mind, intuition told her something wasn't right despite the pacifying words of several doctors who told her "don't worry."

How could she not worry when a simple blood test turned up suspect? The anguish from the loss of her mother, to leukemia, flooded her thoughts.

"I was remembering what my mom went through," said DeRaud, "and I was scared."

DeRaud, 35, was reminded around Christmas by her husband, Mark, that the annual blood drive at his workplace, Garden City Hospital, was approaching.

"I don't know why he kept reminding me about it, but he did and I ended up going, not unlike I had in the past."

The Redford resident said it was the nurse at the blood drive who noticed her hematocrit level was low - an indication she may be iron deficient. The nurse could not accept DeRaud's donation and encouraged her to visit her physician to rule out anemia.

Think positively

DeRaud said her physician tried to ease her mind, drew more blood and sent her on her way. "I never expected to hear back," said DeRaud, "but I did."

Based on the results of her bloodwork she was referred to a hematologist/oncologist who ordered a bone marrow biopsy.

"I didn't hear a word they said after that," said DeRaud who was still thinking of her mother who died just four months after she was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of leukemia in 1994.

The bone marrow biopsy, a procedure that involves the extraction of bone tissue, is performed to examine marrow cells and analyze chromosomal composition. It can be a painful procedure for the patient. "I was really frightened," said DeRaud, who had seen hundreds of people undergo the procedure when she worked as a histotechnologist at Garden City Hospital.

DeRaud said a diagnosis was hard to ascertain initially and therefore her physician forwarded her

biopsy results to a renowned specialist at Wayne State University and to several bone marrow conferences before it was confirmed she had acute Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a precursor to leukemia.

Myelodysplastic syndrome (a blood disorder) can occur in individuals who have been exposed to cancer-causing agents such as benzene, radiation, certain types of chemotherapy drugs or without any known cause. Of the five identifiable types of MDS, DeRaud suffers from refractory anemia with excess blasts in transformation to leukemia (RAEB-T).

Thirty-five to 65 percent of patients with RAEB-T develop leukemia. Ironically, DeRaud's type of leukemia is in no way genetically associated with the form that her mother suffered from and, in fact, she is believed to have contracted the chromosomal abnormality, possibly through exposure to an agent.

According to the Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America patients frequently "stumble" across the disorder by accident during a routine physical because in the early stages there are often no red flag symptoms. Some of the most common signs include dizziness, fatigue, shortness of breath, anemia and irritability.

Treatment options

Currently, the only known cure for MDS is a bone marrow transplant. The Redford resident said she and her husband considered several transplant centers in the United States and selected the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor.

DeRaud's treatment process began immediately as her MDS is acute (advanced) and more fast-progressing than the chronic form. In mid-February, she was admitted to the U-M Hospital for an induction treatment of chemotherapy to destroy the diseased bone marrow and "knock down" the percentage of immature blast cells found in DeRaud's blood.

A person's average blast cell count is 5 percent. DeRaud's was 40 percent at the time of her diagnosis, placing her in the category of a high risk advanced MDS patient.

Because a bone marrow transplant is DeRaud's only valid treatment option, her two sisters,

Annette Russo of New York and Michele Rice of Canton, were tested to determine if they were a match to supply their ailing sister with healthy bone marrow.

It was Russo, DeRaud's youngest sister, who had exactly six out of six alleles (antigen sites) match on her chromosomes with her older sister. The transplant will be performed May 10 on the BMT Unit at University Hospital, Floor 8A.

Released from the hospital March 23, DeRaud is expected to begin a second round of chemotherapy April 30 to destroy all the bone marrow in her body in preparation for the transplant. Both women are being treated with a drug called Neupogen. DeRaud, who has a line for medication implanted in her chest, receives the drug to stimulate her daily white blood cell count.

The good with the bad

Normal bone marrow has a pool of stem cells that produce simultaneously the different types of blood cells. When one of these stem cells becomes leukemic or malignant, it is unable to proliferate and mature.

The result is that this clone of abnormal stem cells take over and suppresses the growth of normal stem cells. These stem cells can lose their ability to differentiate to more mature stages and continue to multiply in an abnormal fashion giving rise to a lot of immature blast cells (acute leukemia).

"I've learned an awful lot in a short time," said DeRaud, "and the hospital staff has allowed me to ask a lot of questions and be in control of my treatment in as many ways as I possibly can."

The Redford mother says her faith has been a "constant source of support" for her as well as her husband and two young daughters. "My oldest daughter was very angry when I was first diagnosed because to her, mommies don't get sick."

Clinical trials are ongoing for patients with myelodysplastic syndromes. To learn more about clinical trials, call the Cancer Information Service at (800) 4-CANCER.

Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive in Denise DeRaud's name, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 28 and 29. Donations will be accepted on a walk-in basis and the public is encouraged to attend.

Crisis brings home what's important in life

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Annette Russo didn't have much to celebrate Feb. 12 despite it being her birthday.

Not only did the day mark the death of her father, three years prior, but she found herself in Michigan giving blood in hopes of saving her sister's life.

"I said a silent prayer to my father," recalled Russo of New York who was being tested as a possible bone marrow donor for her sister Denise DeRaud of Redford.

Later that evening, Russo, an investment operations manager on Wall Street, received word she was a perfect match.

"I screamed at the top of my lungs when they called. I was overwhelmed with joy but then reality struck in and you think 'what if it still doesn't work.'"

In just two weeks, Russo will

return to Michigan with her two children and begin preparation for the bone marrow transplant. The 31-year-old will first receive Neupogen injections, a medication that spurs bone marrow production so that an abundance "spills over" into her blood stream before it's harvested May 10 during the transplant.

"It's amazing how Denise has tackled this thing with such courage and grace," said Russo. "I'm amazed. I told her last night I don't think I could be this strong if it was me."

The day of the transplant, Russo will undergo a simple procedure that is no more painful than a pin prick. She will have blood drawn intravenously, filtered through a pheresis machine that spins the donation, separates the marrow and through a second intravenous line, returns her blood back to her body.

"You know the saying, 'out of sight, out of mind?' This sheds a whole new light on how much we depend on

these people to save our lives. You may never give it a second thought until something like this happens. I'm depending on those doctors to save my sister's life."

Russo said she wonders if things like this aren't "meant to happen."

"It has made us stop and ask ourselves what's important in our life. You take a step back and look at what life has given you."

DeRaud's other sister, Michele Rice of Canton, has taken a family leave from work to help care for DeRaud's children prior to and following the procedure. Russo will fly in from New York May 4, six days before the transplant and remain in Redford another eight days following the procedure to share the responsibility of caring for her nieces while her sister remains hospitalized.

"I'd cut my left arm off to save my sister," said Russo.

Both Russo and DeRaud stressed the importance of not only giving

blood but going a step further and becoming a donor with the National Bone Marrow Program (www.marrows.org). The cost for the tissue typing test ranges from \$35 to \$90, depending on the donor center, the level of testing performed and the laboratory that completes the test.

However, there are alternative methods for being tested. Some donor centers will ask for whole blood or blood component donations in exchange for the cost of the testing. There also may be funding available, an upcoming drive or a waiting list through the donor center.

Madonna University will be the site of a volunteer bone marrow donor recruitment drive from 12-6 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the science wing. This drive will register donors with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 who is in good general health and not excessively overweight can be a potential donor.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). 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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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

SUN, APRIL 18

ART AUCTION

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's child care facility is sponsoring a fine art auction in the hospital auditorium, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. Event proceeds will benefit the child care facility. Admission is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple. More information about the auction or free child care offered during the event, call the child-care facility at (734) 712-4020.

MON, APRIL 19

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

A six week course at 7 p.m. providing information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn

care and postpartum care. Register early in pregnancy by calling Garden City Hospital, 458-4330.

TUE, APRIL 20

BE WISE ... HEART WISE

St. Mary Hospital is offering classes for Cardiovascular Health, Tuesdays, April 20 through May 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There are six sessions total but you may take individual classes or the complete series. Topics include: Heart Risks; Stroke; Ups & Downs of Blood Pressure; Eater's Choices; Cholesterol & Your Heart; Fitness-Wise; and Stress Management for Your Heart's Sake. The fee is \$10 per class or \$50 for the series. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

GENETICS, CANCER

Learn how your family tree could influence your risk of developing breast cancer by attending the Oakwood Cancer Center of Excellence workshop on "Genetics and Breast Cancer," from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center - Cancer Center Conference Room (ground floor).

MAKING PEACE

Learn how to let go of your past and get on with your life. \$15 fee and preregistration required. 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Call (248) 477-6100.

LYME DISEASE

Support group meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. Call Connie at (734) 326-3502.

MENOPAUSE

Cindy Klement, herbalist/iridologist/nutritional consultant presents Menopausal Solutions at 7:30 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 305-5785.

STROKE SUPPORT

For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call 458-4396.

WED, APRIL 21

LOW-FAT FOODS

Make Mine Low Fat, will be the lecture from 7-8:30 p.m. at the

Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen. A registered dietitian will discuss how to choose the best fat-free or low-fat products for your recipes. In addition, she will share her techniques for incorporating these ingredients so that your meals the lose the fat not the taste. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

MON, APRIL 26

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Hospice of Washtenaw has a need for volunteers who are able to stay with our patients during the daytime hours to give family members a needed break. We are especially interested in volunteers who might be willing to occasionally travel outside the Washtenaw area. Training consists of 18 hours, beginning, Monday April 26 at the hospice office (806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor). Call Gail Marie to pre-register at (734) 327-3414.

TUE, APRIL 27

ART OF FENG SHUI

Learn the ancient art of arranging your home to increase har-

mony and positive energy. \$15 fee and preregistration required. 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Call (248) 477-6100.

WED, APRIL 28

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

St. Mary Hospital will offer a new support group for caregivers from 7-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The purpose of this group is to provide ongoing support and education for caregivers and older adults. This group will be moderated by health care professionals. Call (734) 655-8940.

APRIL 28-29

BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross nurses available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate anyone wishing to donate blood. "The Gift of Life." Call Garden City Hospital to make an appointment, 458-4330. Walk-ins welcome.

THUR, APRIL 29

MENOPAUSE

Dr. Michael Gatt, M.D.,

OB/GYN, discusses the differences between estrogen and phyto-estrogen hormone replacement therapies for menopausal and post-menopausal women beginning at 7:30 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 305-5785.

MON, MAY 3

STEP AEROBICS

A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Eight-week class (through June 28) meets twice every week; Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-5:55 p.m. \$70; 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 473-5600.

TUE, MAY 4

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Informative as well as supportive, this group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Botsford Continuing Care Center, 21450 Archwood Circle (off of Folsom, between Grand River and Eight Mile), Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-7400.

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 (734) 591-7279. E-mail, kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

Fibromyalgia specialist

Sharon Ostalecki, Ph.D in nutrition, has started a practice which will focus on the nutritional needs of fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue patients. The office is located at 33117 Hamilton Court, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 344-0896.

Physiatrist welcomed

Santhosh Madhavan, M.D., of Farmington Hills, has joined the division of psychiatry within the Department of Neurology as a senior staff physician at Henry Ford Medical Center-Pierson Clinic in Grosse Pointe Farms. Madhavan's clinical interests include adult and pediatric psychiatry. Psychiatrists are physicians that specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Name change

Total Care Northern, Inc., formerly known as Child & Family Services, has moved to its new location at 5909 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Total Care provides comprehensive skilled nursing and rehabilitative services for homebound clients with acute health problems. For information call, (734) 528-3279.

Spector welcomed

Dr. Howard Spector, located at 27676 Cherry Hill in Garden City, was recently approved for participation in the Preferred Chiropractic Doctor program, a national organization dedicated to providing quality chiropractic care at affordable fees and promoting the benefits of chiropractic health care.

Mobile cancer exams offered

Hundreds of women each year receive convenient breast cancer screening at their workplace and in local community centers with the Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit offered by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The mobile unit travels throughout southeastern Michigan on a year-round basis, providing screening mammography, clinical breast examinations, self-examination instructions and educational materials.

"The key to successful cancer treatment is early detection of breast cancer through screening," said Laura Zubeck, R.N., clinical nurse for the unit.

Women ages 40-49 with no symptoms receive clinical breast exams, annually and undergo mammography everyone or two years.

Women over 50 receive annual clinical breast exams and screening mammograms every year.

For more information, call (800) KARMANOS (627-6266).

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BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Items for Business Newsmakers are welcome from business and companies throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax

Service tech

Tennyson Chevrolet recently welcomed **Stuart Durocher** as their newest service technician. Durocher, a Westland resident, is also the crew chief on the Midwest touring track car racing team. He is a specialist in transmission and driveline and has over 12 years experience in the automotive technical industry.

New engineer

Imaging Subsurface, Inc. (ISI) has hired **Sachit Verma** as Environmental Engineer at their Farmington Hills location.

In his new position, Sachit will assist clients in their site investigation efforts using Geoprobe, geotechnical, and geophysical methods.

New account manager

FCI Automotive has appointed **Daniel A. Jarmolinski** as account manager for its North American operations. He is now responsible for FCI Automotive's business with Daimler-Chrysler's Large Car, Small Car and Minivan Platform Engineering Groups.

Mary Kay achievement

Betsy Walter of Canton recently achieved the status of Independent Sales Director with Mary Kay Inc. based on recently published industry sales data. She also completed a week long business and leadership development seminar in Dallas where she received education in business management, marketing strategies, sales techniques and fashion trends.

AAL rep honored

Jeffrey Long of Westland, an Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) District Representative, has been honored for outstanding sales and service to AAL members during February. Long finished the month second among nearly 1,700 AAL representatives across the U.S. He is an associate of the Park Jarrett Agency of AAL in Livonia and his territory includes Canton, Livonia, Redford and Westland.

Outstanding sales rep

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) District Representative **Bruce Abbott** of Canton, has been honored for outstanding sales and service to AAL members during February. He finished eighth among nearly 1,700 AAL representatives across the U.S. Abbott is an associate of Park Jarrett Agency of AAL in Livonia and his territory includes Garden City, Redford and Westland.

New team member

Services Marketing Specialists, Inc. recently announced the addition of **Thomas Kratzin** to the position of director of Client Development. Kratzin, a Farmington Hills resident, specializes in marketing strategy and organization, product and services marketing, new business/account development and sales management.

Engineer honored

Young S. Kim of Canton, senior manufacturing engineer, GM Powertrain - Ypsilanti, received the 1999 "Powder Metallurgy Automotive Achievement Award" during the SAE International Congress as an individual who made significant contributions toward the advancement and acceptance of powder metallurgy in the automotive industry.

New employee

Valassis Communications of Livonia, recently welcomed **Todd Wiseley** as assistant controller. In this position, he will be involved in financial reporting, benefit plans, payroll, accounts payable and special projects.

Engineer licensed

Somrak Etnyre of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Inc., of the Livonia-based consulting firm, has received her professional engineering license from the state of Michigan. Etnyre, a Livonia resident, represents municipal and private clients conducting study and design work associated with paving, utility planning, stormwater management and hydraulic modeling.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

TUE, APRIL 20

CAREER WOMEN WEST

Please join the National Association of Career Women's West Suburban Chapter from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Rd. The featured speaker will be Carolyn Arlen of Carolyn's Creations. Carolyn will bring fresh ideas for adding a floral touch to any occasion. She will explore ways to "smell the roses," in your hectic day. Cost for members \$18; non members, \$22. Call Martie to RSVP at (248) 347-3355.

WED, APRIL 21

SECURITY & E-COMMERCE

A free seminar series aimed at delivering an increased level of knowledge on how to implement and manage safe and productive e-commerce environments will begin at 8 a.m. at the Detroit Marriott - Renaissance Center (313) 568-8000. Internet Security Systems, a provider of information risk management solutions and META Security Group, Inc., an electronic commerce security solutions consulting firm will host the event. For more information visit the ISS Web site at www.iss.net/press_rel/seminars/ecommerce

THUR, APRIL 22

TECHNOLOGY FAIR

The Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan will host their annual Technology Enhancement Fair at the Laurel Manor in Livonia from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Joanne at (248) 945-3875 to register.

WED, APRIL 28

BOOKKEEPING/PAYROLL

BIG E-Z Bookkeeping Co. will host a Small Business Bookkeeping and Payroll Reporting Workshop at the Jenkin Meeting Room on the third floor of the Livonia Library, 32777 5 Mile Road from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$59 per participant. You must preregister; call (834) 462-2727.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.

The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh.

The Metro Livonia Chapter meets same time at American Table, 33501 W. Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

FRI, APRIL 30

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.

The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth and Stark. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

MAY 18-19

TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The 5th Annual Computer & Technology Showcase, which takes place May 18-19, 1999 at the Novi Expo Center (10 a.m.-5 p.m. both days), will present technology solutions to an audience of thousands of IT Professionals in Southeastern Michigan. Call Event Management Services Inc. at (800) 422-0251 for more information. A complete seminar schedule will be posted on the Web site.

Items for Business Marketplace are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

New coffeehouse

Dee Powers recently opened the first coffeehouse, **The Greenhouse Cafe Coffeehouse**, in Redford at 26221 Grand River. Open from 2 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Thursday; 2 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Menu items include deli sandwiches, pastries, cheesecake, gourmet coffee, cappuccino's, bagels, and New York cheesecake. For more information on special features of the Greenhouse Cafe such as movie night or Thursday night jam sessions, call (313) 255-0022.

Business relocates

The Flower Boutique, formerly located at Ford Road and Lilley, has moved to 7365 Lilley at Warren Road. The new location in the Mammoth Video Plaza has been an easier and efficient access to serve the Canton community better, according to a company spokesperson. Special features of

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

The Flower Boutique include a fresh array of cut flowers and plants. Custom arrangements are no extra charge. Store hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ownership change

Peter A. Basile Sons Inc., a Livonia based concrete and underground contractor, and Metropolitan Asphalt Paving, a Livonia based asphalt paving contractor have been acquired by Michael J. Bileti and Peter Messina. The buyout was mutually agreed upon with the former owner, Peter A. Basile.

Bileti has worked for the companies in a variety of positions and for the last three years as president. Messina is current VP of Field Operations and has been for the last 15 years. Bileti and Messina announce that the operation of both companies will continue uninterrupted with the change in ownership.



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SCRAPING BY

Bad-breath problems often occur as a result of surplus anaerobic bacteria in the mouth that emit malodorous sulfur compounds. These bacteria thrive on protein found in plaque, food debris, and dead cells. While brushing and rinsing with mouthwashes somewhat help eliminate these problem bacteria, they do very little to get rid of the anaerobic bacteria that tend to gather in colonies at the back of the tongue. This is where tongue scraping comes in. Middle Eastern cultures have used tongue scrapers for centuries, and now dentists in this country are beginning to introduce tongue-scraping appliances to their patients. Scrapers remove the bacteria-laden coating that forms on the tongue, thereby eliminating one of the primary causes of bad breath.

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Buyer, beware on Internet, hoaxes common

PC TALK
I've written before that just because you read something on the Internet, you shouldn't bet the bank on it.

But a week or so ago, a whole bunch of people did just that when a fake report on the Internet sent stock prices soaring for a small California company until the hoax was finally exposed.

The report, posted on a financial Web site run by Yahoo (www.yahoo.com/), involved California-based PairGain, a maker of high-speed access products used by phone companies. When investors clicked the Yahoo link, they were transferred to a new page, formatted to look like a Bloomberg (www.bloomberg.com/) news site.

The fake story said PairGain

was being acquired by Israeli-owned ECI Telecom for about \$1.35 billion in cash and other compensation, and that single false news story sent investors scurrying to pick up PairGain shares. The price soared from 8.5 at the start of the day to 11.13 before the hoax was exposed.

It ended up at 9.38 at the end of the day after Bloomberg published its own story, denying the bogus feature and quoting an ECI spokesman as saying that company was not in talks to buy PairGain.

A Yahoo official later said that once the portal learned of the bogus story, it was immediately pulled.

"To some extent, a lot of the onus falls on the individual investor," said Mike Riley, senior producer of Yahoo Finance. "We don't, by any means, encourage people to trade based on any one message on a board."

Taking action

By week's end, Bloomberg had filed suit and a North Carolina

man was charged with fabricating the news story. The suspect, Gary Dale Hoke, 25, turned out to be an employee of PairGain Technologies Inc. He was arrested at his apartment in Raleigh and charged with securities fraud.

The case is the first stock manipulation scheme using the Internet that has ever been filed but it serves as a forerunner of what surely will be many more attempts to influence the market through false reports.

On the Internet, like in real life, it's buyer beware.

Internet stock fraud isn't the only thing that has the online industry worried. Take computer viruses, for example.

The much-publicized Melissa computer virus did remarkably little damage, all the experts now agree. But what keeps them awake at night worrying is what the next virus will do.

So said computer and Internet experts in hearings before Congress last week.

"Melissa is another warning

siren of the vulnerability of our networks," Richard Pethia, director of the Computer Emergency Response Team at Carnegie Mellon University, told a House Science subcommittee hearing.

"Future mutations, or entire new strains, could easily be much harder to detect, spread even more quickly, and cause significantly more damage," Pethia warned.

The Melissa virus spread over the Internet inside of Microsoft Word documents to thousands of computer users, but did little damage other than clogging e-mail servers and forcing some companies to shut down computers for a short time.

Damage from Melissa was "significantly contained" thanks to warnings from law enforcers and the media that spread almost as fast as the virus itself, said Michael Vatis, head of the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center.

Melissa "serves as a wake up call for both government and the private sector regarding the

threat from malicious viruses being spread over the Internet," Vatis said.

Internet 101 Seminar

Week after week in this column and the Internet, I talk about the Net. But if you're a newcomer and would like to understand the Internet a little better, mark your calendars and reserve your space now for the next PC Mike Seminar, "Internet 101" now set for Saturday, May 8 from 10-noon at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

The session will provide a broad, practical overview of how the Internet and e-mail can help personal and business users. It will include information on navigating and searching the World Wide Web, how to set up a Web site for personal and business use, how to filter out porn and unwanted e-mail and what to look for in a computer system and Internet Service Provider. I'll also pass out his special PC Mike Tech Tip card, free to all

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Sunday's radio show

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Alzheimer's disease is the most common dementia (cognitive and memory decline) in people over the age of 65. It affects approximately 4 million Americans and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. The emotional and social impact of this disease is suffered not only by patients, but also the caregivers.

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Arts festival showcases the best

Members of Dance Ensemble West are beaming with pride after winning a spot to perform in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University. The Plymouth-based dance company competed with 60,000 high school students from all over the state for a chance to perform at the festival May 6-8. From these, 1,000 students from Livonia, Redford and Westland to Troy, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills were chosen as the best in the visual arts, creative writing, poetry, dance and music fields.

This is the second year, artistic director Heather Fountain and Dance Ensemble West were chosen to participate in the festival celebrating its 37th year. Fountain choreographed the work, "Transcendence," a modern dance about angels, to be presented by the senior company. If you can't make it to Kalamazoo in early May, attend Dance Ensemble West's spring concert at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater Saturday, April



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Spring concert: Dance Ensemble West members Christen Ogden (left front row), Andrea Miller, Kim Svenson, Sarah Carlson, Kristine Roulo (second row), Anne Bresler, Beth Berzac, Valerie Miller (third row), Colleen Badgero, and Julie Godfrey (back) perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

Dance Ensemble West
The junior and senior companies present "Dance Collection 1999" — a concert of ballet, jazz and modern dance works, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, (south of Joy Road). Donation is \$9. Call (734) 420-4430.

Michigan Student Film & Video Festival
The 30th annual festival co-sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Area Film & Television — features films and videos by students, grades K-12. Saturday, May 1 at the Detroit Film Theatre. Admission is free and 2000.

Michigan Youth Arts Festival wanted to go badly this year. "On Thursday evening, Dance Ensemble West members will learn what's going on in the performing arts in Michigan by attending a program

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A Little Night Music: Kevin Coleman takes on the role of Mr. Lindquist April 22-24 at Churchill High School in Livonia.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Brooke Andres is aiming for the big time on Broadway. In the meantime, the Churchill High School sophomore is honing her theater skills in the Creative and Performing Arts program at the Livonia high school.

Andres, who in February played Liesl in the Plymouth Theatre Guild's "Sound of Music," takes on the role of Anne Egerman in the CAPA production of Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music" opening April 22. One of two upcoming plays presented by CAPA students, the second, "The Diary of Anne Frank," runs May 6-9 at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, CAPA's performing arts program based at Churchill, and the Guild are involved in a partnership benefiting both CAPA and the theater. Students such as Andres gain experience on the "real" stage by performing in CAPA productions at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford and earning roles in community theater productions.

"CAPA's helped me with acting and singing," said Andres who recently returned from New York where she auditioned for a "Sound of Music" touring company. As a theater student in CAPA, an intensified arts curriculum for grades 9-12, Andres is learning about film history and the finer points of advanced acting this semester. Comprised of three elements: theater, dance and vocal music, CAPA nurtures theater skills in the nearly 170 students through practice. With only minimal direction from staff, the students are primarily on their own creating and choreographing two musicals, two plays, one act and an assortment of productions ranging from dance to vocal concerts every year. Students design and produce sets, programs and publicity. Rehearsals are held weekdays after school and usually run to 5:30 p.m. or later.

"When CAPA was started they

wanted students in the district who were gifted to have a place to develop it," said Barbara Pierce, vocal coach and director of "A Little Night Music." "I have a lot of faith in these kids. They work hard."

After auditioning for the program, students may study a range of subjects from singing, dancing, directing and acting to film, music theory and stagecraft along with required subjects of science, math and language arts.

"Students are able to said Gail Susan Mack now in her first year as CAPA director. "There's more performing opportunities. In addition to CAPA productions, there are other opportunities for dance shows and vocal songbooks." Mack plans to eventually re-institute visual arts and instrumental music programs once a part of CAPA until budget cuts in the early 1990s, because she's seen the benefits to students participating in the college prep program.

"A Little Night Music"
Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 22-24, at the Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, (north of Joy Road), Livonia. For tickets, call (734) 523-8841.

"The Diary of Anne Frank"
Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 6-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, Beech Daly, south of Five Mile. Tickets \$10, \$8 students/seniors. Tickets by reservation only, call (313) 531-0554.

CREATIVE PROGRAM SETS STAGE FOR FUTURE PERFORMERS



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Budding romance: Brooke Andres and Joel Gelman play lead characters Anne and Henrik Egerman in a 1990s version of "A Little Night Music."

writing, speaking and performances skills. Team work is very important in CAPA. And they learn to meet deadlines. They learn they can't go out and tell the audience they're not ready to perform."

CAPA students also have the chance to perform in Crackin' Up, an improvisational comedy group, and Off Off Broadway, a troupe performing hit songs from musicals. Crackin' Up has performed murder mystery theater at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

"They're never without something to be in," said Mack. "They develop self confidence by the mere fact they have to perform in front of people. They're developing their bodies. All students are required to take dance. They also develop creative problem solving skills."

While Andres is heading for Broadway, students like Amanda Fleming participate in CAPA for the fun of it. She's not into sports, so acting and singing in CAPA productions allows her to socialize during and after school.

"I want to be a history teacher," said Fleming. "Theater is too competitive

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Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra

Orchestra devotes year to Ellington

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Detroit bass player Rodney Whitaker is a passionate musician with an equal passion for the history of his art.

The two interests are neatly dovetailing with his participation as a member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, which is devoting this entire year to a celebration of Duke Ellington's centennial.

Edward Kennedy Ellington was born April 29, 1899, in Washington, D.C., and went on to become the most prolific, and many would argue, the most creative composer of the 20th century.

The LCJO under the direction of Wynton Marsalis brings its Ellington celebration, "America in Rhythm & Tune" to Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium Friday, April 23, part of a 36-city tour.

"I grew up thinking of Ellington's Orchestra as a dance band. The band had all those hits, 'Take the A Train' and 'Satin Doll,' there were so many," Whitaker said. "But he expanded the tradition of jazz to concert music."

Ellington was a musician, band leader and composer. He won initial fame for his songs but soon moved into virtually every form of musical composition including musical theater, suites, movie scores and sacred music.

"I think, for example, of such pieces as 'The Tattooed Bride' of 'Harlem,' which we're performing, they transcended musical styles," Whitaker said. "So many things are happening in that piece. There is the European aesthetic but also the Afro-American and Afro-Caribbean aesthetics. The idea of his music is American. I know Wynton says that all the time, but it's true. It is American, it takes from so many things. America is the melting pot."

As a band leader Ellington created an orchestra that brought new sophistication to popular music. He surrounded himself with gifted musicians for whom he wrote music specific to their talents. The roster of Ellington musicians is long and distinguished — Bubber Miley, Harry Carney, Cootie Williams, Johnny Hodges, Paul Gon-

What: Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis "Celebrating the Ellington Centennial." A University Musical Society program. Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave., Ann Arbor on the campus of the University of Michigan. When: 8 p.m. Friday, April 23. Tickets: \$16-\$36. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

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MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Discover Greatness highlights Negro leagues

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Name the three greatest outfielders in the history of professional baseball in Detroit.

After Ty Cobb and Al Kaline, there'd probably be a debate about which other Detroit Tigers player had the best bat, strongest arm and greatest impact on the game.

The discussion, however, shouldn't be limited to talk about talented Tigers.

Norman "Turkey" Stearnes' Babe Ruth-like statistics certainly rate him among the best to play the game. The arm-flapping, home-run gobbling Stearnes played with the Detroit Stars of the Negro baseball league in the 1920s and 1930s.

Unfortunately, because of the color of Stearnes' skin, not the potency of his bat nor fielding prowess, he has been relegated to the heap of baseball trivia.

But the game of recognition for Stearnes and other black players has been pushed into extra innings due to the popular appeal of "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," a nationally touring

exhibit currently at the Museum of African American History.

Before Jackie

"Almost everyone can relate to baseball," said David M. Egner, exhibitions coordinator at the museum. "The story of baseball is that it provided equal-opportunity, the best players shine."

That's certainly the story since Jackie Robinson crossed the color line in 1947, when he became the first black player in the major leagues. Robinson, a perennial all-star, won rookie of the year, and two years later, was named the league's most valuable player.

But despite popular opinion, the contributions of black players in professional baseball didn't begin with Robinson.

Before Robinson, Larry Doby, Hank Aaron, Ernie Banks, Willie Mays, Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella demonstrated the ludicrous notion of "separate but equal" on the diamond, there was a rich, entertaining history of prodigious feats, daffy nicknames and perseverance amid the ugly repression of racism.

In photos that document the rise and fall of the Negro Leagues, a bright light is cast on those who played in the shadows of the American pastime.

Many baseball devotees know of the legendary feats of Negro League players like Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Buck

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What: "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball"
When: Through Sunday, May 16
Admission: \$6/adults; \$3/children (17 & under)
Where: Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit, (313) 494-5800



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Hallowed ground: A locker honoring Satchel Paige at the "Discover Greatness" exhibit is one of the 15 tributes to Negro League players who have been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

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but I like to do it. It's fun."

Theater partnership

Kristen Mudge, like Andres, is working her way toward the big stage. A CAPA junior, Mudge is instrumental in implementing the collaboration with the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford begun in 1993. As a member of the board, Mudge carries on the Guild's mission of offering students a chance to share the theater and its lighting and staging equipment.

"I'm the connection between the two, finding out when we can use the theater," said Mudge. "The Guild covers all the expenses and receives all the money from ticket sales."

This is Mudge's third year in the CAPA program and she's loving every minute of it. Although

she's been acting since middle school, Mudge currently enjoys working with lights and sound, the behind-the-scenes jobs that can make or break a show. She hasn't given up the stage though. Mudge recently played Alexandra in the Theatre Guild's "Little Foxes."

"CAPA's a highly advanced program and you learn more in depth," said Mudge. "I feel working at the Guild is important to experience what it's like to perform in a different theater. The Guild is far more open with the creativeness. In the schools, we're restricted to what we can and can't do. At the Guild we can stay closer to the script."

Theatre Guild president Stephanie Stephan thinks the partnership is essential if the art is to have a future.

"We're trying to promote the art in the school," said Stephan. "By giving the kids a real space to work in, we hope they come back. In a sense we're cultivating our theater people. It's a great way to get people to help with the productions."

Mack's cast for "The Diary of Anne Frank" are currently rehearsing at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

"Putting on a play at the Guild makes the students feel more grown up," said Mack. "It excites the kids and anytime you excite the kids it brings a little more energy to the production."

Long time ties

Mack's taught in the CAPA program since 1986 when Seymour Levine first founded and coordinated the curriculum for

CAPA. Levine met Mack after watching a play she had been hired to direct at the Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford.

"The Guild was struggling and they were looking for ways to make their program stronger," said Mack. "Usually with kids in a production, you get a bigger audience. The Guild makes money and it's of no cost to us."

Mack's students are learning more than just theater while working on "The Diary of Anne Frank." That's what CAPA is all about.

"Once again, it's a script students can learn from," said Mack. "Besides having historical merits, it relays life values. It's led to a lot of discussions on ethnic cleansing and how to keep a positive attitude when things are at their worst."

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salves, Ray Nance, Oscar Pettiford and many more.

"In 'Happy Go Lucky Local' there are several solos, most are written, but he was the first and only composer who could write an improvisational phrase and not make it sound corny," Whitaker said. "A lot of classical composers will write an improvisation and it sounds false."

As part of the LCJO celebration, the orchestra has released a new CD, "Live in Swing City, Swingin' With Duke," on Columbia, which is taken from their upcoming Great Performances presentation on PBS May 12. Whitaker plays a swinging solo on "Happy Go Lucky Local." The other music also swings beautifully with guest appearances by pianist Cyrus Chestnut and sax player Illinois Jacquet. The Lincoln Center has also published a commemorative book with essays and photos of Ellington's career, "Jump for Joy," (Paperback Original, \$25).

In addition to making good use of his soloists, Ellington was also receptive to the influence of others. In addition to his longtime collaboration with arranger Billy Strayhorn, Ellington was also influenced by trumpeter Bubber Miley, who gave the band a New Orleans sound in the '20s, and Clark Terry who came from the Count Basie Orchestra and gave a little of its flavor to Ellington in the '50s, Whitaker said.

"It takes a lot of humility to allow other musicians to help define your sound," Whitaker said.

Whitaker, 31, developed his sound while growing up in Detroit. He began playing violin when he was 8 and took up the contra bass in junior high school. But it was a neighbor who turned him on to jazz.

"I had a neighbor who was heavy into jazz," he said. "I had played violin and switched to bass when I was in the eighth grade. He saw me coming home with the bass and he gave me 10 records to listen to. Almost all of them had Paul Chambers on bass. ... I fell in love with it. I didn't know it was possible."

Chambers, who played with John Coltrane's quartet, grew up in Detroit, as well, and graduated from Cass Tech High School.

"I said I want to be Paul Chambers. He's my hero," Whitaker said.

Whitaker has made a name for himself on the local and national jazz scene. He's played with many of the top names in the music, recording as a band leader, with Roy Hargrove, with the



Rodney Whitaker

group 4-Sight and now with the LCJO. He has also taught at the University of Michigan and Michigan State.

He's developed a deep respect for LCJO leader, trumpeter Wynton Marsalis.

"Before I started playing with him I had one impression. I thought of him as a conservative person, but after I started to see a different person," Whitaker said. "He could be conservative, but he believed what he believed. He was willing to work at a high level and put in the time. I've never seen anyone with his work ethic."

As composer in his own right, Whitaker said he was impressed with how Marsalis would squeeze in time to compose and work on arrangements. Marsalis recently created arrangements of Ellington's music for a joint appearance of the LCJO and the New York Philharmonic on "Live from Lincoln Center" on PBS.

Whitaker said being on the road he and other musicians are always scouting out new music.

"After every tour, I come home and I'll have five or six compositions," Whitaker said.

He said he cut a CD on Criss-Cross in December, "Brooklyn Sessions, Blues and Ballads."

Whitaker is optimistic about the Detroit jazz scene, though he said he'd like to see area musicians playing in concert situation rather than just the club scene.

As part of the LCJO educational mission, Kenn Cox, professor of music at Michigan State and Wayne State University, will interview orchestra members in a free program at 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Michigan League.

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of dance, instrumental and vocal music, film, and theater. Master classes on Friday teach dancers new steps, and on Saturday, its Dance Ensemble West's opportunity to perform.

Anne Bresler can't wait to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival again. A sophomore in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia (see accompanying story), Bresler in addition to the festival dances in the company's April 24 concert at Plymouth Salem, and also performs in CAPA's concert of dance May 20-21 at Churchill.

"The festival was awesome last year because there were people in plays, musicians and people who made films performing throughout the weekend," said Bresler. "The master classes meant being exposed to different styles of modern dance. It's also an experience to perform on that size of stage."

Andrea Miller, a junior at Plymouth Canton High School, started dancing when she was 4. In addition to performing in the festival, she dances as a soloist and as part of a group jazz number (to Aerosmith's "Pink") in Dance Ensemble West's spring concert.

"It was a lot of fun last year," said Miller. "You get to see a bunch of different genres of the

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Anne Bresler
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arts."

Animation workshops

Annette Alexander-Frank is directing the animation workshops for 22 students including Kristopher Smith of Westland, John Glenn, Annette Walowicz, Livonia Stevenson and Daniel Casey, Royal Oak Dondero. Students will film a documentary of the festival. Instructors are John Prusak, a cinematographer and film/video teacher at William D. Ford Career/Technical Center in Westland, and Vic Spicer, an animator. Guest producer is Kathy Vander who held a world premiere of "Walk This Way," her documentary about double-amputee Ron Bachman's day-to-day struggle to raise his daughter as a single parent, at the Penniman Theater in Plymouth last September.

Students will also have an opportunity to view work being shown in the Michigan Student Film & Video Festival Saturday, May 1 at the Detroit Film Theatre. The festival is co-sponsored by Detroit Area Film & Television and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Wonderful event

"The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is a rich, wonderful event," said Alexander-Frank, vice-president of Detroit Area Film & Television, a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting visual literacy through film and video. "How often do students have the opportunity to get feedback from their peers. It's truly a celebration of the arts. How many opportunities do these kids have to screen their work. It's magical to have your work up on the screen. A lot of these kids are quiet. They're not singers or dancers and they're able to hear the favorable comments from people their own age."

Classical sound

The Walden String Quartet returns for a second year. The quartet features cellist Jill Collier, Birmingham Seaholm, and violinists Adrienne Jacobs and violinist Jodi Yang, Troy. Winners of the Michigan American String

Teachers' Association string chamber music competition, the quartet has performed at the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival. The group was founded in 1995 and coached by Detroit Symphony Orchestra cellist Debra Fayroian.

"They're a wonderful quartet," said Martha Ilgenfritz, chair of the Michigan American String Teachers Association. "As first prize winners they were given the opportunity to play at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival. The festival is important to perpetuate music among kids and give them the opportunity to play. They have the chance to share everything from film to dance. Everything is showcased."

Among other local high school students participating in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival are Lindsay Noechel, Livonia Churchill and Katherine Palms, Carolyn Assarian and James Bonsall, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, creative writing; Francis Reade, Berkley, drama and creative writing; Kaitlyn Jarzembowski, Maureen McDonald, Allena Attisha, Sara Bochniak and Samantha White, Farmington Hills Mercy, poetry; Daisuke Fujita, Sarah McGibbon, Natalia Drelichman, Moshe Matil, Lolita Brayman, Mark Miner, Bloomfield Hills Andover, art; and Julie Goettlicher, Jessie Halliday and Ben Kimball, Farmington, art.

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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

ANTIQUES SHOWS, ART FAIRS & EXPOSITION

MICHIGAN MODERNISM EXPO
Sale of 20th-century design, including art nouveau, art deco, streamline, prairie school, Greek Egyptian, Gothic Revival, Surrealism and others. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 24 & 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/1 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 582-DECO.

SUGARLOAF ART FAIR
5th annual, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, April 18. Novi Expo Center. Call (800) 210-9900.

FARMINGTON FEST OF ARTS
Farmington Artists Club's annual Festival of the arts, April 25-May 2, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission free; (248) 473-1816.

WESTACRES ARTIST MARKET
32nd annual Westacres artist market, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Featuring 65 artists from around the U.S. Westacres Clubhouse, 3700 Westacres Dr., off Commerce Rd., between Union Lake and Green Lake roads; (248) 360-5381.

AUDITIONS/CALL FOR ARTISTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
Livonia Arts Commission seeks artists interested in exhibiting work in a juried show in conjunction with the Livonia Arts Festival, held June 12-13 at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh & 8 Mile Road. Entry fee: \$25. Call (734) 422-6400.

DANCE AUDITIONS
Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August. Appointment only. Call (248) 552-5001.

ELIZABETH GARDNER VOCAL AWARD
Michigan Federation of Music Club holding auditions 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at First Baptist Church, Willis Street, Birmingham; (248) 375-9534.

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL
Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's juried "Art on the Green," held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI 48025. Deadline: April 23. Call (248) 851-5438.

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

MICH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Auditions for experienced actors to perform at the 20th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, held Aug. 14-Sept. 26. Auditions on Saturday, May 8 by appointment only.

MIDLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS
Auditions held on April 24-25 for the following positions: associate concertmaster, associate principal second violin, section strings, principal flute, principal oboe, second oboe, assistant principal horn, third horn, bass trombone. To reserve an audition, call (517) 631-5931, ext. 1501.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS
"Friends of Polish Art" will hold its annual Youth Art Competition, held in conjunction with Orchard Lake schools. Requirements: students ages 12-18 in middle, junior, senior school and resident of Oakland Wayne, Macomb or Washtenaw counties; no more than three works per person; entries must be delivered by 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24. For information, call Marian Owczarski, (248) 683-0345.

PLYMOUTH COAIM. ARTS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS
Gilbert Camp Memorial and Plymouth Community Arts Council Fine Arts Camp Scholarships for any student in grades 6-11, who resides in Plymouth/Canton and plans to attend summer fine arts camp. Joanne Winkelman Hulce Interlochen Arts Camp Scholarship for any student in grades 6-11 who resides in Canton area and has applied to the seven-week Interlochen Summer Arts Camp. Margaret E. Wilson Scholarship for the Performing Arts for any graduating senior who is a resident of Canton area, accepted in accredited professional program in the performing arts for fall. Applications due by 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 1999. Applications for scholarships available through fine arts teachers and the PCAC office, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

CLASSES

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/UM DEARBORN
Non-credit studio art classes and workshops through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard, Grace Serra, Mary Stephenson, Donna Vogelheim. For information, (734) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER



Legend: The photography of Gordon Parks is on exhibit through April 25 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

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Offers a range of art classes. Spring term through June 19. New offerings: beginning drama for youth, oil lacquer miniature painting class, stone sculpture design. "The Artist's Way," "A History of Women in the Visual Arts," and "Go Forth Further," 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call for more information, (248) 644-0866.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Spring classes through June 5. Classes for children, teens and adults. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7949.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Classes for age 3 and up. All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills; (248) 852-5850.

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY
Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 334-1300.

GLASSBLOWING
Touch of Light Glassblowing classes starting in mid April. Classes meet for three hours, once a week for eight sessions. Call (248) 543-1868.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield, (248) 932-8699.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
LCE is accepting applications for Summer Chamber Music Camp '99, featuring the Arianna String Quartet. Camp times & dates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 6-17. Held on the Eastern Michigan campus. Ypsilanti, open to students ages 9-13, and senior camp open to students ages 12-17. Junior Camp is open to string players only, ages 9-11, who play at Suzuki Book 4 level or higher. Application deadline: May 5. Call (248) 357-1111.

METRO DANCE
Preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill, Plymouth, (734) 207-8970.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Spring semester runs April 19 through June 12. Classes for preschoolers to adults. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; For a brochure, call (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes & workshops for all ages. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

SWANN GALLERY
Free life drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 1-4 p.m. Sundays. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, Saturdays, through May 15, Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.

CONCERTS

BBSO
The 1999 Young Artist Competition winner, violinist Adrienne Jacobs of Troy High School is the featured performer in the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's "Westward, Ho!" concert, conducted by Charles Greenwell, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads. Tickets: \$20/adults; \$15/students; * (248) 645-2276.

B'JAZZ VESPER
Kimmie Horne performs at First Baptist Church 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18. 300 Willis Street, Birmingham; (248) 644-0550.

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK
Dr. David DiChiera, founder of Michigan Opera Theatre, in a musical review of MOT's history and a sample from future productions, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 27375 Bell Road, Southfield; (248) 357-5544.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS
"Whoopie for Winds and Strings," 4:30 p.m. Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Jerzy Semkow conducts Schubert's No. 8 and Bruckner's No. 7 at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Pianist David Syme in concert 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
Season finale 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25, featuring St. Clair Trio, soprano Valerie Yova and pianist Joseph Gurt. Hammel Music Store, 4110 Telegraph Rd., just south of Long Lake; (248) 357-1111.

MARYGROVE COLLEGE
Spring concert by Marygrove College Chorale and Chamber Singers will celebrate inauguration of the college's new president, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Sacred Heart Chapel, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit; (313) 927-1254.

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
Flutist Alexander Zonjic, flutist Ervin Monroe and pianist Margaret Kapasi in "Two Flutes and a Piano," 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25; (248) 683-1750.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Twelve-year-old pianist Sanjay Mody performs works of Chopin, Bach in a free recital noon Wednesday, April 21, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia; (734) 462-4463.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY CHOIR
"A Choral Offering," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia; (734) 462-4435.

VFW - CALL FOR ARTISTS
Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards, open to high school students, grades 9-12. Grand prize \$3000. For applications contact VFW Post 2645, 24222 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48034; (248) 225-4679.

VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY
21st annual spring concert of the Academy Singers, 7 p.m. Monday, April 26, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills; (248) 625-7057.

Free Concert: Sanjay Mody, a 12-year old Birmingham pianist who's won several local and state competitions, plays the works of Chopin, Bach, Beethoven and Ravel at noon Wednesday, April 21, in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5218. Mody made his orchestral debut with the Kalamazoo Symphony this year. He has studied piano six years, the last three years with Donald Morelock at Schoolcraft. Mody also traveled to Russia to study piano at the St. Petersburg Conservatory and the Gnessin Institute in Moscow for the last three years.

WATERFORD JAZZ FESTIVAL
International composer Dominic Spera performs at Second Annual Waterford Instrumental Jazz Festival, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Waterford Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road. Tickets: \$10/adults; \$7/students; (248) 623-9389.

DANCE

DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST
"Dance Collection 1999" 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, includes ballet and modern dance. Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road; (734) 420-4430.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
"Packed-Action," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, Hall Road-between Hayes and Garfield; (248) 852-5850.

FUNDRAISER

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
EDE holds its annual fundraiser 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30 the Community House of Birmingham. Call (248) 362-9329.

MICH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
The Michigan Renaissance Festival offers invite local charities and nonprofits to earn donation dollars by providing volunteers in Renaissance costumes to operate beer, wine and food booths. Call (800) 601-4848.

LECTURE

CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART
Travel to Cleveland for a tour of the exhibit, "Diego Rivera: Art and Revolution," at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Carpool Friday, April 30 from Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. For details, call (248) 644-0866.

O'NEILL DISCUSSION
A lecture on Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 300 Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 647-1700. And, "Long Day's Journey as Living Art," 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 642-5800.

DIA LECTURE SERIES
Photographer David Levinthal 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 872-3118.

PUPPETRY

DAY OF PUPPETRY
At the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24. The adult registration fee is \$32.50, Detroit Puppeteers Guild members \$25, teens 13-18, \$20; Children's Package, workshop and performance \$5. Call (810) 463-0480 for more information.

TOURS

CRANBROOK HOUSE
Guided House tour 1:30 & 3 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3149.

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, MI, 48325-1651, (248) 628-2285.

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

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburgh, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mcbb.org, or contact MCB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 349-0376.

WORKSHOPS

UNDERSTANDING THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
Wayne State grad Bonnie Barvin's two-day workshop for aspiring writers trying to break in the entertainment industry, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, May 15-16. The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham; (248) 644-2476.

CRANBROOK RETREAT FOR WRITERS
Workshops in fiction, poetry, screenwriting, essay, and other genres. Three sessions - July 9-13; July 9-11; July 14-18. Register by May 15. Call (248) 645-3664.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through May 14 - "The 1999

Cranbrook Academy of Art Graduate Degree Show. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3313.

DIA
Through April 25 - "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks"; through June 6 - "Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary"; through June 27 - "Walker Evans Simple Secrets: Photographs from the Collection of Marian and Benjamin A. Hill. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through May 16 - "An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball." 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING S)

LEMBERG GALLERY
April 22 - mixed media of Jane Hammond, through May 28. 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY
April 24 - "In Detroit," works by 11 Detroit artists. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit; (313) 898-4278.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Through April 23 - Art exhibit of Livonia Public Schools students. 32777 Five Mile Road; (734) 466-2490.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through April 24 - "Reality Studded With Thorns," metal constructions by Harriete Estel Berman, and works by Dublas Harling, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

GALLERY XVII
Through April 28 - Works of Paul Sherman, Jan Hubert, Karyn Leland, Gail Leone, Bill Poceta and Athir Shayola. 18 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 745-8875.

C-POP GALLERY
Through April 29 - "New York Exposed," 1553 Woodward, Ste. 313, Detroit; (313) 964-0911.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through April 29 - New works by Ricky Bernstein and Sidney Hukter. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through April 29 - "Clay from the Soul," the works for three potters. Reception Saturday, April 10. 6 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Livonia City Hall Lobby Through April 29 - Palette Guild of Livonia exhibit. 33000 Civic Center Drive; (734) 466-2540.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through April 29 - "Image, Light and Structure '99: Transitions," works of Michigan stained-glass artists. Oakland County Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through April 30 - "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom: Alphabet Art in Children's Books," a collection of original art, lithographs and prints. 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through April 30 - Small monotypes by Kedron Barrett. 32782 Woodward Ave., (248) 647-7079.

THE PRINT GALLERY
Through April 30 - Posters of Fix Masseau and the Orient Express. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 356-5454.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Through April 30 - Exhibit of glass sculptures by Julie McDonough. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

CARY GALLERY
Through May 1 - "Mind Dances," watercolor paintings by Darcy Scott. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

GALERIE BLU
Through May 1 - Frank Gallo: A Retrospective. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through May 1 - "Clay from the Soul," 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through May 1 - New sculpture by Hank M. Adams, and new paintings by Cindy Kane and Jackie Battenfield. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through May 1 - "Peep Show," works by Leslie Masters. 215 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through May 7 - An undergraduate exhibition of Wayne State students. 150 Community Arts Bldg., Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Cranbrook grad writes engaging baseball novel

Battle Creek
By Scott Lasser
(William Morrow and Co., \$24)



ESTHER LITTMANN

Baseball season is just around the bend. What better way to welcome its return than to read *Book of the Month* Club sports novel "Battle Creek" by former Cranbrook and University of Michigan graduate Scott Lasser. It takes us back to baseball as it should be played: for the love of the game, without million-dollar contracts, artificial turf and pricey box seats.

Koch & Sons Class A Amateur Baseball Club of Pontiac has made the finals four years in a row. A "dynasty" in its own right, it has spawned more big-league players than any other amateur team. Yet each year, when the national championship is held in Battle Creek, the Michigan players lose.

young parolee, but "when Gil sees Luke James swing the bat he believes, believes in the game and a God who intends men to play it." Luke is a natural. With him on board, the team can't lose.

But there's another cost to winning - a financial one. Uniforms, travel expenses and equipment don't come cheap. And the team's sponsor isn't contributing much these days. So it's up to Gil to make up the difference from his modest income as a steel sales rep. Ironically, his aging Jewish immigrant father, who dislikes sports and made certain his son had a "proper" career, is inadvertently financing the team. With power of attorney, Gil can draw on his father's bank account, no questions asked. That's OK, provided the old man doesn't linger too long.

The coach isn't the only one with a passion to win. There's also Ben Mercer, who "loves the game ... the dance of the infield practice and the pop of the ball in the catcher's mitt, the flicker of signals from the catcher with a man on second, and the lean of a ballplayer as he rounds third base."

In fact, Ben is even more enamored with the game than with Emily, an Ann Arbor history of art major whose front door sign, "Property is Theft," belies her willingness to spend the considerable commissions Ben earns as stockbroker. Once a player in the major leagues, Ben is the star pitcher for his team. But lately, his arm has been acting up. What will happen when ice packs and pain killers no longer

work? Does he have the guts to do whatever it takes to win, like throwing illegal spitters loaded with Vaseline?

Lasser's approach to story telling is like a summer breeze: soft and beguiling. We move easily from the conflict-ridden baseball diamond to the sterile order of a nursing home to a student ghetto described as "a magical place where bicycles hang from trees, refrigerators rest on porches ... and paint chips float in the wind." Plot construction is seamless, as events seem to unfold naturally, effortlessly.

The same for Lasser's characters. They are sympathetic, and it's easy to identify with their goals and frustrations; the competitive spirit is, after all, universal. And like us, they are flawed. Rationalizing less-than-acceptable behavior has become a way of life.

Literature that is judgmental or draws straight lines between cause and effect is not longer fashionable. Yet it's hard to read Lasser's first novel outside the context of a morality tale. "Battle Creek" shows us what the price of winning - at any cost - can be. As the story suggests, all too often an innocent victim rather than the perpetrator pays the price.

"Battle Creek" will be available in local bookstores in May.

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Martha Raye had local roots

Take It From the Big Mouth: The Life of Martha Raye
By Jean Maddern Pitrone
(The University Press of Kentucky, \$25)



VICTORIA DIAZ

This hit-and-miss biography tells the story of Margy Reed, the granddaughter of a Michigan smelter, who was born to hard-scrabbling vaudevillians at a charity hospital in Butte, Montana, in the early days of this century. Her brother, Buddy, was born literally backstage at a Grand Rapids theater when she was still a toddler.

Both were groomed for the stage almost before they could walk. Margy would go on to fame and fortune, and change her name to Martha Raye. Buddy would die in obscurity in his early 20s of alcohol-related problems, a would a younger sister, Melodye.

Martha Raye made her stage debut at age 3-1/2, singing a spirited version of the pop tune "Jada," as her mother, Peggy, accompanied her on the piano. The little girl's initial performance drew so much applause that her parents, always looking for ways to acquire more and better bookings, incorporated her immediately into their vaudeville act. Soon, Buddy took his first bows onstage, and not long after, the talented brother-sister team "adapted themselves to ... starring roles."

themselves at one location for more than about three days. Education for school-age performers often fell by the wayside, and consequently, she was only marginally literate for the rest of her life, according to this biography.

By the time her brother and sister died, Raye was an established screen star, stage performer and nightclub entertainer. Eventually, she would make a name for herself in television, also, hosting "The Martha Raye Show" in the early '60s, and making numerous guest appearances on other shows alongside such stars as Bob Hope, Milton Berle and Steve Allen.

But her professional success was nearly always shadowed by what her friend Milton Berle called "personal disaster." She was married seven times - the first shortly after she arrived in Hollywood, to makeup master Bud Westmore; the last to Mark Harris, a "fan" 33 years her junior. Perhaps none of her marriages, though, were quite as unhappy as the distant, rather cold relationship she had with her only child, Melodye, who, obviously if we are to believe this biography, played second fiddle to her mother's all-important career.

Readers who will remember Raye chiefly as the "take-it-from-the-big-mouth" spokesperson for Polident's television commercials may not be aware of the true extent of her singular devotion to her favorite audience, the American military, until they have read this book. Beginning in World War II, Raye would visit and entertain some of the most remote outposts on her own, even helping out as a "nurse" at field hospitals and extending invitations to the soldiers to visit her when they returned home (many took her up on the invitation). Eventually, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. On her death, she was laid to rest at Fort Bragg military cemetery, the only civilian so honored by the famed Special Forces Unit, the Green Berets.

In her research, Michigan writer Pitrone has uncovered several events in Raye's life that will hold special appeal for Detroit-area readers. Among them: the week of Aug. 7, 1937, when the entertainer broke all admission records at Detroit's glittery Michigan Theater; the night in 1940 when she opened at the Cass Theatre with Al Jolson and Ruby Keeler in "Hold on to Your Hats"; and her sometimes rowdy appearances at Hamtramck's hot night spot "The Bowery" during the booming post-war years.

Prizefighter Rocky Graziano said of Raye's performances that she "burned up more energy than a guy in a 15-round fight." And those of us who have never witnessed Raye perform in any medium will remember her rapid-fire speech, her exaggerated mannerisms, her special talent for the zippy ad lib. Even if we were not diehard fans of Martha Raye, few in an audience would complain that she lacked verve.

Perhaps, for that very reason, one wishes that the writing of this initial biography contained more liveliness. While "Take It From the Big Mouth" includes a substantial amount of revealing information and Pitrone seems to have taken special pains to present it fairly and objectively, the writer's style seems slightly dry and remote, tending to make us feel rather distanced from her subject, rather than drawing us closer. Quite often, "Take It From the Big Mouth" reads almost like a mere listing of events in Raye's life, rather than the unfolding of what could have been on these pages a highly dramatic story.

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LOCAL BESTSELLERS

Bestsellers in the Great Lakes Region
For the Week of April 12
Hardcover Fiction
1. Tara Road, Maeve Binchy, Dell
2. Testament, John Grisham, Doubleday
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6. Abide with Me, E. Lynn Harris, Doubleday
7. Hush Money, Robert B. Parker, Putnam
8. Single & Single, John LeCarré, Scribner
9. Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver, Harper/Collins

10. While I Was Gone, Sue Miller, Knopf

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U-M's 'Candide' brings youth to humorous, melodic work

"Candide" continues 2 p.m. today at the University of Michigan's Power Center.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Voltaire's "Candide" is a story of youth.

So it is only appropriate that the University of Michigan's Musical Theater Department should produce an effervescent, rollicking, giddy and, yet, beautiful staging of Leonard Bernstein's dashing musical pastiche.

"Candide" has some of Bernstein's most haunting, reflective, beautiful melodies in the context of what is essentially a slapstick operetta. But Arthur Sullivan would also twine beautiful melodies around and through W.S. Gilbert's hilarious spoofs. And this is definitely Bernstein in a Gilbert & Sullivan mode and going them one better at times.

Hugh Wheeler's droll book and

Richard Wilbur's lyrics (with additional verse from Stephen Sondheim and John LaTouche) aren't quite as biting or politically specific as Gilbert, but they are amusing and U-M director Brent Wagner has taken the cue to add some elements inspired as much by The Three Stooges and the Marx Brothers as by the book. Except for some missed lighting cues, most of the staging was flawlessly funny.

It is the young performers who rise to the occasion here, mugging, pratfalling and preening with abandon but being true to Bernstein's music as well.

Candide is the naive young student of the blissfully optimistic Dr. Pangloss. His other students are Candide's love object Cunegonde, her brother Maximilian and the saucy Paquette. They discover in a worldwide adventure that this may not be the "best of all possible worlds."

David Reichard's Candide has a sweet, blank face that he

manipulates into several funny faces. He also has a light but expressive voice.

Jessica Murphy gets to display both vocal range and a sense of comic timing on the showy "Glitter and Be Gay," as Cunegonde. She captures both the musical complexity and the inherent wit of the song and the character.

Brittany Brown's Paquette is a lively flirt with a touch of steel. Joe Harrell drew hoots of laughter as the self-absorbed Maximilian, especially when forced to appear in drag.

Courtney Balan does a broad Yiddish theater routine as the Old Lady and has the audience with her throughout.

Barrett Foa is our genial guide as Voltaire and a mugging ham as the effusive Pangloss.

Musical director Ben Whitely has the student orchestra performing excellently, drawing out all the rich beauty of Bernstein's romantic score. Several choral sections, especially the Auto-da-Fé, are performed with panache.

ART BEAT

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.

LIVE MODEL SESSION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering the opportunity to draw from a live model with no instructor beginning 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 20 and every third Tuesday following at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

Bring your own easel if desired. Call (734) 416-4ART.

ART CLASSES

The City of Plymouth has begun children's arts and Sanchin-Ryu classes. Classes include pre-school art, studio art, drawing and painting, and cartooning.

For information, call the city's recreation division at (734) 455-6620.

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL CLINIC

If you've ever wondered what your collectibles are worth, now's your chance to find out. Ernest DuMouchelle of the DuMouchelle Art Gallery in Detroit will give appraisals 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth.

DuMouchelle, one of the Detroit area's leading authorities on antique appraisals, currently travels with PBS's "Antique Roadshow" program as one of the appraisers. This is the 12th annual clinic hosted by the Plymouth museum. To reserve an appointment time, call (734) 455-8940. Appointments will be made every 20 minutes and you may bring up to five hand-held items, or a photo with measurements and details for larger

items. Appraisals are \$6 per item for an oral appraisal, \$10 for a professional written appraisal. All proceeds benefit the Plymouth Historical Museum and its programs.

AWARD WINNER

Joanne Winkelman Hulce is one of the award winners being recognized by the Wayne County Council for Arts, History and the Humanities (formerly the Wayne County Council for the Arts) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in the atrium of the historic Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit.

Tickets are \$25 and include buffet. Call (313) 943-3095.

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara will present his annual award to Winkelman Hulce who organized the Plymouth Community Arts Council in 1968. She served as director for 5-1/2 years and returned as president 1995-97. The arts council building, the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, was named in her honor.

Other award winners being honored are Marcus Belgrave, recipient of the council's Artist/Performer Award; Rosalind Meyers, Volunteer Award; George N'Namdi, Patron Award, and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

"A CHORAL OFFERING"

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir performs a selection of choral works 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Director Donald Stromberg conducts the 50-voice choir in works by Bach, Benjamin Britten, Mendelssohn, and others. The highlight of the evening is John Rutter's "Requiem" with instrumental accompaniment.

For more information, call choir president Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's liberal arts department at (734) 462-4435.

SPRING SHOW

Three Cities Art Club holds its 41st annual Spring Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center Road, north of Palmer.

Nearly 60 pieces of work, including watercolors, oils, pastels, charcoals and mixed media, will be displayed and available for sale. For more information, call Nancy Walls Smith at (734) 455-9885.

PORTRAITURE CLASSES

Art classes are being offered April 29 to May 20 at the Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road in Sheridan-Square, Garden City.

Detroit portrait artist Lin Baum will teach the class. To register, call (734) 513-4044 or (734) 261-0379.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS EXHIBIT

The Farmington Artists Club Spring Exhibit and Sale takes place April 25 to May 2 in conjunction with the Farmington Festival of the Arts at the William Costick Activities Center, 28000 Eleven Mile, east of Middlebelt.

Meet the artists at a reception and award ceremony 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission is free. Call (248) 647-8938.

Douglas Semivan, art department chairman at Madonna University in Livonia will juror the show. The exhibit consists of three parts: a juried show, open display of framed art, and a large selection of unframed art. Farmington Artists Club members live throughout the metro area. They work in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, colored pencil, mixed media, and collage.

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Leonard, Monte Irvin and Cool Papa Bell, who was described as so fast that he could steal two bases on one pitch.

Often overlooked, however, is the accomplishments of lesser known players.

"This exhibit showcases the hidden chapter in baseball history," said Larry Lester, curator of the exhibit and a former research director at the Negro League Baseball Museum.

"Discover Greatness," set amid a makeshift baseball diamond, is divided into four sections: 1901-1919 — The Great Independents; 1920-1931 — A League of Their Own; 1932-1946 — Heyday; and, 1947 — The Color Barrier Falls.

The compelling story that emerges isn't necessarily confined to what happened between the foul lines.

A diamond reflection

What emerges in the retelling of the "hidden stories" is the parallel path of professional baseball and American society as each traveled from segregation to integration.

Dissecting the histories of the black and white baseball leagues is both a reflection and a precursor of social change.

"Baseball is a mirror image of

life in America," said Lester. A point that filmmaker Ken Burns made in his exhaustive documentary, "Baseball."

Contrary to the images of an idyllic, leisurely game, there's a potent parable of the struggles of racial tolerance surrounding America's favorite pastime.

Until the U.S. Supreme Court decision, Plessy v. Ferguson in 1892, blacks and whites played on the same teams. With "separate but equal" written into law, a "gentleman's agreement" among baseball owners restricted blacks.

Consequently, black teams began to barnstorm towns, challenging local semi-pro teams and eventually established their own league.

"People who've gone through the exhibit have said that they remember their grandparents talk about these players," said Lester. "They thought these players were just folk tales."

Indeed, there is a sense of the mythic and an enchanted folk history in the photos of old ball parks, buses with the sign of the team emblazoned the side and anecdotes of Herculean feats on the diamond.

There's plenty to talk about, from Satchel Paige's stamina to the Page Fence Giants winning

82 consecutive games to Josh Gibson hitting more than 1,000 home runs.

Yet there's no turning away from the most compelling part of the exhibit.

Before Brown v. Board of Education and the Civil Rights Act, there was the graceful Robinson establishing a new standard for both white and black players. While Michael Jordan might have reinvented the notion of "celebrity athlete," Robinson embodied "social justice" every time he took the field.

"Baseball was breaking barriers before anyplace else," said Lester. "Americans saw white and blacks coming together for a common cause."

"When teammates hug each other, they're not thinking about the color of their skin."

Ironically, the demise of the Negro Leagues commenced with the integration of the major leagues. By 1960, all that remained of the league were occasional scrimmages among old-timers.

"Their ultimate victory was integration," said Lester. "Fans wanted to see the best — whether black or white."

In that simple ideal is perhaps the lasting power and promise of America's game.

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Rimless frames make eyeglasses almost invisible



JEFFREY BRUCE

I hate glasses. Funny, but I don't think that I'm the only person who feels that way.

Personally, when I was 40, I had to get "reading" glasses.

Remember — it took me 40 years to pick up my first pair of specs. At 41, when I went back to my optometrist at Roland Optics, I had an eye examination and I needed bifocals!

"It's a Commie/Pinko plot," I screamed. "How could I need glasses after 40 years, and bifocals the following year?" My optometrist quite patiently replied, "Jeff, it has to do with, how can I put this gently, age."

Gently? Gently?

Now I have always been honest with, and about myself. The hair — gone. The body — still passes. The teeth — all my own. But my eyes?

They've always been my best feature. What a downer, I thought! I did not want to have them covered, especially since everything else was going to ... become more sophisticated!

So I have been wearing glasses for the past 12 years. My vision has not reached the point where contact lenses are a viable option. Can you imagine wishing for worse vision? So I have been wearing the hated "accessory" and seeing better. After all, isn't that the general idea?

In any case, I decided to speak with my optometrists in Southfield and Rochester to ask a few questions that my clients have asked me over the years.

Optometrists Mickey Weishaus and Max Gottesman own Roland Optics in Southfield and Weisman Optometrists in Rochester. There are no other people I would trust more with my eyes, and I felt they would be the ones with the answers.

■ Can anyone wear contact lenses?

The answer was a qualified yes. The qualification — people whose vision is very dry cannot, but even in their cases there is a possibility. Newest innovation — disposable bifocal contacts!

■ Will an astigmatism affect my ability to wear contact lenses?

Absolutely not. A new innovation is the Toric lens. This is a weighted lens specifically created for astigmatic eyes. (That's my problem, and I look forward to being a Toric devotee.)

■ What about Lasik surgery? How do I know if I'm a candidate? What are my options?

This is the newest and best type of corrective laser surgery say the optometrists. There are no needles, no pain, and the procedure only takes seven to 10 minutes. The recovery period is 48 hours.

■ What are the latest trends in eyewear?

For this question, I spoke with the diva of style, Phyllis Moore. This is a woman I would not only trust with my eyes but also my life. She has an uncanny ability to match the face with frame, and beautifully so.

"Rimless glasses are quite popular, as are the metal rims," says the diva.

"Also, plastic frames are making a comeback. These frames would have fashion tints in the lenses to add to the total look," she said.

Interestingly, rimless glasses seem to "float," rather than "be there" on the face. Plastic rims, on the other hand, are a definite fashion statement. There's no mistaking their existence. The choice is yours.

Personally, as a makeup artist, I prefer the "no-glasses-at-all" look. To me, there is nothing worse than someone dressed in flawless formal wear at, say, a wedding, and they're wearing glasses! It just does not work. But the rimless numbers do sound like they would do the trick.

Yours truly has been invited by Weisman Optometrists in Rochester to do a free lecture/demonstration and seminar with the optometrists, and Phyllis Moore, on Sunday, May 23. There will also be refreshments and a question and answer session.

Reservations are extremely limited (it is free, after all), and the number to call is (248) 651-7986. I look forward to "seeing" you and your friends there.

Please visit me on my web site: jeffreybrucecosmetics.com or e-mail me your questions at jubb@worldnet.att.net. Any further inquiries, please call 1-800-944-6588.



Comfort zone: Anne Klein's spring suiting coupled comfort with style at a show held Thursday at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Designer team stresses silhouettes over bold colors

Anne Klein's designer team of Isaac Franco and Ken Kaufman was in town to present its spring 1999 collection. We caught up with the designers at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham and asked them about style and trends for the season.

Q: Characterize the styles for the 1999 spring and summer season.

Franco: It's a combination of many different things. It starts from fabrication (of) the colors that we have this season ... and then it goes into the silhouettes. We have a wide range of silhouettes this season, (just with) our skirt lengths — they go from below the knee and to the knee and to the mid-calf, then we have the floor-grazing skirts.

Kaufman: I think there's a sense of ease, a sense of luxury. It's very wearable and understandable, yet luxurious, elegant.

Q: What is the most important trend of the season?

Franco: It might be the long skirt or the Capri pant or more of a clam-digger kind of pant.

Kaufman: Something shiny, something iridescent, something lustrous. ... Can't live without a sweater set.

Q: Which of the season's trends are

most likely to carry over to the spring and summer styles for 2000?

Franco: I think it's still going to be the experimentation with the length of pants, definitely. I think that it might not be the Capri pant the way we've seen it for spring or the clam-digger pant. It might be a wider, cropped pant.

Kaufman: I definitely think we smell and feel the walking short coming up on the horizon. It will definitely be important for us as we go forward.

Q: What one piece of apparel would you recommend women purchase for their spring and summer wardrobes?

Franco: I hate to limit it to one. The long pleated skirt is one of my favorite pieces for the season, especially in a light shade of blue, or we have a beautiful shade of platinum, or the sweater set.

Kaufman: I think accessories are exciting for the season. ... The belt, the handbag changes, the total look.

Q: What do you think will most excite women about Anne Klein's spring and summer collections?

Franco: I think the strategic placement of color. ... Ken and I don't believe in tons and tons of color. It's just the strategic placement of color,

Anne Klein offers wearable, elegant apparel for spring

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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Color mania has driven many spring and summer fashion collections, but women won't find the obsession reflected in Anne Klein's wearable and stylish offerings this season.

Instead, they'll encounter glimpses of color — subdued periwinkle, metallic gray with lavender undertones and a sophisticated pale blue the company calls "rain."

Anne Klein also offers women an easy-to-swallow alternative to basic black — midnight, navy, graphite and ink.

The clothing company's spring 1999 collection was presented Thursday evening by its design team, Isaac Franco and Ken Kaufman, at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy. The show benefited the Beaumont Comprehensive Breast Care Center, honored six local women and paid tribute to Joan Helen Emde, a local community leader who recently passed away from breast cancer.

But wearable color isn't the only characteristic of Anne Klein's spring collection likely to appeal to local women.

Skirt lengths varied from above-the-knee to floor-length; most stopped just below with knee with side slits that returned elegance and sophistication.

Roomy rayon pants — most had wide bottoms — were paired with comfortable tank shells or camisoles and matching cardigans or jackets, all in

both subdued and shiny fabrics.

Cargo and drawstring pants made a significant appearance, but clam diggers and other cropped, form-fitting and perhaps all-to-revealing — pant styles were kept to a minimum.

The result — a wearable collection of sophisticated, elegant clothing that neither skirted the trends nor was dominated by them.

"And, that's what we're trying to do," said Franco upon presenting the collection. "We're trying to keep the clothes simple, clean, modern and luxurious."

TRENDS OF SHOW

COLORS: Gray — metallic, platinum, graphite

FABRICS: Rayon, linen, cotton

LENGTHS: Skirts below the knee and to the floor

LINE: Clean, simple, somewhat unconstructed

ESSENTIALS: The sweater set

EXTRAS: Ballet-slipper flats

BEST OF SHOW: Pale blue, ankle-length, beaded skirt



Replacing black: Anne Klein showed navy as a color alternative to basic black in key pieces like a tank shell and long skirt.

the right color, it's "grayed out" color. It's not this bright color that's jolting and shocking. I think it still has to be very sophisticated.

Kaufman: It's color that lets women's personality and self shine through, rather than the color of the garment. I think it's very well placed

color, it's handsome color. It accentuates the woman, rather than overpowers her. It's a fine balance to do that, and we've been having fun doing that for spring, as well as going into fall.

— Special Editor Nicole Stafford

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

COLE HAAN COLLECTION

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Cole Haan's special order collection for spring through April 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Men's Shoes, first floor.

ART OF SLIP CASTING

Hudson's at Twelve Oaks in Novi hosts a demonstration of the craft of creating fine Limoges porcelain with a Bernardaud company master potter, 2-4 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

ESTATE JEWELRY SHOW

Representatives from Neiman Marcus share their knowledge about Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Retro, Edwardian and late Victorian jewelry designs and the retailer's Estate Jewelry Collection through May 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, Precious Jewels Salon, first floor.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

ST. JOHN FOR FALL

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

View the St. John fall collection for 1999 at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, 1-4 p.m., St. John Salon, third floor. The trunk show also runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 21.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

FOCUS ON DANA BUCHMAN

Saks Fifth Avenue hosts a Dana Buchman Focus Day with designer representative Candace Baldwin, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Bridge Sportswear, second floor.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

EYEWEAR FASHION SHOW

SEE selective eyewear elements, a retail eyewear store at 160 Old South Woodward in downtown Birmingham, presents an in-store eyewear and streetwear fashion show for spring, 6-9 p.m. The free event includes local designers' apparel, SEE eyewear, food, music and drinks. For information, call (248) 723-1900.

STUBEN GLASS DESIGNER VISITS

Meet Stuben Glass Designer Joel Smith and have him sign your glass purchase at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., Gift Galleries, third floor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

CAREER FAIR

The Westland Shopping Center presents the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Third Annual Jobs and Careers Fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For information, please call, (734) 326-7222 or visit www.westland.org.

L. O'NEILL HANDBAGS

Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents the design collection of L. O'Neill with a personal appearance, noon-4 p.m., Handbag Department. The collection and appearance is slated noon-4 p.m., April 25 at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills.

MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Members of the Honda Gold Road Riders display and discuss their favorite motorcycles through April 25 at Meadow Brook Village Mall in Rochester Hills during regular mall hours.

DINE AND DANCE

Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents "Wear Your Cowboy Boots," a family Dine and Dance event featuring Bill Peterson and country-line dancing with instruction, 5-9 p.m., Boardwalk Cafe Food Court.

PINEWOOD DERBY RACE

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield hosts an area Boy Scouts' competitive race of handmade wood block cars, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., mall's south corridor.

Sea and sand adventure



STAFF PHOTO BY DONNA McLAUGHLIN

Explorations: Oakland Mall in Troy has put together an exhibit designed to pique young people's interest in marine wildlife and ecology. "Under the Sea Adventures" runs April 17-May 9 and features a 75-ton sand sculpture of sea animals. Other displays include a 3D-cyber sea adventure, technology labs and a chilly tide pool of waters into which children can touch living sea creatures. The exhibit is located in the mall's JC Penney court.

RETAIL DETAILS

SHOP WITH PRECISION AND COUPONS

To encourage the pursuit of precision shopping - finding bargains without searching the racks of numerous stores - Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills has put together the "Precision Shopping Guide."

The guide also contains discount coupons for 20 stores located in the mall, including OFF 5th, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Brooks Brothers factory outlet, Bella Luna, Pfaltzgraff and Jones New York Company. The coupons are redeemable through April 30. For information, please call (248) 454-5000.

CALLING FOR BABIES

Calling all babies, from newborn

through 12 months. Hudson's stores are searching for a baby to appear in a fall 1999 "This Week at Hudson's" supplement.

To enter the Baby Days Photo Contest, parents or guardians should submit non-returnable photographs to a Hudson's Kids Department by 5 p.m. April 24. The winning baby will be selected by late May from a pool of contestant photos submitted to Hudson's, Dayton's and Marshall Field's stores.

Contest rules are posted in all Kids Departments. The winning baby and one parent or guardian will attend a photo shoot in mid-summer to take place in Minneapolis, MN.

PARISIAN HOSTS PAGEANT CONTESTANTS

Delegates from the 1999 Miss Michigan USA and Miss Michigan Teen USA are slated to appear at Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 18.

Delegates will meet in the store to talk with fashion consultants. Reigning titleholders Miss Michigan USA Shannon Clark and Miss Michigan Teen USA Elizabeth Mathis will model clothing from Parisian. Pageant applications are still being accepted, and pageant staff will be available to meet with individuals between 12 and 4 p.m.

Where can I find

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? at (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

For discontinued china patterns, call Replacements LTD in North Carolina, (800) 737-5223.

For Carol, we found a film editor.

Maxine called to say she found Physician's Formula Sun Shield Sport Team Spray at Warren's in Farmington Hills.

For Jennifer, we found a Raovac lithium battery (#BR2335) at RS Electronics on Schoolcraft. Call (734) 261-5138.

For Barbara, we found a four-inch pair of "Boy and Girl Kissing Angels."

A wrought iron cigarette butt bucket was also located for Trish.

Glass lids for Florence's Guardian cookware can be purchased through Guardian Service, 8300 Cerritos Ave., Stanton CA, 90681, (714) 828-0750.

For Bob, of Alpena, we found a black velvet painting of Elvis and an Elvis Clock.

We didn't find a left-handed violin, but special thanks to the caller who suggested that Tim string a right-handed violin in reverse order.

We also didn't find Woodhug perfume, but a caller suggested trying Avon's Rare Emeralds, which has a similar scent.

Noodle Kiddo in Northville carries the "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" soundtrack.

We also found Heywood Colonial furniture for Pat.

Also, representatives at Tyme Ltd., (800) 366-4071, will give callers a list of local stores where Tyme soap is sold.

Polish Potato (Spirytus, 150 proof) and Pomidlo Galaretka jelly to make the paczkis are available at The Polish Deli in Hamtramck on Jos. Campau between Casmir and Carpenter, (313) 365-3731.

Indian Earth Blush (nearly earth with a gold lid) can be bought at the Meijer store on Canton and Ford roads. Indian Earth Blush (in a terra cotta pot) can be purchased at Walgreen's on Warren and Middlebelt roads.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Delores wants a glass stem for a six-cup Pyrex glass percolator.

Mary wants Britannia pants for men and Kobbie Cuddler Velcro tennis shoes for women.

Marilyn is looking for a full-size apron to wear over a dress.

Jermy wants to locate a Cecil Fielder fan club and Fielder memorabilia.

Faye is looking for a 1963 Central High School yearbook.

Yvonne is looking for a black ceramic butter dish with a lid.

Dorothy wants the 1965, 1967 and 1969 Plymouth/Canton yearbooks for her children. They never received them upon graduation.

Ruth wants Walt Disney's movie Fantasia on video.

Donna is looking for photos or pictures of the "1st Ever Car Show" held in August of 1998 on Six Mile and Beech Daly roads.

Phyllis wants a Greg shorthand book made in 1940.

Lawrence wants a 1939-40 Central High School yearbook.

Mary-Sue is looking for a metal Quaker Oats can that looks like the cover of the cereal's old box.

Faye is looking for a 1963 Central High School yearbook.

Teresa wants a glasscutter that is found in craft stores.

Paul is looking for Home Brew Hires root beer.

Carol wants a half-inch brush curling iron.

Janet is looking for canned bacon from Hungary.

Carol is looking for three items: a 1959 Commerce High School yearbook; the old "Lion King" dish set (not the new Simba character set); and a Maude Humphrey plate called "Sarah."

Annette is looking for eyebrow shapes.

Sherrie wants Max Factor comb-on "Super Lash" mascara in black.

Anne wants a 1953 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook.

Kristy wants Paragon china called "White Cliffs of Dover."

Zelda wants a 1951 Central High School yearbook.

Florence is looking for a store in the Birmingham area that carries six-ounce bars of Dove dark chocolate.

Joanne wants Estee Lauder feather-proof lipstick in "Festive Red #06."

Judy wants a "Fletcher," a children's hardcover book published by Parents Magazine Press.

-Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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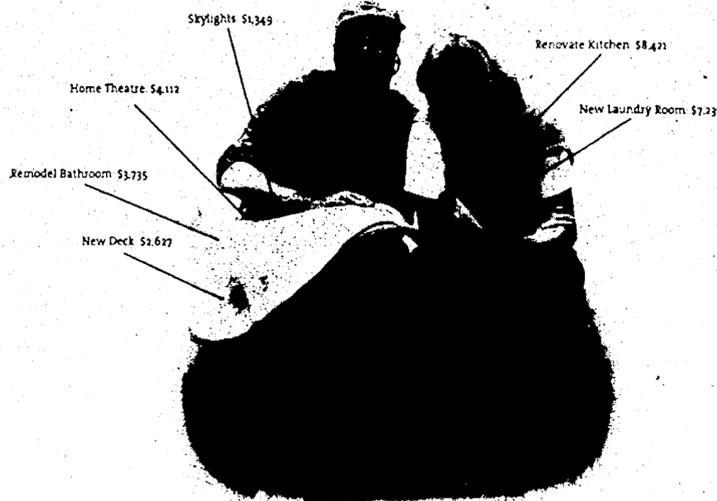
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Plymouth, England, writer shares her hometown best

(Editor's note: We received an e-mail from Melanie McDonagh telling us about a new book by writers from Plymouth, England, and their interest in other Plymouths here in the United States. We suggested a travel story on what it's like in the other Plymouth.)

BY MEL MCDONAGH
SPECIAL WRITER

My name is Mel and I live in Plymouth, England. I belong to a local writing group, and when I contacted The Observer & Eccentric about our first publication I was asked to write a bit about my home city which could be printed alongside some photographs.

Plymouth (pop. approximately 250,000) is the main seaport for the southwest of England in the county of Devon. We have a busy Naval Dockyard and a commercial port for the cross channel ferry to France and Spain. Steeped in history, it is a city with much to offer to its inhabitants and tourists from all over the world. I will tell you a little about my favorite places.

The Hoe is the waterfront area with sea water swimming pools, public gardens and large expanses of grassy hills and greens. The Hoe is always busy in summer

with crowds of swimmers, strollers, sunlovers and loving couples enjoying the beautiful views over Plymouth Sound to the Breakwater and Drake's Island. Surprisingly you will also find that The Hoe is also fairly busy in winter with locals embracing an ozone laden breeze as they walk their dogs or children on a dry afternoon or men enjoying a pint of good English beer in a pub with a view.

Sir Francis Drake spotted the Spanish Armada's approach whilst playing bowls on The Hoe. He finished his game before going on to defeat their ships and stop an invasion; thus saving us from a lifetime of paella and sangria.

The Barbican was the original point of entry or departure for the city and was home to many rich merchant men. Today it is a shopping area for locals and tourists alike and a National Marine Aquarium has recently been built upon the site of the old fish market as a new and much improved fish market is now being used by the local fishing fleets. Here, Lawrence of Arabia stopped to have tea with family friends not far from the oldest street in Plymouth, ludicrously named New Street and an old Seaman's Bethel is now The Barbican Theatre, home to

the Waterfront Writers who meet every week. The theater is recently refurbished but still has many of its original features. The famous Mayflower Steps where the Pilgrim Fathers left for the Americas are also here now, but now only lead to the decks of small boats that run sightseeing trips or water taxis.

Dartmoor is a large area of natural beauty which borders Devon and Cornwall. Sometimes windswept and desolate and often dangerous it is home to Dartmoor ponies, Buckland Abbey (once the home of Sir Francis Drake), the infamous Dartmoor Jail and many delightful country inns with thatched roofs, home cooking and log fires (I know few people who could resist stopping a least once, for a sniff of the barmaid's apron at one of these hostelryes).

Also it is said that Dartmoor was the inspiration for the Sherlock Holmes mystery, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," after Sir Arthur Conan Doyle made one of his many visits to Plymouth.

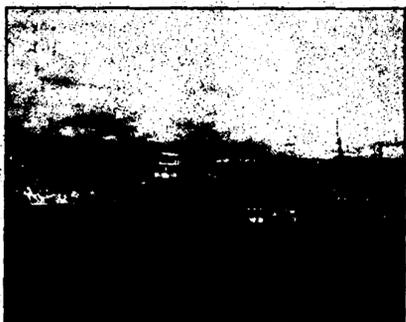
The Royal Albert Bridge spans the River Tamar. Built in 1859 and at the cost of many lives, it was the last thing to be engineered by Isambard Kingdom Brunel as he became very ill. Although the general opinion at the time was that it would be unable to withstand the weight of the engines, on completion, Brunel insisted on being the first person to cross the Tamar in a railway engine. Now over a hundred years later it still carries the railway line from Cornwall to Devon although it is now joined by the Tamar Road Bridge. The road bridge is now the main escape route from Cornwall to Devon and, interestingly, a toll is only charged when crossing the border into Devon. Union Street or "The Strip" as it is known locally was once a



PHOTOS BY CHRIS BARBER FROM 'PLYMOUTH IN PICTURES'

Starting point: Smeaton's tower overlooks the Plymouth Dome, a good place to start a tour of the city. The dome features an audio-visual show on the city's history.

Changing harbor: Pleasure craft are replacing working boats in Plymouth's famous Barbican dock section.



thriving shopping area by day and a sailor's paradise by night. Now most of the shops have moved into the town center leaving only Doc Price's Tattoo Parlour, still a strong attraction to many a brave hardy serviceman or civilian.

The Red Light district around Union Street is now more of a pale pink, but there are still many pubs and clubs and at 2 a.m. "The Strip" is the place to be for the serious people watcher with transport as taxis are rarer than sobriety in this part of town as closing time!

Of course, a special mention must go to Cap'n Jaspers which is praised far and wide as a catering establishment of merit. Situated on the Barbican it sup-

plies huge bacon butties and steaming mugs of tea to those willing to brave the Westcountry weather. A perfect place to eat, drink and watch Plymouth go by.

We have many local food delicacies in Devon. Clotted cream is my favorite and I think probably the most famous. This is a spreadable cream with an edible yellow crust. Wonderful with anything!

The Pasty was originally eaten by Cornish miners but has now crossed the border to become Devon's favourite take-away meal. It was originally a pastry crust containing half sweet and half savoury filling with a thick crimped edge which wasn't eaten but left for the mine pixies, who

when hungry would become mischievous and troublesome!

So this is my view of Plymouth, England, and I hope you have found it of interest. As a writer I feel that our surroundings affect creativity and I have certainly come to look at Plymouth with new eyes since writing this article. The Waterfront Writers anthology gives other writers' views of the city, both serious and humorous and is available for £2 (approximately \$3.74) plus £1.50 (approximately \$1.80) post and packaging (sterling).

For more information, contact Mrs. Melanie McDonagh, 3 Riga Terrace, Laira, Plymouth, U.K. or e-mail at mel@mcdonaghmj.freereserve.co.uk.

GREAT ESCAPES

ZOO CRUISE

The Detroit Zoological Institute is sponsoring a one-week Alaska cruise with zoo director Ron Kagan. The cruise aboard the 138-passenger Yorktown Clipper through the Inside Passage departs May 29.

The ship's small size and maneuverability provides easy access to hidden fjords and secluded bays. Conde Nast Travelers recently named Clipper one of the top-ten cruise lines in the world for the fourth year in a row.

Kagan has led wildlife tours to South America, Antarctica, East Africa, South Africa, the Galapagos and the Arctic. Kagan will lead the Detroit Zoo travelers through Tracy Arm, where harbor seals nurture newborn pups on ice floes in the shadow of the surprisingly blue Sawyer Glacier.

The voyage includes accommodations on ship, all meals aboard ship and lectures by naturalists. Rates range from \$2,200 to \$3,280 (including a zoo discount of \$200) based on double occu-

pancy and not including airfare to Juneau. For more information or to book a reservation, contact Lisa Brancato Maucki at the Detroit Zoological Society at (248)544-5717, ext. 1202.

NEW GOLF COURSE

Shanty Creek in Bellaire will open its new Cedar River Golf Club on June 12. The course has been designed by former PGA player Tom Weiskopf. The par 72 course is one of four courses in the Shanty Creek development. A new Lodge at Cedar River will also be opening. For more information, call (800)878-4111.

CAMP HONORED

The American Camping Association has recognized Camp Tall Turf with its first annual award for community service. Camp Tall Turf, based in Grand Rapids, Mich., with offices in Baxter Community Center, operates a camp in Walkerville, Mich., approximately 75 miles north-northeast of Grand Rapids. The Christian camp was honored for its youth development programs and its Service and Leadership Training Programs for Urban Youth which involves 25 young people from 14 to 17 each year.

NEW SPA

Michigan's award-winning Grand Traverse Resort, the Midwest's largest year-round resort, has announced plans for a spa slated for completion in May.

The full-service Spa will feature an 11,000-square-foot facility for treatment areas incorporated into the Resort's 100,000-square-foot health club. To commemorate this new addition, the

Resort has changed its name to the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ice Flairs finish 1st

The Livonia Ice Flairs, a senior youth precision skating team (ages 10-16), recently finished first at the Livonia Ice Arena.

Members of the Ice Flairs include: Laura Barde, Suzanna Burley, Jessica Burdick, Amy Burley, Whitney Demuro, Briana Dunphy, Sara Gutowski, Megan Hollinger, Shea Lennis, Kristine May, Julie Merlino, Linda Montgomery, Nicole Musser, Sarah Nicholson, Rachale Omell, Stephanie Reid, Amy Witkowski and Emily Zwarka.

The Ice Flairs are coached by Melissa Kos, Audrey Battenfield and Angela Suchy. The team manager is Brenda Nicholson and the team publicist is Linda Reid.

Congratulations also go out to Tina Probst and Keri Ahmet, directors of the Livonia Figure Skating Association.

Rockers go undefeated

The Livonia Rockers, an under-12 boys soccer team, recently finished undefeated during the second session at Total Soccer in Wixom.

Members of the Rockers, coached by Laura McDougall, include: Nick Ahwal, Aaron Anselment, Danny Armbruster, David Ayyash, Adam Bogenschutz, Stephen Franklin, Danny Garber, Ryan Graham, Brandon Grieve, Chris Lantto, Adrian Lucero, Jeff Pepera, Brad Schmitz and Andy Smith.

Assistant coaches include Luke Lucero, Don and Lesley McDougall.

Magic claims title

The Magic, an under-11 girls house team, recently finished first with an 8-0 indoor record at the SoccerZone in Novi.

The Magic, coached by Steve King, averaged eight goals per game led by forward Allyson King's 28 goals.

Other members of the Magic, 10 of which never played organized soccer, include Allison Mundy, Meghan Taylor, Ashley Dickieson, Emily DiCicco, Cassie Volante, Shaylin Snyder, Emily Oulette, Traci Cauchi, Nicole Cassar, Jessica Oliver, Stephanie Leeb, Halle Doenitz, and goalkeepers Lauren Kane and Michelle Ellis.

Assistant coaches include Rick Kane and Jeff Ellis.

Women's soccer league

The Great Lakes Women's Soccer League is seeking recreation or competitive level players 18 or older for its summer outdoor session.

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The entry fee is \$525 per team. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of nine games. The entry deadline is Saturday, May 29.

For more information or an entry form, call the NAYS toll-free at 1-888-629-2275.

Hatley hockey camp

The Jeff Hatley Hockey Camp (ages 8-12) will be Monday through Sunday, Aug. 2-8, at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

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Ballplayers wanted

The Westland Federation Baseball Club has openings for 15-16 year-old Little Caesars Travel League players.

For more information, call (734) 326-5635.

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Rockets rebound from Salem loss

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The Westland John Glenn girls soccer team put on its scoring shoes Friday night, posting a 9-1 victory at Livonia Franklin.

Glenn is now 1-2-1 overall, while Franklin drops to 0-2-1.

The Rockets offensive assault was led by sophomore Sarah Pack, who scored twice and had three assists.

Sophomore midfielder Lacey Catarino chipped in with two goals and one assist, while Katie Krause also scored a pair of goals.

Val Kurzynski, Julie Turner and Becky Jensen added the other Glenn goals.

Franklin, which has only three seniors on its roster, got a first-half goal from junior Alexis Bowman. Sophomore Deby Carlin had the assist as Franklin trailed 5-1 at halftime.

Glenn rebounded from Wednesday's 7-0 loss to Plymouth Salem (1-2-1).

"That's the way it goes in this league (Western Lakes)," Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski said. "It's tough win or lose."

"Was I a little surprised? Yes, because the last time we played Franklin it was a 3-2 game."

"But our girls stepped up tonight and played a good game."

Pack and Catarino were the catalysts.

"They're Premier League players and it's nice to have players like that," Poniatowski said. "We have a shallow bench, but a team like Salem has almost a full roster of those kind of players."

Glenn goalkeeper Jade Fukuda also stood out in the win.

"She was out all of last year with a torn ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) and she's getting her confidence back," Poniatowski said. "She's well trained and she's fearless. It takes guts to come back from an injury like that."

For Franklin coach Mary Kay Hussey, the plan is to improve as the season goes along. Her roster is domi-



STAFF PHOTO BY LIZ CARNAGIE

Close quarters: Westland John Glenn's Becky Jensen (left) and Livonia Franklin's Deby Carlin vie for the ball during Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association crossover.

nated by underclassmen — eight freshmen, four sophomores and three juniors. Meanwhile, netminder Melissa Matthews, a sophomore, was playing only her third game in goal.

"A game like this I didn't expect, but

we have six who have never played organized outdoor soccer before," Hussey said. "It's hard to teach in just four weeks. Right now we're teaching fundamentals and getting them a feel for the game."

Wayne, Glenn hit links for 1st time

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Talk about getting your feet wet.

Four high school girls golf teams braved chilly, rainy conditions Friday afternoon at Fellows Creek's West Course in a quad match that was called after five complete holes.

The abbreviated final team standings read: Southgate Anderson (107), Wayne Memorial (118), Dearborn (120) and Westland John Glenn (136).

"The weather was unbelievable, it was raining sideways," Wayne coach Dennis Chall said.

Three players tied for medalist honors — Wayne sophomore Allison Murphy, Mary Beth Brazell of Dearborn and Jen Dailey of Southgate — each shooting 25s.

Rounding out Wayne's contingent was junior Erin Scott, 29; freshman Annie Phillips and senior Tamara Hubbard, 32 each; sophomore Kayla Slezak, 38; junior Kristina Tsvetkoff, 43; and senior Jennifer Fortson, 54.

The Zebras, who lost 224-303 to Ypsilanti in their first-ever varsity match earlier in the week, are now an even 2-2 on the season.

Chall, who also serves as the Wayne boys coach, is literally starting from

scratch with his girls squad. His wife Paula serves as an assistant coach.

"A lot of them have never touched a club before and I've been working on an individual basis with them since January," he said. "We're just really breaking ground and were working really hard so we can compete with the older, more established schools."

"We've had wonderful support from the Superintendent of Schools (Greg Baracy), along with the principal and the board of education to make this happen."

Glenn, making its varsity girls golf debut, was led by freshman Ann Sanford, who shot a 30.

She was followed by senior Michelle Merandi (31), sophomore Katie Provot (37), senior Nikki Steinhilb (38) and freshman Nicole Ziegler (44).

Coach Tom Nakamoto will also rely this season on senior Laura Engebretson, sophomore Michelle Powers, along with freshmen Amanda Fannin and Jennifer McDermott this season.

"We gave it a pretty good shot today considering the conditions," Nakamoto said. "This is pretty nice. It just adds another opportunity for girls to participate in athletics."

"We have a full schedule and we hope to have fun and enjoy the game."

It's all over

DEBY PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Wayne's Allison Murphy, Plymouth goaltender Rob Zepp feels a bit better after the team's 1-0 victory in the Ontario Hockey League play-off game, 10-3, at the Plymouth Arena. See story on page D3.

Churchill unseats defending champ

GIRLS GOLF

The Livonia Churchill girls golf team did something hadn't done since the 1988 season — win the city tournament.

Led by co-medalist Heidi Aittama, a freshman, the Chargers withstood the soggy grounds Friday of Whispering Willows to earn the team title, beating defending champion Stevenson, 201-207. Franklin was a distant third with 277.

The Chargers' other three scorers included Jennie Lusa (50), Ashley Johnson (51) and Kelly Parzuchowski (53).

Stevenson was led by senior returnee Mara Mazzoni's 47. Backing up the co-medalist was Carli Heppner (50), Laura Haddock and Katie Carlson (55 each).

Katie Beasley led Franklin with a 59. "We kept it off for over a decade and we'll miss it," Stevenson coach John Wagner said of the Livonia city crown. "We'll just go back to work."

"But give credit to Churchill. They have a nice little team and they've made tremendous progress."

"And that Aittama, for a freshman, can really hit it."

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
April 18 at Whispering Willows

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 201; 2. Stevenson, 207; 3. Franklin, 277.

Churchill scorers: Heidi Aittama, 47 (co-medalist); Jennie Lusa, 50; Ashley Johnson, 51; Kelly Parzuchowski, 53; Julia McLaughlin, 54; Stacy Loucks, 70.

Stevenson scorers: Mara Mazzoni, 47 (co-medalist); Carli Heppner, 50; Katie Carlson and Laura Haddock, 55 each; Jessica Makowski, 61; Teresa Layman, 63.

Franklin scorers: Katie Beasley, 59; Erin Gavie, 68; Colleen Yorick, 69; Amanda Szabelski, 81; Megan Houghton, 83; Tina Each, 93.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 192
NOVI HIGH SCHOOL 238
April 14 at Fox Creek

Churchill scorers: Heidi Aittama, 45 (medalist); Ashley Johnson, Julia McLaughlin, Jennie Lusa, 49 each.

Novi scorers: Kelly Noble, 53; Carolyn Vermeulen, 54; Tara Stevens, 58; Becca Chen, 65.

Churchill's dual meet record: 1-0.

WHITE LAKE LAUREL 208
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 262
April 18 at Ivy Way

Laurel scorers: Leah Mitchell, 44; Jenny Zelony, 50; Christie McRitchie, 53; Dana Cochran, 58.

Franklin scorers: Katie Beasley, 56; Colleen Frizzell, 64; Amanda Szabelski and Kristin Kmet, 71 each.

Franklin's dual meet record: 0-1.

Wayne wins; Tomey hurls no-no

Wayne Memorial picked the right time to gain its first baseball victory of the year.

The Zebras, snapped an 0-5 season start with a 7-6 victory Wednesday over Ypsilanti in the Mega Conference White Division opener for both teams.

Jon Judd started the game-winning rally by walking in the seventh. Courtesy runner Shawn McDaniel went to second on a fielders choice by Gary Stevens, who also reached base safely on the bunt. Both runners moved up on a balk. George Rodriguez then was intentionally walked, loading the bases.

McDaniel came home on a wild pitch for the game-winning run.

Winning pitcher Ryan Czyzak, a senior right-hander, worked all seven innings. He scattered seven hits, one walk and fanned two.

Czyzak also helped his own cause with a pair of doubles. Judd, meanwhile, had three hits and two RBI. Jeremy Overton also singled twice.

Kim Robbins knocked in three runs for Ypsilanti.

Wayne is 1-5 overall and 1-0 in the Mega White, while Ypsi falls to 0-3, 0-1.

• JOHN GLENN 7, FRANKLIN 8: Westland John Glenn ran its overall record to 3-0 Wednesday with a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory over Livonia Franklin (0-2).

Franklin scored three times in the top of the sixth to take a 5-3 lead, but Glenn answered with four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Brian Reed had an RBI double to spark the rally, while Dale Hayes and winning pitcher Mike Swafford each added RBI singles. Dave Mijal clipped in with an RBI sacrifice fly.

Mike Grant contributed an RBI single for Glenn in the second inning.

Hayes and Reed each had two hits for the winners.

Tony Sala and Dave Word each contributed two hits for Franklin. Sala also had an RBI, while Word had a triple. The Patriots also got an RBI single by Ryan Tracy.

PREP BASEBALL

Hayes pitched the first four innings for Glenn, allowing one run on three hits. Swafford pitched the fifth and sixth innings and Brian Toth came on in the seventh to gain the save.

Word hurled four innings for Franklin before giving way to Joe Ruggiero, who suffered the loss. The two Franklin hurlers combined for nine walks.

• CANTON 5, STEVENSON 3: Plymouth Canton, scoring all five runs in the fourth inning to erase a 3-0 deficit, ran its record to 6-1 overall with a WLAA crossover victory Wednesday against host Livonia Stevenson.

Losing pitcher Roy Rabe, who gave up six hits and five walks while fanning six in seven innings, took the loss. Four of the five runs were unearned.

Canton starter Ben Tucker worked the first 6 1/2 innings for Canton, allowing three runs on eight hits. He struck out five in raising his season record to 3-0. Joe Cortellini came on to earn the save.

Steve Lueck's 2-run single in the fourth broke the 3-3 tie. Andrew Copenhaver added an RBI single and Cortellini contributed an RBI double.

Rabe had two hits, including a double and RBI single for Stevenson. Dave Stando and Brandon Gajda each contributed RBI singles as the Spartans fell to 0-1.

• N. FARMINGTON 5, CHURCHILL 4: In a WLAA crossover Wednesday, host North Farmington (1-0) tallied the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth to beat Livonia Churchill (1-2).

Matt Kelmigian reached base on an error and scored on another Churchill error for the game-winning run.

Paul Mercier, in relief of starter Justin Draughn (who worked the first four innings), took the loss.

Mike Barnett, one of four North pitchers, earned the victory in relief. He also had two hits.

Rick Strain led Churchill with two hits. Eric Lightle, Brad Bescoe and Tim Greenleaf also knocked in runs for the Chargers.

• REDFORD CC 5-10, DeLaSALLE 0-6: Redford Catholic Central senior Anthony Tomey threw his first career no-hitter Wednesday, highlighting a double-header sweep over host Warren DeLaSalle.

Tomey's no-hitter came in the Shamrocks' 5-0 victory in Game No. 1. CC completed the sweep with a 10-6 win in the nightcap.

Tomey, who has signed with Eastern Michigan University, had six strikeouts and walked three.

Senior catcher Chris Woodruff continued to solve DeLaSalle pitching, hitting a two-run double in the first inning. He hit four of his six home runs last year against the Pilots.

Senior Casey Rogowski, who was 4-for-5 with four walks in the double-header, added a solo home in the fifth.

The Shamrocks added two insurance runs, both unearned, in the seventh against the Pilots' ace, who recorded 10 strikeouts.

In the second game, the Shamrocks scored six runs in the third and led 8-0 at one point before the Pilots rallied to make it close.

Starting pitcher Dan Duffey had a strange fifth inning, getting the Shamrocks into and out of trouble.

After experiencing control problems, Duffey was pulled with CC leading 8-2 and the bases loaded with no outs in the fifth.

The Pilots scored four runs to cut the deficit to 8-6 and threatened more but Duffey, who was moved to right field after being lifted from the mound, caught a fly ball and threw a DeLaSalle runner out at the plate to complete a double play.

"It was a great throw," Salter said. "He had been wild pitching, but from outfield he threw a strike home."

Senior left-hander Mark Cole, who relieved Duffey, wasn't scored upon in the sixth and seventh innings to earn the save. All of the DeLaSalle runs were charged to Duffey.

Rogowski had two doubles and a pair of RBI for the Shamrocks in the nightcap. Senior Dave Lusky also collected two hits and two RBI.

The Shamrocks played both games without star Bob Malek in centerfield. Malek was relegated to designated hitter duties after being hit by a pitched ball on his throwing elbow against Detroit Country Day Tuesday.

He had one hit in the double-header.

The win improved the Shamrocks to 4-0 overall, 2-0 in the Catholic League Central Division.

SPORTS SHORTS

BOBCATS GO UNDEFEATED

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Bobcats, an under-9 boys team in the Great Lakes Soccer League, recently finished unbeaten with an 8-0 record at the third indoor session at Soccer Zone in Novi.

Members of the Bobcats, coached by Bill Wright, include: Billy Wright, Adam Spaeth, Ken Morin, Erik King, Ryan Henderson, Emmett Hassen, Dylan Green, Kevin Dugan, Alex Dominguez, James Chave, Kevin

Bennett, Ben Beaughan and Ken Barton.

Assistant coaches include Hamoudy Hassen and John Beaghan.

GLOBETROTTERS HOOP CAMP

Denny's restaurants and the Harlem Globetrotters will hold a pair of sessions of summer basketball camps for boys and girls ages 6-16, Monday through Friday, June 14-18, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

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Each camp participant will receive a camp T-shirt, mini Globetrotters basketball, autographed team photo and camp photo.

Globetrotter players will participate and evaluate campers during the week.

For more information, call 800-641-HOOP, Ext. 115 or 300.

Madonna drops 2

Indiana Tech pinned a double-header defeat Wednesday on the Madonna University baseball team.

In the nightcap, Tech tallied three runs each in the first, third and fifth innings to outlast Madonna (13-15-1) for a 9-7 win.

Crusaders' starting pitcher James O'Connor, was pulled after allowing six runs (all earned) on five hits and three walks in just three innings.

Derrick Wolfe went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI for the Crusaders while teammate Aaron Shrewsbury hit his 11th home run of the season.

Eric Williamson (1-1), who allowed two hits in one inning pitched, took the loss for Madonna.

Matt Fites (2-0), recorded the win for Indiana Tech (30-14).

The Crusaders blew a 6-0 lead to fall in the opening game, 11-10.

Madonna pitcher Bob Mason hurled four scoreless innings for the Crusaders, but got into trouble in the fifth. He allowed four runs in the fifth and another in the sixth inning before being pulled.

Tech scored five runs overall in the sixth and added two more in the seventh inning to prevail.

Mason (2-4) was the pitcher of record and took the loss for Madonna.

Third baseman Brad Casal, who was 1-for-3 with a homer and a run scored, along with three RBI to pace Indiana Tech.

Shrewsbury and Wolfe both connected for homers in the loss for Madonna. Each had three RBI to lead the attack.

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HOCKEYTOWN

Whalers harpooned by London in series finale

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OHL PLAYOFFS

For those of you who missed Game 7 Thursday in the Plymouth Whalers' second-round Ontario Hockey League playoff series against the London Knights, it went a little something like this:

"Eh-hemm. Na, na, na, na; Na, na, na, na; Hey, hey, hey, good-bye!"

At least, that's what will be ringing in the Whalers' ears as they recall the final moments of their season — their impressive, promising season — following a 10-3 drubbing at the hands of the Knights.

Players and coaches were left to wonder what happened in this series as the Knights took over the ice with timely goal-scoring and thundering checks to pull off the series upset.

"I don't think there's a guy in this room that didn't expect our season to go into the later rounds of the playoffs," said Whalers head coach and general manager Pete DeBoer. "Obviously, they're disappointed and there is nothing to say to them. There's no way to make this easier. All they can do is learn from it."

"There are a lot of guys in here that will go on to play for professional hockey clubs and learning from this is all they can do."

If there ever was a good time to break into a house in London, Ontario, Thursday was the night, with a good portion of the town in Plymouth for the deciding game.

The only evidence of home-ice advantage for Plymouth was, perhaps, the property deed.

The announced attendance of 4,186 was a bipartisan crowd (one London player said as many as 1,900 fans made the trip from Canada), but the Knights' fans easily won the noise contest.

"It was incredible," said London goaltender Gene Chiarello, who made 36 saves on 39 shots for his eighth win of the playoffs. "I think we definitely had home-ice advantage out there."

What the Knights didn't take over on the ice, their jubilant fans took over throughout the remainder of the arena.

They cheered louder. They booed louder. They exploded with each goal Whalers goalie Robert Holsinger let into his net. And that was during warm-ups! They even sang their national

anthem louder, drowning out the young singer's performance. It was a loss on all fronts for the American hosts.

At one point late in the game, Plymouth was penalized for too many players on the ice. Most likely, the referee would have caught the infraction anyway, but it was the London fans who made sure he noticed, yelling and pointing with six fingers raised.

Knights head coach Gary Agnew, who now holds a 3-1 career coaching record in Game 7s, thought the fan turnout definitely contributed to his team's dominating play.

"The core fans have been great all year," he said. "But this just started to go crazy in early February or late January when we started to get on a bit of a roll, and they've been following us ever since."

Even DeBoer noticed the clamor coming from the London cheering sections.

"I thought it was a great atmosphere with the two sets of fans going back and forth with each other," he said. "I think it was the best atmosphere we've had in this rink in the three years we've been here."

"We had a good crowd in here for Game 5, and I think it's starting to catch on. People are starting to appreciate how entertaining (OHL hockey) is."

London wasted no time finding the net as Tom Kostopoulos scored for the Knights just 29 seconds into the game.

Plymouth defenseman Paul Mara evened the score with a hard slapshot from the high-slot area just 48 seconds later, but Jay LeGault, Richard Pitirri, Kryz Barch and Adam Saffer recorded the next four goals of the game for London, building a commanding lead halfway through the contest.

Jamie LaLonde scored on a rebound for the Whalers at the 4:36 mark of the second period to cut London's lead to 5-2. But the Knights went on a scoring binge again with three straight goals by Joel Scherban, Dan Jancevski and Pitirri's second of the game.

Following a goal by Plymouth's Jason Ward 4:01 into the third period that made it an 8-3 London lead, Kostopoulos scored his second goal and Rico Fata, a

London fan favorite, added his first goal to cap the scoring and Plymouth's season.

Kostopoulos, the game's first star, finished with two goals and two assists while teammate Pitirri (second star) had two goals and one assist.

Harold Druken, who was tied for the league lead in playoff goals with nine entering the game (and was the OHL's leading goal-scorer in the regular season), finished with just one assist for Plymouth.

Holsinger, who recorded the lowest goals-against average in OHL history during the regular season, also finished the year on a downturn and was pulled from the net after the second period in each of the last two games. Plymouth was outscored 18-5 over that stretch.

Even with a big lead Thursday, Agnew was well aware of Plymouth's offensive capabilities.

"Any team that has five or six first-round draft picks on it, you know they have lots of firepower, and they're capable of getting back in any game," he said.

DeBoer knew the Knights simply had what they needed to win the series: Heart.

"I don't think there was anything we could have done differently in terms of playing our systems that would have made a difference," he said. "London is a good team, and I think they were just bigger and stronger than we were."



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Checkmate: Plymouth defenseman Paul Mara (left) tries to control the puck against a sliding London Knight John Erskine in Thursday's seventh and deciding game.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4
REDFORD THURSTON 4
April 14 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Ryan Plecha (RT) defeated Matt Clearman, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Jeffery Beydoun (LF) def. Paul Bertin, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Adam Harper (RT) def. Scott Gomez, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Jason Lada (RT) def. Adam Koppin, 7-5, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jason Berry-Dave Moldovan (LF) def. Ryan Kobeski-Kevin Rowe, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Bryon Tanana-Joe Gryslawicz (RT) def. Chris Don-Chris Harris, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Mike Dumouchelle-Rob Shaffer (LF) def. Don Harper-Ron Bracey, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; No. 4: Matt Nelson-Jason Rudy (LF) def. Matt Selfridge-Matt O'Neill, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Franklin's dual meet record: 0-0-1.
WAYNE MEMORIAL 8
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
April 14 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Austin Rowland (WM) def. Danny Kovacs, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; No. 2: Sos Rowland (WM) def. Dave Kovacs, 7-6, 6-1; No. 3: Phil Beckert (WM) def. Anthony Lambert, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Brian Schroeder (WM) def. Evan Waddell, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Allen Fry-John Lewis (WM) def. Rajiv Dashiya-Dave Stephens, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Tim Stark-Mariusz Kutcha (WM) def. Charles Farley-Robert Duiban, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Adam Cheisson-Ken Duneske (WM) def. Pat Sonak-Jeff Drotar, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Clinton Fry-Rich Eisingminger (WM) def. Ousman Afzal-Hardik Dalal, 7-5, 6-2.

Dual meet records: Wayne, 1-1; Glenn, 0-2.

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GIRLS TRACK ROUNDUP

Charger breaks pole vault mark

Livonia Churchill swept four events Thursday and got a school-record performance in pole vault from Kari Cezat to beat visiting Westland John Glenn, 85-52, in a girls track meet.

The Chargers dominated the shot put, discus, 1,600- and 3,200-meter events to win the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover.

Cezat, a sophomore who cleared 8 feet, 6 inches last Saturday in the Ann Pioneer All-Comers Meet, broke her own school mark just five days later by clearing 8-9.

Senior Ashley Fillion figured in three firsts for Churchill, winning the 800- and 1,600-meter runs in 2:42.9 and 6:58.4, respectively. She also teamed up with Becky Rodriguez, Susan Duncan and Katie Happ to win the 1,600 relay in 4:42.6.

Other Churchill firsts were recorded by Kristin Rader, shot put, 27-10½; Jenny Hefner, discus, 105-3; Mandy Hein, 300 hurdles, 54.9; and Rodriguez, 400 run, 1:06.8; and Stephanie Skwiers, 3,200 run, 12:55.5.

Churchill's 3,200 relay team of Colleen Hayden, Lindsay Cecil, Jennie Ogg and Katie Paulson also finished first in 11:26.2.

Glenn's top individual was junior LaToya Chander, who finished first in three events.

She captured the high jump (5-2), 100 hurdles (17.9) and 200 dash (28.8) and was a member of the victorious 800 relay team (1:52.7). Glenn also captured the 400 relay (52.0).

Glenn had two other individual firsts, Nicolette Jarrett in the long jump (15-11) and Felecia Barnett in the 100 dash (14.0).

In other meets last week:

LIVONIA STEVENSON 110 FARM. HILLS HARRISON 27
April 15 at Harrison
Shot put: Emily Yambasky (LS),

30-8½; discus: Yambasky (LS), 99-9; high jump: Andrea Polasky (LS), 4-11; long jump: Yoko Minowa (FHH), 14-2; pole vault: Abbie Schrader (LS), 7-3; 100-meter hurdles: Emily Yambasky (FH), 16.9; 300 hurdles: Katie Sherron (LS), 51.57; 100 dash: Angela Mikkelsen (LS), 13.7; 200: Theresa Chernenkoff (LS), 29.1; 400: Jennifer Hardacre (LS), 1:03.0; 800: Sara Kearfott (LS), 2:44.0; 1,600: Andrea Parker (LS), 5:47.0; 3,200: Jenna Felczak (LS), 13:38.5; 400 relay: Stevenson (Chernenkoff, Mikkelsen, Kristen Kulczycki, Dara Tompkins), 55.2; 800 relay: Stevenson (Cassie Ehlerdt, Angela Alfonsi, Sherron, Kulczycki), 1:56.2; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Christy Tzilios, Hardacre, Parker, Sherron), 4:23.9; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (Parker, Tzilios, Kim McNeillance, Marissa Montgomery), 10:56.0.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-0; Harrison, 0-1.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 88 NORTH FARMINGTON 48
April 15 at Franklin

Shot put: Lisa Balko (LF), 29-7½; discus: Susan Hand (NF), 83-7; high jump: Rita Malec (LF), 4-8; long jump: Jamey Holman (LF), 14-½; pole vault: Shiloh Wint (LF), 8-0; 100-meter hurdles: Katie Gaffey (NF), 17.6; 300 hurdles: Annette Schneider (LF), 56.6; 100 dash: Andrea McMillan (LF), 13.09; 200: Dayna Clemons (NF), 29.8; 400: Rita Malec (LF), 1:04.08; 800: Lyndsay Sopko (LF), 2:45.7; 900: Heidi Frank (NF), 5:55.0; 3,200: Gabrielle Nixon (LF), 13:45.0; 400 relay: North (Clemons, Erika Rives, Rebecca Abela, Nicole Taylor), 56.3; 800 relay: North (Vicky Hand, Laura Hirzel, Sylvia Jones, Clemons), 2:00.2; 1,600 relay: Franklin, 4:37.0; 3,200 relay: Franklin, 10:51.8.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-1; North, 0-1.



Kari Cezat
LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Pole vaulting over the bar
to set a school record
of 8 feet, 9 inches.

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Correct those swing problems at Venturi

BY DAVE SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

Rochester teaching golf professional Gregg Wysocki said he isn't in a cutthroat business because golf courses are crammed with golfers in need of lessons.

"One inside joke we have is, 'Don't worry about the competition. There's enough lousy golfers to go around for everyone,'" said the 35-year-old owner of Ken Venturi Indoor Golf Academy.

Wysocki's golf academy is like the Bally's of golf.

"We have members who need constant help," he said.

Wysocki opened one of the first membership-based golf schools 3.5 years ago. The Ken Venturi method has been copied by other schools because it is a concept where golfers can work on straightening out their slice all year long.

"In fact, golf training is the fastest growing aspect of the golf industry," said Wysocki.

"We welcome the competition because it tells us we have merit and our method works. We're pretty much the innovators of it. Imitation is the best form of flattery."

Golf lessons have progressed since the days when the teaching professional stood with his student and watched the student's swing. His school and many other schools have computerized swing analyzers. The computer measures the swing, such as the angle of the face of the club on impact. A computer analyzer board reads the path the club came through the ball, plus the club head speed. It also calculates where the ball will go.

The Academy also has a golf hole simulator, which gives you a real-life feel of a golf course. A school will use it for lessons and entertainment.

Many such simulators are popping up in the area, such as at Great Lakes Crossing - the recently-opened outlet mall off I-75 in Auburn Hills.

"Computer technology takes a

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lot of pressure off the pro, because you don't have to watch in full speed," Wysocki said. "You can break the swing down frame-by-frame."

Wysocki said that while a lesson or two may help a golfer get the kinks out of swing, it may be only temporary.

"The top golfers are always out there with a coach. The guys on TV, they're never out there practicing alone. There is always something you can improve," Wysocki said.

There are about a half-dozen membership golf schools in the Detroit area now. And golf stores and pro shops also offer lessons.

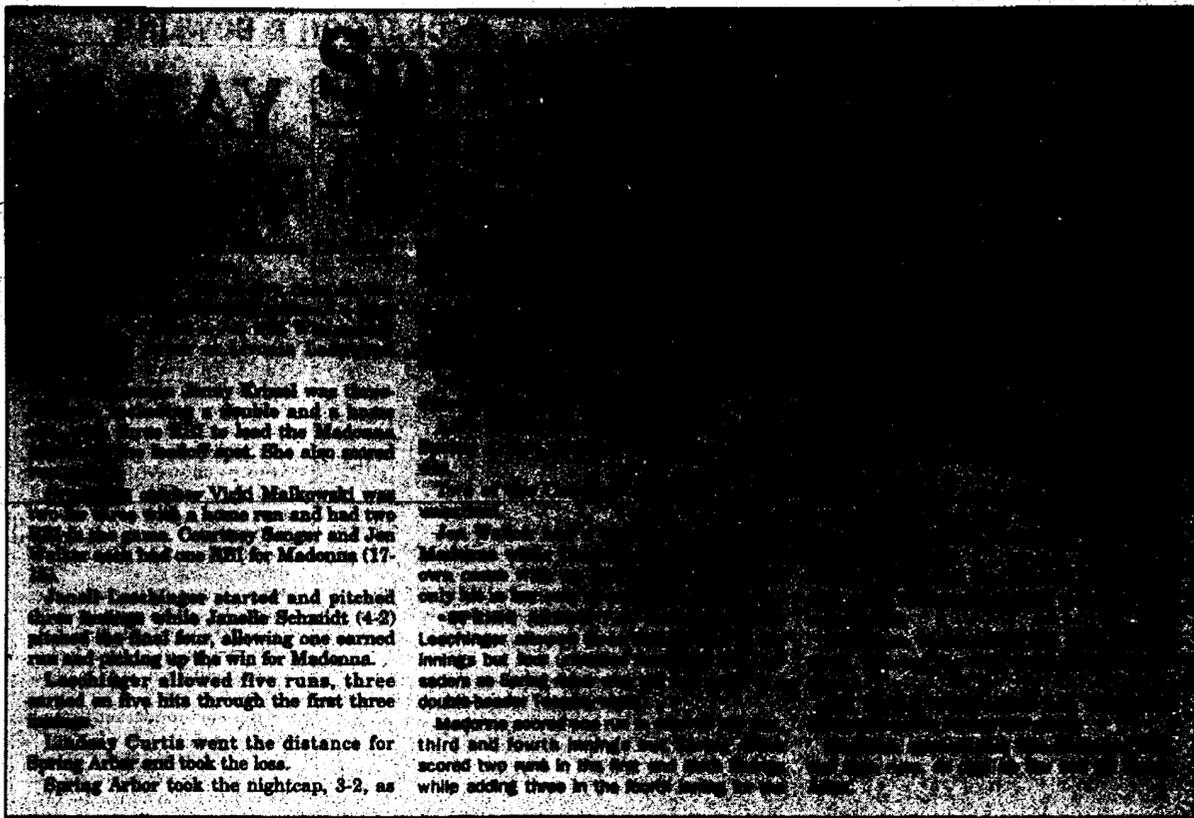
"People are realizing that you can spend \$1,000 a year on a new set of clubs and they're not going to help if you don't invest in training. It's better to invest the money in training as opposed to new clubs," Wysocki said.

Word of mouth has been his school's best advertisement. In the three years they have been in business, more than 1,000 people have owned memberships at one time or another. Memberships cost about \$400 for three months and \$1,000 annually, which includes five lessons a month and all the balls you can hit.

Golf has become a big business in the last five years, Wysocki said.

"It's gone nuts. Tiger Woods has had a lot to do with that. He's not your typical pro and has gotten the kids excited about golf. Before Tiger, golf was more of an elitist sport. Now the middle class and lower middle class has gotten interested."

"Tiger Woods isn't the only reason, but the big reason. Golf has also become business oriented, a real form of entertainment for clients," Wysocki said, pointing out that many hand shakes on deals are made on a golf course. "People join because they say they want to learn golf for their job."



Livonia Franklin subdues Rockets, 4-1; North beats Churchill; Stevenson falls

Livonia Franklin broke open a close game with a pair of runs in the fifth inning to best Westland John Glenn in a girls softball Wednesday, 4-1.

The host Patriots improved to 2-0 with the win, while Glenn falls to 0-2.

Leading 2-1, Franklin's Tera Morrill singled, stole second and scored on Jeanette Bertrand's single. Morrill came home on Kelly Young's groundout.

Winning pitcher Tara Muchow worked all seven innings, giving up five hits and no walks while fanning seven.

Losing pitcher Stephanie Fedulchak gave up 10 hits, walked two and struck out two.

Kerstin Marshall and Jamie Linden each went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Patriots.

PREP SOFTBALL

Muchow added an RBI double.

Abby Massey went 2-for-3 to pace Glenn.

N. FARMINGTON 6, CHURCHILL 0: On Wednesday, North Farmington sophomore hurler Kristina Colombo limited host Livonia Churchill (0-2) to just two hits in seven innings to gain the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory.

Colombo, who flirted with a no-hitter through six innings, struck out eight and walked just three.

Sallie Kuratko broke up Colombo's no-hit bid with a two-out double in the sixth. Raegan Fisher added a single in the seventh.

Randi Taub's 2-run triple in the third inning

paced North (1-0).

Losing pitcher Adrienne Doyle, the victim of seven errors, gave up six hits, struck out nine and did not walk a batter. She was charged with just two earned runs over six innings before giving way to Meghan Misiak.

CANTON 4, STEVENSON 1: Four different players collected two hits apiece Wednesday as host Plymouth Canton (1-0) opened its season with a victory over Livonia Stevenson (1-1).

Paula McKernan, Brianna McNicholas, Becky Mize and Lisa Baker each collected two hits for the Chiefs.

Gretchen Hudson, the winning pitcher, gave up two hits over five innings. She walked just one and struck out 10 before giving way to Jenny Fisher, who earned the save.

LeAnne Schraufnagle, the losing pitcher, allowed 12 hits.

AREA GOLF DIVOTS

SCRAFT 7TH AT OCC INVITATIONAL

Oakland Community College finished third in the OCC Golf Invitational Friday at Pontiac Country Club.

Muskegon CC edged Lansing CC for first place, 307-308. OCC was three strokes back at 310.

Rounding out the team standings: Glen Oaks (310), St. Clair (317), Lake Michigan (320), Schoolcraft (330), Henry Ford (330), Flint Mott (334) and Wayne County (457).

Individual medalist honors went to Brian Doak of Lake Michigan and Scott Volkman of Muskegon, each carding 75.

OCC's Kevin Harris and Chuck Neil were part of a four-way for fifth place (76).

Ryan Deschaw led Schoolcraft with a 77 followed by Andy Daiek (80), Shaun Mahar (86), Anthony Mettetal (87) and Mark Medonis (87).

C.J. Reed led Henry Ford with a 77. Wayne Memorial's Jamison Beavers added an 84.

AREA GOLF OUTINGS

The Michigan State Spartans and the University of Michigan Wolverines will team up to raise money for the Special Olympics Oakland County on Monday, May 24, in the Eighth Annual Maize 'N' Green Tournament at Oakland Hills Country Club.

The day begins at 9:45 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. That will be followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. The awards presentation and reception will be 4-6 p.m.

Sponsorships are \$500 per person, a portion of which is tax deductible. Reservations can be made by calling (248) 674-4924.

The fourth annual University of Detroit-Mercy baseball alumni and friends golf outing beginning with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 15 at Bogie Lake Golf Club, 11231 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake.

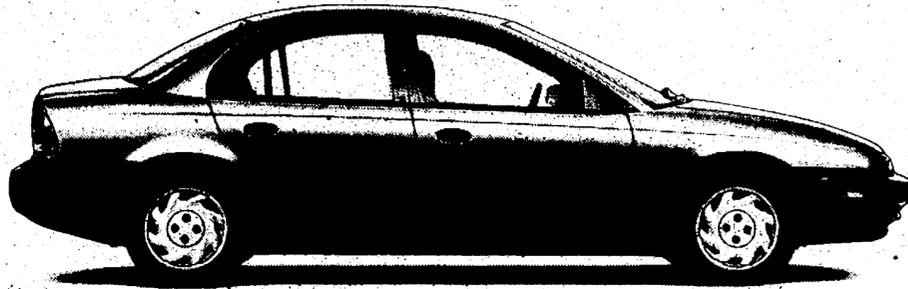
All proceeds go to UDM baseball.

The cost is \$100 per person (includes 18 holes, cart, beverages, lunch and dinner).

Hole sponsorships are available (signage provided UDM).

Checks should be made payable to: UDM Baseball and mailed to: Bob Miller, Jr., Golf, 15050 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154.

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Even bowlers have to eat sometime.

The All-Star Bar & Grille, which is owned and operated by Steve Klein at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth and Cherry Hill Lanes on Inkster Road across from Garden City are two of his five locations serving up a nice variety of good food.

There are eight different burgers on the menu including the veggie and the famous Stus Burger, marinated in teriyaki sauce and served with tomato, mayo, lettuce and topped with grilled pineapple and cheddar cheese.

There are four varieties of chicken burgers, a nice array of deli sandwiches, all kinds of appetizers including Macho Nachos, several types of salads and of course, pizza, made in his own ovens, hand tossed.

And with all that Steve offers free delivery within the area.

You don't even have to be a bowler to eat with the All-Stars, which is also an indication that Steve Klein is also one of the elite bowlers in this town.

Even Gordie Bickle would love this kind of bowling fare.

OWLS

To see them are like little Christmas presents, because you never know for sure what you will find.



A few years ago I found some owl pellets at Spring Lake Park in northern Oakland County.

Great horned owls are large owls so their pellets were large too. Some were an inch in diameter and 3-4 inches long.

Once the pellets were dry, I stored them in an old egg carton until they were needed for programs.

Since then I've opened up several of them and discovered skulls of mice, voles, chipmunks and an occasional bird.

But the last time I opened up

I found some owl pellets at Spring Lake Park in northern Oakland County. We found pellets beneath the trees where we flushed a pair of owls.

Through the years, scientists have learned some interesting and unusual things by examining owl pellets.

Have you ever seen a small aluminum ring attached to the leg of a bird? A veterinarian has been found to use pellets to determine if a bird has been in a cage. A veterinarian has been found to use pellets to determine if a bird has been in a cage.

Western harvester ants would unearth tiny bone fragments from underground, take them to the surface and incorporate them in their nest mounds.

Scientists examining these nests found hundreds of new fossil mammals they never knew existed.

Sometimes, we discover things in very unusual ways.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ARCHERY

INTRO TO ARCHERY

The Livonia Archery Range will host a beginner archery class on May 1. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

FUND-RAISERS

TROUT UNLIMITED BANQUET

The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding its 35th annual fund-raising banquet on Thursday, April 22, at the Royalty House in Warren. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$75 for couples.

CLASSES

SPRING BREAK FOR BICYCLING

Learn the basics of body mechanics, bicycle mechanics and bicycle touring during this class, which is sponsored by Working Wheelers Cycling Club and begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Eastern Mountain Sports in Farmington Hills.

BOATING SAFETY

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand to explain boating safety and what they look for during a boat inspection, during the regular meeting of the Metro West Steelheaders, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the cafeteria at Garden City High School.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Join author Mike Terrell and learn where to go mountain biking in the northern Lower Peninsula during this class, which begins 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at H&I in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 850-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ACTIVITIES

SEVEN LAKES HIKE

Enjoy a scenic 5-mile hike

through the Holly Recreation Area with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on Saturday, April 24. Participants should meet at 11:30 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call Liz Allingham at (313) 581-7579 for more information.

PAINT CREEK HIKE

Take a fast-paced hike over level terrain along the Paint Creek Trail with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on Sunday, April 25. Participants should meet at noon behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile Road, east of I-75 (south edge of the Oakland Mall). Call June Cox at (248) 435-9522 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES

As of April 1, anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license.

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 24 on designated streams, rivers and lakes.

FLIES-ONLY TROUT

A special catch-and-release, flies-only trout season runs through Friday, April 23, on a special section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Center. Call (810) 685-2187 for details.

WALLEYE

Walleye season opens April 24 on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

SAUGER

Sauger season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKY

Musky season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

PIKE

Northern pike season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

CLUBS

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 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia.

Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee: Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Home-schooled children ages eight and older are invited to study native cold-blooded creatures during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, at Stony Creek.

1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury, call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain, call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland, call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake, call (810) 229-7067.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Earth Day through earth-related programs and displays during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Maybury.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net)

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

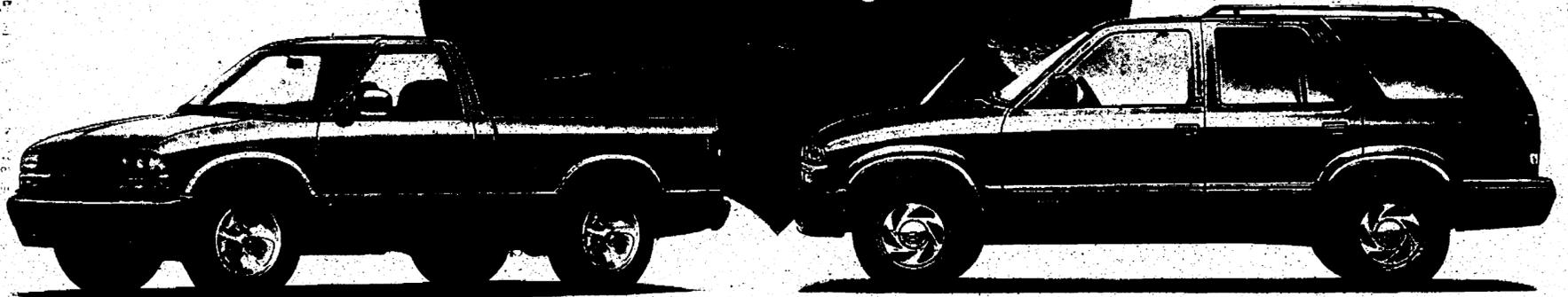
- WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia) Wonderlans Classic: Ron Eisenbeis, 277-265/775; Murray Holt, 279/745; John Hurley, 278/742; Tim Saunders, 277/737; Eric Kuspa, 277/735; Mark Huntoon, 299 (112 pins o/a); St. Sabina's Mixed: Steve Segal, 245/716; Mark Price, 674; Gary Morton, 627; Jacqueline Segal, 219/556; Saturday Nite Live: Chuck Senne, 245/704; Jim Hopkins, 687; Mike Novinsky, 255; Nite Owls: Wally Szul, 258/706; Darrin Lip-tow, 288/687; Gary Laine, 264/656; Gary Steinman, 258; Allyn Madden, 649; Mike Pic-nick, 254/640; CLOVERLANES (Livonia) Moslem Shrine: Lee Francis, 191-208-233/632 (his first 600 set, 179 pins o/a); St. Aidan's Men: Dave Weber, 239; Jeff Radak, 211-238/638; Ernie Wagner, 223; Rich Amolsch, 237-206/636; Alan Polansky, 225; Joe Naujokas, 212-213; All-Star Bowlerettes: Tamika Glenn, 269/719; Renee Tesner, 256/676; Lisa Bishop, 254/665; Cheryl Daniels, 248/687; Gwen Finley, 247/644; Geri Beattie, 246; Ward Youth Traveling: Tom Woolföck, 267/748; Brian Hanning, 704; Dominique Payne, 644; Kim Konieczny, 245/702; FoMoCo: Cal Collins, 279; Larry Frank, 259/705; Dave Diomed, 656; George Duke, 256/642; Brian Chuba, 255/651; Brian LeBlanc, 662; WOODLAND LANES (Livonia) Jack & Jill: Steve Shaw, 233/633; Mike Hund, 222; Chuck Elstone, 614; Ford Parts: Bob Bayer, 714; Ed Nichols, 258/741; Darrell Knox, 701; Ken Jacobs, 687; Scott Begin, 660; Vaughn Pistoles, 658; Dave Crevenak, 659; Mark Pollard, 678; Morning Stars: Betty Koski, 223/583; Wanda Simons, 222; Afternoon Delights: Phyl Long, 244/614; Woodland Men's Trio: Greg Wigford, 705; Jim Rozell, 704; John Weiss, 279/671; Rick Jones, 697; Erv Watson, 686; John Wodarski Jr, 687; Thursday Morning Ladies: Marilyn Gould, 216-204/567; Jean Jones, 224; Early Birds: Laurie Sakata, 211/534; Mary Sherr, 204; Pat Lamorand, 203/511; Guys & Dolls (Seniors): Dorothy Walters, 200; Ed Kullig, 211; Eleanor Rusu, 209; Livonia Elks: Paul Simons, 278; Senior House (Premium Bowling Products): Ken McMillan, 265/711; Mike Larocca, 254/691; Steve Hatch, 245/697; Paul Gadowski, 236/697; Rick Siedlaczek, 256/721; David Mahaz, 246/719; Midnight Mixed: Dale Manteuffel, 276/691; Eric Schmitt, 279; Reuben Looney, 258; Midnights: Kelly Brothers, 236/665; Mike Zielinski, 242/607; Tim Mielcarek, 234/603; Greg Poore, 2236/586; Friday Livonia Strikers: Frank Hoffman, 279/748; Monday Seniors: Ruth Brewer, 203; Fred Swan, 226; Phil Insacco, 210; Tom Gerovac, 205; G & G Auto: Jason Adamowicz, 200; Sidelines: Jason Williams, 664; Tom Hodges, 640; Marvin Holly, 663; Jim Baler, 652; Dick Naldow, 605; Local 182/Retirees: Bill Keppen, 256/203/621; Jack Henderson, 201; MERRI ROLL (Livonia) Lost Weekend: Tilo: Bill Newbrough, 277-289-268/834; Newburg Ladies: Darlene Jablonowski, 215; Susan Lindman, 192; Heidi Hiser, 190; Men's Senior House: Jim McPhail, Jr., 300/725; Senior Merry Bowlers: Roy McMahon, 205/534; Betty Moore, 213/532; Fred Janauski, 208/538; Joe Kubinec, 235/543; Youth League: Pin Leads: Heather Bingleose, 195/516; Chris Singleton, 195/534; Kristen Struss, 189-Gutter Ousters: Derek Karzyn, 172; Strikes & Spares: Stevelyn Norman, 220; Stephanie Coddard, 228/566; Cassie Renard, 214; Justin Kowalski, 201; Pappi Pros: Jason Krietsch, 246/581; Eugene Doss, 252; Robbie Ozenghar, 233/646; Matt Bochenek, 226; Pat Smith, 226/582; Pin Busters: Jessica Barber, 195/535; MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford) Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Ozzie Hovsepian, 279/693; Mel Albritt, 226-259-238/723; Harry Ackelman, 237-249/675; Frank Fielder, 247/650; Jim Zellen, 224-259-204/687; Dick Thompson, 255/651; Jack Kassabian, 243-234/688; Monday Seniors: Norm Bochenek, 236-259-284/779; Lee Onkka, 279-246/722; Andy Parritto, 248-245/705; Bud Kraemer, 267/681; Duane Kuras, 278/672; Ed Patrick, 652; George Kompoltowicz, 269/651; Friday Seniors: George Kompoltowicz, 247/683; Bill Britton, 259/712; Dick Thompson, 254/711; Roy Olson, 267/628; Walt Arsenault, 266/697; Rich Zacherank, 258/622; Dale Kieffer, 246/654; Hal Mahoney, 242/657; GARDEN LANES (Garden City) St. Linus Classic: Mike Baldwin, 300-205-245/750; Scott whisenand, 241-233-232/708; Matt Dalley, 277-218-206/701; Jim Kowalski, 231-248-214/693; Mark Williams, 238-233-210/681; Curt Bizbiek, 260-214/673; Dave M. Bezner, 256-226/671; Westside Lutheran: Bill Mueller, 266/718; Jim Joiner, 268/698; Bill Bryant, 266/648; Kevin Chambers, 646; Tim Collins, 643; WESTLAND BOWL Monday Morning Men's: Jim Griffith, 300/719; Marty McMurry, 279/649; Ken Ringgenberg, 268/651; Randy Kline, 264/696; Ray Kreuter, 300/715; Randy Kline, 278/711; Jim Prosteli, 259/730 (172 pins o/a); Tony Przytulski, 267/729; Jim Fuchs Jr, 270/653; Ken Merelich, 265/703; Scott Allen, 266/634; Greg Ivan, 266/642; Joe Kovatch, 278; Jim Green, 704; St. Mal's Men: Ken Kinsler, 278/665; Doug Ealy, 289/732; Mike Hatch, 252/657; Rick Smith, 289/629; Paul Smolinski, 246/612; Steve McCool, 241/656; Sunday Sleepers Invitational: Robert Cook, 267/759; Lloyd Kowalk, 291/733; Wayne De Rosa, 254/726; Pat Testa, 277/254; Dave Makowicz, 300/705; Mark Konopatzki, 269/702; TOWN 'N COUNTRY LANES (Westland) Airline: Al Lang, 300; Blitmes: Cheri Brezovsky, 246/672; Lisa Wilkins, 206; Tammy Carol, 203; PLAZA LANES (Plymouth) St. Coletta: Jeff Terberg, 278; Tim Hicks, 268; Larry Trainor, 279-279-203/761; Meglers: Greg Cameron, 246; Jim Griffin, 255; Ron Cathey, 257; Don Cathey, 275-258; Waterfall Men: Ray Haan, 254; Mark Wright, 257; Keith Sockow, 267; Chuck Morris, 264/722; Ken Tockstein, 256; Steve Demeter, 258; Mike Kania, 258; Sheldon Road Men: Joe Van Steet, 256; Gary Ferryhough, 245/702; Larry Minehart, Jr., 259; Bob Walker, 267; Gary Gosicki, 278; Plaza men: Jim Rowe, 268; Kerry McCue, 279-203-258/740; Dave Jacek, 258/703; Larry Gawlich, 266; Steve Witkowski, 278; Larry Minehart Jr, 273-247-248/768; Bob Healy, 256; SUPER BOWL (Canton) Saturday 11 a.m. Majors: Jessica Force, 202/552; Cory Cairncross, 207/531; Saturday 11 a.m. Juniors: Mellissa Siemasz, 165; Saturday 11 a.m. Preps: Dominic Gallo, 184; Patrick Komerski, 169; Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors: Todd Schemanske, 253/641; Mike Ligeski, 223; Saturday 9 a.m. Majors: Ken Bazman, 237/646; Pat Brown, 286/727; Andy Baldoni, 220/546; Saturday 9 a.m. Preps: Steven Koch, 138; Friday Majors: Dave Jacobs, 233/626; Steve Reitzel, 204/502; Brad Burmeister, 202; Friday Preps: Derek Poremba, 189/532; Michelle Hamal, 133; Thursday Ban-lams: Brian Meyer, 131.

BOWLING TIP OF THE WEEK

Mark Robey is the owner of Bowlers Aid Pro Shop located in Shore Lanes. Robey is a highly regarded instructor, rated a Silver Level coach by USA Bowling. One of the most common bowling faults is poor timing, and Robey offers this advice to all bowlers to help in this regard: "To get your timing in order, you have to start correctly. Good things flow from a good start. If you are taking a four-step approach, you must start the first step simultaneously with the push-away of the bowling ball and this would put you in the position to have accurate timing. "Now if you take a five step approach, the first step is small, and the push-away begins as you take the second step. That would be the key to getting your timing off on the right foot. "As for the push-away, in the old days we used to teach a extended push-away where you would lock the elbow as soon as you pushed off. This tends to make people late with the swing. "We now teach the Waterfall or Cascade start. Sort of like a ball dropping off the table, so to best describe it, just let the ball fall naturally as you push it away from your body, and you don't actually lock-out your elbow. "This will help get the ball in motion a little bit faster as you take that first step. With perfect timing, the slide is ending as you deliver the ball. "The best way to end up in the right position is to start in the right position. If you get a good start, it makes it hard to have bad timing. "When the timing goes south, it's usually due to a late start in the swing. "When in your stance position, try to be as comfortable as possible and support the weight of the ball with your opposite hand, so you can have that nice free swing that we all have after. "In the stance, a slight lean of about 15 degrees is recommended along with a slight bend of the knees, and the right foot offset a few inches behind the left (lefties the opposite). "Keep the steps at a natural pace, so you're not Russian to the line. "Good timing leads to good scores, and of all the components that make up the bowling delivery, get the timing right and watch those scores go up."

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