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Space Campers splash down



Isbister fifth-graders called their weeklong trip to U.S. Space Camp in Titusville, Fla., the trip of a lifetime. Ninety-six students attended graduation ceremonies Friday before boarding a charter flight home.

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Graduation ceremonies for 96 Isbister Elementary students on Friday culminated a weeklong storybook trip to U.S. Space Camp in Titusville, Fla.

While most students admitted it was time to go home and see their families, the one thing they wholeheartedly agreed upon was that this was the trip of a lifetime.

"I think I've got a better appreciation of space," said Kim Olech of Canton.

"Before, I didn't really know much about space. But, since I've been here, I've learned about how they live in space. It's been really fun."

"It's been such a fun time, and the people are here are really nice," said Charlie Nahra of Plymouth.

And, Charlie has some words of wisdom for his fellow fifth-graders who will be taking the same trip in the near future.

"It's nothing like the videos they show you," said Charlie. "It's really different, but it's funner than you would

imagine." Students received graduation keepsakes, and two prestigious awards were handed out by Space Camp Director Charlene Neuterman.

Brian Silvi of Plymouth was given the Right Stuff Award for his enthusiasm at Space Camp. Shailee Patel of Canton was given the Outstanding Camper Medal.

"I am really happy to win it," said Shailee, who still had the medal

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Youth kick

Boy wins black belt at age 8

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Becoming a black belt in Tae Kwon Do is quite an accomplishment at any age.

It takes years of practice, hard work and dedication. Those are just some of the qualities Plymouth Township resident Greg Wainwright displayed in attaining his black belt on March 5.

Not bad for a guy who's 8 years old.

"It made me feel like I was famous," said Greg, a second grader at Our Lady of Good Council in Plymouth, "like Jackie Chan or Chuck Norris."

He underwent 70 minutes of testing and sparring at Independent Black Belt Tae Kwon Do in Canton to earn his new ranking. Greg is the youngest to achieve black belt status at IBBT.

"It's his outlet," said mother Theresa Wainwright. "He really enjoys Tae Kwon Do."

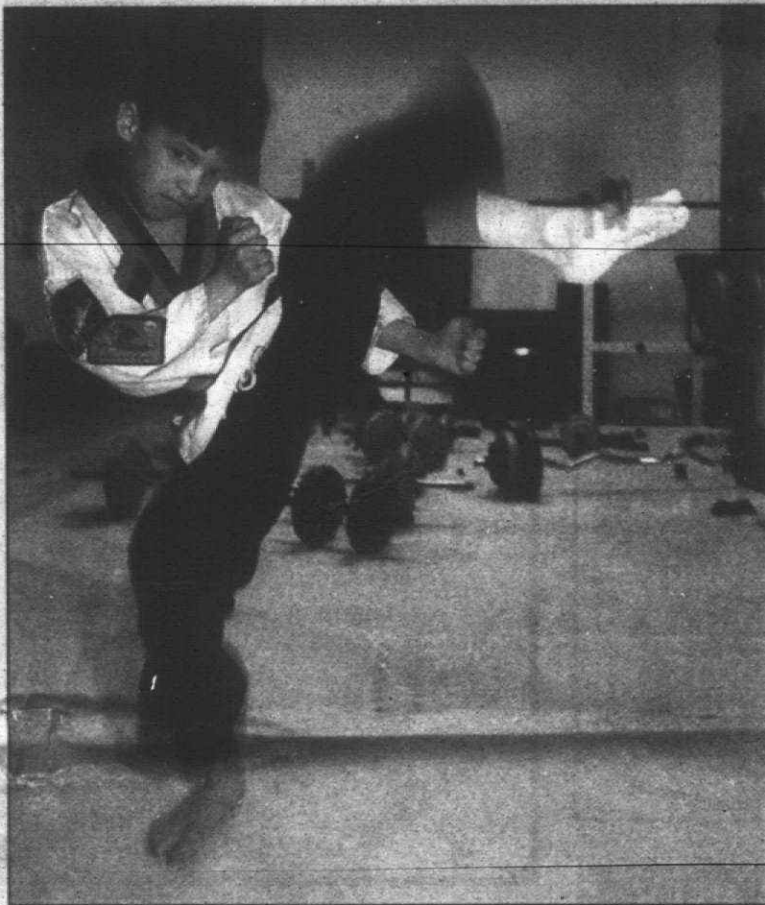
The martial art originated in Korea. It stresses "forms," which involve kicking, punching and blocking. Leg movements dominate Tae Kwon Do, which is taught with self-defense in mind.

Greg's journey to black belt began at the ripe old age of 3½. His interest in the sport was sparked after watching Norris and other television shows.

"I like the Ninja Turtles," the youngster explained. "I was thinking, 'I could learn that, too.'"

His mom saw it as an opportunity for her highly active son to release some energy and learn self discipline.

"He wanted to do this instead of



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Quick moves: Gregory Wainwright performs a kick in the basement of his home in Plymouth Township Thursday.

Gymboree," Theresa Wainwright added.

The only problem was that most martial arts students usually start

a little later, at 5 or 6 years old. After a little persistence, IBBT Master Instructor Bill Prewitt

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Beck Road paving set for July

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If all goes as planned, the last major section of Beck Road in Canton will be paved by late fall.

The township is currently in the process of acquiring rights of way for a one-mile stretch from Cherry Hill Road to Ford. Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik is hoping construction will start by late July.

"If we start by midsummer," he told Canton's Board of Trustees Tuesday, "we should be able to build that road this year."

The board approved a \$30,855 expenditure for a consulting firm appraisal of rights of way on Beck. Work will be done over the next 90 days to determine its value.

About one-third of property owners have deeded their right of way in exchange for free hookups to water and sanitary sewer systems. Remaining owners have not agreed, making the appraisals necessary, Machnik said.

Once appraisals are completed, property owners will have several options.

They can exchange the right of way for an in-kind service or go through condemnation. If the owner chooses condemnation, the township would be forced to pay them the appraised price.

Machnik said the value of the right of way would likely be determined after the first three appraisals. That should help speed up the process, he added.

Beck Road will go from gravel to an asphalt surface. Additionally, road shoulders will be widened and some curbs will be created.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY

Get tropical: The Canton Chamber of Commerce holds its annual dinner auction 7 p.m. at Laurel Manor in Livonia. This year's event takes on an island theme and dress is either tropical or semi-formal. For reservations or information, call the chamber, 453-4040.

SATURDAY

For your health: Project Health-O-Rama, a morning of free and low-cost health screening is set for 8 a.m. to noon at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, Canton Center Road at Summit Parkway. The event is geared for adults 18 and older and a driver's license or other identification is required. For information, call St. Joseph Mercy, (734) 712-5206.

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Getting ready: The staff at Bailey's in Canton gears up for St. Patrick's Day. Pictured are (clockwise, from left): waitress Dana Gronczewski, hostess Tammy Brandys, waitresses Meghan Hesse, Melissa Malicco, Jodi Blitz, general manager Shawn Kelly and manager Paul Beragiosian.

Persistence pays off for northern Michigan author

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Labor of love? Forgive Jack Driscoll for playing up "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" (Pushcart Press) as more labor than love by the time it finally hit bookstores last month. Finding a new publisher for the acclaimed novel became a two-year ordeal when it was dropped at the last minute, a casualty of industry downsizing.

The moving love story of a middle-aged couple staring down the possible end of their marriage was just a step from the shelf when his editor called with the news, Driscoll said. Proofs were out, cover blurbs written and book tour dates set.

"It was like being hit with a 2-by-4 in the forehead," Driscoll said Thursday from his home in northern Michigan. "A novel I'd spent four years working on had been deep-sixed."

"There was a time lag though until the enormity of what happened sunk in. I think I managed to be resolute for about four days."

Driscoll, an award-winning poet and novelist who is writer-in-residence at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, is the featured speaker for this year's Author Luncheon hosted by Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi and Northville libraries. The event, sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and Hometown Newspapers, is Thursday, April 22, at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Driscoll, 53, had previously published several works of poetry and had received critical acclaim for a collection of short stories, "Wanting Only to Be Heard," published in 1992. He has won prestigious PEN awards and several grants for his short fiction. His work has appeared in major newspapers and magazines and has been read for broadcast over National Public Radio's "The Sound of Writing." So the sudden "rejection" was something he had to get used to. He said other work, including a second novel, buoyed his spirits. Still, he figured another publisher would pick up "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" in a matter of weeks.

It just didn't happen. What eventually occurred though

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Irish-style fun can be found in Canton

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Low-key. That might be the best way to describe St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Canton this year. But that doesn't mean you can't find your share of green beer around town.

Take Canton's senior center, for example.

Along with several other activities, seniors will get a chance to delight in some Irish-colored libation. Senior Center Coordinator Dianne Neihengen said Wednesday's event isn't just about St. Patrick's Day.

■ ST. PATRICK'S DAY

"I think for this kind of crowd," she said, "it's more like a spring party. But everyone does dress in green and drink green beer."

It's the 12th year the senior center has held such a celebration. While fun is the focus, a more serious effort surrounds St. Patrick's Day for the seniors.

The group is currently raising money for muscular dystrophy in memory of lost loved ones. Those making dona-

Please see **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**, A6

Author luncheon

■ **What:** 1999 Author Luncheon hosted by Friends of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi libraries

■ **When:** noon Thursday, April 22

■ **Where:** Fox Hills Country Club, Plymouth

■ **Tickets:** \$20 each, available at all four libraries through April 11. No tickets available at the door.

■ **Mail orders:** Make check payable to Friends of Plymouth Library. Send to the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth 48170, attn.: Diane Geddes. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Must be received by April 10.



Houston, we have a problem: Isbister students take on the roles of Mission Control to safely bring in the space shuttle for a landing. Pictured (from left) are: Teresa Wang, Canton; Brett Porter, Canton; Megan Bilkie, Plymouth; Andrew Kokoszka, Plymouth; Trevor Rice, Plymouth; Mary Beth Hotz, Plymouth.

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around her neck like an Olympic champion. "I don't know what I did to win it, I just did what I normally do. Anyone could have won it. I thought it was going to be given to a boy."

Myth just that

The old adage is that girls aren't as good in science and math as boys.

However, Plymouth-Canton science support teacher Judy Krieman said that after a week at Space Camp, that theory should be debunked.

"If there was a girl in our group who thought she couldn't do science or math, she knows she can do it now," said Krieman. "I came away with a lot out of the program. It gave me courage to know that it's not as intimidating as I thought it was. I don't think I could have done it without being here."

Krieman, who along with Cheryl Klee, will develop a science curriculum from what they've learned, says the Space Camp experience is more than just a hands-on experiment.

"It was a minds-on experience, they had to problems solve," added Krieman. "The students had to work with each other. I'm really thrilled with the cooperative learning skills our students developed."

Plymouth-Canton educators who made the trip have nothing but praise for the program and what it has done to enhance the lives of students.

"The program for the kids is phenomenal," said Isbister fifth-grade teacher Linda Guenzel. "It serves its purpose to make kids



On tour: Space Campers tour nearby Kennedy Space Center, which includes the Saturn 1B booster for the Apollo-Saturn 1B space vehicle. Pictured are (from left) Joey Marin of Canton; Doug McKelvey, Plymouth; Brett Porter, Canton.

excited about math and science, and to open horizons they wouldn't ordinarily have."

"It was awesome, absolutely incredible," added Isbister teacher Tracy Racer. "They learned how to work together in teams, how to listen to each other."

Learning for all

Teachers also came away with an education of their own. "I came away with some really, tangible lesson plans that I can use in my classroom," said Guenzel. "It was a really good experience."

"I think the experience helped the teachers learn to work together as a team," added Isbister teacher Vail Casella. "I think we've come away really good friends."

Isbister principal Lee Harrison said the entire experience came to a peak after students visited the Kennedy Space Center and performed their own space shuttle missions.

"I think those two activities put the whole space program into perspective for the students," said Harrison. "It gave them a lot of meaning, gave the

entire week a purpose. Having all those activities really gave some meaning to how the space program developed and where it's going."

"It wouldn't happen if you just did a unit on space in the classroom," added Harrison. "But, when you live it for a week like this, they'll remember it forever."

Isbister students appear to have set the bar when it comes to how well-behaved the entire group was for the week. Neuterman gave high praise for this group, saying it's highly unusual to have such a large group from one school district attend Space Camp.

"They were wonderful with the counselor and with each other," said Neuterman. "They all got along with each other, interacted well together, and there was a good sense of teamwork."

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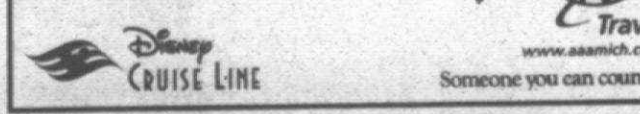
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Motorcycle beat allows for more interaction

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In a few weeks, the township police department's mounted division will take to the streets. We're talking the two-wheeled variety, not four-hooved. According to Lt. Pat Nemecek, Canton's four motorcycle officers have positive interaction with the community.

"When people see policemen on their Harleys they stop and look," he added. "There's a generation of adults that enjoy motorcycles. We think it promotes one-on-one communication with the community."

Officer Brian Darow, who acts as the department's lead motorcycle instructor, agreed.

"Residents love to talk to officers on their bikes," he said. "It makes us much more approachable. People will often flag us down to talk. In a car, you're more secluded."

Canton officers first began using motorcycles in the early 1980s. Now each April, the black and highly chromed bikes come out for duty.

CANTON POLICE

The department used Kawasaki cycles the first few years. Mechanical problems led to a switch to Harley-Davidson by the late 1980s.

Recently, the department got a BMW bike to test drive. Darow is one of the few officers who have had chance to ride it.

"It's a very smooth bike," he said, "very nice on the road."

Darow drove the BMW to a police funeral in Clarkston. Other officers were a bit envious, he said.

"It was the talk of the day," Darow added.

The BMW motorcycle is a little more advanced in terms of technology. Darow said it's also lighter than the Harley.

"It's got a little more pickup," he said.

Most departments, including Canton, stick with Harley-Davidson. Price is a key factor, Darow said, with the Harleys on an inexpensive one-year lease.

It's not likely that the town-

ship will switch to BMW, he added.

Besides patrolling on his "hog," Darow teaches other officers how to drive the bikes. He puts them through 48 hours of training.

"It's 90 percent hands-on," Darow said. "We start them out slow and build up."

Departments from around the state take the course, he added. Five classes are already booked.

He prefers students that haven't even touched a bike.

"It's easier to train people with no experience," Darow said. "People that do have experience have often picked up bad habits."

Canton has six Harley-Davidson motorcycles used for the training courses only. Officer Dave LeBlanc helps instruct the classes.

Darow said he teaches students to drive much more defensively.

"You have to be much more alert on a bike," he said. "We come across with the idea that people can't see you on your bike."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

New wheels: Canton Motorcycle Officer Brian Darow looks over the new fleet of Harley-Davidson motorcycles - and one BMW - recently acquired by the township.

'Gear Up for Safety' campaign to encourage helmet, pad use

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Riding a bicycle isn't generally thought of as a dangerous activity.

Yet hundreds of accident-related deaths are recorded each year in America. Research indicates that many of these fatalities could be prevented with the use of helmets.

"Gear Up for Safety," a new Canton Community Advisory Council program, hopes to change public perception about wearing helmets and reduce injuries.

"We think it's a great campaign," program co-chair Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "We would hate to see a child injured that could've been avoided."

A Gear Up for Safety activity day is planned for May 22 in the parking lot of the St. Joseph Mercy Health Center on Canton Center Road.

Stunt demonstrations and biking with local sports celebrities will highlight the event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We do expect a great turnout," said Bilbrey-Honsowetz. "Families are typically very responsive in Canton."

'We think it's a great campaign. We would hate to see a child injured that could've been avoided.'

Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz
-co-chairwoman

The program will be the advisory council's first. Bike safety was a good place to start, Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

"We're taking a more proactive stance," she added. "We think it's better for the community."

Gear Up for Safety will have five main goals, according to the co-chair.

First is to raise awareness of parents and children on the importance of wearing helmets. That includes other sports like in-line skating.

The program also aims at improving children's safety skills. The May event will provide a safe environment to do just that, said Bilbrey-Honsowetz.

Gear Up for Safety will target children in kindergarten through fifth grades. The idea, Bilbrey-

Honsowetz said, is to make each a lifelong helmet user.

The council is also hoping to make helmets available at a discount. While helmets can be moderately expensive in stores, they will be available at the May event for much less, Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

While most of the council's efforts are going into planning that event, Gear Up for Safety won't end there.

A program goal is to provide positive year-around reinforcement to people wearing helmets and safety gear.

Canton Police Lt. Robert Kerr, who is the event's other co-chair, said that may take the form of officers stopping folks and handing out gift certificates.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz is looking forward to Gear Up for Safety day.

A San Diego-based professional group known as "Perfection on Wheels" will handle the stunt demonstrations. They will, of course, do all the stunts wearing full protective gear.

"It will be kind of like the X-Games," she said, in referring to the popular ESPN 2 event. "We thought that would get the kids excited about it."

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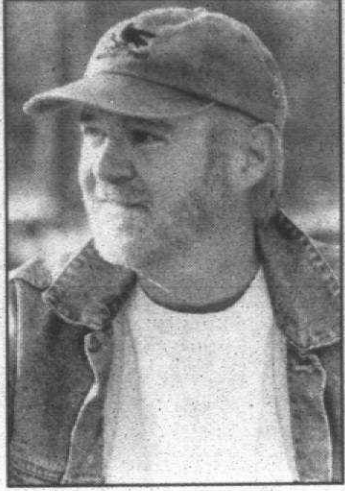
was the book's nomination for a Pushcart Editors Award, a prize given for more than 25 years to exceptional works that somehow manage to avoid publication. The winning manuscript, from thousands nominated annually, is published.

Driscoll chose to return to his eastern (Massachusetts) roots for "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman," which is set in the wealthy enclave of Mystic, Conn. The novel deals with Perry Lafond, a transplanted Michigander pushing 40, his wife Marcia and the fragile state of the couple's search for meaning in their marriage. It confronts issues including infertility and the death of Perry's sister at age 7.

"It's a character-driven, voice-driven story. I didn't have a plot in mind when I started. In fact, I never do," Driscoll said.

"It's the story of an ordinary couple making life decisions. I think the lives of ordinary people are overlooked, or at least undervalued (in contemporary fiction)," Driscoll said.

Although the protagonist isn't autobiographical, Driscoll said he drew on some of his notions



Jack Driscoll and feelings about life in the Midwest in filling out Perry Lafond. Driscoll came to Interlochen in 1975 with a sort of typical East Coast mentality. "I thought it would be a stopover along the way," he said. But the internationally famous conservatory reminded him of a less-mannered version of the Berkshires. "As soon as I arrived I wanted

to stay," he recalled.

His wife, Lois, is a political science teacher at the Interlochen Arts Academy.

Now that he's had some success at long fiction, Driscoll said it isn't likely he'll return to poetry. "I don't juggle well," he said.

"Stardog," scheduled for publication later this year, is a radical departure from "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman," he said. It's a fast-paced "road novel" whose two main characters travel from northern Michigan, across Canada and into Massachusetts, he said.

Jack Driscoll
Michigan author

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agreed to start training Greg privately.

For about the first year, the master and his young pupil worked together in 30-minute sessions.

"We started with kicking a Power Ranger air bag around the room," said Greg. "He talked and said 'ouch' when you kicked him."

The bags didn't stand a chance with Greg around.

"I punctured two of them," he said, "because I kept getting stronger."

Wainwright moved into the junior class shortly before his fifth birthday. The group is made up of 5-to-12-year-olds.

Greg received his first belt, 9th yellow, in March of 1995. He moved up the ranks through orange, green, blue and red belts before earning his black belt.

It took Greg about six months on average to earn each promotion. Of all the "gups," or belts, the last was the toughest to get.

"I think his black belt was the hardest to attain," his mom said.

The 8-year-old passed his pretest for black belt in December. After a few more months of preparation, Greg was ready for



Achievements: Gregory Wainwright poses amongst his trophies in his room at home. Greg began Tae Kwon Do lessons at age 3½.

his big day on March 5.

He first had to demonstrate a dozen forms. Greg then went through several rounds of sparring.

Justin, his 5-year-old brother, was the first opponent. He then moved on to face a black belt. Greg finished up by taking on two black belts for two minutes.

The objective was to score

points in both the forms and sparring. Greg earned enough points in just more than an hour to become a black belt.

"I like the art," he said of Tae Kwon Do. "It's fun."

Justin, currently a green belt, provided a tough test for him.

"He's a real good sparrer," said Greg.

Theresa Wainwright said her son would've never achieved black belt without a lot of help. Older students, she said, worked with him on a daily basis.

"He's kind of like their mascot," she said.

Prewitt was also instrumental. He and Greg have created quite a bond over the years.

"He said I'm like a son to him," Greg said. "I feel like that, too."

Beck from A1

Work will be done by a contractor. Cost of the project is expected to be about \$1.7 million, said Machnik. The township will pick up 80 percent of that tab while the county pays the rest.

When work is completed, Beck will be paved from Michigan Avenue north all the way through Novi and Walled Lake. Machnik said a few small sections of Beck south of Michigan in Canton will still be unpaved, however.

It's an important project for the township, according to Supervisor Tom Yack.

Wayne County is scheduled to begin improvements on Canton Center Road between Ford and Warren next year. The road will close at some point during that construction to allow for repair or replacement of a bridge just north of Ford.

"Having asphalt on Beck this year becomes critical," Yack told trustees.

At least one lane of Canton Center will remain open during most of the construction, Machnik said.

Bentley staffer cited as Extra Miler winner

Rick Barbour, a teacher at Bentley Elementary School, was awarded the Extra Miler Award at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting Feb. 9.

Barbour was cited for his enthusiasm and drive, along with his dedication and devotion to his students at Bentley Elementary.

Bentley parent Debbie Leach said, "Mr. Barbour does anything and everything he can to make life and learning fun and exciting. He is the type of person that we all wish we could have had for a teacher."

Field principal Dave Farquharson said, "Field School has been most fortunate over the years to have had Rick as a math teacher for our Summer Skills Camp. His conscientiousness, dedication and genuine concern for the welfare of children is evident to all who know him. He is extremely popular with our students and their parents. Every year, I get rave reviews about 'the summer camp math teacher,' Mr. Barbour!"

In addition to his qualities as a teacher, Barbour gives a tremendous amount of his own time for the enrichment of the children's well-being. He is active in polo, a floor hockey sport. He also conducts monthly family nights where he incorporates learning and fun for students and their families.

Funding higher education Engler seeks tier system, end to tax credits

BY TIM RICHARD
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The University of Michigan is unique because it's "a precious treasure" that does brain research.

Oakland University is unique because its enrollment is booming, particularly at the expensive graduate level.

Michigan State University is unique because of its faculty efficiency (up 11 percent) and its lid on tuition hikes.

Wayne State University is unique because it has research status while serving "place-bound" heads of families who are "under-prepared."

Eastern Michigan University, first teachers college west of the Allegheny Mountains, is unique because it prepares more teachers and school administrators than any college in the nation.

But that wasn't what the House Appropriations subcommittee on university budgets was looking for March 10 as it pondered Gov. John Engler's proposed \$1.48 billion higher education budget for fiscal 2000. His base support is up 1.5 percent while the prison system is due for 8.6 percent more.

Engler is proposing two changes the university presidents dislike:

- A four-tier system of funding per resident student: 1) at \$8,500 each, MSU, Michigan Tech, U-M Ann Arbor and Wayne; 2) at \$4,700, Oakland, U-M Dearborn and Western Michigan; 3) at \$4,600, Central, Eastern and Ferris; and 4) at \$4,500, UM-Flint, Saginaw Valley, Grand Valley, Lake Superior and Northern.

Engler's budget message says the four tiers reflect "comparable programs and use of state-wide average costs."

"It's a beginning. We need a start," said second-term Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, a member of the panel.

"Everyone says, 'We are each our tier,'" complained Rep. Jon Jellema, R-Grand Haven, a third-term. "This (tier funding) is a step in the right direction."

He called the universities' opposition "a little disheartening."

■ Ending tax credits for students' families where colleges hold down tuition hikes. Engler wants to reallocate it to give 1.5 percent more to every university that holds tuition hikes to 3 percent or less.

Godchaux said the tax credit, passed in 1995 and sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, "hasn't done what it's supposed to do." Universities beat the system by "bumping it up big one year and then easing off in the second and third years," she said.

In general, the 15 state universities get one-third to half their revenue from the state general fund budget, one-fourth from student fees and the rest from private gifts, research contracts and federal grants.

Since the 1970s, state aid has declined as a percentage. Rep. Hubert Price, D-Pontiac, got nods of assent when he asked if universities would like to see a balance of two-thirds state, one-third tuition, in their budgets.

Here is how university presidents responded to committee questions:

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Schoolcraft to host public safety job fair

Sam James, a police officer for the city of Ann Arbor and assistant coordinator of the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College, loves his career. A graduate of the academy and the son of a police officer, James says he likes being a role model in the community and literally held to a higher standard of behavior than most people.

"The thing I like most is that no day is the same," he said. "There is always variety. In the same hour, you can deal with people from all backgrounds and educational levels. It's always challenging."

James and representatives from more than 60 public safety agencies will be on hand at Schoolcraft College's Public Safety Career Fair 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, to talk about career opportunities, answer questions and accept resumes. The fair will be held at the Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff Street, Garden City. James said modern law enforcement encompasses

many fields including information services, data processing, statistics, crime prevention, psychological profiling, public relations and training.

"We are looking for people with educational backgrounds from all areas," he said. "Our current academy classes have a number of people with degrees, including one with a law degree and another in fashion marketing."

Candidates for public safety careers should possess integrity, maturity, a sense of dedication and duty, be self-motivated and require little supervision, James said. In addition, they need computer and public relations skills.

"Many agencies have implemented community policing, and communication skills are essential," James said. "You have to be a person with tact and patience, because you will have a great amount of responsibility as well as power."

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or \$8,952 per student.

Oakland U.

"This is our fourth consecutive year of record enrollment," said Gary Russi, president of the eighth largest state university. OU has 14,300 and expects to go to 17,000 by 2005.

And the greatest growth has been at the costlier graduate level. OU ranks third only to U-M and Wayne State in number of graduate degrees awarded.

"We have 20 new degree programs," he said, citing the master of business degree in health care and the pioneer work of the Eye Research Institute.

Russi was one of the few presidents to support Engler's tier plan because "it recognizes per-student disparities, it recognizes there are enough similarities to warrant grouping by instructional programs, it applies a floor across-the-board before the formula is applied, it uses \$4,500 as a benchmark, and it doesn't take funding from other universities."

Russi agreed the tuition tax credit should be scrapped, but the money should be built into

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OBITUARIES

STELLA M. BEAVER

Services for Stella M. Beaver, 65, of Livonia were March 12 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Dunn officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

She was born Dec. 19, 1933, in Plymouth. She died March 9 in Livonia.

She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1952 and worked for the Burroughs Corp. from 1952 to 1965 as a clerk typist. More recently, she worked at Plymouth Salem High School in the school cafeteria. She retired in 1986.

Mrs. Beaver married in Plymouth's "Lower Town" and moved to Livonia in 1955. She was a member of the Riverside Park Church of God, Livonia. She was formerly a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, No. 115, Plymouth.

She started bowling 35 years ago and bowled in four different leagues. She continued bowling during her illness until December of 1998. She played bingo every Tuesday and she enjoyed her garden and worked in her yard every day. Christmas was her specialty. Her family and friends said her house looked better than Frankenhof.

Survivors include her husband, Donald E. of Livonia; one son, Clyde (Shannon) Beaver of Livonia; her mother, Alberta Anthony of Plymouth; one sister, Bertha (William) White of Plymouth; one brother, William (Carol) Brown of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

MABEL M. HAWKE

Private services were held for Mabel M. Hawke, 84, of Canton. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born March 1, 1915, in Jersey City, N.J. She died March 9 in Northville. She moved to Star Manor in Northville in 1996. She previously had lived in Florida.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Courtney Martin. Survivors include her two sons, John D. (Rita) Hawke of Canton, Douglas J. (Sue) Essad of Farmington Hills; one daughter, Ruth J. Butts of Canton; four grandchildren, Cheryl Ann Willson of Canton, Kimberly Joy Essad of Canton, Megan L. Essad of Canton; three great-grandchildren, Bradley Willson, Devin Wester, Jessica R. Willson; and three brothers, Reginald Martin of Florida, Douglas Martin of Florida, James Martin of Florida.

HUBERT A. GAVIN
Private services were held for Hubert A. Gavin, 82, of Tonawanda Creek Manor of Plymouth. He was born April 20, 1916, in St. Ignace, Mich. He died March 7. He was retired from Stahl Manufacturing Co., where he worked in the tool crib. He was a veteran of World War II. His hobbies included watching football on TV and taking short walks into downtown Plymouth for coffee at the Cozy Cafe.

He was unmarried, leaving no family survivors, but will be greatly missed by his dear friends and co-guardians, Leona Bargende and Katie Lynch.

Memorials may be made to the National Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900.

These locals with Irish surnames say partying is definitely low-key

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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Ever hear the old saying "Everyone is a little Irish on St. Patrick's Day?" That may be true, but a lot of the real Irish of Plymouth and Canton don't tend to go overboard during the festive green holiday.

"We're not planning on doing a whole lot of anything, actually," said Diana O'Donnell of Canton. "It's on a Wednesday, it's a school night, and I've got kids, so we won't be at the Blarney Stone or anything."

Janet McNamara of Plymouth agreed, saying "We're not doing anything. I'm not

even going to drink green beer. I might put on a green blouse, but that's about it."

McNamara said that the holiday used to be much more important to the Irish settlers in the United States but has fallen out of popularity recently.

"It used to be big in the generation that came over from Ireland, but in the generations after that, it was a lot less," she said.

Not even Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy had plans for the holiday last week.

"I'm definitely Irish, and sometimes I've gone to parties that friends have had, but I

don't do anything special on St. Patrick's Day," she said.

And then there's the other half: People like Jane Watters who plans to make a couple of holidays out of the event.

"Well, Sunday is the parade, so I'll be downtown on Michigan Avenue in front of the larger house, cheering on the members of the Irish-American organizations that I've been a part of," she said. "And drinking some of the bubbly, of course, and spending the day in downtown Detroit."

The actual holiday isn't until Wednesday, so the fun doesn't end there for Watters, who works at Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke Realtors, 500 S. Main

in downtown Plymouth.

"On St. Patrick's Day, I'll start off at old St. Pat's Church in Detroit, it's a holy day, you know, and because you always want to attend Mass in case you don't make it back," she said. "And then I'll be frequenting the pubs in the area the rest of the day."

Watters is even outdoing co-worker Julie Fitzpatrick of Plymouth is the most active Irishman (or woman).

Although, Fitzpatrick does have a valid excuse.

"I'm seven months pregnant and have a 1-year-old," she said. "I'm not going to be very active."

We'll let her slide this year.

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tions get their name in a shamrock that's posted at the senior center inside the Summit.

Neihengen said they've raised less than \$100 so far.

"It's the thought that counts," she added. "But we'll take donations from anybody."

A party/luncheon for the seniors will get under way about noon at the Summit.

Roast beef, chicken and salad are on the menu.

Neihengen said the center has more traditional Irish foods for the party. But, she added, seniors seem to prefer everyday foods.

"We only have a semi-Irish theme," Neihengen commented, "because we have so many different kinds of people."

After lunch, a pair of Irish dancers will entertain the group. Bridget and Maura Mulcahy of Canton, 20 and 13, respectively, will focus on tap and other dances.

"Irish dancing uses leg movements only," Neihengen said. "It's very spectacular, very athletic."

The seniors, of course, won't be the only ones hoofing it up in Canton.

At Bailey's Pub & Grille, 1777 Canton Center just south

of Ford, dancing will also be featured. The O'Hare School Dancers, which is comprised of Canton and Salem high school students, will perform Irish dances from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

According to General Manager Shaven Kelly, St. Patrick's Day is a big event at Bailey's.

"This is the first time we've been open for it," he added. "We're planning for a huge day."

Bailey's opened last November. It features a full dining menu, a game room with darts and video games, pool tables and a sports bar atmosphere.

"It's a place you can come

with your family or a date and have a nice dinner, or with your buddies to watch the game," Kelly said.

As for St. Patrick's Day, a bag-pipe band will play during dinner hours. A local rock radio station will broadcast live as well.

The pub will also feature, you guessed it, green beer. Wednesday's are typically a slower night at Bailey's, but Kelly is expecting something different this week.

"We've been planning this for a month," he added.

State lobbying effort Area lawmakers team up to ban waste imports

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Congress may start allowing states to limit the disposal of waste imported from Canada or transported from other states.

Three bills have been introduced in U.S. Congress allowing states to either limit or even ban the disposal of out-of-state waste sent to Michigan landfills. That move would help two lawmakers in western Wayne County in their drive to ban the import of solid waste from Canada or other states into Michigan.

Currently, out-of-state waste transportation and disposal is governed by the federal Interstate Commerce Act, so the state of Michigan cannot prohibit the waste until Congress revises the act to allow states to regulate solid waste transportation.

U.S. Sen. Charles Robb, R-Va., introduced a bill to give governors the power to limit the amount of out-of-state waste. Robb's legislation would freeze garbage imports to 1998 levels and halt the import of waste from those states which have demonstrated an inability to manage trash within their borders.

U.S. Rep. Paul Gillmore, R-Ohio, proposed a bill to allow states to tax waste, regulate it or move it, while another Gillmore bill would prohibit waste from any other state or country.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-



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Canton, would prefer a ban. Bennett and state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, introduced legislation in the Senate and House prohibiting a hauler from transporting or disposing out-of-state solid waste in Michigan.

Bennett's district houses three landfills that accept imported and out-of-state trash in Canton, Van Buren and Sumpter townships. Bennett wasn't critical of those specific landfills, but said he just wants it banned. "It's not any individual site, it's just the

practice of it."

Michigan's land should be guarded and protected as an asset, Bennett said.

"We have some of the most inexpensive (landfill) rates in the country," Bennett said. Bennett and Patterson hope they can get legislative approval on their respective bills, then submit them to Congress where he can use the bill as a lobbying point.

"We will continue to encourage any steps in Congress that will give us the authority to keep

Michigan from being a garbage dump for other states," said Patterson.

From Oct. 1, 1997, to Sept. 30, 1998, Michigan landfills housed 46.7 million cubic yards, an increase of 3 million or 7 percent over the previous year, according to the report on solid waste issued in February by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's solid waste division.

Canadian waste constitutes 2.5 million cubic yards, or 5.5 percent of all waste deposited in Michigan landfills, and an increase of 5.2 percent over the previous year. All out-of-state imports total 12.3 percent of the waste disposed in Michigan landfills.

Bennett hasn't contacted members of the Michigan congressional delegation yet. "It gives me a foot in the door. It will tell them 'This is the will of the Michigan Legislature, help us carry out that will,'" Bennett said.

Bennett also knows that any national ban will affect trash exports out of Michigan, particularly hazardous waste transported to Canada.

"I can only assume that if we put barriers one way, we'll have barriers the other way," Bennett said.

Bennett suspects that this issue, along with most other issues involving the federal government, "will take a very long time" to get action.

SMART to offer free rides on St. Pat's night

Statistics show that almost half of the traffic fatalities on St. Patrick's Day are alcohol-related, and the worst day for traffic deaths, according to Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

That's why the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county branches of MADD and the Suburban Mobility for Regional Transportation have announced that SMART will offer free bus rides after 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, to make St. Patrick's Day a safer holiday.

For three years SMART and the Macomb, Oakland and Wayne MADD chapters have committed themselves to making St. Patrick's Day a safer holiday.

Taking the bus is one of many alternatives for people who choose to drink, but not drive. Bar and restaurant owners may also help with other suggestions of how people can get home safely from their holiday events.

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McNamara, Solomon agree on spending for auditor, commission

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Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has withdrawn his veto of the county commission's approval of additional funds for the auditor general's office and county commission expenditures.

McNamara sent a letter on March 1 to Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon informing him of his decision.

"As a result of the agreement reached at our meeting last Thursday, I hereby withdraw the veto of enrolled ordinance 99-49 submitted by my office on Feb. 15 relat-

ed to additional funding for the Commission and Auditor General," McNamara wrote.

McNamara had vetoed a \$445,000 budget transfer intended for Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy's office and county commission expenditures. On Feb. 4 county commissioners had approved a budget amendment to increase Dunleavy's budget by \$320,000 and increase the commission expenditures by \$125,000. The money was taken from the general fund.

In his veto letter, McNamara had informed Solomon he wanted the money spent for the county prosecutor's office to address what he called a "serious back-



Solomon

log" of homicide investigations.

"Objectively, you must concede that the citizens of Wayne County will appreciate a greater benefit derived from the investigation, arrest and prosecution of suspected felons as opposed to additional legislative oversight," McNamara said.

Last Thursday, commissioners referred budget adjustments of \$315,000 for the prosecuting attorney to its Ways and Means Committee.

Solomon would not comment on what agreement was reached with McNamara. When asked about the \$315,000 for the prosecutor's office, Solomon said: "We haven't finalized that yet. All I can say is he's withdrawn the veto."

Solomon said he and McNamara were "trying to move the county forward."

"We came to an agreement, but there's nothing to tell on the agreement," Solomon said.

Job fair from page A5

According to James, patrol persons in a police department earn a starting salary of about \$30,000, which can grow to \$50,000. The Schoolcraft Police Academy has a placement rate of 90 percent or more, and agencies recruit at the Garden City center on a weekly basis. James added this is an excellent time to seek a career in law enforcement because many departments have personnel retiring after 25 years on the job.

The same turnover phenomenon is occurring in fire departments, said Clyde Rivard, coordinator of the Fire Technology Program at Schoolcraft and a lieutenant with the Livonia Fire Department. However, he cautioned that it is more difficult to get into the firefighting field than the public safety arena because departments are smaller and the turnover rate is lower.

Rivard, who wanted to be a firefighter from the time he was a small boy, said every day is different, and the job is challenging, secure and rewarding. "Firefighters appear when an emergency is in progress," he said. "People can see us do our jobs and know we are handling the problem."

Candidates for the Fire Technology Program should be high school graduates with good driving records, physically fit, self-directed, self-confident, responsible and compassionate, Rivard said. The program has a placement rate of about 85 percent, but graduates who complete the program in May must wait until the following February to apply for a job, which is when municipalities accept applications. Starting salaries are about \$28,000, Rivard said.

The Schoolcraft Fire Technology Program includes two-year full- and part-time curricula leading to an associate degree, and a one-year program leading to a certificate.

To earn an associate degree with the academy, candidates must be at least 18 years old, and if they are not sponsored by a policy agency, must have 41 semester hours of college credits in appropriate subjects.

Both James and Rivard agree the proportion of students sponsored by safety or firefighting agencies has dropped, and now the majority of students take classes before getting a job. Students who successfully complete the programs must pass state certification exams.

In addition to representatives of the Schoolcraft programs, other agencies at the career fair include police and fire departments from Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Eastern Michigan University, East Lansing, Fraser, Grand Rapids, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Pittsfield Township, Port Huron, Romulus, Royal Oak, Southfield, Southgate, Taylor, Troy, Van Buren, Waterford and Westland; public safety departments from Beverly Hills, Highland Park and Oak Park; Huron Valley and Medstar ambulance companies; the Michigan Army National Guard, Michigan Department of Corrections and Michigan State Police; the U.S. Air Force, Border Patrol, Coast Guard, Marshal Service, Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation; Detroit Metropolitan Airport and the Wayne County Sheriff and Human Resources departments; and Meijer, Sears and Target security departments.

For more information, call (734) 462-4421. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275 in Livonia.

Funding from page A5

base funding, not doled out as incentives. Without the tuition restraint grants, OU students can expect a 3.9 percent hike in tuition and fees; with them, tuition will rise "at or below 3 percent."

Engler proposes \$47 million for OU versus the current year's \$43.5 million or \$4,170 per student.

Michigan State

"The faculty course load is up 11.7 percent," said President M. Peter McPherson. "For five years we have held tuition (increases) at the CPI (consumer price index) rate of 2.8 percent. We'd have \$14 million more if we had charged (tuition hikes) at the rate of increase of the Big Ten."

That was music to Jellema's ears, and he encouraged MSU to keep on that course.

McPherson went on, "Our study abroad program, with 1,600 students, is the largest in the country. We'd like to double it to 3,000. It's gotta be a program for the average family."

But McPherson said MSU's funding is \$1,800 per student behind others in its tier. "I'm being raided for faculty because of salaries by the best institutions in the country."

With 43,000 students, MSU still is growing, he said.

McPherson endorsed Engler's plan to drop the tax credit plan but would prefer the money be rolled into base funding rather than given as incentive grants.

Two lawmakers twisted McPherson about a land grant

university's taking on an urban mission. "What sets you apart from Wayne State?" asked Rep. A.T. Frank, D-Saginaw.

"The urban-rural distinction is not clear," McPherson replied.

Engler proposes almost \$300 million for MSU. Currently, MSU gets \$279 million or \$7,623 per student.

Wayne State

One side of WSU is a "comprehensive national urban university," a research institution in Detroit that has populated the state with professional people.

Another side of WSU is "place-bound" students with families to support, not always fully prepared for college, high maintenance costs because of so many part-time students and older buildings, a need to install fiber optic technology, and high costs for upper level courses because so many students have transferred after two years at a community college.

State aid has been generous, "but not as generous as it may appear," said President Irvin Reid.

Reid said he would prefer that funds from ending the tax credit program be used in base funding rather than doled out as an incentive.

Lawmakers zeroed in on whether WSU uses "open enrollment" for admissions rather than setting high standards. Reid's answer:

■ High school graduates seeking freshman admission need a 2.75 grade point average. Other-

wise they need the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

■ Many WSU students are transfers from community colleges and have demonstrated they can do university work.

■ Many take "pre-matriculation courses" to prove they can be admitted into degree programs.

Engler proposes \$237 million for WSU. Currently it gets \$223 million or \$9,991, highest per-student allotment in the state.

Eastern Michigan

"The governor's budget puts more pressure on tuition," warned EMU President William Shelton.

He opposes the four-tier funding formula because "I prefer real dollar support for students. As long as we use percentages, we'll never find a magical formula."

With just a 1.5 percent increase in base funding, he said, EMU students would see a tuition hike of 5.6 percent. But if the tuition tax credit money is folded into the base, tuition hikes could be held to 3 percent, Shelton said.

Enrollments have been stable at 23,500. Shelton hopes for 24,500 by next fall.

Though known as a teachers' college, EMU also has developed business programs, notably a "compressed MBA program for Masco Corp. employees" in Taylor, Shelton said.

Engler proposes \$80.7 million for EMU. Currently, it gets \$76 million or \$4,364 per student.

Madonna University to open registration

Madonna University's registration for spring/summer 1999 term begins Monday, March 29, and continues through Friday, May 7, for new and returning students.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5

p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays (except Friday, April 2, when the office will be closed) and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays (except April 1 when the office will close at 5 p.m.).

Classes begin the week of May

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Fax-in registration for all students is available until April 23. There is no application fee.

For more information, call the Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339.

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at Tim Horton's
11307 Telegraph Rd.

Westland
Tuesday, March 16
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2 UNIQUE



KELLI LEWTON

Final touches make lasting impression

"When I make that dish it doesn't look as good as yours" or "it always tastes good but doesn't look nice." These comments, and many more like them, are consistently being brought to my attention by students and clients alike. In a professional kitchen, there are many stations including: broiler, soup and sauces, and pastries to name a few. But the one station where presentation skills are put to the test is my personal favorite Garde-Manager "Gar mu jay."

Playground for creativity

Early in my career, I found this station to be a virtual playground for culinary creativity. My first (what I considered) real position of substance in the restaurant world was at Opus One in Detroit with then Executive Chef Peter Loren.

I ran the day shift Garde-Manager department. My days were filled with fabulous tasks such as making mosaic terrines, pates, designing flow, layout and garnish for extravagant buffet platters, and my most favorite of all, making ice cream. I still hold my ground that I was the first person to make Oreo cookie ice cream.

At Opus One I acquired one of my present day "ooh and aah" skills — making butter roses. Although, I swore at the beginning I'd never be able to meet production demands of this difficult task, Chef Loren would just grin and say, "just practice you'll get there," and I did.

A Garde-Manager's duties could vary from A to Z, depending on the house where he or she worked. This department normally produces all cold sauces, dressings, pates, terrines, salads and cold hors d'oeuvres.

Ingredient for success

The key ingredient for successful presentation of a dish is attention to detail and proper garnish.

The new professional chef defines garnish as: "An edible decoration or accompaniment to a dish."

For example, let's take a commonly prepared dish such as beef tenderloin, always a nice addition to a cocktail buffet. It presents nicely as a main center item, and is a substantial and elegant food for entertaining. When approaching the task of garnishing a tenderloin platter, some questions you might want to ask yourself are, "What do I like to eat with beef?" "What goes with beef tenderloin?" After thinking, you might come up with a design such as: Herb & Pepper Crusted Tenderloin of Beef presented with caramelized balsamic onions, roasted peppers, a sprig of thyme and a roasted bulb of sweet and sticky garlic all arranged on a large white platter with petite rolls for sandwich making.

These items combined will make a fabulous presentation, and taste good too. It is what you want your presentation to be — functional, good tasting, and pleasing to the eye.

Have you ever been to a restaurant with a few friends, where everyone ordered something completely different, but each plate came garnished with a big hunk of purple kale? You quickly move it to the side, or off the plate completely, to better maneuver your food without "purple forest interruption."

These are the principles Garde-Manager work against. The whole concept, in a nut shell, is that garnish should be related to and in good taste with the main item.

Corn relish would be a fabulous addition to a turkey platter, perhaps garnished with a bouquet of sage.

Shrimp cocktail with lemon wedges is another example of garnishing. The

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Passover desserts



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

SPRING INTO ACTION

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

"Take a Fresh Look at Nutrition" is the theme of this year's National Nutrition Month celebration.

Since this is the time when we begin to think about gardening, I'd like to plant seeds of good nutrition in your mind. You can plant them in your garden once the threat of frost has passed.

A garden doesn't have to be elaborate to be enjoyable. In fact, you don't even need a yard. A few pots placed on a sunny deck or porch can provide a summer and autumn's worth of wonderful herbs, vegetables and fruits.

When planning your garden there are a few factors to consider: the herbs, vegetables and fruits that you enjoy eating, the adaptability of those plants to Michigan's growing conditions, the amount of space you have, and how much time, energy and money you want to invest. I urge you to think about planting for variety.

Turn over a new leaf

Green leafy vegetables such as spinach and kale are ready to plant and harvest early. They are a great source of potassium and fiber.

Swiss chard is easy to grow. It is a source of beta carotene, and delicious when quickly blanched and seasoned with salt and pepper.

Arugula, another leafy vegetable, will add zip to your salad bowl. Most salad greens are easy to

Frozen flavor
Here's a trick from Lisa Jacobelli, a wonderful Italian cook:

Whether you grow your own herbs or purchase them fresh from the supermarket, here's a good way to preserve them.

First, thoroughly wash and dry your herbs. Remove leaves from stems, particularly if the stems are tough. (Lisa only removes the large stems from basil. The smaller, tender stems she leaves intact.)

Put the cleaned, dried herbs in a freezer bag, seal, label and freeze. When thoroughly frozen, crumble the herbs and remove all air from bag.

To use, just add some of the frozen, crumbled herbs right into soups, stews and pasta sauces.

My friend sprinkles frozen basil and oregano right on top of her homemade pizzas. You can really taste the fresh difference.

grow, and along with peas and onions, can be planted outdoors in mid- to late March.

Green beans, green onions, cucumbers and zucchini are also quite hardy and will add variety to your diet. Carrots are a great source of beta carotene. Starches such as potatoes or corn give us carbohydrates.

Herbs you start from seed now can flavor dishes year-round. Easy-to-grow herbs include parsley, cilantro, oregano, sage, mint, marjoram, rosemary and thyme. All of these are perennials, and will come up year after year.

Sowing seeds

Tomatoes and peppers are good vegetables that must be started indoors in mid-March or purchased at a nursery for late May or early June planting. Watermelon and cantaloupe can be started indoors as well. Sowing seeds at home can be rewarding and educational. Children love to see the seed they plant grow into food. It's a good way to teach them about eating a variety of vegetables. Many times children are more willing to try a new vegetable if they watched it grow from a seed.

Grocery store fresh

We are very fortunate since we can enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables all year long. Produce from around the world arrives fresh daily.

In March strawberries, rhubarb, asparagus and artichokes are in peak season.

April brings tomatoes, oranges and snap beans into our markets in greater supply and quality.

Look for cucumbers, bell peppers and sweet corn in May.

Be adventurous. Try a fruit or vegetable that you haven't tasted before.

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Roll out the red carpet on Oscar Night

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Oscar Night is special for movie lovers and a good excuse to have a party. After all, you'll be up half the night watching the show on TV, so why not have some company?

"We're rolling out the red carpet, and people are getting dressed up," said Harriet Jacobson of West Bloomfield, one of the producers (committee chairwomen) for the "Reach for the Stars Academy Awards Night Celebration," at the Hollywood style home of Rose Ann and Bernard Rosenthal in Waterford. The event will benefit the Organization for Educational Resources and Technological Training, which raises money for ORT students in the U.S., Russia, Israel and around the world.

"Reach for the Stars Academy Awards Night Celebration" is open to all ORT supporters who are first time donors of \$100 or who upgrade last year's contribution by at least \$25. For more information about ORT or the Reach for the Stars event, call (248) 855-9820. Guests will be entered in a national drawing for two round-trip tickets to Los Angeles and a weekend visit for two at the Summit Hotel Bel Air.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Party preparations: Michael Jacobson (left), Cindy Franklin (center) and Harriet Jacobson are getting ready for a "Reach for the Stars Academy Awards Night Celebration." Chocolate roses are one of the many surprises awaiting guests.

Oscar Party Tip Sheet

■ **Think Hollywood** — Dress up as your favorite celebrity and encourage guests to do the same. Add style and flair to your room with a few inexpensive party favors like gold-colored napkins, paper plates and balloons.

■ **Keep your guests on the edge of their seats** — Hold an Oscar pool. Ask guests to select their "picks" from a printed sheet of nominees for major categories, including "Best Movie" and "Best Director." Add a few categories of your own like "First Oscar Winner Whose Speech is Cut Off by the Band," or "First Oscar Winner to Thank the Academy." Create a dramatic finale by awarding the winner of the pool with a bouquet of flowers.

■ **Spotlight on food** — Serve a variety of hot and cold dishes that are easy yet elegant. Arrange the stations at convenient locations around the Oscar-viewing area to ensure easy access to the food and a clear view of the TV. This also helps keep people out of the kitchen while you work.

American Dairy Association

Add Lentil Sauced Rotini to your cancer fighting arsenal

LENTIL SAUCED ROTINI

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, chopped
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced
- 2 cups reduced-sodium vegetable broth (I like Pritiken)
- 1/2 cup green lentils, rinsed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme or 1/4 teaspoon dried
- 6 Italian plum tomatoes, chopped (2 cups)
- 4 cups spinach leaves, washed and torn
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 12 ounces Rotini, cooked according to package directions
- 4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated

Cook Rotini according to package directions.

In a nonstick skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onions, carrots and garlic. Sauté for 3 minutes, or until the vegetables are softened.

Add broth, lentils, bay leaf and thyme. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Add tomatoes. Cover and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the lentils are tender.

Stir in spinach. Cover and cook for about 5 minutes, or until spinach is wilted. Season with pepper. Add to warm, cooked rotini. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Serves 6.

Food values per serving:
Calories, 354; fat, 1.2g; saturated fat, trace; sodium, 108mg; cholesterol, 23mg.

Food exchanges:
4 starches, 4 vegetable

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.

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

I trust that you didn't trade your bran flakes for a doughnut after you heard the news that fiber might not prevent colon cancer. Hold on to that can of beans, too, it may come in handy after this brief discussion.

Cancer is a complex disease. It's not likely that a single nutrient will turn out to be the sole protector. But, there's no argument that a high fiber diet lowers your chances for other diseases like high blood pressure, diverticulosis, non-insulin dependent diabetes, stomach and lung cancer.

My shortest and best dietary advice is to increase your intake of fruits and vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy, while reducing your intake of meat, sugar and alcohol. Besides, it may turn out that the fiber level in the study under discussion (at the bottom of the 25-35 grams recommendation) was too low to be effective.

This was the thinking that led to this month's recipe selection. Lentil Sauced

Rotini is low in fat and loaded with fiber and vegetables. It also has lots of those cancer fighting antioxidants like lutein in the spinach and lycopene in the tomatoes. All these nutrients, and a wonderful flavor, combine to make this recipe one of my favorites.

Rotini is macaroni in a corkscrew shape. I make it my pasta choice often. Those little squiggles trap the delectable sauce better than plain spaghetti. The small amount of freshly grated Parmesan cheese in the recipe adds less than 2 grams of fat per serving; it's really a flavor bargain.

Lentils are the short order cook's friend. Unlike other dried beans, they are thin-skinned, need no soaking, and cook more quickly than their dried bean cousins. Green lentils are actually green to brown and cook to a soft texture and taste.

The sauce takes well to cooked meat, poultry, canned fish, or shellfish for an additional flavor accent. But you don't need it for protein, B complex vitamins or iron. You may find this recipe a tasteful reason to try more vegetarian main dishes.

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Jacobson, co-producer, Cindy Franklin of Farmington, and their committee are busy putting finishing touches on centerpieces, and making chocolate roses for the event, which features a star-studded dessert buffet, celebrity auction, "creative" black tie attire, and surprise celebrity appearances. Musician Renni Kaufmann will sing and play movie themes.

The women who are on the committee will be acting like press photographers snapping photographs of the guests as

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lemons are useful to the dish and add color and texture to improve the overall taste as well as visual appearance of the shrimp cocktail.

Here are some basics to keep in mind:

- Make sure items are the appropriate size (especially for passed items).
- Use a clean, sharp knife for precision.
- Your serving vessel, i.e. size, shape and color, are important to the overall look of your presentation.
- Use functional garnishes — no purple kale!
- A spritz of olive oil or vinegar on platters lends an extra special touch.

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on their back. It will be the name of a movie star like Sean Connery or Lauren Bacall. The person has to guess who they are. They can ask up to three questions. Once they guess who they are they can turn in their name tag.

Each guest will receive a ballot and have the chance to guess the winners of the Academy Awards. A prize will be given for the most correct answers.

Be creative with decorations. "We're using top hats with stars and balloons," said Jacobson. "If

Beef tenderloin platter delicious presentation

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front. Recipe compliments of Kelli Leuton.

BRUSCHETTA MIXTURE

- 3 Roma Tomatoes, diced
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon sun-dried tomatoes, diced
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon Kosher salt
- Pinch black pepper
- 1 baguette, sliced

Combine all ingredients, mix well. Put mixture on baguette slices to serve as an appetizer.

WARM ARTICHOKE DIP

- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 1 1/2 cups cream cheese
- 3/4 cup artichoke hearts
- 1 cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- Pinch white pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup prepared pesto

2 tablespoons fresh parsley
2 teaspoons lemon juice
Grind artichoke hearts in food processor.

Add cream cheese and parsley and continue mixing. Add in all other ingredients and mix thoroughly. Place in oven-proof dish.

Bake for approximately 20 minutes in a 350°F oven. Serve.

BEEF TENDERLOIN PLATTER

- 1 whole beef tenderloin
- 2 tablespoons prepared pesto
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (oven roasted) whole bulb garlic for garnish — cut in half (see garnish instructions)
- 1 thinly sliced red onion (see garnish instructions)
- 1 roasted green or red peppers (see garnish instructions)
- 1/4 cup Balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Clean tenderloin. Season with salt and pepper. Rub with Pesto and chopped garlic.

Broil or Grill to sear all sides. Finish in a 350°F oven until internal temperature reaches to 115°F. 125°F, about 15-20 minutes.

Use meat thermometer to check doneness.

Let rest — refrigerate.

Cut off butt piece and slice remainder to 1/4-inch medallions.

GARNISH INSTRUCTIONS AFTER PREPARING SET ASIDE

Garlic: Cut bulb in half and bake in 250°F oven until soft and caramel in color, with salt, pepper and herbs — 1 1/2 to 2 hours

Onions: Sauté thinly sliced onions in Olive Oil until caramelized. De Glaze pan with Balsamic Vinegar.

Peppers: Roast under broiler until skin turns black and softens — remove from broiler cool then peel off skin — Slice in thin strips.

TO ASSEMBLE PLATTER

At the end of platter arrange garlic, onions, peppers and butt piece

Arrange sliced meat in a fanned pattern

Serve with horseradish and mustards.

Entertain Oscar Night with sweet surprises

See related story on Taste front.

CHOCOLATE ROSES

Ingredients (to make about 18 roses):

- Chocolate melts (1 pound bag)
- Sucker Sticks (long sticks for roses)
- A couple of candy molds (rose shaped)
- (all three items can be purchased at Kitchen Glamour stores)
- You will also need a double boiler or microwave.

Partially fill the bottom of the double boiler with water.

This water should not touch the insert. Water should not boil but should be very hot.

When the water reaches a hot temperature (but not boiling!) it should be removed from the burner.

Now you put the whole bag (1 pound) of Chocolate Melts into the insert and stir with a wooden spoon until they melt.

If you choose to microwave the chocolate, instead of using a double boiler, please be careful as the chocolate can burn.

Pour chocolate into mold but just half way, (this may be easiest to do with the use of a spoon). Work quickly and use a couple of molds so that the chocolate doesn't harden too quickly.

Insert sucker sticks into the chocolate rose at least 1/3 up from the bottom and roll it turn it so there is chocolate all around the stick) and then pour in the rest of the chocolate so that you fill the complete mold. Tap mold to get rid of air bubbles.

If you are in a hurry, you can put the chocolate roses in the freezer, or refrigerate until hard.

When roses are solid, you turn the mold over and tap it so that the roses fall out (gently!).

Roses are delicate so keep them in a cool place.

Recipe compliments of Harriet Jacobson.

Cook's tips: You can purchase little plastic bags and ribbons. Put the rose in the bag, and tie ribbon around the stick. Give roses away as party favors or decorate your table with them.

MOCK STRUDEL

- 3 cups flour
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 3/4 cup oil
- Scant teaspoon baking powder
- Scant teaspoon baking soda

2 teaspoons vanilla

Filling

- 1/2 cup chopped nuts of your choice
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- Cinnamon to taste
- Apricot jam (strawberry or blueberry jam can also be used)
- To sprinkle on top: Cinnamon, Powdered sugar

Mix flour, orange juice, oil, baking powder, baking soda and vanilla together, and form into 5 balls. Refrigerate for 1/2 hour.

Roll into oblong pieces and spread with filling.

Sprinkle cinnamon on top of strudel and bake for 40 minutes at 350°F.

Cut in individual pieces (easier to cut while still warm) and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Recipe compliments of Cindy Franklin

BAGEL CHIP NACHOS

- 1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped, about 3/4 cup
- 1/4 cup red onion, diced
- 1/4 cup parsley, finely chopped
- 1 (3 to 4 ounce) package of lox, or smoked salmon, cut into small pieces
- 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cut into chunks
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup grated white Cheddar cheese (2 ounces)
- 4 cups shredded lettuce

In a medium bowl, combine tomato, onion, parsley, lox and hard-cooked egg; set aside. Place cream cheese and milk in 2-cup microwave-safe bowl.

Microwave on high power until melted, about 1 minute to 1 minute 30 seconds. Stir until smooth.

Arrange half of the chips on a large 12-inch platter. Combine lettuce, capers and dressing. Spoon over chips. Top with remaining chips. Pour cream cheese over top of chips. Sprinkle with tomato mixture and grated cheddar cheese. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of the American Dairy Association.

Spring into the new season with these tasty dishes

See related story by Peggy Martinelli-Everts on Taste front.

VEGGIE TOSTADAS

Serves 8

- 2 medium zucchini
- 2 (3-ounce) cans sliced mushrooms, reserving liquid
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped radishes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 small green pepper, chopped
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 8 corn tostada shells
- Tabasco sauce to taste
- Salsa

Fat-free sour cream

Preheat oven to 350°F. Sauté vegetables in mushroom liquid on stove top until translucent. Add Tabasco sauce to taste if desired.

Spoon vegetables on top of tostada shell and top with cheese. Bake for five minutes until cheese is melted.

To serve, top with salsa and a dollop of fat-free sour cream.

Nutrition information per serving (excluding sour cream and salsa):

Calories: 184; Protein 9g; Fat 12g; Sodium 282mg; Carbohydrates 11g. Percent of calories from fat: 57.

STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB FRUIT CRUMBLE

Serves 9

- 3 cups sliced fresh or frozen rhubarb (1/2-inch pieces)
- 1 cup cubed peeled apples
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2/3 cup quick-cooking oats

Combine rhubarb, apples and strawberries. Spoon into a greased 8-inch square baking dish.

Combine sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over rhubarb mixture. Set aside.

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Stalk fresh rhubarb at your favorite supermarket

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

Forget the robin and the lilac bud. Rhubarb lovers know spring is here when the first pink stalks appear in the garden or supermarket produce department.

In days gone by, rhubarb was considered a spring restorative, an antidote to a winter diet high in meat and low in fiber. Today we recognize that rhubarb offers lots of vitamin C as well as calcium and potassium, in addition to healthful dietary fiber.

When choosing rhubarb, select firm and tender stalks; avoid those that are very thick or wilted. One pound yields three cups of sliced rhubarb. To preserve its crisp texture, wrap raw rhubarb tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to one week.

Although rhubarb is a vegetable, it's most often used like a fruit in desserts and sauces. The stalks have a tart flavor because of the oxalic acid present. This acid occurs in much higher, toxic concentration in the leaves, so never eat rhubarb leaves.

Basic rhubarb sauce preparation involves stewing. Add about 1/4 cup water and cup sugar to a pound of cut-up

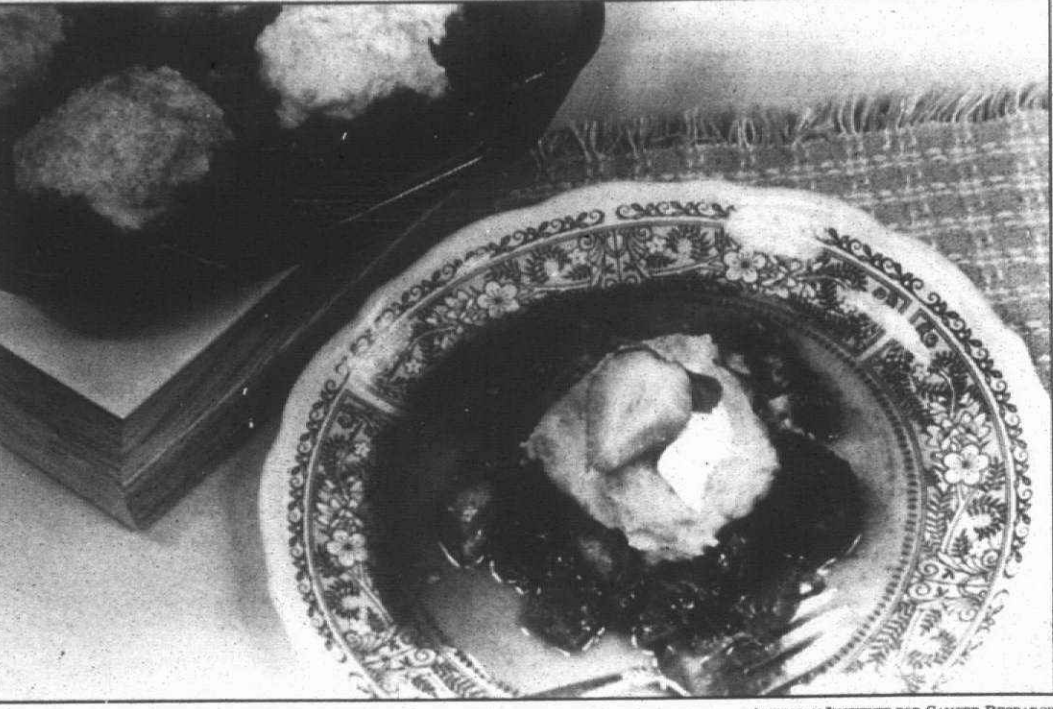
RHUBARB STRAWBERRY COBBLER

3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon finely grated orange rind
4 cups coarsely chopped (3/4-inch pieces) rhubarb
2 cups sliced strawberries
Topping:
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons margarine, chilled and cut in bits
2/3 cup non-fat buttermilk

In bowl, combine sugar, flour, cinnamon and orange rind. Add rhubarb and strawberries; toss to mix. Spread mixture in 8-cup shallow glass baking dish; bake in 400°F oven for 10 minutes.

Topping: In large bowl, mix flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Using fingers or two knives, cut in margarine until mixture is size of small peas.

With fork, stir in buttermilk until mixture is moistened and soft dough forms. Drop by spoon-



Spring treat: Rhubarb is often paired with strawberries. Orange peel adds additional flavor to this Rhubarb Strawberry Cobbler.

fuls in 6 evenly spaced mounds on hot fruit. Bake in 400°F oven for 25 minutes or until top is golden.

Nutrition information: Each of the 6 servings contains 270 calories and 5 grams of fat.

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

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WHAT IS OSTEOPOROSIS?

Osteoporosis is a disease that affects the skeleton and causes a progressive reduction in the amount of bone tissue. The core of the bone becomes less dense and on the surface bone loses thickness. This causes weakening of bone and predisposes to fractures.

Bone mass peaks around age 35 then gradually decreases with age. Female gender, menopause, Caucasian or Asian ethnicity, advanced age and family history of osteoporosis are known risk factors. Low dietary calcium, cigarette smoking, high caffeine intake and decreased physical activity are additional risk factors. Postmenopausal women, in particular, have increased risk. Few years after menopause, the decline of estrogen production, evidence of osteoporosis may be seen. Complaints such as low back pain, stooped posture and decreased height, even compression fractures of the spine, hips and wrists are not uncommon.

Older adults and those at risk should have medical evaluation and measurement of bone density when indicated. Regular weight-bearing exercise and daily calcium and vitamin D supplement can help maintain bone strength and prevent fractures. Additional treatments and medications are also available. (L-6842)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with minty brownies

AP — Minty Chocolate Brownies are a nice, color-coordinated finale for a festive St. Patrick's Day meal.

They have a cakelike texture that is easily whipped up by using unsweetened cocoa powder. A creamy, green-tinted layer is spread over the fudgy brownies and then topped with a simple chocolate glaze.

When the brownies are cut, there's the surprise of mint in every bite. Little leprechaun helpers can cut the brownies out in a shamrock shape, the classic symbol of St. Patrick's Day, with a cookie cutter.

MINTY CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) plus 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
2 cups granulated sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 eggs
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 and 2/3 cups powdered sugar
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon water
1 teaspoon mint extract

4 drops green food color
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan. Place 1 cup (2 sticks) butter in large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH 2 minutes or until melted. Stir in granulated sugar and vanilla. Add eggs; beat well. Add cocoa, flour and baking powder; beat until well blended. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack.

Prepare Mint Cream Center by combining powdered sugar, 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, water, mint extract and food color. Beat until smooth. Divide and spread evenly on brownies. Cover; refrigerate until cold.

Prepare Chocolate Glaze by placing remaining 6 tablespoons butter and chocolate chips in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH 1 minute or until mixture is smooth when stirred. Cool slightly; pour over chilled brownies. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. Makes 24 servings.

Recipe from Hershey's Cocoa.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Holistic health fair

The Association of Michigan Myomassologists Inc./International Myomassologists Federation will present their annual Holistic Health Fair 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21, at the Livonia Holiday Inn (across from Laurel Park).

The fair will feature a team of massage therapists performing free 15-minute modified massages and special massage techniques for the physically challenged. Also: a hypnotherapist, blood sugar and blood pressure testing, vendors selling preventative health care products such as vitamins, magnets, massage tables, oils, music, etc.

Paul Bauer will conduct a class on "Healing the Body through Music," from 1:30-5:30 p.m. both days. Cost, \$65, IMF members; \$85, nonmembers. For information, call (734) 522-7381.

THE GIFT OF LIFE

New driver's license program increases donor list by 140 percent

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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The Secretary of State's office and the Gift of Life Agency are singing the praises of a new program launched in July, 1998 that has increased the number of state residents listed on the organ donor registry by 140 percent.

According to Secretary of State Candice S. Miller, the office began mailing out special organ donor registry enrollment cards with driver licenses and personal identification cards last summer following a series of bills signed by Gov. John Engler in July. It was the first legislation passed in Michigan in more than a decade concerning organ and tissue donations.

Individuals who wish to have their name placed on the registry only need to sign the enrollment card and place it in the provided, stamped and addressed envelope. The card is mailed to the Secretary of State's office where the information is forwarded to GOL.

"We've made it convenient for residents to make their personal wishes known," said Miller.

The new Michigan driver license and ID cards have space on the back for writing organ donor information, eliminating the need for an organ donor sticker. The cards are formatted for optical scanning so the names and addresses can be transferred to a computer file and sent to Gift of Life for the organ donor registry.

In the past six months the registry has grown from a list of approximately 16,000 to 40,000 noted Miller. "We're averaging 2,000 new names a week. That's a national success story."

In 1998, Michigan ranked 45 out of 50 states in donation rates. Today the Gift of Life Agency reports being 21st on the list and is encouraged by the dramatic increase in the number of prospective donors and the potential for saving lives.

Meet the need

Sadly, 10 people die each day in the United States due to the lack of organs available. As of March 1999, 29 Michigan patients have died while waiting for a transplant and approximately 2,400 persons

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Important information: The new Michigan driver license no longer requires the adherence of a sticker on the back of the card for organ and tissue donation declarations. Once completed the cards are optically scanned and the information is automatically forwarded to the Gift of Life Agency.

More information on how to donate organs

It's possible to download an organ donor card from the Internet that you are encouraged to carry with you and share with your family by visiting www.organdonor.gov on the World Wide Web.

For more information on organ and tissue donations call:

- The Coalition on Donation, a non-profit alliance of major professional, patient, health, science, transplant and voluntary organizations. Its purpose is to increase public awareness of organ and tissue donation, correct misconceptions about donation, and increase willingness to donate. The number to call to request a donor card: (800) 355-SHARE.
- United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) is a non-profit organization that was awarded the contract by the Department of Health and Human Services to operate the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) and to develop a national system to assure equal access for all patients needing organs for transplantation. The number to call for transplant information, both general and organ specific is (888) TX-INFOL.
- National Kidney Foundation: (800) 622-9010. Call to find out about the resources available free of charge to families.
- Michigan Eye Bank, W.K. Kellogg Eye Center, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor, MI 48105-1994. (734) 764-3262.
- Michigan Tissue Bank, 1215 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48909. (800) 468-2929.
- Gift of Life Agency, 2203 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104-5113. (800) 482-4881.
- Transplant Policy Center, University of Michigan, 115 Washtenaw, P.O. Box 0716, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0716.

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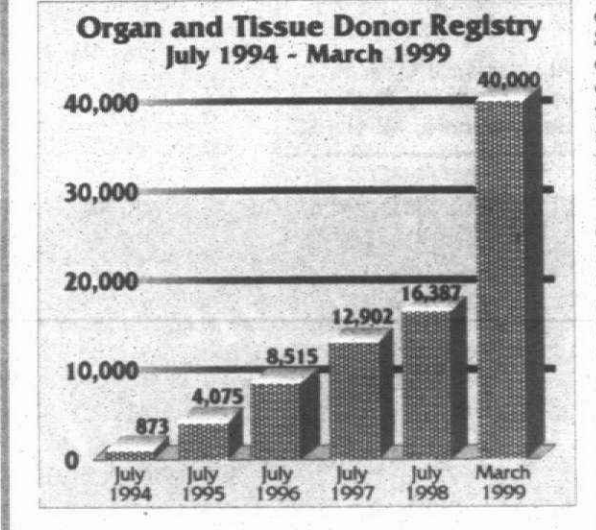
Better Living Seminars is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking Clinic" conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver at Plymouth Canton High School, Little Canton Theatre, 8415 Canton Center Rd., south of Joy Road.

The seven night program has no fee, although donations are accepted. Pre-registration is not required. Clinic dates are March 18; Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26; and Monday, March 29 from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (248) 349-5683 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no charge, donations are accepted.

Open houses

The new Henry Ford medical centers in Canton (6100 Haggerty) and Plymouth (14300 Beck) will host open houses Sunday, March 21. Activities include child ID fingerprint, canned food drive for First Step, appearance by Plymouth Whalers mascot, meet the staff, blood pressure/vision screenings, etc.

Canton's will take place from 1:30-5 p.m. and Plymouth's from 12:30-4 p.m.



Registrations soar: The driver's license donor program has increased the number of registered donors by 140 percent since July of 1998.

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 (appointment/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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20th annual Health-O-Rama offers free or low-cost tests

Organizers of the 20th annual Project Health-O-Rama are pleased to bring to the tri-county area free and low-cost health tests and services to anyone 18 year of age or older.

All sites will offer free basic testing of height/weight, blood pressure, glaucoma, counseling/referral, health education and vision.

The Counseling and Referral stations offer participants the opportunity to talk with a medical professional regarding any of the screening tests and services they received on site and any other concerns they may have.

Medical volunteers can refer individuals to other free and low-cost prevention programs for conditions such as hypertension, cancer, smoking and weight management. All sites will also offer the following low-cost, optional laboratory-evaluated tests including:

- Blood panel test of 23 profiles.** \$24. This comprehensive blood panel includes profiles on glucose, thyroid, calcium, HDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides. Take all prescribed medications. A four hour fast is recommended, water, plain tea or black coffee only.
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- Cancer antigen (CA-125) blood test for women.** \$25. This blood test may detect reproductive problems in women.
- Colorectal cancer screening kits.** \$8. This take-home kit screens for the

early warning signs of ulcers, colitis and cancer.

- H. Pylori blood test.** \$15. Screens for ulcers, gastritis and other stomach ailments.
- Wayne county sites include:
 - Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, March 16, 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Livonia Mall Bonus Days, 29514 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia April 13, 14.
 - Marquette House, 36000 Campus Dr., Westland, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, 1600 S. Canton Center Rd. March 20 from 8 a.m. to noon.
 - St. Mary Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia March 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Belleville, March 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wonderland Mall, 29855 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, March 23-25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Mercy Health Services, 34605 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, March 30, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- William Costick Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, March 24, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Special test and services are also being offered at sites where the resources are available. Test include podiatry, hearing, sickle cell, self-breast examination instruction, prostate/testicular, mammogram, pap (\$5-20 fee at some sites), bone density (\$10-\$25), EKG, skin cancer, oral/dental.

For more information on a site or the availability of special testing, please call the Project hotline at (248) 424-8600, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

MARCH 16-17

HEALTH-O-RAMA
Oakwood Healthcare System presents "Project Health-O-Rama" 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Laurel Park Place Mall. Many health screening tests will be performed: Blood panel testing is \$24. Prostate specific antigen testing is \$25. Bone density screening is \$25. Bone density screening is \$25. Body composition testing is \$5. Other tests are free. Call (800) 543-9355.

TUES, MARCH 16

CANCER SURVIVORS
The U-M Cancer Center is seeking men and women ages 18 and older who have completed cancer treatment within the last 3 years to participate in focus groups on March 16 or 24 (evenings). Eligible participants must have combined traditional treatments (surgery, chemotherapy,

and/or radiation) with complementary therapies (such as massage, visualization, herbal supplements, spiritual, etc.) The groups will be held in Ann Arbor, and participants will receive \$50. Call the Cancer AnswerLine nurses at (800) 865-1125.

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.

LUPUS MEETING
The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter meets 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty. Randy Schad, a registered pharmacist from Beaumont Hospital, is the guest speaker. Topic: "Help Me Make Sense Out of All the Medicines I Take for Lupus." Call Andrea Gray, (734) 261-6714.

STROKE SUPPORT
For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at the Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call (734) 458-4396.

WED, MARCH 17

FOCUS ON LIVING
A self-help group for cancer

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

THUR, MARCH 18

STOP SMOKING
Better Living Seminars is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking Clinic" conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver at Plymouth Canton High School, Little Canton Road, 8415 Canton Center Rd., south of Joy Road. The seven night program has no fee, although donations are accepted. Pre-registration is not required. Clinic dates are March 18; Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26; and Monday, March 29 from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (248) 349-5683 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no charge, donations are accepted.

SAT, MARCH 20

HOLISTIC HEALTH FAIR
The Association of Michigan Myomassologists Inc./International Myomassologists Federation will present their annual Holistic Health Fair, Saturday and Sunday, March 20, 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Livonia Holiday Inn (across from Laurel Park). The fair will feature a team of massage therapists performing free 15-minute modified massages and special massage techniques for the physically challenged. Also: a hypnotherapy

group, blood sugar and blood pressure testing, vendors selling preventative health care products such as vitamins, magnets, massage tables, oils, music, etc. Paul Bauer will conduct a class on "Healing the Body through Music," from 1:30-5:30 p.m. both days. Cost, \$65, IMF members; \$85, non-members. For information call (734) 522-7381.

CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION
Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery. Class based on the Lamaze method that increase knowledge of the birth experience. One-day workshop from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost of class is \$55. To register call (734) 655-1100.

TOURETTE FUND-RAISER
The Tourette Syndrome Association will be holding their 13th annual Bowlsathon at 12:30 p.m. at Vision Lanes in Westland, 38250 Ford Road to raise funds for Tourette Syndrome awareness. For information call, (734) 641-8181 (bowling alley); or (734) 525-6245 (Debbie).

MASSAGE
Massage for Health. Certified massage therapist Ginger Frig of Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center discusses the many benefits of massage for cancer patients. Free, beginning at 7 p.m. Call (248) 477-6100.

TAI CHI
Tai Chi to improve your breath-

ing. In conjunction with the American Lung Association, this monthly support group provides educational resources, emotional support and hope for those with lung diseases. 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's Ziegler Center, classroom 2. Call (248) 477-6100.

MON, MARCH 22

AROMATHERAPY
Karen Farrell presents Part I of a four-part series on aromatherapy. Learn the fundamentals of quality aromatherapy beginning at 7:30 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 305-5785.

STANDARD FIRST AID
Course teaches standard first aid and adult CPR. Two certificates are issued for completion. Course length is seven hours. Fee includes cost/materials, \$36. Begins March 22 from 6-10 p.m. and March 29 from 6-9 p.m. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

TUE, MARCH 23

FIBROMYALGIA
40-30-30 support group meeting and lecture. Dr. Martin Tamler will host the 40-30-30 nutrition meeting at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The meeting will be in the auditor-

um at 7 p.m. Please call Sharon for information at (248) 344-4063.

DEFIBRILLATION INSTRUCTION
Designed especially for business and industry, Red Cross' newest program focuses on the lay rescuer in the workplace. This course combines OSHA-compliant Adult CPR and Automated External Defibrillation (AED), the two skills needed to save the life of a sudden cardiac arrest victim. Prerequisite, current CPR for Professional Rescuer Instructor. \$50, March 23, 30 from 6-10 p.m. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
A one-session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call (734) 458-4330 to register.

WED, MARCH 24

HEALTH INSURANCE
Medicare, Hospital, Home, Nursing Home - Do you pay? Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia from 7-8 p.m. What happens when your health insurance won't cover your needs? Who pays for care that you need at home? Does Medicare pay for Assisted Living facilities? Call (877) 345-5500 (toll-free).

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Recruiter named

Holly Bhasin, of Westland, has joined Walsh College as a recruiter/admissions advisor at the Novi campus. In her new position, Bhasin will be responsible for advising students at Schoolcraft, Washtenaw and Henry Ford community colleges.



Bhasin

Marketing VP

Jack Zagrodzki has been named vice president of Marketing for the family-owned and operated Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop and Toy Shops of America. Zagrodzki will be coordinating the launch of Toy Shops of America, a global e-commerce retail and specialty toy shop affiliate partner program and the on-line version of The Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop.

Top broker

Neil R. Warling of Cushman & Wakefield has been named one of the firm's top 100 brokers for 1998. He is a three-year veteran of Cushman &

Wakefield and was responsible for negotiating transactions as the purchase of a 60,000 square foot wet lab facility on behalf of Parke Davis and Co. in Plymouth; and the build to suit lease of two 40,000 square foot medical office buildings for the University of Michigan Medical Center in Brighton and Canton.

New CEO

Farmington Hills based Realcomp I Ltd. has named Karen S. Kage as its chief executive officer. Kage has been Realcomp's Director of Business Operations through September 1998, at which time she was appointed to the post of Interim CEO. Realcomp I Ltd. is a Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and provider of real property information to approximately 9,200 Southeastern Michigan REALTORS®. Kage brings with her 20 years experience working in the MLS and real estate industries.

Valassis promotion

Valassis Communications of Livonia recently announced the promotion of Kathy Heatley to manager of media purchasing. She started her career at Valassis in November, 1995 as a media buyer. In her new position, Heatley will develop Valassis/newspaper partnerships and increase solo promotions within markets.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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Privacy concerns plagues PC industry, consumers



MIKE WENDLAND

How upset are you by caller ID? Do you think the federal government should force the phone companies to get rid of the caller ID boxes? Are you e-mailing petitions to Congress? Boy-

cotting the phone? How about the fact that the telephone directory lists your name and number? Gasp!!! Are you outraged? Silly, huh? That's what this growing controversy over Intel's new Pentium III chip and an obscure bug found last week in Microsoft's Windows '98 is like.

Privacy and consumer watchdog groups are having hissy fits over the fact that Intel, in what I think is a laudable effort to ensure security for online transactions and to aid large corporations in keeping track of their computers, included a unique Personal Serial Number (PSN) on each of the new Pentium III chips it is selling.

Intel has been flabbergasted by the flap. They honestly expected people would approve of the feature. Indeed, survey after survey shows that one of the biggest drawbacks to e-commerce is a public perception that such transactions are not secure. The new chip, with its unique serial number, would ensure that the computer placing an e-commerce order is indeed owned by the person making the order.

Now granted, there are some problems with that. Suppose you order on a machine at work, or at a friend's house. It would be a major hassle explaining why the registered owner of that machine's chip is different than the person placing the order.

What a mess. But the Pentium III controversy has turned into a public relations disaster. From the ACLU to the Center for Technology and Democracy to the National Consumers League, consumer organizations are pressing the U.S. Federal Trade Commission to investigate the issue and order Intel to remove the chip from the market.

At its core, the Pentium III PSN establishes a system that supports the wide spread tracking and monitoring of individuals' online behavior," says Jerry Berman, executive director at the Center for Democracy and Technology. "It stands to undermine consumers' efforts to control the use of their information. Our experience warns that without real consumer control and policies limiting their use, unique identifiers threaten privacy."

As originally set up by Intel, the PSN was always "on." That's the equivalent of the telephone company publishing everyone's name and phone number, of not allowing unlisted telephone numbers in the phone book. And I agree with the privacy watchdogs. That was NOT a good idea.

But as the flap developed, Intel came up with a way to disable the PSN, or, to use my telephone book analogy, for a customer to be "unlisted."

It's the same with Caller ID. Most of us know that if you don't want your phone number to be displayed to someone who has the Caller ID feature, you simply punch in a code: "67."

When you buy a Pentium III, you get printed instructions on how to disable the PSN feature by downloading a simple fix from the Net.

Privacy advocates wait that some people won't know how to do that. I suppose some people don't know how to punch in the Caller ID disabling code, either. But if people are that upset about the potential for privacy violations, they shouldn't use the phone or buy a computer. Or they should learn how to disable the features.

The bug found last week in Microsoft's Windows '98 is even more obscure. Under certain con-

Please see PRIVACY, B6

Correction Notice
In our March 14th ad, we advertised the following promotion: "Buy any Amplifier '69 and Up and Get a Free 12" Pioneer Subwoofer."
However, this offer does not include Rockford Fosgate amplifiers. All other information about this offer is correct.
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Doctor welcomed
Oakwood Healthcare System recently welcomed Asif Munir, M.D., to the critical care program at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Munir specializes in critical care and internal medicine and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Critical Care Medicine. Asif is a resident of Farmington Hills.
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Chelation therapy is an intravenous infusion of EDTA (a synthetic amino acid) and a mix of several vitamins and minerals removes metal toxins that have accumulated over a lifetime. The presence of metals have been closely linked to cardiovascular disease and other chronic, degenerative, age-related illnesses. Eighty-five percent of Americans will suffer from some type of circulatory disorder and nearly 50 percent of Americans will die as a result of cardiovascular disease. For people facing serious health matters, it is crucial to know that there are choices that do not involve surgery, high risk and great expense. Moreover, published studies or traditional treatments such as bypass and balloon angioplasty show these procedures to be ineffective in providing long-term, lasting relief from heart and vascular disease, unlike chelation therapy.
The scientific basis of chelation therapy rests in the thousands of favorable scientific articles written about it. The emotional element of this treatment rests with the hundreds of thousands of people who are living proof that chelation therapy consistently produced dramatic results and that safe, effective and inexpensive choices do exist.

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Werba is accredited in public relations, Fellow PRSA, and co-founding principal of Durocher, Dixon and Werba, LLC.
New counseling office
A new counseling office is currently accepting clients for individual, couple and group counseling in addition to divorce support groups for youth provided by a licensed social worker/counselor beginning the week of April 5 in the evenings.
For more information call Morning Sun Counseling, Six Mile and Newburgh Road (37677 Professional Center Drive).
A sliding scale is available for those without insurance and with limited insurance. Groups will be age appropriate with one for children and one for adolescents.

Local migraine sufferers sought for research study
Quest Research Institute is seeking people who suffer from the sometimes debilitating effects of migraine headaches for a study of two drugs.
The objective of the study is to compare effectiveness of a triptan class medication (study drug) to sumatriptan (IMITREX), an already approved medication to treat migraines. It is believed that this triptan (study drug) may have fewer side effects than sumatriptan, therefore the quality of life for migraine sufferers would be improved.
According to Donna C. Skupien, president and COO of Quest Research Institute, "We are looking for 50 men and women, 18-65 years old, who experience 2-12 moderate to severe migraine headaches a month for the study."
"The benefits of participation," says Skupien, "are that migraine sufferers will get the opportunity to try a promising new medication, which would not otherwise be available to them."
All research center visits are free of charge as well as the study medications. At completion of the study, participants will receive a small stipend for their time and travel. Screening will remain open until March 15.
QRI is at 29877 Telegraph, Suite 103 in Southfield. For information call (248) 353-3440 or visit QRI: www.centerwatch.com/quest.htm

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Job fair full of opportunity

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the HomeTown Newspapers will host their second Job Fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 1999 in the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center on Schoolcraft Road, between Haggerty and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

The success of the first general job fair by these two subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications, Inc. of Livonia, Michigan has prompted the expansion of the job fair to include 104 companies recruiting employees.

This general job fair will feature recruiters from 104 companies including:

Accountants Connection, Accountant Service Temps, Accountemps, Advo, Alternative Living Services, American Express Financial Advisors, Broder Bros., Building Communications, Century 21 Town & Country, Capital Investment Group, Career Pro Center, Charter Township of Canton, Comerica Bank, Contempra Staffing, Conway Central Express, Cyber Source, DADCO, Dart Development Corp., Day Personnel, Denny's, D.O.C. Optics, Draw-

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Job seekers are encouraged to come with up to 104 resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews. Admission is free of charge. Appropriate attire is recommended. Five Ericsson cellular phones will be given away courtesy of Champion's Cellular Warehouse in a random drawing during the job fair.

Job seekers who attend the job fair are eligible to win by dropping off a business card or resume at the Champion's Cellular Warehouse table in the lobby of Laurel Manor. Each phone has a value of \$155.

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ditions, it is possible for a hacker to detect a Microsoft customer ID number assigned when a person registers a copy of Windows '98.

So? The number is just that. A number, with no name attached. And the way under which a hacker could potentially detect it is so convoluted that it's hard to imagine this ever being a real problem. Still, Microsoft says it will post software "patches" on its Web site (www.microsoft.com) to disable the feature that attaches the registration number to customer documents.

Should you be concerned about all this? Should you stay off the Net? Sell your computer? Only if you think Caller ID and the telephone book invade your privacy.

Meantime, here are some Web sites you can check out to investigate the controversy yourself.

■ The Center for Democracy and Technology (www.cdt.org/) - This watchdog group is leading the fight against the Pentium III chip. Their site explains their position and concerns and, if you agree, gives you some suggestions on how to voice your concerns, too.

■ The Electronic Privacy Information Center (<http://epic.org/>) - An excellent site with detailed discussions on all sorts of privacy issues related to computers and the Internet.

■ CNET New.com (www.news.com) - This computing news site has a roundup of numerous stories on the controversy over the Pentium III and the latest on the Microsoft security bug.

■ Intel (www.intel.com) - Incredibly, Intel's public site has not a word ... nothing ... on this controversy. This shows how

dense big corporations can be and how, when criticized, they still tend to hunker down and pretend the controversy will go away. Missing a great opportunity to defend their Pentium III and counter the critics, Intel's PR bungling on this is evident by the lack of material on their Web site.

No wonder they're getting so much heat from their critics. They're doing nothing to try to douse the flames.

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Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will discuss current legal issues, as well as her experiences as the state's first female attorney general, at the Women's Economic Club noon luncheon Tuesday, March 16, at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. For reservations, call (313) 963-5088.

CAREER WOMEN

Join the National Association of Career Women's West Suburban monthly luncheon at Ernesto's Restaurant (41661 Plymouth Rd.) from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be Carol Weaver of Domino's Pizza who will explore customer service from a fresh perspective. RSVP, (248) 347-3355.

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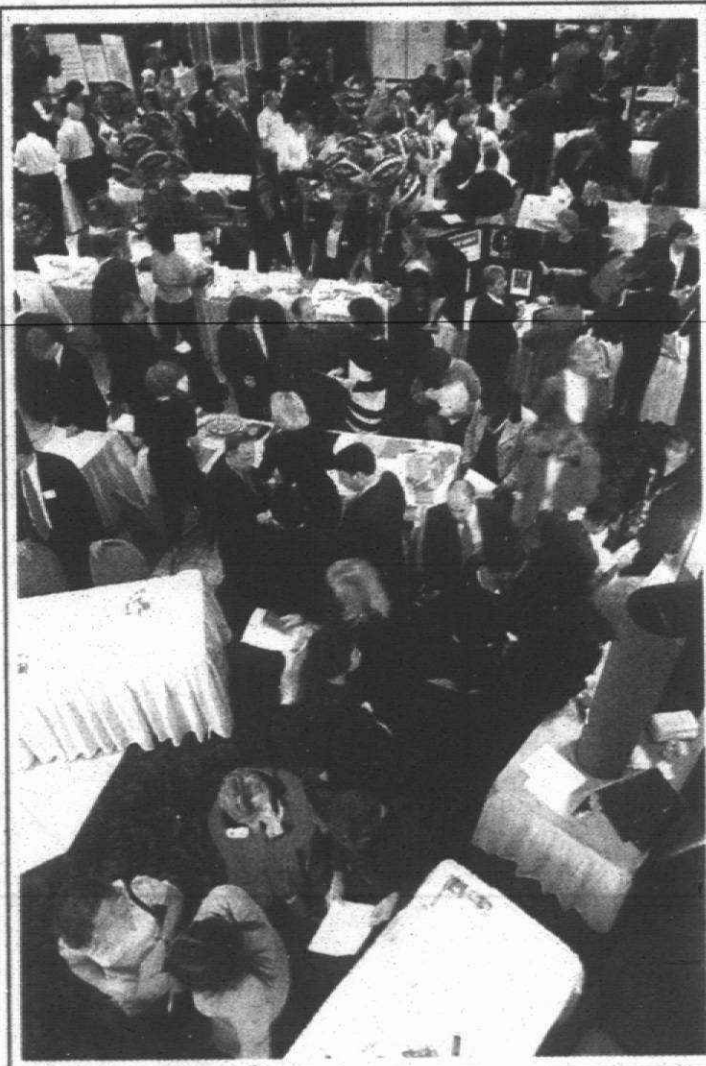
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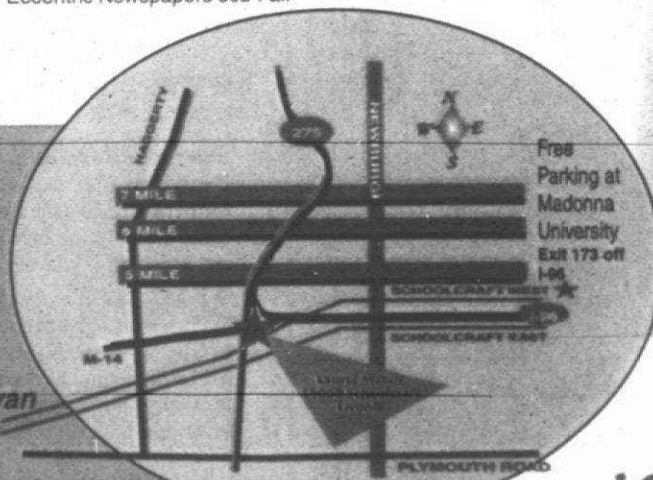
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Time to start planning arts celebrations

October may seem like it's a long time away, but not if you're planning an event to celebrate National Arts & Humanities Month. Americans for the Arts is offering 101 ways on its web site—<http://www.artusa.org/upcoming/na.htm>

You don't have to be an arts organization to show your allegiance to theater, music, dance, literature and the visual arts. It can be as easy as hanging a banner or reading a book aloud to schoolchildren. Invite local musicians to perform in a public place. Theater groups and other performers could hold open rehearsals and invite the public.

Businesses could adopt an artist for the month and show his or her work. Arts councils could schedule tours of their facilities so the public can learn about all of their programs. To develop a fuller appreciation of the dedication and perspiration called for in creating the arts, take a class in modern dance, drawing or writing.

For more information or an action kit for National Arts and Humanities



Swieconka: Cathy Miszak (left), Gloria Platek, Suzan Marzec, Al Nowak, Christa Zabawski, Lee Nowel (background), and Vernita Scott perform with the Radomianie Folk Dance Ensemble at a Sunday, March 28 Polish Easter Brunch.

Month, call Americans for the Arts at (202) 371-2830.

If you're planning an arts event in October, let me know about it. I will list it in my column. In the meantime, there are plenty of arts programs available to enjoy. Here's a guide to what's going on:

Cabaret Concert

The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra plays well-known music by Strauss, Haydn and Rimsky-Korsakov 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Thurston High School in Redford. The concert is free.

On the program: "Rosamunde" by Franz Schubert, "Barber of Seville" by Rossini, "Jalousie" by Jacob Gade, and "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakov.

"We're going to have a variety of composers and styles, sort of a pop concert, music that people recognize," said John Gajec, orchestra conductor/music director. "The music is new to the players. They're happy because they like the variety."

Women's History Month

Lynette Brown takes on the role of mid-nineteenth century women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Admission is free. To register, call (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Brown, public information director for the American Association of University Women of Michigan, began bringing Stanton to life in 1995. Stanton, along with Susan B. Anthony, led the struggle for women's causes for 50 years.

Easter celebration

If you enjoy celebrating Easter Polish-style or would like to experience the tradition, the Radomianie Folk Dance Ensemble's Swieconka Brunch

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ART HOMETOWN CANVAS

MAKING ART MATTER

FACING THE MUSIC

New audiences bring new challenges to Roundtable

Editor's note: On Tuesday, March 9, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers hosted its fifth roundtable discussion — "Facing the music: Orchestras, chamber and vocal music groups make overtures to attract a changing audience, pay their pipers and build an audience for tomorrow," at the Southfield Centre for the Arts.

Serving on the panel were — Volodymyr Schesiuk, conductor, Livonia Symphony Orchestra; Carla Lamphere, executive director Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra; Don Soenen, president Plymouth Symphony Board; Tim Hamann, board member Detroit Oratorio Society; Maury Okun, executive director Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings; and Charles Marks, president Southfield Symphony Orchestra.

These discussions have been our response to the American Canvas Report, published in October 1997 by the National Endowment for the Arts. The report recognizes the important role art — visual and performing — plays in enhancing the communities we live in. It also cautions that arts organizations are in danger of extinction because many Americans "fail to recognize the direct relevance of art to their lives."

Attracting a younger audience that will sustain them in the future is the biggest challenge arts groups face. When the discussion turns to classical music, alarm bells go off. Most of the people attending concerts are in their 50s.

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Running a symphony orchestra, chamber ensemble or choral group isn't easy. Despite decreases in government funding, corporate giving, and, in some cases, lower attendance, representatives of groups attending our March 9 roundtable discussion are optimistic about the future of classical music in metro Detroit.

A number of factors spell trouble for the groups, not the least of which is an aging audience. The lack of an all-classical music radio station in Detroit and recording companies cutting fewer classical CDs further darken the art form's future. Guest panelists didn't seem to think so, though. Since most don't compete for the same audiences these classical music lovers believe they can overcome the odds by working together.

Challenges ahead

"I'm looking forward to a bright but challenging future," said Maury Okun, executive director of the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings. His group, in existence for 15 years, has collaborated with St. Hugo of the Hills and Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills to produce the successful Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival every summer.

"The best organizations always have the best boards," said Okun. "We like to have people on our board who like to attend our concerts. In smaller organizations it is the quality of the board that counts."

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings "spends a great deal of time" looking for board members. "A good board member begins in the heart of the member," said Okun. "You want people who can do things for your organization, people who can bring stuff to your organization. You want to have people who get along. It's a real pleasure to work with people you like. It brings other people together."

Dwindling board

The Southfield Symphony, now in its 37th year, has gone from 33 board members to seven working on 23 committees. Southfield Symphony president Charles Marks is attempting to lead the effort to raise funds and public awareness for the group but said, "community orchestras can't do it without a board."

"We have board members who have never come to a concert," said Marks. "They're only interested in raising money. If we had all the money we needed, I don't know how we would run it. There's not a residential community in Southfield that supports the symphony. We have musicians who come from 38

communities. Only four or five are from Southfield."

Building an audience

Overall, panelists agreed that building an audience is one of the biggest challenges classical music groups, professional or semi-professional, must address if they hope to exist in the 21st century. Thanks to a generous grant from board president Don Soenen and his wife, Colleen, the Plymouth Symphony, in partnership with public and private schools in Plymouth and Canton, is introducing third and fourth grade students to classical music with hopes they will develop an appreciation for it. Soenen believes the board hasn't "done a very good job of developing an audience at an early age."

"Students need the opportunity to meet real musicians," said Soenen. "Kids need to get to know musicians and learn how to make music a key part of your life. Make room for music in your life."

Laying blame

Although panelists agreed educating the young on the finer points of classical music is the ticket to creating future audiences, several of the panelists said it's not their responsibility. Unfortunately, who's responsible for the lack of interest in classical music won't matter two decades from now when there is no one in the audience.

"Our immediate audience building won't take place in the schools," said Okun. "It may happen, but it's a long-term investment. If we believe ourselves to be curators of a certain type of music, then it's our responsibility to take it to the community."

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, along with educational outreach, is employing a number of strategies to increase audience size from encouraging tickets holders to bring their grandchildren to hosting young artist competitions. Offering guest passes to season ticket holders and gift certificates to nonprofit arts organizations such as the Oakland Youth Orchestra acquaints prospective audience members with the BBSO. Board executive director Carla Lamphere admits 65 percent of the BBSO audience is over age 50, and that's why the orchestra is "trying to build an audience for the future."

When someone attends a concert for free 10 times, Lamphere calls and asks them to buy a ticket to one of the concerts. Other strategies include offering singles a group rate. All seem to be working as BBSO audiences have grown over the last five years.

"When WQRS stopped we had to buckle down and find out what the people wanted," said Lamphere. "We passed out questionnaires. We are one of the best deals in our community. The buzz word is kids. Foundations and larger corporations won't look at you if you don't have kids involved."

Funding

Funding is critical when costs for a concert can range from \$15,000 to \$25,000 in musician and rental fees depending on the group. In addition to raising ticket prices and approaching businesses one-on-one for sponsorship, Soenen thinks educational programs go a long way in garnering financial support. In the last four years the Plymouth Symphony, now in its 53rd year, raised its budget to \$220,000 from \$100,000 and initiated a \$200,000 endowment fund. Much of the funding comes from the community. Now, the orchestra is returning the favor with educational programming such as the two free concerts the orchestra performed for fourth grade students in February at Plymouth Salem High School. Not to miss a beat, parents in the audience received free tickets for an upcoming concert as enticement to continue enjoying the music.

"Our success gives us reason to be optimistic," said Soenen. "Reaching out to the community through education can be a theme that helps with funding and building community interest. It's an opportunity to give something back to the community."

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Maury Okun
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings



Charles Marks
Southfield Symphony Orchestra



Tim Hamann
Detroit Oratorio Society



Don Soenen
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra



Volodymyr Schesiuk
Livonia Symphony Orchestra



Carla Lamphere
Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

FILM

Festival showcases 'reel' adventurous films

What: Ann Arbor Film Festival. Six days of 16mm experimental films. This year 107 films will be screened.
When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16; 7 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17; 7, 9:30 and 11 p.m. Thursday, March 18; 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19; 2, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20; winners screenings 5, 7 and 9 p.m. Sunday, March 21.
Where: Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.
Tickets: \$5 per screening, \$4 for 11 p.m. and 2 p.m. shows; \$45 for series pass. Tickets on sale one hour before showtime at the Michigan Theatre box office.

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Vicki Honeyman was calm, cool and collected on the day of the press screening for the Ann Arbor Film Festival, more than a week before Tuesday's start.

Usually at this time, Honeyman is still screening films, still getting out publicity and still scrambling. This year every thing has fallen into place ahead of schedule, giving the festival's director a little breathing space.

The Ann Arbor Film Festival at the Michigan Theatre has become the independent film festival. You won't find Hollywood blockbusters here or Hollywood wannabees either.

Adventurous spirit

The 16mm films shown at the Ann Arbor Film Festival are as diverse as the human imagination in style, content and technique. But they all share an adventurous spirit, and most of them share a disdain



Hepal: Swirling oil animations combine with black and white live action and the rhythms of Brazil in Laura Magulies' "Hepal!"

for most of what comes out of the commercial film industry. Though, ironically, many of the visual experiments that begin with these films eventually find their way into commercial films.

Honeyman holds the casual press screening in a small room behind her hair salon in Ann Arbor. This tiny space is the nerve center for reviewing the 355 films sent from around the world. This year's entries come from Austria, Australia, Scotland, New Zealand, Germany, England and elsewhere. A screening committee selects the films for presentation.

A panel of three will select several films for a variety of awards and the award winners will be presented on Sunday.

Heidelberg Project

But one of the most interesting films being presented (scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19) is about something just around the corner, Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg Project. Filmmaker Nicole Cattell's

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Open forum provides chance for arts groups to share

BY LINDA CHOMIN AND KEELY WYONICK
STAFF WRITERS

Audience participation is an important part of the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers roundtable discussion. Everyone who had something to say was given the chance to voice their opinions and ask questions.

The roundtables are meant to be an interactive experience where people can learn from each other and exchange ideas. Contacts made at Tuesday's discussion could lead to collaboration later.

Panelists were encouraged to bring their members, and season schedules to let everyone know about upcoming concerts and fund-raising events. The roundtable was also promoted in the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers.

Merrill Shapiro, a member of the Southfield Symphony Orchestra board, noticed a common thread among all the groups.

"We want to bring culture to the cities we represent," he said. "There are many community orchestras. We should be working together, sharing ideas and expertise. Board members ought to share ideas with other board members."

"Community orchestras are more than a step above high school," said Robert Bennett, president of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra board. "Community has the connotation of amateur. It's not our job to bring education to the schools, we're not equipped to do that. Most of the people in our group do other things during the day."

Carla Lamphere executive director of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra said she likes being called a community orchestra and is proud of it.

Don Pratt of the Plymouth Oratorio Society was interested in what Tim Hamann had to say about the challenges classical choral groups face, especially

raising money. He wanted to know how the Detroit Oratorio Society raises money, and echoed Hamann's comments about the difficulty these groups have in obtaining corporate support.

Vladimir "Wally" Murha, a member of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, said his group has been doing educational programs for 20 years, and that it has brought membership into the chorus. He thinks education is important and works in New Jersey, the chorus held a program "to foster the interest of children in the music." The result was that their next concert consisted of an audience of which 50 percent were under age 21.

Barbara Verdugo, a board member of the Oakland Youth Orchestra, is concerned because schools are cutting music from the curriculum "left and right." Even so, the orchestra's size "has doubled in the last year." Fund raising, as always, is difficult. When one major car company

turned down the orchestra's request for funding, the group went back and said they'd offer scholarships. That made a difference and the orchestra received their support. Verdugo is hoping that "Car Trek," a new work commissioned by the orchestra leads to renewed enthusiasm for the group. It will be performed May 6 in Varner Hall at Oakland University in Rochester. For more information, call (248) 652-2526.

In the panelists' closing remarks following the open forum, there was hope for the future of classical music.

The Southfield Symphony's next concert, "St. Pat's at St. Hugo's," featuring tenor Edward Kingins, mezzo-soprano Dorothy Duensing, and violinist James Kujawski is 7:30 tonight at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 22125 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 424-9022 or (248) 851-7408.

Lamphere is very optimistic as the Birmingham-Bloomfield

Symphony Orchestra approaches its silver anniversary even though she realizes audience development is an uphill battle. Join the orchestra and pops conductor Charles Greenwell for a special concert of "Cowboy music" 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Guest violinist is the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner Adrienne Jacobs, a senior at Troy High School. For tickets, call (248) 645-2276.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra board president Don Soenen is "certainly optimistic" because the resources are in the community. The orchestra's priorities continue to be education and reaching out to the community one-on-one. The PSO closes its 53rd season 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. This is conductor Russell Reed's final concert before retiring from the orchestra. His sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) Reed are special guest soloists. Call (734) 451-2112 for tickets.

Tim Hamann, Detroit Oratorio Society board member, said he hopes for the best and prepares for the worst. Overall there is optimism for the future. "The Detroit Oratorio Society joins with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings for a 'Summer Solstice' concert of works by Arvo Part, Copland and Barber 8 p.m. Friday, June 4, at Kirk in the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills. Call the DOS at (248) 650-2655 for tickets.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra conductor Volodymyr Schesiuik thanked the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers for offering the groups the opportunity to share ideas. His orchestra appears in a Good Friday concert with the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir 7:30 p.m. April 2 at St. Genevieve Church in Livonia. Call (734) 421-1111 or (734) 664-2741.

"I learned a lot from everybody," said Schesiuik. "Each is working a little differently."

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and performance 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 750 North Beech Daly Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill, Dearborn Heights. The place to be.

Tickets are \$15 and includes brunch and the 2:30 p.m. performance. Deadline for reservation is March 21. No tickets available at the door. For more information, call (734) 427-8640 or (734) 522-6560.

Suzan Marzec, Radomian's choreographer and artistic director, studied Polish folklore at the University of Marie Sklodowska Curie in Lublin, Poland so all of the dances are authentic right down to the costumes. The ensemble's repertoire will include national dances and suites from the regions of Rzeszow, Kurpie and Lublin. Marzec will explain customs such as "Dyngus" which takes place on the Monday after Easter. On that day, the girls use pussy willows to swat boys they have their eye on. The boys in turn douse the girls with buckets of water or perfume to indicate their preference.

"It's said a girl not doused will not get married that year," said Marzec.

In July, the Radomian Folk Dance Ensemble returns to Poland to perform in the World Festival of Polish Folklore Ensembles. Over the last 10 years, they have given numerous

performances and danced with actors Gabriel Byrne and Lena Olin in the film "The Polish Wedding." Marzec choreographed the dance scene.

A Polish dance instructor at Hull and Nankin Mills elementary in Livonia and Westland, Marzec's goal is to preserve her heritage through the ensemble. Twice a year at Easter time and in October during Polish Heritage Month, the Livonia resident and her ensemble hold performances to raise funds to continue practicing their traditions. On March 28, after presenting 45-minutes of dance, guests will learn why the egg is symbolic of Easter. A basket of bread, eggs, ham and horseradish, typically blessed by a priest on Holy Saturday, will be shared, the eggs sliced in quarters and passed around.

"I have a drive to do this," said Marzec, whose children's group, the Centennial Dancers, perform April 25 at Clarenceville High School. "I want to see where my father was born in Poland. It's important to keep some roots, to keep Polish culture alive. People bring their aunts, mother and grandmothers to Swieconka."

Basie revisited

If you love the jumpin' music of Count Basie, you're in luck. Johnny Trudella's Big Band, featuring pianist/saxophonist Ted Harris Jr. and trombonist Al

Grey, plays a tribute to the big band leader 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival (July 18 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills) and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation. For reserved seats, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454, or send a check payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival and a self addressed stamped envelope to Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood St., Livonia, MI 48152-2022.

Double-bill opera

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan presents an evening of solo arias, duets and other musical highlights from "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci" 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 seniors/students/groups. For more information, call Verdi Opera Theatre president John Zaretti at (734) 455-8895.

Baritone Lance Ashmore, sopranos Gina D'Alessio and Dina Kessler, mezzo-soprano Dorothy Duensing, tenors Razmik Papikian and David Troiano, and baritone Dino Valle will be accompanied by pianist Margaret Benian.

A is for arts education

Support young artists by viewing their works at the 15th annual Congressional Arts Competition continuing through March 20 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. For information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4ART.

Not to be missed are Jonathan Patterson's pencil drawings "Man's Best Friend" and "Sports Media," David Kozintz's "Wagon" (Plymouth Canyon), and "Owl" by Melissa Stacey (Ladywood).

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Repertoire as draw

Building an identity and selecting repertoire go hand-in-hand in attracting an audience. Most of the groups draw crowds by choosing a mix of educational and crowd-pleasers plus a few new works.

The Livonia Symphony found success with the debut of a work by the late William Albright for a Good Friday concert held at St. Genevieve last year. The BBSO recently hosted the world premiere of a composition by Brian Belanger, dedicated to Tuskegee Airmen.

"We have to have that gimmick to get people excited," said Lamphere.

Like the Southfield Symphony, one of the obstacles facing the Detroit Oratorio Society is building an identity when members live in many different communities. The Oratorio Society is a

relatively young ensemble having formed only eight years ago. "Is it repertoire or location?"

"It's hit or miss," said Tim Hamann, Detroit Oratorio Society board member. "We've had success with our repertoire in certain locations. Kirk in the Hills and St. Hugo seem to attract a large audience."

A majority of the groups are nomadic, moving their concert venues because of scheduling problems with facilities. Canton could soon be home to a performing arts center so the Plymouth Symphony may eventually be able to schedule its concert in one location. Livonia Symphony conductor Volodymyr Schesiuik is not as lucky. He has approached officials about several venues, including the vacant George Burns Theater in Livonia, without success. The orchestra continues to play in the Churchill High School auditorium with its

less than perfect acoustics. "The George Burns Theater is like a cemetery monument to the arts," said Schesiuik. "I don't have a recipe for raising money. I try different ways."

When Schesiuik first immigrated to this country from the former Soviet Union in 1991, he was dismayed by the lack of respect for the arts. As conductor-in-residence of the Bolshoi Theater, he did not have to raise money in order to be able to perform classical music. He still feels if the art form is to survive, the family is the place to start.

"A community orchestra cannot be a bad copy of the Detroit Symphony," said Schesiuik. "Michigan Opera Theatre and Detroit Symphony are not all the culture in Detroit. Culture starts in childhood in your family. I was lucky everyone in my family were singers. I grew up with an appreciation for music."

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half-hour film, "Come Unto Me: The Faces of Tyree Guyton," lets Guyton tell his own story and it's a fascinating look at a controversial and imaginative and dedicated artist. The project was assailed by its neighbors, dismissed as junk by some casual passersby and forcefully destroyed once and voluntarily closed just recently. Through it all Guyton's vision remained strong. The close-up views of the project and Guyton's own insightful commentary provide a lesson in art and how it's created.

In style "Come Unto Me" is among the more conventional offerings of the festival, but it gives some insight into how these film artists work as well.

On the other end is Austrian filmmaker Martin Arnold's eerie and hilarious "Alone, Life Wastes Away Hardy." Don't tell Mickey Rooney, but Arnold has taken scenes from the Hardy

films and slowed, distorted and repeated the scenes in such a way as to create erotic scenes between Andy and his mom and shows Andy Garland as a hot temptress pining to take Andy from his jealous mother, all in 15 minutes. Very weird and part of a trilogy. (Shown at the 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, program.)

There is also a continuing fascination with film itself. Canadian Richard Raxlen found a 1926 Mutt & Jeff cartoon that is the starting point for a brilliant deconstruction of animation. The seven-minute "The Geometry of Beware" includes story-board drawings, skipping film, silhouettes built around snippets of the original film (a roof-top chase scene) and set to a jazz score. It's animation improvisation, visual jazz. (Shown 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16.)

Another experimental approach is the visually stunning "Mind's Eye" by Australian Gregory Goddard. Here a fast moving camera moves into photographs, manipulating both speed and image so that fountains and buildings whirl and trees move. (Shown at the 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, show.)

Laura Margulies "Hepa" is a delightful explosion of color and music. Rich Brazilian rhythms are the inspiration for brightly colored oil animations of whirling, swirling dancers and musicians. (Shown at the 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, show.)

This barely suggests the range, quality and inventiveness of the 107 films that will be screened over the six-day festival. From 2-minute cartoons to a 72-minute documentary on the devastating effect of war through the eyes of women, "Regret to Inform," there is always something for everyone.

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ANTIQUES SHOWS & ART FAIRS

CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

11th Annual Spring Craft Show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 13, located on Newburgh Road just south of I-96 and north of Joy Road. Sponsored by the Churchill High Parent Teacher Student Association; (734) 422-4507.

COMMUNITY HOUSE ANTIQUES SHOW

Lectures, garden boutique, silent auction and raffle. Preview night - 6 - 10 p.m. Thursday, March 18; General show - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20; noon - 5 p.m. Sunday, March 21. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham; (248) 644-5832.

MICHIGAN WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL

60 artists, stone, metal, wood art work of wildlife, environmental and nostalgic Americana. 4 p.m. Friday, March 26, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28.

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Joint art show featuring 50 artists. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14. 21220 W. 14 Mile Rd., Bloomfield Township; (248) 646-4100.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

BOHEMIAN MUSIC COMPETITION

Second annual Solo Concerto Competition, open for orchestral instruments. High school and college students (between 16-22 years old), must submit performance tape by April 1, 1999. For application: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills; (248) 737-6936.

CANTON CALL FOR ARTISTS

Open invitation to all artists for the 1999 Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '99, June 19-20. Deadline: April 15; (734) 453-3710.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Michigan Watercolor Society's 52nd annual exhibition, to be held May 16-June 25. Slide deadline: March 15, 1999. For information, call Janet Hamrick; (248) 398-4089.

CALL FOR GLASS ARTISTS

The Art Museum Project at the University of Michigan-DeAnn, 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) 593-0508 or (313) 593-5087.

HARBOR SPRINGS SUMMER SHOW

Applications are being accepted for the 24th annual 4th of July Art Show in Harbor Springs. Deadline: April 10. For an application, call the Harbor Springs Community School office and leave your name, address and phone number: (616) 526-5385.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

Auditions for Charlotte Ruppel Memorial Voice Scholarship, 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27, First Baptist Church, Willets Street, Birmingham. Requirements: one section from an aria, foreign language art song and 20th-century art song. Total performance time: 10 minutes. Applicants must provide their own accompanists. Application deadline: March 20, 1999. For information, (248) 375-9534.

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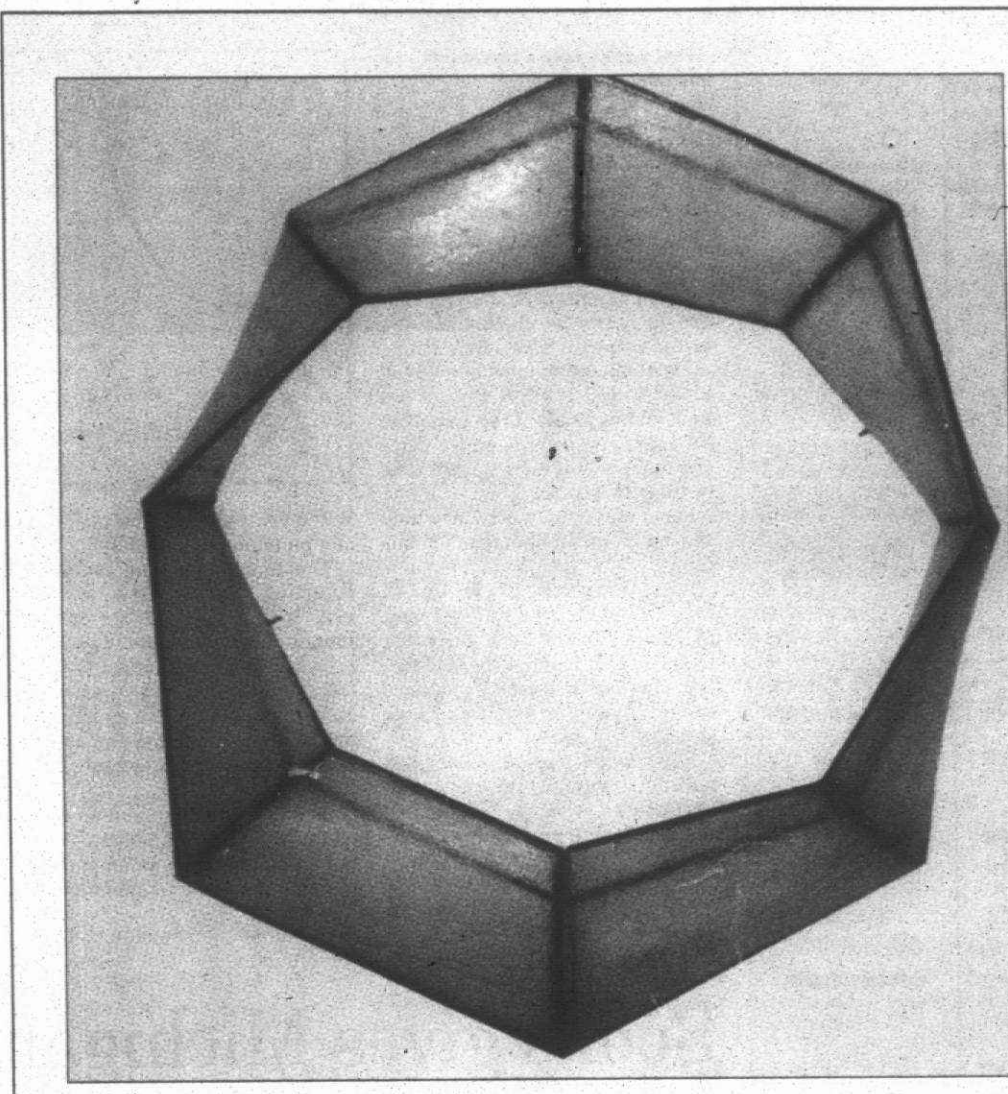
An adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets Monday, 7:30 p.m., Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Auditions for Spring seasons of productions - "Madame Butterfly," "Eugene Onegin" and "Samson and Delilah" - 8 p.m. Monday, March 15, 1526 Broadway at Grand Circus Park; (313) 237-3274.

CCC'S WOMEN IN ART EXHIBIT

Call for entries for the 13th annual "Our Visions: Women in Art." Deadline for entries in visual arts and poetry is April 1, 1999. Exhibit runs May 10-28 at the Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus. For information: (248) 471-7602.



Spatial: The contemporary sculptures of John Duff are on exhibit through April 3 at the Hill Gallery, 407 W. Brown, Birmingham, (248) 540-9288.

PAINT CREEK CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Two \$1,000 merit scholarships offered to graduating high school seniors in Macomb, Oakland or Wayne counties who plan to major in visual arts. Application deadline: April 17. To obtain an application, or for more information, call (248) 651-4110.

CLASSES

ART & CALLIGRAPHY STUDIO

Calligraphy, bookbinding and beading classes through March. 8156 Cooley Lake Rd. White Lake. Call (248) 360-6429 for more information.

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, (734) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Offers a range of art classes. All-day art activities for children April 5-9, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call for more information: (248) 644-0866.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

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KAMMULLER DANCE CLASSES

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

METRO DANCE

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

PAINT CREEK CENTER

Open registration for spring classes begins March 22. Spring semester runs April 19 through June 12. Classes for preschoolers to adults. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. For a brochure, call (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Water classes, including tile making, basic ceramics, wheel throwing for ages 13 and up. Call for fees. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GUID

36th annual photographic seminar, March 19-21 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. For information, (734) 563-4210.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Winter classes & workshops for all ages, including sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting, pottery, film, drawing, children's theater, creative writing and more. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

SWANN GALLERY

Free life-drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 1-4 p.m. Sundays, 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 955-4826.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

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

CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

The Kathleen Lendy Trio, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 476-5733.

B'JAZZ VESPER

Straight Ahead, the female award-winning jazz group, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, First Baptist Church, Willets at Bates, Birmingham; (248) 644-0550.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Grigory Sokolov 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For information, (248) 737-9980.

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

Organ concert by Don Cook, professor of organ at Brigham Young University, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 644-5210.

FAIR LANE MUSIC GUILD AND THE DEARBORN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

7 - 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, School of Management lecture theater at the University of Michigan-DeAnn campus, Dearborn; (313) 943-3095.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Music Director Neeme Jarvi conducts a performance of Arvo Part's Symphony No. 3, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 1, and Sibelius' Concerto for Violin, 8 p.m. Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

JCC INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR

Senior citizens and youth from the former Soviet Union perform 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

OAKLAND SINGERS/TYNER CHORALE

Ferdale Music Series presents vocal concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Zion Lutheran Church, 143 Albany, Ferndale; (248) 546-2503.

ORION LIBRARY

The Schuster Piano Trio performs 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 825 Joslyn Road, just north of Clarkston Road; (248) 693-3001.

PERFORM-A-THON

School-aged string musicians from S.R.O. Institute of Music perform to raise money for student music scholarships, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Oakland Mall center court, Troy; (248) 545-5386.

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

The Archdiocesan Chorus and Orchestra performs "Requiem" by Maurice Durufle, and two works for two organs and choir, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 865-6300.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Pianists Yuk and Tomiko Mack 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, St. Mary's College, 353 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. Tickets \$15 and \$25. (248) 683-7750.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

"Blackthorn," music of Ireland, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, First Baptist Church, Willets at Bates Street, downtown Birmingham.

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Why not shop Irish for St. Pat's Day?



DONNA MULCAHY

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, what better time to celebrate all things Irish?

One store that does so all year long is The Celtic Shamrock Irish Import Shop, located in the Village Mall Building, at 3335 Grand River in downtown Farmington.

"We're the only independently owned Irish import shop in metro Detroit," said Barbara Horrigan-Goins, who owns the shop with her husband, Wally Goins and business partner, Doris Ryan.

Sure, you can find fun things there, like "Kiss Me I'm Irish" pins, mouse pads, t-shirts and mugs. But the store also carries a plethora of other Irish items, including jewelry, books, music, perfume, house wares, religious items, art and beautiful wool sweaters. Most of the store's items are Irish imports. The rest are from Irish-American owned companies.

Horrigan-Goins and her husband travel to Ireland once a year to find new and unique merchandise for their shop and to keep abreast of what's popular there.

When asked by customers who plan to visit Ireland, the couple offers advice on sleeping accommodations, sightseeing and other cultural activities.

"I'm very proud to be Irish and to share the culture and history with anybody who wants to learn more about it," Horrigan-Goins said.

The Celtic Shamrock (pronounced Kel-tic), which opened in 1995 in Milford, moved to its current location in 1996.

In May, the shop expects to begin offering a bridal registry service. In August, the store will begin taking orders for custom-made christening gowns that bear a family coat of arms on the skirt.

Also, customers can view and order merchandise from the shop's on-line catalog at www.celticshamrock.com. I found the site, which contains about 50 percent of the shop's offerings.

Store hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Customers may also call (888) 672-7238.

But let's not forget two famous Irish imports - Waterford crystal and Belleek china, both of which are available at Hudson's stores.

Waterford, a company known for its high quality, hand-cut designs, offers a series of flutes called the Millennium Collection. This year, the line has been expanded to include a champagne cooler and crystal wine bottle coater. The flutes are \$115 per pair, and this year's design is called the Peace Flute.

Also, Waterford recently introduced a new line of crystal, featuring contemporary shapes and minimal cuts designed by John Rocha, a fashion designer well known in Europe and Ireland.

Another benefit of purchasing Waterford crystal is that the company never discontinues a pattern and allows customers to annually order replacement pieces.

Belleek has always offered specialty dinner pieces, but this year will tender complete sets. The pieces are made of bone china in white and have a woven basket design.

Known for hand-painted and collectible pieces, Belleek also sells vases other home pieces in these seven designs: Claddagh, Shamrock, Serenity, Enchanted Garden, Winter Rose, Country Trellis and Daisy.



Irish beauty: Waterford's crystal flutes sell for \$115 a pair at Hudson's stores.

French flair

Savior Faire offers one-of-a-kind treasures



Elegance and repose: Savior Faire co-owners (from left) Karin Abel and Thomas Lotarski recline on some of the luxurious furniture they sell out of their Birmingham store. Abel relaxes on a 1920s French style love seat with an array of fine collector's dolls while Lotarski, her father, sits on an 100-year-old iron bed from France.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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A step inside Savior Faire, a relatively new downtown Birmingham store, is a step back in time and into the exquisite lifestyle of the erstwhile French bourgeois class.

At present, the store even has on display four garden chairs from a royal chateau that was located in Vichy, France.

Owned and used by relatives of King Louis' family, each chair bears the carved initials of the royal name. Savior Faire's selling price for a set of four of the chairs is \$4,500, but the store carries similar French treasures for smaller pocket-books.

On a large, antique wood table is a French gilt metal candle holder and jardiniere for plants and flowers. Between 100 and 125 years old, the glass and metal piece is priced at \$450. Beside it is a circa 1900 "Globe Du Marriage," a memento display of a bride's head piece. The traditional bridal keepsake — a very unusual piece — is priced at \$825.

"The French really enjoy being surrounded by beauty," said the store's co-owner Karin Abel, who travels to France at least twice a year. "It's an important factor in their way of life. We're much more fast-paced and impulsive. We don't take time to enjoy the beautiful things around us," she said.

Yet, there is a recent movement toward beautifying the home in this country, said Abel, a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies who fell in love with the elegant design, flowing curves and detailed artistry of French furniture while on vacation in Europe.

"People are becoming very home-centered," she said. "There's a turnaround coming about. All that from the '80s — the me and the shopping, the cars and the clothes — I think people are starting to slow down and realize we might as well enjoy our lives a little more."

So, Abel, who co-owns the store along with her father, Thomas Lotarski, hopes the treasures she discovers in France not only appeal to her customers but also bring character, charm and beauty into their lives.

While the store, located at 1157 South Adams, specializes in French antique furniture, Abel and her father also sell French-style replica pieces and other unique home accessories.

At present, Abel is showing an unusual line of decorative finials and door knobs. Hand-painted and bedecked with jewels, the wooden hardware sells for between \$20 and \$85.

Used on a cabinet door or drapery rod, the pieces not only would be indicative of French style — detail, detail and more detail — but also brighten and bring color to drab interior spaces, said Abel. "They also make a perfect housewarming gift," she said.

Since the store's inventory of modern pieces will never be the same — once a replica line sells out, Abel won't replace it — making uncommon and one-of-a-kind purchases at Savior Faire will be the rule rather than the exception.

Best of all, Abel has a customer wish list and keeps an eye out for desired furniture and accessories while on buying trips in France. Housewares of general interest she generally purchases and brings back to the United States. And, if you're looking for a particularly unusual French object, she'll fax a polaroid of the item.

Savior Faire is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., or by appointment. Call (248) 644-0560.

Sought-after Tae-Bo videos available at local retailers

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

In beauty salons, exercise studios and clothing stores the talk these days is about Tae-Bo, a relatively new fitness program that melds taekwondo, dance, aerobics and kickboxing.

And, the question on everyone's mind is: Where and how can one of the four official Tae-Bo fitness videos be obtained?

Contrary to popular opinion, Tae-Bo exercise videos can be purchased first-hand at local retail stores and not only by phone, mail order or purchase through the Internet.

The tapes have primarily been marketed on television infomercials, which include a toll-free number and address for ordering.

In Michigan, the As Seen On TV store in the Great Lakes Crossing mall in Auburn Hills and local Target stores are currently selling a two-tape package. The package retails for \$39.99 at As Seen On TV and includes the 40-minute instructional video, 27-minute basic workout tape and an insert for the eight-minute fitness video, all of which are from the Tae-Bo video library advertised on television.

"We have run out, but we get them back in," said Christine Linemann, manager at As Seen On TV.

Not only is the video package the vendor's hottest selling item at the moment, but customers reserve and pay for copies in advance of new shipments, said Linemann.

"Everybody wants it. I have to go through the whole story of Tae-Bo every day," she said.

Target, which considers the video package one of its best-selling fitness products, offers the same two-tape set for \$34.99 and has stores in Rochester Hills, Waterford, Southfield, Farmington Hills, Canton and Westland.

As Seen On TV has been carrying the videos since the Christmas shopping season and expects to stock the shelves with the fourth Tae-Bo fitness tape, an advanced-level program, sometime in May.

Full, four-tape sets are still available for purchase by phone (1-800-880-6702) or through the Internet (www.taebotv.com) at a cost of \$69.95, which includes shipping and handling. The Tae-Bo web site also provides a plethora of information about the tape series, including a profile of Tae-Bo creator Billy Blanks and video clips of Tae-Bo classes.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

(248) 424-8600. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

OSCAR FOR SPRING
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Oscar De La Renta's spring 1999 special order collection through March 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

TRUNK SHOW
The Peppertree, at 302 Walnut Blvd. in downtown Rochester, presents a trunk show featuring new Geiger collections and Judith Jack jewelry. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call (248) 652-1225.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

CLEAN YOUR CLOSET
Celebrating national "Clean Your Closet Week," Art Van Furniture stores are accepting donations of used women's business attire through March 21. Clothing will be given to women who are re-entering the workforce. For additional information, see co-sponsor WJBK-Fox 2's web site at www.fox2detroit.com.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

PROJECT HEALTH-O-RAMA
Free and low cost health screenings and services will be provided through March 17 at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. For additional information, call

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? at (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

Buster Brown socks can be found through Buster Brown Apparel, Inc. in Chattanooga, TN. Call (800) 428-7837, or Dr. Leonard's catalog at (800) 785-0880. You can also try the National Wholesale Company catalog at (800) 433-0580 or the Vermont Country Store catalog at (802) 362-8440. The last store also might have a change purse with pockets.

Revlon Color Lock Lid protective shadow base can be found at Arbor Drugs. Also, Mike called to say he is a distributor for Lip Chic. Call him at (248) 969-8276.

Kathy's Cheesecakes can be found at Sterling Meat Market on 15 Mile and Dodge Park in Sterling Heights. John makes custom radiator covers and can be reached at (734) 427-7545.

The tape of the "Irish Bricklayers Lament" was recorded by the group Blackthorn and is on the group's CD called "Tonight's the Night for Drinking" for \$15. You can order by making a check payable to Dennis Green, 550 E. Webster, Royal Oak, MI 48220. They also have a web site on the Internet at www.Blackthorn.com.

The ceramic mugs with little animal faces can be found at the Cranbrook Museum store in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 645-3000. The cups are also available at Kitchen Too on Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, at (313) 562-8085, and the Ilona And Gallery on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, at (248) 855-4488.

English Leather soap on a rope can be found at the Meijer store in Westland. Millennium candles can be found at Kohl's in Westland.

For old Hallmark ornaments, try Hallmark on the Internet at www.Hallmark.com. They have a bulletin board with a listing of old ornaments.

A reader called to say Almay beauty products can be found at Colors & Scents at Great Lakes Crossing mall in Auburn Hills.

A Curio cabinet that hangs on a wall can be found at Frank's Furniture on Wayne Road.

four blocks north of Michigan Ave. in Wayne. Call (734) 721-1044. Wittington Clocks & Home Accents at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion also carries them. Call (248) 391-4790.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Nancy wants Max Factor brush-on eyebrow makeup in Ash Blonde. Chris is looking for a small, shepherd puppy. Frances is looking for a January, 1939 Central High yearbook.

Kathy wants the Playskool toy "Awesome Tossome Cow." It is a soft nylon cow that moos. Donna wants a used curly lamb white coat. Marilyn is looking for Chinese checkers marbles. Teresa is looking for the Non-Diatonic powder used to make bagels. She also wants sewing seam sealant.

Jan is looking for Bonnie Doon women's wool ankle and knee socks. Irene is still looking for the CD/cassette from the soundtrack of the movie "Scarface."

Marion wants the "Indiana Jones Temple of Doom" Cassette/CD. It is the second of three soundtracks.

Linda wants Deep Magic moisturizing lotion. Nancy wants the movie soundtrack from "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

John is looking for a painting of Elvis Presley. Ken is looking for an electric football game by Tudor that was issued between 1967 and 1972. Bob from Alpena wants a black velvet painting of Elvis Presley.

Deborah is looking for men's saddle shoes in a size 12 narrow in black/white or navy/creme.

Fran and Donna want macramé plant holders. Mary Lou is looking for leather square or round decorative mats used on the top of desks and end tables to prevent scratches.

Phyllis wants a January, 1943 yearbook from Northern High School.

David is looking for a PC interface (64K) organizer from Texas Instruments from about six years ago. Jo is looking for top-fitted sheets.

Sears used to carry them in their catalog. Pat is looking for a sheets and comforter set with the Toy Story theme.

Melissa wants the 1987, 1988 and 1990 Farmington High School yearbooks. Diane is looking for wallpaper or wall border with monkeys, chimps or gorillas with a coordinating bedspread and sheets.

Annette is looking for someone to repair a 1956 Wurlitzer jukebox.

Karen wants a battery-operated hair dryer.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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SWEET AND IRISH

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The biscuit-like bread makes for a perfect complement to any Irish meal. Quantities will be limited, so please call the Breadsmith in advance to place an order and insure you receive a loaf.

BANG & OLUFSEN'S NEW LOOK

Bang & Olufsen, located in the Somerset Collection in Troy, will soon re-open its doors with a new look. Bang & Olufsen, a Danish company founded in 1925, specializes in design-driven audio, video and telephone products.

Among the other design and technology accolades awarded to the company, 21 pieces of Bang & Olufsen products are on display in the permanent collection at the New York Museum of Modern Art.

THEATRE FOR KIDS

Summit Place mall in Waterford has teamed with the Children's Theatre of Michigan to bring special programming to mall shoppers and their families during the month.

On March 20 and 27, the theatre group will present a sing-a-long concert entitled "It Might As Well Be Spring."

The performances incorporate song, dance and storytelling, and are free to the public.

Show times are 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and take place on the mall's Grand Court Stage near Montgomery

Ward's.

Two, four-week courses about fashion will be offered this spring through the Royal Oak Adult Education Department.

"From Edinburgh to Istanbul" begins March 16 and will cover the costumes of Great Britain, France, Spain, the Balkans, Turkey and the Near East.

The course will explore the cuts and construction of these costumes, the symbolic meaning of traditional costumes, the longevity of clothing traditions and the invention of tradition.

"Fifty Years of Fashion: 1900-1950," begins April 20 and will examine fashion trends, the artistic and social influences on fashion, major fashion designers and the relationship between art and fashion. Both courses are slide lectures taught by costume historian Dr. Susannah Worth and will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center.

Course fees are \$28 for Royal Oak residents and \$30 for non-residents. To register or obtain additional information, call (248) 544-6680.

STORE HONORED

Gabrial's, a gift and home accents store, recently received the 10th ARTS Award in the Home Accents Specialty Store Midwest/Southwest Region category.

The award is given annually by the Accessories Resource Team (ART) and the Dallas Market Center in recognition of excellence in retailing, manufacturing and sales representation of decorative home accessories. Gabrial's is located at 322 South Main Street in Plymouth.

Easter Bunny visits slated at malls

Spring has arrived and so will the Easter Bunny.

Following is a list of upcoming appearances and Easter-related events at area malls.

The Easter Bunny will appear at 11 a.m. March 20 at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland. The event includes a magic show and digital image photographs. It starts in the mall's West Court by J.C. Penney.

Children of all ages can visit the Easter Bunny between March 20 and April 3 at the Twelve Mall in Southfield. Hours are: noon-8 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sun-

day. Visits will take place in the mall's Center Court. The Easter Bunny will arrive at the mall at 1 p.m. March 20 for a special Easter magic show on the Center Court stage.

At Oakland Mall in Troy, the Easter Bunny will take residence in a carrot forest, complete with egg factory, beginning March 19. The bunny will be available for photographs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Photo package prices start at \$9.99.

The Easter Bunny will take visitors at the Northland Center in Southfield during regu-

lar mall hours between March 13 and April 3. Children who visit the bunny will receive a special Easter egg, and parents can purchase digital photographs of bunny and child.

Lakeside mall's Bunny Breakfast is slated 8-10 a.m. March 27 and features an appearance by Beatrice Potter's Peter Rabbit. The event includes breakfast, entertainment, gifts and photographs with Peter Rabbit. The cost is \$5 per person, but children under age one are admitted free. Lakeside is located in Sterling Heights. For reservations, call (610) 247-1744.

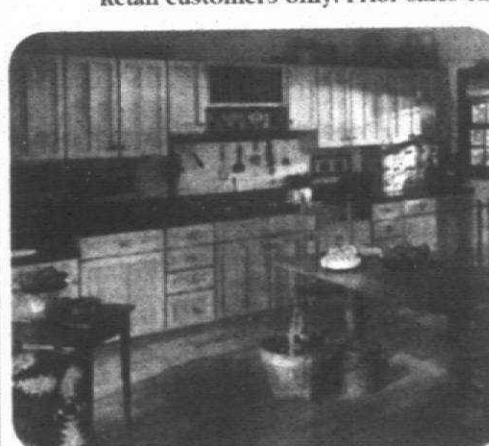
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TRAVEL

Casino Windsor offers glitz, luxury and excitement

By Patsy L. LaFave
SPECIAL WRITER

Lights are flashing, bells ringing, buzzers buzzing. Clinking and clanking is heard. Excitement fills the air. What's going on? Just another night at the Casino Windsor.

Casino Windsor, a 2-million-square-foot casino-hotel just across the Detroit River at 377 Riverside Drive East in Windsor, Ontario, overlooks the Detroit skyline and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Best of all, it's easy to get to. Just take the tunnel or bridge, then follow the signs.

The luxurious, 21-level hotel has 389 guest rooms and suites; 164 have a view of the Detroit River. Elevators, gaming areas and some special rooms are wheelchair accessible and fire alarms are equipped with strobe lights for the protection of their hearing-impaired patrons.

When not playing games, you can relax in the indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, exercise room or salon. For those special events, there are 11,000 square feet of banquet facilities. Valet parking and a 3,000-vehicle free parking structure attached to the casino-hotel by a temperature-controlled skywalk are there for your convenience and comfort. Concierge services, round-the-clock room service and

a 24-hour nursing staff are also available if needed.

When you are through feeding the slots, there are three restaurants and a food court for you to choose from to satisfy your hunger and live entertainment nightly.

Separating the hotel and casino is the main entrance graced with a 60-foot high waterfall cascading three stories and ending in a pool on the lower level, surrounded by rocks, streams and tropical plants. While sitting having a snack, you can enjoy the lights and dancing water show or throw a coin in for good luck at the casino.

Whether you call it gaming or gambling, the 100,000-square-foot space offers the casino's approximately 20,000 patrons a day, mostly repeat customers, plenty of opportunity to try their luck.

There are almost 3,000 slot machines and more than 130 table games. Along with blackjack, various poker games and roulette, craps will be available as soon as it is made legal in Canada, "hopefully within the next few months," said Kelly Cusinato, manager for corporate communications for Casino Windsor.

"We already have dealers in training to deal craps," Kelly said. "We have to be versatile

and flexible. When Detroit gets its casinos, there will be changes in the market conditions. But change is good. It keeps everyone on their toes. We will have to introduce things and do things that any business does to maintain customer loyalty.

"Customer service is important. That, sometimes, is what brings them back," she said. "We are optimistic that the Detroit casinos and ours will make this a bigger tourist region and will be good for all of us."

Of the 20,000 patrons, half are slot players. Can you beat these computerized machines? Yes. If you're lucky. By knowing how slot machines work and having a few tips at hand, you might be one of those leaving with bulging pockets or at least a jingle when you walk. I wasn't.

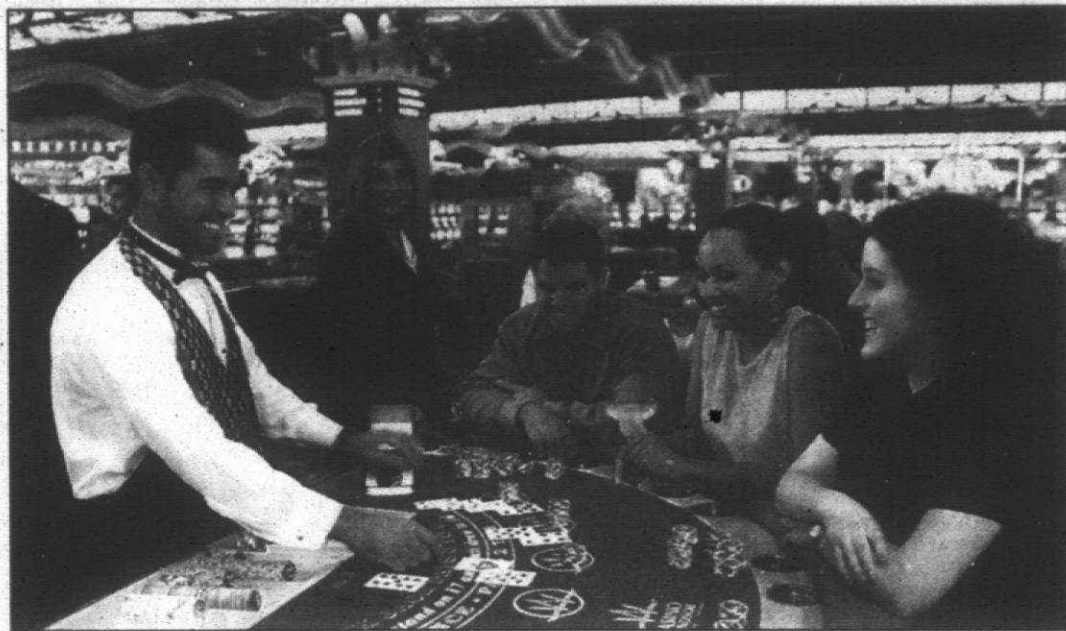
There are a wide variety of slot machines. Some of the most popular at Casino Windsor are Ten Times Pay, Silver and Gold, Reel 'em In, Filthy Rich and some designed specifically for Casino Windsor - Giant Windsor Jackpot and Carousel of Nations. Ranging in denomination from five cents to \$100, they all work the same. You put a coin or coins in the slot, push a button or pull the handle, and if the appropriate symbols line up, coins clatter out. If you hit the jackpot, that's when the racket begins - usually you yelling.

All slots operate on tokens purchased at the slot cashiers from change attendants on the floor, or you can also purchase credits on your machine. Although winnings are in Canadian dollars, there are full foreign currency facilities available.

Since slot machines are programmed to a certain payback percentage, timing is everything. It all depends on when and where the generator stops; and it is constantly moving, like a marquee, even when no one is playing it.

Your prize depends on the number of coins you play in the Play for Pay machines. If you have three sevens on a line but nothing comes out, you didn't play the correct number of coins for that win.

On the other hand, progressive machines have a jackpot that increases as more money is played. They are linked with other machines to calculate a progressive jackpot, not a set amount. All linked machines



Popular game: Blackjack is a perennial favorite at Casino Windsor.

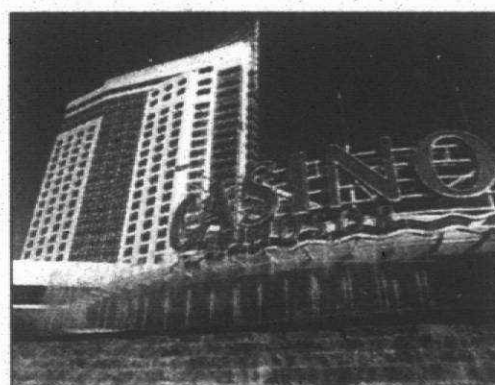
contribute to the jackpot; and the first machine to hit the jackpot symbols wins all. But to win the jackpot, you must play the maximum number of coins. The machine then reverts to the minimum jackpot amount and starts over.

Before you start to play any game, be sure to stop by the Players Prestige booth and join the Players Prestige Club. Membership is free and your plays entitle you to great casino perks. It's their way of rewarding you every time you visit. The more you play, the more they pay.

Some hitters have strategies they believe increase their chances of winning. These are just a few of their suggestions. You can learn more by visiting the games section in the bookstore or library, searching the Internet or attending table gaming lessons at Casino Windsor.

■ Never gamble more than you can afford to lose.

■ Know what you are playing. To win the big jackpot, be sure to play the right number of coins. There is a schedule, usually on the upper right-hand corner of the machine, telling the prize and what is needed to win the big one. You don't always have to put in the maximum coins to hit. Smaller wins are fun, too. Beverly, a Casino Windsor regular, usually plays one coin. She does-



Gambling fever: Casino Windsor beat the proposed Detroit casinos in providing a place for gamblers to go.

n't always hit big but she does hit often.

■ Set your limit. Don't play five coins if you can only afford one. If you win, run. The saying "quit while you're ahead" applies to playing the slots. You're not a winner if you put it all back in.

■ Divide the amount you have decided to play by the number of sessions you want to play. Don't play more than that at any one session.

■ Play your decided amount on one machine once and don't replay any coins you win. Then take the winnings and quit. If you are hitting big, you may want to play your winnings, up to the amount of your original bankroll, once more. Then move on.

■ Play the maximum coins for three pulls. If you hit, keep play-

ing that machine. If you don't, move on. If you get a good hit, play another couple of pulls and run.

■ Play the blitz method. (This is not for those of weak heart or sick purse.) Play your entire bankroll through, win or lose. Either you are a big winner, or you're done for the day.

Go ahead have fun. But play to win. If you're not have a good time, you are probably playing outside your limit. And if Lady Luck smiles on you and you hit the jackpot, don't keep playing; scoop up the winnings and head for the hills - laughing all the way.

For more information on Casino Windsor, call (800)991-7777.

Patsy LaFave lives in Waterford.

GREAT ESCAPES

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

Nicole Christ of Nicole's Revival in Westland and Carolyn Schneider, author of "The Ultimate Consignment & Thrift Store Guide," are promoting a "European Resale Shopping Tour" for Sept. 30 to Oct. 7. The tour will include airfare from New York (with a Detroit add-on of \$150), three nights in a London hotel, three nights in a Paris hotel, continental breakfast, visits to resale shops with the tour leaders, a visit to a Paris fashion show and opportunities to experience theater, museums and restaurants in the European cities. The tour costs \$1,059 per person. For travel information, call Four Corners Travel at (800)373-0853.

CRUISE MICHIGAN

A group consisting of representatives from 19 ports from around Michigan has formed an association called Cruise Michigan to help promote the re-emerging cruise industry in Michigan waters. The association will undertake joint marketing programs and work together to promote Michigan ports to cruise companies.

ITALY AND GREECE TRAVEL

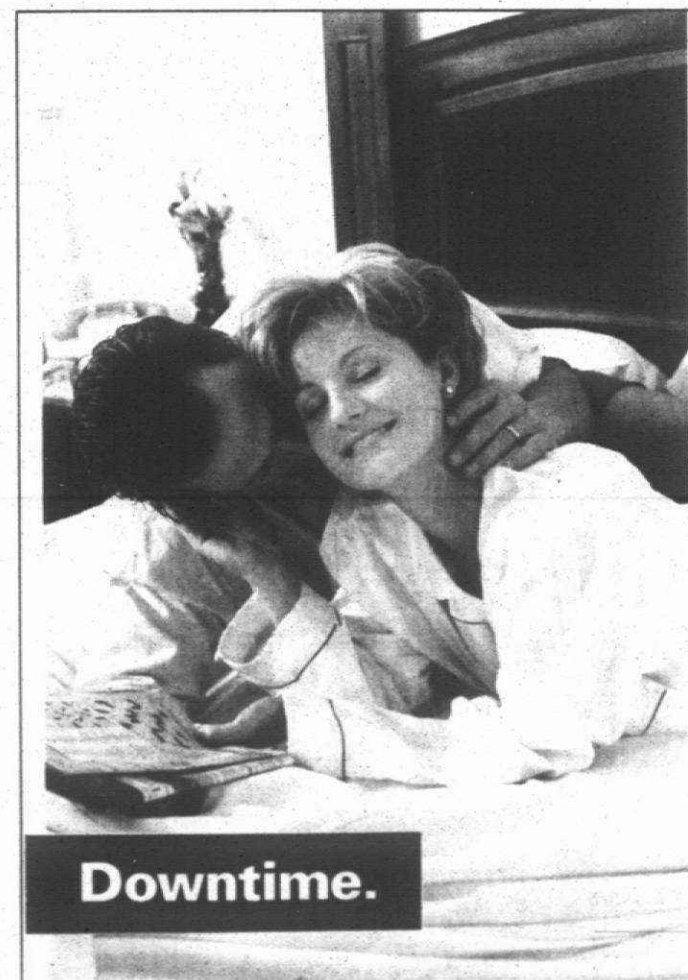
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AAA SEMINARS

Europe, China, Australia, the United States and Central America are a few of the innovative land vacation destinations AAA Travel and Tauck Tours will show during a seminar at the Auto Club's Dearborn branch, 18800 Hubbard Drive, 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 16. The free seminar will outline some of the advantages of a land-based Tauck tour. Call (313)336-0845 for reservations.

AAA Livonia will show how to experience Ireland with a variety of Irish tours at a free travel seminar 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at 37383 Six Mile, Livonia. Irish refreshments and travel catalogs will be available. Call (734)462-8000 for reservations.



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Poetry Performance Carl Hancock Rux Friday, March 19, 8 p.m.

Performance poet and playwright Carl Hancock Rux reads from his provocative, confrontational and politically charged book, *Pagan Operetta*. Rux was selected by the *New York Times Magazine* as one of 30 artists under 30 most likely to influence culture. Admission: \$10, members and seniors \$8, students with I.D. \$6. For tickets call: 313.833.4005



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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Golf sections planned

The Observer is planning three special sections about golf this year and would like your help.

Readers are invited to write and say which area golf course they like the best and why in 50 words or less.

We will publish as many responses as space permits.

We also plan to publish information from Observer readers who have made a hole in one. Include name, date, course and hole information. Hole in one photos (taken at the time and at the course) are welcome but not required. Send us a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want your photo back.

Send submissions to Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echlin at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Or e-mail to rechlinaw@oe.homecomm.net.

Questions? Call Ralph at (734) 953-2054.

Finals reached

St. John Fisher College reached the finals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference women's basketball championship with a 72-43 triumph over SUNY Brockport Monday. St. John was seeded first; Brockport was the fourth seed.

A 32-7 Fisher run in the first 11 minutes of the second half sealed Brockport's fate. Aiding the Cardinals' victory was freshman Kristen Mayer, a Plymouth Canton HS graduate who scored eight points.

Fisher, an NCAA Division III school, improved to 20-6 with the win; Brockport finished at 15-12.

Judo standout

Lawrence Nunn, a 1997 Plymouth Salem HS graduate who's now a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, was part of the Army team that won the Eastern Collegiate Judo Association Championship March 6 at Slippery Rock University. It was the second-straight year Army won team title; the team had eight place finishers and the best male competitor trophy.

Nunn plans to graduate from West Point in 2001 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Health Expo experts

Olympic gold medalists Sheila Taormina (from Livonia Stevenson) and Peter Snell, and former world record-holder Herb Lindsay, will be part of a weekend of run and walk races as part of a health expo April 10-11 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

Taormina, a gold medalist in swimming; Snell, a three-time gold medalist in the 800-meter and 1,500-meter runs; and Lindsay, a former world record-holder in the 10-mile and 20-kilometer road runs, will be joined by 11 other nationally-known speakers and 47 exhibitors who will address such issues as nutrition, sports medicine, acupuncture, massage and homeopathy. Admission to these discourses is free.

Race events are scheduled for April 11 and will include the Domino's Distance Classic 20K run at 9 a.m.; the U-M Heart Care Program Healthy 5K run and walk at 9:05 a.m.; and the U-M Heart Care Mitral Mile run, walk and racewalk at 8:30 a.m. All will be at Domino's Farms. The races will benefit the Easter Seals Society and the clinical care, research and educational activities of the U-M Mitral Valve Clinic.

Taormina, who won her gold at the Atlanta Olympics, is a professional motivational speaker and a triathlete. Her talk is called, "More than Gold: Get to know an Olympic Athlete, and then you'll realize you can be one too!"

For race entries or more information, call (734) 332-3981 or (734) 662-1000, or check the web at www.athleticventures.com

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Davey seeks to move on up with Jays



Spring training is a learning process, especially for the multitude of prospects looking to catch on. Canton's Tom Davey is still learning, and is looking to move up in the Toronto system.

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Tom Davey's knocking on the door. And feels like somebody's answering. Davey is down in Dunedin, Fla., trying to win one of 25 spots on the Toronto Blue Jays' opening day roster.

"The best thing about this spring," the Plymouth Salem product said, "is that everybody has been so open to me, the veterans and the coaches."

(Injured Paul) Quantrill and (Pat) Hentgen and Robert Person. They all talk to me about what they do, how they pitch. Everybody has his own dif-

ferent style but you try to take what you can from each one on how they get people out.

"From Day One the coaches have been open with me. To me, that's awesome. It makes me feel like they see something in me and want to help me."

"Now it's just a matter of me taking it out on field and doing something."

Two springs ago Davey experienced his first prolonged contact with major leaguers as a Rule 5 pick of the Baltimore Orioles.

But he never really had much of an opportunity to make a veteran club and

Baltimore returned the 6-foot-7 Canton native back to Toronto, which was only too glad to get the hard-thrower back.

The Blue Jays sent him to Double-A, Knoxville, where Davey had another strong step toward his dream of pitching in the majors.

He was 5-3 with a 3.87 ERA and 16 saves. One of the gauges of a prospect is that he give up less than one hit per inning and Davey met that criteria with 77 innings pitched and 70 hits allowed.

Please see DAVEY, D2

District dominance!

Rypkowski carries Salem past Novi

BY C.J. RISAK
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What Novi wanted, it got. The Wildcats had absorbed a lot from Plymouth Salem in their district final Friday at Plymouth Canton, and they were hanging in there. They trailed by four after three quarters (47-43) and, with 4:28 remaining, it was still a five-point game.

But one thing Novi couldn't do was contain all of the Rocks various weapons, and in the end, it led to their demise — by a 62-53 count.

The district championship was Salem's second in three years, and it sends the Rocks (now 18-4) to the Class A regional at Birmingham Groves, where they will play Detroit Northern at 6 p.m. Tuesday. North Farmington plays Southfield-Lathrup in the other regional semifinal at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The final is 7 p.m. Thursday at Groves.

"We were right there, right where we wanted to be," said Novi coach Pat Schluter, his team finishing with an 11-11 record. "But that's a very good (Salem) team. I'm proud of the way my guys played."

All players considered, perhaps it wasn't the Rocks most complete game of the season. But with so many different sources to tap, everybody doesn't have to be at the pinnacle of their game. Two or three is usually enough.

On this night, one player got things started and the rest of the Rocks finished it.

Aaron Rypkowski, Salem's only all-conference player, put on a long-distance shooting display in the first half that gave Salem a lead it never lost. The 6-foot-2 senior drained six three-pointers in the first half, scoring 14 of his team's 16 first-quarter points and 20 of the Rocks' 30 first-half markers.

Novi had the early lead, rattling off 11-straight points in the first quarter to open up an 11-5 lead with 3:06 to go. But Rypkowski replied, first with a steal and a layup, then positioning himself at the wing on the outside of the three-point circle and nailing three consecutive triples.

The Wildcats scored the first five points of the second quarter to tie it at 16, but now some other Rocks were awakening offensively. Each team scored six-straight points, Novi tying it at 22-all on Brent Dicken's three-point-



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Battle Inside: Salem's Jake Gray grabs a defensive rebound in a maze of players, something the Rocks did well — they limited their opponents to two meaningless baskets in the fourth quarter.

er with 2:32 left in the half.

But two more Rypkowski threes, sandwiched around two Tony Jancevski free throws, gave Salem a 30-23

halftime lead.

"He's a smooth player," said Rocks' coach Bob Brodie of Rypkowski's per-

Please see ROCKS HOOP, D2

BASKETBALL

PCA earns its 1st-ever boys district crown

Plymouth Christian Academy has a nice new piece of hardware for its trophy case.

Plymouth Christian won its first Michigan High School Athletic Association district boys basketball championship Friday night with a 73-42 beating of host Jackson Baptist in the District 106 finals.

Plymouth Christian will play its first regional contest at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hillsdale College against Camden-Frontier. A win there would put the Eagles in the regional finals against the winner of the Lenawee Christian-Webberville game.

The Eagles jumped all over the Royals in the first quarter, pressing their way to an 18-8 lead and then tacking three points onto that for a 34-21 halftime edge.

Forward Evan Gaines scored all nine of his points for Plymouth Christian in the first quarter.

"We started out with a man-to-man press," Eagles' Coach Doug Taylor said. "We put on a lot of pressure full court. And Derric Isensee did a good job of doubling down the whole game."

Defense was the watchword of the game for Plymouth Christian.

Sophomore forward P.J. Woodman "played his best game of the year," Taylor said, in combining with Dave Carty to hold leading scorer Tim Walz of the Royals to just nine points.

Walz, a 17 points-per-game scorer, entered the game needing just 24 points to reach 1,000. Jon Hunsberger and Jeremiah Downer paced Jackson Baptist with eight points each.

Junior center Mike Huntsman led Plymouth Christian (20-3) with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Isensee had 14 points, seven rebounds, five steals and four assists.

The Eagles had 14 players and 12 of them scored.

Plymouth Christian shot 45 percent (27-for-60) and made 15-of-26 free throws. Jackson Baptist

Please see PCA HOOP, D2

Rocks rule at regional

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem had a coming out party for its girls volleyball team.

Salem defeated Livonia Franklin, 15-7, 15-7, Friday night to win the Ann Arbor Huron regional volleyball title.

The Rocks will play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday against the winner of the Dearborn regional at the University of Michigan's Cliff Keen Arena.

"This is the first time Salem has come out (of the regionals)," Rocks' Coach Tom Teeters said. "In the past, they always had to get by Livonia Ladywood."

"This was a good win for us. It was good to break that jinx."

Salem got to the regional finals with a hard-fought 15-12, 15-13 victory over Saline (29-8-2) while Franklin trounced Wayne Memorial (18-22-3), 15-1, 15-4.

It was a coming out party of sorts for the Patriots, too.

"This was our first district title," Franklin Coach Mary Helen Diegel said, "and our first win in the regionals. We represented ourselves well."

"If you walk off the floor knowing that, and knowing it was a tough

VOLLEYBALL

match, it's okay.

"We've taken our program in the right direction. We've built on our previous teams' successes. We hope to continue to do that."

The match started out like it was going to be longer than the approximately 80 minutes that it was.

It wasn't until the 13th serve that a point was scored, which, as it turned out, was the only time Franklin led in the match.

"I've never seen it before where there were two full rotations before someone even scored a point," Diegel said. "There was some nice volleying. I was proud of our girls."

The Patriots, who defeated the Rocks in a three-game match the only time they met this season, rallied from a 4-1 deficit to make it 6-5 before Salem pulled away.

The Rocks (48-10-1) ran off five straight points on Jill Dombrowski's serve to make it 11-5 and rattled off four in a row after the Patriots had

come back to within four at 11-7. Erica Stein put down the winning kills for Salem.

In the second game, there were nine sideouts in a row when Salem held a 6-1 lead and 11 straight with the score at 9-1. Franklin (39-15-1) closed to 12-7 before Salem closed out the match.

Dombrowski had the honor of belting the game-winning hit in the second game.

"It was close," Teeters said, "even though the score didn't show it. It was nice to have some other people step up when we needed it."

Nicole Boyd led all hitters with 12 kills for Franklin, also adding a block. Tera Morrill had six kills and Andrea Kmet four. Lyndsay Sopko had two blocks.

Angie Sillmon and Amanda Suder had 10 kills apiece for Salem. Sillmon also had three blocks.

Sophomore Dombrowski had seven kills and led Salem's hitters with a .545 efficiency ratio. Andrea Pruett had five kills while Suder served a pair of aces.

Please see VOLLEYBALL, D2



PHOTO BY LIZ CARNEGIE

Diggin' It: Amanda Suder does it all for Salem. She had 10 kills against Franklin.

Rocks hoop

formance. "He's one of the most complete players we've had in a while. And he can score in the clutch — he beat Belleville on a last-second shot. That's the mark of a good player."

Just as impressive, Rykowski didn't force the issue. The Wildcats expended a lot of energy making sure he was covered in the second half, so he worked to get others a shot.

It worked well. Novi was red-hot in the third quarter, nailing four threes while making 7-of-12 from the floor to score 20 points. Chad Nadolinski accounted for three of the triples, scoring nine points in the period.

And yet, the 'Cats never caught Salem. The Rocks totaled 17 points in the quarter, five of them by Rob Jones, but the difference was they had six different players score in the period.

Salem's defense over the final eight minutes made certain there would be no comeback. The 'Cats had managed to hang in there, but they couldn't penetrate the Rocks' defense consistently. The result: A lot of three-point tries, with some makes, but very little inside.

"We couldn't really get it inside — they had that big guy in there," said Schluter, referring to Salem's Jancevski. "And a lot of it was that they were changing defenses, and that caused us some problems."

Indeed, Novi failed to get a basket in the fourth quarter until the game was decided. The Wildcats hit 2-of-11 from the

floor in the period, both baskets coming in the last 20 seconds.

"We did do an awful lot of switching on defense, especially late in the game," said Brodie. "We were just trying to disrupt them."

"They're very deliberate on offense. But our pressure did cause them problems."

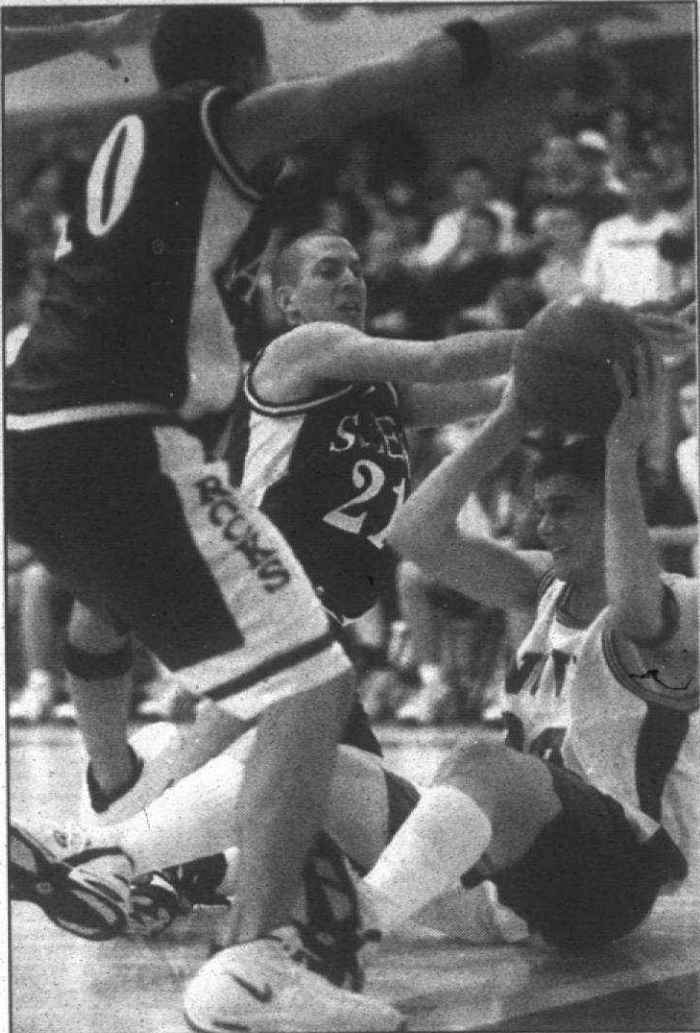
Again, unlike the first half — which belonged to Rykowski — no single player took command offensively in the fourth quarter. Adam Wilson hit 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch, which certainly helped, but five Rocks scored in the quarter.

Rykowski finished with 25 points; Wilson had 10, Jones nine and Jancevski eight. Novi was led by Nadolinski's 14 points; Sean Brislin had 12. Kyle Snearly scored nine and Dicken netted eight.

Now comes Northern, a team Salem beat 76-62 Dec. 28 at the University of Detroit Jesuit. The Rocks, who have come up against a Detroit PSL team in the regions each time they get that far but have never gotten past them, don't need to be reminded that earlier game means nothing.

"It gives them some confidence — they know they can beat them," said Brodie. "But they've got to perform. That's what we have to impress upon them. Northern's obviously improved since then."

But has Salem? That question will be answered Tuesday.



Swarming: The Rocks attacked Novi in many ways, **salem's Brent Dicken (with ball) discovered as** **Salem's Rob Jones (2) and Adam Wilson converged upon him.**

Tselios' OT goal leads Whalers to triumph



Know what? It didn't matter.

The Plymouth Whalers, ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League and sporting the best record in the Ontario Hockey League, had to battle all the way against West Division rival — and cellar-dweller — Windsor Thursday. In the end, it took an overtime goal by Nikos Tselios to win it for the Whalers, 4-3 in Windsor.

Plymouth improved to 50-11-4 with its win. The Spitfires fell to 21-38-6.

Harold Druken led the Whalers, scoring his league-leading 55th goal of the season and assisting on two others — including the game-winner.

One team was on top of the league. The other was at the bottom of the division.

Randy Fitzgerald's 15th goal of the season had given Plymouth a 1-0 lead after one period. Jason Polera scored twice for the Spitfires in the second period, sandwiched around Druken's goal to tie it, at 1-1 and 2-2. David Legwand's 30th marker of the season, scored with 43 seconds left in the period gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead after two.

Windsor's Joey Sewell knotted it at 3-all with 4:26 left in the third period.

Rob Zepp made 27 saves in goal to get the win for Plymouth. Ron Vogel had 83 stops for Windsor.

The Whalers host Windsor at 6:30 p.m. tonight, then conclude their regular season at Brampton Friday.

Davey

His weak point was 52 walks but he struck out 78.

"Last year, for me, was the most fun I've had playing baseball since I turned pro," Davey said. "It wasn't my best year from a numbers standpoint."

"But it was my first year of closing. I did my job and after awhile I wasn't getting save opportunities. So they said, 'Hey, we want to put you in the rotation and get you some innings.'"

"So the last month and a half I was a starter, to get some innings. Everything clicked for me then. They always told me the light's going to go on for me at some point."

It's what under your cap that makes successful players, not what's under the shirt. It's something Davey is beginning to learn.

"I've pitched four games so far," he said. "To this point, that's as many games as anybody. Numberwise, I haven't done the best as far as runs, hits and walks."

"But each time out I feel I've made progress. The first time, against the (New York) Yankees, I was nervous and uncomfortable. The last time out, it was a little different atmosphere."

"The hitters here are hitting pitches they weren't hitting last year (in the minors). It isn't always a matter of executing, it's a matter of throwing the right pitch."

The Blue Jays sent him to the Arizona Fall League to work on his breaking ball and offspeed stuff, to make his hard stuff more effective.

"I did really well there," he said after a fall of allowing 20 hits in 22 over 20 games. His ERA was 0.82 and he struck out 23 and walked seven.

"Things started going the way I always wanted. From a control standpoint, everything started happening. I was being a lot more aggressive, going after the hitters, finishing them off. 'I've got to carry that over to here, too.' 'Here' would be spring training."

Davey's progress last summer and fall put him on the Blue Jays' Top Ten prospect list in the magazine Baseball America. "For me, that was kind of a surprise," the 25-year-old said. "I'm starting to get accolades. It's nice to finally have some expectations."

"Before, I always felt like I was someone who maybe got lost in the shuffle. Now I'm one of the guys that have a real good shot at making the club."

People who've been around big league locker rooms for any length of time understand that

Davey said there are two spots open on the Toronto pitching staff. And he feels he's got a shot at one of them.

"The big thing for me is throwing strikes," Davey said. "Which I'm learning to do more and more. I didn't do that the first couple of games. 'I was going deep in the count — and that's when you get hit. The other day I went right at them. Do that and you're going to be more successful than not.'"

Hentgen, a native of Fraser, Mich., gave Davey some good advice to take out to the mound with him. "He said, 'You've got to go in with the attitude that you're on this club. Your stuff is as good as anybody's on this club. That's the way you've got to think. 'So I'm setting myself up to be in the big leagues. If I'm ready, I want to be there. 'But if I have to go to Triple-A, so be it. I just don't want to be one of those guys who go back and forth.'"

At this point in his career, though, it isn't the destination that's important. It's the attitude he takes with him.

HOCKEY STATE SEMIFINALS

Semi solid

CC advances to final with 2-1 win

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This is Keith Rowe's third year on the Redford Catholic Central hockey team and he's trying his best to make this season a near carbon copy of the first.

Following the lead of its captain, CC marched one step closer to its second Class A state championship in three years with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Marquette in Friday's semifinal game at the Flint IMA.

Rowe is one of only three current Shamrocks who played on CC's 1997 state championship team. He also knows the disappointment of post-season defeat: last year's team took an early exit, losing to eventual state runner-up Grosse Pointe South.

Rowe earned an assist and showed his will to win in the final minute when he dived on the ice inside his blue line, sending the puck out of the CC zone with 11.8 seconds left after Marquette pulled its goaltender for an extra attacker.

"We played hard in different ways today," said Rowe, who also had a shot hit the post in the second period. "Marquette is quick and physical, very smart. They were pounding on us too. We hit a lot and they weren't intimidated. We're real focused."

this year. The difference between this year and last is 180 degrees."

The win sent the Shamrocks, 28-1-1 overall, into Saturday's championship game to play East Kentwood, a 6-1 winner over Birmingham Brother Rice in Friday's other semifinal.

Details of the final game will appear in Thursday's Observer.

"Keith came to play," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "He's fortunate to have been on the team two years ago and then last year. He liked winning better and he spreads that in the locker room."

The loss was the first in 17 starts for Marquette freshman goaltender Andy Taylor and dropped the Redmen to 22-6-1 overall.

Marquette fell behind 2-0 before the game was 12 minutes old but cut the deficit to one with Adam Fure's breakaway goal, assisted by Dan Stevenson, at 6:39 of the second period.

CC scored two goals in its first 11 shots against Taylor but managed only nine more shots the rest of the game.

Marquette, outshot 20-14, had the game's last scoring opportunity after pulling Taylor for an extra attacker.

A CC player tried to flip the

puck out of his zone but it was blocked by Fure, who had only CC goalie Ben Dunne between himself and the net.

Dunne, who stopped Fure earlier in the game on a breakaway, stopped the shot from point blank-range and the rebound attempt, preserving a 2-1 lead with 45.5 seconds left.

"I saw the 'five hole' open and shot it," Fure said. "I thought it was in but I just didn't get it right."

The Shamrocks were the aggressors early but Taylor stopped several of their scoring chances, including a kick save on Todd Bentley's breakaway in the first minute.

CC opened the scoring with David Moss' goal, assisted by Bentley, at 10:17. Less than two minutes later, Brad Holland beat Taylor between the legs with assists going to Rowe and Brandon Kaleniecki for a 2-0 lead.

"Good thing we got the jump (an early 2-0 lead), or we would have been in a lot of trouble," St. John said. "Their goalie was outstanding in the first period. He has a quick foot. And Dunne came through for us."

Taylor kept the Shamrocks stuck on two goals late in the second period when he stopped Rick Buttery on a backhand attempt after Buttery's nifty



On top of his game: Catholic Central goalie Ben Dunne made several impressive saves in the Shamrocks' win over Marquette, but perhaps the biggest came in the final seconds when he made the stop on a breakaway by Adam Fure, then smothered the rebound.

moves through the Marquette defense.

It was the end of a grueling week for Marquette, which advanced to the Final Four with a 3-2 double overtime victory in Wednesday's quarterfinal over Midland Dow in Traverse City.

In fact, Marquette hadn't been home since Tuesday. Being in

the Upper Peninsula means Marquette had to make overnight trips to Alpena and twice to Traverse City en route to the Final Four.

"We've been gone since Tuesday and have put on a lot of miles," said Marquette coach Mike L'Huillier, whose 1995

team won a Class A title. "But there's no excuses. We've been doing it for years. CC is a great team and Moss and Bentley are sensational."

"We've played AAA teams and they're comparable to any. They outplayed us, beat us up in the first period, but my kids have a lot of heart."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
STATE TOURNAMENT REGIONAL DRAWS
CLASS A
at BIRMINGHAM GROVES
Tuesday, March 16: Plymouth Salem vs. Detroit Northern, 6 p.m.; North Farmington vs. Southfield Lathrup, 7:45 p.m.
Thursday, March 18: Championship final, 7 p.m.

p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at the University of Detroit Mercy's Cauffman Hall vs. Macomb Dakota regional champion.)

CLASS C
at PETERSBURG-SUMMERFIELD
Tuesday, March 16: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Whitmore Lake district champion.

7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 17: Detroit DePores vs. Sand Creek district champion, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 19: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at Schoolcraft Community College vs. Sandusky regional champion.)

CLASS D
at HILLSDALE COLLEGE
Tuesday, March 16: Webberville vs. Adrian Lenawee Christian, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 17: Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Camden Frontiers, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 19: Championship, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals.)

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at Portage Northern vs. Allegan regional champion.)
CLASS A GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, March 16
Salem vs. Temperance Bedford
at U.M.'s Keen Arena, 7:30 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCCY LEAGUE
Sunday, March 14

Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 19
Ply. Whalers at Brampton, 7:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
Friday, March 19
Madonna at Walsh, Ohio (2), 1 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

AAU girls volleyball

Registration and practice for the Side Out Volleyball Association for 12-and-under and 14-and-under will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and for 16-and-under and 18-and-under, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at Schoolcraft College's main and auxiliary gyms.

The cost is \$250 for 12-and-under and \$400 for the 14-, 16- and 18-and-under teams. State tournament will cost an \$100. Elite team players will pay an additional \$100 to cover expenses and fees. Costs will vary for national tournament fees (either Orlando, Fla. or Chicago, Ill.).

For more information, call SOVA director Tom Teeters at (248) 305-9804 or (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5607.

Indoor soccer finalists

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Selects, an under-12 boys open select team, competed as one of only two Michigan representatives in the North American National six-versus-six Division II indoor nationals, March 5-6, at Total Soccer in Wixom.

The Wings, coached by Jim Morry and Lou Suveg, competed against teams from Illinois, Indiana, New York and Ontario, Canada.

Members of the Wings include: Shawn Bush, Jon Happ, Brad Jackson, Danny Karas, Dave Kroll, Jamie Luoma, Matt Morry, Justin Nalley, Greg Ostrosky, Ryan Raickovich, Nate Regan and Steve Sudkem, all of Livonia. Other players included Brendan Diehl of Plymouth and Ryan Regan of Novi.

The Wings, trained by Adam

Pichler, recently finished 6-2 in the six-versus-six indoor session at Total Soccer. They outscored their opponents 84-29 en route to a second-place finish.

Golf league forming

A 20-week spring Men's Golf League is being planned for Wednesday evenings by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, starting April 21 at Fellows Creek GC. The league will be limited to 36 golfers (Canton residents only, unless the league is not filled by March 26).

Cost is \$420, which covers all league greens fees, prize money, league outing and awards. Tee times are 5-6 p.m. Register in person at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services office, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at Fellows Creek to discuss rules and regulations.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

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Former Charger searches for pro career overseas

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Rudy Hatfield's college eligibility is up, but that doesn't mean his basketball career is over.

The 6-foot-4, 210-pound power forward from the University of Michigan-Dearborn — via Livonia Churchill High School and Schoolcraft College — is most likely headed for a tour of duty later this year in the Philippines.

"It's pretty much a for-sure deal," said Hatfield, who is half-Philippino. "I'd definitely like to play there at least five years."

"And what's better than playing basketball and making money at the same time?"

Hatfield, who averaged 19.8 points and 9.8 rebounds per game his senior year at UM-Dearborn, is scheduled to make his first visit this summer to the Philippines.

Since his mother Lillian Schisler is Philippino, Hatfield has an advantage.

He will not be counted as an import in the professional league.

"I've never been there, I don't speak the language and I really don't know the culture, so I guess it will be a shocking experience," Hatfield said. "But I'm really looking forward to going over there."

My grandmother (Lolita Valdez) is visiting family there right now."

Chicagoan Rolando Hiso, a cycling manager and journalist, is arranging an informal tryout for Hatfield in July. If Hatfield sticks, the Philippine league runs for eight months with a month's break in between.

Hatfield, who just began playing last week in a local Philippine league out of Ferndale, caught Hiso's eye last summer when he took MVP honors representing a Detroit team in an All-Star game in Toronto.

Schoolcraft College coach Carlos Briggs, who starred at Baylor, still holds many scoring records in the Philippines. During one season he averaged 62 points per game and had a high game of 86.

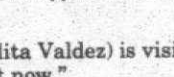
Also, former Lake Superior State standout Eric Mink, who is also part Philippino, played there last season.

Hatfield, meanwhile, is considered a late bloomer in the game of basketball who may only get better.

After averaging 15.5 points and eight rebounds his first year with the UM-Dearborn, Hatfield exploded for coach Charles Turner his senior year leading the Wolves to a school-record 14 wins.

UM-Dearborn's season ended Feb. 25 with an eight-point loss to Peru State (Neb.) in the NAIA Division II regional in Sioux City, Iowa. In that game, Hatfield scored 28 points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

Rudy Hatfield
Philippino-bound



BASKETBALL DISTRICT SEMIFINALS

Glenn works inside to sideline Wayne, 51-47

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They may not be classified as the twin towers, but Westland John Glenn's inside tandem of 6-foot-3 Ben Harris and 6-4 Ty Haygood played tall in the Rockets' 51-47 Class A district semifinal win Wednesday night over rival Wayne Memorial.

Harris scored a game-high 21 points and Haygood added 11. The two also combined for 25 rebounds as Glenn (12-8 overall) will meet Belleville (14-7) in the district championship final, 7 p.m. Friday on the Tigers' home floor.

Back in December, Haygood had 18 points in Glenn's 56-54 victory over the Zebras.

This time Harris got into the act.

"The rebounding was the key factor," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "We controlled the

boards. Ben and Ty did a nice job on the glass. We were able to get some second and third opportunities on the offensive glass."

"When I saw Romulus play Wayne, we knew Romulus had success on the boards. And with Ben and Ty, we wanted to exploit that a little bit."

Glenn's victory appear all but wrapped up with 2:55 remaining after a Harris dunk provided a seven-point cushion, 46-39.

But Wayne's Mike Zielinski nailed two straight three-pointers to pull his team to within one, 46-45.

Glenn junior guard Eric Jones, saddled with four fouls in the second half and 0-for-seven from the floor, stepped up with a key basket and two free throws in the final 1:19 to preserve the Glenn victory.

"We had difficulty stopping their dribble penetration and their rebounding," said Wayne coach Chuck Henry, whose team

bowed out at 7-14 overall. "You can't win when you don't do those things."

Wayne, however, had its chances, leading on three different occasions in the third quarter.

The Zebras, however, couldn't hit shots with any consistency, finishing 19 of 53 from the floor (35.8 percent).

"In practice yesterday (Tuesday) we were shooting the eyes out," Henry said. "It was one of our poorer shooting nights this season."

Glenn, a horrendous free throw shooting team this season, held true to form by making only 10 of 22 (45.4 percent).

The Rockets did make 21 of 52 shots from the field (40.3 percent) even on an off-night by Jones.

"When he (Jones) is on the court, teams think he's going to score because he's always an offensive threat and teams have

to respect that," Schuette said. Three seniors — Nathan Wade, Robert Price and Jamar Davis — were the Zebras' top three scorers with 12, 10 and 10, respectively.

"Those three guys may not be the greatest players, but they really played hard basketball," Henry said. "Even though we were 7-14, they were still working hard. They showed a lot of character and it was a positive."

Henry, who enjoyed much success during the Lorenzo Guess era when the Zebras went to two semifinals and one state quarterfinal, characterized 1998-99 as a "frustrating season."

"It just wasn't one thing," he said. "We had more than our fair share of injuries and academic problems."

Meanwhile, Glenn gets a second crack at Belleville, the team that eliminated the Rockets in the first round of last year's district tournament.

"If we're all playing well, and our perimeter people step up defensively, and our big guys control the glass again, that will give us a chance," Schuette said.

Belleville won the second game of Wednesday's double-header with a tougher-than-expected 75-63 win over 9-12 Garden City.

C.J. Grantham and Kevin Harrison scored 22 and 20 points, respectively, for the winners.

Justin Ockerman, a 6-10 sophomore center, led GC with 18. Jerry Cherwalk contributed 17.

"Glenn is so athletic, they have talented players," Tigers' coach Rod Fisher said. "We're going to have to play better than tonight in order to win."

Borgess 83, Luth. Westland 57: Junior guard Donald Didlake scored 21 points Wednesday to lead host Redford Bishop Borgess to a semifinal district

competitor. He just plays so hard and gives you everything he can. And what a great kid."

The two have remained close over the years.

"He (Donahue) came out to my last two home games," Hatfield said. "Glenn's the reason why I played college basketball. Coming out of high school I was nervous and worried. I didn't know if I could play. He's the one who asked me to play. He's the greatest coach I've ever had."

Hatfield, whose father Rudolph is a psychology professor at UM-Dearborn, plans to put his graduation plans on hold. He has about a year remaining to obtain a degree in business.

"I have no regrets about my college basketball career," said Hatfield, who lives in Canton with his mother. "It was the greatest time in my life."

Now comes the second phase his basketball career.

And who knows, maybe they'll make a movie about him and call it Rudy II.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

FUND-RAISERS

SAFARI CLUB

Southeast Michigan Bowhunter Chapter of Safari Club International will hold its 8th annual fund-raiser banquet beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The banquet features a family-style dinner, open bar, outfitters, manufacturer booths, auctions, raffles, hunting and fishing equipment and much more.

Reserved banquet tickets must be received by March 11. After that tickets will only be sold at the door. Call (248) 585-1415 for tickets and more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders will hold its annual fund-raising dinner/dance beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westland. Activities include raffles, art work sales, dinner, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$20, per person. Call (810) 476-7145 or (248) 366-9527 for tickets and more information.

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MIT (CCW) LEGISLATION, BEGINNING AT 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, AT THE GANDER MOUNTAIN STORE IN TAYLOR. STATE REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND BASHAM (TAYLOR) WILL CONDUCT THE SEMINAR. CALL (313) 381-4735 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ACTIVITIES

HIGHLAND MIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a moderately paced hike through the woods of Highland Recreation Area on Sunday, March 21. Participants are asked to meet at 11:30 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonalds on Telegraph Road, about 1/2-mile north of Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. Call (810) 294-7789 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (squirrel & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol, and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES

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

CROW

The late crow season runs through March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

RABBIT/WARE

Rabbit/ware season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

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INSIDER BUSINESS JOURNAL

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HOME TOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs

BOWLING

Beginning of the end

Leagues making their post-season plans

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

The Ides of March are upon us, and at this time of the year the regular bowling season is winding down to the last few weeks.

This is when the teams that are jockeying for position have to make their best effort.

It is also a time for league officers to plan their events, whether a big banquet or just a simple meeting.

It will also be reward time for the top teams and individuals. In keeping with tradition, many leagues will be presenting trophies and other awards to the winners.

Sanctioned leagues are given one free 7 x 8 inch plaque by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association (on request) for whatever purpose the league wishes. The rest of the awards are based on each individual league and what they decide upon.

George Zainea of D.B.T. Awards & Graphics has over forty years of experience in the bowling industry as a proprietor, lane installer and in the awards, trophies and incentives business.

Zainea recalls "in the old days it was standard procedure to

give out trophies. But times have changed. Now any awards should have some utility value while showing recognition.

"A wall clock, pen set or imprinted apparel like a sweater, jacket or polo shirt can be nicely imprinted or embroidered with a sponsor's logo or league emblem.

"The awards can be distinctive way and carry more value as they would be used or worn by the recipients. D.B.T. Awards & Graphics does it all — the engraving, embroidery or screen printing, all in-house with a huge variety to choose from."

George or Tony Zainea can be contacted toll free at 1-800-78AWARD or E-Mail: tonyz@bignet.net

■ The Michigan Majors Bowling Association held its monthly scratch tournament at LeFevre Family Bowl in Saginaw and Joe Jimenez of Saginaw took the top cash prize of \$2,000.

However several players from our O & E communities also brought home some earnings. They were: Dennis Berryman of Canton (11th), Terry Tesarz of Livonia (19th), Ryan Wilson of Garden City (24th), James Perry of Bloomfield Hills (25th), Paul Jensen of Birmingham (32nd) and Eric Tulley of Redford (37th).

The scratch competition brings out the top bowlers in the area

and the next tournament takes place March 20-21 at Airport Lanes in Jackson.

For more information phone Ken Charrette at (810) 775-2414.

■ In the Les Stanford Hall of Fame Classic League at Thunderbowl Lanes the current league-leading teams going into the home stretch are:

1. Red Robin Restaurants; 2. Ansara's Big Boy; 3. Baranski's Farmers Insurance; 4. Laurie Distributing; 5. Tuckers Wheels; 6. Mac's Car Wash; 7. Berci Printing.

Ken Kossick of Canton holds the individual High series with a G.D.B.A. Record 878 actual and fourteen bowlers are tied for high game at 300 including Troy's Dan Ottoman and Canton's Kossick.

Tony Stipeak of Redford has the second high series, 841, and Garden City's Rick Eiermann is among the leaders with 801.

■ Popular WNIC afternoon disc jockey Chris Edmonds will be "Bowling for Braille Books" at Seedlings 12th Annual Braille Books for Children Bowl-A-Hon March 21, 12:30 p.m. at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high-quality low cost books for blind children.

Every \$10 raised in this event will create one more book. Last

year bowlers raised more than \$10,000 to help ensure blind children access to the same popular books as their sighted peers and thus increase the opportunity for literacy.

The founder, Debra Bond, was recently presented with a Livonia Human Relations Commission 1999 Honor Award for her dedication to the visually impaired through Seedlings.

Come bowl with Chris Edmonds (9 pin no-tap) and put braille books into the hands of blind children. There will be lots of great door prizes and awards.

Call Seedlings Braille Books at 1-800-777-8552 for registration and pledge forms. Even if you don't bowl, Seedlings welcomes everyone to stop by Cloverlanes with a pledge or donation.

■ Plaza Lanes in Plymouth is having its Singles Tournament at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, sponsored by Livonia Trophy and Screenprinting.

First prize is \$1,000 based on 120 entries. Five dollars from each entry goes to the LUPUS Foundation. Check-in time is 12:45 p.m.

The event is ABC/WIBC sanctioned, bowling 4 games across 8 lanes. It will be handicapped at 80% from 210. Entry fee is \$50 a person, one out of six cash.

For more information or entry forms call Plaza Lanes at (734) 453-4880.

Learn young and learn right

Karen Hagan is a member of the All-Star Bowlerettes League at Cloverlanes in Livonia on Monday nights.

Karen's achievements include two 300 games and two 800 series. She is a member of the Monroe Women's Bowling Hall of Fame and was their initial inductee for superior performance in 1985.

She has made it to the Team USA national finals four times and is a two-time state amateur champion. She is currently running the youth bowling program in Monroe and has a lot of experience in coaching youngsters.

Karen offers this advice to parents of children who are taking an interest in bowling.

"When they are very little and just starting out, we try to just give them the basics and see that they are able to use good form in the delivery.

"We tell them that when you build a house, it doesn't matter how much woodwork you have on it unless you have a strong foundation. Otherwise the house will fall down.

"We teach them how to pick up the ball correctly, how to stand at the foul line straight, which way the toes are pointing when you let go of the ball, how the arm swing goes (up alongside your head as opposed to crossing your face, which we call the 'elephant'.

"We follow through like the Statue of Liberty. We show them where to stand and where to roll the ball (not throw the ball), we teach them about the arrows and how the

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lanes are set up so they know what they are aiming at.

"Mainly it's a matter of teaching them the basics. It's like teaching muscle memory. When you walk, you don't think 'left, right, left right,' you just do it.

"It takes a while to teach muscle memory. Patience is required. It takes a lot of repetition.

"We teach the four step delivery when they are big enough to hold the ball with one hand.

"We use the bumpers when they are really little. When they can keep the ball on the lane we move them up to the next level, where they stand at the foul line and roll the ball.

"Then we teach the four step approach.

"As for equipment, when they start in

bumpers it is usually with a six-pound ball. You can tell if the ball is too light because they have very little control.

"You don't want to go too heavy either. If they can hold the ball in one hand by their side for thirty seconds, then they can bowl with it.

"This is part of what the coaches are doing, working with the kids. The fit is also important, particularly each new season. As they grow and the hand changes, so must the ball.

"It is important for the parents to be involved with the children in anything they do. At the beginner level it is all about support.

"The parents have to remember that the kids are just learning how to do this. When they took their first steps they were not perfect. And they will not be very good at first.

"It is up to the parents to praise them when they do good and not to yell at them when they do not. If the child is really interested and has that desire, it is good to get them a coach and bring them along that way.

"With all the college scholarships out there, it is worthwhile for kids to be able to compete later on at the higher level and earn scholarship money.

"Just about any child can participate in bowling. It is a game for life. They can play well even when they grow older and still enjoy it.

Karen Hagan
Hall-of-Fame member

OUTDOORS

Wildlife art show to benefit wildlife

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

The outdoor show season is winding down.

If you haven't had your fill — or are in the market for some wildlife art — a very worthwhile show is coming to the Southfield Civic Center.

It's the 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, March 26-28.

Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, the festival annually raises money that is used on wildlife habitat restoration projects statewide.

MWHF has spent well in excess of \$2 million over the years to restore and improve habitat, many of the projects right here in southeastern Michigan.

The bottom draw on Paint Creek at Lake Orion, the Backyard Wildlife Demonstration Area at the Detroit Zoo, turkey restoration in southeastern Michigan, and the Oakland County Nesting Meadows project

are just some of the local projects funded by MWHF.

This year's show includes the artwork of 60 nationally-acclaimed wildlife and environmental artists including featured artist Jan Martin McGuire.

There will also be thousands of affordable paintings, sculptures, photos, carvings and other artwork; displays by Michigan's leading conservation groups; the winning photos from the Outdoor Writers Association of America contest; seminars on Michigan wildlife topics and tropical wildlife; and a celebrity decoy painting contest.

Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$7 for adults and children under 12 will be admitted free.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Birds: song of spring

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Did you notice a couple weeks ago, before the latest snow fall, how the birds in the neighborhood started singing?

It seemed like they all got the same cue from the conductor and began to sing.

Tufted titmice were the most vociferous at the feeders, but chickadees and nuthatches were heard in the background, along with the cardinal.

Songs at this time of the year are an indication that spring is near.

Shortly after the snowfall, I saw my first red-winged blackbird. I have seen them return in late February, but this year they returned in early March.

This is about the time eastern bluebirds begin to stake out nest boxes. Many bluebirds were here

all winter, but in early March they start to select and defend nest boxes.

Signs of spring and migration began with the arrival of the red-winged blackbirds.

Tundra swans will also be passing through our state shortly on their way to northern Alaska. They don't stay long in our area, but can be seen in good numbers when they stop in areas like Wal-laceburg, Ontario.

In April, hawks will start their return migration, along with waterfowl.

Large birds, like hawks and waterfowl, have a longer incubation and take a longer time raising their young than smaller birds, thus they need to get an early start.

Bald eagles are starting to build their nests already. In fact, one pair is building a nest in Crane Creek State Park east of Toledo, Ohio.

Normally this would be great news for bird watchers, except this nest is being build over the popu-

lar boardwalk along the nature trail.

Because the bald eagle is still recovering from low numbers during the past 30 years, the area around the nest, and the boardwalk for birders, had to be restricted. So birders are restricted from birding because of a bird.

Speaking of eagles, the 1999 winter survey revealed 16 more birds than the 1998 survey. I had speculated in January that their numbers might be down because of the snow and ice covering the state.

Well, the results will show you how cloudy my crystal ball is on this subject.

A total of 708 sightings were reported during the first 15 days of January. In the Upper Peninsula 235 bald eagles were seen, compared with 473 in the Lower Peninsula.

Crawford County alone accounted for 46 birds.

As the weather warms up expect to see more spring migrants returning.

HONOR ROLL

GARDEN LANES (Garden City) St. Louis Classic: Larry Curtis, 278/248; 248/772; Scott Day, 242-234-235/711; John Miller, 213-244-234/691; Gary Czaja, 226-258/673; Mike Baldwin, 213- 263/656.	245-213/608; Mark Silverstein, 217-212- 210/339.
OAK LANES (Westland) Sunday Youth Classic (Masters Div.): Brad Ballard, 236; Keith Moore, 245/660; Jarnell Johnson, 279/662; Don Melcher, 258/688.	EVER 7: Craig Montie, 245/635; Walt Mikowski, 243/680; Dave Spitz, 242; David Overly, 238; Bob Stewart, 236.
Classic I Div.: Jason Conley, 219/578; Stacey Black, 213/565; Anthony Wright, 217-200/598; Breana Schneider, 202; Lare- na Effinger, 201/569.	Country Couples: John Ware Sr., 2332; Gary Stout, 218; Pam Stirling, 191; Kim Wellman, 194/500.
WESTLAND BOWL Monday 6:30 Men: Robert White, 217/621; Richie Johnson, 242/641; William Schaffer, 231/631; Russell Connol- ly, 266/636; Darrell Jones, 247.	All Over Mixed: Glenn Joppich, 253/639; Gerald Meyers, 241; Vicki Tondreau, 237/634; Esther Tondreau, 223.
Sunday Sleeper's Invitational: Pat Enge- bretson, 300/761; Jeff Roche, 290/707; Tom Tappan, 255/714; Roger Cowell, 278/719.	Greenfield Mixed: Ryan Wilson, 234-219- 256/709; Debbie VanMeter, 203-213/607; Steve Meyers, 279-216/688; Ed Bin, 255- 201-224/680; Barbara Turner, 235/571.
St. Mel Men: Quint Dalrymple, 235/671; Doug Early, 236/636; Ed Skicki, 234/606; Mark Auty, 244/689.	Tuesday Mixed Trio: Andy Rubin, 278/740; John Osborne, 256; Wendy Lord, 230/558; Kevin Landacre, 215/568.
Friday Men's Invitational: Joseph Collins, 279/665; Russ Martin, 299/790; Mark Hauack, 264/678; Perry Profer, 237/652; Jack Jones, 263/660.	Kendallwood: Mary Meyers, 208/514; Juanita Lepier, 210-202/581; Elaine Piercy, 206; Nancy Collins, 198/514.
WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia) Westside Senior Men: Dan Glatter, 290/783 (228 pins o/a); Cliff Usher, 244/658; Don Hochstadt, 230/643; Floyd Morris, 236/637; Joe Torey, 246/615.	Saturday Old Couples: Jack Schlicht, 236; Neil Kotte, 222/596.
Motor City Men's Early: Bill Killeber, 276/764; Brian Ozmelyk, 268/761; Dennis Allison, 277; Mark Bratcher, 268/712.	Country Keglers: Joel Smith, 248; Kris Doudt, 242/640; Matt Ullrich, 242; Jeff Pinke, 235/636; Dave Moraschine, 234/672.
St. Sabina's Mixed: Paul Burris, 300 (series 146 pins o/a); Mike Kane, 671; Steve Segel, 650.	Wednesday Knights: Gus Webb, 278/668; Bob Mattler, 266; Rich Gross- man, 703; David Makowicz, 668.
CLOVERLANES (Livonia) FoMoCo: Jim Casteel, 279/716; Jack Considine, 257/662; Larry Frank, 251/687; Dan Smith, 252.	Sports Club: Steve Hayoo, 279/695; Sam Kizy, 243; Rita Dawood, 200/535.
Sunday Dynamic Doubles: David Mahaj, 216-233-300/749.	Leon Lake: Scott Tutas, 232; Jeff Amolsch, 227/625.
FoMoCo Men: Dave Diomed, 266/761; Jack Considine, 256/682; Larry Hawkins, 257; Randy Thompson, 244/665.	Wednesday Night Ladies: Sue Kin, 253/618; Cora Whitehouse, 225.
MERRI BOWL (Livonia) Merri-Bowlerettes: Denny Atwater, 212- 225/597; Dot Ross, 231-213/595.	Rosedale Bowlerettes: Helen Evans, 211/534; Marilyn Left, 197.
Early Risers: Shirley Plekarski, 208; C. Truskowski, 532; Wanda Denardis, 558; Judy Kovsky, 505; Joan Yananson, 516.	Advanced Youth (seniors): Gordon Grego- roff, 233/590.
Newburg Ladies: Kathy Duchene, 224; Maureen Cirocco, 186.	St. Paul's Men: Ken Dean, 245; Ken Emmick, 661.
St. Aidan's Mixed: Jim Nawrocki, 266; D. Mehoke, 259-203/657; C. Williams, 236; G. Steele, 216; Merriam Weglarz, 219.	Shirts & Skirts: Terry Machleit, 212/586; Kirk Mason, 196; Tamara Waun, 210/502.
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Sara Brod- hun, 212; Barb Singer, 204/503; Ruth Hoepfner, 208.	Monday Midnight Men: Lada Garmo, 269; Will Nalou, 266/695.
Senior House: Brian Macek, 300; Derek Takala, 300.	Country High School: Doug Ginotti, 222/589; Mike Lee, 199; Jason Rodgers, 222/606; Jenny Long, 194/508.
Right on Time: Bill Ferguson, 300; Al Car- iveau, 267/748.	Country Pros: Randy Meyers, 182; Derek Wesch, 144; Ryan McKay, 144; Christina Mouawad, 149.
Senior Merry Bowlers: Joe Kubinec, 212/541; Fred Jenuilis, 210/603; Roy McMahan, 212/577; Al Dawson, 208- 233/623.	Sunday Youth Classic: Kim Kelm, 237; Chris Dawson, 227; Bill Funderburk, 224; Andy Laprise, 257/632; Bob Abramson, 220.
DRAKESHIRE LANES (Farmington) B'Nai Brith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zelger-Gross: Steve Hoberman, 213-211/619; Bill Yaker, 243/618; Sandy Freeman, 208-207; Rob Pliskow, 234; Lee Weinstein, 234.	B'Nai Brith Plegah: Mort Friedman, 268- 265/714; Wayne Lusky, 226-225/644; Jerry Rose, 222-222/641; Howard Waxer, 212-224/626; Jeff Eisenberg, 219- 212/620.
COUNTRY LANES (Farmington) Spares & Strikes: Lori Buckshaw, 202/509; Kevin Landacre, 201/576.	PLAZA LANES (Plymouth) 3 p.m. Mixed: Lionel Kennedy II, 290.
Suburban Prop. Travel (men): Dave Richardson, 300/764; Greg Guntow, 246; Tim Magyar, 237/684; Paul Butler, 236/622; Tony Ballarta, 225; Lou Bright- man, 224.	Keglers: Wally Wolfe, 266; Mark Beasley, 278; Al Sanders, 251; Don Cathey, 254.
Suburban Prop Travel (ladies): Ev Hubble, 202/519; Patty Jaroch, 202/573; Bernice Anthony, 199/540.	SUPER BOWL (Canton) Jon Taylor, 143.
Sunday Goodtimers: Wayne Lanning, 222- 212/682; Sid Harris, 200; Mike Lanning,	Thursday Pros: P.J. Caram, 172.