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## Close-Up students debate Kosovo



**Plymouth Canton High School students heard from both sides in the Kosovo conflict Thursday as an Albanian-American and an area peace activist made presentations. Students then gave their opinions on U.S. intervention.**

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Nearly all Americans know a bit of information about the conflict between NATO forces and Serbs in Kosovo. However, nearly 50 percent of Ameri-

cans can't place the region on a map. In order to better inform high school students of the public policy issue of the air strikes in Kosovo, Plymouth-Canton Close-Up teachers set up a debate between an Albanian-American, who favors the NATO bombings, and a

peace activist, who is against the fighting.

"It's a monumental issue, especially since our country is using force," said Jim Salczynski, Close-Up teacher. "We want students to gain an understanding of the situation so when they hear or read about it, they can make some assessments."

Enjell Pelana, representing the Albanian Islamic Center, came to the U.S. in 1992 after being born and raised in Kosovo. He told 600 students the

bombing of the Serbs is the only alternative to failed peace talks.

"Peaceful negotiations have been going on for 10 years now and we still have the ethnic cleansing of the Albanians," he told students. "I think NATO is on the right track to stop the genocide."

Al Fishman, 71, a retired Detroit police officer, told students he's been fighting on behalf of peace and justice for 50 years. Fishman, currently co-

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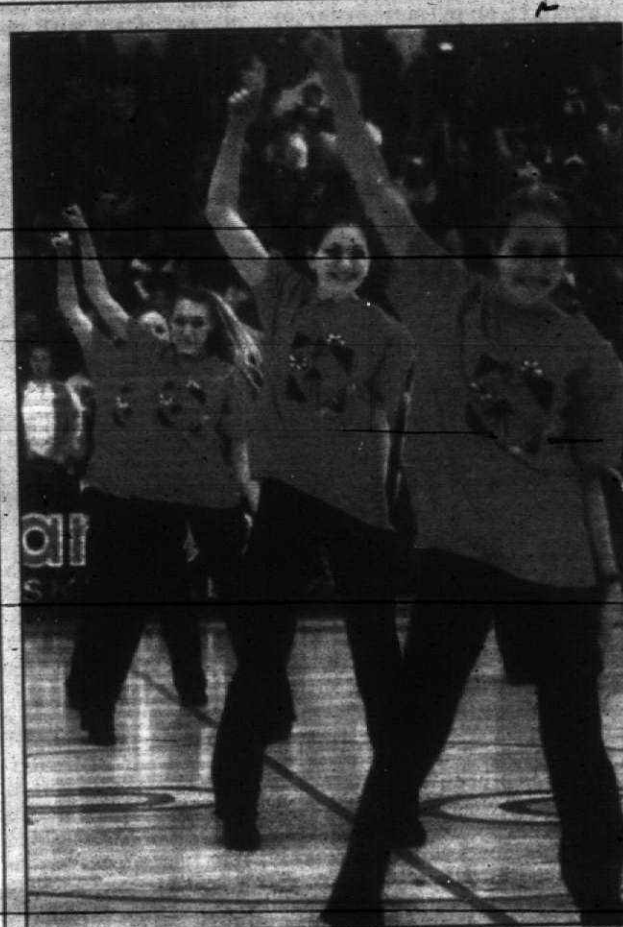
**MONDAY**

**Multiples club:** The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Chamber luncheon:** The Canton Chamber of Commerce presents a talk on sexual harassment in the workplace at its monthly luncheon, noon at Summit on the Park. Guest speaker is William D. Sargent, senior partner with the law firm Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn. Tickets at \$15 each may be reserved by calling the chamber, 453-4040, through Monday.

**Whaler watching:** The Plymouth Whalers host Game Three of their Ontario Hockey League playoff series against the London Knights 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena on Beck Road, north of M-14. Call the box office at 453-8400 for ticket information.



**Hectic days:** Pictured clockwise from left, Katie Tolbert (second from right) performs in the final Canton home basketball game against Salem. Tolbert listens as her best friend Beth tells a story during lunch February 16. Tolbert poses for a portrait during the Prom Fashion Show March 18.

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## Winding down

### As graduation approaches, Katie Tolbert reflects on her senior year

A  
YEAR  
in the  
life

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Canton High School senior Katie Tolbert has been busy this semester with the Chiefettes pom-pom squad, the prom fashion

show, school and work.

However, Tolbert is hoping some of those 12-15 hour days will become a thing of the past, now that many of her activities this semester are winding down.

"I'm looking forward to being one of those people who gets to go home after school," said Tolbert, 18, of Can-

ton. "My social life will pick up, and I'll have more time for my friends."

"My most time-consuming activity was Chiefettes. We've had pretty much a perfect year, winning a lot of awards," she said. "But there have been times when I think 'Is it worth it anymore?' My body really takes a beating."

Tolbert said there were times she was at school for what seemed endless hours because of school and activities.

"I would have classes, Chiefettes, prom fashion show practice, then sometimes there was a basketball game," Tolbert recalled. "When I got home late, all I wanted to do was go

to bed. But I still had homework to do."

However, Tolbert said she's not complaining because keeping busy is how she likes it.

"I know that I'll always have to be involved with something, otherwise I'd get bored," she said. "It helps you really focus on what you need to do, and what you really want to do."

Keeping busy has another positive affect for Tolbert, keeping her from realizing that her senior year is quickly coming to an end.

"The first half of the year went by super fast, and now I can't believe there's only a short time left," said

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## 'Big box' ready for tenants

**MICHIGAN AVENUE**

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If you've recently traveled Michigan Avenue west of Beck, you might have wondered what the enormous building on the north side of the road was.

It isn't a new stadium for the Detroit Lions. It's not a mall. It has nothing to do with nearby Willow Run Airport, either.

It is a distribution, warehouse and light manufacturing center. It's also one other thing: Big.

Try 450,000 square feet big. That's nearly twice as large as retail giant Meijer on Ford Road.

If it were a subdivision, you could fit 180, 2,500-square-foot homes inside. The building is so large, in fact, that 80 docking doors fit on its back side.

"I like to tell people it's five football fields long by one football field wide," said Susan Harvey, vice president of

Please see **'BIG BOX,'** A6

## Law rings in on false alarm runs

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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There's a wolf problem in Canton. But not of the four-legged variety. Crying wolf has reached alarming numbers in the township over the past few years, according to public safety officials.

In January alone, police and fire units responded to 393 calls. That's an average of nearly 13 per day.

Of those, 99 percent were bogus.

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## Rescue attempt falls short

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A Canton man was one of three people who tried in vain Thursday to save a fellow construction worker after an accident at a home site in Plymouth Township's County Acres subdivision.

Cameron Cook, 25, of Ypsilanti was killed when a pit he was digging for sewer leads caved in. Buried completely under dirt, he was pronounced dead after being taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

A second worker was injured in the mishap.

"When I got in the hole, the one man was breathing, but the other was under the dirt about a foot," said Steve Vesely of Canton, who works for Titanus Cement Wall Co. of Novi. "We had to be careful when digging because we didn't know exactly where he was

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## Feeling safe and sound at home

EVERYDAY  
HEROES



BY LILLY A. EVANS  
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Gary Donat of Livonia would rather provide excellent customer service than take "short-cuts" and receive a larger paycheck. And it has paid

off. Observer reader David Gring of Canton nominated Donat for giving excellent customer service.

"I was going to write his boss a thank you letter, but when I saw I could nominate him for customer service recognition, I wanted to do that," Gring said.

"He was helpful, professional, courteous and reliable. He had to come out to the house three or four times, he was there when he said would be there and he was nice to my family," Gring said.

Gring moved into his new Canton home at the tail end of January's blizzard and said he was a bit frantic about getting his family settled in.

Donat, an installer for Millennium Security Services, formerly known as Prostar Security of Canton, came to his home to install his security system.

When Donat found out Gring's phones weren't working he helped him with that, too.

"I deal with a lot of service people, I could tell Donat had a genuine interest in my family," Gring said.

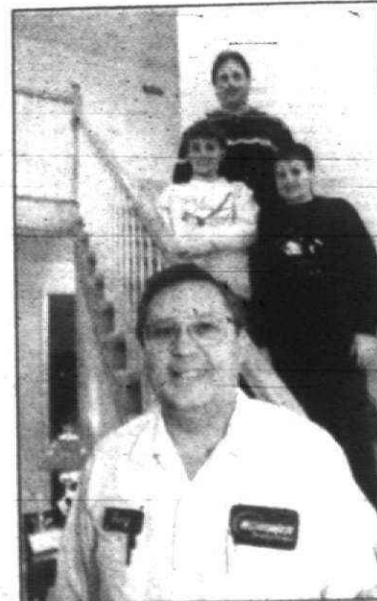
Donat gets paid by the number of installations he does but that doesn't influence the time he takes to instruct his one-time customers on how to use their new security system.

"He took time to explain the system to my entire family. We spent quite a lot of money on the system so I wanted to make sure we knew how to use it. He answered all of our dumb questions," Gring said.

"I like to talk to the homeowners. I hate when they leave me alone. I want to make sure the alarm does what they expect it to do," Donat said.

Donat says he asks his customers a lot of questions about their family so they can utilize the alarm, for exam-

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**Top-notch:** Gary Donat poses with the Gring family, David and boys Kyle and Shane in the Gring home in Canton.



## Library luncheon features northern Michigan novelist

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER  
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Tickets are still available for the 1999 Author Luncheon hosted by Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi and Northville libraries.

Where: Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth  
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Speaker: Jack Driscoll, award-winning northern Michigan author

Tickets: \$20 each, available at the libraries through April 11 or by mail order through April 10.

For information and tickets drop in at:

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NEWSPAPERS

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## Report looks at technology for township

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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If Canton's management information services department is to keep pace with the township's growth, restructuring and expansion will be needed.

That's the conclusion of an administrative report recently presented to the Board of Trustees. According to Canton Finance Director Tony Minghine, the department often can't do the type of work it should be doing because it's continually bogged down with more mundane tasks.

"It's going to cost us money," he said of adding personnel, hardware and software. "But we can't do this program with the level of staffing we have right now. It can't occur."

On March 23, trustees approved a \$56,000 transfer from Canton's general fund to MIS. Minghine said the funds were needed to restore the department's budget after it had spent that amount for emergency repairs.

MIS is responsible for keeping the township's computer systems operating, developing software, maintaining and updating hardware such as laptop and desktop computers.

The department began in 1989. Fewer than three dozen computers were in use at that time. Now, more than 250 are used at township hall and other locations.

The result has been an explosion in demands for MIS services and support. Current staffing simply can't handle the workload adequately, Minghine said.

"We think if we're going to do this," he added, "we have to be properly resourced."

Currently, MIS has a staff of four. They hope to add several positions, including a full-time network administrator, a programmer/analyst and a technician.

Canton's computer system has grown in complexity almost geometrically since it began, Minghine told trustees. Recent and frequent network crashes points out the need for an administrator.

Every time the network goes down, it costs the township money, Minghine said that cost may be as much as \$3,000 per hour.

Standardizing computer hardware is another key step. The township will purchase Dell computers for all departments in the future.

"This has probably become the most critical issue for us," he added.

The addition of a programmer/analyst would complete a team of three in MIS. The job would involve writing custom software for other township departments and provide some support for the computer system.

MIS Brad Thompson said finding the right person for that job could be difficult. Experienced programmers tend to take jobs with private sector, he explained.

"The job market is very poor," Thompson said. "We can't get experienced people for what we're willing to pay."

However, as her senior year winds down, Tolbert reflects and comes to the conclusion it's been a good year.

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She said her senior year in the classroom has been fun because she's been able to take a lot of

last semester, the honor student's grade point average was 3.8, "but I was disappointed because I only got a B-plus in math," she said. "But I guess I can take a 3.8 any day."

Tolbert's mother, Marnie Holdefer, is active in Canton High School activities, and Tolbert said she enjoys having her mom around.

"We have a good relationship, and it's nice to have her involved," said Tolbert. "It gives her an understanding of what goes on at the high school, and many times she's able to tell me what's going on."

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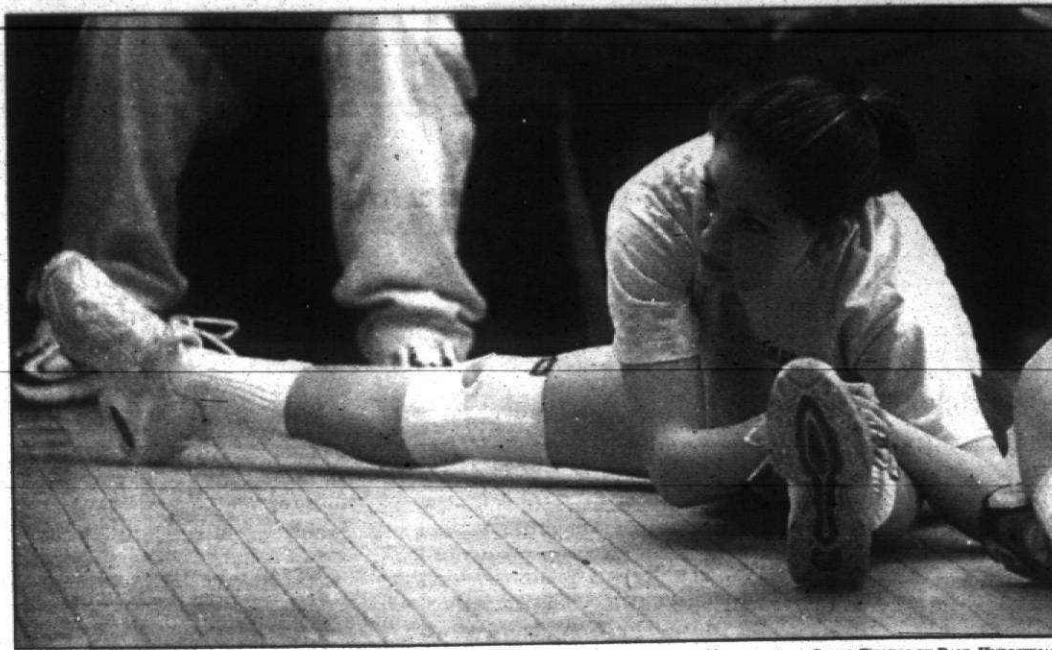
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Getting ready: Katie stretches before a Chieftettes practice in February.

## A year in the life from page A1

Tolbert. "I think this last part will also go fast. If I hadn't done anything during my senior, I probably would have regretted it."

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Fashion show: Matt Comp-ton gets some attention from Katie during the Prom Fashion Show March 18.

elective classes, as compared to more demanding academics.

## CANTON CONNECTION

### A busy April

The Canton Senior Program is hosting a trio of events for township seniors this month. An ensemble of local seniors will present "The Picture That Was Turned to the Wall, or She May Have Seen Better Days," a two-hour melodrama written by Tim Kelly, 7 p.m. April 17 and 2 p.m. April 18 in the Maple/Oak Room at the Summit. The Canton Senior Kitchen Band will perform during intermission. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$4 and available at the Summit.

The annual Senior Volunteer Reception will honor nearly 200 local volunteers 1-3 p.m. April 20 in the Maple/Oak Room. Seniors should RSVP for the reception by calling 397-5444.

The first annual Senior Service and Business Expo is planned for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 1 at the Summit. Residents attending the free event will be able to learn more about senior services available within the community. The expo is cosponsored by the senior program and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

**Youth series finale**  
At the other end of the age spectrum, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" is the final performance in this year's Youth Variety Series sponsored by Canton Project ARTS.

**The Saturday, May 1, presentation by Paper Bag Productions** at the Summit is intended for children ages 3-10. A paper bag lunch will be served by Charlie Brown and his friends at 11:30 a.m., followed by the show at noon.

Admission is \$5 and advance ticket purchase is required. For information call 397-5381.

**Award winner**  
Canton resident Young S. Kim has received the 1999 Powder Metallurgy Automotive Achievement Award from the Metal Powder Industries Federation.

Kim is a senior manufacturing engineer at the GM Powertrain plant in Ypsilanti.

The award was presented at the Society of Automotive Engineers International Congress in March at Cobo Center in Detroit.

**In the Loop**  
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**Rescue attempt** from page A1  
buried.

Vesely was joined by two other workers and an off-duty Michigan State Trooper, Charles Kemp of Plymouth Township.

"Digging through the clay was tough," said Kemp. "We finally got his head clear to give him mouth to mouth, but we couldn't turn him over to administer CPR."

Kemp, who was off duty, was jogging on Ridge Road when he heard loud cries for help from nearby construction workers.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department arrived on the scene and helped in finally freeing the victims, which one official said took approximately 20 minutes. One died from his injuries. The other was shaken, but relatively uninjured.

The cause of death "was most likely from being crushed by the weight of the dirt and clay," said Plymouth Township fire Capt. Randy Maycock. "The 3-by-8 section of dirt wall that came crumbling down probably weighed between one and two thousand pounds. It was like being hit by a car."

Moises Rubalcaba, 31, of Detroit survived without any injuries, despite being buried up to his neck for most of the ordeal. He was treated and released from the hospital Thursday.

"I'm trained to respond to emergency situations, but it was still difficult because we had no emergency equipment, no radio, nothing needed for a rescue," said Kemp. "I did the best I could. But I feel bad we couldn't

save the one victim."

The two men worked for William R. Curtis Inc. of Farmington Hills. The owner, William Curtis, was visibly upset while talking of the accident.

"This kind of thing is not supposed to happen. It was just a freak accident," said Curtis. "I've been in this business for 50 years and this is the first time we've ever had an accident. I just can't believe this happened."

Representatives of Pulte Homes declined to comment at the scene. William Cannon, senior safety officer of the MIOSHA Construction Safety Division, arrived on the scene shortly after the men were freed.

"I'll take a look and see if there are any construction violations at the site," said Cannon. "It will take a few weeks before the report is issued."

Plymouth Township Building Official Charlie McIlhargy said despite the growth throughout the township, accidents at construction sites have been rare.

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## No suspects in arson

A Taco Bell trash bin was set on fire Tuesday in Canton. No injuries were reported.

Police reports said about \$500 worth of damage was done to the dumpster. The fire was called in by a neighboring business shortly after 9 p.m.

Police have no suspects.

**Decoy operations**  
Canton Police recently conducted a sweep of local business for sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors.

All seven businesses refused to sell to the minor decoys. They included two 7-11 party stores, Country Wine & Deli, Pinetree Party Store, Discount Drinks, Sharks Club and a Shell gas station.

**Retail fraud**  
More than \$100 worth of DVD software was stolen from Super K-Mart on Ford Road March 30.

A 38-year-old Belleville man attempted to leave the store without paying, according to police reports. Loss prevention officers stopped the man in the parking lot. Canton police later arrested him.

**Minor in possession**  
A Canton juvenile was arrested March 27 for possession of alcohol, tobacco and obstructing.

**Arson**  
A 20-year-old Canton man was arrested March 29 for setting a 16-year-old Canton girl's car on fire in the 2000 block of Cavalier.

### COP CALLS

township police.

According to reports, an officer on patrol spotted a group of juveniles on the north side of Arbor Drugs at 7629 Canton Center. The juveniles put something down next to the building when they saw his squad car and then went inside the building, he said.

The officer discovered a bottle of whiskey sitting next to the building. He noted that the bottle was about three-quarters full.

Moments later, a juvenile from the group came around the building to where the officer was standing. The boy appeared startled.

The officer asked him for identification. The juvenile started to give it to him, but then ran north on Canton Center.

The officer caught up with him on a side street. The juvenile was then taken into custody.

Upon searching him, the officer found a cap to a whiskey bottle and cigarettes. The juvenile was cited for possession and obstructing police.

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## Canton, Plymouth VFW Posts merge to boost membership

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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After more than a dozen years of service, Canton's VFW is merging with Plymouth Post 6695.

The move became official late last month after a unanimous vote by Post 6695 membership. Plymouth adds about 50 Canton veterans to its ranks of nearly 500.

"We talked about it for two to three months," said Canton Post Commander Gene Daley. "We thought it was the right thing to do."

Dwindling membership and participation at the Canton Post forced the merger, he added. Daley had mixed feelings about its demise.

"Yes and no," he said in regards to feeling sad about the move. "But it was either that or have everyone go their own way."

Merging with Plymouth will allow Canton veterans to continue its service in the township. That includes placing flags on cemeteries on Memorial Day and throwing a Super Bowl

party for ill veterans, among others.

Quartermaster John Spencer said Canton veterans were reluctant to merge, but felt they had little other choice.

"I put a lot of time into the post and keeping it going," he added. "But it was time to make the move."



## Kosovo from page A1

chairman of Peace Action in Michigan, said bombing the Serbs will only make them want to fight to the end.

"To take Kosovo from Serbia will require an inordinate amount of bloodshed," warned Fishman. "You'd almost have to kill every Serb to do it, and bomb it into the stone age. It just won't happen. We need to bring the parties together again and renegotiate an agreement that protects the human rights of all people in Yugoslavia."

Pelana disagreed, telling students that Serbs have been targeting Albanians for a long time.

"Schools are closed, people have been fired from work, unemployment among Albanians is 100 percent since the Serbs took over," said Pelana. "Genocide has started. The best solution is for Kosovo to let its people have independence from Serbia."

Pelana then explained to students the situation in terms they could understand.

"This is much like the Americans who rebelled and fought against the oppressive British regime to gain their own freedom," he said. "Kosovo Albanians are seeking freedom and liberty the same as American people did two centuries ago."

Fishman gave students another perspective.

"People are dying and being stripped from their homes," he noted. "Something else must be done, because the bombings aren't working."

After listening to the debate, many students said they came away with a better understanding of what is happening in the region, allowing them to form their own opinions.

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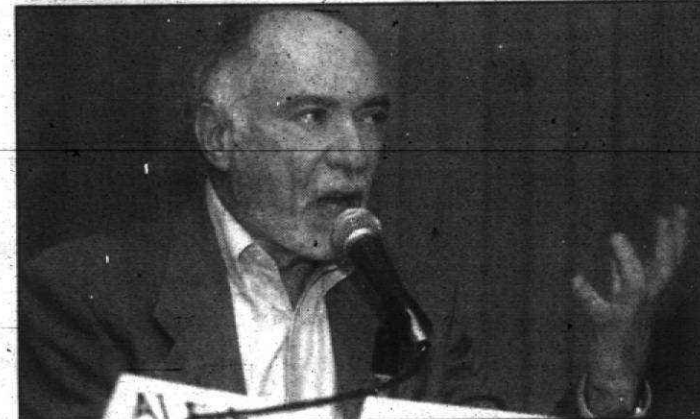
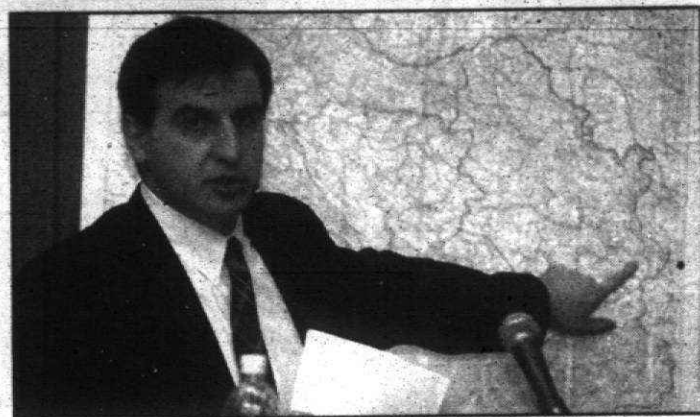
about the fighting," said Motica Lowery, 16, of Canton. "I used to think the U.S. shouldn't be the world's police force, but now I understand the U.S. doesn't want another Holocaust."

"I didn't think the U.S. should be stepping in, but I guess if you had a good life and someone was taking you away from being free and your job, you would want someone to help you," added Ashley Williams, 16, of Plymouth.

"The U.S. needs to use force because the Serbs aren't stopping on their own," said Andrew Madonna, 16, of Plymouth. "The U.S. needs to make it stop."

"I've always been against the bombing, and am still after this debate," added Jim Horton, 15, of Canton. "I think the U.S. will lose some of its credibility, just like we did in Iraq when we bombed Saddam. That area should really be worrying about this situation themselves. The bombing seems to have no effect."

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## False alarms from A1

according to township officials. In an effort to cut the number of runs, the township enacted a false alarm ordinance last November.

"We have had a large volume of false alarms coming in for both police and fire," Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said.

The ordinance defines a false alarm as any activation of an alarm system or its components that doesn't signal an actual fire or criminal act. It also covers any alarm system activation other than what the system was designed for.

Activations by severe weather, power failures or other "unexpected emergencies" beyond the owner's control aren't considered false alarms under the ordinance.

Penalties are on a three-strike basis.

Businesses or residences with three false alarms in one calendar year will be cited. Violators can be fined up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail.

Santomauro said the purpose of the ordinance isn't to generate revenue or threaten people in jail. It's simply to cut the number of false runs, which in turn will save taxpayer dollars and increase safety in the community.

"I'm absolutely optimistic we'll see the false alarms diminish substantially," Santomauro said.

The township had two options to resolve the problem, he added.

Many municipalities charge businesses or residents with the cost of a false run. Santomauro didn't like that options for several reasons.

First, he said, it would be difficult to administer. Santomauro said the department would likely have to hire one full-time person simply to handle all of the billing that would result.

The director thinks a billing system would send the wrong message to residents as well. "I think they'd see it as a revenue generator," Santomauro said. "We didn't want to do that. We see this as a better solution."

Santomauro said he and the department worked with local businesses and Canton's Chamber of Commerce to craft a fair but tough ordinance.

Public education classes were held on the new ordinance last November. Santomauro said it's too early to gauge the ordinance's effect.

"We are looking at every month," he added.

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## Metro parking contract OK'd, firm must reimburse county

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Learn about reptiles at nature center

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

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

The class will highlight species found in the area and explain characteristics to help identify them. Participants can view these inhabitants on a short hike to the river. In addition, many myths about reptiles will be dispelled.

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

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

For information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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## Food court offers more choices for travelers at Metro Airport

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## OBITUARIES

**WILLIAM J. HENNING**  
Services for William J. Henning, 80, of Plymouth were April 2 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Gubbins officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born April 20, 1918, in Plymouth. He died March 30 in Livonia. He retired 15 years ago from the Tenneco Packing Corporation of America after 25 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community 40 years ago from South Lyon. He was a member of the Newburgh Baptist Church in Westland. He attended school in Canton. He was an avid gardener. He served in the armed services during World War II in the European theater.

He was preceded in death by his son, Billy, and one daughter, Faith. Survivors include his wife, Ruth C. Henning of Plymouth; one son, Delbert "Pat" (Ann) Henning of Twin Lakes; four step-children, Carroll (Sue)

Park of East Lansing, Dwaun (Claudia) Park of Hamburg, Herbert (Dianne) Park of Pinckney, Marilyn (Bob) Bonga of Plymouth; two brothers, Roy Henning of Traverse City, Everett Henning of Westland; three sisters, Dorothy Gardner of Northville, Lillian "Tudy" Buttermore of Northville, Violet Bennett of Traverse City; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Newburgh Baptist Church of Westland.

**ELEANOR K. THOMSEN**  
Services for Eleanor K. Thomsen, 82, of Plymouth were April 1 in Grace Lutheran Church with Rev. Victor Halboth and Rev. Timothy Halboth officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born May 26, 1916, in

Shamokin, Pa. She died March 28 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1980 from Detroit. She was a long time member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Redford. She attended Carlton College in Minnesota. She was an avid gardener and she loved to play bridge and travel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. Survivors include her two daughters, Christine Thomsen of Arizona, Carol (Douglas) Stowell of Vestal, N.Y.; one sister, Ann Mitchell of Mountain View, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Steven Stowell of Tacoma, Wash., Kristen Stowell of Bloomington, Ind., Heather Wing of Ann Arbor.

Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, Redford or the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan.

**JOSEPH PETER GALASSO**  
Services for Joseph Peter Galasso, 89, of Plymouth were April 1 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Ortmann officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born Aug. 5, 1909, in California. He died March 30 in Wayne. He was a machine repairman at Kaye Hayes in Romulus. He retired in 1976. He came to the Plymouth community 26 years ago from Detroit. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He loved his family. He also loved to fish and hunt. He loved bowling and was a professional bowler at one time.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Tassi, and one brother, Henry. Survivors include his wife, Hazel M. Galasso of Plymouth; two daughters, Joyce (David) Holm of Los Angeles, Calif., Marilyn (Jerry) Twydel of Warren; two sons, Joseph Galasso, Jr. of Troy, Michael (Kim) Galasso of Richfield; three sisters, Frances Saragosa of Canton, Alta (Umberto) Russo of Livonia, Eileen Wren of Livonia; two brothers, Albert (Mary) Galasso of California, Angelo (Sandra) Galasso of California; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice or mass

offerings.

**ROSE J. STRIZEK**  
Services for Rose J. Strizek, 83, of Canton will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Gardens West, Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. Local arrangements were made by Vermulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Sept. 26, 1915, in Chicago, Ill. She died March 29 in Superior Township at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was a medical technician. She lived in Canton for three years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Aloise Jana. Survivors include her two daughters, Janet L. Strizek of Chicago, Ill., Karen (James) Sandusky of Canton; one sister, Mae Rose Jana of Westchester, Ill.; one grandson, Scott Sandusky of Canton; and one granddaughter, Beth Sandusky of Canton.

Memorials may be made to United Home Health Services, Inc., 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton, MI 48187.

**HELEN C. RILEY**  
Services for Helen C. Riley, 80, of Westland were March 14 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. Roger

Aumann of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden cemetery.

She was born Jan. 22, 1919, in Detroit. She died March 14 at Arbor Hospice.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard; and one son, Leonard. Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Smith, Marian (Larry) Malek of Canton; one son, George (Sandy); two brothers, three sisters; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**JOSEPH C. CHAMPAINE**  
Services for Joseph C. Champagne, 59, of Canton were April 1 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Cemetery.

He was born June 18, 1939, in Delray, Mich. He died March 29 in Canton. He was a car loader for an automotive company.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Darcey. Survivors include his wife, Margaret (Peggy); two sons, Ted J. (Cindy), David A.; one daughter, Michelle A. Shadwell; and three grandchildren, Christopher, Carrie and Erica.

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## 'Big box' from page A1

Ashley Capital, the developer/owner. The industrial term for them is 'big box.'

The company, which specializes in such developments, has a local office in Romulus and is headquartered in New York.

The building is the first of a possible six at "Canton Business Park." The company owns 230 acres at the site.

But for all of its girth, the building is dwarfed by other Ashley Capital facilities. Harvey said her company's average building is 500,000 square feet.

"We have buildings in Brownstown," she added, "that are 600,000 and 700,000 square feet."

In Canton, only Kmart's Joy Road warehouse/distribution center is larger at 500,000 square feet. Yazaki North America's new building on Haggerty Road will be 412,000 square feet.

According to Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet, Ashley and others are simply responding to the market.

"There's big demand for industrial use and research facilities," he commented.

If Canton Business Park is completed, it'll have 2.5 million square feet. Goulet said three similar projects are in the pipeline and could add up to 2 million more square feet of warehouse/distribution/industrial space.

"We've been adding 500,000 to 1 million square feet per year for the last five years," he added.

Michigan Avenue is the link in most of those developments.

Harvey said recent improvements to the state road have spurred growth.

"It's also a connection from Detroit to Ann Arbor," she said.

Currently, Canton Business Park has two tenants that take



**Upscale look:** Ashley Capital's first building in Canton is designed to look like an office complex, though it will house some 450,000 square feet of warehouse space.

aesthetically pleasing design, Ashley is able to attract clients that want both office and other uses.

"We built it to have a first class image," said Harvey.

Similar facilities, even their own, are usually less pleasing to the eye.

"This building is unique to what we do," Harvey said.

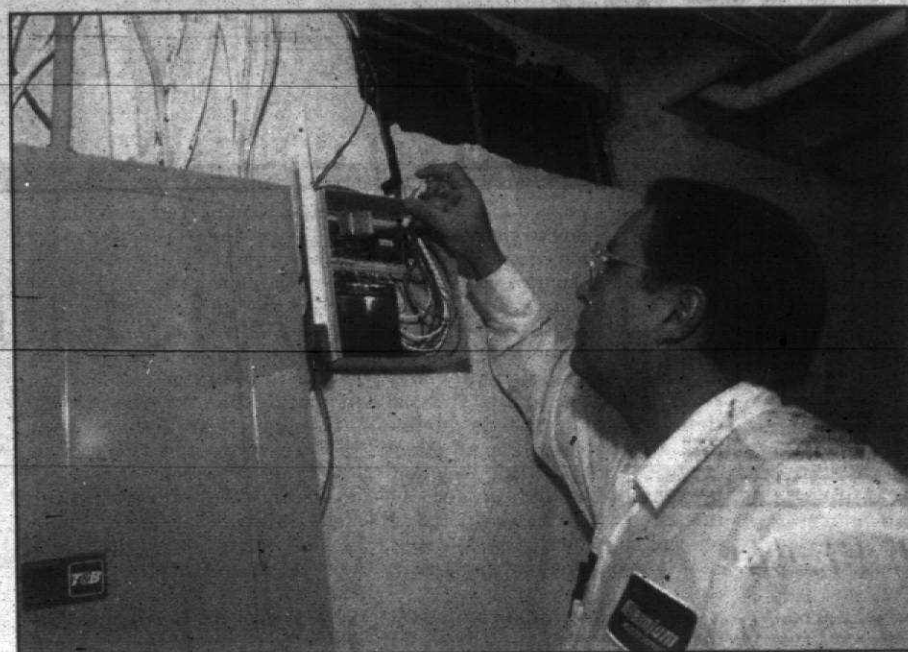
Goulet said the township insisted on an attractive building

up a little less than half of the building. Ashley rents the space.

The building's flexibility allows for many or just a couple of users, said Harvey. She added that because of the building's

because of its huge frontage on Michigan Avenue. It isn't too different than most well-done office buildings, he added.

"That's what we wanted it to look like," Goulet said.



**Final check:** Gary Donat adjusts the alarm wires in the Gring's basement.

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ple the latchkey and medical emergency features. He also tries to make sure they are satisfied with the placement of the motion detectors so it doesn't interfere with their interior dec-

orating.

Donat has been in the security business since the 1970s. He attended Michigan State University until he was drafted into the service.

He has three children, Susan, 23, Brian, 19, and Laura, 15. Donat recently celebrated his 25th anniversary with his wife, Mariann.

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## Trial date expected soon in rape case

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A 37-year-old man accused of raping a Livonia Realtor in Canton last December is scheduled for a final conference at Wayne County Circuit Court on April 30.

A trial date for Mitchell Dean Sproessig of Monroe will likely be set at that time by Judge Warfield Moore. He was bound over for trial March 5 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Sproessig is charged with three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. If convicted, he'll face up to life in prison without parole.

He is currently in the Wayne County jail. A \$750,000 cash bond was continued by the district court in binding Sproessig over for trial.

He's being charged as a habitual offender, meaning he must serve at least five years of each count if convicted. Sproessig is currently on parole from a 1985 Texas conviction on a similar charge.

The Realtor, 23, was working alone in a model home in Canton on Dec. 23 when he came in at about 3 p.m. Sproessig came into the home pretending to be a potential buyer, according to district court testimony.

After touring the home alone, he attacked the Livonia woman. Sproessig allegedly forced her into a bedroom closet where the assault occurred.

The 23-year-old testified that she was finally able to get Sproessig to leave by convincing him her boss was coming by to check on her. She called 911 and was treated at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia after he left the model home.



## FOCUS ON WINE



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### Joseph Phelps Vineyards stars at WineFest

**H**aving been in the wine business for over 25 years, Joseph Phelps Vineyards owner Joe Phelps is a member of the Senior Class of Napa Valley vintners. His wines are superstars at the head of that class.

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

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

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

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

#### Rhone Ranger

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

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#### Wine Picks

- **Picks of the Pack:** 1996 Stags' Leap Merlot, Napa Valley \$29. Merlot doesn't get better than this! Delicious now, yet very ageable. 1997 St. Supery Meritage White \$21 gives enhanced meaning to the meritage category.
- **Welcome Spring with fresh and lively white wines:** 1997 King Estate Pinot Gris \$13; 1997 Byron Pinot Blanc and Pinot Gris, both \$16.
- **Creamy, rich, balanced oak chardonnays:** 1997 St. Supery Chardonnay, Napa Valley \$15.50; 1997 Edna Valley Vineyard Paragon Chardonnay \$17; and 1996 King Estate Chardonnay \$14.
- **Lighter reds to pair with lighter dishes:** 1997 Preston "Faux," Dry Creek Valley \$11; and 1997 St. Supery Merlot \$19.
- **Rich reds for your first Spring barbecue:** 1997 Preston Syrah \$18; and 1997 Quivira Dry Creek Cuvee \$13.
- **Best buys at \$10 and under:** 1995 Mystic Cliffs Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon both \$8; and 1997 Hogue Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot \$9.

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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# MAKING CUSTOMER KING IS CHEF'S REWARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

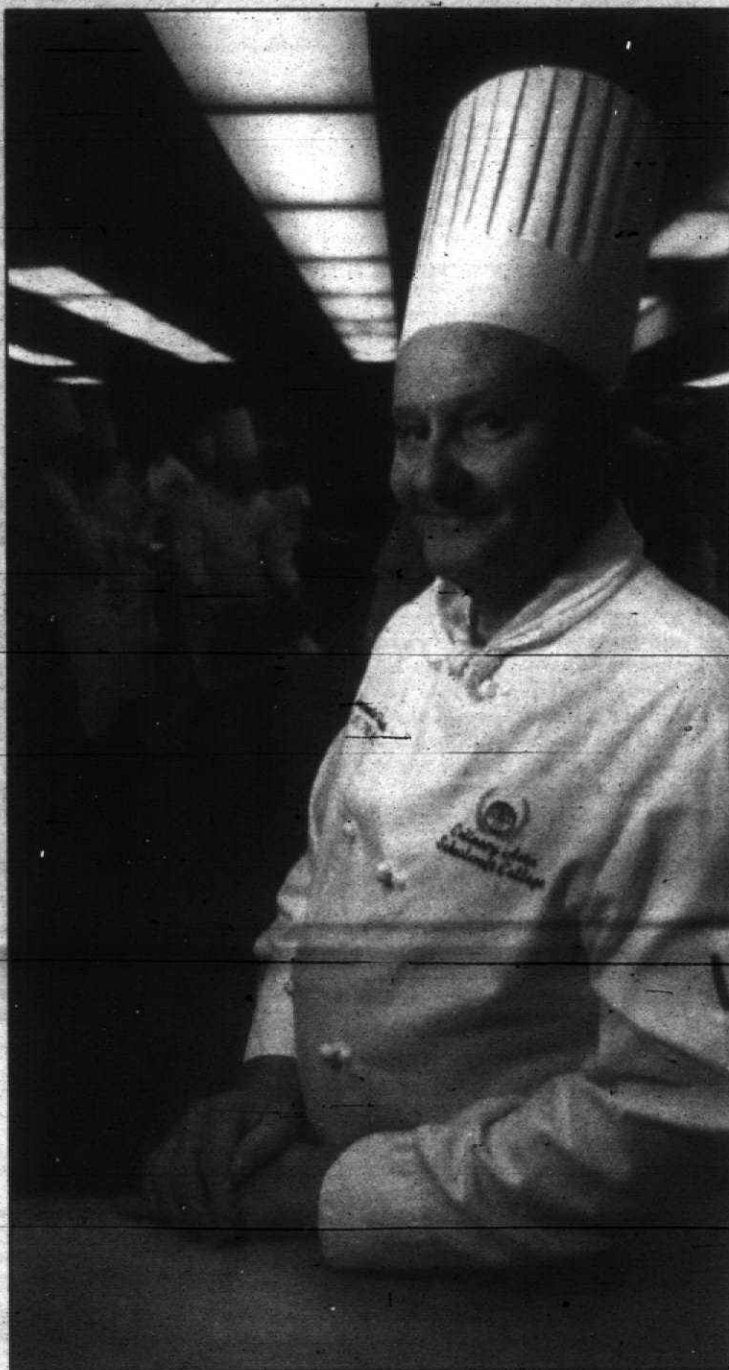
Metro Detroit has been Schaeli's home since 1968 when he left an executive chef position at a luxury motor inn in Rochester, N.Y. to be manager and executive chef de cuisine at Jim's Garage in Detroit.

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

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

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

There's a reason Schaeli is so



Certified Master Chef Leopold K. Schaeli

STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## WHAT CHEFS SHOULD KNOW

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

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

# It's time to spill the beans about soy products

## LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regular tofu is sold immersed in water in a plastic

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

Silken tofu, such as the Mori-Nu brand comes in soft, firm and extra-firm consistencies.

Soft tofu is best used for dips, dressings, and sauces. Firm tofu is better for desserts and tofu salad. For stir-fries, cutlets, and kabobs, extra-firm tofu is the best choice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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For more information, call Val at (734) 261-2856.  
Upcoming class dates: April 7, macrobiotic pizza; April 14, Mexican; April 21, warming soups; April 24, breakfast; April 28, desserts.

**HIV/AIDS workshop**  
A workshop, HIV/AIDS and Older Adults, will be presented 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Madonna University.  
The purpose of the half-day program is to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS in the older adult population and to provide participants with the resources needed to help play a role in combating the disease among the elderly.  
To register, call (734) 432-5731.

**Home care costs**  
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Marywood Nursing Care Center will hold a lecture on "Coping with Aging Parents: Paying for Nursing Home Care," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium.  
This program will focus on how nursing home care is paid. The lecture will also include a review of benefits under Medicare and Medicaid.  
Call (734) 655-1676.

**Better living**  
Dr. Arthur Weaver will host the 21st annual Better Living Seminars, May 9-16 at a "health camp" near Grayling.  
The program is produced by volunteer professionals who donate their time to tackle issues such as stopping smoking, stress control, weight control, vegetarian cooking and low impact exercise.  
The camp is \$395 per person of \$750 per couple all inclusive. Recreational activities include canoeing, horseback riding, crafts and hiking.  
For more information write: Better Living Seminars, P.O. Box 700574, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call the Weavers at (248) 349-5683 or the Morris at (313) 531-2179.

**Alcohol screening**  
Madonna University in Livonia will be the site of free, anonymous screenings for alcohol problems on April 8 from 6-8 p.m. in Kresge Hall on campus.  
The first-eve National Alcohol Screening Day will involve a presentation on alcohol problems; a written self-test; talk one-on-one with a health professional and countless pamphlets, flyers and videos on treatment and local resources sites.  
For information, call (734) 432-5425.

**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 noteworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field) and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome noteworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories.  
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PATIENTS FIRST  
Oakwood HouseCalls brings health care into independent, assisted living facilities

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**P**atients first. A simple statement that's become the value system of a team of medical professionals bringing health care and wellness education into the independent and assisted living facilities in our communities.  
Introduced in the spring of 1998, Oakwood HouseCalls is a patient-centered program that partners a medical team with a senior housing facility to bring consistent and convenient health care into their residence.  
The appeal is the accessibility of an on-site physician, nurse practitioner and site coordinator provide to accommodate the changing needs of the senior population.  
"Oakwood HouseCalls provides coordination of care by making a primary health care provider, and the necessary medical provisions required, more readily accessible on a consistent basis," said Dr. Steven Stein, director, Geriatrics Center for Excellence-Oakwood Healthcare System and founder of the Oakwood HouseCalls program.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Happy patient

Ninety-seven-year old Ada Adams, a five-year resident of Presbyterian Village in Westland, says she has never driven and has had to rely on her two daughters to get her to and from her Bedford physician. Last fall, however, Adams attended a meeting hosted by Oakwood offering residents the option of receiving care from a HouseCalls nurse practitioner and physician within Presbyterian Village.

"This place is so convenient for me because I only live two doors away from the clinic. In the winter, I don't have to go out in the cold weather or wait to have one of my daughters take me all the way to Redford," said Adams, who receives B-12 shots from nurse practitioner Cathy Buiton twice a month.

The Westland resident said the clinic also delivers her prescriptions right to her apartment. "I don't have to go to the trouble of going to the pharmacy at Arbor like I used to," noted Adams. "They bring my medication right to my front door."

According to Stein, the program affords HouseCalls patients a myriad of supporting resources in and outside the Oakwood Healthcare System, including physical therapy, laboratory services, rehabilitation, radiology, pastoral care and more from programs such as Oakwood's Women's Center of Excellence, Geriatrics Center of Excellence, Lifelong Program, Older Adult Partial Hospitalization Program, Alzheimer's Support Group and more.

"It's important to remember that this is a voluntary program on the part of the senior resident," said Gonzales, "and even if they see the nurse practitioner through HouseCalls they can opt to receive their prescriptions from a pharmacy of their choice or rehabilitation from a physician outside the Oakwood Healthcare System. We strive to coordinate the needs of the patient and honor their wishes. Their well-being is our main concern."

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

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

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

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

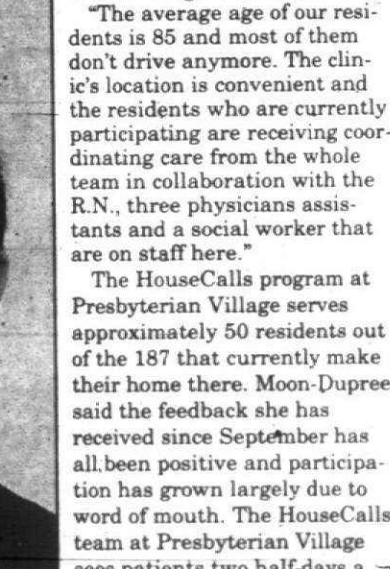
**Convenience:** Registered nurse Kathy Step listens to 97-year-old Ada Adams' heart beat before she receives her monthly B-12 shot at the HouseCalls clinic located inside her independent living facility, Presbyterian Village of Westland. The clinic is located just two doors away from Adams apartment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

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

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



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



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

Nurse practitioner finds calling in HouseCalls program

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

The Wayne nurse is fulfilling her career goals as a nurse practitioner for the Oakwood HouseCalls program at Presbyterian Village in Westland. "I didn't want to have to say 'Your 10 minutes are up, you've got to go,'" said Buiton. "I'm not pushed by a time schedule and can spend the time I need to with a patient to find out what's really going on with them."

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

nity Health Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Track program in June and is employed by Dr. William Silverstone of the Westland Clinic (6149 N. Wayne Road). Silverstone is one of several physicians groups that work collaboratively with Dr. Steven Stein's HouseCalls program providing physician and nurse practitioners in and outside the Oakwood Healthcare System.  
Buiton says her involvement with the HouseCalls program affords her the opportunity to diagnose and treat senior patients with common and acute illnesses. "We also provide preventative medicine and health education through a collaborative relationship with the HouseCalls physician," added Buiton.

Nurse practitioners can manage 85 percent of the responsibilities of a physician in a primary care role, said Buiton. A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse with a master's degree in nursing or a certificate in advanced clinical training. They work in partnership with a physician and other healthcare specialists to provide comprehensive medical care.  
Some of the duties nurse practitioners can perform include obtaining health histories, performing physical examinations, ordering and interpreting laboratory and diagnostic studies, diagnosing health problems, developing a treatment plan with clients, making referrals and providing counseling and teaching. Nurse practitioners have medication-prescribing priv-

Accidental poisonings easily prevented

Ordinary household products and medications can be deadly if left within a child's reach. Annually, more than one million unintentional poisonings among children ages five and under are reported to U.S. Poison Control Centers. In addition, nearly 80 children ages 14 and under die from unintentional poisonings each year.  
In observance of National Poison Prevention Week, Oakwood Healthcare System "Keep Kids Safe!" team and the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition offers numerous safety tips.  
"Children ages 4 and under are particularly vulnerable given their curiosity and natural desire to put everything into their mouths," said Janelle Rose, Oakwood's "Keep Kids Safe!" coordinator and member of the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition.  
A common time for poisonings to occur are at times of stress or chaos in a household. Oakwood's "Keep Kids Safe!" team and the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition offer these poison prevention safety tips:  
■ List Poison Control Center and emergency medical numbers near every telephone.  
■ Store all medications and toxic household products out of the reach of children in locked containers. Never put medicines, cleaning products or chemicals out of the reach and out of the sight of children.  
■ Do not overlook poisonous products such as cosmetics, hair sprays, mouthwash, perfume, art supplies and alcohol. These can all be toxic and are often overlooked.  
■ Keep toxic products in original containers so they can't be mistaken for something harmless.  
■ Keep Ipecac Syrup on hand in case you are instructed by a physician or the Poison Control Center to give this to your child. DO NOT give unless told to do so. The direct line to the Poison Prevention Center located at Children's Hospital in Detroit (313) 745-5711 or (800) POISON-1.  
■ Keep prescriptions out of reach of children and always request child-resistant lids when filling them. Read labels before using and follow directions exactly before administering medicine. Never refer to medicine as "candy" or "food."  
■ Avoid taking medications in front of young children. Children often mimic adult behaviors. Teach them to ask an adult before putting anything in their mouth.  
■ Dispose of old medications by flushing them down the toilet. Never keep medications that have expired.  
■ Avoid having poisonous plants in your home if possible, or place them out of reach of children.  
■ Have children tested for lead exposure. Test homes built before 1978 for lead-based

paint. Wash your children's hands, face, toys and pacifiers OFTEN to reduce the risk of ingesting lead-contaminated dust.  
■ Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Household appliances fueled with gas, oil, kerosene or wood may cause carbon monoxide poisoning.  
According to Tom Kiuraki, media spokesperson for the Livonia Fire Department, plants can also be a source of poisons in the home, causing symptoms that may produce serious effects to major organs such as the heart, liver, stomach and kidneys. Many of the plants are sold in nurseries without warning, so beware.  
"Some common poisonous plants you may have encountered include the azalea, rhubarb, wisteria and the morning glory," stated Kiuraki.  
National Poison Prevention Week is part of the National SAFE KIDS campaign, the first and only national organization dedicated solely to the prevention of childhood injury — the number one killer of children ages 14 and under.  
"Kiuraki advises if some should become poisoned, 'call 911, right away.' Try to identify the poison that was taken, since treatment is based on the type of poison. Keep the container and any unused poison nearby for firefighters to take to the hospital for identification of ingredients dosages."

Race for the Cure upcoming

More than 22,000 women and men will take to the streets on Saturday, April 24, for Michigan's largest race — Detroit's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure. The eighth annual Komen Race for the Cure, is presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.  
Entry forms for the race are available at JCPenney, Pier 1

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

**Items for Medical Newsmakers** are welcome from throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to: Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279. E-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net  
**Fibromyalgia specialist**  
Sharon Ostalecki, Ph.D. in nutrition, has started a practice which will focus on the nutritional needs of fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue patients. The office is located at 33117 Hamilton Court, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 344-0896.  
**Physiatrist welcomed**  
Sunthosh Madhavan, M.D., of Farmington Hills, has joined the division of physiatry within the Department of Neurology as a senior staff physician at Henry Ford Medical Center-Pierston Clinic. Madhavan's clinical interests include adult and pediatric physiatry. Physiatrists are physicians that specialize in physical medicine and rehabilitation.  
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# A busy week on the World Wide Web for surfers

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

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

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

Several large corporations and

government agencies were forced to temporarily shut down their mail servers to sweep their machines for strains of the virus, and the FBI says it is hot on the trail of those who set it loose on the Internet.

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

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

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

Another site, SourceOfKaos.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

sites were hacked with the same message.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

### MON, APRIL 5

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### TUE, APRIL 6

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### TUE, APRIL 13

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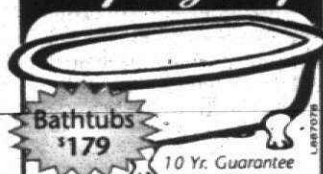
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



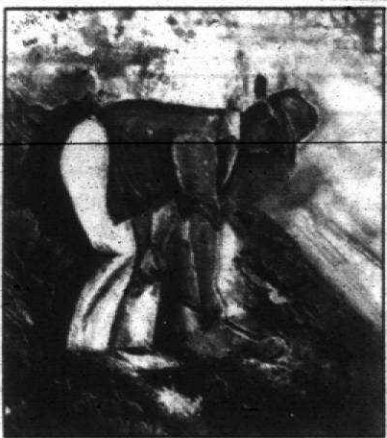
LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Exhibit raises awareness about life in the fields

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

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

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



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



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

#### "Cycles of Misery"

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

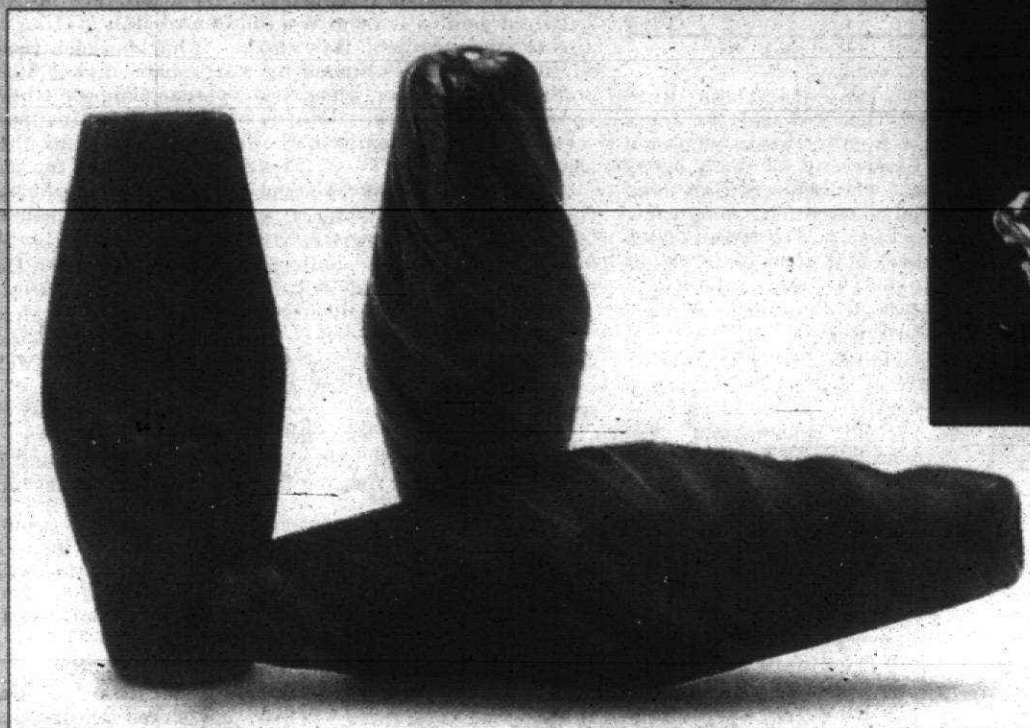
"Meandering Stream" speaks about the sugar beet industry in the Great Lakes region which offered nearly full-time employment to 40,000 workers for 7-to 8-months a year in 1920. Mendoza paints them carrying the heavy bushel baskets on their shoulders. "Operation Farm Lift 1950" captures the result of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

#### Children

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

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

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

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

## FLAMES CREATE CRYSTALLINE BEAUTY

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

Best known for its scientific glass blowing courses, the university now offers classes in beadmaking and workshops in flameworking, the manipulation of glass over a lamp or torch. Nine artists who have taught glass making at the university are featured in "Flameworking at the University of Michigan-Dearborn" through April 2 in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery. On Friday, April 9 Doni Hatz demonstrates techniques in flameworking, also known as lampworking, in the gallery during a reception to meet artists Shane Fero, Frederick Birkhill, Timothy Allen Drier, Jacob Fishman, Hatz, Kristina Logan, Sally Prash, Emilio Santini, and Don Schneider of Plymouth. Works by students Ona T. Sostakas, Kelly Kary, Elizabeth Simpson, Anne Sheppard, Susan A. Fox, Kathleen Bolan, and Candy Orow are also featured along with a retrospective of figures by Fero who will give a lecture and slide presentation.

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

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

#### Beadmakers

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

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

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

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

#### Surreal

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

Don Miller is excited about the growth of glass at the university. A science professor, he began teaching beadmaking at the university four years ago after taking a class at Birkhill's studio. Fero and Birkhill have been giving workshops every April since 1992 at UM-Dearborn. "Glowing Bulb: Flameworking Basics and Neon" with Prash and Fishman takes place July 19-23 and "A Bit of Everything Done in Borosilicate with Hatz and Drier," Aug. 21-25.

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

#### Permanent collection

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

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

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

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



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

## MUSIC THEATER

### 'Relive the Magic' unites theater and music

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

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

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



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



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

ing the times of his life.

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

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

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

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

#### Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore

**What:** A new musical for jazz orchestra about an aging Frank Sinatra-like crooner. Features the Phoenix Ensemble and eight original songs by composer Andy Kirshner.  
**When:** 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11.  
**Where:** Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor.  
**Tickets:** \$15, \$10, students, call (734) 763-8587 or (248) 645-6666.

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# Elmore Leonard says he's just trying to make a living

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG  
SPECIAL WRITER

New York Times best-selling writer and Bloomfield Hills resident Elmore "Dutch" Leonard was not aware that his books had a deep, hidden meaning.

"One professor told me my (novels) are 'indictments of civilization and its byproducts.' They are? I'm just trying to make a living," Leonard said referring to an English professor who made his books required reading for his class.

"I wait for Scott Frank (screenwriter of 'Get Shorty'), and 'Out of Sight,' both are movies based on Leonard's novels of the same name, respectively) to tell me what themes my books are."

Leonard read the most memorable letters he ever received from readers at a presentation held recently at Wayne State

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**Elmore Leonard**  
on writing

University in Detroit. A 12-year old girl (no names were mentioned) wrote to say she aspired to be a successful author like him. As he continued reading, the girl stated that it's a general rule of thumb to write what you know and told Leonard he knows plenty of "leazeballs and lowlives."

A convict, wrote and wanted to know if Leonard had ever been in prison. Leonard was told his novels are gaining popularity with the heroin users but not with the cocaine users because "they aren't as educated."

Leonard said when writing for Hollywood you can't take things personally if movie executives dramatically change your novel. He follows the advice of the late Raymond Chandler. "If you've

had enough (of Hollywood), then it's time to say goodbye. Say it with a smile...You may go back. You may have to go back."

Leonard, 73, is one of a select few writers who have successfully switched genres - from Westerns to crime thrillers. He's also written screenplays during his prolific writing career, which has spanned 48 years. He is renowned for his realistic dialogue.

Leonard graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1950 with an undergraduate degree in English and philosophy. By 1961, he had written and sold 30 short stories, five novels, and two screenplays.

A typical writing day for Leonard begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 6 p.m.

"It's a good day if I come away with 4-5 (pages)," he said. He spends the next day revising the

pages. His manuscripts are usually 360 pages long, with the exception of "Cuba Libre" (Dell Publishing, \$7.50), which was 400 pages. He felt that since it was a historical novel, it needed "more heft."

"I have no idea where (a book is) going or how it'll end. I don't worry about the ending until (I write) 300 pages," he said. "I write to please me...I'm having an awfully good time."

Leonard never reads fiction when writing a novel because he doesn't want to confuse his plot with another plot. He has read books by Alex Garland, Robert B. Parker, and Ed McBain.

"No one does (police) procedurals better than (McBain)," he said.

His recent novel, "Be Cool" (Delacorte, \$24.95), is on the New York Times Best Selling list for the fifth consecutive week.

In it, ex-hoodlum-turned-movie producer Chili Palmer (who was played by John Travolta in the 1995 film, "Get Shorty"), tries to make another movie about a singer named Linda Moon.

Palmer has many pitfalls along the way, encountering record industry executives and Russian mobsters. Four songs by the rock band, the Stone Coyotes, are featured in the book. A new song, "Odessa," was written specifically for the book.

Leonard talked to Travolta about reprising his role as Chili Palmer should "Be Cool" be adapted for the big screen. Travolta told him that he needed a break because he just finished filming "A Civil Action." The subject then changed to Travolta's purchase of a 701 airplane. Leonard said "Be Cool" wasn't mentioned again for the remainder of their conversation.

Leonard's winning pencil drawing "Man's Best Friend" will be displayed along with the winners from other congressional districts in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol. Honorable mentions went to David Koonz (Plymouth Canton), Melissa Stacey (Ladywood), Elizabeth Spiteri (Plymouth Salem), Valerie Ponkey (John Glenn), and Beth Kwapis (Livonia Churchill).

The winners were selected by Margaret Davis, an Eastern Michigan University art professor; Sandy Askew, local artist and member of the Belleville Arts Council; and Doug Seman, Madonna University's art department chairman.

For information or to register, call (734) 453-3710.

**AWARD WINNERS**  
U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers announced the first-place winner of the 13th Congressional District Art Competition was Jonathan Patterson, a senior at John Glenn High School in Westland. Works from the competition were recently on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

High school students from John Glenn, Ladywood in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Plymouth Salem and 10 other high schools participated in the exhibition of painting, drawing and prints which resulted from "An Artistic Discovery," the 18th annual competition conducted by

members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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## Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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### ANTIQUES SHOWS, ART FAIRS EXHIBITION

**MICHIGAN MODERNISM EXPO**  
Sale of 20th-century design, including art nouveau, art deco, streamline, prairie school, Greek Egyptian, Gothic Revival, Surrealism and others: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 24 & 12 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile Road, Southfield: (248) 582-DECO.

**SUGARLOAF ART FAIR**  
Fifth annual, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 16-18. Novi Expo Center. Call (800) 210-9900.

**WESTACRES ARTIST MARKET**  
32nd annual Westacres Artist Market, featuring 65 artists from Michigan, Canada, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Westacres Clubhouse, 3700 Westacres Dr., off Commerce Rd., between Union Lake and Green Lake roads, West Bloomfield: (248) 360-5381.

### AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**  
Livonia Arts Commission seeks artists interested in exhibiting work in a juried show in conjunction with the Livonia Arts Festival, held June 12-13 at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh & 8 Mile Road. Entry fee: \$25. Call (734) 422-6400.

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

**DANCE AUDITIONS**  
Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August. Appointment only. Call (248) 552-5001.

**FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL**  
Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's Juried Art on the Green, held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI 48025. Deadline: April 23. Call (248) 851-5438.

**HARBOR SPRINGS SUMMER SHOW**  
Applications are being accepted for the 24th annual Art 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.

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

**MIDLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS**  
Auditions held on April 24-25 for the following positions: associate concertmaster, associate principal second violin, section strings, principal flute, principal oboe, second oboe, assistant principal horn, third horn, bass trombone. To reserve an audition, call (517) 631-5931, ext. 1501.

**ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS**  
"Friends of Polish Art" will hold its annual Youth/Art Competition, held in conjunction with Orchard Lake Schools. Requirements: students ages 12-18 in middle, junior, senior school, and resident of Oakland or Macomb counties; no more than three works per person; entries must be delivered by 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24. For information, call Marian Owczarski: (248) 683-0345.

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

**VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY AUDITION**  
Ages 12-18, 8:30 a.m. in 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Yarnell Hall, Room 134, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Auditions by appointment only. Call (248) 351-1111.



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

appointment only. Call (248) 625-7057.

**WIZARD OF OZ AUDITION**  
A national search for a new Dorothy will come to Detroit, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at Second City in Detroit, next to the Fox Theatre. Potential Dorothy's should be between ages of 12-18 and able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Photos and resume welcome: (313) 566-3288.

**CLASSES**  
**BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER**  
Offers a range of art classes, Spring term April 12-June 19. All-day art activities for children April 5-9. New offerings: beginning drama for youth, oil lacquer miniature painting class, stone sculpture design, "The Artist's Way," "A History of Women in the Visual Arts," and "Go Forth Further." 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call for more information: (248) 644-0866.

**CREATIVE ARTS CENTER**  
Spring classes begin April 17. June 5. Classes for children, teens and adults. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac: (248) 733-7849.

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

**EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**  
Classes for age 3 and up. All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills: (248) 852-5850.

**GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY**  
Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills: (248) 334-1300.

**GLASSBLOWING**  
Touch of Light Glassblowing classes starting in mid-April. Classes meet for three hours, once a week for eight sessions. Call (248) 543-1988.

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

**LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**  
LCE is accepting applications for Summer Chamber Music Camp '99, featuring the Armand String Quartet. Camp times & dates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 6-17. Held on the Eastern Michigan campus. Violinists' grant open to students ages 9-13 and senior camp open to students ages 12-17. Junior Camp is open to string players only, ages 9-11, who play at Suzuki Book 4 level or higher. Application deadline: May 5. Call (248) 351-1111.

**METRO DANCE**  
Preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill, Plymouth: (734) 207-8970.

**PAINT CREEK CENTER**  
Spring semester runs April 19 through June 12. Classes for preschoolers to adults. 407 Pine Street, Rochester: For a brochure, call (248) 651-4110.

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

**SONGWRITING WORKSHOP**  
Sheila Landis hosts a free songwriting workshop 12:15-1:15 p.m. Friday, April 16, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac: (248) 733-7849.

**SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS**  
"The Artist's Way," will meet for eight weeks from 7-9 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 14. Tuition: \$80. Call (248) 424-9022.

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

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

**CONCERTS**  
**BB50**  
The 1999 Young Artist Competition winner, violinist Adrienne Jacobs of Troy High School is the featured performer in the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's "Westward, Ho!" concert, conducted by Charles Greenwell, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads. Tickets: \$20; adults: \$15; students: \$10. Call (248) 487-0482.

**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT**  
The Vermeer String Quartet 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10 at the Leila Jones Johnson Theater, Oakland Community College, Royal Oak Campus: (248) 737-9580.

**CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD**  
Violinist Heather Zimmerman, recipient of the 1998-99 Cranbrook Music Guild Betty Brewster Scholarship, in concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, northwest corner of Cranbrook & 25th: (810) 751-2435.

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Legendary pianist Victor Borge performs with the DSO 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, April 9-10; 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11; Doc Severinsen, conductor/trumpet soloist 8 p.m. Friday, April 16. Tickets: \$13-\$45; (313) 576-5111.

**OU DEPT. OF MUSIC**  
"Set the Night to Music," a program of song and dance, 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Varner Recital Hall: (248) 370-3013.

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

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

**BENEFITS**  
**EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**  
EDE holds its annual fundraiser 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, the Community House of Birmingham. Call (248) 362-9329.

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

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

**BROWN BAG LUNCH**  
Barbara Krueger presents "Stained Glass & Walk Through Time," noon, Thursday, April 15. Information Technology Auditorium, Waterford: (248) 858-0415.

**TOUR**  
**PEWABIC POTTERY**  
Paint Creek Center for the Arts is accepting reservations for a chartered bus tour of Pewabic Pottery 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 16. Tour guide: Michael Farrell. Fee: \$45 for PCA members, \$54 for non-members. Call (248) 651-4110.

**SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS**  
"Stained Glass Lecture and Tour Series," 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield: (248) 424-9022.

**VOLUNTEERS**  
**ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB**  
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, MI, 48325-1651, (248) 626-2285.

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

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

**MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND**  
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mccb.org, or contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road: (248) 349-0376.

**MUSEUMS**  
**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**  
Through April 11 - "Senegalese Threads of Aboulaye Kasse," through May 16 - "An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit: (313) 494-5800.

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

**MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY**  
Through April 11 - "A New Russian Realism," 119 Wilson Hall, Rochester: (248) 370-3005.

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

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

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
Through April 17 - "Nora Chapa Mendoza: Between Two Cultures," 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth: (734) 416-4481.

**LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**  
Through April 23 - Art exhibit of Livonia Public Schools students 32777 Five Mile Road: (734) 466-2490.

**SYBASART GALLERY**  
Through April 24 - "Reality Studded With Thorns," metal constructions by Harriet E. Berman, and works by Dubiel Harling, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak: (248) 544-3388.

**JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY**  
Through April 29 - New works by Ricky Bernstein and Sidney Hutter, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield: (248) 661-7641.

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

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us what he was doing with "Relive the Magic," said Tomaro. "What impressed me was he maintained the integrity of the music. It's essential today the way people relate to art and entertainment to attract people who wouldn't go to a symphony, but not alienate people who would. It's like walking a fine line."

Tomaro chose to present "Relive the Magic," said Tomaro. "He packages it in a way that's entertaining, very artful and welcoming. He interweaves laughter with touching

and moving the audience." Plymouth violinist James Gross likes performing the work because of its lightheartedness. An undergraduate student at the School of Music, Gross first gave a concert featuring part of "Relive the Magic" last year while Kirshner was still in the act of creating it.

"It's a fun performance to play in and watch," said Gross, a charter member of the ensemble. "It's not a Broadway show; it's a one-man show with an orchestra of strings and wind but with a Big Band element. The character is kind of a male chauvinist and maybe alcoholic. It shows him in different stages of his life. The music and the acting have a lot of humor."

Contracting musicians and renting pianos has become a full-time job for Tomaro but one she feels well worth it. It's easy to see why as Kirshner, with tears

in his eyes, talks about the heartache that went into writing the piece. Originally, he wanted to write a jazz song cycle with themes of human impermanence and loss. Shortly thereafter in 1995 his father was diagnosed in the early stages of Alzheimer's. When Kirshner's mother became seriously ill, he had to take on the caregiver's role for his father.







## TRAVEL

## Birmingham travel agent finds adventure in Africa

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

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

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

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

This intimate contact was a

surprise and delight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

group had an asthma attack was handled effectively.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

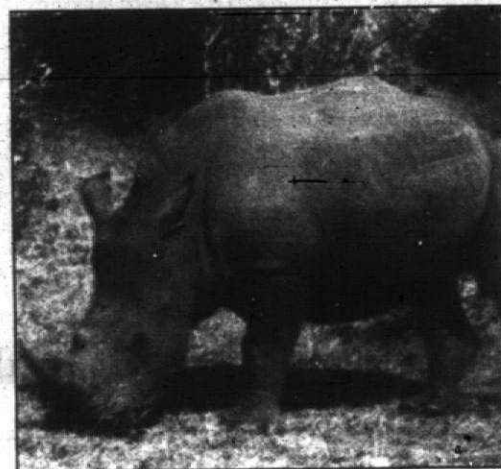
"I loved Egypt," she said. "I didn't want to go home at all. The last night I was sitting in a cafe in the marketplace in Cairo. Someone got up to do a belly dance, men were smoking from their long pipes, musicians were playing on strange instruments.



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



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



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

## GREAT ESCAPES

## CYCLE CLASS

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

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

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

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

## JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR

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

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

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

## SPRING DRIVES

The Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council has issued a new

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

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

April through mid May. To obtain a copy, write: SWMTC, Dept. B, 2300 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor MI 49022 or call (616)925-6301, or e-mail at swmichigan@parrett.net

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Till Fellner, piano  
Katharine Goeldner, mezzo-soprano

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Hill Auditorium

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Mozart Symphony No. 29 in A Major, K. 201  
Mozart Piano Concerto No. 25 in C Major, K. 503  
Mozart "Chio mi scordi di te?" K. 505  
Mozart "Alma grande e nobil core" K. 578  
Mozart Symphony No. 36 in C Major, K. 425 ("Linz")

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Honored officials

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will honor 182 athletic game officials with 20 years of experience, including four from Plymouth, and 64 others with 30 years of experience, including one from Canton, at its 20th annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet April 10 in East Lansing.

Pam Yockey of Canton, who has also served as Plymouth Salem's gymnastics coach, will be a 30-year award recipient. William Faunce of Plymouth, who has served as meet director for the Western Lakes Activities Association Swim Championships for years, will receive his 20-year award. So, too, will Plymouth residents John McGreevy, Henry George and P. Charles Peters.

The winner of the Vern L. Norris Award, presented to an official with more than 20 years of experience who has been active in his/her local officials' association, has mentored other officials and has been involved in officials' education, will also be announced.

Tickets for the banquet, to be held at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel, are available to the public for \$15. They will not be sold at the door. For additional information, call Dolores Lake at (517) 332-5046.

### 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 Zygomtonwicz; and the seventh/eighth grade team will be coached by Mike Girsakis. A summer camp with the OLCG 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.

### Spring cycling tour

The 16th annual Metro Grand Spring Tour, sponsored by the Downriver Cycling Club, will start and finish Sunday, May 2 at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Pre-registration (by April 20) is \$13 per person or \$25 per family. Date of event registration is \$18 per person and \$35 per family. Applications are available at area bike shops.

The tour is limited to 1,500 riders and will take place rain or shine.

Routes are 25, 45 and 62 miles in length and take riders along the Huron River and around the scenic country roads of south Wayne and North Monroe counties.

For more information, call Sharon or Mike Moreno at (313) 383-0286.

### Fast-Pitch tryouts

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's 12-under girls fast-pitch team has an opening with a tryout planned April 17 for those interested.

Girls who were 12 as of Jan. 1, 1999, are eligible. The tryout will be at 9 a.m. behind the Canton-Salem high schools. In case of bad weather, the tryout will be held the next day, at 9 a.m., Sunday, April 18. Cost is \$200 if you make the team.

For more information, call Fran Jurcak at 454-7351 or Bob Bilkie at 459-8676.

## GIRLS TRACK PREVIEW

### Rocks still have stuff to repeat in WLAA

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A year ago, it was Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson, with Westland John Glenn a short step behind — then everyone else in the Western Lakes Activities Association girls track competition.

Don't expect things to change much this season.

The Rocks, who upended Stevenson to win the WLAA last year — then lost to the Spartans in the Class A regionals — are well-stocked and ready to make another title run.

Can they? "We had a good season last year," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "We were a little shaky early, then got it going midway through the season and gained some momentum, and it carried through to the end of the season."

There are notable losses, in the middle-distance and distance running events in particular, where Katie Bonner, Evelyn Rahhal and Ellen Stemmer have graduated, and Alyson Flohr has transferred to Northville. All four scored in the top six at the WLAA finals. Also gone is Wendy Leonhardt, a sprint/long jump specialist.

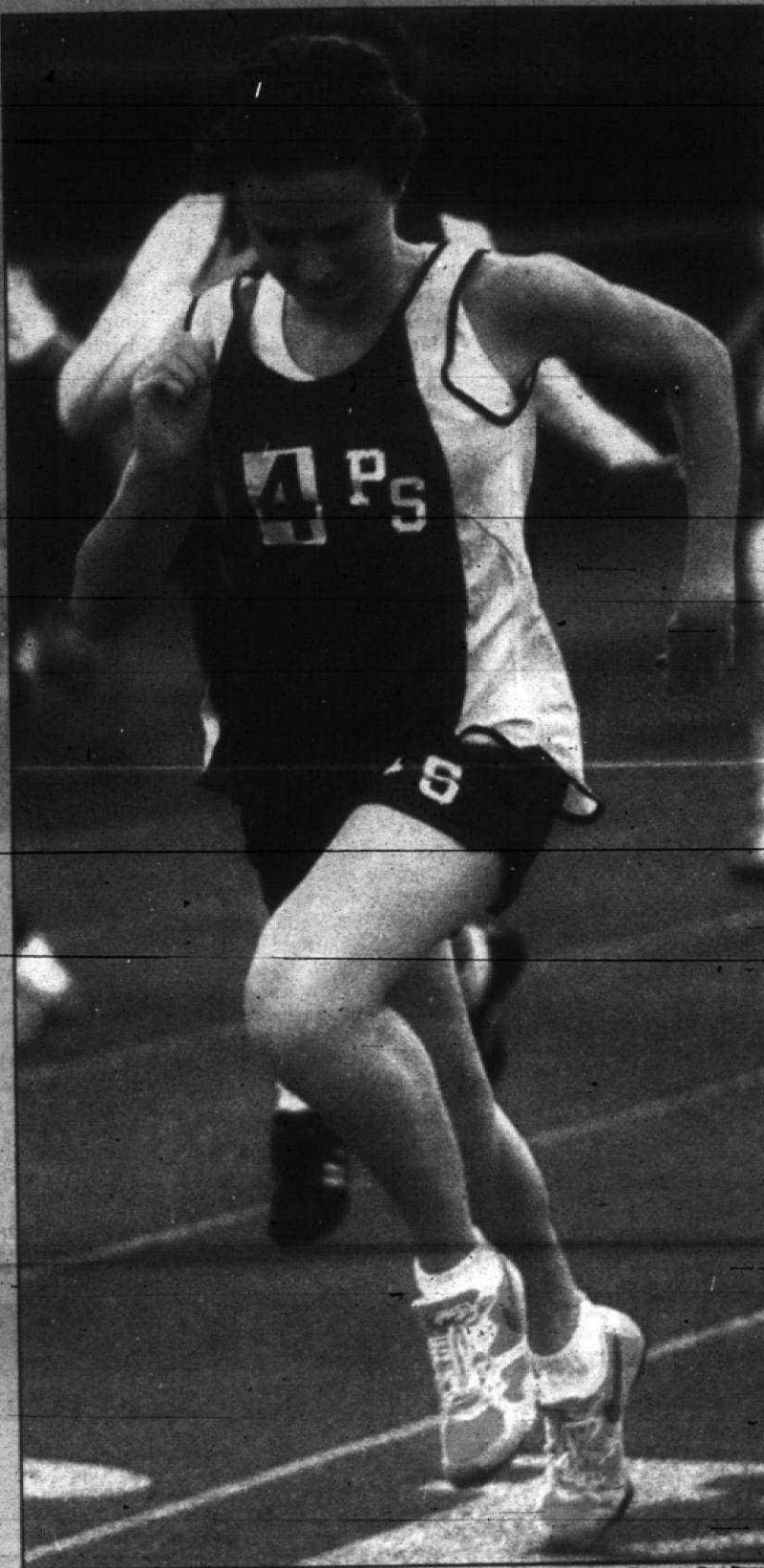
Even with those losses, and knowing that Stevenson has a potent returning corps as well, Gregor remains confident. "Our tradition of success is the same, we just have different faces," the 12-year coaching veteran said. "It's a different team, but we'll be just as competitive. The nice thing about having a veteran team back is that they know what it takes."

Despite the depletion of the middle and long distance running crews, Salem has plenty to call upon. Indeed, three of the team's five co-captains are in the 800-meter group: senior Becky Phelan, who was sixth at the WLAA meet; senior Anne Marie Ver-cruyse, who was fifth at the WLAA meet; and senior Shannon Will. Other 800 runners Gregor is hoping to develop are junior Miranda White and sophomore Sarah Jensen.

The 400 is just as well stocked, with the return of sophomore Autumn Hicks, who was third at the WLAA and fourth at the regional, and junior Brynne DeNeen, who was fourth at the WLAA and fifth at the regional. Others who figure to make an impact are junior Rachel Jones, sophomore Danielle Guerin, and freshmen Melissa Drake and Celena Davis. "It's a pretty impressive group," said Gregor.

Senior Melanie Mester leads the distance runners. In the 1,600, Mester placed sixth at the regional and seventh at the WLAA meet. She'll run the 3,200 as well. Junior

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**Fleet feet:** Salem's Rachel Jones was among the top sprinters in the WLAA last season, placing third in the 100-meters and fourth in the 200-meters at the league meet.

### Przygodski on coaching leave

It was, according to long-time Plymouth Canton coach George Przygodski, too good to pass up.

Which is why the coach of the Chiefs' girls track team has left that position — to accept an administrative internship in the school district.

Przygodski, who has coached at Canton for 15 years and been a teacher in the school system for 23, accepted his new job in late January. The

position was such that he could not coach track, at least not this year.

"It's not necessarily permanent," Przygodski said.

He added that "as of right now, I'm still the girls cross country coach." A decision on that won't have to be made until late summer.

Serving as interim girls track coach is John Venning, Przygodski's assistant coach for the past 14 years.

### Chiefs look to regain top spot in Western

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There are losses to overcome for Plymouth Canton's girls track team. There are every year.

But this year's loss is a prominent one: George Przygodski, who coached the Chiefs for 15 years and has stepped aside to serve as an administrative intern in the school system (see accompanying story).

"It's different, not hearing that booming voice of his over there," said Salem girls track coach Mark Gregor of Przygodski's absence.

It won't be that much different when the Chiefs take to the track in 10 days, however. Gregor knows that, too.

"Canton's got some athletes back," Gregor said. "They're going to be better than people think. John (Venning) knows the sport, he knows what he's doing."

He's proven that. Venning has served as Przygodski's assistant for 14 of those years, concentrating mainly on the jumping events, the hurdles and the sprints. He's certainly a familiar face to those he's coaching.

"Absolutely," he agreed. Venning was also quick to say Canton's losses from last year's team, which finished fourth in the Western Lakes Activities Association and fifth at its Class A Regional, were huge.

"We've lost a lot to graduation," he insisted, among them Nkechi Okwumabua, the long jump champion at both the WLAA and region meets; Erin Stabb, third in both the high jump and the 100-meter hurdles at the WLAA meet; and sprinter Alim Boyden.

And yet, as Canton's closest adversary stated (heck, they share the same track), the Chiefs have enough weapons to rein in the WLAA's Western Division title again.

"I think we're strong in the throws and jumps, and we have a nice group of distance kids," said Venning.

The Chiefs do have loads of experience in the throws, starting with seniors Jaclyn Bernard, who was fifth in the region, and Jenny Sciberras, who was eighth at the WLAA meet, in the shot put. Both will throw the discus, as well, as will seniors Kelly Tabaka and Colleen Crowe and junior Deana Mullins. All are experienced.

In the jumps, Venning has numbers, if not the unique talent of the graduated Okwumabua. Juniors Kim Theeke and Elizabeth Lanning (a Westland Huron Valley Lutheran transfer), sophomore Kristen Schilk and freshman Amy Fitzsimmons will all get a shot at both the long jump and high jump. "If they've got springs, they've got springs," summarized

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## Off and running Crusaders' sweep makes them 5-1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MADONNA SOFTBALL

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

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

Kruzel, Malkowski and Senger each drove in two runs.

**Madonna 5-3, Concordia 4-6:** The Lady Crusaders took advantage of four Cardinal errors in winning the first game of their double-header Thursday in Ann Arbor, but a five-run fifth inning propelled Concordia to a victory in the second game.

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

In the opener, Vicki Malkowski and Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn) got two hits apiece to lead the

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### Observer's best



**A top talent:** Salem's Aaron Rypkowski is a first-team Observer selection. See D3 for the rest of the honorees.



# Crusaders split with Cards

Madonna University was looking to keep its winning streak going as it started its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule Wednesday against visiting Concordia College. But the Fighting Crusaders realized only half of their goal.

After posting a 14-6 victory in the opening game, Madonna was handcuffed by Cardinal pitcher Steve Lezotte in the nightcap and lost, 7-2 — ending its win streak at five games.

Still, the Crusaders are on a role. After losing the first five games and tying the

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Venning simply. "We'll try them in both."

Tabaka and Bernard are the top pole vaulters at present.

The hurdle events feature a proven point-procurer in senior Crystal Alderman, who finished second in both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles at the regional meet, and scored in the top five in both at the WLAA finals. Tabaka and Theeke will also compete in this event, as will sophomore Andrea Gauvin and freshmen Jessie Myks and Fitzsimmons.

The middle distance races also have veterans with proven potential in seniors Sarah Ware and Bernard, who placed fifth and eighth, respectively, in the 800 at the WLAA meet. Ware will run the 400, too. The rest of the middle distance crew consists of Lanning, Schik and three promising sophomores: Ashley Williams, Terra Kubert and Amy Rogers.

Which brings into focus something Venning will be counting on: "We have huge junior and sophomore classes this year," he said. There are some very promising freshmen, too — and he is counting on them to fill some holes, particularly in the sprints.

Meredith Fox, a sophomore, ran sprints for the varsity last season, but the rest are rookies. Schik and freshmen Andrea Morrison, Elizabeth Rozenboom

and Tekla Bude all have impressive talent, Venning said — but all lack experience.

"That hurts the relay. 'We are pretty much rebuilding our relays,' admitted Venning. "We lost most of our sprinters."

The distance events are in better shape, with seniors Lark Haenert and Brijana Pavlovic; juniors Amy Dupuis and Sarah Rurinski; and sophomores Erin Dowd, Anna Sidor and Cherri Leventhal.

Despite the holes in the lineup, Venning is highly optimistic. "A lot of times, it's who has the most heart, who has the most desire," he noted.

"We're strong distance-wise, we're strong in the middle distance, and our throws are strong. And I think the youngsters in the freshmen class are coming along very nicely. It's a hard-working class."

The jumps and the sprints are his biggest concerns — next to defending WLAA champ Salem and defending regional champ Livonia Stevenson, which stand ready and able to repeat. Westland John Glenn is also very impressive.

Still, the talent barrel is hardly empty at Canton. There are holes in the lineup, to be sure, but for Venning it will just be a matter of inserting the right people in the right event. By season's end, the Chiefs could join the ranks of the impressive.

## MADONNA BASEBALL

sixth in their spring trip to Florida, they have won 11 of 14 contests. Through Wednesday, they were 11-8 overall; Concordia was 3-11.

In Wednesday's opener against Concordia, Bob Hamp, Todd Miller and Aaron Shrewsbury ignited the offense by driving in three runs apiece. Hamp and Shrewsbury each clubbed home runs (Hamp's

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Crusaders' eight-hit attack. Malkowski had the only RBI in the game for Madonna.

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

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

Missy Bako (Garden City) took the loss for the Crusaders,

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Lisa Jasnowski and freshmen Kim Wood and Shannon Miller are others Gregor is counting on in an area he knows has to be developed further.

That should add up to is some pretty good results. The 4x800 and 4x200 each have three members from last year's state qualifiers back, and the 4x100 and 4x400 have two experienced runners returning. And that could change, with the influx of such imposing new talent.

A team with such scoring strength on the track figures to be tough to beat. But for Salem, the real strength comes in the throwing and jumping events.

Tiffany Grubaugh, a junior who will serve as a co-captain, finished second in both the shot put and discus at the WLAA meet, and was first in the discus

innings for Concordia to fall to 0-3.

In the second game, three Madonna errors led to five unearned runs — and a loss for Bob Mason, who slipped to 4-3. Lezotte is 2-2.

The Crusaders did manage eight hits off Lezotte, all singles. Jeff Warholik and Daryl Rocho had two apiece, and Neil Wildford (Plymouth Canton) knocked in a run with a base hit.

Mason gave up five runs (two earned) on five hits and one walk, striking out six, in four innings.

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ki and Missy Bako (Garden City) collected two hits and two runs each, also slugging. Jenny Krusel, Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn) and Courtney Senger added a hit and an RBI apiece, with Krusel getting a triple (Madonna had four in the game) and scoring two runs.

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

Tina Moore took the loss for Rochester.

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DeNeen, Grubaugh and yet another freshman, Mary Lou Liebau. In the pole vault, senior Kelly Van Putten, a team co-captain, is back; freshmen Angela Florn and Drake will also get a try there.

The hurdles, according to Gregor, were "inadequate last year." Chappell and Valerie Brown, a junior, are the cornerstones in both the 100 and 300 hurdles. Jensen and Guerin will also compete at both.

"I've always felt, with the team we have right now, there are two variables," said Gregor in summarizing the Rocks' title hopes. "If we can stay healthy, and if we can handle success."

If they accomplish the former, chances are they'll get plenty of practice with the latter.

The high jump features junior Aisha Chappell and Hicks, who tied for fourth at the regional;

# Shining stars

## Observer's top stars made this a season to be remembered

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It was really a rare occasion: With 30 seconds left in the Class A regional basketball final between Plymouth Salem and Southfield-Lathrup, and the score tied at 60-all, Rocks' coach

Bob Brodie signalled for a timeout. This is not something Brodie often does. He never uses his full complement; indeed, he'll go through entire games without using one.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It's also why Brodie is the Observer's coach of the year. After all, Brodie's teams have an average win/loss record of 17-6; they have accumulated seven district, two regional and four Western Lakes Activities Association championships.

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

## First Team

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He averaged 16.7 points, 8.6 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game, as well as 1 1/2 steals and assists.

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

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

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

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

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

He is a two-year starter. Haygood, who carries a 3.46 grade-point average, has been accepted to the University of Michigan-Dearborn and has applied to Tennessee.

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

"He's a good big player as I've ever coached. Haygood also made the All-Western Lakes squad."

Andrew Burt, senior, Harrison: Burt is a well-rounded player who plays bigger than his 6-foot-2 size and excels in all phases of the game.

He was the leading scorer for Harrison with 15 points per game, but he built his reputation as an aggressive, tenacious rebounder, averaging 9.1/2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SECOND TEAM**

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

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

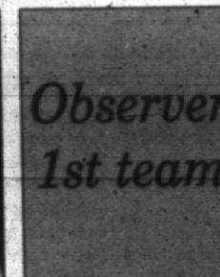
But Cortellini wasn't strictly an offensive threat. "He was one of our top defensive players," said Canton coach Dan Young. "He'd guard the top scorer on the other team. The kid meant everything to us."

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

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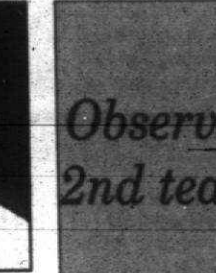
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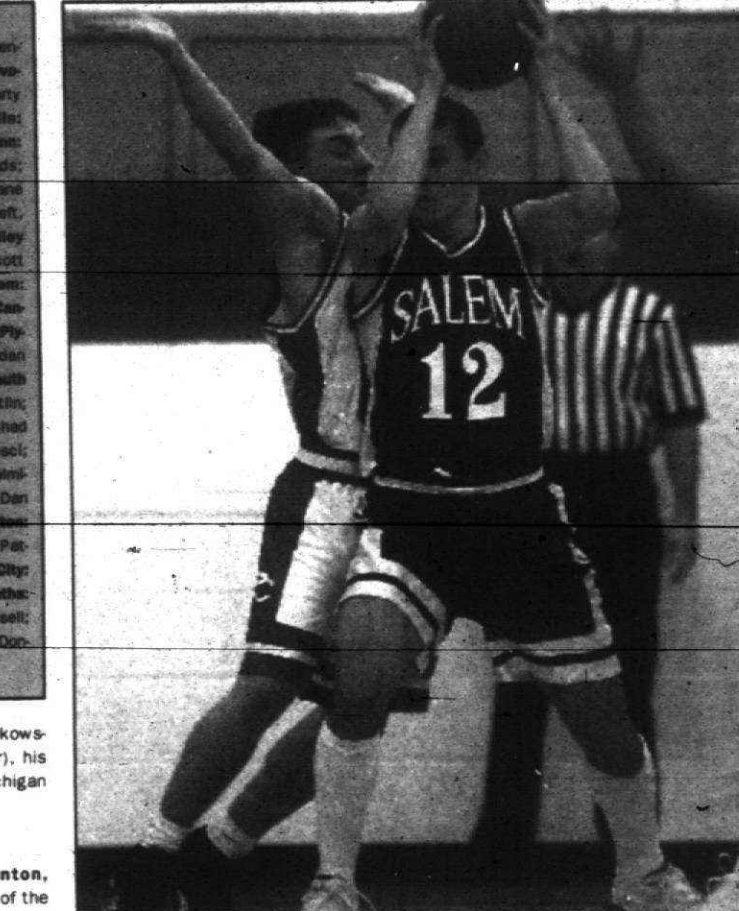


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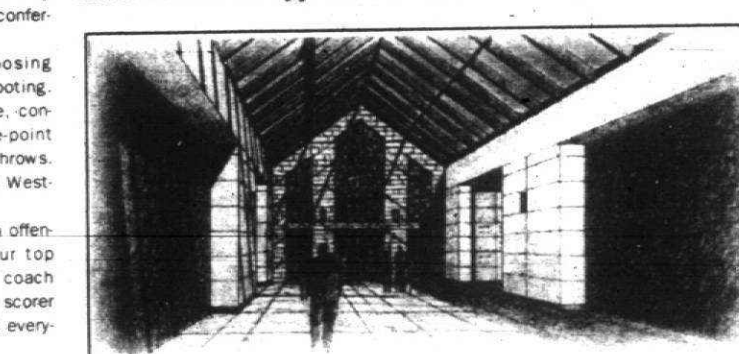


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Marcuz Young, 6-5 Sr., Bishop Borgess	Josh Bowen, 6-5 Sr., Redford Thurston
Tony Jancevski, 6-3 Sr., Plymouth Salem	Rob Sparks, 6-3 Jr., Catholic Central
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Albert Delosjevic, 6-1 Sr., N. Farmington	Adam Wilson, 5-10 Sr., Plymouth Salem
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Jamie Davis, 5-10 Sr., Wayne Memorial	Tom Tsoukalas, 6-0 Sr., Red. Thurston
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Two of the best: Canton's Joe Cortellini (left) and Salem's Aaron Rypkowski led the three-point shooters.



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

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

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

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

Josh Bowen, senior, Redford Thurston: The 5-foot-10 guard started three games in the Thurston varsity. He set a school record this year for most three-point baskets in a season and for highest percentage made: 58 for 122 (56 percent).

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

and baseball, he led Thurston to one of its best ever boys basketball seasons, finishing with an 18-2 record and a Gold Division championship.

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

Marouz Young, sophomore, Redford Bishop: Borgess Young has played on the Borgess varsity since his freshman year and this season his presence was easy to see. Young, one of the rising stars in the Catholic League and in metro Detroit, averaged 20 points

and seven rebounds per game. Borgess coach Roosevelt Barnes believes Young is a potential Division I college player.

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

Tony Janecski, Plymouth Salem, senior: Look at the stat sheet following a Plymouth Salem game, and it would be difficult to understand why

opposing coach's said what they said. "They got that big fella in the middle" was their constant concern.

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

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

## FUND-RAISERS

### TURKEY HUNTER'S WORKSHOP

The Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will hold its annual spring workshop on Saturday, April 10, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord. The workshop will feature presentations by the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, Al Stewart, local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes, raffles, a kids calling contest and more. Proceeds from the event will be used exclusively for MWTHA's winter feeding program. For tickets and more information call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

## FISHING TOURNAMENTS

### SALMON STAKES

The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday, April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle tickets will benefit the Blue Water mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for

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West Steelheaders fishing club and the public is welcome to attend. Call Dominic Liparato at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**WOMEN'S FLY FISHING**  
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, play-

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**FLY FISHING SCHOOL**  
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, play-

entology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for April 25, May 8 and 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

**YOUTH FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Wallick Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person

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**MUSKY**  
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**PIKE**  
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**PROUD LAKE HIKE**  
Take a 5-mile hike over varied terrain with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Participants are asked to meet behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call John Kalem at (248) 681-9140 for more information.

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**MEETINGS**  
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 7-8, at the Four Points Sheraton, 4960 Towne Center Road, Saginaw. The commission will be taking public comment on baiting and other 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

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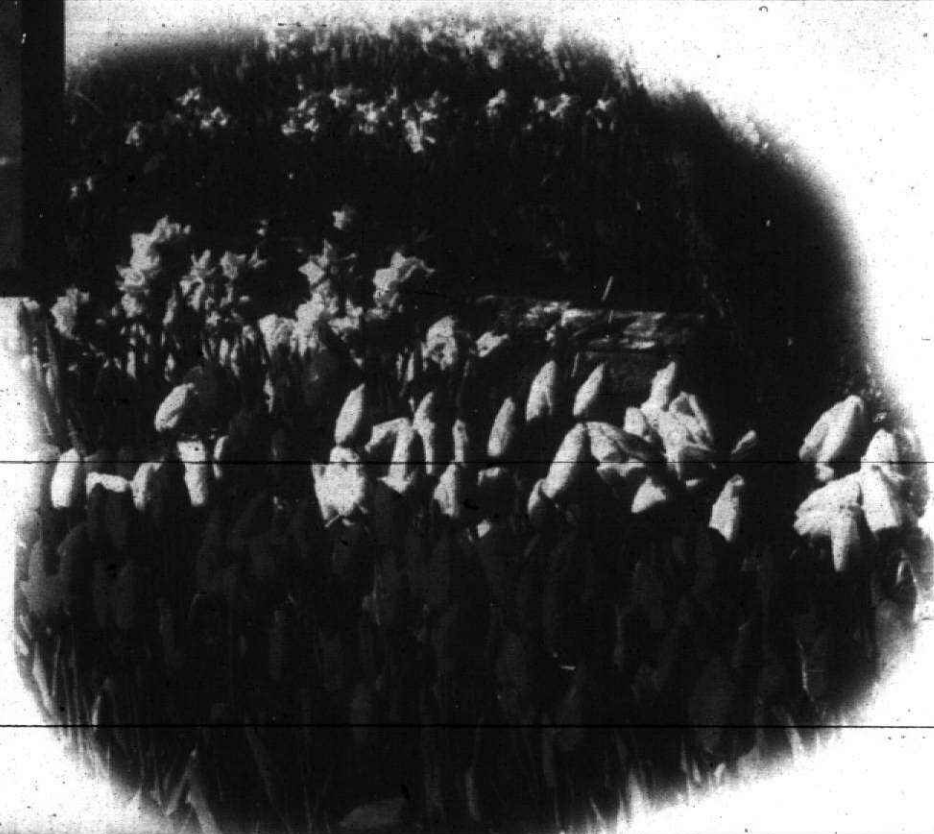
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We invite you to pick up a GARAGE SALE folder in our office when you place your ad. It contains two signs, two arrows to point the way to your sale, nine tips for creating a successful ad and 14 tips for a successful sale.

Keep this list handy when planning your sale:

#### 4 Weeks Before Your Sale

- Set a target date
- Apply for the necessary permits
- Call your HomeTown Classified representative

#### 3 Weeks Before Your Sale

- Pick up your permits
- Begin to organize your items
- Make a list of them for your HomeTown Classified ad

#### 2 Weeks Before Your Sale

- Clean and repair what needs to be cleaned and repaired
- Begin to put prices on your items
- Write your HomeTown Classified Ad

#### 1 Week Before Your Sale

- Finish pricing and organizing
- Begin working on your displays
- Place your HomeTown Classified ad

#### 3 Days Before Your Sale

- Make signs
- Clean your garage
- Get enough change and a cash box

#### 1 Day Before Your Sale

- Finish setting up your displays
- Prepare snacks
- Mow your lawn

#### Day Of Your Sale

- Put up signs
- Move large items onto drive or into yard
- Welcome all the people who will see your HomeTown Classified ad!

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