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Schools: Bond delay was costly



Plymouth-Canton school officials say the delay for Jerry Vorva's lawsuit over the 1997 bond election has forced them to trim \$6.2 million worth of construction, or nearly 10 percent of the work planned.

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As a result of the two-year delay in selling \$79.6 million in bonds approved by voters in March 1997 for new elementary and high schools, the Ply-

mouth-Canton school district will have to scale back the project.

In preliminary figures, administrators have figured the school district lost approximately \$6.2 million in buying power because of inflation and increased construction costs.

However, school officials say despite the delays as a result of the ongoing lawsuit filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva, they will still be able to deliver most of what they promised to the public.

"We will be able to deliver the buildings as promised, and all the opportunities that go with them," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "At the new high school there will still be a football field, track soccer and baseball fields. But we won't be able to develop the entire 80

acres as planned."

The size of the high school is also being downscaled by 2.2 percent.

"We were trying to be conservative with the numbers originally, but now those numbers are less conservative," said John Birchler, executive director of business and operations. "We're going to have to be more diligent in watching the costs very closely now to make sure they come in on target."

The biggest cut is nearly \$2.5 million

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THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY

State of the schools: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Chuck Little will join colleagues from the Livonia and Romulus school districts for a panel discussion on "The Education Initiatives of Gov. John Engler" at the Tonquish Economic Club luncheon. The program begins at noon at Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Main. Tickets are \$17. Call 455-1166 for information.

THURSDAY

Update breakfast: Judges Sean Cox, Ron Lowe and John MacDonald, along with Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, will be the guest speakers at the monthly Third Thursday Update breakfast hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The free breakfast is 7:30 a.m. at Old Country Buffet in the Harvard Square shopping center, Sheldon north of Ford Road. The public is welcome.

Summit to begin fitness addition

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Expansion of the Summit has moved from talk to reality.

Canton's recreational mecca will be getting an enlarged fitness room, an expanded family locker room and additional meeting/activity rooms by late

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Cops nab man for spying

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A 44-year-old Canton man was arrested by township police Wednesday for electronic eavesdropping.

Police reports said William J. Muniz was attempting to secretly videotape

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Township employee is leading DDA candidate

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Kathleen Salla may just get her wish.

The township's volunteer coordinator was hoping to make a career out of working for Canton. She'll get the chance Wednesday when she's interviewed for the new downtown and community development coordinator position.

"I admire Canton's leadership," said Salla. "I like the management style. I think I fit in well with that."

The Downtown Development Authority board will interview Salla starting at 8 a.m. at township hall. The board's approval is the final step in the hiring process.

Salla was one of three finalists for the position. Township officials said publicly this week that the other two finalists turned the job down.

The coordinator's position, which will be paid 50-50 by the township and DDA, was posted last November. A field of more than 40 applicants was whittled to seven last month.

An Observer Freedom of Information Act request with the township for names and background information of the seven was honored Tuesday.

A hiring committee comprised of Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, Public Safety Director John Santomau-

ro and Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack, narrowed the field from seven to three.

Kirchgatter said Salla had numerous attractive qualities for the job.

"She has the organizational skills that we were looking for," the treasurer said. "She's a self-starter that can work independently."

Salla's positive attitude also went a long way to making her a finalist.

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Past meets present for Presidents Day



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

History comes alive: Curtis Hall of Lansing portrays Abraham Lincoln as part of a Presidents Day educational experience for students at Gallimore Elementary School Friday. Hall, an actor and employee of Mobile Ed Productions out of Redford, began his stint as "Honest Abe" in January. He said that he performs 20 to 25 programs a week at schools throughout the state. Pictured at right, Brittney Newell, 8, (left) and Brittney Norton, 7, listen intently during the program.



Getting physical

Explorers learn defensive tactics

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Despite what you see on television, most police officers don't like to use force.

Some situations can make it unavoidable, however. Officers often use "pressure points" on a person's jaw, neck or nose in these instances to make them comply with a command.

"Any pressure point I do will pretty much work all the time," Canton policeman Kevin Rize told a group of teenagers Saturday. "Usually if one pressure point doesn't work, another will."

Pressure point instruction was just one aspect of a defensive tactics seminar conducted for the Explorers groups by Canton and area police departments at Schoorcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City.

Some 90 teens participated in the two-day event. Explorers came from as far away as Lansing and Dearborn.

"It's great hands-on experience," Canton High senior Paul Tennes said of the Explorers program, "because you learn a lot in the field."

Matt Compton, also a Canton senior, has been with the program for nearly two years. He plans to become a criminal defense lawyer, but wanted to see how officers do their jobs.

"I wanted to learn the first part of the law," said Compton.

The Canton Explorer program began in 1993. With the support and participation of officers, Explorers participate in police training exercises.

The idea is for young people between the ages of 16 and 21 to determine if law enforcement will be the right career for them.

"We want them to get a feel for what it's like to be a police officer," said Canton Sgt. Jerry Hardesty, who oversees the program.

Since defensive tactics are a mainstay in police work, he felt the seminar was worthwhile for the Explorers. Hardesty thinks it's a solid program.

"It's outstanding for the kids," he said. "A lot of discipline is involved."

But the Explorers aren't the only ones to benefit. "It's good for our officers," said Hardesty. "It allows them to become acquainted with kids in the community."

Activities began Friday evening at Summit on the Park in Canton.

Explorers got a chance to use the recreational facility most of the evening. Swimming, basketball and volleyball were among the activities they participated in.

Explorers had a full slate of activities Saturday.

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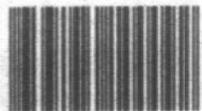
Role players: Paul Tennes, 17, of Canton takes on the role of a perpetrator into custody during a training exercise Saturday. Jessica Miller, 17, of Port Huron portrays the police officer.

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Team effort: Police join forces on PCEP campus

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The next time a student pulls a false fire alarm at the high school, it won't be a principal that's chasing him or her. From now on, it'll be the police.

The Canton and Plymouth Township police departments have teamed up in order to better deal with crime issues at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Canton.

Each department has designated an officer to work out of the security office at the complex in order to better handle situations where police officials are needed.

Officer Mike Steckel is in his second year of a three-year term as the Canton officer assigned to the high schools while Detective Dave Hayes of the Plymouth Township Police Department began working at the schools in

mid-November.

"Basically, my job here is to develop a partnership between the police department, the administrators, the student body and the faculty on the campus here," said Hayes. "My main focus is the Plymouth Township kids who attend school here."

"Although the school is in Canton's jurisdiction, Hayes and Steckel view their roles as equal and each is responsible for the kids from their own communities.

"I'm still a detective at the department, so another one of my responsibilities is handling cases (that happened off campus) involving Plymouth Township kids that go to school here," he said. "Obviously, Canton Township (police) would handle the cases on campus, but I'll be responsible for Plymouth Township kids."

There is no police representa-



On duty: Canton Police Officer Mike Steckel (left) and Plymouth Township Police Detective Dave Hayes pose this month while students pass them by in the halls at Plymouth Canton High School.

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Wednesday, March 3, 7-8:30 p.m.
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Learn the signs of depression, the benefits of treatment, and resources for coping. Presented by Terese Rzeppa, MSW, CSW. Free. Location: Mission Health Building in Livonia, at Seven Mile Rd. and Newburgh Rd.

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A Heart-to-Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Growing Up
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Hayes and Steckel also perform classroom instruction in government of health classes for teachers that request their presence and deal with students who get into trouble.

As part of their school-commu-

nity liaison responsibilities, they work closely with probation officers in keeping kids on track.

"Anything that happens outside of school, we usually get it here the next day anyway," said Steckel. "It's just good to be able to know who's hanging out with who and who's doing what in the schools."

The two officers aren't just available during office hours either, attending many school functions throughout the year.

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Kirchgatter said.

"She's very personable," she said. "Kathleen can work well with all kinds of individuals. I doubt you could find anybody that doesn't like her."

If Salla does get the job, she'll have beaten out a talented group.

Among the top seven candidates were a city economic development director, a real estate analyst, a local chamber of com-

merce director and a municipal parks and recreation director.

"We were pleased to see the quality of candidates that applied for the position," Kirchgatter said.

Salla said it would be difficult leaving her job as volunteer coordinator, a post she has had for more than four years.

"Canton has a wonderful volunteer spirit," she said. "People work very well together."

Salla made numerous community contacts in her volunteer work. She said she was able to place more than 2,000 volunteers in her years on the job.

"My role was to fill the needs of the community that could be met by volunteer resources," said Salla.

If she becomes DDA coordinator, she said it'll take a little time for her to get her feet wet. Salla plans to review all DDA current and past projects, plus familiarize herself with Canton

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Residents offer testimonials to happy marriage



Bud and Maureen Hassen: Canton residents Bud and Maureen Hassen were married Feb. 2, 1974. "We are one of the lucky couples who have survived great odds," Maureen wrote. "Having an age difference, religious beliefs and nationalities had everyone believing our marriage was doomed from the beginning. They say that after living together, you start to look and act alike. Well, when my hair starts falling out and my husband starts singing 'My Wild Irish Rose' we will know for sure that is true. I married the most thoughtful, loving, caring man. And if I knew then what I know now I would do it all over again and make all the doubters believe in us because true love will survive all."



Vince and Susie Geraci: Canton residents Vince and Susie Geraci were married May 16, 1959. "For a marriage to last for many years, the partners have to want the same goals for the present and the future and (have) a sense of humor about yourselves and life in general," Susie wrote. "Also, honesty, loyalty and faithfulness help. And keeping a life fun and doing fun things together and as a family. I give thanks every day for my great husband, good children and sweet grandchildren. There won't be 40 more years but whatever there is will be OK."



John and Nancy Spencer: Canton residents John and Nancy Spencer were married Oct. 14, 1967, at Precious Blood Church in Detroit. The Spencers adopted their daughter Julie in 1976. She lives in Wixom and works for J.H. Bennett Co. John works for Canton Township and volunteers with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, DARE, Veterans Memorial Committee and Canton Goodfellows. Nancy is president of the Canton Goodfellows, president of the Stonegate Homeowners Association and a member of the Friends of the Canton Public Library.



Larry and Bev Chopp: Canton residents Larry and Bev Chopp were married Feb. 12, 1949, and celebrated their 50th anniversary in a "quaint little church on the Bahama island," according to daughter Carol Jacobs, who submitted these photos for publication. The Chopps have six children, Guy (Nancy), Sue (Larry), Carol (Ken), Karen (Jim), Greg (Deb) and Gary (Jennifer); and 12 grandchildren; Amy, Sam, Stephanie, Chance, Tracy, Colleen, Ryan, Danielle, Jesse, Jeff, Amanda and Brandt.



Robert and Nancy Bulmer: Canton residents Robert and Nancy Bulmer say "a good religious foundation along with a lot of smiles and laughter are just a couple of the attributes" that have made their marriage succeed for almost 40 years now. They'll celebrate their 40th anniversary June 6, 1999. After leaving a secretarial position at Ford to raise four children, Nancy worked as pastor's secretary at St. Michael Lutheran Church for 21 years, retiring last May. Bob took early retirement from Chrysler in 1987. Since the Bulmers are retired, although Bob still does three days a week at McCabe Funeral Home, it's possible to spend more time enjoying their seven grandchildren.



Larry and Sue Trierweiler: Canton residents Larry and Sue Trierweiler were married June 28, 1969, at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. The Trierweilers have four children; Larry Jr., Jason, Kevin and Karie and three grandchildren; Alyssa, Brett and Cody. Larry is self employed and affiliated with J.T.'s General Store. Sue works at Standard Federal Bank.



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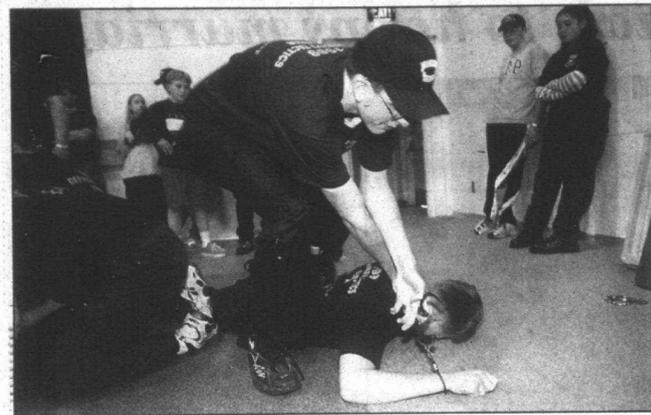
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Practicing techniques: Paul Tennes, 17, of Canton plays the role of a police officer taking a perpetrator into custody during a training Feb. 6 at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center. Adam Forist, 14, of Holt is the perpetrator. Below, Canton Police Officers Keith Lazar (left) and Mark Schultz demonstrate the proper technique to subdue a passive aggressive perpetrator.

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A lecture on federal, state and local laws as they relate to arrest situations started the day. Explorers were then drilled in handcuffing techniques, including speedcuffing.

After lunch, students learned how to properly escort suspects. Pressure point demonstration and practice as well as confrontation scenarios closed the day.

In the scenario, Explorers had to disperse protesting college students. Groups of five sat arms locked and refused to move when Explorers playing the role of officers commanded them to do so.

Rize told the "officers" that they had to remain professional throughout the confrontation. Such a situation would likely be

very public, he added, with newspaper and television crews on hand filming.

"You have to handle the situation as quietly as possible," the Canton officer told the Explorers.

Tennes was one of the protesters in the scenario.

"Save the whales," he yelled at the Explorer trying to arrest

him. The Explorer finally applied a pressure point tactic to Tennes and he was handcuffed and taken away.

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Trustees OKs site plan for new middle school

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Canton's Board of Trustees gave its stamp of approval for a new middle school Tuesday.

The yet unnamed school, which will house 765 students, will be located on Hanford Road east of Canton Center. Trustees unanimously granted special land use and site plan approvals.

School districts aren't bound by local zoning ordinances. The district did need to get special land use approval from the township before moving forward, however.

Still, Supervisor Tom Yack described Tuesday's meeting as a courtesy to the township.

"They've gone beyond courtesy," he added. "They've been more than willing to talk with us and address residents' issues."

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters passed a bond issue to build the middle school last October. The building is needed to replace Lowell, which had been rented from the Livonia schools for more than a decade.

Construction of the new school will begin this spring. Plans call for the building to open for the 2000-01 school year.

It will be the district's first middle school in Canton. The district currently has four middle schools in the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, including East, West, Central and Pioneer.

A name for the new school will be settled on soon. Heritage, South and Millennium are among the monikers being considered.

It will be the largest middle school in the district at just more than 127,000 square feet. The building will sit on an 18.44-acre parcel in the Carnegie Hills subdivision.

The school will be surrounded by residential areas on three sides. Several businesses, including Henderson Glass and Mathison Hardware, will be just west of the school.

Boundaries for the new school haven't been determined, said Plymouth-Canton Schools' outside legal counsel Don Morgan.

Yack is excited about having

the school.

"Fewer Canton kids will have to ride a bus," he said, "and (more) will be able to walk to school."

The township, Yack said, will also benefit from additional recreational space. For tennis courts and two basketball courts are planned for the school as well as open play area.

"It's a positive," said Yack.

The township and district worked together for about two years in making the middle school a reality, he added. Extending Hanford Road and acquiring rights of way were among the issues tackled, Yack said.

"I think in the end," he said, "everyone will be happy with the school."

Name game puts focus on school

By TONY BRUSCATO
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■ **What's your pick? Call the Observer at 459-2700 or e-mail your choice to: tschneider@oe.homecomm.net**

The Plymouth-Canton school board has a list of seven names from which to choose for the new middle school to be constructed at Hanford and Canton Center roads.

After a short discussion Tuesday night, the board decided to stick with its previous convention and name elementary schools after individuals, with middle schools and high schools other names.

As a result, the board dropped the names of Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and longtime district educator George Dodson from the list. They may be considered for a new elementary school to be constructed at Beck and Cherry Hill.

The names under consideration for the new middle school are Community, Heritage, Millennium, South, Bartlett and Canton Center.

Trustee Judy Mardigian gave her early vote for Millennium.

"I think it's exciting," she told other board members. "If I were a student going to that school, I would want to go to school in the new Millennium."

Trustee Elizabeth Givens said she thought "we could

get tired of the name."

Bartlett, which recognizes a former farm and school, was a favorite of trustee Roland Thomas.

"It recognizes our heritage and our history," he noted. "Europeans name buildings which recognize their culture. We don't do a very good job of that."

Board President Mike Maloney likes the name Community, so everyone can share in the school's success.

"There has been some division in the issues between Plymouth and Canton," said Maloney. "Everyone worked together on this project. It was an outstanding effort by everyone in the community."

Heritage could be a conflict with the new charter school to be built by National Heritage Academies, a for-profit group which will open a new school next August.

The board is still taking suggestions for naming the new middle school, which will be unveiled before groundbreaking, which is slated for 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

County pay hike Board can't muster votes to reject raise

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County elected officials will receive 18 percent pay increases over two years after Wayne County commissioners failed to reject the increases.

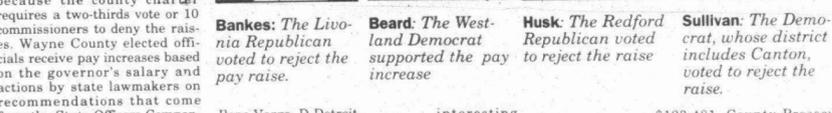
A motion to reject the raises fell one vote short at a commission meeting on Feb. 4.

The motion was supported, 9-6. But that motion failed because the county charter requires a two-thirds vote or 10 commissioners to deny the raises. Wayne County elected officials receive pay increases based on the governor's salary and actions by state lawmakers on recommendations that come from the State Officers Compensation Commission.

When the state Senate decided not to act on a House resolution to reject pay raises for Gov. John Engler, state senators and House members, their salaries increased Feb. 1.

Commissioners who supported the motion to reject the raises were Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, and John Sullivan, R-Wayne, who also represents Canton, along with Edna Bell, D-Detroit, Edward Boike, D-Taylor, Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, Joe Palamara, D-Wyandotte, Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, and Jewel Ware, D-Detroit.

Commissioners who opposed the motion - and supported the raises - were Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, Chris Cavanaugh, D-Detroit, George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, and



Bankes: The Livonia Republican voted to reject the pay raise. **Beard:** The Westland Democrat supported the pay increase. **Husk:** The Redford Republican voted to reject the raise. **Sullivan:** The Democrat, whose district includes Canton, voted to reject the raise.

Ilona Varga, D-Detroit.

County commissioners received the raises after Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers received increases about two weeks ago. According to the county charter, the county executive receives 97 percent of the governor's salary. The prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, register of deeds and county commissioners, in turn, receive percentages based on the county executive's pay.

Those salaries are adjusted on Jan. 1 of each year that the governor is granted a salary adjustment, unless it is rejected by a two-thirds vote of the commission, which "vote shall be taken," according to the charter.

"We were one vote short," Bankes said. Since it is effective, she wanted to return it until she found out it goes into the commission chairman's budget and not the county general fund.

Beard said she "thought it was

interesting the number of commissioners who counted noses before they voted" - meaning that they wanted to be sure there weren't 10 votes. She didn't elaborate on which commissioners.

"I voted for it because I thought everybody was entitled to a raise," Beard said. "I figured if the governor, the state senators and representatives were entitled to it, so were the county's elected officials."

"That percentage was recommended by the state."

Husk opposed the increase. "When you look at the raise, it is three or four times more than what people normally get. It looks outrageous."

"Nobody else is getting 9 percent, so why are the commissioners?"

County Executive Edward McNamara will earn \$134,594 this year and \$146,707 in 2000, up from his 1998 salary of \$123,481. County Prosecutor John O'Hair's salary will receive the same percentage increase to \$132,036 in 2000, as the prosecutor's salary is 90 percent of the county executive. Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter, Register of Deeds Forest Youngblood, Sheriff Robert Ficamo and Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz will receive 75 percent of McNamara's salary, bringing those salaries to \$110,030 in 2000.

County commissioners would earn \$53,838 this year, and \$58,682 in 2000. Last year, they earned a \$49,392 salary, adjusted to 40 percent of the county executive's salary.

Solomon earns an additional \$12,000 more per year as the chairman, while Beard and Ware earn \$6,000 more annually in their respective leadership positions.

Six commission committee chairs receive an additional \$4,000 a year.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday at Madonna event for kids

Madonna University will hold its second annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration, Tuesday, March 2.

As part of the America Reads Program, students, faculty and staff will read Dr. Seuss books to children from 4-7 p.m. in the Take 5 Lounge. The event is open to the public and a donation of \$1 will offset the cost. Hot dogs and birthday cake will be provided.

Book donations will be accepted to benefit the children at the Operation Get Down Child Care Center, American Indian Health and Family Services, Harms Elementary School and First Step.

The event is sponsored by the Madonna University Student Government Association. For more information, call (734) 432-5425.

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DOES LIFE BEGIN AT 65?

It is larger than ever before. The number of people aged 65 and older is at a record high, and the "oldest-old" (the over-85 group) is the fastest growing segment of our population. It is certainly an exciting time. Watching senator and astronaut John Glenn at 77 pushing the boundaries of his remarkable return to space is a landmark. Advanced age may represent an opportunity to do the things that people always wanted to do at an earlier busier time in their lives but did not have the chance to do.

On the other hand aging has usually made people, even some health professionals, uncomfortable. The aging process has been associated with sickness and decreased physical and mental abilities. We tend to concentrate on the downside of aging when in fact 95 percent of Americans over 65 live independently and many with preventive care are maintaining healthy active lives. Aging successfully or maturing (if you prefer) is not just good genes. A recent 10-year study showed how lifestyle choices rather than heredity influence one's health and well-being.

Older adults need to continue to maintain active physical and mental engagement in life. When planning for healthy senior years one should eat more fruits and vegetables, avoid smoking, get a yearly physical exam and have a regular moderate exercise routine.

LEGAL SENSE

By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law

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HINT: When involved in a car accident, it also pays to write down the names, addresses, and phone numbers of witnesses.

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for site development at the high school. Instead of 32 tennis courts, which would have provided a lot of courts for the community, it will be some number less. Instead of six soccer fields, which could have benefited Plymouth and Canton soccer clubs, maybe there will only be two or three," said Birchler. "There will be some scaling back, but compared to what other high schools have been able to build, coupled with the existing site, it should be very adequate."

Reduced size
School officials have also identified \$700,000 in cost savings by reducing the size of the high school from 300,000 square feet to 294,000 square feet.

"Programming in the building won't be affected," said Little. "The planning committee had already made a 10,000-square-foot 'what if' reduction last year. It's significant, but fortunately we've always been on the conservative side. Now, we're right where we have to be."

Those projects include improvements at most school buildings in the district.

Fewer buses
Administrators are also looking to save \$320,000 by reducing the number of buses to be purchased from 50 to 45.

One area where the district will actually be saving money is in the purchase of computers. In the bond issue, the district projected spending \$9.8 million. However, because today's costs

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next year. "We'd like to get started with construction as quickly as possible," Township Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack said. "By expanding we can offer more programs, sell more memberships and make (facilities) more available for patrons."

Canton's Board of Trustees made expansion possible Tuesday by voting unanimously to amend the township's recreation master plan.

The expansion will carry a price tag of approximately \$1 million. Canton will pay \$500,000 of that from its general fund while the other half will come via a state grant from the "Clean Michigan" initiative passed by voters last November.

"This is a necessary part of the process," Supervisor Tom Yack said of the expansion.

Spying from page A1

the 22-year-old daughter of his Canton girlfriend. He was arraigned Thursday at 35th District Court in Plymouth on charges of installing eavesdropping equipment.

The charge is a two-year felony. Muniz was released on \$2,000 personal bond Thursday.

He is scheduled to appear in 35th District Court for a preliminary examination on Friday, Feb. 19.

Reports said the 22-year-old, a Buckingham Street resident, came home Tuesday afternoon and found Muniz there. He told her he had gone downstairs to get laundry so that she wouldn't have to.

Muniz later left the home. The woman then went into her bedroom and immediately noticed that several of her belongings had been moved, reports said.

She began looking around the room and saw a videocamera in a box.

Reports said the box had been "fashioned to hide a camera." The camera, which was on when

for computers are much less, Birchler is expected to shave about a million off that figure.

Despite the increased costs, Birchler expects the debt millage to actually go down from expectations two years ago. Instead of 1.75 mills, Birchler says if the bonds were sold today the debt millage would be 1.57 mills.

A homeowner with a \$200,000 home with a taxable value of \$100,000 would see an annual tax increase of \$157, as compared to \$175.

"That's based on interest rates lower than two years ago in the bond market, plus our tax base has grown more than projected," added Birchler.

The move was first presented to trustees last December in a study session. A steady increase in the number of users at the Summit since it opened in late 1995 is cited as the reason for expansion.

"We don't have enough room in the fitness area at peak times," said Durack. "We want to do this to keep the customers we have."

An architectural firm, TMP of West Bloomfield, will design the expansion. Durack said the firm is very experienced in buildings like the Summit.

"They worked on the new Dearborn facility and in the city of Wayne," he said.

"TMP should have expansion designs and plans completed by April," Durack said. "Until the firm looks at the Summit closely, it's difficult to say exactly what'll be included in the expansion."

broken as soon as possible.

Durack said it's very likely that this will be the Summit's only expansion.

"I don't see a whole lot of room to expand," he added. "We're limited to what we can do." No additional staff will be needed once expansion is completed, Durack said.

Once plans are in place, the director said ground would be broken as soon as possible.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES LEE HAM
Services for James Lee Ham, 54, of Canton were Feb. 8 in the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. Eric Moore officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. He was born Jan. 3, 1945, in Flint. He died Feb. 5 in Canton. He was a systems engineer for EDS for 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Ham; one son, David Ham of Pittsfield Township; one daughter, Dawn Ham-Kucharski two brothers, Darrell Ham of Wisconsin, Jerry Ham of Virginia; one sister, Fran Evans of Canton; and one grandchild.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION



TO REZONE FROM: R-1 - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO REZONE TO: R-2-A - MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

DATE OF HEARING: MARCH 10, 1999
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 45350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District, to R-2-A, "MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL". Containing 7.05 acres, more or less.

Application #1568

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 63.

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MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary
Planning Commission

February 14, 1999
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actual millage will depend on the interest rates when the bonds are sold in an expected eight to 10 weeks.

Approval waiting
School board members have asked for additional information before approving the plan.

"My biggest concern is site development," said trustee Roland Thomas. "There were issues when Canton and Salem high schools were built, and the site development costs were high. I'm concerned with how much money, which would jeopardize other parts of the project."

"I don't see the financial belt-tightening as a detriment,"

incident in which he apologized over and over.

"It's a bizarre case," Schemanske said.

Police marked into evidence a video tape of the 22-year-old discovering the camera. The camera and VCR were also taken as evidence.

The Canton woman later told police that Muniz had made inappropriate comments to her over the past six months. He allegedly told her "how good she looked" and that she looked like a "model," reports noted.

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Berry County Prosecutor Dale Crowley asked whether the charges could be cumulative — that is, up to a 20 percent total?

Yes, said Kelley, after researching lawmakers' amendments and speeches. "The Legislature intended to empower counties, when imposing a surcharge for 911 services, to assess a maximum of 20 percent."

THOMAS E. WINTERS

Services for Thomas E. Winters, 86, of Canton were Feb. 12 in the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Alexander Kuras officiating. He was born Nov. 16, 1912 in Detroit. He died Feb. 10 in Annapolis Hospital. He was a maintenance man for the city of Detroit.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clarissa P. Survivors include her sons, Harold T. (Maria), Donald H.; and two sisters, Ruth Falkiewicz, and Elsie Hill.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board will meet on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, March 2	9 a.m.-Noon	Organizational Meeting
	2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 8	2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
	6 p.m.-9 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Tuesday, March 9	9 a.m.-Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 20	9 a.m.-11 a.m.	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 20, 1999.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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Road money Bill would give townships control

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, re-introduced a bill to give townships control over road maintenance money distributed by the state.

The bill has drawn fire from Wayne County road officials because they say the county stands to lose \$4.4 million under the Bennett proposal.

The bill, now in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Townships, allows townships to choose each year the primary and/or local roads that they want to have jurisdiction over, and receive money for that road. Townships would determine how that money is then spent.

County road officials criticized the legislation during an interview with the Observer editorial board.

"Senate Bill 112 would take \$4.4 million away from Wayne County," said Cameron Priebe, Wayne County's director of public services and assistant county executive.

Wayne County currently receives \$66.9 million under the current formula of the Michigan Transportation Fund. It would receive \$62.5 million under Bennett's bill, a decrease of 6.5 percent, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency. The change to Public Act 51 reduces county road money in 30 counties and redistributes that money to the remaining 53 counties.

Bennett said he introduced the legislation to give townships options and because he believes in

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

O-o-o-ops!
In the year-end rush, we lost track of Frank Kelley's last act as attorney general, an opinion on charging for 911 emergency telephone service.

A 1986 law said the costs would be borne by telephone users. The county board could levy up to 2 percent of the highest monthly rate charge for a one-party line. Anything above 2 percent would be paid by the county. For several years, the Legislature made grants to counties for 911 services.

"In 1991, however, the governor (John Engler) vetoed the appropriations for 911 ... for the 1991-92 fiscal year," Kelley wrote. So the Legislature amended the law for counties of

local control. Bennett also wants to put townships on equal standing with cities in the distribution of state transportation money.

"I am tired of townships being treated like second-class communities and its residents like second-class citizens. We are as capable of making decisions as any other community. If we happen to be townships, it doesn't make us less qualified."

"That must change,"

Ron DeCook, deputy director of the County Road Association of Michigan, said that organization opposes the bill. The group represents 82 county road commissions and Wayne County's road division in its Department of Public Services.

"It is clear that not only is this system unworkable, but it would be a bureaucratic nightmare for businesses, motorists and truckers," DeCook said. "You would not know from year to year who is in charge of what section of road."

"In addition, maintaining the proper amount of equipment and staff levels will be futile and inefficient."

Bennett responded: "I am perplexed by the argument that to give townships the same authority of cities will create some chaotic situation."

Wayne County needs that money to deal with potholes and other maintenance items, and it "doesn't make sense" for Canton to take over the roads, Priebe said.

"They (Canton) are getting a disproportionate amount of money from what is collected there (in

Canton's Yack likes road option, Redford's Kelley is not so sure

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack likes the bill introduced by state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, allowing townships to choose the primary and local roads they want to have jurisdiction over, and receive money.

"We'd only opt for that, if we could do it for less money," Yack said.

Canton officials received a report last year from a consultant that found that three Oakland County communities spent between \$3.2 to \$8.1 million annually on roads, but the study wasn't able to determine actual costs of a takeover because records by the Oakland County communities didn't include levels of services it provided, such as street sweeping and snow removal.

But Yack still liked the options Bennett's bill gives a township.

"We believe we know what our needs are and it may produce some competition between a road commission and another contractor," Yack said. "Competition breeds quality and better service."

Yack said Act 51 monies are probably not adequate to do enough work countywide. "Maybe the county ought to be using some general fund money in addition to the Act 51 money," Yack said.

Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley said he wasn't opposed to townships taking over their own roads or allowing them to inform road commissions about what roads they wanted jurisdiction over.

"I wouldn't have a problem with it, but I don't know if we could do our own roads," Kelley said. Kelley estimated that Redford would be entitled to an amount between \$850,000 and \$1 million for roads.

"The county does our grading, traffic lights, snow removal and salt," Kelley said. "They do road signs and they do our drainage. We get a lot of services for that money, and I don't know if we could duplicate that."

To purchase equipment and hire 10 to 15 additional employees would involve "huge" start-up costs, Kelley said.

Pat McAvey, director of legislative affairs for the Michigan Township Association, said many township officials believe that they would not receive enough money to begin a department.

"Maybe it's enough to contract out for roads," McAvey said. "Maybe that's why you run into some opposition from the County Road Association."

Van Buren Township Supervisor Helen Fosteg said she didn't view the road money as an "all or nothing issue."

With the control of money, "at least I'm there making road people accountable, asking where does this money go and how much is spent in my community. The part I would like to see, at a minimum, is for a township to have influence of the money that is spent there."

Road funding is not an easy issue, Yack said. "Townships" would at least romance the idea. They would like to have a say-so when things are done, and when they should be done.

"Options are great."

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Full house: Last year's fall job fair attracted a variety of businesses and job seekers to Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The Observer & Eccentric and the HomeTown Newspapers will host their second Job Fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia. Laurel Manor is at I-275 and the Jeffries Freeway (I-96).

The success of the first general job fair by the two subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications, Inc. of Livonia has prompted the expansion of the job fair to include up to 100 companies recruiting employees.

The general job fair will feature recruiters from many industries, including Parisian, Staffing Service, Dorothy Day, Kohl's, PlastiPack, PDC Glass of Michigan, Entech, Sentech Services, Olde Discount, E.E. Manu-

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Businesses may participate in the job fair for \$625 which includes: an 8-foot skirted table and chairs; box lunches for two staffers; inclusion in all job fair advertising and editorial in the Observer & Eccentric and HomeTown Newspapers; inclusion on the Web sites promoting the fair; a quarter page ad in the official job fair supplement with distribution to more than 255,000 households and radio promotion of the Job Fair.

Job seekers are encouraged to come with up to 100 resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot

interviews. Appropriate attire is recommended. Admission is free of charge.

"Last year's Fall '98 Job Fair generated such positive comments from participants we decided to do it again," said Rick Ficarelli, marketing director for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Businesses interested in participating should call the marketing department at (734) 953-2150.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers publishes 15 twice-weekly community papers in western Wayne and Oakland counties. The HomeTown Newspapers publishes papers in Northville, South Lyon, Brighton, Novi, Northville, Milford and Livingston County.

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gas tax revenue," Priebe said. County officials figure the county spent \$7.6 million in 1998 in Canton for primary and local road maintenance, capital improvements and debt principal payments. That would be 232 percent more than the \$3.3 million generated from Act 51 revenue, according to county estimates.

Wayne County officials also point to \$12 million in federally aided projects since 1988 and expected through the year 2000, along with 25 county resurfacing projects using county maintenance money and \$12.8 million in Canton/county financing arrangements and nine other upcoming projects.

Bennett, who had not seen these figures, didn't believe that Canton was receiving a disproportionate share. Bennett said Priebe's argument that Canton is getting more than its share only supports his legislation.

"If they do (receive a disproportionate share), it's proof positive that it is needed because they are making a political decision to give more money so other communities must be getting less than their fair share."

DeCook said developing any type of county road plan would be an "exercise in the abstract" in buying trucks and hiring help.

"If a township wanted to take over the roads, then the road commission or the agency would have to lay off people and sell off equipment. What happens when the townships later decide they no longer want to do this?"

The approach also pits townships with small populations and mileage against townships with larger populations and mileage within a county, DeCook said. DeCook anticipated a similar battle between state lawmakers over the legislation.

Bennett said if townships did take control of the roads, it would make it easier for a township resident to address a local road issue. "It's far easier for a Canton resident to address the township board and urge action one way or another, than it is to go see the Wayne County commission or Ed McNamara."

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KELLI LEWTON

Make sure you get your 'five a day'

It's February, and I have noticed a barrage of what I normally refer to as our "New Year do-gooders." After a month of holiday indulgence, preceded by a year of not meeting our resolutions, many of us took an oath this year to change our lives.

After the clock struck midnight on Dec. 31, we were going to spend more quality time with our families, read more and care more. But what is normally on the top of most resolution cards is — this is the year to be healthy, radiant, eat better and start exercising. I see evidence that people are taking their New Year's resolutions seriously as I wait for exercise equipment at my local (normally not overly crowded) YMCA. Yep, we're all going to figure it out this year and be the picture of health.

Since the start of the New Year, the buzz in the 2 Unique office is everyone's diet — high protein, low protein, liquid, shake plan, so on and so forth. I am not a medical expert, I'm a chef with some nutritional background and constantly read about food and diet. I've been watching my weight vigorously since the age of 13. I come from a long line of dieters. My mom informed me at a young age that "it's in our genes," and said I'd always have to be careful about my weight. Over the past 20 years I've come to the conclusion that you've got to eat your veggies!

Apple a day

The old "an apple a day keeps the doctor away" doesn't fall far from the tree of truth. My enthusiasm for this subject came last week after seeing my

What constitutes a fruit or vegetable serving:

- 1 piece of fruit such as an apple
- 6 ounces fruit or vegetable juice
- 1 cup raw vegetables
- 1/2 cup mashed or chopped fruit or vegetables
- 1/4 cup dried fruit

father (who is only 59) in the recovery room after his quadruple bypass surgery.

It is foolish for us to think we can continually live fast, play hard and eat a poor diet year after year and not have it take

a toll. I am not trying to over simplify, but a good rule of thumb to consider is — as close to vine as possible — fresh food is the ticket! If you can't pronounce many of the ingredients listed on the label, be suspicious of purchasing it. Less is quite often more.

The National Research Council, and the National Cancer Institute, urge us all to "strive for five." This means getting at least five servings per day of fruits and vegetables. Many nutrition experts encourage us to shoot for nine to ten servings per day.

Heart disease

Glady Block a nutritional epidemiologist, who holds a doctorate, at UCLA at Berkeley, says, "this is a tall order as only 10 percent of Americans get even five." Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the United States. It affects approximately 7 million Americans annually and causes 1.5 million heart attacks and 500,000 deaths each year. Studies tell us our taxes and health premiums are going up to finance approximately 300,000 coronary artery bypass operations each year, at the cost of around \$30,000 each or \$9 billion annually. I'm surprised that we are not seeing billboards plastered with veggie slogans or luscious fruited centerfolds in our magazines. A healthy diet can literally make the difference between life and death.

Veggies and fruits are one of the most powerful tools we have for attaining radiant health.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Recipe to Share

SOUL FOOD

GOOD FOR THE HEART AND SOUL!

By PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

February is Black History Month. First declared in 1976, it is a time to celebrate and learn about African-American heritage, culture and culinary traditions.

"Soul food" refers to both a method of food preparation and specific types of foods. The expression "soul food" is thought to have been derived from the cultural spirit and soul-satisfying flavors of African-American food. Gathering the family together for meals is an opportunity to nourish both the body and the soul.

My friend Cynthia told me about her family traditions. Cynthia's grandmother took pride in her ability to provide for her family and in her cooking talent. She was known for her homemade breads and cakes, freshly cooked greens and poultry, a variety to suit all tastes. Like my own grandmother, Cynthia's would "go out and get the chicken" and

butcher it at home.

While traditional African-American dishes like fried chicken, ham hocks and beans, grits, chitterlings, black-eyed peas and collard greens may nourish the soul and bring back fond memories of family gatherings, it's not the "soul" that is of concern, it's the "heart."

Occasionally, traditional food habits may conflict with nutritional needs. African-Americans in the United States are two times as likely to suffer from high blood pressure (hypertension) as whites. The disease affects African-Americans earlier and harder. Hypertension places African-Americans at risk for heart attack, stroke and kidney failure unless blood pressure is controlled.

There are some theories as to why African-Americans face such a high risk. The genetic factor shows a tendency toward being "salt-conservers." Environmental factors include a salt-rich West-

ern diet. Evidence suggests that African-Americans don't necessarily eat more salt, their bodies are just better at conserving salt. Regardless of the complexity of factors, because African-Americans face such a high risk of this deadly condition, the recommendation to follow a low salt diet as a preventative strategy is effective. This recommendation is a good one for everyone, regardless of race or nationality, to help battle against heart disease.

Besides hypertension, according to the American Heart Association, the most dramatic nutrition related disparity between African-Americans and white Americans is the high prevalence of obesity among African-Americans, especially women. It is interesting to note that African-American women have better body image perception and dramatically lower incidence of eating disorders. However, sometimes losing weight can help with blood pressure control.

Lorenzo Spratling, a culinary instructor at Breithaupt Career & Technical Center in Detroit, and a chef at the Golden Mushroom Restaurant in Southfield, recalls large family gatherings where traditional "soul" food was proudly prepared and served.

Today he reduces the fat and sodium in these traditional dishes but keeps the flavor in tact. See his recipes inside.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington-Hills based food service and hospitality management and consulting company, specializing in food-service management for hospitals, long-term care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools. HDS Services has approximately 200 management accounts throughout the United States and Japan. Look for Peggy's story on the second Sunday of the month in Taste.

SOUL FOOD preparation

Soul food preparation techniques such as frying and barbecuing meat and the use of hot sauces and black pepper can be made more healthy by:

- **Pan frying** — in less fat and using poly or monounsaturated oils such as canola, sunflower or olive oil. Use vegetable oil cooking spray and sauces to insure foods cook thoroughly without sticking.
- **Homemade** — rather than store bought barbecue and hot sauces may be lower in sodium. Start with ingredients such as low sodium tomato paste.
- **Vegetables** — such as turnip, mustard and collard greens, sweet potatoes, snap peas, chowder peas and black-eyed peas are wonderful sources of vitamins A, C and potassium. Prepare them without salt pork and fats to keep the sodium and fat low. Try using lemon juice or even smoked turkey or chicken for flavoring.
- **Hominy grits and corn bread** — can also be prepared with less salt to supply another nutritious source of B vitamins.
- **Add more low fat milk, yogurt and low fat dairy foods** — for calcium and B vitamins. Even though African Americans face a lower risk of the bone

thinning disease osteoporosis, getting enough dietary calcium is still important for overall good health.

- **Enjoy lean cuts** — of pork, poultry and fish cooked without added fats or salt.
- **To attain or maintain a reasonable body weight** — shoot for 11-15 calories per pound of body weight.
- **Keep dietary fat** — to about 30% of total daily calories or between 50-80 grams daily. Read food labels and choose lower fat foods most often.
- **Try to keep daily sodium intake** — to 2,400-3,000 milligrams. Take the salt shaker off the table and try not to salt foods during cooking. Use spice blends, either a homemade mixture or one from the grocery store.

Resources

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Lazy cook's Italian style bean soup will warm you up

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL G. WAGNER

I'm a fall-winter person as long as it's not icy outside. The cold days of winter make me yearn for cuddle foods like homemade soup simmering on the stove.

But as you know, I'm a lazy cook, and an impatient one too. I use canned vegetables, broth and beans as long as they enhance and not detract from

the flavor of the finished product.

Such a recipe is my version of a hearty bean soup that takes only 10 minutes to prepare, but tastes like it's been simmering on the stove for hours. I call it Eating Younger Quick Bean Soup Italian Style.

The basis for this soup is chicken stock, but as you might suspect, it's not one that I make from scratch. I find that an acceptable canned chicken broth, personalized with simple herbs and vegetables will turn it into a respectable soup base. The taste of Swanson Fat-Free Chicken Broth used in this recipe suggests that there was a chicken involved somewhere in contrast to other watery versions that I have tasted.

I like the flavor of olive oil rather than canola oil for softening the onion. Both are low in saturated fat. The

smoked sausage choice can be yours, although it should be reduced fat. The Hillshire Farms Brand is one of the leanest and best tasting. Regular sausage has 10 times the fat and saturated fat. When you're reading the sausage label, take note that the values are for a two ounce portion. These days it's a good idea to brown the sausage slices thoroughly.

If a vegetarian dish is your goal, you can omit the sausage. The soup will have enough flavor from the herbs and vegetables. The beans contribute enough protein to make it a stick-to-the-ribs one dish meal.

Of course, the beans are ready cooked. Home prepared dried beans may be more flavorful and less expensive, but I'm willing to sacrifice some flavor and pay a little extra for the time saved and convenience. The same reasoning applies to the garlic. Besides, ready-chopped garlic is never sprouted when I'm about to use it.

The new tomato products are this busy cook's best friends unless fresh tomatoes are abundant and cheap. Canned tomatoes save much chopping and resolve seasoning questions. The one veggie that I use fresh is spinach. Wash it well (even the prewashed) and chop it coarsely after removing the stems.

Do use imported Parmesan cheese that is freshly grated. The difference in flavor between fresh Parmesan and the

boxed grated cheese makes the extra work time well spent. The nutrition and taste differences make nonfat cheese a poor trade-off in this case. One tablespoon of imported Parmesan adds little more than a gram of fat for its superior flavor.

This soup has lots of nutrients including vitamins A, B complex, C and K, soluble and insoluble fiber and antioxidants. The tomatoes are an excellent source of lycopene. The spinach is an excellent source of lutein and zeaxanthin that may protect your eyes.

For my fair weather friends, I soothe their winter woes with the soup and crusty French or Italian bread.

EATING YOUNGER QUICK BEAN SOUP ITALIAN STYLE

- 1 tablespoon olive or canola oil
- 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 (14 ounce) package Hillshire Farms Lean and Healthy Smoked Sausage, sliced
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
- 1 (16 ounce) package fresh spinach, washed and chopped coarsely
- 2 (14 1/2 ounce) cans Swanson's Natural Goodness 100 percent Fat Free Chicken Broth
- 1 (24 ounce) jar Great Northern Beans, drained and rinsed

- 1 (14.5 ounce) can Hunt's Diced Tomatoes with Italian Herbs
- 1 (15 ounce) can Hunt's Tomato Sauce — Chunky Garlic and Herbs
- 1 1/2 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated

In a large saucepan heat oil. Add garlic, onion and sausage. Cook until sausage is well browned and onion is soft. Add remaining ingredients except Parmesan cheese. Stir to blend.

Heat to serving temperature. Do not boil. Pour into bowls, distributing sausage and vegetables. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately. Serves 6

Nutrition Values (per serving)

Calories - 237
Fat - 6.0g, Saturated Fat - 2.0g
Cholesterol - 28mg, Sodium - 1,010mg
■ Food Exchanges = 2 1/2 lean meats, 1/2 bread, 2 vegetables

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

Chef shares recipes for soulful dishes

See related Soul Food story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Chef Lorenzo Sprattling.

UN-FRIED CHICKEN

- Serves to 6
- Light vegetable oil cooking spray
- 2 pounds of skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 2 cups ice cubes
- 3/4 cup non-fat yogurt
- 1 cup dried Italian bread crumbs
- 1 cup flour
- 1 Tablespoon Old Bay Seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 Tablespoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme

1/2 teaspoon basil
1/2 teaspoon oregano
Preheat oven to 400°F

In a large bowl, combine ice cubes and chicken and refrigerate half an hour. Place yogurt into a medium bowl. Place remaining ingredients into a large bag that seals tightly. Shake well to mix. Remove three pieces of chicken from ice water.

Roll each piece in yogurt. Put the chicken into the plastic bag, reseal and shake to coat thoroughly. Transfer the breaded chicken to a baking sheet that has been sprayed with the cooking spray. Spray each piece of chicken lightly with cooking spray.

Place the baking sheet on the bottom shelf of the oven and bake for 1 hour, turning the pieces every 15 minutes to assure even crispiness.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 175, Protein (g): 28, Fat (g): 3, Sodium (mg): 616, Carbohydrates (g): 15, Percent of calories from fat: 16.5.

COLLARD GREENS

- Serves 4
- 2 pounds collard greens
- 1/2 pound smoked turkey breast, cubed
- 1/2 pound cabbage (about 1/4 of a medium-size head)
- 1/2 cup finely diced onion
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 quart cold water

Wash greens thoroughly, discarding stems and yellow leaves. Cut greens and cabbage into small pieces.

pieces. In a large pot add water, greens, onion, black pepper and cayenne.
Simmer for 30 minutes. Add turkey breast and simmer 30 more minutes until greens are tender. Serve with a slotted spoon.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 92, Protein (g): 10.5, Fat (g): 2, Sodium (mg): 330, Carbohydrates (g): 13, Percent of calories from fat: 19.

SWEET POTATO PIE

- Serves 10
- 2 cups cooked sweet potatoes peeled
- 3/4 cup honey
- 4 egg whites
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1-1/2 teaspoons grated nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

1 (9) inch reduced-fat pie shell (recipe to follow)
Preheat oven to 375°F. With an electric mixer thoroughly blend all ingredients together. Pour the filling into the pie shell and bake about 40 minutes or until firm. Remove the pie from the oven and allow it to cool.

Nutrition information per serving (minus crust): Calories: 145
Protein (g): 3.5, Fat (g): 0, Sodium (mg): 60, Carbohydrates (g): 35.
Percent of calories from fat: 1.5.

REDUCED-FAT 9-INCH PIE SHELL

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 Tablespoons reduced-fat margarine, cold, cut into small pieces

3 Tablespoons cold skim milk
Mix flour and salt together in a bowl. Add margarine and blend with a fork or pastry blender until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Add milk and blend until ingredients hold together. Shape into a ball and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until chilled. Place the dough on a lightly floured board and roll out to about 1/8 inch thick circle. Roll the dough at least 2 inches larger than the pie pan.

Fold dough in half and gently place it in the pie pan. Unfold the dough and fit into the pan, tucking an extra 1 inch of crust to make a stand up edge.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 9, Protein (g): 2, Fat (g): 3.5, Sodium (mg): 141, Carbohydrates (g): 13, Percent of calories from fat: 35.

Here are some delicious ways to enjoy your veggies

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front.

LENTIL AND POTATO STEW

- 1 cup lentils
- 4 cups hot vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 Bay Leaf
- 2 potatoes, scrubbed and cubed
- 1 cup carrots, diced
- 1 cup parsnips, diced
- 1 cup turnips, diced
- 1 tsp. turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon coriander, ground

1/4 teaspoon cloves
2 tablespoons cumin
2 large tomatoes, chopped or 2 cups canned chopped tomatoes

1 teaspoon honey
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

In a saucepan, heat olive oil and saute vegetables until tender (about 5 minutes).

Add tomatoes and spices and cook for 2 minutes. Add stock and lentils, simmer (uncooked) for 30-35 minutes until lentils are Al dente.

Finish by stirring in honey, salt and pepper. Serve.

Yield: 10-12 (10 ounce) servings.

EASY RATATOUILLE

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large Spanish onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 zucchini (medium diced)
- 1 yellow squash (medium

diced)
1 eggplant (peeled and medium diced)
10 plum tomatoes diced or 2 cans

1 teaspoon capers (optional)
1/4 cup fresh basil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Heat oil, saute onions and garlic until caramel in color. Add diced vegetables, capers, reduce to a simmer (low heat) cover and simmer, stirring occasionally for 35 minutes.

Remove lid and continue to cook another 15 minutes, adjust seasoning, add basil. Eat with bread or as a chunky pasta sauce
Yield: 8 (6-8 ounce) servings.

Gobble up all the vegetables you can. Consider this hearty vegetable soup part of your arsenal for staying well.

GOOD FOR YOU GARDEN SOUP

- 2 quarts Veggie or Chicken Stock
- 3 carrots
- 2 zucchini

1 yellow squash
2 cloves of garlic
1 red pepper
2 tomatoes
1/2 cup button mushrooms
1 onion
2 stalks of celery
1 cup green beans

Clean and medium dice all vegetables. Place in a large stock pot.

Add stock. Bring to almost a boil. Reduce Heat and Simmer for 35-45 minutes.
Yield about 10 (6-7 ounce) servings.

Vegetarian casserole hearty winter fare

AP — This nicely seasoned Vegetarian Couscous Casserole is a hearty main-dish offering. It's served over fresh spinach, to warm the family on a cold winter day.

VEGETARIAN COUSCOUS CASSEROLE

- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup couscous, uncooked
- 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 8 3/4-ounce can corn, drained and rinsed
- 8-ounce can sliced water chestnuts, drained and rinsed

7-ounce jar roasted peppers in water, drained and cut into strips
1/3 cup green onions, minced

- 2 tablespoons pickled jalapeno pepper, minced
- 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 6 cups fresh spinach leaves

Bring water and salt to a boil in saucepan. Remove from heat. Add

couscous and stir well. Cover and let stand 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Add black beans, corn, chestnuts, roasted peppers, onions and jalapeno peppers. Stir gently.
Combine cheese, vinegar, oil and cumin. Stir into couscous mixture. Spoon into an 11- by 7- by 2-inch baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F for 25 minutes. To serve, spoon couscous mixture onto individual servings of spinach.

Makes 6 servings.
Nutritional facts per serving: 252 cal., 39 g carbo., 5 g fat, 13 mg chol., 14 g pro., 7 g fiber, 460 mg sodium.
Recipe from: Michigan Bean Commission.

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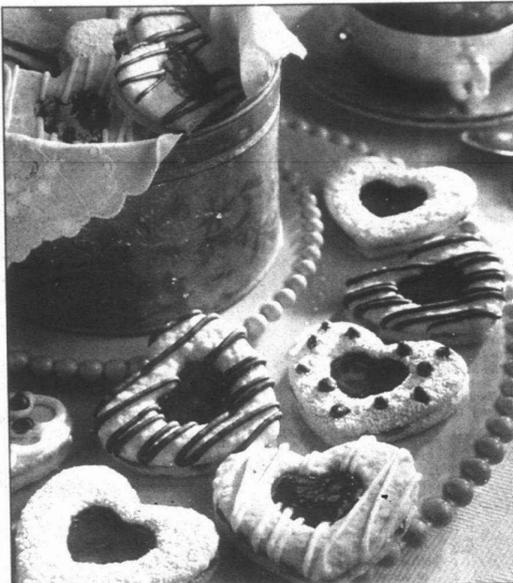
SWEETHEART COOKIES

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind (about 2 large lemons)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2/3 cup seedless raspberry preserves
- Powdered sugar

In a medium bowl, combine flour, oats, lemon rind, baking soda and salt; mix well. In large bowl, beat margarine and sugar with electric mixer until creamy. Add egg and vanilla; continue beating until light and fluffy. Stir in oat mixture; mix well. Cover and chill at least 1 hour.

Heat oven to 350°F. Divide dough into quarters; work with one quarter at a time, keeping remaining dough refrigerated. Roll dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with floured 2 1/2-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter. Use a 1-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut out a hole from the center of half the hearts. Reroll and cut scraps.

Arrange cookies 1-inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Repeat with remaining dough.
Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets. Remove to wire rack; cool completely.
To assemble cookies, spread 1



Sweet: These cut-out butter cookies boast the nutty whole-grain texture of oats and the refreshing flavors of lemon and sweet red raspberry preserves.

chocolate in a microwave safe container; cook on medium (50% power) for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Stir.
To drizzle chocolate easily, spoon melted chocolate into 1-quart heavy-duty plastic storage bag. Seal bag. Cut a 1/4-inch or smaller opening in corner of food storage bag. Squeeze chocolate over cookies with cutouts.
Nutrition information: 1 cookie Calories 130, calories from fat 45, total fat 5g, saturated fat 3g, cholesterol 20mg, sodium 160mg, total carbohydrates 20g, dietary fiber less than 1g, protein, 2g.
Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

QUAKER OATS

COOKING CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in Cooking Calendar to: Kaye Wyszynski, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

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with seatings at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. followed by a 90-minute program. The cost is adults \$10, children (12 and younger) \$8. Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 645-3230. The Science Institute is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Luscious poached pears are a Valentine's Day treat

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

It wouldn't be Valentine's Day without sweets, so it's fortunate that clever cooks have developed lots of ways to enjoy delicious treats that won't make you feel guilty about the indulgence. Candied citrus zest adds fat-free color, texture and flavor to mousses, custards and other smooth desserts. In a medium-sized saucepan set over medium-high heat, combine 1 cup water and cup fresh, very thin matchstick-length strips of lemon, lime, orange or grapefruit zest (completely free of any white pith).

Bring to a boil and cook 3 minutes. Rinse zest under cool water in a sieve and let drain. Rinse out the saucepan, add 1/3 cup granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon light corn syrup and 2-1/2 tablespoons water, and stir until blended. Bring mixture to a simmer over medium-high heat,

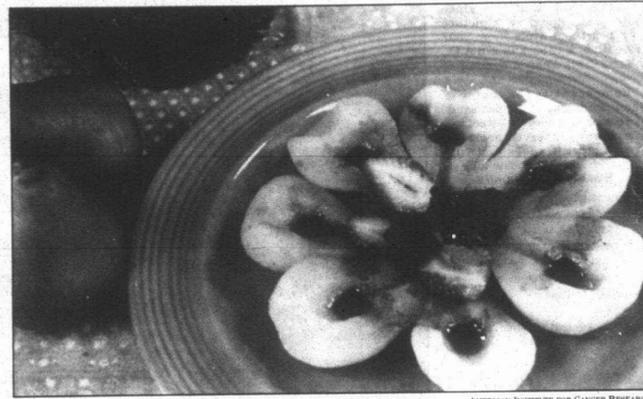
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cover and simmer for 2 minutes. Stir drained zests strips into the syrup, bring to a simmer again and cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 4 minutes until zest is tender and translucent. Remove zest shreds with a fork, spread on a sheet of wax paper, and cool. If you wish, save the syrup and drizzle it over fresh or poached fruit.

Meringue kisses are light and sweet and can be made in a variety of flavors — vanilla, chocolate, almond, orange or lemon. Serve them with fresh fruit or berries, or make meringue "sandwiches" filled with your favorite fruit preserves. Preheat the oven to 250 degrees and line 2 cookie sheets with foil. In a

large bowl, combine 3 large egg whites (at room temperature), 1/8 tsp. cream of tartar and 1/8 tsp. salt. Using an electric mixer on medium speed, whip until foamy. Gradually add 3/4 cup granulated sugar and whip until the whites hold medium-stiff peaks. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla extract and 1/2 teaspoon almond extract and whip until the whites are satiny and hold stiff peaks.

Drop the meringue by teaspoonfuls onto the prepared sheets and bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until the tops of the kisses feel dry to the touch. Set the sheets on a rack to cool for 3 to 5 minutes, then peel away the



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Holiday treat: Poached pears with chocolate sauce is a tasty way to celebrate Valentine's Day or any special occasion.

backing paper or foil.

For orange or lemon kisses, reduce the vanilla to tsp. and omit the almond extract, add 1 teaspoon orange or lemon extract plus 2 teaspoons grated orange or lemon zest. For chocolate kisses, fold 2 tablespoons sifted unsweetened cocoa into the whipped meringue, leaving it slightly streaked.

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POACHED PEARS WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE

- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon

- 1 cinnamon stick
- 4 pears
- 4 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- Sliced strawberries for garnish

In large saucepan, combine water, sugar, lemon rind, lemon juice, and cinnamon stick. Bring to a boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved.

Peel, halve and core pears. Add pears to boiling syrup. (Pears should be covered in liquid; if not, double the amount of poaching liquid or poach in batches.)

Reduce heat to medium-low and

simmer gently for 15 to 20 minutes or until pears are almost tender (time will vary depending on ripeness and type of pear; remember, pears will continue to cook while cooling). Remove from heat and let cool in liquid.

Drain pears thoroughly and pat dry on paper towels. Arrange pear halves on individual plates. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Serve at room temperature.

Nutrition information: Each of the 8 servings contains 119 calories and less than one gram of fat.

Recipe and information provided by Melanie Polk, Director of Nutrition Education, American Institute for Cancer Research.

Simple Beef Stroganoff ready in 20 minutes

AP This version of Beef Stroganoff is not only festive, it's simple to make and should have the cook out of the kitchen in 20 minutes.

The recipe calls for beef tenderloin tips stir-fried and combined with mushrooms, onions and broth. It is served over bowtie pasta, accompanied by a salad of mixed greens dressed with a herbed vinaigrette.

BEEF STROGANOFF

- 1 1/2 cups uncooked farfalle (bow tie) pasta
- 1 pound beef tenderloin tips

- Vegetable cooking spray
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 to 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup ready-to-serve beef broth
- 1 tablespoon sliced green onion

1/4 cup dairy sour half-and-half

Cook pasta according to package directions. Keep warm.

Meanwhile, trim fat from beef; cut into 1- by 1/2-inch pieces. Spray large nonstick skillet with

cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add beef (half at a time) and stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes or until outside surface is no longer pink. Remove from skillet; keep warm. Season with salt and pepper.

In same skillet, cook mushrooms

and onion in oil 2 minutes or until tender; stir in flour. Gradually add broth, stirring until blended. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2 minutes. Return beef to skillet; heat through.

Serve beef mixture over pasta. Sprinkle with green onion; pass

sour half-and-half to put on top. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional facts per serving: 344 cal., 30 g pro., 25 g carbo., 13 g fat, 344 mg sodium, 77 mg chol.

Recipe from: National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Cool hot soup quickly

"Cold weather inspires many people to cook a large pot of homemade soup," said Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County.

If a large pot of soup is left to cool by itself it may take many hours before reaching a cool temperature. By that time it may have already begun to grow dangerous bacteria, which can result in food poisoning. The best advice we can give, said Treitman, is to cool that large pot of food quickly.

Here are some ideas:

Divide a large pot into several shallow containers (2 or 3-inches deep)

Use a large spoon to stir soup every few minutes to speed up cooling.

Place hot food in sink filled with ice water.

After cooking refrigerate soup after about 20 minutes cooling

Refrigerate leftovers quickly after serving

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

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St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer an Infant and Child Immunization Clinic 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. All state-required immunizations will be administered pending availability of serum, including hepatitis B and H. influenza type B for children under age 18.

Participants should bring all available immunization records. No registration is required. Cost is \$5 per child no matter how many immunizations are given. For more information, call (734) 655-8940 or toll-free at (800) 494-1650. (Those attending should use the south entrance off Levan.)

Confident daughters

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's Women Health Services is offering "Raising Strong and Confident Daughters," a class designed to help parents meet the challenges of raising girls. Parents of girls ages 5-11 will learn strategies to help counter limiting cultural stereotypes.

The six-hour, four-session program is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 and March 5 at the SJM Canton Health Building, 1600 S. Canton Center. Class presenters are Carole Lapidos, M.S.W., and Sally Wisotzky, M.S.W. The fee is \$65.

For more information or to register, call Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

Cardiac open house

In recognition of American Heart Health Month and National Women's Heart Health Day, Garden City Hospital's Cardiology Services and Women's and Children's Services will jointly host an open house 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21.

During this "heart-warming experience," the public and hospital employees will be able to participate in cholesterol testing, lectures, massages, American Heart Association Risk Assessment. Demonstrations of CPR, kick-boxing, yoga and the hospital's new Web page will be conducted throughout the day. Community vendors, such as the YMCA and Med-Max, also will participate.

For more information, contact Terry Carroll at (734) 458-4267.

Chocolate lowdown

It has nothing to do with love, but bittersweet chocolate is good for your heart. "We've heard about the antioxidant substances called phenols in red wine and grape juice; the cocoa in chocolate has them as well," said Dr. Elaine Feldman, a professor emerita of medicine, physiology and endocrinology at the Medical College of Georgia.

"These substances may prevent hardening of the arteries, heart attacks and possibly strokes.

The darker the chocolate the better, said Feldman, because darker chocolate has more pure cocoa. Milk chocolate has less cocoa and more fat and sugar but still yields some benefits from the cocoa bean. White chocolate, which has no cocoa, isn't heart-healthy. Stick with the bittersweet bonbons.

Source: *New Woman* magazine, February 1999

We want your health news

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

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RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS

More than the common cold

BY JOANNE PORETTA
SPECIAL WRITER

An incidence of respiratory syncytial virus, more commonly known as RSV, shut down baby-sitting services at the Farmington YMCA two days last month. The virus can lead to breathing difficulty in children, especially infants.

The center closed as a precautionary measure to ward off additional cases.

"A parent called on Tuesday evening (Jan. 26) and reported that the child had come down with RSV and was taken to the hospital," said Joanna Satterley, communications director for YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit.

"It was one of the more rare extreme cases. From there, the Farmington staff took immediate action. They contacted every parent that they were expecting to bring their child to baby-sitting on Wednesday and let them know that a child had been diagnosed for RSV."

On recommendation from a physician, the Farmington center closed for two reasons, said Satterley: "One, that would give them the opportunity to completely disinfect every area; and secondly, that would give the other children an opportunity to develop symptoms, if they had RSV. That way, they wouldn't reinfect the other children."

The center reopened Friday, Jan. 29. A check of several other Farmington area child-care centers disclosed no other outbreak of RSV.

RSV is confirmed through a specific test using nose and throat secretions from the patient. The virus is spread through contact with droplets of mucous or saliva during sneezing and coughing. It can live up to six hours on surfaces such as toys, pacifiers, or table tops.

Causing colds

RSV is a virus that causes a percentage of colds; therefore, most adults and older children who contract RSV treat themselves as if they had a moderate to severe common cold. They usually do not seek medical treat-



well and have not fully developed the reaction to cough when a trickle is felt at the back of the throat.

In rare instances RSV progresses to the point of severe symptoms that will warrant hospitalization. A high degree of respiratory distress, difficulty eating or sleeping, dehydration, rapid heartbeat and labored breathing are some of those symptoms. Pneumonia is a further complication of the virus.

"Pneumonia can be a complication of the lower respiratory tract. Less than 5 percent of cases proceed into pneumonia, or lower respiratory tract infections," said Fox.

In hospitalized cases, treatment may include intravenous hydration, suctioning of the airways, and frequent breathing treatments, which include medication to widen air passages, either with a hand-held nebulizer or by placing the child in an oxygen tent. Pulsoximetry, the amount of oxygen present in the blood, is measured. RSV infants usually have lower pulsoximetry levels. A drop below 90 percent may require immediate treatment with humidified oxygen.

Asthma risk

Dr. S. William Paris of Paris Asthma and Allergy Centers in Farmington confirmed media reports: RSV in infancy may lead to asthma later in life. However, he clarified that most children who develop asthma were at high risk for asthma already.

"We see kids developing the asthma if they are prone to irritation effect. It makes the airways reactive by sensitizing them. I don't know if we really know totally why it happens, but we do know that sometimes a viral episode like this early in life can lead to an asthmatic situation."

"This can sensitize them, but then you know, if they have pets in the house, if they have molds, dust mites, or ceteras, those are the things that also trigger respi-

The virus can lead to breathing difficulty in children, especially infants.

ratory illness and asthma in children," said Paris.

RSV is most common in winter and early spring and usually begins to abate by April.

It peaks in January and February, accounting for the recent high profile of information brought on by the disease.

Dr. Ilene Wolff, a spokeswoman for William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, said there was a large jump in RSV cases in January.

"Of the respiratory cultures that were tested for RSV, in December 30 percent were positive for RSV. That percentage jumped to 60 percent in January."

On the upswing

Although Dr. Michael Yanguoyan, an emergency room physician at Garden City Hospital, has no true statistics, he believes the virus has increased since the beginning of the year.

"I don't have the definite numbers, but it seems like we're seeing more of it this year in the emergency room."

Yanguoyan's advice to parents: "If there's an adult or another child in the house that has it, either avoid contact or utilize frequent hand washing. Of course, cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze, and don't share glasses or utensils, things like that."

Fox echoed this preventive course of action. "People who are more likely to get that newborn or baby sick are the brother-or-sister or cousin who comes in specifically to play with the child. One of the other children in day care brings it home, usually because their sibling brought it home."

"This is not going to usually occur from the stranger who is looking at a newborn in a mall. Most people who have a cold aren't going to poke their head in and look at the baby and cough on them. Most people would try to keep their distance with newborns."



Joanne Porretta

be very, very careful and keep their newborn out of harm's way whenever possible.

My most haunting memory of RSV comes from the day I brought 5-week-old Natalie to her brother's school. He was proud and the children were very eager to see their classmate's new baby sister. The teachers didn't hesitate to take a peek, either.

Natalie was dressed in one of her cutest outfits, and I remember smiling with the fun of inviting children to gather around Natalie and delight in her newness. So they came in closer and closer to get a better look, close enough to see her face, her bonnet. Close enough to touch her.

In the midst of the ooohs and aahs and squeals of delight among the children, I remember that one them coughed.

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MONDAY, FEB. 15**ALTERNATIVE HEALTH**

Cindy Klement, an Ann Arbor iridologist, herbalist and nutritional consultant, will discuss "Immune-building With Herbs and Nutrition" 7-9 p.m. at Ageless Wisdom in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 975-2444.

HERBS WARNING

Before you jump on the herbal medicine bandwagon, attend the Botsford Hospital Adults with Insulin Dependent Diabetes meeting to discuss "Herbs as Medicine" with Kay Sweeney, Ph.D., R.D. Learn why special care must be taken, especially when you are already ingesting prescription medications. The free meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River, Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

BLOOD DONATIONS

An American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Church of Christ-Plymouth, 9301 Sheldon Road from 2-8 p.m. For appointments, call (734) 453-7630.

TUES, FEB. 16**LYME DISEASE**

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

WED, FEB. 17**POSITIVE LIVING**

"Prescription for Burnout" is the third session in a four-part series about living a happy, healthy life through both physical and mental well-being. Starts 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per session or \$45 for series. Registration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

THURS, FEB. 18**HEALTHY COOKING DEMO**

Chef Larry Janes presents "Staying Healthy with Greens, Grains and Soy" 2 p.m. The cost is \$6. Registration required. Classes fill early. Botsford's Health Development Network (HDN), 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

FRI, FEB. 22**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Free blood pressure screenings sponsored by Botsford General Hospital will take place from 8-10 a.m. in Jacobson's court in Laurel Park Place. Call (734) 462-1100.

BLOOD DONATIONS

An American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile in Livonia 3-9 p.m. Call (734) 464-1293.

WED, FEB. 24**POSITIVE LIVING**

"The Magic of Humor" is the last session in a four-part series about living a happy, healthy life through both physical and mental well-being. Starts 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per session or \$45 for series. Registration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

HEART-SAVER CPR COURSE

Livonia Fire and Rescue will conduct an "American Heart Adult Heart-Saver CPR Course" at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Conference Room A, 6:30-10 p.m. Contact Jim Egged at (734) 466-2444.

THURS, FEB. 25**HORMONES**

Botsford's Prime Time for Women features "Hormone Replacement Therapy and its Alternatives" at 7 p.m. in Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100.

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Videoconferencing: passport to the world

Video Conferencing Central Reservations Inc. will celebrate its official grand opening at Laurel Manor in Livonia Thursday, Feb. 18, with "Around the World in 80 Minutes." The videoconference will span six hours non-stop from 3-9 p.m. with feature presentations scheduled every 80 minutes.

This open-house event will unite attendees with the latest videoconference technology and demonstrate the various features and technical capabilities of this growing communications medium. It is hosted with VCCR's new business partners, Troy-based Enticed

Information Technologies and Farmington Hills-based Telephone Support Systems, Inc.

Exhibitors include: Ameritech, Canon, Grace & Wild Digital Studios, Hitachi Software, Lucent Technologies, Sanyo Presentation Technologies, Sprint and many more.

"We are holding this event to help educate a large and mixed audience about the many possibilities this communications technology has to offer. We are showing people that videoconferencing can be used for a simple face-to-face meeting or a large production to convey a single message to thousand of peo-

ple in locations around the globe," said president and CEO Tino DelSignore.

All six Laurel Manor ballrooms will be decorated in Italian, French, German, Mexican, Japanese and U.S. motifs - with food, beverages and music from the respective countries. The "countries" will be linked together by VCCR's Lucent Technologies brand multi-point conferencing unit.

The audience will be able to use the equipment and ask questions of the attending industry executives.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Guest conductor looks to youth for future

Anthony Elliott might be the conductor the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking to hire when Russell Reed retires in April. The orchestra has been pushing to create programs to nurture the love of classical music in the younger generation. Elliott has spent his entire professional career doing just that.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, Elliott, one of seven applicants being considered for conductor/music director position, guest conducts the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. As part of the procedure to find a new conductor, applicants either guest conduct or rehearse with the orchestra.

"The Plymouth Symphony has a strong commitment to education of young people, and my life has been connected to the education of the young," said Elliott, a former conductor of the Vancouver Youth Symphony and Houston Youth Symphony and Ballet. "I'm very committed to it and the Plymouth Symphony shows that commitment."

Credentials

Over the last 20 years, Elliott has conducted and played cello with a number of orchestras. A student of cellist Janos Starker at Indiana University, Elliott began his performing career with the Toronto Symphony. He then became associate principal cellist of the Minnesota Symphony and a member of the teaching faculty at the University of Minnesota. It was upon his appointment as principal cellist of the Vancouver Symphony in British Columbia that he conducted the Vancouver Youth Symphony and the Vancouver Chamber Players.

Elliott first met Reed in 1983 while teaching cello and conducting the symphony at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Reed was music director of bands and orchestras at Eastern Michigan University. The two frequently met in competitions around the state.

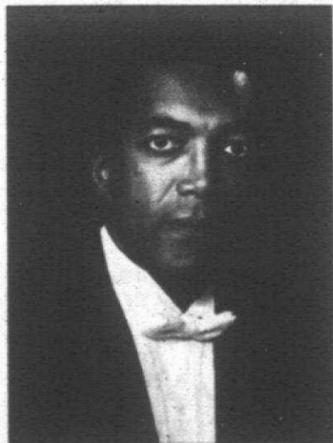
After leaving Michigan in 1987, Elliott taught cello at the University of Houston. Three years later he was directing the Houston Youth Symphony and Ballet. He became professor of cello at the University of Michigan School of Music in 1994. Winner of the Feuermann International Solo Cello Competition in 1987, Elliott has appeared as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, to name a few.

Early years

Elliott's first exposure to classical music at a local symphony concert left him wishing he knew how the music was made. Now, he'd like to make sure today's youth have the same opportunity to learn about Tchaikovsky, Ravel and Shostakovich.

"It was an amazing experience," said Elliott. "There were these sounds and colors I'd never heard before and I developed a curiosity how these colors and sounds could be reproduced."

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February festivities: Anthony Elliott guest conducts the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in works by Shostakovich, Ravel and Tchaikovsky.

JAZZY BANDS RECAPTURE

Stan Kenton's musical magic

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Stan Kenton would have loved to hear the Clarenceville Jazz Series was not only being revived but features a warm-up band of young jazz musicians from Harrison High School in Farmington.

In his later years, Kenton promoted jazz and big band music to the young by establishing "Kenton Clinics" and performing at colleges and universities around the country.

Johnny Trudell's 19-piece Big Band is the main act that the Harrison High Jazz Band opens for Sunday, Feb. 21. Kenton alumni Bob Lymeris (trumpet), Jerry McKenzie (drums), and Chuck Carter (baritone sax) along with the rest of Trudell's band will recapture the magic of the songs Kenton played for sell-out crowds at Clarenceville in the 1970s. This is the first in a series of three concerts. Tributes to Count Basie and Woody Herman take place March 28 and May 16. Proceeds go to the Clarenceville Schools Alumni and Friends Foundation to further music programs at the high school in Livonia, and to the Michigan Jazz Festival taking place July 18 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

"We're going to have five saxes, five trombones and five trumpets recreating the sounds of the original Kenton orchestra," said Trudell, a professional trumpeter for more than 40 years and a member of the Fox Theater orchestra. "While he wasn't as popular as Benny Goodman and others, Kenton was innovative and created interest in the music in schools by doing clinics. We're opening with the Harrison jazz band because it's in keeping with what Stan Kenton began in the high schools and colleges and his idea of having music in the schools."

Lymeris remembers the crowds Kenton used to draw back in the mid to late 1940s when the Farmington Hills resident played hits such as "Intermission Riff," Kenton's theme song "Artistry in Motion," and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with the band.

"Back then the Big Bands were hot — Ellington, Kenton, Count Basie," said Lymeris, who joined Kenton's band at age 19. "We were stars. You'd come out the stage door and they'd want your autograph."

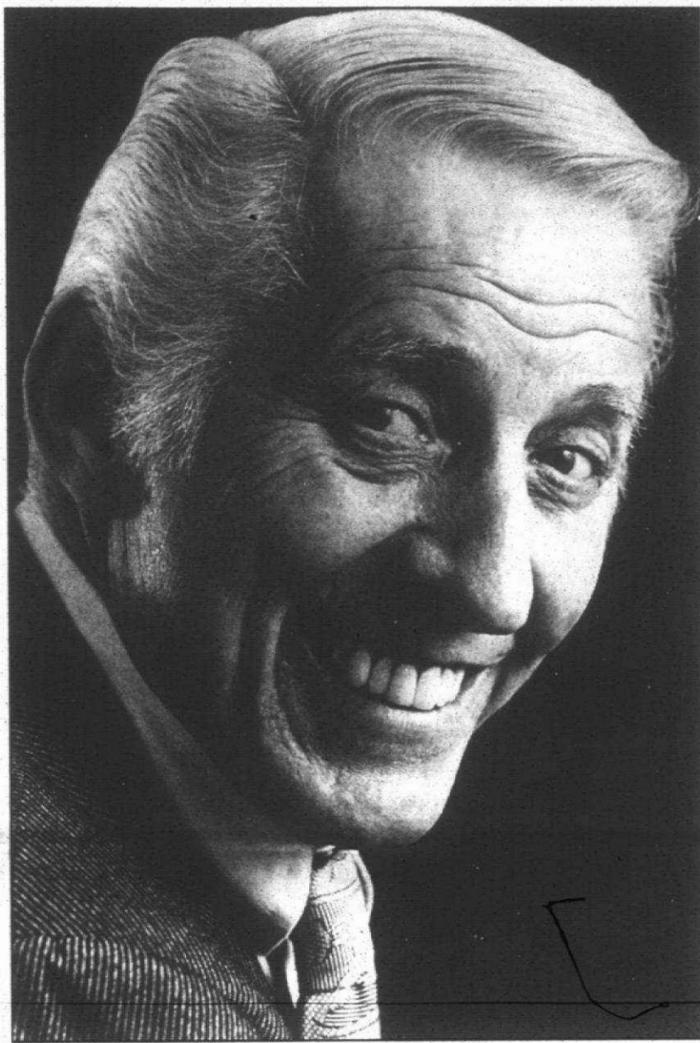
On the road

Lymeris traveled all over the country with Kenton playing theaters, dance halls, and amusement parks such as the old Eastwood Garden at Eight Mile and Gratiot. Life on the road could be grueling. At the Paramount Theater in New York City, the band performed five to six shows a day from 11:30 a.m. to midnight. Any free time was spent in the recording studio. Lymeris was recently surprised to find some of those old recordings at Borders in Birmingham.

"We'd do two weeks of one-nighters then do a week at a theater," said Lymeris. "We used to fly a lot especially when we did concerts for the army. One of the guys wouldn't fly so we had to wait for him to catch up."

Hollywood happening

Lymeris didn't play in the original Clarenceville series but did take his



Artistry in Rhythm: The Clarenceville Jazz Series Revisited pays tribute to Stan Kenton who performed to sold-out crowds at the original series of concerts held at the high school in Livonia in the 1970s.

Stan Kenton Tribute

WHAT: The Johnny Trudell Big Band honors Kenton's music in a concert presented by the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation. Featured guests are Kenton alumni Jerry McKenzie (drums), Bob Lymeris (trumpet), and Chuck "Rhapsody in Blue" Carter (baritone saxophone).

WHEN: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21.

WHERE: Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia.

TICKETS: \$15, and available by calling (248) 474-2720/(248) 437-9468/(248) 473-8933.

daughter backstage to meet Kenton during one of his concerts. She'd heard all of Lymeris' stories about Betty Grable and Harry James watching the Kenton band playing the Hollywood Palladium. Mel Torme and Bob Hope used to sit in regularly with the band back then.

"Stan was a gentleman, easy to get along with," said Lymeris. "He was known for being innovative. We were the first band with five trumpets and

five trombones. His later years, he was into progressive jazz."

Jerry McKenzie joined the band after Lymeris left. Off and on between 1958 and 1972, the West Bloomfield drummer performed and recorded with Kenton, receiving back to back Grammy Awards for "Adventures in Jazz" and Kenton's "West Side Story."

"I'm thankful, I was able to work with him and thankful I was able to have those memories," said McKenzie. "Some of the most memorable experiences were when we recorded two tracks with Nat King Cole. We also were on the same bill with King Cole. Another time, it was Johnny Mathis. We also did Dick Clark's Bandstand."

McKenzie knew from age 3 when he saw Gene Krupa on TV that he wanted to become a drummer. McKenzie was fortunate to see and hear all the great Big Band such as Dorsey, Basie and Miller all in the comfort of his living room. Those days are gone. Today's kids have few opportunities to hear live Big Band music. The Feb. 21 concert will not only allow the next generation to

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Kathleen Ripley Leo

Favorite poems recorded for posterity

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Read your favorite poem to possibly become part of history on Sunday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Plymouth District Library.

The readings are among the hundreds taking place across the nation as part of Robert Pinsky's search for America's favorite poems. The Poet Laureate of the United States started his Favorite Poem Project last April to create an audio and video archive of America's favorite poems by the year 2000.

Readers will be allotted two minutes to read the poem and 1-2 minutes to tell why it's their favorite. The poems do not have to be published.

"We're trying to attract poetry lovers of all ages, not necessarily writers of poetry because we'd rather they read other people's song writing and literary poetry," said Dixie Cocagne, librarian.

Cocagne sent letters to middle and high school English departments in Plymouth and Canton public and private schools, local literary groups, coffee houses, bookstores, and Schoolcraft College's poetry magazine to encourage people to read aloud their favorite poem and tell why it's their favorite. Readers will complete a submission form which will be mailed to Pinsky who'll select readers to record the poem of their choice for the archive.

The project, administered by the New England Foundation for the Arts with a \$500,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, is a partnership between the Library of Congress, NEFA,

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"Favorite Poem Project"

WHAT: Readings of America's favorite poems. Part of a project started by U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky last April to create an audio and video archive of America's favorite poems by the year 2000.

WHEN: 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

WHERE: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. To register to read or for more information, call Dixie Cocagne, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 205.

DANCE

Metro area: A home away from home for Dance Theatre of Harlem

WHAT: Dance Theatre of Harlem
WHEN: Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 16-21
WHERE: Music Hall, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit, (313) 963-7622

Program A (8 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, 3 p.m. Sunday)
■ "Allegro Brillante" by George Balanchine
■ "Le Corsaire" by Marius Petipa
■ "The Joplin Dances" by Robert Garland
■ "Firebird" by Jon Taras

Program B (8 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday)
■ "Bugaku" by George Balanchine
■ "South African Suite" by Arthur Mitchell and Levine Naidu
■ "Sasanka" by Vincent Mantsoe

TICKETS: \$31.50-\$41.50; (313) 963-2366

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER
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For the fifth consecutive year, the Dance Theatre of Harlem hasn't been constrained by the Music Hall stage.

In fact, if it's February, expect to see Dance Theatre of Harlem dancers at schools throughout the area, including Plymouth Salem High School in Canton, Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield High School and Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

The tour of local schools by the legendary dance company serves as a prologue to their five-day public performance at Music Hall, which begins Tuesday night and runs through Sunday.

During a three-week period prior to the concert, dancers lecture, and teach how ballet can help students develop discipline to succeed at more than grand-piés and entrechats.

Ostensibly, the outreach program, "Dancing Through Barriers,"

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMAN

Tiny dancer: Plymouth Salem freshman Tim Hannon, (left), attempts to hold ballerina Courtney Wilson of Africa and help her maintain her balance while spinning her, while announcer Tyrone Brooks of Virginia Beach, Virginia explains the moves.

Poems from page C1

and Pinsky's Favorite Poem office. According to Cocagne, the poetry collection at the Plymouth Library is very popular, traditional as well as contemporary. Libraries, in general, have been important to Americans since Benjamin Franklin set up the first circulating library in Philadelphia in 1731.

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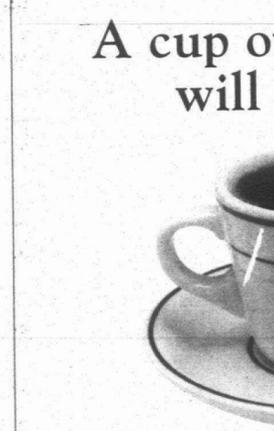
encourages students to confront obstacles in their lives, whether they are self-imposed or societal prejudices. Ultimately, the program is to encourage students to develop a more positive self-esteem, according to Ann Fitzpatrick, spokesperson for Music Hall.

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perform before an audience of jazz lovers. The 16-piece Harrison High Jazz Band, one of two in the school's music department, has performed in the Montreaux-Detroit Jazz Festival five times, and in Europe as part of World War II commemorations on the 50th anniversary in 1995.



WINTER SPECIALS



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Our free Coffee Hour features important "Elder Law" information. Getting older these days is tricky business. There's a whole world of complicated issues to deal with. To help you intelligently and effectively deal with them, we've invited renowned attorney James Schuster, an expert in Elder Law to speak with you on February 16, 1999.

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Dolores Musson is encouraging everyone who loves poetry to read at one of the library sessions.

Elementary in the Livonia Public Schools district because she believes poetry teaches children metaphorical thinking and therefore enhances problem solving skills. This March she serves as poet-in-residence at the Manooagian School in Southfield and another high school in White Lake.

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In the fourth grade when students at his Rome, New York elementary school were introduced to music studies, Elliott asked his teacher if he could play drums in the school orchestra. The teacher returned from a back room with cello, instead.

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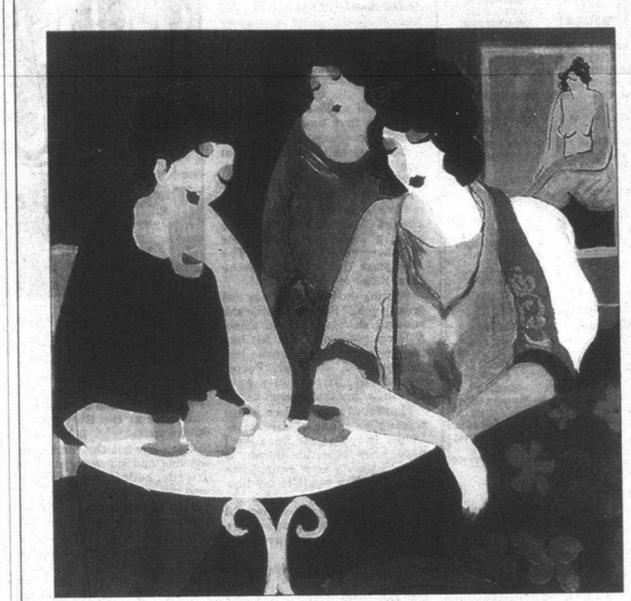
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Demure: The paintings of Itzhak Tarkay are on exhibit through March 4 at Park West Gallery, 29469 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 354-2343.

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/U-M DEARBORN

Non-credit studio art classes and workshops through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard, Grace Serra, Mary Stephenson, Donna Vogelheim. For information, call Janet Hamrick, (248) 398-4089.

CALL FOR GLASS ARTISTS

The Art Museum Project at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, in cooperation with the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery and the Fine Art Associates support group, is sponsoring an exhibit titled "Glass: Its Substance and Attributes," to be held May 15-June 27. Slide deadline: March 6. For information, call (313) 593-5058 or (313) 593-5087.

LIVONIA CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its annual juried Arts Festival Saturday-Sunday, June 12-13, at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Deadline: Feb. 15. For an application, call the Livonia Community Resources Dept. (734) 466-2540.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD

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

PAINT CREEK CENTER

Registration for winter classes, through March 29. Classes for preschoolers to adults. New program: Winter Wonderland Day Camp will be offered for students ages 6-11 during Feb. 15-19, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

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

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM

"Set Building Workshop," presented by Larry Kucharsky of Wayne State's design program. Classes: Feb. 16, 21 & 25. Call (248) 644-2075.

CONCERTS

B'JAZZ VESPER

Singer Susan Chastain and pianist James Dapigny, 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. First Baptist Church, 300 Willis Street, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

Harpichord musician and member Penelope Crawford with organist Charles Raines, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-5210.

GREATER ORION PERFORMING ARTS COUNCIL

International award-winning duo pianists Yuki and Tomoko Mack, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center. (248) 693-5436.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

"Love Italian Style," a vocal concert of Italian love songs, arias and madrigals, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. Hammel Music Recital Hall, Telegraph Road, south of Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. MUSE Ensemble and Spencer Barefield Jazz Trio in celebration of Black History Month, 10:15 a.m. breakfast, 11 a.m. concert Sunday, Feb. 21. GEM Theatre, 333 Madison, Detroit. (248) 357-1111.

MACOMB CENTER

The Boys Choir of Harlem, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2141.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

OAKLAND SINGERS

Combined concert with Oakland Singers Prelude and Oakland Singers Encore, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Varner Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 471-7281.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

"A Musical Collage of Choral Music," featuring the Metropolitan Singers of Southfield, the St. Genevieve Parish Choir and the Intergenerational Choir, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Saturdays in February, a four-part seminar on the directing process. "The Director's Notebook," coordinated by the Playshares Theatre Company. For information, (313) 872-0279.

PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB

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ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Bassoon Quartet in a program featuring classical music and jazz, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. (248) 683-0521.

U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC

8th annual Ethel Curry Distinguished Lecture in Musicology presented by Prof. Phillip Brett, entitled "Benjamin Britten: The Politics of a Musical Life," 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. Rackham Bldg., East Conference Room. (734) 764-0594.

VOLUNTEERS

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

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

MUSEUMS

DIA Through Feb. 22 - "A Passion for Glass: the Aviva and Jack A. Robinson Collection," work by 57 artists in the studio-glass movement. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

MUSIC HALL

The Dance Theatre of Harlem, Feb. 16-21. Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. (313) 963-2366, (248) 645-6666.

LECTURES

ANN ARBOR AD CLUB "The Psychology of Color," a lecture by Leafrice Eisman, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. Holiday Inn North, Plymouth Road and US 23; (734) 332-9033.

BBAC

Lecture series on the work and life of Picasso: March 12 - "A Portrait of the Artist," Lecture on Alexander Calder by Arnould Pierre, 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

BROWN BAG SERIES

"A Brief History of the Jazz and Blues Communities," 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. Information Technology Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. (248) 858-0415.

GREAT LAKES BEADWORKERS GUILD

Presentation/lecture on African beads and beadwork by James Lewis, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell Road, Royal Oak. (810) 997-7043.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Textile artists with work on exhibit at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery will discuss their work, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. Maple and Drake roads, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

LAWRENCE TECH

Landscape architect and artist Marth Schwartz, adjunct professor of landscape architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Lawrence Tech's Architecture & Design Auditorium, 21000 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield. (248) 204-2878.

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Malls & Mainstreets

Who says you can have it your way?

Here's something I learned recently that really bugs me. I'm sharing it with you to see what you think of it. Let it serve as a friendly warning.

My 3-year-old daughter and I were walking through a mall one day last week when we came upon a Burger King. She asked if we could eat there and since it was lunch time and since she had been very good while I shopped, I said, "Sure, why not?"

When I got to the counter, I began placing our order. "I'd like a kid's meal with chicken strips, french fries, barbecue sauce and milk to drink for her, and I'll have..."

The teen-age cashier stopped me mid-sentence. "I'll have to charge you extra for the milk," she said.

"Excuse me?" I asked.

"I'll have to charge you the full \$2.69 for the Kids Club Meal, even though you're not getting the soft drink that comes with it," she said, "and on top of that, I'll have to charge you 89 cents for the milk, because our kids' meals don't come with milk. They come with a soft drink."

"I've never heard of that before," I told her. "I've ordered kids' meals at other Burger Kings and they've never charged me extra for milk."

"Well they should have," she said. "That's how we're supposed to do it. That's the way I was trained. Milk is more expensive than a kid's size soft drink and there are no substitutions with our kids' meals, so I'll have to charge you 89 cents more."

To make a long story short, I left. But my daughter still wanted her kid's meal, so I drove to another Burger King nearby. That restaurant did charge me extra for milk, but only four cents extra.

So which restaurant was wrong and why were they charging extra for a kid's meal with milk anyway? I mean, aren't kids supposed to be drinking milk?

I called the media relations department at Burger King's national headquarters in Miami, Fla., to see what gives.

Kim Miller, a spokeswoman for the company, said milk is more expensive to provide than child-size soft drinks, partly due to storage costs, and that if a franchise wants to pass some or all of that extra cost on to consumers it can.

"We can't dictate pricing to our franchisees because it's against the law, due to anti-trust reasons," she said.

"OK," I said, "but if a restaurant is going to charge extra for a kid's meal with milk, shouldn't it post something to that effect on the menu?"

"We want to be honest with our customers, but there are limitations to what you can fit on a menu and the majority of kids' meals are ordered with a soft drink," she said.

She added, "Many people view coming to Burger King as a special treat for their children and just give their children whatever they want, which is usually a soft drink."

Curious, I called McDonald's headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill., to find out what its policy is.

Julie Cleary, a spokeswoman for the company, said franchise owners can charge extra for a Happy Meal with milk if they want. But most don't and those that do usually charge just a small increase — say five or 10 cents more, she said. She added that the most popular Happy Meal drink isn't a soda, but Hi-C punch fortified with calcium.

I wanted to find out what Wendy's policy was, too, but the spokeswoman who handles its children's meals did not return my messages.

So the bottom line is: You can have it your way at Burger King, but it may cost you extra; at McDonald's, you may or may not get a break today and at Wendy's, well, who knows.

All I know is that the hamburger chains spend so much money advertising their little toys in an effort to lure children in, that the least they can do is offer milk, at no extra charge, to kids like my daughter who enjoy drinking it.

Romance reigns at Tiffany Bridal Show



BY LINDA BACHRACK PHOTOS BY HARRY VITANS

When Tiffany & Co. and The Townsend Hotel team up to throw a party you can bet it will be an elegant affair. Last Sunday, as snow covered the sidewalks of Birmingham, brides-to-be and their guests gathered in The Townsend's opulent ballroom for the second annual Tiffany Bridal Show and brunch.

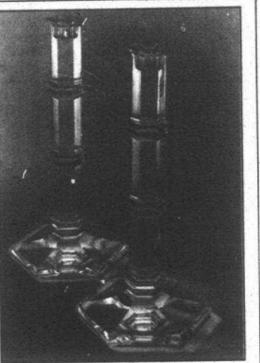
Tables were draped in cloths of satin, linen and lace, each one an individual work of art. And centerpieces, designed by Marley's, ranged from mounds of roses to silver epergnes filled with baby's breath. As guests sipped mimosas and nosed on pre-brunch canapés, they browsed Tiffany's display tables that offered a selection of sterling silver flatware, china, crystal, wedding rings, invitations and gifts for the wedding party. Popular bridesmaid and groomsmen gifts included sterling silver music clips, miniature silver picture frames, sterling silver cigar cutters and the signature Elsa Peretti bean-shaped lighter.

Pianist Kurt Kunzart provided the musical accompaniment to informal modeling of designer bridal gowns from Alvin's Bride in Birmingham. Collections represented included Amsale, Couture Bridal, House of Givenchy, The Diamond Collection, Lazaro and Priscilla of Boston.

"The dresses are beautiful, the calories don't count and the jewels shine," said hostess Lonnie Kanode of Tiffany & Co., as she welcomed brides-to-be and a smattering of future grooms. She urged guests to try all of the brunch food and to sample the cakes from the Townsend Bakery.

And what a lavish presentation of food there was. The bountiful fruit table included an array of fresh fruit, tarts and flans, even rum-soaked pears dipped in chocolate. Long tables groaned with brunch foods from eggs Benedict and smoked whitefish to tiny tipples with appessauce and assorted scones and pastries.

Lori Barton, of Waterford, attended the event with her mother Tina and her future mother-in-law Sharon Capitani. Barton will wed Mason Capitani, from Rochester Hills, on June 26. All the crucial decisions have been made for the



Elements of bliss: The Tiffany Bridal Show at The Townsend Hotel brimmed with ideas for the bride-to-be, including festive food, wedding cakes from the Townsend Bakery and crystal candlesticks from Tiffany & Co.

Barton-Capitani nuptials, save one. "We haven't found a baker yet," said Barton as she taste-tested the Townsend Bakery creations. "These are out-of-this-world," she said.

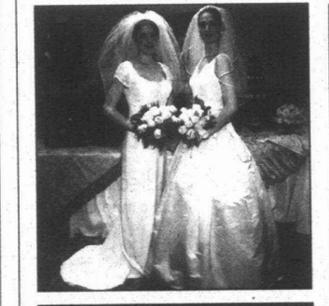
Her dress, from Alvin's, is a simple, white strapless A-line. Five attendants will wear champagne-hued gowns. The photographer's booked, the flowers selected. All the two real estate brokers need to do is show up and repeat their vows in front of 250 of their closest friends and family.

May 30 is the big day for Lisa Stone, a social worker, and her fiancé Jonah Sigel, a law school student from Toronto. The two have been engaged since last April when Lisa visited Jonah at the University of Miami and he popped the question at a local carryout. Little did she know that the four people in the restaurant who were holding magazines in front of their faces were actually her mom, her aunt, her sister and her brother-in-law. "I was stunned," said Stone.

Stone's dress also came from Alvin's. It's a white, off-shoulder style with no beading or embellishment. "I must have looked at 100 dresses, everywhere from Chicago to New York and Toronto, and the one I finally chose was one of the first I tried on," she said. Stone will have nine attendants at her Shaarey Zedek synagogue ceremony. She's still looking for a kosher baker.

For Jamie Kohen, a teacher in West Bloomfield, the wedding gown dilemma was "no problem." She cut out a picture of a dress from a magazine, found it at Alvin's and it was love at first sight. "It's very simple," said Kohen. "No beads, no lace. It's fitted and has a long train." Kohen will marry Howie Blank, a medical school student from Maryland, in July at Wabcock Country Club. Her four bridesmaids will wear black dresses that "can be worn again." Home Bakery in Rochester will create the chocolate chip with chocolate ganache wedding cake.

All of the young brides-to-be gathered tips and ideas from the Tiffany Bridal Show. From centerpieces to cake, and diamonds to honeymoon suites, the gala provided a sensual afternoon escape into the world of romance.



Wedding album: (clockwise from top left) Models wear designer gowns from Alvin's Bride in Birmingham; Matthew Kemper and Heidi Koenig, of Birmingham, will wed on Dec. 18; bride-to-be Lori Barton is flanked by her future mother-in-law Sharon Capitani and her mom Tina Barton; a floral centerpiece from Marley's of Birmingham; Farmington Hills residents Susan Hatke and Jon Phillips will wed at The Townsend Hotel on Sept. 11.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

ECO-TRAVEL
Borders Farmington Hills presents Travel Beyond Borders. This month's travel discussion group talks about Costa Rica and such activities as eco-tours and rain forest hiking. 7:30 p.m. 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

WOK COOKING
Celebrate the Chinese New Year with Elizabeth King, author of *A Wok a Week: 52 Light & Easy Chinese Recipes*. Also, enjoy some delicious appetizers

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

featured in the book 7:30 p.m. Borders Books & Music, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

CLASSIC RENFEW
Roz & Sherm present the spring/summer trunk show of designer Renfrew. Today through Saturday, Feb. 20. 6536 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills.

FASHION FACTS
Fashion Group International of Detroit sponsors a day-long Career Conference for students seeking careers in fashion. The conference features small group seminars led by professionals in areas of the fashion industry including clothing design, jewelry, home interiors, cosmetics, customer service, promotion and store management. Students will have the

opportunity to be interviewed by personnel from Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Kmart Corp., Estee Lauder and other companies. \$25 includes lunch. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Northfield Hilton, 3500 Crooks Rd., Troy. (313) 577-3318.

BRIDAL GOWNS
Alvin's Bride presents The Iissa Collection of designer gowns. A representative will be present to assist you during this special preview. Call for an appointment, (248) 644-7200, ext. 24. Today through Sat., Feb. 20. 249 Pierce St., Birmingham.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

STYLE AND STONES
Hudson's Oakland Mall store presents a Tommy Hilfger Fashion Show featuring sportswear for men and women. Win a pair of tickets to the Rolling Stones "No Security Tour" Detroit show. 2 p.m. Mall entrance.

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 store (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. You should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank you.

WHAT WE FOUND:
The following is a list of sources for hard-to-find fragrances: **Boyd's** 1-800-683-BOYDS, **Parfumelle** 1-800-874-1115 or www.parfumelle.com, **The Fragrance Counter** 1-800-843-6461 or www.fragrance-counter.com (on AOL, keyword: Fragrance).
For people wanting **Evening in Paris** and **Tweed** colognes, there were a few people who had bottles of them, otherwise we did not locate a store that carries them.
Rum raisin ice cream by Haagen Daz is carried at Kroger on Long Lake in Troy.
Kathy's cheesecake can be found at Nino Salvaggio's on Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road.
Found the **Crickit doll**, defrosting heating element, the **Holiday Barbie**, more fold up music stands for Jack.
For **Marian, the Sarah Coventry jewelry**, for 8mm movies of Charlie Chaplin, etc.
A reader called for the **disks** for computers are 3 1/2 inch and not 3 inch, can be found at any store, or any computer store.
Roberta might try **Replacements Ltd.** for her **Lenox Gold-on-Winslow** silverware, send a copy of the fork and back. They said it might come under
another name. They do not have it.
Julie might try **F&M stores** for **Pretty Hands & Feet** lotion; they will order it for her.
Thomas the Tank can be found through **Totally Thomas Toy Department**, 1-800-30 THOMAS in San Diego, Calif.
Any Radio Shack might be able to order a needle for the antique Edison phonograph.
For Judy looking for a film editor to transfer 8mm film, try **Super Video** on Northwestern in Farmington Hills, (248) 737-9180 or **Troy Video Transfers**, (248) 528-1868 on Rochester Road or **All City Video** on Woodward in Royal Oak, (248) 549-6800.
For Dale you might try the yellow pages in your area under **Video Recorders Service & Repair**. There are quite a few in the North Woodward area.
To recycle plastic bags, all **Damman Hardware**, schools, cleaners in your area and the **Farmer Jack** at Six Mile and Hagerty.
To stop junk mail, send your name, address and telephone number to **Direct Mail & Marketing Association**, 6 East 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017. It will be three months before you see any relief, or **Direct Marketing Association**, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, 14th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10036, and the **Mail Preference Service**, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11734-9008, 1-800-353-0809.
Halibut fish can be found at **Pat & Hanks**, Tecumseh East in Windsor.
Flannel-lined jeans can also be found in the **Eddie Bauer** catalog, 1-800-426-8020.
WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:
For Debbie, ladies underarm dress shields.
Carol is looking for **Passion**

The bard waxes poetic

We asked you to look into your heart and find a way to express your deepest feelings. With a little help from Will Shakespeare's Sonnet 116, dozens of you responded with beautiful poetry. Below, we print the winning sonnet submitted by William J. Dalrymple of Burton, Mich.

"Behold!" said Dalrymple upon learning of his noble triumph. "I thoroughly enjoyed trying to finish something the great William Shakespeare began (and finished in good fettle)."

Dalrymple will treat two friends to a makeover at Figaro salon in downtown Birmingham.

Our thanks to all of you who put pen to paper and captured our hearts. Share our favorites with the love of your life this Valentine's Day.

Let me not to the marriage of true minds Admit impediments. Love is not love Which alters when an alteration finds Or bends with the remover to remove:

With thorns of whim or fancy; discontent; Love is staid. And on its mortal ideal Rests noble thoughts of a lifetime spent In inner thought; Perfection - deep and real

Forever, love's the invention, sublime Of gods and mortals too, only bending To boundaries of a limitless time To the songs of the wind that Angels sing.

I vow in my heart of hearts to be true That, 'til eternity, my love is you.

William J. Dalrymple

Let me not to the marriage of true minds Admit impediments. Love is not love Which alters when it alteration finds Or bends with the remover to remove:

Oh, no, love is an ever-fixed star That binds the traveler, though in distant lands Wandering astray: not lost, however far From that kind home where all keep love's commands.

Or 'tis an oak, deep-rooted, whose wide boughs Now veil Apollo's car with leafy shade, Now lose their leaves in autumn's sighs, Yet in its constant heart no change is made.

Love stirreth not, yet treads true lovers' lane Where'er they pace - and guides them home again.

Sheila L. Lunsford-Burns

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TRAVEL

Sun Valley offers an idyllic winter ski vacation

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Idaho may not be the first locale that comes to mind when you think about skiing out west. However, Sun Valley offers an idyllic winter resort experience for both downhill and cross-country skiers, without the crowds that plague more popular resorts.

Even during the New Year's holiday, when ski resorts operate at peak capacity, the lift lines were reasonable. Of course, part of the fun at that time of year is trying to spot celebrities. Since the 1930s, a long tradition at Sun Valley is attracting Hollywood, as well as European royalty. Clint Eastwood, Robin Williams, Arnold Schwarzenegger and JFK Jr. were among those recently sighted enjoying the regions' low-key.

The primary ski area, Bald Mountain, known as "Baldy," is regarded by some as the "finest single ski mountain in America." With a 3,400 foot vertical drop, it offers perfectly pitched, consistently well-groomed ski runs that provide more challenges than their slope ratings indicate. The view from the summit at 9150 feet truly takes your breath away. As far as you can see, the jagged peaks of the Sawtooth Mountains, part of the northernmost range of the Rocky Mountains, etch a stark contrast between sun and shadow.

Sun Valley seems to attract a more mature crowd that skied with greater control than at

Useful Information
Sun Valley is 160 miles east of Boise, an easy 2-1/2 hour drive by rental car or shuttle bus service. Major airlines serving the area include Northwest, Delta, Southwest and United. Salt Lake City, Utah, also serves as a gateway, connecting with Horizon Air or Delta's SkyWest Airlines into the Hailey airport, just 12 miles south of the resort. Once in Sun Valley, the free KART bus service connects the ski areas with the town and resort areas.
In addition to the Sun Valley Lodge (room rates \$145-\$214, (800)786-8259 or www.sunvalley.com), there are many other lodging options ranging from condominiums to cozy bed and breakfasts. Call the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce at (800)634-3347 or www.visitketchum.com.
1999 daily lift ticket rates are \$54 adult, \$30 child.

most areas. This coupled with the fast chairlifts, fewer crowds and efficient run design made it easier to ski more runs in less time.

Compared with most ski lodges, which are functional at best, the award-winning day lodges at Sun Valley delight the senses. Built in the style of Yellowstone lodges, these massive log and stone havens provide a warm mountain ambience fueled by soaring fireplaces and tasty cuisine. From the sunny, glass-framed outdoor deck, the view from Seattle Ridge Lodge, atop Bald Mountain, overlooks a sea of snow-shrouded valleys. Leather chairs and couches, oriental rugs and marble tiled restrooms trimmed with exotic wood, make it hard to believe you're in a day ski lodge.

Snowboarders can access most runs, and beginners practice on their own mountain, Dollar, side

of the Sun Valley Ski and Snowboarding School.

To fully capture the Sun Valley experience, the historic Sun Valley Lodge provides the ultimate in comfort and recreation. Built in 1936 by Averell Harriman, Union Pacific Railroad heir and politician, its legacy as a magnet for the rich and famous is depicted in photographs adorning the hallways throughout the lodge.

Your first impression as you enter the grand foyer is one of welcoming luxury. A crackling fire warms the oak-paneled living room decorated in English country style. The sight of people clunking around in ski boots and parkas seems incongruous with the elegant setting. The second floor boasts a high-ceilinged sun room flanked by roaring fireplaces. Game tables, a grand piano and plush couches that let you sink into a book complete with the room's comfort. Palladian windows overlook the outdoor skating rink, whose twinkling lights cast evening skaters in a magical sparkle.

The Lodge provides frequent shuttle service to the ski areas, just 10 minutes away. As a convenience, guests enjoy complimentary ski storage at the River Run lift. After a bracing day on the slopes, nothing feels better than to melt into the glass-enclosed, heated outdoor swimming pool, followed by a sweat in the sauna. A bowling alley, movie theater, massage center, shops and restaurants round out the recreational pleasures.

When you need to explore beyond the Sun Valley resort complex, the town of Ketchum is a mile away by shuttle, car or foot. A former ranching and mining town that still retains its



Great views: Skiers are rewarded with breathtaking views of Sun Valley and the town of Ketchum from atop Bald Mountain.

rustic flavor, Ketchum hosts a variety of restaurants, shops, galleries and inns, all overshadowed by the benevolent face of Baldy.

It gourmet French bistro fare tempts you, the charming Evergreen Restaurant prepares exquisite food. That's where we spotted Clint Eastwood, a long-time Sun Valley resident. If you'd rather wrestle with a huge steak and potato, the crowded Pioneer Saloon pleases locals and visitors alike. Try the locally brewed Sun Valley White Cloud Ale. Another casual spot, the Warm Springs Ranch Restaurant, offers petite versions of its menu offerings. Ask to sit in the wood paneled bar area, with its large fireplace and picture windows overlooking the creek.

The excellent lumberjack breakfasts found at the kneadery, Esta's and Christina's provide the jumpstart you need to fuel your skiing day.

For a unique dinner experience, take a horse-drawn sleigh ride to Trail Creek Cabin, on the grounds of the Sun Valley resort. Bundle up and enjoy the incredi-

ble stars and moonlit valley on your journey. Be sure to book in advance because this popular outing can sell out quickly.

Those who prefer cross-country skiing will enjoy the complete Nordic Center at Sun Valley resort with a network of 40km of groomed trails that venture further into the valley past beautiful vacation homes and winding, rushing creeks. You can ski back to Trail Creek Cabin and take a lunch break. Snowshoe trails are also provided.

For the ultimate in cross country skiing, journey 26 miles north to Galena Lodge, where 50km of trails wander into towering pine-studded wilderness. Lunch is also served at the historic lodge. Other area diversions include dog sledding, snowmobiling and winter fly fishing.

If "roughing it in luxury," the design statement of Sun Valley's creator, fits your lifestyle, then you won't be disappointed in the wealth of winter fun opportunities at Sun Valley Resort.

Laura Ash Joeckel is a West Bloomfield resident.



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Rockers benefit

The Detroit Rockers will join together with the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association to benefit the MSYSA's Top Soccer Program, a community-based training and team placement for young athletes with disabilities. The Rockers will donate \$2 from every \$10 ticket sold for their National Professional Soccer League indoor game against the Wichita Wings Feb. 21.

Game time is 4 p.m. It will be preceded by a celebrity soccer game that starts at 3 p.m.

Formed in 1992, Top Soccer is designed to provide the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl 4-19 years old who has a mental or physical disability.

Adult softball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division is running adult softball leagues this spring and summer in men's slow pitch, women's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch and men's modified. Registration for returning teams begins March 1; new teams can register starting March 15. Play begins April 26.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

Basketball leagues

Basketball leagues for adult women and adult men are now being formed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

The women's league will play on Thursdays from April 22 through June 10. Cost is \$280 per team, with referees fees extra; non-residents are \$15 more per person.

The men's league will play on Tuesdays, starting April 20 through June 8. Cost is \$280 per team, with referee fees additional. Non-residents are \$15 more per person.

Registration for both is March 15-31 at the Northville Parks and Recreation office, 303 W. Main in Northville. Call (248) 349-0203 for further information.

Volleyball leagues

Eight-week spring volleyball leagues, running April 19 through June 14, are forming in Northville. Divisions include women's and co-ed competitive, and co-ed intermediate. Cost is \$145 per team, with referee fees extra; non-residents are \$15 more per person.

Call the Northville Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-0203 for further registration information.

Soccer players needed

The phone listing that appeared with the following information in Thursday's Observer was incorrect. The correct number follows.

The Canton Soccer Club's under-12 boys travel team is looking for boys interested in playing this spring. Those interested must have a birth date between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987; there are no residency requirements.

For more information, contact Dave Foss or Bob Baker through the CSC hot line at (734) 416-4246.

Correction

In last Sunday's Plymouth and Canton Observers, a photo of the Canton Strikers under-12 indoor soccer team, which won its division in a Christmas Tournament at the Total Soccer in Wixom, did not list all members of the team.

Cody Newcomb's name was not included.

Roller hockey tryouts

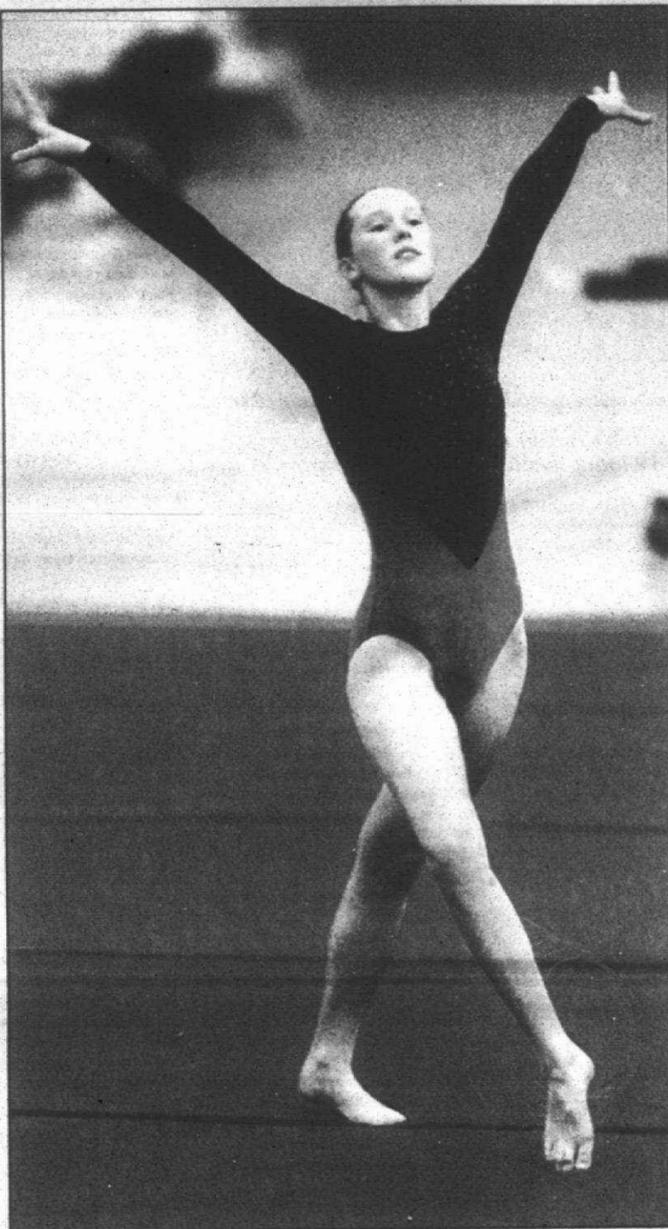
Travel roller hockey tryouts for the Skatin Station II, located on 8611 Ronda Drive, in Canton, will be:

- 14-and-under — 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22;
- 12-and-under — 8:30-10 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23;
- 16-and-under — 9-11 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24;
- 10-and-under — 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

The cost is \$10 per person. Age is determined as of Jan. 1, 1999.

For more information, call Dave at (734) 459-6401.

Depth-oriented Chiefs have too much for Rocks



On top: Plymouth Canton's Liz Fitzgerald posted top scores in three of four events to lead the Chiefs to a dual-meet victory over Plymouth Salem Wednesday.

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Each side was down a big gun, so it should have been even. It wasn't; Plymouth Canton's depth proved to be the decisive factor in a 131.80-126.70 dual-meet victory over Plymouth Salem Wednesday at Canton.

Led by junior Liz Fitzgerald's three firsts in four events, the Chiefs overcame the loss of sophomore Amy Driscoll — who broke her hand at the previous Saturday's Canton Invitational — with the help of solid performances by Maggie Bett, Krisen Schilk and Michelle Farnsworth.

Salem was without its second-best gymnast, too — Michelle Drake was suffering from the flu.

"That was the tale of the tape," said Canton coach John Cunningham of his team's superior depth.

Fitzgerald earned top all-around honors with a 35.85 score. She finished first in the uneven parallel bars (9.0), the balance beam (9.2) and the floor exercise (9.05); she tied for second in the vault with Salem's Janine Schmedding (8.6).

"She's just rounding into shape," Cunningham said of Fitzgerald's improving performances. Her involvement with the marching band kept Fitzgerald out of the gym most of the time last fall.

Salem's April Aquino did her part in making up for the loss of Drake, winning the vault (8.95) and placing second in the bars (8.35) and floor (9.0). She was third in beam (8.6), and her 34.9 all-around total was second best.

However, the Rocks had just one other top-six all-arounder: Schmedding, who was third with a 33.05 total. Besides tying for second in the vault, Schmedding was third in floor (8.45) and bars (7.95), and she placed sixth in beam (8.05).

Bett scored 32.10 in the all-around for Canton, which was fourth best, with top-six finishes in the beam (second, 8.8), floor (tied for fourth, 8.1) and bars (tied for sixth, 7.5). Schilk had a 31.60 all-around total (fifth), with a fourth in the bars (7.85) and a fifth in the beam (8.2), and Farnsworth was sixth in the all-around (31.55) with a fourth in the vault (8.05), a fifth in the bars (7.65) and a tie for fourth in the floor (8.1).

The event that turned the tide of

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Canton can't stop Western comeback



It was there for the taking. Plymouth Canton's basketball team just couldn't grab it.

The Chiefs led by six with two minutes to go, but Walled Lake Western battled back, tying it on Jenero Dawood's three-pointer with 20 seconds left, then winning it on a Dawood free throw with 2.4 seconds to play, 52-51 Friday at Canton.

"It just makes me sick," said Canton coach Dan Young, his team suffering its first loss in the Western Lakes Activities Association since its league opener against North Farmington. "We led the whole way, basically."

Except at the end, when it counted most. The Chiefs' four-point halftime advantage (22-18) was trimmed to a single point (35-34) after three quarters. But they rebuilt it, threatening to hand the Warriors their second-straight loss after 13-consecutive wins.

The key stretch came in those final 30 seconds, with Canton clinging to a three-point lead. Twice Western shot, and missed — but the Chiefs could not get the rebound. A loose ball was batted back to Dawood for a third three-point attempt, and this one he drilled to knot it.

Canton's Jimmy Reddy missed a go-ahead shot with five seconds left, and on the rebound Dan McLean fouled Dawood to set up the game-winning free throw. Dawood, who scored four of his seven points in the last 20 seconds, missed the first but hit the second.

"We had a chance to win it, and we let them back in the game," said Young, his team now 9-6 overall and 7-2 in the WLAA. "You don't do that against a good, athletic, well-coached team. We played our tails off, but we couldn't close the door. And we could not get a rebound down the stretch."

"I'm proud of our effort. They're a very good team. We just couldn't get it done."

Joe Cortellini's 14 points led Canton. Mike Major and Jason Waidmann added 13 points apiece.

Western, 14-1 overall and 8-1 in the WLAA, got 21 points from Ben Dewar and 18 from Jeff Mitchell.

Canton now must play Plymouth Salem Tuesday, while Western hosts WLAA-leader North Farmington (8-0) on Tuesday.

Eagles win title; Salem trips Central

It wasn't as easy as the first meeting, but it was even more meaningful.

Plymouth Christian Academy withstood a determined Allen Park Inter-City Baptist effort to post an 83-76 overtime victory, a win that clinched the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference basketball championship for the once-beaten Eagles.

"They played tough tonight," PCA coach Doug Taylor said of the host Chargers. "If there is one word I would say epitomized our game, it would be teamwork."

Certainly the numbers attested to that. The Eagles had 26 assists in the

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game, led by Jordan Roose's six.

PCA led 30-29 at the half, but Inter-City (10-5 overall, 4-4 in the MIAC) — which got blasted by the Eagles 69-49 Jan. 21 in its first league loss — took control with a 22-18 third-quarter surge.

The Chargers' three-point lead didn't last long, however. Evan Gaines, who scored eight of his 13 points in the fourth quarter, hit two free throws with seven seconds left to put PCA up

72-69. Inter-City inbounded the ball and B.J. Golden launched a long three-pointer that was true, tying it with a second left to force overtime.

The Chargers were not able to maintain their momentum, however. Roose, who finished with 13 points, had two steals that led to layup baskets in the extra session, and Mike Huntsman, who also had 13 points (and seven rebounds), nailed a triple to lead the Eagles.

Derrick Isensee led PCA with another strong all-around game, scoring 19 points, grabbing nine rebounds and dishing out five assists. Dave Carty

added 14 points.

Inter-City got 18 points from Justin Brown, 17 from Golden and 13 from Jake Milner.

Salem 73, W.L. Central 62: Adam Wilson got Plymouth Salem going quickly Friday at Walled Lake Central, scoring nine of his 18 points in the first quarter as the Rocks jumped out to a 22-12 lead.

"He gets us started, right off the bat," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, his team 13-2 overall and 7-2 in the Western

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Canton, Salem splash to dual wins

'Tis the time of year to look ahead.

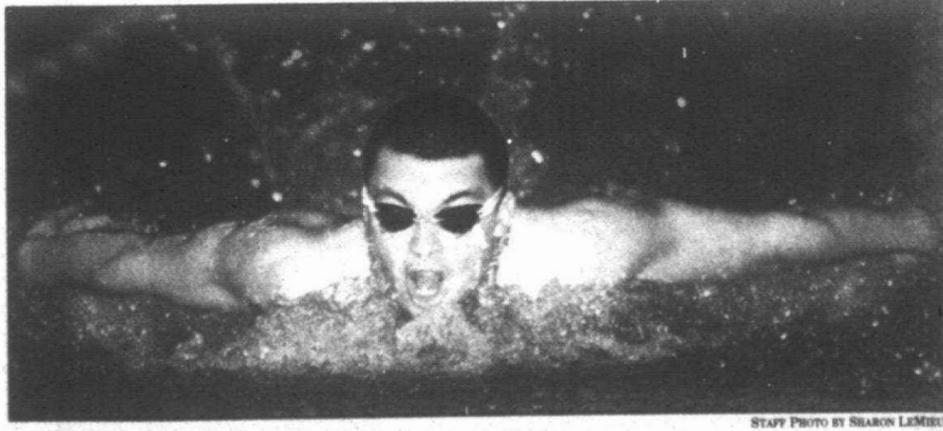
At least it is for the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth swim teams. Efforts to qualify early for the state meet ended in January; now it's time to build for the Western Lakes Activities Association Championship Feb. 25-27, followed two weeks later by the state meet.

Reaching those qualifying standards figures to come at either Saturday's MISCA meet, hosted by Western Michigan, or the WLAA finals at Salem.

Thus far, there's just one state qualifier between the two schools: Salem's Andrew Locke, in the 50-yard freestyle. Indeed, not a single freestyle relay (200- or 400-yard) from Observerland has yet made the state cut.

In their dual meets last Thursday, both Canton and Salem gained victories, but neither team could boast times close to state qualifying standards. With the heavy yardage workouts aimed at building strength for the league and state meets coming to a close, fast times weren't expected.

There were some solid performances for both, however. Canton claimed a 129-56 victory over WLAA



Flying home: Don LeClair secured one of eight individual firsts captured by Canton swimmers in Thursday's lopsided win over Livonia Franklin. LeClair won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:01.40.

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rival Livonia Franklin at Canton, with Kurtis Hornick winning two individual events to lead the Chiefs.

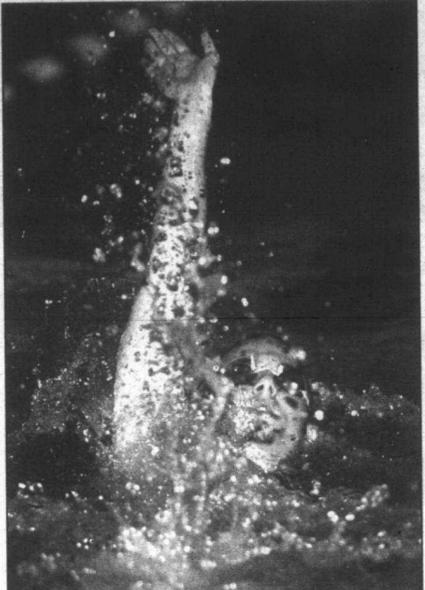
Canton finished first in every event except the 50-yard freestyle. Hornick's individual wins came in the 200 free (1:52.49) and the 100 backstroke (1:01.35).

Salem was equally dominant in beating Farmington 132-48 at North Farmington. The Rocks finished first in every event but the 100 back and 100 breast-

stroke. Locke anchored all three winning relays.

Both teams conclude their dual-meet seasons this week. The Chiefs have a rescheduled double-dual meet with Chelsea and Ann Arbor Huron at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Huron, then travel to Livonia Churchill for their final WAAA meet at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The Rocks have a showdown dual against WAAA power Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Thursday at Salem.



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A winner: Canton's Aaron Reeder was a winner in the 200-yard individual medley against Franklin.

SWIM RESULTS

SALEM 132 FARMINGTON 48
Thursday at North Farmington

200-yard medley relay: Salem (Kevin Grogel, Aaron Shelton, Paul Perez, Andrew Locke), 1:48.58.

200-yard freestyle: Matt Casillas (PS), 1:51.97.

200-yard individual medley: Eric Lynn (PS), 2:12.55.

50-yard freestyle: Mike Johnson (PS), 24.12.

Diving: Johnathan Chase (PS), 168.95 points.

100-yard butterfly: Kevin Crable (PS), 1:02.62.

100-yard freestyle: Dan Jones (PS), 52.37.

50-yard freestyle: Paul Perez (PS), 5:07.47.

200-yard freestyle relay: Salem (Dan Jones, Matt Casillas, Mike Johnson, Andrew Locke), 1:32.51.

100-yard backstroke: Devin Hopper (F), 57.39.

100-yard breaststroke: David Hartmann (F), 1:07.04.

400-yard freestyle relay: Salem (Mike Johnson, Mark Wittforth, Matt Casillas, Andrew Locke), 3:26.51.

Salem's dual meet record: 7-3 overall, 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Next meet: vs. Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. Thursday at Salem; MISCA meet, at Eastern Michigan University Saturday.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 129 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 56
Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: Canton (Aaron Reeder, Jon Nessel, Matt Schacht, Eddie Lindow), 1:49.77.

200-yard freestyle: Kurtis Hornick (PC), 1:52.49.

200-yard individual medley: Aaron Reeder (PC), 2:11.63.

50-yard freestyle: Chris Supplee (LF), 23.96.

Diving: Blake Brunner (PC), 153.25 points.

100-yard butterfly: Don LeClair (PC), 1:01.40.

100-yard freestyle: Chad Williams (PC), 53.44.

500-yard freestyle: Brad Nelson (PC), 5:22.68.

200-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Don LeClair, Aaron Reeder, Matt Schacht, Jeremy Cook), 1:36.45.

100-yard backstroke: Kurtis Hornick (PC), 1:01.35.

100-yard breaststroke: Jon Heiss (PC), 1:09.03.

400-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Kurtis Hornick, Bill Stewart, Justin Allen, Chad Williams), 3:31.05.

Dual-meet record: Canton, 4-3 overall, 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 4-0 in WAAA's Western Division.

Canton's next meets: vs. Chelsea and Ann Arbor Huron, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Huron; vs. Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m. Thursday at Churchill; MISCA meet, at Eastern Michigan University Saturday.

NORTH FARMINGTON 127 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 55
Feb. 11 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. North (Jim Gabriel, Jon Zald, Mark Wachsberg, Matt Zald), 1:45.69; 2. John Glenn (Garrett Stone, Dan Zoumbaris, James McPartlin, Jeff Anderson), 1:48.96.

200 freestyle: 1. Brandon Digia (NF), 1:57.91; 2. Sermet Alver (NF), 2:03.03; 3. Loch Rycroft (NF), 2:06.07.

100 individual medley: 1. Craig Paske (NF), 2:20.41; 2. John Kern (NF), 2:24.37; 3. Anthony Munaco (NF), 2:32.48.

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Zald (NF), 23.11; 2. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 24.32; 3. Dan Zoumbaris (JG), 24.35.

Diving: 1. Joe Lebovic (NF), 261.75; 2. Chris McFarland (JG), 257.20; 3. Justin Goodwin (NF), 197.65.

100 butterfly: 1. James McPartlin (JG), 54.56; 2. Brandon Digia (NF), 1:02.41; 3. Dan Fowler (JG), 1:07.40.

100 freestyle: 1. Matt Zald (NF), 52.03; 2. Garrett Stone (JG), 55.66; 3. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 55.82.

500 freestyle: 1. Loch Rycroft (NF), 5:26.17; 2. Craig Paske (NF), 5:27.69; 3. Sermet Alver (NF), 5:39.31.

200 freestyle relay: 1. North (Brandon Digia, Mark Wachsberg, Dan Goshorn, Aaron Rycroft), 1:36.47; 2. John Glenn (Dan Zoumbaris, Cory Marchall, Garrett Stone, James McPartlin), 1:38.75.

100 backstroke: 1. Jim Gabriel (NF), 58.25; 2. John Kern (NF), 1:04.97; 3. Dan Bowman (NF), 1:07.03.

100 breaststroke: 1. Jon Zald (NF), 1:08.38; 2. Scott Clausen (JG), 1:08.72; 3. Chris Clayson (NF), 1:14.28.

400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Jeff Anderson, Garrett Stone, Dan Zoumbaris, James McPartlin), 3:49.09; 2. North (Stephen Pearce, Craig Paske, Loch Rycroft, Aaron Rycroft), 4:08.90.

North records: 7-0 overall, 5-0 WAAA, 3-0 Lakes Division.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 96 GARDEN CITY 74
Feb. 11 at Garden City

200-yard medley relay: Wayne (Adam Chiasson, Justin Smoes, Sonny Webber, Greg Sarkozi), 1:53.90.

200 freestyle: Sam Raub (WM), 1:59.40.

200 individual medley: Sonny Webber (WM), 2:15.40.

100 freestyle: Justin Smoes (WM), 25.2.

100 butterfly: Josh Morgan (GC), 1:01.60.

100 freestyle: Raub (WM), 55.9.

500 freestyle: Ian Maguire (GC), 5:46.76.

200 freestyle relay: Wayne (Smoes, Webber, Sarkozi, Raub), 1:43.5.

100 backstroke: Adam Chiasson (WM), 1:02.9.

100 breaststroke: Webber (WM), 1:09.8.

400 freestyle relay: Garden City (Scott Bernhardt, Josh Morgan, Ian Maguire, Justin Latham), 3:56.9.

BEST SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of boys' Observers' best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state cut: 1:42.99)
North Farmington 1:42.19
Livonia Stevenson 1:44.30
Plymouth Canton 1:45.60
Redford Catholic Central 1:47.35

200 FREESTYLE (state cut: 1:49.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36
500 freestyle (Redford CC) 1:48.51
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:50.75
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:51.97
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:52.49
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:53.63
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:53.78
Bill Randall (Churchill) 1:53.94

300 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (state cut: 2:03.99)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 2:00.95
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.36
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:07.50
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.06
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:11.54
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:11.63
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20

50 FREESTYLE (state cut: 22.59)
Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 22.30
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.35
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 22.65
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.73
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 22.81
Matt Casillas (Salem) 29.40
Justin Allen (Canton) 29.62
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 29.69
Brad Nelson (Canton) 1:00.48

100 BACKSTROKE (state cut: 56.39)
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 55.66
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.15
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.39
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 58.42
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 58.77
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.40
Justin Allen (Canton) 59.62
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 59.69
Brad Nelson (Canton) 1:00.48

100 BREASTSTROKE (state cut: 1:03.19)
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.23
Josh Markov (Redford CC) 1:06.01
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Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:08.38
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:08.52

400 FREESTYLE RELAY (state cut: 3:23.09)
North Farmington 3:23.17
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16
Livonia Stevenson 3:25.31
Plymouth Salem 3:26.51
Plymouth Canton 3:29.29

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 16
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Kennedy at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Clarencville at Harper Wds., 7 p.m.
Luth. W. sid at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Agape at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.
Roper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19
Clarencville at Luth. W. sid, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Inkster at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Wandotte at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Agape at Greater Life, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Mount Carmel at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Men's COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 15
Salem at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Alpena, 7:30 p.m.
St. Clair at OCC High, Lakes, 7:30 p.m.

100 FREESTYLE (state cut: 49.49)
Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 48.17
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.92
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 49.10
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 49.25

100 FREESTYLE (state cut: 48.73)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 45.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.00
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:08.46
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesnar (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Denny Price (Harrison) 5:20.60

200 FREESTYLE RELAY (state cut: 1:31.99)
North Farmington 1:32.37
Plymouth Salem 1:32.51
Plymouth Canton 1:33.38
Livonia Stevenson 1:33.78
Redford Catholic Central 1:35.35

Madonna jolts Tri-State

What's one to believe? Should you think the Madonna University women's basketball team that looked so impressive in the non-league portion of the season is the real deal? Or is the team that went into the tank once Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play got underway the right stuff?

The developments of last week leave further room for doubt. After all, the Lady Crusaders struggled through their first nine WHAC games, losing eight of them (after an 11-4 start to the season) to fall in the league's basement.

Then they bounced back with back-to-back wins, the first over Concordia College last Saturday (Feb. 6) and then a shocking 62-69 handling of league co-leader Tri-State University Wednesday at Madonna.

Madonna improved to 14-12 overall, 3-8 in the conference. The Thunder slipped to 17-8 overall, 9-2 in the WHAC.

A 10-0 run early in the game allowed the Crusaders to overcome a three-point deficit and take the lead for good. They were up 40-31 at the half, and withstood all Tri-State

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comeback attempts in the second half, although the Thunder did narrow the gap to two twice (at 54-52 and 56-54). Madonna, however, scored the next seven points to go up by nine and was never again threatened.

Ten players scored for the Crusaders, with nine of them getting five or more points. Kathy Pangania led the way with 19 points, three assists and two steals, and Michelle Miela contributed 10 points, three assists and two steals. Katie Cushman and Lori Enfield chipped in with eight points apiece, Cushman dishing out four assists.

Tri-State's Jill Pliska and Crystal Hardisty totaled 15 points each.

SC 90, Henry Ford CC 48: Now that's dominance. Schoolcraft College had six players reach double figures in scoring Wednesday in rolling to its 16th-consecutive win against

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host Henry Ford CC.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 12-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, 20-3 overall. Henry Ford, which came into the game in third place in the conference, fell to 14-10 overall, 8-6 in the league.

"What can I say?" said SC coach Karen Lafata. "It was probably our best effort of the year. Everything was working."

SC hit 35-of-68 floor shots (51 percent), including 8-of-15 three-pointers (53.3 percent). Samantha Theisen paced the Ocelots with 22 points, five steals and five assists. Jackie Kocis added 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists, with Antone Watson getting 15 points, five boards and four assists; and Belinda Reid, Stacy Cavin and Kim Washnock (from Farmington HS) each scoring 10 points. Reid also had seven assists and six boards, and Cavin and Washnock got five rebounds apiece.

Zenah Mroueh's 13 points topped the Hawks; Lisa Guitard added 12.

SC had a 48-24 halftime lead.

Ocelots overwhelm Henry Ford

It wasn't a matter of someone stepping forward for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team, trying to get the Ocelots back on track.

It was six guys.

And the victim of this all-out blitz was Henry Ford CC, which SC dismantled 92-79 Wednesday at Henry Ford.

The win gave the Ocelots, who had lost three of their previous five games after winning 17 straight, a 19-3 overall record and a 9-3 mark in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Henry Ford fell to 14-9

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overall, 9-5 in the conference. SC, which connected on 34-of-55 floor shots (58.6 percent), had a 40-38 lead at the half — then outscored the Hawks 52-41 in the second half.

Six players reached double figures in scoring for the Ocelots, led by Derek McKelvey with 21 points, while Lamar Bigby, Dave McGlowa and Dashawn Williams had 12 points apiece and Quentin Mitchell scored 11

Ocelots overwhelm Henry Ford

comeback in the second half. The Crusaders hit just 23-of-59 shots from the floor (39 percent), compared to the Thunder's 24-of-50 (48 percent). In addition, Tri-State committed just four turnovers in the game; Madonna had only 13.

Mike Massey was the Crusaders' main offensive weapon; he converted 10-of-20 shots, including 3-of-7 three-pointers, in scoring 24 points. Mike Maryanski added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Tri-State got 19 points from Shaun Hill, 18 from Chad LaCross and 10 from Joshua Treesh.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, Feb. 20
Madonna at Siena Heights, TBA
Schoolcraft vs. Wayne Co. CC at River Rouge, 8:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 15
S'craft at Oakland CC, 5:30 p.m.
St. Clair at OCC High, Lakes, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Schoolcraft at Alpena, 5:30 p.m.
St. Clair at OCC High, Lakes, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20
Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Schoolcraft vs. Wayne Co. CC at River Rouge, 8:30 p.m.
Rochester at OCC High, Lakes, 2 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Feb. 18
Whalers at Toronto Maple, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20
Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 21
Ply. Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Stevenson vs. Clarkston-Franklin vs. Lapeer-West at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Western at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Redford CC at A.P. Cabini, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18
Redford CC vs. A.A. Huron at Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. West. Lakes at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Churchill at Troy Unified, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Cranbrook at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Feb. 15
Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 16
Agape at Cornerstone, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Luth. W. sid at R.D. Shrine, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Roper, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Farm. Unified vs. Wayne Co. CC at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Forston, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18
CHSL at Madonna, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
Clarencville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19
Agape at Greater Life, 5 p.m.

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Lakes Activities Association. The Rocks never trailed against the Vikings, leading 35-29 at the half and 53-47 after three quarters. Free-throw shooting helped keep Salem in front; the Rocks made 23-of-30 from the line (76.7 percent). Central was pressure defense the whole game," said Brodie of the 57 free throws attempted by the two teams. "Both teams were going after each other."

Balanced scoring also put Salem at the summit. Joining Wilson in double-figures in points were Aaron Rypkowski with 17 points, Rob Jones with 15 and Tony Jancevski with 12. Jancevski also had nine rebounds.

Corey Heitsch topped the Vikings with 26 points. Jason O'Bomsavin added 14.

Agape 54, Temple Christian 42: A strong fourth quarter enabled Canton Agape Christian to retain its position in second place in the Metro Christian Conference, behind Detroit West Side Christian, with a win at Madison Heights Temple Christian Friday.

The Wolverines improved to 9-5 overall, 8-2 in the MCC. Temple Christian is 5-8 overall, 2-7 in the MCC.

Agape led 30-24 at the half, but Temple Christian narrowed the gap to 38-36 after three quarters. A 16-6 surge in the final period clinched it for the Wolverines.

Julian Wetlin's 18 points, eight rebounds and seven steals paced Agape. Steven Mecklenburg added 14 points, and Paul Anleitner had seven points and seven assists.

Sheldon Davidson's 13 points was best for Temple Christian. John Davidson had 10.

Redford CC 54, Brother Rice 51: Down 29-22 at the half Friday, Central Division champion Redford Catholic Central (12-4, 6-2) stormed back in the second half to beat host Birmingham Brother Rice (4-11, 3-9).

CC outscored Rice 22-13 in the third period and 11-9 in the deci-

sive final quarter. CC ran a 1-2-2 half-court trap, forcing 17 Rice turnovers (28 percent of the Warriors' possessions).

Nick Moore and Dan Jess each scored 14 points for the victorious Shamrocks, who open the Catholic League playoffs Saturday against Southgate Aquinas at Schoolcraft College. (Pairings will be in Thursday's Observer.)

Matt Lorias added 12 points for CC. Dave Lusky and Anthony Toney combined for 22 rebounds, 12 and 10, respectively.

Sophomore guard Hayes Groomes led Rice and all scorers with 27 points. Leon McDonald contributed nine.

Churchill 77, Northville 73: Livonia Churchill (4-11, 1-8) earned its first Western Lakes Activities Association victory of the season Friday at the expense of the visiting Mustangs (5-9, 4-5).

Junior swingman John Bennett, who set the single-game Churchill scoring record Tuesday with 37 against Walled Lake Central, scored a team-high 18 points along with Ryan Vickers.

Avery Jessup and Justin Jakes each chipped in with nine points. Brett Allen, a 6-foot-6 junior, led Northville and all scorers with 27. Ryan Ellen added 19 and Marshall Knapp chipped in with 15.

Churchill led by as many as 16 points in the third quarter before Northville put on a fourth-quarter spurt with a 30-17 run.

The Mustangs had the game tied with just under a minute left before Churchill put it away with five straight free throws.

Churchill was 18 of 27 from the line, while Northville was 10 of 20.

"We tried to delay the game and take some time off the clock and we lost some momentum," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "And their press gave us problems."

"But we came to play. Randall Bogahe helped us defensively and Devin White did a good job running the point."

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Whalers blank Sting

The Plymouth Whalers continued their dominant play in the Ontario Hockey League Wednesday night, pinning a 4-0 shutout on the Sarnia Sting in front of 2,426 at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

The Whalers (41-9-3) remained tied with Ottawa (41-8-3) for overall points (85) in the OHL, but the 67s have one game in hand.

Left wing Damon Surma's shorthanded goal at the 4:48 mark of the first period opened the scoring for the Whalers. It was his 13th goal of the season.

Center Harold Druken added another goal for the Whalers one minute later for an early 2-

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victory to Canton was the beam, according to Cunningham. The Chiefs outscored Salem 34.45-30.9 in that event.

"As soon as we won beam, I knew we'd won the meet," said the Canton coach. "Beam has been a jekyll-and-hyde event for us this year, and Hyde has visited my team a lot of the time. We're young (two freshmen, a sophomore and a junior make up the top four scorers) and we're just not consistent yet, but we're getting better."

Other top-six placers for Canton were Jill Rakovitis, who was fourth in beam (8.25), sixth in floor (8.0) and tied for sixth in bars (7.50), and Jessica Krueger, who was sixth in vault (7.75). Salem had just one other top-five finisher: Ashley Heard, who was fifth in the vault (7.8).

Certainly Drake's absence was a major factor for Salem, which outscored Canton by .65 of a point at the Canton Invitational. Not that either team could challenge the state's best, all whom were present.

The top five teams competed in the 19-team Invitational, and Hartland proved to be the top squad with 145.4 points. Brighton was second (144.2), Rochester Adams was third

Tragedy brings players together



STEVE KOWALSKI

The game was over, for all intents and purposes, even though the scoreboard showed 4:53 remained in the third period.

Trenton senior Joe Baker retreated to the locker room as he normally does after games, but not to remove his equipment and head for the showers. He reached for something to complement what everyone inside Trenton's Kennedy Ice Arena needed Wednesday night: prayers.

Baker came back with a rosary, which belonged to his teammate John Nadzam. Together with teammates and members of the Redford Catholic Central hockey team, they continued to pray in front of the Trenton net for a fallen teammate: Trojans' senior defenseman Kurt LaTarte.

Minutes earlier LaTarte was accidentally cut in the neck by the blade of a skate. After he returned to the bench he slumped to the ground in great danger, his neck bleeding profusely.

LaTarte is alive, following surgery to repair muscle and vein damage at the University of Michigan Trauma Center on Thursday, maybe because of the power of prayer and the incredibly quick treatment he received in the minutes after the accident.

The game between the top two teams in the state ended in a 4-4 tie but there were only winners and heroes on both sides and in the stands.

Trenton trainer Lori Holcomb and assistant coach Rod Wakeham were the first to help stem the loss of blood from LaTarte's neck. Kudos also go to Dr. David Wolf, paramedic Alec Lesko and nurses Leslie Zancanaro and Michelle Ryan who rushed to the scene from their seats in the stands to help.

Wolf, Lesko and Zancanaro have sons on the Trenton team.

Trenton sophomore defenseman Andy Greene was on the ice with LaTarte when the accident occurred. A line change on the fly was upcoming.

"I was skating around looking for my partner," Greene said after the game. "I went to the bench, looked behind me and saw a pool of blood and people holding Kurt's neck. We're just praying he's all right."

Both sides were shed by players and coaches on both sides who watched as LaTarte was wheeled away on a stretcher to an ambulance.

The gash LaTarte suffered was reportedly four inches long and two inches deep. The urgency to stop the bleeding is high in that area, according to Lesko.

"It's absolutely the worst area," he said. "The supply of blood to and from the brain has only one way to travel and that's through the neck."

"He was pretty strong through the whole thing. A lot of times when people lose that

CC, Trenton end in a tie

In a game overshadowed by tragedy Wednesday, the top two ranked prep hockey teams in the state — Redford Catholic Central and Trenton — played to a 4-4 tie at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

Trenton senior defenseman Kurt LaTarte suffered a severe wound to his neck from the blade of a skate with 4:53 left in the third period, causing an end to the game. LaTarte was rushed to the hospital and later transported to University of Michigan Trauma Center, where successful surgery was performed.

Trenton, which won the earlier meeting this season 1-0, scored three unanswered goals to rally from a 4-1 deficit and tie the Shamrocks.

The tie left CC at 17-1 overall.

Picking up assists for Trenton were Andy Greene, Alec Lesko, Justin Jabara, John Hackett and Angelo Petrucco.

But there was nothing to talk about after the game except for the health of LaTarte.

"Things are improving, we'll see, we'll hope," Trenton coach Mike Turner said after the game.

"It was horrible, just horrible," CC coach Gordie St. John said.

Churchill holds on to beat Glenn

Westland John Glenn put up quite a battle Wednesday, but visiting Livonia Churchill came away with a 15-5, 6-15, 16-14 girls volleyball victory.

Glenn falls to 1-6 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, while Churchill is 18-8-2 overall and 5-3 in the W.L.A.A.

Churchill coach Mike Hughes singled out the play of Sarah Hennessy, who played the three different positions — right side, left side and middle hitter.

"It was by far Sarah's best all-around effort of the year," Hughes said. "Glenn played very well, they were very competitive and played superior defense."

Top attackers for the Chargers included Amy Cadovitch (five kills), Shannon Munn (four kills) and Luba Steca (three kills).

Junior middle hitter Nicole Panyard had five kills and five solo blocks for the Rockets. Jamie McLeod, also a junior middle hitter, added five kills, eight digs and four solo blocks.

Sophomore Holly Deedler recorded four aces. Senior setter Jessica Letourneau had 13 assists, while senior outside hitter Kristen Krohn contributed nine digs and two aces.

Warriors block North

Lutheran Westland ran its Metro Conference record to 5-2 with a 15-10, 17-15 win Thursday at Macomb Lutheran North.

The Lady Warriors received timely passing from Katie Heiden, Karie Azzopardi and Heather Haller.

Sarah Marody served seven points, including a pair of aces. Heiden added six points with

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BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome. The show features fishing seminars, outfitters, 100 merchandise booths, over 400 trailerable boats and much more. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 17-18; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children. Children ages five and under will be admitted free. Discount tickets are available at participating Marathon Stations and Elias Brothers Restaurants.

SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature a special appearance by national walleye angling champion Ted Takasaki on Friday, March 5. Other speakers of national renown scheduled to speak at the show include walleye pros Mike McClelland and Keith Kavajecz, bowhunting expert Chuck Adams, In-Fisherman Magazine editors Dave Csanda and Matt Straw, and Michigan's own Tom Huggler.

OUTDOORAMA

Outdoorama '99 Sport and Travel Show will be Feb. 26-March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, (800) 777-6720. The show includes nearly 450 exhibits featuring the latest in fishing, hunting and camping equipment; recreational vehicles; boats; conservation clubs; and travel and outfitting destinations throughout North America. There will also be a reptile and amphibian display, live animals, a trout fishing pond, musical and variety acts, an archery range, hunting and fishing seminars, and much more. Show hours are 9-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Monday and Tuesday, March 1-2, and Thursday and Friday, March 4-5; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and March 6; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28; noon-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Admission is \$6.50 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and children five and under will be admitted free.

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- People around the world are concerned about the decline in amphibian populations. Some species have not been seen since the early 1980s. One research study showed that ultraviolet rays can kill the embryos in developing eggs.

Recently, a fungus has been found to cause death in some frogs. Michigan is now monitoring the populations of frogs throughout the state by means of a volunteer based census system, coordinated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Money from the Nongame fund helps manage that project.

■ Trumpeter swans are now in the state of Michigan thanks to money from the Nongame fund. About 140 swans are now in the state.

Successful nesting recently occurred in Seney National Wildlife Refuge in the Upper Peninsula. More swans will be introduced to the AuSable River this summer.

Thanks to the fund, Michigan now has the heaviest flying bird and a bird that was once native to this area.

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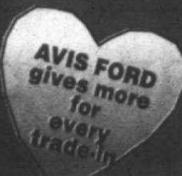
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