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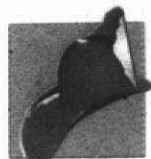
Banks Dishmon, publisher of The Observer Newspapers, announced that the home delivery rate for all Observer Newspapers will increase to \$3.95 per month. The change goes into effect with the April collection.

Single copies will still be available at news stands for 75 cents each. Dishmon said, "The price has been held down on the home delivery despite increases in cost."

Larry Geiger, circulation manager, said carriers will benefit from the adjustment by receiving part of the increase.

Geiger noted the home delivery rate will still be 39 percent lower than the single copy price.

Station delays cost contractor



Canton's new fire headquarters is more than three months behind schedule. The general contractor blames the construction boom in southeast Michigan and a resulting lack of available skilled trades workers.

The general contractors building Canton's new five-bay fire station next to the administration building on Canton Center Road may owe the township \$30,000 by the time it's completed.

Jenkins Construction Inc. is 96 days behind schedule as of today (Sunday). The fire station was to be open as of Jan. 1, according to the contract.

The fire headquarters is expected to

be completed within the next month, according to Greg Oszust, project engineer of Jenkins Construction. He declined to comment as to why the job is so far behind schedule.

A "liquidated damages" clause in the construction contract requires the general contractor to pay Canton \$250 per day after the Jan. 1 deadline, said Aaron Machnik, township municipal

services director.

"I think they're just slow. If it's attributed to anything it's probably the number of tradespeople on the job. The trades have been impacted significantly by the large amount of construction going on," he said.

Once completed, Canton officials will meet with the general contractors to negotiate a settlement for the \$3.6 million project.

Construction began in November 1996 on a 5,000-square-foot addition tacked on to the second floor of the Public Safety building to house fire division offices and a training room.

A four-car garage also was added at

the ground level, giving police a place to park their motorcycles in the winter and a secure, indoor place to transfer prisoners to and from vehicles.

Both jobs have been completed.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack doesn't think the fire headquarters will be completed by the Information Expo planned for May 2. The Expo is an open house for community members to meet township department employees.

"The general contractor has an obligation to get the subcontractor to the place they're supposed to be (in the construction schedule) and that's not

Please see FIRE STATION, A3

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton planning commission holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

TUESDAY

Bereavement series: "The Courage to Grieve" is the concluding installment in the four-week bereavement series presented by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home and Arbor Hospice. The free program is 7-8:15 p.m. at the Canton Public Library and is open to the public.

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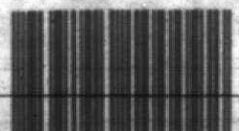
Marshmallow drop: Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its free annual Easter Marshmallow Drop at 10 a.m. at Heritage Park. Canton youngsters ages 10 and under will be divided into age groups for the helicopter marshmallow drop. Children will have the opportunity to retrieve marshmallows in exchange for goodies and treats.

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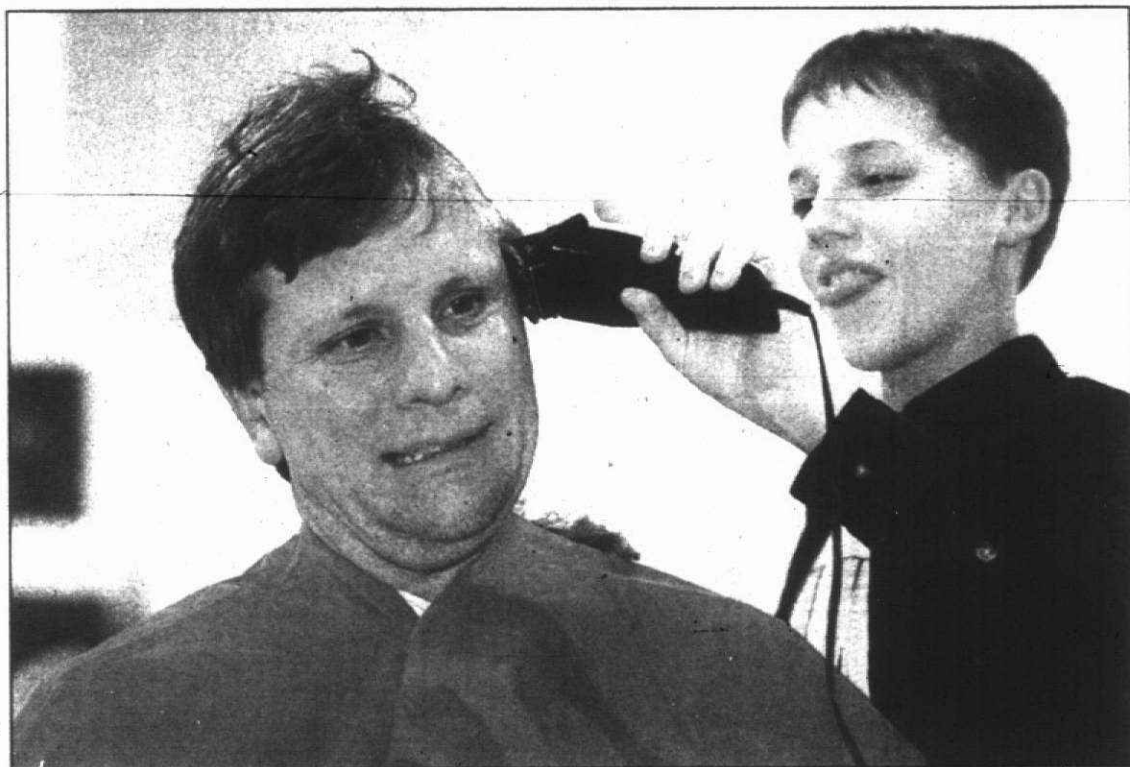
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Crop top: Canton resident Gordon Nickel, headmaster at Plymouth Christian Academy, sits patiently - but with some apprehension - as Matt Immerfall clips away. In the photo at left, students get a new feel for their school's leader.

Bzzzz!

Plymouth Christian headmaster gets clipped

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy headmaster Gordon Nickel woke up Tuesday morning a little lighter and a little freer.

"He just took the clippers and scalped him," said Sandra Oswald, school development secretary.

Indeed, Nickel, a Canton resident, is now sporting a buzz cut, a style he has not had since he was about six years old.

Nickel's buzz cut is a result of a promise made during an auction - the school's 8th Annual Celebration of Excellence - recently. With a goal of \$170,000, the school actually topped out at

\$200,000.

"We're excited about how our auction went," Nickel said. "For that, I'm happy to have my head shaved."

But the real impetus for the buzz cut came during a portion of the auction called Giving Time during which guests are asked to donate directly to the school. The goal for Giving Time was \$20,000.

Well, Nickel couldn't sit still. He had to promise that if the goal was met, he'd shave his head.

"He made good on his promise," Oswald said. Nickel wanted to wait to have his head shaved - but only because some students were on their senior trip and he wanted the job done in front of

an all-school assembly. "The students have been so helpful, especially with the mini-live auction. Each class donated a gift to be auctioned," Oswald said. "It is really an exciting event in our school."

About 40 percent of the private school's students live in Canton.

Actually, Matt Immerfall, an eighth grader - who provided entertainment during Giving Time - made sure Nickel made good on the promise. Matt was the one with the electric clippers.

"I'm saving on shampoo," Nickel said, adding that the new buzz cut also saved him time getting ready in the morning for work. "My hair grows pretty well ..."

Residents can speak out on district plans

Residents in the Plymouth-Canton school district will get a chance to give their opinions on proposals designed to shape the future of the district's elementary, middle and high schools.

The Housing and Facilities Committee, which presented its findings to the Board of Education last Tuesday, will go over the proposals at two public hearings slated for Tuesday, April 7, at Lowell Middle School. The one-hour sessions are scheduled for 4 p.m. and

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

6:30 p.m.

The most immediate of the needs proposed by the committee is requesting a bond issue for a new middle school. The committee, as well as Superintendent Chuck Little, wants to construct a new school at Canton Center and Hanford roads to replace Lowell. The district's lease with the Livonia Public Schools runs out in the summer of 2000.

The committee is also recommending redistricting of all the middle schools to accommodate the new school.

The fate of the bond issue could also determine other middle school options including split shifts, an extended school year and assigning all students

to the remaining four middle schools.

The committee has a plan which it says will accommodate the high schools for the next four years, until a new high school is constructed.

It includes repairing 13 existing portable classrooms and purchasing three new portables, at a cost of more than \$208,000.

However, because the construction of a new high school is part of the \$79.7

million bond issue, the district is

unable to fund the new high school until the bond issue is approved.

Residents are encouraged to attend the hearings and voice their opinions on the proposals.

For more information, call 734-459-2700.

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Canton man charged in \$1 million scam

A Canton Township man is one of five individuals charged with bilking insurance companies out of over \$1 million.

Felony charges for the racketeering fraud scheme were filed in district courts in Dearborn, Howell, Lansing and Livonia after an investigation by state Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and Michigan State Police Capt. Chris Hogan, commanding officer of the Southeast Criminal Investigation Division.

Joseph Michael Renkiewicz, 39, of Canton is the owner of a now-defunct

Haleyville, Ala. truck trailer manufacturing company known as Sharp Trailers Inc. and two Detroit trucking companies known as Broadway Express Inc. and Express Steel Transportation Inc.

He is being charged with one count of racketeering, two counts of receiving and concealing stolen goods and three counts of fraud.

According to the Attorney General's Office, Renkiewicz bought Sharp Trailers in 1995 and came into possession of

Please see INSURANCE SCAM, A3

Early library booster to retire, leave board

If anyone wrote a book about the Canton Public Library, Kay Baldrica-Basner would be in the foreword. Baldrica-Basner was one of the driving forces behind establishing a library system in Canton. On June 30, she will step down from her seat on the library board as its second most senior member to retire in Arizona.

"We set a goal to establish a superior library system in western

Wayne County," she said of her early days on the board.

It all started on the third floor of township hall in late 1980. Five years later construction began on the library and today, not only can its 60,000 registered patrons walk through the doors of one of Canton's busiest public facilities, but also check in to the library from anywhere in the world via its Web site.

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Foundation scholarship applications available

Canton Community Education Grant Applications are now available. The annual grant program is sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation, with participation of other community groups.

These scholarships are available to all Canton residents who are attending college or trade school and have a minimum 2.5 grade point average.

Scholarships are available from the following groups:

- Canton Business and Professional Women - \$300 (two available) for women who have had an interruption in their education.
- Canton Chamber of Commerce - \$500 (two available) to students majoring in business and attending one of the following schools: Cleary College, Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft College or Wayne County Community College.
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Newcomers raffle benefits hospice

The Canton Newcomers have kicked off their annual raffle to benefit the Community Hospice & Home Care Services Inc. of Plymouth.

Newcomers will be selling raffle tickets at area Kroger stores 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through May 2. Tickets are \$1. The winning tickets will be drawn at 7:30 p.m. May 6 at the Sunflower Clubhouse, where the group holds meetings the first Wednesday of every month.

On April 18 and May 2, the Newcomers will be at the Kroger stores in Plymouth at Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads and in Westland at Ford and Central Parkway.

On April 11, 25 and May 2, they will be at Canton's two Kroger stores at Sheldon and Ford and at Canton Center and Ford.

The annual raffle is also sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation.

Grand prize is a trip to Las Vegas, courtesy of Elliott Travel and Jim Harb of Rock Financial of Canton and a Princess Beanie Baby, courtesy of Dixboro General Store in Ann Arbor.

First prize is \$350 gift certificate for Walker/Buzenberg Furniture of Plymouth, courtesy of Walker/Buzenberg Furniture and Blackwell Ford, \$150 oriental rug from Accurate Floor Covering in Canton and \$40 gift certificate from Art Advocate in Canton.

Second prize is \$400 gift certificate for Summit on the Park, courtesy of Pulte Homes, and golf for two, courtesy of Pheasant Run Golf Course, and \$20 gift certificate for dining, courtesy of Summit on the Park. Cregar Enterprises.



Generous Ginopolis: One of many prizes available through the Canton Newcomers annual raffle to benefit the Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. is tickets for the Plymouth Whalers and dinner at Ginopolis at Commuware Arena. Pictured (from left) are Andy Stylianou of Ginopolis, Kerry Kerch, director of the Whaler's, Kristy Engel of the Newcomers, and Peter Ginopolis.

A multitude of other prizes will also be raffled off, all donated by area businesses.

All proceeds go directly to Community Hospice, which plans to open a Grief and Healing Center at its Plymouth branch office in the West Financial Building on Main Street. Last year, the Newcomers raised \$4,400.

The Grief and Healing Center will allow people to stop in and browse through its library of bereavement literature and videos, seek short-term, drop-in counseling from an on-site, social worker or become part of a support group.

Other programs that will be supported by the raffle donations include patient care, children's bereavement and Hospice Home.

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the Plymouth opening and then we'll have to see how Belleville and Van Buren expand. With the increased population we really do have a need for it," she said.

A decision isn't expected soon, and that will be for a new board to decide, Baldrica-Basner said.

The board will interview candidates in June for Baldrica-Basner's seat with an appointment expected by July 1. The appointee will serve the remaining two years of Baldrica-Basner's post before the 2000 election.

Baldrica-Basner will be retiring from her job as an English teacher at John Glenn High School in Westland in June. She has taught for the Wayne-Westland School District since 1965.

"I just plan on reading some good books. I teach a writing class so most of the time I'm reading papers. So sure, I'll be doing some pleasure reading... playing some golf."

"She'll won't be far away from the Canton Public Library at http://metronet.lib.mi.us/canton."

Baldrica-Basner and her husband, Bill Basner, a circulation supervisor for the Detroit Newspaper Agency, have a blended family of five adult children.

Canton residents interested in becoming a member of the Library Board of Trustees should send a letter of interest to the Canton Public Library, board chair Raymond VanHoek, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48188.

Fire station from page A1

happened in an expedited fashion.

"From a layman's perspective, I don't think they were able to get the trades in there... I don't think have the site under control early enough."

The new station will replace the cramped Station No. 1, which was built circa 1949 on the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill.

Plans are to raze the old building. Remodeling the three-time renovated building for other uses was axed due to costs estimated over \$500,000.

Yack said he's glad the town-

night moves

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million bond issue which is still in litigation, the committee has alternatives in case a new school can't be built in time to ease overcrowding at the two high schools.

Those include split shifts for high school students, or staggered starting times. While both are considered alternatives, neither gets two thumbs up because of problems with extracurricular activities, transportation, maintenance and scheduling of administration and staff.

The committee has come up with a plan to redistrict the elementary school boundaries to accommodate future housing construction and projected increases in students.

In the plan, only 22 students would have to be moved from their current schools.

The Housing Committee will make its final recommendations to the Board of Education later this month.

Insurance scam from A1

a number of blank vehicle identification number tags and blank manufacturer's statement of origin (MSO) forms.

These documents are needed to register trailers with the Secretary of State and essentially prove that the trailers exist.

Sharp Trailers stopped producing trailers prior to Renkiewicz's acquisition of the company, according to the indictment.

Using the blank documents Renkiewicz allegedly created and registered "paper only" truck trailers, then used the "paper only" trailers to obtain financing from various companies.

Shortly after receiving the money and insuring the "paper only" trailers, Renkiewicz would report the trailers stolen and collect insurance proceeds. The thefts and fraudulent transactions were repeated using numerous companies and co-conspirators, the charges state.

Others charged in the alleged racketeering scheme include:

- Sean Patrick Donovan, 29, of Detroit, one count of racketeering
- Thomas James Isaac Jr., 28, of Howell, one count of racketeering
- Nancy Trotter, 38, of Detroit, nine counts of title fraud.
- Robert William Grosinsky, 39, of Detroit, one count of attempted false pretenses over \$100, one count of false pretenses over \$100, and one count of insurance fraud.

Kelley's complaint alleges that the leaders of the conspiracy were Donovan and Renkiewicz.

Donovan, Isaac and Trotter formed a company known as Global Trailer Leasing of Detroit. Donovan also owned a company known as Michigan Motor Lines Inc. of Detroit.

Donovan, using blank Sharp MSOs, allegedly registered stolen trailers as Sharp Trailers to Global Leasing and then sold or leased the trailers to other companies.

Grosinsky operated a trucking company known as Paul's Express Inc. of Southfield.

Other charges are expected, according to Kelley. The case is being prosecuted by the Attorney General's Financial Crimes/Money Laundering Task Force.

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GOOD FRIDAY April 10th, Noon-3:00 p.m.
 The Stations of the Cross, and the Good Friday Liturgy, with choral music throughout the three hours. Enter when you can; leave when you must.
EASTER SUNDAY April 12th, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 The Easter Liturgy: Festival Choral Communion at both services.
 The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector
 Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist and Choirmaster
 313-259-2206

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 All Welcome and Invited!
"CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US"
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 26701 Joy Road • Dearborn Heights
 Between Beech Daly & Inkster Roads
 (313) 274-3820
 8:00 a.m. Worship
 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Main & Church Streets • Plymouth
HOLY THURSDAY
 8:00 Communion
GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE
 8:00 p.m.
EASTER MORNING
 7:30 COMMUNION
 9:00 & 11:00 WORSHIP

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
 3325 Middlebelt Rd. • Orchard Lake
 338-3505 • The Rev. Kevin C. Warner
 Services of the Eucharist
 Nursery Provided
 April 9th - Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m.
 April 10th - Good Friday at Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church - 2399 Figa • Orchard Lake
 Noon-3:00 p.m.
 April 12th - Easter Day - 8 & 10:00 a.m.
 Resurrection. Nursery beginning at 9:45 a.m.
 Children welcome at both services.
 No 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Meal's Ark

Come! Join us for a Resurrection Celebration!
 at the **FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH**
 Come: Where Love Abounds
 Where God is Ever Present!
 When: Easter Sunday - April 12, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.
 Where: 291 E. Spring, N. of Plymouth/Main, E. of Mill/Entry across from Stateweather School
 Come! Worship and Celebrate Our Risen Lord
 with Pastor Frank Howard
 734-453-0323

Maundy Thursday worship 10:00 am & 7:30 pm
 Good Friday afternoon worship 1:00 pm
 Good Friday Tenebrae (darkness) service 7:30 pm
 Easter Services 7:00 am & 10:00 am
 Easter Breakfast 8:00 am
 Our Easter service will be broadcast on WLQV 1500 AM from 10:30-11:00 am
Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
 14750 Kinloch Redford, MI 48239 (313) 532-8655
 Pastor Gregory Gibbon
 (313) 261-5422

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Southfield
 23425 Lahser (one block north of 9 Mile)
Holy Thursday - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - 12 noon & 7:30 p.m.
Easter - 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
 248-357-1848
 Fax: 248-357-6414
 Barrier Free

ST MATTHEW LUTHERN CHURCH & SCHOOL
 5885 VENOY RD. • WESTLAND, MI 48185 • 734-423-0260
HOLY WEEK SERVICES
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9 - 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, April 10 - 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Vigil beginning Friday Evening after the Good Friday Service at 8:00 p.m. and ending on Sunday, April 12 at 6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Services
 6:30 a.m. - SUNRISE SERVICE • 7:30 a.m. - EASTER BREAKFAST
 9:00 a.m. - FAMILY SERVICE • 11:00 a.m. - FESTIVAL SERVICE

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 • 734-421-8451
 The Rev. Robert A. Clapp The Rev. William J. Hermon The Rev. Alan W. Brudenrich
Maundy Thursday
 April 9 7:30 p.m.
 Foot Washing, Eucharist
 Stripping of Altar
Good Friday
 April 10 Noon & 7:30 p.m.
 Good Friday Liturgy

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 9083 Newburgh, Livonia 591-0211
 The Rev. Emery F. Gravelle, Vicar
MAUNDY THURSDAY - 6:30 p.m. Agape Meal & Holy Eucharist
GOOD FRIDAY - 12:15 & 7:30 p.m. Prayer Book Liturgy
HOLY SATURDAY - 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil.
 Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist
EASTER DAY - 7:30 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 A Barrier Free Facility for the Handicapped

BIRMINGHAM'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1669 W. Maple Road
Holy Week and Easter
MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M.
HOLY COMMUNION
GOOD FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.
HOLY SATURDAY, 5:30 P.M.,
 Vigil of Easter
 (Beginning in Columbarium, West side of Church)
Easter Sunday (the Resurrection of the Lord)
 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service, East Lawn
 8:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
 9:45 a.m. (Holy Communion)
 11:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)
 644-2040

We welcome you to join us at our new location!
WARD
 Episcopal Presbyterian Church
 40000 Six Mile Road - Northville, Michigan
 248.374.7400
 Dr. James N. McGuire, Senior Pastor
 Worship Services
 Sunday School
 8:30, 10:00; 11:30 a.m.
 Evening Service
 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
NURSERY PROVIDED
 Worship Service Broadcast at 11:00 a.m. • WUFL AM 1030

St. John's Episcopal Church
 In the Fox Center
HOLY WEEK SERVICES
 Maundy Thursday
 Holy Eucharist, 6:00 pm
 Lamb dinner following.
 Good Friday
 Meditation and Devotional music, 12:00 - 3:00 pm
 Easter Sunday
 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 am
 Festive Choral Eucharist, 11:00 am
 Woodward Ave./Fisher Freeway. (313) 962-7358.



I am the
 Resurrection
 and the Life

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!
 Celebrate His Victory - Worship With Us!
LUTHERAN CHURCH of the Redeemer
 1800 W. Maple Road
 Birmingham, MI 48009
 Services: 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00
 Nursery provided
 Reverend Duane T. Wuggazer, Senior Pastor

Join us Holy Week at:
Faith Lutheran Church
 30000 Five Mile Rd.
 (1/4 mile west of Middlebelt)
 Livonia 734-421-7249
 April 5th: Palm Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 worship
 April 9th: Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Service
 April 10th: Good Friday 12 noon Service
 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae
 April 11th: Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. Service
 April 12th: Easter Celebration 8:00 & 11:00 Service
 9:30 Breakfast

You are invited to Worship with us at
Living Word Lutheran Church
 3838 N. Rochester Rd.
 Rochester, MI 48306
 (4 1/2 miles north of downtown Rochester)
Maundy Thursday - April 9, 1998 - 7:00 PM
Good Friday - April 10, 1998 - 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday - April 12, 1998
 Sunrise Service - 7:00 AM
 Easter Celebration - 10:15 AM

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
 2040 S. COMMERCE ROAD, 3/4 MILE NORTH OF PONTIAC TRAIL
 WALLED LAKE (248) 624-7676
 REV. PAUL MOLDENHAUER - REV. DENNIS HEIDEN
HOLY WEEK - EASTER SERVICES
PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 5
 REFINED BEAUTY WORSHIP - 8:15AM, 11AM
 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:45AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 9
 TRADITIONAL COMMUNION - 7PM - "MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER" - 7PM
 MIDDAY COMMUNION - 1PM - SERVICE OF LIGHTS - 7PM
EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12
 MUSIC FESTIVAL WORSHIP - 8AM, 9:30AM, 11:15AM
 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 11AM
MAKING MORE AND BETTER DISCIPLES

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 355 W. Maple • Birmingham, MI 48009 • 644-0820
 The Rev. Roger Tilden, rector
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9
 7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist**
GOOD FRIDAY, April 10
 12:00-3:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12
 7:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist
 9:00 A.M. - Festival Choral Eucharist**
 Youth Choir & Brass
 11:00 a.m. - Festival Choral Eucharist**
 Adult Choirs & Brass
 **Child Care Provided

Celebrate Easter at Christ Church Cranbrook
Maundy Thursday, April 9
 7:30 pm - Liturgy and Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday, April 10
 12:15 pm - Liturgy and Communion
 7:30 pm - The Way of the Cross, Saint Dunstan's Chapel
Holy Saturday, April 11
 2 pm - Children's Easter Service (Flowering of the Cross), Church
 7:30 - 9:15 pm
 The Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Day, April 12
 6:30 & 7:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Church
 9:15 & 11:15 am - Choral Eucharist, Church
 Nursery care provided during 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. services.
 470 Church Road
 Bloomfield Hills, MI
 248-644-5210
 Corner of Lone Pine Road and Cranbrook Road
 one mile east of Woodward

"HOLY WEEK" AT BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 35300 W 8 MILE RD • FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48335
Thursday Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion
Friday Good Friday Tenebrae 8:00 p.m.
 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
Easter Sunday with Holy Communion
 10:45 a.m. Celebration of the resurrection with Holy Communion

Timothy Lutheran Church (E.L.C.A.)
 8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI 48150
 (734)427-2290 (btwn Joy Rd & Ann Arbor Tr)
 Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
 People of all ages welcome! Nursery available
Maundy Thursday Service, April 9, 7pm
Good Friday Services, April 10, 1pm & 7pm
Easter Worship with Communion 7:30am & 10am
Easter Breakfast (freewill offering) 9:00am

Risen Christ LUTHERAN CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 p.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 Message: "Celebration on the Way"
EASTER BREAKFAST will be served from 8:30-10:30 a.m. All most welcome!

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
 Invites You To Worship
 (734) 522-6830 <http://www.ccaa.edu/> - lmcms
 We offer two locations to serve you!

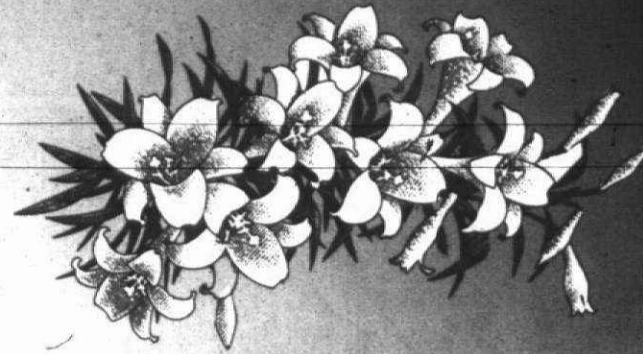
Livonia-14175 Farmington Rd. North of I-96
Palm Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am Festive Worship
Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Communion
Good Friday 12:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Candlelight Tenebrae
Easter 6:30 am Sunrise Devotion 8:30 & 11:00 am Communion

Canton-46001 Warren Rd. West of Canton Center
Palm Sunday 9:30 am Festive Worship
Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Communion
Easter 8:30 am Communion 10:30 am Brunch

Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA
 Come Worship at Our New Sanctuary
MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9 7:30 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY April 12 6:30 Sunrise Service 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Services
GOOD FRIDAY April 10 12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. 11:00 a.m. Breakfast
 Bradley Gee Senior Pastor
 Deborah Fergus Associate Pastor
 39200 W. 12 Mile Rd. East of Haggerty
 248-553-7170

Join us for Easter dinner.
 Celebrate Easter with us. There's no better time to experience the joy of communion with Jesus Christ. And, of course, no reservations are necessary.
 10 a.m. Easter Communion service with special vocal music and brass ensemble.
 8:30-9:30 a.m. Easter breakfast with children's eggs 2-12, a gift for each child, after the egg hunt and during worship.
 New Life worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence Chapel, 16115 Beck Rd. between Five and Six Mile Rds., Northville, Township. Follow the New Life signs.
 Pastor Ken Roberts
 (313) 734-459-8181 or (313) 734-207-5223





I am the Resurrection and the Life

LET ALL THE SAINTS REJOICE

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - Friday, April 10th at 12:00 noon
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE - Sunday, April 12th at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

FAMILY VICTORY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Pastor Larry T. Jordan
19421 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan
(846) 354-1990
JESUS IS ALIVE

ST. MATTHEW'S

United Methodist Church
3000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia
(734) 422-0038
Maundy Thursday, April 9
10:15 a.m. Program
Rev. Marsha Wooley Speaking
Community Good Friday Service, April 10
12 noon-1:00 at Holy Trinity Lutheran
39020 5 Mile, Livonia
Easter Sunday, April 12
10:00 a.m. Formal Service
Rev. Chuck Sonquist preaching
(nursery - 5 year child care only)

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holy Thursday 7:00 P.M.
Good Friday 7:00 P.M.
Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast
Reservations, please, 7:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
Easter Worship 10:15 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
20300 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, Michigan
248-474-3444

Embury United Methodist Church

1803 E. 14 Mile Rd.
Birmingham 11 Bk. E. of Woodward
248-644-5708
7:30 p.m., April 9
Maundy Thursday Service
10 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship
Nursery Care
Everyone Welcome
Sunday School: Adults 9 a.m.
Children of all ages 10 a.m.
Rev. Linda Donelson, Pastor

Easter Week Services

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church
Maundy Thursday April 9
7:30 p.m.
Good Friday April 10
7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday April 12
Breakfast (50¢ tickets) 9:00 a.m.
Communion Services 10:60 a.m.
Rev. Marjorie H. Maness
321 S. Ridge Canton, MI 48187
(734) 496-0055

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

36500 Ann Arbor Trail 422-0149
PALM SUNDAY
Cherub Choir, Children's Choir, Cantabile Bell Choir and Chancel Choir
Procession of Palms
SUNDAY SCHOOL
MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service
GOOD FRIDAY - 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY - 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
Greenwood - Original Newburg Church, 8 Mile and Newburg Road
9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Youth Choir and Chancel Choir
Sunday School
Nursery provided at all Worship Services

ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH 626-0840

6869 Franklin (South of Maple)
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Holy Thursday: Liturgy 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday: Prayer 12:00 p.m. - Liturgy 1:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross - 7:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday: Blessing of Food - Noon & 1:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil Liturgy: 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome



Church of St. Alexander

27835 Shawasee • Farmington Hills • 248-474-5748
Rev. James B. Wright
Holy Thursday, April 9
8 p.m. Mass - 11:30 p.m. Tenebrae
Good Friday, April 10
12 noon - 3 p.m. • 8 p.m. Tenebrae
Holy Saturday, April 11
1 p.m. Blessing of Food • 8 p.m. Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 12
5 a.m. Sunrise Service • Masses 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

48755 Warren Rd., Canton, MI 48187
734-451-0444
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: 9:00 a.m. Mass
HOLY THURSDAY: April 9th, 7:30 Mass - Adoration until Midnight
PALM SUNDAY
(following Liturgy)
GOOD FRIDAY: April 10th Noon - Seven Words of Christ, 12:45 p.m. Rosary: 1:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
HOLY SATURDAY: 1:00 p.m. Food Blessing, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. Mass & 10:30 a.m. Mass - church & 10:30 Mass All Saints School
(Blessing of Easter Food after all Masses)

Christ is alive forevermore!

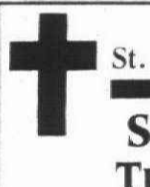
St. Paul United Methodist Church
105 S. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 338-8233
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ACTIVITY/WORSHIP SCHEDULE
MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 9, 7:00 p.m. worship
Service of Holy Communion held at Redburn Avenue U.M.C.
212 Redburn Ave., Pontiac
GOOD FRIDAY: April 10, 1:00 p.m.
Service with Sacred Scripture U.M.C. Hall at St. Paul U.M.C.
EASTER SUNDAY: April 12
8:30 a.m. Youth and early worship service
9:30 a.m. Breakfast hosted by the U.M. Men
10:00 a.m. Children's egg hunt hosted by U.M. Youth
for children 5 & under
11:00 a.m. Traditional Easter worship service

The First United Methodist Church of Troy

248-879-6363
Livorno - between Square Lake and South Boulevard
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Peacock serving Troy and Rochester
Easter Sunday
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
"Hallelujah Chorus"
Chancel Choir
"You Can't Hold Back The Dawn"
Pastor: Peacock
Child Care and Coffee Hour

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth

45201 N. Territorial Rd. (Just W. of Sheldon)
(313) 453-5280
You're Welcome At All Of Our Holy Week Activities:
April 9 Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:30 p.m.
April 10 Good Friday Worship Service 12:30 til 2:00 p.m.
(Shared With First Baptist Church)
April 12 Easter Sunrise Service 7:50 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Easter Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Easter Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
(Childcare available at all services)



St. Anne's Catholic Church

SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X - TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
23310 Ioy Road, Redford, MI 48239 313-534-2121
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
4/9 Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Solemn Evening Mass-Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose-The Stripping of the Main Altar - And Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
4/10 Good Friday: 12:00 Noon-1:50 p.m. Confessions
2:00 p.m.-Stations of The Cross
2:30 p.m.-Solemn Afternoon Liturgy, with Latin Chant of the Passion of Christ and Solemn Adoration of the Cross
4/11 Holy Saturday: 10:00 p.m.-Paschal Vigil and High Mass of The Resurrection at Midnight
Saturday: 8:00-9:45 p.m.-Confessions
4/12 Easter Sunday: 9:30 a.m.-Mass of The Resurrection
8:30 a.m.-9:25 a.m. Confessions

Farmington First United Methodist Church

33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd) 474-6573
Maundy Thursday Communion 7:30 pm
Meditation: A Misunderstood Act
Easter Sunday - 9:30 & 11:15 am
Sermon: Have You Seen Jesus?
Nursery and Child Care Provided
Pastors: Dr. Wayne T. Large and Rev. Sondra B. Wilobee

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

29887 W. Eleven Mile (just west of Middlebelt)
Farmington Hills • 248/476-8860
Easter Sunday, April 12, 1998
9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
In Thick Darkness and Morning Light
Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack, preaching
The Easter message with choir and brass!
Come to celebrate the Resurrection!
Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack, Rev. Kathleen Groff,
Rev. Jane Berquist, Rev. Robert Bough, Mr. Mel Rookus

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

30450 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills, MI
(248) 626-3620
Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid
Educational Ministries: Margo Dexter
Maundy Thursday - April 9
7:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Holy Communion in a unique setting: Service of water, candlelight and bread.
- Nursery for Crib thru 3 years
EASTER SUNDAY - April 12
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. - CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION
"A Piece of the Rock" - God is in the rock removal business...moving rocks from tombs, lives and people's hearts.
- Regular Sunday School and Nursery Schedule

First United Methodist Church

1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham
646-1200
Maundy Thursday 7:30 P.M.
A Service of Worship and Holy Communion
"Table Manners"
Dr. William A. Ritter
Good Friday Ecumenical Services 12:00-3:00 P.M.
Central Woodward Christian Church, Troy
Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 A.M.
Rev. Melody Hurley
Easter Services 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
"Beyond Futility"
Dr. William A. Ritter
Pastors: William A. Ritter Matthew J. Hook Melody P. Hurley William E. Frayer

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4300 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323
248-681-9424
COMMUNAL PENANCE:
Monday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:
Thursday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:
April 10, 2:00 p.m.
LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
April 10, 7:00 p.m.
BLESSING OF FOOD:
Saturday, April 11, 11:00 a.m.
EASTER VIGIL:
Saturday, April 11, 8:00 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

620 Romeo Street, Rochester, Michigan 48307
(Located one traffic light north of University & five blocks east of Rochester Road)
248-651-9361
Holy Thursday, April 9
7:30 p.m. dramatic presentation, "The Twelve"
Mrs. Thelma Childress, Coordinator
Holy Communion, Blessing of the Children
Good Friday, April 10
12:30 p.m. Organ Meditation, Dr. Hammerling
1:00 p.m. Worship - "When It Hurts Too Much To Look," Rev. Wright
7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae, Rev. Bartlett, Coordinator
Easter Sunday, April 12
6:30 a.m. Sunrise - The Service of Entrance
7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Buffet, Friendship Hall
9/11 a.m. Worship - "No More Words," Dr. Hickey
Nursery and toddler care provided at all services

St. John Neumann Parish

44800 Warren Road, Canton, Michigan 48187
734-455-5910
Monday - Communal Reconciliation 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Liturgy of the Eucharist 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Individual Reconciliation 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.
followed by prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at noon
Solemn Liturgy with Holy Communion 1:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday - Blessing of Food 1:00 & 2:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. (This is the only liturgy today.)
Easter Sunday Liturgies
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

23815 Power Rd. at Shiawassee
(S. of 10 Mile bet. Farmington & Orchard Lake Rds.)
Farmington, MI 48336
Rev. Msgr. Walter A. Hurdley
Rev. David J. West Rev. Douglas J. Bignall
Rev. Arthur W. Jansen Rev. Loren J. O'Dea
SACRED TRIDUUM
(Holy Week Schedule)
HOLY THURSDAY, April 9: (No morning Mass)
7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper,
followed by adoration until Midnight
GOOD FRIDAY, April 10: (No morning Mass)
12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
1:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy:
(Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross, Communion Service)
HOLY SATURDAY, April 11: (No morning Mass)
11:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY, April 12
Solemn Mass of Easter:
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.



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Ballot issue may pit suburbs against city

Wayne County voters will decide a ballot proposal in the Aug. 4 primary which asks whether a tax increase should require 60 percent voter support before it is effective.

But if the 8-7 commission vote Thursday between the suburban supporters and Detroit opponents is any indication, the proposal is expected to be hotly debated between the two camps this summer as Detroit commissioners condemned the proposal.

Commissioners supporting the proposal were Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, from the Observer communities, along with Chris Cavanagh, D-Grosse Pointe, Edward Boike, D-Taylor, Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, and William O'Neil, D-Allen Park.

Opponents were Chair Ricardo Solomon, Vice Chair

Pro Tem Edna Bell, Robert Blackwell, George Cushingberry, Bernard Parker and Jewel Ware. All are Detroit Democrats.

Amending the charter

The proposal would amend the county charter, calling for a two-thirds vote of commissioners to place on the ballot any proposal for a tax increase. It also would require a vote of more than 60 percent of qualified electors. If approved, it would be effective Jan. 1, 1999.

Many Detroit Democrats questioned the constitutionality of such a proposal.

Robert Blackwell said the proposal no longer gives the right of a majority of 51 percent to approve a tax.

"For us to go to the voters now and say we need a 60 percent vote is unconstitutional," said Blackwell.

Bernard Parker called it the "most divisive issue" Wayne County has ever faced. He

'I have great faith in the voters that they will vote the right way.'

*Commissioner Kay Beard
D-Westland*

wondered why local communities do not require 60 percent support for local millages.

The parks and stadium proposals were examples of anti-tax sentiments where opponents could not obtain a rejection of those proposals, so they introduced the 60 percent proposal, Parker said.

"It will be a white-black issue, Detroit versus the suburbs," Parker said.

Parker said historically blacks have had to deal with the Declaration of Independence's consideration of blacks as "three-fifths" of a person.

"You're really saying the same thing to me," Parker said to the proposal supporters, as the proposal denied people the "one-person, one-vote" concept.

"This will be a rallying cry. Don't let anybody take away our vote."

Issue is fiscal

McCotter tried to focus on the matter as a fiscal, not a racial, issue. The 60 percent discussion has not been raised in suburban communities because the money stays within that community, McCotter said.

"In terms of the assumptions that are made, you are assuming that every single resident of Detroit is for raising taxes."

McCotter later added: "This is not a black-white issue. Mr. McNamara lives in Livonia, and he votes on these tax issues. This is a fiscal issue."

"I am personally disgusted

with the discussion that this is a black-white issue."

Patterson agreed with McCotter. He pushed for the proposal for residents who have complained about county taxes and the lack of services there, residents who actually wanted to secede from Wayne County.

"I spoke out, too, against secession. I think that is wrong. We found that in our areas, certain matters are rammed down the taxpayers' throats," said Patterson.

Patterson said the proposal had a lot of support throughout Wayne County.

Husk didn't view the proposal as "threatening. I think it's safe to let people have it," Husk said. Many working people of the district understand taxes, "but they don't want to be taxed willy-nilly."

Macomb and Oakland counties levy 5.5 mills, while Wayne County levies 8 mills.

"That is a huge difference,"

O'Neil said.

Mixed feelings

Beard voted to put it on the ballot because she told Westland Mayor Bob Thomas, however, she will campaign against it.

"I really think that it's undemocratic. I've always believed in one-person, one-vote. I've always believed in that. It may set a precedent that we may regret."

"I have great faith in the voters that they will vote the right way," she said.

Solomon said he would campaign against the proposal. "I think it's an issue that will hurt (McNamara)," Solomon said. Solomon hoped Cushingberry would follow through on a lawsuit he threatened to file over the proposal.

"I think it's the worst ballot proposal we're ever going to put on the ballot. If there is any way to stop it from going on the ballot, we will do so."

SC registers for new semester

Schoolcraft College students may enroll for spring semester in a variety of ways.

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By: Manuel Valdivieso, MD

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The incidence of colorectal cancer has decreased from 53 per 100,000 in 1985 to 44 per 100,000 in 1994, primarily due to screening leading to polyp removal which prevents the disease


from progressing. The colorectal mortality rates have improved by 25 percent in women and 13 percent in men in the last 20 years.

The routine use of the Prostate Specific Antigen blood test and digital rectal exam resulted in a dramatic increase in the detection of prostate cancer between 1989 and 1992. However, more effective screenings have since increased the five-year survival rate by nearly 100 percent, and 60 percent of prostate cancers are now discovered while localized.

Screening and early detection efforts for lung cancer have not been successful. The lung cancer survival rate is 12 percent and only 50 percent of patients with early disease are curable today.

Screening is one of the most vital components of early cancer detection. Don't take chances with your health! Visit your physician regularly for the cancer screenings that may help save your life.

Dr. Valdivieso is the Director of Oakwood Healthcare System's Cancer Center of Excellence. He is a consultant to the National Cancer Institute, and has been selected by his peers as one of the Best Physicians in America - Midwest Region.

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FOCUS ON WINE



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WineFest showcases Sonoma County

In 1959, long before Sonoma County was recognized by wine lovers around the globe, Rodney Strong was pioneering it as a premium grapegrowing region. Today, the winery bearing his name makes superb wines from selected vineyards Strong "discovered" in appellations such as Chalk Hill, Alexander Valley and Russian River Valley.

Today, connoisseurs recognize names on Rodney Strong's bottlings such as Charlotte's Home Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, River East Vine-

yard Pinot Noir and Chalk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay as high quality. But, no pun intended, Rodney Strong Vineyards Alexander's Crown is the crowning glory! Rising a couple of hundred feet above the Alexander Valley, Alexander's Crown is likely Sonoma County's best-known Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard. It was one of California's first vineyard-designated wines following its spectacular debut with vintage 1974.

Wine Picks

- Picks of the Pack one white, one red: 1996 Murphy-Goode Fume II The Deuce \$26 is the best Fume Blanc we've tasted in a long time. Let the Deuce loose! 1995 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District \$40 is big and concentrated. Forget Bordeaux. Buy and cellar this beauty!
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- High on our list of flavorful merlots: 1995 St. Clement Merlot, Napa Valley \$27; and 1995 Lambert Bridge Merlot \$22.
- Winner from France's southern Rhone: 1995 Perrin Gigondas \$22.50.
- Best buys at \$10 and under: 1996 Martini & Prati Pinot Bianco \$10; 1996 Fox Mountain Sauvignon Blanc \$10; 1997 Geyser Peak Sauvignon Blanc \$8.50; 1995 Fetzer Zinfandel \$9; and 1994 Tarapaca Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile \$10.

Pioneer vintners
In 1989, the Kleins, a third-generation California agricultural family,

purchased Rodney Strong Vineyards, but have kept the name honoring one of Sonoma County's modern-era pioneer vintners.

It is with this in mind that the Ann Arbor Art Center chose Strong as honorary chair of its WineFest and Auction to be held, Saturday, April 18, at the Ypsilanti Marriott. Festivities start 5:30 p.m. with a sumptuous strolling dinner accompanied by an array of wines.

Several silent auctions run throughout the evening and a spirited live auction caps the excitement. Before leaving, attendees are hosted to music, dancing and more strolling through delectable dessert tables.

Tickets are \$125 or \$100 per person (depending on desired table size) for this regularly sold-out, black-tie optional event and can be purchased by phoning (734) 994-8004, Ext. 106.

If you've not been to a charity wine auction before, make this your first and meet one of the great men in Cal-

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LOOKING AHEAD

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Easter traditions: Mary Legnini bakes a sweet braided bread every Easter.

Easter Basket Tradition

The custom of blessing Easter foods is an ancient tradition. Christians ask for God's blessing on the foods that will break their Lenten fast.

Every year, Deacon Jim Hensel of St. Theodore Church in Westland, explains the significance of Easter foods as he blesses baskets.

■ **Eggs** - Decorated eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection.

■ **Pascha** - Easter bread, a sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs and butter. Sometimes a cross of dough is placed on top encircled by a braid giving it a crowned effect, or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for "Christ is Risen."

■ **Sausage** - Is indicative of God's favor and generosity. Sausage is an ethnic addition to enhance the celebration; its links remind us of the chains of death broken when Jesus arose.

■ **Ham** - Celebrates the freedom of the New Law, which came into effect through Jesus' resurrection, in distinction to the Old Law which forbade certain meats. Some people prefer lamb or veal.

■ **Horseradish** - Represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of life in Egypt. It reminds Christians of the bitterness and suffering of Christ which culminated in the resurrection.

■ **Salt** - Reminds us to flavor our dealings with others by the example of Christ.

■ **Butter lamb** - Butter, shaped into a lamb, reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things. Lamb is the ancient Passover food by whose blood the Israelites were saved. Jesus is the Christian Paschal (Passover) lamb by whose blood Christians are saved.

Cherished Dishes

The blessed hard-cooked eggs are peeled and sliced into quarters. Family members sprinkle them with blessed salt and wish everyone a Happy Easter, good health and happiness.

Today is Palm Sunday - and the start of Holy Week for Christians preparing to celebrate Easter on April 12.

Mary Legnini and her husband Mario of Livonia live far away from their families in Johnson City and Binghamton, N.Y., but Easter is still a very special time.

Mary is of Czech-Slovak descent. Mario is Italian. "We both observe the traditions our parents brought with them from Czechoslovakia and Italy," she said. "It is good to hold on to our traditions - to keep the spirit alive."

After Mass, Mary will braid some of the blessed palms she brought from church, which celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where he was greeted by enthusiastic crowds who threw palm branches in his path.

Later that week, she'll make sweet braided Easter egg bread, following her mother's recipe. The braided bread symbolizes the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head before he was crucified, an event commemorated during Good Friday services on April 10.

And, of course, "it wouldn't be Easter without ham and kielbasa," said Legnini.

On Holy Saturday she'll put a fine

linen cloth (or one with special meaning) in a basket, and fill it with kielbasa, sliced ham, decorated hard-cooked eggs, butter lamb, braided Easter bread, salt, and sometimes wine, and take it to her church, St. Theodore's in Westland, to be blessed.

The rest of the day will be spent cleaning and getting ready for Easter Sunday.

"On Easter morning the family puts on their new outfits and attends Easter celebration mass," said Legnini.

After Mass, Mary's family will enjoy a "short brunch" of blessed foods. It is a tradition she still celebrates.

The blessed hard-cooked eggs are peeled and sliced into quarters. Family members sprinkle them with blessed salt and wish everyone a Happy Easter, good health and happiness. Then they enjoy some of the other blessed foods - a slice of ham, piece of kielbasa with horseradish, and braided bread spread with butter. Mary grows horseradish in her garden. She cuts the root up fine and adds vinegar and other seasonings to make horseradish.

At 2 p.m. family and friends gather for the Easter celebration dinner. The table is spread with a fine linen table-

cloth, a candle lit and red wine poured. The head of the household holds up their head and announces the blessing - Happy Easter!

A typical Easter dinner includes baked ham decorated with fresh grapes and orange slices, kielbasa, vegetables, potatoes, and braided egg bread. Angel wings (a light pastry dusted with confectioners sugar) are served for dessert.

Mary might also include some of her husband's favorite Italian dishes such as sausage, roasted potatoes or ravioli. Because their families live in New York, Mary and Mario, who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Oct. 13, often invite friends and neighbors over for Easter dinner.

When Mario's cholesterol soared to 249, Mary changed the way she cooks, and they eat more fruits, vegetables and grains.

"We brought his cholesterol down to 198 in three months," she said. "When you maintain a healthy lifestyle, you feel better about yourself, and you're more alert."

Instead of ground beef, Mary now uses ground turkey in recipes. They

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Passover diet restrictions challenge vegetarians

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Passover comes in March or April every year. At this time, Jews hold a special ceremony in their home called a seder. The seder celebrates how and why the Jews won their freedom from Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

Everyone gathers around the dinner table to recite the story of Passover. On the table sets a "seder plate,"

which holds the various symbols of Passover.

These symbolic foods include a shankbone, which commemorates the paschal lamb sacrifice of biblical times, parsley to celebrate spring, horseradish to remember the bitter times during Jewish slavery, and Charosis (a mixture of apples, nuts, wine and cinnamon) symbolizing the mortar made to hold together bricks Jews produced while enslaved in Egypt.

During the week of Passover, unleavened bread, "matzah," is eaten. No other leavened products may be eaten during Passover, including anything made with flour, corn, peas or beans. This is to signify the Jews fleeing from Egypt after winning their freedom. In their hurry, they did not have time to wait for bread to rise.

What is the significance behind corn, peas and beans? These may be used to make bread flour, which in turn uses a leavening process, so they are not allowed to be used during Passover. Actually, the only starch which may be used is potato and potato flour. They are the basis for many of the foods made during Passover.

An increasing number of Jews are turning to vegetarianism and finding ways to celebrate Passover while remaining consistent with Jewish law.

For example, a beet may be used in place of the shankbone on the seder plate. Many vegetarians who are Jewish see connections between the oppression suffered by their ancestors, and the cur-

rent status of many individuals who lack sufficient food and resources.

Vegetarian diets require much less land, water, and gasoline (as well as pesticides) and other resources, which can help reduce global hunger. Since the main theme of Passover is freedom, many vegetarians who are Jewish consider "slavery" of animals on modern farms.

A certain sector of Jews "Sephardim" (of Mediterranean descent) allow the use of rice and beans during Passover. This is because their cuisine is dependent on these foods.

So what is left to eat if you do not eat meat, chicken, fish, eggs or dairy? For Jews (including myself) whose steady diet consists of whole grains, beans (soy and the like), Passover becomes a very difficult holiday. Of course, you can subsist on potatoes, matzo, vegetables and fruits, but I guarantee that by the third day of Passover, you will be ready to throw in the towel.

Alan Goodman, executive director of Jewish Family Services, along with

many family members, is a vegetarian.

"I am having fun developing new traditions," he said. Each member of his family is responsible for bringing a dish to the dinner table at the seder. Some of these enticing dishes include carrot-ginger soup, matzo ball soup made with a "secret formula," colorful salads and sweet potatoes. Goodman now keeps Passover the Sephardic way - eating rice and beans (including soy products) to keep variety during Passover.

Be creative, explore the possibilities. Happy Passover and Easter to all!

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drink low-fat milk and use it in their coffee instead of cream. "We use margarine instead of butter," said Mary. "And I cook with Pam. Instead of salami, I make my husband turkey sandwiches and always include two pieces of fruit in his lunch."

Many traditional Easter foods - scalloped potatoes, asparagus with hollandaise, quiches and tarts, are loaded with fat. Mary substitutes a low-fat margarine for butter when she makes her Easter bread.

"Tradition is good, so don't change the menu," said Kathy Stark, executive chef for the Troy-based HoneyBaked Ham Co. "Today, recipes can be easily adapted to reflect our more health-conscious attitude. The alternative lightened meal maintains all of the tradition, yet doesn't mask the flavor of vibrant foods with heavy butter

Wine from page B1

ifornia wine history at the same time. Merlot While many of you choose merlot as red wine of choice, the wine in general, is beginning to take a rap. Many merlots, particularly those under \$20, are thin and lack flavor. Imports from Chile and Bulgaria at \$10 and under are not worth the money. Do you have to pay \$20 and more to get a really great merlot these days? Unfortunately, yes. If you have to pay the price, you may as well get the best. Right at the top of our list is St. Francis, a winery in Sonoma County. Winemaker Tom Mack-

ey is bullish on merlot. "I'm not a proponent of blending another varietal, such as cabernet sauvignon or cabernet franc with merlot," he said. "If grapes come from a prime location for merlot, the wine will have great color and will be packed with flavor." The 1995 St. Francis Merlot \$26 is made half from estate vineyard grapes. The remainder comes from four vineyards in Sonoma Valley which Mackey said "match the flavor profile of the St. Francis estate." The unique feature of St. Francis' estate vineyard is the gravel outcropping that naturally reduces yields, concentrates fruit charac-

ter and provides the right balance for merlot. Warmer regions result in merlot with color deterioration and lighter body. Most of the time, these sites are also high-yielding. Great merlot is made from low-yielding vines. Low yields translate to great flavors and higher prices. St. Francis has one of the few 100 percent merlots on the market, which illustrates that merlot in this location offers a complete wine without the need to blend with other Bordeaux varietals. The only problem is its popularity which outstrips production. It is available in our market now.

Passover wines The Passover holiday begins at sundown Friday, April 10. Royal Wine Corp. has a variety of wines from California, Israel, France, Italy and Chile to help celebrate this festive and traditional holiday calling for kosher wines. Under Royal's Baron Herzog label are several selections around \$7. For Passover Seder, Korbel Kosher Champagne is available for around \$12. Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Vegetarian Passover recipes festive way to celebrate

Reduce heat and simmer pears for 1 hour or until softened. Let cool in poaching liquid. Store with some liquid. Serve warm or cold.

TOASTED MATZO AND ALMONDS
4 baby eggplant
3 matzo, broken, toasted in 350°F oven for 5-10 minutes
1/2 cup slivered or sliced almonds, toasted in 350°F oven for 5-10 minutes
1 roasted red pepper, diced small
1/2 cup slivered red onion
Handful fresh minced parsley
Balsamic vinegar* to taste
Olive oil to drizzle
Salt and pepper to taste

HONEYED SWEET POTATOES
3 large sweet potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks and boiled until soft, and drained
3/4 cup honey
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Heat honey and vinegar in a large saucepan over high heat until mixture boils and runs clear. Add cooked sweet potatoes and cinnamon and heat through. Serve hot with fresh whipped cream (optional). Makes 6 servings.
Can be served as an appetizer or side dish.

OVEN-BAKED ASPARAGUS WITH MUSTARD SAUCE
2 pounds fresh asparagus, trimmed
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
Salt and pepper to taste
Sauce
1 cup light sour cream
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons sugar
1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper
Preheat oven to 325°F. Tear off a sheet of heavy duty aluminum foil long enough to wrap asparagus. Rinse asparagus and place on foil, dot with margarine.
Bring up sides of foil and double fold. Double fold ends to form a packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside packet. Place foil on a cookie sheet.
Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until asparagus is crisp-tender. Open foil, season with salt and pepper.
Combine sour cream, vinegar, mustard, sugar and red pepper in a small microwave-safe bowl to make sauce. Microwave on high 1/2 to 2 minutes or until warm.

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1 cup sugar
1 lemon, sliced
2 cinnamon sticks
Water
Place pears, standing, in a large pot. Add wine and enough water to barely cover pears. Add remaining ingredients. Heat over high heat until the liquid begins to boil.

STUFFED ZUCCHINI BOATS
Stuffed:
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup red onion, minced
1 stalk celery, about 1/2 cup, chopped fine
1/2 cup pecans, chopped

FAVA BEANS WITH TOMATOES
1 large can Italian chopped tomatoes (seasoned)
3 cans (14-16 ounce) fava beans, drained (or make from dried fresh fava beans)
Handful parsley
Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until hot. Serve. Makes 8-12 servings.
Cook's note: To make a soup, add vegetable broth or water. Adjust seasonings and serve.

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Sweet bread, angel wings are Easter traditions

See related story on Taste front.
Recipes compliments of Mary Legnini. Blessing of Easter baskets will take place at noon Saturday, April 11 in the social hall at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

BRAIDED EASTER BREAD
4 to 4 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
3/4 cup milk, scalded
1 package active dry yeast, soft in 1/4 cup warm water (110 to 115°F) (If using compressed yeast, soften 1 cake in 1/4 cup lukewarm water, (80 to 85°F))
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup butter
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 egg (well beaten)

1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup blanched almonds, coarsely chopped
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 beaten egg (for glaze)
A baking sheet will be needed.
Measure and set aside 4 to 4 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour. Scald 3/4 cup milk. Melt butter, soften yeast in water. Set aside.

Put into a large bowl, 1/3 cup sugar, 1/3 cup butter, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Immediately pour the scalded milk over the sugar, butter, salt mixture. When the milk mixture is lukewarm, stir and add 1/2 cup of the sifted flour, beating well until dough is smooth.

Stir in the softened yeast and add to dough, mixing well. Add about half of the remaining flour (2 cups) and beat until very firm. Turn dough out onto floured surface. Divide dough into halves. Roll each half with palms of hands into a strip 1 inch in diameter and about 28 inches long.

To braid, lay one strip horizontally on center of board, lay other strip vertically on top, crossing at the center of first strip. Grasp ends of horizontal strip and reverse positions. Do the same with the vertical strip. Repeat until all dough is braided.

Lightly grease baking sheet. Place braided dough flat on baking sheet, tucking the ends under the braid. Brush with 1 egg, slightly beaten.
Let rise again 30 to 45 minutes, or until doubled.
Brush again with some of the beaten egg.
Bake at 350°F 30 to 45 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove bread and place on cooling rack. When cool, cut into 1/2-inch slices. Yield about 24 slices.

ANGEL WINGS
About 20 minutes before deep-frying, fill a deep saucepan one-half to two-thirds full with vegetable oil for deep-frying.
Heat slowly to 365°F. When using an automatic deep-fryer, follow manufacturer's directions for amount of fat and timing.
Meanwhile, sift together into a bowl:
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
Make a well in center of dry ingredients and pour in a mixture of:
3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1/2 cup thick sour cream
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Blend ingredients until all of the flour is moistened. Let dough rest 1 or 2 minutes. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface and knead only until ingredients are well blended.
Shape dough into a smooth ball; roll dough on lightly floured surface into a rectangle 1/8-inch thick. (If space will not permit, roll only one-half of the dough at a time.)
With spatula, loosen dough from board whenever sticking occurs; lift dough slightly and sprinkle a little flour underneath. With floured knife, cut dough into diamond shape pieces 2 inches wide at center and 6 inches long. (A cardboard pattern may be used.) make a 1-inch lengthwise cut in the center of each diamond; pull one end through slit, twisting slightly.
Deep-fry only one layer of cookies at one time; do not crowd. Turn cookies with fork as they rise to surface and several times during cooking, but do not pierce. Fry about 3 minutes, or until lightly browned. Drain cookies over fat for a second before removing to absorbent paper. Sprinkle cookies with 2 to 3 tablespoons sugar. Yield 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

Dishes to pass for holiday brunch

Serve sauce over asparagus. Makes 6 to 8 servings.
Recipe from *The Reynolds Kitchens*.

HONEYBAKED HAM QUICK & LIGHT SCALLOPED POTATOES
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 potato, large, sliced thin
1/2 onion, sliced thin
1 1/2 teaspoons flour
1 cup skim milk
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
1/4 teaspoon paprika
Coat a 9-inch skillet with cooking spray and heat the olive oil until hot.

Place half the potato slices in concentric circles in the skillet and top with half the onions. Sprinkle half the flour over the onions and season with salt and pepper. Add the cheese. Repeat layers and pour milk carefully around the sides. Bring to a boil and reduce to medium low heat. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Uncover and simmer until sauce is thickened, 5-10 minutes. Serve hot from the skillet. Serves 4.

LIGHTENED RHUBARB MUFFINS
2 1/4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons crystallized ginger, chopped
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup skim milk
1/2 cup plain yogurt, nonfat
2 egg whites
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 cup rhubarb, fresh or frozen, chopped
Topping:
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Combine dry ingredients in a small bowl and stir to combine. Whisk together liquids until well mixed and add rhubarb, mix dry ingredients with wet and fold together until just incorporated. Do not overmix. Pour batter into muffin cups or greased tins. Combine sugar and cinnamon to make topping. Sprinkle muffins with sugar/cinnamon mixture. Bake at 400°F for 14 to 16 minutes until tops spring back lightly when touched. Cool and serve. Makes 8 servings.

Bring up sides of foil and double fold. Double fold ends to form a packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside packet. Place foil on a cookie sheet.
Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until asparagus is crisp-tender. Open foil, season with salt and pepper.
Combine sour cream, vinegar, mustard, sugar and red pepper in a small microwave-safe bowl to make sauce. Microwave on high 1/2 to 2 minutes or until warm.

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OBITUARIES

ELLA MARGARET PLANT HAWES Services for Ella Margaret Plant Hawes, 60, of Texas, formerly of Plymouth, were March 27 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Texas. She was born Jan. 10, 1938, in Highland Park. She died March 23 in Texas. She was the director of a day care school. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church for 13 years. She was a teacher since 1959 in both public and private schools and was an administrator since 1972 when she started her own school, Children's Playhouse. She has served as a national validator for both the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She was a mentor for many private school administrators in the Houston area. She was deeply committed to all the children whom she loved and hugged like her own. She was raised on a picturesque farm in Plymouth. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1955. She attended Michigan State University and graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. She taught second grade in Farmington 1959-61.

She eventually moved to Houston, Texas, with her former husband, William Hawes. She was a former member of the University of Houston Women's Association and the Houston Symphony Choral. She enjoyed reading, dancing, and sewing, but mostly loved good friends and laughter. Survivors include her two sons, William Kenneth III "Kent" of Austin, Texas, Robert Ernest of Hollywood, Calif.; her mother, Florence Eliza Plant of Ypsilanti, formerly of Plymouth; and one sister, Shirley Plant Southgate (Robert) of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth. Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Methodist Church Foundation/The Ella M. Hawes Endowed Scholarship for Children, P.O. Box 22013, Houston, Texas 77227-2013.

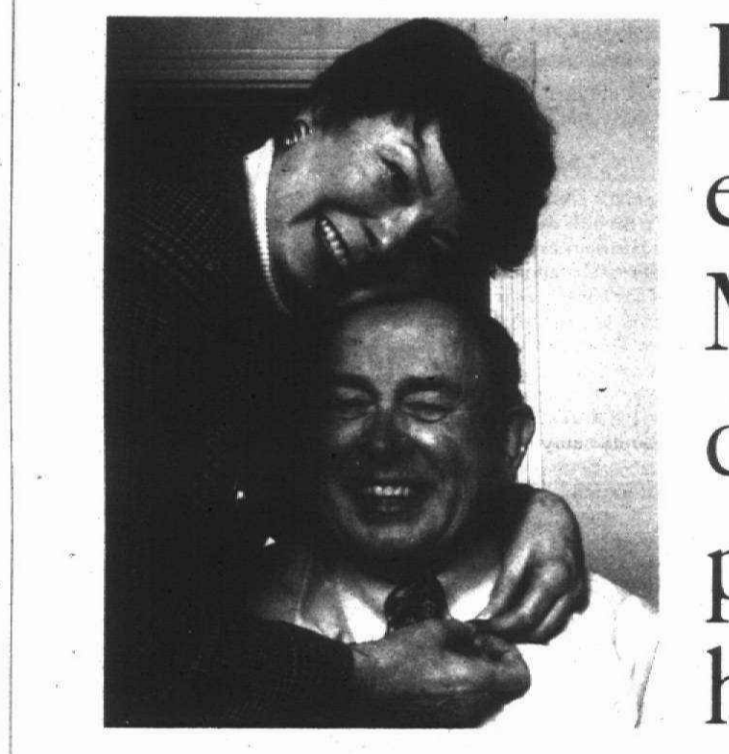
He was born March 4, 1914. He died April 1 in Fruitland Park, Fla. He was a supervisor. He was a member of the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 F. & A.M. Survivors include his wife, Rita Murdoch of Fruitland, Fla.; one son, Robert Murdoch; one daughter, Wilma Jean Houghton; one stepdaughter, Barbara Nova; two stepsons, Timothy Gac and David Gac; two grandsons, one great grandchild; and seven step-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

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STELLA A. KAPELANSKI Services for Stella A. Kapelanski, 79, of Dearborn Heights will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 6, at St. Linus Catholic Church, 25550 Hass Ave., Dearborn Heights, with the Rev. Randall Phillips officiating. Visitation will be 2-9 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road, Garden City. There will also be a special rosary service at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home. Burial will be at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. She was born Oct. 21, 1918, in Detroit. She died April 1 in Dearborn Heights. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, William S. Kapelanski. Survivors include her daughter, Susan (Thomas) Zellman; one son, William (Diane) Kapelanski of Canton; five grandsons, Thomas II, Jeffrey, Matthew, William J., Andrew; one granddaughter, Lisa; and one grandson, Theresa Kozlowski.

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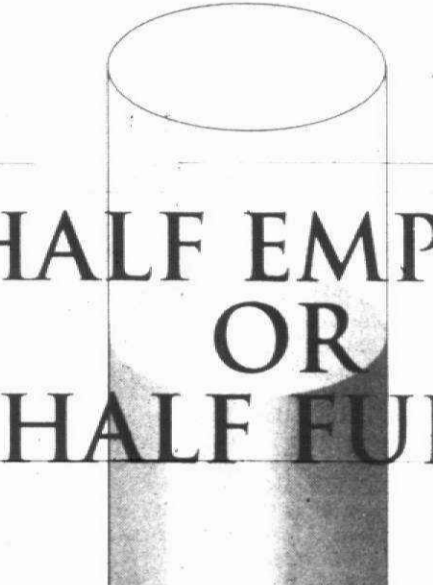
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LOOKING AT THINGS DIFFERENTLY CAN HELP YOU HEAL Attitude...

Attitude is everything. We've seen the slogan on t-shirts and we've heard our bosses and teachers repeat it. Some people, however, are taking it seriously by living the axiom everyday and they're finding that their lives are forever changed. "People basically come to us when they are in crisis, feeling depressed, feeling out of sorts or are falling apart, according to Laurie Pappas, co-founder of the Metro Detroit Center for Attitudinal Healing, an all volunteer, non-profit group. "If people stick with the principles of attitudinal healing they find over time they become more peaceful and feel more centered, balanced and that they are the masters of their lives," she said. "They feel more alive, more vital, more fulfilled. They find purpose and meaning in life and basically the end product is happiness."



The local chapter has been in existence since 1991 and is part of an international network of 130 centers worldwide that promote 12 principles (see chart) outlined by founder Dr. Gerald Jampolsky, who was inspired by the book, "A Course in Miracles." At least five thousand people have sought help from the Detroit chapter and have given countless testimonials about how attitudinal healing has changed their lives. One woman came to a group session with numerous problems, including chronic illnesses that caused her to lose her executive position. During this same time she also broke up with a man she hoped to marry, was depressed and became suicidal. "She was very committed to seeing her life from a different angle and not being a victim of her life," according to Lois Schultz, who facilitates an attitudinal healing support group. That meant transforming the pain, depression and fear into positive changes. Attitudinal healing doesn't always mean that the problems will disappear. Rather, the goal is to change the person's perception of their struggles and their life. "Today that woman lives a life of emotional freedom," Schultz said. "She still has chronic health problems, but she is working again. She hasn't had suicidal issues and the depression has all but lifted. She has a richer more fulfilled life, because of the way she sees herself in her life now. She has empowered herself."

Blood pressure test St. Mary Hospital in Livonia hosts community blood pressure screenings weekly May 4 from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital lobby; May 11 from 8-10 a.m. at Wonderland Mall; May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Target store in Livonia; May 25 canceled for Memorial Day holiday. Health camp Arthur Weaver, M.D., the director of Better Living Seminars, will host the annual Better Living Seminars Health Camp from May 10-17 on 900 acres of wooded land bordering the AuSable River in Grayling. The camp includes seminars on stopping smoking, vegetarian cooking, weight control, stress control and low-impact exercise interspersed with socializing, crafts, natural trails, horseback riding and more. \$395 per person; \$750 for couples. If you have any questions, call (313) 531-2179, (248) 349-5683 or (313) 882-7348. Immunization clinic Immunizations for children will be provided at the Arbor Health Building (St. Joseph Mercy) - Plymouth. All vaccines will be available except for chicken pox. Bring your child at the most convenient time from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. Bring immunization records with you.

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Hospitals provide information via the Internet Several area hospitals in the Observer community maintain user-friendly Web sites in an effort to provide information to the public via the Internet. Nearly all of the hospitals update their sites on a weekly basis to provide new information in an ever-changing industry. The sites also provide all-inclusive telephone directories that serve as a good reference guide. In addition to easy-to-use screens, links are provided to valuable medical resources such as the New England Journal of Medicine, American Medical Association, American Heart Association and more. Many of the same features can be found from site to site including: Upcoming calendar of events, classes and support groups with general information about the programs including fees, registration deadlines and a brief description of the program. The Botsford Health Care Continuum and St. Mary Hospital site let you register on-screen. Physician directories, allow you to search for a physician by their specialty. The St. Joseph Mercy Web site enables the search to be done by city or ZIP code. Many of the links include office telephone numbers, photographs, biographies, office/hospital addresses and colored maps. Health/consumer information, varies from site to site but generally covers health-related news items, current research, support groups and links to other medical Web sites. Statistics: Nearly all of the hospitals include their annual statistics such as number of physicians, employees, beds, surgeries performed, and service coverage areas. On-line libraries: Both Oakwood and Botsford support on-line libraries where databases, electronic medical journals, and health resource sites can be accessed in an effort to help patients better educate themselves in their search for medical questions and answers. 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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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GC Hospital new VP

Jane G. McCormick, CHE, has been appointed new vice president for outpatient services of Garden City Hospital. She will oversee the emergency department, general laboratory, imaging services, therapies, cardiology, chemical dependency, the sleep lab and special projects.

"My hope and challenge will be to increase and enhance the outpatient services of Garden City Hospital since more and more is being done on an outpatient basis," said McCormick.

Counseling practice

Dr. and Mrs. Randy Grodi of Monroe, recently opened a new psychology and counseling practice in Canton at the Life Fulfillment Center (Canton/Ford Crossing). Randy Grodi is a licensed psychologist and has been working in the mental health field for 18 years. He is also in his ninth year of private prac-



R. Grodi



J. Grodi

tice at the Human Potential Center in Monroe. Jill J. Grodi will specialize in therapy and counseling for individuals, couples, and families with an emphasis on grief and loss, women's issues, freedom from addictions and compulsive behaviors.

Dr. and Mrs. Grodi will work together to provide workshops and seminars for couples, adults, seniors, children and teens. Their office is located at 5840 North Canton Center Road (just north of Ford Road), Suite 287 in Canton. For a brief information visit (free of charge) call (734) 414-5899.

Kulpa joins practice

Dr. Dennis Kulpa, currently in private practice at the Human Potential Center in Monroe, will work at the new Life Fulfillment Center of Canton with Dr. and Mrs. Randy Grodi. Some areas he has focused on have been faith building, self-esteem issues, community building, problem solving techniques, leadership training, and parenting courses. His primary focus in Canton will be individual and family therapy.



D. Kulpa

Kulpa has also been working as clinical and retreat director for the Mariannhill Retreat Center for the past 18 years and is contracted by the Family Independence Agency.

Race for the Cure benefits cancer research

ANNUAL RACE

Thousands of area women and men will take to the streets Saturday, April 26 for Michigan's largest race - Detroit's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure. Organizers expect more than 18,000 participants for the seventh annual event, presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The Race for the Cure is a five-kilometer run/walk and one mile fun walk that brings together people of all ages and athletic abilities to promote positive breast cancer awareness, early detection and survivorship. "Women need to take charge of their health," noted Michigan First Lady and Honorary Chair Michelle Engler. "The race is a great opportunity to stand up and be counted in the fight against this terrible disease."

Women to benefit from bills, supporters say

Women's health care is more convenient and accessible under legislation approved today by the Michigan House. The three-bill package permits women in health plans featuring primary care physicians to visit one of the plan's obstetrician-gynecologists without a referral for routine gynecological services. "Thousands of Michigan women stand to benefit from this plan," said Rep. Lyn Bankes, sponsor of House Bill 4781 and longtime health reform advocate. "Ob-Gyns provide preventive and primary care that saves lives. Increase access to these services makes sense."

Ob-Gyn than either a family or general practitioner, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. "It's important for women to visit Ob-Gyns regularly, so let's eliminate a layer of red tape," said Bankes. After listening to years of testimony on this issue, Bankes got a firsthand look at the problem when a change in her health care plan prevented access to her gynecologist. "As we move forward to a managed care system, this could be a growing problem for more and more women," said Bankes. "I want to create a system that guarantees women access to the health care they need."

Hospitals

and an on-line registration procedure for all Providence programming. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital www.sjmh.com. Programs and services (calendar of events by topic) Physician directory (search by specialty, city or ZIP code) Health information (classes, support groups) Health tips SJMHS statistics (beds, employees, service coverage) What's new? SJMHS events, expansions Inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation services Patient Guide (bus routes, hospital admission, pain relief, your rights as a patient, visiting hours, compli ints) Health Highlights (healthy habits) HealthLine (One-call connection to a doctor)

St. Mary Hospital www.stmaryhospital.org Medical services (anesthesiology, surgery, family practice) Physician referral Community health services (programs, screenings, and clinics updated daily) On-screen registration Frequently called numbers News information (1998 calendar/outreach programs) Resource links (National Institute on Aging, NetMedicine, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Kidsource) without leaving St. Mary Web site. "The Web site is a cost-efficient and easy way for people to know about the services we offer at the hospital," said Julie Sproul, St. Mary Hospital director of Community Relations. "Our site is much more interactive now than since we initiated it in 1996."

Practice Easter egg safety when decorating

What Easter would be complete without a night of watching "Peter Cottontail" and coloring Easter eggs? The tradition brought to us by the Dutch is back once again this spring and Oakwood Healthcare System wants you to practice "egg safety" when handling and preparing Easter eggs. Cinde Rutkowski, registered dietitian at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne, said there are things you should look for in eggs, before you take them home to decorate. "It is important to make sure that there are no cracks in the eggs, and make sure they are clean," said Rutkowski. "Potential cracks in the eggs can leak onto other food items and cause food poisoning."

Rutkowski also adds these safety tips when preparing Easter eggs: Always wash your hands before handling. Use clean water in your pot for boiling. After coloring the eggs, do not leave them out of refrigeration for more than one hour. Refrigerate at 33-45 Fahrenheit. Store away from strong odors such as sausage, onions, cabbage and turnips. Keep in a covered container for added protection.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Business Professionals, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

HomeTown appointment

Nancy Hornacek-Hrigora has been appointed manager of Systems and Technology at HomeTown Communications Network, publishers of community newspapers. She will report to the HCN Vice President of System and Technology, and be stationed at corporate offices in Livonia. Since joining the company in 1976 she has served as a computer applications specialist and applications development manager where she has designed, implemented and programmed various systems on IBM and DEC mainframes and was the system administrator and applications implementer for Voice Mail. She lives in Brighton with her husband, Michael, and their three children.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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BNI will meet regularly from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Laurel Park Chapter, Richards Restaurant on Plymouth Road & Newburgh. For more information call BNI at (734) 397-9939.

FRI, APRIL 10 BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

BNI will meet at 7-8:30 a.m. at the Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island, on Plymouth Road near Stark. For more information, call BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

TUE, APRIL 14 ASO MEMBERSHIP

Greater Detroit Section American Society for Quality will host Joyce Hennigan "Quality Trends in Healthcare." Fax confirmation to (248) 352-2142.

WED, APRIL 15 BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

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FRI, APRIL 17 BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

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TUE, APRIL 21 ROBUST DESIGN ELEMENTS

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Safe surfing in cyberspace for kids

It's no secret, cyberspace can be a dangerous place for kids. The media is full of accounts detailing online predators who prey on kids in chat room. And at last count, there were something like 87,000 XXX-rated adult porn sites on the Net. Then there's the newsgroups, the alt dot sex bestiality collections of perversion and other cyberspace smut that pander to the worst of the worst. For many parents, the dilemma has been how to let the kids go online and surf safely.

Bell appointed CFO

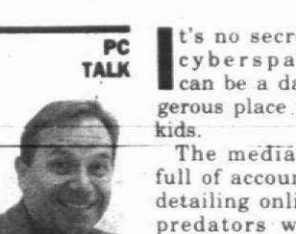
James R. Bell of Redford has been promoted from office manager to chief financial officer at Hermanoff & Associates Inc., a full-service public relations agency. In his new position, he will head human resources, accounting and technology development and systems administration. Bell is currently earning an associate's degree in management information services at Oakland Community College.

CAREER WOMEN MEETING

The Nat'l Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter will meet from 11-45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth (41661 Plymouth Road). Guest speaker is Elizabeth Jacobs-Sisk of Body Wise Chiropractic Clinic of Belleville. Call Judie, (734) 453-7272, Ext. 223.

WED, APRIL 22 SECRETARY'S DAY

Lois Wolfe-Morgan will present "The Negativity Trap" at the Schoolcraft College Secretary's Day seminar, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Seminar and lunch, \$79. To register, call (313) 462-4448. RENTER TO BUYER SEMINAR Participate in a Renter to Buyer/Buyer seminar hosted by Century 21 Hartford South Inc. of Livonia at 7 p.m. and again Saturday, May 2 at 1 p.m. Both programs will take place at the Livonia Civic Center Library (5 Mile/Farmington Road). For reservations and information call 1-800-312-2100.



MIKE WENDLAND

Now there's a new web browser just for kids. It's called "Surfin' Annette" and it does an admirable job in preventing curious youngsters from ranging too far afield of the many "kid-safe" sites on the World Wide Web. "Surfin' Annette" is a fully-functional stand alone browser. That means it can be installed in place of Netscape or Internet Explorer. It can be customized by adults to block access to Web sites that are deemed to be inappropriate content, be it pornography, bad language or violence. Adults can edit from a supplied list of questionable sites, adding and removing Internet addresses, words or phrases. The browser itself is pretty fast and comes with some suggested sites like the kid-oriented

wellbanker.com). Looking for some new digs? This is a terrific site for real estate shopping. It's nationwide in scope, but there's a pretty hefty collection of Southeastern Michigan properties. The site's personal service continually hunts for homes that match your preferences. You'll be notified by e-mail when it finds matches. Foreign Web sites (www.altavista.digital.com/-/The speedy and very popular search engine AltaVista has quickly inaugurated a new translation feature that lets you now read sites written in different languages. Next time you do a search, look carefully and you'll see you can now have Japanese, Italian, French, German and other webpages translated into English. Ruins of Detroit Site (www.burns.com/runs/home.htm) A few weeks back I wrote about local artist Lowell Boileau's excellent Web site chronicling old buildings in Detroit. Since then, he's greatly expanded the site with a lot of new and powerful photos that show a Detroit long gone. This site is worth another look. Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXTT and he is the owner of Awesome Pages, a web development company (248-852-1930). You can reach through his PC Mike Web site at http://www.pcmike.com. Houses for Sale (www.cold-

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Dentistry in the 90s by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S. PREGNANT WITH POSSIBILITIES. Pregnant women should be even more diligent about their dental care than usual. According to a number of studies, between 60% and 75% of all pregnant women experience some form of gingivitis, characterized by red, swollen, sensitive gums that bleed easily. This increased susceptibility to gum inflammation is triggered by an increase in progesterone, a "hormone" that causes gums to swell and become more permeable to germs. With this in mind, pregnant women are encouraged to make an even greater effort to remove germ-laden plaque from their teeth with regular brushing and flossing, increasing the frequency of professional cleanings will almost certainly help keep teeth clean and gums healthy. Whether you're pregnant or not, at LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES we recommend regular dental check-ups for all family members. We stress preventive dentistry. Our mission is to provide unparalleled patient care and service, creating a positive change in our patients' lives. And that means we've located (at 1917) Merriman Road. Come in and see what a difference we can make in your smile - and what a difference your smile can make in your life. We welcome your call at 478-2110 to schedule an appointment. Smiles are our business. P.S. Women who are contemplating becoming pregnant may want to schedule an appointment with the dentist to check up any existing signs of gum inflammation and to get a recommendation of a schedule of checkups during pregnancy.

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CALENDAR

A GUIDE TO HEALTH & FITNESS IN AND AROUND OBSERVERLAND

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

TUE, APRIL 7

SIBLING CLASS
A special night devoted to siblings to help prepare for the arrival of a new baby. Class time is 2 hours recommended for children ages three to eight years. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330.

WED, APRIL 8

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING
Michigan law requires those applying for a marriage license to undergo education for sexually transmitted diseases. Course is one hour from 6-7 p.m., \$12 (special appointments available for \$20 per person). Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

TRANSFORM BREATHING
Connect with your inner power and learn simple techniques beneficial for those stressed, dealing with illness, or for those who just want to raise their energy level. 7 p.m. \$25 fee and preregistration required. Call (248) 477-6100, Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave.

HELP FOR HARD OF HEARING
Join us for our monthly meeting from 7-8 p.m. to share ideas and coping strategies. Free. Call (734) 458-7100 to register. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway.

THUR, APRIL 9

DADS AND CHILDBIRTH
"Just for Dads...Childbirth and Beyond" is being offered at St. Mary Hospital for new and expectant fathers, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday. The class will meet in the West Addition Conference Room B. Cost, \$15 per person, registration required. Call, (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

MON, APRIL 13

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

STANDARD FIRST AID
American Red Cross standard first aid and adult CPR. Course length is 7 hours and \$33 fee includes materials. April 13, 6-10 p.m. and April 20, 6-9 p.m. Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

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

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

TUE, APRIL 14

HEALTH-O-RAMA
Project Health-O-Rama will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 14 and 15, at Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile Road, Livonia by Oakwood Healthcare System/Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Most screenings are free, however, those that have fees include body fat composition, HIV/AIDS screening kit, osteoporosis screening and blood panel testing. Must be 18 or older, call

800-543-WELL.
STANDARD FIRST AID
American Red Cross standard first aid and adult CPR. Course length is 7 hours and \$33 fee includes materials. April 14, 6-10 p.m. and April 16, 6-9 p.m. Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

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

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

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

POST-PARTUM SUPPORT
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group on Tuesday, from 10-11 a.m. Group meets in the West Addition Conference Room A near the South Entrance. Mothers and babies are invited to attend. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1100 or 800-494-1615.

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

WED, APRIL 15

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

PROGRAMMABLE HEARING AIDS
Discuss advantages of today's hearing technology and why digital technology is the wave of the future. Manufacturers representatives will be present. Free from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call (734) 458-7100 to register. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway.

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

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

SAT, APRIL 18

AEROBIC CERTIFICATION
Potential and current fitness instructors will learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise. Workshop registration includes full-day review, written exam, two-year certificate and membership. At 8:30 a.m. at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood Blvd., Garden City. Call Lenise Smith, (313) 525-8846.



Finding Joy: Motivational speaker Joyce Weiss speaks to attendants of the 1998 Women's Health Day presented by Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Hospital. "You have to look within yourself and recognize your own uniqueness. None of us live drab, boring lives, There's a little drama in all of us." Weiss is the author of a new book "Full Speed Ahead: Become Driven by Change."

SPINA BIFIDA SUPPORT
Families of children who experience Spina Bifida benefit from meeting together to discuss concerns. Free from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (734) 458-7100 to register. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway.

SUN, APRIL 19

FITNESS ASSESSMENTS
Provides information on implementing fitness assessments for individuals and the opportunity to gain practical skills in the area of fitness testing. At 12:30 p.m. at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood Blvd., Garden City. Call Lenise Smith, (313) 525-8846.

CARDIO-SCULPT WORKSHOP
Learn to make the most effective use of your time in a group exercise class or one on one. Experience a variety of ways to integrate these two modalities into a non-stop, action-packed workout session for any fitness level at 8:30 a.m. Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood Blvd., Garden City. Call Lenise Smith, (313) 525-8846.

MON, APRIL 20

BIO OXIDATIVE THERAPY
To learn more about bio-oxidative therapies, essential in the prevention and treatment of a vast majority of diseases through the use of oxygen, will be discussed at the April 20, 7:30 p.m. lecture when Raj Alwa, director of the Sai Holistic Center in Lake Geneva, WI will be speaking. The meeting will be held at the Sinnett Holistic Health Center in Livonia at 29200 Vassar in the Livonia Pavilion Suite 140 across the street from Livonia Mall. Admission is \$5. For more information call (313) 247-4971.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT
Learn about the normal growth and development of your child at different stages of life. Presented by Jay Shayevitz, M.D., Medical Director Providence Children's Unit. Program for preschoolers (4-5 years) is from 7-9 p.m. Call Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia; 1-800-968-7759.

ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT
Community Hospice & Home Care Services invites adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one to participate in Adult Grief Support Group that meets the third Monday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. at CHHCS' Westland Office, 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100 (northwest corner of Warren and Venoy Roads). To register call, (734) 522-4244.

TUE, APRIL 21

BASIC CPR
Basic Life Support (BLS) Pediatric Heartsaver Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training, 6-10 p.m., St. Mary Hospital Auditorium (North entrance off Five Mile Rd.) Course fee \$20. Preregistration required. Call (734) 655-8940.

PEDIATRIC LIFE SUPPORT
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Pediatric Basic Life Support CPR Class from 6 to 10

p.m., in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium located near the Five Mile entrance. Learn to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for the child under age 8 and the infant in a cardiac emergency. Cost, \$20 per person. Advance registration is required, call 800-494-1650.

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE
Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is encouraged to participate in GranCare's free support group the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. at GranCare, 38935 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, Call, (734) 432-6565 ext. 115.

KEEPING THE PROMISE
Keeping the Promise, being a caregiver for your diabetic partner will be hosted by speaker Georgan Vorwerk at the Holiday Inn Livonia West, 171123 North Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Call for reservations (800) 634-6709. Refreshments at 6:45 p.m. workshop at 7:15 p.m. Topics to include developing self-discipline, responsibility, effective partnerships, relationship building, practical travel tips and maintaining a positive attitude.

APRIL 21-23

HEALTH-O-RAMA
Project Health-O-Rama will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, 29859 Plymouth Road by Oakwood Healthcare System/Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Most screenings are free, however, those that have fees include body fat composition, HIV/AIDS screening kit, osteoporosis screening and blood panel testing. Must be 18 or older, call 800-543-WELL.

WED, APRIL 22

CHILD IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer an Infant and Child Immunization Program from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Pavilion Conference Room A near the South Entrance off Levan Road. Cost is \$5 per child no matter how many immunizations are given. All state-required immunizations will be administered pending availability of serum, including hepatitis B and H. Influenza type B, for children under age 18. Please bring all available immunization records with you. Call 800-494-1650.

KIDNEY/BLADDER INFECTIONS
Lisa Finkelstein, D.O., a Botsford urologist, will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of these infections. 2-4 p.m. \$3 at the door, preregistration required by April 15. Botsford General Hospital's Ziegler Center, Community Room 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 471-8020.

THUR, APRIL 23

PREMARITAL COUNSELING
Michigan law requires those applying for a marriage license to undergo education for sexual-

ly transmitted diseases. Course is one hour from 6-7 p.m., \$12 (special appointments available for \$20 per person). Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

SPECIAL NEEDS EXPO
Do you have concerns that your special needs child is not receiving the services they are entitled to in school. Parents are Experts Presents...Idea 97. Free of charge presented by the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Michigan from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 458-7100 to register. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia scheduled a breastfeeding class from 7-9 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room A near the South Entrance off Levan Road. Cost of the class is \$15. Pre-registration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. Call (734) 655-1100 or 800-494-1615.

SAT, APRIL 25

WEIGHT LOSS EXPO
"Weight Loss: What Works, What Doesn't" is the title of a free, informational expo from 1-5 p.m. in the Education Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor. Interactive exhibits and presentations on popular weight loss programs will be featured. Call the HealthLine, (734) 712-5400 or 1-800-231-2211.

RACE FOR A CURE
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure is a five kilometer run/walk to promote breast cancer awareness, education and early detection. 7 a.m. registration at the Detroit Zoo. Sponsored by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. To register call 800 KARMANOS or visit their Web sit at www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit

PREMARITAL AIDS CLASS
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a premarital AIDS class from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., in West Addition Conference Room B. Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Registration is required, Cost \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call (734) 655-1100 or 800-494-1615.

TUE, APRIL 28

STANDARD FIRST AID
American Red Cross standard first aid and adult CPR. Course length is 7 hours and \$33 fee includes materials. April 28, 6-10 p.m. and April 30, 6-9 p.m. Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

C-SECTION CLASS
Parents be prepared for this alternative birth experience. Attend a one-session birth class at 6 p.m. which focuses on the different aspects of a C-Section birth. Call 458-4330 for additional information.

APRIL 29, 30

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Red Cross nurses available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 29 and 30 to accommodate anyone wishing to donate blood - "The Gift of Life," call 458-4330 to make an appointment. Walk-ins welcomed in the afternoon.

WED, APRIL 29

FOOT SCREENING
Show importance of foot care for people with diabetes, their families and health care teams. Goal to teach individuals to perform self tests. Free from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (734) 458-7100 to register. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway.

THUR, APRIL 30

WOMEN OF WELLNESS
No matter what season of life you're in, it's never too late to

improve your health. The Women of Wellness, free lectures, will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Henry Ford Medical Center - Livonia (lunchroom, 2nd floor) 29200 Schoolcraft. Lectures will highlight pre-menopausal and menopausal changes, cancer screening tests, hormone replacement therapy, alternative to hormone replacement. To reserve a seat call (800-746-WISE).

RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME
Join the Restless Leg Syndrome support group at MedMax in Westland from 2-3:30 p.m. or 7:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 458-7100 to register. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway.

MON, MAY 4

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a course on Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Pavilion Conference Room A. This refresher course includes one and two-person rescue of the adult victim, one-person rescue of the child and infant during a cardiac emergency. \$25 per person. To register call (734) 655-8940.

STRESS MANAGEMENT
St. Mary Hospital is offering a three-session/three week stress management class, "Stressed for Success," starting on Monday, May 4 and going through May 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B. Course will help you learn how to decrease the stress in your life and manage the stress you cannot eliminate. To register call toll free 800-494-1650.

TUE, MAY 5

LAMAZE CLASSES
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience. A six week session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday from May 5 through June 9, in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100 or toll free (800) 494-1615.

DIABETES EDUCATION
"Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes," held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, the series of eight classes provides information on self care and the successful management of diabetes from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5 through May 28, in Pavilion Conference Room A. The \$75 fee includes all materials and allows the participant to bring a support person at no extra charge. Call to register, (734) 655-8940 or toll free 800-494-1650.

WED, MAY 6

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT
The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group provides in-depth information, education and emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their mid-life years. There is no charge to attend the meeting but registration is required. The Marian Women's Center is located in St. Mary Hospital at Five Mile and Levan. Call (734) 655-1100 or toll free 800-494-1615.

THUR, MAY 7

INFANT CARE CLASS
Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new Infant Care Class on May 7 and 14, from 7-9 p.m. Attend one or both classes. The first class, "Getting to Know Your Newborn," focuses on the care of your well infant, including feeding, bathing, sleep and activity habits. The second class, "Caring for the Sick Infant," features infant safety, such as how to child proof your home, immunizations and signs of illness. Will be held in Pavilion Conference Room A. Cost, \$18 for one session, \$35 for both. Call (734) 655-1100 or 800-655-1615.

Students build self-esteem making crafts

Sara beamed with pride at the wreath she created at the Western Wayne Skill Center in Westland. The process, not the art or craft produced, is what's important for special education students in Transition programs at the center and at Churchill High School in Livonia. Students from both programs displayed their work at an arts and crafts show on March 21 at Churchill High School. A few also spoke with customers, handled money and bagged purchases.

Creativity isn't the goal of the programs, operated by the Livonia Public Schools as part of the Western Wayne Transition Program for students in 12 public school districts.

Western Wayne Skill Center teacher Penny Puustinen says making crafts and growing plants is meant to teach job and social skills for independent living.

The swags, wreaths and flower arrangements were created under the direction of paraprofessional Patricia Bombach over the last 10 weeks. Prices for the colorful, spring flowers ranged from \$1.50 to \$25.

"One of the biggest things students receive from the programs is self-esteem," said Bombach, a Northville artist. "Working on crafts makes them feel good about themselves. A lot of students work on their own, and some need a lot of help."

Making transitions

Life is all about transitions. According to Barbara DeGrazia, Western Wayne Transition Program specialist, one of the biggest moves we all make is the one from school to work. For special education students, the transition is crucial. The programs help to ensure students enjoy life as independently as possible.

"Our students will never live on their own, but we want them to be as functional as they possibly can as adults," said DeGrazia. "Our purpose is also to help parents plan for these children and to help students get from school to work. We take them to the police station, the fire station, the grocery store. Listening to music and the greenhouse are hobbies they might enjoy."

The Churchill Transition Program is a pre-vocational program serving nearly 400 trainable mentally impaired students ages 14-18. The three to four year program emphasizes social skills and community-based instruction in music, math, literacy, basic and advanced wood craft, health and nutrition, physical education, work experience, and vocational training. It also encourages students to participate in high school activities and events.

Vocational exploration

"We call it vocational exploration," said DeGrazia. "The students first choose a number of classes to see what they like. When they graduate our kids get caps and gowns and a certificate."

The Western Wayne Skill Center focuses on special education students from ages 16 to 26. As part of the Center's greenhouse program, students travel to Madonna University and the Noble Library in Livonia to care for plants.

"In the greenhouse we teach them to plant seeds and basic plant care," said Puustinen. "They're learning basic job skills, learning how to accept criticism from a supervisor. We're teaching them about the importance of good attendance, punctuality, personal hygiene, and what to do on a job interview."

"When they plant the seeds, they don't really know what will happen," said Puustinen. "Then the plants come out and they see them coming up and they're excited."

Over at the table of wood crafts made by students in the Churchill Transition Program, Billy eagerly greeted prospective customers. Franklin LaFlair, a teacher in the pre-vocational program, proudly spoke about the wood stools, trains, rocking horses, and benches on the table in front of him.

"Most of the work is done by the students—sembling, drilling, sanding," said LaFlair. "The goal is to train the kids how to work as a team. No one student finishes a stool. We all work on them like a production line."

Students in the Churchill Transition Program learn the importance of being on time for a class. Lessons like this will help them when they enter the work force," said LaFlair.

"It gives them a lot of self-esteem. It teaches them safety and so they know most of the machines in the wood shop," said LaFlair. "We're trying to get them ready to hold a job. They get used to the noise because there's a lot of noise in a wood shop."



Before: Randall Veilleux used a chain saw to create surface texture on this drawing on plywood prior to a diving accident which left him a quadriplegic.

Sitting in a wheelchair surrounded by his art, Randall Veilleux talks about the work in terms of before and after the accident. His peaceful face belies the nearly three years of physical and emotional struggles he overcame after sustaining a spinal cord injury in a diving accident.

Veilleux lost the use of his arms and legs three months after graduating with a bachelor of fine arts degree in ceramics from the University of Michigan School of Art and Design, and two weeks before beginning graduate studies at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills.

The 31-year-old Ann Arbor artist only recently returned to painting, drawing and working in clay with the help of a brace attached to his arm. A mixture of old and new work comprise an exhibit Veilleux appropriately titles "Rescue" at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor Monday-Friday, April 6-17. Veilleux is eager to show that his style and concept haven't been affected by the accident, which left him a quadriplegic.

Veilleux plans to display his work in a variety of venues in the future, and is entering an application for a touring exhibition of works by professional artists with disabilities.

Redford Township sculptor Sergio DeGiusti will juror the show being produced by Very Special Arts Michigan. Even though Veilleux wants to be known as an artist first, not as a disabled artist, he hopes showing his work in the exhibition will serve as an inspiration for others.

"My work has kind of rescued me back from depression," said Veilleux. "My art is my solace. When I start getting into it, I forget I'm handicapped. If I didn't have my art work, I'd be in a world of trouble."

Veilleux likes to refer to his wife,

ARTIST TRIUMPHS OVER DISABILITY



After: Randall Veilleux is betting viewers won't be able to tell that he drew this computer image titled "Prozac Frost-Ed Donuts" after sustaining a spinal cord injury.

Bethany, as his "hands." Bethany, the daughter of Robert and Nancy Vrooman of Livonia, and a graduate of Stevenson High School, has stood by her husband since the accident and the grieving process that followed.

"It's essentially a loss," said Veilleux. "You lose a large part of your life. One of the toughest things is to ask for help. When I need to turn a painting or attach the brace, Bethany is there. Throughout everything, she has been a rock."

It's been a long road for Veilleux since the accident. He spent nearly

six months in the hospital, part of it in rehabilitation at the Craig Hospital in Colorado where he met injured Detroit Lions player Mike Utley who served as an inspiration to him. It was in rehab that Veilleux learned to use a brace to help him create art. A brush or tool for sculpting clay is attached to a 2-1/2 foot rod which is connected to the brace.

Veilleux is unable to feel the clay with his hands. He must place his face against the surface to judge the state of the medium, whether

Please see **DISABILITY, C2**

Symphony salutes its 'Music Man'

Rather than look at the glass as half empty, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra chooses to look at it as half full.

Instead of anguishing over the loss of conductor Russell Reed to retirement, the orchestra and its supporters will celebrate his years of leadership at a final Cabaret Pops Concert Friday, April 17. The evening includes dinner, music from Broadway and Oscar-winning movies, and silent and live auctions to raise money for the orchestra.

"We will be honoring Russ," said Bonnie Holyoak, Plymouth Symphony executive director. "We want everyone to come out and help us."

This is the second time Reed will retire. In 1991, Reed stepped down from his position as professor of music and director of the Symphony Orchestra at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti after more than 35 years in music education but continued as conductor of the Plymouth Symphony. At age 64, Reed will leave the orchestra in March of 1999 to spend more time playing golf and traveling with his wife Nancy. Reed is proud of the progress that the orchestra has made since he became conductor during the 1987-88 season.

"Over the last seven years, we've gone from five concerts a year to 11 this year, and possibly 12 or 13 performances next year," said Reed.

"One of the biggest changes is that the symphony's office went from a cardboard box in someone's basement 11 years ago to having our own office."

"During Viola Ranstadler's 49 years with the Plymouth Symphony she has played violin under all five of the orchestra's conductors."

"Russ goes all out for the orchestra," said Ranstadler, a 79-year-old Garden City resident originally from Livonia. "He's top as a conductor, intelligent and educational."



Conductor Retiring: Russell Reed will leave his position as conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in March of 1999. Reed leads his final Pops Concert Friday, April 17.

Please see **SYMPHONY, C2**

Pops Concert

What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra hosts an evening of dinner, silent and live auctions, and music from Broadway and the movies to raise money for the orchestra. Auction items include tickets and pit passes to Thunderfest, a basketball autographed by Detroit Pistons star Joe Dumars, Plymouth Symphony season tickets, jewelry, prints, a Princess Diana Beanie Baby, and retired Beanie Babies.

When: 6 p.m. Friday, April 17

Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

Tickets: \$45 for adults, \$25 children. Advance reservations needed, deadline is Monday, April 6. Call 734-451-2112.

CELEBRATE GLASS MONTH

Exquisite glass transforms viewers into lovers

Lou Ann Shelton compares the excitement glass art generates in viewers to the feeling "you get when you're in love."

On Saturday, April 11, Shelton will speak about the dazzling material in conjunction with an exhibition at River's Edge Gallery II in Canton.

In celebration of Michigan Glass Month - April, River's Edge Gallery I in Wyandotte, and the Canton gallery, are hosting educational and historical exhibits of glass works by nine Michigan artists. They will also feature vintage pieces from the collections of Jerome and Carolyn Ash of Detroit, and Clifford and Lou Ann Shelton of Allen Park.

Shelton curated both shows, and will lecture on the history of glass, contemporary artists, and collecting. Shelton began to assemble her glass collection during an internship at Habatat Galleries.

Shelton was studying for a bachelor's degree in art history at the University

Class Glass

What: An exhibition of blown and stained glass by nine Michigan artists. Reception featuring a talk on the collectability and techniques of glass by art historian Lou Ann Shelton, 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11.

When: Exhibit continues through Friday, May 1, with a special display of historical glass Saturday, Thursday, April 11-16. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, until 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; until 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Where: River's Edge Gallery II, 44934 Ford Road, (between Sheldon and Canton Center Road, behind Murray's Auto Supply), Canton, 734-254-9880.

of Michigan-Dearborn at the time. She learned about techniques and the history of glass from Habatat Galleries president Ferdinand Hampson during her internship at the all-glass gallery in Pontiac, formerly Farmington Hills. Hampson is a wealth of knowledge about the medium, and has written several books on the contemporary studio glass movement.

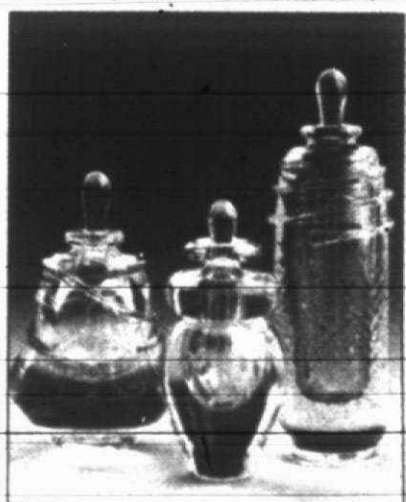
During the lecture, Shelton will show examples of different hot and cold glass making processes including fusing and slumping. Her own collection spotlights a miniature fabric store crafted by Emily Brock and the lamp-worked paperweights of Paul Stankard.

"It's almost like a love affair," said Shelton. "Sometimes there's a depth, you can go into and almost live there."

The hard-to-resist medium of glass mesmerizes viewers and artists alike with its rainbow of reflections. The sparkle and glitter emanating from the surface hasn't been matched by the mediums of paint and clay since artists discovered its alluring elements in a weeklong workshop held behind the Toledo Museum of Art more than 30 years ago.

Harvey Littleton, who led the sessions, built a furnace which enabled individual artists to create work outside a factory setting. Until that time,

Please see **GLASS, C2**



Born of fire: Glass artist Bruce Boatman made these perfume bottles using hot glass techniques.

Glass

glass was produced by teams of craftsmen in factories such as Steuben (later purchased by Corning) and Tiffany. Creativity unleashed. The discovery that artists could work alone unleashed a torrent of creativity. Artists began experimenting with materials and techniques and stoking the fire inside the contemporary studio glass movement. "We're really excited about the show," said Patt Slack, co-owner of the galleries with husband Jim. "We wanted to have a feast for the eyes as well as the mind so we combined a historical perspective with modern glass artists."

"Class Glass" fills the galleries with vessels, bowls, beads, and stained glass by John Fitzpatrick, Gregory Johnston, Bruce Boatman, Theresa Pierzchala, Tim Kurant, Dr. Robert Schweyen, Karmig Dabanian, and Karen and Tim Carney.

"We feel that each artist is bringing something to the show," said Slack. "We tried to make it as diverse in approach and experience as possible."

Featured artists

Pierzchala graduated from Center for Creative Studies College of Art and Design and now teaches glass blowing techniques in the crafts department of the Detroit school. Pierzchala will

have a one person exhibit of her glass in the Livonia Arts Commission-sponsored showcases at the Livonia Civic Center Library in May. In 1997, the Detroit artist won first place in the "Our Town" exhibit at The Community House in Birmingham.

Bruce Boatman also is an instructor in the crafts department at Center for Creative Studies. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, Boatman formerly had a studio in Birmingham and now works in Detroit. His glass can be found at Gallery Function Art in Pontiac, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association and the Detroit Artists Market.

John Fitzpatrick shows functional vessels and decorative sculpted bowls created in his Touch of Light Studio & Gallery of Handblown Glass in Ferndale. Fitzpatrick studied glass making at Center for Creative Studies, Orrefors Glassblowing and Kosta Boda Glassworks in Sweden. His experience with the medium includes working as a glass blower and designer in Denmark in the early 1980s.

"What I tend to do is functional," said Fitzpatrick. "It can be used everyday as a vase for flowers or they can be decorative."

Fitzpatrick began blowing glass 20 years ago and teaches

the art at Touch of Light. His work is sold galleries throughout the United States including Artquest in Birmingham.

"I love glass," said Fitzpatrick. "It's a very immediate kind of material because it's 2,000 degrees F when it's blown. Unlike painting, you can't go back to blow glass and rework it."

Husband and wife glass artists Karen and Tim Carney own Custom Stained Glass in Southgate. Two of their students will also show work - Greg Johnston and Tim Kurant, who recently completed restoration work on three windows at a church in Melvindale. Besides, traditional glass panels using copper foil and lead soldering techniques, Johnston, Kurant and the Carneys exhibit fused and slumped glass bowls, plates and picture frames.

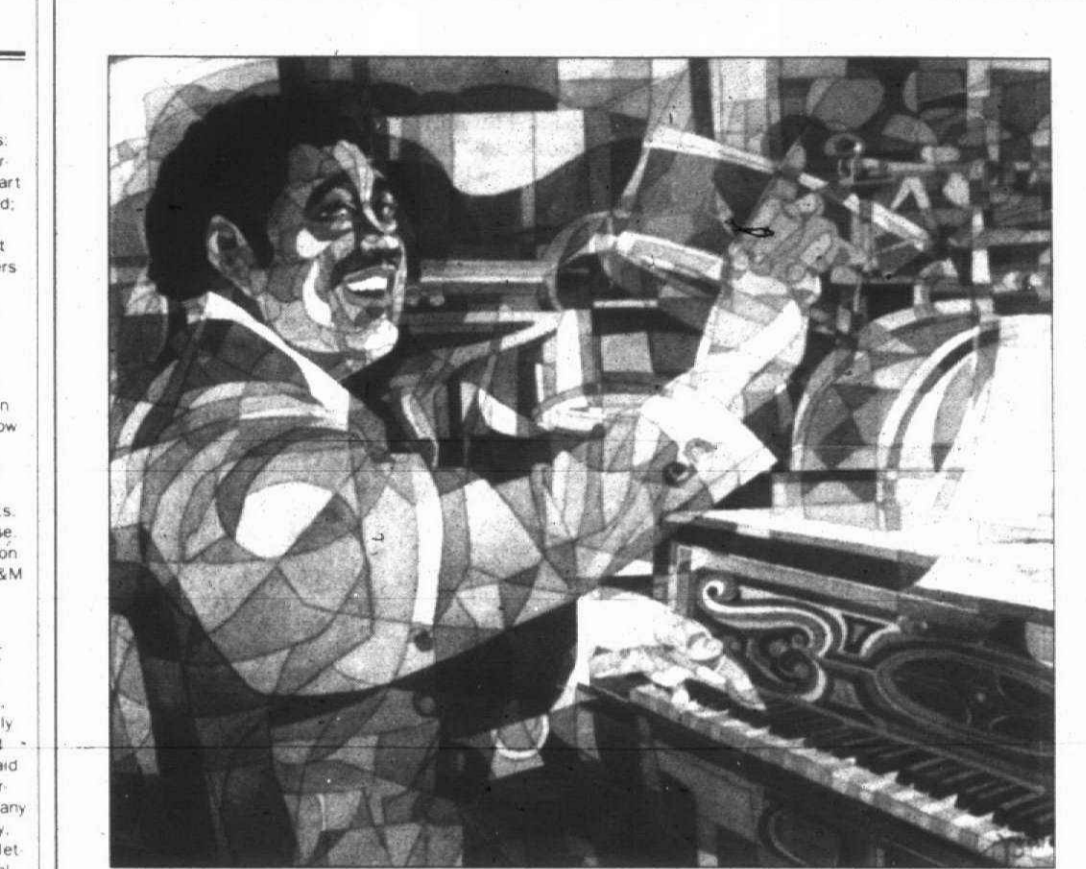
Dr. Bob Schweyen of Wyandotte first tried glass making 18 years ago. He finds working with his hands relaxing after a long day of practicing dentistry. He will display fused glass ware and jewelry.

Karmig Dabanian is the veteran artist of the group. Dabanian, now semi-retired, opened his first glass blowing studio in the Cass Corridor in the early 1970s. He was instrumental in building the first glass furnace at Center for Creative Studies.

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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Lyrical: A portrait of Duke Ellington is included in "Straight Ahead, Just Jazz," works by Joseph E. Grey II, through April 13 at Moore's Gallery, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

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

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MEETING
FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB
7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, featuring guest speaker oil painter Richard Finger. Public invited, admission free. Farmington Community Library on Twelve Mile Road. (248) 478-9243.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)
CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through April 8 - "Art on the Edge of Fashion," "Olga de Amaral," "Selections from the Permanent Collection for Younger Visitors," 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3323.
MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through June 21 - "Affirmations," the sculpture of Richard Hunt, through June 30 - "The Life & Times of Paul Robeson," Coleman A. Young Exhibition Room, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 259-4159.
KLEIN MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY
Through June 30 - "A Victorian's Passion for Egypt," David Roberts, 1796-1864, Roberts' drawings and paintings during his travels through the middle eastern country. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. (313) 763-3559.
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Through Sept. 30 - "A Community Between Two Worlds, Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," produced by the Michigan State University Museum and the Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services, 6401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 833-7934.
KIDD GALLERY
Through April 18 - "The Master's Eye," a collection of paintings and drawings by Larry Rivers, 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.
PEWABIC POTTERY
Through April 5 - Sam Chung, Gail Kendall, Frank Martin, Polly Ann Martin, Mark Pharis, Marie Wu, Craig Hinshaw, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.
ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through April 19 - "The Print: An Exhibition of Michigan Printmakers," 117 W. Liberty, Windsor Ann Arbor. (734) 764-8924 ext. 122.
LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Through April 23 - Livonia Public Schools Student Exhibit, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. (734) 421-2000 ext. 351.
ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through April 25 - 5:30 p.m. "A Celebration of Paperweights," in recognition of Michigan Glass Month, featuring internationally known glass artists Paul Starobin and 53 paperweights, U of D Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, 307 Mt. Zion, Dearborn. (313) 593-5067.
BBAA
Through April 26 - 6 p.m. "Michigan Metalsmithing: 50th Year Anniversary," juried exhibit, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.
ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through April 25 - "A Gallery of Stars," the books and art of Michigan children's book authors and illustrators, featuring Margaret Merrill of Birmingham, Patricia Hooper of Bloomfield Hills, Cyd Moore of Beverly Hills, 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham. (248) 647-7040.
HILL GALLERY
Through April 25 - "Jeanne Highstein Sculpture, Drawing," 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.
LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through April 25 - 7 p.m. "New Works: Oil Excursions from an artist's journals by Frank Wolk, 6 N. Sagenaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.
DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through April 25 - "New Paintings by James De Grosse," 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.
SWANN GALLERY
Through April 25 - "The Human Connection," a figurative art exhibit of sculpture, paintings, ceramics and photography, 1250 Library Street, Detroit. (313) 965-4826.
ARIANA GALLERY
Through April 30 - 11th Annual Glass Show, "North of the Border," featuring Canadian artists, 119 S. Main, Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.
SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through April 30 - Works by Birmingham resident Berna Cohen, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile Road. (248) 424-9022.
WYLAND GALLERIES
Through April 30 - Lighthouse photographer Thomas J. Adams, 280 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 723-9220.
C.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through May 2 - Richard Hunt Sculptor, 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.
SHAWQUIGO GALLERY
Through May 2 - 7 p.m. a solo exhibit of the ceramic artist of John Woodward, 7 N. Sagenaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-1070.

From Asia: The Tokyo String Quartet performs on 8 p.m. Monday, April 6 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$5 to \$39, call (313) 576-5111. The concert is presented by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit.

Disability

it's wet or rock hard. Without strength in his arms, Veilleux finds it difficult to draw into the clay. He must use the weight of his body against the brace and sculpting tool to scratch the surface.

"The work's harder to produce, more time consuming, frustrating," said Veilleux. "I have to find my limits for my work and work within that, and even exploit that. I'm finding my limitations everyday."

Veilleux has begun to create art on the computer because working with the brace is frustrating. He'd never worked on computer before his accident. Now, he's drawing figures and genre scenes. Using a trac ball, Veilleux created a striking purple overfitted chair with black charcoal line reminiscent of Matisse.

"The computer's a really accessible tool," said Veilleux. "For quick drawings I use the computer."

"When you first look at my work it's a little humorous, light hearted," said Veilleux. "If you take a closer look it's sometimes a darker humor I use as a shield. If you can't laugh at yourself, who can you laugh at?"

In the living room, a man flying on a skateboard above a big yellow dog freed from its leash, Veilleux's lost freedom. It was created before the accident.

"I hope people can find that humor. If they don't understand it or follow it they can still look at it and laugh and get some kind of enjoyment out of it. I believe my work is accessible. You may not understand where it comes from, I'm an admirer of Dufuffet and Gustin."

Last week, Veilleux applied to the University of Michigan School of Art and Design to pursue his master's degree. Veilleux currently has a special student status at the school and is taking independent studies. Art professor Al Hinton is one of the instructors there who have encouraged Veilleux to continue pursuing a career in art.

"Having a show has kind of challenged Randy and gave him a goal," said Hinton. "Randy exhibits a lot of courage and determination. He's an excellent example of when things happen to you as an artist, you have to rebound."

Veilleux knows the future will not be easy. Nothing comes easy to him any more. Right now, Veilleux must rely on the Ann Arbor bus system to pick him up and drop him off at the art school three to four days a week to prepare for his show at the Media Union Gallery. The glimmer of art he will create as a graduate student and in the years to follow keeps him going.

"I'm excited because my art's actually starting to take shape," said Veilleux. "I want my work to stand on its own merit, not because I'm in a chair."

Symphony

Reed, an Ann Arbor resident, has a long and honor-filled history in music education. He is past president of the Michigan Unit of the American String Teachers Association. He was named "Teacher of the Year" by both the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and by the Michigan Unit of the American

String Teachers Association. He holds two degrees in music from the University of Michigan and is a member of several honorary fraternities related to music and academic achievement.

Besides being the PSO conductor, he has also directed orchestras at the Interlochen Arts Camp, the Michigan State Uni-

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Barbie is star at club event

Barbie's got it all — looks, clothes, more than one great career, a steady boyfriend, cars, a dream home. But more importantly, she has lots of friends or fans, depending on which word you prefer.

Hundreds of them expressed their affection for her by attending the ninth annual Grants a Wish Weekend convention and sale, which was held March 27-29 at the Livonia Marriott.

Sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter of the Fashion Doll Collectors Club, the event raises money for Michigan charities. Last year it raised \$19,000 for Rainbow Connection, an organization that grants wishes to terminally ill children.

This year five charities will benefit: Gilda's House, which offers support to people living with cancer; Affirmations, to help it promote AIDS awareness; Simon's House, to help it buy an apartment building for single mothers who are HIV positive and their children; Christ Child, a residence for abused and neglected children; and the MSU Pure-Bred Dog Endowment.

Something for everyone

"We usually have a line out the door and all the way around the building for the public sale, it's that popular," said club member Jennifer Dobb of Sterling Heights.

The event isn't just for women and girls. A number of men were there Friday, including club president Scott Crocker of Flint.

"I had G.I. Joes when I was a kid," he said, "and G.I. Joe needed a girlfriend, so I started collecting Barbies. I've been collecting them ever since."

One of the highlights of this year's event was the presence of Carol Spencer, chief designer of Barbie collector dolls and collectibles for Mattel Inc. Spencer, who has been designing Barbie fashions for Mattel for nearly 35 years, was guest speaker at the luncheon and designed a one-of-a-kind Barbie for the auction.

As a designer, she has lived and traveled all over the world. But her best job-related experience happened right here in Michigan, when she attended a collectors convention in 1982, she said.

"Until that time, I had no idea that people enjoyed my work," she said. "It was such a revelation to come and see the collectors and see how much they appreciated the clothes I designed." Spencer said she considers herself the "mother" of Barbie's baby sister, Kelly, a doll that came out three years ago.

"I never designed clothes for Kelly, but she was my concept," she said. She said she wanted to introduce nurturing play (caring for a small child) into Barbie's world. Giving Barbie a baby sister was just about the only way to do that, because even though you can find Barbie and Ken in wedding outfits, Mattel has never officially married them, she said.

To celebrate her 35th anniversary with Mattel, Spencer will host an on-line chat on Barbie's official computer Web site — WWW.Barbie.com — from 6 to 7 p.m. EST on April 29. Everyone who is logged on will receive a special gift (something to print out) at the end of the chat session.

Best bets

And if you have an old Barbie lying around and wonder if it's worth anything, here are some tips from Susan Munoz of Warren, who has written several Barbie collectors' price guides and who co-founded the club in 1982:

• From 1959 until 1965, Barbie had molded plastic eyelashes that jutted out from her face and from 1966 until 1972, she had rooted eyelashes. If you have a Barbie like this, it may be worth something.

• Barbies made after 1972 have painted on eyelashes and generally are not worth anything unless they are in the original box.

• Don't get excited if the year 1966 is stamped on your Barbie's back. All Barbies made since then bear that stamp, because that is the year that the doll's twist and turn waist was invented.

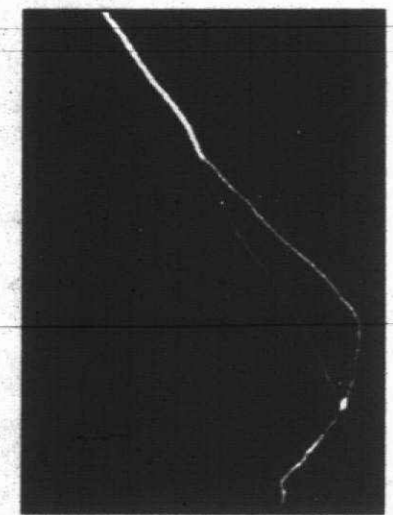
For more information about the Great Lakes Chapter of the Fashion Doll Collectors Club, call Kathleen Dinga of Livonia at (734) 432-5146.

Computer image helps women buy the right bra

BY JUDITH HARRIS SOLOMON
SPECIAL WRITER

In order to give a woman the best fit and silhouette in a brassiere, leading undergarment manufacturer Wacoal, sends a digital imaging machine to department stores for special events.

The Silhouette Analyzer offers a customer an intimate look at her



Sample of the Wacoal computer image.

profile in the form of a computer image.

Sandy Crump, Michigan sales representative for Wacoal, recently made an appearance at Hudson's Oakland Mall store in Troy with The Analyzer.

So in the name of research, this reporter decided to go through "The Wacoal Process."

Crump said every woman should visit her favorite lingerie department at least once a year to be measured and fit for a bra because breast size can change due to weight loss or gain, and due to hormone therapy. Combining the analyzer, a tape measure and her own expertise, Crump fits undergarments.

Here's how it works:

First, I was ushered into a private fitting room and asked to remove my sweater. Then, while wearing the bra I had come in with, Crump used a tape measure to measure me in three different places. (Sorry, I don't think giving the actual numbers will enhance this story in any way.)

Then, I was asked to turn sideways. The Silhouette Analyzer's built-in computer immediately flashed my picture and then drew an outline of my shape which appeared on the private monitor screen.

When Crump fit me with two new bras, the Silhouette Analyzer drew two new silhouettes for comparison. (The analyzer can do three lines at a time.) It was amazing... or should I say uplifting?

I could literally see that the new bras, one in particular, made a big difference in my shape... so I decided to purchase one.

But Crump said one bra is not enough.

"Customers often wear the same bra everyday," she said. "However, you need three bras — one you wear, one in the laundry, and one that is 'resting' after it's been washed. You need 24 hours for Lycra to completely dry and go back to its natural shape and form."

Crump explained that a "measurement" is just that.

"It just puts us in the ballpark and tells us where to begin. Each bra runs different because of the design. Within the size, some will fit better than others and one or two will always be superior for your body frame."

Crump insists she loves her job.

"It's instant gratification when you work with a woman and make her look and feel so much better in her clothes. If the foundation isn't right, then our outer wear doesn't look the best that it can," she said.

Wacoal recently introduced a petite line of bras.

"It's not about size or weight," Crump said. "It's about proportion. These sizes range from a 30AA to a 36B."

This summer, Wacoal will introduce a full-figure seamless bra. Again, the line is not based on clothing size; it is based on cup size and will be for size D and up.

Also new, according to Shelly Hutson of Hudson's, are bras in velvet fabrics and soft colors. Intimate apparel is getting trendier.

"Whatever colors are big that season, we're seeing bras and pants in those colors, too," she said.

This spring, look for light purples, blues, greens and yellows.

Wacoal bra-fitting events utilizing the Silhouette Analyzer are scheduled at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy on April 23 and 24, and at Jacobson's Birmingham store on May 28 and 29.

Uplifting ideas
Did you know that eight out of 10 women wear the wrong bra size? Shelley Hutson, selling manager for dresses and intimate apparel at Hudson's in the Oakland Mall, Troy, said, "Many of our guests have worn the same style and size bra for years, and it might no longer be the best for them."

Your clues are: if the back of the bra rides up too high, the straps are falling down, an underwire is poking you, or you're falling out of the sides.

Hutson says her sales people are all trained to fit bras. However, "if a guest would rather see a vendor specialist, we'll let them know when the next event is going to be."

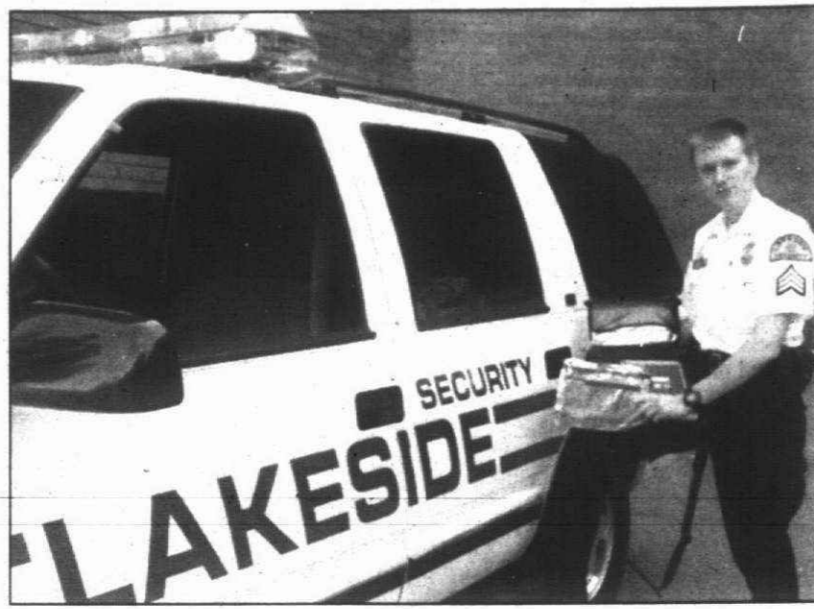


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Playing it safe: Lakeside security officer Scott Opalka holds a compact defibrillator for emergency situations at the mall.

Heart machine is a lifesaver at mall



No one plans on having a heart attack at a shopping mall. But if you want to up your odds of surviving should it happen, pay attention to where you shop. Lakeside has become the first center to train its staff to use a heart defibrillator.

Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights recently purchased a LIFEPAK@500 automated external defibrillator (AED) and has personnel trained to use it on the spot in the event that a shopper suffers cardiac arrest.

According to Physio-Control Corp., which manufactures this device, Lakeside may be just ahead of a national trend by offering this lifesaving capability at a shopping mall.

Physio-Control, based in Redmond, Wash., has already placed more than 7,500 of the units in the hands of police, firefighters, flight attendants and security officers in public venues everywhere from airports to casinos.

Last year, however, a four-year research project presented to the American Heart Association, found large shopping malls in Seattle ranked behind the airport and the county jail as the third most likely place to suffer a heart attack.

Every day, 1,000 Americans suffer cardiac arrest, and more than 95 percent of them die. In many cases, that's because life-saving defibrillators arrive too

late — if at all, according to the AHA.

Lakeside's new AED, a portable version of larger defibrillators found in ambulances and hospital emergency rooms, enables the center's trained security officers to administer on-the-spot defibrillation in the critical minutes before EMS help arrives.

"The cause of most heart attacks is an arrhythmia, or fibrillation," explains Harry Aretakis, M.D., medical director of the Macomb County EMS.

"The key to survival may depend on how rapidly you can defibrillate or jump start — the heart back into its normal rhythm. If trained personnel can do that on the scene, a heart attack victim stands a greater chance of survival."

Defibrillation, which uses an electric shock to jolt a cardiac arrest victim back to life, is the only effective way to counteract two common causes of cardiac arrest, ventricular fibrillation, where the heart's electrical impulses become chaotic and ineffective, and ventricular tachycardia, a too-rapid and therefore ineffective heartbeat.

The portable defibrillator eliminates any chance for human error. The technician attaches the pads to the victim's chest and hits the "start" button. In seconds, the AED analyzes the victim's heart rhythm, determines whether defibrillation is advisable, verbally warns the technician to stand clear of the person and to press the button that activates the potentially life-saving shock.

Thirteen Lakeside security officers became licensed after completing 81 hours each in Medical First Responder (MFR) training, 20 hours of it dedicated to using the center's new defibrillator. The remainder of the training, which covers treatment for everything from seizures and diabetic comas to strokes and childbirth, means that Lakeside shoppers who need it will have trained assistance in a matter of seconds or minutes.

All of the center's remaining officers will eventually complete the training, which is the first level of instruction given to all EMS and EMT personnel.

Lakeside Center is on M-59 and Schoenherr in Sterling Heights.

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, and you should see your input in next Sunday's column. Thank You!

What we found:

• **Cleavvue Glass Cleaner** can be found at all Murray's Discount stores or through Karen Calka (734) 464-6720, a Stanley home products dealer.

• **Yellow toilet tissue** can be found at Danny's on Farmington in Livonia.

• **Embroidery** of names and other things on T-shirts can be ordered at Forest Place Alterations, in downtown Plymouth, or Middle Initial Monogram at Coolidge at 11 Mile, Berkley (248) 544-0886.

• **Replacement tiles for the Scrabble game** can be bought through Milton Bradley Co. Customer Service Department, 443 Shaker Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028. It's \$5.50 for the standard edition, \$6.50 for the deluxe edition.

• For folks looking for the Travel Scrabble with magnetic board, try The WTVS Store of Knowledge at Somerset Collection, Troy. It has a plastic folding case, a game board with raised grid, a storage compartment to neatly tuck away wooden tiles and a cloth storage pouch, \$25.

• For movies try *Movies Unlimited*, (800) 466-8437. They have a million titles to choose from. (*Lady and the Tramp* will be released in September.)

• The cream dishes with a gold edge were spotted at Crate and Barrel, Somerset Collection South.

• We found the book *We Help Daddy*, and a stereo for Kay.

We're still looking for:

• Directions to the game *Water Works* from the '70s for Judy.

• Fred wants slide trays for a Sanyo Slide Projector #550R.

• A Hamilton Beach Micro Mini Food Processor, "Chop Chop."

• Popit Beads in white (pearl looking). They plug into each other to lengthen and pop apart, for Trash.

• Emily is looking for the 1938-40 Quiver yearbook from Pontiac High School.

• Jodie wants Old Diamond Fort cheese in 3 or 5 lb. rounds.

• Katherine is looking for stuffed bunnies, very shaggy, 14-16" tall by Russ for \$25.

• Connie wants small bagels "bagalettes," fresh or frozen.

• Lynda wants crystal stemware by Avon called Hummingbird from the early '90s.

• Anne is looking for Hot Salt from Texas Traditions.

• Keith is looking for an Old Vernon's Ginger Ale glass fountain dispenser.

• Angela is looking for a 10-inch bear sold at Target in 1996 at Christmas. It has red pajamas, Santa hat and rabbit slippers.

• Donna is looking for Fat Free Organic Milk, no pesticides.

• Susan wants Westmoreland milk glass ABC plate, a 7" collectible with a beaded edge.

• Gail is looking for a women's dress shoe in Peau De Soie size 9D.

• Angie from Rochester wants Coppertone #15, TanTone.

• Russ is looking for reproduction photos of old Detroit factories.



Feminine twist: Chinos with a drawstring add a new dimension to the popular pant. These are \$21.99 at Target stores around town.

Chinos

A classic returns to spring

Khakis or chinos, by any name, they're wardrobe essentials. British Lieutenant Harry Lumsden could never be accused of being a slave to fashion back in 1846. Perhaps a slave to comfort, but not to fashion.

The resourceful soldier, based in Punjab, India, where the sun was unforgiving, pitched his official red felt uniform in favor of something more suited to the oppressive climate. He pulled from his steamer trunk cool cotton pajamas and, taking a tip from the natives, dyed the natural cotton with tawny-colored plant extract called mazarin. From that day on, Harry Lumsden would be best known as the inventor of khaki.

In 1884, khaki dye was patented in Manchester, England.

The romance with khaki gained momentum at the turn of the century when foreign war correspondents donned these cool, durable and inconspicuous cotton pants for their dangerous work reporting in the trenches.

Years later, Teddy Roosevelt got hooked on khaki in the form of "safari" jackets that blended into the bush for his hunting expeditions to East Africa.

By the 1940's, Hollywood caught wind of this newest fashion statement that had become synonymous with adventure and courage and quickly added a many khaki jacket to the wardrobe of romantic leads. Leading ladies also got into the act, with Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich and Katherine Hepburn sporting khakis on and off screen.

But it was in the fall of 1945 that khakis really made their transition into civilian life. Khakis, also called chinos, made from military cotton twill fabric, were seen that season on orange campuses around the country as young men returned from the war. Chinos remained popular with the collegiate crowd throughout the 40's and well into the 50's.

In the 60's, women adopted chinos to their wardrobes and have continued to embrace them for comfort, versatility, and style.

Today, chinos are a seasonless staple that can be worn all week long.

The Spiegel catalog offers these ideas for dressing up or dressing down with chinos:

Dressing-up chinos

• Pair chinos with a brightly colored jacket and matching turtle-neck for a pulled together look for the office. Accessorize with high-heeled black oxfords.

• Team chinos with anything knit, especially knit jackets or the newest twinsets in lively colors. Knits travel well and offer seasonless comfort. Add a patent or leather belt, suede or velvet flats or ankle boots and you have a polished look.

• For a look that goes from the office to a weekend getaway, try adding a plaid blazer with a suede collar. Wear it with a rich foulard vest over a denim shirt, then just add chinos and you're ready to go.

• For a hip streetwise chinos look, consider a quilted black leather vest or shaped leather jacket. Wear either over a black turtle-neck or a crisp white shirt and accessorize with black leather high-heeled ankle boots.

• **Carpenter:** Pants with a very wide, straight cut with a flat front. They often have a hoop on the side of the leg (to hold a hammer), as a carpenter's jeans would. Often have large back and front pockets, as well as the occasional side pockets.

• **Cargo:** Similar to carpenter pants but often with larger and lower side and front pockets.

• **Wide-leg:** Wide from the top of the leg to the bottom. A very oversized look.

• **Flare:** Not bell-bottoms, but close. Often low-waisted, flare a bit at the bottom. Sometimes called "boot-cut jeans." More popular with girls than guys.

Dressing down chinos

• For weekends, chinos look great with oversized knit sweaters

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Hudson's style

'RENT' cast models fashion on the edge

Hudson's collection of Advanced Spring Fashions were presented by the cast members of RENT at the Majestic Theatre in Detroit on March 23.

The \$10,000 raised from the fashion party will be used by the Fancub Foundation for the Arts in support of educational programs for the arts in metro Detroit.

About 300 guests enjoyed viewing the hip collections from designers Cynthia Steffe, DKNY for Men, Lola, BCBG, CYNTHIA and Max Studio.

Show highlights included garments of crocheted lace, burnout jersey shirts, sheer net overlay jersey skirts, and colors like paprika, curry, Wedgewood blue, gold, and tones of green.

RENT opens at the Fisher Theater in Detroit on April 8. (Top left) Black T-shirt with white trim by Cheap & Chic, black red, white checked pants by Moschino Jeans. (Right) Camisole by Easel, blue miniskirt by Laundry. Chocolate three-button herringbone blazer, stik short T-shirt and drawstring trouser by DKNY for Men.

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TRAVEL

Modern Abu Dhabi rises on ancient Arab site

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Evelyn Forrest admits that English is the only language she knows and probably the only one she wants to know.

She can't explain why her sons Richard and Chuck have adapted so well to other languages and other cultures. Richard works with the National Wildlife Federation in Japan and speaks fluent Japanese. Chuck works for a British law firm in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates and speaks fluent Arabic.

Her globe-trotting children have allowed Forrest, owner of Help-U-Sell South Oakland and a resident of Birmingham, to see places she'd have never ventured to otherwise.

In December of 1996, she joined Chuck in Abu Dhabi on the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the United Arab Emirates and was surprised to find an ultra modern city with all the comforts of home and then some.

Though she had been to Egypt to visit Chuck in the past, Abu Dhabi sounded a little remote, a little more like those adventure

movies with dusty open market places and jostling crowds.

"I thought it would be dirty, but it wasn't," she said. "Abu Dhabi is very clean."

Her son's interest in the Middle East began in college.

"He went to Yale as an undergraduate and went on a dig to Syria with a professor, where they thought the Ark might have been, if it existed at all," she said. "He got to know the people there in the desert small towns. Anyway, he likes the warm weather."

Following law school at the University of Michigan and momentary notoriety for winning \$172,800 on "Jeopardy" in 1990, Chuck Forrest began working with the U.S. Foreign Service in Dubai. He was also stationed for a summer in Egypt. He now handles contract law for the British firm.

"I had gone to Egypt to visit him and he said, you should come here, it's great," Forrest said. "I was impressed by the place. Until recently they wouldn't allow tourists. Now they're building huge hotels and they have beautiful beaches."

The United Arab Emirates, with a population of 1,206,000 is on the south shore of the Persian Gulf and has become prosperous because of oil.

Forrest displays magazine pictures of the city from just 25 years ago that show a scattering of buildings on a bare desertlike landscape. Today the city (347,000 population) is a glowing vision of white skyscrapers, clean streets and an attractively developed waterfront. Many of the buildings, including some spectacular private residences, have been designed by world-famous architects.

The UAE is not as religiously conservative as Saudi Arabia, its neighbor.

"Saudi Arabia is strictly Muslim and the women cover themselves," Forrest said. "But in the Arab Emirates, foreigners don't have to do that. You have to be sensitive to their religion, but it's not religious like Saudi Arabia or Iran (just across the gulf)."

Forrest said the Arab women were covered in their robes at the market. "But underneath I could see cowboy boots and jeans."

The market in the city is not the open air market usually associated with Arab countries. It is another modern low-rise across from a mosque and surrounded by high-rise office buildings. And it isn't the only place to shop.

"Shoppers can get anything you can get at Somerset, New York City or Beverly Hills, in fact they have more than we have here," Forrest said.

And, though the cities outside of Abu Dhabi have traditional markets and more traditional ways, they also have McDonald's.

"It's kind of sad that everywhere is getting to be like us," Forrest said.

Chuck Forrest lives in a modern high rise apartment house with a beautiful view of the gulf from his window.



Abu Dhabi: Evelyn Forrest found the streets of this United Arab Emirate city bright and modern.

Hatchet man: Chuck Forrest discusses buying a hatchet from a man in Oman.



But, not everything has changed.

Forrest said men and women dance, separately, in the street to traditional goat-skin bagpipes and drums.

"Camels walk around like crows here, outside the city limits," she said.

She wasn't tempted to try camel riding.

"You have to have them lie down before you get on them and they spit, so I didn't think I'd want to do that," she said.

The people are friendly, Forrest said, though when she and her son encountered a man with two hatchets in Oman, she wasn't too sure. It turned out he just wanted to sell the hatchets.

To top off an interesting visit, Forrest helped Abu Dhabi celebrate the birthday of the sheik and the 25th anniversary of the UAE with fabulous fireworks.



Catching a ride: Usually camels do the carrying in the Middle East, but in this case the camels caught a ride.

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GO DUTCH

The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Holland, Mich., Wednesday, May 13, for

the annual Holland Tulip Festival.

The trip departs from the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Center at 7 a.m. The visit will include bleacher seats for the Tulip Festival Parade and a visit to Windmill Island. Cost of the trip is \$55 for West Bloomfield residents and \$60 for non-residents and includes lunch in the Dutch Village at the Queen's Inn. Registration deadline is April 29. Call (248) 738-2500.

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Opened in 1870, Cedar Point is the second oldest operating amusement park in the United States and is home to the largest collection of rides, 60, and roller coasters, 12, in the world.

This summer Cedar Point will

open Power Tower, a 300-foot tall tower that features four 240-foot steel towers and two ride experiences, one going up the tower and the other going down.

BICYCLE REPAIRS

Ken Kalousek will demonstrate "The Five Most Common Repairs," 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at REI, 17559 Haggerty Road, Northville at Six Mile. Kalousek has been a bicycle technician for 11 years. He will discuss flat tire repair, simple brake and derailleur adjustment, chain repair, minor wheel truing and handlebar adjustment. The program is free.

WHITE WATER RAFTING

The Edgerunner Ski Club is sponsoring a white water rafting trip to West Virginia, May 20-31. Downpayment is \$50 per person and due on or before Thursday, April 19. Trip includes all-day rafting on Saturday; two-nights camping; buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday; and an

after-rafting party on Saturday night. Ski Club members pay \$95, non-members pay \$110. Trip is open to anyone older than 18. For more information, contact Schoolcraft College Student Activities Office at (734)462-4422.

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FOUR DIAMONDS

Three restaurants and nine lodging establishments have been awarded AAA's Four Diamond rating for hospitality.

The lodgings are McCamly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek; The Townsend, Birmingham; The Dearborn Inn and Ritz Carlton, Dearborn; The Atheneum Suite Hotel, Detroit; Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids; Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo; the Garland, Lewiston; and the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island.

The restaurants are Tribute, Farmington Hills; Webster's, Kalamazoo; and The Lark, West Bloomfield.

HEY KIDS

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Mitey Sharks win title

The Plymouth-Canton Mitey Sharks captured the LCAHL Mitey B Tier One hockey championships (six-seven year olds) with an exciting 2-1 triumph over the Plymouth-Canton Killer Sharks in the championship game March 16 at Joe Louis Arena.

Defense was the difference for the Mitey Sharks throughout the season, and it was in the title contest, too. The Mitey Sharks killed a two-man advantage power play for the Killer Sharks in the game's final 1:18 to preserve the win.

Kyle Betz, named the game's most valuable player, scored the game-winning goal late in the second period. Dajon Mingo got the Mitey Sharks first goal; Cory Price scored for the Killer Sharks early in the second period.

The Mitey Sharks finished with a 23-4-2 overall record, surrendering just 36 goals.

Other team members: Sandro Sgambati, Jason Payne, Nick MacDiarmid, Ben Cote, Bryan Davison, Josh McGuire, Trevor McCarty, Anthony Bonnett, Tim Kott, Jake Jossey, Kyle Powell, Kyle Callahan, Kyle Reno and Nick Bargowski. The team is coached by Tim Davison, Serge Cote and Paul Powell; Lori Davison is the team manager.

Hamilton still hot

Sarah Hamilton, a junior middle-distance runner for University of Michigan's track team from Canton (Plymouth Salem HS), helped the Lady Wolverines get their outdoor season off to a fast start at the Arizona State Castilo Invitational March 27-28 in Tempe, Arizona.

Hamilton recorded one of U-M's three first-place finishes. She won the 800-meters in 2:12.37, and she also placed second (to teammate Katie McGregor) in the 1,500 in 4:26.0.

Club meetings

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 165 of Plymouth Canton HS. Topics to be discussed include fund-raising goals for the 1998 season.

All parents of current Canton football players are requested to attend. Also, parents who will have freshmen football players this fall are encouraged to attend. Future meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month (same time, same location).

For more information, call Anne Sicilia at (734) 397-3046.

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 103 of Plymouth Canton HS. All residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township are invited to attend.

Tryouts, fundraising, field improvements, scheduling, registration results, field assignments and promotional items will be discussed.

Also, PCJBL will hold late registration for all of its leagues from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 in the Canton HS cafeteria.

For more information, call Ray Barnes at (734) 981-5170.

Canton rec offerings

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering adult tennis lessons, the first session running April 27-May 20. There are two groups: beginners, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays; and advanced, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays. All will be at Griffin Park.

Cost is \$30 for Canton residents and \$35 for non-residents. Those interested must be at least 16 years of age.

Register in person at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit on the Park, Canton. For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

There are still openings for men's teams in the Adult Softball League sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services. Play begins in late April.

Cost is \$290 per team. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to Plymouth/Canton Sports, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Canton, Salem open with victories



A flying start is just what a track team wants and both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem got their girls teams out of the blocks in good shape.

Visiting Canton edged Westland John Glenn, 67 1/2 to 60 1/2 Thursday while Salem stayed home and drilled Livonia Churchill, 106-22.

John Glenn scored heavily in the field events, except in the long jump where Nkechi Okwumabua won with a leap of 16-feet, 9-inches to defeat the Rockets' Nicollette Jarrett by seven inches.

Okwumabua won the 100-meter dash with a 13.4

clocking but Jarrett took the 200 in 27.9. Jaclyn Bernard doubled for the Chiefs, winning the 800 with a time of 2:48.1 plus the 1,600 in 6:09.7. Canton's Ashleigh Williams took the 400 in 1:05.6.

The Chiefs won the two longer relays. They finished first with a time of 4:35.0 in the 1,600 and won the 3,200 at 11:22.8.

Amy Rogerson, Taerra Kubert, Williams and Crystal Alderman ran the 1,600 with Christine Keena, Sarah Ware, Amy Dupuis and Bernard running the 3,200.

Salem blitzed Churchill in its season-starter. "We had a couple of slip-ups here and there," Coach Mark Gregor of the Rocks said, "but we got through it

OK. "It was much more than I expected it to be. I didn't expect anything that one-sided."

Tiffany Grubaugh captured two field events. She won the shot put with a distance of 32-feet, 4 1/4 inches and then had an even 111 feet to take the discus. Autumn Hicks won the high jump at 4-feet, 10-inches.

Valerie Brown's 17.4 was best of the 100-meter hurdle competitors while Hannah Watts won the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 53.2.

Salem's Rachel Jones doubled, recording a 13.28 to

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Reason to roar: Harold Druken celebrates after scoring in the first period (above), but the other Whalers, like Yuri Babenko (right), couldn't put the puck past the Bulls' Shawn Gallant.

Not so fast Bulls block Whalers path

Not yet. The Plymouth Whalers missed a chance to close its Ontario Hockey League playoff series with Belleville Friday by dropping a less than spirited 3-2 home game.

Belleville dominated for two periods, then held the Whalers off in the third. Plymouth, which leads the series 3-1, will try to wrap it up tonight on the road.

"We weren't sharp at all," Whalers' coach Peter DeBoer said. "I thought we played one good period. You can't play 20 minutes and expect to beat a good team like Belleville."

Plymouth trailed 3-1 going into the third period. That deficit could and

probably should've been worse. But netminder Robert Esche was outstanding, saving 36 of 39 Bulls' shots.

"He kept us in the game and made a lot of great saves," DeBoer said. "He was fantastic. He has given us a chance to win every night."

Plymouth needed Esche to stand on his head, especially early in Friday's contest.

The Bulls came charging out of the gate and had six shots on the board in less than four minutes. Belleville forechecked aggressively as the puck rarely left the Whalers' zone.

Plymouth, in fact, didn't get a shot

Please see **WHALERS, D4**



Northville rallies to upend Chiefs

After six innings of nothing, the seventh was explosive in Plymouth Canton's season-opening baseball game Friday at Northville.

The Chiefs capitalized on two Mustang errors in the top of the seventh to manufacture a run, but in the bottom of the inning a lead-off single by Tim Edick was followed by a two-run home run by Rob Reed, giving Northville a 2-1 triumph.

Canton is 0-1 overall and in the

BASEBALL

Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Northville is 2-0 overall, 1-0 in the division.

Tucker was cruising along until the seventh. He had allowed just three hits and two walks, striking out seven.

However, Northville's Kevin Gilchrist was every bit his equal.

Gilchrist surrendered two hits in the game, walking one and striking out three to earn the victory.

In the top of the seventh, Canton's David Kwiatkowski reached base on an error by the third baseman. Pat Hall's sacrifice bunt moved him up, and Kwiatkowski scored the Chiefs' only run on an error on Joe Cortellini's ground ball.

Canton's only hits were a single by Andrew Copenhaver in the first and a

double by Phil Ross in the third.

W.L. Central 4, Salem 3: It was all there for the taking for Plymouth Salem Friday at Walled Lake Central.

The Rocks led 3-1 with two out and no one on base in Central's fifth inning. But Kurt Berlin, who walked just two in the game, issued one to David Crissman, and it came at a bad

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Canton: keep the momentum in high gear

Keeping the momentum going from last year will be the goal of the Plymouth Canton baseball team as it opens its 1998 season.

After a slow start, the Chiefs rebounded last season to finish 14-16, which included an 8-7 victory over a heavily favored Redford Catholic Central team in the district tournament. Canton was later knocked out in the district final by Livonia Stevenson.

Canton should be able to keep the winning going under fourth-year coach Scott Dickey, as the Chiefs return a young, but experienced squad.

The Chiefs did graduate two of their starting outfielders - Jeff Opaliniski and Pat Noonan (.319, 25 RBI) - along with shortstop Neil Wildfong (.371), second baseman Nathan Copenhaver and hurler Jason Mortiere (3-5, 4.09 ERA).

But Dickey is confident his team has what it takes to get

See **CANTON OUTLOOK, D3**



Big bat: One reason for optimism at Canton is the overall play of catcher Dave Kwiatkowski.

Winning the close games is key for Salem

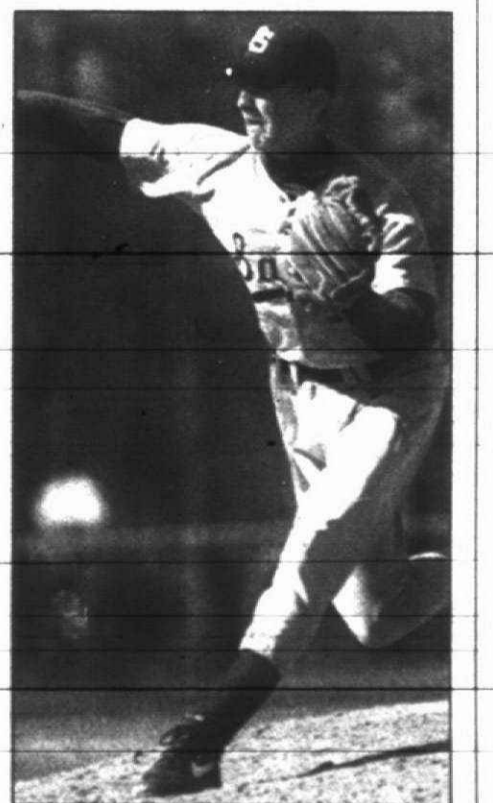
Talk about having bad luck. Last season's baseball season for Plymouth Salem can be summed up in one word - frustrating - as the Rocks lost 10 one-run games to finish 11-18.

With the loss of All-Observersland catcher Ryan Rumberger, things may appear to be bleak for Salem. Rumberger, who is now catching at the University of Detroit-Mercy, was named the MVP in the Michigan High School All-Star game following a season where he batted .464 with seven homers and 25 RBI.

But his father, fourth-year head coach Dale Rumberger, believes he has a young and dangerous squad led by an impressive pitching staff.

Leading the guns is senior Kurt Berlin, who was a victim of the close losses last season. The 6-foot-5 hurler finished 2-6, but had a low 1.81 ERA.

See **SALEM OUTLOOK, D3**



Returning ace: Kurt Berlin, Salem's best pitcher last season, is back to lead the Rocks.

Chiefs open with mercy of Northville

Considering that Plymouth Canton had lost 12 seniors from its Western Lakes Activities Association championship softball team of a year ago, and that their all-conference pitcher, Gretchen Hudson, was injured and unavailable, their opener looked very much like a no-brainer. But they were not. No need to worry, however, Jenny Fisher was more than equal to the task of filling in for Hudson, stopping the Mustangs on two hits and a walk as the Chiefs posted a 12-2, five-inning mercy victory.

"I was very pleased with what happened," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "The kids played extremely well, they were good defensively and they did not have a strikeout."

The Chiefs scored their 12 runs on just seven hits, taking advantage of eight walks and six errors by Northville. Shelly Priebe was the only Canton player with two hits; she also drove in two runs.

Canton is 1-0 overall and in the Western

SOFTBALL

Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Northville is 0-2 overall and 0-2 in the W.L.A.A.

Hudson, who hurt her elbow throwing two weeks ago, is just getting back in shape. She is currently available, but probably won't pitch until the end of the week.

All three of Canton's teams got victories against Northville. The freshmen won 12-11 and the junior varsity posted a 19-7 triumph.

W.L. Central 10, Salem 3: Maybe things haven't changed all that much for Plymouth Salem.

Walled Lake Central took full advantage of the free passes issued by the Rocks, breaking Friday's game at Salem open with a four-run seventh.

Salem is 0-1 overall and 0-1 in the W.L.A.A.'s Lakes Division. Central is 1-1 overall, 1-0 in the Lakes.

Shannon Coultas took the loss for the Rocks, allowing 10 runs on six hits and 17 walks. He struck out four.

Kami Scott was the winner for the Vikings, surrendering three runs on six hits and three walks, striking out eight. She also had two hits.

Stefanie Volve led Salem with two hits, including a double. Karen Prosyk had a hit and an RBI, and Coultas had a double and scored two runs.

Salem led 2-0 after two innings, but Central struck for four runs in the third and two more in the fourth. The Rocks closed to within 6-3 with a run in the fourth, but could get no closer.

"We have to get our pitching in order and get our bats going," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland.

Canton can't quite catch up to Rockets

BOYS TRACK

Plymouth Canton's boys track team got off to a good start even though the outcome wasn't all that great.

Visiting Westland John Glenn defeated Canton, 73-63, Thursday night but the Chiefs' young runners made an impressive debut.

"A lot of our freshmen and sophomores had a chance to compete," Coach Bob Richardson said. "About one-fourth of our points were scored by freshmen."

The big news for Canton was a noise made by shot putter Kevin Keil.

Keil captured the shot put and the discus in the meet, throwing the shot a school record 51-feet, 7-inches. That thumped the old record of 48-feet, 1-inch set in 1993 by Tom Raven.

Keil's winning discus toss was an even 154 feet.

"A big hat off and congratulations to Kevin Keil," Richardson said. "He's one of our senior captains who's heading for Central Michigan in the fall."

"He'll be throwing the shot and discus up there. It was an exciting meet. It came down to the last event. The place was rocking."

"It was the biggest track crowd I've seen in quite a while, outside of the Canton-Salem meet."

Moore took the 1600 with a time of 4:47.5 while Larry Anderson captured the 400 in 53.7.

Eric Larsen, his basketball season behind him, turned it on over 200 yards and took first place with a time of 24.1 seconds. Bryan Boyd won the 3200 in 10:45.4.

"We got a big meet out of Eric Larsen," Richardson said. "He won the 200, was second in the long jump and third in the high jump. He was also on a relay we didn't score in. He had a huge day."

"Moore, one of our other captains, was a double winner. He was the anchor on our 1600 relay."

A good result for the Chiefs as they grow this season.

win the 100 meters and winning the 200 with a time of 27.9.

Shannon Will's 1:10.4 was best in the 400, Katie Bonner won the 800 with a 2:34.0 clocking. Alyson Flohr won the 1,600 in 5:34.7 and Rachael Moraitis took the 3,200 with a time of 12:45.6.

Ashley Fillian was second in the 1,600 at 5:36.2 and Jenny Hefner took second in the discus with an effort of 83-feet, 8-inches.

The Rocks took three of the four relay events.

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Eagles seeking success

What can the Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team possibly do for an encore?

PCA BASEBALL

Last season, the Eagles finished 25-6 and won their first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title in 10 years before losing to Bloomfield Hills Roper 7-6 in the district championship game.

This season will be more challenging, however, as the Eagles move up to the MIAC's Blue Division, a definite improvement in the level of talent PCA experienced last season in the league's Red Division.

"My concern is that we're moving up a division from one where we were 8-0 last season," PCA coach Sam Gaines said. PCA will have to compete against larger schools like Southfield Christian, Allen Park, Inter-City Baptist, Oakland Christian, Taylor Baptist Park and Roper.

Plus, PCA will have to try to duplicate last season's success under Gaines, a new coach, who replaced Dave Robillard who is concentrating on his professional golf career.

But Gaines isn't really new. He has spent the past few seasons coaching the j.v. team, and had coached the varsity squad from 1985 to 1988. Gaines also has Jim Jones at his side; PCA's pitching and catching coach who assisted Robillard last season.

The Eagles will have to fill the voids left by several key cogs from last year's squad - most notably center fielder Chris DeRenzo, an All-Conference performer who hit .500 in the league.

Also gone is reliever Jim Speier (4-2), second baseman

Doug Robillard and pitcher Nathan Bryant.

But the good news is that senior James Jones returns. The senior was 11-1 last season as PCA's ace. He also hit .300 and will be the team's No. 3 hitter, and back-up catcher.

"He is our go-to-guy on the mound," Gaines said. "He's not overpowering, but he has good control and a good head for pitching. And he's a good contact hitter with a great eye."

Senior Zack Parton returns as the team's second starter. Parton, who was 4-2 last season, is a junk ball pitcher with good control. He has fought arm problems, but is healthy this season.

Junior Andy Powers makes the move up from j.v. to be the third starter. The lefty can also play outfield and has offensive capability.

Junior Bill Kiesel will replace Speier as the closer. The power pitcher currently has a sore arm, but will be ready to go soon. Gaines said others will also find time on the mound.

The offense will be led by senior shortstop Jon Isensee, the team's clean-up hitter, who batted over .500 last season.

"He is our Mr. Baseball," Gaines said of the All-Conference performer. "He eats, breathes and lives baseball, and has great hustle."

Junior Randy Dahlman will bat second and play third base, while senior Chris Brandon will be on the opposite corner, playing first base and batting fifth.

especially at second base and shortstop," Rumberger said. "You can't give teams four or five chances to score an inning."

Rumberger said he will probably interchange Lukasik, Runchey or Hoben (a transfer from Florida) at third base throughout the season.

Junior Joe Rizzi will be a key cog in the Salem lineup. The lefty designated hitter may be the team's most dependable hitter, according to Rumberger.

"This is a young team with not a lot of varsity experience, but I believe once they have a few games under their belt, they should really take off," Rumberger said.

"This is a hard working group and there isn't a bad apple in the bunch. There are a lot of strong teams in our league, but because no one knows a lot about us, I think we have the ability to sneak up on some teams which is in our favor."

With the increase in talent, Rumberger believes this team has the potential to contend in the Western Lakes Activities Association - but he isn't taking anything for granted.

"Because we lost a lot of close games last season, we've been working on sacrifice bunting, pitcher's defense, outfield relays, base running and communication," Rumberger said. "It was the small things last season that cost us the big games."

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a great change-up and spots his fastball well." Rumberger said. "When he's on, he's as good as any pitcher we've ever had."

Jason Lukasik is a hard throwing sophomore with a fastball hitting 87 mph. He reminds Rumberger of former Salem standout Scott Rodgers, who went on to pitch at Kent University.

The third starter will be senior Jason Cox (3-2, 2.91 ERA). The crafty southpaw has a variety of effective off-speed pitches.

The Rocks also have strong middle relievers in juniors Geoff Bennett and Mike Hoben and senior Scott Hay. Hay (2-4, 3.51 ERA) led the Rocks in appearances last season and has excellent control, as evidenced by allowing only six walks in 50 innings of work last season.

The closer for the Rocks is Brandon Bray. The hard throwing junior, nicknamed "beefcake," recorded two wins and two saves last season.

"I think we'll score, but I don't think we'll need a lot of runs to win games with our pitching staff," Rumberger said. "I have a lot of confidence in our pitchers."

The other strength of the Salem team is the outfield, where Rumberger can interchange a group of five players.

Senior Jamie LaGrow returns as the team's leading hitter from last season (.370) and will most likely start in left field.

Senior Phil Cosens is penciled in for right field. Cosens was injured most of last season, but did collect 10 hits in 24 at bats. In center field will be junior Chris Lukaski, a fast player who will start the season third in the Salem lineup.

Bennett and junior Nick Eichner round out the impressive group of outfielders.

"This is the best group of outfielders I've ever had," Rumberger said. "It's a deep group of talented players and it doesn't matter where I play any of them."

Replacing the departed Rumberger behind the plate will be junior Brett Burleson who will bat cleanup. Burleson, who batted .312 as a designated hitter last season, has improved in part to new corrective contact lenses.

Backing up Burleson at catcher is junior Richard Stankov, who at 6-3, 200 pounds is the largest catcher Rumberger has ever played.

At first base is 6-7 Ben Szczepanski, a power hitter with good range on defense. Rumberger plans on platooning senior lefty Mark Runchey with junior right-hander Corey Wacker at second base.

At shortstop will most likely be senior Tony Bernhardt (.294). Salem's lead-off hitter who struggled with the glove last season. When Lukasik isn't pitching, he may also play shortstop or third base.

"My concern is if we'll be able to pick up the ball on the infield,

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over the 500 mark.

The main reason for Dickey's optimism is the return of senior catcher David Kwiatkowski. The All-Division performer batted .430, ripped three homers and recorded 15 RBI.

"David should be one of the better players in the league," Dickey said. "It also helps our pitching staff to have an experienced catcher behind the plate."

Canton also has an experienced infield, with the exception of second base, where three players will battle for the starting spot.

The leading candidate as second base is freshman Oliver Wolcott, who has shown promise with the bat. Senior Mike Rourke and junior Steve Luack may also find time at the spot.

There is no question who will play first where senior Pat Van Hull (.360) returns. On the other corner, junior Joe Cortellini will play third and hope to improve on his hitting performance of last season.

Junior Andrew Copenhaver (.319) will make the transition from third base to shortstop.

The only returning outfielder is center fielder Kyle Richardson (.275). Others battling for outfield spots include seniors Jeff Page and Brent Koswick, and juniors Phil Ross, Ron McCue, Ben Tucker, Mike Crodelle and Kevin Thomasaitis.

"We're strong up the middle with Kwiatkowski, Copenhaver and Richardson," Dickey said. "If we can throw strikes, than we should be ok."

The job of throwing strikes will be left up to a pitching staff known for control and finesse.

Three pitchers from last season return, led by Tucker. The right-hander finished 5-3 with a 2.88 ERA last season.

Other experienced hurlers are Rourke, a control pitcher who was 3-1, 3.17 ERA last year, and Page, a lefty who compiled a 1-1 mark with a 4.92 ERA.

Dickey added that Thomasaitis, Cortellini, McCue and junior David Winter may also see time on the mound.

Playing important back-up roles will be sophomore Brayn Kay at catcher, Thomasaitis at first base and Winter at third



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ROUNDUP

Open qualifier

The 83rd Michigan Open is scheduled for June 29-July 2 at The Bear at Grand Traverse Resort. There are eight qualifying sites for this annual golf classic, featuring the state's best amateurs and professionals.

There are four qualifiers scheduled for Monday, May 18: at The Fortress in Frankenmuth; at Franklin Hills Country Club in Franklin; at the Glacier Club in Washington; and at Gull Lake Country Club in Rich Lake.

There are four more qualifiers slated for Tuesday, May 19: at Egypt Valley CC in Aa; at Katke-Cousins Golf Club in Rochester; at The Legend in Bellaire; and at Walnut Hills CC in East Lansing.

Entry forms are available at any of the qualifying sites or by calling the Michigan Section PGA at (734) 522-2323. Entry deadline is Monday, May 4.

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on net until the 15:05 mark. Belleville finally got one by Esche with 6:40 gone in the period as defenseman Joel Desainde scored on a slapshot from the left point.

"They were playing for their lives," DeBoer said of Belleville's quick start. "I think they did all of the little things that made us successful in the first three games."

Plymouth caught a break shortly after the goal. A metal support for the glass above the boards near Belleville's net was dislodged after several players crashed into it with about eight minutes gone by in the period.

Legwand began the play behind the Belleville goal. Legwand snapped a pass to defenseman Paul Mara who then sent a perfect centering pass to Druken in front of the Bulls' net.

Druken one-timed it past Belleville goalie Shawn Gallant to tie the game at 1-1.

The Whalers were unable to sustain an offensive attack in the second period, however. Belleville continued to play hard, physical hockey and control play.

It paid off on the scoreboard as the Bulls got two by Esche in second period. Andrei Shurapov scored on a rebound at 17:42 and Dan Cleary made it 3-1 with a backhand at 5:23.

Shots on goal told the story. Belleville blizzeted Plymouth's net with 17 shots in the period and held a 30-17 advantage heading into the third.

The Whalers got untracked in the

final period. Druken cut Belleville's lead to one with his second goal at 17:45.

Plymouth continued to press the rest of the way. Belleville's Gallant was equal to the task, though, turning away nine Whalers' shots.

Despite the loss, DeBoer thinks his team can close Belleville out tonight.

"I think we can go in there and win," he commented. "We're still a pretty confident team."

Whalers 4, Bulls 3 (OT): Talk about dodging bullets.

The Plymouth Whalers were just one clearing pass down the ice from the realization that their OHL quarterfinal series lead against the Belleville Bulls was about to be cut in half, and that they would indeed have to make a return trip to this small Ontario town.

Trailing 3-2 in the closing seconds of regulation, team captain Andrew Taylor

stepped into the breach to knock in his second goal of the period — and his seventh of the playoffs — knotting the game at 3-3 with just nine seconds remaining.

Overtime beckoned, and the Whalers had the momentum. Julian Smith turned that into a Whaler victory, netting the game-winner just 1:46 into the sudden-death extra session to give Plymouth the victory and a 3-0 series lead in front of 3,109 mostly disappointed fans in Belleville Wednesday.

Until that final goal, the Whalers had led just once in the game, on Harold Druken's first-period power-play goal at the 9:25 mark. Taylor — and Yuri Babenko assisted.

Belleville tied it on a goal by Joel Trotter 7:09 later, then broke the 1-1 tie with a score by Jonathan Cheechoo at 11:45 of the second period.

Taylor's first goal in the third period, on a power play at the 3:29 mark, retied the game at 2-2. But the Bulls struck again, this time getting a marker from Derek Campbell at 10:56, giving them a 3-2 advantage and setting the stage for Taylor's late-game heroics.

David Legwand assisted on both of Taylor's third-period goals, with Nik Teslos getting one on his first and Druken adding one on the second. Paul Mara and Randy Fitzgerald drew assists on Taylor's game-winner.

Not to be overlooked in this nail-biter was the goaltending of the Whalers' Robert Esche, who faced 45 shots and made 42 saves in getting the win, his third-straight by a single goal. Shawn Gallant was in the net for Belleville; he had 23 saves.

Plymouth was 2-of-5 on the power play, while the Bulls were 0-for-6.

Experienced Shamrocks could be contenders

In baseball, it's always assumed that pitching is the name of the game.

"But if you include hitting, then Redford Catholic Central may have something special going into the 1998 season."

The Shamrocks took theirumps last year with a young squad, finishing 18-14 and failing to get out of the districts.

But this spring the Shamrocks appear to have many of the pieces in place to contend with Birmingham Brother Rice and Warren DeLaSalle for the Central Division title in the Catholic

CC BASEBALL

League. Coach John Salter, entering his 18th season, may not be able to put two pitchers of the caliber of Rice's duo of 6-foot-7 lefty Tom Marx (bound for Miami of Florida), and 6-6 right-hander Jon Poyer, but he might have the best offensive team in the Catholic League.

Junior shortstop Dave Lusky, a first-team All-Observer pick, returns after leading the team

with 36 RBI. He also hit .383. Junior center fielder Bob Malek is coming off a .446 campaign, while junior first baseman-outfielder Casey Rogowski hit .406 with 18 RBI.

Junior catcher Chris Woodruff batted .291 with 15 RBI and senior second baseman Matt Firlik hit .286 with 18 RBI.

"We're young, but experienced in the sense that a lot of sophomores played last year," said Salter, in his 18th year. "Offensively we should be strong. Rogowski, Lusky, Toney and Woodruff can hit with power. But we also have some base hiters."

"We should be strong defensively. We have average speed, but Malek and Firlik run well."

Two experienced pitchers also return in senior right-hander Tony Nozewski (5-1, 3.04 ERA)

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time — because the next batter, Joe Paletta, slugged a game-tying home run.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Vikings scored the game-winner on Ryan Wing's single with two out. In fact, all of their runs scored with two out.

Berlin deserved a better fate. He went all six innings for Salem, giving up three earned runs on six hits, two walks and one hit batsman. He struck out three.

Central's Shawn Morrison was the winning pitcher, surviving one bad inning. He gave up just four hits, with one hit batter and no walks, striking out eight.

Salem scored all three of its

runs in the second, getting all four of its hits in the frame. Joe Rizzi started it with a single, with Jason Lukasik following with another base hit that sent Rizzi to third. Lukasik then stole second and Ben Szczepanski followed with a two-run double.

The next two batters struck out for the Rocks, but after Szczepanski moved to third on a passed ball, Tony Bernhardt delivered him with a clutch, two-out single.

Central's Paletta was the only player to collect two hits in the game.

Salem is 0-1 overall and in the WLA's Lakes Division. Central is 1-0 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes.

Rabe's 1-hitter jolts defending champs

BASEBALL

Tim Reeves collected the lone Glenn hit.

Troos, Taylor and Bryan Glazer each collected two hits for the Raiders.

Glenn starter Josh Utley, who worked four innings before giving way to Dale Hayes in the fifth, suffered the loss.

Clinging to a 2-1 lead, North exploded for six runs in the bottom of the fifth as Glenn committed three errors.

CHURCHILL 14, GLENN 10: You could tell it was the season opener Thursday as each team made seven errors.

The Chargers trailed 10-7 before taking an 11-10 lead with a four-run inning.

Leading the 13-hit Churchill attack were Brett Wells, who hit a three-run homer in the first inning, Corey Cook was 3-for-4, while Eric Lightie and Ryan Vickers clipped in with a pair of hits.

Justin Fendeliet had three of Glenn's 13 hits.

John Ross, who was the most effective of three Churchill pitchers, picked up the win by holding the Rockets scoreless for the final 3 1/3 innings.

Justin Draughn started before giving way to Andy Shoemaker in the third inning.

Taking the loss for Glenn was starter Chet Rees. Mike Swafford and Josh Utley finished the game in relief for the Rockets.

REDFORD UNION 16, FRANKLIN 1: RU's Panthers couldn't have asked for a better start Thursday, beating the host Patriots in a five-inning mercy in the season opener for both teams.

The Panthers collected 12 hits in support of the combined four-hit pitching of Joel Halliday and Mike Macek.

RU sent 13 batters to the plate in the first inning when it scored 10 runs off Franklin's starting and losing pitcher Tony Sala. Brad Proffler came on in relief in the second inning.

Franklin's run came in the third when Rob Remer singled, stole second base and came home on a single by Brian Waldo.

BASEBALL

Ray Rabe pitched a one-hit shutout Friday as Livonia Stevenson opened the 1998 baseball season with a 5-0 win over defending Lakes Division champion Farmington.

Rabe, a junior right-hander, struck out nine for the host Spartans.

He gave up five walks, hit four batters and allowed a single to Brad Baber.

"The kid (Rabe) threw a good ballgame and beat us," Farmington coach Tim Schaffer said.

Rabe also helped his own cause with an RBI single. Joe Suchar also knocked in a pair of runs with a single, while Dave Stando contributed an RBI single.

Farmington's Charley Avery suffered the loss as the Falcons dropped to 0-3 on the season.

CHURCHILL 6, FRANKLIN 2: Winning pitcher Nick Lamb hurled five strong innings, allowing three hits and five walks, and reliever Corey Cook closed the door as Livonia Churchill (2-0) earned a WLA-Western Division victory Friday over host Livonia Franklin (0-2).

Cook, who struck out the side in the sixth inning, held Franklin hitless over the final two innings to pick up the save.

Dave Word, who worked all seven innings for the Patriots, allowed eight hits, three walks and fanned seven.

Eric Lightie went 2-for-3, including a double and two RBI for the victorious Chargers. Brett Wells added two hits and an RBI.

Brian Waldo clubbed a 2-run homer for Franklin in the third inning. He also singled.

N. FARMINGTON 9, JOHN GLENN 2: Thirteen radar guns were on hand Friday to witness host North Farmington's WLA Lakes Division victory over Westland John Glenn (0-2).

Jeff Trzoa, a 6-foot-6 lefty who signed with Michigan, struck out six, walked one and did not allow a hit in three innings. Kirk Taylor, a 6-6 left-hander, fanned four in two hitless innings.

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Crusader throws a no-hitter

It was a good day — and a well-deserved one — for Madonna University softball pitcher Angie VanDoorn.

A senior, VanDoorn had struggled to a 2-4 record as the Lady Crusaders' No. 1 pitcher, although she had an exceptional 1.08 earned run average. That changed last Thursday against visiting Cornerstone College.

VanDoorn tossed her first-ever collegiate no-hitter in the opener, walking three and striking out seven in Madonna's 7-0 triumph.

She followed that by pitching five innings of one-hit relief in the nightcap as the Crusaders came from behind to beat Cornerstone 6-5.

The two wins evened VanDoorn's record at 4-4. Cornerstone is 3-7 overall, 0-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

In the opener, Christy Riopelle's three-run double was the key hit. Jamie Cook added two hits, while Shawna Greene and Jamie Heins scored two runs apiece. Greene had one hit and Heins had one RBI.

The second game was nearly as dramatic, although not so good in execution. Madonna took a 4-3 lead into the sixth inning, but three errors led to two Cornerstone runs and a 5-4 advantage.

The Crusaders turned that around when Greene got a one-out base hit in the seventh. She stole second, went to third on a passed ball, then scored the game-tying run on Riopelle's sacrifice fly to right field.

The game-winner was scored by Riopelle, who walked to lead off the bottom of the ninth. Two more walks and three wild pitches got her home.

In her five innings of relief — Shanna Price started for Madonna, allowing three runs (two earned) on four hits and two walks, with three strikeouts in four innings — VanDoorn gave up two unearned runs on a hit and two walks, striking out three.

Riopelle was 3-for-3 at the plate, with two runs scored and an RBI. Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) and Angela Litwin (from Plymouth Canton) each contributed two hits. Litwin scoring twice, Marissa Mittleman added a hit and an RBI for the Crusaders.

BASEBALL

Pitching and defense, two parts of the game that Madonna University's baseball team had not fared well at, were the difference Thursday in the Fighting Crusaders double-header sweep of Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids.

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Rockets stop Hawks

SOFTBALL

Stacy Piper absorbed the losses in both games for Cornerstone.

Concordia 5-4, Madonna 1-2: One pitcher ruined the Crusaders Friday in Ann Arbor.

Concordia's Kori Kennedy beat Madonna in both ends of this WHAC double-header, tossing a three-hitter in the opener and

allowing one unearned run, with three walks and nine strikeouts, then following that up with a seven-hitter in the nightcap, surrendering two runs with no walks and 11 strikeouts.

The Cardinals improved to 10-4 overall; Madonna slipped to 11-8-1 overall, 4-4 in the WHAC.

VanDoorn took the loss in the first game, slipping to 4-5. She gave up five earned runs on five hits, and three walks, striking out one.

Greenlee led the Crusader offense with two hits. Vicki Malkowski chipped in with a triple and an RBI, and Stacey Piorkowski had a single and an RBI.

SOCCER

Westland John Glenn struck for four second-half goals Friday en route to a 4-0 Western Lakes girls soccer win over host Farmington Harrison.

Junior goalkeeper Roia Amad made nine saves in posting the shutout.

Junior Katie Krause, sophomore Valerie Kurzynski and Noelle Swartz, along with freshman Sarah Pack, scored goals for the Rockets.

Pack also had two assists, while Swartz and freshman Lacey Catarino contributed one apiece.

REBINA 7, LADYWOOD 0: Freshman Kisha Bahadu and senior Katie Pitarako each scored twice Thursday, leading Harper Woods Regine (1-1) to a Catholic League Central Division win over visiting Livonia Ladywood (0-3).

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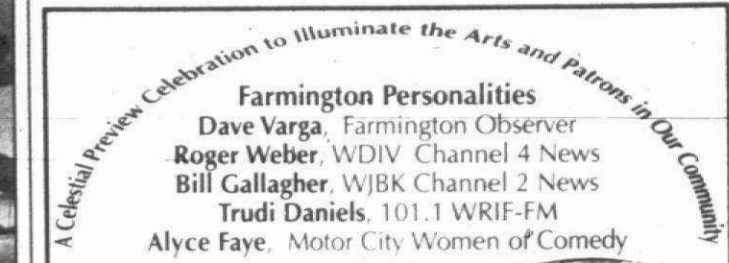
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Farmington Personalities: Dave Varga, Farmington Observer; Roger Varga, WDIV Channel 4 News; Bill Gallagher, WJBK Channel 2 News; Trudi Daniels, 101.1 WRIF-FM; Alyce Faye, Motor City Women of Comedy.



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\$15 per person - \$25 per couple guest artists - The Matt Michaels Trio For information: 248-478-3256 Black tie optional Sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc.

Area hockey skills center planned

The owners of Arctic Pond say their new hockey skill development center should be open by June, after receiving special land use approval from the Plymouth Township planning commission Wednesday night.

The commission's approval means the group can move forward with plans to turn the former Plymouth Bowl bowling alley into a hockey skill development center.

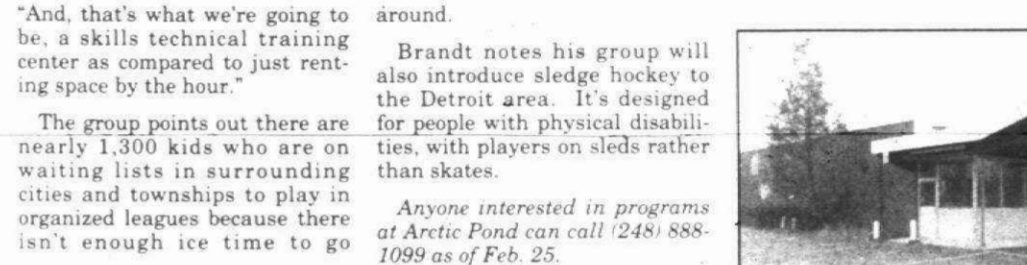
Investors say they will spend \$1.4 million to buy and renovate the facility. Plans call for an ice rink just short of National Hockey League specifications, dressing rooms, pro shop, concessions and seating for about 300 people. It's scheduled to be open from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Arctic Pond, Inc. consists of three partners: John Stankis and Jim Young of Livonia, plus Ken Brands of Plymouth. The trio believes if all goes well, Arctic Pond will open by June 15, when the summer skills program is set to begin.

The group is welcoming plans for ice rinks in Canton and Novi, saying they will actually increase business for Arctic Pond.

"All these kids are going to be seeking additional training and skill development, along with their program," said Brandt.

New development: Arctic Pond, an ice hockey skills development center, is planned for the vacant Plymouth Lanes bowling center on Plymouth Road (below).



And, that's what we're going to be, a skills technical training center as compared to just renting space by the hour. Brandt notes his group will also introduce sled hockey to the Detroit area. It's designed for people with physical disabilities, with players on sleds rather than skates. The group points out there are nearly 1,300 kids who are on waiting lists in surrounding cities and townships to play in organized leagues because there isn't enough ice time to go around.

Anyone interested in programs at Arctic Pond can call (248) 888-1099 as of Feb. 25.

Mail scheme reported to attorney general

A Plymouth man says a letter he received from Nigeria promising him \$4.76 million figured his interest. The letter quickly turned out to be a scam.

Larry Anthony tells the Observer the letter got his interest for only a second before realizing that it was a scam. It was like someone writing to say you just won the lottery.

In order to receive his share of \$14.3 million, all Anthony had to do was send the group the name of his bank and bank account number, along with a blank copy of company letterhead signed by Anthony, and a blank company invoice.

Anthony turned the letter over to Plymouth police, who want to warn others who may have received the letter.

This letter appeals to people's greed, said Sgt. Steve Hundersmark. "The way it's written, it's easy to see through. However, we want to make people aware. Giving anyone your bank and bank account number can clean you out in no time."

Not that it hasn't happened before. According to the Michigan attorney general's office, the scam has netted the group \$250 million a year.

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Because you are not a church member - or maybe lapsed a little in church attendance - is no reason to stay away from any of our warm, friendly, family centered worship services. All you need to do is come... identify yourself if you wish... and we'll do the rest!

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

FM THE ONE: 35, good cook, seeks DWPM 38-50. 5'10", tall, blue eyes, blonde hair, good personality. Also enjoys conversation, comedy club nights. Let's talk! 97188.

LIKE TO LAUGH?

Fun-loving, 40, great figure, witty, warm heart, seeks energetic, witty SWM 38-50, who can relate to his special times. 97151.

REAL LOVE

Attractive SWF 40-52, tall, blond, no children at home, enjoys music, movies, travel plans, comedy clubs. Seeking SM 38-50, with no children at home, for friendship. Race unimportant. 97100.

BEAUTIFUL

Spiritual, positive, traditional SWF 44, seeks SM with similar qualities, to share interesting life experiences. 97102.

LOVES PINK FLAMINGOS

Romantic, artistic, imaginative, spontaneous SWF, Rubensque, enjoys life, camping, fishing, ocean, travel, art, music, photography, sunbathing, good times. Seeking established, caring SWM 38-50, long hair, beard, similar interests. Kds 28, 27. 97177.

TICK TOCK

SWF, 35, strong, athletic, blonde, energetic, enjoys golf, traveling, and good romantic evenings. Seeking 30-50, with similar interests, for possible dating. 97177.

GLAMOROUS BABE

SWF, 32, 5'7", blonde, no dependents, slender, yet curvaceous, outgoing, great cook, educated, well-read, likes live dining, outdoor events, travel, social, similar qualities/interests, for LTR. 97103.

DAMEL IN DISTRESS

Attractive SWF, 36, 5'10", blonde, great cook, seeks SM 38-50, to rescue me from having too much time on my hands, for possible LTR. 97129.

ATTRACTIVE, CLASSY PRO

Independent, slim, 34, long brown hair, slender, enjoys outdoor activities, good cook, seeks SM 38-50, who is fun, travels and the theater. To name SWF, traveling a thoughtful SWM, 30-50, N/S. 97151.

BEAUTIFUL

SUCCESSFUL DOCTOR 30s, 5'7", white, slim, elegant, charming, well-accomplished, outgoing, energetic, mature, fun-loving, intelligent, successful, mature gentleman, 33-43, for friendship. Seeking SM 38-50, who is fun, travels and the theater. To name SWF, traveling a thoughtful SWM, 30-50, N/S. 97151.

ALLURING & INTELLIGENT

Tall SWF, 36, with long strawberry blonde hair, seeks SM with similar interests, committed to personal growth. 97104.

WE'VE BEEN HINDING

Now we're ready to get serious. Seeking SM 38-50, who is fun, travels and the theater. To name SWF, traveling a thoughtful SWM, 30-50, N/S. 97151.

SEKING LIFE PARTNER

Down-to-earth, 40, blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, seeks SM 38-50, who is fun, travels and the theater. To name SWF, traveling a thoughtful SWM, 30-50, N/S. 97151.

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1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan TO: TO RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, a Special Assessment Hearing will be held on the 15th day of April, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to hear and determine the Charter Township of Plymouth shall contribute Twenty (20%) percent of the project costs and the Township is creating a Special Assessment District for the recovery of its Twenty (20%) percent share.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the following described improvement:

The project consists of approximately 3,600 feet of existing gravel road along Ridge Road from Ann Arbor Road to Powell Road to be paved with bituminous material, consistent with Ridge Road north of Powell Road and Powell Road between Ridge Road and Beck. The project consists of a road on the right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road and proceeds northerly along Ridge Road to the southerly right-of-way line of Powell Road.

That it has been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvement and that the portion of the Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for front lots consists of parcels with Tax ID Numbers 045-99-0001-0000 A1A - 045-99-0002-0000 A1B, 045-99-0003-0000 B1, 045-99-0005-0002 B2, 045-99-0006-0000 B3, 045-99-0008-0000 D1B, 045-99-0009-0000 D2, 045-99-0010-0000 D3, 045-99-0011-0000 D4, 045-99-0012-0000 D5, 045-99-0013-0000 D6, 045-99-0014-0000 D7, 045-99-0015-0000 D8, 045-99-0016-0000 D9, 045-99-0017-0000 D10, 045-99-0018-0000 D11, 045-99-0019-0000 D12, 045-99-0020-0000 D13, 045-99-0021-0000 D14, 045-99-0022-0000 D15, 045-99-0023-0000 D

RECREATION

Action galore

Tournament season provides full plate

This is the time of the year when tournaments are all around.

The big ones — ABC and WIBC — are currently running until next month.

The ABC is at Reno, Nev. and the WIBC opens this month at Quad Cities (Iowa and Illinois) and runs through June 26.

A good number of our local bowlers have been competing for many years in these national events. Some have fared quite well, like last year when Ottman Enterprises team from Troy won the coveted "Eagle" in the ABC.

Of greater interest locally are the men's and the women's City Tournaments, the men's G.D.B.A. at Thunderbolt and the women's D.W.B.A. at Friendly Sterling Lanes.

Contour Power Grips No. 1 currently leads the ladies team event with a record-setting 3552 actual score.

The AMF/BPAA U.S. Open will be through April 11 in Milford, Conn., with some of our local shooters vying for the top prizes. Aleta Sill, Marianne

TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

DeRupo and Lisa Bishop will be competing in this one, hoping to bring the championship back home to Greater Detroit.

There are also many excellent money events available for serious amateur bowlers, with the Hamtramck Singles at Hazel Park Bowl offering \$25,000 top prize in handicap singles.

Monroe Sports Center requires a short drive down I-75 to 15425 S. Dixie Highway in Monroe for the Mixed Doubles Tournaments (March through September) with a \$2,000 first prize. Call (734) 242-0404 for details.

A bit further down I-75 will get you to Toledo for the Eggsies Singles at Lido Lanes, running through June 14. First prize is \$5,000. Call toll free (800) 832-9547 for further information.

North on I-75 will get you to Bay Lanes in Bay City for its Handicap Trio Team Tournament. It begins April 24 with first place worth \$7,500 and second worth \$3,500. Phone Johnny Mazza or Bill Strike there at (517) 684-7361.

Bay Lanes also hosts Frankenmuth's 49th Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament with \$3,000 first place money plus a "Triton Elite" ball. It starts April 24 and ends June 7.

While in Bay City you can also enter the Bay City Times 50th annual Mixed Doubles Tournament at Monitor Lanes beginning April 18. First place winners take home \$4,000. That number is (517) 684-4381.

Take the Ambassador Bridge or Windsor Tunnel to get to the 49th annual 10-Pin Mixed Doubles at Crescent Lanes, 871 Ottawa Street, Windsor. First prize is \$10,000, second is \$5,000 and third is \$2,500, Canadian funds and based on 1,000 entries.

The entry fee of \$24 per person can be paid in Canadian "Looneys" or "Tweoneys." You can phone (519) 252-1109 for more information.

Other events of interest might well be Ducat's "Nine is Fine" no-tap singles tournament in Toledo with \$2,000 first place money for men and \$2,000 for ladies. Call toll free (800) 373-8552.

Nortel Lanes in Monroe offers its Ninth Annual Budweiser and Phone 4 Pizza "Team Classic" through May 17 with \$5,000 cash for the team champions.

Reserved entries close May 17. Phone Terry Hamlin at (313) 242-3211 for more information.

Westland Lanes in Toledo offers its 34th annual 3-6-9

Ladies/Mens tournament with \$1,500 guaranteed for first place. It runs April 1 through June 30.

One of the largest tournaments is the 53 Shammy Burt Team Tournament at the Toledo Sports Center. It offers a wide variety of events with a total of more than \$475,000 in prizes. Call (800) 369-0707 for more information.

The most enticing of all could well be the Greater Detroit Open PBA Tour Pro-Am at Taylor Lanes May 9-12.

In addition to the \$1,000 in prize money per squad, each paid entrant gets a new Ball (Storm Thunder Road) or Triple Ball Carrier.

It's selling out fast, so enter now to get your preferred squad times. Call Taylor Lanes at (734) 946-9092.

In addition, there are the ongoing monthly tournaments for every level from youth to seniors. If you are reading this while having your Sunday morning Wheaties, I am in Lansing right now, bowling in the Michigan State Masonic Tournament.

I just hope that the good coaching by Tom Relich pays off today. Even if I don't win, I know I will have a good time, and that's what this game is all about, anyway.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

SWAP MEET

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold its annual Sportsman's Swap Meet, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

CLASSES

BACKPACKING

Learn the basics of backpacking during this hands-on course, which runs through May 10 and is offered by the School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR). Cost is \$75. Call Mike Banks at (313) 235-8129 for more information.

ROCK CLIMBING

Learn the basics of rock climbing during this course, which is offered by SOLAR and begins April 15. Call Jim Young at (810) 731-2504 for more information.

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING

West Bloomfield Community Education will offer a class in duck and goose calling beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. Taught by noted waterfowl guide Lyman Burgess, the class will meet for one hour each week for four consecutive weeks, at the Orchard Lake Middle School. Registration fee is \$35. Call (248) 539-2290 for more information.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

BANQUETS

BIG GAME HUNTERS

The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual banquet and fund-raiser beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Lau-

rel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. Tickets are \$40 each in advance and \$350 for a table of 10. Tickets will be \$50 at the door. To order tickets and for more information call (313) 513-7471.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT

The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is through April 24.

CATCH AND RELEASE

A special catch-and-release trout season runs through April 24 on a designated section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

SPEARS/BOWS

Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs through May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46

PIKE

Pike season opens April 25 on inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula.

SMELT

Smelt netting season runs through May 31 south of M-72 and April 1-May 31 north of M-72.

STURGEON

Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 25.

WALLEYE

Walleye and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKIE

Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

SPRING BIRD HIKE

A two-hour naturalist-led bird hike begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 11 and again on Saturday, May 9, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (plus \$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Motor City Men's Early - Jim Molnar, 279/735; Tom Small, 255/705; Jim Sockow, 684; Brian Dzmyelk, 682; Dave Klein, 668.

St. Sabina's Mixed - Mike Kane, 257/729; Lorne Green, 655; Jackie Dulza, 200/538; Kathy Osp, 517.

Wonderland Classic - Doug Spicer, 279/741; Chuck O'Rourke, 300/786; Dale Williams, 268/738; Ted Goldberg, 730; Ed Dudek, 300/724; John Hurley, Jr., 288/801; Rick Siedlaczek, 280/753.

Nite Owls - Dennis Pepper, 254/701; Gary Steinman, 256/689; Sean Hite, 677; Mike Piontek, 255/673; Kevin Gatesy, 660.

Merri Bowl (Livonia)

Lost Weekend Men's Trio - Scott Matusicky, 256-277-269/802.

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

FoMoCo Thurs. - Bill Bundon, 238/703; Chuck O'Rourke, 258/688; C. Collins, 255; Rich Doherty, 248; Keith Hall, 664; Bill Freeman, 246.

St. Aidan's Men - C. Merritt, 201-238/608; R. Radak, 212-263/671; Jeff Amolsch, 237-204-202/643; Dave Golen, 228-210/630; F. Dardzinski, 238/602; C. Skaggs, 237-202.

All-Star Bowlerettes - Penny Morgan, 238-201-255/694; Gwen Finley, 247-205-237/689; Renee Tesner, 214-278/681; Virginia Austin, 194-243-236/673; Dawn Hood, 239-

259/672; Jo Ann Carter, 233-232-205/670; Angela Wilt, 258.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Men's Trio - Dave Seeman, 294/726; Dave Maran, 269/739; Todd Sims, 268; Frank Hoffman, 689; Dennis Seeman, 723.

Saturday Warriors (youth) - Joe Chambers, 256-202-247/705.

Ford Parts - Marc Mattus, 678; Barry Tikey, Jr., 708; Joe O'Connell, 687; Dennis Weatherford, 714; Brendan Moss, 735; Frank Hoffman, 750; Fred Tennant, 290/706.

Morning Stars - Betty Koski, 632. Senior House - Rob Schepis, 254/711; Art Chojnacki, 268/690; Joe Kassab, 228/677; Rich Duffy, Jr., 227/650; Arnie Goldman, 225/660; Ken Kubit, 279/702.

Midnight Mixed - John Hurley, 243/706; Tim Rose, 255/694; Joe Helm, 235/654.

Sparemakers - Mary Hoots, 240. Afternoon Delights - Phyl Long, 256.

Westland Lanes (Westland)

Monday Morning Men - Marty McMurry, 300; Randy Kline, 300/824.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

Guys & Dolls - Ron Mijal, 267-237-245/749.

Burroughs Men - Bryan Schwartz, 256-245-238/739.

Waterford Men - Mike Kania, 278-

215-214/707; Tom Newport, 223-219-267/709; Keith Sockow, 266-254-245/765; Dave Wegeman, 265/695.

St. Colette's Men - Jeff Terberg, 278; Frank Pencola, 245-221-225/691.

Sheldon Road Men - Larry Minehart, Jr., 218-258-236/712; Fred Heater, 225-202-265; Jerry Crabtree, 277.

Plaza Men - John Jones, 236-278-208/722.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford)

Good Neighbors - Kathy Risch, 193.

Wed. Senior Men's Classic - Will Suokas, 235-219-224/678; Dale Hayes, 221-195-256/672; Lee Onkka, 204-234-215/653; Jesse Maccioco, 258-213/653; Jack Dahlstrom, 201-230-226/657; Tom Pawlowski, 231-213/234/678.

Friday Seniors - Jim Zellen, 258/686; Norm Bochenik, 244/664; Mel Albritte, 249/662; Herb Richardson, 238/633; Bill Kandellian, 246/622; Henry Pearson, 238/617.

Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic - Doug Mullen, 245-259-214/718; Al Dobies, 217-243-216/706; Jim Kowalski, 222-209-209/700; Mark Gorno, 249-218-235/697; Joe Cook, 256-230/681; Dan Bollinger, 235-203-234/672.

Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington)

B'Nai Brith Downtown Fox - David

Shanbaum, 246/657; Shel Rakotz, 257/602; Larry Frommer, 211-203; Ken Gross, 227; David Little, 213.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

University Men's - Steve Laine, 257; B. Cook, 257; Don Borgesser, 257; J. Jaco, 705.

Greenfield Mixed - Chris Brugman, 238-246-258/742; Ken Smith, 259-245-214/718.

Keglers - Chuck Shimko, 256; Bob Shimko, 722.

Metro Highway - Tim Kolbasa, 300/698.

B'Nai Brith Ben Luskus Traveling - Steve Eikus, 247-245; Rick Woolman, 267-204-202; Marc Eizelman, 222-212-201; Jerry Lash, 222-215; Steve Luskus, 231-224.

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Westside Lutheran - Lynn Lewis, 267/746; Terry Krohn, 737; Mike Monti, 716; Ron Williams, 279/650; Dick Meissner, 621.

Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield)

B'Nai Brith Morgenthau L'Chayiom/Zeiger-Gross - Marty Diskin, 232/602; Sandy Freeman, 240-202; Steve Hoberman, 213-208; Lee Weinstein, 247; Barry Glazer, 247.

Plum Hollow Youth Majors - Ivie Shelton, 226-233/646; Donald Barber, 269/601; James Hardy III, 228-231/626; Daniel Morton, 210; Conroy Givens, 213; Chris Hudson, Jr. (144 Av.), 199-179-198/576.

El Nino effect

Warm spring causes abnormal behavior

There is no doubt the unseasonably warm temperatures this past winter and spring are going to cause some unusual events in the natural world.

It was about March 24 when I heard the first chorus frog singing in northern Oakland County. Friends heard them about a week earlier in southern Wayne County.

This is not terribly early for this spring species. In years past, I've heard chorus frogs singing when snow was on the ground and ice on the ponds.

Joining the chorus frogs were the spring peepers and the wood frogs, both early arrivals

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at the breeding ponds.

But most surprising were the American toads. Typically, toads start singing in May.

Evidently, the warm winter and the unseasonably warm spring raised the soil and water temperatures enough that the toads felt it was safe to leave their hibernation.

Normally, when the soil and water reach their current temperatures, the weather has been warming for a much longer time.

Typically their emergence is closer to May when it is less likely to freeze.

Breeding too early can be detrimental. Delicate amphibian eggs exposed to cold temperatures, when they are adapted to developing in warm waters, could die. Similar scenarios can occur for other animals, too.

Tree swallows arrived in the park on March 29 from their southern wintering grounds in Central America.

Swallows are entirely dependent on insects. During those warm spring days in late March, midges were swarming in my backyard. Butterflies were active as well.

Anxious to move north and begin nesting, the swallows ventured north because food was available. But if a cold snap occurs and lingers for several days, those animals dependent on insects will be in jeopardy and may die.

Or, if they start laying eggs too early because they arrived too early and cannot keep them warm during a potential cold snap, their efforts will be for nothing.

Animals adapt their behavior to the general pattern of conditions most frequently encountered.

The consistent pattern of daylight periods prepares them for the upcoming changes in climate.

Then they proceed with migration or emergence based on the local conditions, that is, temperature, winds, food availability. Unusual conditions created by El Nino this winter have caused some abnormal behaviors in animals and blooming in plants.

If the weather conditions remain warm, like they would when these conditions are attained during a normal year, life will get an early start.

Should cold temperatures occur and stay for several days, some species, like frogs and spring blooming trees will not produce as many young this year.

Over the long haul though, the bad years seem to be countered by the good years.