

THE WEEK
AHEAD
TUESDAY

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

Whaler watching: The Plymouth Whalers play host to the Kingston Frontenacs in a rare mid-week home game. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena, Beck Road north of M-14 in Plymouth Township. Call the box office at (734) 453-8400 or visit the team Web site at: Plymouthwhalers.com for ticket information.

WEDNESDAY

It's paranormal: Lucy Kaes, founder of the Michigan Ghost Hunter's Society, will be the guest speaker for the Canton Historical Society. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Cherry Hill School, located at the corner of Ridge Road and Cherry Hill. The public is welcome.

THURSDAY

Make a donation: The League of Women Voters - serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and Livonia - is looking for used books for next month's sale. Call Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222.

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Chief: Cops don't use profiling



BY SCOTT DANIEL
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The controversial practice of "racial profiling" on police stops hasn't been a problem in Canton, according to John Santomauro, the township's public safety director. The president of the Michigan ACLU isn't so sure.

If metropolitan police departments are practicing "racial profiling," Canton isn't among them, say local officials. According to the American Civil Liberties Union, "Jim Crow justice" is

alive and well in Michigan. State motorists of color, it believes, are more likely to be stopped, searched, arrested and imprisoned.

"Racial profiling is the idea of assumptions being made based on skin color," ACLU of Michigan President Kary Moss said. "We believe it's a per-

vasive problem."

Township Public Safety Director John Santomauro vehemently disagrees. He doesn't see it as a major problem.

"Absolutely not," he commented. "I don't know of a police chief that would condone such behavior from their officers."

Moss begs to differ. She said racial profiling goes on at "many different levels" of police work. It's most commonly seen in traffic stops, Moss commented.

The ACLU has started a "Driving While Black" campaign. It's designed to end police traffic stops based on race, said Moss.

The organization encourages minorities to report incidents of DWB on its hotline and Web site.

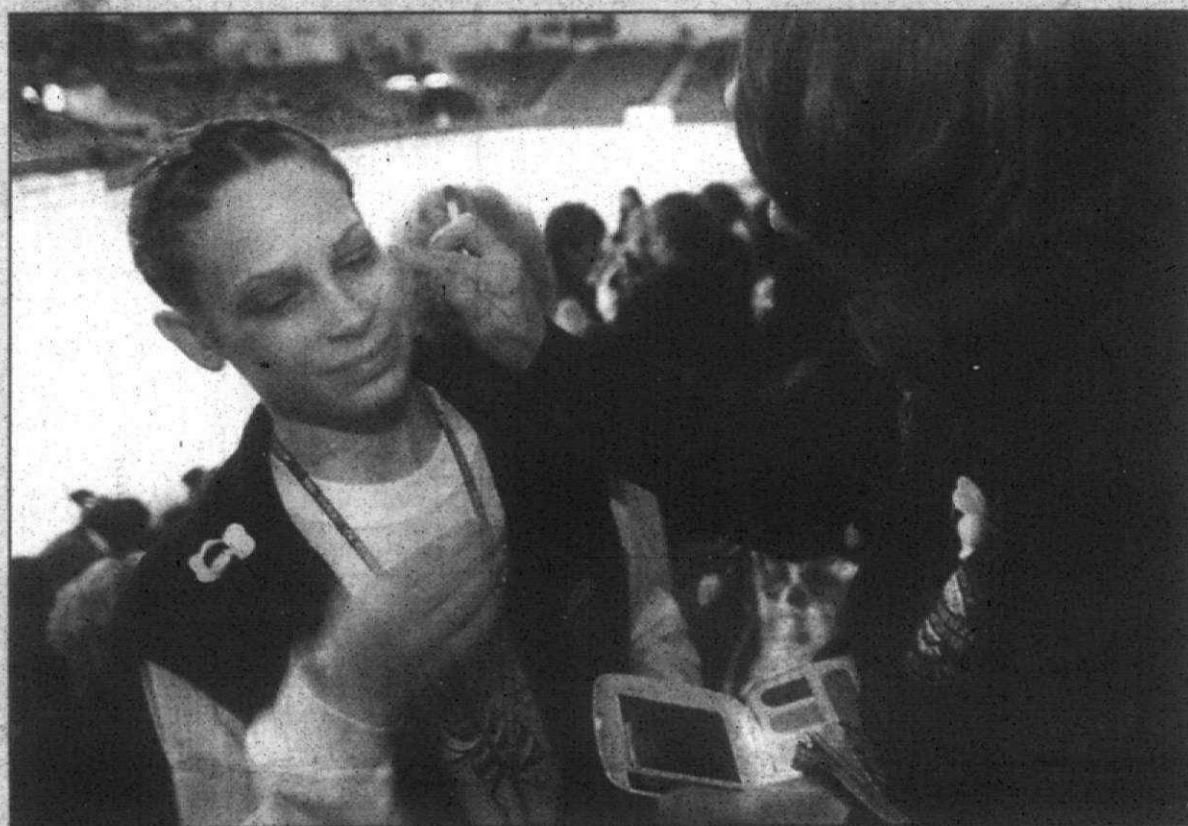
"We've received over 200 phone calls the past few weeks," said Moss. "Most from Wayne and Oakland counties."

She doesn't believe DWB is limited to those areas, however.

"It's all over the state," said Moss.

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Gems skate rings around Compuware



Awah, mom: Laura Friedman of Canton, 13, a member of the Gems On Ice Novice team, reluctantly allows her mother, Pat, to apply make-up prior to the team's competition Friday in the 2000 Chevrolet Synchronized Team Championships at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. At left, Canton resident Jennifer Dunn of Canton, 11, a member of the Gems On Ice Juvenile team, awaits the start of competition. The precision team sport, sponsored by the United States Figure Skating Council, held its national competition at Compuware Wednesday through Saturday. Dozens of the top synchronized teams in the country competed at the event.

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Incumbents to seek re-election to board

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

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Two Plymouth-Canton school board trustees say they'll seek re-election in the June 12 vote to fill two four-year terms on the Board of Education.

Elizabeth Givens, 51, will be seeking a second four-year term; while Judy Mardigian, 46, will be seeking her first four-year term. Mardigian was appointed to fill the vacancy left by former board member Jack Farrow, and then won the two-year unexpired term uncontested.

"I think experience and continuity is important to the board, and we have a functioning team that is very cohesive. I'd hate to break that up," said Givens. "And with a new superintendent it's important to have some continuity to the past."

"Plus I think it's important to do public service," she added.

"The hardest thing as a board member is making decisions when there are several viable options and they are emotional to the community," said Givens. "I believe my strongest area of contribution is in bringing labor and management together as part of the

labor-management team."

Givens said she believes the next four years will be quite different under new superintendent Kathleen Booher.

"The board will probably be less involved at the grass roots level in committee work," Givens said. "I think, instead, we'll be more involved in goals, projections and vision of the district."

Mardigian said she's looking forward to another four years after helping the board select a new superintendent and deciding the future of the third high school.

"I want to work with the new superintendent and help her become successful, continue to work for reduction of class size, and push for specialized reading programs for younger students," said Mardigian. "I also want to make sure our high school students have the curriculum they need for the 21st century."

"I also want to continue my work in trying to get more foundation money from the state," she added. "I've got kids in the Plymouth-Canton schools, so I have a real stake in what happens in the district."

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Mail space: Post office to expand parking lot

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The United States Postal Service has approached Canton Township about purchasing township-owned land to build a parking lot to help ease the crunch at the post office on Canton Center.

The U.S. Postal Service recently began searching for land to build an employee parking lot, said Ed Moore, marketing director.

The post office is located on Canton Center north of Cherry Hill.

"We are looking to expand parking," Moore said. "It's just apparently (because) of growth in the area." There are 27,000 postal customers in the township.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the U.S.P.S. has approached the township about buying township-owned land south of the post office. Part of township-owned Griffin Park was purchased for the post office in 1996.

"They're interested in (buying) somewhat less than an acre," Yack said. He described the land as a "bowling alley" parcel - narrow in the front but wider in the rear.

The driving force behind the quest

There are other problems besides parking customers say they'd like addressed. Customers have complained about delays in receiving mail since long before the post office opened in 1998.

for parking, Yack said, is the post office's heavy traffic. During the December holidays, it wasn't uncommon for post office traffic to be backed up onto Canton Center Road, creating dangerous conditions.

"It's a pretty busy post office," Yack said.

But there are other problems besides parking customers say they'd like addressed. Customers have complained about delays in receiving mail since long before the post office opened in 1998. Previously, Canton postal customers were served by the Wayne, Westland and Belleville post offices.

Canton does not have its own post-

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Couple question pharmacy after prescription snafu

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A Canton couple is thanking their lucky stars a recent prescription mix-up didn't seriously hurt their 17-month old daughter.

Lance and Joanne Hofner went to CVS/pharmacy Feb. 15 to refill an antibiotic prescription for Meghan. The toddler had been suffering from an ear infection.

The prescription was filled with an antibiotic by the Canton Center Road drug store. Unfortunately, it was the wrong kind of antibiotic.

"My mind was racing 100 miles an hour," said father Lance, who discovered the mistake after giving the drug to Meghan. "You think everything had will happen."

The little girl was supposed to receive Amoxicillin. It's effective against middle ear infections, tonsillitis, throat infections, laryngitis, bronchitis and pneumonia in children, according to the Web health site MedicineNet.com.

CVS mistakenly filled the prescription with Augmentin.

It's Amoxicillin with the addition of clavulanic acid, MedicineNet.com states. The acid enhances the effectiveness of the antibiotic against many other bacteria that are ordinarily resistant to Amoxicillin.

It may seem like a minor difference, but it wasn't for Lance Hofner.

"I panicked," the father said. "I didn't know what to do."

He immediately contacted

'There was no harm done other than me sweating bullets for awhile.'

-Lance Hofner,
Canton resident

CVS. Hofner said the pharmacy said Meghan was in no danger and treated the mistake as if it were "no big deal."

"It's like they really didn't care," he commented. "You can't make those kinds of mistakes."

The Rhode Island-based company wouldn't comment on the incident other than to issue a statement:

"CVS regrets this incident. Errors are extremely rare in the dispensing of prescriptions at CVS/pharmacy and we take every measure possible to prevent them. Customers should feel confident about filling their prescription at our stores. We will review the incident to ensure it does not happen again."

Hofner doesn't feel reassured. A supervisor at the Canton CVS said an investigation would be conducted.

"I'm still waiting for a phone call from the pharmacy supervisor to see what will happen," he said.

The father does feel fortunate Meghan wasn't hurt by the mix-up.

"There was no harm done other than me sweating bullets for awhile," Hofner said. "We were very lucky this time. But what happens the next time?"

News columnist Cantor to speak for area libraries

BOOK AND AUTHOR LUNCHEON

The Friends of the Canton, Plymouth, Novi and Northville libraries will host their annual Book and Author Luncheon Thursday, April 13, at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth Township.

Author and Detroit News columnist George Cantor will be the guest speaker. Cantor's most recent book, "Bad Guys in North America," will be available, as will several travel books written by Cantor.

Cantor has been a sports writer, travel writer, editorial writer and columnist at the Detroit Free Press and News for more than three decades.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available at all four libraries

or may be ordered by mail addressed to the Friends of the Plymouth Library, 293 S. Main Street, Plymouth 48170. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The order deadline is Sunday, April 2.

Seating for the 14th annual luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. A cash bar will be available.

Previous luncheon speakers have included Judith Guest, Mort Crim, Neal Shine, Jack Driscoll, S.K. Wolf and Ryan Langan.

Proceeds from the event will be shared by the four sponsoring Friends organizations and used for the benefit of their respective libraries.

School board from page A1

Nominating petitions are available for any resident of the Plymouth-Canton school district who is registered to vote. Petition forms are available at the E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth.

Those seeking nomination must have 27 signatures of valid school district voters. They must

be turned in by April 10 at 4 p.m. at the administration building.

The last day in which a candidate can withdraw from the ballot is April 13.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Liz Adams, elections clerk, at (734) 416-3095.

Into Africa

Couple turn missionary effort into life's work

BY SUE BUCK
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Paul and Kim (Lybarger) McVety, who left Plymouth Township Monday, will soon embark on an 8-10 year commitment as missionaries in Senegal in northwest Africa.

They will be part of Mission: Moving Mountains, an interdenominational agency based in Minnesota, that specializes in community development and Christian discipleship in foreign countries.

"They are sending us and two other families to join two other families who are there already," said Paul, 34. "Our first commitment is eight to 10 years. It may be the rest of our lives. This is what we like to do."

"This is what we want for our life-time career," Kim explained.

For the first couple of years they will get acclimated by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the Senegalese residents.

During the first decade of commitment they hope to start their own family and home school their children. "They will be a part of our lives all the time," Paul said. "When kids get to high school age some missionaries send their kids to boarding school, although that's far away."

Kim expects that their children will accompany her as she interacts with the people in Senegal, who strap their babies to their backs and work in the field. "Kids as small as 2 or 3 are expected to go to the well and draw the water up," she said. "Kids know their chores."

"It's one-on-one work," said Paul who teaches agriculture. "Everything is done by hand."

Both were missionaries in Haiti — Paul for three years, Kim for one year. "The poorest people have been pushed right out to the mountains and they stay, right on the side of the mountain, right on the slopes," Paul said. "It's horrendous. There's a tremendous erosion problem."

The couple would hear stories about Haitian farmers falling right out of their fields and dying because of a steep slope.

Paul taught erosion control and did a lot of tree planting. "It will be completed in Senegal, which is on the south edge of the Sahara Desert," Paul said. "It's a different kind of erosion problem. They have cut down trees for firewood and building and over-grazed all of the shrubs for livestock. The desert is pushing its way further and further south, destroying all of the farmable land."

Kim, a missiologist, tries to get into the "world-view" of native people to understand why they do what they do. She will teach Bible and literacy.

Understanding the culture is key to progress, they said. One Haitian teacher whom Paul worked with chose not to employ the same techniques he taught others for fear that his family with be healthier than the neighbors, even though his family depended on his gardening to feed them. He feared his neighbors would go to the voodoo priest who would put a curse on them, he told Paul.

Likewise the Haitians didn't look for a scientific reason for drought but wondered what God they'd made angry, Paul said.

Paul and Kim met in 1992 in Haiti. Kim was teaching New Testament Bible classes and introductory psychology classes at a Christian College. Paul taught agriculture with the Menonite Central Committee, a group similar to the Peace Corps.

"We would always have to come down to Port-au-Prince, the capital city, to get supplies and we met at a missionary church there through a singles-type group," Paul said. "I just stumbled across her and we got to know each other. We dated for two days and got engaged."

"I don't recommend this for most people but it worked for us," Kim said.

Kim lived in a modern Haitian house, but Paul lived in a 15-foot by 30-foot mud hut. "It was like camping for three years," Paul said. "It was neat, though, I felt like that was all I needed."

When Kim returned to the states before Paul, he drove 10-12 hours to place a phone call to Kim at \$1.50 a minute every month. They married in 1994, after Paul's term was up.

From 1994-96, they went to Minnesota to pursue more missionary and cross-cultural studies.

They moved to Plymouth Heritage Apartments on North Territorial in Plymouth Township in 1996. Paul got a job as a certified nursery man at Home Depot in Northville and Kim worked as a bank teller at Bank One, located next door to their apartment. Kim grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth Salem High School.

Though they made new friends in metropolitan Detroit, they both felt a constant tugging at their hearts to return to mission work.

They left for Enid, Okla., Monday, where they will stay for six months visiting with Paul's family until they depart for Senegal.

"Long-term change is slow, but by the time we leave Senegal, the nationals who we work with will have taken ownership and they will pick the next level of teachers," Kim said. "They will start the project in a nearby village. The work is self-replicating and self-sustaining."

By then, many will have learned preventative health. Community sanitation standards will rise because the residents will learn to use local materials, like charcoal and sand for water purification, she said.

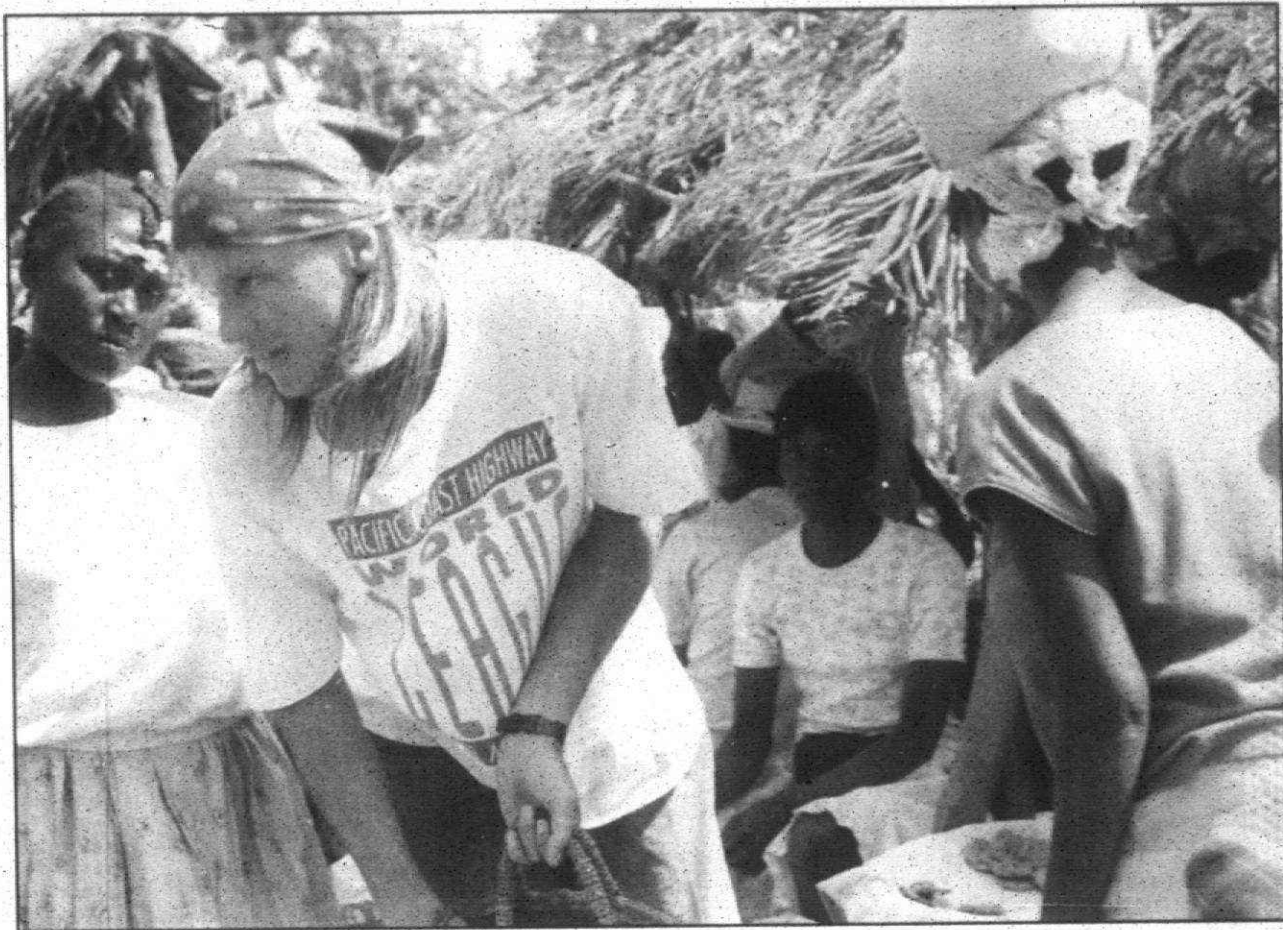
According to mission literature, two billion people in foreign countries drink unsafe water. About 80 percent of diseases in less-developed countries are due to unsafe water. Preventable water-borne diseases cause 24,000 childhood deaths daily.

The couple still needs to increase their sponsorship. The cost is \$40,000 annually for a couple.

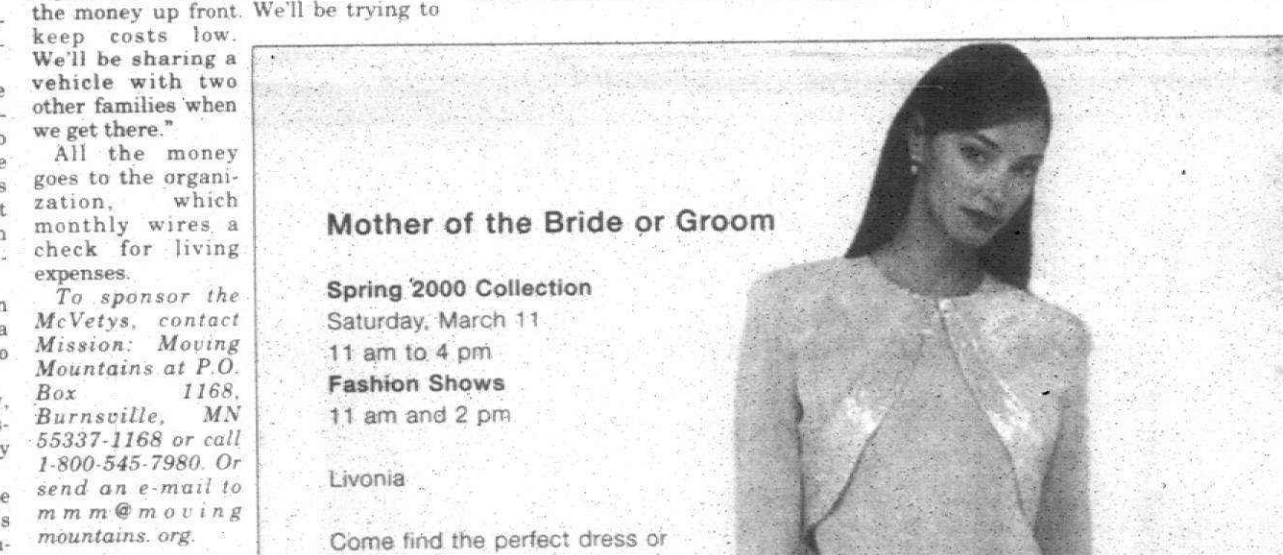
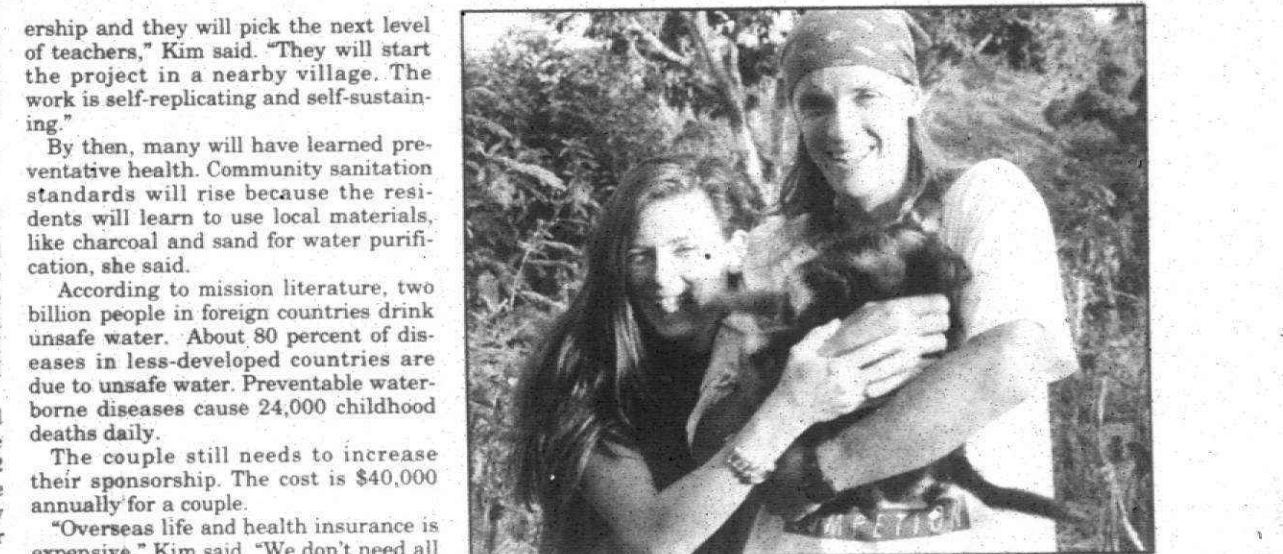
"Overseas life and health insurance is expensive," Kim said. "We don't need all the money up front. We'll be trying to keep costs low. We'll be sharing a vehicle with two other families when we get there."

All the money goes to the organization, which monthly wires a check for living expenses.

To sponsor the McVety's, contact Mission: Moving Mountains at P.O. Box 1168, Burnsville, MN 55337-1168 or call 1-800-545-7980. Or send an e-mail to mmm@movingmountains.org.



Here to help: Paul McVety (in the headband) goes about his work during a previous missionary visit to Haiti. He and his wife, Kim (below), leave for Africa later this year for a similar purpose.



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She pointed to a recent study conducted on behalf of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning to buttress her argument.

The Lansing firm EPIC-MRA conducted the survey last December. More than 1,000 Michigan Drivers were interviewed.

It found that 61 percent of African-American drivers believe Michigan's new standard enforcement of the seatbelt law may "give rise to certain drivers being singled out."

Among other findings, the survey discovered that African-Americans are 15.5 percent more likely to receive tickets than all other drivers after being stopped by police. It further stated that African-Americans are 1.21 times more likely to be stopped.

Despite the numbers, Moss thinks most police officers don't practice racial profiling. It's a select few.

"I believe there are some bad apples out there," she commented. "But for the most part, I think it's a problem of assumption."

Santomauro said his department is diligent in keeping discrimination of any kind out of police officers' work.

"We have not had a complaint that has been racist-driven where we've taken action against an officer," he added.

In doing police work, Santomauro said officers develop a kind of sixth-sense for spotting trouble.

"The reality is in police work we're guided by what the law requires us to do," he added. "We're also guided by our experience as a police officer."

Santomauro doesn't believe it's wrong for an officer to stop a car cruising up and down a subdivision street at 3 a.m. - no matter who's driving or riding in the vehicle, for example.

The difference, he contends, is in how the officer treats people after the stop. Santomauro said it must be handled professionally above all else.

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"When they raise our prices," Spencer adds, "we have to raise our prices to customers."

Drawing patrons for gas is key, he said. While he doesn't make a big profit on gas, it brings customers in for profitable car services.

"We draw customers because of our service," Spencer said.

Complaints based on race have been few and far between during his tenure, Santomauro said.

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Swap meet

Collectors trade police, fire memorabilia

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Did you know that the Russians once traded in slaves? Or that Kalamazoo's police department began in 1882?

No? Well, most likely, neither did patent attorney Chuck Chandler or printer Tom Herring before each got into collecting restraints and police badges, respectively, some 30 or more years ago.

Today, both have outstanding collections of these and other unique historical pieces which they, along with some 70 exhibitors from across the country - many with ties to law enforcement - will display Saturday at Madonna University.

The occasion is the 16th annual Detroit-Area Police and Fire Collectors Swap Meet and Exhibit, organized by Chandler, Herring and several other local collectors.

The all-day event benefits the Alan E. Eichman Memorial Scholarship Fund for criminal justice students at the Livonia-based university.

The mostly police-related items on display will include uniforms, badges and shoulder patches - some dating back to the 1840s; "all kinds of weapons

such as billy-clubs" but no guns, said Chandler; restraints, such as handcuffs and leg irons; old police-vehicle license plates; ceremonial clubs and pins, plus old photographs.

Fire collectors will be displaying helmets, axes, badges and other paraphernalia. "There are hundreds of things at the show," Chandler said.

Friendships they've made, he said. Chandler, whose specialty is handcuffs, leg-irons and slave collars and who's exhibited some of his items at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., got started when he "saw a couple of old handcuffs at a gun show in 1963."

From there, he began collecting locks, concentrating mainly "in old slave stuff from Russian slave camps," he said. Some items are so rare, there are only a dozen known pieces, he said.

Tom Herring, a pre-press color man for Precision Color in Plymouth, has been collecting since age 9 when, inspired by the then-popular TV show "Emergency," he got a Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedic shoulder patch.

Not baseball While other kids pursued baseball cards, Herring went after patches, writing to police and fire departments across the country.

That evolved into a collection of police badges, most from Michigan and dating to 1865, including "three of the seven known first-issue Detroit police badges."

First-issues, he said, are "like the Taj Mahal. They're the best of the best you can get."

Herring claims to have "probably the best collection of Michigan antique badges."

"I have the most complete collection of anyone," he said. "Almost every badge was handmade and all are hand-engraved."

His most prized is an 1882 Kalamazoo badge - that department's first year.

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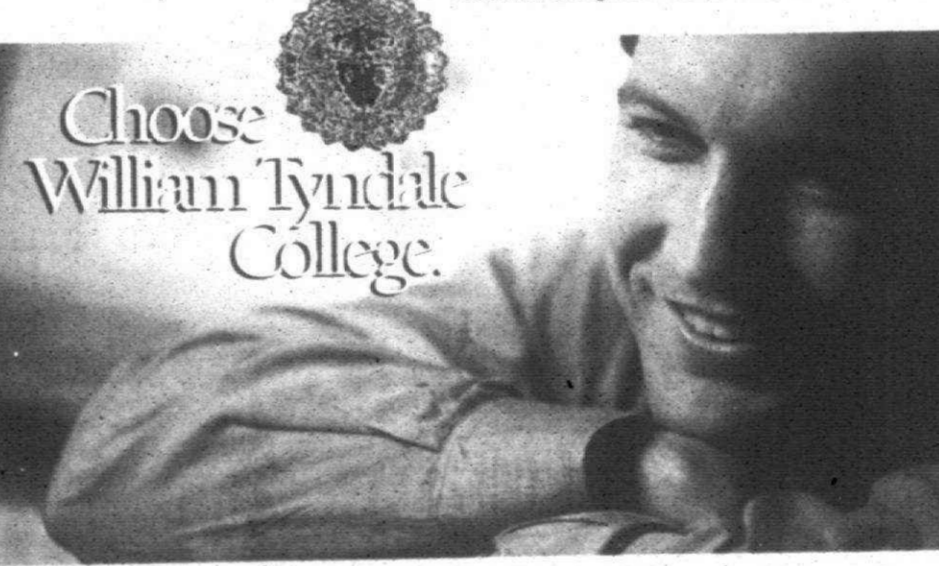
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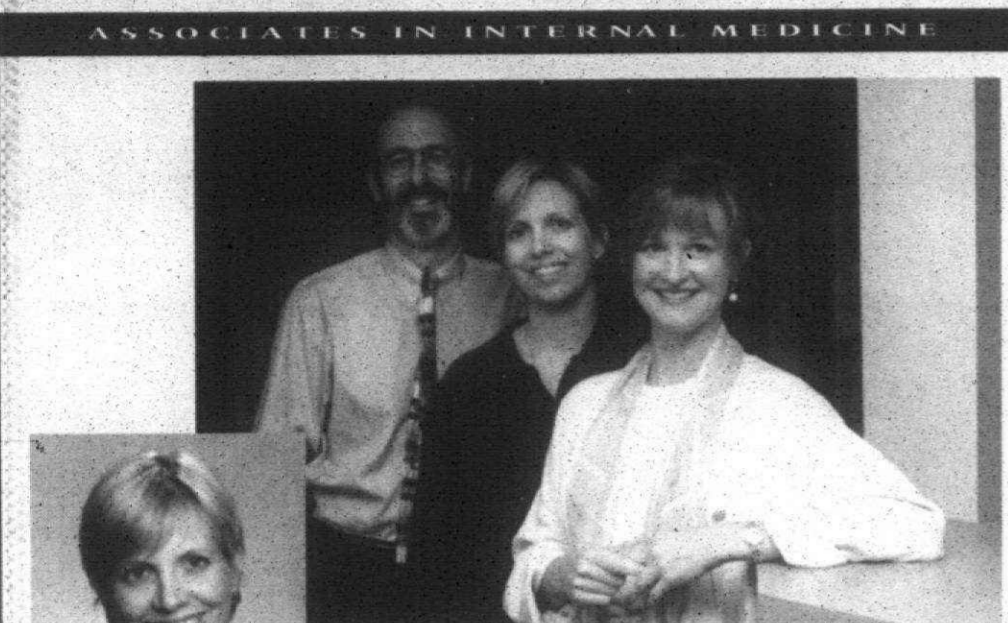


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OBITUARIES

DENNIS WILLIAM KENNEDY, O.D.
Services will be held for Dennis William Kennedy, O.D., 57, of Plymouth Township at 2 p.m. Friday, March 11, at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe. Burial will be in Thessford, Ontario.

Mr. Kennedy was born Oct. 22, 1942, in Detroit and died Feb. 21. He was a graduate of Leelanau School for Boys, Detroit Institute of Technology and Illinois College of Optometry. He earned bachelor of science and doctor of optometry degrees and served as a captain in the Air Force. He was chief optometrist services at the 1707th USAF Hospital in Altus, Okla., and was an adjunct professor for Ferris State College of Optometry and optometrist advisor for the V.A. Hospital in Allen Park.

In 1975, he opened his private optometric practice (Vision Associates of Westland) and served as a contact lens consultant for many area ophthalmologists, and in 1981 fellow optometrist, Randy G. Houdek, joined him in his practice.

A life-long baseball enthusiast and devoted father, he coached many years for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball Association, winning several division championships. He had the pleasure of watching his sons, Christopher and Scott, play varsity baseball as pitchers for Plymouth Canton High School.

Mr. Kennedy was a Civil War enthusiast and enjoyed attending re-enactments and visiting historic Civil War sites. He earned the respect of colleagues and surgeons as a noted expert and lecturer on various forms of laser refractive surgery and dry eye syndrome in the U.S., Canada and the U.S. Virgin Islands for TLC Laser Eye Centers. He and laser surgeon Jeffrey J. Machay, M.D., have published many articles and co-authored several textbook chapters on laser vision correction.

Mr. Kennedy was past president of the Wayne County Optometric Association, a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, direc-

tor of the Metropolitan Detroit Optometric Association and a member of the Michigan and American Optometric Associations and National Advisory Board of TLC Laser Eye Centers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Carroll W. Kennedy, and will be remembered and truly missed by scores of patients, friends and colleagues. Survivors include his wife, Sandra; two sons, Christopher (Maria) and Scott (Kimberly); and one sister, Carol R. (Jae) Purdon.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society and Southfield Oncology Institute, 21751 W. 11 Mile Road, Suite 114, Southfield, MI 48076.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth.

LILLIAN S. SORG
Services for Lillian S. Sorg, 80, of Plymouth were held March 1 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating.

She was born Nov. 11, 1919, in Detroit and died Feb. 26 in Plymouth. She was a housekeeper for Walker-Buzenverg Furniture in Plymouth for many years. She also cleaned homes in Plymouth and worked for Dr. Don Davies and Dr. George Atsala. She came to the Plymouth community in 1966 from Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She sang in the church choir and enjoyed the people of O.L.G.C.

She also enjoyed oil painting. Survivors include her five children, Richard (Ruth) Froman of South Holland, Ill. James (Carolyn) Froman of Gladwin, Mich., Larry (Linda) Froman of Burt, Mich., Tim (Rayrene) Froman of Madison Heights and Lillian (Cliff) Froman of Battle Creek; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to O.L.G.C. McKinnon Pipe Organ Fund, St. Aloysius Outreach Fund. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. She was born Feb. 15, 1911, in

Services for Ashley Richard Heimbaugh, 52, of Plymouth were held March 3 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born May 20, 1947, in Milroy, Pa., and died Feb. 28 in Livonia. He started his career as a licensed private and commercial pilot and instructor. He flew in Vietnam, and after the service continued flying for WXYZ-TV Channel 7 and Mediac Television for numerous hospitals throughout the country. His career expanded to the energy management industry as a consultant for the past 15 years.

Mr. Heimbaugh was a member of the Aircraft Owners Pilot Association and the National Rifle Association. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed all outdoor sports hunting and gaming. He also enjoyed gardening, was a Civil War enthusiast and supported the Michigan Humane Society.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Andrew Heimbaugh. Survivors include his wife, Susan of Plymouth; six children, Angela (Tom) Howard of Fort Wayne, Ind., Kevin Richard Heimbaugh of Ypsilanti, Curtis Ashley Heimbaugh of Ypsilanti, Candice Sheremet of Plymouth, Deane Allen Sheremet of Los Angeles, Calif., and Allison Sky Heimbaugh of Plymouth; mother, Anita Deamer of Milroy; two sisters, Alvina (Dick) Tyson of Milroy, Pa., and Alisha (Bob) Rahauer of Centre Hall, Pa.; sister-in-law, Wendy Miller of Pennsylvania; and two grandchildren, Thomas Bret Howard and Jacob Ashley Howard of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Allison Heimbaugh Memorial Scholarship Fund or Plymouth Christian Academy.

HENRIETTA MARIE RORABACHER
Services for Henrietta Marie Rorabacher, 89, of Plymouth took place March 1 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. She was born Feb. 15, 1911, in

Tawas City, Mich., and died Feb. 27 in Jackson. She sold Stanley Products for 40 years. She was a top seller, receiving numerous awards. She also worked at the Phoenix Ford Plant in Northville when it first opened. She was one of the first women to work on the assembly line at a Ford plant. She came to the Plymouth community in 1955 and was a member of our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She loved to bake pies and travel and enjoyed shopping for her grandchildren. She attended County Normal College in Tawas City.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Faye Barkman, and one son, James Jude Rorabacher. Survivors include her husband, Leland of Plymouth; two sons, Dennis (Dorina) Rorabacher of Lawrenceburg, Ind., and David (Ruby) Rorabacher of Northville; one daughter, Mary Jane "Janie" (Aaron) Smith of Jackson; four sisters, Anna Fisher of Tawas, Mich., Alma (Jack) Reiss of South Lyon, Mich., (Bill) Thomas of Plymouth and Fay (George) Schomberger of Westland; two brothers, James Fisher of Plymouth and Orville

He was born Jan. 6, 1911, in Wriston, W.Va., and died Feb. 11 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She was retired from Ford Motor Co. She was active in Eastern Star in Plymouth until leaving for Florida in 1973. She returned to Westland in 1994. She was a former member of Oak Hill Methodist Church in Oak Hill, W.Va., and was very proud of her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donly S. Young Sr.; one son, Phillip Edward Young; one granddaughter; and two great-granddaughters. Survivors include her two sons, Donly S. "Bud" (Leslynn) Young

(Delores) Fisher of California; and son-in-law, Rodger Barkman.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos cancer Institute or as Mass offerings.

GARNET MABEL (KINCAID) YOUNG
Services for Garnet Mabel (Kincaid) Young, 89, of Westland (formerly of Plymouth and Oak Hill, Va.) were held at Tyree Funeral Home, Oak Hill, W.Va., with the Rev. James Sheppard officiating. Burial was in High Lawn Memorial Park, Oak Hill, W.Va.

He was born July 26, 1927, in Berkeley, Mich., and died Feb. 29. He worked as a terminal operator in gas and oil.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret A., and three daughters, Margaret R. Guse, Melanie K. and Wendy J. Survivors include daughters Mary (James) Miller, Lou Ann (John Angiolillo) Frederick and Sherry L., four grandchildren, Dwayne, Jason, Daniel and Jeremy; and five great-grandchildren, David, Nicholas, Jacob, Samantha and Brandon.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

Jr. of Lake Michigan and Robert D. (Dorothy) Young of Gaylord; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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WILLIAM A. SPENCE
Services for William A. Spence, 72, of Canton were held March 3 in Cherry Hill United Methodist Church with Rev. Lawrence A. Wik officiating. Burial was in Cherry Hill Cemetery.

He was born July 26, 1927, in Wriston, W.Va., and died Feb. 29. He worked as a terminal operator in gas and oil.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret A., and three daughters, Margaret R. Guse, Melanie K. and Wendy J. Survivors include daughters Mary (James) Miller, Lou Ann (John Angiolillo) Frederick and Sherry L., four grandchildren, Dwayne, Jason, Daniel and Jeremy; and five great-grandchildren, David, Nicholas, Jacob, Samantha and Brandon.

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House passes tough food safety regulations

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The increasing number of food poisoning incidents nationally - in which diners have been infected with E. coli, salmonella, and listeria - has led state lawmakers to strengthen Michigan's food code.

Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, sponsored House Bills 5196 and 5196 to make food preparation safer. At the same time, Johnson said, the bills will streamline the licensing and inspection processes for restaurants and grocery stores and make the licenses less expensive.

Johnson said she has worked with representatives from more than 90 organizations including the Michigan Department of Agriculture, local public health departments, the U.S. Food Drug Administration, researchers, and consumer and industry groups over the past two years to develop the legislation.

The bills will increase the safety of food preparation by requiring that hot foods be kept at higher temperatures, cold foods are kept colder, and putting stringent new regulations on the handling of ready-to-eat foods. With a few exceptions, the food code would require such foods be handled with tongs, spatulas or gloves, rather than bare hands. Where bare hands must be used, stringent washing requirements were included in the code.

Additionally, the bills provide for health and safety training for food service workers.

At the same time, Johnson said, the bills streamline the process by combining 12 different state laws that regulate food preparation. She explained that grocery operations are inspected by the MDA and local health departments inspect restaurants. In some cases, where restaurants are included in stores, both must be inspected. Under Johnson's bill, those inspections will be combined.

"They are both capable of making those inspections. This eliminates duplication. That's one thing I really can't stand, inefficient government," she said.

She also explained the bills will base the frequency of inspections on the level of risk involved. Stores selling only packaged foods will get less inspection, while restaurants will get more because of the level of food preparation.

The bills match new regulations already adopted at the federal level.

Johnson said most industry trade groups eventually supported the bills, because of the time spent by the MDA and state workers to iron out concerns they had with the new code.

The House of Representatives approved the bills 105-0 Wednesday, Feb. 23. All local lawmakers voted yes. The bills now await action in the Senate.

Shooting spikes trigger lock demand

BY RICHARD PEARL
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The Wayne County Sheriff's Department said Friday that, in the wake of the Mount Morris tragedy, it has seen a "big spike" in the number of requests for trigger locks.

"In the past two days, we've received requests for over 1,500" of the locks, said Sheriff Robert Ficano.

Normally, he said, representatives of his department give away an average 200-300 locks each week during gun-safety talks to various community organizations.

The upsurge in requests for the locks, sparked by the fatal shooting in the Flint area of a first-grader by another first-grader, have come from municipal police agencies as well as from groups and individuals, the sheriff said.

The department's Trigger Lock Community Service Program, begun in 1992 and funded by private donations, has seen over 20,000 of the locks distributed.

No questions are asked and the locks are free to anyone who owns a gun and wants one, Ficano said.

Locks may be picked up at the sheriff's department administration building, 1231 St. Antoine in Greetown; the department's road patrol headquarters, 1300

Henry Ruff at Michigan Ave. in Westland; and at the William Dickinson Detention Center, 3501 Hamtramck Drive in Hamtramck.

Ficano emphasized his department will be happy also to talk at any time with groups about gun safety.

Call the sheriff's department at (313) 224-0414 during business hours Mondays through Fridays.

3 stores will provide free trigger locks

Three major sporting goods chains will provide free trigger locks for all guns sold at their stores in the metro Detroit area beginning March 15.

The three - Dick's, Gander Mountain and Sports Authority - are believed the first retailers in the country to do this with all weapons, according to Wayne County spokeswoman June West.

The decision, announced Fri-

day, ends Wayne County's April 1999 gun litigation lawsuit against them, although it is still pending against 29 other dealers and gun manufacturers.

The first of the original 33 to act was the Gibraltar Trade Center, which last year ended all gun sales at its Taylor facility and was dropped from the suit. A total of 10 dealers and 23 manufacturers were sued.

County Executive Ed McNamara praised the resolution, adding he was particularly impressed that the companies also agreed to immediately fire any employee "who knowingly participates in a straw purchase by a felon or juvenile (through a surrogate buyer)."

The firms also agreed to quarterly "sting" purchases attempts to ensure their policies are being strictly enforced.

"It's about time Wayne County took the lead nationally in protecting children from gun violence," said Deputy County Executive Mike Duggan. "For too long, all we've been known for is our terrible number of victims."

In Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, Dick's and Sports Authority each have six stores while Gander Mountain has three.

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master - rather, one postmaster services the Wayne, Westland and Canton post offices, Moore said.

Devon Lane resident Paul Coen said he could go on for "weeks" about his problems with mail service. He says complaints - particularly about mail arriving as late as 7 p.m. or 7:30 - are not handled seriously.

"We're not the only ones," Coen said. "I've talked to other people in other subdivisions who have the same problems."

A New England native, he

said such service wouldn't be tolerated for "20 seconds" there.

Clerk Terry Bennett said late mail delivery has been a continual problem at the township office.

"We have actually on occasion gone in to pick up mail (ourselves)," Bennett said.

Typical items mailed by Canton Township include tax bills, voter registration information, absentee ballots, notices of public hearings and correspondence between builders and bidders.

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through a mail service.

In some service aspects, however, the post office deserves a hand, she said. On President's Day, Feb. 22, she said she specifically asked if the post office staff would sort the absentee ballots so that the Feb. 23 primary. Though the post office didn't deliver for the holiday, Bennett was able to pick them up and get them processed.

"They deserve a lot of credit for that," she said.

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Internet bill pits wine lovers against wholesalers

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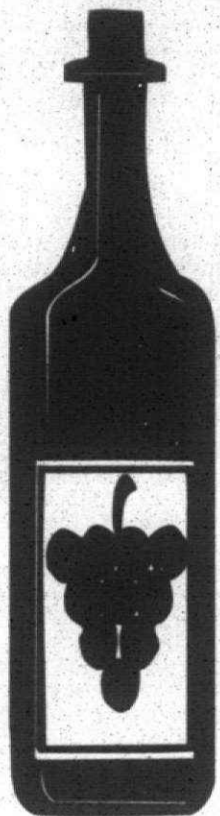
Legislation aimed at keeping alcohol sold over the Internet out of the hands of minors has set the stage for an unusual political tussle, pitting wine lovers against alcoholic beverage wholesalers.

The proposal, House Bill 4752 sponsored by Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), primarily deals with sales to minors. It requires that when alcohol is ordered over the Internet sellers must verify the buyer's age. And it requires packages to be labeled as containing alcoholic beverages so that delivery services — including United Parcel Service and Federal Express — can get the signature of an adult before handing over the package.

But it would also have the side effect of cracking down on shipments from out of state. That means gourmets could find it more difficult, perhaps impossible, to get supplies of fine wines from small vineyards outside Michigan, particularly from California.

Technically, such direct shipments are already illegal under existing state law, which uses a "three-tier" system to distribute alcoholic beverages. The system requires that the beverages pass from suppliers to wholesalers to retailers — all holding licenses from the state — before reaching consumers.

Nonetheless, small out-of-state wineries are making some direct shipments now. The advent of e-commerce has opened up the world to Michigan wine lovers. According to Bill Nelson, vice president of the American Vintners Association, there are about 2,000 winemakers across the country, many of which are nothing more than small family



farms. Because wholesalers and retailers must deal in volume to operate profitably, Michigan's three-tier system provides for distribution of stock from only 50 to 100 of the largest wineries.

Small wineries hurt

James Van Der Kolk, marketing manager of Fenn Valley Vineyards near Holland, said the bill and the three-tier system create a problem for Michigan's two dozen small wineries, located mainly around Traverse City and in the southwest region of the state.

Since states only allow direct

shipments in a reciprocal arrangement with other states, Van Der Kolk explained, if Michigan won't allow direct shipments other states won't allow direct shipments from Michigan winemakers either. Currently, about a dozen states have reciprocal arrangements.

He explained that, like most smaller wineries, his firm produces about 30 different wines. Only five are produced in volumes sufficient for mass marketing. Without the ability to ship directly out of state, that prevents customers in other states from being able to get 25 varieties of Fenn Valley's product, he said.

Cassis' bill, along with actions taken recently by Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, cracks down on those technically illegal direct interstate shipments. Worse yet, Nelson fears it will close out possibilities of the Legislature adopting an exception to the liquor code that would allow for small direct shipments, a case or two of wine per year, directly to consumers.

Granholm recently conducted a series of strings against Internet alcohol sales operations. As a result of the stings, she has reached an agreement with UPS that it will no longer ship alcohol directly to consumers from unlicensed suppliers outside the state. According to UPS, it will continue to ship alcohol inside the state.

Nelson believes there is a hidden agenda to these moves. He calls the concern over Internet sales to minors a "smokescreen." He says it isn't happening. While the stings show that youngsters can buy alcohol over the Internet, they typically don't. He argues that there has not been even one documented case of a minor buying alcohol over the Internet outside those stings,

where the youngsters are given protection by the law enforcement agency conducting the sting. Otherwise the kids themselves get in trouble, he noted.

"It leaves a paper trail. It's too easy to get caught," Nelson said. "Kids aren't that dumb. If they want to get alcohol, they'll just get a friend who is old enough to buy for them or stand in front of the party store until they find someone who will."

Nelson said that while he recognizes the degree of the problem of underage drinking nationally, those youngsters who get their supplies over the Internet would like be "a ripple on a tidal wave."

Wholesalers blamed

The real issue, the hidden agenda, Nelson argues, is that legislative attempts to close down direct shipments of beverages are being pushed by wholesalers who fear a loss of profits due to Internet sales. Wholesalers, represented by powerful lobbying groups like the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, only want to protect their monopoly on the distribution of alcohol, Nelson contends.

While it is a new issue here in Michigan — Cassis introduced her bill only on Feb. 7 — it has been a national issue for some time. Congress has been mulling legislation aimed at cracking down on Internet sales to minors, including a bill introduced last March by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah). Mike Lashbrook, president of the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, turns the argument around.

Small wineries that want to make direct shipments into the state without going through the three-tier system "just want to keep all the profits for themselves."

There are reasons for the three-tier system, he argues, and they date back to the repeal of Prohibition. Wholesalers were introduced into the system back then to provide a "buffer" between suppliers and retailers, Lashbrook argued. Part of the problem that led up to Prohibition was that many suppliers also controlled the outlets. And "when suppliers control the outlets, they can do things that encourage excessive consumption. Independent wholesalers were included in the system to temper use. Bad things happen when suppliers control the outlets," he said.

Wholesalers also serve as a check in the system to insure that the state gets the liquor taxes it is owed, he said.

Cassis insists there is "no smokescreen. We are talking about the safety of children. When it comes to children's safety, that comes first," she said.

She noted that she has been active in dealing with numerous issues regarding the Internet and the access it provides to youths of items typically reserved for adults.

"Frankly, this is new technology and it has outpaced our ability to regulate it," she said.

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Boys and girls in the third-to-eighth grades are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$15.

Session I (grades 3-5) will run from 2-3:15 p.m. Session II (grades 6-8) will run from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early to register, or pre-register at the Ward Presbyterian Church by March 17.

Parents are invited to attend (no additional charge). The clinic includes five follow-up Saturdays of open basketball practice, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fundamental basketball skills will be emphasized (ball-handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding).

For further information, call (248) 374-5937.

1st-year phenom

Janell Twietmeyer certainly made the most of her first year at Alma College.

The Plymouth Canton graduate finished her first Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association campaign strongly, setting a new conference tournament record by nailing six three-pointers in a 71-59 semifinal win over Hope College.

Her end-of-the-season efforts — Twietmeyer was named MIAA player of the week Feb. 21 after scoring 40 points on 16-of-27 floor shooting and grabbing 14 rebounds in two games — earned her all-MIAA second team honors.

Twietmeyer finished the season ranked second in three-point shooting, converting 41.7 percent of her triple tries. Her 44 threes is the second-best total for a freshman in school history. She finished the season averaging 10.4 points and 6.2 rebounds per game.

The Scots finished their season with a 51-44 loss to Calvin College in the MIAA championship game. They were 15-11 overall, 10-6 in the conference.

Good finish

Another Plymouth Canton graduate, Mark Bray of Hope College, completed his collegiate career by earning all-MIAA honorable mention accolades. A 6-foot-1 guard, Bray started 24 games for the Flying Dutchmen, averaging nearly nine points, 3.3 assists and 3.0 rebounds per game.

Hope finished 15-11 overall, 9-5 in the MIAA.

Collegiate notes

•Kristin Mayer, a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, scored seven points to help St. John Fisher College to a 66-55 win over Mount St. Mary in a first-round NCAA Division III women's basketball tournament game Wednesday.

The Cardinals, with 631 wins in the past 26 years, rank as the top women's basketball program in the NCAA III. They advanced to play SUNY-Cortland in the second round Saturday. St. John Fisher was 21-4 prior to that game.

•Doug Herriman, a Plymouth Salem graduate, scored 19 points, dished out eight assists and made seven steals, but it wasn't enough to prevent his University of Michigan-Dearborn team from losing to Dae-men College, 82-65 on Feb. 25.

Baseball clinics

The Plymouth Salem baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor their annual instructional clinics on consecutive Saturdays, March 25 and April 1, in the Salem gym.

Cost for each session, which includes a hot dog lunch (served from noon-1 p.m.), is \$20. The 11-15 year-old session will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m.

Mail your check, made payable to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, to Bill Styles at 10782 Red Maple Drive, Plymouth, 48170. For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

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Trojans end Salem season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Question: What do you get when you match a perennial powerhouse in high school hockey against a first-year team playing in its inaugural state playoff game?

Answer: Trenton 10, Plymouth Salem 0.

Like a one-sided heavyweight fight, the Region 3 semi-final game played at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center was mercifully brought to a pre-mature end Thursday night with 4:41 left in the third period due to a Michigan High School Athletic Association rule that stops games once a team gains a 10-goal advantage.

The loss left the Rocks with a 3-22 record in their initial season.

Trenton, which won state Division I hockey titles in 1998 and 1996, improved its mark to 24-2. The Trojans were scheduled to play Livonia Churchill in Saturday night's regional final tilt.

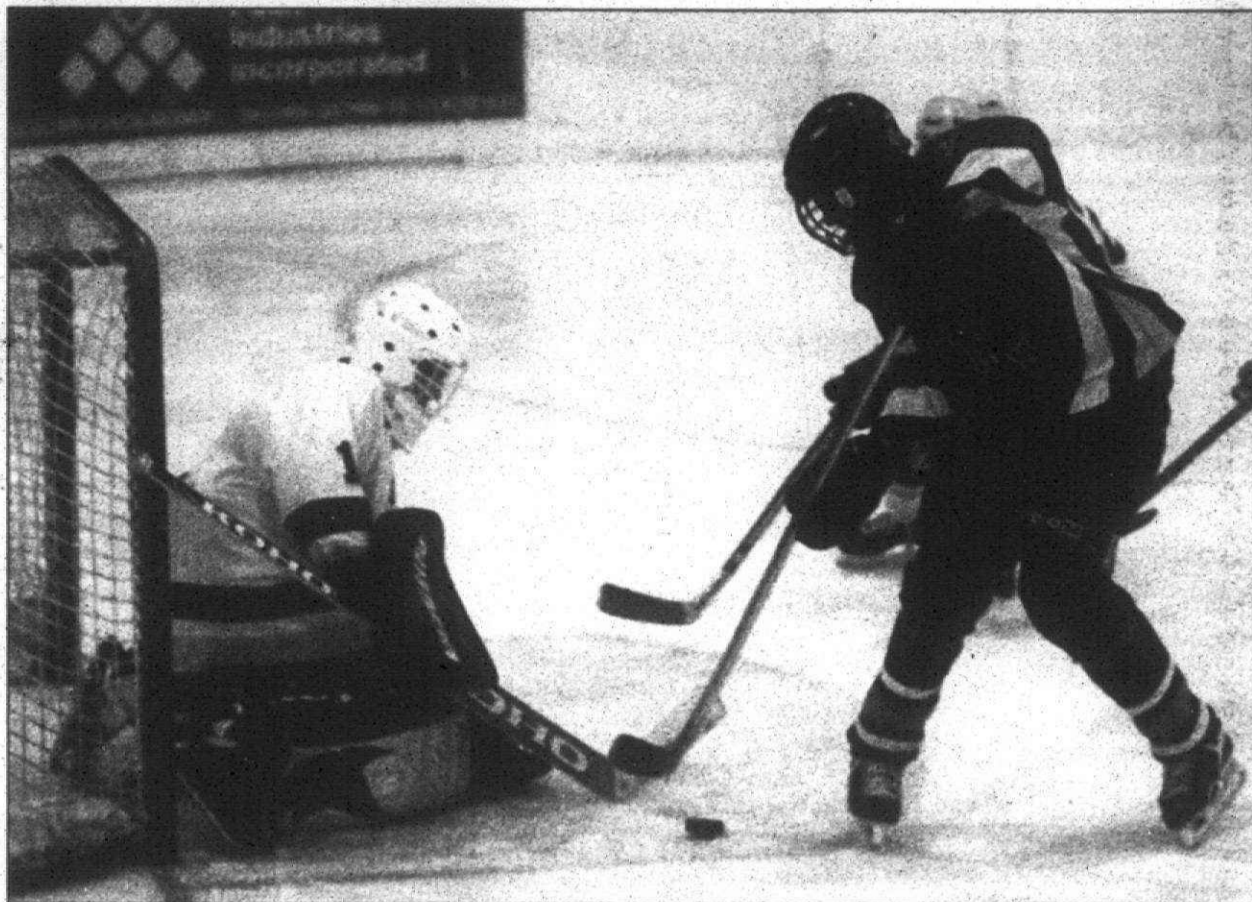
Despite getting outshot 20-4 in the opening period, the gritty Rocks trailed just 1-0, thanks in large part to the Herculean performance of goalie James Dogonski, who, at times, must have felt like a duck in a shooting gallery.

However, the junior netminder met the challenge and repeatedly frustrated Trojan forwards with an assortment of diving kick and glove saves.

"James played a great game," Salem coach Fred Feiler said. "He kept us in it early. They had a lot of quality scoring chances in the first period, but he made the saves."

Although the Rocks failed to meet a pre-season goal they had set for victories, Feiler said he is satisfied with his team's efforts.

"We had high expectations going into the season," Feiler admitted. "Record-wise, we set our goal at finishing right around .500. But I don't think we had an idea of how difficult the competition was going to be. From what I saw this year, the Western Lakes Activities Association is one of the toughest conferences around."



Stopped cold: Salem's Dan Valentini (right) tries to slide the puck past Trenton goalie Tony Dryer, but is thwarted. The Rocks, forced to face one of the state's best teams in their opening game of the state tournament, didn't get many chances like this, and didn't take advantage of any of them.

"In a lot of games this year, the final score wasn't necessarily indicative of how well we played. We had a few games where we would outplay the other team for 35 or 40 minutes, and still lose."

Trenton coach Mike Turner praised the Rocks' effort, especially early in the contest when the outcome was far from settled.

"I thought they played very hard,"

Turner said, who has 12 first-year players on his roster this year. "We didn't know too much about them before the game, and, as a result, we had individuals trying to do it themselves instead of playing as a team. We settled down in the second period and started playing better."

"It's good to see first-year teams like Plymouth Salem take up hockey. Give them some time and they'll be right up

there."

Trenton forward Brandon Thompson opened the scoring when he whistled a slap shot over Dogonski's right shoulder just over three minutes into the game. Dogonski's vision on the shot was obscured by Trojan center David Bida, who was camped out just in front of the crease.

Dogonski excelled during one four-minute stretch of the first period when

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Whalers' streak reaches 14



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

There's are certain consistencies about the Plymouth Whalers. A tough defense; potent, and timely,

offense; solid goaltending; and, not to be overlooked, a tendency to find a way to win.

It's something the Whalers have done well for a long, long time. In fact, one must travel back to January to discover their last loss (it was by a 2-1 score, Jan. 29 to the Ottawa 67s).

On Friday, Plymouth traveled to London (Ont.) to take on the Knights and a crowd of 3,543. It was, as anticipated, a battle, but second-period goals

by Tomas Kurka and Kris Vernarsky were the difference as the Whalers prevailed, 3-2.

The victory was their 14th-straight and boosted Plymouth's record to 40-17-4; the Whalers' 85 points is second in the Ontario Hockey League only to Ottawa.

London fell to 18-33-7.

The Knights, behind the strong goalkeeping of former Whaler Aaron Molnar, took the early lead on a power-play goal by Brett Gibson with 2:59 left in the opening period. The Whalers knotted it before the period was over, however, on a power-play goal scored by Eric Gooldy. Stephen Weiss and Kurka assisted.

Plymouth, which got some tough goalkeeping of its own from Bill Rug-

giero, took command early in the second period. Kurka's goal, scored at the 2:29 mark, was unassisted; Vernarsky got the eventual game-winner at the 8:52 juncture, assisted by Steven Morris and Jamie Lalonde.

London narrowed the gap to 3-2 with 5:49 left in the second period when D.J. Maracle scored. But the Knights could not get the equalizer.

Ruggiero stopped 27 London shots in earning the win. Molnar had 28 stops for the Knights.

Whalers rally to win, 4-3

In the world of sports — no matter what the sport — everyone has a theory.

One that coaches have ascribed to for

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Starting all over

Talented frosh are key for Madonna

BY C.J. RISAK
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What Al White did in his first season as Madonna University's softball coach was — in a word — impressive.

"We had a great year," was White's own description of his first season as head coach after 10 years as an assistant, since the program's inception. "What we had, we called them the 'dirty dozen.' We were just lucky no one got hurt."

White was named as Madonna's coach five months before the season's start, with only seven players on the roster. He gradually built the roster to 12 — hence the 'dirty dozen' tag — then guided the Lady Crusaders to a 34-26 overall record, including a 15-13 mark in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

So: What was gained by all that? For Madonna, the most important benefit



Angela Litwin moving to 1st base



Al White Madonna coach



Kristy McDonald shortstop standout

might be a more-developed insight on how to build a team.

Because White was facing a task every bit as imposing as last year's as he began his second campaign on Saturday in Fort Myers, Fla.

Three of his four pitchers from last season's team are gone. So is the entire outfield.

Making matters worse, one player White was counting on to fill a hole in the outfield — Sharon Smith, a

speedy transfer from Macomb CC with junior eligibility — was ruled academically ineligible. Another — pitcher Janelle Schmidt, who was 8-4 with a 3.10 earned run average last season — did not return.

Madonna has just two seniors on the squad: catcher Vicki Malkowski, who led the Crusaders in hitting (a .435 average), doubles (16), runs scored (47) and home runs (three) and was third in runs batted in (33), and

pitcher Tanya Liske, who was 4-5 with a 4.80 ERA.

Of the 14 players on the team, nine are freshmen. Which means they will have to make major contributions immediately if Madonna is to at least match last season's accomplishments.

"You shouldn't have to depend on incoming freshmen at key spots," White said. "That puts a lot of pressure on them. We'll see if they can handle it."

All is not doom and gloom for the Crusaders, however. Not at all.

Other returnees are junior shortstop Kristy McDonald, a Redford Thurston graduate who hit .369 with 14 doubles and a team-high eight triples and 42 RBI; junior second baseman/outfielder Angela Litwin, from Plymouth Canton (.275, 14 RBI); and junior third baseman Jenny Kruzel (.323, 15 doubles, two homers, 37

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And: The winner is — who knows?



PAUL BEAUDRY

Picking high school basketball winners come state tourney time is a science.

OK, it's not a science.

OK, for the most part it's nothing but guess work.

OK, it's one part guess work, one part research and

one part throw-the-team-names-against-the-wall-and-see-which-one-sticks.

Once upon a time, I used to be good at this. Then again, once upon a time, there were a lot of things I used to do well.

But like crabgrass, hay fever and the Rouge River flooding Hines Drive, I won't stop. That's because my favorite part of tourney play is when area teams do their best to prove me wrong. (A complete list of district pairings can be found on B2.)

CLASS A

At Romulus

Teams: Romulus, Livonia Franklin, Belleville, Garden City, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn.

Predicted Winner: Wayne? Chuck Henry's done one of his best coaching jobs yet. John Glenn? Could be a sleeper, but has been an under-achiever. Garden City? In any other district, maybe, but here? Not without Justin Ockerman. Franklin? Ummm, no. So let's think about this. Time's up. Romulus over Belleville in the final, only because of the homecourt advantage.

At Redford Union

Teams: Union, Detroit Henry Ford, Catholic Central, Southfield, Livonia Stevenson, Detroit Redford.

Predicted Winner: CC could be a darkhorse, depending on which team shows up. If Union or Stevenson win this district, I'm serving sheet cake at school Tuesday with

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PCA finishes season with 14-straight wins

It's sort of like saying we're having good weather for this time of year. When Coach Doug Taylor says "the kids are playing well," it is a bit of an understatement. Like saying 50-degree weather in February and early March is only tolerable.

Taylor's Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team posted its 14th straight victory Thursday night when it edged visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills, 81-79.

The Eagles will take a 16-4 record into their state high school district basketball tournament opener at home at 8 p.m. Tuesday night against Canton Agape.

BASKETBALL

But if you subtract 14 consecutive victories from a 16-4 record, you come up with a not-so-sweet start.

"The guys made a commitment," Taylor said. "They came up with a mission statement and they did it all on their own."

"For example, they wrote down 'excellence' and 'example of Christ's likeness.'"

A key to the run was beating Adrian Lenawee Christian, the team that

Salem hockey from page B1

The Rocks were hit with back-to-back two-minute penalties. For the game, Salem was ticketed for eight minutes in penalties. The Trojans, on the other hand, were whistled for just one two-minute infraction.

With a Rock in the penalty box, Trenton padded its lead two minutes into the second period when Matt Helka took a pass in front of the net from Justin Jabara and one-timed the puck past Dogonski's outstretched blocker to make it 2-0.

Less than three minutes later, John Hackett made it 3-0 when he wristed a shot into the back of the net.

Mark DeSana and Deak Swearington closed out the second-period scoring for Trenton, netting goals at 9:14 and 11:12, respectively. Swearington's goal came after he gained possession of the puck at the far blue line and weaved skillfully through a maze of Rocks.

A sequence that best illustrated the Rocks' night unfolded seven minutes into the final period. With his team trailing 7-0, Dan Valentine stole the puck near the Trenton blue-line and broke free towards Trojan netminder Tony Dyer. However, as

he pulled his stick back to shoot, Valentine was upended on a clean check by Trenton defenseman Eric Dumais, who then gained control of the puck and passed it up ice to Helka. Helka broke past two Rocks and

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CC crushes Flyers, 12-2

HOCKEY

The Shamrocks spread the scoring among nine players, but Brian Williams was the team leader with three goals.

Mike Ratigan scored twice; Brett John, Jim Spiewak, Brandon Kaleniecki, Jared Ross, Sean Genrich, Joe Moreau and John Perkovich contributed one goal each.

The list of players with assists was even longer.

John, Ross, Derek Genrich, Andrew Egger, Hillebrand, Ryan Yost and Kaleniecki were credited with two assists. Single assists went to John Bowers, Spiewak, Rick Buttery, Dave Moss, Moreau, Williams and Eric Reinhardt.

"Their passing was unbelievable," Breuhan said. "Obviously, they've played together for a while. They know where each other was at any given time."

"They bring the puck out of the corner and cycle it so fast we couldn't seem to keep up with them."

Despite the CC offensive onslaught Farmington goalie Logan McLean actually played pretty well, stopping a lot of

slapshots and covering a number of rebound attempts.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
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CLASS A
at ROMULUS
Monday, March 6: (A) Romulus vs. (B) Union, 7:30 p.m.; (C) Belleville vs. (D) Garden City, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8: Wayne Memorial vs. A-B winner, 6:30 p.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. Adrian district champion.)

at REDFORD UNION
Monday, March 6: (A) Redford Union vs. (B) Detroit Henry Ford, 6 p.m.; (C) Redford Catholic Central vs. (D) Southfield, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8: Livia Stevenson vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Redford vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Southfield/Lathrup vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.)

at WEST BLOOMFIELD
Monday, March 6: (A) West Bloomfield vs. (B) Farmington, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8: Bloomfield Hills Lahrer vs. Farmington Hills Harrison, 6 p.m.; North Farmington vs. A-B winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Southfield/Lathrup vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.)

CLASS B
at ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S
Monday, March 6: (A) Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep vs. (B) Bloomfield Hills Andover, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7: Redford Thurston vs. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8: Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Warren Woods Tower vs. Warren Woods Tower district champion.)

CLASS C
at REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS
Monday, March 6: (A) Redford Bishop Borgess vs. (B) Lutheran High Westland, 6 p.m.; (C) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (D) Dearborn Henry Ford Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7: (E) Detroit Benedictine vs. (F) Southfield Christian, 6 p.m.; (G) Farmington Christian Academy, 7:30 p.m.; (H) Detroit Industrial Arts, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 8: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 6 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. Flat Rock district champion.)

CLASS D
at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Tuesday, March 7: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Jackson Baptist, 6 p.m.; Canton Agape Christian vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 9: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Hillside College vs. Reading district champion.)

at STERLING HEIGHTS BETHESA CHRISTIAN
Monday, March 6: (A) Sterling Heights Bethesa Christian vs. (B) Detroit Westside Christian Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7: (C) Southfield Franklin Road Christian vs. (D) Redford St. Agatha, 6 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, March 9: Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Oakland Christian vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.

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icing saying "Nothing is over until we say it is." The winner will come out of the bottom bracket. Monday's game between CC and Southfield should be a shootout. As a reward the winner gets Detroit Redford, which first squeaked past Southfield in the semis, then sneaked past Henry Ford in the final.

At Novi
Teams: Novi, Livonia Churchill, Northville, Canton, Salem.
Predicted Winner: There ain't no restrictor-plate racing here. This district is wide-open. Salem might be the favorite because it laid a big hurt on Western Lakes by Wallid Lake Western before losing in the WLAA championship. But come tourney time, as Bob Brodie will tell you, the past don't mean nuthin', especially when all five teams are within three wins of each other. The dart board says . . . Canton over Salem.

At West Bloomfield
Teams: West Bloomfield, Farmington, Bloomfield Hills Lahrer, Farmington Hills Harrison, North Farmington.
Predicted Winner: If this was football, it would be easy. But since Bob "Down-Up" Sutter isn't coaching varsity hoops, it's a little more difficult. A lot more difficult. Three teams can win — West Bloomfield, Farmington and North Farmington. NF won the Western Lakes regular season. Farmington was the only team to beat the Raiders in the WLAA and this WB is more entertaining than its TV network counterpart. The survivor is: North Farmington, which cruises past Lahrer in the final after squeaking by West Bloomfield in the semis.

CLASS B
At Orchard Lake St. Mary's
Teams: OLSM, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Redford Thurston, Cranbrook, Detroit Country Day.
Predicted Winner: The good news for Thurston is that if it beats Cranbrook on Wednesday, it's in the district finals. The bad news would be it faces St. Mary's Country Day winner. This is like choosing between which

you'd want more: A broken arm or a broken leg. They both hurt, the question is how much. Forget the cake here, if Thurston wins the district over O.L.S.M. (. . .Number 1 in Michigan), I'm flipping burgers and bringing the potato chips.

CLASS C
At Redford Bishop Borgess
Teams: Borgess, Lutheran High Westland, Livonia Clarenceville, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy, Detroit Benedictine, Southfield Christian, Fendale Academy of Detroit, Detroit Industrial Arts.
Predicted Winner: On the surface, the pick is Benedictine. On the other hand, there's this nagging little voice in my head telling me not to overlook Borgess. Or Clarenceville. Or Lutheran High. Last time I listened to my little voice, I picked Virginia Tech. A loud voice says, Benedictine over Borgess.

CLASS D
At Plymouth Christian Academy
Teams: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, Jackson Baptist, Canton Agape Christian, Plymouth Christian.
Predicted Winner: The winner of this one can save it for a while — at least until the regional final against Adrian Lenawee Christian or Britton-Macon. And that winner will come from Tuesday's Agape-Plymouth Christian semifinal. And that will be — the Eagles.

At Sterling Heights
Bethesa Christian
Teams: Bethesa Christian, Detroit Westside Christian Academy, Southfield Franklin Road Christian, Redford St. Agatha, Oakland Christian, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.
Predicted Winner: The person who used to do these predictions asked me if I was picking Oakland Christian to win this district. Seems like a good one to me. If St. Agatha wins, send the fan mail to "Observer & Eccentric Sports, care of Brad Emons . . ." Beaudry is the Redford/Garden City sports editor and can be reached at (734) 953-2106 or by e-mail beaudry@home.com.net

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

SEASON/DATES
RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS
FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-9484 or (248) 591-3474.

SHOWS
SPRING BOATING EXPO
The 8th Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama 2000 Michigan Sport and Travel Show concludes today at the Novi Expo Center. The show features over 200,000 square feet of floor space devoted to more than 400 exhibits featuring the latest in hunting, fishing and camping equipment, recreational vehicles, boats, conservation clubs travel and outfitting destinations and more.

ARCHERY
DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor), and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information call (313) 825-2110.

LIVONIA RANGE
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the

end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES
DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310. The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also hold a Sportsman's Game Dinner March 18 at Bishop William F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall in Warren. The dinner is open to the public and doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person.

BASS TOURNAMENT
The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club

meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudaj at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

HERITAGE PARK HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on Sunday. Call Don Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

POINTE PEELE ICE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Pointe Pelee in Ontario on Sunday. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES
BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset - Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle ranges hours are 2 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are non-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS
COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS
STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.)

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RBI, 45 runs scored).

Solid players all. And yet, as proof of the talent level of the newcomers, all of the above except Kruezl could be switching positions.

"We've got some talent," said White. "A couple of them have even surprised me. I have to say this is the most talented group (of freshmen) we've ever had come through here."

In softball, it all starts with pitching, which could be trouble for Madonna. The pitching mound is three feet further from the plate than in high school — quite an adjustment for newcomers.

Still, White plans to give two freshmen, Jenny Staup from Onstead and Jenny Tenyer from Marine City, equal mound time with Liske to start the season.

"They're hard workers, all of them," said White. "But it's tough to gauge them in the gym."

White is also planning to give freshman Meghan Quinn, from Brighton, a lot of time behind the plate. That will allow him to move Malkowski to the outfield.

Litwin will also be moving, to first base and the outfield, if White's plan works out. That will leave room for freshman Emily Cunningham (Romeo) at second base. "Talk about a sweet ballplayer," noted White of Cunningham.

Even McDonald, who played outfield at Thurston, could be back out there again. That's because White has brought in a couple of promising freshmen: Lauren Barker (Milford) and Devon Fletcher.

That trio could be shifting between the outfield and short stop through much of the season. As for which of the freshmen will play, White said it could depend on who's hitting the best.

In left field, White plans to insert freshman Stacie Wilson (Waterford Kettering). "She's got a cannon for an arm," he said. "I

just hope she develops as a hitter."

Right field will be patrolled a lot of the time by freshman Erika Keys (St. Mary's Catholic Central), a left-handed hitter who "could help us," White said.

Another freshman, Pam Konwinski (Southgate Aquinas), will see a lot of time at first base and in the outfield.

"Inexperience might catch up to us," White admitted. "You just don't know how they'll react."

"The biggest thing is, just don't give up on yourself and your teammates. If we can instill that in them, we'll do very well."

"We're going to struggle at times. Our whole coaching staff knows that. We're probably two players away from having a team that can compete for the league title."

How quickly Madonna's youngsters adapt to the collegiate game will be decisive in the Crusaders' season.

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RECREATION AND BOWLING

A bear's interest

Symposium to study how best to handle the black bear question



BILL PARKER

Developing strategies for wildlife management is not an easy task. In this diversified society we live in there are a number of variables used to develop management plans for all of our wildlife species.

The black bear is one species that receives extra attention. A shy and reclusive creature, black bears are often misunderstood by humans. That's why the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Bear Hunters Association teamed up to hold a Black Bear Symposium on Friday, March 10, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

A distinguished panel of research biologists will discuss the various human cultures and beliefs, economic factors and land use trends that will influence future bear management in Michigan, North America and other parts of the world.

"Our primary purpose is to enlighten bear hunters, the general public and wildlife managers in the region to better understand what bear management involves today," said DNR bear special-

ist Tim Reis. "There are lots of different stake holders with a wide variety of expectations on how the resource should be managed and we want everyone to be aware of this."

"We don't want this symposium to be some hard-core presentation," added Reis. "We want it to be fun and educational and we want people to leave with a better understanding of the resource and the challenges we face now and in the future."

The theme of the event is, "People, Bears and Challenges for the 21st Century." "This is an excellent opportunity for hunters and the general public to come out and learn all about the black bear," said Westland's Bill Sutherland, a past president of the Michigan Bear Hunters Association. "When the anti-hunters came here in 1996 and tried to end bear hunting, one of the things we realized as hunters is that people in general, and a lot of hunters, too, don't know a whole lot about bears and bear management."

This symposium is a good way to learn more about them, and it's totally free."

There is no charge for the symposium, which is slated to begin at 10 a.m. Researchers scheduled to speak at the symposium include: Dr. Dave Garshelis



A memorable trip: Paul Opfermann shows off one of his trophies from a trip to Mexico.

of the Minnesota DNR, who will speak on his extensive research on five of the world's eight bear species; Dr. Frank T.

van Manen of the U.S. Geological Survey, Appalachian Field Lab, who will cover the topic of "Black Bear Management Issues in the Southeastern U.S.," Dr. Marlyn Obard of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, who will talk about "Bear Research and Management in Eastern Canada"; and Dr. Larry Visser of the Michigan DNR, who will explain the intricacies of "Black Bear Population Dynamics in the Great Lakes and Northeastern U.S."

In addition, Mr. Bill Rustem of Public Sector Consultants in Lansing will give a presentation on "Land Use Trends in Michigan"; and Dr. Ben Payton of Michigan State University, will cover the topic of "A Social Carrying Capacity for Bears."

The symposium will conclude with a panel discussion among all the researchers and a question and answer period.

"The Michigan Bear Hunters Association deserves a lot of credit for helping us organize this symposium," said Reis. "They made it possible for some of the most knowledgeable people in the world about bear to come to Michigan for this special event."

Take a break from the rigors of your everyday affairs and stop by the Northfield Hilton this Friday. The event promises to be a good one.

Opfermann makes book

Paul Opfermann, of Farmington Hills, recently had a tremendously successful hunting trip in the Sonora Desert near Hermosillo, Mexico.

Hunting with a local guide on the Rancho Agua Fria, Opfermann and his hunting partner Dr. Paul Misch, also of Farmington Hills, both returned home with a trophy and memories that will last a lifetime.

Opfermann shot a 5x5 mule deer and a 5x6 coues deer. The coues deer turned out to be a real bonus as it green scored 114 on the Boone & Crockett scoring system. The rack must dry for 60 days before being officially scored. The minimum score for coues deer needed for entry into the Boone & Crockett record book is 110.

Misch also shot a nice coues deer and a 5x5 mule deer.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Final registration

The last chance to sign up for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's baseball, softball and T-ball leagues is scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. March 16 at the Plymouth Township clerk's office, located on the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

T-ball registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-ball league April 3-21 at the Recreation Office, located in the Plymouth Community Center (located at 525 Farmer, Plymouth).

Whalers

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years is: When playing on the road, get ahead early. Don't let the home team dictate and control the tempo.

Playing an OHL game at Erie Wednesday, the red-hot Plymouth Whalers knew there were factors weighing against them. They had already won 12 straight games — how long could they keep it going?

Playing a mid-week game, on the road, trying to win their 13th in a row? How lucky can that be?

But the Whalers stuck to the plan. They led 2-1 after one period; after two, it was tied at 2-2. Then they made a dreadful mistake: Brad Boyes, the Otters' leading scorer, pushed a short-handed goal past Whaler goalie Rob Zapp 6:18 into the final period, and the Otters had a 3-2 lead.

But the bad news didn't stay that way for long. It took Plymouth less than three minutes to knot it again, on a goal by Eric Goody with 10:44 left in the game.

And just 2:45 after that, Damien Surma — recently named the OHL's Player of the Month — beat Erie goalie J.F. Perras with what proved to be the game-winner in a 4-3 Whaler victory.

Plymouth got off to a quick enough start, with Kris Vernarsky getting a power-play goal 3:19 into the opening period; George Nistas and Justin Williams assisted.

Erie tied the game less than three minutes later, also on the power play, with Mike Nelson scoring the goal. But the Whalers regained the lead midway through the opening period when Cole Jarrett got an unassisted goal with 10:06 left in the period.

Nelson's second power-play score of the game allowed the Otters to re-tie the game with 2:13 remaining in the second period. Boyes' unassisted, short-handed goal in the third provided Erie with its first lead of the game.

Goody made certain the Otters didn't enjoy that status for long; Stephen Weiss assisted on his third-period goal. Surma's game-winner came on assists from Jamie Lalonde and Williams.

Zapp made 20 saves in earning the victory in goal. Perras turned away 30 of 34 shots in goal for the Otters.

Players of the month

Surma wasn't the only Whaler honored for his performance during the month of February. And why not? It would be hard to top Plymouth's performance.

The Whalers climbed to the top of the OHL's West Division by going unbeaten in February, winning 12-straight games. Surma was instrumental in that run, scoring 12 goals — including four game-winners — and collecting 15 assists during the month.

A 19-year-old left-winger from Lincoln Park, Surma had 32 goals and 38 assists (70 points) for the season (58 games) for Plymouth, second best on the team. Included in that total are eight game-winning goals, six power-play scores and a plus/minus mark of 35+29.

Also honored for his month-long performance was the Whalers' Stephen Weiss, named OHL Rookie of the Month. A first-round priority selection in 1999, Weiss had back-to-back two-goal games Feb. 12 against Mississauga and Feb. 13 against Erie.

A 16-year-old native of Toronto, Weiss has 20 goals and 35 assists for 55 points in 56 games — fifth among OHL rookie scoring leaders.

Adult softball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will sponsor adult softball leagues this spring/summer for men's slow pitch, women's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch and men's modified.

Registration for returning teams begins Monday, March 15. All registrations may be completed at the Recreation offices, located in the Plymouth Community Center at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

The season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6820 or check the web at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Rusk, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Woodpeckers find dead trees very appealing



TIM NOWICKI

Not far from the trail I noticed a dead aspen tree with four feet of its trunk lying on the ground.

Surrounding the trunk section were chips and splinters of wood, some of which were five inches long and an inch in width. A large, ragged, scalloped section of the upright tree where the chips originated was plainly visible.

This was the work of Michigan's largest woodpecker the pileated.

According to the dictionary, Pileated can be pronounced with either a 'p' or a 'p' sound. I prefer to use the 'p' sound because I think of them as preferring pie to pills.

A pileated woodpecker is about the size of a crow. Their chisel-like bill has no problem creating large chips of wood like I saw on the ground.

Michigan has nine different species of woodpecker. The downy woodpecker is the smallest. This black and white bird is

the most likely woodpecker to visit suet feeders in your backyard.

Its cousin, the hairy woodpecker, is similar in coloration, just a little bigger. We only see them one-seventh as often as the downy, according to Christmas bird count data.

Woodpeckers are a stately but active group of birds. They can be colorful like the yellow-bellied sapsucker and red-headed woodpecker, or they can exhibit interesting patterns of muted colors, like the northern flicker. Most are variations of the black and white color scheme.

Sometimes a territorial woodpecker may find a downy spout as a drumming "log." Resounding, echoes from these man-made

logs create a very impressive sound that deters other males and hopefully lures females into this resourceful female territory.

Unfortunately it's not impressive to the home owner at 5 a.m.

Especially on a weekend. Except for these two faults, woodpeckers are not pesky birds. They feed on insects that invade dead or dying trees.

Woodpeckers do not kill healthy trees. Healthy trees do not have insects in fresh wood, thus they are unable to find food, and the wood is too hard for them to excavate.

Most woodpeckers stay around all year long. This allows us to view them at suet feeders any time of the year.

Woodpeckers in our yard bring their young to our feeders and show them what to eat and how to eat. Watching this learning process makes us understand that not all behavior is innate or instinctive.

If you travel into the Upper Peninsula you will have a better chance to see three-toed and black-backed woodpeckers that we rarely see in southern Michigan.

But lucky for us, most places that have trees, have woodpeckers to watch.

Rocks hold off Chiefs



AL HARRISON

The American Bowling Congress was Salem that took over at the end to go on to the State Finals at Century.

They started with 32 top teams from the divisional playoffs, 16 boys teams and 16 girls teams.

After three games, the top scoring teams in each division competed in a Baker System of one-game head-to-head play to win the eight spots for the finals, four for the boys and four for the girls.

As luck would have it, Canton, finishing second had to face Salem, who finished seventh.

When the smoke of battle had cleared, the Salem boys had outscored Canton boys and earned their spot in the finals.

Representing Salem will be Jeff Thomas, Cory Caincross, Justin Horvath, Steve Reitzel and Pat Brown. Team alternates include Eric Pawlus and Matt Bowden.

Thomas also qualified for a spot in the singles competition with a 645 series.

The Canton boys had some outstanding performances from Alan Florka (259/639), Brian Kaufman, Ken Bazman, Keith Moore and Tony Vitale (234/640).

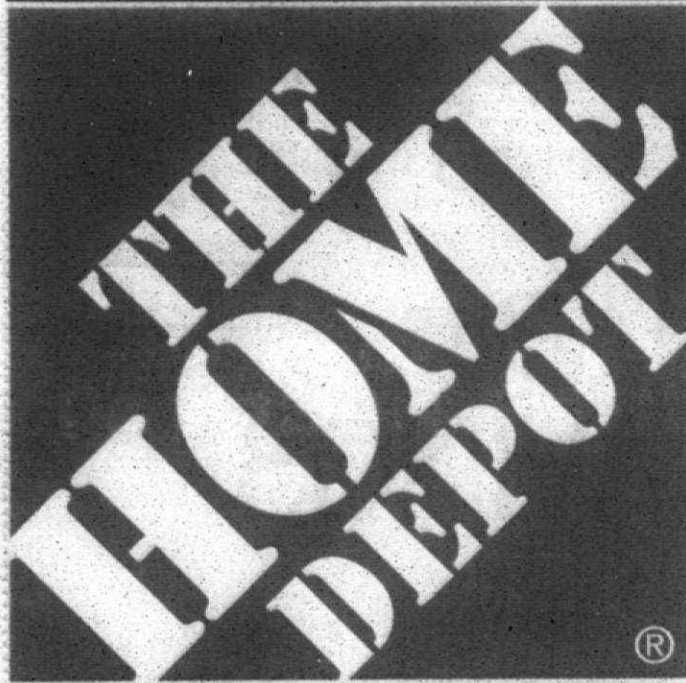
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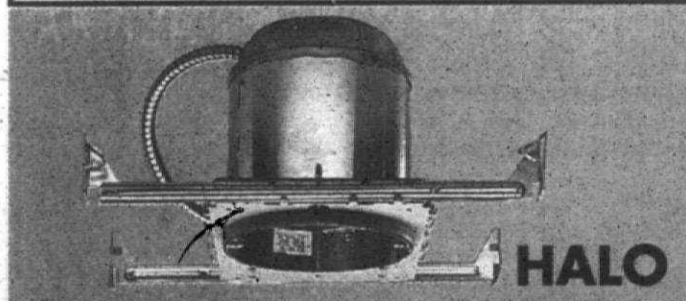
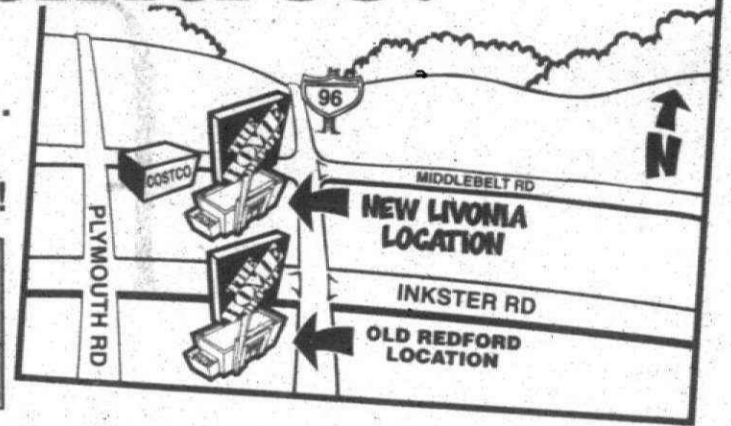
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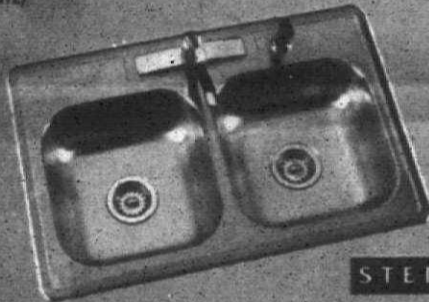
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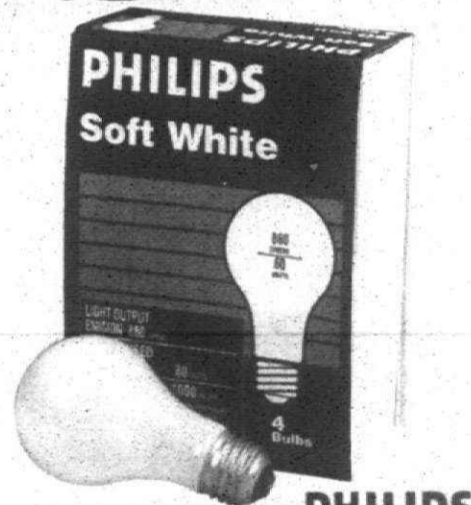
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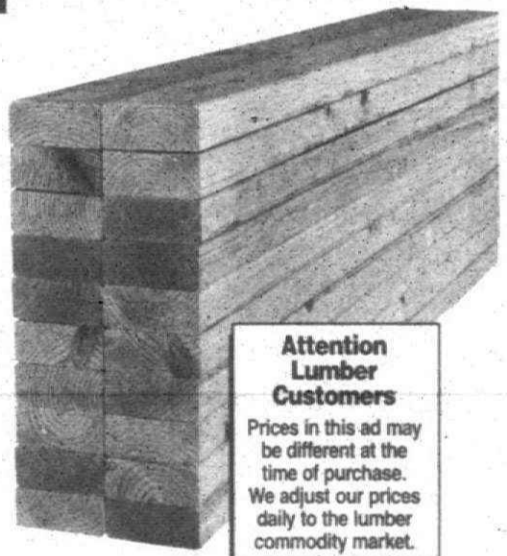
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Composer writes music for the masses

Christopher Tew composes classical works in the Romantic tradition with chromatic harmonies for everyone to enjoy.

Listeners tired of contemporary dissonance won't want to miss the Saturday, March 11, concert by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Tew's "A Picture Symphony for Strings in D Minor" paints pictures of a warm spring day, yesteryear's countryside and a night sky filled with thousands of stars. The composition, dedicated to his wife Laura, is the seventh the orchestra has performed.

"There's been a tendency for 20th century composers not to care what the people would think," said Tew. "I like to write music that is not just artistic but interesting. If the audience can't enjoy it, there's not much use writing it."

A former violist with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Tew will arrive several days before the concert to oversee the work that Livonia Symphony conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk will carry to fruition. The orchestra has performed six of Tew's works to date including "Elegy for Strings," "Overture for Hanukkah" and "Prelude and Dance." Tew's "Rhapsody on Jewish Folk Melodies" was performed last May in Livonia.

"I'm very honored that Volodymyr wants to perform the music," said Tew. "I leave it to his judgment. Music is almost always a collaborative art. I have a sound in my head but everyone adds their bit of art to make it better than any one person could do."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

In concert: Violinist Leslie English is one of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra members.

Tew misses living in the Livonia area since a job transfer took him to Tennessee where he now plays with the Cadek Community Orchestra in Chattanooga.

"I like coming up to Livonia to see old friends and hear the orchestra perform because they sound so wonderful," said Tew.

Musical Pictures

In addition to the symphony by Tew, the orchestra will perform "Jupiter, the Bringing of Jollity" from "The Planets" by Gustav Holst; "The Moldau" from "My Country," Bedrich Smetana; "Fingal's Cave (Hebrides Overture)," Felix Mendelssohn; and "Finlandia," Jean Sibelius. Livonia Symphony trumpeters Brian Moon and Ken Robinson will be the featured artists on "Concerto for Two Trumpets" by Vivaldi.

"My idea for the program was to bring people some music that's like a movie—musical pictures," said Schesiuk. "The Vivaldi concerto is played with old-fashioned trumpets with a higher register and is a good experience for the musicians and enjoyable for the audience. I chose Chris Tew's work because his music is not really modern. He's closer to late Romantic style."

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net.

"Musical Pictures"

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra draws pictures using the music of Vivaldi, Smetana, Mendelssohn, Sibelius, Holst and Tew.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11.

Where: Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia.

Tickets: \$15, \$10 students/children. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 464-2741.

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VAN GOGH PHOTO AT RIGHT, SELF-PORTRAIT WITH A FELT HAT, 1887, OIL ON PANEL.

VAN GOGH PHOTO AT LOWER RIGHT, SELF-PORTRAIT, 1887.



"Van Gogh: Face to Face"

When: Sunday-Sunday, March 12 to June 4. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and until 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward.
Tickets: \$16 Monday-Friday, \$18 Saturday-Sunday, and include admission to museum, exhibition and Acoustiguide audio tour. Call (248) 453-8444. For more information visit the Web site at www.dia.org.

MEET VAN GOGH

FACE TO FACE

AN ARTIST FOR ALL TIMES • AN ARTIST OF THE PEOPLE

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Vincent van Gogh died never knowing the impact his art would continue to have on viewers. His vibrant palette and the emotionalism with which he captured



PORTRAIT OF JOSEPH ROULIN, 1888.

his subjects makes him an artist of the people, an artist for all times. It took van Gogh the first 27 years of his life to realize his one passion, the next 10 to develop his skills as an artist. From the drawing of a wounded veteran weathered by life to a character study of an old skipper from his "Heads of the People" series, and a vibrant portrait of a young French soldier, the 66 portraits in "Van Gogh: Face to Face," opening March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, leads viewers on a journey that documents those torturous times from the early 1880s until his death from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvres-sur-Oise, north of Paris, in 1890.

Co-organized by the Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and Philadelphia Museum of Art, the exhibition paints a picture of the man, who in his adult years, surrounded himself with the working class and down-trodden to paint the people society forgot. A rebel of sorts, van Gogh never quite fit in with society. Battling to find his place, the tall red-haired misfit sympathized with the coal miners eking out the barest existence in the Borinage region of Belgium and the long-forgotten pen-

sioners at the Dutch Reformed Old People's Home in The Hague. In his portraits, he captures their sadness, melancholy and weariness.

"Van Gogh by representing them he's representing himself," said

George Keyes, who initiated the exhibition after Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford II donated a portrait of Joseph Roulin to the museum in 1992. "Many people can identify with van Gogh because he had such a great hardship—that he could overcome this. There's a tremendous mythology about this artist. He was a member of a well-heeled family, a reader of 19th century literature from Zola to Balzac. He identified with the characters in the novels. He had a photographic memory, all qualities in his art."

The rapidly worked canvases and drawings illustrate the intense manner in which van Gogh worked. His energy and emotion can be seen in the deft brush and pencil strokes. Van Gogh had an affection for his subjects and strove to capture their souls. He never copied from nature but instilled a spirit.

"We need to stress he has this strong sense of evangelical zeal when he was work-



HEAD OF A PEASANT WOMAN WITH WHITE CAP, 1885.

ing with the people in the coal mining region," Keyes said. "He was a very empathetic artist who identifies with the subject. So far as the portraits versus character studies, we need to focus on the artist's unique interest in these personalities, these waifs of society."

Dedicated

Van Gogh had a history of copying masters such as Rembrandt throughout his career. Obsessed with becoming an accomplished draughtsman even before a painter, he refused to sketch or paint from casts. On the other hand, models were financially difficult to come by for van Gogh, who would either give up money set aside for food or trade the finished portrait for a sitting. When models were unavailable, he copied masters such as Millet or did self-portraits.

"In St.-Remy he didn't have access to the outer world so Theo (his brother and an art dealer in Paris) sent him copies of Millet who focused on the same type of subject matter—peasants," said Keyes. "Van Gogh has a way with characters. They seem to have an inner life, a spirit of their own."

"Van Gogh was one of the great pioneers of modernism. He liberated color from a descriptive agent and an art that strove for realism. Color became for him the primary agent for expression. He was a classic artist of the



BEARDLESS FISHERMAN SEEN EN FACE, 1883.

Please see **FACE TO FACE, C2**



THE ZOUAVE, 1888, OIL ON CANVAS



ITALIAN WOMAN OR L'ITALIENNE, (AGNOSTINA SEGATORIO, 1888, OIL ON CANVAS



HEAD OF MAN, 1886-1887, OIL ON CANVAS

IMPACT

Record crowds, international prestige expected with portrait exhibit



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Gatekeepers: George Keyes, curator of European Paintings (left), and Graham Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, stand at the entrance to the most anticipated exhibit in the museum's history, "Van Gogh: Face to Face."

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The swirling anticipation is hardly coincidental as the Detroit Institute of Arts prepares to host a 12-week evangelical revival starring Vincent van Gogh.

The minister of intense color, coarse brushstrokes and hauntingly empathetic renderings of common people is in the building.

In the spirit of his superstar status, expect images of van Gogh on T-shirts, posters, hats and other memorabilia.

After all, this is the retro 2000s. History is to be merged and purged as needed. Hype? That's a mere prerequisite.

Doors to Van Gogh: Face to Face open next Sunday, during a month when terminal gray Michigan weather has been known to induce bouts of

ear-cutting anguish and a longing for the expressive color of spring.

By any popular or critical standard, a van Gogh exhibit is an immediate, large-scale draw. It is also a stunning display of some of the most valuable art in the world. Depending on the piece, an original painting by van Gogh can attract between \$50-\$70 million.

After Rembrandt, no other Dutch painter's name comes next. Yet because of his dramatic, tortured life, distinctive style and prolific output, the late 19th-century artist's greatest influence might not only be on Expressionism and as a patron saint of tortured artists.

Perhaps more than any other artist, van Gogh represents the 20th-century's preoccupation with the psychology and personal life of artists.

Please see **IMPACT, C2**

Lecture reveals the process and history behind van Gogh's art

BY LINDA ANN CHROMI... The audience was buzzing about the much-anticipated showing of portraits by an artist whose captured the imaginations of generations of viewers - art lovers and novices alike.

Roulin, the acquisition which led to DIA curator George Keyes proposing the idea for the exhibition. "This portrait was done in the south of France," said Humphrey.

anytime Wednesday through Sunday. On Monday and Tuesday, only the van Gogh exhibit will be open. Barbara Young was delighted with the number of people who turned out for the Brown Bag Lecture at the Joanne Winkler-Hulec Center for the Arts.

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Post-Impressionistic phase - beyond realism to something spiritual. Keyes personally is taken with some of the drawings even though they're in black and white.

"Van Gogh used only the best paper, thick with texture and he applied with such force it almost indented the paper like a relief." George Keyes Curator

Exhibition history Keyes developed a fondness for van Gogh's work while living in The Netherlands where van Gogh was born.

Installation Walking through this premier showing of portraits, the excitement builds. Before installing the exhibition, full-size reproductions of every work in the show were made.

Challenge "The biggest challenge was the time restraint, when all three institutions could take the show, working around restraints which were caused by Van Gogh's van Goghs in LA, and the Art Institute of Chicago and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

Viewers are face to face with van Gogh's drawings as they begin their walk then become mesmerized by his use of color during his time in Paris, St-Remy, Arles and Auvers. "Portrait of a Restaurant Owner" and "Woman by a Cradle" are two of the most Impressionistic works from his time in Paris.

With the opening of Van Gogh: Face to Face, the DIA will inevitably ride along with the van Gogh renaissance.

Expenses for the 66-portrait show, however, are far from modest. The portraits have been loaned from 26 museums, including the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and from co-organizers, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

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Whatever revenue remains after expenses, said Beal, will be earmarked to fund future exhibits and the general operating budget for the museum. "We're going into this being happy if we break even," said Beal.

ART FAIRS & SHOWS

CHURCHILL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW The 12th annual show is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at Church High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. (734) 523-0022.

PEWABIC POTTERY A one-day festival of ceramic tiles from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 at St. George Cultural Center, 1515 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. For information call Pewabic Pottery at (313) 822-0954.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS ART IN THE PARK Common Ground Sanctuary is accepting artist applications for the 26th annual Art in the Park art fair.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS The Soldier's Tale at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 5 at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel, Bloomfield Hills and at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit. (248) 362-9DCW.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Pictures at an Exhibition" and "Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis," performed at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

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LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION Through March 30 - The Visual Arts Association of Livonia. Through March 30 - Michigan Doll Makers Guild at Livonia Civic Center Library. 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490.

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Fiona proves she's nobody's 'paw'n Go ahead, call it self-indulgent. The 90-word title of Fiona Apple's latest album has been analyzed to death. A poem derived from what the young artist considered to be an unfair article about her and her work is a title which requires one sufficient attention span and one deep breath.

Band-ing together Concert happenings: The Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings will perform in The Soldier's Tale at 3 p.m. Sunday March 5 and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 362-9DCW.

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Handbags are all the rage for spring and summer

Well girls, if you're one place to put your money this season, it's in the bag.

Specifically, a new handbag. Purses are all the rage this season. And, rather than there being a must-have element or design trend, there's something for everybody.

While Kate Spade has made preppy colors, like baby blues and pastel pink, chic again in her purses, Donna Karan has reinvented the lady-like clutch in faux crocodile and snake skin.

Although a variety of elements are making this season's purses interesting and exciting, texture is probably the most important.

Beading, one texture alternative, adds romance to daytime dressing.

Animal print on backpacks, on the other hand, brings new spirit to college campuses. One designer that went strong with animal print was Nine West. Their square totes in leopard, pony and cow prints have a fresh look for day or evening dressing.

Other texture trends to look out for include floral embellishments, sequins, embroidery and straw.

While straw bags have been around for ages, designers are making them interesting for today's woman. One example can be seen at Tender, a women's clothing boutique in downtown Birmingham. The store's straw bags by Lulu Guinness scream unique.

"This season is about adding interest via accessories," says Tender's co-owner Cheryl Daskas of the trend. "When wearing a pair of black cropped pants and a colorful, cashmere sweater, pull it together with a patterned purse. This season is not about black," says Daskas.

And, color is a huge consideration this season.

Just in time for spring, designers are unleashing a variety of bags in a rainbow of colors, as well as patterns and shapes, which are spectacular enough to make anyone's arm ache for a new satchel.

When it comes to making a statement with a bag, how better to do it than with color? Bright red, citrus orange and sunshine yellow are hot picks, if you are looking to introduce color into your wardrobe.

Choose one that is strong enough to make an entrance, but not so bold as to overwhelm your outfit. Such vibrant colors work well with slinky bags that easily drip over the shoulders.

Size and function also have arisen as important handbag elements. After a season of small styling, totes have appeared again, taking on the size of any load, even a trip to the beach.

Emphasizing fashion and function, Lord and Taylor's own label has a few structured, mid-size handbags designed to take you just about anyplace.

Especially notable are the retailer's Bohemian-striped canvas bag and pastel cotton tote with just the perfect amount of beading.

Need a look that's practical, hip and 21st century all at the same time? For the die-hard user of technology, there are a slew of bags with cell phone compartments.

And, if embellishment isn't your style, and the new twist on purses doesn't feel right, there's still lots of micro-fiber bags out there.

Across the board, the variations are endless. So for a quick update to your wardrobe, consider one of the new handbags of the season. The bottom line, from soccer mom to young professional, every woman can find a place for a new purse in her wardrobe.

Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari at OERead@aol.com



Anticipating spring: Saks Fifth Avenue's runway show of the St. John spring collection, the first fashion show of the season, drew an excited crowd. Holding their front row seats are, left to right, Janna Schlitter of Bloomfield Hills, Dotti Howe of Birmingham, Kelly Gustafsson of Birmingham, and Margaret Gressle of Troy. Many of the show's attendees donned pink and other spring colors, showing they're more than ready for the new season. A benefit for The Community House in Birmingham, the St. John show presented classic looks in vibrant colors.

Itching for spring First local fashion show of the season packs in pastels and tropical hues

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Ladies, dressed in suits - several are pink - stand in clusters in the designer department of Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, talking.

At the same time, they balance glasses of white wine and small plates of poached salmon and dainty roll-up sandwiches in their hands. One woman dons a strawberry-colored hat. Another wears a bright teal print skirt. Many wear basic black with Pashmina wraps and tops in hot pink and other spring colors.

The scene, if you haven't yet guessed, is a reception for the first fashion show of the season, a runway presentation of St. John's spring collection hosted by Saks.

Never mind the groundhog's shadow. Spring fashion has arrived.

Once more, fashion-forward shoppers will have ample opportunity in coming weeks to scrutinize the season's cuts and colors and particulars on local runways.

The St. John show, held Thursday to benefit The Community House in Birmingham, precedes several planned spring fashion shows, including a presentation of Michael Kors Celine line hosted by Jacobson's.

Even if you're not ready to start donning traditional spring colors like those at St. John, show, prepare to be dazzled by sherbet colors and bright citrus tones on area runways.

"Color. Color. That's it," said Amanda Turner, Somerset Collection fashion director, following the presentation, which was dominated by spring pastels like lilac, ice pink and mint green and tropical colors, such as bright turquoise and lime.

The audience seemed to embrace the flood of spring and summer shades, and even those dressed in darker colors said they planned to wear bright colors this season. "Everything's been gray, blue and black for so long," said Dotti Howe, of Birmingham. "We need cheering up."

Color aside, St. John's spring line, like other designer collections, showcased feminine details. Among them: tiny bows at the cuff and on colorful shoes, three-quarter-length sleeves reminiscent of Jackie Onassis, scalloped edges and loads of sequins, beads and pearls on both day and evening wear.

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The word casual did seem to enter St. John's vocabulary in a way it hasn't before. St. John is best known for making quality knit suiting, but denim jackets and jeans in pink and black and blueberry and ivory with backpacks, mesh pockets and silver clasps made an appearance midway through the show.

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Upcoming fashion shows

Jacobson's debuts Celine by Michael Kors
When: noon (Lunch), 12:45 p.m. (show), Tuesday, March 14
Where: Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham
Seating: Limited, call (248) 644-6900, ext. 885

Saks Fifth Avenue shows Anna Klein 2000 for benefit
When: 11 a.m. (brunch), 11:30 a.m. (show), Thursday, March 16
Where: Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Anne Klein Boutique, second floor
Tickets: \$25-\$35 to benefit Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County, call (248) 332-7173

St. Patrick's Day spring fashion show for benefit
When: Strolling buffet and auction begin at 7 p.m., fashion show follows, Friday, March 17
Where: Somerset Collection in Troy, South, main entrance
Tickets: \$85 to benefit Our My Own of Michigan, call (248) 649-3739

Somerset Collection shows spring collections
When: 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18
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Citrus hues: A classic St. John suit looks fresh and vibrant in a tropical lime shade.

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WHERE CAN I FIND?

- This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.
- WHAT WE FOUND:**
- A coupon organizer (nylon with dividers) can be purchased through Hannah Hanson, 1901 Wilshire Blvd. #A, Santa Monica, California 90403.
 - All-cotton lighties can be purchased through the Hanna Anderson catalog, (800) 222-0544.
 - An electric potato peeler by Rival (#63304) can be purchased through Home Market Place, (800) 356-3876, or www.thehomeplace.com.
 - Luden's cough drops can be purchased at the Rite-Aid in the Newburgh Plaza, 6 mile & Newburgh roads in Livonia.
 - A store in the Livonia/Canton area that sells Mother-of-the-bride dresses.
 - A company that would perform repairs on a Seeburg jukebox.
- FIND & SEARCH NOTES:**
- We found the following items: a portable phonograph, a June, 1958 Chadsey High School yearbook and a reader who has a millennium princess Barbie doll.
 - WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:
 - A Samselite metal card table chair for children (yellow/grey) for Mary.
 - A video tape copy of a program about events and influential people of the century that aired Thursday, January 24, 2000 on WDIV-Channel 4 television and the Microsoft Barney character software for children.
 - "Barney Under the Sea," "Barney goes to the Circus," or "Fun on the Farm" for Colleen.
 - A store where a whistling tea kettle that shuts off when it reaches boiling-point can be bought for Barbara of Troy.
 - A store where the game Michigan Runway can be purchased for Jack, a resident of Livonia.
 - A Detroit Brady Elementary School book from 1944-45 (it had poems and pictures) for Florence, who lives in Southfield.
 - The game Scotland Yard for Debbie.
 - British Sterling men's stick deodorant for Shirley of Livonia.
 - A store that sells FINESSE hair brushes for Judy.
 - Drapery Boutique's "Moon Glow" curtains, sheets, drapes and scarves, either new or used, for Debbie, a Canton resident.
 - A gasket for a Mirromatic 4-quart pressure cooker for Agatha of Livonia.
 - The Millennium Barbie's from McDonald's for Nancy, a resident of Livonia.
 - A store where Corn Huskers hand lotion can be bought for Elia, who lives in Redford.
 - The 1999 Waterford "Twelve Days of Christmas" ornament series for Helen of Livonia.
 - Coty's 24-hour crème lipstick in "Redstone" for Lois of Livonia.
 - A June, 1950 Grosse Pointe High School yearbook and AGZALELAND lavender-water men's after-shave for Mike, who lives in Plymouth.
 - A June 18, 1998 copy of the Detroit News/Free Press front-page or section for Carol of Troy.
 - Old-fashioned, library-style and antique dictionaries stands for Joanne of Bloomfield Township.
 - The book "Alphie, the Christmas Tree" by John Denver for Cyndie.
 - A store where a heating coil for use in a cigarette lighter or coffee warmer can be purchased for Regina of Commerce.
- WHAT WE FOUND:**
- A 1939 Commerce High School yearbook for Grace, who lives in Livonia.
 - A store where "Wibbles that Wobble" can be bought for Marge of Canton.
 - A 6 or 8-ounce Vernon's ginger ale glass (used for ice cream floats) for John.
 - A store where bed sheets for a 3/4 antique bed can be bought for Janet, who resides in Clarkston.
 - A pastry cloth by Foley and sheet music for "Dancing Doll" by E. Poldini (soprano solo part) for Gail of Dearborn.
 - A 1934 Ferndale Lincoln High School yearbook for Catherine of Novi.
 - A video tape of the movie "Bus Top" for Heidi of Bloomfield Hills.
 - A store that sells products from the Super Guard II Ideal Security Hardware Corporation, based in St. Paul, Minn., for Christine, who lives in Ortonville.
 - A store where homemade pizza rolls with lots of cheese and pepperoni (wrapped tightly) can be bought for Kim of Livonia.
 - A store where standard mattress sheets, not the deep-fitted ones and not with elastic surrounding the entire sheet, can be bought for Marie of Canton.
 - A store where a battery-operated flour sifter can be bought for Sandra, a resident of Sterling Heights.
 - A store where a laundry bag that attaches to a laundry chute and has a zippered bottom would be available for Debbie, who lives in Livonia.
 - A store that sells short, taffeta, half-slips for Sharon of West Bloomfield.
 - A store that sells Lagerfeld KL cologne for women for Sandy, a resident of West Bloomfield.
 - A store that sells women's Air Step shoes for Mary of Sylvan Lake.
 - A Nettle Creek bedspread, carried by Jacobson's about 20 years ago, for Barbara of Bloomfield Hills.
 - A store that sells Aileen clothing for women for Patricia.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas*

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Cotton heaven: Clothing designer Michael Kors uses cotton to create a sleek and modern look that's comfortable and lightweight. His double cotton poplin raincoat is shown in paper bag tan, \$525. Cotton trousers are brilliant in tangerine, \$245, with a long-sleeved, floral print shirt of cotton, \$190, all at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Calvin colors: Calvin Klein launches its new color cosmetics collection in March. The approach to the line, which includes skin care products, foundation and eye, cheek and lip color, is based on enhancing and revealing the skin, \$14-38 at Hudson's.

Urban floral: DKNY Women, a new fragrance by DKNY, makes traditional floral scents rounder and heavier - lending flowers an urban feeling - by adding such aromas as blood oranges, chilled vodka, white birch and tomato leaf, \$38-55 at Hudson's.

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ADDED ATTRACTIONS

ESCALA STOCK SHOW
View Escada's spring and summer collection at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Sportswear, third floor.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

MOTHER-OF-THE-BRIDE SHOW
Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia holds two fashion shows highlighting the latest looks for the mother-of-the-bride, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fashion also may be seen in a trunk show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

TAHARI TRUNK SHOW
View Tahari's spring collection of suiting at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Galleria, third floor.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW
Livonia Mall, 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, hosts a puppet performance of Punch and Judy for children and families, 1 p.m., Value City court.

JEWELRY DESIGNER VISITS
Jewelry designer Laura Gibson brings her collection to Jacobson's stores: March 9 at Rochester Hills store and March 10 at downtown Birmingham store, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Fine Jewelry.

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TRAVEL

Holy city of Jerusalem leaves lasting impression

(Editor's note: Diane Hanson of Canton recently took a trip of a lifetime - she visited Israel. This is part II of her two-part story.)

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

The City of David is the capital of Israel and the largest and most populated city in the country.

Old Jerusalem is at the heart of one of the holiest and most intriguing cities in the world.

King David chose Jerusalem to be his capital and built the first temple there which was destroyed by the Babylonians in 565 BC. King Herod, who died in 4 BC, built the second temple, where Jesus was brought by his parents, where he taught and prayed. That temple was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

The Jewish Quarter in the Old City dates to the 15th century when the Jewish people desired to live in the area of the Western (Wailing) Wall, the only remnant of the second temple. The tradition of praying at the wall began around AD 200-300 when some rabbis taught that the presence of God still remains at the location of the former Holy of Holies.

To this day pilgrims come to the Wall to pray and insert prayers and petitions, written on bits of paper, into the cracks of the towering ancient artifact.

But just on the other side of the Wailing Wall on the Temple Mount, standing on the location of the former Jewish Temple is yet another reason for religious tension. There the Dome of the Rock was built in AD 691 and is now the Muslim mosque that encompasses the huge rock believed to be where Mohammed ascended into heaven, leaving his footprint embedded in the boulder's surface. It is also a holy site for Jews and Christians as the place where Abraham nearly sacrificed his son Isaac at the Lord's command.

Its golden dome and intricate blue mosaic exterior make it an easily identifiable landmark in the Old City.

Traveling through the Christian section of the city, I found the Garden of Gethsemane was smaller than I had imagined. But seeing the garden with its ancient olive trees was incredibly inspiring. The oldest, biggest and most gnarled tree there is believed to date back to the time of Jesus.

I had anticipated a spiritual experience walking along the Via Dolorosa (the 14 Stations of the Cross), beginning at the Church of the Flagellation and

Don't leave home without...

Traveling to Israel can be the experience of a lifetime. Being well-informed and prepared ahead of time can make things go much more smoothly.

■ **Pack light** - Although Israel is a small country, there are so many sites to see that you will be frequently packing up to move to the next destination.

Take coordinating clothing that can be mixed and matched and preferably wrinkle-free.

Lightweight pants and short-sleeved shirts are appropriate in most areas. During the warmer months of summer and fall, shorts would be more comfortable for visiting the ancient ruins and sites in the desert areas, but don't plan on wearing them or tank tops or low-cut tops to any of the holy sites - you may be turned away. Pack a sweater or light jacket. Even summer evenings can drop below the 70s, especially in the northern regions of the country.

■ Many hotels have **irons and**

hair dryers, but if you are staying in a kibbutz-type lodging you may wish to bring travel appliances with you. An electrical converter set will also be necessary.

■ **Money** - Dollars can be converted into shekels at the airport in Israel or at any bank there. U.S. dollars are also accepted in many places. Most major credit cards are welcome nearly everywhere in Israel and, yes, there are ATM machines.

■ **Phone home** - If you plan on staying in contact with family and friends back in the U.S. be sure to take some pre-paid phone cards with you. I have seen the cards available for as low as \$12 for 200 minutes. Even though a 60-minute card will only last about seven minutes when calling from Israel, it is still considerably cheaper than dialing direct from a hotel.

■ **Travel info** - The official Web site of the Israel Ministry of Tourism is www.goisrael.com or call them toll-free at 1-888-77-ISRAEL.



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON
A moment of prayer: An Orthodox Jewish man is deep in prayer as he walks near the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

six Christian faiths, each responsible for its own section. To avoid conflict, the guardians of the key to the door of the church are two Muslim families. Every morning and every evening, a family member climbs the ladder to unlock or lock the massive door.

The Roman Catholics have an altar at the 13th station where Jesus is nailed to the cross. The Greek Orthodox claim the 14th station with an altar built over top of the rock where Jesus was crucified - Golgatha - visible through the glass floor and from below. They also claim Jesus' tomb.

Must-see museums

We visited the Tower of David Museum near the end of our trip through Israel, but perhaps that would be a good place to start. It holds a fabulous introduction to Jerusalem's 4,000 years of history. The restored remains of the 2,000-year-old citadel became the site of the museum. Each room holds a different period of Jerusalem's history.

The Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum is the major attraction there and inspiring. But, if time permits, there is so much more at the museum, including archeological finds and the interiors of three original synagogues.

A visit to Yad Vashem - the National Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust - is one that few can leave with dry eyes. The



Divided: The Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is the holiest of Christian sites. The church is divided between six Christian faiths and, to keep the peace, two Muslim families hold the key to the massive door.

vivid photographs and written descriptions left impressions on me that will last a lifetime.

The memorial to the 15,000 children who died is at the same time, beautiful and eerie. Points of light representing the children, their names and countries read in a continuous steady rhythm, permeate the total darkness inside.

"This is not a holocaust of just the Jews," said our guide, Oded Geva, whose parents escaped Germany just after Adolph Hitler was made chancellor. "This place is a warning to the whole world. We are not talking here about Jews, we are talking about people."

Galilee

Of all the magnificent ancient and holy sites in Israel, my

favorite was the Galilee area. The Galilee, as the area around the sea is referred to, is lush, green and fertile with an abundance of colorful flowers.

It is certain Jesus visited the Sea of Galilee - the only freshwater body in Israel. In Capernaum, a fifth-century AD synagogue sits atop the ruins of one of just two synagogues - the other was in Masada.

The remains of what is believed to be St. Peter's house are in Capernaum.

The house had been extended into an octagonal church - for the eight blessings of the Beatitudes - in the early days of Christianity.

Tabgha, on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee is the home of two important sites.

One is the traditional site where it is believed Jesus fed 5,000 with two fish and five loaves.

The remains of two successive Byzantine churches built in the fourth and fifth centuries were found there in 1932. The Benedictines built the church standing there today.

Tell us about your trip of a lifetime. Send photos, with a brief description of your trip, and a phone number where you can be reached, to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. Please do not e-mail photographs.



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FOCUS ON WINE



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Cal-Itals are steeped in tradition

Italian-origin wine grapes grown in California are dubbed Cal-Itals. California's wine heritage stems from Italian families who brought their wine traditions to the United States. Today, these families have 100 years or longer in the California wine business. They've gone back to their roots and are raising awareness of three red varietals in particular — barbera, sangiovese and nebbiolo.

■ **Barbera:** From its birthplace in Italy's Piedmont, barbera is challenged only by Tuscany's sangiovese in versatility. The Piedmontese refer to barbera as a "people's wine," meaning a wine to be drunk in youth or while waiting for the region's great wines, Barbaresco and Barolo, to age. Barbera excites California wine-makers. At some producers are old hands at it, but newcomers have added it to their growing portfolio of Cal-Itals.

Piedmontese barbera is bottled in a wide array of styles from young and fruity to dark, intense, extracted versions with heady aromas. Some of this is due to variances among soil type and microclimates, but wine-making practices contribute significantly. Not all Piedmont barbera is oak aged.

California, too, is developing a wide range of styles. While most producers age their wine in oak, some are stylizing for early release and drinkability with minimum cellaring in older cooperage.

■ **Sangiovese:** From Italy's Tuscany region, Chianti is the best-known red wine. It draws its charm from the sangiovese grape, but there seems to be no limit to variations Tuscan producers have created when working with this varietal. Grown in California, sangiovese is beginning to show a similar potential.

Under "traditional" Chianti wine-making, the law required a blend of 20 percent lesser grape varieties. This law stifled creative potential of both producer and grapegrower. A new law effected in 1984, allows up to 10 percent of non-traditional varieties such as cabernet sauvignon to be blended with a maximum of 90 percent sangiovese.

■ **Nebbiolo:** Native to the Piedmont region, it is the great red grape responsible for some of the longest-lived wines in Italy — Barbaresco and Barolo. The grape name derives from "nebbia," fog in Italian, a frequent phenomenon in the Piedmont during the October grape harvest.

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Wine Picks

■ Pick of the pack: Arzuaga Crianza from Ribera del Duero in Spain (\$27) is everything a great Spanish red wine should be — beautiful fruit, concentrated flavor with integrated oak. Spanish cuisine is trendy. It deserves the complement of a great wine. This is it!

■ Last month we wrote about Meritage wines and unfortunately, the 1997 Geyser Peak Reserve Alexandre Meritage (\$45) was not yet available for our comparative tasting. Guaranteed, it would have been highly ranked as a magnificent blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot, cabernet franc and malbec — all five of the great Bordeaux varietals. Cellar it for a few years and reap more taste rewards.

■ Outstanding chardonnays: 1996 Casa Lapostolle Cuvee Alexandre (Chile), \$18; 1998 Hogue Barrel Select, \$14 (an absolute steal at this price); and 1998 William Hill Reserve, \$22 (creamy and delicious); and 1998 Kumeu River Mate's Vineyard (New Zealand), \$42, a bit pricey as it seems all New Zealand wines are, but very good.

■ Finding good cabernet sauvignon with a Napa Valley designation under \$20 gets more difficult. Eureka! Try 1997 Beauvieu Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (\$16) — a great value.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Lots-a lovin' goes into



Soup's on: Sylvia Bernstein of West Bloomfield, a finalist in the Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest, stirs up her entry. Curtis Rellinger and Joe Wnuk of Westland, also known as Chef Curtis and Chili Joe who host a local cable cooking show, stir their batch of Dr. Benjamin Overstreet's Chicken Soup.

chicken soup



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Making chicken soup is something people put their hearts into.

"Mine comes from the heart. I make it to make my kids feel better," said Sylvia Bernstein of West Bloomfield, one of the finalists in the second annual Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest held Friday, Feb. 25, at Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield.

Sitting at a table waiting for the judges to begin tasting the chicken soups simmering in Crock-Pots, Bernstein and Sandra Biagini of Clarkston, last year's winner and one of this year's finalists, struck up a conversation.

Both wore heart necklaces, and agreed making chicken soup is about the nicest thing you can do for someone who's not feeling well.

"It's just a way you show people you really care about them and that you're trying to do something to help them. It shows you're interested in their well-being," said Carolyn Silverstein of Franklin, who won this year's contest.

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— Carolyn Silverstein

Her Mediterranean Chicken Soup is not an old recipe. It's something she just put together. "I always make up stuff as I go along," she said. "I was experimenting with combining leftover rice, cooked spinach, and artichokes to create a 'Heart Smart' yet tasty soup with some ingredients my husband I both enjoyed. Cooking the rice with the soup makes it creamier."

Reducing fat and cholesterol has been a concern since Silverstein's husband, Barry, suffered a heart attack. When she makes soup, she lets it cool overnight, and removes the hardened fat the next day.

Attending to its medicinal qualities, Chef Keith Famie, one of the judges who was fighting a cold, said Silverstein's soup was "refreshing. There's a balance of acids, the artichokes with lemon," he said. "It does help colds," said Silverstein. "I was coming down with one and this soup help stave it off."

Joe Wnuk and Curtis Rellinger of Westland, best known as Chili Joe and Chef Curtis, hosts of a local cable cooking show, placed second in the contest.

They spent three weeks researching to develop their prize-winning recipe.

"I collect musical instruments and found the recipe tucked into an old violin case," said Wnuk.

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Check your family's eating habits in March

March is National Nutrition Month. Do you know what you and your family should be eating? Let's take a look at the top-rated foods for the new millennium.

Top-rated foods for 2000

■ **SOY**

Throughout the '90s, health professionals recommended soy products for cholesterol lowering, cancer prevention and alleviation of menopause symptoms.

Soy contains phytoestrogens. Phytoestrogens belong to a family called phytochemicals. Phytochemicals are substances naturally present in plants that help protect the plant from severe weather, insects and stress. In your body, they can aid in preventing the origination and growth of cancerous tumors and slow cancer cell growth. Phytoestrogen containing foods can also help

prevent hot flashes as well as help prevent osteoporosis. Phytoestrogens contain the isoflavones genistein and daidzein, which can prevent osteoporosis. Soyfoods include tofu, tempeh, soy cheese, soymilk and "meat-free" products such as veggie burgers.

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■ **RED GRAPES**

Is wine good or bad for your heart? In countries such as France, alcohol consumption has been related to a lower incidence of heart disease. But some experts argue that the social support or even the relaxation and bonding that occurs during "happy hour" is perhaps more related to the

prevention of heart disease than the alcohol itself. Alcohol, specifically red wine, contains a substance called resveratrol, which helps prevent

arteries from clogging up. However, red grapes and its juice also has resveratrol without any of the negative aspects from alcohol.

Red wine contains polyphenols, another phytochemical important for heart disease and cancer prevention. Green tea and chocolate also contain polyphenols.

■ **FLAX**

Flaxseeds and flax oil have the highest omega-3 fatty acid and lignin content of any food. Omega-3 fatty acids can help prevent heart disease, promote energy and fight depression. Lignins are substances that act like estrogens in the body and can bind to estrogen receptors.

In this way, lignins can regulate your body's estrogen production in a way similar to isoflavones in soy products. In turn, lignins can be bone building. Sprinkle flaxseeds on your breakfast cereal or in your smoothie. If you are using flax oil, mix with herbs to make salad dressings or drizzle on foods after cooking. Do not heat the flax oil as heating destroys the omega-3 fatty acids.

■ **OLIVE OIL**

Don't be fat-phobic. Several years ago, it was thought that only calories were important. You could eat hot dogs and ice cream all day if you chose to, as long as you kept your calories below a certain number. Then fat became the only factor of importance. Eat as many calories as you want to, just don't eat any fat. This approach worked for some people and backfired for others, especially those who tended to overeat at snacks and meals. People gained weight on fat-free foods.

Now the pendulum has returned to the center. Calories and fat intake are both important. Dr. Gary Null, a physician who specializes in nutrition, appeared on NBC Today to promote the benefits of olive oil. He showed that the benefits of olive oil not only lowers cholesterol and maintains blood sugar, but a little bit of olive oil with meals helps to create a feeling of satiety. When you incorporate olive oil with meals, you tend to feel full and are not looking for something to eat two hours later.

■ **GARLIC**

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explaining the history behind Dr. Benjamin Overstreet's Chicken Soup Recipe. The duo invented the character "Dr. Overstreet," a traveling medicine man who roamed the streets of old Detroit making this chicken broth for hundreds of his cold-waning customers. "The good doctor pioneered the theory that a 'healing combustion' develops when chicken meat is boiled with certain vegetables." The secret to making good chicken soup, they agree, is all in the stock. Use fresh chicken, veggies and cold filtered water. Wnuk and Curtis also spent a lot of time deciding on the perfect noodle for their soup, and found one-inch medium egg noodles worked best. What made their soup unusual was corn and peas. They added color and flavor. "It goes back to my childhood," said Curtis. "My grandma used to add corn and peas to her soup." John Gallagher of Grosse Pointe Woods placed third in the contest. Old Fashioned Twice Boiled Soup was his mother's recipe with a few changes made

looking forward to being on the show." Silverstein found out Thursday night that she was a finalist in the contest, the first cooking contest she ever entered. She made the soup that night, and got up early Friday morning to finish it in time for the contest. As part of her prize she also received a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamour. Second prize was dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield. Third prize was a cookbook from Kitchen Glamour. See recipes inside.

Learn all about vegetarian diet

Consumers can learn about eating a healthy vegetarian diet 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Royal Oak Senior Center. There is no admission charge. The event will feature free food samples, free recipes and free handouts on health and nutrition, videos and other information resources. The event is also two days before the Great American Meatout scheduled for March 20. Sponsors of the Meatout say its purpose is to help consumers kick the meat habit and explore a "more wholesome, less violent diet."

Local sponsors include the Royal Oak Medical Center and a coalition of vegetarian, animal rights, religious, and environmental groups. Some participating businesses are Amici's Pizza, Buday's Tasty Health, Good Food, Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Mei Ling Vegetarian Chinese, Om Cafe, Pita House, Salvatore Scallopini's and Whole Foods. The Royal Oak Senior Center is at 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. Marais is north off 13 Mile Road, at the first traffic light east of Crooks. The senior center is in the second block on the right. A map is available on the Internet at www.all4vegan.net/vim.htm. For more information, call (248) 288-3430.

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and personal trainer Shelly Gardynik. Shave off the top of the whole garlic, brush with olive oil and add a little salt and pepper, wrap in foil and bake at 350° F for 40 to 45 minutes. Peel and eat. Yum. Garlic contains allyl sulfides, a phytochemical important for heart disease and cancer prevention. Garlic has been shown to lower cholesterol and blood pressure as well as boost the immune system to fight infection. You can be generous with garlic while cooking or spread roasted garlic on crackers and enjoy. Make healthy eating, along with regular exercise, your goal for the millennium! Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company. Visit her website at www.nutritionsecrets.com. Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

MEAT-FREE QUESADILLAS

- 8 whole-wheat lavash
- 2 cups ground meat substitute (such as Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Crumbles)
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 large bell pepper (red, yellow or green)
- 4 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- pinch of black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 2 cups TVP (texturized vegetable protein), sauteed in 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 ounces shredded soy cheese
- 2 cups fresh salsa

In a large skillet, saute meat substitute, onion, bell pepper and garlic until softened, about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, cumin, cayenne, and black pepper.

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By comparison, barbers have 15 times more planted acreage than nebbiolo. Only a few California bottlings of nebbiolo have, in our opinion, demonstrated much of the grape's worth as a serious contender in the growing bevy of Cal-Ital reds. Look for top Cal-Italists made by: Amador Foothill, Andretti, Atlas Peak, Bonterra, Cambria, Iron Horse, La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi, L'Uvaggio di Giacomo, Montevina, Pepi, Seghesio and Venezia. Pop for Art Nowadays you hear and read a lot about auctions for everything including groceries. The

media hype outlandish prices for wines bought at auction. But a charity wine auction is not anything like this. You can experience what we mean Saturday, April 15 at the 18th annual WineFest, a wine auction benefiting the programs of the Ann Arbor Art Center. The festivities at the Marriott Hotel Eagle Crest Conference Resort, 1275 S. Huron, in Ypsilanti, begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction, strolling dinner and colossal wine tasting, followed by a live auction at 7:30 p.m. There will be post-auction dessert tables; port, cigar and cognac tent; live music and dancing. The cost is \$110 per person (a

DATE-NUT BREAKFAST BARS

- 3/4 cup frozen apple juice concentrate
 - 1 1/2 cups pitted dates
 - 1 cup flaxseed
 - 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- Place the apple juice concentrate and dates in a saucepan. Cover and cook over medium-high heat for five minutes, until softened. While the dates cook, grind the flaxseed in an electric coffee grinder 1/3 cup at a time. Pour the ground seeds into a food processor with the S blade inserted. Add the dates. Process until the mixture is doughlike. If the mixture rises above the processor blades, shut off the machine and push the mixture down with a spatula. Then, turn the machine back on.
- Pour into a bowl and mix with the walnuts. Turn the dough into 9- by 9-inch cake pan and press flat with damp hands to cover the entire bottom of the pan evenly. Cut into eight bars. Remove from the pan. Place in a storage container or in plastic sandwich bags. Refrigerate.

Classes offered

Schoolcraft College offers the following continuing education classes for residents who are interested in cooking: Thai Cuisine at Home, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 13 and 20; Pasta Cookery, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 16 and 23; Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m., Monday, April 3; Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Monday, April 17 and 24; and Buffet and Hors D'oeuvres - Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m., April 20 and 21. For information about Schoolcraft's courses, call 462-4448.

Prize-winning chicken soups will warm your heart

See related chicken soup contest story on Taste front.

DR. BENJAMIN OVERSTREET'S CHICKEN SOUP RECIPE

- Basic chicken soup ingredients**
- 1 (4 pound) roasting chicken
 - 2 large onions, quartered
 - 6 celery stalks
 - 4 large carrots, split lengthwise
 - 4 cloves fresh garlic, halved
 - 10 black peppercorns
 - 1 teaspoon thyme
 - 1 tablespoon salt
 - 8 cups water
- Soup ingredients**
- 1 large parsnip, peeled and diced into 1/4-inch cubes
 - 5 carrots, peeled and cut on the bias
 - 3 celery stalks, diced
 - 1 bag frozen peas (16 ounce bag)
 - 1 bag frozen corn (16 ounce bag)
 - 1 bag thin egg noodles (16 ounce bag)
 - 4 chicken bouillon cubes

Put chicken and all stock ingredients in a 12-quart stock pot, cover with 8 cups of water. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer for 2 hours.

Remove cooked chicken to a chopping board or plate. Strain stock to remove all vegetables and chicken parts. Reserve stock only. Skim the fat from the top of the stock. To make skimming the fat easier, place stock in the refrigerator for at least an hour, the fat will solidify and be easier to remove.

Debone chicken to remove all meat and cut into 1/2-inch cubes. Return strained chicken stock to the stock pot. Add the parsnip cubes, 5 cut carrots, cut chicken pieces and bouillon cubes. Bring stock to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer until carrots and parsnips are tender. Add peas, corn and 2 cups of the egg noodles. Cook for 15 minutes, salt and pepper to taste. Add additional noodles as desired. Makes 8 quarts.

Second prize winning recipe in the Temple Kol Ami Ultimate Chicken Soup

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@ec.homecom.net.

Vegetarian Cooking - Lenore Yalisoive Baum, author of Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking, conducts vegetarian cooking classes and has scheduled a session on soups for March 25 at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills. The class fee is \$35. Call (248) 478-4455.

Cake Decorating - Mary Ann Hollen will teach cake decorating methods at the Kitchen Glamour, 26770 Grand River, in Redford at three remaining sessions on Saturdays in March. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. March 11, 18 and 25. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

Pasta Tip - Chef Dave Martinico of the Traffic Jam & Snug Restaurant will show how easy it is to make your own pasta and ravioli at the restaurant, 511 West Canfield, two blocks west of Woodward at the corner of Second, near Wayne State University in Detroit. Recipes, lunch and a glass of wine is included in the \$50 class fee. Credit cards accepted. Call (313) 831-9470.

Potatoes - Michelle Fuller will instruct how to prepare various potato dishes, including caesar-style mashed potatoes and potato pancakes, along with cheesy ham and leek casserole. Classes are scheduled at Kitchen Glamour stores for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), and Wednesday, March 8, at 26770 Grand River, in Redford. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

Pressure Cooking - Toula Patsalis, author of The Pressure Cooking Cookbook, will provide information on how to handle, operate and cook with a pressure cooker, including how to prepare vegetable soup with sausage bits, chicken with arborio rice and peppers and South Pacific bread pudding with pineapple sauce. Sessions are scheduled for the Kitchen Glamour stores at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), and 1 p.m., Wednesday March 15, at 26770 Grand River, in Redford. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

Kids in the Kitchen - Home economist Daria Reynolds will instruct parents and grandparents with their children or grandchildren (aged 7-12) about the enjoyment of cooking. You and your child will learn how to wrap and roll phyllo pastry filled with berries and topped with ice cream

and chicken fingers, southwest style, wrapped in tortillas and served with a variety of sauces. Class is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Kitchen Glamour, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

Easter Eggs - Learn how to make panoramic Easter eggs with sugar, royal icing and an egg mold with Audrey Edwards at a three-hour class at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Kitchen Glamour, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

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Contest. Compliments of Chef Chili Joe (Wnuk) and Chef Curtis Rellingier. Visit their Web site http://chilijoandchefcurtis.webjump.com for information about their TV cable show "Tomorrow Today, the Cooking Show of Tomorrow," broadcast on MediaOne Cable TV in Westland, Plymouth, and Canton.

Third prize winner John Gallagher said this soup can be made as either turkey or chicken soup. Prior to starting the soup, roast two whole chickens or one turkey, with or without the stuffing. Carve, leaving plenty of meat on the bones, and use the carved meat with a meal, salad or whatever you wish. Remember to set aside some of the meat to add to the soup.

OLD FASHIONED TWICE BOILED SOUP

- 2 chicken carcasses or 1 turkey carcass, with as much skin removed as possible
- Water
- 3 medium yellow onions, coarsely chopped
- 1 medium onion, medium chopped

- 4 cups celery, coarsely chopped
 - 1 cup celery, diagonally sliced
 - 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/4 pound mushrooms, sliced
 - 3/4 cup carrots, peeled and sliced
 - 2 tablespoons celery leaf, chopped
 - 2 cups roasted meat, cut into small pieces
 - 4 cups cooked (1 minute less than recommended) egg noodles, extra wide
 - Freshly ground black pepper
 - Salt
- Break up the carcasses into pieces and put them in soup pot (minimum 8 quart) and cover with water (remember a little more water, a little more soup, and at this stage it can't hurt because you can always reduce later).
- Add the coarsely chopped onion, coarsely chopped celery, crushed red pepper, garlic powder, and about 1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper. Bring to boil, lower the heat, cover and simmer for 3 or 4 hours (maybe a little longer for the turkey), stirring occasionally.
- Allow to cool to a temperate temperature and strain broth through a colander and a double layer of cheese cloth, remove larger pieces of meat and set aside to return to soup later.
- Remove visible bones from mix, collect mash in cheese cloth and press to remove remaining broth (discard pressed mash and cheese cloth).
- Allow broth to cool so that fat congeals on surface, remove all but 1 large tablespoon of fat. Return broth to heat and bring to a boil, add the medium chopped onion, diagonally sliced celery and carrots. Allow this to boil 10 or 12 minutes, remove from heat, and immediately add mushrooms and celery leaf, stirring often for the next 2 minutes.
- Add the noodles and meat pieces. Salt and pepper to taste.
- Recipe compliments of John Gallagher.

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Memory care

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's Disease or any form of memory impairment is a difficult task. Caregivers are often called the hidden, or second, victim.

Altera-Clare Bridge of Livonia, a "memory care" residence located at 3250 Seven Mile Road, will present a free educational series once a month on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. for caregivers, medical professionals, friends and residents. The series will be held in the Community Center.

■ March 14 - Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice will feature guest speaker Elizabeth Carlson. Topic: Hospice 101.

■ April 18 - NeighborCare Pharmacy will feature guest speakers Sue Harrington, RN, BSN and Greg Kirchmayer, Topic: Osteoporosis and bone density. Bone density screening will be available.

■ May 9 - Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice will feature guest speaker Grace Fidler, MSW. Topic: Advanced directives, when and how soon they should be in place.

■ June 13 - Sharon M. Jones, Ph.D., will be the guest speaker. Topic: Stress management, emotions of caregiving.

Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations or Debbie Uelsmann for a tour at (248) 428-7055.

Learning disabilities

Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency will sponsor a "Learning Disabilities and Technology" conference 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at Wayne RESA in Wayne. Richard Wanderman, a successful adult with a learning disability, will present high- and low-tech ideas and resources to help people with disabilities build skills, compensate for weaknesses, participate more fully and have more fun.

Wanderman will discuss the use of highlighters, pens, digital clocks, tape recorders, electronic books, AlphaSmart keyboards, on-line services and much more. Registration is \$35 and includes handouts and lunch. To register, call Event Services Hotline at (734) 334-1406.

Urinary incontinence

Thirteen million Americans experience an uncontrolled loss of urine, called urinary incontinence. Incontinence is not a disease but a symptom of an underlying problem. It can be treated by a medical team approach, including physical therapy.

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a Carelink lecture on urinary incontinence 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Physical therapist Archana Uppal will lead a discussion on types of incontinence, its causes and the treatment options.

There is no charge for the lecture but registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

We want your health news

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

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STROKE

Minutes matter when treating strokes

More than 2,400 years ago, Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, recognized and described stroke - the sudden onset of paralysis. Today, stroke remains a lethal killer, yet many people do not know how to spot one and why every minute counts in responding.

"Stroke is the third leading killer of Americans, behind only heart disease and cancer, and it's also the number-one cause of long-term disability and nursing home placement among adults," says Dr. Susan Hickenbottom, a clinical assistant professor of neurology at the U-M Medical School.

"In the state of Michigan alone, it's now thought that there is a stroke every 40 minutes and about 6,000 deaths a year."

Simply put, a stroke is a disruption of blood flow to the brain, says Hickenbottom. That interrupts the supply of the brain's two main "fuels," oxygen and sugar. There are two kinds of full-fledged stroke and another form called a mini-stroke.

"About 20 percent of strokes happen when a blood vessel breaks open and blood is released into the brain. We call these hemorrhagic, or bleeding, strokes," she explains. "The more common type of stroke is where a blood vessel is blocked off, often by a blood clot or a cholesterol plaque. In either case, the area of the brain dies because it's not receiving its fuel."

Because a stroke can hit any part of the brain, it can affect everything from speech and vision to movement and breathing. Physicians have devised a list of five easy-to-remember warning signs that cover most typical stroke effects:

- Weakness, numbness or tingling in any part of the body, especially half of the body.
 - Difficulty producing speech, getting speech out, or understanding what others say.
 - Disruption of vision, loss of vision in one eye or sudden double vision.
 - Sudden onset of dizziness, usually accompanied by other symptoms.
 - Sudden, unexpected headache.
- For anyone experiencing these warning signs or noticing someone else having them, Hickenbottom

issues a simple directive: seek immediate medical attention.

Even if the warning signs don't last very long, the cause might be a mini stroke, known formally as a transient ischemic attack or TIA. Such an event is still a warning to head to the emergency room or the family doctor immediately, says Hickenbottom.

"A TIA serves as a warning that a person has something going on that's slowing the blood supply to the brain. If they were to ignore that

quickly. Hickenbottom and her U-M colleagues have confirmed earlier findings that tPA can prevent certain strokes from causing long-lasting effects in a large percentage of patients - if given quickly.

"The drawback is that there's a three-hour cut-off, so that a person needs to be seen, evaluated and diagnosed within three hours of the symptoms starting, or the tPA can't be given," says Hickenbottom.

"What happens is that during the installation process, one of the on-screen instruction boxes asks if the user wants tPA to be the user's primary internet connection. The default choice is 'No.' Clicking 'Yes,' however, invites AOL to move in and literally

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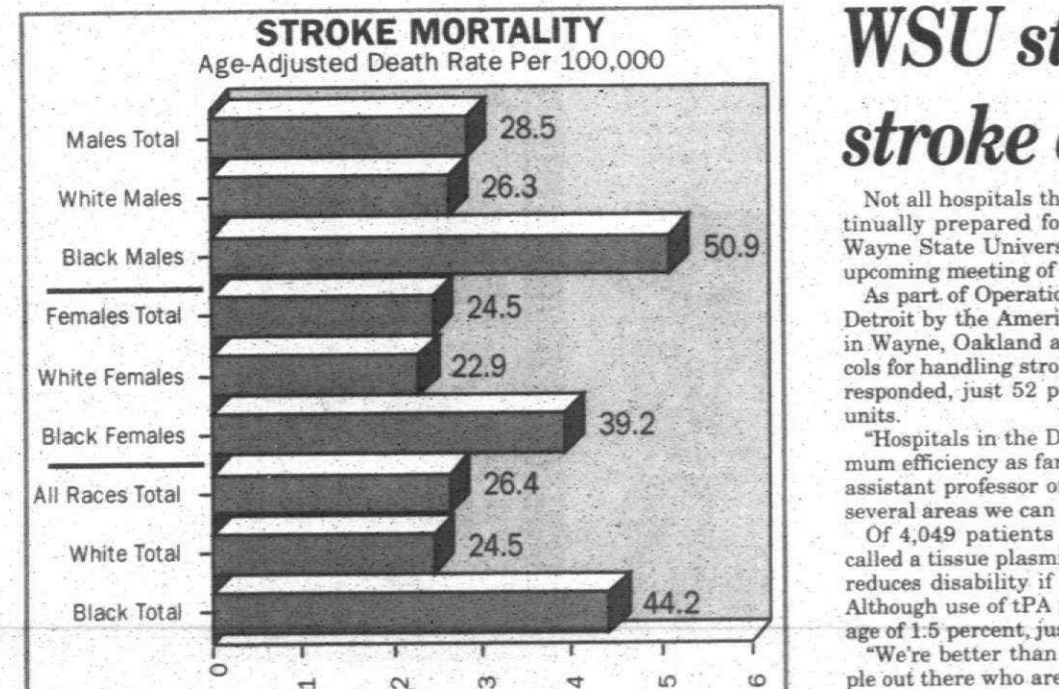
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Till next week, "73" - PC Mike

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The stroke toll

- Older Adults**
- For each decade after age 55, the risk of stroke doubles.
 - For adults over age 65, the risk of dying from stroke is seven times that of the general population.
 - Two-thirds of all strokes occur in people over age 65. The over-50 population is the fastest growing U.S. age group.
 - Stroke is a major factor in the late-life dementia that affects more than 40 percent of Americans over age 80.
- Women**
- Stroke kills more than twice as many American women every year as breast cancer.
 - Women account for approximately 43 percent of the strokes that occur each year, yet they account for 62 percent of stroke deaths. The explanation may be that stroke risk increases with age, and women generally live longer than men. In addition, women may on average be older than men at the time of stroke.
 - Women over 30 who smoke and take high-estrogen oral contraceptives have a stroke risk 22 times higher than average.
- African-Americans**
- Incidence rate for first stroke among African-Americans is almost double that of white Americans - 288 per 100,000 African-Americans, compared to 179 per 100,000 whites.
 - African-Americans suffer more extensive physical impairments that last longer than impairments suffered by other racial groups in the United States.
 - Stroke mortality for African-Americans is almost double that for whites.
 - African-Americans have a disproportionately high incidence of risk factors for stroke, particularly hypertension, diabetes, obesity, smoking and sickle cell anemia.
- Source: National Stroke Association, www.stroke.org/

WSU study finds better stroke care needed

Not all hospitals that treat acute stroke have facilities or personnel continually prepared for stroke evaluation and treatment, according to a Wayne State University School of Medicine survey to be presented at an upcoming meeting of the American Stroke Association.

As part of Operation Stroke, a stroke-awareness initiative kicked off in Detroit by the American Heart Association, hospitals and EMS providers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties were surveyed. Although protocols for handling stroke patients existed in 95 percent of the hospitals that responded, just 52 percent had stroke teams and 32 percent had stroke units.

"Hospitals in the Detroit metro area currently are not operating at optimum efficiency as far as acute stroke treatment," said Dr. Bradley Jacobs, assistant professor of neurology and lead author of the study. "There are several areas we can fix to make it better."

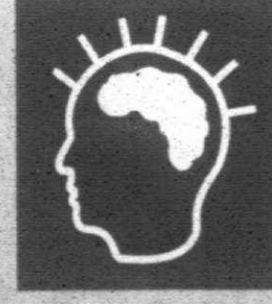
Of 4,049 patients treated in 1998, 61 (4 percent) were given a drug called a tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) that eliminates or significantly reduces disability if it is administered within three hours of the stroke. Although use of tPA in Detroit is at least as frequent as the national average of 1.5 percent, just two-thirds of area hospitals use it.

"We're better than the national average, but there are still a lot of people out there who aren't getting it in time," said Dr. Steven Levine, professor of neurology and co-chair of Operation Stroke.

Further, just 79 percent of EMS units have written protocols for stroke, and 85 percent treat stroke as a time-dependent emergency.

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Learn how food can affect moods and how moods can affect food choices. Tips and guidelines provided to help with emotion-based eating. Call (734) 827-3777 to register. Class runs from 7-9:30 p.m.
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HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP
HIV/AIDS heterosexual support group and family is sponsored by Friends Alliance and meets the second and fourth Thursday of
- 275, and Oak Lanes in Livonia (call Rhonda (313) 543-1285). Bowlers are asked to pre-register by mail or phone and then turn in donations when you arrive. Bowling includes 2 games, shoes, pizza, pop and prizes. If you don't raise donations you are invited to join in the fun anyway. The fee to bowl is \$6 per bowler (extra games \$1). You must register by March 4. Write TSA, Michigan Chapter Bowling, 416 Mary, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Or e-mail tsamich@USA.net
- SAT, MARCH 11**
PUBERTY/GROWING UP
"A Heart-to-Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Puberty and Growing Up," provides both mothers and daughters ages 9-11 with accurate information about the normal physical and emotional changes that pre-teen girls will experience as they enter puberty. Ann Arbor class from 1-5 p.m. Ann Arbor St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 397-7557.
- TUE, MARCH 12**
MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY
Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends, a support group for anyone hypersensitive to chemical or environmental irritants, will meet from 2-5 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Wayne (across from the library at Wayne Road and Michigan Ave.) For more information, call (348) 349-4972.
- WED, MARCH 13**
VEGETARIAN NUTRITION
Menu planning tips and resources for individuals of all ages who are already vegetarian and those who are leaning in
- 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wayne State University-McGregor Conference Center, 495 W. Ferry. Topics include analyzing opportunities, marketing and advertising, and business plan. Cost: \$40. To register, contact SCORE at (313) 226-7947 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.
- MARCH 21**
NAT. ASSOC. OF CAREER WOMEN
The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will meet at 11:45 a.m. at Ernest's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Etiquette consultant Patricia Warner will discuss "Minding Your P's and Q's in the Workplace." Cost: \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. To make reservations, call Tracey Huff (248) 347-3355.
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Marketing Plan Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Executive Office Building of Oakland County, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Topics include diagnosing marketing problems, market targeting, and advertising and publicity. Cost: \$40. To register, contact SCORE at (313) 226-7947 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 14**
BUSINESS IN CHINA

- that direction. Includes hands-on cooking demonstrations. Class runs from 4-6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor/Briarwood Mall Health Stop (620 Briarwood Circle). Call (734) 827-3777.
- YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT**
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newbury United Methodist Church (38500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call at (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.
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- WED, MARCH 15**
DYSLEXIA SUPPORT
The Michigan Dyslexia Institute of Detroit Metro Center will meet from 7-9 p.m. at MDL 30320 Orchard Lake Road (Suite #130) in Farmington Hills. The topic will be Dyslexia. What is it, how is it treated and how important is early intervention? The presenter will be Ann L. Beatty, director. Fellow from the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators.
- VEGETARIAN COOKING**
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- course for individuals and organizations that are interested in developing or expanding markets in China. Jerome D. Hill, J.D., Ph.D., and Delong Li will share their expertise on expanding interests and overcoming the challenges of doing business in China. Cost is \$295 and includes a Chinese luncheon and handout material. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5, 2000; enrollment is limited. Contact the Professional Development Office at (248) 370-3033 for a brochure or to register for the seminar. Fax registration with VISA or MasterCard payment is accepted at (248) 370-5137.

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YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 I feel keyed up, on edge or restless
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 I have trouble sleeping (either too much or too little)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 I have trouble concentrating, or my mind goes "blank"
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 I feel irritable, I can't relax
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 I notice my heart beating rapidly
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 I feel worried, anxious and fearful

If you answered "yes" to 3 or more statements, you may be suffering from an anxiety disorder - a serious condition affecting millions of Americans. The Institute for Health Studies is currently looking for individuals experiencing the above symptoms to participate in a research study of investigational medication for anxiety. If you are selected, all research related costs and study medication are provided at no cost. Get answers and information about anxiety.

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PROPER POSTURE

Proper posture is as follows: your stomach should be even with your chest, and ear lobes even with your shoulders. These old Hollywood movies used to show girls at boarding school were always one way to achieve proper posture when the movie star is shown getting up to walk with a book on their heads. The only way to balance that book is to walk exactly right with stomach even with chest and ear lobes even with the collar bone.

There are advantages to the posture besides looking nice. First, you remove undue strain from your neck. Walking correctly means you stand upright using your abdominal muscles rather than putting strain on your back muscles pulling between the vertebrae.

Second, you prevent neck ache. Achieving alignment between your ear and your collarbone requires use of the scalene muscles, which are anterior to the spine and suboccipital neck muscles. Use of the scalene muscles will increase the spine's and suboccipital neck muscles. Use of the spine's and suboccipital neck muscles will increase the spine's and suboccipital neck muscles. Use of the spine's and suboccipital neck muscles will increase the spine's and suboccipital neck muscles.

Finally, proper posture, as described above, creates an insecurity in the forces acting on your joints, ligaments and tendons. Note the way athletes and ballet dancers walk. Their gait and station reflects their ability to balance in their movement permits a sudden shift, a quick and graceful move whenever they are.

You do not need to practice walking with a book on your head. Think proper posture. Take in a deep breath, bring your head up, and then work to maintain it.

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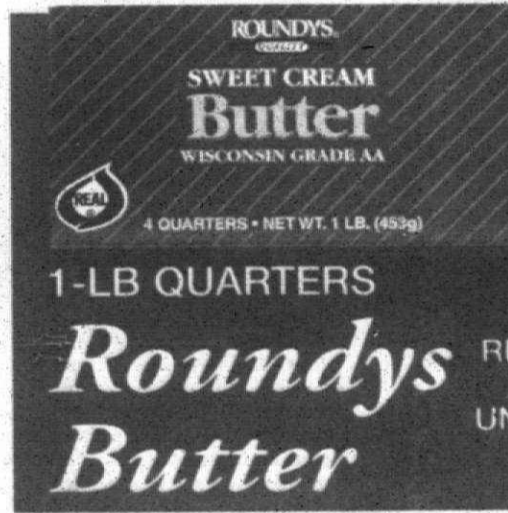
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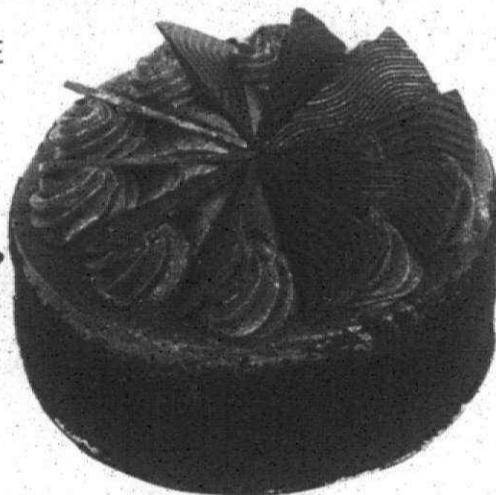
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