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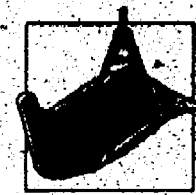
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Fire station plan sparks dispute



A letter from Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal, distributed to homes in the south corner of the city in an effort to gain support for a proposed fire station, has sparked a dispute. The council votes on the issue Monday.

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Fire Chief Mark Neal, politicking for a new fire station on Westland's south-east side, has made a direct appeal for residents to help thwart any opposition.

In letters distributed to south-end homes, Neal charged that a few residents could scuttle the project by suggesting the station should be built on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and Annapolis.

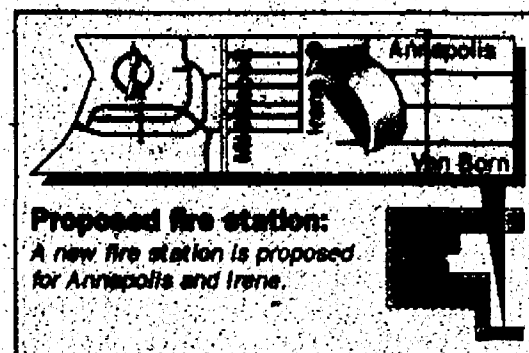
Neal labeled the alternate proposal "life-threatening," saying it could block

neighborhood fire and paramedic services by ruining plans for a fire station one block east, at Annapolis and Irene.

"Their opposition may put an end to our struggle to place a fire station in the south end of the city," Neal said in a letter to Carver subdivision residents.

"The loss of this station threatens the quality of your life and, for some of you, may reduce your chance for survival," Neal wrote.

His appeal for support comes as a critical vote looms Monday, when Westland City Council members will



decide the station's fate during a 7 p.m.

Please see **STATION, A2**

Store hopes there's still saving time for trailer

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland police remain baffled after a 48-foot-long Farmer Jack trailer containing \$43,000 in perishable foods was stolen from a local store.

"So far we have no leads," Chief Emery Price said Friday.

The trailer was hauled away after it was parked around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday behind a Farmer Jack in a strip center on the northeast corner of Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail.

"It was seen at about 4:30 a.m. on eastbound I-96 at Middlebelt, being pulled by a purple tractor with a sleeper on top," Paul Coleman, Farmer Jack vice president of advertising and marketing, said.

The trailer had been dropped off to replenish the store's stock of meat, produce, frozen foods and other perish-

Please see **TRAILER, A3**

Report cards to go home in the mail

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Starting this fall, Livonia's high school students will have one less piece of paper to cart home in their backpacks.

LIVONIA

Students no longer will bring report cards home. Instead, at the end of every card marking period, report cards will be mailed directly to high school students' homes.

The change, expected to cost Livonia Public Schools about \$9,000 a year, brings the three high schools up to par with nearby school districts, said John Kuenzel, director of elementary instruction.

"We're one of the few districts not mailing report cards home," Kuenzel said. "For cost reasons, it has been far

Please see **MAIL, A3**

Life-saving donation



Strong tie: Pat Feldt of Redford Township donated one of her kidneys to Dennis Popa of Canton Township. Both work for L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, which is in Westland and Canton.

Area woman donates kidney to co-worker

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
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Dennis Popa feels like he's gotten a second chance at life.

A kidney transplant, made possible by a co-worker, has put him on the road to recovery.

Popa, diabetic for the past 19 years, had been suffering from kidney problems for the past three years. In the past year, he had been evaluated for a kidney transplant. He realized he was not getting any better and that he probably should have been on dialysis.

But somehow, he kept his illness from interfering with his job. He is a licensed mortician at the L.J. Griffin

Funeral Home in Westland and Canton Township.

Enter Pat Feldt of Redford Township. She began working at L.J. Griffin in July as a secretary, but says she had heard before she started working there of Popa's illness.

"I told him I wanted to be a donor," Feldt said.

"I was completely stunned by the offer," Popa, a Canton Township resident, said.

Because Feldt has a large family, nine children ages 4 to 22, Popa tried to discourage her at first, Feldt said.

But Feldt was determined.

And Popa, who had a list of four

Please see **TRANSPLANT, A3**

Some facts about organ donation

- April is Donor Awareness Month in Michigan and nationally.
- The new Michigan driver's licenses and ID cards have space on the back for writing organ donor information.
- While more than 20,000 Americans per year receive organ transplants, about 4,000 people die in the United States each year - about 11 every day - while waiting for a donated organ.
- Today, nearly 60,000 people are on the national organ transplant waiting list.
- Although an estimated 8,000-15,000 deaths per year could result in organ donation, only 5,475 deaths resulted in donation in 1997.
- A 1996 study indicated that of all potential donations, 32 percent of families agreed to donation; 36 percent of families denied consent for donation; and in 27 percent of cases, either potential donors were not identified or no request was made to the family.

Source: United Network for Organ Sharing

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Council meets: The Westland City Council meets for its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in council chambers, second floor, Westland City Hall. A study session on the library bookmobile is planned for 6:15 p.m.

Town hall: U.S. Rep. Lynn N. Rivers will be holding a town hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Monday in the Bailey Community Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Rivers will discuss recent actions in Congress and take questions from the floor.

TUESDAY

Planning commission: The Westland Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers of Westland City Hall.

FRIDAY

Dump day: The Department of Public Services transfer site opens with a free dump day for Westland residents, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 37137 Marquette.

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Not so funny, bunny

Rabbit reaction: Jillian Kronburg, 1, of Westland did not know what to make of the Easter bunny at the Civitan bunny brunch at Harris Kehrre VFW last weekend. Kevin Gozdzik played the bunny. For more on the brunch, see A3.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN R. WARD

Services for Kathleen Ward, 76, of Westland were April 3 in John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Willet J. Herrington III from St. Andrew Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Ward, who died March 30 in Westland, was born Dec. 14, 1922, in Detroit. She was a supervisor.

Surviving are her son, Gregg (Cindy) Ward; brother, Jack; sister, Barbara; and two grandsons.

Mrs. Ward was preceded in death by her husband, William, and sister, Dorothy.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

GUY R. HAYES

Services for Guy Hayes, 89, of Westland were April 1 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Hayes, who died March 30 in Livonia, was born Dec. 6, 1909, in Woodbury, Tenn. He was a general maintenance employee in a hospital.

Surviving are his son, Roger of Westland; sisters, Naomi Brown and Carmen Perry; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hayes was preceded in death by his daughter, Margaret Hislop.

HELEN C. RILETT

Services for Helen Rilett, 80, of Westland were March 14 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Roger Aumann from Christ The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Rilett, who died March 14 at Arbor Hospice, was born Jan. 22, 1919, in Detroit. She was a professional care giver for Wayne County.

Surviving are her son, George (Sandy); daughters, Joyce Smith and Marian (Larry) Malek; two brothers; three sisters; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Rilett was preceded in

death by her husband, Leonard and son, Leonard.

EDITH GARDIAN

Services for Edith Gardian, 76, of Westland were April 8 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Gardian, who died March 31 in Westland, was born May 5, 1922, in Stanford, Ky. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene; daughter, Linda; one brother; four sisters; and one grandchild, Tracy.

Mrs. Gardian was preceded in death by her brother, Eugene.

DONALD DEMAEESTRI

A memorial service for former Westland resident Donald Demaestri, 74, of California will be 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road in Canton. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. until time of service. Officiating will be the Rev. Leonard Partensky.

Mr. Demaestri, who died in California, was born April 11, 1924, in Detroit. He was a construction worker.

Surviving are his former wife, Lillian; sons, Randy (Judy), Fred and Darin; daughters, Donna (Greg) Minor and Nina (Michael) Hildebrandt; sister, Gloria (Lee) Alati; and two grandchildren.

MARJORIE L. FULLER

Services for Marjorie Fuller, 78, of Westland were April 3 in Ziomek Funeral Home with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas Badley from Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Mrs. Fuller died March 31.

Surviving are her husband, Donald; sons, Gregory (Ellen) Fuller, Edward (Lynn) Ferguson and Daniel Ferguson; daughters, Judy (Robert) Commire and Janet Pine; sister, Frances Myasato; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Some members of her family reside in the Livonia area.



Fire station plan: An artist's rendering shows the design of a new fire station proposed for the southeast section of Westland at Annapolis and Irene.

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meeting at City Hall.

"It's extremely critical that I receive support for the station at that next meeting," Neal said Thursday during a telephone interview.

Carver resident Sherry Mallard accused Neal of using "scare tactics" in his letter, which she also called misleading by suggesting some residents oppose a fire station. Mallard was among three people named in Neal's letter.

"What he wrote here is a lie," she said. "I'm not in opposition to a fire station. I'm all for it."

Mallard said she and some residents simply believe that the Middlebelt-Annapolis corner would be a better location.

One group, the Southeast Homeowners Association, has taken a position supporting plans for the 4,823-square-foot, \$800,000 station at Annapolis and Irene, according to the group's vice president, John Franklin.

He also said residents support the city's plans for a community park next to the fire station — one that eventually is expected to include a basketball court and a baseball diamond.

"It's going to be good for our community," Franklin said. "It's a big event for the area."

He said the fire station and park will complement new Carver housing that is sprouting up due to efforts of a nonprofit church group, Peoples Community Hope For Homes.

Mallard accused Franklin and other homeowners association officials of refusing to listen to views about a Middlebelt-Annapolis fire station during a recent group meeting.

"We were just shouted down," Mallard said. "It was ridiculous."

Neal, meanwhile, said he has received about 30 phone calls of support since his letter was distributed to south-end residents last week.

"I have not gotten one single negative call," he said Thursday afternoon.

Neal cited several reasons why the Middlebelt site is inappropriate for what would be the city's

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fifth fire station:

■ The site isn't big enough to accommodate fire station plans, much less a community park and ballplaying areas.

■ The city doesn't own the Middlebelt site; it already owns the land at Annapolis and Irene.

■ The added cost of buying land would be prohibitive.

■ Project delays could halt federal funding needed for the station.

"We cannot afford to delay this project," Neal said in his letter. "It cannot be redesigned or relocated to serve the needs of a few people. It is designed to provide for the life safety of everyone in the southeast section of Westland."

Neal said response time to fires would be two to three times faster than now. City officials also have said the area would have more security because a part-time police officer would work out of the station.

Neal has asked residents to attend Monday's council meeting — or to sign a form included with his letter — to show support for an Annapolis-Irene station.

"I have no problem with him rallying for his cause," Mallard said. "But he uses scare tactics to say this is life-threatening. For him to use these scare tactics is really bad on his part."

She also said Neal shouldn't have singled out residents such as herself to be named in his letter, saying all she has done is voice her opinion.

Summertime Champions program set

Medallion School Partnerships, in conjunction with Wayne-Westland School District, will offer Summertime Champions, a fun-filled summer program that encourages children, ages 5 to 12, to explore the world through a variety of supervised activities such as drama, storytelling, jewelry making, field

trips, outdoor fitness, camping and more. The program will be at Wildwood Elementary School, 555 N. Wildwood in Westland and will run Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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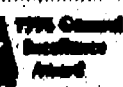
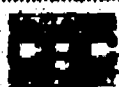
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Easter fun

Westland's
Cassidy
Richards, 4,
takes a big bite
of pancakes at the
Civitan bunny
brunch.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Let's eat: At left, Cassidy Richards, 4, of Westland takes a big bite of pancakes at the Civitan bunny brunch. The Westland Civitan Club holds a bunny brunch each year. This year's brunch, including a pancake breakfast and a visit from the Easter Bunny, was held at Harris Kehrer VFW in Westland last weekend. The event is sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Westland Civitan Club.



Transplant

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donors, found that the first three did not qualify. Feldt's name came up next, Papa said.

She began the testing, starting with her blood type, which matched his. She then went through genetic matching, but wasn't a genetic match. "Apparently with anti-rejection drugs that didn't rule me out as a donor," she said.

Finally, she had a scan which showed that she had normal kidney function.

With each test that came up, she was viable donor, Papa said.

Papa feels he beat a lot of odds. "What are the chances of that happening?" he said. His wait for a donor could have been more than four years, he said.

"I sometimes believe our lives cross paths for a reason," Feldt said of her reasons for donating a kidney.

So the surgery was scheduled and both Papa and Feldt have come out successfully.

Longtime girlfriend Marla McClendon said she noticed a difference in Papa right after the surgery. "When they wheeled him down the hall, it was the best I'd seen him look in two years," she said.

"I did really well," Feldt said of the Feb. 24 surgery. The kidney surgery was on Wednesday and she went home on Friday.

"I don't notice any difference," she said. She's been told that in donating one kidney the other gets larger to compensate.

"I would do it again," she said of the experience. "I didn't even question it. Here's a person in need," she said.

But that didn't stop her family from being concerned. "My family was concerned for my own

health," she said.

Her husband and older kids and especially her parents were concerned.

"But this was something I wanted to do," she said.

Meeting Papa and his family eliminated the concerns of her family, Feldt said. "Meeting the other side," made a difference, she said.

Now Papa is home recuperating from the transplant, and after an episode of rejection that required a medication change, he is starting to have normal kidney function.

He's weak and he's lost more than 30 pounds, but he's gaining strength. He's also paying nearly \$2,000 a month for medications required since the surgery.

Still he marvels at how nice everyone's been during the experience.

"People donate time to take me to the hospital," he said.

"It makes you appreciate your friends and family. They've been great," McClendon said. "It's not an easy thing to go through at all. It's pretty scary."

The whole experience has changed Papa's thinking on organ donation. As an embalmer, organ transplants could sometimes make his work harder by cutting short the time he has to do his work, he said.

"Sometimes, you're pressed for that time," he said.

That attitude has changed now that he's had a transplant.

He's also thankful.

"It seems like you're getting a second chance," he said. "And there's a lot of responsibility that goes with that."

"Perhaps it will make me a better person," he said.

Mail

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down on the priority list."

Because of the good economic times the district has seen recently, the \$9,000 cost to mail high school report cards home has made its way to the top of the list.

The change duplicates the way Livonia's middle schoolers receive their report cards. Livonia's elementary students still carry them home.

Grades for Stevenson and Franklin students are recorded after six weeks of instruction. Grades for Churchill students are recorded after 10 weeks in the classroom.

Progress reports for students struggling in a subject get mailed to homes during the middle of the six or 10-week card marking period.

Over the years, sending report cards home with high schoolers has brought its share of headaches. If grades are bad, the card may not even make it home.

Sometimes, they're buried deep in backpacks and even if the grades are good, students forget to show them to their parents.

Students absent from school when the cards are handed out bring their own set of problems. To pick them up, students must make a special trip either to their home room or high school office. This leads to extra office time spent tracking cards down.

"They don't always remember to pick them up, and the cards have to be chased down through the system," Kuenzel said. "Now, staff won't have to chase after the kids who forget them."

While parents will be glad the cards soon will arrive in the mailbox, most students won't care "one way or the other," Kuenzel said.

"Parents have asked for this for a number of years. But for the students, it will be one less thing they have to worry about."

Trailer

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ables.

"It would have been a one- to two-day order of perishables that are mostly found on the outer walls of the store," Coleman said.

"I haven't personally heard of anything like this happening before," he said. "We were shocked ourselves."

The trailer came from a huge Farmer Jack refrigeration warehouse center on I-96 near the Southfield Freeway.

A new shipment of food was brought in to stock shelves on the same morning the trailer was stolen.

"It goes from a refrigerated trailer right to a refrigerated cooler," Coleman said.

Farmer Jack representatives are concerned about where the food could've ended up - and whether it remains safe for eating, Coleman said.

"Our concern was with the integrity of that merchandise," he said. "We're concerned about whether it was handled properly. You can't just leave it sitting around someplace. It's not canned goods."

Farmer Jack and police officials fear that the culprits who stole the trailer may sell the food to a shadowy store owner.

Anyone who has information about the incident is urged to call the Westland Police Department at 722-9600 or Farmer Jack security official Jon Belinger at (313) 270-1175.

Anonymous tips for possible cash rewards also may be made to Crime Stoppers of Michigan, (800) 831-3111.

The trailer has the Farmer Jack logo on both sides, and its identification number is 330, although it is found on top of the trailer and isn't easily seen.

But Coleman said Farmer Jack trailers should be considered suspicious if they are parked someplace besides a store or a warehouse.

"You never see a trailer just sitting someplace like beside the road or in an alley," he said.

Despite a call for public assistance in finding the trailer, the case remained a mystery Friday afternoon.

"We haven't heard a thing," Coleman said.

DeHart named to state tobacco panel

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, has been named to a panel that will hold community forums across the state to discuss how Michigan will invest its \$8.5 billion share of the national tobacco lawsuit settlement.

She will be a member of the House Democrats' National Tobacco Settlement Task Force.

"The settlement funds we are receiving from the national class-action lawsuit against the major tobacco companies provide us with the opportunity to significantly invest in the health and education of our children," DeHart said. "The House Democrats are proposing to use these funds for health programs to reduce smoking and to sup-

port education programs."

House Democrats propose to use the funds for:

- Creating the Michigan Health and Wellness Fund, which would give money and grants for local initiatives to improve public health, reduce smoking and prevent substance abuse. The fund also would boost the state's senior citizen prescription drug assistance program.

- Improving public education by reducing class sizes in kindergarten through third grade, raising academic standards, providing for early childhood reading initiatives and repairing aging school buildings, among other measures.

- Supporting Gov. Engler's proposal to use part of the settlement funds for merit-based scholarships - as long as the Democrats' proposal for Hope Scholarships is included. Those would provide two years of free community college to students who graduate high school with a 90 percent attendance in grades nine through 12 and who continue to show solid academic achievement in college.

The task force's first two community forums have been scheduled. One will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the Burnam Brook Center in Battle Creek. The next is scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the Ferndale Public Library.

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CHAMBER NOTES

JOB FAIR

Job seekers and employers will have a chance to get together in Westland on Saturday, April 24.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce annual Jobs and Careers Fair will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Westland Shopping Center.

This is the third year for the event, which drew more than 2,000 job seekers last year. The entire mall will be filled with more than 70 tables for employers to meet job seekers.

All types of businesses will be in attendance including: retail, manufacturing, engineering, technical, professional, sales, marketing, health care, trades, financial, office/clerical and organizational.

The major sponsor is the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. WYCD Young Country will be sponsoring radio advertising. Linda Lee, Young Country radio personality, will make an appearance at the fair between 1-3 p.m.

"We hired five people," Amy Hardy, service master, St. Mary Hospital, said after last year's fair. "The fair is an excellent value for the dollar."

Two-year participant Keith Ditmore, a Preferred Temporary Services representative, said the fair "was the best job fair we have done - two years in a row."

Employers who wish to reserve a table may call the chamber at (734) 326-7222 or visit the chamber's Web site at www.westland.org.

Businesses may choose from two levels of participation: the Premium Deal at \$350 (\$300 for chamber members) which offers a 6-foot skirted table at the fair and a listing in the fair's promotional material, Observer Newspaper advertising, direct mail, signs at the mall prior to the event and the chamber's Internet home page; the Basic Success Deal at \$200 (\$150 for chamber members) which provides employers with a 6-foot skirted table at the fair.

"This is an ideal way for job seekers to provide themselves with information about the business or organization and meet with major employers all in one place," said Claudia Frederick, committee chair.

Attendees can stop at the chamber booth the day of the fair



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARROLL

At the fair: Last year's Westland Chamber of Commerce Jobs and Careers Fair drew more than 2,000 job seekers to Westland Shopping Center where tables were manned by area employers.

and pick up a map of the employer locations and visit the interview tips table located nearby.

Job seekers who fill out a survey will be entered in a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate to Westland Shopping Center.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being taken for the chamber's spring awards - The Athena Award and the Business Person of the Year Award.

The Athena Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies excellence in a business or profession, serves the community in a meaningful way and assists women in developing their leadership potential. The Business Person of the Year recognizes a Westland business person or manager

who works to improve the business climate and overcome adversity in some way. The awards will be presented at a murder mystery dinner, "Pastra, Passion and Pistols," beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$30 a person. For nomination forms contact the chamber at (734) 326-7222. Nominations will be accepted until April 15.

GOLF CLASSIC

The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22.

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Metro parking contract OK'd, firm must reimburse county

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APCOA of Cleveland must reimburse Wayne County if they want a new parking contract for Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, informed Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a \$503,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses. With that information in hand on Thursday, county commissioners approved a contract conditional upon the county and APCOA settling the refund claim within 30 days.

APCOA leased the shuttle buses through financial agreements with various lending institutions, then collected reimbursements from Wayne County.

Ward reviewed the lease agreements after Dunleavy and his staff estimated the airport could have purchased shuttle vans for less than what the lease agreement cost. Dunleavy found Wayne County could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease 37 vehicles and discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each, not approximately \$28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement.

Ward said the prosecutors "did not find reason to suspect that the mistakes made locally on these leases reflect a culpability which should disqualify the corporation in the current bidding."

"However, the above refund (\$503,647) is an obligation of APCOA to Wayne County," Ward wrote. "Thus, if APCOA qualifies as the lowest responsible bidder on the pending contract, we would suggest that it be required to settle this refund claim now as a condition of the new award."

Contract revised

Commissioners also amended the contract to include the fol-

lowing items:

■ APCOA must retain all revenue and expenditure records for at least a five-year period.

■ APCOA also must provide the county with evidence of at least three competitive bids on all subcontracted activities and receive written approval from the airport staff prior to finalizing such contracts. For all other services and products provided pursuant to the contract, such as insurance, a price-competitive process must be undertaken and selection approved by the airport staff.

The agreement calls for a settlement to be within 30 days. "If that's not done, the contract will be null and void," said Commissioner Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, who chairs the commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services.

Robert Hill, senior vice president of APCOA, could not be reached Thursday for comment, but in a letter to Airport Director David Katz, he indicated APCOA would agree to keep all records up to five years and, as standard practice, will take bids on subcontract activities and receive written approval from airport staff.

"This procedure will also include future leasing of vehicles and towing services," Hill wrote.

Katz informed commissioners the midfield parking operation will be bid separately from this contract, which will include 11,000 parking spaces.

Katz said the APCOA bid was at least one-half of the other bids submitted. APCOA's management fee was 0.23297 percent, while other companies ranged from 0.61 to 0.97926 percent, Katz said. That figures to about \$70,000 annually on \$30 million in gross revenue, excluding the parking tax, according to Susan Kopinski, director of airport finance.

"By far they were the lowest bidder," Katz said.

Waiting for word

County officials also waited for an interpretation from the state

Treasury Department for \$1.4 million in underreported taxes discovered by Dunleavy for valet parking for the fiscal years of 1992 through 1997 with \$1.1 million to Wayne County and \$300,000 in Romulus. APCOA had deducted labor costs before computing the valet parking tax.

Dunleavy's staff found that APCOA computed the tax on less than 25 percent of receipts instead of the 30 percent in the state statute. That money would be sent to the state, then sent back to the county's general fund.

Katz expects to discuss the settlement with APCOA soon. APCOA is aware of the commission's action, Katz said.

Katz said the prosecutor's review was what the airport administration expected.

"It validated what we thought. We asked ourselves why did we do that? We had management decisions made in four or five places, but the mistake the county made was a person who would look at the whole thing."

Contract oversight

McNamara and Katz have reorganized the Department of Airports. Angela Frakes has been assigned as the department's parking lot administrator. Frakes will be responsible for the daily administration of the parking lot contracts.

Frakes helped resolve problems at the Wayne County morgue, Katz said.

Katz is confident the contract and revisions will work out well for Wayne County.

"If we thought there was any hanky-panky going on, we wouldn't have recommended them," Katz said.

Katz said APCOA had a good track record if out of \$100 million-plus of transactions over a three or four year deal, a single question of \$300,000 or \$500,000 was raised. But Katz acknowledged those earlier lease agreements could have been handled better, it was just a bad decision," Katz said.

Learn about reptiles at nature center

The Rouge River flood plain is home to many different reptile species.

Enthusiasts can learn more about these amazing creatures from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

The class will highlight species found in the area and explain characteristics to

help identify them. Participants can view these inhabitants on a short hike to the river. In addition, many myths about reptiles will be dispelled.

Suitable for all ages, the fee is \$1 per person and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through funding from the parks millage.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1900.

Food court offers more choices for travelers at Metro Airport

From sausage to sushi, travelers will have more food choices at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

A new food court has opened in the airport's Concourse F, which is the gateway for many of Metro's nonstop international destinations. Officials from Wayne County and Host Marriott Services officially opened the concourse Wednesday.

Travelers can now enjoy Jody Maroni's, featuring a variety of gourmet sausages; Tampopo Noodles & Sushi, serving authentic Asian cuisine, specializing in ramen, udon and soba noodles and fresh sushi products, and Cinnabon, offering customers cinnamon rolls.

Wayne County and Northwest

Airlines granted additional space to Host Marriott Services, so that the company could provide creative dining options in Concourse F.

County Executive Edward McNamara said airport customers have been asking for less generic food and beverage products and more brand name choices. "Now, many of our international departing passengers on Concourse F will also have something unique to enjoy," McNamara said.

Earlier this year, the company also opened a Duty Free shop in Concourse F. Other Host Marriott Services at Detroit Metro include TCBY Treats, Starbucks Coffee, Big Apple Bagels, Burger King, Nathan's Famous Hot

Dogs, Home Turf Sports Bar and Grill and the Jose Cuervo Tequilera.

Jack Vogel, vice president operations for Host Marriott Services, said the food court brings the number of national brands and unique food concepts to 14. Vogel said Host Marriott looks forward to working with Wayne County, Northwest and the other airlines to develop more airport concessions.

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE UPDATE

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.

The functional and behavioral decline in Alzheimer's disease result from destruction of the nerve cells that control memory, thinking and behavior. Initially short-term memory fails and there is decreased ability to perform familiar tasks. As the disease gradually robs people from cognitive and social skills, behavioral symptoms such as aggression, disorientation and wandering are seen. Older individuals, especially those with family history of Alzheimer's disease are at high risk. Complaints of social withdrawal, depression and decreased awareness of time along with memory decline require prompt medical attention and early diagnosis.

The future holds promise for effectively treating this "silent epidemic", and current treatments significantly improve symptoms. When given in uncomplicated disease, a new therapy improved cognitive function in 12 weeks. Treatment of early symptoms can help prevent long-term facility placement, preserve dignity and reduce caregiver stress.

LEGAL SEASONS

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN

There are as many kinds of accidents that cause injury to people as there are people. While such activities as driving an automobile and slipping on wet floors figure most prominently in the minds of many, there is almost no end to the circumstances surrounding an accident. The law poses the basic question of whether the person for whom legal liability is sought acted with reasonable care, or did he or she act in a careless manner that contributed to the cause of the accident? The question of legal liability sometimes may hinge on whether there is a "duty of care" to protect against injuries for someone who is not expected to be in the area where the accident occurred.

The degree of care one might be expected to take will probably be in contention. In a personal injury case an injured party would be best served by having an experienced litigator at his side.

HINT: Whereas the basic negligence rule holds that everyone must take "reasonable care" to avoid injury to others, reasonable care can vary with time, place, and the relationships between people.

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Joseph Phelps Vineyards stars at WineFest

Having been in the wine business for over 25 years qualifies Joseph Phelps Vineyards owner Joe Phelps as a member of the Senior Class of Napa Valley vintners. His wines are superstars at the head of that class.

But Phelps isn't looking back nor resting on his laurels. He continues to enhance his vineyards and lock up premium grape sources for 21st century wines. He doesn't try to do it all. Company president and CEO Tom Shelton has ramped up the winery's image at home and abroad. Veteran winemaker Craig Williams has been with Joseph Phelps Vineyards since 1976 and in charge of red winemaking since 1980. Red wines at Phelps include the winery's flagship Insignia.

No single Napa Valley wine is more apocryphal than Phelps Insignia. With release of the 1974 Insignia in the spring of 1978, Joseph Phelps Vineyards became the first California winery to produce and blend the traditional Bordeaux grape varieties of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc under a proprietary label. Considered innovative at the time (it was not until 1984 that another such blend, Opus One, was released), Insignia continues to represent the highest expression of wine-making available to Joseph Phelps in a given vintage. Today, a number of wineries fashion Bordeaux-style blends under the term Meritage.

Phelps is not only about Insignia. From superbly crafted varietal bottlings, to a Rhone-wine program, the Pastiche concept and on to luscious dessert wines, all Joseph Phelps Vineyard wines are stars. Phelps Chardonnay originates from its cool-climate vineyards in Carneros and Yountville resulting in wine with crisp forward flavors of pear, citrus and tropical fruit balanced by hints of vanilla toasty oak. Estate-grown Sauvignon Blanc stems from Phelps Spring Valley Vineyards outside St. Helena. Mineral and grass-like aromas are complemented by melon/grapefruit flavors with a lively finish.

The majority of Phelps Cabernet Sauvignon comes from its Stags Leap District vineyard and is noted for its complex, spicy aromas and red fruit flavors culminating in a long, smooth finish.

Rhone Ranger

Joseph Phelps became the first Rhone Ranger in 1974 with the inaugural California commercial release of true French syrah. In 1989, Phelps introduced a separate brand called Vin du Mistral which now includes syrah, viognier, grenache rose and the proprietary blend Le Mistral (a wine

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Wine Picks

- **Picks of the Week:** 1996 Stags Leap Merlot, Napa Valley \$29. Merlot doesn't get better than this! Delicious now, yet very ageable. 1997 St. Supery Meritage White \$21 gives enhanced meaning to the meritage category.
- **Welcome Spring with fresh and lively white wines:** 1997 King Estate Pinot Gris \$13; 1997 Byron Pinot Blanc and Pinot Gris, both \$16.
- **Greenery, rich, balanced oak chardonnays:** 1997 St. Supery Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$15.50; 1997 Edna Valley Vineyard Paragon Chardonnay \$17; and 1996 King Estate Chardonnay \$14.
- **Lighter reds to pair with lighter dishes:** 1997 Preston "Faux," Dry Creek Valley \$11; and 1997 St. Supery Merlot \$19.
- **Rich reds for your first Spring barbecue:** 1997 Preston Syrah \$18; and 1997 Quivira Dry Creek Cuvée \$13.
- **Best buys at \$10 and under:** 1996 Mystic Chive Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, both \$8; and 1997 Napa Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot \$5.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- **Unique**
- **Main Dish Miracle**

MAKING CUSTOMER KING IS CHEF'S REWARD

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Certified Master Chef Leopold K. Schaeli is 73, going on 74. He's retiring from Schoolcraft College in Livonia where he's taught since 1991, but don't get out the rocking chair yet, he's not ready.

"I never have enough hours to do what I want to do," he said. "If I have a weekend off I say 'oh boy, let's go somewhere.'"

In May he's traveling to Switzerland with a group of culinary students from Schoolcraft College.

Schaeli loves what he does. His cooking philosophy is simple — "cook with care, show passion, show love. You have to love what you're doing. It comes from within," he said. "Being a chef is a very rewarding profession, but it's strenuous, and there's a lot of hard work and hard labor. You have to be in excellent health. You're on your feet all day long, and it's stressful. You climb walls for two hours while the orders come in like an avalanche at lunch and dinner. You have to prepare so you can deliver."

Customers asked for him by name at the restaurants he worked at, and followed him when he left one to go to another.

"The customer is king. He pays the bills," said Schaeli. "You have to give him 100 percent."

Metro Detroit has been Schaeli's home since 1968 when he left an executive chef position at a luxury motor inn in Rochester, N.Y. to be manager and executive chef de cuisine at Jim's Garage in Detroit.

"I was working seven days a week, and this job was five," said Schaeli explaining why he made the move. But pretty soon he was working seven days a week doing parties after his 40-hour shift. He didn't mind, as long as his staff was taken care of and got paid overtime. They did, and he never had trouble finding people to work for him.

Schaeli left Jim's Garage in 1973 to work at the Drawbridge Restaurant in Northville. In 1975 he started work at Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Hills, and served as corporate executive chef for Harris O. Machus Enterprises Inc. until 1992. He was responsible for 10 restaurants, 650 employees, and three pastry retail shops.

"I opened 11 restaurants and each one takes about 10 years out of your life," he said. "You give it everything you've got, because you want it to be a success."

There's a reason Schaeli is so



Certified Master Chef Leopold K. Schaeli

passionate about food. It goes back to his childhood in Switzerland.

The youngest of seven children, his father ran a dairy and made cheese. Schaeli was in first grade when his mother passed away.

"I grew up with my brothers and sisters, we managed ourselves," he said. "In my spare time I would go to the restaurant in town. It was fascinating to watch the pastry chef through the window. Of course we never had desserts at home. One day he told me, 'you can eat all you want if you wash

the pots and pans.' I went every day after school, and he used to give me stuff I could take home."

Eating is one of the things Schaeli likes about being a chef.

"You never go hungry," he said. "If you are, it's your fault."

Over the years he's gotten really fussy about food — it's his pride and joy.

He studied culinary arts in Switzerland, and after serving his apprenticeship there, held man-

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WHAT CHEFS SHOULD KNOW

Certified Master Chef Leopold K. Schaeli shares this advice for aspiring chefs who want to be successful.

- **Take the job seriously**
- **Always be polite with your co-workers**, because your co-workers will respect you for it. If you want respect, you have to give it to get it back.
- **Teach and train constantly**. Don't teach your staff shortcuts, they will teach them themselves when things get busy. Teach your staff the right way to do things.
- **Get involved in professional organizations**. Know what's going on in the food industry.
- **Do it right the first time**.
- **You'll make mistakes**. The customer has to be compensated if you want to keep them.
- **Always be on time**.
- **Always be clean**. Never have dirty shoes, uniform or nails. A clean image makes it more appealing for customers.
- **Keep your work station clean**. Above all, follow sanitary procedures.
- **Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold**. If you don't you'll get into hot water with food spoilage.
- **First in first out**. Do inventory.
- **Control food costs**. Do the buying, or find out what things cost.
- **Control labor costs**.
- **Hire a good staff**. If you don't have a good staff you'll be swimming upstream on your own. You need a good staff.
- **Learn how to write menus and how to translate them**. French is kitchen language, know what the terms mean.
- **Educate staff so they can translate the menu and tell customers what it means**.
- **Be proud of what you serve**.
- **Learn the language of the place where you're working**. If you're working in the Southwest it would help to know Spanish.
- **Chefs need to learn how to use the Internet and computers**.

It's time to spill the beans about soy products

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BEVERLY PRICE

April is National Soy Month. Since soybeans are Michigan's number one crop, we have good reason to celebrate!

Soy products are increasing in popularity. They are good for you, economical, and available at your neighborhood grocery store.

Soy products can form the foundation of a nutritious diet. Soy protein, the actual protein found in soy products, can help lower cholesterol, improve diabetic control, relieve symptoms of menopause, prevent osteoporosis and help fight cancer.

There are many different soy products including soybeans, textured vegetable protein, soy milk and soy yogurt, tofu, tempeh, miso, and tamari.

Let's look at the different types of soy products and how you can use them:

■ **Tofu** — often referred to by its Chinese name, "bean curd," takes on the flavor and character of foods it is prepared with. Extremely versatile, tofu can be used in stir-fries, soups, sandwiches, salad dressings, dips or desserts.

Regular tofu is sold immersed in water in a plastic

tub; silken tofu is available in vacuum packages that can be stored on your kitchen shelf without refrigeration until opened.

Silken tofu, such as the Mori-Nu brand comes in soft, firm and extra-firm consistencies. Soft tofu is best used for dips, dressings, and sauces. Firm tofu is better for desserts and tofu salad. For stir-fries, cutlets, and kabobs, extra-firm tofu is the best choice.

■ **Tempeh** — is a fermented soyfood with a meaty texture. This staple of Indonesia is made from either whole soybeans or a soybean and grain combination.

The soybeans are mixed with cultured mushroom spores and are bound together by the growing mushroom fibers. The result is a thin cake with a fresh, yeasty aroma that is firm enough to slice or grate. Marinate or season tempeh and add it to stir-fries and salads or use as a sandwich filling.

■ **Textured vegetable protein** — is a quick-cooking soy food made from defatted soy flour. It is available in the form of granules or chunks. The granules can be used much like ground beef in recipes, while the chunks can be used for stews, stroganoff, soups or kabobs.

■ **Meat analogs** — there are many convenience foods made from soy such as vegetarian burgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage, bacon and other lunch meats. These are available frozen, canned, or in easy-to-make mixes. Morningstar Farms has an extensive line of frozen products.

■ **Soy milk** — can be used instead of cow's milk as a beverage or in cooking. It is available plain or flavored.

Many brands are fortified with calcium and vitamin B12. Soy milk is delicious on cereal or as a base for smoothies. It also works great in cooking when preparing "cream" sauces.

■ **Miso** — is salty, fermented paste made from cooked, aged soybeans. Traditionally it is used as a soup base, and added at the end of cooking. Miso ranges in color from a rich, dark, brown, with an almost "beefy" flavor, to light and creamy, with a tanginess that resembles blue cheese.

■ **Tamari** — the highly processed soy sauce that most of us are used to can't hold a candle to richly flavored tamari. Tamari also holds its flavor better during cooking than commercial soy sauce. Add tamari near the end of cooking, as long periods of heat will reduce

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crafted in the style of Chateau-neuf-du-Pape). Refinement and evolution of Le Mistral began in 1993 with the Pastiche concept. Both the Pastiche White and Red emulate the blending concepts of France's Cotes du Rhone.

Dessert wines are also made at Phelps. Most unusual is Eisrebe that had its genesis in 1974 when a small portion of Phelps' Spring Valley acreage was added to Scheurebe, a crossing of sylvaner and riesling made in Germany in 1916. Since its first release in 1981, Phelps Eisrebe with its perfect balance of acidity and sugar, has been a favored dessert in a glass.

Wine and art auction

WineFest, an annual wine and art auction to support the programs of the Ann Arbor Art Center, is honored to have Joseph Phelps Vineyards president and CEO Tom Shelton as this year's honorary chairman. WineFest and Auction will be held Saturday, April 24 at the Ypsilanti Marriott. Festivities start 5:30 p.m. with a sumptuous strolling dinner accompanied by an array of wines.

Two silent auctions run through the evening and a spirited live auction at 7:45 p.m. caps the excitement. Before leaving, attendees are hosted to music, dancing and more strolling through delectable dessert tables. Tickets at \$125 or \$100 per person (depending on desired table size) for this

regularly sold-out black-tie optional event can be purchased by phoning (734) 994-8004, Ext. 106.

Beverage shopping

Everybody loves a bargain. Beverage shopping at The Ambassador Duty Free Store on the Canadian plaza of the Ambassador Bridge could save you a lot of money. Here's a recent price comparison. Absolut Vodka \$22.95 Michigan, \$13.75 Canadian, which equals a \$9.55 savings in U.S. dollars. Each state in the U.S. sets their own liquor prices, that's why prices vary from state to state.

Sheridan's Coffee-Layered Liqueur produced in Dublin, Ireland at the current rate of exchange is \$23.95.

This unique after dinner pour consists of two bottles fitted together with side-by-side pourers. The drink is served in layers with vanilla cream liqueur floating atop its dark coffee chocolate liqueur bottle companion. Take dessert over the top and accompany it with Belgian chocolates \$10.25. Rum will be the hot drink for upcoming summer. Captain Morgan's Parrot Bay Rum is a bargain at \$11.95. U.S. residents returning to the U.S. have a daily exemption of \$200 per person.

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

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the intensity of the flavor. Tamari is generally made from fermenting soybeans or wheat. If you have a wheat allergy, look for brands of tamari that are wheat-free.

But what about the fat? The soybean is probably the fattiest bean around, especially if you are dealing with soy cheese and soybutter. However, many soy products come in "light" versions. There is really no need to be "fat phobic." The fat found in soy products are largely omega-3 fatty acids. These are essential fatty acids which not only help cells function optimally, but also help reduce your risk of heart disease and fight depression.

So, celebrate National Soy Month with great tasting foods that are healthful to boot!

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Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in taste.

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agement positions in gourmet restaurants around the world including Ireland and Turkey.

Throughout his career he's won numerous honors, and received his Master Chef Certification (the highest achievement attainable) from the American Culinary Federation in 1976.

In addition to teaching, he serves as the associate editor for "Cooking for Profit," Magazine, and writes a monthly col-

umn, "Ask the Master Chef."

He reads all the current food industry magazines, and is fascinated by computers and the Internet. A java script of food headlines he picked up from a Web site scrolls across the bottom of his computer.

"You have to know what's going on in the industry," he said. "If you don't, you're in the dark. How can you talk to students?"

Teaching is a challenging job,

but it's something Schaeli enjoys. This is his last term at Schoolcraft College, he'll retire in May.

"Teaching and training people is a never ending job," he said. "You think you have it, and you're done, then you start all over. There's new equipment, you have to know about trends."

As a nationally approved judge for culinary shows for the American Culinary Federation, Schaeli travels all over the

country. He also keeps busy consulting and doing cooking demos "all over the place."

He and his wife, Margrit, make West Bloomfield their home, and they enjoy exploring and discovering new things together.

"We travel a lot by car," he said. "I like surprises, it makes things interesting. I always love to go places I haven't been before."

There's lots to know and like about garlic.

AP — Botanists believe garlic was among the first plants to be cultivated. Six heads of it were found in King Tut's tomb.

Here are some fun facts about garlic from "Garlic, Garlic, Garlic" by Linda and Fred Griffith (Houghton Mifflin 1998).

Eleanor Roosevelt ate three chocolate-covered garlic cloves each day in the belief it would keep her memory sharp.

Garlic has the best flavor in the months just after July and August, when it's harvested.

There are two basic kinds of garlic: softneck and hardneck. Most supermarket garlic is softneck, which has a longer shelf life. Hardneck garlic has a hard stem in the middle of the head. Hardnecks are more difficult to grow but have a wider range of flavor. They're the so-called designer garlics that have captured the fancy of chefs and other garlic lovers.

Garlic powder was first used widely during World War II. It was added to C-rations to make them more palatable.

Minced into fine bits, garlic has a bright and lively flavor. If you smash the clove before you cut it or put it through a garlic press, the flavor will be more pungent, because crushing releases more of the sulfurous chemicals.

Roasted garlic has a sweet, caramel taste. Cloves boiled for 20 minutes become soft and mild.

To cure garlic breath, chew a coffee bean or drink some wine or whiskey.

To keep garlic from sticking to the knife, wet the knife before you begin to cut.

In Gary, Ind., it's against the law to eat garlic before going to the movies.

Will Rogers once said that Gilroy, Calif., the garlic-growing capital, is the only place in the world where you can marinate a steak just by hanging it on the clothesline.

See related story on Taste front. Recipe compliments of Master Chef Leopold Schaeli.

BLACK BEAN SOUP

Yield 8 to 10 servings

- 1 pound (2 cups) dry black beans
- 2 ounces tasso (spiced Cajun pork) or substitute
- 2 ounces smoked ham and 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 ounces andouille sausage, diced, or substitute hot, spicy smoked sausage
- 2 strips bacon
- 1/2 cup onions, medium dice
- 1/3 cup carrots, medium dice
- 1/2 cup green peppers, medium dice
- 1/2 cup celery, medium dice
- 1 large jalapeno pepper, seeded, finely diced
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1/2 bay leaf
- 1/8 teaspoon thyme
- 10 cups chicken broth

- 4 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt or to taste
- 1/2 cup port wine
- Salsa and sour cream for garnish

Wash beans and remove any stones. Soak beans in water for at least one hour, preferably overnight.

Saute tasso, sausage and bacon in large pot until brown.

Add all vegetables and cook for 5 minutes.

Add garlic and continue cooking for 10 minutes.

Add herbs and cook for 5 more minutes.

Add beans, chicken broth and water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until beans are soft, approximately 1 hour. Add more chicken stock or water if needed.

When beans are soft, remove soup from heat and skim grease.

Add port wine.

To serve divide hot soup into serving bowls and garnish with fresh tomato salsa and sour cream.

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Don't miss Chef Annabel Cohen's cooking demonstration, "Spotlight on Soy" 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29 and Beverly Price's seminars on "Natural Treatment Options for Menopause" 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday May 1 at the show. Sample yummy dessert shown here, and other great soy dishes. Call (248) 539-9424 for more information.

MARLA'S VEGETABLE LASAGNA

1 small onion
2 cups zucchini, spinach, and/or mushrooms
2 cups Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles
12 ounce can tomato paste
28 ounce can, crushed toma-

atoes

1 and 1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon thyme
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
1 bay leaf
Morningstar Farms Better'n Egg equivalent to 2 eggs
12.3 ounce container Mori-Nu Firm, lite silken tofu, mashed
1 (12 ounce) package soy cheese, mozzarella style
1 package whole wheat Lasagna noodles

Brown onions and other vegetables with all ingredients through the bay leaf in large pot. Bring to boil and simmer for 30 minutes with cover on.

Stir occasionally. Boil noodles while sauce is simmering and cook until al dente.

In a separate bowl, combine Better'n Egg and mashed tofu. Cut mozzarella cheese into small

cubes.

When noodles are done, lay them flat on wax paper. Set in pan as follows: noodles, 1/3 tofu-egg mixture, 1/3 mozzarella cheese, 1/3 sauce. Repeat 3 times but leave noodles off third time. Bake for 45 minutes at 375°F.

TEMPEH-MUSHROOM SAUCE

2 tablespoons sesame oil
8 ounces tempeh
2 1/2 cups vegetable stock
2 tablespoons tamari or soy sauce
4 teaspoons cornstarch or arrow root powder
1 large onion, finely sliced
4 cloves garlic, pressed or minced
1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
Fresh ground black pepper to taste
1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme (1/2 teaspoon dried)
2 teaspoons minced fresh marjoram (1 tsp. dried)
3 tablespoons mellow barley

miso, or to taste

3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley

Heat in skillet 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high heat. Add tempeh; flip immediately to coat second side with oil. Brown both sides. Add 1/2 cup stock, and tamari or soy sauce. Cover tightly and cook, turning once, until liquid is absorbed, about 5 minutes.

Cut tempeh into strips about 1/4 inch thick and 1 1/4 inches long; set aside.

In small bowl, combine cornstarch or arrowroot, and 1 tablespoon cold stock. Set aside until dissolved.

Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in skillet. Add onion; saute over medium heat until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes.

Stir in garlic and mushrooms; continue to saute until mushrooms exude moisture. Add pepper, thyme and marjoram; saute briefly. Remove from heat.

Whisk miso with dissolved thickener and several tablespoons of stock.

Add remaining stock and tempeh strips to sauteed vegetables, and bring to a simmer. Gradually add miso mixture, stirring constantly, until liquid thickens. Remove from heat and stir in 2 tablespoons parsley.

Serve immediately over whole wheat noodles or grains. Garnish with remaining parsley. Makes 4 generous servings.

Variation: Use dill and tarragon in place of thyme and marjoram.

CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY CAKE-LIVING

Yield: 12-16 servings
1 package 2 layer size devil's food cake mix
2, 2 1/2 ounce packages Chocolate Mori-Nu Mates Low-fat Pudding Mix
2/3 cup cold soy milk
1/3 cup raspberry liqueur
1 (11 or 12 ounce) jar fudge topping or raspberry-fudge sauce
Fresh raspberries
Chocolate curls

Grease and flour two 9 by 1 and 1/2-inch round baking pans; set aside.

Prepare, bake, and cool the cake mix in prepared pans according to package directions.

Prepare Mori-Nu Mates according to package directions, except use the 2/3 cup cold milk and 1/3 cup raspberry liqueur instead of tofu.

Split each cake layer in half horizontally with a serrated knife. To assemble cake, place bottom of one split layer on a serving plate. Spread about 1/3 cup of the fudge topping over the bottom layer.

Spread about 1/2 cup of the pudding mixture over the fudge topping. Repeat layers two more times.

Top with remaining cake layer. Frost top and sides with remaining pudding mixture. Decorate with fresh raspberries and chocolate curls. Store cake in refrigerator.

Recipe from Better Sensibly's Chef Anne Kohls.

Season ham sandwiches with creative flair

AP — "Day-after" need not translate "dull" if you season cold ham sandwiches with creative flair.

Regionally inspired flavors can make a difference; introduce them by way of tasty fat-free spreads, fancy mustards, salsas, cheeses and good bread.

Here are some ideas to try:

Parisian Favorite: a sandwich with a bistro flavor. Spread fresh sliced rye bread with country-style Dijon mustard. Layer with slices of ham and reduced-fat Swiss cheese. Serve with fresh fruit salad.

Bay Area Classic: a San Francisco-style sandwich. Toast two slices of sourdough bread and spread with reduced-fat, herb-flavored cream cheese. Add sliced ham and top with mild pickled pepper rings (such as banana peppers), lettuce and thinly sliced tomatoes.

New England Haven: for this hearty sandwich, top a thick slice of cracked wheat bread with ham. Then add some character with cranberry-apple relish. Serve with crisp deli pickle.

California Club: Spread toasted seven-grain bread with honey mustard and top with ham, thin slices of provolone

cheese and crisp alfalfa sprouts. Cut into quarters for a restaurant-style club with West Coast flair.

Midwestern Delight: A heartland favorite combines toasted cheese bread with reduced-fat mayonnaise, thinly sliced ham and roasted peppers. Serve with pretzels.

Texas Roundup: a zesty Southwestern wrap. Cube ham and combine with salsa and cooked rice. Roll in a flour tortilla; serve black bean salad on the side.

Aegean Island Dream: Prepare a Greek-style sandwich by tossing shredded ham with olive

oil, lemon, fresh spinach leaves and a sprinkling of dried oregano or marjoram. Tuck into a pita half and garnish with black olives. Marinated cauliflower or artichoke hearts are the perfect accompaniment.

Italian Grinder: a classic taste of Italy. Layer ham on a focaccia round; drizzle with low-fat Italian dressing; top with a fresh basil leaf and a thin slice of mozzarella cheese. Heat under broiler in oven to melt cheese. Serve sandwich warm with carrots and celery sticks.

Little hands can help

Encourage children to develop

an interest in good food and nutrition by letting them take part in the easy preparation of leftovers.

Some tips:

Keep it safe: Make sure kids wash their hands before and after handling food. An adult should supervise kitchen activities to teach children basic rules for safety — and to be in charge of sharp utensils.

Hands-on stuff: Kids love hands-on food preparation. Let them measure and stir ingredients or set the table. You might put together a set of kid-safe kitchen tools, such as plastic knife, apple slicer, whisk, mea-

suring utensils, rolling pin and plastic cookie cutters.

Foster creativity: Get creative with classic kid dishes. Top a ham sandwich with flavored cream cheese and shredded carrots.

Use leftover taco ingredients to make a Mexican pizza by combining chopped or shredded ham with shredded cheese, crushed tortilla chips and diced tomato.

Add ham to macaroni and cheese, or punch up potato chowder with ham and celery.

From the Pork Information Bureau.

Apple Streusel Pancakes are a special breakfast treat

AP — Homemade pancakes are a special treat for breakfast or brunch. When the number of pancake eaters exceeds three or four, a warm-from-the-oven confection such as Apple Streusel Pancake saves time.

It makes eight servings, and has a crunchy oat topping over a puffy oatmeal pancake and apple slices in a cinnamon syrup.

APPLE STREUSEL PANCAKE

Streusel
1/2 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup firmly packed brown

sugar

3 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
Pancake
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) margarine or butter, cut into pieces
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 medium tart apples (about 1 1/4 pounds), cored and cut into thin slices
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

1 cup fat-free milk
1 egg, lightly beaten

To make streusel: Combine oats, flour, brown sugar and melted margarine in small bowl; stir until crumbly. Set aside.

Heat oven to 350°F. Place margarine in 8-inch-square glass baking dish. Bake 3 to 5 minutes or until margarine is melted. Remove from oven. Stir in granulated sugar. Add apples; stir until apples are well coated with sugar mixture. Bake 10 to 15

minutes or until apples have softened, stirring occasionally.

In large bowl, combine flour, oats, baking powder and salt; mix well. In small bowl, combine milk and egg; blend well. Add to dry ingredients all at once; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not over-mix.) Spoon over apple mixture in baking dish. Sprinkle reserved oat streusel evenly over batter.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until

toothpick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it. Serve immediately.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving (1/8 of recipe): 310 cal. (105 cal.

from fat), 12 g total fat, 2 g saturated fat, 25 mg chol., 190 mg sodium, 46 g carbs., 3 g dietary fiber, 6 g protein.

Recipe from: Quaker Oats

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Upcoming class dates: April 7, macrobiotic pizza; April 14, Mexican; April 21, warming soups; April 24, breakfast; April 28, desserts.

HIV/AIDS workshop

A workshop, HIV/AIDS and Older Adults, will be presented 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Madonna University.

The purpose of the half-day program is to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS in the older adult population and to provide participants with the resources needed to help play a role in combating the disease among the elderly.

To register, call (734) 432-5731.

Home care costs

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Marywood Nursing Care Center will hold a lecture on "Coping with Aging Parents: Paying for Nursing Home Care," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium.

This program will focus on how nursing home care is paid. The lecture will also include a review of benefits under Medicare and Medicaid. Call (734) 655-1676.

Better living

Dr. Arthur Weaver will host the 21st annual Better Living Seminars, May 9-16 at a "health camp" near Grayling.

The program is produced by volunteer professionals who donate their time to tackle issues such as stopping smoking, stress control, weight control, vegetarian cooking and low impact exercise.

The camp is \$395 per person of \$750 per couple all inclusive. Recreational activities include canoeing, horseback riding, crafts and hiking.

For more information write: Better Living Seminars, P.O. Box 700574, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call the Weavers at (248) 349-5683 or the Morris at (313) 531-2179.

Alcohol screening

Madonna University in Livonia will be the site of free, anonymous screenings for alcohol problems on April 8 from 6-8 p.m. in Kresge Hall on campus.

The first-ever National Alcohol Screening Day will involve a presentation on alcohol problems; a written self-test; talk one-on-one with a health professional and countless pamphlets, flyers and videos on treatment and local resources sites.

For information, call (734) 432-5425.

PATIENTS FIRST

Oakwood HouseCalls brings health care into independent, assisted living facilities

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Patients first. A simple statement that's become the value system of a team of medical professionals bringing health care and wellness education into the independent and assisted living facilities in our communities.

Introduced in the spring of 1998, Oakwood HouseCalls is a patient-centered program that partners a medical team with a senior housing facility to bring consistent and convenient health care into their residence.

The appeal is the accessibility an on-site physician, nurse practitioner and site coordinator provide to accommodate the changing needs of the senior population.

"Oakwood HouseCalls provides coordination of care by making a primary health care provider, and the necessary medical provisions required, more readily accessible on a consistent basis," said Dr. Steven Stein, director, Geriatrics Center for Excellence-Oakwood Healthcare System and founder of the Oakwood HouseCalls program.

Stein is the former director of geriatric rehabilitation at the Harvard Geriatric Education Center in Boston. He currently maintains several administrative appointments within the Oakwood system, including medical director of the Skilled Nursing Center, Home Care Services and Adult Day Care Services as well as serving as a consultant to the Wayne County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Peer Review Organization and the Michigan Geriatrics Society.

It was Stein who began to see the need seniors residing in independent and assisted living facilities have for dependable health care where quality and consistency may have been lacking in the past.

Filling gaps

"We asked ourselves what was missing from the care seniors were receiving," said Stein, "and what were the most significant obstacles they faced when it came to receiving medical treatment."

Stein and his colleagues observed several factors contributed to the dissatisfaction the elderly were feeling, including a lack of transportation, coordinated care and personal attention. While the physical status of seniors varies from person to person as well as their medical needs, the Dearborn physician was consistently hearing how difficult it was for people to access medical treatment.

"An individual who no longer drives, is frail, or has to rely on others for transportation is less likely to receive preventive and primary care on an ongoing basis," said Stein. "HouseCalls brings a three-person medical team into their homes, so to speak, and relieves many of the worries that often prevented them from receiving medical care in advance of their health status reaching a critical point."

The program currently maintains clinic-like services at seven senior and independent living facilities including Presbyterian Village, Westland; Kinghaven, Riverview; Coogan



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Convenience: Registered nurse Kathy Step listens to 97-year-old Ada Adams' heart beat before she receives her monthly B-12 shot at the HouseCalls clinic located inside her independent living facility, Presbyterian Village of Westland. The clinic is located just two doors away from Adams apartment where she has lived for the last five years.

Terrace, Melvindale; Chidister Place and Town Center Place, Ypsilanti; Lincoln Park Towers and Across the Park Apartments, Lincoln Park. Stein said HouseCalls is currently working with several other senior living facilities to bring a medical team into their locations. Walton Wood in Canton is expected to provide a biweekly clinic this spring for residents.

According to Joseph Gonzales, HouseCalls site coordinator, weekly on-site hours are maintained in an office setting at each of the facilities. Residents are able to schedule appointments and meet with a physician, nurse practitioner and site coordinator without having to travel outside of their living facility.

nurse practitioner through HouseCalls they can opt to receive their prescriptions from a pharmacy of their choice or rehabilitation from a physician outside the Oakwood Healthcare System. We strive to coordinate the needs of the patient and honor their wishes. Their well-being is our main concern."

Administrator's view

From the viewpoint of an administrator at a senior living facility, HouseCalls has been mutually beneficial for both the residents and the facility.

"Oakwood is a well respected name in the area and the idea that they would come on-site and provide full service health care was very appealing," said Carrie Moon-Dupree, administrator for Presbyterian Village-Westland.

"The average age of our residents is 85 and most of them don't drive anymore. The clinic's location is convenient and the residents who are currently participating are receiving coordinating care from the whole team in collaboration with the R.N., three physicians assistants and a social worker that are on staff here."

The HouseCalls program at Presbyterian Village serves approximately 50 residents out of the 187 that currently make their home there. Moon-Dupree said the feedback she has received since September has all been positive and participation has grown largely due to word of mouth. The HouseCalls team at Presbyterian Village sees patients two half-days a week for scheduled appointments and emergency walk-ins.



Dr. Steven Stein, founder of Oakwood HouseCalls program and director of the Geriatrics Center for Excellence-Oakwood Healthcare System.



Joe Gonzales, Oakwood HouseCalls site coordinator at Presbyterian Village in Westland.

Nurse practitioner finds calling in HouseCalls program

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Nurse practitioner Cathy Buiten says she went into nursing and not medicine so that she could treat her patients from a more "holistic" perspective.

The Wayne nurse is fulfilling her career goals as a nurse practitioner for the Oakwood HouseCalls program at Presbyterian Village in Westland.

"I didn't want to have to say 'Your 10 minutes are up, you've got to go,'" said Buiten. "I'm not pushed by a time schedule and can spend the time I need to with a patient to find out what's really going on with them."

Buiten, MS, RN-CS graduated from the University of Michigan - Commu-

nity Health Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Track program in June and is employed by Dr. William Silverstone of the Westland Clinic (6149 N. Wayne Road). Silverstone is one of several physicians groups that work collaboratively with Dr. Steven Stein's HouseCalls program providing physician and nurse practitioners in and outside the Oakwood Healthcare System.

Buiten says her involvement with the HouseCalls program affords her the opportunity to diagnose and treat senior patients with common and acute illnesses. "We also provide preventative medicine and health education through a collaborative relationship with the HouseCalls physician," added Buiten.

Nurse practitioners can manage 85 percent of the responsibilities of a physician in a primary care role, said Buiten. A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse with a master's degree in nursing or a certificate in advanced clinical training. They work in partnership with a physician and other healthcare specialists to provide comprehensive medical care.

Some of the duties nurse practitioners can perform include obtaining health histories, performing physical examinations, ordering and interpreting laboratory and diagnostic studies, diagnosing health problems, developing a treatment plan with clients, making referrals and providing counseling and teaching. Nurse practitioners have medication-prescribing priv-

ileges in 47 states (including Michigan). Regulations, however, vary from state to state.

"I think the most rewarding aspect of HouseCalls is our ability to provide elderly patients with a continued sense of purpose, continuity of care and a better sense of well being," said Buiten. "I've experienced a greater feeling of altruism in my practice. The program has really taken off and done well."

Buiten and site coordinator Joseph Gonzales maintain clinic hours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Presbyterian Village.

If you would like more information about the Oakwood HouseCalls program call (734) 763-8827.

Accidental poisonings easily prevented

Ordinary household products and medications can be deadly if left within a child's reach. Annually, more than one million unintentional poisonings among children ages five and under are reported to U.S. Poison Control Centers. In addition, nearly 80 children ages 14 and under die from unintentional poisonings each year.

In observance of National Poison Prevention Week, Oakwood Healthcare System "Keep Kids Safe!" team and the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition offers numerous safety tips.

"Children ages 4 and under are particularly vulnerable given their curiosity and natural desire to put everything into their mouths," said Janelle Rose, Oakwood's "Keep Kids Safe!" coordinator and member of the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition.

A common time for poisonings to occur are at times of stress or chaos in a household. Oakwood's "Keep Kids Safe!" team and the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition offer these poison prevention safety tips:

- List Poison Control Center and emergency medical numbers near every telephone.

- Store all medications and toxic household products out of the reach of children in locked containers. Never put medicines, cleaning products or chemicals out of the reach and out of the sight of children.

- Do not overlook poisonous products such as cosmetics, hair sprays, mouthwash, perfume, art supplies and alcohol. These can all be toxic and are often overlooked.

- Keep toxic products in original containers so they can't be mistaken for something harmless.

- Keep Ipecac Syrup on hand in case you are instructed by a physician or the Poison Control Center to give this to your child. DO NOT give unless told to do so. The direct line to the Poison Prevention Center located at Children's Hospital in Detroit (313) 745-5711 or (800) POISON-1.

- Keep prescriptions out of reach of children and always request child-resistant lids when filling them. Read labels before using and follow directions exactly before administering medicine. Never refer to medicine as "candy" or "food."

- Avoid taking medications in front of young children. Children often mimic adult behaviors. Teach them to ask an adult before putting anything in their mouth.

- Dispose of old medications by flushing them down the toilet. Never keep medications that have expired.

- Avoid having poisonous plants in your home if possible, or place them out of reach of children.

- Have children tested for lead exposure. Test homes built before 1978 for lead-based

paint. Wash your children's hands, face, toys and pacifiers **OFTEN** to reduce the risk of ingesting lead-contaminated dust.

- Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Household appliances fueled with gas, oil, kerosene or wood may cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

According to Tom Kiurski, media spokesperson for the Livonia Fire Department, plants can also be a source of poisons in the home, causing symptoms that may produce serious effects to major organs such as the heart, liver, stomach and kidneys. Many of the plants are sold in nurseries without warning, so beware.

"Some common poisonous plants you may have encountered include the azalea, rhubarb, wisteria and the morning glory," stated Kiurski.

National Poison Prevention Week is part of the National SAFE KIDS campaign, the first and only national organization dedicated solely to the prevention of childhood injury — the number one killer of children ages 14 and under.

Kiurski advises if some should become poisoned, "call 911, right away." Try to identify the poison that was taken, since treatment is based on the type of poison. Keep the container and any unused poison nearby for firefighters to take to the hospital for identification of ingredients dosages.

Race for the Cure upcoming

More than 22,000 women and men will take to the streets on Saturday, April 24, for Michigan's largest race — Detroit's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure.

The eighth annual Komen Race for the Cure, is presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Entry forms for the race are available at JCPenney, Pier I

imports, Jacobson's, Lakeshore Mammography Centers, Sunoco stations, area running stores and Karmanos Cancer Institute regional offices. On-line registration is also offered at www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure Detroit.

The entry fee is \$18 by April 9, \$20 by April 16 and \$30 thereafter. For more information, call (800) KARMANOS (627-6266).

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 Hamil-

ton 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. Madhavan's clinical interests include adult and pediatric psychiatry. Psychiatrists are physicians that specialize in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

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.

TUE, APRIL 6

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

Hospice of Washtenaw (St. Joseph Mercy Health System) will begin their five-week Grief Recovery series on Tuesday, April 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hospice office (806 Airport Blvd. Ann Arbor). The series is dedicated to helping survivors adapt to their loss and to gain and develop new skills in coping. Participants are encouraged to attend all five-sessions. Registration is required, call (734) 327-3409. There is no charge.

with Aging Parents: Paying for Nursing Home Care," from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. This program will focus on how nursing home care is paid. The lecture will also include a review of benefits under Medicare and Medicaid. Call (734) 655-1676.

EATING DISORDERS

A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6:30 p.m. Free of charge and open to both males and females - call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

STRESS MANAGEMENT CLASS

St. Mary Hospital is offering a three-session/three week stress management class, "Stressed for Success," starting April 6-20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room. This course will help you learn how to decrease the stress in your life and manage the stress you cannot eliminate. Call (734) 655-8940.

PAYING FOR NURSING HOME CARE

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with Aging Parents: Paying for Nursing Home Care," from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. This program will focus on how nursing home care is paid. The lecture will also include a review of benefits under Medicare and Medicaid. Call (734) 655-1676.

WED, APRIL 7

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia to discuss "The ABC's of Aromatherapy." Do something different for the New Year! Learn some non-traditional ideas in dealing with the highs and lows of menopause using Aromatherapy and other techniques. Free. Special guest: Mary Lou Anolich, RN. Call (734) 655-1100.

CHILD/INFANT CPR

Offered monthly at 6 p.m. infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call (734) 458-8311 for information, Garden City Hospital.

SAFETY-PROOF

This monthly program meets the first Wednesday of every month, and gives new mothers the opportunity to network and share concerns, from 12:30-2 p.m. April topic: Safety-proofing your home. \$5 donation. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Call (248) 477-6100.

THUR, APRIL 8

HEALTHY COOKING

Lite Spring-Forward recipes. Time to lighten up with Chef Dean Rumsey and add some delicious and nutritious spring recipes to your cooking reper-

toire. 7 p.m. \$6 fee. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Call (248) 477-6100.

SMOKING CESSATION

Provident Medical Center - Farmington Hills, 30055 Northwestern (at Inkster) will host the stop smoking program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The two-hour session combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. For reservations, call (877) 345-5500.

FRI, APRIL 9

HEALTHY HUMOR

Humor can be the best medicine - that's the topic of the next Generations at Botsford Table Topics Luncheon. Donna May will offer a refreshing look at how developing a healthy funny bone can relieve everyday stress and decrease health risks. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. at Vladimir's Banquet Hall, 28125 Grand river in Farmington Hills.

Call (248) 471-8020 for information.

APRIL 10-11

HEALTH EXPO

The first annual University of Michigan Heart Care Health Assessment and Alternative Medicine Expo goes forth 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Admission is free. More than 50 speakers and exhibitors are expected. Call (734) 662-1000.

SAT, APRIL 10

MACROBIOTIC COOKING

Val Wilson introduces macrobiotic cooking. Balance your body through this low-fat, high fiber diet. Macrobiotic dishes will be available to sample. Beginning at 6 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 305-5785.

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A busy week on the World Wide Web for surfers

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The Internet has been put to some interesting uses this past week, for everything from posting a potentially destructive virus, to hacking into Web sites to protest the NATO attacks on Serbia, to trying to catch the youthful rioters who gave MSU and East Lansing such a black eye after the Final Four playoffs.

First, the Melissa virus.

The news media coverage gave massive coverage to the Melissa e-mail virus, even though the amount of actual damage attributed to the so-called "worm" program appears now to be minimal.

Although some of the companies that sell anti-virus software selfishly fueled much of the coverage so they could sell more software, the problems so far appear to have been more a matter of inconvenience rather than loss.

Several large corporations and

government agencies were forced to temporarily shut down their e-mail servers to sweep their machines for strains of the virus, and the FBI says it is not on the trail of those who set it loose on the Internet.

But while Melissa itself isn't the threat initially described in some media accounts, many computer experts worry that it will be followed by even nastier versions. And because so much business is now being done on the Internet, the damage a "cyber-terrorist" could wreak on the Internet could have a significant effect on the economy.

The government apparently sees that danger. By the end of the week, the FBI had reportedly shut down several Web sites suspected of spreading information on how to write and plant computer viruses.

"A friend who works for GlobalConnection.net (that's the ISP which was hosting our site) just told me that the FBI visited them and that he had to delete the site," wrote the Webmaster of Codebreakers.org, a virus exchange Web site, in an e-mail to the ZDTV Web site (www.zdtv.com).

Another site, SourceOfKaos.com, was shut down on Tuesday

after the FBI notified Access Orlando, the ISP hosting the site, of an impending search warrant, according to a ZDTV report. A third virus site — codex.net — also was down, apparently having decided to drop out of sight before the FBI came calling.

But Melissa wasn't the only problem for the Internet.

Computer hackers, traced to Russia and Eastern Europe, wreaked their own havoc on the Net all week. They took over several dozen Web sites, including the NATO Web site (www.nato.int). The site was hit and knocked offline by what officials have described as "hacker-type computer experts in Belgrade." The Web site came under "ping bombardment," according to NATO spokesman Jamie Shea.

The hackers, believed to be in Belgrade, sent thousands of empty data packages over the Internet to the site, effectively blocking access to other users. The sabotage is also known as a "Denial of Service" attack — firing at will at a Web site's computer servers in order to overload them and make the site crash.

Shea said NATO was also receiving more than 2,000 e-mails a day from a Belgrade computer, freezing the organization's e-mail capacities, and slowing down its systems.

Last weekend, a Russian online publication claimed that Russian hackers shut down the White House Web site (www.whitehouse.gov) in protest over the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia. White House officials denied the story, though they concede the site was out of service all day Sunday. It was brought back online Monday morning.

The White House blamed the outage on an unspecified technical glitch. But a number of other Web sites found their home pages replaced with identical protests of U.S. and NATO bombing of Yugoslavia. "Russian hackers demand to stop terrorist aggression against Yugoslavia!" said one message on a Costa Mesa, California college Web site (www.ocaviationandspace.edu).

Insulting and obscene messages comparing President Clinton to Hitler and referencing "Monica" also were plastered on the site. Several other U.S. Web

sites were hacked with the same message.

The Moscow-based Gazeta.Ru online newspaper (http://gazeta.ru/daynews/28-03-1999/46clinton.htm) said Russian hackers had broken into those sites — and had pulled the plug on whitehouse.gov too.

And, closer to home, more than 100 people have e-mailed or phoned in tips in response to a police Web site (http://www.ci.east-lansing.mi.us/Riot/index.htm) showing photos of youthful rioters who set fires and vandalized stores after the Michigan State University basketball team lost its Final Four playoff game last week.

The "Final Four Riot Task Force" Web site, operated by the East Lansing, police department, called the riot a "major civil disturbance."

In asking for the public's help in catching the culprits, the site noted "Many lives were placed in danger" as a result of this incident. Countless fires were set throughout the city and MSU.

"One word describes this — ARSON, and it will not be toler-

ated! Tens of thousands of dollars in damage was done throughout the city and MSU. This 'willful conduct', in legal terms is called 'MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY', and again, will not be tolerated!"

Eighteen photos of young people participating in the riot are depicted on the Web site in a "Hall of Shame." The photos, which can be enlarged, note that the people in the photos are wanted for such crimes as arson, felonious assault, malicious destruction of property and inciting a riot.

A \$50,000 reward pool for tips that lead to arrests and convictions has been established. So far, about 25 people have been arrested in connection with the disturbance.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site: www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

MON, APRIL 5

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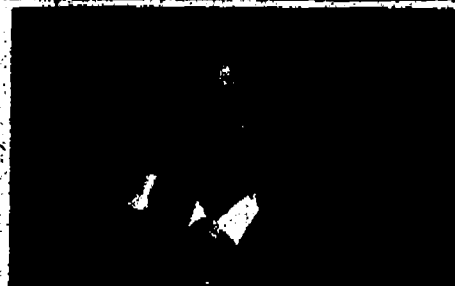
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Exhibit raises awareness about life in the fields

Stella Greene was ecstatic that an opening reception for an exhibit by West Bloomfield artist Nora Chapa Mendoza drew nearly 200 people Friday, March 26, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Mendoza's paintings of migrant workers touch the viewer with their depiction of life in the fields. Besides meeting the artist and seeing her work, arts council guests watched a Kalpuli ceremonial performance by Aztec sun dancer Alberto Ramirez of Mexico.

"It was really special," said Greene, arts council president. "The Aztec



Back breaking: Nora Chapa Mendoza captures the plight of migrant farm workers who spend more than 12 hours a day bending and stooping in the fields.



dancers did the blessing of the four winds and later was joined by about 50 people. There were a lot of young people, Spanish students from Plymouth-Canton high schools. Nora spent time with the young people speaking about the migrant workers. She brought books that fleshed out her paintings. The paintings are morally moving because of the depth of her work."

"Cycles of Misery"

When installing the paintings from the migrant workers series Greene said they purposely grouped the paintings close together for impact. "Pecan Shelling Industry or Vicious Cycles of Misery" is just one of the acrylic works showing the plight of migrant workers — the constant stooping and bending day after day and the box cars they used as housing.

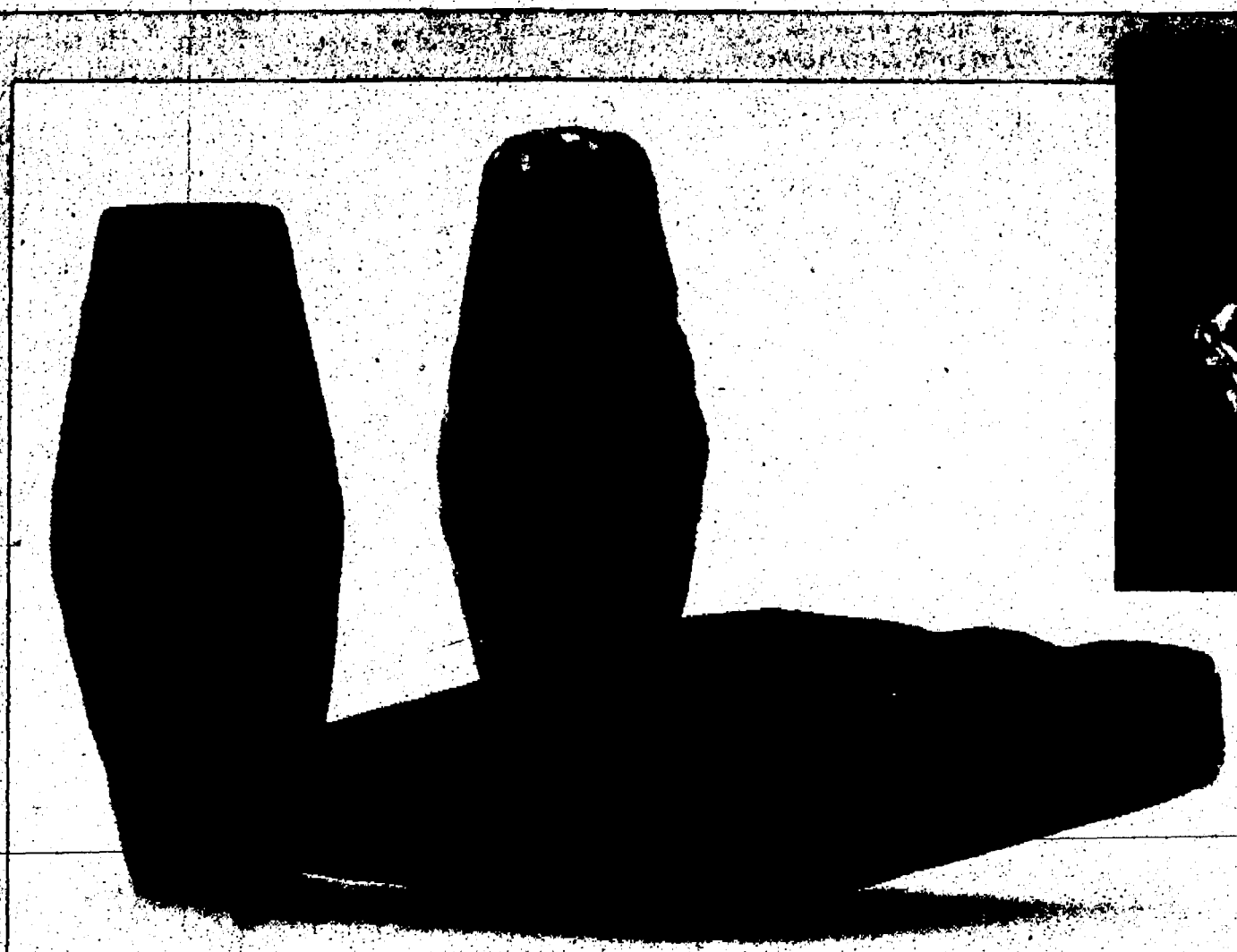
"Meandering Stream" speaks about the sugar beet industry in the Great Lakes region which offered nearly full-time employment to 40,000 workers for 7 to 8 months a year in 1920. Mendoza paints them carrying the heavy bushel baskets on their shoulders. "Operation Farm Lift 1950" captures the result of negotiations between the Michigan sugar industry and Puerto Rican government. Afterward, Puerto Rican workers began harvesting sugar beets from 6 a.m. to 7 or 8 p.m. with only a lunch break, six to seven days a week.

Children

"Child Labor" reminds viewers of the time when many growers opposed child labor negotiations because of their effect on labor costs. Growers preferred to hire children over adults because the could pay less.

Overall, the paintings follow the evolution to secure rights for farm

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Fragile as flowers: (Above), Doni Hatz, a scientific glass blower by trade, reveals the delicacy of flowers in glass.

Hot glasses: Plymouth artist Don Schneider creates his newest beads in blue glass with gold fuming, (left).

FLAMES CREATE CRYSTALLINE BEAUTY

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Glass is growing and glowing at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. When Joseph T. Marks became curator of exhibitions 15 years ago, he knew nothing about glass. Since then, classes in fine art glass making have expanded and thanks to the late Alfred Berkowitz of Birmingham, the permanent collection of glass has grown by some 400 pieces.

Best known for its scientific glass blowing courses, the university now offers classes in beadmaking and workaholic flame-working, the manipulation of glass over a lamp. Nine artists who have taught glass making at the university are featured in "Flameworking at the University of Michigan-Dearborn" through April 2 in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery. On Friday, April 9 Doni Hatz demonstrates techniques in flameworking, also known as lampworking, in the gallery during a reception to meet artists Shane Fero, Frederick Birkhill, Timothy Allen Drier, Jacob Fishman, Hatz, Kristina Logan, Sally Prasech, Emilio Santini, and Don Schneider of Plymouth. Works by students Osa T. Stachura, Kelly Krasnowski, and others will also be featured along with a retrospective of figures by Fero who will give a lecture and slide presentation.

"They're nine people as different as night and day," said Marks. "Lots of them are scientific people who've started doing fine art. I've taken classes with Fero and realized how difficult it is to do. His work is not traditional, not vessels, and I'm amazed by the incredible color he obtains."

Shadow boxes filled with Fero's miniature black figures, placed against Tarot cards and other printed material, tell a story. The Penland, N.C., artist pays tribute to Klee with "Klee Bird." A lunar lady with three breasts, and one of the most recent works, "Tripartite Lover" with three faces, call for a double take. Fero frequently combines figures with vessels as in a bottle with a crow resting on top. Fero's humorous side comes out in many of the works especially a portrait of Birkhill as a penguin with a top hat.

Beadmakers

Logan, Hatz and Schneider are internationally known for their beads. Among Schneider's works is a necklace he collaborated on with Annette LeDuff of Ajour Ltd. of Birmingham. The piece includes glass beads interspersed with semi-precious stones such as onyx, hematite and kyanite. His newest works are the blue glass beads with gold fuming. Schneider exhibited his work most recently in Japan and Denmark. His breakfast set with mushroom accents is currently part of a group show which opened March 26 at the Detroit Artists Market.

A glass blower as well as a lampworker, Schneider has had the furnace on in his studio in Plymouth's Old Village area for the last five weeks. That can be costly year-round not to mention uncomfortable in the summer-time.

"I like lampworking because it's nice to have access to molten glass without

having a furnace on all the time," said Schneider.

Surreal

"A Stairway to Paradise" box filled with goblets and glass forms, some shaped like balloons, is one of Birkhill's contributions to zanineess. "Look What I See Behind the Window," a box filled with a variety of objects, takes objects such as a pyramid and an evil eye and contrasts them with more sedate cones and goblets. "Fruit" is a vessel with tree branches for legs with roots coming out of the top, a desolate scene with a black fence running around the body includes two dark figures. All of the works have a magic about them.

Don Miller is excited about the growth of glass at the university. A science professor, he began teaching beadmaking at the university four years ago after taking a class at Birkhill's studio. Fero and Birkhill have been giving workshops every April since

Flameworking Basics and Neon" with Prasech and Fishman takes place July 19-23 and "A Bit of Everything Done in Borosilicate with Hatz and Drier," Aug. 21-25.

"Lampworking has grown dramatically," said Miller, a science professor at the university. "We used to have problems obtaining supplies but not anymore. Neon's now taking over to become one of the hottest areas in the contemporary glass movement, and some of the transformers for that are hard to get."

Permanent collection

On the first and fourth floors of the library are works from the university's permanent collection by Howard Ben Tre, Salvador Dali, Richard Rittner, Joel Philip Myers, Dale Chihuly, Herb Babcock, and Albert Young. Fourth floor cases fascinate with glass by Daum, Lalique, Steuban, and late 19th century apothecary jars and automotive bud vases by Baccarat.

"It's the largest collection of Baccarat in the U.S., second in the world," said Marks. "Most of it's been donated by Alfred Berkowitz over the last 15 years."

The university's gallery is named after Berkowitz, who died on Feb. 25. Berkowitz was a major benefactor of the university. The extensive studio art collection is priceless because it's comprised of early works by Dominic Labino (late 1960s), David Huchthausen, Chihuly ("Cylinder" 1980), William Morris (1980), and Rittner (1975), to name a few.

"The reason for the strength in early glass is because the internationally known glass gallery, Habatat, started in Dearborn," said Marks.



Little people: Shane Fero sculpts miniature figures in the majority of his work including this androgynous chalice.

MUSIC THEATER

'Relive the Magic' unites theater and music

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Annunziata Tomaro and Andy Kirshner are combining their love of music and theater in a new production about an aging Big Band crooner April 11 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

An experimental endeavor of sorts, "Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore" features the Phoenix Ensemble founded by Tomaro, and Kirshner who plays a fictional character struggling with dementia during his final concert.

A synthesis of music and theater, the work defies categorization but it's the type of repertoire Tomaro had in mind when he formed the orchestra last summer. This is the second performance for the ensemble comprised of musicians from Ann Arbor, Plymouth, Dearborn and Cleveland. Kirshner wrote the seven original songs that link Amore's monologues, recall-



Conducting business: Annunziata Tomaro leads her newly-formed orchestra, the Phoenix Ensemble, in their second performance.



Amore: Andy Kirshner plays an aging Sinatra-like crooner in a music-theater piece with the Phoenix Ensemble.

ing the times of his life.

"We hope to draw a wide audience— theater, orchestra, jazz," said Tomaro. "Orchestras are sort of dying and their audiences are dwindling. I wanted a small flexible ensemble that configures itself to the concert. Musicians usually don't have control over the music. Their repertoire is not fresh. It's really nice to have new and exciting things to play. It's amazing how excited the musicians are. It isn't just a gig."

"As great as Beethoven's Fifth is after you've played it 150 times, it gets old," added Kirshner. "We also wanted to do something more inviting to an audience."

Tomaro and Kirshner met at the University of Michigan School of Music three years ago when she was an undergraduate and he a graduate student. The Ann Arbor school brought each of them to Michigan. She grew up 30 miles outside of New York City, he in Maryland.

"I was studying 20th century experimental music when Andy came in to show

Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore

What: A new musical for jazz orchestra about an aging Frank Sinatra-like crooner. Features the Phoenix Ensemble and eight original songs by composer Andy Kirshner. **When:** 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11. **Where:** Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. **Tickets:** \$15, \$10 students, call (734) 763-6587 or (248) 645-6888.

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AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

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Catchy: "Colored Thoughts," an exhibit of oil paintings by Filipino artist Mike Austria, features "The Sea Harvest." The exhibit runs through April 10 at Moore's Gallery, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

appointment only. Call (248) 625-7057.

WIZARD OF OZ AUDITION

A national search for a new Dorothy will come to Detroit, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at Second City in Detroit, next to the Fox Theatre. Potential Dorothys should be between ages of 12-18 and able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Photos and resume welcome; (313) 596-3288.

CLASSES

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A French Music Concert, featuring harpist Kerstin Allvin and Damase, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Admission: \$15/general; \$10/students & seniors. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

U OF M PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Dr. Michael Udow leads the ensemble 8 p.m. Friday, April 16 at United Methodist Church of Plymouth, N. Territorial Road, south of route M14, west of Sheldon Road. Tickets: \$8; (248) 380-5940.

BENEFITS

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

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

EMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Al Townsend and the Couriers join EMU Jazz Ensemble in a fundraiser for the jazz program, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Tickets: \$10; (734) 487-0482.

LECTURES

PAINTER THOMAS NOZKOWSKI

Abstract painter Thomas Nozkowski gives a lecture 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Lecture Hall. Second annual Coleman Mopper Memorial lecture. "Giorgione: True and False." 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Detroit Institute of Arts. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 664-7667.

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Barbara Krueger presents "Stained Glass: A Walk Through Time," noon, Thursday, April 15. Information Technology Auditorium, Waterford; (248) 858-0415.

TOUR

PEWABIC POTTERY

Paint Creek Center for the Arts is accepting reservations for a chartered bus tour of Pewabic Pottery 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 16. Tour guide Michael Farrell. Fee: \$48 for PCCA members; \$54 for non members. Call (248) 651-4110.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

"Stained Glass Lecture and Tour Series," 11:30 a.m. Wednesday April 14. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

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) 626-2285.

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: mccb.org, or contact MCB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 349-0376.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through April 11 - "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse"; through May 16 - "An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball." 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

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." 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY

April 5 - Palette Guild of Livonia exhibit, through April 29. 33000 Civic Center Drive; (734) 466-2540.

CREATIVE RESOURCE

April 7 - "Fruits & Vegetables," featuring the work of Bruce Campbell, Jon Hall, Richard Jerzy, Norman Laliberte, Lori Lytle, Giulio Pallone, Burke Paterson, Carol Sams, Nan Schaff and Michael Zigmund. Through May 8, 162 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

April 9 - New sculpture by Hank M. Adams, and new paintings by Cindy Kane and Jackie Battenfield, through May 1. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

GALERIE BLU

April 10 - Frank Gallo: A Retrospective, through May 1, 7

N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

GALLERY XVM

April 10 - Works of Paul Sherman, Jan Hubert, Karyn Leland, Gail Leone, Bill Poceta and Athir Shayota, through April 28. 18 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 745-8875.

NETWORK

April 10 - "The Clarity of Seduction II," an exhibit of 26 alumni and students of Cranbrook Academy of Art, through May 12. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 645-3300.

STUDIO GALLERY OF ROBERT MANISCALCO

April 10 - "Art & Reality," featuring works of Ron Azkryn, Dean Randazzo, Kidia Simeonova, Renata Palumbinskas, through June 9. 17329 Mack Avenue, Detroit; (313) 886-2983.

UZELAC GALLERY

April 10 - "Interpretations in Glass," various styles of glass artistry, through May 29. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

CREATIVE RESOURCE

Through April 10 - An exhibit of abstract painting and figurative sculpture by Carol Sams, Karen Petersen, and Karen Jacobs. 162 Old N. Woodward at Maple, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

MOORE'S GALLERY

Through April 10 - "Colored Thoughts," an exhibit of oil paintings by Filipino artist Mike Austria. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through April 11 - "A New Russian Realism," 119 Wilson Hall, Rochester; (248) 370-3005.

WILDLIFE INTERPRETIVE GALLERY

Through April 11 - "Recycled Realities," three-dimensional assemblages and paintings. Detroit Zoological Institute, Royal Oak; (248) 398-0900.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Through April 17 - "Ed Fraga: In the Garden," paintings, drawings and artist's books. 538 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through April 17 - "Nora Chapa Mendoza: Between Two Cultures." 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

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.

JANICE CHARACH EPSSTEIN GALLERY

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



Spring Fling: Think spring at the 38th annual Livonia Artists Club exhibit and sale 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, in the atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, (east of Farmington Road). Admission is free. Twenty-four members of the club will exhibit everything from paintings of flowers and people to landscapes in a variety of media. The judge for the show is Polly Friend, a teacher who coordinated the arts program in the Bloomfield Hills School District. For more information, call Audrey Harkins, (734) 464-0031 or Yvette Goldberg (248) 476-2313.

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Other gems can be a girl's best friend

THE JEWELRY LADY



Dear Jewelry Lady,
How can you tell if a colored gemstone is treated? Are treated gemstones less valuable than untreated ones?
Natural Beauty

Dear Natural,
The answer is simple. You can't. That's why we have trusted jewelers. It takes years

of training and experience to obtain the know-how to detect gemstone treatments, not to mention a stylish and suitable microscope and gem-testing lab.

Most of the colored gemstones — and many diamonds — on the market today have been heated, irradiated, oiled, bleached, painted, or laser-drilled to remove internal imperfections. Some treatments, such as oiling, have a temporary effect. Others, such as laser-drilling, make a permanent change. Honest, ethical jewelers will disclose all gemstone enhancements when you make a purchase. It is safe to assume that any popularly priced, colored gemstone has been treated to enhance its beauty.

And as far as value goes, my answer is simpler yet. No one would bother treating gems, if the process didn't enhance value. A natural gem that needs no treatment is more valuable than a treated gem of like quality. However, an enhanced gem is more valuable than an untreated counterpart that is flawed, lifeless or unattractive in color.

Dear Jewelry Lady,
My fiancé wants to know if he has to buy me an engagement diamond or, for that matter, any engagement ring? Money is pretty tight and our wedding is costing us a fortune!
Frugal Fiance

Dear Frugal,
There is no rule etched in stone about engagement rings or, for that matter, even wedding bands. The Wedding Police have other more serious criminals to chase, if you catch the Jewelry Lady's drift. That said, an engagement token is awfully nice, even without a diamond, say, for example, Princess Diana's ill-fated, sapphire engagement ring from Prince Charles.

Depending on your birth month — hopefully it isn't April (diamond is the month's birthstone) — an engagement ring set with your birthstone would be a beautiful, sentimental and inexpensive choice.

But, if you both decide that an engagement without the engagement ring suits you, that's just fine, and the Jewelry Lady will very politely and kindly nod in approval of your apparent selfless frugality.

Dear Jewelry Lady,
How many bracelets can be worn at once? My sister told me that I look like a gypsy.
Flamboyant Sister

Dear Flamboyant,
What is your sister's problem with gypsies, who, after all, make their own fashion statement by virtue of those colorful scarves and lovely drop earrings? Sisters often don't share a similar taste in jewelry. The Jewelry Lady's sister, for example, likes to wear rings the size of Constantinople, while the Jewelry Lady prefers a more subdued — and in her opinion — infinitely more tasteful look.

If your sister is the only person making snide comments, the Jewelry Lady would advise continuing with your current bracelet selection. If other individuals, such as sales clerks or co-workers, are snickering behind your back, then consider wearing a few less. Another option — purchase some colorful scarves, a pair of long, dangling earrings and a sturdy crystal ball. Then tell your sister about her future.

By the way, have you noticed that male models have been donning strands of black Tahitian cultured pearls in recent fashion magazines? The look is particularly appealing when accompanied by washboard abs. Don't laugh, it wasn't too long ago that many men could be found wearing both a business suit and an earring or two. If your significant other is a real fashion mover and shaker, pass along the information, or, better yet, make a gift purchase. This is a look that might become an everyday one.



Linen and style: From Fibres' spring collection of better casual sportswear, linen pants and jacket coupled with a T-shirt. Fibres opens in Birmingham in April.

STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

New Birmingham clothier features natural fabrics

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Poly-fiber fleece, micro-suede, triacetate — choice is good, but so is the comfort and peace of mind that accompanies a cozy, all-cotton sweater or roomy pair of linen pants.

Hoping to capitalize on the bliss that comes from slipping on all-natural fabrics is Fibres, a small women's clothing retailer that specializes in apparel made of natural fibers.

Based in Cleveland, the retailer, which has three locations in Ohio and one in Chicago, plans to open a store in downtown Birmingham in April.

"We went through that Mother Earth, granola, all-natural, crunchy look," said Deborah Stanzak, who works with Fibres and presented the retailer's spring collection at the 11th Annual Christ Child Society Benefit fashion show in March in Madison Heights.

"But, it didn't work and a lot of people don't like the feel of synthetics," said Stanzak.

Fibres seeks to fill that niche — offering apparel that is both made from natural fibers, such as cotton, silk and linen, and looks sophisticated, stylish and contemporary.

The approximately 900-square-foot store will sit between Jacobson's and the Merchant of Vino, at 270 West Maple, and open its doors with a summer collection of



Comfort clothes: Fibres co-owner Theresa Lloyd, (left), and Debbie Stanzak, store support manager, look over a sweater from Fibres' spring collection of better sportswear.

apparel. About 75 percent of Fibres' clothing will be consist of natural fibers or natural blends, and the store will stock sizes two through 14. Designers that will be carried by the store include Joan Vaas, Eileen Fisher, Anibarrie, Mack and Kiko.

Operated by Toledo residents Theresa and Thomas Lloyd, the Birmingham store will offer some business and dress suiting but devote most of its space to better casual sportswear and basic apparel pieces, like cotton sweaters and T-shirts in essential colors.

"I don't see that niche being addressed in Birmingham — the better casual look," said Theresa Lloyd, adding that she hoped the store would serve as a resource for women's basic wardrobe items. "I think of sweaters, lots of sweaters, just nice, cozy sweaters."

Gentleman, lather up Old fashioned shave is new wave

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR
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Bath and body stores like Crabtree & Evelyn and The Body Shop do sell all that smelly stuff that make women "ooh" and "ahh."



Their in-store displays smell like overly ambitious flower arrangements and bear the unmistakable mark of a woman's touch.

But, take a closer look, and

sniff. These retailers are peddling products for men.

Especially popular of late are old-fashioned shaving accessories — boar's hair brushes and mugs of shaving soap — that you probably remember your grandfather using.

"It's something that's coming back from before," said Tynille Walsh, assistant manager at Crabtree & Evelyn at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

"And, I can tell you why ... people come in and tell me everyday ... it's a better shave," Walsh added. "It's a moister shave. You're not left with stubble. It's just a real good, clean shave."

Believe or not, Crabtree & Evelyn's shaving brushes are so popular, the

store currently has a waiting list for the item. Available in a variety of types and styles with some accompanied by full shaving kits, Crabtree & Evelyn's brushes run \$40-\$150.

The retailer also offers several lines of scented shaving products. The "Sandalwood" collection — which includes shaving cream in a tube, bath and shower gel, shaving cream in a pot, shaving soap in a bowl, triple-milled soap and spray cologne — is the company's most popular men's line.

The Body Shop, which has locations in The Somerset Collection and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, carries similar products, including a wooden shaving brush with all-natural bristles that sells for \$2.50.

Also noteworthy are The Body Shop's "Of a Man" aloe vera and shea butter aftershave gel, \$15, and coconut oil and glycerin shaving cream, \$6.

Of course, the soap is useless without the brush, an instrument that will improve any shaving regimen by its ability to boost lather and move soap closer to the root of facial hair.

The best shaving brushes have boar or badger hair bristles, said Paul Bauby, owner of the Shaver Shop, which has been repairing razors and selling shaving products for 30 years in downtown Pontiac.

The Shaver Shop even continues to carry straight razors — which men in their 30s and 40s have been purchasing for novelty's sake of late, said Bauby. But, the store's shaving soap



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRABTREE & EVELYN

Soap and brush: Crabtree & Evelyn's shaving soap in a wooden bowl for men, \$15, has gained popularity recently, but the bath and body store's shaving brushes, which range in price from \$40 to \$150, have always sold well.

and natural bristle brushes have really taken off, he said.

Unlike the large bath and body chains, the Shaver Shop carries Bay Rum shaving soap, a tried-and-true brand that comes in a variety of scents, including almond, lime and amber.

Bauby sells it in three and three-quarter-ounce tubes for \$3 to \$4. His shaving brushes are a bit more pricey and sell for between \$11 and \$45.

"It's gotta be a novelty," joked Bauby of the trend. "But it could be a closer shave."

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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

MODE MAGAZINE SHOW
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, and Mode Magazine Fashion and Style Director Michele Weston view spring fashion for sizes 14-24, 11:30 a.m. reception and 12:30 p.m. fashion presentation, Salon Z, third floor. For reservations, call (248) 614-5323.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

FOURTH JEWELRY
Naiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a Fantasia trunk show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

April 10, Designer's Jewelry, first floor.

HOME SHOW

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield has an array of spring home and lifestyle exhibits on display throughout the mall during regular hours through April 11.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

CHEROKEE SINGS

Hudson's, Northland Center in Southfield, presents singer and songwriter Cherokee in connection with Polo Jeans, 2 and 4 p.m., Main Floor, mall entrance.

FAMOUS SLEEPWEAR

Karen Neuburger will make a personal appearance

with her collection of sleepwear and bedding at Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, noon-4 p.m., Intimate Apparel Department. Neuburger's sleepwear has been shown on television shows Ally McBeal, The Oprah Winfrey Show and Dharma & Greg.

DISCO AT THE MALL

Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents Disco Inferno Night, a family music and dancing event, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.

ART OF TILE

Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, hosts an appearance by tile artist and art therapist Sandra Magsamen, who will present her collection of tiles, plates and other decorative accessories, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Store For the Home. Magsamen will appear at the same time on April 11 at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills.

Wit defines decor pieces



Sound and sight: Available at Target stores, Michael Graves stainless steel tea kettle, \$34.99; not only produces a whistling sound but has a red coach whistle for a spout.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Wit and whimsy are ready to come home, literally. World renowned architect Michael Graves, who is known for the humor he brings to his designs, has hatched a line of clever and contemporary home decor products for Target.

Not only are the some 200 pieces witty and downright artistic — Graves takes cues from classicism and modernism — they're also reasonably priced.

One piece, an alder wood picture frame that rests on a tripod of what appears to be rocks, was inspired by an ancient Pompeian artifact and sells for \$12.99.

Graves' stainless steel tea kettle with a bright red spout in the shape of a coach's whistle has an aluminum base and is priced at \$34.99.

Other pieces in the collection, which debuted at Target stores in January, include gardening accessories, kitchen tools, outdoor furniture, picture frames, clocks and other home decor items. Prices run \$3.99 to \$479.95.



Egg and toast: A bright blue egg-shaped handle embellishes Michael Graves two-slice, wide-slot toaster, \$39.99 at Target.

RETAIL DETAILS

FACE SEARCH

Hudson's and Borghese cosmetics company have teamed up to search for a woman whose look and style capture the Borghese way of life.

The Italian cosmetics manufacturer is seeking a stylish, sexy and confident woman to star in an upcoming promotion. And the Borghese cosmetic counters at local Hudson's stores are taking makeover appointments with international makeup artist William Abrens as part of the search.

After each makeover, interested candidates will be photographed for the contest selection. The winner will travel to New York for the national promotion photo shoot.

The contest makeovers will be held at Hudson's stores at: Oakland Mall in Troy, (248) 597-2341, The Somerset Collection in Troy, (248) 816-4125, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, (248) 344-8888 and Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, (810) 566-2746.

ROMA SPOSA CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY
In celebration of its first anniversary, Roma

Sposa, a Birmingham retailer, at 722 N. Old Woodward, that specializes in custom and handmade European bridal fashions is offering a 50 percent discount on selected sample gowns, head pieces and veils through the month of April.

CAR TOUR

"Car and Driver" magazine's 10 Best Tour Across America is visiting the Somerset Collection in Troy starting April 9 and ending April 18. The exhibit is part of a 20-city tour across the country.

The 10 Best Award, initiated in 1983, is given to 10 car models based on value for the price, suitability for intended purpose and targeted customer satisfaction.

The exhibit will include interactive displays with detailed information from manufacturers, "Car and Driver's" model test results and product specialists who will talk about each vehicle.

The BMW 328i, Dodge Intrepid, Chrysler 300M, Honda Accord and Chevrolet Corvette are five of the 10 featured vehicles.

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 basements), please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. 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 hear from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

Woodhug cologne was not found in any stores, but a few people had some that they hadn't used.

For Michael, an old style English (red) phone booth can be found at Saffron's Billiards, 23622 Woodward, Pleasant Ridge, 542-8429, and through the Toscano Designs catalog, (800) 525-0733.

Alyssa Ashley Musk Oil can be found at Meijer stores or F & M and on the internet at perfumeweb.com.

We also found: Alma the Trivial Pursuit Silver Screen edition and a darning egg.

Kopecky's in Detroit, (313) 891-9034, will restuff pillows while you wait. Call and ask for Dwayne.

Top fitted sheets can be found in the Land's End catalog.

Non-diatatic powder for making bagels is available in the Baker's catalog (item #3995, one pound for \$4.25), (800) 827-6836.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Judith is looking for Indian Earth Blush (in a white jug with a cork top).

Anne wants a 1953 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook.

Georgette is looking for a G.E. mist conditioner or dry electric hair setter #B2HCD4.

Beverly wants Tyne soap.

Jennifer wants a three-volt Rayovac lithium battery (#BR2335).

Patricia wants Almay lipstick in "Serene".

Barbara is looking for four-inch pair "Boy and Girl Kissing Angels" white china with pink and blue flowers.

Gloria wants the original Jungle Gardenia perfume and a Mary Hartline doll (in a majorette outfit) by Mattel or Revlon from the 1950's.

Kristy wants votive candles from the Al Root Company in Tempest scent terra-cotta color and Paragon's china "White Cliffs of Dover."

Zelda wants a 1951 Central High School yearbook.

Florence is looking for a stage in the Birmingham area that carries six-ounce bars of Dove dark chocolate.

Joan wants a 1954 Mackenzie High School yearbook.

Tim needs a left-handed violin.

Trish is looking for a wrought iron cigarette butt bucket.

Florence needs glass lids for her Guardian cookware.

Joan is still looking for the Johnny Pfeiffer mascot for the Pfeiffer Brewing Company.

Jane is looking for a 1995-96 St. Bell of Dearborn yearbook.

Angela is looking for Yardley's April Violet soap, lotion, and accessories.

Joan wants Estee Lauder feather-proof lipstick in "Festive Red #06."

Alma is looking for two items: an International Sterling pattern "Royal Danish" corkscrew and Neutrogena Solid Unique Shampoo that looks like a bar of soap.

Margaret is looking for square, breaded fish for making sandwiches. It looks like McDonald's, not Mrs. Paul's, fish.

Laurie is looking for a large triangle hair net that ties and wraps around brush rollers.

Judy wants "Flatter," a hardcover children's book published by Parents Magazine Press.

Rosemary wants Crystal Lite lemonade flavor hard candles.

Denise is looking for Naturessence European elastin firming facial by Avanza.

Carol from Westland is looking for TV plastic trays.

Marian is looking for MAROC cologne by Ultima.

Jeanette wants Bongo button fly jeans.

Diane is looking for a plastic egg toy that contained characters from the Flintstones.

Bob is looking for Trading Times issued before September 1998.

Margaret wants Lancaster perfume by Lancaster of Monaco in France.

Mary is looking for a Clairol Slender Twirl brush/curling iron.

April is looking for the 1989 Plymouth, Canton & Salem yearbook.

Another reader is looking for a 1960 Wayne Memorial High yearbook.

Pat is looking for Heywood-Wakefield early American/Colonial Hard Rock maple furniture.

-Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Attendance

Shoreline

Indiana Mills 1-14
2150 N. Oakdale Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd.
248-573-2600
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

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NP BABY GENIE (PG)

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NP THE BAGE: CAME 2 (R)

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NP ANALYZE THIS (R)

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Birmingham travel agent finds adventure in Africa

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Travel agent Joan Bowes of Village Travel & Cruises in Birmingham got her first taste of Africa in April 1998 on a travel agents educational study trip offered by tour operators Abercrombie & Kent.

"When I got there, I knew I would go again in a heartbeat," she said.

On that April trip, Bowes of Bloomfield Hills visited the animal orphanage operated by former Detroit-area resident Don Hunt, known to television viewers as B'wana Don, and got her first up-close and personal visit with the continent's animals.

"While we were there it rained and we ran under this thatched roof and the llamas gathered with us there," she said.

This intimate contact was a

surprise and delight.

"I didn't expect the animals to seem so tame. I just didn't expect to get so close to them. A leopard walked right under my window," she said.

She said the monkeys were so bold about grabbing food that a guard was posted in the dining room to chase them away.

In February she led a group of nine on a photographic safari to Kenya where they saw every kind of animal.

"We saw many lions and they circled our van trumpeting at us," she said. "Zebras by the dozens, giraffes, impalas, wildebeests, guinea hens with their bright colors."

This African adventure is just the latest in Bowes' world travels. Bowes works part time as a travel agent/tour guide when not occupied with her primary work, teaching and playing piano. She is also on the music staff at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham.

Twenty years ago a lunch with a girlfriend led to her second career.

"I felt I needed a different dimension, and she was moving and said I could take her job at Olympia Travel," Bowes said. "I had to learn by making mistakes. I started making cold calls to companies and landed work with ITT. I did corporate international travel and then moved into group travel. You can't be a travel agent until you have knowledge of destinations."

Those destinations have included numerous trips to Britain and Europe and cruises on the Amazon, the Greek Isles and Hawaii.

Kenya offered a different kind of adventure, one that sometimes makes travelers nervous. Bowes said Abercrombie & Kent are an excellent tour company, very concerned about security issues. In addition, she said, she regularly checks State Department advisories. Her two trips to Kenya were generally without incident except for the happy incidents of memorable travel.

But a quick trip to a Nairobi hospital when a member of the

group had an asthma attack was handled effectively.

"Abercrombie & Kent handled it very well," Bowes said. "I was impressed by the condition of the hospital. It was clean, professional and the doctor was competent and articulate in English."

On the safaris, travelers ride in vans for 2-3 hours in the morning and 2-3 hours in the afternoon, protected from the animals but close to them. Bowes said a mother cheetah and her cubs were so tame, they climbed on the vans.

Bowes said they encountered the two most dangerous animals in Kenya—the black rhino ("We were within five feet of him. He revealed in that there had just been a rain and he was rolling in the mud.") and the cave buffalo with its sharp and deadly curved horns.

"We saw a lioness with a kill, a wildebeest, dragging it into a bush and another lioness going back to the pride," Bowes said.

The group also met some of the African people at a Masai village. The Masai own the preserve land and rent it to hotels for tourists.

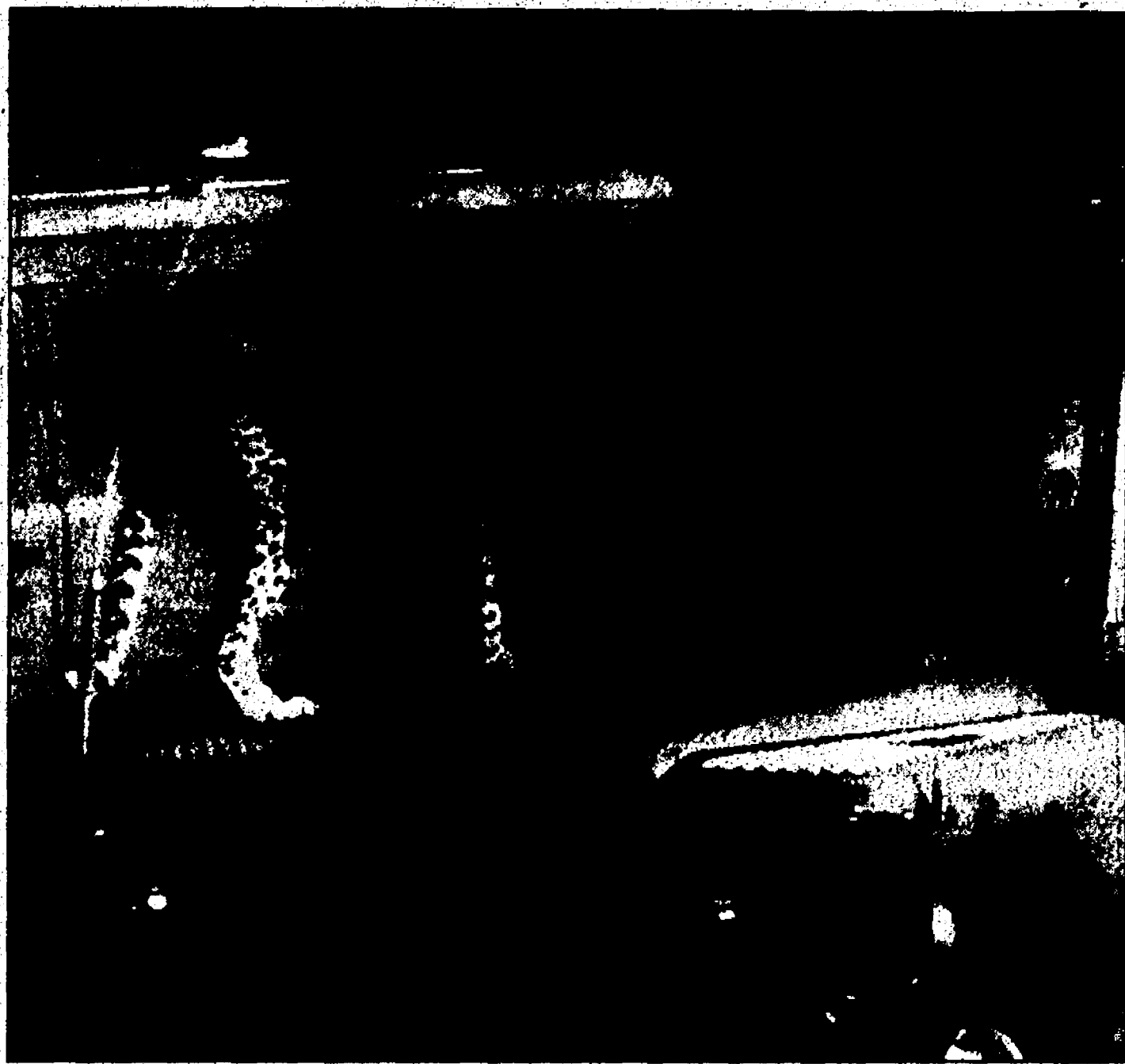
"The young women were dressed in red, which is a color they really like, and they were singing and asked us to hold their babies, which we did," Bowes said.

Accommodations are in lodges and special safari tents with oriental rugs on the bedroom floor and slate on the bathroom floors.

The dining highlight was a visit to the Carnivore Restaurant where diners were offered grilled impala and zebra in addition to the regular chicken and beef.

Bowes is planning a trip for October to Egypt, following another Abercrombie & Kent educational trip in December to the land of the pyramids.

"I loved Egypt," she said. "I didn't want to go home at all. The last night I was sitting in a cafe in the marketplace in Cairo. Someone got up to do a belly dance, men were smoking from their long pipes, musicians were playing on strange instruments."



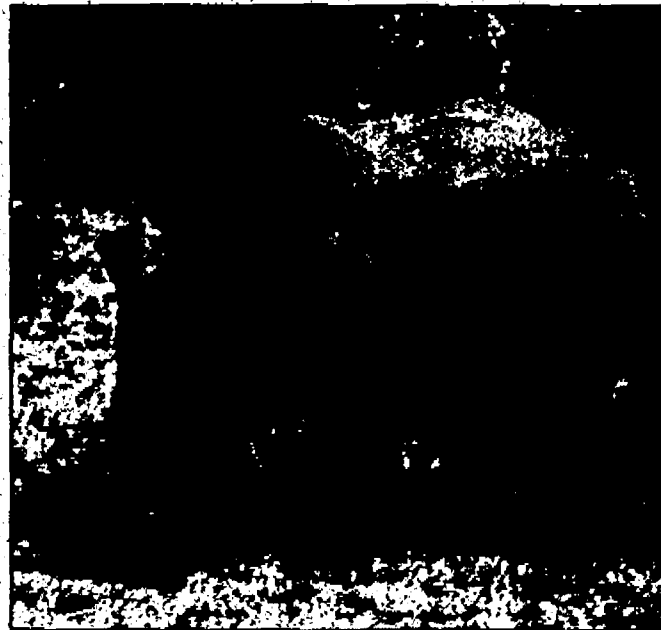
Getting to know you: A leopard checks out the visitors at a preserve in Kenya.

I thought, can I really be here."

In Cairo, she visited the museums including the famous Mummy room and treasures of King Tut. She also visited the Sphinx, the tomb of Ramses II, Luxor, Karnak and other sites while cruising down the Nile in a boat.

"I loved it. I had never given Egypt enough credit as being the cradle of civilization," she said.

The cost of the Egypt trip will be around \$4,280 plus air fare. For information, contact Bowes at Village Travel & Cruise, (248) 646-4181.



Tough guy: The rhino is one of the most dangerous animals in Africa.



Tall travelers: Giraffes stride elegantly through the preserve in Kenya.

GREAT ESCAPES

CYCLE CLASS

REI is holding an "Intro to Cycling for the Adult Novice" class 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7. Lucinda Means of the League of Michigan Cyclists will hold a clinic on how to get into cycling as an adult beginner. Learn about selecting a bike with all of the equipment and gear options, safety, nutrition and fitness issues.

Also 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, REI will hold a Bike Maintenance 101 class covering the basics of chain, brake and derailleur adjustment and how to fix a flat tire. A staff technician will cover the techniques and tools needed for basic bicycle maintenance.

All clinics are free and open to the public. REI sporting goods is at 17559 Haggerty, Northville at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

For more information, call (248) 347-2100.

JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR

The Jewish Community Center is sponsoring a Jewish Heritage Tour to England, Ireland and Wales June 9-22. An informational meeting will be held 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the D. Dan and Betty Kahn

Building, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield, and 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building at 15100 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park.

For more information, call Marilyn Wolfe at (248) 661-7649.

SPRING DRIVES

The Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council has issued a new

publication, "Drive Among the Blossoms," featuring nine self-guided blossom tours. The routes include views of rolling orchards in full bloom, vineyards, wildflowers and beautiful countryside.

The booklet is available free for travelers coming to southwestern Michigan from late

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SPORTS SCENE

Knights capture title

Glenn's Knights captured a Section 1A title last night, defeating the Redford Catholic Central Shamrocks, 3-1, in the final game of the Little Caesars II tournament.

But the Knights scored only one goal in the game. Zaretsky scored the winning goal.

Wagner scored the Knights' 3-1 semifinal victory over Royal Oak. The Knights opened tourney play with a 3-1 win over Allen Park on goals by Westerman, Jeff Scherrer and Vince Byrne. Nathan O'Hare was the winning goalie.

Two goals each by Anton, Westerman and Wagner carried the Knights to a 13-1 win over Flint in the next round. Other goal scorers were Ryan Bird, Corey Bresh, Bryce, Scott Evans, Jeff Anderson and Mike Wagaman.

Games Nos. 3-4 results: Knights 3-1 over Southfield; Westerman, Evans scored goals in the 3-0 win. Zaretsky and O'Hare combined for a shutout.

Scherrer's hat trick and Wagner's two goals highlighted a 7-0 win. Bryce and Westerman also scored in the game with O'Hare getting the shutout.

Rounding out the Knights roster: Ross Decker, Brian Linstrom and Scott Arcuragi. The coaching staff consists of John Bartle, John Moore and Paul Anderson. The team manager is Andrea Anderson.

Team sponsors include: Valentino's Pizza, L&L Packaging, Inc., Tri-City Builders, Nagle Paving Co. and American Glass & Metals.

Rangers win tourney

The Livonia Pee Wee Rangers, led by game MVP Brad Casai, blanked the Farmington Hills Heat, 4-2, to capture the championship final of the Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association Spring Showdown tournament (March 21).

Captain Brandon Mishowski had seven goals and four assists to lead the Rangers, who finished 4-0 in the three-day tourney. Netminder Nick Mascaro had a goals-against average of 1.5.

In the semifinals, Casai, the assistant captain, was again named MVP in a 4-0 shutout over Grand Rapids Holwerda.

Mishowski took game MVP honors in a 6-0 second-round win over Grand Rapids Gelock.

Down 4-1 in the opening game, the Rangers roared back to defeat Grand Rapids Pediatric, 6-4, as Mike Lauzon was the first star.

Other members of the Rangers include assistant captain Jacob Sidor, Leo Caza, Jim Stevenson, Will Padgen, Jack Dekovich, Frank Ray, Ryan Pfeifer, Andrew Cesario, Chris Paul, Pat Miller, Kyle Veasey and Alex Kadarjan.

The Rangers are coached by Len Pfeifer, Mike Lauzon and Steve Cesario. The managers are Ron and Sharon Miller.

Team sponsors include Talen Contracting Corp., Nordstrom Samson Associates, and K&K Remodeling.

Glenn golf scramble

A four-person golf scramble (best ball format) to benefit Westland John Glenn's baseball and football programs will be Sunday May 2 at Fellows Creek in Canton Township.

Check-in starts at 8 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The cost is \$75 per player or \$300 per foursome.

The fee include 18 holes of golf (with cart), deli buffet luncheon and prizes. Long drive and closest to the pin will be awarded to the first, second and third place men and women.

The entry deadline is Friday, April 23. (Rainchecks will be issued if conditions are not playable. The deli buffet and door prizes will begin at noon.)

For more information, call Bruce Phillips at (734) 326-0242.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7379.



Glenn alumni track meet Wednesday to christen new pit. Anderson, a 1995 Glenn graduate (right) as he takes off in the long jump pit.



Time to play ball!

Powerful Shamrocks team to beat in area, state

BY BRAD EMONS
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They won it in football last fall, they recently took it in hockey and can a state Division I baseball title be far behind for the Redford Catholic Central Shamrocks?

If there is a dominant team in Observerland, if not the state, it's the Shamrocks, who finished 30-7 last year en route to the state semifinals before losing 10-9 to Saline.

Virtually the entire CC squad remains intact with the exception of first-team All-Area pitcher Tony Nozewski, who finished 9-1.

Baseball America lists CC as the No. 31 team in the country and the top club in Michigan.

"I only have to be concerned if our guys are reading their own headlines," said CC coach John Salter, now in his 19th season. "But I don't think that will happen. It's a good group attitude-wise. They have a good chemistry."

The Shamrocks will rely on power, power and some more power.

If there are any chinks in CC's armour, it may be they don't have blazing speed.

"You still always worry about pitching," Salter said.

Last year CC hit .352 as a team with 20 homers.

It's a scary thought, but those numbers may increase in 1999 for the district, regional and defending Catholic League champions.

Bob Malek, a first-team All-Observer choice and All-State Dream Team selection, returns in center field after hitting .587 last season.

The Michigan State signee will also get a chance to show his stuff on the mound.

Another first-team All-Observer pick, Casey Rogowski, returns at first base and the outfield after hitting .419 with four homers and a team-high 43 RBI. Rogowski will attempt to play two sports next year at Central Michigan.

The other first-team All-Area returnee is senior shortstop Dave Lusky, a multi-sport athlete who will play baseball and football at Eastern Michigan. Lusky hit .405 last year.

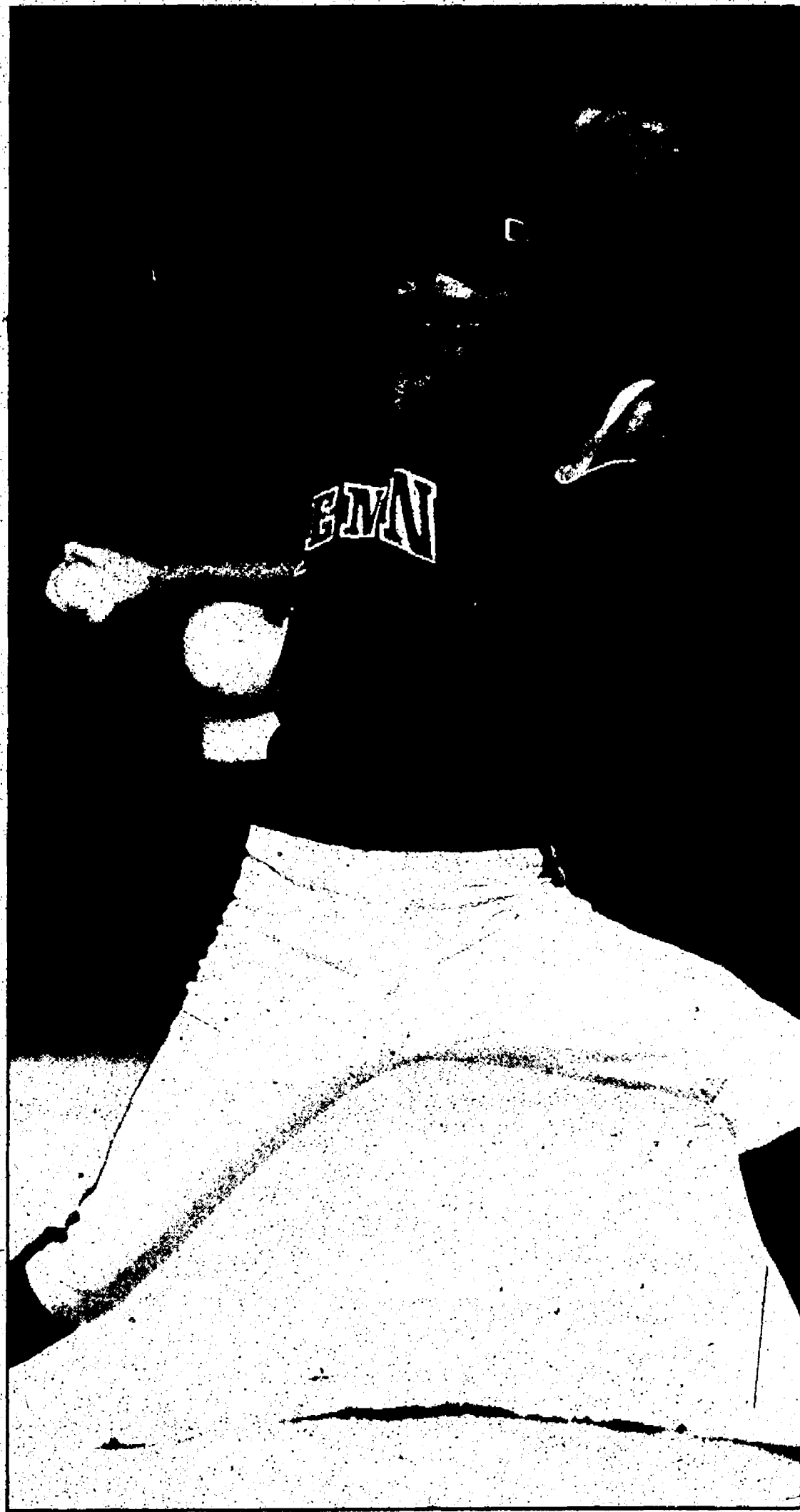
Both Lusky and Rogowski were key players for CC's state Class AA championship football team.

And if that's not enough, senior pitcher Anthony Tomey (4-2, 3.77 ERA), another EMU signee, and senior catcher Chris Woodruff (.402, six homers, 40 RBI) return as a potent battery.

Other veterans include second baseman Mario D'Herin, a slick fielder; senior hurler Dan Duffey (3-1, 2.31 ERA); senior pitcher Nick DiBella, senior outfielder-pitcher Mark Cole (.393, 5-1, 2.58); senior outfielder Brent Zak and junior utilityman John Hill.

Promising newcomers include 6-foot-7 left-hander Matt Niemiec, outfielder-first baseman Matt Loidas, and a sophomore with some CC heritage, Charlie Haeger, younger brother of Madonna University coach Greg, the latter whom led the Shamrocks to the 1987 state title.

Strong challenges in the Central Division should come from Harper Woods Notre Dame and Warren



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Rocket man: Westland John Glenn's baseball fortunes will hinge upon 6-foot-4 right-hander Dale Hayes. Glenn won the district and regional titles last year before being ousted by Brighton.

DeLaSalle, according to Salter.

In the Western Lakes Activities Association, defending champion North Farmington lost the dynamic duo of Jeff Trzos and Kirk Taylor (now both pitching as freshman at Michigan). Meanwhile, defending Western Division co-champion Farmington Hills Harrison is strong again and could be the favorite.

Westland John Glenn, 17-16 a year ago, reached the state Class A quarterfinals before running into Drew Hen-

son and Brighton.

The Rockets, who won district and regional titles last season, lost eight key players including All-Area infielder Tim Reeves.

But lanky 6-foot-4 right-hander Dale Hayes returns after going 5-3 with two saves.

Hayes spent the winter throwing with former Glenn standout Aaron Scheffer, who will start the season at AAA Tacoma in the Seattle Mariners organization.

BASEBALL PREVIEW

"Aaron helped Dale with his slider and changeup," Glenn coach Todd Duffield said.

Pitcher Mike Swafford, who went 4-2 last year in 40 innings, and senior center fielder Justin Fendeleit, a .370 hitter, give Glenn reason for hope.

Another possible contender in the Lakes Division is Livonia Stevenson (9-16).

The Spartans are under new management with assistant Harv Weingarden taking over the reins. Weingarden served as Mike Keller's assistant the past six years and has a strong nucleus to work with led by third baseman-pitcher Roy Rabe, who is headed to Division I Oakland University.

Rabe, a four-year varsity starter, is Stevenson's all-time Stevenson leader in strikeouts, RBI and is a career .383 hitter.

Senior pitcher Jon Ritzler, sophomore outfielder Dan Wilson, senior shortstop Steve Anderson and senior outfielder Dave Stando are other key components for the Spartans.

In the Western Division, things are looking up for coach Herb Osterland's Livonia Churchill Chargers (12-16).

Outfielder Dave Wasil (.386), "who is very athletic," according to Osterland, will join pitcher Justin Draughn (5-4) and first baseman Eric Lightle in leading a veteran senior Charger contingent.

Also looking for improvement is Livonia Franklin (7-21).

The Patriots are led by senior infielder Tom Jones (.365) and sophomore pitcher-shortstop Joe Ruggiero (.351).

In the Mega Conference-White Division, Redford Union returns first-team All-Area picks Matt Rigley, a senior catcher, and Mike Macek, a junior outfielder, along with senior pitcher Joel Halliday.

Wayne Memorial (9-13), also a member of the Mega-White, is off to an 0-1 start after committing 10 errors in a 12-9 non-league loss to Redford Thurston.

The Zebras lost several standouts including second-team All-Area pick Charlie Leverenz. The top returnee is pitcher-catcher Ryan Czyzak, a senior.

In the Metro Conference, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook is the defending champion with Livonia Clarenceville (12-14) and district champion Lutheran Westland (15-10) looking to move up.

Clarenceville lost second-team All-Area pick John Schiffman, but returns several other performers including outfielder Brian Pankow (.370) and pitcher-catcher John Wallace.

Lutheran Westland lost coach Jeremy Geidel to Concordia College (Neb.). Junior varsity coach Ted Younglas, a native of LaGrange, Ohio and graduate of Eastern Michigan University, takes over as varsity coach.

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, also changed coaches in the off-season as Alan Kleinke replaces 16-year veteran Tim Sinischo.

See capsule summaries of area baseball teams on page D2.

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Rocks' coach Brodie earns salute

BY C.J. RIBAK
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It was really a rare occasion. With 30 seconds left in the Class A regional basketball final between Plymouth Salem and Southfield-Lathrup, and the score tied at 60-all, Rocks' coach Bob Brodie signalled for a time-out. This is not something Brodie often does. He never uses his full complement; indeed, he'll go through entire games without using one.

Just not his style. But the situation in the Lathrup game obviously warranted it. Brodie gave his team the strategy: "Spread the floor and attack the basket with five seconds left."

Can't get any simpler than that. And yet, it provides an insight into Brodie's coaching ability, a reason why, in 15 seasons as the Rocks' head coach, he has compiled one of the state's most impressive records.

Sure, the instructions were simple. They were meant to be. The more details a player has to deal with in a pressure situation, the greater the chance for a screw-up. Brodie knew what he was doing. He had it all analyzed.

"I thought they'd rotate (their defenders) to us," he explained afterward. That's the way (Lathrup) plays, they rotate to the ball. They're aggressive. We had our big guys back, so the plan was when we attacked the basket and they rotated to us, we'd dish it off."

It worked, although the second part of the plan wasn't necessary. With the floor spread, the Chargers were caught with their backs turned, allowing Salem's Adam Wilson to drive easily to the basket for a game-winning, quarterfinal-clinching layup.

That the play called worked only partly defines Brodie's coaching ability. His players listened. They did what they were told, without question. They believed in Brodie's system, which is why they finished 20-5 this year.

It's also why Brodie is the Observer's coach of the year.

It's a well-deserved honor. After all, Brodie's teams have an average win/loss record of 17-6; they have accumulated seven district, two regional and four Western Lakes Activities Association championships.

In a season of excellence among Observerland teams — North Farmington, Redford Bishop Borgess, Redford St. Agatha and Plymouth Christian Academy also won state district titles — Salem went further than any other team.

FIRST TEAM

Nick Moore, senior, Redford CC: With-out an inside presence, Moore had to carry more of the offensive burden, and it showed all over the statistics sheet.

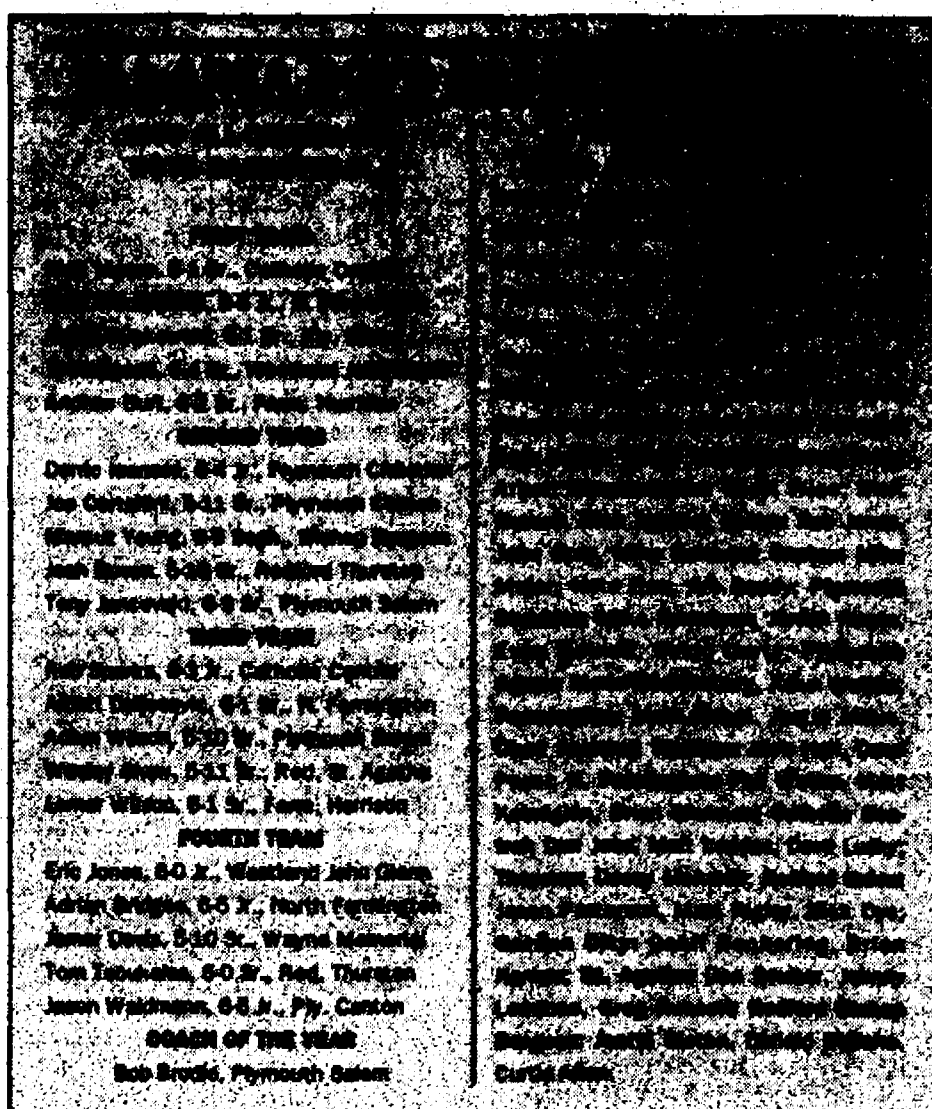
Moore averaged team-highs in points (19), assists (7.8) and steals (2) and also made 51 of 142 three-point attempts. He made 84 percent of his free throws.

A three-year starter with a 3.5 grade point average, Moore will attend the University of Toledo on a basketball scholarship.

He is another in a long line of all-stars at CC.

"He's one of the best players we ever had at CC," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "He got doubled up most of the time, one game he even got tripled on the inbound. He did a nice job handling pressure, he did that for three years. Each year he's gotten a little stronger. He's always had great court sense. This year he scored more because he had to."

Emir Medunjanin, junior, N. Farmington: For someone who has played organized basketball only three years, Medunjanin has developed quickly into a skilled and polished player.



His family fled Bosnia in 1990 when war broke out in the Yugoslavian province and emigrated to the United States in late 1996.

Medunjanin, who is fluent in three languages, played his first year of basketball at Southfield-Lathrup before transferring to North Farmington as a sophomore.

The junior center led the Raiders to their best record (18-5) in school history and a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season championship.

He averaged 16.7 points, 8.6 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game, as well as 1½ steals and assists.

Medunjanin shot almost 57 percent from the floor (164-of-290) and sank better than 70 percent of his free throws (50-of-71). He also made six of 19 three-point attempts.

"What he's accomplished in three years is amazing," said North coach Tom Negoshian, who credits assistant coach Pete Mantyla for helping Medunjanin develop into a quality post player. "He's become a student of the game."

"He has very good hands for a kid his size, and he has very quick feet. We'd love to put him on the perimeter a little more, but he does such a great job inside. He shoots the ball extremely well facing the basket as well as posting up."

"He's a sincerely nice young man. Where he's come from and where he's at now in this country, I think he totally appreciates everything he has and his freedom."

Aaron Rypkowski, Plymouth Salem, senior: The 6-foot-1 guard/forward was "our most versatile player all year long," said Brodie. An all-Western Lakes Activities Association selection, Rypkowski led the Rocks in scoring, averaging 16 points a game, and in steals, making three a game. He was also second in rebounds (6.0) and third in assists (2.8), and he was a deadly three-point threat, hitting 42 percent of his shots from beyond the arc.

"Aaron can play inside or out," said Brodie. "He's so smooth, he makes his job look easy. If they try to guard him with a guard, he'll go inside. If they try to guard him with a forward, he'll go outside."

Although several schools, including Siena Heights and Aquinas College, have expressed an interest in Rypkowski (he's also a standout in soccer), his plans at present are to attend Michigan State and walk-on in basketball.

Ty Haygood, senior, Westland Glenn: The 6-4 senior center was the Rockets' most consistent inside player averaging 16 points and 11 rebounds per game.

He is a two-year starter.

Haygood, who carries a 3.46 grade-point average, has been accepted to the University of Michigan-Dearborn and has applied to Tennessee State.

"Ty is a very intense player, very skilled with a great work ethic," Glenn coach Mike Schutte said. "He came to play every day."

"He's a good big player as I've ever coached."

Haygood also made the All-Western Lakes squad.

Andrew Burt, senior, Harrison: Burt is

a well-rounded player who plays bigger than his 6-foot-2 size and excels in all phases of the game.

He was the leading scorer for Harrison with 15 points per game, but he built his reputation as an aggressive, tenacious rebounder, averaging 9½.

Burt's leaping ability is evidenced by his second-place finish last week in the Oakland County slam dunk contest.

Playing in the post, he shot 49 percent from the floor (124-of-252) and 69 percent at the free-throw line (70-of-101). Burt also had 18 blocks and 32 steals.

"He's come a long way since he was a freshman, and he still has a lot of basketball left in him," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said, adding Burt, who has a 3.3 grade point, will continue his career at the next level.

"I think he could step out and play a wing in college. He has a good outside shot, and he can take it to the hole."

"He was the focal point for opposing teams, which tried to stop him. His rebounding ability is pretty amazing for a guy 6-2."

"The neat thing about him is he's not a prima donna. He'll dive on the floor for a loose ball and mix it up. He was a vocal and charismatic leader. His passion for the game was endless."

SECOND TEAM

Derric Isensee, junior, Plymouth Christian: Eagles' coach Doug Taylor put Isensee on the spot early in the season, calling him "our best player" and a "player to watch."

If Isensee felt any pressure, it never showed. PCA rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship, won a Class D district title, and reached the regional finals before losing to finish the season at 21-4.

A large part of their success was due to Isensee's efforts. A 6-4 forward with tremendous leaping ability, Isensee led the Eagles in scoring (16.2 points per game) and rebounding (9.1), was second in steals (2.6) and third in assists (2.7). He hit 53.2 percent of his floor shots, including 40 percent of his three-pointers.

With only two seniors on this season's squad, Isensee will lead a formidable group of Eagles into next

season.

Joe Cortellini, senior, Plymouth Canton: One of the surprise teams of the year was Plymouth Canton, which remained in the hunt for the WLAA title until the final week. And a big reason the Chiefs were so successful — they finished 12-10 overall, 8-3 in the conference — was Cortellini.

The 5-11 guard riddled opposing defenses with his long-range shooting. He averaged 17 points per game, converting 42 percent of his three-point tries and 87 percent of his free throws. His abilities earned him all-WLAA Western Division honors.

But Cortellini wasn't strictly an offensive threat. "He was one of our top defensive players," said Canton coach Dan Young. "He'd guard the top scorer on the other team. The kid meant everything to us."

Cortellini is considering attending, and playing at, Albion, Hope and Kalamazoo College.

Josh Boven, senior, Redford Thurston: The 5-foot-10 guard started three years on the Thurston varsity. He set a school record this year for most three-point baskets in a season and for highest percentage made: 68 for 122 (56 percent).

Boven led the team in scoring (17.8 points), assists (4.1) and steals (3.1) per game. He made 43 percent of all his shots (114-263) and 75 percent at the free throw line (77-102). He also went to the boards well for a guard, grabbing 3.1 rebounds per game.

A three-sport standout who also plays soccer and baseball, he led Thurston to one of its best ever boys basketball seasons, finishing with an 18-2 record and a Gold Division championship.

"He's the best point guard I've coached, as good as we've had at Thurston," Thurston coach Bob Snell said. "He's a great kid, hard worker, played both ends of the court. We counted on his judgment on the floor to do a lot of things. His leadership on the floor is one of the reasons we had the record we did."

Marcus Young, sophomore, Redford Bishop Borgess: Young has played on the Borgess varsity since his freshman year and this season his presence was easy to see.

Young, one of the rising stars in the Catholic League and in metro Detroit, averaged 20 points and seven rebounds per game. Borgess coach Roosevelt Barnes believes Young is a potential high Division I college player.

"Marcus has a good attitude, works hard," Barnes said. "I think his potential is unlimited. He comes to play every day, is a 'gamer.' He has very good touch 15 feet and in. He has to get stronger, become a better defender and rebounder and run the floor better. He'll be working on his perimeter game, his passing, ballhandling, make him more of a complete player in the next couple years."

Tony Jancevski, senior, Plymouth Salem: Look at the stat sheet following a Plymouth Salem game, and it would be difficult to understand why opposing coaches said what they said. "They got that big fella in the middle" was their constant concern.

The 6-foot-8 center didn't compile the most impressive offensive statistics. Jancevski averaged nine points and nine rebounds a game, leading the Rocks in the latter. But he also averaged two blocked shots a game and was the defensive anchor for Salem.

"He's not going to be your flashiest player," said Brodie. "He's not going to lead you statistically. But he can be a dominant force defensively. And he always gets double-teamed on offense, which creates opportunities for others."

"Fans don't always see that. But other coaches can."

FIRST TEAM SELECTIONS



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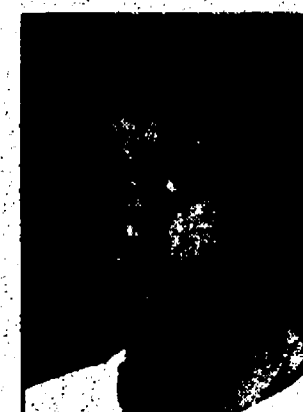
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SECOND-TEAM SELECTIONS



Derric Isensee
Plymouth Christian



Joe Cortellini
Plymouth Canton



Marcus Young
Bishop Borgess



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Note: The final All-Area team, girls gymnastics, is scheduled to appear in the Thursday, April 8 Observer editions.



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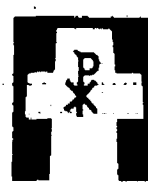
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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

CLASSES

INTRO TO CYCLING

Adult beginners will learn the basics of the sport of cycling during this class, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

BIKE MAINTENANCE 101

Get your bike ready for spring during this instructional clinic, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

STEELHEAD FISHING

Metro-West Steelheaders will present a free seminar on steelhead fishing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Garden City High School. The seminar will include discussion on river and lake fishing, trolling, drift boats, planer boards and other offshore tactics. The seminar is held as part of the regular monthly meeting of the Metro-West Steelheaders fishing club and the public is welcome to attend. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

CASS BENTON HIKE

Take a 5-mile hike with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Participants are asked to meet behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call John Kalem at (248) 681-9160 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES

Anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license beginning April 1.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

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.

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

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. Jim Graham from "Friends of the Rouge" will be the guest speaker at the April 7 meeting. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served.

Call Jim Kudej (734) 591-0843 for more information. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

METROPARKS

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 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Crusaders get sweep

Aquinas College played the perfect guest to Madonna University's softball team.

The Crusaders took a double win from the Saints, 4-3 and 11-5, Friday in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action.

The doubleheader win improved Madonna (15-8) to 5-1 in the WHAC.

Jenny Kruzel started Madonna's first inning of the opener with a walk, was sacrificed to second, advanced to third on a groundout and scored on a wild pitch.

Aquinas (11-11) tied the score in the third on a Kristin Jones triple plus a sacrifice by Nicole VanGeest. Both teams scored two in the fifth.

The Crusaders loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh and Angela Litwin delivered a game-winning single to left to make Janel Leschinger 8-3 this season. Leschinger scattered six hits, walked three and struck out six.

Shortstop Kristy McDonald and left fielder Missy Bako had two hits while McDonald and Courtney Senger had RBI for Madonna.

The Crusaders jumped out to a 7-1 lead after two innings of the nightcap and the Saints never got any closer than four runs.

Jamie Cook had three singles with an RBI with Kruzel, Litwin, Vicki Malkowski, Senger and Jen Walker each getting two hits. McDonald had three hits including her sixth double of the season.

Janelle Schmidt, 4-1, went the first 3 1/3 innings and gave up three runs on four hits. Three relievers finished up but Leschinger hurled the last three to close it out.

Kruzel, Malkowski and Senger each drove in two runs.

MADONNA 5-3, CONCORDIA 4-8: The Lady Crusaders took advantage of four Cardinal errors in winning the first game of their double-header Thursday in Ann Arbor, but a five-run fifth inning propelled Concordia to a victory in the second game.

The split in the WHAC twinbill left the Cards at 12-11 overall.

In the opener, Vicki Malkowski and Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn) got two hits apiece to lead the Crusaders' eight-hit attack. Malkowski had the only RBI in the game for Madonna.

Janel Leschinger gave up four runs on seven hits and three walks, striking out four. Carrie Knight took the loss for Concordia. Kristy Kennedy had a two-run home run for the Cards.

The second game was called after 5 1/2 innings because of darkness. Kelly Zurawski drove in two runs with a base hit for Madonna; Malkowski and Courtney Senger each had two hits, Senger scoring two runs.

Missy Bako (Garden City) took the loss for the Crusaders, falling to 1-3; she surrendered six runs on 10 hits and two walks, with one strikeout. Knight got the win for Concordia in relief of starter Trisha Spry, evening her record at 5-5.

MADONNA 12-9, ROCHESTER 1-1: Madonna swept a pair from non-league foe Rochester College Wednesday at Livonia Ladywood, with Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) getting a triple and driving in two runs in each game.

In the 12-1 opening win, McDonald had a single as well, while teammates Vicki Malkowski and Missy Bako (Garden City) collected two hits and two runs scored apiece, each also slugging a triple. Jenny Kruzel, Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn) and Courtney Senger added a hit and an RBI apiece, with Kruzel getting a triple (Madonna had four in the game) and scoring two runs.

The game was stopped after five innings by the 8-run mercy rule. Janel Leschinger got the pitching win, allowing one earned run on two hits and five walks, with nine strikeouts, in five innings. Jennifer Huebner took the loss for Rochester.

In the second game, Madonna scored two runs in each of the first three innings to make a winner out of Janelle Schmidt, who went all five innings and gave up one run on four hits and no walks, striking out four. Schmidt improved to 3-1.

Bako also had a hit and two RBI for the Crusaders, with Malkowski getting a hit, an RBI and three runs scored; Senger adding two hits and an RBI; and Cook and Zurawski contributing a hit and an RBI apiece.

Tina Moore took the loss for Rochester.

BOYS TENNIS

GARDEN CITY 8

WAYNE MEMORIAL 0

April 1 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Jason Dean (GC) defeated Austin Rowland, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2; No. 2: John Farma (GC) dec. Adam Chaisson, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Chris Thacker (GC) dec. Phil Beckert, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Khaled Safah (GC) dec. Brian Schroeder, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Rich Lehtimäki-Mike Schrock (GC) dec. Tim Stark-Allen Fry, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Josh Abels-Chris Perdue (GC) dec. John Lewis-Gary Johnson, 6-1, 7-5; No. 3: Matt Smith-Andy Brockie (GC) dec. Rocky Samples-Dan Hawkins, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Jay DeJong-Beloi Safah (GC) dec. Clinton Fry-Rich Eisi, 6-1, 6-1.

Dual meet records: Garden City, 1-0; Wayne, 0-1.



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Streak halted,
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Madonna University was looking to keep its winning streak going as it started its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule Wednesday against visiting Concordia College. But the Fighting Crusaders realized only half of their goal.

After posting a 14-6 victory in the opening game, Madonna was handcuffed by Cardinal pitcher Steve Lezotte in the nightcap and lost, 7-2 — ending its win streak at five games.

Still, the Crusaders are on a role. After losing the first five games and tying the sixth in their spring trip to Florida, they have won 11 of 14 contests. Through Wednesday, they were 11-8 overall; Concordia was 3-11.

In Wednesday's opener against Concordia, Bob Hamp, Todd Miller and Aaron Shrewsbury ignited the offense by driving in three runs apiece. Hamp and Shrewsbury each clubbed home runs (Hamp's second, Shrewsbury's seventh); so, too, did Delano Voletti (his fifth), Dave O'Neill (his second) and Jason Brooks (his third).

Hamp and Miller had three hits apiece, and Hamp and Shrewsbury each had two stolen bases. Voletti, Shrewsbury, Brooks and Derrick Wolfe added two hits each, Wolfe clubbing two doubles. Madonna totaled 17 hits.

Mike Butler went the distance for the Crusaders to improve to 2-1, allowing four earned runs on 10 hits and one walk, striking out five. Mark Brown went all six innings for Concordia to fall to 0-3.

In the second game, three Madonna errors led to five unearned runs — and a loss for Bob Mason, who slipped to 1-3. Lezotte is 2-2.

The Crusaders did manage eight hits off of Lezotte, all singles. Jeff Warholik and Daryl Rocho had two apiece, and Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton) knocked in a run with a base hit.

Mason gave up five runs (two earned) on five hits and one walk, striking out six, in four innings.

RECREATION & BOWLING

Trout anglers eye preseason special

Trout season is open and not just for April fools.

Trout anglers school-up early each year on the Huron River to participate in a special flies-only, catch-and-release trout season. A two-mile section of the river in the Proud Lake Recreation Area — from the signs just below Moss Lake to the signs 100 yards below the Wixom Road Bridge — is open for the special season.

The regular trout season doesn't open until Saturday, April 24, but those who can't wait the additional three weeks can get in on some spring training on the Huron. This special season runs through the regular season opener.

Approximately 2,500 eight-to-12-inch trout are planted in the river each year prior to the start of the special season.

Normal regulations apply when the regular season opens with the exception of a three-fish possession limit.

The program began in the mid 1970s and has been a joint venture of the Livonia-based Michigan Fly Fishing Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources ever since.

The biggest smallmouth

The recent warm weather has most air-weather anglers across the state spooling-up new line and cleaning out tackle boxes in anticipation of the summer fishing season. If the weather hasn't been enough of a boost the following tale is sure to get your adrenaline flowing.

Livonia's Mike Canfield, his wife Deborah, and their 6-year-old daughter Maggie were fishing in the Loud Dam Pond last July 5 when they decided to beach their boat and allow Maggie to take a swim along a sandy bar. After a short swim, Maggie got back into the boat and Mike cast a night crawler harness out the back of the boat.

"As soon as it hit the water he hit it," Canfield said. "He gave me a great fight."

After battling the feisty smallmouth bass for several minutes

Canfield was able to bring it to his net and finally got a good look at the fish.

"I really had no thought of keeping him," Mike said. "I knew it was a big fish, but Maggie had already named him 'Fred' before I even got him into the boat. We quickly measured him, took a picture and released him."

The bass was big enough to earn Canfield a Master Angler Award for catch-and-release smallmouth bass. The minimum entry is 21 inches. On top of that, Mike recently received another award from the DNR because his fish was the largest catch-and-release smallmouth in the state that was registered with the Master Angler Program during the 1998 fishing season.

"I knew he was big, but I had no idea he was an award winner," Canfield said. "I'm just glad we thought to measure it and take a picture."

"It was a good afternoon of fishing as Maggie caught her first bass and Mom got to take another picture."

Fund-raiser reminder

Don't forget about the spring wild turkey workshop coming up Saturday, April 10, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord, especially if you hunt in the northwestern section of the state.

The Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association distributed over 100 tons of shelled corn in northwestern Michigan this winter to help the birds in that area get through the harsh winter. On top of the hundreds of hours provided by local volunteers, the corn cost the chapter some \$14,500.

This turkey workshop is the chapter's main fund-raiser. Proceeds will be used specifically for the wild turkey supplemental winter feeding program.

The workshop will feature presentations by Al Stewart, the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, as well as local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes, raffles, a kids calling contest and more.

For tickets and more information or to make a donation to the chapter, call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

Time to add insect to state list

Though Michigan Week (actually two weeks) will be coming up in May, I thought I would bring up the topic of Michigan symbols now, so that teachers might think about a possible letter writing campaign.

Within the last couple years two new Michigan symbols have been added. Our state reptile is now the painted turtle and our state wildflower is the dwarf lake iris. Apple blossom is still the state flower, a state wildflower was added.

During Michigan Week, teachers often review and report about these and other state symbols to illustrate the diversity of natural resources in the state.

Well, another approach to take is, "How are these symbols selected and legislated?"

Currently in the state House of Representatives there is a bill HR 4901 that, if passed, would make the green darner dragonfly our state insect.

The Legislature has to pass bills that would officially designate a suggested species for state symbol status. When they get enough positive responses from their constituents, then they will pass the bill.

I would suggest a letter writing campaign to state House Representatives encouraging the passage of this bill.

Here are few reasons students could use in their letters.

Many states have state insects and a few have both an insect and a butterfly. This illustrates that most state governments feel a state insect is worthwhile.

Washington is the only other state that has also selected the

green darner dragonfly for their state insect. Green darners are large insects, they can be 5 inches long, so it's easy to see them.

Not only are they large, they are colorful. Male green darners have a beautiful lime green thorax and a soft blue abdomen. As students write about the insect, they can also learn some basic insect anatomy.

Green darners are very beneficial insects, they are not destructive or menacing. Much of their life is spent under water as a nymph.

They are predators on smaller aquatic animals. "When the nymphs mature they emerge from the water, split their nymphal skin and out comes an adult-looking dragonfly."

Adults are strong fliers. They patrol territories where they hunt and attract mates.

Prey consists of other insects, like mosquitoes and deer flies. The day I saw a dragonfly eating a deer fly was the day I felt justice was done.

May is when the first green darners can be seen in Michigan. These individuals are migrants from the south. We don't know for sure exactly how far south, but observers have seen them on oil drilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

More observations will have to be made to see if they cross the Gulf of Mexico. Green darners seen during the summer are believed to be those adults from nymphs that spent the winter in Michigan.

Darners that fly south in fall are adults from nymphs that came from the early spring arriving migrants.

I think the green darner dragonfly is an excellent choice for a state insect. To learn more about how you can help log in at <http://members.aol.com/YESnet/wk/index.html>.

At 95, Lew Saad keeps rolling along

Do you remember the comedian who said, "If I knew I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself?"

For Lewis Saad its no joke, this very active 95-year-old bowler is still averaging around 150 in a couple of leagues.

He has been a member of one league for 72 years (second longest in the U.S.) and on top of that he is highly recognized for one of his yearly activities as a director in the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

He collects dollars from individuals during GDBA and other events to help sponsor the Greater Detroit Yearbook.

A native Detroit, Lew is now retired from the Board of Education where he taught at Cooley High School for 39 years.

His all-time high game was 289 in 1964 (he left a ten pin) and since then he has had a 726 series.

He is in his 72nd straight year in the Board of Education League at Oak Lanes in Westland.

The league began in 1920 and he joined it in 1927. He also bowls in the Westside Proprietors Senior Travel League.

Saad got started bowling at the age of 13, so he has enjoyed the sport for almost 82 years.

Saad recently returned from the American Bowling Congress meeting in Syracuse, N.Y. where he was awarded a plaque for 25 consecutive years of competing in the big event, the ABC Tournament.

As a delegate from one of our local associations, he helped pass most of the amendments which were on the agenda.

One of the major topics at this year's convention is the testing of tiered memberships for the year 1999-2000.

In this, the Silver Level membership will be \$13 per year and the Platinum is \$25, which, of course will be at the members option.

To make the silver level membership more appealing, a \$5 discount coupon on catalog merchandise will be added to the package. Platinum Club members will receive these benefits as well as other benefits to be announced.

Both Silver and Platinum Club tiers will include ABC/WIBC play privileges and quarterly issues of Pin Action magazine.

Lew considers this a good deal, but does not think the majority of members will go for it (maybe in some sections of the country).

The other major subject was the idea of moving the national headquarters from Greendale, Wis. to Orlando, Fla.

This would also require them bring the ABC tournament to Orlando every three years as they do now for Reno.

Saad became a director of the GDBA in 1976, while in 1977 he started collecting the dollars for the yearbook sponsorship.

He has surpassed \$20,000 in collections, and that is mostly at a rate of one dollar at a time from individuals (each person gets their name listed under sponsors).

This goes a long way towards making this book available at a low cost to those who wish to purchase one.

Bowling centers and sanctioned league secretaries can all get one at no charge.

Anyone who wishes to send in a donation can send a check directly to: Lewis N. Saad, 12656 Coyle, Detroit MI 48227; or call him at (313) 836-0284.

Association directors do not

get paid. It is all voluntary work and for most a way of giving back something to the game they love.

Mr. Saad is a perfect example of that.

Monday is my usual night

for girl watching.

These particular girls are the Cloverlanes. All-Star Bowlerettes, and I have seen some pretty great bowling when this league is in action.

Last Monday it was Tracey Wade who put on a show with a 280 in Game No. 2. She followed that with a 287 in the third game during which she had 14 consecutive strikes.

In bowling language that is an Andy Varipapa 300, spreading the strikes over two games.

A few lanes down the line there was lefty Julie Wright, who was faced with a very difficult spare, the 4-6-7-8-10.

I said to her teammate that Julie will go for it, and she made it, a rare feat for anyone.

Marianne DiRupo put on a good show last week with a 298 game, and she has just won the Detroit Women's Bowling Association tournament in two events, actual singles with 226-237-258/721 and actual all-events with 641-651-721 for a 2,013 total, the results are now final.

Anyone else want to be a girl watcher? If so they begin bowling at 8:30 p.m.

As for the DWBA city tournament, the final winners are:

Team event: Equipment Services, Shore Lanes; Actual Team: RJ's Pro Shop, Bonanza Lanes;

Doubles: Teri Niester and Charlene Porzondek from Bonanza Lanes (actual and handicap); Singles: Kathleen Krol, Foun-

tainview Lanes; Actual Singles: Marianne DiRupo; All Events: Jackie Felker, Sunnybrook Lanes; Actual All Events: Marianne DiRupo.

We usually have a better representation from O & E cities in the winner's circle, but this year it was mostly eastsiders who dominated.

Classic Lanes in Rochester and the Avon Hills Lioness Club will host the 18th Annual Leader Dogs for the Blind Bowling Benefit, beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 25.

Area bowlers will doubles with members of the All Star leagues to raise funds for the Leader Dog school.

Each bowler is eligible to win prizes and receive a gift bag donated by local merchants and vendors.

This is a family event and bowlers of all ability levels are encouraged to participate.

The Lioness Club's goal is to raise \$25,000 for the leader dog school. This year, tournament activities will include several raffles and live and silent auctions.

Members of the community are invited to come and cheer on the bowlers and participate in the auctions.

Representatives of the leader dog school, several of the dogs and leader dogs in training will be present throughout the day.

Leader Dog is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing highly trained dogs to eligible applicants throughout the world. The school is located in Rochester and operates entirely on donated funds.

Interested bowlers must register in advance.

The deadline for registration is Monday, April 19. The \$30 entry fee is tax deductible.

Foms may be obtained by calling Classic Lanes at (248) 862-9100.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

GARDEN LANES (Garden City)

St. Louis Classic: Mark Gorno, 223-279-247/749; John Adomitis, 224-299-225/748; John Miller, 255-226-258/737; Rick Borges, 227-233-268/726; Frank Bollinger, 262-234-215/711.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)

Monday Seniors: Frank Federico, 258-236-243/737; Mike Krywy, 241-638; Mike Adorran, 258/636; Gary Broyles, 242-257/631; Alvar Freden, 254/626; John Blunden, 254/601.

Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Mike

Lucas, 268-223/684; Charles Lawrence, 277-228/686; Bud Kraemer, 258-246/681; Rich Zacheranik, 235-246/684; Jim Casteel, 228-236-235/699; Dale Hayes, 258-209/642; Bill Britton, 258/645.

Good Neighbors: Gloria Mertz, 245/585;

Dawn Weigel, 203.

TOWN 'N COUNTRY LANES (Westland)

Thursday Morning Men: Tony Przytuiski, 299.

Thursday Men's Trio: James Zupke, 300.

Stevenson Middle School: Aaron Manning, 298.

WOODLAND LANES (LIVONIA)

Men's Trio: Dave Grabos, 299/726; Vern Flowers, 683; Dave Norwick, 684; Mike Travis, 675; Kevin Muto, 693; Brian Ziemba, 721.

Thursday Morning Ladies: Jean Grezak, 204.

Senior House (Premium Bowling Products): Greg Wiegand, 258/730; Mark Gorno, 267/738; Don Johnson, 279/748; Jerry Kassa, 244/692; Darrin Kolb, 275/693; Brian Ziemba, 269/697.

Family Pinbusters: Cathy Karasinski, 225.

Morning Glories: Phyllis Czapl, 214; Margaret Von, 217; Jane Heilman, 204.

Monday Seniors: John Evich, 216; Don

Boelter, 226; Mac Clark, 214; Howard Fether-

ston, 205; Tom Gerovac, 208.

Saturday Youth: Jared Tingling, 180.

Midnighters: Walt Zielenki, 247/699; Jim Ryan, 255/805; Tim Mielczarek, 237/610; Leo Dubicki, 227/562; Evans Brown, 245/693.

Gay 90s (Seniors): Chuck Simpson, 224-

246/638; Norm Renald, 224; Paul Brewer, 210; Bob Radtke, 209; Jim Cowie, 200.

Monday Parks & Rec Youth: Dominic Tiseo, 195.

Lynden Parkettes: Debbie Ellsworth, 220/504.

Local 182 Retirees: Mike O'Meara, 210;

Bill Kappen, 208-204; Jack Henderson, 233; George Krause, 202; Donna Bertani, 201.

Ford Parks: Brad Strange, 276/682; Mark

Pollard, 686; Chuck Sturgis, 684; Scott Begin, 658; Dennis Weatherford, 673; Cliff Cavender, 665.

Jacks & Jits: Chuck Elstone, 259.

MERRI BOWL (Livonia)

Newburgh Ladies: Connie Ballint, 204;

Nancy Smith, 201; Maureen Circeo, 201; Darlene Jablonowski, 199; Lee Wilkinson, 193.

Bowling Bags: Judy Hill, 242; Gloria Dif-

enderfer, 214/653; Mickey Terrian, 597.

Men's Senior House: Derek Takala, 227-

235-277/739; Kerry Reetz, 289-259-239/797; Garrett Nagle, 238-238-259/735;

Eric Tulley, 254-213-279/748; Doug Ellison, 256-258-244/758; Ron Breeding, 246-278-

235/759; Gary Nagle, 225-257-259/741;

Marc Mattius, 248-226-256/728; Greg Bashara, 259-258-245/762; Mike Miller, 226-

265-268/759.

St. Aidan's Mixed: G. Steele, 256; C.

Rhodeshouse, 234; D. Mehoke, 233; K. Klissa, 222; M. Ulrich, 214.

Senior Merry Bowlers: Ben Krupp, 203-

338/803; Roy McMahon, 202-217/582; Her-

bert Lloyd, 231/538; Carmen Leggett, 220/546.

Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Phyllis Wolnie,

210/540; Vi Blythe, 201; Kim Eller, 221/572; Karen Milligan, 200/572; Gretchen

Hocking, 569; Debbie Kohler, 201/548.

Tuesday Merri Bowlerettes: Jackie Bon-

czak, 245/611.

Youth Leagues (Pin Busters): Michelle

Turner, 168; Jessica Barber, 169.

Pin Heads: Alex Medina, 207; Dave Mar-

shall, 209; Josh Krajewski, 196.

Gutter Dusters: Christopher Oidani, 195.

Strikes & Spares: Cassie Renard, 207/536; Kyle Shatara, 184; Mike Rodgers, 181.

Papa's Pro: Stephanie Haeger, 214;

Andrew Murany, 278-288/724 (16 strikes in a row); Stephanie Leight, 225/545; Chris Singleton, 222.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)

All-Star Bowlerettes: Tracey Wade, 280/739; Tamika Glenn, 278/682; Angela

Witt, 277/769; Kim Kopf, 269/678; Michelle Anger, 262; Marianne DiRupo, 719.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)

Nite Owls: Ray Card, 678; Pat McKenna;

256/657; Dennis Madden, 653; Alan Blasut-

to, 256/651.

Wonderland Classic: Bud Bogatay, 765;

Ron LeChevalier, 764; Mitch Jabczynski, 753;

Barry Schlusiel, 734; Ed Malinowski, 300/734; Butch Risner, 300; Greg Bashara, 300/716.

AM Bowlerettes: Julie Maynard, 235/597.

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)

St. Colette Men: Mike Ksiazek, 268; Ron

Hurley, 232-222-246/700; Bill Oatman, 277.

Sheldon Road Men: Joe VanSleet, 268-

256/697; Darryl Alexander, 267/709; Charlie Riffe, 268.

Plaza Men: Larry Minehart, Jr., 257/740.

Sam Fullerton, 278/697; Bob Day, 259; Jim

Rowe, 256; John Grego, 254; Jim Campbell, 276/728; Don Potts, 236-268-269/773.

Unlasy Mixed: Bill Chappell, 263; Ken

Koski, 299; Mike Harvey, 258-265, 703; Mark

Chall, 232-280-233/745.

Waterford Men: Chuck Morris, 263/765;

Steve Demeter, 268/711; Mark W. 279-713; Tom Wegmann, 257; Pete 257; Dave Bazner, 267; Al Burke, 264.

Burroughs Men: Bill Walters, 256.

Powertrain Men: Greg Rank, 258.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)

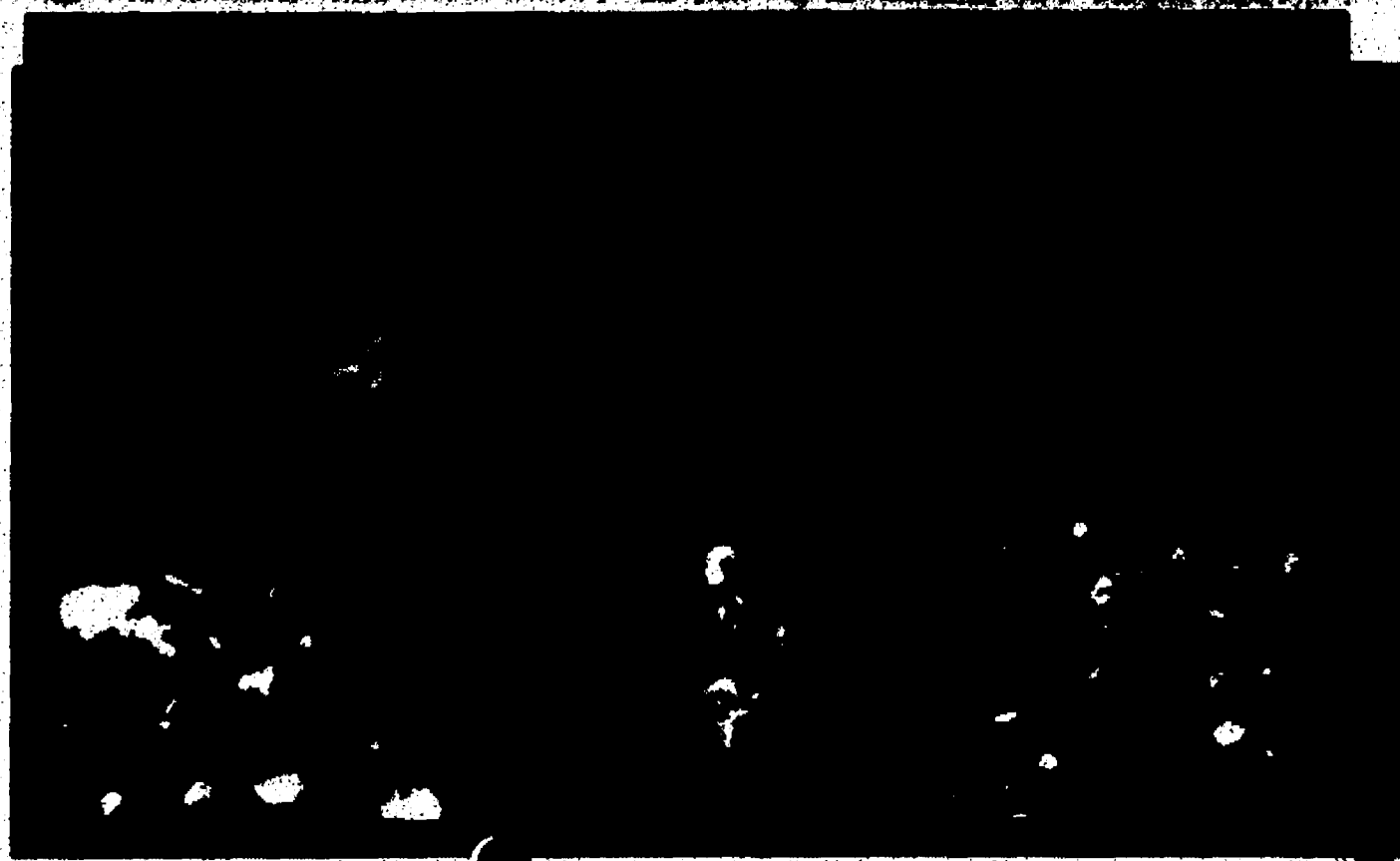
Saturday 11 a.m. Juniors: Ryan 233/533; Brad Ninnis, 207/528.

Saturday 11 a.m. Majors: Drew 205/582; Jessica Force, 201/529; Andrea

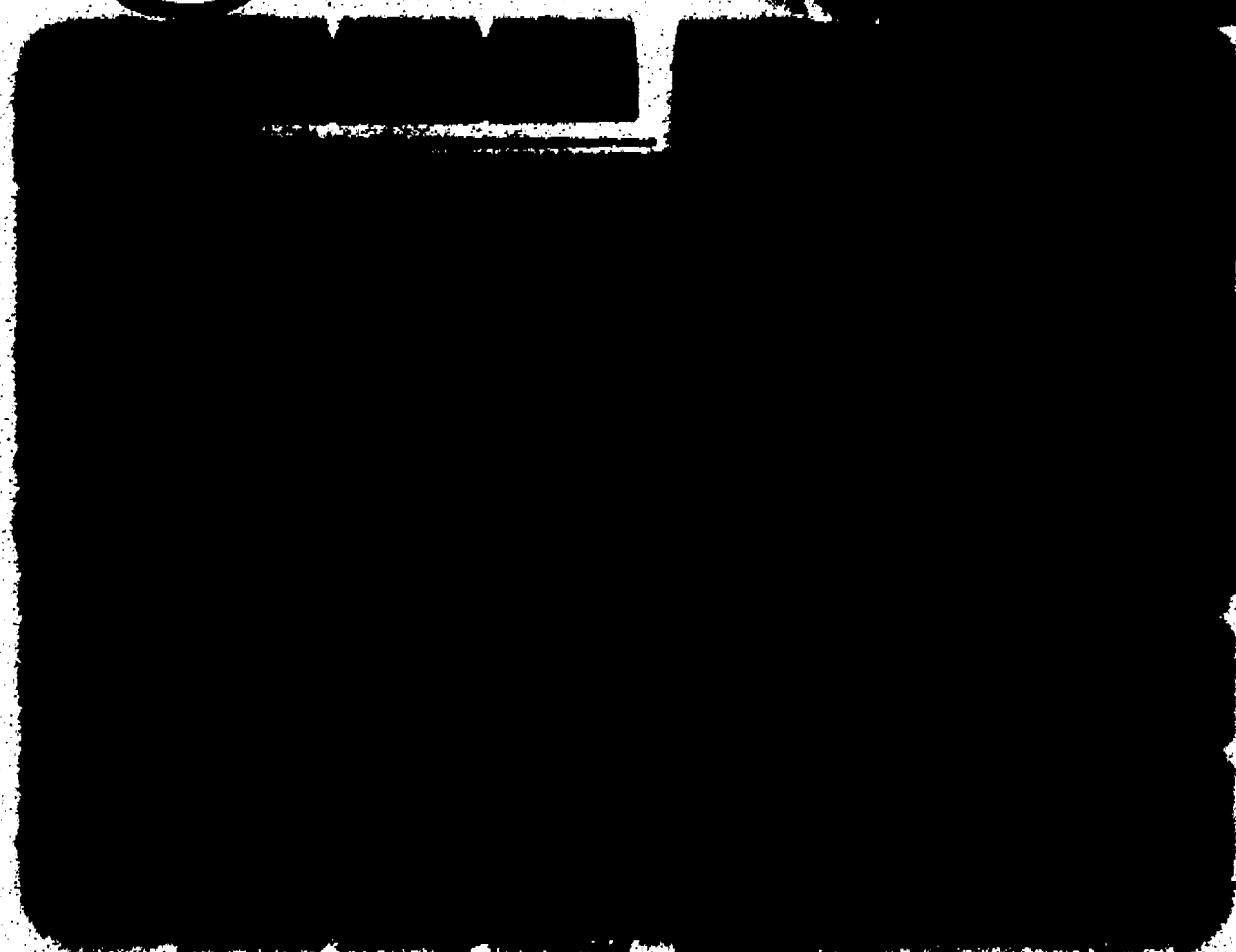
Glashausser, 209.

Saturday 11 a.m. Bantams: Ken 117.

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- Make a list of them for your HomeTown Classified ad

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Begin to put prices on your items

Make your HomeTown Classified Ad

1 Week Before Your Sale

- Finish pricing and organizing
- Begin working on your displays
- Place your HomeTown Classified ad

3 Days Before Your Sale

- Make signs
- Clean your garage
- Get enough change and a cash box

1 Day Before Your Sale

- Finish setting up your displays
- Prepare snacks
- Mow your lawn

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