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Summit Gourmet is new vendor



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After months of searching, Canton has a new food service at Summit on the Park.

Summit Gourmet will handle all township, business, wedding and other events. A one-year contract with the former Livonia-based company was

unanimously approved by Canton's Board of Trustees Tuesday.

"They've been doing some work for us for the past few weeks," said Dan Durack, administrative and community services director. "So far, every one has been very pleased with the quality of their work and ability to work with us."

The township began looking for a new food vendor late last fall. Oakland

County-based Cregar Enterprises had been the vendor since the Summit's opening in 1995.

Canton and the company mutually decided to end their agreement. An amicable split, some Cregar workers stayed on until Jan. 1 to help during the transition, said Durack.

It appeared that the township had settled on Continental Services to replace Cregar early last month. Trustees, in fact, were set to vote on a contract for the Belleville-based firm March 16.

But the item was pulled from the board's agenda shortly before the meeting.

"We were not able to work out a contract," said Durack. "There were a number of issues."

A committee made up of the director, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, Finance Director Tony Minghine and Summit Manager Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, among others, reconvened and settled on Summit Gourmet.

Durack said the company has already done several events, including a pair of weddings.

"Folks from one of the weddings called them out for a round of applause because they were so happy with

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District bonds finally sold

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Applause rang out at Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting when it was announced that earlier in the day the district sold \$79.8 million in bonds to construct new elementary and high schools.

After two years of litigation with Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva over the validity of the March 1997 bond election, the district is now able to move ahead and construct the new buildings, as well as buy new buses and computer equipment.

John Birchler, the district's business manager, said the bonds sold at a net interest rate of 4.78 percent. The interest cost on the bonds will be approximately \$54 million, bringing the total real cost of the project to \$134 million.

"We will now be able to begin the design work on both buildings," said Birchler. "We hope to begin construction in about a year."

Plymouth-Canton school officials announced in February that as a result of the two-year delay in selling the bonds, the district will have to scale back the total project.

Administrators estimated the district lost \$6.2 million in buying power because of inflation and increased construction costs as a result of the two-year delay.

However, Superintendent Chuck Little said the district will still be able to deliver what was promised to taxpayers, but in some areas on a smaller scale.

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Service with a smile at Central City Diner



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Soup's on: Marykay Marocca, a.k.a. "Flo," draws raves from customers and her supervisor at the Central City Diner on Canton Center Road.

Lunch rush sees smooth Flo



EVERYDAY
HEROES

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She doesn't say "kiss my grits," snap her gum or wear a beehive hairdo but she is known as "Flo" and is a waitress in a

Marykay Marocca of Canton - loves her job and gives her all at Central City Diner on Canton Center Road. That's why Observer reader Wendy Rupp of Canton nominated her for excellent customer service recognition.

"She is always there and friendly. She makes you feel special. Even if you're not in her section she will come over and say it's great to see you back," Rupp said.

Marocca aims to please as she serves up a burger, fries and malt.

"I feel each customer should be treated like a guest in your home and made comfortable and their experience enjoyable," Canton's own Flo said.

She said it is a very high pressure business, but it is where her passion lies. She compared it to being an actress.

"Each new person I greet or say hi to is a new role," she said.

She makes a mental note to remember names and regular orders

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Wanted: Search volunteers

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The Plymouth-Canton school board is looking for community members to be part of two committees in the search for a new superintendent.

The Citizens Search and the Criteria Analysis committees will each consist of two parents from elementary, middle and high-school levels;

citizens with no children in the schools; and business and community representatives.

Plymouth-Canton school district residents who are interested in volunteering for either of the committees can contact the Community Relations office at (734) 416-2757.

The deadline for volunteering for a committee is Friday, April 23.

12 hospitalized after parking lot bus crash

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A minor school bus accident in the parking lot of Plymouth Salem High School Friday afternoon sent 11 students and a bus driver to area hospitals

for treatment of minor injuries.

The buses were leaving the school when one stopped suddenly.

"One bus rear-ended another as they were pulling out of the parking lot,"

Please see **BUS CRASH**, A3

Aim of police inquiry to ensure reliability

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A Canton police internal investigation of how days worth of 911 calls were accidentally erased will be completed within 30 days.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro said steps are currently being taken to ensure such an error doesn't occur again.

A recording of calls on and around March 24, including one that drew a resident complaint, was lost. The department was attempting to make a copy of the recording at the time it was erased.

911 INVESTIGATION

"This happened either as a result of a lack of employee training, employee negligence or we have a system problem," Santomauro said. "If a mistake was made, I want to know what the mistake was."

Canton resident Kim Mandry called police March 24 requesting a check of her mother's well-being. Her mother, Lenore Stonerock, works alone as a custodian at Walker-Winter Elementary School on Michigan Avenue.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Recording system: A Canton Public Safety dispatcher at the console where 911 calls are recorded. The portion of the system used for recording and reformatting 911 discs is on the lower left.

A-MAY-ZING MOM

Moms ... they're amazing people. Granted, they can't leap buildings in a single bound or stop a speeding train like Superman, but when it comes to juggling the demands of work, home and their children ... Well, they're just amazing.

In recognition of their amazing status, the Observer Newspapers is looking for the most "A-May-Zing Mom," living in Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Redford, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Westland or Garden City.

In 50 words or less, tell us why your Mom is so amazing. Be sure to include her name, address, telephone number and a photograph as well as your name, address and telephone number.

Entries should be sent to Sue Mason, "An A-May-Zing Mom" contest, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by no later than 5 p.m. Friday, April 30. The winner will be announced in the Sunday, May 9, edition of the Observer. She will receive a complete makeover at Gerald's Salon in Northville Township, a \$200 ensemble from Bon-Loot in Northville and dinner for two (a \$50 value) at Fonte d'Amore Ristorante in Livonia.

And all eligible "A-May-Zing Mom" nominees will be recognized in the May 9 edition.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Grief seminar: L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes and Arbor Hospice will host "Where Do I Go From Here," a seminar for people dealing with the loss of a friend or relative, 7-8:15 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. The free program is open to the public.

SATURDAY

Danceathon: The Cutting Edge Center for Dance and Performing Arts will host a danceathon to help raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event runs from 10 a.m. to noon. For information or to make a donation, call Kati Clark, (734) 207-3343.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

DANIELLE PORTELLI
Danielle Portelli has been named Carrier of the Month for April by the Canton Observer.

Portelli, 16, delivers the Canton Observer in the Fox Run subdivision. She has been delivering the newspaper since October 1995.

The Plymouth Salem High School 10th-grader's favorite subject is math. Her hobbies are playing soccer and volleyball. She was M.V.P. in Summer Soccer Camp at Central Michigan University and won the Free Press Writers Award.

Portelli wants to go to college after high school.

The friendly customers is what Portelli enjoys most about her route.

Organization, responsibility, and good communication skills are some of the skills she has developed.

She is the daughter of Charles and Rose Portelli. She has one brother, Stephen, 13.



Danielle Portelli
If you want to be a Canton Observer carrier, please call 591-0500.

'Rainbows and Wishes'

Monday benefit is cancer victim's dream

By RICHARD PEARL
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These are incredibly brave, 'together' children and they know what they're facing. They just need a little help.

Dr. John Robison
-event organizer

With more than 200 tickets already sold, "Rainbows and Wishes," Monday night's Plymouth-Canton area dinner and auction benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, has become SRO in only its second year.

"It's definitely standing-room-only," said Dr. John Robison, the Canton dentist who founded the event last year to benefit the organization which grants wishes to children ages 2 1/2 to 17 who have been diagnosed by a physician as being terminally ill or having a life-threatening illness.

It'll be SRO on April 19 despite Robison's moving the gala from its inaugural site, Station 885 in Plymouth's Old Village, to the larger, and newer, 200-seat Cinopolis Parthenon Restaurant in the Compuware Ice Arena, Beck Road at M-14 in Plymouth Township.

But Robison hopes even more area residents will ante up the \$35 per ticket for the 6:30 p.m. buffet dinner, live music and, most importantly, the silent and live fund-raising auctions of more than 50 items donated by

area businesses and individuals — eight times more items than last year, he said. The dentist's motivation hasn't changed: "Children suffering, I don't comprehend, I don't comprehend. If we can do something to alleviate suffering..." The event "is a small drop in (Make-A-Wish's) bucket. But if we can add a little pleasure, a little light in the life of a child that's suffering that much — there are just no other options."

"These are incredibly brave, 'together' children and they know what they're facing. They just need a little help," Robison said.

The child adopted last year by "Rainbows and Wishes" visited Disney World with family members before dying.

Meet Mickey
This year, the event is sponsored

by a 7-year-old Wayne County girl suffering from cancer who also wants to go to Orlando, Fla., and meet Mickey Mouse and his friends. She suffers from Burkitt's lymphoma, a form of cancer that affects children's abdominal area. Make-A-Wish does not reveal beneficiaries' names.

Robison said funds raised Monday night will help her and her family "escape from their daily struggle," if only briefly. Some \$25,000 in donated items — four times last year's dollar amount — will be auctioned. Included are:

■ Dinners for two from such restaurants as Grati's and Real Seafood Co. in Ann Arbor, Station 885 in Plymouth, the new L'Espresso steak house in Plymouth Township and Pompano's Seafood Grill in Farmington Hills;

■ A handcarved ivory boat; ■ A CCM hockey jersey autographed by Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty, donated by the Trading Post in Plymouth; a baseball signed by former Detroit Tiger Jim Northrup and a bat used and autographed by ex-Tiger Lou Whitaker;

■ Handmade afghans and baskets by Marie Riley of Century 21 Town & Country Real Estate in Plymouth;

■ Watercolors signed by Plymouth artist Johnnie Crosby;

Two three-day and two seven-day cruises donated by Carlson Wagonlit Travel of Plymouth;

■ \$1,000 donations each by Blackwell Ford, Dick Scott Dodge and Fox Hills Chrysler, which Robison combined into a \$3,000 discount certificate for use at any one of the three;

■ A round-trip flight for four on a private turbojet for golf at Garland Golf and Resort in Lewiston, Mich., donated by Plymouth Air-Cooled Equipment Co.

March Tire Co. and its suppliers have donated tires, batteries and a stainless steel propane grill for auction, Robison added, and the Ray Whitakers put three days at their Garland condominium up for bid.

Corporate sponsors besides Peoples Bank include Vermeulen Funeral Home and Atlantis Investment and Tax Service owner Vince Pollicella, both of whom donated \$1,000. N' Motion, a pop band comprised of Robison's patients, will provide live music.

Robison said the fund-raiser is the culmination of "six months of pretty intense effort" by him, his wife, Marilyn, and the eight staff members at the Robison Dental Group.

"In one year's time, this has become a \$20,000-plus event, taking over a major restaurant and (offering) one of the nicest auctions seen in a long time," said Robison.

Tickets are \$35 per person, available at Robison Dental Group, 8504 Canton Center Road, or by calling (734) 453-6320.

These secretaries hold the key to an efficient, happy workplace

By SCOTT DANIEL
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Anyone who's ever stepped inside an elementary school knows where things really get done.

The secretary's office. While teachers and principals grab more headlines, it's the school secretary that keeps the machine oiled and running smoothly. Karen Tharp is Miller Elementary's answer to Mr. Goodwrench — in more ways than one.

"The school secretary is a mom and nurse to students," she said, "an assistant to the teachers and secretary to the principal. A school secretary wears many hats."

Indeed. Need an overhead made? Talk to Karen. Classroom out of notebook paper? Tell Karen. Student feeling sick? Call... well, you get the idea.

"She's my secretary," Miller principal Peg Brooks said, "but first she belongs to the children. She's kind, genuine and wonderful with the kids."

Tharp puts the school's best foot forward when dealing with parents and others in the community, she added.

"The secretary has to be a people person," Brooks said, "and she is."

Wednesday, of course, is Secretary's Day across America. The staff at Miller, which is located in Canton, will honor Tharp with a free lunch at a local restaurant.

"They took me to Max & Erma's last year," said Tharp, a fixture at the school since 1991. She came to Miller having worked as a hospital secretary for a dozen years. Tharp specialized in clerical duties and, truth be told, didn't expect much of a difference when she switched jobs.

It took all of about three minutes for her to change that assessment.

"The secretary really runs the school," she said. "It's like the hub and the information center of the school."

Tharp quickly realized her main purpose wasn't to serve the principal, even if that's what her title said.

"It took some rethinking on my part," she admitted. "Once I realized the kids were what I

was here for, it changed everything." Anna Stump doesn't deal with second- and third-graders in her job as a Canton Township secretary. But like Tharp, she has a host of responsibilities that keep her in high gear all day.

Stump divides her time as the Board of Trustees' secretary and Township Clerk Terry Bennett's executive secretary.

That means taking minutes at board meetings and study sessions. Stump also helps to keep trustees up to date on what's happening in Canton.

"They're very good people to work with," she said.

As Bennett's right hand, Stump handles numerous clerical duties. She also fields a plethora of questions from developers, attorneys and the public. "Anna's terrific," said Bennett. "Our office wouldn't be as efficient as it is if she wasn't here. She's a jack-of-all trades."

Stump said the job is never dull and usually maintains a fast pace. Elections are especially busy.

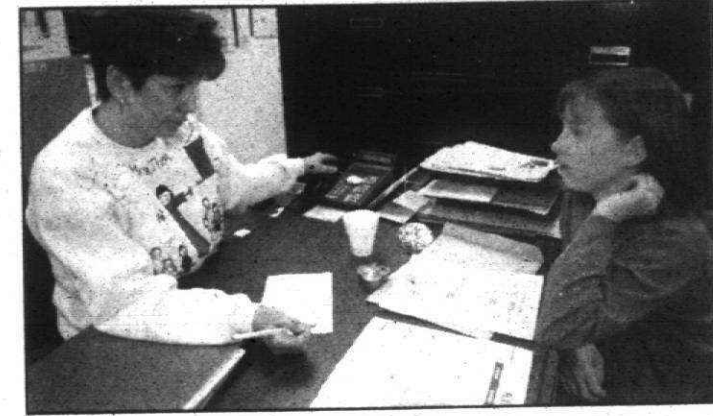
A big part of her work comes in counting absentee votes. Stump said she and other election workers are sequestered for long periods of time to make sure each vote is counted correctly.



Role model: "A school secretary wears many hats," said Miller Elementary's Karen Tharp.

Stump and her family are building a home in Manchester. She doesn't plan on leaving her job despite the long commute-it will require.

"If I had my way," Stump said, "I'd stay here. I like this job. I really do."



On the job: Karen Tharp helps Miller student Juliann Malkiewicz, who is ill and headed home for the day.

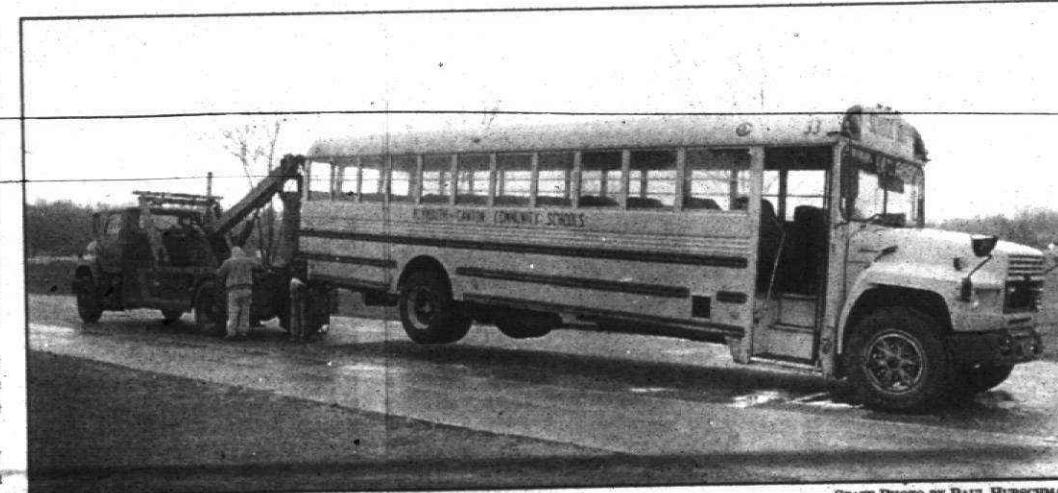
Bus crash from page A1

said Gerald Ostoin, Salem principal, "The students who said they were hurt were transported to hospitals to be on the safe side."

"We took 12 people who said they were hurt to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti and Oakwood Hospital in Canton," said Lt. Jim Davidson, Canton fire department EMS coordinator. "There were no serious injuries among the students."

One student said "We were leaving and all of a sudden we hit something really hard. We got tossed around in our seats."

Plymouth-Canton Community Relations Director Judy Evola said "parents of all the students were contacted by high school staff. And, as standard practice, the drivers were drug tested after the accident."



Aftermath: The bus involved in Friday's accident at Plymouth Salem High School is towed off school grounds.

Court construction moves ahead

By TONY BRUSCATO
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Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new 35th District Court in Plymouth will be held 4 p.m. Monday, May 3. However, the way the project is progressing, it may be more of a steel-raising party.

Good weather this spring has allowed contractors to move at a steady pace since March 8, when they began digging out the basement of the old courthouse, which burned down in July 1997.

"Everything is going fine. In fact, we're starting to pour basement walls," said Mark Schiffman, the project superintendent for Bedzyk Bros. Inc. of Livonia, the general contractor for the \$8.25 million courthouse. "We're starting to pour all the foundation walls at the perimeter of the building. We probably have about two more weeks of foundation work before the steel is done."

While the project is in the early stages, Schiffman said thus far they're on schedule.

"The weather is the only factor that could be a detriment to the project," added Schiffman. "A lot of rain will slow us down. However, all the contractors are on board now, so I don't anticipate any problems."

The 35th District Court Authority awarded the contract to Bedzyk Bros. the lowest of 15 bidders for the project. The base cost was \$6.7 million, about a million dollars more than anticipated. The addition of a fourth elevator for prisoner transfers, lightning protection equipment, architectural fees, furniture and



On schedule: Steel workers from Raven Resteel tie steel supports in the south wall of the new 35th District Courthouse in Plymouth.

equipment, and site surveys increased the total cost to \$8.25 million.

The Court Authority plans to sell \$4.25 million in bonds next Monday to pay for part of the project. The remaining \$4 million in costs will be paid with \$2.4 million in insurance proceeds, plus another \$1.6 million in excess court revenues that have been held back from the five local communities that use the court.

The court serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township. Plymouth Township resident Harry Black is the owner's representative for the court, hired to oversee the general contractor to make certain all aspects of the project are completed properly.

"I'm always out there talking to the site superintendent and other contractors because there's always questions about the drawings," said Black. "We're always double-checking everything. We don't ever want to have to take out work already done."

"Thus far the contractor is doing a good job, and the city of Plymouth has been more than cooperative with approval of any changes," said Black.

Edman makes several trips a day to the site, keeping a watchful eye as the project progresses.

"Things are going very well. It's nice to see cement going in and walls going up," he said.

"There's a lot of excitement from the court staff now that the building has begun," added Edman. "After nearly two years in the trailers, they can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

The 44,000-square-foot building will be three stories high and house four courtrooms. Completion of the project is scheduled for March 2000.

Court Administrator Kerry

Bennett legislation would offer tax break to college students

College students would get a break on their taxes, as a bill introduced by state Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township) becomes law.

Bennett's proposal allows students to deduct interest payments on their student loans from state taxes.

"College students who are struggling to pay the costs of their education shouldn't be squeezed by the tax collector," said Bennett, chairman of the Senate Committee on Education.

"By taking out a student loan, young people are making an investment in their future. My legislation will make that investment a little easier."

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Summit

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them," he told trustees.

Summit Gourmet, which was previously known as Villa De Roma, according to Durack, previously was a cater-out business. As the Summit's sole vendor, that role changes dramatically. The firm has exclusive rights to provide food service for the Summit, with minor exceptions for senior citizen events and a few others.

Under the contract, Summit Gourmet will receive 80 percent of sales while the township gets the other 20 percent.

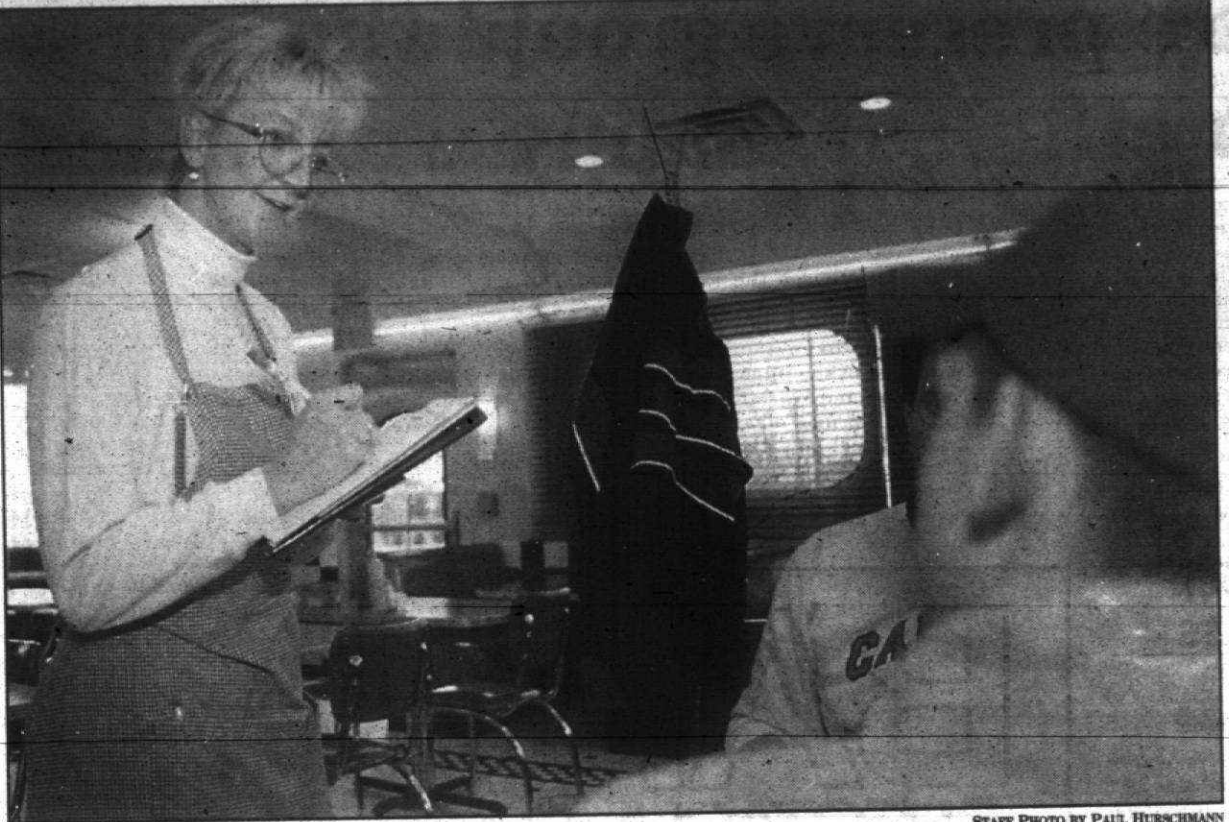
While the contract is for one year, Canton has an option for five more. Durack said Summit Gourmet's performance will be reviewed at the end of the first year.

The township will decide at that point whether to pick up the option or to find a new vendor.

"If we're happy we will re-up for five years," Durack said.

The township will retain the rights to the Summit Gourmet name in either case, he added.

The company will be responsible



Order, please: Maracca, a Canton resident, takes a customer's order during a recent lunch hour. She formerly worked at Rose's Restaurant and DePalma's in Livonia.

Everyday heroes

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as much as possible.

All the servers at Central City Diner created pseudonyms after Flo broke her name tag and had to grab one in a pinch. The catchy names have become part of the upbeat atmosphere in the silver, neon-lit, box-car diner.

Marocca, who is also a manager, said it is a fabulous atmosphere and they strive to keep the staff and customers happy.

The diner opened in December 1997. It has a policy on busy



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Canton man cited by AAA Michigan

Dwain Rice of Canton has been named to AAA Michigan's President's Council for his outstanding performance in 1998 in sales of AAA Michigan membership and auto, home and boat insurance. Only 16 of the company's 500 sales agents qualified for the President's Council.

AAA Michigan CEO Ron Stefens presented the President's Council award to Rice at a recent banquet.

May 8 on-air auction will benefit WSDP radio

The WSDP radio auction will air from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, May 8.

Items donated by area businesses will raise money to benefit WSDP, the student radio program at Plymouth Canton Educational Park.

A portion of this year's proceeds will also benefit the Canton Township Senior Citizen Program. Past auctions have provided money for Community Hospice and First Step.

"We want to give a little back to our community because they are so generous in supporting the auction and station," said

Bill Keith, station manager.

The station has guaranteed a minimum donation of \$500. If the auction raises \$8,000, the station will donate \$1,000.

Listeners can bid on items by tuning into 88.1FM throughout the auction day. Every half hour, new items will be up for bid. A dream board of special items will be available for bidding all day long.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station has been on air since Feb. 14, 1972. This is WSDP's 11th auction.

The auction is sponsored by Paresch D. Patel D.D.S. of Canton, Caviston Insurance Agency of Plymouth, and Art and Sue Endres of Canton.

Nature preserve group wants more tests on landfill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Another former landfill along a Rouge River tributary is expected to be covered with a protective barrier.

And once again, the president of the Holiday Nature Preserve in Westland and member of a Rouge advisory council has asked for more groundwater testing and wonders whether the cover will be large enough to contain the trash.

"I don't know how much is 'too much' testing," said Bill Craig of Livonia to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality at a public hearing Thursday in Westland. "I've always believed that these places aren't tested enough."

"I don't think that 26 samples was quite adequate."

About 20 people attended the hearing to discuss plans to cover the former Nankin Township landfill, located approximately 1,200 feet northeast of the intersection of Newburgh and Warren Road. It is a fenced-in field adjacent to Tonquish Creek and the Wilderness Park Apartments.

Wayne County, 3M and Crestwood Development, co-owners of

the site, have proposed to cap a 6-acre fill area with a geosynthetic fabric covered by a 1-foot-thick layer of clean soil and 3 inches of topsoil.

Once the site of an environmental "hot spot" cleaned up by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1995, the landfill contains groundwater still contaminated with barium which, oddly enough, meets drinking water standards but not surface water quality standards. Other contaminants remain at the site, but these do not exceed state standards for the site's use.

Craig leads a group that over-

sees an adjacent preserve in Westland and Canton that contains the Tonquish Creek. Craig's critique of the landfill plan is similar to one he made in November about another former landfill at Middlebelt Hill in Hines Park, which has been proposed by Wayne County to be capped for recreational use.

Craig pointed out that trees felled in storms last year exposed the trash at the Nankin site. He believed that a ridge area northeast of the mapped site also contains trash.

"I don't believe the 'footprint' has been adequately defined,"

said Craig. Since the material is not being removed, it should be covered, Craig said.

Curt Cramer, an engineer and vice president of the eastern Great Lakes region for ARCADIS, Geraghty & Miller of Novi, told the audience that electromagnetic and geophysical surveys of the site were completed. ARCADIS, the consulting firm hired by Wayne County, 3M and Crestwood Development, also collected 26 samples.

"What's left is a lot of household trash from the 1950s," Cramer said, including chunks of concrete and rubber tires. The

EDUCATION CAPSULES

BY TIM RICHARD
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State officials have no end of ideas of how to spend the \$8.1 billion pot that tobacco companies are due to pay the Michigan Treasury.

Gov. John Engler was first in line, suggesting in his state of the state address that it be used to pay for Michigan Merit Award Scholarships. Eligible for up to \$3,000 would be students who had good scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests in communications, science, math and social studies.

Democrats, however, say tobacco harms the public's health, and the money should go into public health programs.

Two key Republicans on the Senate Appropriations Committee - John Schwarz of Battle Creek and Harry Gast of St. Joseph - offered a compromise. Here's how it would affect two-thirds of the first year's \$383 million of tobacco money:

- Scholarships and Merit Award Commission - \$104 million
- Tuition incentive program - \$53 million
- MEAP testing - \$13 million

The first three items are in Engler's proposal.

- Life Sciences Research Corridor - \$50 million. This is a proposed collaboration of the three major research universities (U-M, Michigan State and Wayne State) and the Van Andel Institute for Medical Research in Grand Rapids. "It will link Michigan's best scientists, scholars, inventors and venture-capitalist specialists in such areas as genetics, chemistry, biology, neuroscience and pharmaceutical development," said their news release.
- "Health Michigan Fund" increase - \$8.6 million.
- K-12 infrastructure revenue bonding - \$45 million. Local units would have to put up a 33 percent match.
- Local public health grants - \$20 million, a 50 percent increase.
- Senior citizen prescription drugs - \$30 million, on top of the current \$20 million.

"On target," said House Minority Leader Michael Hanley, D-Saginaw, usually a sharp critic of the GOP. Hanley praised the proposal for senior citizen prescription drugs and grants to public health agencies.

Meanwhile, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Eklis praised the Engler plan for scholarships to students who pass MEAP tests. It gives greater importance and an incentive to take the MEAP, which many suburban students have been skipping.

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ORDINANCE NO. 83.98

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 107, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
The East 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, approximately 20 Acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 83.98
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 107
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Part II. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on May 13, 1999.

Part IV. **ADOPTION.** This Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, at a meeting duly called and held on April 13, 1999, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 8, 1999
Effective Date May 13, 1999
Published April 16, 1999

Canton man among 4 charged in Livonia rape

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Four men face criminal sexual conduct charges in the rape of a Detroit woman at a house in Livonia last month.

The victim testified for about 90 minutes Tuesday at a preliminary hearing for two of the men. In graphic detail, she described how three of them assaulted her and took turns punching her at a house on Five Mile in the early morning hours of March 29.

After the woman's testimony, Scott Hartmeyer, 30, of Livonia, and Erik Michaud, 21, of Canton Township, were sent to trial by 16th District Court Judge Robert Brzezinski. They are to be arraigned in Wayne County Cir-

cuit Court Tuesday, April 27.

A third suspect, Keith Ziobron, 22, of Livonia, waived his preliminary hearing and was also sent to trial. The fourth, Ryan Corey, 22, of Westland, is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Tuesday.

All four are charged with four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, to which they pleaded not guilty at their March 31 arraignment. They could face sentences of up to life in prison if convicted.

The 39-year-old victim, who said she was a prostitute, testified that she first encountered the men near Fenkell and Chatham in Detroit. She got in the car they were in and asked for a \$20 "rock" of crack cocaine

as part of her payment in exchange for sex, she said.

The men hesitated, dropped her off, then picked her up again a short time later and took her to a crack house, she said. With \$20 from Hartmeyer, she bought cocaine, she said.

She had sex with Hartmeyer in the car and later at the house on Five Mile after he gave her \$20 more.

The victim seemed uncertain Tuesday about which defendant began the attack, threatening her with a knife and ordering her to have sex with another man after she announced she didn't want to continue a "transaction" with them.

But she maintained through-

out the hearing that all of the men sexually assaulted her, and that all but Hartmeyer punched her and threatened her life. Hartmeyer "meekly" said something to try to stop the attack, she said.

"I was not physically able to leave the home," she said in response to a question from assistant county prosecutor Tom Beck.

After the attack, she said, the men indicated they were going to drive her back to her neighborhood. She left the house first, she said, and ran to the middle of Five Mile, refusing an offer of a ride.

The second vehicle that went by was a Livonia Police Department patrol car, she said. She

was taken to St. Mary Hospital, where she was treated and released. The suspects were arrested at the scene.

She said she still suffers pain from the attack and beating.

Following testimony, Hartmeyer's attorney, William Winters III, argued three of the charges against his client should be dismissed. Ken Harris, representing Michaud, asked Brzezinski to dismiss all four charges, saying there had not been a positive identification of his client.

The woman, who, according to police, used to own a catering business, was by turns serious, flippant and argumentative Tuesday. As cross-examination by Winters began, she said she was finished testifying. She

relented when Brzezinski threatened to cite her for contempt of court and put her in jail.

She also asked that the hearing be held with all four defendants present. "You want to take a recess and think about that one?" she asked the judge.

Concerned that she would not appear to testify, Livonia officers had arrested her on misdemeanor warrants Monday night. She was released Tuesday, and police drove her back to her neighborhood.

Michaud is in the county jail on a \$100,000 cash or surety bond, while the other three are free on bond.

CANTON CONNECTION

Road closing

Cherry Hill Road will be closed to through traffic from Lilley to Haggerty beginning Monday while work to reconstruct a bridge/culvert on the Huston Drain, which runs under Cherry Hill just west of Haggerty.

Local traffic may access businesses and residences west of the Huston Drain from Lilley. Businesses and residences east of the drain will gain access from Haggerty.

Construction will block through traffic from Lilley to Haggerty.

For more information call the township public works office, 397-5404.

Team up to fight cancer

Participants are still welcome to sign up for Relay for Life, a 24-hour walkathon planned for Saturday-Sunday, May 8-9, in Heritage Park.

The event is a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society. It features teams of 12 or more people who will continuously occupy a running or walking course laid out around the park's large pond. Entertainment and refreshments will be available during the course of the event, and some teams will camp out overnight. A wide array of activities, including contests and games, will augment the walkathon.

For information on joining a team or becoming a student volunteer for the event, call the Canton Township supervisor's office, 397-5381.

Firefighter promoted

Canton Firefighter Greg Sprys-Tellner has been promoted to fire inspector in the department's fire prevention unit.

Sprys-Tellner, 32, will join Fire Marshall Dave Champagne and Inspector Frank Barrett in the prevention bureau.

Sprys-Tellner has been a Canton firefighter for 10 years. In 1986 he was named the recruit of the year for the Farmington Hills Fire Department, where he worked before coming to Canton.

He is married to Jennifer. The couple has a 2-year-old son, Thomas.

Business briefs

Canton residents are moving up the corporate ladder and new businesses are opening in the township on a weekly basis. In the news are:

■ **Auto Ameristar**, which has opened a location at 5818 N. Canton Center. The company specializes in auto glass replacement, detailing, sun-roofs and other accessories. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Call (734) 453-4999.

■ **Rhonda L. McCoy-Pfau** of Canton has joined the Bloomfield Hills-based law firm Howard and Howard.

McCoy-Pfau specializes in intellectual property law. She has a BS Degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan and a law degree from University of Detroit-Mercy.

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curriculum, Ellis added. "They will never teach it unless it's tested," he told the State Board.

More C.C. money

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, and Gov. John G. Wacker have unveiled a package of bills to provide free tuition to the vast majority of community college students using some of the tobacco money.

Smith's bill would create a supplement to the federal HOPE program called HELP, for Higher Education Learning Promotion. HOPE provides a tax credit for the first two years of college education.

The Smith-Gast package would allow any family that qualifies for HOPE to get state HELP, a state tax credit equal to whatever portion of community college tuition is not already covered by the federal credit.

"Making community college more affordable for young people will make it easier for prospective workers to be trained for the high-paying jobs that companies are striving to fill," said Smith in an April 15 news conference.

A Gast bill will allow HELP to pay for textbooks with a tax credit equal to 10 percent of tuition.

They estimated the HELP program will cost "less than \$30 million" and aid more than 120,000 students. Eligible would be students from families with incomes lower than \$50,000 for an individual filing and \$100,000 for a joint filing.

"This will be a perfect complement to the governor's Merit Scholarship program," said Smith.

Nonpublic aid

High school coaches and public school officials are alarmed at a bill-to-allow students from nonpublic schools and "home schools" to take part in public school sports and activities.

Their anxious question: If they're going to use special education services and take part in extracurricular activities, why not just go to the public schools?

A problem is that the bill doesn't give public schools any more money to cover nonpublic students' activities.

Sponsor of House bill 4024 is freshman Judson Gilbert II, R-Algonac. It is assigned to the House Education Committee, where chair Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, has yet to schedule a public hearing on it.

But Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, said the money problem may be addressed in a "supplemental" school aid bill. Godchaux, a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on school aid, sees a lot of debate ahead because:

■ **Athletic eligibility.** How do you determine eligibility with students from two schools with different curricula and standards?

■ **Cheating.** Suppose a coach suggests to a failing athlete that he be home-schooled in order to be eligible. The athlete's mother does the grading.

■ **School jumping.** Suppose a student plays first string on a team for two years and in his third year is beaten out by a transfer from a nonpublic school. The first student's collegiate chances are harmed.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, sees a problem where booster clubs help the athletic program. Suppose the nonpublic school student's parents don't participate in the public school booster club.

But Brown has no trouble with the basic concept of letting nonpublic students take part in public school activities. "They (parents) pay their fair share of taxes. Their kids should be treated exactly the same as public school students."

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make sure it doesn't present a risk to anyone in the future," Cramer said.

ARCADIS reviewed geological and hydrological data of the fill material with saturated sands and silts and concluded that the discharge rate of the groundwater into the creek meet the DEQ's requirement. But actual hydraulic conductivity tests have not been conducted at the site. ARCADIS has suggested that the DEQ review its "mixing zone" proposal.

Cramer also outlined the creek's erosion protection barrier that was to be constructed, along with the exposure barriers of a grass and topsoil cover over a felt-type cover. Trees hanging over the creek will be removed, while the slope will be pulled back from the creek, so that the fill can be capped further away from the creek.

Cramer said the plan is to re-

ate a "structurally stable" slope. The erosion barrier will need approval from the DEQ and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"The material should be durable so that the bank doesn't break away, yet allow grasses to grow," Cramer said.

Craig hoped the plan will fit the remedial action plan for the Rouge River, which calls for billions spent in the 48 communities in three counties of the watershed to control sewer overflows, stormwater runoff and illicit sewer connections. Monitors are measuring the effectiveness of these measures further downstream.

"We're not removing this material, so we want to get it all under this cover," Craig said.

The landfill's RAP calls for no monitoring. Craig pointed out to state officials, "I would call for a monitoring program to prove the success of these programs."

"This is what happened to 95 percent of sites. We don't know that they actually prove successful."

Cheryl Graustadt of Westland cited a map from 3M that showed trash was sent to the upper area, and echoed Craig's concerns. "I think it's appalling that that property sat for too long without monitoring," Graustadt said.

Hugh Macdonald, director of special projects for Wayne County Department of Environment, said county employees are being trained to monitor the site and check the exposure barrier.

"We'll check the integrity of the cap and look for animal burrows," Macdonald said. Once the project is completed, the meadow will be a "pleasant amenity" to the nearby apartments, Macdonald said.

The DEQ will take all public comments through May 3, then discuss them among DEQ supervisors and geologists. It may amend the plan with public comments or DEQ suggestions before approval.

The plan is available for public review through May 1 at the reference desk of the William Faus Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, in Westland.

Comments should be addressed to Steve Hoin, project manager and geologist, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Response Division, 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Hoin can be reached at (734) 433-1296.

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WESTLAND
Wednesday, April 21
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Melvin Ball Recreation Center
3665 Ford Rd.
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Fight fat one meal at a time. Be aware of what you put in your mouth and keep track of fat calories. No more than 30 percent of the calories in your diet should be fat, even less if you are trying to lose weight.

Making foods that are easy, quick and low in fat will help everyone feel better.

Here are a few recipes that I shared with a Weight Management class at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. You're sure to enjoy these flavorful dishes that are pleasing to your palate and good for you too.

MUSHROOM AND GARLIC ROTINI WITH BALSAMIC VINEGAR

4 cups cooked rotini pasta
2 cups sliced button mushrooms
2 cups sliced shiitake mushrooms
2 cups sliced oyster mushrooms
2 cloves minced garlic
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
Water as needed
Salt and pepper to taste
Fat-free Parmesan cheese

Sweat mushrooms and garlic in covered sauté pan, use water if mushrooms are dry.

Cook over low heat for about 15 minutes. Add rotini, parsley, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper. Add more water as needed, just enough to keep the pasta moist, but not enough to make it look like soup. Heat through and serve topped with fat-free Parmesan cheese.

MARINATED VEGETABLE SALAD

1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and largely diced
2 medium tomatoes, washed and largely diced
1 small red onion julienne and minced
1 medium green pepper, washed, seeded and thick julienne
1 package baby carrots cut in half
2 cloves minced garlic
2 sprigs chopped fresh basil or 1 tablespoon dried
1/4 cup fat-free Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
1/4 cup apple sauce
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon granulated sugar

Mix together all ingredients, let stand overnight for better flavor.

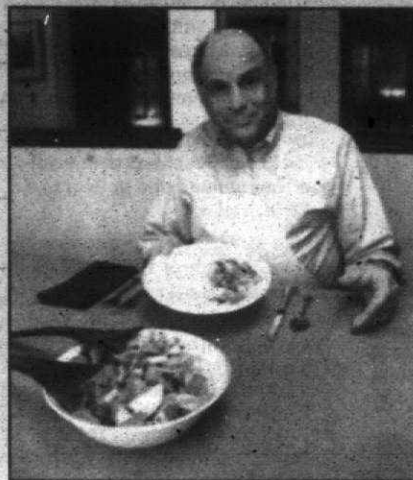
Chef Randy Emert of Clarkston is Executive Chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester. He will be preparing exotic international cuisine with a healthy twist for a Bayliss & Fortune Wine-maker's Dinner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. The food package is \$43 per person, a food and wine package is also available for \$60 per person. Call (248) 651-8361 for reservations and information.

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Don't simmer and stew, learn how to cook

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Like a lot of single parents, Leonard Charla of Bloomfield Township wanted to keep his teenage son close to home.

He wanted his home to be a place where his son Chris, then 15, would feel comfortable bringing friends home for dinner, or to just hang out.

There was a problem though, Leonard, an environmental attorney, didn't know how to cook or manage a kitchen.

"I called my mom, cousins, aunts and a lot of my friend's wives," said Charla who shares what he learned with others who, like him, "Never Cooked Before — Gotta Cook Now! A Total Guide for the Beginning Cook," (The Countinghouse Press, Inc.)

"I made a lot of mistakes, but I learned from

my mistakes" said Charla who soon learned to cook and enjoy it too. When his son, now grown, comes home to visit, he looks forward to dad's cooking.

Charla's advice is simple — "Use anything that works. Today, I opened a can of potatoes and sautéed them with some parsley, chopped onions and artichokes. It tasted real good. There are so many choices available. If a recipe calls for spinach there are recipes for fresh or frozen spinach. That way, the cook can stay with the same menu, no matter what the time constraints are."

Instead of making waffles from scratch, Charla dresses up plain frozen waffles with fresh sliced strawberries or sautéed apples and bananas flavored with molasses. You can make brownies from a mix, or try his easy "Scratch" brownies recipe.

"Never Cooked Before — Gotta Cook Now!" is

a comprehensive how-to for anyone who needs to learn how to cook quickly or starve. It's the perfect gift for a student off to college, bride or groom to be, or someone getting their first apartment.

Charla explains step-by-step how to stock a kitchen — everything from what pots and pans to buy to appliances, utensils and dishes.

He offers five weeks of menus and more than 160 recipes. Some recipes are original such as the one for broccoli and apple salad, others are Charla's version of classic American dishes such as tuna noodle casserole and spaghetti. There's

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Dishing it up:
(At right) Leonard Charla prepares Broccoli and Apple Salad.
(Top photo) Leonard Charla presents one his favorite recipes for people who "Never Cooked Before — Gotta Cook Now!"



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International traditions yield superior Sonoma County wines



Vintner: Marimar Torres at her Sonoma County California winery, built in the style of a Spanish Catalan farmhouse.

Marimar Torres is the only woman in the fifth generation of the Torres family, famous for its Spanish wines. If Marimar stayed in Spain, she knew she would lose her personal identity. She admitted that "with a father and brothers like mine, there was no room for me." Additionally, Spanish culture and traditions did not grant Marimar the choice she wanted — to become her own person.

U.S. market

In 1975, armed with a degree in business and economics from the University of Barcelona and fluency in six languages, Marimar left Spain for the United States to market Torres wines as president of Torres Wines North America.

"After experiencing California

wine country, I knew that the Torres name had to be represented here," she said. "It took until 1981 to convince my father that Torres should make an investment in California to make chardonnay and pinot noir, wines that are not made in Spain."

After receiving her father's consent, it took 18 months of careful searching to find the 56-acre property that has become the Don Miguel Vineyard, named after her father, and Marimar Torres Estate Winery. There, international traditions have given rise to superior wines from Sonoma County.

Vineyard

In 1985, Marimar's brother

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Wine Picks

■ **Pick of the pack:** 1995 Niebaum-Coppola Rubicon \$90 (blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc) is fruit-laden, intense and complex. Excellent now, it is a cellar candidate for maximum enjoyment in a few years. The following white wines sing springtime and will pair terrifically with all types of seafood: 1997 La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi Pinot Grigio \$16; 1996 King Estate Reserve Chardonnay \$18; 1997 Carmenet Chardonnay Sangiacomo Vineyard \$18; 1997 Stags Leap Winery Chardonnay \$21.

■ **Great reds for grilled meats:** 1996 Clos du Bois Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County \$19; 1996 Canoe Ridge Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$25; 1995 Tenuta Marchesi Antinori Chianti Classico \$33; and 1995 Carmenet Moon Mountain Estate Reserve \$40 (a Bordeaux-style blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot); and 1996 St. Supery Meritage Red \$40.

■ **Best buys at \$13 and under:** 1996 Mirassou Pinot Noir, Monterey \$11; and 1996 Pedroncelli Cabernet Sauvignon Morris Fay Vineyard (great value) \$13.

Dad shares recipes for people who 'Gotta Cook'

See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Leonard Charla, author of "Never Cooked Before - Gotta Cook Now!" (Countinghouse Press, \$15.95).

Charla encourages new cooks to keep trying, even if they make mistakes, you'll learn from them. "Once I was making a cake that called for two tablespoons of vinegar," said Charla. "I put in two cups of vinegar. The dog and cat loved the cake, and I have never been able to live that one down! Made the cake over again, with the correct amount of ingredients, and it was fine."

BROCCOLI AND APPLE SALAD

1 (10 ounce) frozen broccoli, cooked; or 1 cup cooked fresh broccoli, chopped

1/2 medium red onion, chopped
2 small apples, such as Jonathan or Winesap, or 1 large apple, such as Granny Smith, unpeeled but washed, cored and cut up
4 to 5 medium strawberries, washed, cored and cut up into slices
2 tablespoons flavored vinegar, such as malt, raspberry or cider vinegar
2 tablespoons olive oil
Black pepper to taste

Chop the broccoli, onion, apples and strawberries and mix together in a large bowl. Toss with the vinegar, then add the oil and toss again. Sprinkle to taste with black pepper. Serve 4.

"SCRATCH" BROWNIES

2 cups granulated sugar

1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, melted
4 eggs, beaten
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/4 cup cocoa
1 teaspoon salt (optional)
1 and 1/2 cups flour, sifted
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Melt butter, beat eggs, mix together with other ingredients and pour into a 9 by 13-inch pan.
Bake at 375°F for 25 minutes or until knife blade or toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.
Cool, cut into squares and serve. Makes 24 brownies.

MEATLOAF

1 medium onion, chopped
1 rib celery, chopped

1 can condensed "cream of soup" (such as cream of chicken, cream of broccoli, cream of mushroom, etc.)
Using any single soup will give a slightly different accent to the meatloaf. The soup provides a "binder" effect to hold all the ingredients together and makes the meatloaf moist.
1 pound ground beef
Some fresh parsley, chopped (to taste)
1 cup bread crumbs
Ground pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°F. Assemble ingredients. Mix ingredients well. Place in a 9 by 5 by 4-inch loaf pan and bake for about 1 hour. Serves 4 with some leftovers.

SAUTÉED APPLES AND BANANAS

2 apples, sliced (peel them if

you want to; you don't need to)
1 banana, peeled and sliced
Butter for sautéing
Molasses, about 1/4 cup
In frying pan, melt butter over medium heat; add apples, stir gently to coat with butter and sauté for 2 or 3 minutes; add bananas and sauté about 1 minute. Drizzle molasses over apples and bananas, stirring gently. Serve over waffles.

EASY EGGPLANT BAKE
2 cups bread cubes, about 1 1/2-inch by 1 1/2-inch.
Bread can be slightly stale, or it can be toasted lightly in the oven.
1 medium eggplant, peeled and sliced into 1/2-inch by 1/2-inch cubes.
2 medium onions, sliced crosswise then broken into rings.

2 medium zucchini, sliced on the diagonal
2 medium tomatoes, sliced crosswise
Oil and/or butter for sautéing
2 cups chicken broth or vegetable stock
Preheat oven to 375°F. In a skillet melt butter (if using) and add oil; heat but do not let the fat smoke. Gently sauté the bread cubes about 5 minutes. Add the eggplant cubes and continue to sauté for another 5 minutes.
Do not let bread or eggplant burn. Place bread cubes/eggplant mixture in a 9 by 13 by 2-inch baking dish.
Layer zucchini, onions and tomatoes on bread/eggplant mixture. Pour stock over dish. Bake in oven for about 1 hour. Serves six to eight.

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Wines

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noir and chardonnay — my favorite varieties."
The 11,000-square-foot winery is built in the style of a Catalan farmhouse. "This will never be a quantity project," Marimar contended. This is exactly why the Detroit metro-area has only now been supplied with Marimar Torres Estate wines.
Having had the privilege of tasting these wines since their first vintage, 1989 for chardonnay and 1992 for pinot noir, what is most impressive to us is their consistency vintage to vintage. Stylish, gutsy, head-strong, Marimar Torres, a single mother, has succeeded in establishing her own wine style. This is due, in no small measure, to the fact that she planted the Don Miguel Vineyard with a variety of clones: three for chardonnay and five for pinot noir.
Available now are 1996 Marimar Torres Don Miguel Vineyard Chardonnay, Russian River Valley to be followed soon with the 1997 vintage (less than 10,000 cases produced each vintage and retailing at \$25 per bottle). In both vintages you detect three levels of aromas and flavors stemming from one of three different clones: Granny Smith

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Fish a 'reel' nutritious option for dinnertime

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

The nutritional benefits of seafood abound, and nutritionists suggest we should enjoy fish once or twice a week. It's a great alternative to meats high in saturated fat and provides omega-3 fatty acids which are believed to help protect against heart disease and cancer.

Depending on the type of fish, it may also provide varying amounts of vitamin B-12, calcium, phosphorus, potassium and zinc.

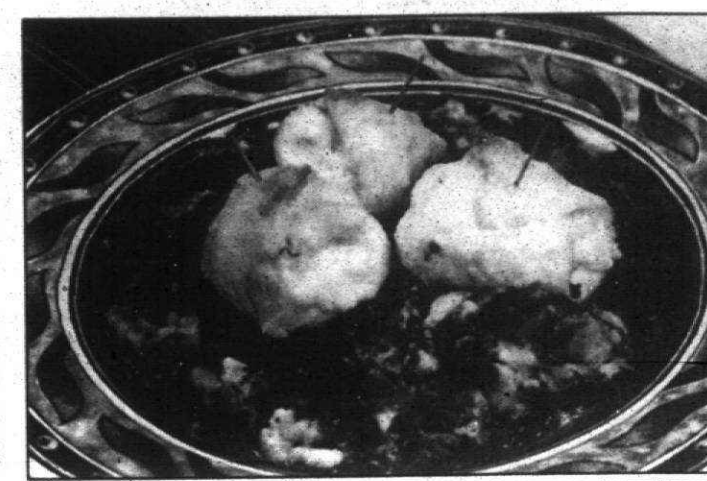
As with other foods, it's good to have variety in your seafood meals. Lean fish, such as cod or haddock, can be alternated with fattier fish, like salmon or trout. Fish such as tuna, snapper, sole and grouper fall somewhere in the middle. Cholesterol levels vary among seafood as well: clams, oysters, mussels and scallops are low in cholesterol, while shrimp, lobster and crab contain more.

The total cooking time of most fish is 10 minutes for every inch of thickness. Test by inserting tines of a fork into the center of the fish.

The flesh should be opaque, but if it flakes too much it may be overcooked. This is a common problem, and you can keep fish from drying out by marinating it for up to two hours before cooking.

Try swordfish marinated in a mixture of orange juice, ginger, sesame oil and soy sauce. Keep baked fish moist by topping with a quick-to-prepare sauce of low-fat yogurt, light sour cream, minced dill pickle, minced fresh parsley, Dijon mustard and dried tarragon. Or, add color and flavor to broiled halibut steaks with a sauce made by blending diced tomatoes, chopped fresh basil, finely chopped green onions, red wine vinegar, olive oil and orange rind, seasoned with salt and pepper.

Salsa is also a delicious complement to the mild flavor of



Fish for dinner: Sole Florentine can be prepared ahead of time, and warmed when you're ready for dinner.

fish. Serve salmon with a salsa made of finely diced cucumber, diced peeled papaya, white wine vinegar, chopped fresh dill and pepper.

SOLE FLORENTINE
1 1/4 pound sole fillets
1 onion, chopped
1/2 bay leaf
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3 peppercorns
1/2 teaspoons salt
6 fl. oz. broth or dry white wine
1 pound fresh spinach
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup lowfat milk
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Roll up fillets and secure with cocktail sticks. Arrange rolls in pan just large enough to hold them in single layers; add onion, bay leaf, lemon juice, peppercorns and salt.

Pour in broth or wine; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove fillets

from liquid, reserving liquid. Wash spinach; cook, covered, in saucepan in just the water clinging to leaves. Drain, and squeeze out excess water; chop finely. Place spinach in shallow greased dish just large enough to hold the fish rolls. Place fish on top of spinach.

Strain reserved poaching liquid; measure 1 cup (add water if necessary). In small saucepan, melt butter; add flour and stir over low heat for 1 minute.

Whisk in poaching liquid, milk, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. (It may be prepared ahead to this point and reheated.)

Pour sauce over fish and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 375°F for 10 to 20 minutes or until bubbly.

Nutrition information: Each of the four servings contains 225 calories and 6 grams of fat.

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

NEW PRODUCTS

Send items for consideration in New Products to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail: keelywygonik@homecomm.net

BROCCOSPROUTS

You know broccoli is good for you, and can help lower your risk of developing certain kinds of cancer, but some of us, including former President George Bush, just can't stand the taste of it.

BroccoSprouts, new on grocer's shelves, is a delicious alternative. One ounce (about 1/2 cup) of BroccoSprouts contains as much sulforaphane GS, a natural compound which helps the body's antioxidant defenses, as 1 1/4 pounds of cooked broccoli. BroccoSprouts are grown from special broccoli seeds. Add the sprouts to your favorite sandwiches and salads. You'll enjoy the taste of these sprouts, even if you hate broccoli.

Choose from BroccoSprouts, Sandwich Sprout blend of broccoli and clover, Deli Style Sprout Blend with broccoli, clover and mustard sprouts, or Salad Style Sprout Blend of broccoli, mustard and radish sprouts.

BroccoSprouts are available at Meijers, Farmer Jack and Kroger stores throughout metro Detroit. A 4-ounce container retails for \$2.99. Call the toll-free information line (888) 551-9899. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this product is contributed to The Brassica Foundation for biomedical research on vegetables.

BroccoSprouts is sponsor for the eighth annual Susan G.

Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, Saturday, April 24 at the Detroit Zoo. Warm-up is at 6:30 a.m., 5K men's competitive run 8 a.m., 5K women's competitive run 8:30 a.m.; 4K walk/run for women, men, family and friends (non-competitive) 9 a.m. and 1 mile fun walk 9 a.m.

The Third Annual Race Expo 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23 at the Doubletree Guest Suite, 850 Tower Dr. They will feature entertainment, fitness displays and guests. The expo is the last chance to register for the race. Entry forms are available online at www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-detroit, or Call 1-800-KARMANOS.

Canope Cart in Ferndale developed this recipe for BroccoSprouts. Canope Cart will be serving this sandwich at the Race for the Cure on Saturday, April 24.

"We enjoy the opportunity to educate the public, and our customers about healthy, exciting new products and demonstrate how these products can be adapted to use in everyday recipes," said Kathleen O'Neill who owns Canope Cart with Mary Rembelaki.

BROCCOSPROUT VEGETARIAN ROLL-UP

3 ounces chopped Roma tomatoes
3 ounces chopped green onion
3 ounces finely shredded carrot
3 ounces BroccoSprouts
Alouette cheese
Whole wheat lavash

Spread Alouette cheese on lavash bread. In a single layer down the

middle of the bread, layer vegetables on top of each other. Roll lavash as tight as possible, trim ends, cut in half and serve. Makes 1 sandwich.

ASIAGO CHEESE FESTIVAL
Panera Bread Company celebrates the zesty flavor of Asiago cheese during its "Asiago Cheese Festival" through June 1. The bakery-cafes are offering Asiago cheese loaves, mini baguettes, bagels, and the Asiago Roast Beef sandwich and Asiago Chicken Caesar Salad.

Here's a recipe to try:

GRILLED GRUYERE ON ASIAGO CHEESE BREAD

8 slices of Asiago Cheese Bread, sliced 1-inch thick
1 ounce dry white wine
Dijon-style mustard
4 ounces Gruyere cheese, sliced
2 Roma tomatoes, thinly sliced

1/2 small onions, thinly sliced
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Toast the sliced Asiago Cheese Bread in a toaster, on the grill, or under the broiler. For each sandwich, moisten the bottom piece of toasted bread with wine using a pastry brush or your fingertips.

Next, spread mustard on bottom piece of bread, then add one fourth of the cheese, tomato and onion. Grind a generous amount of pepper over the sandwich and top with another slice of toasted bread. Return the sandwich to the grill or broiler until the cheese is melted. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

Spread Alouette cheese on lavash bread. In a single layer down the

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Cookbook offers tasty Texas recipes for buckaroos

AP — People like their beans without a lot of frills in West Texas, says Grady Spears, co-author of "A Cowboy in the Kitchen: Recipes from Reata and Texas West of the Pecos" (Ten Speed Press, \$29.95).

He suggests serving this recipe for Ranch Beans with peppery Cow Town Coleslaw and Yaller Bread with Pintos. "For a cowboy version of a health-food lunch."

Spears, onetime cowhand and cattle broker, turned his hand to cooking with notable success. He's now executive chef and co-owner of the Reata restaurants in Alpine and Fort Worth, Texas; another is scheduled to open on Rodeo Drive, Los Angeles.

Co-author Robb Walsh recently won a James Beard award for

magazine feature writing, is food columnist for Natural History magazine and is a commentator on national public radio.

The book's chapters take you from Scurching a Steak, through chili and sourdough to pies and cowboy coffee, with a bonus of Chuck Box Secrets. Color photographs range from close-ups of food to panoramas of majestic scenery.

RANCH BEANS

4 cups dried pinto beans
4 cups minced yellow onions
plus 1 1/2 cups diced
1/2 cup pure chile powder
1/4 cup kosher salt
1/2 bunch cilantro,
stemmed and chopped
4 tablespoons olive oil
2 cups red bell pepper, diced

Drain the beans and return them to the same pan. Cover them with fresh water by 1 1/2 inches. Add the minced onions, chile powder, salt and cilantro and stir to blend. Bring the beans to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat, cover, and cook until the beans are tender, about 2 1/2 hours. From time to time check and stir the

beans. If necessary, add water as needed. Near the end of the cooking time the liquid should be almost absorbed. Close to serving time, heat the olive oil in a large sauté pan. When the oil is very hot, add the diced onions and peppers and cook them quickly, about 6 minutes, stirring and tossing, until crisp but tender. Stir this mixture into the beans. Serve at once.

COW TOWN COLESLAW

5 cups julienned green cabbage (about 1 head)
1 1/2 cups julienned red cabbage (about 1/3 head)
2 carrots, peeled and julienned
5 jalapeno peppers, stemmed,

seeded and julienned
1 1/4 cups mayonnaise
1/2 cup malt vinegar
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
Kosher salt to taste
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Place all of the vegetables in a large bowl. In another bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar and lime juice. Pour the dressing over the vegetables, season with salt and pepper, and toss to combine. Set aside in the refrigerator until serving time. It is best made and served on the same day. **YALLER BREAD (CORN BREAD) WITH PINTOS**
1 1/2 cups buttermilk

3 eggs, lightly beaten
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup Ranch Beans
1/2 cup fresh corn kernels
1 cup flour
1 1/2 cups fine yellow cornmeal
1/2 cup melted butter
Preheat the oven to 375 F. Combine the buttermilk, eggs, sugar and soda and mix well. Add the beans and the corn. Sift together the flour and cornmeal. Slowly add the flour mixture to the liquids, whisking until well incorporated. Whisk in the melted butter. Pour the batter into a greased 8-by-8-inch pan or cast-iron skillet and bake for 40 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Garbanzos add some ethnic flair to healthful dishes

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

Garbanzos — even the name has an exotic ring that promises something interesting and enticing. Little wonder, since garbanzos are found in some of the most attractive and flavorful international dishes. These light brown, irregularly shaped roundish beans, known in many parts of the world as chickpeas, are a key ingredient in Middle Eastern, Indian and Mexican cuisines.

Garbanzos can be purchased either dried or canned in most supermarkets as well as in ethnic specialty stores. With their full-bodied, nutty, rich flavor, they taste somewhat like chestnuts with a bit of crunch. Garbanzos maintain their shape well after cooking, but are frequently used in pureed dishes like hummus, a savory Middle Eastern spread made with sesame paste, garlic and lemon.

Try garbanzos in an Italian soup made with chicken stock, tomatoes, anchovies and pasta, seasoned with garlic, rosemary

and black pepper. Make a Moroccan chickpea salad with cooked beans, sliced olives, shredded carrots and chopped cilantro, dressed with a red wine vinegar and olive oil vinaigrette, and seasoned with minced shallot, garlic, cumin, paprika, cayenne and black pepper.

Marinated garbanzos with olives is another super salad idea. It's made by combining olive oil, balsamic vinegar, minced garlic, salt, pepper, dried rosemary, tarragon and minced parsley to make a dressing. In a bowl, toss together rinsed, canned garbanzos, pitted black and green olives, finely chopped red pepper and onion. Pour the dressing over the bean mixture, stirring to coat all ingredients. Cover tightly and refrigerate several hours or overnight before serving. Serve at room temperature on a bed of coarsely shredded Romaine lettuce.

Garbanzos can be used to make a variety of nutritious dips. In a food processor, puree rinsed, canned beans with light

sour cream. Spread the bean puree on a platter and top with pesto sauce (purchase already prepared pesto, or make your own with basil leaves, garlic, pine nuts, olive oil and Parmesan cheese, processed smooth in a blender or food processor). Add shredded zucchini, diced sun-dried tomatoes and a sprinkle of Parmesan.

Serve with pita chips, bread sticks or crackers.

LITE HUMMUS SPREAD

1 15-oz. can garbanzo beans, drained, reserving 6 tablespoons of the liquid
1 tablespoon sesame tahini
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1-2 cloves garlic (depending on your love of garlic)
1/2 teaspoon olive oil
Paprika to taste & sprinkle on top
Fresh ground black pepper to taste

Blend the beans, reserved liquid, tahini, lemon juice and garlic together in a blender or food pro-



Dip In: Lite Hummus Spread is a nutritious and flavorful dip.

cessor until smooth. Pour the mixture into a bowl and drizzle the olive oil on top. Sprinkle with paprika, black pepper and, if desired, salt.

This recipe makes a little more than a cup — a good amount of dip for four people.

Nutrition information: Each of the 4 servings contains 157 calories and 4 grams of fat.

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

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

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Oakland Physical Therapy will present "Headache: Physical Therapy Management and Prevention" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Providence Park Medical Center, Physician Office Building, Suite B124, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novato. Programs are available at no charge but an RSVP is required by calling (415) 380-3550. The program will emphasize management and prevention of chronic headache and temporomandibular joint pain (TMJ) through patient education and self-care techniques.

Blood drive

Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive in Denise DeRaud's name (Redford resident suffering from Myelodysplastic Syndrome — precursor to leukemia), 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 28-29. Donations will be accepted on a walk-in basis and the public is encouraged to attend.

Lyme disease

The Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. The next three meetings are April 20, May 18 and June 15. May is Lyme Awareness Month and there will be a special Lyme Education Night on May 18. Call Connie, (734) 326-3502, for information. All are welcome.

Bone marrow drive

Madonna University will be the site of a volunteer bone marrow donor recruitment drive from 6 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the science wing. This drive will register donors with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 who is in good general health and not excessively overweight can be a potential donor. For more information about the donor process or to become a volunteer marrow donor, call (800) MARROW-2 or (248) 471-1226.

ADHD & nutrition

Do you know a child with ADD/ADHD? Dr. Karen Craig, Ed.D., will host a seminar titled "Nutritional Connections to Learning and Behavior," 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square in Wayne. Seating is limited; call Natalie Thurmond at (734) 595-4403 to reserve a spot. Craig will discuss Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder and Autism.

Adult CPR

The Livonia Fire and Rescue team will sponsor an American Heart Adult Heart Saver CPR course beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library (Conference Room A). For more information, contact Jim Egged of the Livonia Fire Department at (734) 466-2444.

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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 Newsletters (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. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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LIFESAVERS

Siblings hopeful transplant will save sister

In the family: Denise DeRaud (far right) will undergo a bone marrow transplant in May with the support of her sisters (from left) Michele Rice of Canton and Annette Russo of New York. Russo will donate her bone marrow during the transplant at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.



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In the back of Denise DeRaud's mind, intuition told her something wasn't right despite the pacifying words of several doctors who told her "don't worry."

How could she not worry when a simple blood test turned up suspect? The anguish from the loss of her mother, to leukemia, flooded her thoughts.

"I was remembering what my mom went through," said DeRaud, "and I was scared."

DeRaud, 35, was reminded around Christmas by her husband, Mark, that the annual blood drive at her workplace, Garden City Hospital, was approaching.

"I don't know why he kept reminding me about it, but he did and I ended up going, not unlike I had in the past."

The Redford resident said it was the nurse at the blood drive who noticed her hematocrit level was low — an indication she may be iron deficient. The nurse could not accept DeRaud's donation and encouraged her to visit her physician to rule out anemia.

Think positively
DeRaud said her physician tried to ease her mind, drew more blood and sent her on her way. "I never expected to hear back," said DeRaud, "but I did."

Based on the results of her bloodwork she was referred to a hematologist/oncologist who ordered a bone marrow biopsy.

"I didn't hear a word they said after that," said DeRaud who was still thinking of her mother who died just four months after she was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of leukemia in 1994.

The bone marrow biopsy, a procedure that involves the extraction of bone tissue, is performed to examine marrow cells and analyze chromosomal composition. It can be a painful procedure for the patient. "I was really frightened," said DeRaud, who had seen hundreds of people undergo the procedure when she worked as a histotechnologist at Garden City Hospital.

DeRaud said a diagnosis was hard to ascertain initially and therefore her physician forwarded her

biopsy results to a renowned specialist at Wayne State University and to several bone marrow conferences before it was confirmed she had acute Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), a precursor to leukemia.

Myelodysplastic syndrome (a blood disorder) can occur in individuals who have been exposed to cancer-causing agents such as benzene, radiation, certain types of chemotherapy drugs or without any known cause. Of the five identifiable types of MDS, DeRaud suffers from refractory anemia with excess blasts in transformation to leukemia (RAEB-T).

Thirty-five to 65 percent of patients with RAEB-T develop leukemia. Ironically, DeRaud's type of leukemia is in no way genetically associated with the form that her mother suffered from and, in fact, she is believed to have contracted the chromosomal abnormality, possibly through exposure to an agent.

According to the Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America patients frequently "stumble" across the disorder by accident during a routine physical because in the early stages there are often no red flag symptoms. Some of the most common signs include dizziness, fatigue, shortness of breath, anemia and irritability.

Treatment options

Currently, the only known cure for MDS is a bone marrow transplant. The Redford resident said she and her husband considered several transplant centers in the United States and selected the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor.

DeRaud's treatment process began immediately as her MDS is acute (advanced) and more fast progressing than the chronic form. In mid-February, she was admitted to the U-M Hospital for an induction treatment of chemotherapy to destroy the diseased bone marrow and "knock down" the percentage of immature blast cells found in DeRaud's blood.

A person's average blast cell count is 5 percent. DeRaud's was 40 percent at the time of her diagnosis, placing her in the category of a high risk advanced MDS patient.

Because a bone marrow transplant is DeRaud's only valid treatment option, her two sisters,

Annette Russo of New York and Michele Rice of Canton, were tested to determine if they were a match to supply their ailing sister with healthy bone marrow.

It was Russo, DeRaud's youngest sister, who had exactly six out of six alleles (antigen sites) match on her chromosomes with her older sister. The transplant will be performed May 10 on the BMT Unit at University Hospital, Floor 8A.

Released from the hospital March 23, DeRaud is expected to begin a second round of chemotherapy April 30 to destroy all the bone marrow in her body in preparation for the transplant. Both women are being treated with a drug called Neupogen. DeRaud, who has a line for medication implanted in her chest, receives the drug to stimulate her daily white blood cell count.

The good with the bad

Normal bone marrow has a pool of stem cells that produce simultaneously the different types of blood cells. When one of these stem cells becomes leukemic or malignant, it is unable to proliferate and mature.

The result is that this clone of abnormal stem cells take over and suppresses the growth of normal stem cells. These stem cells can lose their ability to differentiate to more mature stages and continue to multiply in an abnormal fashion giving rise to a lot of immature blast cells (acute leukemia).

"I've learned an awful lot in a short time," said DeRaud, "and the hospital staff has allowed me to ask a lot of questions and be in control of my treatment in as many ways as I possibly can."

The Redford mother says her faith has been a "constant source of support" for her as well as her husband and two young daughters. "My oldest daughter was very angry when I was first diagnosed because to her, mommies don't get sick."

Clinical trials are ongoing for patients with myelodysplastic syndromes. To learn more about clinical trials, call the Cancer Information Service at (800) 4-CANCER.

Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive in Denise DeRaud's name, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 28 and 29. Donations will be accepted on a walk-in basis and the public is encouraged to attend.

Crisis brings home what's important in life

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Annette Russo didn't have much to celebrate Feb. 12 despite it being her birthday.

Not only did the day mark the death of her father, three years prior, but she found herself in Michigan giving blood in hopes of saving her sister's life.

"I said a silent prayer to my father," recalled Russo of New York who was being tested as a possible bone marrow donor for her sister Denise DeRaud of Redford.

Later that evening, Russo, an investment operations manager on Wall Street, received word she was a perfect match.

"I screamed at the top of my lungs when they called. I was overwhelmed with joy but then reality sinks in and you think 'what if it still doesn't work.'"

In just two weeks, Russo will

return to Michigan with her two children and begin preparation for the bone marrow transplant. The 41-year-old will first receive Neupogen injections, a medication that spurs bone marrow production so that an abundance "spills over" into her blood stream before its harvested May 10 during the transplant.

"It's amazing how Denise has tackled this thing with such courage and grace," said Russo. "I'm amazed. I told her last night I don't think I could be this strong if it was me."

The day of the transplant, Russo will undergo a simple procedure that is no more painful than a pin prick. She will have blood drawn intravenously, filtered through a pheresis machine that spins the donation, separates the marrow and through a second intravenous line, returns her blood back to her body.

"You know the saying, 'out of sight, out of mind.' This sheds a whole new light on how much we depend on

these people to save our lives. You may never give it a second thought until something like this happens. I'm depending on those doctors to save my sister's life."

Russo said she wonders if things like this are "meant to happen."

"It has made us stop and ask ourselves what's important in our life. You take a step back and look at what life has given you."

DeRaud's other sister, Michele Rice of Canton, has taken a family leave from work to help care for DeRaud's children prior to and following the procedure. Russo will fly in from New York May 4, six days before the transplant and remain in Redford another eight days following the procedure to share the responsibility of caring for her nieces while her sister remains hospitalized.

"I cut my left arm off to save my sister," said Russo.

Both Russo and DeRaud stressed the importance of not only giving

blood but going a step further and becoming a donor with the National Bone Marrow Program (www.marrow.org). The cost for the tissue typing test ranges from \$35 to \$90, depending on the donor center, the level of testing performed and the laboratory that completes the test.

However, there are alternative methods for being tested. Some donor centers will ask for whole blood or blood component donations in exchange for the cost of the testing. There also may be funding available, an upcoming drive or a waiting list through the donor center.

Madonna University will be the site of a volunteer bone marrow donor recruitment drive from 12 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the science wing. This drive will register donors with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 who is in good general health and not excessively overweight can be a potential donor.

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SUN, APRIL 18

ART AUCTION
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's child care facility is sponsoring a fine art auction in the hospital auditorium, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. Event proceeds will benefit the child care facility. Admission is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple. More information about the auction or free child care offered during the event, call the child care facility at (734) 712-4020.

MON, APRIL 19

CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION
A six week course at 7 p.m. providing information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn

care and postpartum care. Register early in pregnancy by calling Garden City Hospital, 458-4330.

TUE, APRIL 20

BE WISE... HEART WISE
St. Mary Hospital is offering classes for Cardiovascular Health, Tuesdays, April 20 through May 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There are six sessions total but you may take individual classes or the complete series. Topics include: Heart Risks; Stroke; Ups & Downs of Blood Pressure; Eater's Choices; Cholesterol & Your Heart; Fitness-Wise; and Stress Management for Your Heart's Sake. The fee is \$10 per class or \$50 for the series. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

GENETICS, CANCER

Learn how your family tree could influence your risk of developing breast cancer by attending the Oakwood Cancer Center of Excellence workshop on "Genetics and Breast Cancer," from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center - Cancer Center Conference Room (ground floor).

MAKING PEACE

Learn how to let go of your past and get on with your life. \$15 fee and preregistration required. 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Call (248) 477-6100.

LYME DISEASE

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

MENOPAUSE

Cindy Klement, herbalist/iridologist/nutritional consultant presents Menopausal Solutions at 7:30 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 305-5785.

STROKE SUPPORT

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

WED, APRIL 21

LOW-FAT FOODS
Make Mine Low Fat, will be the lecture from 7-8:30 p.m. at the

Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen. A registered dietitian will discuss how to choose the best fat-free or low-fat products for your recipes. In addition, she will share her techniques for incorporating these ingredients so that your meals lose the fat not the taste. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

MON, APRIL 26

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT
Hospice of Washtenaw has a need for volunteers who are able to stay with our patients during the daytime hours to give family members a needed break. We are especially interested in volunteers who might be willing to occasionally travel outside the Washtenaw area. Training consists of 18 hours, beginning Monday April 26 at the hospice office (806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor). Call Gail Marie to pre-register at (734) 327-3414.

TUE, APRIL 27

ART OF FENG SHUI
Learn the ancient art of arranging your home to increase har-

mony and positive energy. \$15 fee and preregistration required. 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Call (248) 477-6100.

WED, APRIL 28

CAREGIVER SUPPORT
St. Mary Hospital will offer a new support group for caregivers from 7-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The purpose of this group is to provide ongoing support and education for caregivers and older adults. This group will be moderated by health care professionals. Call (734) 655-8940.

APRIL 28-29

BLOOD DRIVE
Red Cross nurses available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate anyone wishing to donate blood. "The Gift of Life." Call Garden City Hospital to make an appointment, 458-4330. Walk-ins welcome.

THUR, APRIL 29

MENOPAUSE
Dr. Michael Gatt, M.D.,

OB/GYN, discusses the differences between estrogen and phyto-estrogen hormone replacement therapies for menopausal and post-menopausal women beginning at 7:30 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 305-5785.

MON, MAY 3

STEP AEROBICS
A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Eight-week class (through June 28) meets twice every week, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-5:55 p.m. \$70. 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 473-5800.

TUE, MAY 4

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
Informative as well as supportive, this group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Botsford Continuing Care Center, 21450 Archwood Circle (off of Polson, between Grand River and Eight Mile), Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-7400.

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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
Santhosh Madhavan, M.D., of Farmington Hills, has joined the division of physiatry within the Department of Neurology at Henry Ford Medical Center-Pierston Clinic in Grosse Pointe Farms. Madhavan's clinical interests include adult and pediatric physiatry. Physiatrists are physicians that specialize in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Name change
Total Care Northern, Inc., formerly known as Child & Family Services, has moved to its new location at 5909 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Total Care provides comprehensive skilled nursing and rehabilitative services for homebound clients with acute health problems. For information call, (734) 528-3279.

Spector welcomed
Dr. Howard Spector, located at 27676 Cherry Hill in Garden City, was recently approved for participation in the Preferred Chiropractic Doctor program, a national organization dedicated to providing quality chiropractic care at affordable fees and promoting the benefits of chiropractic health care.

Mobile cancer exams offered

Hundreds of women each year receive convenient breast cancer screening at their workplace and in local community centers with the Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit offered by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The mobile unit travels throughout southeastern Michigan on a year-round basis, providing screening mammography, clinical breast examinations, self-examination instructions and educational materials.

"The key to successful cancer treatment is early detection of breast cancer through screening," said Laura Zubeck, R.N., clinical nurse for the unit.

Women ages 40-49 with no symptoms receive clinical breast exams, annually and undergo mammography everyone or two years.

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For more information, call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266).

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Service tech

Tennysen Chevrolet recently welcomed Stuart Durocher as their newest service technician. Durocher, a Westland resident, is also the crew chief on the Midwest touring track car racing team. He is a specialist in transmission and driveline and has over 12 years experience in the automotive technical industry.

New engineer

Imaging Subsurface, Inc. (ISI) has hired Sachit Verma as Environmental Engineer at their Farmington Hills location. In his new position, Sachit will assist clients in their site investigation efforts using Geoprobe, geotechnical, and geophysical methods.

New account manager

FCI Automotive has appointed Daniel A. Jarmolinski as account manager for its North American operations. He is now responsible for FCI Automotive's business with Daimler-Chrysler's Large Car, Small Car and Minivan Platform Engineering Groups.

Mary Kay achievement

Betsy Walter of Canton recently achieved the status of Independent Sales Director with Mary Kay Inc. based on recently published industry sales data. She also completed a week-long business and leadership development seminar in Dallas where she received education in business management, marketing strategies, sales techniques and fashion trends.

AAL rep honored

Jeffrey Long of Westland, an Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) District Representative, has been honored for outstanding sales and service to AAL members during February. Long finished the month second among nearly 1,700 AAL representatives across the U.S. He is an associate of the Park Jarrett Agency of AAL in Livonia and his territory includes Canton, Livonia, Redford and Westland.

Outstanding sales rep

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) District Representative Bruce Abbott of Canton, has been honored for outstanding sales and service to AAL members during February. He finished eighth among nearly 1,700 AAL representatives across the U.S. Abbott is an associate of Park Jarrett Agency of AAL in Livonia and his territory includes Garden City, Redford and Westland.

New team member

Services Marketing Specialists, Inc. recently announced the addition of Thomas Kratzin to the position of director of Client Development. Kratzin, a Farmington Hills resident, specializes in marketing strategy and organization, product and services marketing, business/account development and sales management.

Engineer honored

Young S. Kim of Canton, senior manufacturing engineer, GM Powertrain - Ypsilanti, received the 1999 "Powder Metallurgy Automotive Achievement Award" during the SAE International Congress as an individual who made significant contributions toward the advancement and acceptance of powder metallurgy in the automotive industry.

New employee

Valassis Communications of Livonia, recently welcomed Todd Wiseley as assistant controller. In this position, he will be involved in financial reporting, benefit plans, payroll, accounts payable and special projects.

Engineer licensed

Somrak Etnyre of Orchard, Hiltz & McClinton Inc., of the Livonia-based consulting firm, has received her professional engineering license from the state of Michigan. Etnyre, a Livonia resident, represents municipal and private clients conducting study and design work associated with paving, utility planning, stormwater management and hydraulic modeling.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

TUE, APRIL 20

CAREER WOMEN WEST
Please join the National Association of Career Women's West Suburban Chapter from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Rd. The featured speaker will be Carolyn Arlen of Carolyn's Creations. Carolyn will bring fresh ideas for adding a floral touch to any occasion. She will explore ways to "smell the roses," in your hectic day. Cost for members \$18; non members, \$22. Call Martie to RSVP at (248) 347-3355.

WED, APRIL 21

SECURITY & E-COMMERCE
A free seminar series aimed at delivering an increased level of knowledge on how to implement and manage safe and productive e-commerce environments will begin at 8 a.m. at the Delta Marriott - Renaissance Center (313) 568-8000. Internet Security Systems, a provider of information risk management services, and META Security Group, Inc., an electronic commerce security solutions consulting firm will host the event. For more information visit the ISS Web site at www.iss.net/press_rel/seminars/e-commerce

THUR, APRIL 22

TECHNOLOGY FAIR
The Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan will host their annual Technology Enhancement Fair at the Laurel Manor in Livonia from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Joanne at (248) 945-3875 to register.

WED, APRIL 28

BOOKKEEPING/PAYROLL
BIG E-Z Bookkeeping Co. will host a Small Business Bookkeeping and Payroll Reporting Workshop at the Jenkin Meeting Room on the third floor of the Livonia Library, 32777 5 Mile Road from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$59 per participant. You must preregister; call (834) 462-2727.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.

The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh.

The Metro Livonia Chapter meets same time at American Table, 33501 W. Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call BNI office at (610) 635-8807.

FRI, APRIL 30

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The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth and Stark. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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New coffeehouse

Dee Powers recently opened the first coffeehouse, **The Greenhouse Cafe Coffeehouse**, in Redford at 26221 Grand River. Open from 2 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Thursday; 2 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Menu items include deli sandwiches, pastries, cheesecake, gourmet coffee, cappuccino's, bagels, and New York cheesecake.

For more information on special features of the Greenhouse Cafe such as movie night or Thursday night jam sessions, call (313) 255-0022.

Business relocates

The Flower Boutique, formerly located at Ford Road and Lilley, has moved to 7365 Lilley at Warren Road. The new location in the Mammoth Video Plaza has been an easier and efficient access to serve the Canton community better, according to a company spokesperson. Special features of

The Flower Boutique include a fresh array of cut flowers and plants. Custom arrangements are no extra charge. Store hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ownership change

Peter A. Basile Sons Inc., a Livonia based concrete and underground contractor, and Metropolitan Asphalt Paving, a Livonia based asphalt paving contractor have been acquired by Michael J. Bileti and Peter Messina. The buyout was mutually agreed upon with the former owner, Peter A. Basile.

Bileti has worked for the companies in a variety of positions and for the last three years as president. Messina is current VP of Field Operations and has been for the last 15 years. Bileti and Messina announce that the operation of both companies will continue uninterrupted with the change in ownership.

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

SCRAPING BY
Bad-breath problems often occur as a result of surplus anaerobic bacteria in the mouth that emit malodorous sulfur compounds. These bacteria thrive on protein found in plaque, food debris, and dead cells. While brushing and rinsing with mouthwashes somewhat help eliminate these problem bacteria, they do little to get rid of the anaerobic bacteria that tend to gather in colonies at the back of the tongue. This is where tongue scraping comes in. Middle Eastern cultures have used tongue scrapers for centuries, and now dentists in this country are beginning to introduce tongue-scraping appliances to their patients. Scrapers remove the bacteria-laden coating that forms on the tongue, thereby eliminating one of the primary causes of bad breath.

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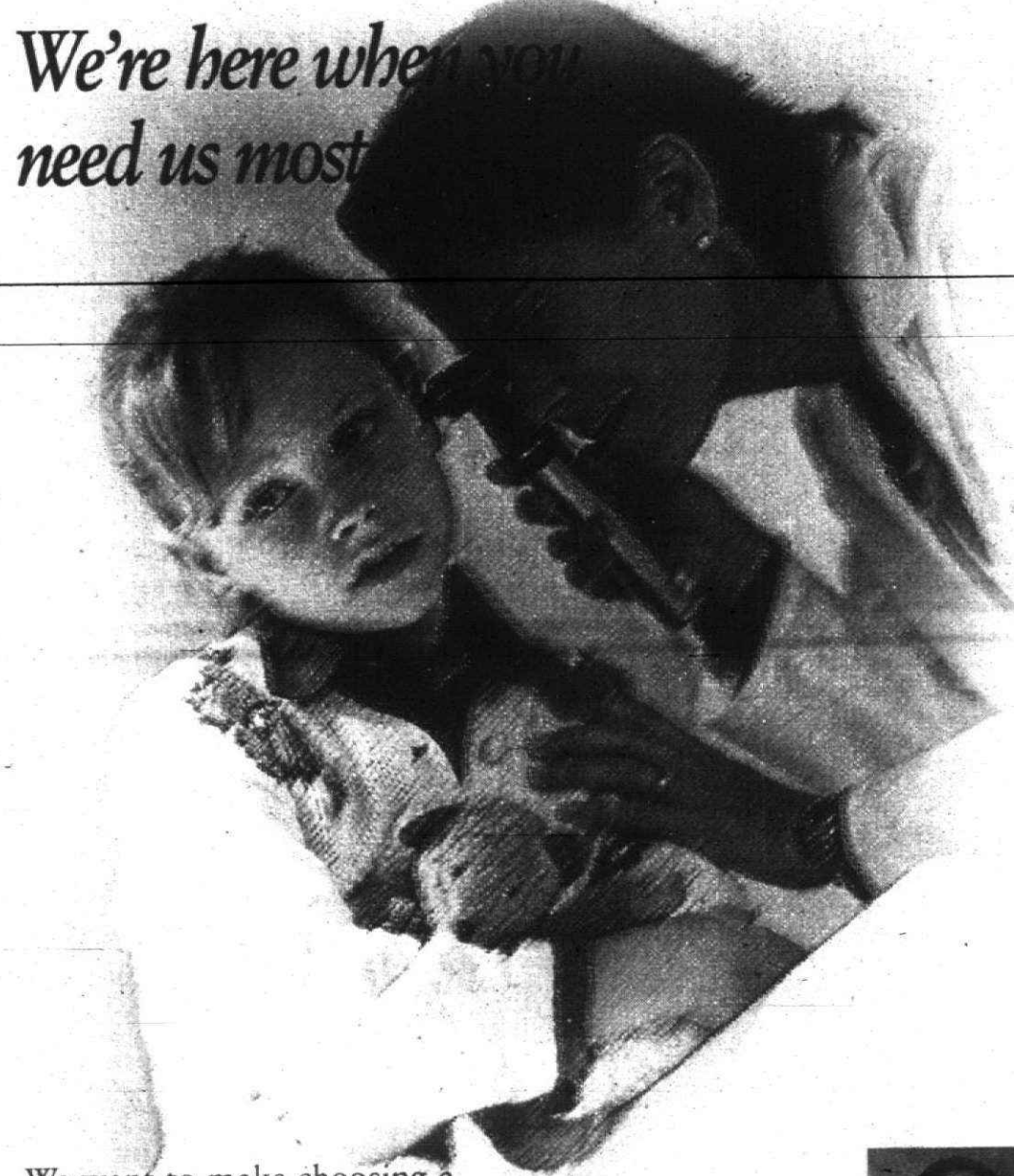
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Buyer, beware on Internet, hoaxes common



MIKE WENDLAND

I've written before that just because you read something on the Internet, you shouldn't bet the bank on it. But a week or so ago, a whole bunch of people did just that when a fake report on the Internet sent stock prices soaring for a small California company until the hoax was finally exposed.

The report, posted on a financial Web site run by Yahoo (www.yahoo.com/), involved California-based PairGain, a maker of high-speed access products used by phone companies. When investors clicked the Yahoo link, they were transferred to a new page, formatted to look like a Bloomberg (www.bloomberg.com/) news site.

The fake story said PairGain

was being acquired by Israeli-owned ECI Telecom for about \$1.35 billion in cash and other compensation, and that single false news story sent investors scurrying to pick up PairGain shares. The price soared from 8.5 at the start of the day to 11.13 before the hoax was exposed.

It ended up at 9.38 at the end of the day after Bloomberg published its own story, denying the bogus feature and quoting an ECI spokesman as saying that company was not in talks to buy PairGain.

A Yahoo official later said that once the portal learned of the bogus story, it was immediately pulled.

"To some extent, a lot of the onus falls on the individual investor," said Mike Riley, senior producer of Yahoo Finance. "We don't, by any means, encourage people to trade based on any one message on a board."

Taking action

By week's end, Bloomberg had filed suit and a North Carolina

man was charged with fabricating the news story. The suspect, Gary Dale Hoke, 25, turned out to be an employee of PairGain Technologies Inc. He was arrested at his apartment in Raleigh and charged with securities fraud.

The case is the first stock manipulation scheme using the Internet that has ever been filed but it serves as a forerunner of what surely will be many more attempts to influence the market through false reports.

On the Internet, like in real life, it's buyer beware.

Internet stock fraud isn't the only thing that has the online industry worried. Take computer viruses, for example.

The much-publicized Melissa computer virus did remarkably little damage, all the experts now agree. But what keeps them awake at night worrying is what the next virus will do.

So said computer and Internet experts in hearings before Congress last week.

"Melissa is another warning

siren of the vulnerability of our networks," Richard Pethia, director of the Computer Emergency Response Team at Carnegie Mellon University, told a House Science subcommittee hearing.

"Future mutations, or entire new strains, could easily be much harder to detect, spread even more quickly and cause significantly more damage," Pethia warned.

The Melissa virus spread over the Internet inside of Microsoft Word documents to thousands of computer users, but did little damage other than clogging e-mail servers and forcing some companies to shut down computers for a short time.

Damage from Melissa was "significantly contained" thanks to warnings from law enforcers and the media that spread almost as fast as the virus itself, said Michael Vatis, head of the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center.

Melissa "serves as a wake up call for both government and the private sector regarding the

threat from malicious viruses being spread over the Internet," Vatis said.

Internet 101 Seminar

Week after week in this column and the Internet, I talk about the Net. But if you're a newcomer and would like to understand the Internet a little better, mark your calendars and reserve your space now for the next PC Mike Seminar, "Internet 101" now set for Saturday, May 8 from 10-noon at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

The session will provide a broad, practical overview of how the Internet and e-mail can help personal and business users. It will include information on navigating and searching the World Wide Web, how to set up a Web site for personal and business use, how to filter out porn and unwanted e-mail and what to look for in a computer system and Internet Service Provider. I'll also pass out his special PC Mike Tech Tip card, free to all

attendees.

Doors open 9:30 a.m. but you must reserve a spot in advance. Call the 24-hour PC Mike reservation line at (248) 423-2721. Admission is \$5 per person.

Sunday's radio show

Today (April 18) I'll be doing my PC Mike Radio show live from Sea World in Orlando, FL, where live underwater Web-Cams keep track of marine life and high tech gadgets do valuable research that helps protect the fragile undersea environment. The show airs from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1279, WXYT.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV NewsChannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270. His latest book "The Complete No Geek Speak Guide to the Internet" is available in book stores or through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

Y2K loans available for small businesses

A new loan to help small businesses prepare for the year 2000 (Y2K) has been introduced by Comerica Bank.

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for small businesses is extended over a five-year period.

Comerica Bank developed the Y2K loan as a way to reach out to small businesses regarding their year 2000 preparation.

Another way Comerica is raising awareness about Y2K is by

sponsoring a workshop for small business owners. Called "Managing Y2K Risks," the workshop will be held Thursday, April 29, at Comerica's Southfield-based training center.

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE UPDATE

Alzheimer's disease is the most common dementia (cognitive and memory decline) in people over the age of 65. It affects approximately 4 million Americans and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. The emotional and social impact of this disease is suffered not only by patients, but also the caregivers.

The functional and behavioral decline in Alzheimer's disease result from destruction of the nerve cells that control memory, thinking and behavior. Initially short-term memory fails and there is decreased ability to perform familiar tasks. As the disease gradually robs people from cognitive and social skills, behavioral symptoms such as aggression, disorientation and wandering are seen. Older individuals, especially those with family history of Alzheimer's disease are at high risk. Complaints of social withdrawal, depression and decreased awareness of time along with memory decline require prompt medical attention and early diagnosis.

The future holds promise for effectively treating this "silent epidemic," and current treatments significantly improve symptoms. When given in uncomplicated disease, a new therapy improved cognitive function in 12 weeks. Treatment of early symptoms can help prevent long-term facility placement, preserve dignity and reduce caregiver stress.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Arts festival showcases the best

Members of Dance Ensemble West are beaming with pride after winning a spot to perform in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University. The Plymouth-based dance company competed with 60,000 high school students from all over the state for a chance to perform at the festival May 6-8. From these, 1,000 students from Livonia, Redford and Westland to Troy, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills were chosen as the best in the visual arts, creative writing, poetry, dance and music fields.

This is the second year, artistic director Heather Fountain and Dance Ensemble West were chosen to participate in the festival celebrating its 37th year. Fountain choreographed the work, "Transcendence," a modern dance about angels, to be presented by the senior company. If you can't make it to Kalamazoo in early May, attend Dance Ensemble West's spring concert at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater Saturday, April



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Spring concert: Dance Ensemble West members Christen Ogden (left front row), Andrea Miller, Kim Svenson, Sarah Carlson, Kristine Roulo (second row), Anne Bresler, Beth Berzac, Valerie Miller (third row), Colleen Badger, and Julie Godfrey (back) perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

Dance Ensemble West

The junior and senior companies present "Dance Collection 1999" — a concert of ballet, jazz and modern dance works, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, (south of Joy Road). Donation is \$9. Call (734) 420-4430.

Michigan Student Film & Video Festival

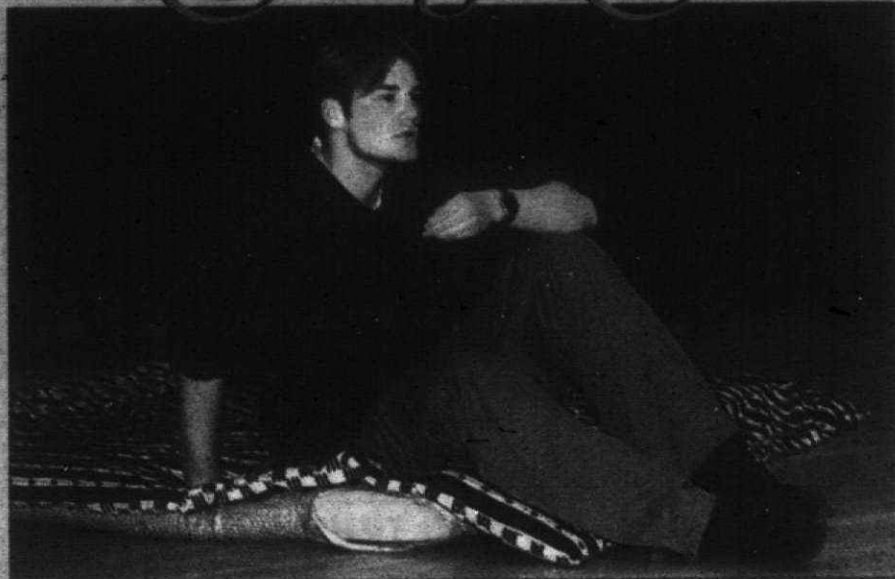
The 30th annual festival co-sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Area Film & Television — features films and videos by students, grades K-12, Saturday, May 1 at the Detroit Film Theatre. Admission is free, call (248) 547-0847.

Michigan Youth Arts Festival wanted to go badly this year.

On Thursday evening, Dance Ensemble West members will learn what's going on in the performing arts in Michigan by attending a program

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Stage Struck



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

A Little Night Music: Kevin Coleman takes on the role of Mr. Lindquist April 22-24 at Churchill High School in Livonia.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Brooke Andres is aiming for the big time on Broadway. In the meantime, the Churchill High School sophomore is honing her theater skills in the Creative and Performing Arts program at the Livonia high school.

Andres, who in February played Liesl in the Plymouth Theatre Guild's "Sound of Music," takes on the role of Anne Egerman in the CAPA production of Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music" opening April 22. One of two upcoming plays presented by CAPA students, the second, "The Diary of Anne Frank," runs May 6-9 at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford. CAPA, a district-wide program based at Churchill, and the Guild are involved in a partnership benefiting both CAPA and the theater. Students such as Andres gain experience on the "real" stage by performing in CAPA productions at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford and earning roles in community theater productions.

"CAPA's helped me with acting and singing," said Andres who recently returned from New York where she auditioned for a "Sound of Music" touring company.

As a theater student in CAPA, an intensified arts curriculum for grades 9-12, Andres is learning about film history and the finer points of advanced acting this semester. Comprised of three elements: theater, dance and vocal music, CAPA nurtures theater skills in the nearly 170 students through practice. With only minimal direction from staff, the students are primarily on their own creating and choreographing two musicals, two plays, one act and an assortment of productions ranging from dance to vocal concerts every year. Students design and produce sets, programs and publicity. Rehearsals are held weekdays after school and usually run to 5:30 p.m. or later.

"When CAPA was started they

wanted students in the district who were gifted to have a place to develop it," said Barbara Pierce, vocal coach and director of "A Little Night Music." "I have a lot of faith in these kids. They work hard."

After auditioning for the program, students may study a range of subjects from singing, dancing, directing and acting to film, music theory and stagecraft along with required subjects of science, math and language arts.

"Students are able to participate in shows," said Gail Susan Mack now in her first year as CAPA director. "There's more performing opportunities. In addition to CAPA productions, there are other opportunities for dance shows and vocal songbooks."

Mack plans to eventually re-institute visual arts and instrumental music programs once a part of CAPA until budget cuts in the early 1990s, because she's seen the benefits to students participating in the college prep program.

"CAPA is to help develop a lot of skills through the arts for kids definitely interested in a career in the arts but also for those interested in other careers," said Mack.

"We want them to be able to merge into any field through confident

"A Little Night Music"

Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 22-24, at the Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, (north of Joy Road), Livonia. For tickets, call (734) 523-8841.

"The Diary of Anne Frank"

Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 6-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, Beech Daly, south of Five Mile. Tickets \$10, \$8 students/seniors. Tickets by reservation only, call (313) 531-0554.

CREATIVE PROGRAM SETS STAGE FOR FUTURE PERFORMERS



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Budding romance: Brooke Andres and Joel Gelman play lead characters Anne and Henrik Egerman in a 1990s version of "A Little Night Music."

writing, speaking and performances skills. Team work is very important in CAPA. And they learn to meet deadlines. They learn they can't go out and tell the audience they're not ready to perform."

CAPA students also have the chance to perform in Crackin' Up, an improvisational comedy group, and Off Off Broadway, a troupe performing hit songs from musicals. Crackin' Up has performed murder mystery theater at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

"They're never without something to be in," said Mack. "They develop self confidence by the mere fact they have to perform in front of people. They're developing their bodies. All students are required to take dance. They also develop creative problem solving skills."

While Andres is heading for Broadway, students like Amanda Fleming participate in CAPA for the fun of it. She's not into sports, so acting and singing in CAPA productions allows her to socialize during and after school.

"I want to be a history teacher," said Fleming. "Theater is too competitive

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Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra

Orchestra devotes year to Ellington

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Detroit bass player Rodney Whitaker is a passionate musician with an equal passion for the history of his art.

The two interests are neatly dovetailing with his participation as a member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, which is devoting this entire year to a celebration of Duke Ellington's centennial.

Edward Kennedy Ellington was born April 29, 1899, in Washington, D.C., and went on to become the most prolific, and many would argue, the most creative composer of the 20th century.

The LCJO under the direction of Wynton Marsalis brings its Ellington celebration, "America in Rhythm & Tune" to Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium Friday, April 23, part of a 36-city tour.

"I grew up thinking of Ellington's Orchestra as a dance band. The band had all those hits, 'Take the A Train' and 'Satin Doll,' there were so many," Whitaker said. "But he expanded the tradition of jazz to concert music."

Ellington was a musician, band leader and composer. He won initial fame for his songs but soon moved into virtually every form of musical composition including musical theater, suites, movie scores and sacred music.

"I think, for example, of such pieces as 'The Tattooed Bride' or 'Harlem,' which we're performing, they transcended musical styles," Whitaker said. "So many things are happening in that piece. There is the European aesthetic but also the Afro-American and Afro-Caribbean aesthetics. The idea of his music is American. I know Wynton says that all the time, but it's true. It is American, it takes from so many things. America is the melting pot."

As a band leader Ellington created an orchestra that brought new sophistication to popular music. He surrounded himself with gifted musicians for whom he wrote music specific to their talents. The roster of Ellington musicians is long and distinguished — Bubba Miley, Harry Carney, Cootie Williams, Johnny Hodges, Paul Gon-

What: Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis "Celebrating the Ellington Centennial." A University Musical Society program. **Where:** Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave., Ann Arbor on the campus of the University of Michigan. **When:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 23. **Tickets:** \$16-\$36. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

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MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Discover Greatness highlights Negro leagues

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Name the three greatest outfielders in the history of professional baseball in Detroit.

After Ty Cobb and Al Kaline, there'd probably be a debate about which other Detroit Tigers player had the best bat, strongest arm and greatest impact on the game.

The discussion, however, shouldn't be limited to talk about talented Tigers.

Norman "Turkey" Stearnes' Babe Ruth-like statistics certainly rate him among the best to play the game. The arm-flapping, home-run gobbling Stearnes played with the Detroit Stars of the Negro baseball league in the 1920s and 1930s.

Unfortunately, because of the color of Stearnes' skin, not the potency of his bat nor fielding prowess, he has been relegated to the heap of baseball trivia.

But the game of recognition for Stearnes and other black players has been pushed into extra innings due to the popular appeal of "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," a nationally touring

exhibit currently at the Museum of African American History.

Before Jackie

"Almost everyone can relate to baseball," said David M. Egner, exhibitions coordinator at the museum. "The story of baseball is that it provided equal opportunity, the best players shine."

That's certainly the story since Jackie Robinson crossed the color line in 1947, when he became the first black player in the major leagues. Robinson, a perennial all-star, won rookie of the year, and two years later, was named the league's most valuable player.

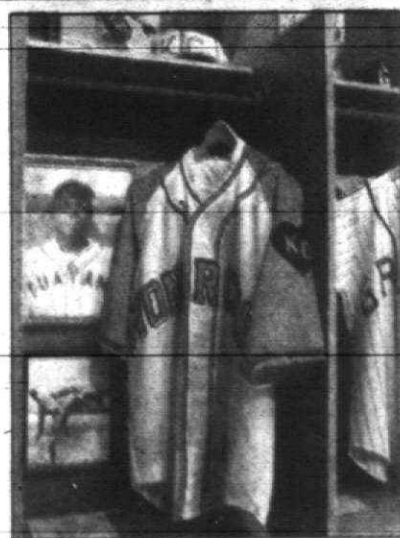
But despite popular opinion, the contributions of black players in professional baseball didn't begin with Robinson.

Before Robinson, Larry Doby, Hank Aaron, Ernie Banks, Willie Mays, Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella demonstrated the ludicrous notion of "separate but equal" on the diamond, there was a rich, entertaining history of prodigious feats, daffy nicknames and perseverance amid the ugly repression of racism.

In photos that document the rise and fall of the Negro Leagues, a bright light is cast on those who played in the shadows of the American pastime.

Many baseball devotees know of the legendary feats of Negro League players like Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Buck

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGGFIELD

Hallowed ground: A locker honoring Satchel Paige at the "Discover Greatness" exhibit is one of the 15 tributes to Negro League players who have been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

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but I like to do it. It's fun."

Theater partnership

Kristen Mudge, like Andrea, is working her way toward the big stage. A CAPA junior, Mudge is instrumental in implementing the collaboration with the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford begun in 1993. As a member of the board, Mudge carries on the Guild's mission of offering students a chance to share the theater and its lighting and staging equipment.

"I'm the connection between the two, finding out when we can use the theater," said Mudge. "The Guild covers all the expenses and receives all the money from ticket sales."

This is Mudge's third year in the CAPA program and she's loving every minute of it. Although

she's been acting since middle school, Mudge currently enjoys working with lights and sound. "By giving the kids a real space to make or break a show. She hasn't given up the stage though. Mudge recently played Alexandra in the Theatre Guild's "Little Foxes."

"CAPA's a highly advanced program and you learn more in depth," said Mudge. "I feel working at the Guild is important to experience what it's like to perform in a different theater. The Guild is far more open with the creativeness. In the schools, we're restricted to what we can and can't do. At the Guild we can stay closer to the script."

Stephanie Stephan thinks the partnership is essential if the art is to have a future.

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of dance, instrumental and vocal music, film, and theater. Master classes on Friday teach dancers new steps, and on Saturday, its Dance Ensemble West's opportunity to perform.

Anne Bresler can't wait to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival again. A sophomore in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia (see accompanying story), Bresler in addition to the festival, dances in the company's April 24 concert at Plymouth Salem, and also performs in CAPA's concert of dance May 20-21 at Churchill.

"The festival was awesome last year because there were people in plays, musicians and people who made films performing throughout the weekend," said Bresler. "The master classes meant being exposed to different styles of modern dance. It's also an experience to perform on that size of stage."

Andrea Miller, a junior at Plymouth Canton High School, started dancing when she was 4. In addition to performing in the festival, she dances as a soloist and as part of a jazz group number to Aerosmith's "Pink" in Dance Ensemble West's spring concert.

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Animation workshops

Annette Alexander-Frank is directing the animation workshops for 22 students including Kristopher Smith of Westland, John Glenn, Annette Walowicz, Livonia Stevenson and Daniel Casey, Royal Oak Dondoro. Students will film a documentary of the festival. Instructors are John Prusak, a cinematographer and film/video teacher at William D. Ford Career/Technical Center in Westland, and Vic Spicer, an animator. Guest producer is Kathy Vander who held a world premiere of "Walk This Way," her documentary about double-amputee Ron Bachman's day-to-day struggle to raise his daughter as a single parent, at the Penniman Theater in Plymouth last September.

Wonderful event

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is a rich, wonderful event," said Alexander-Frank, vice president of Detroit Area Film & Television, a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting visual literacy through film and video. "How often do students have the opportunity to get feedback from their peers. It's truly a celebration of the arts. How many opportunities do these kids have to have their work up on the screen. A lot of these kids are quiet. They're not singers or dancers and they're able to hear the favorable comments from people their own age."

Classical sound

The Walden String Quartet returns for a second year. The quartet features cellist Jill Collier, Birmingham Seaholm, and violinists Adrienne Jacobs and violinist Jodi Yang, Troy. Winners of the Michigan American String

CAPA. Levine met Mack after watching a play she had been hired to direct at the Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford.

"The Guild was struggling and they were looking for ways to make their program stronger," said Mack. "Usually with kids in a production, you get a bigger audience. The Guild makes money and it's of no cost to us."

Mack's students are learning more than just theater while working on "The Diary of Anne Frank." That's what CAPA is all about.

"Once again, it's a script students can learn from," said Mack. "Besides having historical merit, it relays life values. It's led to a lot of discussions on ethnic cleansing and how to keep a positive attitude when things are at their worst."

In addition to making good use of his soloists, Ellington was also receptive to the influence of others. In addition to his longtime collaboration with arranger Billy Strayhorn, Ellington was also influenced by trumpeter Bubba Miles, who gave the band a New Orleans sound in the '20s, and Clark Terry who came from the Count Basie Orchestra and gave a little of its flavor to Ellington in the '50s, Whitaker said.

"It takes a lot of humility to allow other musicians to help define your sound," Whitaker said.

Whitaker, 31, developed his sound while growing up in Detroit. He began playing violin when he was 8 and took up the contra bass in junior high school. But it was a neighbor who turned him on to jazz.

"I had a neighbor who was heavy into jazz," he said. "I had played violin and switched to bass when I was in the eighth grade. He saw me coming home with the bass and he gave me 10 records to listen to. Almost all of them had Paul Chambers on bass. ... I fell in love with it. I didn't know it was possible."

Chambers, who played with John Coltrane's quartet, grew up in Detroit, as well, and graduated from Cass Tech High School. "I said I want to be Paul Chambers. He's my hero," Whitaker said.

Whitaker has made a name for himself on the local and national jazz scene. He's played with many of the top names in the music, recording as a band leader, with Roy Hargrove, with the

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salvos, Ray Nance, Oscar Pettiford and many more.

"In 'Happy Go Lucky Local' there are several solos, most are written, but he was the first and only composer who could write an improvisational phrase and not make it sound corny," Whitaker said. "A lot of classical composers will write an improvisation and it sounds false."

As part of the LCJO celebration, the orchestra has released a new CD, "Live in Swing City, Swingin' With Duke," on Columbia, which is taken from their upcoming Great Performances presentation on PBS May 12. Whitaker plays a swinging solo on "Happy Go Lucky Local." The other music also swings beautifully with guest appearances by pianist Cyrus Chestnut and sax player Illinois Jacquet. The Lincoln Center has also published a commemorative book with essays and photos of Ellington's career, "Jump for Joy," (Paperback Original, \$25).

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Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ANTIQUES SHOWS, ART FAIRS & EXPOSITION

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.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile Road, Southfield: (248) 582-DECO.

SUGARLOAF ART FAIR

5th annual, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, April 18. Novi Expo Center. Call (800) 210-9900.

FARMINGTON FEST OF ARTS

Farmington Artists Club's annual Festival of the arts. April 25-May 2. William M. Costick Activities Center, 28800 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission free: (248) 473-1816.

WESTCARES ARTIST MARKET

32nd annual Westcares artist market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Featuring 65 artists from around the U.S. Westcares Clubhouse, 3700 Westcares Dr. off Commerce Rd. between Union Lake and Green Lake roads: (248) 360-5381.

AUDITIONS/CALL FOR ARTISTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

DANCE AUDITIONS

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

ELIZABETH GARDNER VOCAL AWARD

Michigan Federation of Music Club holding auditions 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at First Baptist Church, Willis Street, Birmingham: (248) 375-9534.

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 28068, Franklin, MI 48031. Deadline: April 23. Call (248) 851-5438.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHLAND

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.

MICH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Auditions for experienced actors to perform at the 20th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, held Aug. 14-Sept. 26. Auditions on Saturday, May 8 by appointment only.

MIDLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

Auditions held on April 24-25 for the following positions: associate principal trumpet, 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) 631-9931, 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 Orchard Lake, Macomb or Washtenaw 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.

PLYMOUTH COMM. ARTS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

Gilbert Camp Memorial and Plymouth Community Arts Council Fine Arts Camp Scholarships for any student in grades 6-11 who resides in Plymouth/Canton and plans to attend summer fine arts camp. Joanne Winkelman Hulce Interlochen Arts Camp Scholarship for any student in grades 6-11 who resides in Canton area and has applied to the seven-week Interlochen Summer Arts Camp.

Margaret E. Wilson Scholarship for the Performing Arts for any graduating senior who is a resident of Canton area, accepted in accredited professional program in the performing arts for fall. Applications due by 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 1999. Applications for scholarships available through fine arts teachers and the PCAAC office, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth: (734) 416-4401.

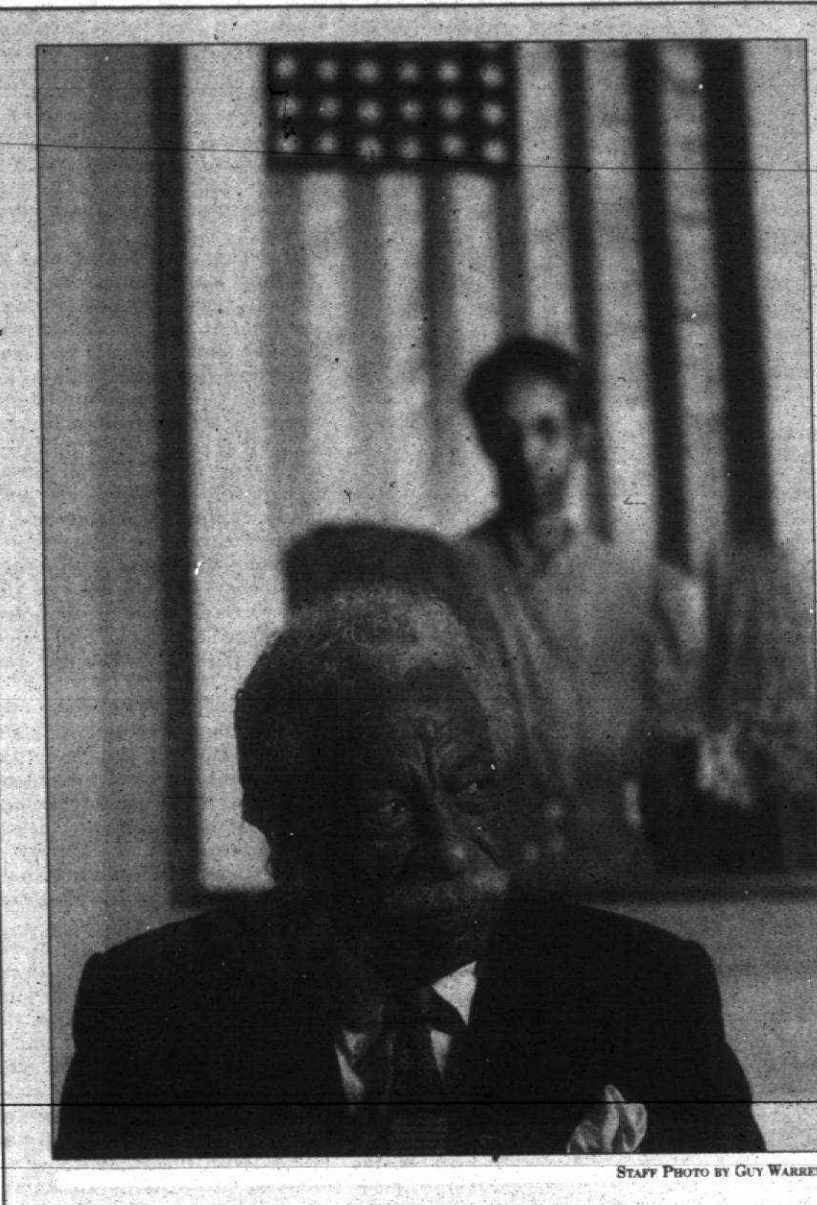
CLASSES

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/UM DEARBORN: Non-credit studio art classes and workshops through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard, Grace Serra, Mary Stephenson, Donna Vogelheim. For information, (734) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER: Classes & workshops for all ages. Live model session 9 a.m.-3 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month. 174 S. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call 334-416-4278.

SWANN GALLERY: Free life-drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 14 p.m. Sundays, 1250 Library Street, Detroit: (313) 965-4826.

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



Legend: The photography of Gordon Parks is on exhibit through April 25 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

CONCERTS

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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: (248) 645-2276.

B'JAZZ VESPERS

Kimmie Horne performs at First Baptist Church 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 300 Willis Street, Birmingham: (248) 644-0550.

CONGREGATION SHAUNDEY ZEDEK

Dr. David DiChiera, founder of Michigan Opera Theatre, in a musical review of 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: (248) 645-2276.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

"Whoopee for Winds and Strings," 4:30 p.m. Christ Church, 61 Grosvenor Blvd., Grosse Pointe, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills: (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Jerzy Semkow conducts Schubert's No. 8 and Bruckner's No. 7 at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, Orchestra Hall, 1111 Woodward, Detroit: (313) 467-4111.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Pianist David Syme in concert 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield: (248) 661-1000.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

LYCE is accepting applications for Lyric Chamber Music Camp '99 featuring the Arana String Quartet. Camp times & dates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 6-17. Held on the Eastern Michigan campus. Yosiatis 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) 357-1111.

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.

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Season finale 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25, featuring St. Clair Trio, soprano Valerie Yova and pianist Joseph Gurt. Hammill Music Store, 4110 Telegraph Rd., just south of Long Lake: (248) 357-1111.

MARYGROVE COLLEGE

Spring concert by Marygrove College Choral and Chamber Singers will celebrate inauguration of the college's new president, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Sacred Heart Chapel, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit: (313) 927-1254.

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Flutist Alexander Zovic, flutist Ervin Monroe and pianist Margaret Kapasiri. Two Flutes and a Piano, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25: (248) 683-1750.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Twelve-year-old pianist Sanjay Mody performs works of Chopin, Bach in a free recital noon Wednesday, April 21, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia: (734) 462-4463.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY CHOIR

"A Choral Offering," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia: (734) 462-4435.

VFW - CALL FOR ARTISTS

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards, open to high school students, grades 9-12. Grand prize \$3000. For applications contact VFW Post 2645, 24222 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48034: (248) 225-4679.

VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY

21st annual spring concert of the Academy Singers, 7 p.m. Monday, April 26, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills: (248) 625-7057.

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WATERFORD JAZZ FESTIVAL
International composer Dominic Spera performs at Second Annual Waterford Instrumental Jazz Festival, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Waterford Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road. Tickets: \$10/adults; \$7/students: (248) 623-9399.

DANCE

DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST
"Dance Collection 1999" 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, includes ballet and modern dance. Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road: (734) 420-4430.

EDIE

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble's "Packed Action," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, Hall Road between Hayes and Garfield: (248) 852-5850.

FUNDRAISER

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
EDC holds its annual fundraiser 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, the Community House of Birmingham, Call (248) 362-9329.

MICH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

The Michigan Renaissance Festival offers invite local charities and nonprofits to earn donation dollars by providing volunteers in Renaissance costumes to operate beer, wine and food booths. Call (800) 601-4848.

LECTURE

Rimless frames make eyeglasses almost invisible



JEFFREY BRUCE

I hate glasses. Funny, but I don't think that I'm the only person who feels that way.

Personally, when I was 40, I had to get "reading" glasses.

Remember — it took me 40 years to pick up my first pair of specs. At 41, when I went back to my optometrist at Roland Optics, I had an eye examination and I needed bifocals!

"It's a Commie/Pinko plot," I screamed. "How could I need glasses after 40 years, and bifocals the following year?" My optometrist quite patiently replied, "Jeff, it has to do with, how can I put this gently, age."

Gently? Gently? Now I have always been honest with, and about myself. The hair — gone. The body — still passes. The teeth — all my own. But my eyes? They've always been my best feature. What a downer, I thought! I did not want to have them covered, especially since everything else was going to... become more sophisticated!

So I have been wearing glasses for the past 12 years. My vision has not reached the point where contact lenses are a viable option. Can you imagine wishing for worse vision? So I have been wearing the hated "aces" and seeing better. After all, isn't that the general idea?

In any case, I decided to speak with my optometrists in Southfield and Rochester to ask a few questions that my clients have asked me over the years.

Optometrists Mickey Weishaus and Max Gottesman own Roland Optics in Southfield and Weisman Optometrists in Rochester. There are no other people I would trust more with my eyes, and I felt they would be the ones with the answers.

■ Can anyone wear contact lenses? The answer was a qualified yes. The qualification — people whose vision is very dry cannot, but even in their cases there is a possibility. Newest innovation — disposable bifocal contacts!

■ Will an astigmatism affect my ability to wear contact lenses? Absolutely not. A new innovation is the Toric lens. This is a weighted lens specifically created for astigmatic eyes. (That's my problem, and I look forward to being a Toric devotee.)

■ What about Lasik surgery? How do I know if I'm a candidate? What are my options?

This is the newest and best type of corrective laser surgery say the optometrists. There are no needles, no pain, and the procedure only takes seven to 10 minutes. The recovery period is 48 hours.

■ What are the latest trends in eye-wear?

For this question, I spoke with the diva of style, Phyllis Moore. This is a woman I would not only trust with my eyes but also my life. She has an uncanny ability to match the face with frame, and beautifully so.

"Rimless glasses are quite popular, as are the metal rims," says the diva.

"Also, plastic frames are making a comeback. These frames would have fashion tints in the lenses to add to the total look," she said.

Interestingly, rimless glasses seem to "float," rather than "be there" on the face. Plastic rims, on the other hand, are a definite fashion statement. There's no mistaking their existence. The choice is yours.

Personally, as a makeup artist, I prefer the "no-glasses-at-all" look. To me, there is nothing worse than someone dressed in flawless formal wear, say, a wedding, and they're wearing glasses! It just does not work. But the rimless numbers do sound like they would do the trick.

Yours truly has been invited by Weisman Optometrists in Rochester to do a free lecture/demonstration and seminar with the optometrists, and Phyllis Moore, on Sunday, May 23. There will also be refreshments and a question and answer session.

Reservations are extremely limited (it is free, after all), and the number to call is (248) 651-7986. I look forward to "seeing" you and your friends there.

Please visit me on my web site: jeffreybrucecosmetics.com or e-mail me at jubb@worldnet.att.net. Any further inquiries, please call 1-800-944-6588.



Comfort zone: Anne Klein's spring suiting coupled comfort with style at a show held Thursday at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Designer team stresses silhouettes over bold colors

Anne Klein's designer team of Isaac Franco and Ken Kaufman was in town to present its spring 1999 collection. We caught up with the designers at the *Townsend Hotel* in Birmingham and asked them about style and trends for the season.

Q: Characterize the styles for the 1999 spring and summer season.

Franco: It's a combination of many different things. It starts from fabrication (of) the colors that we have this season... and then it goes into the silhouettes. We have a wide range of silhouettes this season, (just with) our skirt lengths — they go from below the knee and to the knee and to the mid-calf, then we have the floor-grazing skirts.

Kaufman: I think there's a sense of ease, a sense of luxury. It's very wearable and understandable, yet luxurious. Q: What is the most important trend of the season?

Franco: It might be the long skirt or the Capri pant or more of a clam-digger kind of pant.

Kaufman: Something shiny, something iridescent, something lustrous. ... Can't live without a sweater set.

Q: Which of the season's trends are most likely to carry over to the spring and summer styles for 2000?

Franco: I think it's still going to be the experimentation with the length of pants, definitely. I think that it might not be the Capri pant the way we've seen it for spring or the clam-digger pant. It might be a wider, cropped pant.

Kaufman: I definitely think we smell and feel the walking short coming up on the horizon. It will definitely be important for us as we go forward.

Q: What one piece of apparel would you recommend women purchase for their spring and summer wardrobes?

Franco: I hate to limit it to one. The long pleated skirt is one of my favorite pieces for the season, especially in a light shade of blue, or we have a beautiful shade of platinum, or the sweater set.

Kaufman: I think accessories are exciting for the season... The belt, the handbag changes, the total look.

Q: What do you think will most excite women about Anne Klein's spring and summer collections?

Franco: I think the strategic placement of color... Ken and I don't believe in tons and tons of color. It's just the strategic placement of color.

Kaufman: It's color that lets women's personality and self shine through, rather than the color of the garment. I think it's very well placed

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Anne Klein offers wearable, elegant apparel for spring

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR
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Color mania has driven many spring and summer fashion collections, but women won't find the obsession reflected in Anne Klein's wearable and stylish offerings this season.

Instead, they'll encounter glimpses of color — subdued periwinkle, metallic gray with lavender undertones and a sophisticated pale blue the company calls "rain."

Anne Klein also offers women an easy-to-swallow alternative to basic black — midnight, navy, graphite and ink.

The clothing company's spring 1999 collection was presented Thursday evening by its design team, Isaac Franco and Ken Kaufman, at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy. The show benefited the Beaumont Comprehensive Breast Care Center, honored six local women and paid tribute to Joan Helen Emde, a local community leader who recently passed away from breast cancer.

But wearable color isn't the only characteristic of Anne Klein's spring collection likely to appeal to local women.

Skirt lengths varied from above-the-knee to floor-length; most stopped just below the knee with side slits that returned elegance and sophistication.

Roomy rayon pants — most had wide bottoms — were paired with comfortable tank shells or camisoles and matching cardigans or jackets, all in

both subdued and shiny fabrics.

Cargo and drawstring pants made a significant appearance, but clam diggers and other cropped, form-fitting — and perhaps all-to-revealing — pant styles were kept to a minimum.

The result — a wearable collection of sophisticated, elegant clothing that neither skirted the trends nor was dominated by them.

"And, that's what we're trying to do," said Franco upon presenting the collection. "We're trying to keep the clothes simple, clean, modern and luxurious."

TRENDS OF SHOW

COLOES: Gray — metallic, platinum, graphite

FABRICS: Rayon, linen, cotton

LENGTHS: Skirts below the knee and to the floor

LINE: Clean, simple, somewhat unconstructed

ESSENTIALS: The sweater set

EXTRAS: Ballet-slipper flats

BEST OF SHOW: Pale blue, ankle-length, beaded skirt



Replacing black: Anne Klein showed navy as a color alternative to basic black in key pieces like a tank shell and long skirt.

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Sea and sand adventure



Explorations: Oakland Mall in Troy has put together an exhibit designed to pique young people's interest in marine wildlife and ecology. "Under the Sea Adventures" runs April 17-May 9 and features a 75-ton sand sculpture of sea animals. Other displays include a 3D-cyber sea adventure, technology labs and a chilly tide pool of waters into which children can touch living sea creatures. The exhibit is located in the mall's JC Penney court.

RETAIL DETAILS

SHOP WITH PRECISION AND COUPONS

To encourage the pursuit of precision shopping — finding bargains without searching the racks of numerous stores — Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills has put together the "Precision Shopping Guide."

The guide also contains discount coupons for 20 stores located in the mall, including OFF 5th, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Brooks Brothers factory outlet, Bella Luna, Pfaltz-graff and Jones New York Company. The coupons are redeemable through April 30. For information, please call (248) 454-5000.

CALLING FOR BABIES

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PARISIAN HOSTS PAGEANT

Contestants

Delegates from the 1999 Miss Michigan USA and Miss Michigan Teen USA are slated to appear at Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 18.

Delegates will meet in the store to talk with fashion consultants. Reigning titleholders Miss Michigan USA Shannon Clark and Miss Michigan Teen USA Elizabeth Mathis will model clothing from Parisian. Pageant applications are still being accepted, and pageant staff will be available to meet with individuals between 12 and 4 p.m.

Also, representatives at Tyme Ltd., (800) 366-4071, will give callers a list of local stores where Tyme soap is sold.

Polish Potato (Spirytus, 150 proof) and Pomidlo Galarokta jelly to make the

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roads.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Delores wants a glass stem for a six-

cup Pyrex glass percolator.

— Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call *Where Can I Find?* at (248) 901-3555. Slowly and clearly leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

For discontinued china patterns, call Replacements LTD in North Carolina, (800) 737-5223.

For Carol, we found a film editor.

Maxine called to say she found Physician's Formula Sun Shield Sport Team Spray at Warren's in Farmington Hills.

For Jennifer, we found a Raovac lithium battery (#BR2335) at RS Electronics on Schoolcraft. Call (734) 261-5138.

For Barbara, we found a four-inch pair of "Boy and Girl Kissing Angels."

A wrought iron cigarette butt bucket was also located for Trish.

Glass lids for Florence's Guardian cookware can be purchased through Guardian Service, 8300 Cerritos Ave., Stanton CA. 90681, (714) 828-0750.

For Bob, of Alpena, we found a black velvet painting of Elvis and an Elvis Clock.

We didn't find a left-handed violin, but special thanks to the caller who suggested that Tim string a right-handed violin in reverse order.

We also didn't find Woodhew perfume, but a caller suggested trying Avon's Rare Emeralds, which has a similar scent.

Noodle Kidoodle in Northville carries the "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" soundtrack.

We also found Heywood Colonial furniture for Pat.

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WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Delores wants a glass stem for a six-cup Pyrex glass percolator.

Mary wants Britannia pants for men and Kobbie Cuddler Velcro tennis shoes for women.

Marilyn is looking for a full-size apron to wear over a dress.

Jenny wants to locate a Cecil Fielder fan club and Fielder memorabilia.

Faye is looking for a 1953 Central High School yearbook.

Yvonne is looking for a black ceramic butter dish with a lid.

Dorothy wants the 1965, 1967 and 1992 Plymouth/Canton yearbooks for her children. They never received them upon graduation.

Ruth wants Walt Disney's movie Fantasia on video.

Donna is looking for photos or pictures of the "1st Ever Car Show" held in August of 1998 on Six Mile and Beech Daly roads.

Phyllis wants a Greg shorthand book made in 1940.

Lawrence wants a 1939-40 Central High School yearbook.

Mary Sue is looking for a metal Quaker Oats can that looks like the cover of the cereal's old box.

Faye is looking for a 1953 Central High School yearbook.

Teresa wants a glasscutter that is found in craft stores.

Paul is looking for Home Brew Hires root beer.

Carol wants a half-inch brush curling iron.

Janet is looking for canned bacon from Hungary.

Carol is looking for three items: a 1959 Commerce High School yearbook; the old "Lion King" dish set (not the new Simba character set); and a Maude Humphrey plate called "Sarah."

Annette is looking for eyebrow shapes.

Sherrie wants Max Factor comb-on "Super Lash" mascara in black.

Anne wants a 1953 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook.

Kristy wants Paragon china called "White Cliffs of Dover."

Zelda wants a 1951 Central High School yearbook.

Florence is looking for a store in the Birmingham area that carries six-ounce bars of Dove dark chocolate.

Joanne wants Estee Lauder feather-proof lipstick in "Festive Red 606."

Ludy wants a "Fletcher" children's hardcover book published by Parents Magazine Press.

— Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

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SUNDAY, APRIL 18

COLE HAAS COLLECTION
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Cole Haas's special order collection for spring through April 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Men's Shoes, first floor.

ART OF SLIP CASTING
Hudson's at Twelve Oaks in Novi hosts a demonstration of the craft of creating fine Limoges porcelain with a Bernardaud company master potter, 2-4 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

ESTATE JEWELRY SHOW
Representatives from Neiman Marcus share their knowledge about Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Retro, Edwardian and late Victorian jewelry designs and the retailer's Estate Jewelry Collection through May 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, Precious Jewels Salon, first floor.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

ST. JOHN FOR FALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

View the St. John fall collection for 1999 at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, 1-4 p.m., St. John Salon, third floor. The trunk show also runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 21.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

FOCUS ON DANA BUCHMAN
Saks Fifth Avenue hosts a Dana Buchman Focus Day with designer representative Candace Baldwin, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Bridge Sportswear, second floor.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

EYEWEAR FASHION SHOW
SEE selective eyewear elements, a retail eyewear store at 160 Old South Woodward in downtown Birmingham, presents an in-store eyewear and streetwear fashion show for spring, 6-9 p.m. The free event includes local designers' apparel, SEE eyewear, food, music and drinks. For information, call (248) 723-1900.

STEUBEN GLASS DESIGNER VISITS
Meet Steuben Glass Designer Joel Smith and have him sign your glass purchase at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., Gift Galleries, third floor.

CAREER FAIR

The Westland Shopping Center presents the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Third Annual Jobs and Careers Fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For information, please call, (734) 326-7222 or visit www.westland.org.

L'O'NEILL HANDBAGS
Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents the design collection of L'O'Neill with a personal appearance, noon-4 p.m., Handbag Department. The collection and appearance is slated noon-4 p.m., April 25 at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills.

MOTORCYCLE SHOW
Members of the Honda Gold Road Riders display and discuss their favorite motorcycles through April 25 at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills during regular mall hours.

DINE AND DANCE
Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents "Wear Your Cowboy Boots," a family Dine and Dance event featuring Bill Peterson and country-line dancing with instruction, 5-9 p.m., Boardwalk Cafe Food Court.

PINEWOOD DERBY RACE
Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield hosts an area Boy Scouts' competitive race of handmade wood block cars, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., mall's south corridor.

TRAVEL

Plymouth, England, writer shares her hometown best

(Editor's note: We received an e-mail from Melanie McDonagh telling us about a new book by writers from Plymouth, England, and their interest in other Plymouths here in the United States. We suggested a travel story on what it's like in the other Plymouth.)

BY MEL MCDONAGH
SPECIAL WRITER

My name is Mel and I live in Plymouth, England. I belong to a local writing group, and when I contacted The Observer & Eccentric about our first publication I was asked to write a bit about my home city which could be printed alongside some photographs.

Plymouth (pop. approximately 250,000) is the main seaport for the southwest of England in the county of Devon. We have a busy Naval Dockyard and a commercial port for the cross channel ferry to France and Spain. Steeped in history, it is a city with much to offer to its inhabitants and tourists from all over the world. I will tell you a little about my favorite places.

The Hoe is the waterfront area with sea water swimming pools, public gardens and large expanses of grassy hills and greens. The Hoe is always busy in summer

with crowds of swimmers, strollers, sunlovers and loving couples enjoying the beautiful views over Plymouth Sound to the Breakwater and Drake's Island. Surprisingly you will also find that The Hoe is also fairly busy in winter with locals embracing an ozone laden breeze as they walk their dogs or children on a dry afternoon or men enjoying a pint of good English beer in a pub with a view.

Sir Francis Drake spotted the Spanish Armada's approach whilst playing bowls on The Hoe. He finished his game before going on to defeat their ships and stop an invasion, thus saving us from a lifetime of paella and sangria.

The Barbican was the original point of entry or departure for the city and was home to many rich merchant men. Today it is a shopping area for locals and tourists alike and a National Marine Aquarium has recently been built upon the site of the old fish market as a new and much improved fish market is now being used by the local fishing fleets. Here, Lawrence of Arabia stopped to have tea with family friends not far from the oldest street in Plymouth, ludicrously named New Street and an old Seaman's Bethel is now The Barbican Theatre, home to

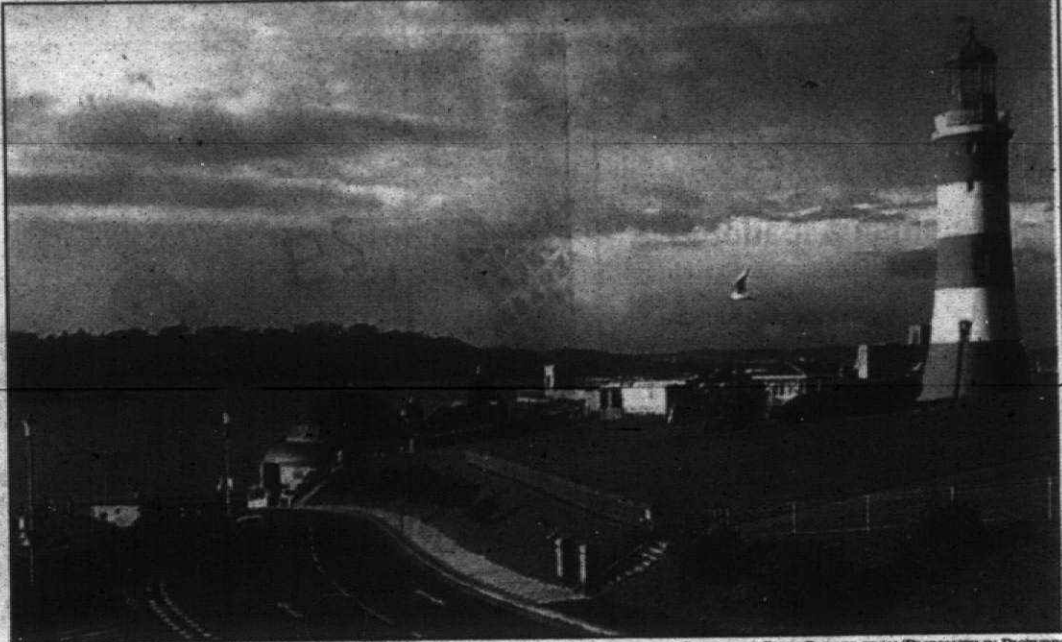
the Waterfront Writers who meet every week. The theater is recently refurbished but still has many of its original features. The famous Mayflower Steps where the Pilgrim Fathers left for the Americas are also here now, but now only lead to the decks of small boats that run sightseeing trips or water taxis.

Dartmoor is a large area of natural beauty which borders Devon and Cornwall. Sometimes windswept and desolate and often dangerous it is home to Dartmoor ponies, Buckland Abbey (once the home of Sir Francis Drake), the infamous Dartmoor Jail and many delightful country inns with thatched roofs, home cooking and log fires (I know few people who could resist stopping a least once, for a sniff of the barmaid's apron at one of these hostleries).

Also it is said that Dartmoor was the inspiration for the Sherlock Holmes mystery, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," after Sir Arthur Conan Doyle made one of his many visits to Plymouth.

The Royal Albert Bridge spans the River Tamar. Built in 1859 and at the cost of many lives, it was the last thing to be engineered by Isambard Kingdom Brunel as he became very ill. Although the general opinion at the time was that it would be unable to withstand the weight of the engines, on completion, Brunel insisted on being the first person to cross the Tamar in a railway engine. Now over a hundred years later it still carries the railway line from Cornwall to Devon although it is now joined by the Tamar Road Bridge. The road bridge is now the main escape route from Cornwall to Devon and, interestingly, a toll is only charged when crossing the border into Devon.

Union Street or "The Strip" as it is known locally was once a



PHOTOS BY CHIPS BARBER FROM 'PLYMOUTH IN PICTURES'

Starting point: Smeaton's tower overlooks the Plymouth Dome, a good place to start a tour of the city. The dome features an audio-visual show on the city's history.

thriving shopping area by day and a sailor's paradise by night. Now most of the shops have moved into the town center leaving only Doc Price's Tattoo Parlour, still a strong attraction to many a brave hardy serviceman or civilian.

The Red Light district around Union Street is now more of a pale pink, but there are still many pubs and clubs and at 2 a.m. "The Strip" is the place to be for the serious people watcher with transport as taxis are rarer than sobriety in this part of town as closing time!

Of course, a special mention must go to Cap'n Jaspers which is praised far and wide as a catering establishment of merit. Situated on the Barbican it sup-

plies huge bacon butties and steaming mugs of tea to those willing to brave the Westcountry weather. A perfect place to eat, drink and watch Plymouth go by.

We have many local food delicacies in Devon. Clotted cream is my favorite and I think probably the most famous. This is a spreadable cream with an edible yellow crust. Wonderful with anything!

The Pasty was originally eaten by Cornish miners but has now crossed the border to become Devon's favourite take-away meal. It was originally a pastry crust containing half sweet and half savoury filling with a thick crimped edge which wasn't eaten but left for the mine pixies, who

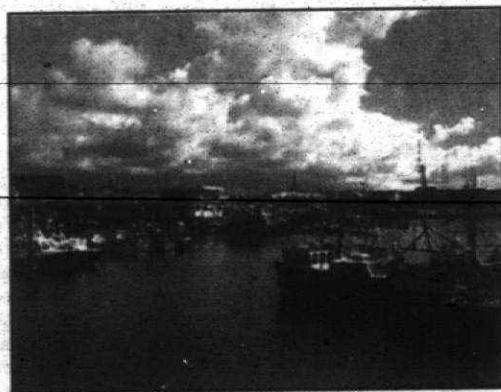
when hungry would become mischievous and troublesome!

So this is my view of Plymouth, England, and I hope you have found it of interest. As a writer I feel that out surroundings affect creativity and I have certainly come to look at Plymouth with new eyes since writing this article. The Waterfront Writers anthology gives other writers' views of the city, both serious and humorous and is available for £2 (approximately \$3.74) plus £1.50 (approximately \$1.80) post and packaging (sterling).

For more information, contact Mrs. Melanie McDonagh, 3 Riga Terrace, Laira, Plymouth, U.K. or e-mail at mel@mcdonaghmj.freemove.co.uk.

Changing harbor:

Pleasure craft are replacing working boats in Plymouth's famous Barbican Dock section.



GREAT ESCAPES

ZOO CRUISE

The Detroit Zoological Institute is sponsoring a one-week Alaska cruise with zoo director Ron Kagan. The cruise aboard the 138-passenger Yorktown Clipper through the Inside Passage departs May 29.

The ship's small size and maneuverability provides easy access to hidden fjords and secluded bays. Conde Nast Travelers recently named Clipper one of the top-ten cruise lines in the world for the fourth year in a row.

Kagan has led wildlife tours to South America, Antarctica, East Africa, South Africa, the Galapagos and the Arctic. Kagan will lead the Detroit Zoo travelers through Tracy Arm, where harbor seals nurture newborn pups on ice floes in the shadow of the surprisingly blue Sawyer Glacier.

The voyage includes accommodations on ship, all meals aboard ship and lectures by naturalists. Rates range from \$2,200 to \$3,380 (including a zoo discount of \$200) based on double occu-

pancy and not including airfare to Juneau. For more information or to book a reservation, contact Lisa Brancato Maucki at the Detroit Zoological Society at (248) 544-5717, ext. 1202.

NEW GOLF COURSE

Shanty Creek in Bellaire will open its new Cedar River Golf Club on June 12. The course has been designed by former PGA player Tom Weiskopf. The par 72 course is one of four courses in the Shanty Creek development. A new Lodge at Cedar River will also be opening. For more information, call 1(800) 678-4111.

CAMP HONORED

The American Camping Association has recognized Camp Tall Turf with its first annual award for community service. Camp Tall Turf, based in Grand Rapids, Mich., with offices in Baxter Community Center, operates a camp in Walkerville, Mich., approximately 75 miles north-northeast of Grand Rapids. The Christian camp was honored for its youth development programs and its Service and Leadership Training Programs for Urban Youth which involves 25 young people from 14 to 17 each year.

NEW SPA

Michigan's award-winning Grand Traverse Resort, the Midwest's largest year-round resort, has announced plans for a spa slated for completion in May.

The full-service Spa will feature an 11,000-square-foot facility for treatment areas incorporated into the Resort's 100,000-square-foot health club. To commemorate this new addition, the

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Weinman a leader

Albion College sophomore Laurel Weinman (Plymouth Salem) is among 300 student-athletes participating in the third annual NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference.

The conference will be held May 31-June 4 at Disney's Wide World of Sports and Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Participants will be involved in activities designed to enhance their communication, decision-making and problem-solving skills.

Weinman is a two-year letterwinner in basketball who averaged 7.8 points and 3.0 rebounds last season.

Canton golfers win

A 49 by medalist Julie Dziekan paced Plymouth Canton's girls golf team to two victories Thursday in a three-way meet that opened the Chiefs' season.

The junior edged out her sophomore teammate, Christina Slupek by three shots to help Canton outscore Pinckney, 214-220, and Howell, 214-221, at Timber Trace in Pinckney.

Stephanie Koppe fired a 55 and sophomore Katie Herbeck a 58. Low scorers, both at 50, for Pinckney and Howell respectively were Amanda Rodice and Holly Showers.

Soccer players sought

The United Soccer Academy is looking for players to participate in a developmental program in Europe July 13-Aug. 2.

The program will consist of a five-day training camp in Denmark followed by participation in both the Gothia Cup in Sweden and the Dana Cup in Denmark.

Teams will be formed in boys and girls age groups from U-11 to U-19.

For questions, contact the United Soccer Academy at 1-800-656-5499 or www.unitedsocceracademy.org.

Kids fishing derby

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Kids Fishing Derby from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at Heritage ponds, which will be stocked with rainbow trout.

Prizes will be raffled off each hour. Fee is \$1 per child to be paid the day of the event. Girls and boys age 15 and under are eligible.

Advance registration is required in person or by phone for a single one-hour time slot per entrant. It runs April 20 through April 29.

Open registration the day of the event will be available if space permits.

Participants are responsible for their own equipment and bait. Check-in for each time slot ends 10 after the scheduled hour.

Call 397-5110 if you have questions.

Royal Blue Classic

The IHM Sisters will host their fourth Royal Blue Classic women's golf outing Wednesday, June 30, at Fox Hills Golf & Country Club.

The shotgun start scramble is open to golfers of all levels and is available in nine-hole or 18-hole packages for \$100 and \$175, respectively. Price includes cart, beverage, lunch, dinner, door prizes and silent auction.

Those wishing to attend without playing golf may attend the cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 3:30 p.m., followed by the silent auction, raffle and dinner. This package costs \$50.

The Royal Blue Classic raises funds for the IHM Ministry Fund supporting people in need. Corporate sponsorships are available.

For more information or to reserve a tax deductible ticket, call (248) 433-0950 during weekly business hours. Registration ends June 11.

CCJBSA registration

Time is running out to register for this season's Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association programs.

Registrations must be received by April 21 so applicants can be assigned a tryout time. Tryouts are April 24 for leagues holding drafts.

Applications may be obtained at the township offices in Plymouth, Canton and the City of Plymouth, or downloaded from www.ccjbsa.com.

For questions about boys leagues, call 455-1984; girls questions call 981-5170.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Taste of defeat: Backup goalie Rob Zepp (l.) slumps with dejection as Plymouth loses deciding seventh playoff game to London Knights. Whalers' Paul Mara (above) gets by Knights' John Erskine for a scoring chance, but London wins, 10-3.

London fans, players take series

By DUNCAN E. WHITE
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HOCKEY

For those of you who missed Game 7 Thursday in the Plymouth Whalers' second-round Ontario Hockey League playoff series against the London Knights, it went a little something like this:

"Eh-hemm. Na, na, na, na; Na, na, na; Hey, hey, hey, goo-ood-bye!"

At least, that's what will be ringing in the Whalers' ears as they recall the final moments of their season — their impressive, promising season — following a 10-3 drubbing at the hands of the Knights.

Players and coaches were left to wonder what happened in this series as the Knights took over the ice with timely goal-scoring and thundering checks to pull off the series upset.

"I don't think there's a guy in this room that didn't expect our season to go into the later rounds of the playoffs," said Whalers head coach and general manager Pete DeBoer. "Obviously,

they're disappointed and there is nothing to say to them. There's no way to make this easier. All they can do is learn from it.

"There are a lot of guys in here that will go on to play for professional hockey clubs and learning from this is all they can do."

If there ever was a good time to break into a house in London, Ontario, Thursday was the night, with a good portion of the town in Plymouth for the deciding game.

The only evidence of home-ice advantage for Plymouth was, perhaps, the property deed.

The announced attendance of 4,186 was a bipartisan crowd (one London player said as many as 1,900 fans made the trip from Canada), but the Knights' fans easily won the noise contest.

"It was incredible," said London goaltender Gene Chiarello, who made 36

saves on 39 shots for his eighth win of the playoffs. "I think we definitely had home-ice advantage out there."

What the Knights didn't take over on the ice, their jubilant fans took over throughout the remainder of the arena.

They cheered louder. They booed louder. They exploded with each goal Whalers goalie Robert Holsinger let into his net. And that was during warm-ups!

They even sang their national anthem louder, drowning out the young singer's performance. It was a loss on all fronts for the American hosts.

At one point late in the game, Plymouth was penalized for too many players on the ice. Most likely, the referee would have caught the infraction anyway, but it was the London fans who made sure he noticed, yelling and pointing with six fingers raised.

Knights head coach Gary Agnew, who now holds a 3-1 career coaching record in Game 7s, thought the fan turnout definitely contributed to his

team's dominating play.

"The core fans have been great all year," he said. "But this just started to go crazy in early February or late January when we started to get on a bit of a roll, and they've been following us ever since."

Even DeBoer noticed the clamor coming from the London cheering sections.

"I thought it was a great atmosphere with the two sets of fans going back and forth with each other," he said. "I think it was the best atmosphere we've had in this rink in the three years we've been here."

"We had a good crowd in here for Game 5, and I think it's starting to catch on. People are starting to appreciate how entertaining (OHL hockey) is."

London wasted no time finding the net as Tom Kostopoulos scored for the Knights just 29 seconds into the game.

Plymouth defenseman Paul Mara evened the score with a hard slapshot from the high-slot area just 48 seconds

See WHALERS, D3

Salem tops Canton in boys meet

MANGAN TRACK

On a chilly, breezy day, Plymouth Salem's boys track team got the kinks out Thursday by breezing to victory over Plymouth Canton.

Salem won the Mangan Meet against its friendly neighborhood rival, 96-36. The 1600-meter relay teams for both schools were disqualified.

"We won all four relays," Coach Geoff Baker of Salem said. "We ran a pretty good meet. I was real happy with it."

"It was a little chilly and breezy, but it wasn't too bad down on the track for the guys."

"We got a real solid day out of Jordan Chapman," Coach Bob Richardson of Canton said. "He won two field events, and almost placed in the long jump by just a little bit."

Numerous (Canton) kids have run their PRs already. We're real excited about that. With a number of races to go, these kids are going to keep bringing their times down."

Canton swept the pole vault, with Chapman hitting 11-feet. Second was sophomore Brian Page (8-6) and six inches back of him was Kevin Palmer.

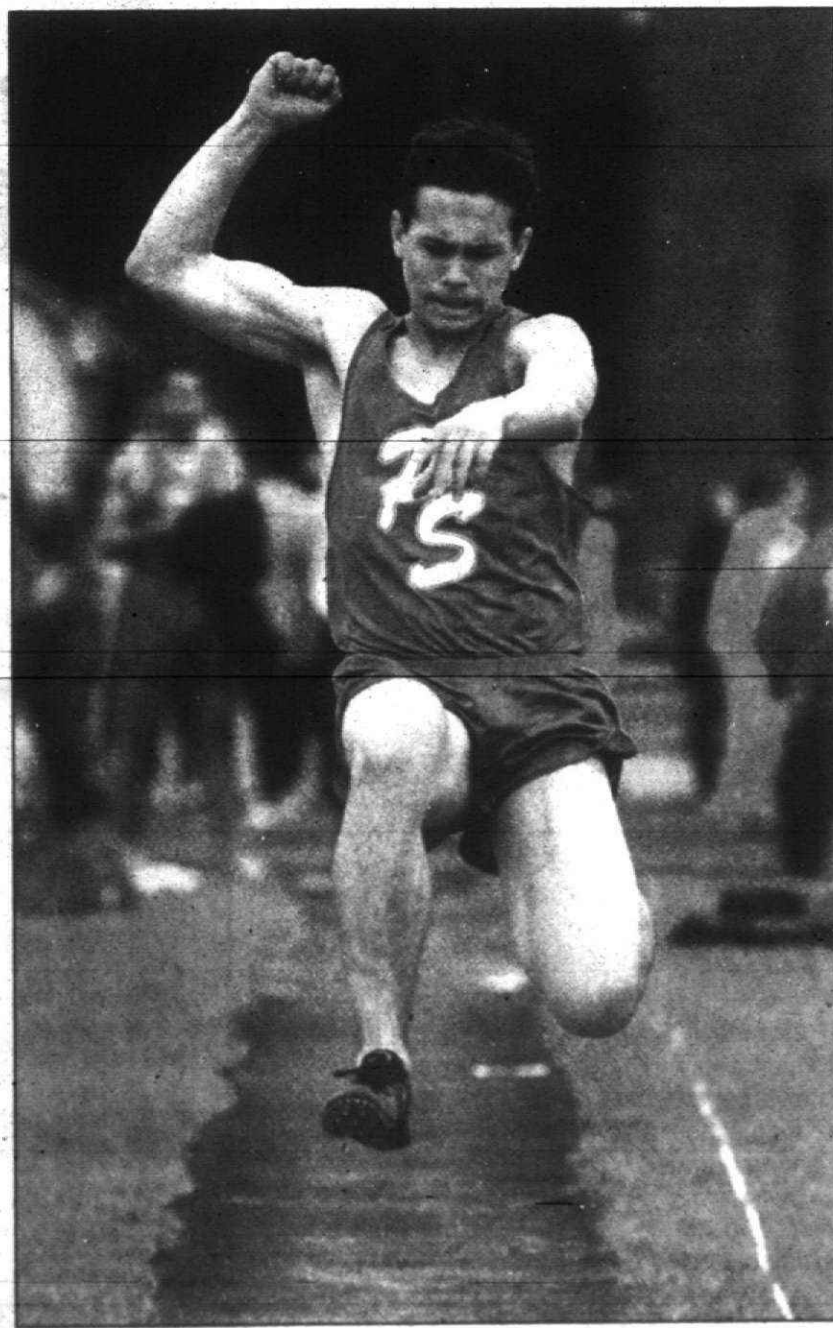
Chapman also took first in the high jump at 5-10.

Salem's Dave Clemons doubled in the hurdles, winning the 110-meters with a time of 15.7 and coming back to cop the 300 in 42.4 seconds.

Mike Shull of the Rocks captured both short sprints. His 11.2 was best in the 100-meters and his 22.5 clocking took the 200.

Craig Little of Salem and Manovir Gill swapped 1-2 finishes in two events. Little won the 3200 with a 10:29 while Gill took the 1600 in 4:44.

See MANGAN BOYS, D4



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Leaping ahead: Ryan Silva, like the rest of his Plymouth Salem teammates, gets the jump on Plymouth Canton in their annual Mangan Meet on Thursday, won by the Rocks, 96-36.

Rocks girls overpower Chiefs, too

GIRLS TRACK

The girls side of the Mangan Meet was a shade on the one-sided side.

Plymouth Salem's girls track team destroyed its Plymouth Canton counterparts, 111-25, Thursday in their mutual dual meet opener.

Coach Mark Gregor unleashed some talented freshmen and they helped the Rocks pulverize the Chiefs.

Canton won three events, two by hurdler Crystal Alderman.

Kristen Schilk captured the pole vault at 7-feet even while Alderman won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.4 seconds, then came back to take the 300 meter hurdles at 47.6.

"Obviously, Alderman was our athlete of the meet," Coach John Venning of Canton said. "She and Kristen Schilk were probably the two who stood out the most."

"We were very well prepared for the first meet," Gregor said. "We competed real hard. We got the outdoor part of the season started on a good note."

Two weeks ago we won the Spartan Relays, then we won the Mangan Meet on Thursday, so things are going pretty smooth right now.

"We're very intent on continuing to progress."

Tiffany Grubaugh tied a Salem record in the shot put with a heave of 37-feet, 11-inches, same as Jessica Ash in 1997.

Her discus throw of 112-feet was good for first in that event.

Rachel Jones also won her specialties, the dashes.

She broke with a 13.1 to win the 100-meter dash, then ran 26.3 to finish first

See MANGAN GIRLS, D3

COLLEGE SPORTS

Madonna baseballers lose pair in WHAC test vs. Indiana Tech

Indiana Tech pined a doubleheader defeat Wednesday on the Madonna University baseball team.

In the nightcap, Tech tallied three runs each in the first, third and fifth innings to outlast Madonna (13-15-1) for a 9-7 win.

Crusaders' starting pitcher James O'Connor, was pulled after allowing six runs (all earned) on five hits and three walks in three innings.

Derrick Wolfe went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI for the Crusaders while teammate Aaron Shrewsbury hit his 11th home run of the season.

Eric Williamson (1-1), who allowed two hits in one inning pitched, took the loss for Madonna.

Matt Fites (2-0), recorded the win for Indiana Tech (30-14).

The Crusaders blew a 6-0 lead to fall in the opening game, 11-10.

Madonna pitcher Bob Mason hurled four scoreless innings for the Crusaders, but got into trouble in the fifth. He allowed Shrewsbury and Wolfe both connected for homers in the loss for Madonna. Each had three RBI to lead the attack.

Madonna averts softball sweep

Another split for the Madonna University women's softball team.

The Crusaders scored five runs in the sixth inning of the opening game of a doubleheader to post a 7-6 win Wednesday over Spring Arbor at Livonia Ladywood High School.

Third baseman Jenny Kruezel was three-for-four, including a double and a home run, with three RBI to lead the Madonna offense in the leadoff spot. She also scored two runs.

Crusaders catcher Vicki Malkowski was two-for-three with a home run and had two RBI in the game. Courtney Senger and Jen Walker each had one RBI for Madonna (17-15).

Janelle Leschinger started and pitched three innings while Janelle Schmidt (4-2) pitched the final four, allowing one earned run and picking up the win for Madonna.

Leschinger allowed five runs, three earned on five hits through the first three innings.

Lindsay Curtis went the distance for Spring Arbor and took the loss.

Spring Arbor took the nightcap, 3-2, as Crusader hurlers Missy Bako and Janelle Leschinger combined for a five-hit performance.

But the Cougars scored three runs in the fifth inning to post the road victory.

Amy Frederick went the distance for Spring Arbor, allowing seven hits in the win.

Two of the Cougars' three runs were unearned. Jen Walker had a triple and an RBI for Madonna while Leschinger helped out her own cause with an RBI single. It was her only hit in her only at-bat of the game.

SPRING ARBOR 7-5, MADONNA 3-2: Leschinger allowed three earned runs in six innings but four unearned runs cost the Crusaders as Spring Arbor won the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday night.

Madonna scored one run in each of the first, third and fourth innings but Spring Arbor scored two runs in the first and sixth innings while adding three in the fourth inning for the win.

Erin Edmondson had the hot bat for Spring Arbor, going four-for-four with four RBI and a stolen base. Shannon Jackson went two-for-three, with a double, for two RBI and Sara Nelson had one RBI on one hit for the Cougars.

Jamie Cook led Madonna with two RBI and Jenny Kruezel had one RBI on a two-for-four batting performance with a double.

Lindsay Curtis allowed three runs in six innings pitched and claimed the win for Spring Arbor.

Madonna scored a run in the first inning and another in the third for a 2-0 lead but Spring Arbor scored five runs in the final two innings to post the 5-2 win.

Kristy McDonald had both of Madonna's RBI, going three-for-three from the plate with two doubles.

Madonna's Tanya Liske (3-5) went the distance, allowing five runs, three earned, on 12 hits.

But Spring Arbor added two additional unearned runs to control the game.

Frederick allowed just five Madonna hits, and both runs, to pick up the win for Spring Arbor.

Rocks lose opener; Chiefs win

Scrimmage all you want, but that first game of the season is what really tells a coach what needs to be worked on.

For Plymouth Salem, the opener showed a little more hitting will help the Rocks. Better fielding, too.

Salem played at Northville, which already had one game under its belt, and dropped a 2-0 decision Wednesday despite a two-hitter by starting pitcher Amanda Sutton.

"She pitched a great game," Coach Bonnie Southerland said. "We just weren't ready to hit. This was our first game and you can see your weaknesses. We'll just do better the next time."

Northville (2-0) got a run in the first and another, unearned, in the fourth. The Mustangs collected both their hits in the first inning in winning their Western Lakes Activities Association opener.

Salem didn't help itself by making four errors. It managed to load the bases in the fifth with two out but could not score.

Heather Sonntag, Dawn Allen, Jessica Chapman and Marnie Jones got the hits for the Rocks, all singles.

Canton 4, Stevenson 1: Gretchen Hudson. What more is there to say?

The Plymouth Canton right-hander limited Livonia Stevenson to five hits over five innings Wednesday pitching the host Chiefs to a 4-1 victory in their season and WLAA opener.

Canton pounded out 12 hits with Paula McKernan, Brianna McNicholas, Becky Mize and Lisa Baker collecting two apiece. Mize had an RBI.

LaAnne Schraunagle was the losing pitcher.

Jenny Fisher saved Hudson's victory with two innings of three-hit relief. She allowed the one run, walking four and fanning one.

Hudson allowed only two hits, walked one and struck out 10.

Patriots subdue Westland John Glenn, 4-1; North sophomore blanks Livonia Churchill

Livonia Franklin broke open a close game with a pair of runs in the fifth inning to best Westland John Glenn in a girls softball Wednesday, 4-1.

The host Patriots improved to 2-0 with the win, while Glenn falls to 0-2.

Leading 2-1, Franklin's Tera Morrill singled, stole second and scored on Jeannette Bertrand's single. Morrill came home on Kelly Young's groundout.

Winning pitcher Tara Muchow worked all seven innings, giving up five hits and no walks while fanning seven.

Losing pitcher Stephanie Fedulchak gave up 10 hits, walked two and struck out two.

Kerstin Marshall and Jamie Linden each went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Patriots.

Muchow added an RBI double.

Abby Massey went 2-for-3 to pace Glenn.

W. L. WESTERN 13, FARMINGTON 3: Farmington's softball debut didn't go well Wednesday.

Farmington had good pitching from junior Jessica Brown, according to coach Jerry Osborne, but didn't give her the right defensive support.

The Falcons made many of their errors in the sixth inning when the Warriors scored seven runs.

Western had been leading 6-3, but Farmington had allowed two unearned runs; otherwise, it should have been 4-3, according to Osborne.

Farmington junior Kim Livingston had two hits and two RBI in her first varsity game. Senior Angie Luttman had a stand-up triple and a fine catch in left field that led to a double play.

Colombo, who flirted with a no-hitter through six innings, struck out eight and walked just three.

Sallie Kuratko broke up Colombo's no-hit bid with a two-out double in the sixth. Raegan Tisher added a single in the seventh.

Randi Taub's 2-run triple in the third inning paced North (1-0).

Losing pitcher Adrienne Doyle, the victim of seven errors, gave up six hits, struck out nine and did not walk a batter. She was charged with just two earned runs over six innings before giving way to Meghan Misiak.

Canton rallies to topple Stevenson

Take off the first inning and Ben Tucker had a shutout.

Put Livonia Stevenson's three-run outburst in the opening inning in there and it took some good relief work Wednesday by Joe Cortellini to preserve Tucker and Plymouth Canton's 5-3 victory.

Tucker (3-0) settled down after the shaky first and wound up allowing just eight hits over 6 1/2 innings. He walked four and struck out five.

He was rewarded when Canton rallied for five runs, four unearned, in the fourth.

Cortellini worked the final two-thirds of the inning, hitting one batter and striking out one as the Chiefs improved to 6-1 overall by winning their Western Lakes Activities Association opener.

The game was the season-opener for Livonia Stevenson, whose Roy Rabe allowed six hits, walked five and struck out six in the complete game loss. Errors cost him a shot at victory.

Rabe had two hits, including a double plus an RBI single for the Spartans, 0-1 overall and in the WLA.

Andrew Copenhaver went 1-for-3 and drove in a run for the Chiefs. Steve Lueck had a two-run single in the fourth to break a 3-3 tie.

Cortellini had a double while Bryan Kay walked twice and singled in a run.

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The 300 hurdles impressed Venning, not just because Alderman won.

"The next four finishers all turned regional times," he said. "The first five places were all 50.2 and better."

The Chiefs' Jessie Myks was fifth in exactly 50.2.

MANGAN GIRLS TRACK MEET
PLYMOUTH SALEM 111
PLYMOUTH CANTON 25
High jump: 1. Aisha Chappell (PS), 5-0; 2. Autumn Hicks (PS), 5-0; 3. Kim Theaske (PC), 4-10. **Long jump:** 1. Brynne DeNeen (PS), 14-9 1/2; 2. Amy Driscoll (PC), 14-2 1/2; 3. April Aquino (PS), 14-1 1/2. **Shot put:** 1. Tiffany Grubbaugh (PS), 37-11 (ties school record, Jessica Ash, 37-11, 1997); 2. Padia Tomlin (PS), 34-9; 3. Michelle Bonior (PS), 33-4. **Discus:** 1. Grubbaugh (PS), 112-0; 2. Tomlin (PS), 95-7; 3. Miranda White (PS), 89-11. **Pole vault:** 1. Kristen Schlik (PC), 7-0; 2. Kelly VanPutten (PS), 6-6. **3200 relay:** 1. Plymouth Salem (Becky Phelan, Shannon Miller, AnnMarie Vercruysse, Melanie Mester), 10:29.7; 2. Plymouth Canton (Lark Haenert, Jaclyn Bernard, Amy DePuis, Tera Kubert), 11:20.5. **100 hurdles:** 1. Crystal Alderman (PC), 16.4; 2. Valerie Brown (PS), 17.8; 3. Chappell (PS), 17.9. **100 dash:** 1. Rachel Jones (PS), 13.1; 2. Melissa Drake (PS), 13.2; 3. Meredith Fox (PC), 13.4. **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth Salem (Hicks, Jessica Shamberger, DeNeen, Jones), 1:50.1; 2. Plymouth Canton (Merrith Fox, Kristen Schlik, Tera Kubert, Crystal Alderman), 1:58.9. **1600:** 1. Kim Wood (PS), 5:59.1; 2. Mester (PS), 5:59.2; 3. White (PS), 6:03.3. **400 relay:** 1. Plymouth Salem (Bonior, Shamberger, Drake, Jones), 51.6; 2. Plymouth Canton (Fox, Tekla Bude, Andrea Gaurin, Amy Driscoll), 54.9. **400:** 1. Hicks (PS), 6:21; 2. DeNeen (PS), 6:51; 3. Schlik (PC), 6:58.9. **300 hurdles:** 1. Alderman (PC), 47.6; 2. Brown (PS), 49.1; 3. Chappell (PS), 49.9. **800:** 1. Vercruysse (PS), 2:39.4; 2. Phelan (PS), 2:43.2; 3. Shannon White (PS), 2:44.5. **200:** 1. Jones (PS), 26.9; 2. Shamberger (PS), 27.1; 3. Bonior (PS), 28.2. **3200:** 1. Lisa Jasnowski (PS), 12:53.1; 2. Becky Rucinski (PS), 13:41.7; 3. Amy DuPlus (PC), 13:44.7. **1600 relay:** 1. Plymouth Salem (Hicks, DeNeen, Drake, Brown), 4:21.7; 2. Plymouth Canton (Fox, Schlik, Kubert, Alderman), 4:37.4.

The Rocks closed it out with a win in the 1600 relay in 4:21.7. Hicks, DeNeen, and Valerie Brown did the honors.

Michelle Bonior, Shamberger, Drake and Jones burned their way to the 400 relay with a time of 51.6.

The Rocks closed it out with a win in the 1600 relay in 4:21.7. Hicks, DeNeen, and Valerie Brown did the honors.

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later, but Jay LeGault, Richard Pitirri, Krysta Barch and Adam Saffer recorded the next four goals of the game for London, building a commanding lead halfway through the contest.

Jamie LaLonde scored on a rebound for the Whalers at the 4:36 mark of the second period to cut London's lead to 5-2. But the Knights went on a scoring binge again with three straight goals by Joel Scherban, Dan Janecvski and Pitirri's second of the game.

Following a goal by Plymouth's Jason Ward 4:01 into the third period that made it an 8-3 London lead, Kostopoulos scored his second goal and Rico Fata, a London fan favorite, added his first goal to cap the scoring and Plymouth's season.

Kostopoulos, the game's first star, finished with two goals and two assists while teammate Pitirri (second star) had two goals and one assist.

Harold Druken, who was tied for the league lead in playoff goals with nine entering the game (and was the OHL's leading goal-scorer in the regular season), finished with just one assist for Plymouth.

Holsinger, who recorded the lowest goals-against average in OHL history during the regular season, also finished the year on a downturn and was pulled from the net after the second period in each of the last two games. Plymouth was outscored 18-5 over that stretch.

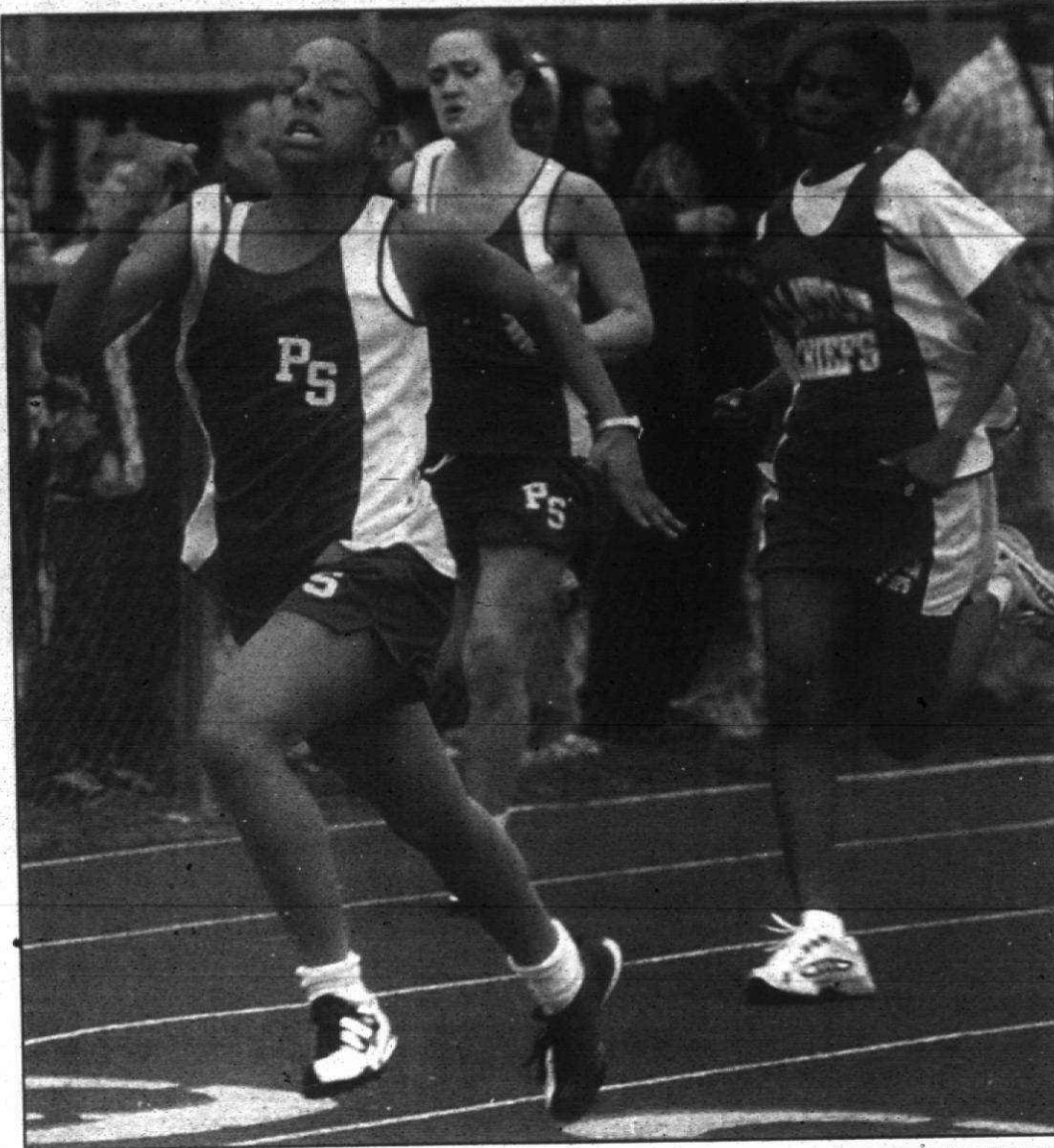
Even with a big lead Thursday, Agnew was well aware of Plymouth's offensive capabilities.

"Any team that has five or six first-round draft picks on it, you know they have lots of firepower, and they're capable of getting back in any game," he said.

DeBoer knew the Knights simply had what they needed to win the series: Heart.

"I don't think there was anything we could have done differently in terms of playing our systems that would have made a difference," he said.

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Up Ahead: That's the way it was all day Thursday at the Mangan Meet for Plymouth Canton's runners -- always looking at the back of the front-running Plymouth Salem jersey. The Rocks took an easy 111-25 victory from the Chiefs.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
April 16 at Whispering Willows
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 201; 2. Stevenson, 207; 3. Franklin, 277.

Churchill scores: Heidi Attama, 47 (co-medalist); Jennie Lusa, 50; Ashley Johnson, 51; Kelly Parzuchowski, 53; Julia MacLaughlin, 54; Stacy Loucks, 70.

Stevenson scores: Mara Maczoni, 47 (co-medalist); Carl Heppner, 50; Katie Carlson and Laura Haddock, 55 each; Jessica Makowski, 61; Teresa Layman, 63.

Franklin scores: Katie Beasley, 59; Erin Gavie, 68; Colleen Yorkic, 69; Amanda Szabelski, 81; Megan Houghton, 83; Tina Esch, 93.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 192
NOVI 228
April 14 at Fox Creek
Churchill scores: Heidi Attama, 45 (medalist); Ashley Johnson, 49; Julia MacLaughlin, Jennie Lusa, 49 each.

Novi scores: Kelly Noble, 53; Carolyn Vermeulen, 54; Tara Stevens, 56; Becca Chan, 65.

Churchill's dual meet record: 1-0.

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LIVONIA FRANKLIN 262
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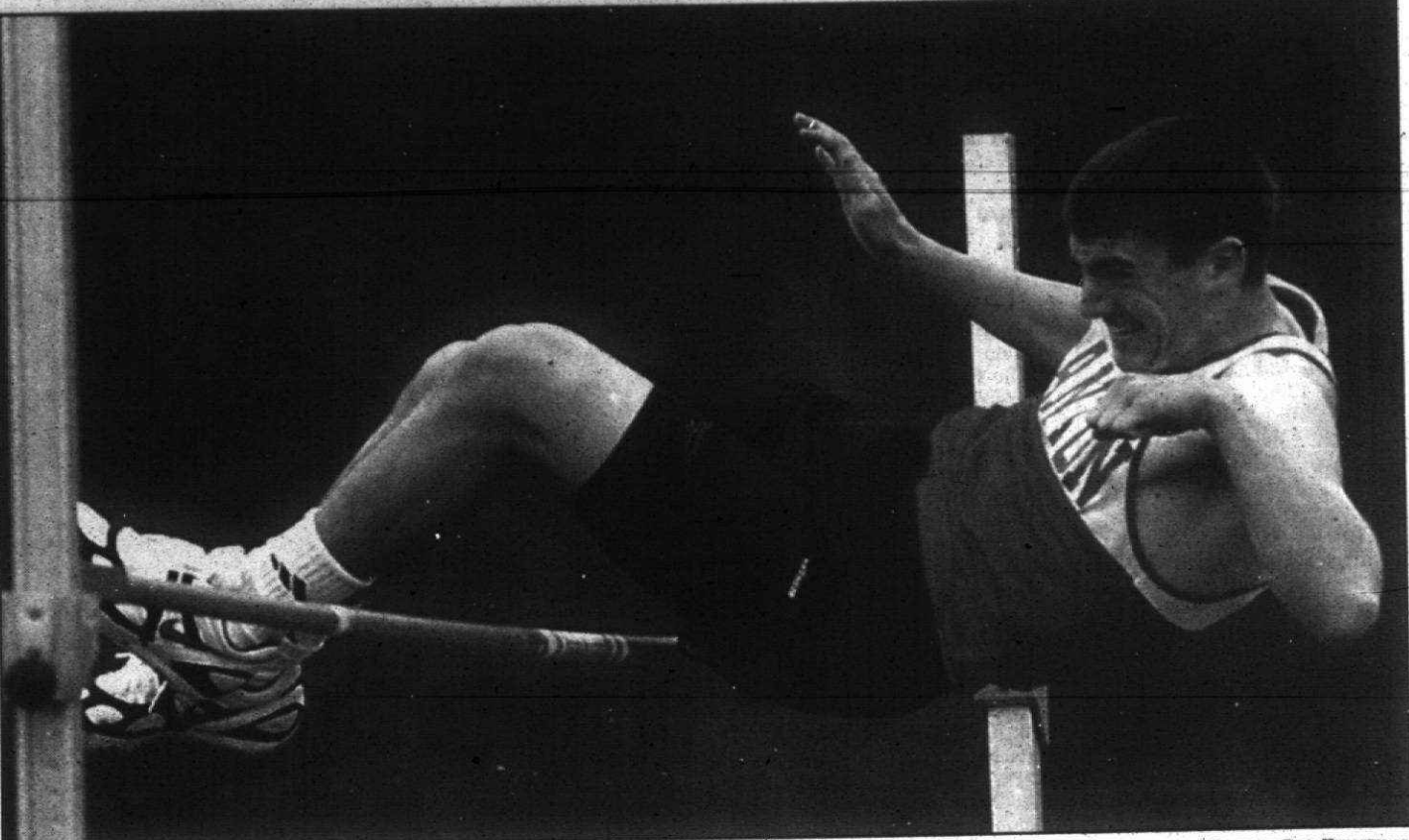
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PREP BASEBALL Monday, April 19 Chancellor at Warrenville, 4 p.m. Harrison at Franklin, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Wayne at Allen Park, 4 p.m. Redford CC at Olton, 4 p.m. Luth. East at Luth. West, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Franklin, 4 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. Redford CC at U-D Javel, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Stone, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22 Clemensville at Harrison, 4 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Friday, April 23 Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m. N. Farm. at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Lamar at Redford CC, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24 (all double-headers) Flat Rock at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m. Crestwood at Churchill, 11 a.m. Tay. Kennedy at Stevenson, 11 a.m. John Glenn at Garden City, 11 a.m. Redford CC at Notre Dame, 11 a.m.	GIRLS TRACK Tuesday, April 20 Stevenson at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. Romulus at Wayne, 4 p.m. Mercy at Ladywood, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 Churchill at Warrenville, 3:30 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m. Stevenson at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m. Southgate at Wayne, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Salem, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 23 Saginaw Valley at St. Clair, 4:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24 Franklin Patriot Relays, 9:30 a.m. Dick Waters Relays, 9:30 a.m. Bellefonte Tiger Relays, 10 a.m. Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, TBA. Delaware Invitational, TBA. GIRLS SOCCER Monday, April 19 Luth. West at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m. Wayne at Southgate, 4:30 p.m. Stevenson at N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m. Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 Ladywood at Regina, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 Northville at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Harrison at Stevenson, 7 p.m. River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22 Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 23 John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Fairlane, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24 A.A. Huron at Stevenson, 11:30 a.m. Churchill at Rich. Adams, 12:30 p.m. Franklin at Ladywood, 3:30 p.m. HON'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers) Sunday, April 18 Madison at Concordia, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 Madison at Spring Arbor, 1 p.m. Thursday, April 22 Saginaw Valley at Madonna, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24 Avalanche at Madonna, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 25 Stevens Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers) Tuesday, April 20 Madison vs. Cornerstone at Livonia Ladywood, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 Madison at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m. Thursday, April 22 Madison at Saginaw Valley, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24 Madison at Tri-State, noon (CST). TBA — time to be announced.
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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBERMAN

Hey, I made it! Plymouth Canton high jumper Jordan Chapman looks elated because he knows he's just cleared 5-foot, 10-inches to win his event Thursday in the annual Mangan Meet. Unfortunately, Chapman's first place finish wasn't enough to stop Plymouth Salem's boys team from running up a 96-36 victory over the Chiefs.

Mangan boys from page D1

Canton's Jerry Gaines won the 400, clocking 51.7, with Salem's Matt Anderson taking the 800 in a time of 2:08. "That was just a phenomenal 400 race between Gaines and (Salem's Gabe) Coble," Anderson said. They were neck and neck and Gaines turned in a 51.7, which is just a tremendous time for this time of year. "Then in the 800, (Canton's Steve) Blossom was ahead most of way. Then Anderson, who was right behind him, put on a little bit of a push and just nosed him out. "Some races weren't that close, but those two were outstanding." Coble was the long jump winner at 19-feet, 4-inches. Salem's Mark Snyder took the shot put with a 46-2 1/2 effort, besting teammate Andy Brandt, who turned in a 44-9 1/2. Brandt did win the discus, recording a throw of 129-10. "Our young distance guys did the running," said Baker, who saved his experienced distance runners for the Mansfield Relays, "and they looked real good. "Our sprinters ran well; I will be happy with our sprinters. Our hurdlers did well — and I get better." Baker took Bobby Cushman, Jon Little, Donnie Warner and Nick Allen to the Mansfield Relays on Friday and they finished second to Traverse City in the 4 x 1600 relay, running a time of 18:54 in very bad weather. "They had us down, 26-19, after the field events," the Chiefs'

Richardson said. "Usually we're ahead after those events. "And they hurt us real good in the 110 hurdles; swept us there. But their hurdlers have been dominating for years. "They also ran 1-2 in a couple of other events. They ran well."

MANGAN BOYS TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 96
Churchill's 3200 relay team of Colleen Hayden, Lindsay Cecil, Jennie Ogg and Katie Paulson also finished first in 11:26.2. Glenn's top individual was junior LaToya Chandler, who finished first in three events. She captured the high jump (56-2), 100 hurdles (17.9) and 200 dash (26.8) and was a member of the victorious 800 relay team (1:52.7). Glenn also captured the 400 relay (52.0). Glenn had two other individual firsts, Nicolette Jarrett in the long jump (15-11) and Felicia Barnett in the 100 dash (14.0). In other dual meets last week:

LIV. STEVENSON 110
F.H. HARRISON 27
April 15 at Harrison

Shot put: Emily Yambasky (LS), 30-8; **discus:** Yambasky (LS), 99-9; **high jump:** Andrea Polasky (LS), 4-11; **long jump:** Yoko Minowa (FHH), 14-2; **pole vault:** Abbie Schrad (LS), 7-3; **100-meter hurdles:** Emily Yambasky (FHH), 16-9; **300 hurdles:** Katie Sherron (LS), 51-57; **100 dash:** Angela Mikkelsen (LS), 13-7; **200:** Theresa Chernenkoff (LS), 29-1; **400:** Jennifer Hardacre (LS), 1:03-0; **800:** Sara Kearfott (LS), 2:44-0; **1,600:** Andrea Parker (LS), 5:47-0; **3,200:** Anna Ficzak (LS), 13:38-5; **400 relay:** Stevenson (Chernenkoff, Mikkelsen, Kristen Kulczyk, Dara Tompkins), 55-2; **800 relay:** Stevenson (Cassie Ehndt, Angela Alfonso, Sherron, Kulczyk), 1:56-2; **1,600 relay:** Stevenson (Christy Tizos, Hardacre, Parker, Sherron), 4:23-9; **3,200 relay:** Stevenson (Parker, Tizos, Kim McNeelance, Marissa Montgomerly), 10:56-0. **Dual meet records:** Stevenson, 20; Harrison, 0-1.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 88
N. FARMINGTON 48
April 15 at Franklin

Shot put: Lisa Balko (LF), 29-7; **discus:** Susan Land (NF), 83-7; **high jump:** Rita Malec (LF), 4-8; **long jump:** Jamey Holman (LF), 14-4; **pole vault:** Shiloh Wint (LF), 8-0; **100-meter hurdles:** Katie Gaffey (NF), 17-6; **300 hurdles:** Annette Schneider (LF), 56-6; **1,000 dash:** Andrea McMillan (LF), 13-09; **2,000:** Dayna Clemens (NF), 29-8; **400:** Rita Malec (LF), 1:04-08; **800:** Dayna Sopko (LF), 2-45-7; **800:** 13-45-0; **400 relay:** North (Clemens, Erika Rives, Rebecca Abela, Nicole Taylor), 56-3; **800 relay:** North (Vicky Hand, Laura Hirtzel, Sylvia Jones, Clemens), 2:00-2; **1,600 relay:** Franklin, 4:37-0; **3,200 relay:** Franklin, 10:51-8. **Dual meet records:** Franklin, 1-1; North, 0-1.

GIRLS TRACK

Record set by vaulter

Livonia Churchill swept four events Thursday and got a school-record performance in pole vault from Kari Cezar to beat visiting Westland John Glenn, 85-52, in a girls track meet.

The Chargers dominated the shot put, discus, 1,600 and 3,200-meter events to win the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover.

Cezar, a sophomore who cleared 8 feet, 6 inches last Saturday in the Ann Pioneer All-Corners Meet, broke her own school mark just five days later by clearing 8-9.

Senior Ashley Fillion figured in three firsts for Churchill, winning the 800- and 1,600-meter runs in 2:42.9 and 5:58.4, respectively. She also teamed up with Becky Rodriguez, Susan Bonner and Katie Happ to win the 1,600 relay in 4:42.6.

Other Churchill firsts were recorded by Kristen Rader, shot put, 27-10; Jenny Hefner, discus, 105-3; Mandy Hein, 300 hurdles, 54-9; and Rodriguez, 400-run, 1:06-8; and Stephanie Skwiers, 3,200 run, 12:55.5.

Churchill's 3200 relay team of Colleen Hayden, Lindsay Cecil, Jennie Ogg and Katie Paulson also finished first in 11:26.2.

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In other dual meets last week:

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Glenn rebounds from 7-0 setback

The Westland John Glenn girls soccer team put on its scoring shoes Friday night, posting a 9-1 victory at Livonia Franklin.

Glenn is now 1-2-1 overall, while Franklin drops to 0-2-1.

The Rockets offensive assault was led by sophomore Sarah Pack, who scored twice and had three assists.

Sophomore midfielder Lacey Catarino chipped in with two goals and one assist, while Katie Krause also scored a pair of goals.

Val Kurzynski, Julie Turner and Becky Jensen added the other Glenn goals.

Franklin, which has only three seniors on its roster, got a first-half goal from junior Alexis Bowman. Sophomore Deby Carlin had the assist as Franklin trailed 5-1 at halftime.

Glenn rebounded from Wednesday's 7-0 loss to Plymouth Salem (1-2-1).

"That's the way it goes in this league (Western Lakes)," Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski said. "It's tough win or lose."

"Was I a little surprised? Yes, because the last time we played Franklin it was a 3-2 game."

"But our girls stepped up tonight and played a good game."

Pack and Catarino were the catalysts. "They're Premier League players and their nice to have players like that," Poniatowski said. "We have a shallow bench, but a team like Salem has almost a full roster of those kind of players."

Glenn goalkeeper Jade Fukuda also stood out in the win. "She was out all of last year with a torn ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) and she's getting her confidence back," Poniatowski said. "She's well trained and she's fearless. It takes guts to come back from an injury like that."

For Franklin coach Mary Kay Hussey, the plan is to improve as the season goes along. Her roster is dominated by underclassmen — eight freshmen, four sophomores and three juniors. Meanwhile, net-minder Melissa Matthews, a sophomore, was playing only her third game in goal.

"A game like this I didn't expect, but we have six who have never played organized outdoor soccer before," Hussey said. "It's hard to teach in just four weeks. Right now we're teaching fundamentals and getting them a feel for the game."

"But these kids don't get discouraged or yell at each other. They're good kids and we're going to do what we have to do to get better."

The Patriots tied Redford Union, 1-1, in their season opener March 31 as Bowman had the lone goal.

On Wednesday, the Patriots were blanked by Farmington, 6-0, as Julie Gottlicher led the victorious Falcons (2-1-1 overall) with two goals.

"Two or three games a week with our league physically takes its toll," Hussey said. "Right now we're just teaching them to survive on the field physically against teams like Churchill, Stevenson, Salem and Canton."

•**CHURCHILL 7, HARRISON 0:** Kersten Conklin pumped in four goals and teammate Stacey Supanich added two Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (2-0 overall) opened WLA Western Division play by blanking visiting Farmington Hills Harrison (0-2 overall).

Deanna DeRoos tallied the other goal for the Chargers, who led 3-0 at intermission.

Luba Steca and Natalie Pickelhaupt each contributed two assists, while Kristin Leszczynski and Michelle Esparza had one apiece.

Goalkeeper Jennifer Gabor posted her second straight shutout.

Senior goalkeeper Renee Mejer made 19 saves for the Warriors.

Wayne gains 1st victory; CC's Tomey throws no-no

Wayne Memorial picked the right time to gain its first baseball victory of the year.

The Zebras, snapped an 0-5 season start with a 7-6 victory Wednesday over Ypsilanti in the Mega Conference White Division opener for both teams.

Jon Judd started the game-winning rally by walking in the seventh. Courtesy runner Shawn McDaniell went to second on a fielders choice by Gary Stevens, who also reached base safely on the bunt. Both runners moved up on a balk.

George Rodriguez then was intentionally walked, loading the bases.

McDaniell came home on a wild pitch for the game-winning run.

Winning pitcher Ryan Czynzak, a senior right-hander, worked all seven innings. He scattered seven hits, one walk and fanned two.

Czynzak also helped his own cause with a pair of doubles. Judd, meanwhile, had three hits and two RBI. Jeremy Overton also singled twice.

Kim Robbins knocked in three runs for Ypsilanti.

Wayne is 1-5 overall and 1-0 in the Mega White, while Ypsilanti falls to 0-3, 0-1.

•**JOHN GLENN 7, FRANKLIN 6:** Westland John Glenn ran its overall record to 3-0 Wednesday with a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory over Livonia Franklin (0-2).

Franklin scored three times in the top of the sixth to take a 5-3 lead, but Glenn answered with four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Brian Reed had an RBI double to spark the rally, while Dale Hayes and winning pitcher Mike Swafford each added RBI singles. Dave Mijal chipped in with an RBI sacrifice fly.

Mike Grant contributed an RBI single for Glenn in the second inning.

Hayes and Reed each had two hits for the winners.

Tony Saia and Dave Word each contributed two hits for Franklin. Saia also had an RBI, while Word had a triple. The Patriots also got an RBI single by Ryan Tracy.

Hayes pitched the first four innings for Glenn, allowing one run on three hits. Swafford pitched the fifth and sixth innings and Brian Tott came on in the seventh to keep the save.

Word hurled four innings for Franklin before giving way to Joe Ruggiero, who suffered the loss. The two Franklin hurlers combined for nine walks.

•**N. FARMINGTON 5, CHURCHILL 4:** In a WLA crossover Wednesday, host North Farmington (1-0) tallied the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth to beat Livonia Churchill (1-2).

Matt Kelmigian reached base on an error and scored on another Churchill error for the game-winning run.

Paul Mercier, in relief of starter Justin Draughn (who worked the first four innings), took the loss.

Mike Bennett, one of four North pitchers, earned the victory in relief. He also had two hits.

Rick Strain led Churchill with two hits. Eric Light, Brad Bescoe and Tim Greenleaf also knocked in runs for the Chargers.

•**REDFORD CC 5-10, DeSALLE 0-6:** Redford Catholic Central senior Anthony Tomey threw his first career no-hitter Wednesday, highlighting a double-header sweep over host Warren DeSalle.

Tomey's no-hitter came in the Shamrocks' 5-0 victory in game No. 1. CC completed the sweep with a 10-6 win in the nightcap.

Tomey, who has signed with Eastern Michigan University, had six strikeouts and walked three.

Senior catcher Chris Woodruff continued to solve DeSalle pitching, hitting a two-run double in the first inning. He hit four of his six home runs last year against the Pilots.

Senior Casey Rogowski, who was 4-for-5 with four walks in the double-header, added a solo home in the fifth.

The Shamrocks added two insurance runs, both unearned, in the seventh against the Pilots' ace, who recorded 10 strikeouts.

In the second game, the Shamrocks scored six runs in the third and led 8-0 at one point before the Pilots rallied to make it close.

Starting pitcher Dan Duffey had a strange fifth inning, getting the Shamrocks into and out of trouble.

After experiencing control problems, Duffey was pulled with CC leading 8-2 and the bases loaded with no outs in the fifth.

The Pilots scored four runs to cut the deficit to 8-6 and threatened more but Duffey, who was moved to right field after being lifted from the mound, caught a fly ball and threw a DeSalle runner out at the plate to complete a double play.

"It was a great throw," Satter said. "He had been wild pitching, but from outfield he threw a strike home."

Senior left-hander Mark Cole, who relieved Duffey, wasn't scored upon in the sixth and seventh innings to earn the save. All of the DeSalle runs were charged to Duffey.

Rogowski had two doubles and a pair of RBI for the Shamrocks in the nightcap. Senior Dave Lusky also collected two hits and two RBI.

The Shamrocks played both games without star Bob Malek in centerfield. Malek was relegated to designated hitter duties after being hit by a pitched ball on his throwing elbow against Detroit Country Day Tuesday.

He had one hit in the double-header.

The win improved the Shamrocks to 4-0 overall, 2-0 in the Catholic League Central Division.

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RECREATION & BOWLING

Owls produce amazing stuff

It's amazing what you can find in an owl pellet. The pellets of indigestible bones and fur regurgitated by an owl.

To me they are like little Christmas presents because you never know for sure what you will find inside.

A few years ago a friend and I found some great horned owl pellets at Springfield Oaks Park in northern Oakland County. We found several pellets beneath the roots where we flushed a pair of owls.

Great horned owls are large owls so their pellets were large too. Some were an inch in diameter and 3-4 inches long.

Once the pellets were dry, I stored them in an old egg carton until they were needed for programs.

Since then I've opened up several of them and discovered skulls of mice, voles, chipmunk and an occasional bird.

But the last time I opened up

one of the pellets for a group, I discovered a mammal skull that did not look like anything I'd ever seen in Michigan.

It was a rodent because it had enlarged incisors like mice, rats and squirrels have, but the back of the skull, where the ear opening is, was inflated like a small balloon.

It turned out to be the skull of a kangaroo mouse typically found in the southwest.

How did an owl in Michigan capture, kill and eat an animal that's not supposed to be here?

One guess is that a kangaroo mouse was brought to the 4-H Fair at Springfield Oaks Park and got loose from its cage. But like many mice in the area, it fell prey to a very efficient hunter, the great horned owl.

Through the years, scientists have learned some interesting and unusual things by examining owl pellets.

Bird bands, small aluminum rings attached to the leg of a bird by a researcher, have been found in owl pellets. One band discovered had been placed on a blue jay five months earlier only 2.5 miles from where the pellet was collected.

Another band was found in the pellet of a golden eagle. Keep in mind that many species of birds that eat hard indigestible material produce a pellet and then cough it up.

In the eagle pellet was the band of a duck that had been banded four months earlier and 1,000 miles away.

Owl pellets have been used by researchers for years to determine what kind of animals are eaten by owls.

Analysis also informs researchers what animals are in the area without having to trap them.

This reminds me of how harvester ants help paleontologists find unknown fossil mammals.

Western harvester ants would unearth tiny bone fragments from underground, take them to the surface and incorporate them in their nest mounds.

Scientists examining these nests found hundreds of new fossil mammals they never knew existed.

Sometimes, we discover things in very unusual ways.

YABA tourney helps students

One of the real benefits of youth bowling is a sanctioned Youth America Bowling Alliance competition in the available scholarship money which can be won by the youngsters.

If a youth bowler can go out and compete in these tournaments he or she can take advantage of the available funds.

These monies are held in escrow until the student enters college.

One such opportunity is the fourth annual Greater Detroit YABA Youth Leaders Scholarship Tournament Sunday, June 13 at Bowl One Lanes in Troy.

All teams must consist of five YABA members. First prize is \$1,000 in scholarship money.

There are three average divisions and the handicap will be 90 percent for teams under 1,000.

Teams over 1,000 will bowl scratch. As for the total prize fund, it can be estimated based on last year's awards will total \$2,125.

During the past three years the amount awarded was a total of \$5,625.

All teams will compete in a three game qualifying round with the top team in each division going on to a stepladder final.

Placing will be determined by



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total pinfall, while the stepladder finals will be bowled using the Baker system. Cost is \$50 per team (\$10 per bowler) and highest league sheets as of April 1, 1999 will determine the averages.

For further information or entry forms, contact Jamie Pool, President, 1328 Milverton Drive, Troy, MI 48063; or call (248) 624-1442.

Even bowlers have to eat sometime.

The All-Star Bar & Grille, which is owned and operated by Steve Klein at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth and Cherry Hill Lanes on Inkster Road across from Garden City are two of his five locations serving up a nice variety of good food.

There are eight different burgers on the menu including the veggie and the famous Stus Burger, marinated in teriyaki sauce and served with tomato, mayo, lettuce and topped with grilled pineapple and cheddar cheese.

There are four varieties of chicken burgers, a nice array of deli sandwiches, all kinds of appetizers including Macho Nachos, several types of salads and of course, pizza, made in his own ovens, hand tossed.

And with all that Steve offers free delivery within the area.

You don't even have to be a bowler to eat with the All-Stars, which is also an indication that Steve Klein is also one of the elite bowlers in this town.

Even Gordie Bickle would love this kind of bowling fare.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)
Wonderland Classic: Ron Eisenberg, 277-265/775; Murray Hole, 279/745; John Hurley, 278/742; Tim Saunders, 277/737; Eric Kuspa, 277/735; Mark Hunkton, 299 (112 pins o/a).

St. Sabina's Mixed: Steve Segal, 245/716; Mark Price, 674; Gary Morton, 627; Jacqueline Segal, 619/556.

Saturday Nite Live: Chuck Senne, 245/704; Jim Hopkins, 667; Mike Novinsky, 255.

Little Owls: Wally Stul, 258/706; Darin Up-tow, 288/687; Gary Lane, 264/656; Gary Steinman, 258; Allyn Madden, 649; Mike Pirok, 254/640.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)
Moslem Shrine: Lee Francis, 191/208; 233/632 (his first 600 set, 179 pins o/a).

St. Adair's: Dave Weber, 239; Rich Rask, 211/238/638; Ernie Wagner, 223; Jeff Amolsch, 226/206/636; Alan Polanski, 225; Joe Najorkas, 212/213.

All-Star Bowlerettes: Tamika Glenn, 269/719; Renee Tesner, 256/676; Lisa Bishop, 254/665; Cheryl Daniels, 248/687; Gwen Finney, 247/644; Gen Beattie, 246.

Ward Youth Traveling: Tom Woolcock, 267/748; Brian Hanning, 704; Dominique Payne, 644; Kim Komieczny, 245/702.

Tomato: Cal Collins, 279; Larry Frank, 259/706; Dave Domedi, 656; George Duka, 256/642; Brian Chuba, 255/651; Brian LeBlanc, 662.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)
Jack & Jill: Steve Shaw, 233/633; Mike Hund, 222; Chuck Elstone, 614.

Ford Pats: Bob Bayer, 714; Ed Nichols, 258/741; Daniel Knox, 701; Ken Jacobs, 687; Scott Beggs, 660; Vaughn Pistoles, 658; Dave Crenshaw, 659; Mark Pollard, 678.

Morning Stars: Peter Koski, 223/583; Wanda Simons, 222.

Afternoon Delights: Phyl Long, 244/614.

Woodland Men's Tie: Greg Wigore, 705; Jim Rozell, 704; John Wesa, 279/781; Jones, 697; Ed Watson, 686; John Wodarski Jr., 687.

Thursday Morning Ladies: Marilyn Gould, 216/267; Bill Britton, 259/122; Dea Thompson, 254/711; Roy Olson, 267/628; Walt Arsenault, 266/697; Rick Zacheranick, 258/622; Dale Kieffer, 246/654; Hal Manore, 242/657.

GARDEN LANES (Garden City)
St. Linus Classic: Mike Baldwin, 300/205; 242/750; Scott Whelan, 241/233; 232/706; Matt Dailley, 277/218/206/701; Jim Kowalski, 231/248/214/693; Mark Williams, 238/233/210/681; Curt Brizjak, 260/214/673; Dave M. Bazner, 256/226/671.

Westside Lutheran: Bill Mueller, 266/718.

Midnighters: Kelly Brothers, 236/665; Mike Zielinski, 242/607; Tim Mielcarek, 234/603; Greg Poore, 223/586.

Friday Livonia Strikers: Frank Hoffman, 279/748.

Monday Seniors: Ruth Brewer, 203; Fred Swan, 226; Phil Inalcio, 210; Tom Gerovac, 205.

S & Q Auto: Jason Adamowicz, 200.

Idolball: Jason Williams, 664; Tom Hodges, 640; Marvin Holly, 663; Jim Baier, 652; Scott Nadow, 605.

Local 582 Retirees: Bill Kappen, 256/203/621; Jack Henderson, 201.

MERRI BOWL (Livonia)
Last Weekenders Tie: Bill Newbrough, 277/289/268/834.

Newburg Ladies: Darlene Jablonowski, 215; Susan Lindman, 192; Heidi Hiser, 190.

Men's Senior House: Jim McPhail, Jr., 300/728.

Senior Merry Bowlers: Roy McMahon, 205/534; Betty Moore, 213/532; Fred Janulis, 208/538; Joe Kubiec, 235/543.

Youth Leagues: Pin Heads: Heather Ringrose, 195/516; Chris Singleton, 195/524; Kristen Struss, 189; Outter: Dastars: Derek Karyn, 172.

Strikes & Spares: Stevelyn, Norman, 220; Stephanie Goddard, 228/566; Cassie Renard, 256/683; Bill Britton, 259/122; Dea Thompson, 254/711; Roy Olson, 267/628; Walt Arsenault, 266/697; Rick Zacheranick, 258/622; Dale Kieffer, 246/654; Hal Manore, 242/657.

Pin Busters: Jessica Barber, 195/535.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)
Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Ozzie Hovepan, 279/693; Mel Albrite, 226/259; 238/723; Harry Ackerman, 237/249/675; Frank Feider, 247/650; Jim Zellen, 224/259; 204/687; Dick Thompson, 259/651; Jack Kassabian, 243/234/688.

Monday Seniors: Norm Bochenek, 236/259; 284/779; Lee Dinkka, 279/248/722; Andy Parrio, 248/245/705; Bud Krismar, 267/681; Duane Kuras, 278/672; Ed Patrick, 652; George Kompolowicz, 269/651.

Friday Seniors: George Kompolowicz, 242/683; Bill Britton, 259/122; Dea Thompson, 254/711; Roy Olson, 267/628; Walt Arsenault, 266/697; Rick Zacheranick, 258/622; Dale Kieffer, 246/654; Hal Manore, 242/657.

Senior House (Plymouth Bowling Products): Ken McMillan, 248/741; Mike Lazocca, 254/691; Steve Hatch, 245/691; Paul Gadowski, 236/697; Rick Siedlaczek, 256/721; David Mahaz, 246/719.

Midnight Mix: Dale Mantaufer, 276/691; Eric Schmitt, 278; Reuben Louney, 258.

BOWLING TIP OF THE WEEK

Mark Robey is the owner of Bowlers Aid Pro Shop located in Skokie Lanes. Robey is a highly regarded instructor, rated a Silver Level coach by USA Bowling.

One of the most common bowling faults is poor timing, and Robey offers this advice to all bowlers to help in this regard:

"To get your timing in order, you have to start correctly. Good things flow from a good start. If you are taking a four-step approach, you must start the first step simultaneously with the push-away of the bowling ball and this would put you in the position to

have accurate timing.

"Now if you take a five step approach, the first step is small, and the push-away begins as you take the second step. That would be the key to getting your timing off on the right foot.

"As for the push-away, in the old days we used to teach an extended push-away where you would lock the elbow as soon as you pushed off. This tends to make people late with the swing.

"We now teach the Waterfall or Cascade start. Sort of like a ball dropping off the table, so to best describe it, just let the ball fall naturally as you push it away from your body, and you don't actually lock out your elbow.

"This will help get the ball in motion a little bit faster as you take that first step. With perfect timing, the slide is ending as you deliver the ball.

Last week's Ten Pin Alley suggested engaging in summer leagues which abound among our fair bowling centers.

For all of that cool summer fun, here is a partial list of available leagues. Many of them fill up early, so I suggest that anyone interested should call ahead to be sure of openings.

MERRI BOWL LANES (Livonia)
Men's Bowl in Livonia offers for the 92 days of Summer '99 several choices:

Seniors: 12:30 p.m. Mondays; 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays; 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Battle of the Sexes: 7 p.m. Wednesdays; Longshots (Men's Trio), 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Ladies No-Taps: 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays; Mage's Gang: 7 p.m. Tuesdays; Ladies No-Taps: 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays; Wednesday Mixed: 7 p.m.; Thursday Mixed Trio: 7:30 p.m.

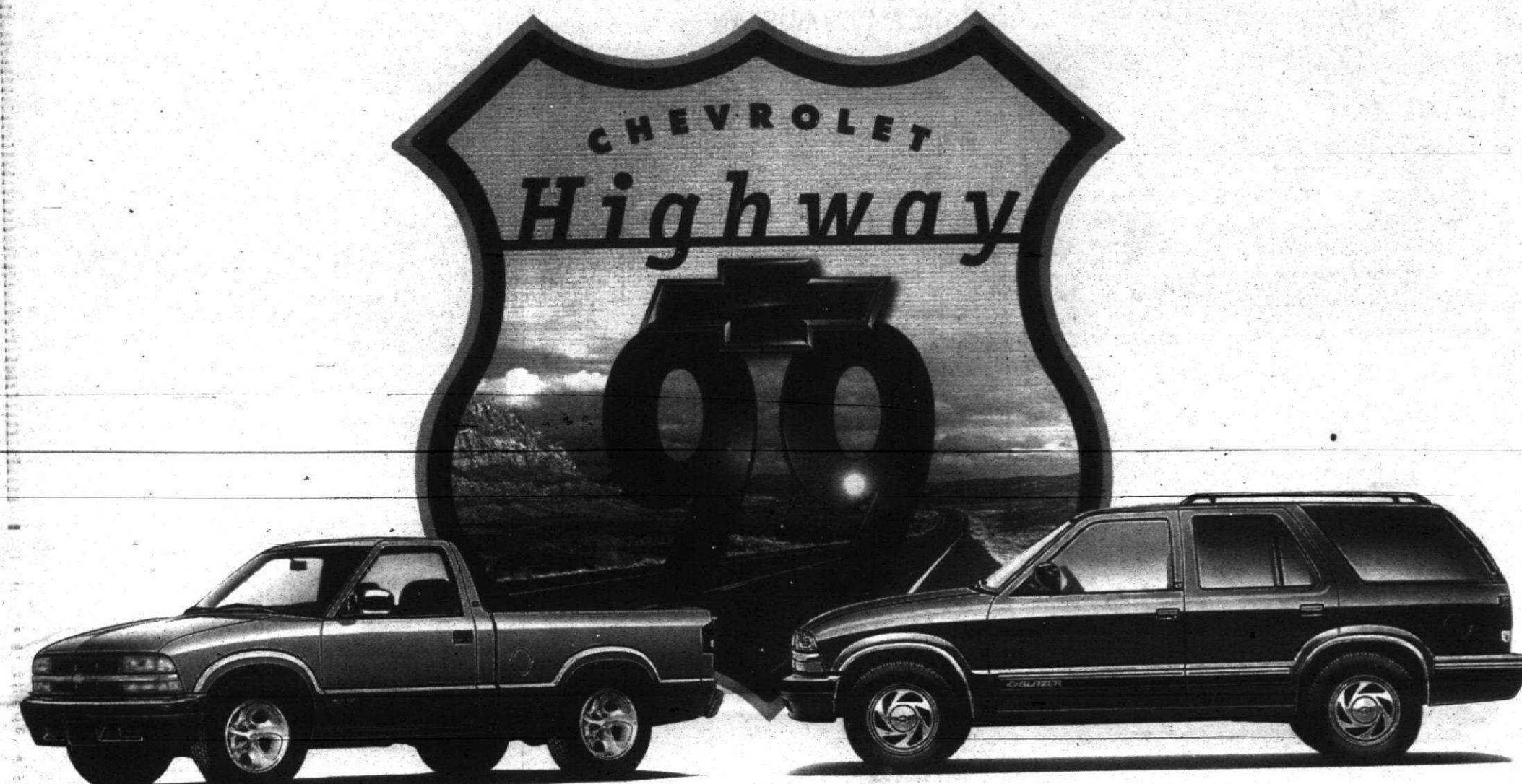
Ramos Players: 8:30 p.m. Sundays; Adult youth leagues: 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday; Weekday Kids: 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays (bowling for a buck); Wednesday Youth Parks & Recreation: 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays; Thursday Hot Dog Gang: 3-6 p.m.; Thursday Pool Gang: 3 or 6 p.m.

OAK LANES (Westland)
Summer Belles Ladies Trio: 7:30 p.m. Mondays (beginning May 17); Summer Warriors Men's Trio: 7:30 p.m. (beginning May 17); Senior's Mixed: noon Tuesdays; Mighty Oaks: noon Tuesdays; Captain's and Mates: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (slots include a ladies league at 11 a.m. and men's league at 11 a.m.); Mixed Doubles: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Adult/Child: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Nine-Pin Strikes (no tap any mix): 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; Also there are daytime summer hot dogs and pop leagues on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

PLAZA LANES (PLYMOUTH)
Senior House: 1 p.m. Mondays; Tuesday Night Trio: 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday Summer Trio: 8 p.m.; 40-Frame Game: 8 p.m. Wednesdays (three on a team); Battle of the Sexes: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; Friday is Rock & Bowl: 7:30 p.m.; Saturday Movie Goes Mixed (while each couple receives a dinner & movie package): 8 p.m. These leagues start the week of May 17.

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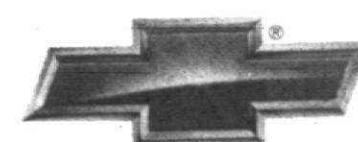
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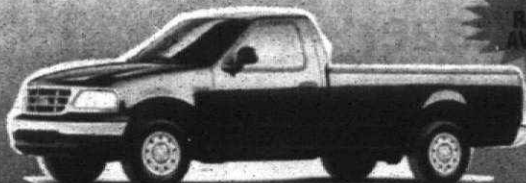
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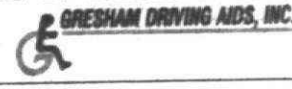
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