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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Learn first aid: Residents in the Sherwood, Academy and Westpointe Mobile Home Parks can take a First Aid class conducted by Canton police Officers Ed Lang, Debbie Newsome and Randy Rankin. The class is 6-9 p.m. at Sherwood. Residents can sign up in Lang's office at the Sherwood park.

TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

History lesson: The Canton Historical Museum is open 1-3 p.m. Guided tours are available. The museum is on Canton Center at Heritage Drive. Parking is at the rear of the building. Displays include items from Canton's agricultural past, household items and clothing from earlier eras, and pictures of Canton's 10 country schools. Taped conversations with some longtime Canton residents are available. For more information, call (734) 397-0088.

THURSDAY

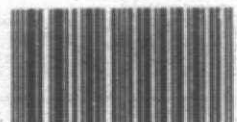
Leader dog tour: The Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Lions Club will host a morning tour of the leader dog training school in Rochester. For more information, call the chamber, 453-4040.

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Disco moves: A group of girls decked out in polyester and tie-dye dance to disco favorites.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Flashback Students visit another era

The Plymouth Canton High School Senate hosted a '70s-theme dance Monday at the high school cafeteria for the Western Lakes Activities Association. Approximately 400 student activities group leaders attended wearing

their best polyester and sporting nametags identifying themselves as characters on 1970s television shows, such as, "Scooby Doo," "Tabitha Stevens," "Wilma Flintstone" and "Pottsie Webber."



In style: Julie Patterson (left) of Plymouth and Emily Cannon of Canton smile coyly in their groovy polyester and bellbottoms.

High schools may drop puck in '99

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The Plymouth-Canton school district could be sporting two high school hockey teams for competition next season in the Western Lakes Athletic Association, if the school board approves a pay-for-play proposal.

"We started meeting with (Superintendent) Chuck Little about 10 months ago to put together this program," said Kathy Lash of Plymouth, one of four people instrumental in developing the plan. "We want to start with two coed teams next year, one at each high school. Later, if the program goes well, we'll investigate adding a couple of girls' teams."

Lash said the program would ultimately be the responsibility of the school district, however boosters would help in support areas, including fund raising and volunteering at the games.

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"We know that with Proposal A there isn't any new money for hockey, and it's an expensive sport," said Lash. "Parents know they would have to pay to play. And, many do that now in travel leagues."

The hockey program may help the district keep students, and thereby precious per-pupil state funding.

"Many kids who want to continue to play transfer to Catholic schools or move to districts where there are hockey teams," added Lash. "This is important."

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Commercial projects moving further west

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From toothpaste to radials. That's what township residents will soon be able to purchase on Ford Road west of Canton Center. Rite Aid and Belle Tire are both planning new stores adjacent to Kroger Center.

"It will be a very elegant-looking building," said Randy Neptune, superintendent for Monarch Building Co., which will construct the Rite Aid. "It will be all brick and look more like a bank than a drugstore."

FORD ROAD

Plans for both businesses were presented at Wednesday's Downtown

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Residents, businesses to team up in cancer fight

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They'll be running for their lives — and the lives of others — in Canton on May 8.

At least that's what the organizers of the first ever Plymouth/Canton Relay For Life, a 24-hour marathon on May 8-9 in Heritage Park, are hoping.

The fund-raiser is part of a series of similar events throughout southeastern Michigan to help raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society.

"We've had a fabulous response for a first-year event," said Gloria Peterson,

community development director for the ACS Great Lakes Division. "We are now up to about 30 potential teams, which is more than some communities have had in their fourth or fifth year."

A team captain's meeting is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday in Lower Level Room 3 at the Canton Township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Teams consist of 12 or more people, who divide up the relay so that a member is on the track at all times. In addition, individuals may participate on their own, forming loosely knit "pot-pourri" teams on the day of the event, Peterson said.

Team members are asked to raise

\$100 each to participate. The money can be raised in a variety of ways, including selling ACS luminary candles for \$10 each.

The relay comes complete with a set of accompanying activities, including entertainment and refreshments available on site. Some teams and their supporters will camp out overnight in Heritage Park, holding cook-outs, carnival games and other fund-raising activities.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 8.

An emotional luminary lighting ceremony that occurs at dusk and a "victory" ceremony will follow.

Please see RELAY, A8

Charter school rethinks plan

■ National Heritage Academies is withdrawing its proposal to build a charter school on Beck Road near Hanford. The western Michigan-based firm will look for another location in Canton.

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Canton's first charter school appears to be on hold — for now.

While not making a formal statement, National Heritage Academy Real Estate Director Paula Lewison hinted that her company will move away from its plans for a K-8 school at Beck and Hanford roads.

"Our Realtors are looking for other sites, and we've fielded several calls from Realtors about property in Canton," she said. "We are keeping our options open."

National Heritage went in front of Canton's Planning Commission March 1 for a special land use recommendation, the only approval needed before construction.

Under state law, public schools (including charter schools) aren't required to submit site plans to the municipality or meet local building

Please see CHARTER SCHOOL, A8



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Second mission: Tonda fifth-graders posed outside their school Friday, before today's scheduled "blast-off" for Space Camp in Titusville, Fla.

Tonda kids, teachers head for Space Camp

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Tonda Elementary fifth-grade students became the second of 14 Plymouth-Canton elementary schools to land at U.S. Space Camp in Titusville, Fla., today.

Principal George Belvitch said all 110 eligible students planned to take the trip, along with four Tonda teachers, Marjane Baker, Bob Johns, Ron Myers and Donna Sar-

rach. They'll be joined by Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, the district's science curriculum coordinator; and two Pioneer Middle School seventh-grade teachers, Julie Thomas and Jim Marchio.

"I'm pretty excited," said Danny Jammoul of Canton. "I can't wait to get on the Zero Gravity Wall and build my own rocket."

The students are getting the

Please see SPACE CAMP, A4

Relay for Life

■ **What:** The 1999 Relay for Life, a 24-hour run/walkathon to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

■ **When:** Saturday-Sunday, May 8-9, beginning at 10 a.m.

■ **Where:** Heritage Park, Heritage Drive (Proctor Road), west of Canton Center.

■ **Information:** A team captain's meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in Lower Level Room 3 of the Canton administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

Canton foundation widens scholarship program scope

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The Canton Community Education Grant program has been expanded to include Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents for most 1999 scholarships.

"We hope that this will create more opportunities for more students," said Joan Noricks, foundation executive director. The expansion will also mean a "better pool" of qualified applicants and tougher decisions for the judging panel, she said. Grant applications are available from libraries in all three communities, area high school counseling offices, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Community Foundation office on Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. The deadline for turning in completed applications is May 3. Grant winners will be announced in June. Last year, 22 students were awarded more than \$12,000 in

■ Most of the grants will be available to students in Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

women who have had an interruption in their education. ■ Canton Chamber of Commerce - \$500 (two) to students majoring in business and attending one of the following schools: Cleary College, Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft College or Wayne County Community College. ■ Canton Community Foundation/Cleary College - \$500 (two) for students attending Cleary College. ■ Canton Community Foundation/Eastern Michigan University - \$500 (four) available to students attending EMU. ■ Canton Community Foundation/Schoolcraft College - \$500 (two) available to students attending Schoolcraft College. ■ Canton Community Foundation/University of Michigan-Dearborn - \$500 (two) for students attending U of M-Dearborn. ■ David Khoury/ Damon's "The Place for Ribs" - \$500 (six) available for students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average and majoring in medicine. ■ Boycote Michigan Induction, Inc. - \$500 (two available) to students majoring in metallurgy or material science. ■ Canton Business and Professional Women - \$300 (two) for

Lowell student faces expulsion over gun

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Students at Lowell Middle School knew for at least three days a 14-year-old classmate boasted of bringing a gun to school. However, a disturbing factor for school officials is that no one wanted to be the one to tell, despite the implied threat of a weapon on school grounds. One student finally did see the boy showing the 9mm handgun to a classmate as school was letting out for the day, and decided to tell office staff. The boy was taken inside the school and searched. However, he was released when a gun wasn't found. Lowell principal Roche LaVictor said the incident was reported to Canton police, because the student lives in Canton. After being interrogated for seven hours that afternoon and evening, and another eight hours the next day, the Canton teen finally admitted he brought a gun to school on three days, March 9-11. Canton Police Officer Leonard Schemanske said the weapon, later discovered to be stolen, was recovered at the boy's home. "The gun was found in his mailbox, loaded," said Schemanske. Police say the gun was stolen during a robbery between March 7 and 9 at the home of a 34-year-old Holiday Park resident. **Charges expected** "At the very least, he'll be charged with possession of a

stolen handgun," said Schemanske. Schemanske said it's unclear if the student, or someone else, committed the break-in. However, a school official noted the boy lives in the neighborhood where the robbery occurred. Officials weren't sure if he was showing off the gun or intended to sell it. The gun, which is equipped with a laser sight, is definitely the same one stolen from the home, according to Schemanske. Serial numbers from the stolen gun matched the one recovered from the 14-year-old. A pre-expulsion hearing was held Thursday, with an expulsion hearing scheduled for next week, according to Superintendent Chuck Little. "He will be expelled for bringing a weapon to school. That's according to state law," said Little. "He will be expelled for 180 school days. However, I wouldn't be in favor of letting anyone back to school under these circumstances." The teen has been suspended from school since Monday. LaVictor said the gun was only brought into the school once, and that was for the five minutes he was called into the building when he was searched by office staff. He noted the boy claimed to keep the gun hidden for three days in the snow near a Dumpster. "After talking to the boy we're confident the gun wasn't brought to school for revenge," added LaVictor. "Thank God it wasn't used." **Tip Line** On Wednesday, school officials sent home a letter to parents of

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



Everybody's Irish: Maura Mulcahy, 14, of Canton and Susan McCormick, 14, of Westland, both students at Tim O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Westland, perform at the Summit Wednesday as the Canton Senior Citizens group celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a luncheon and dance. Pictured at right, Iva Folts (left) and Betty Lebiada sing along to Irish tunes while P.J. Donovan (above), dressed in his Lucky Leprechaun best, dances a jig.

Spring is ready to roll at area greenhouses

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Today marks the first day of spring, but don't tell that to area greenhouses and nurseries who have been busy all winter long, preparing plants and flowers for what will certainly be their busiest time of year. Amateur gardeners who are anticipating the early planting season can find plenty of variety in the area depending on what one's preferences are. Come warmer weather, mass-produced flats of flowers can be found at plenty of stores, from Home Depot and Kmart stores to small nurseries. "We have anticipated a very good year this year because of the weather," said Dennis Crimboli, owner of Crimboli Landscape & Nursery in Canton. "When you have a lot of snow in the winter time, that provides a lot of cover for the plants and actually protects them. "Plus, the economy will help. We're located in Canton and I bought this place back in 1977. The community has just sprung up all around us." Crimboli said that, although anticipation for spring planting by his customers is just beginning, his company's preparation has been going for quite some time. "Actually, we were preparing for the spring season in the fall, lining up planting materials for this spring," he said. "And we went to several conventions during the winter months. It's an ongoing thing." **Spring stock** Linnea Garvey, from the Plymouth Nursery Home & Garden Showplace, agreed with how much work it is on the business end of things. "Oh, yeah," she said. "The thing is, we get in all of our



Season's greetings: Alice Humphrey holds a small pot containing "China Bells" at Graye's Nursery in Plymouth.

nursery stock in the spring. You have to take it off the truck, organize it, move things around, set it up ... it's just a lot of labor." As a result the company orders most of its spring stock from outside greenhouses who deliver in the spring. Both Garvey and Crimboli said that petunias and geraniums are early-season staples that nurseries and greenhouses will carry. Once demand (or stock) runs out, stores will make a switch to Stella de Oro Day Lilies. "Those have been hot items since they came out about three years ago," said Garvey. "It has a long blooming season and we advertised them a lot last year." Plymouth Nursery will sell them in both the root form (in bags) and in pots (already growing). For those individuals who seek something different or something rare, or simply want a wider variety, Graye's Green-

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Police: Boy reports assault

A 12-year-old Canton boy was the victim of an assault and battery Tuesday at the hands of a fellow student.

According to township police reports, the victim was walking to class when another boy struck him on the back with a chain. The 12-year-old was also kicked in the groin.

Reports said the duo had gotten into a fight a few weeks ago and were suspended from the school. Tuesday's attack, however, was unprovoked, reports said.

A four-inch red mark in the shape of the chain was left on the Canton boy's back. His family will seek prosecution, reports said.

Fraud
A total of \$6,000 worth of tokens and coins were reported taken from Kids Kingdom on

COP CALLS

Ford Road Tuesday

An owner of the store told police he believed employees were responsible. He said tokens have been taken from machines since last December, reports said. They were then resold to customers.

Larceny

A pair of premium doors were recently stolen from a home construction site on East Hunters Circle.

Reports said an unknown person(s) took the doors, which are valued at \$900, from the home's garage between March 11-15. Eight other less expensive doors stored in the garage were left

MDOP

A 34-year-old Canton woman's Hanford Road home was damaged Wednesday by an unknown person.

Six landscaping lights in the front of the home were kicked over and stepped on, reports said. The lights are valued at \$60.

There were no witnesses. The incident occurred between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., reports noted.

Merry Christmas?

A Michigan Avenue Shell gas station recently reported more than \$200 of instant lottery tickets stolen.

The "Jingle Bells" tickets were taken from a filing cabinet in the station between Dec. 15-27 of last year, reports said. Owners of the station were alerted by

untouched, reports said.

Space Camp from page A1

opportunity of a lifetime as a result of a \$2.5 million donation from unknown benefactors. The money is being used to send every fifth grade student in the Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Taylor school districts to Space Camp for a week.

Even the teachers are getting into the frenzy of a week at Space Camp.

"The kids are already into space," said Baker with a chuckle. "I'm excited, too. I really enjoy studying astronomy, so this should be fun."

"It has been really hard this week keeping them focused on their studies," said Myers.

Students will get a taste of several different space simulators, make their own rockets, guide a space shuttle mission and visit the Kennedy Space Center.

"I'm really excited. This is the chance of a lifetime," said Kristin Cosens of Plymouth. "I've always been interested in space, so this should be lots of fun."

"I think it's going to be awesome," added Jacob Bennett of Canton. "I'm really interested in space. We talked in class about the possibility someday that one of us might be a part of the Mars mission."

Tonda students got an early jump on the day. It was a 4 a.m. roll call in the Salem High School parking lot while boarding buses. A 5:30 a.m. Southwest Airlines charter flight from Metropolitan Airport took them to Orlando, followed by a 45-minute drive to Titusville.

Tonda students will get a special treat at the end of the week. Flossie Tonda, the school's namesake, lives in Sarasota, Fla., and is making plans to meet the students during graduation ceremonies next Friday morning.

Han Zhu, 10, and Lars Bredahl, 11, will file their Space Camp reports via e-mail. We'll publish their stories

He is encouraging individuals who are active in local communities or have experience in a particular field such as agriculture, crime, health or education to apply.

People interested in serving during the 1999-2000 legislative session can call (800) 555-5021, or write to Patterson's office at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

Dr. Waskerwitz's clinical interests include preventive pediatrics, common childhood infections and children in sports.

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In addition, he completed a fellowship in ambulatory pedi-

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After 14 years of academic pediatrics in Chicago and Pittsburgh, Dr. Waskerwitz returned to Detroit in 1993.

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Communities with septic tanks that have applied to the state Department of Environ-



Correspondents Lars Bredahl (left) and Han Zhu will file reports via e-mail for Observer readers.

Student reporters ready to document Tonda trip

Two students from Tonda Elementary School will be the Observer's student correspondents during this week's trip to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The Tonda fifth-graders are the second group of students going to Titusville, Fla., from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Anonymous benefactors funded the districtwide trip for all fifth-graders in Plymouth-Canton, Taylor and Van Buren.

Han Zhu, 10, and Lars Bredahl, 11, will file their Space Camp reports via e-mail. We'll publish their stories

Thursday and Sunday.

Han Zhu is the daughter of Yanping Zhang and Qiang Zhu. She was born in China and lived in Canada a short time before moving to Canton last year.

She likes to write, read and play the piano. She also takes ice skating lessons and attends Kumon and Chinese School.

"I want to go to the trainers and see how to walk on the moon. I always wanted to see what that is like," she said of her upcoming Space Camp adventure.

Lars Bredahl is the son of

Terry and Inga Bredahl of Canton. He has two brothers, Stefan, third grade, and Hans, kindergarten.

He also likes to write and read. He enjoys learning about ocean life and recently had his bedroom painted as a seascape.

"I'd like to see the Kennedy Space Center. My dad has been there and he said he liked it a lot," Lars said.

The Tonda fifth-graders left for U.S. Space Camp early this morning. They will return Saturday.

Henry Ford center gets new doctor

Steven Waskerwitz, M.D., has joined the Department of Pediatrics as a senior staff physician at Henry Ford Medical Center, Canton.

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Seat belt bill heads to House

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A bill to make failure to wear a vehicle safety belt a "primary offense" jumped a big hurdle March 17 when it squeaked through the state Senate 21-16.

The bill should have an easier time in the House, said Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, because the House passed such a bill several years ago only to have it die in the Senate. Senate Bill 335 goes this week to a House committee.

A "primary offense" means that a police officer could issue a ticket for that offense alone. Since safety belts became law a dozen years ago, Michigan has used "secondary enforcement" — an officer may issue a safety belt ticket only after stopping a vehicle for another offense, such as speeding or a defective muffler.

Backers, such as Gov. John Engler and Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, don't expect to see a lot of tickets issued. "Making the seat belt law subject to primary enforcement will lead to higher seat belt usage," Engler said in a letter to lawmakers.

Also backing it were the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Michigan

Council for Maternal and Child Health.

"Everyone ought to be buckled up for safety," said Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn, a supporter.

Democrats gave Bullard's bill the strongest support — 14 for and four against. Republicans voted 10 in favor and 12 against.

Here's how area senators voted:
YES — Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn, Alma Smith, D-Salem.
NO — Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

Front seat only

The Senate approved one amendment to limit the law to front seat passengers in a 19-10 unrecorded vote. Bullard objected. "It's more important to be belted in the back seat than in the front. The people in back are missiles," he said.

"The percentage of people who buckle up will increase," Bullard said during debate. "It will save 100 lives, avoid 3,000 serious injuries and save \$170 million in costs and taxes."

"There will be no 'points.' It's not going to be on your Secretary of State driving record."

Bullard said seat belt usage in Michigan is "stuck" at 70 percent. But California found usage increased 10 to 15 percent after

the state made nonuse a primary offense.

"When adults buckle up, 80 percent of children will. But when adults don't buckle up, only 50 percent of children will," Bullard said.

Rogers broke with the law enforcement lobby, however, by strongly criticizing the bill. "This is about education. I didn't have a flood of calls (from constituents) for this."

"Nobody here is against seat belts," said Rogers, who said he survived a 4 a.m. crash that totaled his car after a late 1998 session. "I had a concussion. The seat belt saved me."

'Ripe for abuse'

"But this bill is overly aggressive. This thing is ripe for abuse," he said, suggesting law enforcers could abuse citizens by stopping them for safety belt infractions. "Secondary enforcement is the right thing to do."

"Rogers was supported by Sen. Burton Leland, D-Detroit, who said police could use primary enforcement stops for harassment. "There's enough things in the vehicle code they can pull you over for. They (police) make things up."

Leland and Art Miller, D-Warren, said they would support a bill to require auto insurers to cut premiums if primary safety

belt enforcement actually reduced injury and fatal accidents.

Byrum, whose district includes rural areas of Ingham County, said her daughter and a date were saved from a serious accident in 1996 because her daughter insisted they buckle up before her date started the car.

Her 17-year-old son is another matter, Byrum said. "I can't get it through his head he has to buckle up. We should do the right thing, even though it clearly may not be easy," she said, urging a yes vote.

Cuts police costs

Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, Bullard's backup debater, said wearing safety belts not only reduces injuries and deaths but cuts police time. "Police officers spend six to eight hours at a crash scene with an injury versus two hours at a noninjury accident," he said, adding insurance costs would be reduced \$110 per driver per year.

Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, voted no because the Senate rejected his amendment to exempt drivers and passengers 21 and older. He called the bill intrusive into people's personal decisions.

"My father had open heart

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County ordinance calls for inspection of septic tanks

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Owners of homes with septic tanks in Wayne County can expect a new requirement, soon calling for tank inspections once every five years.

Wayne County health and environmental officials have drafted an ordinance and expect to meet within two weeks with city and township leaders in the Rouge River basin to discuss the ordinance.

Jim Murray, director of environment, said the ordinance will help communities meet state guidelines in their stormwater permits. Communities must address illicit connections to public sewers and failing septic systems, according to the permits.

Communities with septic tanks that have applied to the state Department of Environ-

mental Quality were expected — and required — to have incorporated septic tank provisions in their permit applications. The DEQ is expected to respond to these applications by May once they review them.

"I expect we will get an ordinance together to take to the (Wayne County) commission in April," Murray said.

The ordinance and the permit process is part of \$1 billion effort to clean up and restore the

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LEGAL SENSE

By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law

AFTER THE FALL

Slipping on wet floors, falling down stairs, and tripping over objects on the ground may be a normal part of life, but a property owner cannot reasonably be expected to be responsible for every drop that falls onto floors. We also have an obligation to avoid slips and falls by watching where we are going. Each case depends on whether the property owner acted with sufficient care to avoid accident, as well as whether the person who fell was careless in not seeing or avoiding obstructions or slippery surfaces.

HINT: A property owner is legally responsible for injuries resulting from a slip or fall if he/she caused the dangerous surface to be underfoot, knew about the danger but did nothing about it, or should have made a "reasonable" effort to remove repair the danger.

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Public hearing set on death penalty

BY TIM RICHARD
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The question isn't whether Michigan should bring back the death penalty.

It's "an objective review of proposals which would place the death penalty issue on the Michigan ballot."

Not yes or no — but how. Asking the question Tuesday, March 23, will be the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has set a public hearing for 7-9 p.m. in the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

Chairman William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, has made a career of being the

"crime victims' advocate." His panel produces a steady stream of bills, year after year, to define new crimes, raise misdemeanors to felonies, and increase punishments.

In 1994, VanRegenmorter held a similar hearing on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. Nineteen speakers opposed the death penalty, and four said yes.

Judiciary Committee members include Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, Chris Dingell, D-Tren-

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codes. They must meet state codes prior to occupancy.

The commission voted unanimously against a special land use for Heritage. If it had come to a Board of Trustees' vote, Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he would've followed the commission's advice.

"I would've voted to deny," he added. "I felt good about the curriculum and how they planned to run the school. But the site was just too small. I thought it was configured in such a way that it wouldn't work well."

Lewison didn't rule out coming back to the township with revised plans for the Beck/Hanford site.

"We are looking at submitting other designs," she said. "The Beck Road site had an acreage we wanted and the infrastruc-

■ 'I felt good about the curriculum and how they planned to run the school. But the site was just too small.'

Tom Yack

-Canton Township supervisor

ture."

The bottom line, however, is that National Heritage wants to be in Canton.

"We have over 400 applicants for the new school," Lewison said. "The largest demand is from Canton Township."

A 10-acre parcel on Beck Road north of Hanford was to house a 40,000-square-foot school, play-



ground and a ball field. The company had hoped to open the for-profit school by August.

Yack isn't opposed to Heritage coming back — as long as a new site is proposed.

"They are welcome in Canton if they find an appropriate site,"

he said, noting that 15 acres is the size of most elementary schools. "If they find the right site, I'll vote yes."

The supervisor thinks Beck Road between Ford and Cherry Hill might be a better location.

Residents adjacent to the Beck/Hanford site had numerous objections to the school.

They said the proposed building, which would've been prefabricated, didn't fit with surrounding homes in terms of quality. Residents feared it would drive home values down.

Traffic was another concern. With about 200 cars traveling in and out of the site in early morning hours and in the evening, major traffic snarls were likely, residents said.

reached the school board," said Lash. "We're prepared to present our findings and make any changes that will benefit the program and get it going."

Ford Road from page A1

Development Authority meeting. Chairman Ralph Shufeldt was excited about the developments.

"Any new business we can attract to the Ford Road strip," he said, "will be a welcomed addition to the township."

According to Neptune, Rite Aid is eager to begin construction. The site, which was once occupied by Canton landmark Julien's, was cleared last fall. It sat vacant until now as the company got necessary approvals from the township.

"Canton has very high standards," Neptune said in regards to developments.

His company builds Rite Aide drugstores through out the region, including Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Nationally, Neptune said, 500 new stores will open this year.

Construction at the corner of Ford and Canton Center will begin sometime this spring. It will take five months to build the 11,000-square-foot store, Neptune said.

After construction is completed, an additional month will be needed to stock and train

employees at the store. The project will cost in excess of \$1 million, said Neptune.

As for Belle Tire, a 9,500-square-foot facility is planned. Architect Chris Enright said it will be located on a 1.5-acre parcel and also cost about \$1 million to develop.

A specific construction timeline doesn't exist. Belle Tire will take the first step in the township's approval process in May with a special land use request.

"We hope to break ground this year," said Enright. "That's our goal."

The tire store will be located on Ford just west of the Kroger Center. Belle specializes in tires, of course, but also handles many kinds of car repairs, Enright said.

The decision for Belle to come to Canton was an easy one, he said.

"It's a community that we want to get involved with," said Enright.

The company currently has 50 stores in southeast Michigan. Belle Tire operates six days a week at most locations.

Hockey from page A1

tant for the kids who want a chance to get a varsity letter. This will be another sport where they can feel a part of their school."

"This is a good example of people working together to get a program they want, at no cost to the district," said Little. "I'm quite pleased at the possibility of hockey in the district next year."

School board President Mike Maloney said he's heard the proposal is to be presented at Tuesday's meeting, but didn't know specifics about the plan.

"However, I understand that it will be at no cost to the district, and that makes me very interested in what they have to say," said Maloney.

The high school hockey season runs from October through March, and Lash said plans need to be finalized by May if Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools will be part of next season's scheduling.

Lash declined to comment on specifics of the plan until they are presented to the school board. However, she noted the cost for a student to play would be less than many parents currently pay for participation on a travel hockey team. According to Lash, that can run as high as \$2,500 for registration fees, ice time, equipment and hotels.

"I'm cautiously optimistic the board will approve the plan and we'll have hockey next year," said Brian Wolcott, director of athletics.

Lash also gives credit to three other people who have helped develop the hockey plan. They include Mike Ward of

Northville, the past president of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association; Joe Mestrovich of Plymouth, president of the Salem High School football boosters; and Ed Arszo of Ply-

mouth, who has help spearhead other attempts to bring hockey to the high schools.

"There have been other plans to bring hockey to the high schools, but none have ever

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ry lap" by cancer survivors are two of the special activities planned to coincide with the relay, Peterson said.

While many of the teams are made up of employees from area workplaces, there are several Canton neighborhood teams or family-based teams, Peterson said. Walkers are welcome as well as runners.

Cancer survivors and others with a direct connection to the disease help organize the event and serve as team captains, Peterson said. But anyone is welcome to participate.

"The event is a great way to meet other people and have fun," she added.

Peterson is also looking for corporate sponsors and hopes to make the event an annual one in Canton. A few car dealerships have expressed a preliminary interest, she said.

The ACS investment in cancer research was more than \$90 million in 1998, according to figures compiled by the organization.

Peterson noted that 79 cents of every dollar raised by ACS goes directly to treatment, prevention and research. Three cents goes for management and 18 cents for fund-raising expenses, she said.

For more information on the Plymouth/Canton Relay for Life call Peterson at (248) 557-8733.

Canton firms at flower show

Pro-Star Security West and Clink Landscaping, Inc. of Canton are among the companies with exhibits at the 81st annual Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show which runs from through today at Cobo Center in downtown Detroit.

COOKING CONQUESTS



CHEF RANDY SMITH

Ostrich a different kind of meat

Ever wonder how Sir Isaac Newton felt when the infamous "gravity apple" fell on his head? I think now I know. As I strolled around my local hardware store, I stopped at the bulletin board on the way out hoping to find someone to paint the downstairs of my home. After looking through a couple dozen business cards, there it was. The card said: Windy Acres farm, ostriches and more, South Lyon, Michigan (248) 437-7808.

After reading the recent article on ostrich in the Observer & Eccentric by Eleanor and Ray Heald, a light bulb turned on in my head. Ostrich would be perfect for the new spring menu at Big Rock!

The first step for my adventure was to call my home town ostrich farm, Windy Acres. Owners Dan and Sheila Boyer were nice enough to invite me over to their home and share information about raising, preparing and cooking ostrich meat. After spending some time in the kitchen working with different cuts of meat, I came up with a few favorites. Give them a try, they're delicious!

OSTRICH SCALOPPINE WITH ROASTED SWEET ONION AND BALSAMIC VINEGAR COULIS

Roasted Sweet Onion Coulis with Balsamic Vinegar Coulis, ingredients

- 2 medium Vidalia onions or any sweet onion, split into 1/2 lengthwise
- 1 thyme sprig
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 pound butter, unsalted
- 2 1/2 quarts chicken stock
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 5 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Preheat oven to 400° F. In sauté pan, rub onion halves with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

If Vidalia onions are not available, sprinkle sugar in hot pan to caramelize. Adjust flame to not burn sugar. Add remaining olive oil and one tablespoon of the butter. Place onion halves in pan, cut side down. Move onions around the pan to absorb caramelization. Cover and place in preheated oven. Roast approximately 45 minutes or until onions are fork tender. Remove from oven, separate onions into smaller pieces, transfer to stove and add remaining butter and chicken stock. Gently reduce down until flavor enriches, approximately 20 minutes. Add cream, cook another 5 minutes. Remove from flame, add vinegar, place in blender and blend until smooth. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

OSTRICH

4-5 oz. (per serving) of pounded thin ostrich flank steak

FOR SAUTÉING OSTRICH:

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup flour
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place large sauté pan over high heat. Season each piece of meat with salt and pepper, dredge in flour and sauté quickly in hot oil for one minute on each side.

To assemble dish:

Remove ostrich from sauté pan. Place on plate and pour sauce over ostrich. Serves 4.

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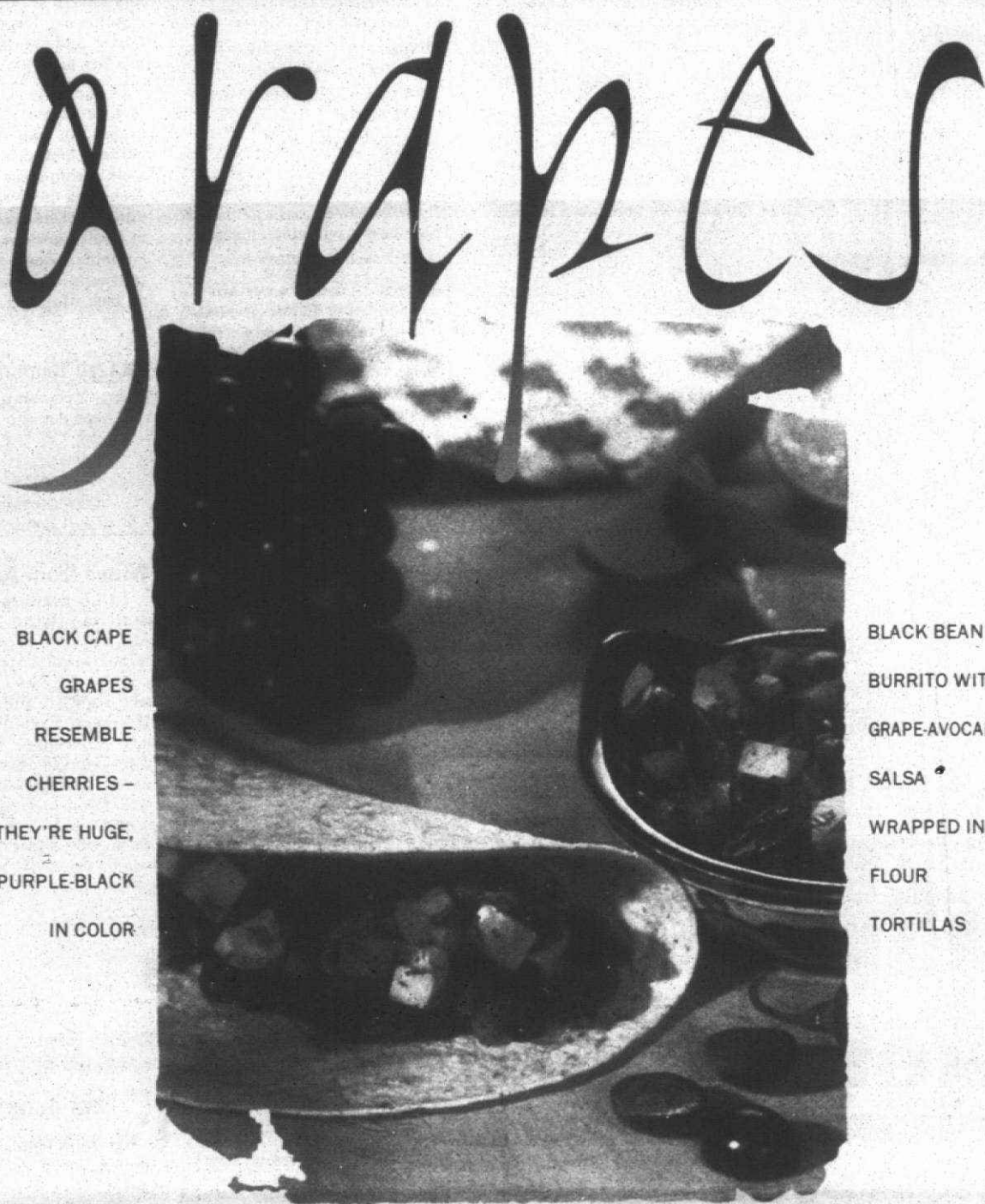
- 2 cups duck stock (or roast chicken stock)
- 2 cups apple cider

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Plan some kitchen 'CAPE-rs'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Grapes are one of those pick-up and go fruits we love to eat. They're great snacks, but have you ever thought of cooking with them?

"People tend not to think of grapes in cooking," said Barbara Burman, spokeswoman for CAPE fruit. "South Africa is famous for growing grapes. Our black grapes are just arriving in markets. They're very juicy, sweet grapes."

CAPE has represented the fruit growers of South Africa for several decades. Grapes from South Africa — the black Alphonse Lavelle, Bonheur and La Rochelle, Red Globe, and white seedless Thompson grapes — are available from the end of February through April and sold under the CAPE brand. They're followed by Packham pears and Granny Smith apples, which begin arriving at the end of March.

The USDA inspected fruit is brought to the U.S. on ships designed to carry fruit. It takes 17 days for the fruit to arrive from Cape Town to Philadelphia where it is shipped to markets around the U.S.

Black CAPE grapes resemble cherries — they're huge, purple-black in color, and have one or two seeds, which are easy to remove with the flick of a knife. Burman compares them to small plums.

SETTING THE TABLE

- The dinner plate goes in the center.
- The fork should be placed to the left of the plate.
- The knife and spoon go to the right of the plate. The knife is on the inside with the cutting edge facing the plate and the spoon is on the other side of the knife.
- The water (milk, juice, or soda) glass sets just above the knife to the upper right of the plate (where the 1 is on the face of the clock.)
- The napkin may be placed to the left next to (or under) the fork.

Information from "Kitchen CAPE-rs: Recipes your children will love to make and eat," published by CAPE fruit.

The grapes will keep in your refrigerator for about week. They'll deteriorate quickly if left on the counter.

"It's nice to have a soft fruit to cook with at this time of year," she said. "They're so good people don't seem to mind a seed or two."

She's been talking to people about CAPE fruit for the past 22 years, and recently wrote "Kitchen CAPE-rs: Recipes your children will love to make and eat."

Included in the booklet are recipes that use black CAPE grapes, CAPE Packham pears and Granny Smith apples.

"These days there is just so much fast food in packages. We have to include more fruits and vegetables in our diets," said Burman.

In "Kitchen CAPE-rs" she shows children how to easily create a lovely meal or dessert in no time at all.

Very Berry Grape Crumble — black CAPE grapes combined with apricot preserves, topped with a crumbly mixture of flour, brown sugar, ground ginger and butter is an easy dessert kids can make with a little help from their parents.

"It's a very simple, great way to teach a child how to make a dessert that's better than anything processed," said Burman. "It's wonderful."

Burman designed "Kitchen CAPE-rs" to be a learning tool. Recipes are rated in three categories — kids ages 7 to 10, kids ages 11 to 13, and kids ages 14 to 17.

While preparing soups and salads, appetizers, sauces and sides, lunch, dinner or dessert, children will sharpen their math and reading skills. They'll learn about the Southern Hemisphere, South Africa, where the growing season is in progress, and experience new foods.

Burman included sections on table manners and setting the table too.

To order your copy of "Kitchen CAPE-rs" send name, address and \$2 for shipping and handling to: CAPE Fruit — Lisa Ekus Public Relations Company, LLC; 57 North Street, Hatfield, MA 01038. Make check or money order payable to CAPE fruit.

See recipes inside.

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE CAKE

- 12 ounces sweet chocolate chips
- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 1/2 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon matzah cake meal
- 3 egg yolks
- 3 egg whites
- Whipped topping
- Raspberries and/or strawberries for topping

In a medium saucepan melt 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips with a stick of butter or margarine.

Remove from heat. Add 1/2 tablespoon sugar, 1/2 tablespoon matzah cake meal, stir.

Add 3 egg yolks, stir. Beat 3 egg whites firm but not stiff. Fold into chocolate. Bake in 8-inch greased springform pan at 350° F. for 25 minutes.

Before serving top with whipped topping and sprinkle with strawberries and/or raspberries.

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Cost: Admission is \$3 per child. There is no charge for accompanying adults. Call (248) 661-7649 for information.

School groups: May tour by appointment only, Sunday mornings and Monday through Thursday. Call Rabbi Bergstein at the Chabad office, (248) 932-2889.

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Best whites in our most recent tasting: 1996 Byron Reserve Chardonnay, Santa Maria Valley \$24 • 1998 St. Supery Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley \$12 (young, crisp with a taste of Spring) • and 1997 Quivira Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley \$11 (incredible value). Best buys at \$10 and under: 1997 Hogue Chardonnay, Washington \$9 and 1998 Callaway Sauvignon Blanc \$8.50.

Spring for some new wines and spirits

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

On a wine label, a single vineyard means that all the grapes come from a vineyard parcel with unique soil and microclimate. Single Quinta means the same for a genuine Portuguese Port. Single district cognacs, however, may be new to you and a spring treat.

Cognac houses blend cognacs from various districts to produce a house style. Single districts such as Grande and Petite Champagne, Borderies and Fins Bois are special, particularly in the single minded house of Gabriel & Andreu!

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Cognac area. Gabriel & Andreu work with single estates, one in each of the top four regions Grande Champagne, Petite Champagne, Borderies and Fins Bois.

If you've enjoyed discovering single-vineyard wines, take a similar pleasure trip in the cognac region and compare the following Gabriel & Andreu cognacs: Gabriel & Andreu Grande Champagne \$116 comes from the heart of the region.

Soils in the district have high soft chalk content, giving cognac a smooth, mellow taste. High chalk levels allow cognac to age slowly and this one has been aged 35 years, during which time it developed deep aromatics, plum, honey and walnut flavors with a spice nuance.

Gabriel & Andreu Petite Champagne \$67 comes from soils yielding cognacs with great balance, subtle vanilla aromas and flavors. It was aged 25 years. Gabriel & Andreu Borderies \$51 origi-

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From tapas to pinchos, Spanish tortilla is just right

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

The Basque Country, in northern Spain, features quintessential Mediterranean cooking. Most Basque dishes feature a few healthy ingredients, including tomatoes, onions, peppers,

and olive oil. Typically, Basque cooking is simple. Most dishes are sautéed, stewed or roasted.

While other Spaniards eat tapas, Basques serve pinchos. Both are enjoyed in bars, often with wine or beer, before lunch or dinner. The main difference is that tapas can be anything

served in small portions (and often eaten with a spoon or fork), from sliced cheese to one quail or clams in green sauce, while pinchos are always food to pick up with your fingers or on a toothpick. (Pincho means "to prick.") Whether you are in the Basque Country eating pinchos or fur-

ther south having tapas, tortilla de patata, also known as tortilla Española, is both a classic and a favorite. I grew up eating potatoes and eggs, but until I sampled this tortilla on my first trip to Spain, I had no idea how extraordinary this combination could be.

In Spain, tortillas are always a kind of omelet. They have nothing to do with the flour or corn tortillas of Mexico; both simply come from the same Latin root of the word for a round cake.

A tortilla's creaminess comes, in part, from the way the potatoes are cooked. Half-submerged in olive oil, they are set over heat gentle enough to cook them without frying. This careful cooking makes the potatoes tender and velvety.

Although most of the generous amount of oil used is then discarded, what the potatoes soak up is more fat than most of us want. To remedy this, I have developed a technique using chicken broth and a mere tablespoon of olive oil.

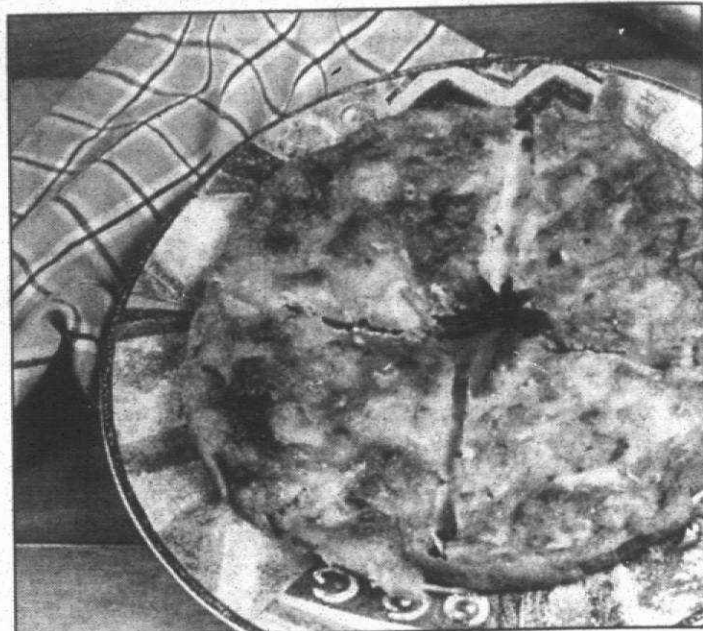
With this method, using starchy potatoes like Russets or yellow-fleshed varieties, and cutting them into equal-size cubes so they cook evenly, you will still get a perfect tortilla. Cut it into one-inch pieces for pinchos, or serve it in wedges as a main course.

TORTILLA DE PATATA

- 1 pound Russet potatoes, scrubbed and dried
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped, about 1/2 cup
- 1/2 cup fat-free chicken or vegetable broth
- 3 eggs
- 3 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper

To cut the potatoes into even cubes, first square them by cutting a thin slice off 4 sides of the unpeeled potatoes, then cut each potato into 1/2-inch cubes.

In a heavy, medium, non-stick skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat.



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Something different: In Spain, tortillas such as always a kind of omelet.

Saute the onion until it is golden, about 4 minutes. Add the potatoes, pressing them to make 1 even layer covering the pan. Add 1/4 cup of the broth. Cook 5 minutes. Stir the potatoes to turn them. Add 2 tablespoons broth, press the potatoes back into one layer, and cook 5 minutes.

Repeat this process again. Stir the potatoes a fourth time and cook until they are al dente, 3-5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, beat together the eggs, whites, salt and pepper. Add the cooked potatoes to the eggs and let sit 5 minutes. Set aside the skillet; do not wipe it out.

Spray the skillet in which the potatoes were cooked with non-stick spray and place it over medium-high heat. Pour the eggs and potatoes into the pan, spreading them to make an even layer. Cook until the eggs are set enough that you can lift the edges of the tortilla and slide it around in the pan, 4-5

minutes, reducing the heat, if necessary, to prevent the omelet from getting too brown.

To turn the tortilla, place a dinner plate over the skillet. Picking up the pan, flip it so the tortilla drops onto the plate. Slide the tortilla back into the skillet, with the uncooked side down. Cook until the eggs are set all the way through, 2-3 minutes.

Slide the cooked tortilla onto a serving plate. Let it sit at least 5 minutes, or until it is room temperature. Then, for pinchos, cut the tortilla into 20 squares by slicing it into 5 strips one way, then making 4 cuts crosswise, and serve with toothpicks. Or, cut the tortilla into 6 wedges and serve.

Nutrition information: Each of the six servings contains 154 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Clay Pot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!"

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Stop smoking

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 7:30-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 22-26, and Monday, March 29. Call (248) 349-5683 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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 1:30-5 p.m. and Plymouth's 12:30-4 p.m.

Grief recovery

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

Hot flash study

Women with a history of breast cancer or are concerned about taking hormone replacement therapy who have bothersome hot flashes can participate in a research study at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor that will help determine whether a low-dose antidepressant may be effective in reducing or eliminating hot flashes.

SJMH is the lead research institute of the Ann Arbor Regional Community Clinical Oncology Program and participates in more than 100 cancer treatment and prevention trials. For more information about this study or the other cancer treatment and prevention trials, call the McAuley Cancer Care Center at (734) 712-5658.

Coping with aging

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Marywood Nursing Center will hold a lecture on "Coping with Aging Parents: Pay for Nursing Home Care," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in the hospital auditorium. This program will focus on how nursing home care is paid. Free of charge but registration is required; call (734) 655-1676.

Health-O-Rama

Oakwood Healthcare System presents "Project Health-O-Rama" 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 23-25, at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. Many health screening tests will be performed both free and low-cost screenings. For more information, call (800) 543-9355.

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 Newsletters (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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NEW METHODS HELP CONTROL STUTTERING

BY DIANE GALE
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SPECIAL WRITER

Standing in front of his friends, family and bride, David Daly took an excruciating 60 seconds before he could utter, "I do."

As a youth, his stuttering caused countless hours of humiliation; even the Army didn't want him. He thought about suicide and later about becoming a monk where he could take a vow of silence, a quiet place where he found comfort away from sympathetic stares and ridicule.

Fast forward 37 years. Today, Daly is a nationally known speaker lecturing, of all things, about successful stuttering treatments. Among other speech therapists, especially in southeast Michigan, Daly is known as a leader in the field.

The founder of Daly's Speech and Language Center, his office was located for 20 years in Livonia and moved to Farmington last fall. Although Daly says he still stutters when he's tired, getting a cold or not fully alert, his speech is clear and after numerous conversations in person and on the telephone, he is gregarious and genial, surely not the same boy who covered in class afraid to speak.

"I was the only one in my high school who stuttered — I thought I was a freak and I asked myself, 'Why me?'," said Daly, who has written three books, including "The Source for Stuttering and Cluttering," "Freedom of Fluency" and "Speech Motor Exercises," which will be published in the spring.

As a boy, doctors told his parents to ignore the stuttering and it would go away. But year after year, he continued to stutter and every awkward situation made him recoil more.

Like the time he was on his way to class at Central Michigan University. Daly was low on gas and stopped at a station. An attendant came out and asked, with a stutter, how much gas he wanted. Daly replied, stuttering, and the attendant thought he was the butt of another joke. Daly sped away, without gas, as the attendant beat on the trunk of his car.

Fearful moments

Daly remembers calling his wife's home as a young man, finally getting her name out and having her mother hang up, because she was afraid Daly wouldn't be able to support her. In fact, talking on the phone can be especially difficult for stutterers, because people often think the breathy speech and long delays are obscene phone calls.

"It's hard not being able to say what you want to say when you want to say it," he said.

Daly, 58, grew up in Flint the youngest of two sons. He started stuttering when he was 8 years old. While he's not exactly sure, what happened, he believes his interrupted speech began after he started imitating a neighbor.

"When he would leave, the stuttering would stay," Daly said. "I got stuck on words and teachers would get mad at me. Fears continued to develop and I

stopped talking."

Stuttering usually begins around ages 2 1/2 to 3. While it's common for children to go through dysfluent times where they have difficulty getting words out, about 1.5 percent get stuck and develop a speaking problem.

In an effort to draw attention to the problem, May has been designated national Better Hearing and Speech Month. Daly said he, and other speech pathologists around the country have seen an increase in the number of stutterers. He says, however, he's not sure if there's a rise in people stuttering or if more people are seeking treatment, because of the increased success rate.

Daly estimates that about half of the people who seek help at his office are 30 and older. While many people believe that stuttering is an emotional problem, Daly points out that about half of the 3 million stutterers in the United States inherited the problem. In fact, the most common genetic strain is from a mother to a male child.

"I'm one of the speech pathologists around the country who thinks it is primarily a neurological disorder," Daly said. "We used to think it was primarily psychological, but that's not what most people think anymore. Stuttering can start out as a physical problem and can easily turn into an emotional problem."

Well-known people

Stutterers are among such famous people as John Stossel, a "20/20" reporter, singers Mel Tillis and Carly Simon, Marilyn Monroe, Winston Churchill, James Earl Jones and John Updike. While it seems odd that singers stutter when they speak, speech pathologists explain, that singing allows the person to blend their sounds. They're not stopping, which eliminates or masks the stuttering.

Like those stutterers, Daly learned techniques to help him deal with his speaking problem. In fact, his life took an important turn when he attended a summer speech program at Central Michigan University.

"It was there that I decided if I could ever get flu-

ent I would like to become a speech therapist," said Daly who earned an undergraduate degree in speech pathology and a doctorate in education. While working on his master's degree, he had two clients who complained to the program director, because Daly stuttered more than they did. The director forced him to sign up as a client.

Daly stresses that every case is different. Can all stutterers be totally free from stuttering? Probably not, he said making the analogy of two basketball players who practice the same amount of time. One may excel and the other may not.

Physical limitations have an impact. Daly's patients range in age from 2 years old to elderly and each has a different goal. Some have severe speaking problems, others are professional speakers, like highly paid radio personalities and television news anchors, who want to maximize their enunciation. He also works with people who have speech phobias. But, the vast majority want to stop stuttering and the sooner they seek help, Daly said, the better.

"Many doctors hope the child will outgrow it," Daly said. "Meanwhile, the children are developing fears and avoiding speaking and if we get it earlier it would be easier to deal with it. If we see it early enough a lot of these kids go right through to normal fluency and they don't have to suffer all the problems that go with the disorder."

Concentrate on practice

Daly, the father of four boys, lives in Ann Arbor and also works as a professor at the University of Michigan. He plans to retire from his university role later this year to concentrate on his practice. "There are enough people out there, that's that's what I'm going to do for the rest of my career," Daly added while there isn't a single method that's used among speech pathologists nationwide, Daly said, speech motor exercises, stretching sounds, slowing down the speech process and changing the way the person breathes are among some of the techniques. His strongest advice to people who stutter is not to give up.

"My parents took me to see one of the most well-known speech pathologists in the country when I was 14 and he told me I would always stutter and to develop a thick skin, because people would tease me," Daly said.

"I got back in the car and said, 'I feel sorry for him, but I'm going to keep trying.' We know so much more in 1999 than they did when I was a kid in 1950."

they say," Carter said. "Each case is different. Some kids respond quickly and some take a long time."

She noted, too, that stutterers face a heavy social stigma, because there's a high premium placed on communication skills, especially in the United States.

"If it's continuing we recommend seeking a speech pathologist whether it's through schools or privately to see if it's something that will go away or may not," Gippich said. "But it's best to check it out."

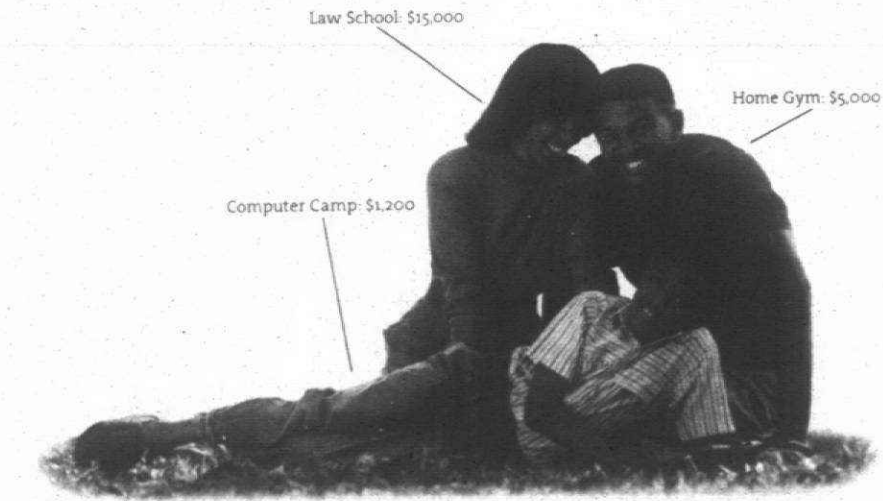
In addition to Daly's office and area schools, local hospitals also provide speech programs. For instance, St. Mary Hospital offers C.L.A.S.S. (Child's Language and Speech Services). The program is designed for pre-school and school-aged children with speech-language disorders. The

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Motivated: Janie Jasin asks Elenor Kosinski of Redford what it was like raising eight children at the fifth annual St. Mary Hospital Women's Health Day. More than 200 women found renewal and inspiration at the daylong retreat. Jasin's motivational discussion was enhanced by workshops on yoga, creativity, prayer and nutrition.

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next session is April 12 through June 3.

Participation is open to children with all types of communication disorders such as language development, articulation, stuttering/fluency voice. Call the St. Mary Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department at (734) 655-2955. For more information, call the

Stuttering Foundation of America at (800) 992-9392 or (800) 967-7700. The organization will provide a free nationwide referral list of speech and language pathologists and a free brochure titled "If You Think Your Child is Stuttering." Or write: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111.

Chelation Therapy offers new hope...

The practice of medicine is under a tremendous change in the United States. There is overwhelming scientific and clinical evidence proving that chronic degenerative illnesses such as heart and vascular disease, diabetes, stroke, arthritis and Alzheimer's Disease can be prevented and, in some cases, reversed.

For example: a 1960 study published in the American Journal of Cardiology reported that EDTA chelation therapy - a inexpensive, non-surgical and safe treatment for cardiovascular disease - eliminated pain associated with coronary artery blockages in 87 percent of patients.

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.

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Dentistry in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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Bacterial infection of the gums (periodontitis) can lead to a breakdown of the tissue and bone that anchor the teeth. This susceptibility to tooth loss is abetted by the body's own immune system, as the white blood cells that fight the infection also release enzymes that destroy collagen, which provides structure for gums and bones. As a result, deep pockets form around the teeth that cause them to loosen. While standard treatment involves regular deep cleanings to scrape away bacterial deposits or surgery to reduce gum pockets, dentists now have a new weapon in the form of an FDA-approved antibiotic called doxycycline hyclate. This drug blocks the enzymes that

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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.

SUN, MARCH 21

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 Bowlathon at 12:30 p.m. at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland, 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 breathing. 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.

TUE, MARCH 23

FIBROMYALGIA
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 auditorium at 7 p.m. 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.

PREMARRITAL CLASS

Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Class runs from 11 a.m. to noon. Call (734) 655-1100.

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.

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).

THUR, MARCH 25

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
Committed to providing education and support to area mothers who decide to breastfeed their babies, from 7-9 p.m., for mothers between their seventh and ninth month of pregnancy. Class fee, \$20. To register, call (734) 655-1100.

SAT, MARCH 27

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING
Bone density screening identifies individuals at risk for developing osteoporosis. Oakwood Healthcare Center-Livonia, 37650 Professional Drive in Livonia. Call (800) 543-WELL.

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New staff

Lesley B. McConville, M.D., has been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor and McPherson Hospital in Howell. She is board certified in neurology and has joined Greater Ann Arbor Neurology, which includes Drs. Grampré, Reiss and Anagnos.

Medical privileges

Amer Arshad, M.D., has been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor. He specializes in internal medicine and has joined Dr. Muhammad Tayyar.

Medical director named

Anthony D. Burton, M.D., MPhI has been named medical director of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Employee Health Services, which includes St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor, Saline Community Hospital and McPherson. He has been the medical director for SJMHS Business Health Services clinics in Plymouth and Canton since 1995. Prior to joining SJMHS, he served as the medical director of the Henry Ford Hospital employee health center.

Warszawski welcomed

Kris Warszawski, M.D., recently joined the Department of Internal Medicine at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne and the practice of Omar Quevedo, M.D. Warszawski specializes in internal medicine and is a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Social worker

Mary Rich recently joined the MEDHEALTH team of Plymouth as the new social worker and vocational counselor. She will be available for a range of services including observation, diagnostic evaluation and direct service to patients. Rich will also provide participation in conference to coordinate the care of the individual patient; audit patient charts; develop vocational/social counseling treatment plans and monitor patient progress toward goals.

Executive honored

Pamela A. Wong of Plymouth, vice president - System Communications, Sisters of St. Joseph Health System, Ann Arbor was admitted to Associate status in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). In her role, she is responsible for communications strategy, public relations, professional recruitment and diversity and community benefit initiatives for four regional health systems.



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Chiropractic research

Neil F. Kollé, D.C., a chiropractic practitioner in the Redford area, recently participated in a milestone research project for the chiropractic profession. Kollé was among approximately 10 percent of the nation's licensed chiropractors that represented the profession by providing information for a Survey of Chiropractic Practice. The project was undertaken to define the tasks, duties and professional responsibilities common to licensed U.S. chiropractors.

Y2K silliness, scary scenarios building

PC TALK



MIKE WENDLAND

It seems as if we have been bombarded of late by all sorts of claims that the Y2K crisis is easing and that the government and business communities are making excellent progress in repairing computers so they'll function just fine come next January 1.

That's what it seems like.

The truth is, it's a mess. And often, we're flat out being lied to.

Take the case of the Federal Aviation Administration. On September 29, 1998, FAA administrator Jane Garvey announced the FAA is 99 percent complete. Then, just a couple weeks later, in November 1998, she proudly said the FAA has actually finished the Y2K repair job and was "100 percent done" as of September 30, 1998.

Oops. Two weeks ago, an FAA spokesperson said the agency would be 65 percent done by March 31. Then, just the other day, the FAA inspector general reported only 31 percent of the agency's computers are fixed.

Who are you to believe?

Not FAA spokesperson Paul Takemoto. Last week, he glossed over all the gaffes and misrepresentations and boldly claimed that all FAA computer systems will be totally compliant by "June 31."

There's only one problem. There is no June 31. There are only 30 days in June. June 31 is a day that does not exist. It's as vaporous as the FAA's problems.

What does this mean? Will planes fall out of the sky come Y2K?

I don't think that will happen. That's because I doubt many planes will take the chance of flying on January 1, 2000. I think most will be grounded because the aging and unreliable FAA computer systems will be simply too risky because of the added uncertainties posed by Y2K.

I remember visiting the FAA's huge Cleveland Air Control Center a couple of years ago.

Technicians and air traffic controllers snuck me and my photographer in with their bosses' knowledge to show me how unreliable the computer system that controlled air traffic over the nation's midsection had become.

Some of the machines they were using bore serial numbers that started with double zero's, meaning they had been made in the seventies. I saw air traffic control logs that documented frequent radar and radio outages caused by computer glitches.

The equipment was so old that new repair parts were no longer available. They had to fix broken computers and terminals with used parts cannibalized from other broken down pieces of equipment.

When I traveled to Washington to confront FAA officials, they first denied the problems. When I told them of the videotape we had, they quickly changed their stories and said the old equipment was slated to be replaced.

I called one of my old sources last week. The source said some new equipment had come in. But some of the old, poorly working computers I saw two years ago was still in service there and "still breaking down with regularity."

So it comes as no surprise to me that the FAA's claims about being ready for Y2K have been less than truthful.

But here's something else about Y2K that is just as scary.

Experts now say the most popular method used to fix computers susceptible to Y2K problems is only a temporary repair and will require other expensive repairs or replacements within a generation.

Quick fix

The temporary fix is called "windowing" because it only works for a specific window of time. It essence, it uses a sophisticated twist of logic to fool computers and is only intended to work for a few decades - typically 30 years.

One programmer describes computers already fixed with the technique as "little ticking time bombs waiting to go off."

Federal government and industry experts estimate the method is being used to patch 80 percent of computers. Win-

dowing is popular because it is quicker and easier than the permanent fix. The permanent fix, called "expansion," requires a time-consuming line-by-line repair of all the dates expressed in two-digit years rather than four digit years.

In some cases, corporate and government officials okayed windowing because they know that problems won't resurface until after they retire or change jobs.

"It's a Band-Aid, the way building a house out of wood and fiberboard is," said Jim Duggan, a researcher with the Gartner Group consulting company of Stamford, Conn. "You hope you'll be somewhere else before it falls down."

No news is good

While I have you depressed, let me give you one more piece of bad Y2K news. Sorry, but you need to know this: Many U.S. plants that process hazardous chemicals may be vulnerable to year 2000 computer bug failures. In a report to the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Year 2000 issues, the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board said the so-called millennium bug could cause "significant" problems for the industry, including plant shutdowns.

While large, multinational corporations should be ready in time, the report warned that small and medium-sized companies that process and store volatile chemicals could pose "large risks" to workers and surrounding communities because their plants were generally ill-prepared for the computer glitch.

To keep you informed and up to date on Y2K happenings, I've added a "Latest Y2K News" section to my Web site (www.pcmlke.com). And starting next Monday, March 29, I'll broadcast a daily Y2K report that will air Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newswatch stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmlke.com>.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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Office acquisition

Fahnestock & Co. Inc. announced that they reached an agreement in principle to acquire six additional brokerage offices and personnel in the state of Michigan. The offices, located in Plymouth, Adrian, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe Farms, Port Huron and Trenton, will become part of the First of Michigan Division of Fahnestock. The offices and staff are part of Fifth Third/The Ohio Company.

Acquisition

A&W Restaurants, Inc. (A&W) of Farmington Hills, its equity partner, Grotech Capital, and Long John Silver's Restaurants, Inc. (LJS) announced a definitive agreement under which A&W and Grotech Capital will acquire LJS upon the consummation of a Plan of Reorganization for LJS in its Chapter 11 case.

Chapel renovated

Marygrove College of Detroit, working with a design-build team from Plymouth-based

DeMattia Group, will soon begin adapting a 1926 chapel on the Detroit campus. The chapel wing on the second floor of the Madam Cadillac building will be adapted into a much-needed 6,000 square foot of practice and performing space for Marygrove's Department of Music. Construction begins in March and should be complete when the fall semester begins.

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After earning his medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. Dodds completed his internship and residency at Providence Hospital. Among his other awards and activities, Dr. Dodds was honored as Resident Teacher of the Year each year from 1995 through 1998. He is also a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association.

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The Laurel Park Chapter meets

7-8:30 a.m. at Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh. The Metro Livonia Chapter meets same time at American Table, 33501 W. Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

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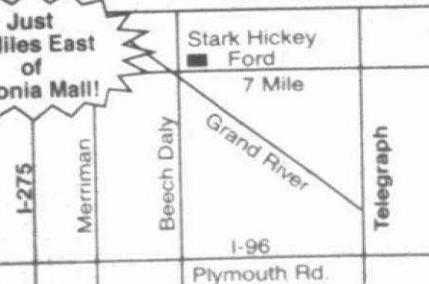
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

'Wizard of Oz' to debut at conservatory

The Wizard of Oz is one of Chris Guyotte's favorite stories so it's no wonder he chose it for the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory's debut production. It should be a hit with Guyotte directing. The Plymouth resident won Best Director and Best Production awards for the "Bremontown Musicians" at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit.

"My favorite part is the unveiling of the Wizard because it reveals the magic and how our dreams can be exploded and how you can find other ways to realize your dreams," said Guyotte who's been working since January to build a strong theater education program at the conservatory in Canton.



Ready to roar: Ryan Welsh (Tin Man), Sarah Thornberry (Dorothy) and Ben Ryberg (the Scarecrow) rehearse their roles for the "Wizard of Oz" at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory.

The production involves a main cast of children ages 8-14, and about 10 munchkins 5-7 years old. Guyotte holds special rehearsals for the munchkins "who have to get to bed early."

"I'm pretty excited about the 'Wizard of Oz,'" said Guyotte. "They've all done a good job. At the last rehearsal, the littlest, the munchkins, knew exactly what to do and they did it."

There have been problems though. Guyotte "had to figure out where to

get costumes, build a stage and scrounge for props." He's renting the costumes from Joyce Uzelac of Birmingham but still needs a basket for Dorothy.

"There's been a lot of support from people wanting to come in and help us and also to buy tickets," Guyotte said.

Before coming to the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton in January as director of the drama department, Guyotte was artistic director at the Millennium Centre in Southfield. In fact, six of his students from the New Millennium Youth Theatre Co. followed him to the conservatory from as far away as Waterford, Farmington Hills and Southfield. Students auditioned to be part of the Performance Theater Ensemble and the "Wizard of Oz." Ryan Welsh (Tin Man), Sarah Thornberry (Dorothy), Ben Ryberg (the Scarecrow), Adrienne Omand (the Witch), and Justin Demagid (the Lion) won the roles.

"A child may not be ready to be on

Please see EXPRESSIONS, C2

Alternative Spaces open doors for artists

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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From the outside the yellow brick building poised among the vacant lots along Rosa Parks Boulevard doesn't look like a typical commercial gallery. Alternative galleries never do.

Detroit Contemporary director Aaron Timlin's encountered his fair share of obstacles in opening the alternative space, not the least of which was renovating the structure now offering exhibition opportunities to local artists such as John Piet of Southfield and Sergio De Giusti, Todd Erickson and Matthew Hanna of Redford.

Artists like De Giusti believe at a time when "the exhibition scene is dying" and commercial galleries are charging 40-50 percent commissions, alternative spaces deliver an audience to artists. Detroit Contemporary and spaces such as the Cass Cafe and Alley Culture can be an attractive alternative to the buying public as well.

Whether or not Detroit Contemporary and Alley Culture survive depends on the support of the community, attracting the "right" artists and sales. Knowing that the cost of utilities, taxes and invitations can spell death for a gallery, Hanna doesn't blame commercial galleries for a lack of exhibiting opportunities. He knows who's buying art and from where because the majority of fine art his transport company ships is between New York, Chicago and Detroit.

"It's a business and they need to make money," said Hanna. "Detroit collectors don't collect Detroit artists. They collect New York artists."

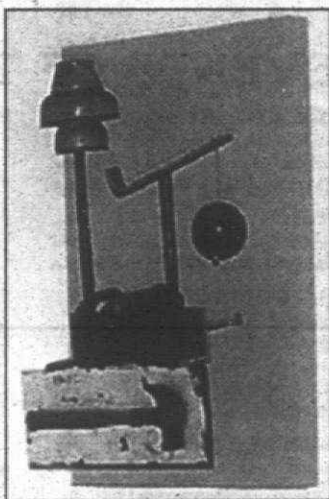
Hanna is always searching for alternative places to show work. He and other Detroit artists have to be creative if their work is to reach the public. After approaching the International Institute in Detroit recently, he is exhibiting 37 pieces of his art there.

Against all odds

If Detroit is on its way back, is local art in the area? Judging by the quality of art shown in exhibits at Detroit Contemporary, Alley Culture and the Cass Cafe the answer is a resounding yes. Art is alive and well in Detroit, but the struggle to keep it so is never ending.

The first time Aaron Timlin walked into the building on the corner of Bryant in the Woodbridge Historic District two years ago, snow melting on the roof was raining in. With the help of family and friends, he set to work gutting the two-story structure built in 1889. Four layers of walls later, they reached the red

Hammering away: Redford artist Matthew Hanna exhibits "Choke," a wall sculpture of found objects at the Cass Cafe.



Alternatives for artists: Detroit Contemporary owner Aaron Timlin stands in front of a sculpture by Robert Sestock.

brick in time for a Nov. 14 opening. "We want to show a mix of emerging and established artists," said Timlin. "We have the biggest generation gap since the 1950s and '60s. There's a lot of wisdom coming from older artists. The younger artists have the excitement and energy."

Upstairs, Timlin has turned the former church and auto parts business into a beautifully lit white space perfect for showing art.

"The art is beautifully displayed," said De Giusti. "You have to admire the spirit. It represents a wonderful new generation of kids."

Erickson echoes De Giusti's sentiments. "It's the old idea of young people scraping some pennies together to fill in for nonprofits like Detroit Focus who's temporarily out of business," said Erickson, a sculptor who works in administration at Center for Creative Studies.

Timlin's not an artist but learned to appreciate it early from his father, Hugh, a sculptor and former instructor at Center for Creative Studies. Hugh Timlin curated the recent "3d@dc" which showcased some of the finest established and fledgling artists. Aaron plans to schedule future exhibits along the same lines. The next show "Naked" opens March 27 with a mix of artists focusing on human nakedness.

"We want to keep the excitement going and the quality of shows going," said Timlin.

Food for thought

The Cass Cafe by its very nature, as a gathering place for students and business people in the University Cultural Center, is a wonderful environment for showing art. With Center for Creative Studies, Wayne State University and its Hilberry Theatre right around the corner, and the nonprofit Detroit

Artists Market possibly moving into the neighborhood in fall, the area is a growing hot bed of culture. Add to that, the fact cafe owner Chuck Roy charges no commission and you know why artists exhibit at the cafe.

"People just mingle here," said De Giusti, a board member of the Detroit Artists Market and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. "The artists meet and the food is good. That's important. The environment has to draw people into feeling comfortable."

Upstairs and downstairs, art mingles with the cafe setting.

"We try to support local artists or artists who were from the metro area," said Diane L. May who began curating cafe shows with Robin Sommers five years ago. "There are 20 year olds to 70s that come here that have a common interest in culture."

Since the cafe doesn't depend on art sales for its bread and butter, May said they're able to curate "experimental or unusual works" for shows such as the one in April by employees including hemp clothing by Beth Breidenstein.

"A gallery can be off-putting for people not really acquainted with art," said May, a Royal Oak painter. "It's nice to see people in an untimidating atmosphere open up to the art."

"On the Wall" is an exhibit of relief sculpture, drawing pertaining to sculpture, and drawings by sculptors continuing through March at the cafe. Hanna, Piet and Robert Sestock are among the artists taking a variety of approaches to transform 3-d into wall art.

"We tried sculpture before but it's difficult to show because people have a tendency to want to touch it and it's hard to display without it extending too

Alternative Spaces
■ Detroit Contemporary — 5141 Rosa Parks Boulevard, north of Warren, west of Trumbull, Detroit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Call (313) 898-4ART.

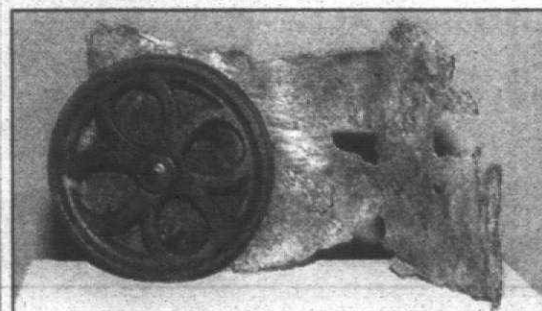
■ "Naked," a group exhibition exploring the human body through photography, painting, sculpture, installation art, and live performances. Saturday, March 27 to Sunday, April 11. Opening reception to meet the artists 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

■ Cass Cafe — 4620 Cass Avenue, (south of Warren), Detroit. Call (313) 831-1400.

■ "On the Wall" features a group show of relief sculpture, drawing pertaining to sculpture, and drawings by sculptors. Continues through Wednesday, March 31. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, and 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday.

■ Alley Culture — On the alley between Trumbull and Lincoln, red building south of Willis, Detroit. Two exhibits to honor Earth Day by New York artist Kurt Novak, a former Detroit, and Yoshinobu Nakagawa, a graduate of Osaka University of Art. Novak's "Treasure" runs April 10-24, and Nakagawa's "view of seeds, eyes of farmers" May 1-22. Novak's reception is 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Nakagawa's 7-10 p.m. Saturday, May 1. Regular viewing hours are 3-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

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Movin' on: This bronze and cast iron sculpture by Redford sculptor Todd Erickson was recently on exhibit at Detroit Contemporary.

CONCERT

Band to swing with Count Basie trombonist

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Veteran plunger: Al Grey, trombonist with Count Basie's Band for 20 years, joins Johnny Trudell's Big Band for a tribute to the king of swing.

Midge Ellis remembers one of the pearls Count Basie repeated again and again about his music.

"If you can't pat your foot to it or if you can't snap your fingers to it, I don't play it."

Ellis heard those "Basie-isms" often when the Big Band leader blew into town to play in the original Clarenceville Jazz Series in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"He was the dearest man," said Ellis, a lifelong jazz lover and Livonia resident. "He taught me what was important, to look at all of the time you're wasting holding a grudge and being angry when you should be living your life."

"Even my kids know his Basie-isms and remind me of them," continued Ellis. "He had an imaginary shelf that held boxes of joy, sorrow, tears, anger and happiness and used to say you'd be a

fool to ever open tears or sorrow."

Basie had class, too. When other bands would arrive in town looking disheveled, Ellis said, Basie'd come off the bus looking as if he'd stepped out of Vogue.

The kind of man William "Count" Basie was, is one of the reasons Ellis is coordinating a tribute concert to the Big Band leader March 28 at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. The other is Basie's music.

"Basie's was the swingiest band you'd ever heard," said Ellis. "He'd always say to young musicians don't ever turn down a gig. You never know who's going to be there. Something big could happen."

Al Grey, head trombonist with the Count Basie Orchestra for 20 years, is one of the musicians Basie influenced. He performs at the March 28 tribute with Johnny Trudell's Big Band. The second of three concerts in a series honoring Big Band leaders, the tribute will raise funds for the free Michigan Jazz Festival (July 18) at

Count Basie Tribute
What: The Clarenceville Jazz Series Revisited remembers the music of Count Basie in a tribute played by Johnny Trudell's Big Band. Guest artists are trombonist Al Grey, pianist Teddy Harris, Jr. and vocalist Harvey Thompson.

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28. The Northville High School Jazz Band warms up the crowd beginning at 2:45 p.m. Where: Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, (south of Eight Mile Road), Livonia.

Tickets: \$15, and available by calling (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454. Proceeds benefit the free Michigan Jazz Festival (July 18) and the Alumni and Friends of the Clarenceville Foundation.

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stage, but there are other options for the parents to consider," said Guyotte who teaches summer at Interlochen Center for the Arts. "Not every child is ready for the stage. I remember my first role as a young Scrooge in the Christmas Carol. I said all of my lines behind the Christmas tree."

Guyotte and conservatory director Jeff Meyers spent the weekend building the conservatory's 19 by 25 foot stage to showcase the first of a series of performances to celebrate their first anniversary this summer. They finished it just in time to feature classical pianists and faculty members Dimas Cabello and Jia Li. Guyotte loves teaching theater so he's willing to do whatever it takes to build a drama program at the conservatory. Theater literally saved his life when he was a young child in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Guyotte was "a terrible student, but theater classes kept him in school." In order, to remain a theater student, he had to keep up all of his grades. Eventually, the Hilberry Graduate Repertory Theatre program brought him to Michigan after earning a bachelor's degree in theater arts at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire.

"I love to watch a student have a realization," said Guyotte, a playwright whose works have been produced at the Hilberry Theatre, Interlochen and the Millennium Centre. "Students haven't learned to hide their excitement the way adults do."

Guyotte put himself through college by clowning. After studying the craft with clowns from Ringling Bros. Circus, Guyotte formed his own troupe. Now, he's teaching others, including five Canton Township firemen, to clown. The class is just one of the

theater offerings at the conservatory. Guyotte hopes that the beginning and advanced acting, monologue, stage combat, make-up, and performance classes now offered eventually lead to an extended program which results in a theater certificate that includes studies in music and dance.

"I look forward to the performance ensemble coming in because that's what I trained for to be a director," said Guyotte. "The next round of auditions for the Theatre Performance Ensemble (for Jack in the Beanstalk) are scheduled for April. In the meantime, Guyotte is looking for a beginning acting teacher with qualifications."

Conservatory director Jeff Meyers said the conservatory has come a long way since opening with their Jammin' in July band camp in 1997. He expects to see "lots of growth" in conservatory offerings in the next several years, especially in the drama department.

"We're really excited. Last year we started with two camps this year we're offering 18 different camps for music, the performing arts, and dance, and even a preschool camp," said Meyers. "Besides the Wizard of Oz we're also having a murder mystery dinner April 16."

Guyotte hopes to make the Plymouth Canton area his home for the next several years while the conservatory is growing. It reminds him in many ways, of his hometown Plymouth, New Hampshire.

"Coming to Plymouth feels like I'm coming home," said Guyotte. "Just like Plymouth, New Hampshire they have a strong sense of community and I'm seeing there's a lot of support for the arts. It's nice to come into a place where there's such support for the arts."

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the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, and the Friends and Alumni of the Clarenceville Foundation. Emceeding the afternoon of music played by Johnny Trudell's Band in WKBD Channel 60 news anchor David Scott.

"He took me like I was his son and he was my father," said Grey during a phone interview from New York. "I still do Count Basie music because I feel it's what made me successful. I will play the Count Basie arrangement for 'Makin' Whoopee' which made my trombone playing famous. It would always get standing ovations. Standing ovations make it mighty, mighty wonderful for a musician."

By the time Grey joined Basie's band with vocalist Ella Fitzgerald in 1957, he'd already paid his dues with Benny Carter, Jimmy Lunceford and Lionel Hampton. After a brief stint in Decca's recording studios left Grey eager to play to live audiences again, he joined Dizzy Gillespie's band.

"I'd been on the road too long to play to four walls," said Grey. "I wanted to get out amongst the people."

One night, Grey decided to catch Basie's act in his hometown of Philadelphia. Basie saw



Count Basie

Grey in the audience and asked him to grab his trombone. Three days later, Grey was recording with Basie. A four-time Grammy nominee, Grey said a highlight of his career was ending up as a soloist on Frank Sinatra's "Live at the Sands" recording, and performing at the 1997 Grammy Awards with the Golden Men of Jazz.

"Basie told me he knew I was an accomplished trombonist but

don't try to play all you know in one number," said Grey. "Be more melodic; follow more of the melody."

At 73, Grey is still following the melody. He talks about slowing down but his schedule doesn't show it, from the 40th anniversary of the Newport Jazz Festival to playing for President Clinton. Grey has performed for every elected U.S. President since Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In February, he received standing ovations for his performance at the 32nd annual Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho. In May, he plays the famous Blue Note in New York before leaving in June for a three month tour of Europe. Conducting clinics for young musicians is also an important

to Grey. Next month, he'll travel to Kansas City for the unveiling of a Charlie Parker sculpture. While there, Grey, the author of the definitive book "Plunger Techniques for Trombone and Trumpet" with his son Mike, will give several clinics in Kansas City schools.

Along with Grey, Detroit pianist/saxophonist Teddy Harris Jr. and vocalist Harvey Thompson join Trudell's band for the Basie tribute.

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near the tables or into walkways.

Alley Culture

Sherry Hendrick believes "art survives because there are participants in an ongoing, organically changing community" other

the "stamps and light catch your eye." Dressed to chop wood for Alley Culture's stove on a cold March day, Hendrick

talked enthusiastically about the gallery's history and the board that's kept the nonprofit running since 1995. A converted five-car garage built in 1926, the gallery is vacant until April 10 when exhibits honoring Earth Day run back-to-back through May.

"There's no formal address or phone number," said Hendrick,

a 1968 graduate of Wayne State University's art program. "We liked the idea of people finding it by coming down to a Detroit alley to see good art. Do we have a Web site? No, we have a wood stove. They both generate conversation."

Curated by Hanna, the upcoming exhibits are a continuation of the "Honor the Earth" biennials he began at the Willis Gallery where the director before Hanna, Dave Roberts, held his "Earth Day Open Corridor" shows. An alternative space for 25 years until closing in 1996, the Willis Gallery gave cutting-edge artists a place to show work. Alley Culture originated with the same mission. The gallery charges a 25 percent commission on sales, which by

no means covers expenses, said Hanna.

"I loved Kurt's proposal for an installation about trees," said Hanna, assistant director at the Center Galleries and an instructor at Center for Creative Studies, "and Nakagawa's work is just beautiful about earth, about seeds that's why I want to show them."

Before Hendrick and poet-husband Mick Velazquez opened Alley Culture, the two put hundreds of hours of work into refurbishing the garage's wood walls leaving the environment perfect for Earth Day exhibits.

"We left it unfinished," said Hendrick, "but there's something about this place. You can hear the birds."

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Saturday, March 27, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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CALL FOR ARTISTS

BOHEMIAN MUSIC COMPETITION

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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. (248) 334-1300.

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CONCERTS



Van Gogh-like: Given Tomkow won the Detroit Society Women Painters and Sculptors' Award for this painting on exhibit at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road through March 31. Tomkow, a Farmington Hills watercolorist, exhibits 37 paintings in a one woman show at the library. "Great Abundance" (pictured) will be displayed in the Detroit Society's exhibit April 18 to May 22 at the Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame Gallery in Lansing. Nature permeates Tomkow's landscapes, genre scenes and still lifes. She's known as the "happy Van Gogh."

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LECTURES

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

"The Ajanta Caves of India," a slide lecture by Dr. Walter Spink of the University of Michigan, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, Troy Library, Big Beaver at I-75.

MEETING

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Meeting 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 23. Guest speaker photographer Balthazar Korab. Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 646-7033.

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Sunday, March 21, 1999

Try unofficial birthstones to save money

Dear Jewelry Lady,

Is the birthstone for March aquamarine or blue topaz? I see both advertised as the official gemstone.

Birthday Girl

Dear Birthday Girl,

The official gemstone for March is aquamarine, but the official alternative is bloodstone, an opaque, dark green gem generally reserved for men's jewelry that is spotted with red, hence its name.

THE JEWELRY LADY

Aquamarine tends to be a bit pricey, and because few people like the look of bloodstone — and no one likes the sound of the word — blue topaz has taken off as a relatively inexpensive alternative.

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Dear Jewelry Lady,

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Concerned Antique Lover

Dear Concerned,

This question is a new one to the Jewelry Lady. And, as a matter of fact, a quick survey of area jewelers revealed that they, too, rarely encounter this problem.

However, Anna Miller, a graduate gemologist and author of "Cameos Old & New," published by Gemstone Press in Woodstock, Vt., came to the rescue. Information about the book can be obtained by calling (800) 962-4544.

According to Miller, once a cameo has been worn down, short of shipping it to Italy for recarving by a cameo artisan, there is not much you can do. Miller adds that this solution is an extremely expensive one and perhaps only justified when restoring extremely valuable cameos from the 1600s or earlier.

If you have other cameos in good condition, or now plan to purchase a new one, take care to store them away from other jewelry inside a soft cloth or separate container.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

I have a beautiful diamond and sapphire engagement ring and wedding band from my first marriage. When my current husband and I married a few years ago, we decided not to spend money on rings. Now, after children, it seems to be a priority of mine and of his — begrudgingly. I would like to have the ring of my dreams — a simple but large diamond set in platinum. How can I discreetly get information on upgrading or selling?

Second Time Around — and Happy

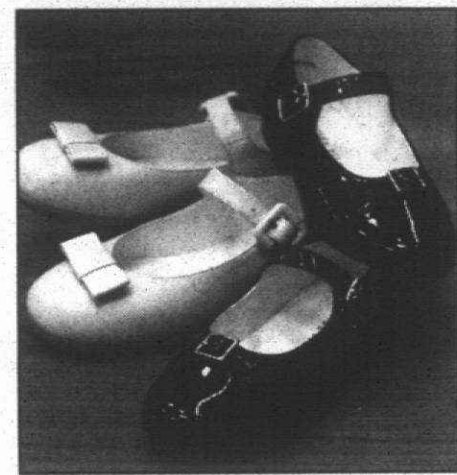
Dear Happy,

Let's start with the end of your question. Any jeweler that wants to stay in business and build a list of satisfied customers knows the meaning of discretion backwards and forwards. And, unless you are a local celebrity, the fact that you are selling off your first hubby's nuptial gift isn't likely to register even on the Richter scale of titillating news. So, ask your jeweler to exercise discretion, but don't lose any sleep over it.

As far as trading up or selling off your rings, shop around. Call ahead and see who trades up diamonds and who buys "estate" jewelry for cash. Get at least three estimates and then go ahead with purchasing that large diamond and platinum ring of your dreams.

The Jewelry Lady is available to answer all your pressing jewelry questions. You may contact her at rogers@nich.com or fax (248) 582-9223.

As sweet as it gets for spring



Little feet: Fit your little lady with a pair of traditional Mary Jane's, either with bows in her hair (at top left) or with buckles in black patent leather. Both are from Richard Stride Rite in West Bloomfield.

Traditional kids' dress makes a comeback

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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"A little darling."
"A perfect gentleman."
Those are the kind of coos and comments your little one is likely to hear if dressed in the latest children's formal attire for spring.

That's right, traditional styles and clothing elements — from ribbons and lace for girls to neckties and vests for boys — have resurfaced in children's dress-up wear.

"The pendulum is starting to swing back," said Richard Rookbrock, a children's department manager for Hudson's. "You're seeing the trend of really dressing up come back."

While the look for spring isn't an extremely formal, frilly one, the reign of casual formal wear hit its peak about three years ago, said Rookbrock, who attributes the style shift to parents' attempts to influence behavior through dress and the popularity of children's movies like "Madeline."

"Madeline" was a big influence. Girls really saw another little girl dressing up," said Rookbrock.

"Now, the young ladies are themselves asking to dress up," he said.

Particularly popular elements for girls this spring are appliqué flowers, ribbons and bows, butterflies, lace, linen and multiple dress layers in sheer fabrics.

Hats, too, can be found in abundance, both traditional straw and ribbon versions, as well as less elaborate hats that come paired with formal dresses.

Pastel colors, especially pink and sage, mark a move away from navy, plum, black and other dark colors for girls' better clothing. Stores are bristling with floral prints for girls as well.

The return of traditional formal wear for children has most definitely impacted girls



Dressy duo: Connor Schram of West Bloomfield models a Monkey Wear slate blue vest, \$36, coordinating trousers, \$39, and all-cotton, white dress shirt, \$29. Hannah Clayman, also of West Bloomfield, wears a pink floral dress from Cozy Toes, \$54, with Leisa & Co. ribbon hair barrettes, \$15. All clothing from Koochie Koo in West Bloomfield.

more so than boys.

"When it comes to the formal wear, parents want very formal for the girls. But, for the boys, you'll see suits, but maybe not ties," said Katie Anderson, assistant manager at the Gilded Rabbit, an upscale children's clothing store at 418 Main Street in downtown Rochester.

More common for boys are vests or a v-neck sweater with dressy trousers and an Oxford or polo shirt.

And, boys are wearing such ensembles with and without ties, said Anderson, adding, "It's maybe a tad bit more relaxed for the boys."

But, like Rookbrock, Anderson, has also noticed parents' renewed interest in ennobling their children by covering them with fancy duds for formal occasions.

"We are just seeing a return to parents dressing their children more formally."



Delicate details: Trimmed with silk ribbon and tiny appliqué flowers, this pink silk dress by Rosetta Millington, \$82 at Koochie Koo, epitomizes girls' formal wear trends this season.



First swing: Matt Lake, who was paying a visit to Michigan, tries out a new putter on the in-store putting green at Oshman's SuperSports USA in Auburn Hills. The more than 60,000-square-foot sporting goods store opened Tuesday at Great Lakes Crossing.

Test drive

Try before you buy is the rule at new store

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Oshman's SuperSports USA gives new meaning to the concept behind big sporting goods stores.

Not only can shoppers expect to find any and all items related to a particular sport — from running to canoeing — but they'll be able to take a test drive before making purchases.

A new Oshman's sporting goods store, featuring a computerized golf course simulator and other demonstration areas, opened Tuesday at Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills.

Grand opening ceremonies began Saturday and will come to an end at 1 p.m. Sunday with an appearance by Roary, the Detroit Lions mascot.

■ 'It's huge.'

Jeff Segnitz — Oshman's customer

"It's huge," said Jeff Segnitz, a shopper from Waterford who took a pair of Mission roller-hockey skates for a spin on Oshman's in-line skating mat on Thursday.

"I want to go hit a couple of those drivers, too," said Segnitz, as he whizzed by on the skates, eyeing the store's nearby golf simulator cage.

The more than 60,000-square-foot store, located in Great Lakes Crossing's fifth district, called Fit For Life, also contains a basketball court, putting green, a circular running track and a tennis/racquetball court.

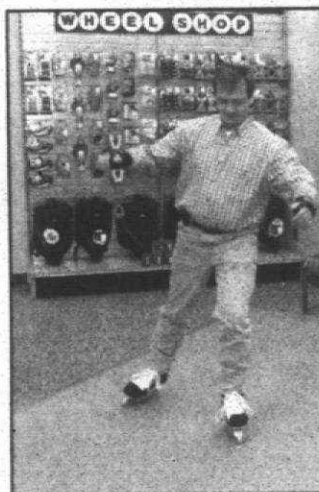
The store's golf simulator enables customers to test equipment on nine different 18-hole golf courses, including a few famous ones — Pinehurst II in North Carolina, Banff Springs in Colorado and Mauna Kea in Hawaii.

Oshman's also aims to accommodate women who come into the store in search of sporting equipment. Every item in the store that was designed for women bears a special tag that reads "Women and Sports."

Many women are intimidated by large sporting goods stores, said Tim McDermott, area manager for Oshman's. And, historically, such stores have catered to the interests and shopping habits of men over women.

"Especially in the golf department, there is typically more men's equipment than women's equipment," said McDermott. "That's what we're trying to get away from."

Oshman's SuperSports USA operates 64 sporting goods specialty stores across the country and is based in Houston. The Auburn Hills store will be open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. For additional information, call the store at (248) 333-1330.



New skates: Jeff Segnitz, of Waterford, tests a pair of hockey roller skates.

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 by 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:

We found the following items and will call the readers who made these requests: a Central High 1939 yearbook, Australian Shepherd puppies, Chinese checkers, a black velvet painting of Elvis, an electronic Tudor football game and macramé plant holders.

The Magnetic playing cards and board set can be ordered from Spillsbury Puzzle Co., Box 8922, Madison, WI. 53708. Also call 1-800-772-1750. The set is item number A2390 and costs \$38.38.

Another suggestion for stopping consumer junk mail came in. Write to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008 Farmingdale, NY 11734-9008. Also call, 1-800-353-0809.

Sewing seam sealant can be found at Joanne Fabrics.

Mary Kay cosmetics carries an ultimate brow kit, with three shades of eyebrow pencil color, including soft blonde, that comes with tweezers.

The Golden Winslow silverware pattern can be found through Smyth catalog based in Baltimore, MD. Call (800)-638-3333.

Leather mats for tables can be found at Ideal Office Supply, at 21210 Harper at Eight Mile Road in St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 773-3411.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Eleanore is looking for the substance that can be used for furniture polish. Wood alcohol is now methanol.

Rosemary wants Crystal Lite lemonade flavor hard candies.

Denise is looking for Nature Essence European elastin-firming facial by Avanza. It comes in eight-ounce containers for \$2.49 when she last purchased it at Arbor Drugs.

Teresa wants Wick'd Scent Candles. They were purchased at a South Lyon Craft show.

Carol from Westland is looking for TV plastic trays.

Marian is looking for MAROC cologne by Ultima.

Katrina wants a "US Team" soccer shirt.

Gail is looking for workout equipment made by Power Ryder.

Colleen is searching for little statues that can be placed in back car windows. The heads of the statues bounce up and down.

Jeanette wants Bongo button-fly jeans that were formerly available at Mervyn's stores.

Diane is looking for a toy from the 1960s, a plastic egg containing characters from the Flintstone family.

Bob is looking for copies of Trading Times published prior to September 1998.

Margaret wants Lancaster perfume by Lancaster of Monaco in France.

Karen wants Max Factor lipstick in a color named Rosette.

Gloria wants a wire recording player.

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

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

Deborah wants a "Thomas the Tank" comforter.

Darlene is looking for AROMATIQUE candles in cinnamon-cider. It was sold at

Hudson's during the Christmas holiday.

Dennis wants a 1960 Wayne Memorial High yearbook.

Marga wants to know where she can have her own signature translated into a computer font.

Pat is looking for Heywood-Wakefield early American/colonial hard rock, maple furniture.

Carol wants Woodhewer cologne by Faberge.

Kathy wants the Playskool toy "Awesome Tossome Cow." It is a soft nylon cow that makes cow noises.

Donna wants a used curly lamb white coat.

Teresa is looking for non-diastatic powder used for making bagels.

Jan is looking for Bonnie Doon women's wool ankle and knee socks.

Irene is still looking for the compact disc or cassette from the soundtrack of the movie "Scarface."

Marion wants the "Indiana Jones Temple of Doom" soundtrack on cassette or compact disc. It is the second of three soundtracks.

Linda wants Deep Magic moisturizing lotion.

Nancy is still looking for the movie soundtrack from "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

John still wants a painting of Elvis Presley.

Deborah is looking for men's saddle shoes in a size 12 (narrow would be a plus) in Black/White or Navy/Creme.

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

David is still looking for a PC interface (64K organizer) from Texas Instrument that was made about six years ago.

Jo is looking for top-fitted sheets. Sears carried them in their catalog.

Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

RETAIL DETAILS

MARCH IS READING MONTH

Wonderland Mall in Livonia and Livonia Frost Middle School are celebrating Reading Month in Michigan by collecting used, donated books during the month of March. Drop-off barrels are set up in the mall's food court. Donated books will be given to First Step, Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Also, mail retailer F.Y.E. (For Your Entertainment) has discounted all children's books by 20 percent in March.

Wonderland Mall kicked off Reading Month on March 12 with a youth storytelling program led by State Rep. Laura M. Toy. In addition to hearing a few good stories, youngsters who attended the event snacked on cookies and received a Hilda Hippo hand puppet.

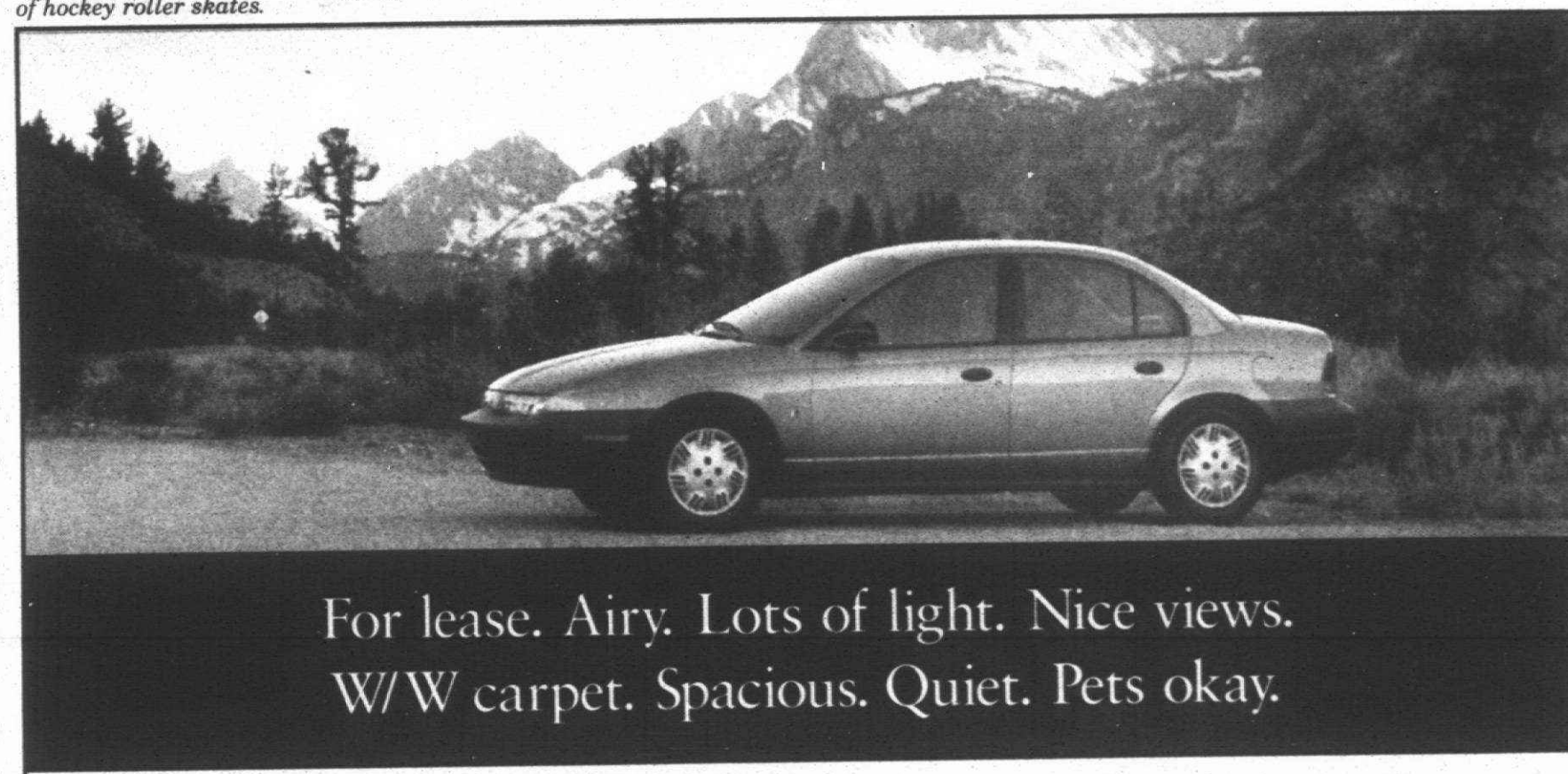
ESSAY CONTEST

If you've always dreamed of running a retail store filled with beautiful merchandise, an unbelievable opportunity may await you.

Diana Pink, the owner of Pinks-N-Lace, an antique and gift store with a Victorian theme located at 1000 N. Main Street in Royal Oak, is giving away the contents of her store to the winner of a national essay contest.

Write an essay, 300 words or less, about your dream of owning a business like Pinks-N-Lace. The contest entry deadline is May 31, 1999.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 21

ARMANI FOR MEN
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a Giorgio Armani/Mani spring special order caravan. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Men's Store, first floor.

ADRIENNE VITTADINI TRUNK SHOW
The Knitting Room in Birmingham hosts a trunk show of Adrienne Vittadini's spring styles and yarns through April 5. For information, call (248) 540-3623.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

GOWN COLLECTION
Michael Casey will make a personal appearance and show his spring gown collection at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with informal modeling 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Couture Salon, third floor.

JEWELRY AUTHORS DISCUSSED
Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills hosts

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

The Jewish Authors Book Group led by a Border's staff member. 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

ELLEN TRACY'S 50TH
Hudson's, Somerset Collection in Troy, celebrates 50 years of Ellen Tracy's fashions with an informal modeling of her spring collection and a designer retrospective video. 12-4 p.m., Oval Room.

FASHION SEMINAR

An Anne Klein designer representative will conduct a fashion seminar and present the company's latest looks at Hudson's, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. 7 p.m., Anne Klein Department.

"THE GARDEN DOCTOR"
The Somerset Collection in Troy hosts Don Juchartz, "The Garden Doctor," in a live broadcast of WYUR's Jimmy Launce Show. "The Garden Doctor" will answer questions after the broadcast. 11:40 a.m.-noon, North Grand Court.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

GOLF WEAR SHOW

A show of Karen Kane's golf wear collection, along with a personal appearance by LPGA golf pro Jackie Callagher-Smith, runs at three Jacobson's stores. In Birmingham, 2-5 p.m. In Rochester Hills, noon-4 p.m. The show runs noon-4 p.m. March 27 at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. Casual Wear Department.

ALL SILKS

Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, presents its 416 line of silks in 35 colors. Designer representative David Epstein will be on hand to help shoppers order dresses, jackets, skirts, pants and more. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through March 27.

PLYMOUTH MOONLIGHT MADNESS

Bargains will abound during Downtown Plymouth's Moonlight Madness Sale. Retailers will be open 7-11 p.m. For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

WOODWORKING SEMINAR
WOOD Magazine's master woodworker Jim Heavey will demonstrate his craft and build a Shaker side table at Sears, Oakland Mall in Troy. The event is free and attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. 1 p.m., Tool Department.

TRAVEL

Nutritionist leads the way to healthy Panama cruise

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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All that wonderful food. Morning. Noon. Night. Late Night. Late, late night.

Tables laden with a cornucopia of tasty dishes. A sweets table groaning under the weight of all that sugar!

And it's all there on the cruise. All part of the price. Go ahead, eat up!

Nutritionist Gail Posner is offering the weight conscious a chance to enjoy a cruise and not come back looking like Moby Dick.

"A lot of people view a vacation as a vacation from your body," Posner said. "Don't bring home an ugly souvenir of a few pounds. I call it fat lag."

Posner of West Bloomfield, who operates Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling, will be leading a group of Southeast

Michigan cruisers into the Millennium and through the Panama Canal for an 11-day cruise beginning Jan. 25, 2000.

While soaking up the sun and fun of such ports as San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Curacao and Acapulco, participants will be challenged to get the most from their cruise without endangering their health.

Each morning Posner will present motivational talks, some special tips on how to handle eating on shore, provide helpful handouts and offer the best approaches to diet and exercise and "anyone bold enough I'll have a meal with them!" she said.

Gateway Travel approached Posner with the idea of leading a group on the Sun Princess.

"They try to get together a lot of different programs. I was talking to someone from their office who said, 'Wouldn't it be great to



Gail Posner

send a dietitian," she said.

Posner and her husband have been cruising before, to the Greek Isles and the Caribbean, and she knows how tempting it is to overeat. She advises coming to the table prepared to resist.

"You have to have a game plan. Plan ahead to eat appropriately," she said.

Each meal requires a different approach.

For breakfast, she advises that cruisers keep it simple. She said as the day wears on, the willpower fades. Remember this is an 11-day cruise with 40 opportunities to overindulge.

At lunch, Posner said, stay away from the eye-catching buffet and order from the menu.

"If you do a buffet, the first time through only take low cal vegetables, look but don't fill up," she said. "Second time through take a tablespoon serving of things you like. Ask yourself, am I hungry?"

And when you get to desserts, reduce that tablespoon to a teaspoon. Posner said quite often a dessert looks a lot better than it tastes.

At dinner time, stick with the low cal items and drink lots of water. Water is good for you and



Acapulco: The sandy beaches of Mexico's Pacific coast are the final stop on Gail Posner's Panama Cruise. This shot of Acapulco is from the Princess catalog.

helps curb an overactive appetite.

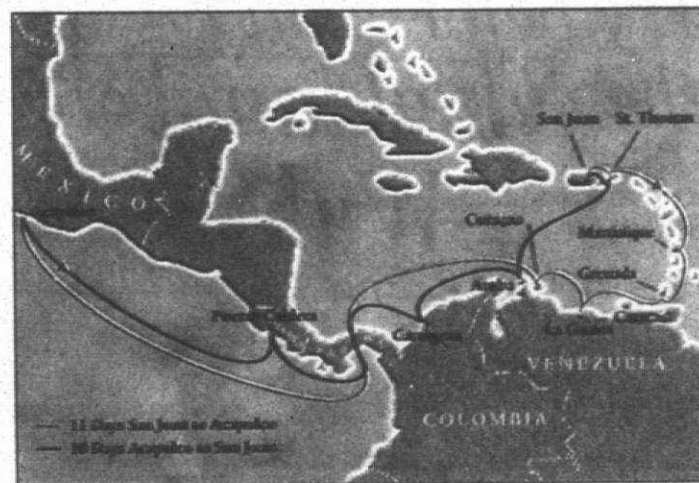
Once you're on shore, the important thing is to ask the right questions.

"Can you prepare this dish with as little oil as possible? (She gives a handout with this phrase in five languages.) Eat slowly, if foods are richer than we are used to, it takes the brain time to know how much we've eaten," Posner said.

But Posner is not a spoil sport. She encourages people to sample the local cuisine, in this case spicy Caribbean and Mexican dishes, but in moderation.

"A lot of people are scared to death of all that food and avoid a cruise, and it's such a relaxing vacation," she said.

The cruise on the Sun Princess through Gateway Travel sails from San Juan Jan. 25 then travels to St. Thomas, Martinique, Grenada, Caracas, Curacao, through the Canal and concludes in Acapulco. Tickets



Cruise route: This is the route for the Sun Princess through the Panama Canal from the Princess catalog.

range from \$2,291 to \$2,831 per person based on double occupancy and includes airfare from Detroit. A minimum of 30 people

are required for the cruise.

For more information, call Gail Posner at (248)855-4558 or Gateway Travel at (248)353-8600.

Gail Posner's Vacation Survival Plan

Try to record your food intake on the trip, especially the first half of the trip. Try using the little diaries that are easy to carry. Share entrees in restaurants, order double salads and extra steamed vegetables.

Take resealable plastic bags. Save a roll of fruit from lunch to carry for an afternoon snack.

Drink lots of water, bring a water bottle.

Double your weekly splurge of calories on a trip, but keep counting.

Rate your foods 1-10, 10 being the best. Only eat the 10s.

Taste exotic foods for the experience, but just one teaspoon.

Take emergency lunch and snacks - a can of tuna, bag of carrots or crackers in a plastic container. You could also bring granola bars or vending-size packages of crackers, rice cakes, etc.

Pack decaffeinated coffee - some countries do not offer this option.

Dinners can often run late when traveling or visiting family. To prevent getting too hungry, pack veggies or fruit or go to a coffee shop for a tossed salad.

Pack veggies for the first few days of the trip.

Bring diet salad dressings in individual packets.

Keep breakfast simple.

Keep your exercises going.

Pack snack for plane or car trip: pretzels, veggies, water.

Plan ahead, have food in house when you get home.

GREAT ESCAPES

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SHOWBOAT STAR

Country singer Pam Tillis will headline the 58th annual Chesaning Showboat, July 12-

17. Tickets are now on sale by calling 1(800)844-3056.

MAP READING

AAA Michigan is holding a "How to Read a Map" workshop, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Auto Club's Canton Branch, 2017 Canton Center Road. The free workshop will cover using a map to determine distances between cities, to locate parks and other attractions, to avoid construction areas, even how to refold a map. You can register for this free map reading workshop by calling the AAA Michigan at (734)844-0146.

SKI FREE

Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls and Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs are offering free skiing from March 30 to the end of the ski season for anyone staying at their resorts. Other hotels, motels and resorts are offering similar lodging/skiing packages

for as low as \$30 per person (based on double occupancy, one night's lodging and one lift ticket).

DEER COUNTERS WANTED

Ontario Parks is looking for volunteers to take part in a deer survey 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27. An updated estimate of the deer population following the 1998 deer herd reduction in Pinery Provincial Park is required to provide guidance for the development of future resource management programs.

The rugged terrain, size of the area to be surveyed and the time required to complete the survey create a need for 300 volunteers to carry out the project. Individuals will be spaced about 80 feet apart along the south boundary

in a line that will move across the Pinery on foot driving the deer into the center of the park.

It is anticipated that the count will take approximately five hours to complete. If you are interested in helping you must register in advance by calling (519)243-8574 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. before March 18.

CEDAR POINT HELP WANTED

The Cedar Point Amusement Park is conducting interviews for 1999 summer jobs at Adrian College, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, March 25. Walk-in interviews are open to the public in the Adrian/Tobias Room at the college. The park has 3,700 positions available in 100 job classifications. Wages start at \$5.25 per hour for most positions.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Jackson All-American

Kari Jackson, a senior at Hope College and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, earned All-American honors at the NCAA Division III Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, hosted by Miami (Ohio) University March 11-13.

Jackson finished fifth in the one-meter diving, scoring 369.15 points. She also placed 16th on the three-meter board with 360.10 points.

Hope placed fifth in the field of 47 teams, scoring 218 points. The Flying Dutch won the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title, with Jackson placing first on the one-meter board with a school-record score of 407.45 points (11 dives). Jackson was second at the MIAA meet on the three-meter board with 443.00 points.

Indians tryouts

The Michigan Indians 12-year-old travel baseball team is conducting tryouts for its upcoming season. The team has a 50-game schedule and competes in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation, as well as other weekend tournaments. The travel involved is primarily in south-eastern Michigan.

Those interested should contact Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

Golf outings

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters will host their fourth annual Royal Blue Classic women's golf outing Wednesday, June 30 at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth. All levels of play are welcome to play in this scramble, which begins with a shotgun start.

The packages available include nine (\$100) or 18 (\$175) holes of golf with cart, beverage, lunch, dinner, door prizes and silent auction. A non-golfer package, which includes cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, raffle and dinner is also available for \$50.

All proceeds go to the IHM Ministry Fund, which supports IHM Ministry initiatives to people in need. Corporate sponsorships are available.

For more information, call (248) 433-0950.

Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton will be the site of the 16th annual Schoolcraft College Foundation Golf Tournament Monday, June 7. Different packages are available, with costs ranging from \$175 to \$1,000.

Included is 18 holes of golf, with either morning or afternoon tee times. Packages include lunch and dinner, door prizes and a live auction, with other amenities such as clinics with a golf pro, and recreational and exercise facilities, and daycare, at the adjacent Summit on the Park Conference Center.

Also, golfers can enter a "Putt for Dough" contest. There will also be prizes of \$5,000 or a new car if participants make a hole-in-one.

Proceeds from the outing provide scholarships for Schoolcraft students. For additional information, call the Schoolcraft office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

Hockey forming

Registrations are now being taken for men's recreational adult hockey leagues. Play will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center and the STC Arena in Farmington.

The Plymouth Masters (over 40) will play 12 games, from April 7-May 19. The Rockets (over 21) and the Golden Eagles (over 45) leagues will play a game a week from May 26-July 29.

To register, call or FAX name and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or E-mail information to rspl@provide.net.

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.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Quarterly report!

Region title puts Salem in quarterfinals

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Something went wrong for Southfield-Lathrup. And that was all right with Plymouth Salem.

The two opponents in the Class A regional final hosted by Birmingham Groves Thursday had clawed their way through 31 minutes and 55 seconds of basketball, and nothing had been decided. The score was tied at 60-all with 30 seconds remaining when Salem coach Bob Brodie had signalled for a timeout.

His instructions were simple: "Spread the floor and attack the basket with five seconds left." Hardly sounds intricate, but there was more coaching to it than that. "I thought they'd rotate (their defenders) to us. That's the way they play, they rotate to the ball. They're aggressive. We had our big guys back, so the plan was when we attacked the basket and they rotated to us, we'd dish it off."

Adam Wilson had the ball at the top of the key at the pivotal moment. He prepared to carry out the plan: drive down the lane, expecting — knowing — the Chargers would converge, just as they had all game, using their quickness and speed to both stop him and cut off the passing angles.

But it didn't happen. And suddenly, it just appeared. No defender was in the paint, between Wilson and the basket. He dribbled through for an unchallenged layup, a rarity in this game; his basket gave the Rocks (now 20-4) a 62-60 victory and a berth in the state quarterfinals, against Pontiac Northern, which eliminated Walled Lake Western Friday.

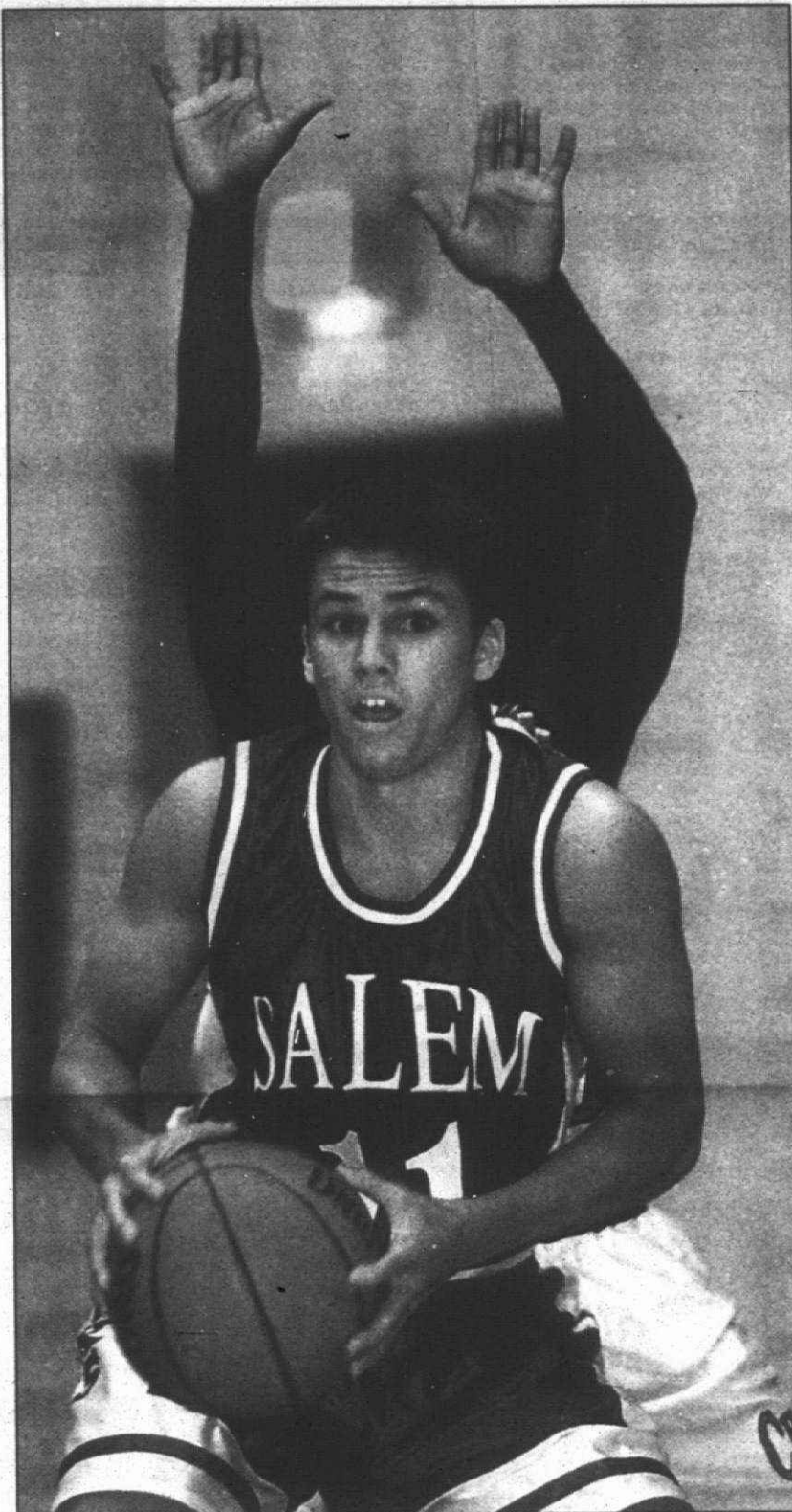
The quarterfinal will be 6 p.m. Tuesday at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall.

"It opened up and I just took it," said Wilson afterward. "The plan was just to hold the ball until five seconds were left, then attack the basket."

"It was a (defensive) breakdown," said Lathrup coach Mike Avery. "Their kid got down the lane and we didn't get back. But our kids played so hard."

It was not an easy loss for the Chargers' coach to digest (Lathrup bows out at 21-4). Foul problems in the fourth quarter certainly hurt; after getting just three team fouls called against them in the first 9 1/2 minutes of the second half (compared to Salem's six), they got four in a one-minute span of the fourth period. With four minutes left in the game, three key Chargers (Brandon Edwards, Solomon Edwards, Ken Moore) had four fouls apiece.

"That took our defensive pressure away," Avery said. "That makes it tough. It takes away our defensive



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Surrounded: Salem's Jake Gray searches for a teammate to pass to in a game that was tightly defended by both teams. In the end, the Rocks had just enough more offense.

intensity."

Intensity was something neither team lacked, from start to finish. The biggest lead of the game was just seven points, and that was in the first quarter (13-6, Salem). Lathrup led by a point after one quarter (14-13), Salem led by two at the half (29-27), and the Rocks had a one-point advantage after three (47-46).

The game was tied six times — in the fourth quarter alone. The Chargers were going to the offensive boards hard, and that resulted in three put-back baskets (two by Brandon Edwards, one by Tony Henry). Together with Antoine Johnson's driving hoop with 59 seconds left, that gave Lathrup a 60-58 lead.

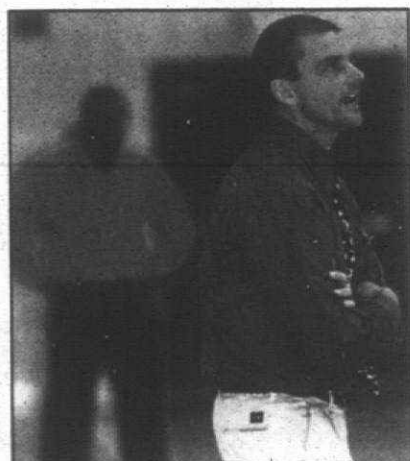
"We knew that would be a tough part for us," said Brodie of Lathrup's rebounding capabilities. "They're just great athletes."

But Salem struck inside too, getting a rebound basket from Rob Jones with 43 seconds to play to knot it. Lathrup didn't waste any time; the Chargers immediately raced downcourt, with Kim Bell slashing to the hoop.

The Rocks were ready for him, however. Bell's shot with 36 seconds left was blocked, with Tony Jancevski, Mike Korduba and Wilson all getting a piece of it before Wilson grabbed the loose ball and called timeout to set up the game-winning score.

Wilson finished with a game-high 19 points. Aaron Rypkowski, who had scored 20 points in the first half of each of his two previous tournament games, was scoreless in the opening two quarters against the Chargers but bounced back to score 12 in the second half; he also grabbed six rebounds. Jones added 11 points and seven boards, and

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Calling the play: Salem coach Bob Brodie got just what he wanted — from both teams — on the game's pivotal play.

Cougars topple PCA

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
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Plymouth Christian Academy is at roughly the same point Lenawee Christian was about a year ago at this time — at the end of its basketball season.

Lenawee Christian remained unbeaten Friday night by bouncing Plymouth Christian, 67-52, in the District 26 regional championship game of the Class D segment of the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament.

The Cougars (24-0) advanced to Tuesday's state quarterfinals at Portage Northern against the Allegan

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regional winner.

Lenawee Christian has made the regionals four years in a row and last year made its farthest advance, to the semifinals where the Cougars lost to eventual state champion Southgate Aquinas.

This was Plymouth Christian's first regional appearance ever, and with just two seniors graduating, the Eagles have a good idea of what it will take to play at a state championship level.

The Eagles (21-4) had half their loss-

es at the hands of the Cougars this year as Coach Doug Taylor wanted them to understand what it takes to be a state power.

"Our kids played great," Taylor said. "I have no regrets."

"We did the things we wanted to do (in the game). I think we played at our temp. And we got the shots we wanted."

"Plymouth took it to us," Coach Jim Brown of Lenawee Christian said. "They played us as hard as they could."

The score says the game was a blowout but the score was like the

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At last: Board to consider hockey issue



C.J. RISAK

Well. Finally. After two years of negotiating, posturing and delaying, the vote on whether or not to bring high school hockey to Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem will come before the school

board Tuesday night.

It's not the first time the board has been asked to consider the issue. But this time, it's politically correct.

Such a description may turn a few stomachs. It's like, how low do you have to go to push your school administrators into adding a much-desired sport? Do you have to slop around in the political arena?

Is that the kind of price you must pay?

That image is out of place here.

Things have been said and fingers have been pointed by people involved in this issue for two years. A person who has taken the brunt of the criticism is School Superintendent Charles Little, who has been accused of delaying and non-support.

"That is not true," said Mike Ward, president of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association who, together with Kathy Lash, coordinator of the Plymouth Canton/Plymouth Salem High School Hockey Team Boosters, worked closely with Little and athletic director Brian Wolcott in molding a workable plan for high school hockey.

"Dr. Little and Brian Wolcott have been real cooperative. Finally, they'll get their due."

What they're due, according to both Ward and Lash, are accolades. And a chance to set the record straight.

"Dr. Little," said Lash, "is proposing it. When Mike Ward and I took it to him, he said no one had contacted him about it."

Ward agreed with Lash's recollection. "Nobody had set up a meeting with Dr. Little about this before I did," he said. "Until a year ago, no one had ever sat down with him or come to him with a concrete proposal."

It took a year, Lash said, to put together a proper proposal. "People didn't carry it any further before," she said.

That's easy to understand, really. When Ed Arszeno initially filed the articles of incorporation for the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High School Hockey Boosters — in March, 1997 — he thought it would be simple enough. "I was so ignorant about the timetable required," he said. "If I had known, I probably never would have started it."

Arszeno was only half-joking. If you have a high school-aged hockey player, you would jump at the chance to help start a high school program. But find out that by the time it came to fruition your child would be a junior in college, and your enthusiasm would nosedive.

What Arszeno, and those he was working with, also didn't realize were the proper channels to funnel a proposal through. Sure, many of the questions regarding the program had been addressed, at least partially. It would be pay-to-play, playing sites were available, community support was in place, etc.

But there were many other potential problems that needed to be answered before bringing a proposal to the board. Title IX, which requires schools to provide equal opportunities in sports for boys and girls, was one. That was satisfied by making it a co-ed sport, at least for now.

Another question: One team or two? "I said I wouldn't support a consolidated team," said Ward, referring to school systems like Farmington and Redford that have unified teams. "I think the number of kids that play hockey in Plymouth and Canton is close to 1,800."

That alone convinced Ward that each school could easily sup-

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Whalers open playoffs

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The Plymouth Whalers didn't earn an automatic bid to the Memorial Cup Hockey Tournament earlier this year by playing host to the tournament but plans to make an appearance in the Canadian Hockey League championship anyway ... the hard way.

After coasting to the Ontario Hockey League's best regular season record, a much favored Plymouth squad opens its first-round playoff series against either Kitchener or Windsor today at 6:30 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Kitchener (23-39-6) and Windsor (23-39-6) played a one-game playoff Saturday at Windsor Arena to determine which team would continue its season in the seven-game series against Plymouth.

If league records are any indication, the Whalers should have a relatively easy time with either team. Plymouth posted a 6-1 regular-season record against Windsor and a perfect 4-0 against Kitchener.

There is a downside to those figures though, considering that Windsor won its only game against Plymouth last Sunday with a 6-1 blowout in Plymouth. And the teams perfect record against Kitchener was put to the test several times as three of those four games were one-goal games.

No matter which team they play, the Whalers selected a 1-2-2-1-1 playoff format meaning that their home games will be on the weekend. The schedule will vary slightly depending on which team is played but, barring a sweep, there will be two games in Plymouth next weekend, either Friday-Saturday or Saturday-Sunday.

The Whalers posted a 51-13-4 record for 106 points during the regular season, earning the Hamilton Spectator Trophy as well as the Bumbacco Trophy as the West Division Champs.

The team's 106 points was the second-highest in league history and a franchise record. The Whalers 53 wins was also a franchise record.

The Whalers finished the season with a 8-1 win on the road against Brampton Friday night.

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Skaters sparkle

Precision teams finish strong

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To say that the Plymouth Precision Figure Skating Club has become a national program this year would be a bit of an understatement.

Try international.

Four of the club's teams qualified for the United States National Precision Team Skating Championship at the Ice Palace in Tampa, Fla. March 10-13 with the Junior team (high school age) finishing second to earn a chance to represent the country in next year's international competition.

The event will be held in Switzerland, France, Finland or Denmark.

"We don't know where it will be held until the beginning of May but it'll be one of those four countries," said co-team director Carrie Brown.

Of the remaining three teams that competed in Florida for the club, the Novice squad finished fifth while the Intermediate group was seventh and Juvenile finished fifth.

The Junior, Novice and Intermediate teams are all combined teams that represent both Plymouth and Ann Arbor while the Juvenile team represents only Plymouth.

"Our goal this year was just to qualify for nationals," said Brown. "To have all four of these teams qualify and do so well ... I am very proud of this group."

Each team does two performances during the competition, a short program and a long program.

PFSC's Junior team, known as the "Hockettes", won the short program but committed a small mistake during the long program that dropped them to second place in the overall competition.

According to Brown, the team was disappointed but didn't view their finish in a negative light.

"We actually won the short program but we had a bobble in the long one," she said. "We know it was right there for us at the end and we were disappointed but we still look at it as we won the silver and didn't lose the gold."

"We had our moment of disappointment and we had our moment in the locker room when we let that out, but we're happy. We wouldn't have been happy winning with a mistake. We wanted to be beat by someone who really deserved it and they did. They skated flawlessly."

Brown added that a second place finish by the club's highest level team still puts the entire program on the map.

"Three of these four teams have never been there before," she said. "Last year, the Junior team finished seventh but none of the other teams qualified. (The Junior team) will certainly be viewed as an elite team. It will certainly have a trickle-down effect on our entire program. This will give the younger teams a chance to recognize this opportunity and gives them something to strive for."

Along with the top-three finish come the spoils of a champion for the Junior team.

As a result of its second-place finish, the squad will receive partial funding from the United States Figure Skating Association for the trip to Europe next year as well as a chance to visit national conferences to speak with coaches and judges on how to improve.

"It opens up a whole new world of resources for them," said Brown.

The program's success this year was certainly an overachievement by Brown's standards but "win, win, win" wasn't the focus throughout the season.

"The experience for these girls was the most important thing," said Brown. "Take part in a national competition like that, we wanted them to take in what's going on around them. The opportunity of seeing teams from the east and the west from the Pacific was so important."

"And it will only help out the entire program down the road since it's a feeder program. The girls on the Junior team aren't going to be there forever. They're going to eventually move on and go to college so it was a great opportunity for the younger girls since they're going to be the one's that take spots on that Junior team down the road."

The club will also be performing in its annual "Music on Ice" skating show at 7 p.m. on March 26 and again at 1 p.m. on March 27.

Both shows will be performed at Compuware Arena, located near Beck Road and M-14 in Plymouth Township.

"It's our annual show and all six of our teams will be performing in it," said Brown. "It's an event that shows off our basic skill skaters right through our advanced skill skaters. It's just something that will allow everyone who attends to get an idea of what precision skating is all about."

Along with the team performances, solo numbers will be performed as well as programs by the club's "Learn to Skate" group of up and coming figure skaters.

Tickets for the event are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information about the event, call the club's office at (734) 459-6686.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Football meeting

A meeting to help organize the three football teams sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, located at 1062 Church in Plymouth. The meeting is for all boys in third through eighth grades who want to play football, and their parents. Those eligible are members of the following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A'Beckett, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James and St. John Neumann.

The third/fourth grade team will be coached by Ed Jeffery; the fifth/sixth grade team will be coached by Mark Zygomitowicz; and the seventh/eighth grade team will be coached by Mike Girsakis. A summer camp with the OLG coaches and others from local high school and college staffs is scheduled for August.

For more information, contact Mike Girsakis at (734) 427-6270.

Plymouth T-Ball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year old T-Ball League from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 12-30 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost is \$55, with Plymouth city residents receiving a \$35 discount. The season lasts seven weeks, from June 19-Aug. 7. A birth certificate is required; those eligible must be born from July-December 1992; January-December 1993; and January-July 1994.

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

Adult softball

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

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

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scorecards of two of the judges of the Holyfield-Lewis fight — a little bit misleading.

Plymouth Christian led, 20-19, early in the second quarter, and trailed by only a 41-38 score with three minutes left in the third quarter.

But the Cougars closed the quarter with four unanswered hoops — junior Doug Gray powered in a layup, senior Mike VanEtten knocked down a triple from the left corner and Seth Borton tripled from the right wing before closing a fast break with a layup.

Lenawee Christian took a 51-38 lead into the final quarter and stretched it out from there.

"They battled back several times," Brown said, "in situations where other teams might have backed off."

"I feel like we put a scare into them," Taylor said. "I don't know if anybody they've played has had a lead on them that late in the game."

Mike Huntsman scored 14 points to lead Plymouth Christian and Derric Isensee added 13 but Huntsman was kept away from the basket and Isensee was a Maple tree battling Redwoods.

David Carty scored nine, Andrew Sherrill eight and Evan Gaines closed his PCA career with four, as did Jordan Roose.

Plymouth Christian bothered Lenawee Christian by doubling down on the Sequoias the Eagles led up front — 6-4 junior Doug Gray, 6-5 sophomore Jay Threet and 6-4 senior Bronson Mansfield.

Gray led the scorers with 22 points, mostly on power layups, getting seven in the third quarter. VanEtten had 17, eight in the second period and six in the fourth.

"Gray was a load down low," Taylor said. "I feel if we could have stopped him a few times it could have made a difference."

Dropping a guard or forward down to double-team Lenawee Christian's big players did bother them quite a bit. Plymouth Christian caused more than a few turnovers that way.

"Most teams don't double them," Taylor said, "because of their perimeter shooters. We wanted to be able to be there when their forwards got the ball and started their spin move."

The Cougars hit seven triples, five by VanEtten, while the Eagles only made two, both by Sherrill in the fourth quarter.

Lenawee Christian also had a half-dozen easy baskets off fast breaks.

"I thought we had to use 94 feet," Brown said, "because I didn't think they would be able to go as deep into their bench as we could."

PCA was hurt when Roose ran into a pick and was called for his third foul with 5:23 left in the first half. His team held its one-point lead at that time and trailed, 33-25, at the half without him.

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port a team. "I think these two teams will be powerhouses, right out of the gate," he predicted.

It quickly became evident this was not an idea that could simply be drawn up on a home computer, printed out and taken to a school board meeting, to be unceremoniously dumped on the board members' collective laps with immediate approval anticipated.

What was needed was a coalition to work out the details. Lash, Ward, Little and Wolcott were it.

It must be noted that neither Lash nor Ward have a child who will be affected by this in the next few years. "I have nothing to gain by this," said Ward, a Northville resident. "But I felt it's something that's long overdue."

Lash and Ward are cautiously optimistic that, with Little's support, the board will approve. So, too, is Wolcott. Nothing, however, is being taken for granted.

How much will it cost? Actual figures will be revealed at Tuesday's board meeting, but Ward did say the pay-to-play format would still be at least 50 percent less than the \$1,800 minimum it costs to fund a Midget AA (high school-aged) hockey player.

Who will they play? If the board approves, the belief is the Western Lakes Activities Association will include hockey as a league sport next winter. All schools in the WLAA will have a hockey team, except Westland John Glenn.

Where will they play? That, according to Lash, has not been officially determined, but all indications are the Plymouth Cultural Center is the No. 1 choice. For one, it's located on school property.

Hopefully, everything's been addressed. Hopefully, the board will approve.

And hopefully, the more than two-year trek to realization is at an end, and come next winter, both Salem and Canton will have hockey teams.

Salem

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Jancevski had nine points and seven rebounds.

Lathrup got 18 points from Johnson (10 coming in the third quarter, six in the fourth), 16 from Solomon Edwards and 10 from Brandon Edwards.

The Rocks will be making their first trip to the state quarterfinals since 1990, when they lost to Battle Creek Central.

If they continue to play with the same determination they displayed in their two regional wins, their season could extend even further.

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The Eagles reacted well to the excitement of the regional final. They were slow starting, but gave themselves a chance by paying attention to defense. They acquitted themselves well both on and off the court in their first exposure to the level of basketball Lenawee Christian has been enjoying for several years.

There could be a replay next year, too, because the Cougars lose only two of their starters. No doubt the planning has already begun.

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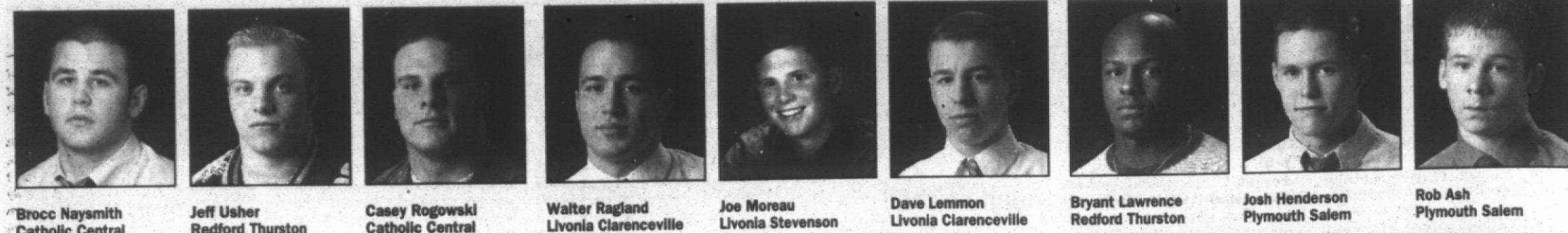
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State meet stars lead team

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The championship round of the Division I state tournament was a time for Observerland wrestlers to shine.

Redford Catholic Central senior Casey Rogowski and Livonia Stevenson junior Josh Guterman won back-to-back titles in the heavyweight and 103-pound divisions, respectively.

Rogowski, who boasts a record of 91-0 over the last two seasons, captured his second consecutive championship.

He and Guterman headline the 1999 All-Observer wrestling team.

Observerland didn't have any more individual state champs, but 11 others placed among the top eight in their weight classes and are included here as members of the 20-man All-Observer team.

Six wrestlers are repeat picks — Plymouth Salem's John Mervyn and Josh Henderson, Catholic Central's Mitch Hancock, Broce Naysmith and Rogowski and Garden City's Brian Hinzman.

The 1999 All-Observer team:

FIRST TEAM

Josh Guterman, 103, Liv. Stevenson: After moving into the 103-pound class late in the season, the junior took advantage by winning his weight class in the Division I state tournament.

Guterman finished the year at 39-10 with all 10 losses coming at 112. He was also district and regional champion. The Spartan grappler also won Observerland at 112 and took third in the Western Lakes at 112.

"Josh is definitely a team player,"

Observer's best in wrestling

John Mervyn
Plymouth Salem

Stevenson assistant coach Joel Smith said, "He wrestled 112 all year, although he weighed 105."

"Josh is one of our most talented athletes. His work ethic was one of the key elements to his earning all-state honors."

The state champion has a career record of 56-17.

Joe Moreau, 103, Liv. Stevenson: Despite a season-long injury, the senior finished sixth in his weight class at the state meet and wound up with 100 career wins (against 24 losses).

Moreau, 47-7 this season, was also Western Lakes champion at 103 and co-college MVP (with Guterman) after winning Observerland. He also took second at the Salem, district and regional tournaments.

"Joe won more matches on heart than most with his talent," Smith said. "He was faced with a shoulder injury that should have ended his season early, but not Joe. He continued through the adversity to become an all-star. Joe led our team in wins, pins, reversals and take-downs. Everybody needs a Joe."

John Mervyn, 112, Ply. Salem: Mervyn placed seventh in the state, finishing with a 45-7 record. His career total is 121-27. For the second straight year, Mervyn won WLLA and district championships, finished second in the regional and qualified for state.

"John reminds me of (former Salem standout) Dave Dameron," coach Ron Krueger said. "He was good enough to win the state but wasn't ready mentally. Next year he will win it!"

Ronnie Thompson, 112, Ply. Salem: The first-year varsity wrestler led the Rocks in pins (25) and wins (48). His record included 16 losses. Thompson was undefeated in dual meets and was the WLLA champion at 119.

He finished seventh in the state at 112; he was fourth in the district and regional. "Ron is our most improved wrestler," Krueger said. "He came from JV to seventh in the state. When Ron moves, you can't beat him."

Rob Ash, 119, Ply. Salem: Ash posted a 26-12 record this year and is 61-22 in his career. He was the WLLA runner-up for the second year in a row, wrestling at 125. He was at 112 last year.

"Rob bumped up two weight classes this year and did a great job," Krueger said. "He was a big part of our team. He's a two-time regional qualifier; next year he'll place real well."

Eugene Antonelli, 125, Redford Thurston: Antonelli was ill and failed to make weight at the Division II individual district, but he made a strong impression at 125 in the regular season.

Antonelli, 78-34 in his career, was the Observerland and Mega Conference champion. He was also district and regional champion, finished second in the regional and qualified for state.

Blue Division champion. His record this year was 21-10.

Dave Lemmon, 130, Clarenceville: Lemmon posted an impressive record of 52-8, while finishing with a career mark of 109-50. He was one of the best reasons the Trojans won dual-meet titles in the Metro Conference and Division IV district.

Lemmon became the first Clarenceville wrestler to place first at Observerland. He also won the Metro, Livonia City, River Rouge and Harper Woods tournaments.

He qualified for the state meet by finishing third in the district and was fourth at the regional.

"Dave really dedicated last summer and this school year to wrestling," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "He promised me he would make it to the state meet and he did."

Josh Henderson, 135, Ply. Salem: Henderson finished second in nearly every tournament he entered. He won the Wyandotte Invitational title and was third in the WLLA. His record was 37-12 this year, putting his career total at 87-33.

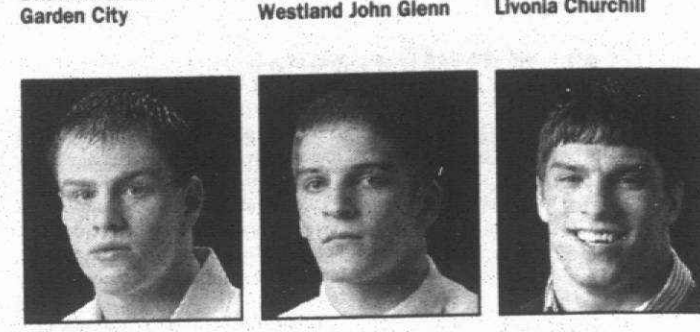
"Josh has a lot of ability," Krueger said. "He needs to work hard, and good things will happen. Josh is a two-time All-Observer wrestler. That's hard to do, but he did it. We want him to place in the state next year."

Jeff Usher, 140, Redford Thurston: Usher was stuck in a rugged weight

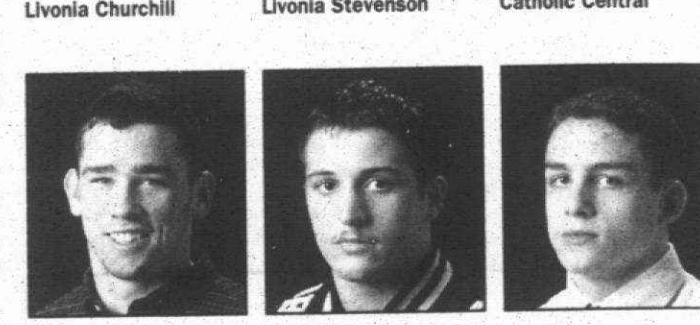
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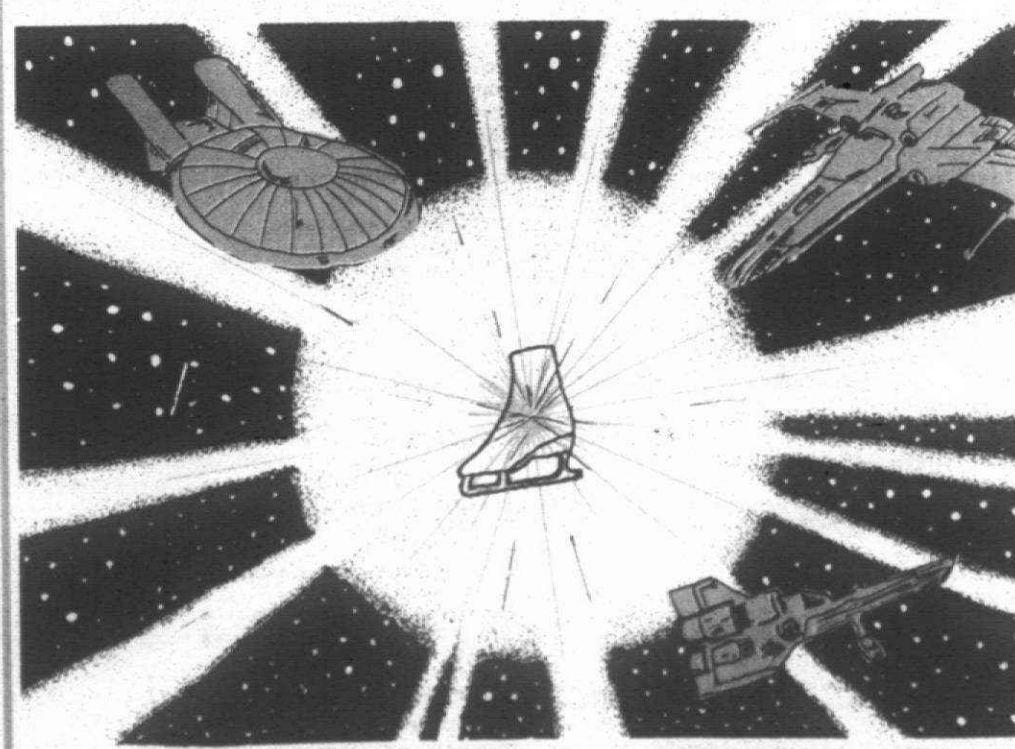


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class in Division II and managed a fourth-place showing at the individual district.

He was an Observerland champion and finished the season with a 31-7 record, improving his career record to 85-23.

Mike Carter, 145, Liv. Churchill: Carter, 331, this year and 7545 for his career, had his season cut short in the regional by a knee injury.

He placed first in eight tournaments — River Rouge, Garden City Christmas, Plymouth Salem, Wyandotte, Clarenceville, Livonia City, Observerland, Western Lakes and district.

His season highlights included a 25-second pin in the finals of the district and a 5-3 overtime victory over Plymouth Canton's Kevin Stone in the championship match at Observerland.

Carter is the first Churchill wrestler in the past 15 years to go undefeated during the regular season.

Mitch Hancock, 152, Redford CC: Hancock finished second at the Division I state tournament and had a 47-4 season record with 31 pins.

He has a 139-12 career record with 87 pins. Hancock was the Catholic League, district, regional and Observerland champion.

"Mitch is a fine young man whose work ethic is outstanding, and I know he too will succeed in reaching his goals," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "Reaching the state finals, accepting second and putting all things aside, Mitch will be more determined in his senior season to make it happen."

Brandon LaPointe, 152, Liv. Churchill: LaPointe capped a strong senior season by finishing seventh in Division I. His season record was 41-8, and he is 92-26 for his career.

Among the firsts LaPointe garnered this season: Wyandotte Invitational, Livonia City meet, Western Lakes and regional.

LaPointe also finished second in the

Rouge, Garden City, Salem, Clarenceville and Observerland meets. He took second in the district, too.

"Brandon is one of the hardest workers I've ever coached," Garden City coach Dave Chioda said. "In four years, he never missed one practice or weigh-in. He started as a freshman with absolutely no experience and turned himself into an all-star wrestler."

Brian Barker, 160, Liv. Stevenson: Barker finished 37-11 this season and was 100-44 during his career. He posted his 100th career victory at the state meet en route to an eighth-place finish in the Division IV state tournament.

He won the district championship and took third at the regional. He added second in the Western Lakes and Catholic Central tournaments.

"Brian has been an outstanding student-athlete on and off the mat," Smith said. "Brian has come along with his talent and leadership. One thing that has remained the same is his desire to be the best he could be."

Pete Langer, 160, Westland Glenn: Langer finished his career with a 72-15 record, including a 32-9 mark this year. He won WLLA and Ypsilanti tournament titles, was the runner-up in Observerland and never placed lower than fourth in a tournament. The regional qualifier had 29 pins in the last two years.

"Pete was never afraid of anyone; he always chased the competition," Glenn coach Keith Zimmerman said. "We put him up a weight several times, and he always won."

Brian Hinzman, 171, Garden City: Hinzman finished his career with a 130-41 overall record, which includes a 48-7 record this year.

He earned fifth place in the Division I state meet after winning regular-season tournaments at Garden City, River Rouge, Pinckney, Salem and Belleville. He also was first in the Mega Conference White Division and Observerland meets.

He is the Cougars' first two-time, state-meet placer. His 130 wins is a

school record, and he also holds the school mark for most pins in a season.

"Brian was one of the hardest workers I've ever coached," Garden City coach Dave Chioda said. "In four years, he never missed one practice or weigh-in. He started as a freshman with absolutely no experience and turned himself into an all-star wrestler."

Walter Ragland, 189, Clarenceville: Ragland won the Metro Conference title for a third year in a row and finished fifth in the Division IV state tournament.

He won the Livonia City championship, as well as the Clarenceville and Harper Woods invitational. He was the Observerland runner-up, and he never placed lower than third in any tournament.

Ragland, who was second in the district and regional, ended the season with a 50-12 record. His three-year career total was 109-32.

"Walter was truly a gem to have on the team," Skinner said. "He was a natural at wrestling. Walter gave 100 per-

cent every time he wrestled."

"Talent like he has does not come around often. Walter had an excellent season, even his last match at state was great. I'm very proud of him."

John Abshire, 189, Redford CC: Abshire came out for the team after losing in the semifinal round, which made his grandpa (Rodriguez) proud.

Abshire, who had a 21-3 record, won the Observerland, Catholic League and Division I district tournaments after helping the CC football team win a Class AA state championship as an all-area noseguard in the fall.

He also helped the Shamrocks win a team district championship in wrestling. His career record is 105-25 with 45 pins.

"After a long rest from football season, John came back to help us make a run for the state title," Rodriguez said. "He definitely gave us the added power in the upper weights, and he picked up some extra medals, too."

Broce Naysmith, 215, Redford CC:

Naysmith had a 38-4 record as a senior with 29 of the wins coming by pin.

He won his third straight Catholic League championship, as well as Observerland, district and regional championships.

He was third at the state meet after losing in the semifinal round, which made his grandpa (Rodriguez) proud.

"Going to the state meet and placing third is one of the most difficult accomplishments," Rodriguez said. "Right after your dreams are shattered, you have to pick up the pieces and step back on the mat."

Bryant Lawrence, 215, Redford Thurston: Lawrence had an outstanding post-season after wrestling only 15 matches in the regular season.

He was third in the Division II district and regional tournaments and fourth at the state meet. He finished the year with a 24-7 record.

Casey Rogowski, 275, Redford CC: What more can be said about Rogowski, who won his second straight Division I heavyweight state championship only months after helping CC's football team to its second straight Class AA state title.

Rogowski was 46-0 this year after going 45-0 as a junior. All this after breaking his leg last August, only a week before the football season started.

"Casey is one of the most talented athletes we've had at Catholic Central since the great Frank Tanaka passed through our halls," Rodriguez said.

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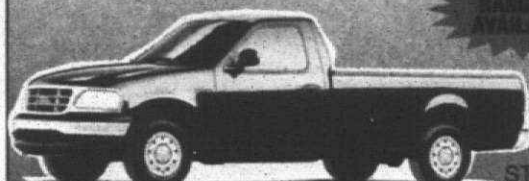
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