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The Canton Chamber of Commerce wants to give someone the business - as in Business Person of the Year.

The chamber is accepting nominations for its Business Person of the Year and Athena Awards. The respective awards are given annually to a top performer in the business community who is involved in making Canton a better place to live and work; and someone who is instrumental in furthering the achievements and goals of women in the workplace.

This year's honorees will be saluted during the chamber's May 3 luncheon at the Summit. Carmen Harlan, WDIV-TV news anchor, will be the keynote speaker.

The Observer Newspapers sponsors the Business Person of the Year Award.

The nomination deadline for both awards is the close of business on Tuesday, April 18. For more information or to receive a nomination form by fax, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.



### MONDAY

Ask the lawyer: George Shea, an attorney with Brashear, Tangora and Spence, will speak to the Homeowners Advisory Council 7 p.m at the Canton administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center. For information call (734) 397-8975.

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Tee time: Check out the map of area golf courses and fascinating articles in our special section on golf./Inside

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## Shuttered restaurant to reopen

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER STAFF WRITER ' tschneider@oe.homecon

Partners Andy Stylianou and Tim Donohoo hope the fourth time is a charm for a long-troubled restaurant

The metro Detroit restaurateurs plan to reopen the former Mesquite Creek steak house on Ford east of Canton Center next month as a Parthenon Express restaurant. They're counting on their experience in the business and the right concept to give the location a dose of culinary staying

If they succeed, the self-described "upscale Coney island" will have accomplished where previous owners of Mesquite Creek, the Misty Duck Bistro and a family-style Big Boy missed the mark.

"I think once you get the right menu, food and prices - that's a good start," Stylianou said. "When you have the right people know the business - and who care about their customers that's what makes a success.'

Please see RESTAURANT, A2

## Westland man faces robbery charge

BY SCOTT DANIEL

A 32-year-old Westland man has been arraigned in the strong-armed robbery of a Canton woman March 29.

Charles McDonald will face a charge of felony robbery April 14 at a 35th District Court preliminary exam. If convicted, he could face up to 15 years

Plymouth Magistrate Eric Colthurst set a \$10,000 cash bond for McDonald. The Westland man is currently being held in the Wayne County Jail.

Canton police arrested McDonald Tuesday after a routine traffic sto

Police reports said he ran a red light at the intersection of Haggerty and Warren roads. A township officer stopped McDonald and subsequently arrested him for driving with an expired license.

The officer, reports said, also realized that McDonald and his vehicle matched descriptions given in the rob-

Please see ROBBERY, A4



Ready to scoop: Eric Krupic (left) and Ron Fernandez, coowners of the Straight Scoop pet clean-up service, stand armed with their scoopers in Fernandez' back yard.

# Cleaning up

## Pet project no wasted opportunity for partners

BY SCOTT DANIEL

Ah, Fido. You love that he's there

to greet you after a hard day at work. You love taking him for walks. You love everything about him except one thing.

Poop patrol. Whether it's cleaning up your back

yard or taking a little baggy on the nightly stroll, it's a part of life you could probably do without. That's where Straight Scoop comes in.

For a modest fee, representatives of the new Canton business will handle the job. Convenience, profes sionalism and customer service will be Straight Scoop's hallmarks, according to co-owner Eric Krupic.

"We make it a point to know each dog or cat's name," he commented. "We bring a digital camera out and take a picture of the customer and their pet. We don't want them to be just another number.

The company, which is currently based out of co-owner Ron Fernandez' home, began a few months ago.

"We have about a dozen clients so far," said Fernandez. "It's going very well."

Krupic and Fernandez have worked together at Detroit Diesel as trainers for years. The duo have long thought about going into business together.

"We have a lot of similar ideas and

Please see SCOOPERS, A3

# **Jail term** ordered

James Blanchfield was sentenced Friday to serve 3 to 15 years in prison for the 1997 murder of David Martell in a Canton mobile home park. Two other defendants were acquitted.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homec

A 19-year-old Canton man will spend three to 15 years in prison in connection with the 1997 murder of David Martell.

James Blanchfield received the sentence Friday from Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter in exchange for first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder and felony firearm use charges being

"No matter what happens today," Victoria Riordan told Hathaway, "it won't bring back my son David. There's no punishment severe enough. I'm only sorry one person is paying for my son's death

Martell was killed Nov. 19, 1997, at the Westpointe Mobile Home Park off of Michigan Avenue in Canton.

Witness statements to police claimed that Martell, a 21-year-old Belleville man, was killed because he had a friend steal guns and drugs from another teen.

Using handguns ranging in caliber from 22 to 38, Mark Edwards, Matt Leonard and Blanchfield allegedly shot Martell as he left a female friend's home in Westpointe.

As he drove away from her home, he was shot twice and then crashed into a mobile home as he attempted to flee from the gunmen. One of the shots hit Martell in the chest, killing him.

Leonard and Edwards were tried and acquitted on first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder and felony

firearm use charges in late 1998. "It's hard when you know they're the last people to see your son alive," said

Riordan. "I haven't run into them. I'm glad. I don't know how I would react. Blanchfield's sentence wasn't a shock

to her. She had an idea of what the teen would receive prior to Friday's court proceedings. "He'll have his whole life ahead of

him," Riordan commented. "It doesn't seem fair. It's not what I had hoped

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Coyle and defense attorney David Cripps argued over sentenc-ing guidelines for Blanchfield briefly.

Michigan's Department of Correc-

Please see JAIL, A2

# Cyber-watchdog: Granholm chases high-tech crime

BY SCOTT DANIEL

Protecting personal privacy and prosecuting cyber criminals are two of the biggest issues facing the Internet.

That's the word from Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm. She spoke before a large gathering of business and community leaders Wednesday at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Economic Club luncheon.

"The anonymous nature of the Internet emboldens people to do things they'd never do otherwise," said Granholm, who cited gambling as an example. "We've seen people spend thousands of dollars playing on-line."

Granholm, a possible Democratic candidate for governor in 2002, credited the "information superhighway" with the country's boom economy of the past few years. She believes it will

"The high-tech industry is great," said Granholm. "It will take the wave of prosperity and continue to move it forward."

She explained that the Internet is "We've been reading about it for

years," Granholm said. "But it has only been around for seven years.

There were just 3,000 Web sites in 1994. That number new reaches into the millions, Granholm said, with thousands of new sites emerging every

"This thing is going so fast it's lapping most of us," she added. "It's like the day after Kitty Hawk. I think it's going to blow our socks off."

Granholm believes America will continue to drive Internet development. "Of the top 20 software companies in

the world," she said, "nineteen are in the U.S. I think it's because we teach our people to be creative and think outside of the box.

Keeping creativity and innovation alive is part of her job, Granholm added. She noted that Michigan took part in the recent court case against software giant Microsoft.

"You can't engage in practices that stifle the market," said Granholm. "We want a level playing field.

The Internet has already helped in that regard, she added. It provides anonymity and safety for women and minorities in purchasing items such as

Please see GRANHOLM, A3



Making a point: Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm gestures during her luncheon address to the Canton Chamber of Commerce Wednesday at the Summit on the Park.

## Creditors spike Crier plan; judge orders paper's auction

The sale of the Community Crier newspaper will come down o an auction scheduled for April 19 by federal bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes.

According to attorney Michael Baum, who represents stockholders Tom Prose, Larry Bane and John Thomas, Rhodes wants to find out what the market value of the newspaper is before making a final decision on the

"The judge adjourned the confirmation of the Chapter 11 plan auction," said Baum. "The purpose of the auction is to ensure the highest and best offer is sub-

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\$687,000 in unsecured debt; secured debt of \$50,000 to National City Bank; plus secured and priority debt for federal and state taxes of \$107,000.

The Community Crier filed its Chapter 11 reorganization plan in federal bankruptcy court

interest in the Crier and Wenwhich, in part, calls for the sale over's other assets. newspaper owned by "I'm fascinated with the Ply-William E. Wendover. Last mouth community and am look month, Wendover's plan for reoring seriously at purchasing the ganization called for the sale of Crier," said Tom O'Connor, who all assets to Willett Communicaalso owns the Redford Connection. "I'm excited they still

haven't found an owner." O'Connor indicated he may be nterested in starting a newspaper in Plymouth even if he doesn't purchase the Crier. Meanwhile, Prose indicated he

newspaper going, and I would serve as publisher," said Prose.

"I'd look for experienced people

Doug Willett of Willett Com-

munications offered a "no com-

ment" when asked if his compa-

ny would offer another bid for

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tions, Willard Hawley, the Crier's attorney, told the

According to court documents.

Dave Willett agreed to purchase

the Crier and Comma Inc. for

\$342,500. Willett was to make a

\$40,000 down payment, with the

remainder paid at the rate of

\$3,000 per month over the next

Many of the creditors report-

edly rejected that offer, resulting

in the April 19 auction. Rhodes

will make his final ruling at an

There appears to be some

Observer recently

April 24 hearing.

would bid "a substantial sum" to buy the newspaper. "I would definitely keep the

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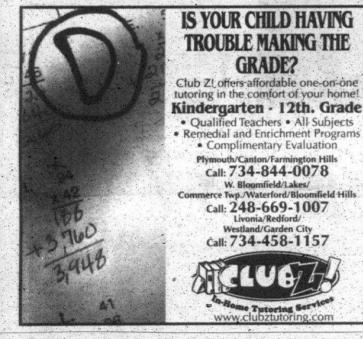
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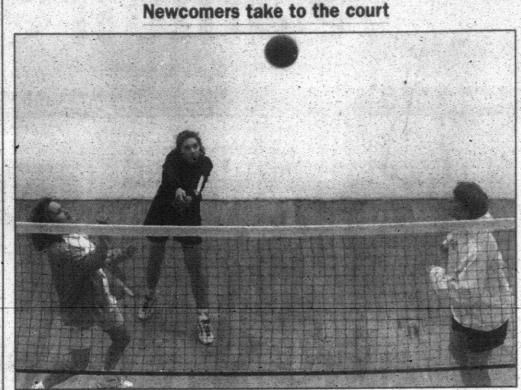
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Stylianou said plans call for

The remodeled restaurant will

seat 170 and specialize in Greek

entrees, as well as steak, fish,

pasta and traditional American

food, he said. It will be open

daily for breakfast, lunch and

The Canton location of

new carpeting, booths and other

Wallyball trio: Ellie Eby returns a volley as teammates Stephanie Russ (left) and Jill Zoz ready themselves during a game of wallyball at the Coliseum Racquet Club in Westland recently. The women, among a group of Canton Newcomers, regularly visit the courts for a spirited competition, followed by a bit of relaxation at Applebees in Canton.

## Restaurant from page AI

restaurants owned by his family since he picked up his first dish Coney-style diner in a Canton shopping center in the early

earlier by Hawley, the newspa-The family also owns Amerier owes \$687,000 in unsecured debt; secured debt of \$50,000 to can Coney Island in Dearborn, National City Bank; plus Little Daddy's Parthenon in secured and priority debt for fed-Bloomfield Hills and runs the Ginopolis Parthenon restaurant Neither Hawley nor Wendover at Compuware Arena in Plywere available for comment con-

1980s, he said.

mouth Township. Workers were doing prelimi-

Stylianou, 30, has worked in nary cleanup of the kitchen last alcoholic beverages can be sold. week. Mesquite Creek has been closed since December 1998, but cloth at 15. His father ran a the building is in "really good shape," said John Weyer, township building official.

Plans for remodeling were to be submitted to the township last Tuesday or Wednesday. They will need to be approved before major work can begin, Wever said. The township board would

Mesquite Creek, run by the also have to approve a Class C Great Lakes Restaurant Group, liquor license transfer before lasted less than a year. The usiness owners owed rent to landlord David Khoury, as well as real estate and sales taxes. A Rochester location remains

> The previous incarnation of the restaurant as Misty Duck also lasted about a year, closing in June 1997.

The building started out as a Big Boy in the 1980s.

tions uses a numeric system in recommending sentences. The type of offense, prior criminal record and other factors are weighted by points. The severity of the crime means a longer sentence, for example.

Cripps contended that manslaughter should receive a lower point rating than what Covle was calling for. Hathaway agreed with the assistant prosecutor, however, and went with a stiffer sentence. it will be up to you!

the department of corrections will keep you under their supervision," the judge told Blanchfield. "I do hope you'll turn these negative aspects of your life into positive ones." While three years in the sen-

tence's minimum, Cripps said his client won't necessarily spend that long behind hars He noted that Blanchfield has already been in jail for more than two years.

"I thought Judge Hathaway gave a fair and balanced sentence," said Cripps.

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business: Barry Mathison stands in front of the family hardware store he has run for the past 30 years on Canton Center Road. His . only neighbors when he began were

## Before the boom

## Hardware store owner saw potential in move to Canton Township

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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Mathison Hardware on 6130 N. Canton Center 30 years ago, his

came out here - all there was stores. was corn fields out here," Mathison said of the store's opening March 31, 1970. Now his business ranks as one of the oldest in Canton, he added, and draws customers across Michigan and

Canton's 1970 population. according to the U.S. Census. was 11,026 and has jumped to an estimated 75.239, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments most recent data from March.

Mathison said he had an ulterior motive for wanting to open the business in Canton - that had nothing to do with his prophetic belief that the area's population would one day boom.

"I knew just about everybody from the Plymouth area," said Mathison, a 1966 Plymouth High School graduate.

Mathison Hardware Kitchen Bath & Plumbing Supply is cele-

When Barry Mathison opened at 31535 Ford Road in Garden Mathison's reputation was bath supplies. Mathison location at 28243/47

The name will be officially said. changed to Mathison's Kitchen Bath & Plumbing Supplies by next year, when the store stops selling hardware. Increased competition from

other hardware stores is the ry change, Mathison said.

City in 1953. There is also a even noted in "Detroiter" magazine, where a writer mused business will continue to be a friends and colleagues said he Plymouth Road in Livonia. Bud's about where fictitious secret vital one as long as Canton consons Robert, James and Frank agent James Bond might buy his tinues to grow. "Everybody asked why we continue operating the other faucets. The answer? Mathison's

Canton. Mathison Hardware carried in stock can special order reflect the new name and the founder, the late Berger "Bud" them and get them within a hardware space will become Mathison said he predicts his

"You usually have a hardware.

in Canton, of course, Mathison drug store and bank (in a community). We're probably one of Mathisons' signs will be the basic businesses needed in a changed during the summer to growing community."

### Now that's ugly

loset when friends or family visit might want to enter a contest that will reward them for their crumbling avocado colored tile, per simmon-colored toilet and tub and plumbing fixtures that pre-date the Truman era.

ng it could bring \$10,000 worth of bathroom improvements. The prize package includes an Air Masseur massage bathtub by Jason, Bertch bath cabinetry, Harden faucets, a Gerber Ultra Flush toilet and tile tub surround; all installed by Complete Home Improvement. Entries for the "Ugliest Bathroom Contest," sponsored by 760 WJR AM, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the Building Indus

Entry forms may be picked up at any Mathison location. Photos the ugly bathroom and name, address and phone numbers of entrants should be sent to: Ugliest Bathroom Contest, 2100 Fisher

She hopes a "privacy stan- said It often becomes a question

dard" can seen be developed by of jurisdiction, said Granholm.

## y Association and Mathison Supply of Livonia, Garden City and

Put a stop to it. The three-piece "Geo" stopper set from Towle comes with its own rack. \$25;

iail Monday. by Wayne County Circuit Court dropped. had pleaded no contest in bron and Hartmeyer lived in dropped. November to a charge of assault Livonia, Michaud in Canton

Three other men, Erik S.

tion and shorter jail terms. Hartmeyer, 41, four months in

charge, were each sentenced in armed robberies, including some case, and a concealed weapon January to four years of proba- in Livonia, were given prison charge in one Canton case and a terms after pleading guilty to felony firearms charge in the Evans gave Michaud, 22, and felony charges last year.

jail, Ziobron, 23, got eight to between five and 10 years in turned down by Hood in August, from a holdup in Canton. prison last April by Circuit. court records show:

mia was sentenced to a year in criminal sexual conduct in the to a charge of armed robbery

March 29, 1999, attack on a stemming from the Sept. 30, Ryan A. Corey was also sen- woman who was working as a 1998, holdup at the Mid-5 Party tenced to four years on probation prostitute. Those charges were Store, on Middlebelt south of Five Mile. A charge of using a Judge Vonda Evans. Corey, 23, At the time of the attack, Zio- gun during a felony was

Clark also pleaded guilty to

and another in Detroit. He also Store on Merriman. pleaded guilty to a felony Michaud, Keith M. Ziobron and Prison for armed robbers firearms charge in one of the Scott C. Hartmeyer, all of whom . Two men and a woman Canton holdups; a felony bery charges and a felony pleaded no contest to the same charged in a string of 1998 firearms charge in the Detroit

lawmakers

that's acceptable."

"On-line," Granholm said, "all available, Granholm said. The Granholm said "I don't think al hopes people won't forget

"Someone recently said.

Prosecuting criminals that

out prescriptions, is difficult, she said.

engage in Internet crime, such

'there's no privacy - get over it."

Riggins, 20, had faced four rmed robbery charges and two felony firearms charges in a second holdup at Mid-5, which

years in prison by Hood.

occurred about a month after the first and a Nov. 5, 1998, holdup with intent to do great bodily Township and Corey in West- two holdups in Canton Township at Bai-Lynn Liquor & Wine In a plea agreement, Riggins

pleaded guilty to two armed robfirearms charge. The other Livoma charges were dropped.

He also pleaded guilty to an felony charges last year. other, were dropped. armed robbery charge and a felony firearms charge stemming armed robbery charge and a

Despite her enthusiasm for

the Internet, the attorney gener-

about life away from computer

"I don't think the real world

will ever disappear," Granholm

-By Matt Jachman

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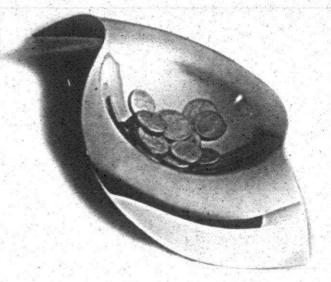
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## Scoopers from page A1 values," Fernandez said. "It client base is built. The plan, he honest work."

Granholm is very concerned against people.

noted that companies track per- going on," said Granholm,

Granholm from page A1

Granholm. Such groups have the information.

been traditionally discriminated

against in those arenas, she

The Internet isn't without'

of that is out the window."

problems, however.

cars and home mortgages, said sonal preferences and then sell

into business together." last Christmas. Fernandez said customer.

a neighbor was complaining his dog when the idea hit him.

"It's not an original idea, but the way we're doing it is griginal."

Krupic, an Orchard Lake resi
"We can help people in the works, and problems such as loose, runny stools is the limit."

For more information about Straight Scoop, call (734) 844-Krupic, an Orchard Lake resi-

seemed like a natural thing to go said, is to have one full-time They came up with the idea and a part-time worker after for Straight Scoop shortly after Straight Scoop garners its 50th types of pets.

Social Security numbers.

street addresses and other per-

sonal information are easily

danger, she added, is that

employers, insurance firms and

others could use the information

about personal privacy. She "People have no idea this is as selling pharmaceuticals with-

The firm has begun building dog waste per visit. The size of their full-time jobs. They're conabout having to clean up after its client base by advertising the dog or amount of waste doeswith local veterinarians. A Web n't matter. "I thought this service would site and more extensive advertisbe out there by itself," he added. ing plan are in the works, said pet owners if they spot any prob- going to be here in 10 years. Sky

handle all assignments until a "It's a good service and good, litter box. Fernandez said he. @mediaone.net.

Straight Scoop handles most

supplies new litter and cleans said, is to have one full-time "Service is our main goal." the box as well. Other pets such employee per 125 customers, added Krupic." as birds, snakes and rabbits are also \$5 per visit.

Both Fernandez and Krupic It's \$9 to clean a back yard of hope to grow Straight Scoop into fident the business will succeed.

"We don't know the words fail Fernandez said they'll notify or quit," said Fernandez. "We're

dent, said he and Fernandez will , community," said Fernandez. Scoop charges \$5 for changing a OOPS or e-mail at straightscoop



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HARRIET M. FOX Services for Harriet M. Fox, 77. of Cadillac (formerly of Ply-

mouth) were April 6 at the Fosnaught Funeral Home, Marion with the Rev. Howard Harvey officiating. Burial was in Highland Township Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 6, 1922, in Chicago, Ill. She died April 3 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. She was a homemaker. She enjoyed bingo, crafts and sewing. She retired to the Cadillac area in 1987. She was a member of the South Community Methodist in Marion. She especially enjoyed spending time going to yard sales, auctions and flea markets.

She was preceded in death by her two sisters, Lillian Muscott and Lois Parent; and two brothers, Charles and David Renner Survivors include her husband William of Cadillac; two daughters, Patricia Gray of Tustin, Roberta Fox of Plymouth; one son, Michael (Sharon) Fox of Tustin; one sister, Kathryn Seres of Gladwin; two brothers, William (Peggy) Renner of Hersey, Orris (Carol) Renner of Plymouth; sister-in-law, Carolyne Fox of Wyoming; two grandchildren, Trisha Canady of Raleigh, N.C., Robert Willnow of Cheboygan; and four greatgrandchildren, Olivia and Justin Canady of Raleigh, N.C., Travis and Lance Willnow of Cheboygan; and many nieces and

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation. BENEDICT R. WINKLER

Services for Benedict R. Winkler, 75, of Canton (formerly of Lincoln Park) were April 6 at the Kingdom Hall, Westland. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores; and one son, Paul. Survivors include his daughter, Lorrie (Robert) Glanz; and one son, Benedict M. (Lynn); two grandchildren, Elizabeth

great-grandchild, Delores. Local arrangements were made by the R.C. Aleks & Son Funeral Home, Lincoln Park. MARY E. PIZZURRO

Eggleston and Amy; and one

Services for Mary E. Pizzurro. 39, of Plymouth were April 8 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Burial was in St. Hedwig Ceme-She was born Jan. 6, 1961, in

Dearborn. She died March 5 at St. Joseph Hospital. She was a medical assistant. Survivors include her hus-

band, John M.; parents, Chester and Elizabeth Pawczuk; one sister, Debbie (George) Bennett; two brothers, John (Marlene) Pawczuk, Edward (Tracey) Pawczuk.

Ravenna, Texas. He died April 5 Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral at Farmington Health Care Cen ter, Farmington. He was self-Home, Canton.

NANCY ANNE MANSER Services for Nancy Anne Manser, 52, of Plymouth (formerly of Livonia) were April 7 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial was in

Livonia. American Lung Association, She was born Sept. 9, 1947, in Detroit. She died April 4 at St. | 26555 Evergreen, Suite 375. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Southfield, MI 48076 or to the Arbor. She was employed by American Cancer Society, 18505 Cellcrete Inc. in Plymouth for 10 | W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI years and was previously | 481076.

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employed at Tax Specialist Inc in Livonia as a secretary. She attended McKenzie High School in Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy. Survivors include her husband, Alfred J Manser; one son, Al J. Manser III of Clarkston, Mich.; two daughters, Melissa (Paul Tarkowski) of Clarkston, Krista (Dustin Kennedy) of Plymouth; father, Arthur Pfander; and one brother, Richard (Valerie) Pfander of South Lyon

Memorials may be made to Krista Manser Education Fund, c/o of the family. MEMBY KEMMERLING

Services for Henry Kemmerling, 73, of Lake Panasoffkee. Fla., were April 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Ply-

He was born June 15, 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio. He died April 2 in Inverness, Fla. He was a supervisor for Detroit Aluminum Co. He retired in 1987. He moved to Florida in .1975 from Plymouth. He was a member of the "Good S.A.M. Club." He loved to travel and camp. He did all the flowers and landscaping at the Campers World in Lake Panasoffkee, Fla.

He was preceded in death his son, Henry Kemmerling Jr Survivors include his wife, Mary M. Tomlinson Kemmerling o Florida: 14 children, Robert (Thelma) Applegate of Grand Rapids, Frank Applegate of Canton; George (Marlene) Applegate of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mary K. Applegate of Denver, Colo. Linda Kimmerling-Applegate o Candler, N.C.; Joseph (Rose) Applegate of Newaygo, Mich. Mary Jane (Ken) Graham of Canton; Jean Applegate of Cadillac; Diana Canzoneri of Dundee, William (Mona) Applegate of Canton; George C. (Debbie) Kemmerling of Mesick, Pamela (Dennis) Brokowski of Farming ton Hills, Jeff Kemmerling of Mesick, Dewayne (Jenice) Kem merling of Garden City; one sis-

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his wife, Mary; and parents.

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Sharon Vaughn Broo (Robert) of

sprayed him with water, but he

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to her car, got her change purse

and gave it to him. McDonald

then fled on foot east from the

car wash. He was seen getting

into a gray Mercury Cougar at a

Police later found all of the

woman's property. She was

uninjured in the incident,

nearby Taco Bell restaurant.

Reports said the woman went

Memorials may be made to the

and Sandblaster.

ter, Frances Gray of Richmond Va.; 50 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren. Mack said judges can still hear Memorials may be made to the

Kemmerling family. AUBREY M. VAUGHN "SMOKEY" Services for Aubrey M. Vaughn "Smokey," 82, of Ply

mouth were April 8 at Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Leonard Parten sky officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livo-

> will is (now) considered non-pen-Also, noted Mack, as long as "the intent of the testator is car-

good enough. EPIC "eliminates a lot of technical objections that can be raised," he said. "In theory, it reduces the amount of litigament means reduced public

he added. Gone also - unless requested by the parties - is the issuance by the court of bonds on estates, said Sakowski.

"Before, the court had the authority, based on the assets of an estate," to require a bond equal to the assets, said the Farmington Hills resident who's practiced law 17 years at Middlebelt and Five Mile Roads.

deceased partner's will is all the



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# Probate code changes draw strongly mixed reactions

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecon

Reactions ranged from joyous to cautious regarding the new

statewide probate code, which took effect Saturday. Financial planner Mark Wira welcomed the code with near open arms, while attorney Walter Sakowski and Chief Probate

Judge Milton L. Mack Jr. were

While Wira saw the new code as a great improvement adminis tratively, Sakowski said it could open the doors to thievery and Mack, chief judge of Wayne County Probate Court, said par ties to the administration of wills better pay attention.

Wira, founder and president of Ann Arbor Financial Investment Advisory Corp. in downtown Plymouth, declared the new code will "greatly reduce the administrative nightmare of probate."

Sakowski, who's practiced law in Livonia since 1983, agreed the new code "makes it easier to probate an estate," but "it also makes it easier to rip off an estate, as a general rule."

And Mack flat-out warned the parties to wills, "You better make sure that you stay in close contact with whoever's in charge of the estate and stay fully

The new code, known as EPIC for the Estates and Protected Individuals Code - replaces the Revised Probate Code, which has been in effect almost 21 years.

EPIC is expected, among other things, to reduce up-front legal fees, simplify probate by making it more difficult to contest wills, increase privacy of the parties involved and equalize shares for grandchildren.

Judges concerned

While EPIC "significantly reduces" court involvement in wills, Mack said, there's concern among probate judges that citizens won't be ready for it due to past dependency on the judges to make sure everything is right.

"This burden will shift to the heirs," Mack said. "We will (now) deal with" problems "more on a complaint basis."

disputes in court, "but (EPIC) makes court review optional. Besides he noted, "a relatively small number of cases result" in contested wills, anyway. Under the new, informal pro-

ceedings, parties will administrate an estate and then file a paper with the court saying everything's done, Mack said. Adds Wira, "As long as a will is witnessed by three people, the

ried out," that will be considered

scrutiny and thus more privacy,

Furthermore, he said, now the



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"Before, they had to go to court and get a small-estate order," he said. In effect, "There's no way to event them from doing that at people want," he said. 10 different banks.

(EPIC) is a good change because

Mack said the new code also will even things out for grandthem equals among themselves. "Studies show that's what most

Sakowski said that "Overall,

circumstances in the way people think of inheritances, in the way things should be handled."

'License to steal'

But it also "may be a license to steal," he said. Mack noted that, with fewer nded fiduciaries (trustees), it

will be harder to correct prob-

lems. "I'm kind of concerned Furthermore, he said, "People about that," he said. Probate "is now sort of taken often put off estate-planning to out of the preventive mode and the last minute. They don't put in a clean-up mode. We don't always value the true effect (that, expect to really see the consehas) on the family business or on quences (of EPIC) until probably

it reflects some of the changing the end of the year," Mack said. EPIC will outweigh the bad. "That's when problems will start to surface," said the chief

"Michigan has always been in the dark ages when it comes to Wira, who's been in business probate court," he said, "mainly because so much money is to be since 1993, agreed with Sakowski and Mack, saying "If a person made by the court system and has the propensity to rip off an estate the door would always be

the paper-pushing attorneys. "Also, Michigan left it wide open. One should always be cauopen for contesting wills." Now, the law will give a chance for tious in planning for your mediation or settling estates

without having to go to court. "And any opportunity not to have to go to downtown Detroit is greatly appreciated," he said. with a grin, citing parking-lot

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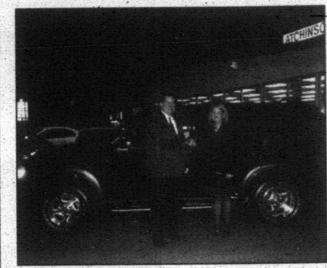
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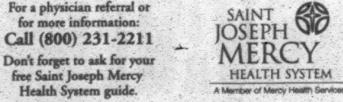
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## Once polluted Newburgh Lake will be site of August triathlon

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To show the progress made in tleaning up one of Michigan's and the country's - most polluted rivers, Wayne County is planning a triathlon in late August. the highlight being a half-mile competitive swim in Newburgh Lake, an impoundment of the Rouge on the border of Livonia and Plymouth Township. According to James E. Murray,

Wayne County environmental director, the event, scheduled for 8-a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 20, will also include a five-kilometer run around the lake and an 18mile bicycle race through Hines Park, home to the lake. "I think it's a real signal to the

public and the world that the Rouge River is on a comeback,"

## 'I think it's a real signal to the public and the world that the Rouge River is on a

James E. Murray

who got the triathlon rolling. But, he cautioned, "We're not encouraging open recreational swimming in the lake yet." Only trained athletes will compete.

Public swimming will wait until plant life is firmly re-established, he said, adding that County Executive Ed McNamara "is hoping, long-term, to have a swimming beach" either at the lake or farther upstream.

For now, Murray said, "the water qualities have improved enough that in this portion of the river" - Newburgh Pointe - a

acceptable."
The county health department "signed off about two months ago on the water quality," he said.

"And what a great accomplish-ment that is," he added, noting that, for the last 30 years, offi cials have "warned everybody to stay out of the river" due to pollution from more than 50 years of industrial waste-dumping and natural runoff of fertilizers and

Newburgh Lake, a collection basin in the Rouge system, was drained and dredged in 1998 at a cost of \$12 million to remove

PCBs and other contaminants. That was just part of the \$600 million spent since 1992 on the federally mandated cleanup of the Rouge Basin, which stretches from the Detroit River to Oak-

Plants and fish have since been successfully re-introduced into the lake and boating and fishing are allowed, although the

## Sullivan plans to seek re-election

County more "user-friendly. County Commissioner John H Sullivan, D-Wayne, announced Thursday his intention to seek election to a second two-year

"Wayne County government needs to be more user-friendly for residents," said Sullivan, whose 11th District includes the cities of Wayne, Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren

Issuing a call for satellite offices, Sullivan said, "Western Wayne residents must drive 20 to 40 miles to downtown Detroit, then battle to find a parking space every time they need to pay property tax bills or conduct ther county business.

"Satellite offices are needed in the western part of the county,"

commission committees - seven than any other commissioner,

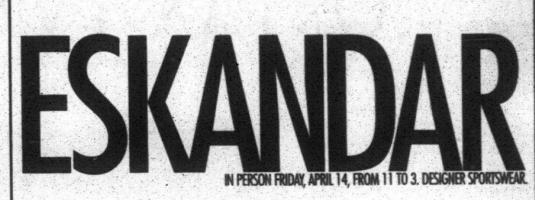


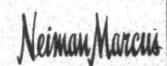
regional transportation and fight for a light rail system Metropolitan Airport to down"Our region needs to develop a comprehensive public transportation plan for western Wayne County and downtown Detroit," he said. Sullivan said his efforts in his first term on the commission have led to "competitive bidding

of all contracts" at Metro Air port; "the widening, reconstruc tion, paving and building of many roads" in the district and "improving the relationship" between the county government and the district's communities. He said he also ensured that

approximately one-third of the entire Wayne County road budget was spent in his district in 1999 and plans "to top that figure this year (2000). "Citizens in my district know

that they can count on me and that I am always willing to listen to them and to work hard on their behalf," he said. "I appreciate having the opportunity to serve the people of the 11th Dis-





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### **Cruisers registration**

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisters Swim Club will have registration from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, in the main hall outside of the Plymouth Salem pool.

Registration will be for kids six and over, from beginners to advanced. They will also be registering Masters swimmers (18 and over).

The Cruisers' season begins May 1. The team competes in U.S. Swimming Federation and Southern Michigan Swim League meets.

For more information, contact Janice Derian at (734) 455-3103, or under-18 coach Leslie Greeneisen at (734) 207-7780, or Masters coach Sarah Eubanks at (734) 207-0883.

### Sonnanstine helps

Junior Amy Sonnanstine (Plymouth/Canton HS) took first in the pole vault to help Wittenberg Unive sity take first in the Mountain Laurel Invitational Track Meet at University of the South in Tennessee.

Sonnanstine was also fourth in the 400 hurdles and ran a leg on her school's third-place 1600 relay team.

### Chiefs' boosters meet

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will host their monthly meeting in Room 165 of Canton HS at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Nomination and election for the office of president will be held.

All parents of Chief football players are encouraged to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, call Paul Szwejkowski at 453-0985.

### Sports auction

The Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine will hold a celebrity sports auction Friday, April 14 at the Marriott Eagle Crest Conference Resort in Ypsilanti (1275 S. Huron St.). The three-hour event begins at 7:00 p.m.

Radio personality Dick Purtan and former NBA and University of Michigan standout Tim McCormick will be the host auctioneers. They will be auctioning off various sports memorabilia signed by the likes of Arnold Palmer, Gordie Howe, Walter Payton, Grant Hill, Brett Favre, Mia Hamm, Wayne Gretzky and John Elway, as well as a host of Red Wings and Tigers.

The wide variety of signed items include photographs, jerseys, hockey sticks and pucks, balls, helmets and NASCAR car pieces.

In addition a Mickey Mantle autographed jersey, as well as a Las Vegas trip and jewelry will be raffled

Admission to the event is \$10. Proceeds benefit a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of sports-related injuries and health care containment.
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### Women's golf league

A women's Friday morning golf league will get underway May 8 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. All ability levels are welcome; individual handicaps will be established.

Tee times begin at 9 a.m. The 16week season costs \$15 to register and weekly greens fees. There are no residency requirements.

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# Dispute roils Bolger-Mangan

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

A sour finish marred a sweet meet.

The memorial Bolger-Mangan annual meet kicking off the outdoor track season Thursday for Plymouth Canton and Salem went right down to the last event — and beyond.

Plymouth Salem was ruled the victor Friday, 69-68, when Canton's mile relay team was confirmed as being disqualified for running with the wrong color Spandex uniform.

"Two different runners wore different Spandex," Chiefs' coach Bob Richard-son said. "One wore black and one wore

"I did not check before the race like I should have. We know (the rule), but I didn't double-check. It was right near the end of the meet.

'We felt (we) could win the race, which would then win the meet. I errored because I didn't double-check

"The rule says it's got to be the same color undergarments.

"That allowed us to win the meet Coach Geoff Baker of Salem said. "We saw (the uniform violation) and made the official aware of it.

"That's not the way you like to win a

"I'm not happy about the way it came down, but the rule is the rule.

"There's one thing, if this was the regionals and they get disqualified, they don't go on to states. But that's coming from my point of view and I'm a

Thus Salem's 1600 relay foursome of Rob Showalter, Robbie Kamman, Tony Stott and Steve Shull were rule the winner with a time of 3:50 that was 10 seconds slower than Canton's time.

And instead of losing by nine, Salem won by one.

As if that weren't enough controversy to mar the meet meant to memorialize two tragically deceased Plymouth athletes, basketball player Mark Bolger



Over and out: Plymouth Canton hurdler/vaulter Chris Kalis didn't run away from the field in Thursday's Bolger-Mangan meet but he did win the 110-meter hurdles, beating Salem's Ryan Silva by .15-second. The Rocks won, 69-68, on a rules violation by the Chiefs in the meet's final event.

and runner Jeff Mangan, the Plymouth Salem shot putters didn't have identical uniforms on, either.

The difference, Baker said, was because the shot put results were complete before the improper uniform issue was raised.

"Bob and I have not talked yet," Baker said. "He was questioning our. shot putters. What they were wearing. That was okay, as of what I heard from

"John Davidson, the starter, called the MHSAA Friday morning, to get an interpretation on the rule about Span-

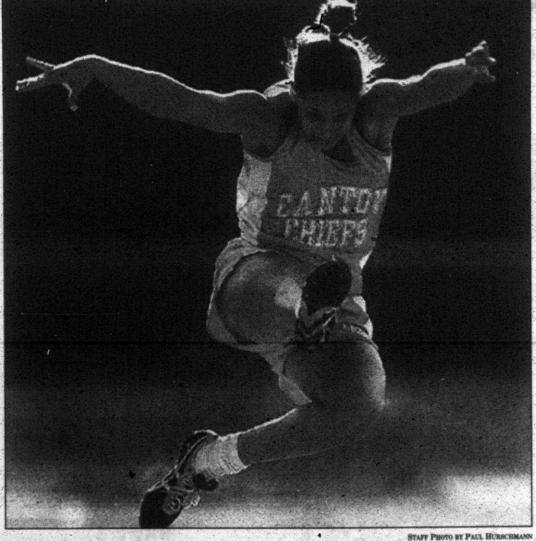
Nate Hampton, their rules expert, told John it's a pretty cut and dried

"I went further. Our shot putters wear T-shirts that say 'PS Track and Field.' They were wearing shorts, not the regular ones.

"He explained they must be in (the school) colors. The one who scored (for Salem) wore blue. One of others, a nonscorer, wore light grey; close to white,

"He said it did not sound like there as a violation there."

Richardson offered a different view. "They were not in their team uniform," the Chiefs' coach said. "He



In for a landing: Plymouth Canton had few bright spots in its lop-sided Bolger-Mangan meet loss to Salem (101-36) but Amy Driscoll was one, shown here on her winning long jump effort. She bettered 16-feet in her first venture outdoors.

# Lady Rocks batter Chiefs in track meet

The outcome was a little rienced squad. one-sided but both coaches saw good things come out of races," he said "They were meet, the opening of the girls outdoor track season.

Plymouth Salem's veterans beat rival Canton's youngsters, 101-36.

We expected that with the veteran team we had returning, it would be a pretty competitive meet for us," Coach Mark Gregor of victorious Salem said. "The conditions were fair-

ly good at the beginning. It was windy and cold at times, though," he added. "I thought our team handled the first outdoor meet of the season fairly well.

"There were a few slipups, but that was to be expected. "The thing I liked most,

all 70 girls on our team who competed were focused and competitive."

On the Canton side, Coach John Venning was enthusiastic about what he saw from his largely inexpe-

"The girls ran great Thursday's Bolger-Mangan very competitive throughout the lineup. "This is a very good start-

ing point for a young team. They need to keep working hard and stay together and focused as a team. "The coaching staff is very

proud of their overall effort and sportsmanship. Tiffany Grubaugh fought

through the wind to set a new school record for the Rocks in the discus. She also won the shot put. Grubaugh's new school

discus record, which she'll undoubtedly threaten or extend throughout the season, is 143-feet, 6-inches. The throwers had a wind

in their face for each of the two events," Gregor said.
"My hat's off to them. "It was difficult for them.

The fact Tiffany threw the discus that far was pretty -

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# Ballpark Franks? No, C. J. and Paul

Ballpark junkie. Is it someone who tries to go to every

just enjoys them? In any case, we figure we've been to

roughly 18 between us. We've been to the old (Tiger Stadium, Fenway Park, Wrigley Field, old Comiskey Park), the new (Sky-

Dome, Turner Field), the good (County Stadium), the bad (Metrodome) and the ugly (Riverfront Stadium, Veterans



to one more - Comerica Park. You'll love it, you'll hate it, but you'll go to it. You may even go to watch the Detroit igers. We went with one thing in mind - help-

Stadium).

Stadium, Three Rivers

Last week, we went

ing you know what to

look for and what to look out for. OK, there was free food, but we only ate in the name of helping you the consumer.

We've reviewed many different parts of the park - all with Comerica's predecessor in mind. In the end, you'll have to make up your own mind if you go.

Think of this as Siskel and Ebert go to the ball park. We'll grade the items as Bats Up, Bats Down, or a Checked Swing: Ready? Let's go to the ball park.

### ACCESS

CJ: Just 35 minutes. That's all it took to drive from our office (Levan and Schoolcraft in Livonia) to the new ballpark - and on opening day! OK, so the Tigers opened in Oakland. Still, the drive wasn't all that different. Took I-

96 to I-94 east to the Chrysler south and got off at the first exit - Mack Took that to Woodward, turned left and voila! We were there. Signs leading you to the park all the way. Access is possible, but easy? Ah - doubtful. Have to wait and see. CHECKED SWING.

PAUL: There's an old saying about how you can't get there from here. Its latest installment is Comerica Park. While there are signs everywhere on how to find the park, you might want to bring a book, a good tape or maybe a hand-held video game while waiting for

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## Ballpark from page B1

traffic to move. One of the advantages of Tiger Stadium was the ballpark came first, the freeways were built around it and Michigan Avenue had three lanes of traffic in both directions Comerica Park doesn't have that luxury. Woodward is narrow and the freeways are close, but with no immediate access. Prepare to use a lot of sidestreets and to be creative. BATS DOWN.

PARKING Paul: Parking? There's parking? I'd like to say I'm kidding, but I'm not. At Tiger Stadium, you usually went to the same lot for every game because you always went there. At Comerica, you eventually may. Unfortu- and it won't reach that level by nately, it might be the same one Tuesday. Three of the four you parked at near Tiger Stadium. Good luck. Prepare to walk. And if there's an event at the Fox or State Theater or Second City, well, May the Force Be With You. The parking gods won't. Two words of advice: Peo-

ple Mover, BATS DOWN. CJ: According to material provided by the Tigers' PR department, there are "approximately 2,000 parking spaces" that were created during park construc- still pretty impressive. My two tion, with 1,000 in an adjacent parking structure and a total of 16,700 within 15 minutes of the park. Or, as my cohort advised, you can park at that same space near Tiger Stadium and bus to the new park. My advice: That

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apparently empty lot outside the

for parking. Only go in there if vou have one helluva SUV that's where they're building Ford Field. BATS DOWN.

leftfield fence (near the Fox) isn't

### STADIUM EXTERIOR CJ: OK, it doesn't have that

lush, white aluminium siding that made Tiger Stadium so special. But it does have a lot of really neat Tiger stuff, like sculptures of Tigers on the outside walls. There's a lot of brickwork that looks good now and will probably look even better when the park is finished. There's lots to be done before this park is 100 percent open, streets surrounding Comerica were still under construction when we were there. But it does look good. BATS UP.

PAUL: Tiger Stadium is an old ballpark that looks like a warehouse in the middle of a historic district. Comerica Park is a new hallpark that looks like an old ballpark in the shadow of the old Hudson's warehouse. When finished it will be wonderful. It's favorites are the statues at the main ballpark entrances and the Pewabic tile around some of the building entrances. I like, I like, I like. BATS UP.

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What's the score? The giant scoreboard in left field,

dominate view in the Tigers' new Comerica Park. about Tiger Stadium was the Stadium charm - the smell of whatever was cooking, the interior concourses. True, they enclosed, dark, almost claustrowere small and cramped. But that was part of the charm. You phobic feeling. And although it walked into the stadium; you did protect you from the rain, I were hit with the smells of cookalways wondered what was drip ping on my head while walking ing onions and hot dogs. The CoPa has large, wide, roomy conthrough those lower concourses courses, but you lose the peron a sunny day. I like the CoPa The airiness, the wideness, the spective of being inside. With no overhangs and no true enclosed easy access - heck, we could walk around the entire perimearea, good luck on a rainy day. I

along with the downtown Detroit skyline, will be the

like the fact there is more space,

but it's too open, if that's possi-

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### SEATING

at the Corner. BATS UP.

ter of the park! Couldn't do that

CJ: There are, according to the Tigers' PR department, 30,000 chair seats, 3,000 club seats, 2:000 suite seats and 5:000 bleacher seats (total of 40,000) ranging in price from \$8 to \$75. There's no overhang to block views, no poles to block views and you can actually see buildngs outside the park from the lower deck. There are even (get this) cup holders at every seat (except the bleachers). And a guy can stand at a railing in center field and actually watch the game. And you can see most of he park from the lower-deck oncourse. I like it. BATS UP.

PAUL: We made the trek to ection 210, row 22, seat 1 - the furthest seat in the last row lown the upper deck in right. The last time I sat in such a seat was in new Comiskey Park and the concessionaire sold binoculars and oxygen. Don't need 'em here. The climb isn't as high as it looks and the sight line was much better than the worst seat in Tiger Stadium (those not behind poles.) Wider seats (perfect for wider posteriors) and better sight lines make the grade

here, but the best are the Tiger Den seats with actual padded wooden, movable chairs (at \$75 a pop and only available to season ticket holders, they should be Barcaloungers). Tiger Stadium seats were closer to the action. but this works well. BATS UP.

FOOD

PAUL: A \$7.25 beer and a Ball Park Frank for \$2.75? It makes Metro Airport food prices seem like Rally's. I know they have to pay for the stadium somehow, but geez. The food court eats were OK (It's a ballpark, not East Side Mario's), but more dough in the buns shouldn't mean less dough in the wallet. BATS DOWN.

CJ: I'm a beer and a dog kinda guy, and I always treasured those served at the Corner. But times change and, know what? CoPa's weren't bad. It's just that there's so much to choose from chicken sandwiches, fish sandwiches, gyros, subs, french fries, etc. The dogs they serve are thick-skinned, authentic coneys, which is great. And you certainly get a lot of bun for the buck they're huge. There are all sorts of different restaurants, including a McDonald's in right field. We ate in the Big Cat Food Court. It's good, but pricey sandwiches are all \$6, beers nge from \$4.50 to \$7.25, do

### are \$2.75 to \$3.50. BATS UP. BATHROOMS

CJ: I remember going to see Mark Fidrych pitch in front of a packed house at Tiger Stadium. Went to the men's room, waited in line to get to one of those troughs inside, then wondered why since all these guys were just going wherever they wanted to. By the time I got back to my seat, I'd missed two innings. My sister was with me; the line for her was 3-1/2 innings. There are more bathrooms, so there will be fewer missed pitches at CoPa.

PAUL: No matter how hard you tried to forget, 87 years of ballpark memories had to include the sights, sounds and smells of Tiger Stadium bathrooms. The dung of your ancestors are a thing of the past. There are 462 of American Standard's finest at 35 locations around the park. This is not to say that people aren't going to have to wait. But it's going to be a lot easier. BATS UP.

### DISTRACTIONS

ble for a second mortgage), but above all go. Once you find a PAUL: A carousel? A ferris place to park, you'll have fun. wheel? In a ball park? Yup, and BATS UP.

it works too. It's out of the way, unobtrusive and blends in very nicely. Scoreboard is big. Real big. So big the upperdeck of the left field stands block out the Channel 50 ad because someone designed the board to go 30 feet too close to the stands (word is the Mike Ilitch ain't too happy 'bout it). And there's an out-oftown scoreboard, too, for the first

time in years. Lot of places to "That is false," he said. "I buy souvenirs and lots of room to talked to the official during the season yet to go. That is what roam. If you don't like the fact time the event was going on, there's a carousel, don't use it. about 4:15 to 4:30. We discussed BATS UP. that they were not in uniform. CJ: Let's face facts here. This "I did not press it, because I park cost \$300 million, so it betdidn't think it was a big deal. ter have plenty to offer. Since it His man threw further than our appears the Tigers.won't have an

man, and I accepted that awful lot to show, distractions "But when all this other inforlike carousels (in the Big Cat mation was a big deal at the end Food Court) and Ferris wheels of the meet ... and I pointed out said. "I'm sure it's not going to be (with baseballs as gondolas) may they were not in uniform and a pleasant situation over the come in handy. There are restaushould be denied ... that was a next year. But it happened and major point of the call to the we will go on." rants, pillars featuring Tiger greats, shops to spend money in (ves. there are ATMs), and sometime soon a waterfall in center field and fireworks for home runs over a scoreboard bigger

### than any in America. BATS UP. OVERALL

I'm not going to dwell on it. I like

CoPa. It'll work well, once every-

thing opens and parking spots

are located close to Mars. You

can sit and watch the game, you

can stand and watch it, you can

go to a restaurant and sit and

watch it. And hopefully, some-

day soon, the Tigers will be

worth watching. The price will

be steep, to be sure. Outside the

Pepsi Family Section, which is

bleacher seating, look to spend

about \$80 for four tickets, four

plain hot dogs and Cokes, a pro-

gram and parking). BATS UP.

PAUL: Comerica Park is not

Tiger Stadium. Nor was it meant

to be. And in today's time of big-

money ballparks and bigger con-

tracts for less talented players,

someone's got to pay for it -

although I do have a problem

with the fact that two Chicago-

style hot dogs and two medium

beers cost the same amount as

tuition did per credit hour my

freshman year in college. It's

fun, it can be exciting and it is v-

e-r-y expensive. Go early, go

often (check to see if you're eligi-

CJ: I won't dwell on the past, knowing all the special places to Meet results: park, the smell of the hot dogs, the feel of walking up the grandstand ramp to the stands and eing the field ... Well, anywa

high lump: 1. Aisha Chappell (PS), 5-1 (fewer misses) 2 Autumn Hicks (PS) 5-1, 3. Amy Driscoll (PC) 5-0.

Brynne DeNeen (PS), 16-2 3/4

Russ Cade went 2-for-3 with a

"The eight hits we had were

• PCA 6. Bethesda 2: Junior

Shumaker also went 1-for-3

keeping PCA unbeaten after

scattered," Dickey said.

properly detected as it should handled himself. "I've explained to our kids: 'We

know we beat them. They know to a fabulous meet. Our kids did we beat them. But the paper will tor and explained to him. I talked to the starter and say we lost, 69-68. explained it to him. After the "It's important to the kids

meet - becaise that's when the There were some tears shed. "The kids were talking about it "But (at the time), out of in class (Friday) and at lunch. I sportsmanship, I said, 'OK, your hope Geoff is able to convey to didn't point out the difference in kid threw farther than mine."

that they can drop the issue." Canton held a 56-40 lead fol-"The big picture is we have a tremendous team and a lot of the lowing the 300 hurdles, but Salem's strongest events were vet to come.

"It was a team effort to squeak "I hope we can drop the issue. Putting the issue to rest might kids worked hard. They deserved be tough. There's just one track every fair opportunity to win. at the athletic complex and both

"We've been disqualified in many meets for not following the "Not only that, but we participate in the Elks today and the rules. Remember the earring incident that allowed Westland Observerland together," Baker John Glenn to tie us in the Observerland meet a few years

"It's the nature of the beast." "We'll meet them again," Richardson said, "numerous

times in the season.

"It was an unfortunate ending

"We hope it's over. Our team does have tremendous character. That's the point I was trying to ton (Tony Mize, Ross O'Hara, Brandon

get across to the kids. "There were some moist eyes in the group. There's always his athletes that it's over. I hope another day. And our season will still be successful."

The disagreement marred a meet memorializing the memories of Mangan and Bolger.

Parents of both deceased athletes were present for the event. this one out," Baker said. "My originally named to honor Mangan after he died from a burst appendix following a 1977 track

"That was a very nice moment," Baker said of the mid- Gill (PS), 4:53, 3. Scott Gillen (PC), meet ceremony. "We wanted to 4:58. explain to the Mangans why we were adding the Bolger name to 2. Asa Hensley (PC), 124-10, 3. Will the meet.

"And Brad Mangan was there; he's Jeff's brother. I graduated

·Canton schedule change: The Chiefs' boy's meet originally scheduled for Thursday with 1:35.35. (Salem DQ'd).

Farmington Harrison has been switched to Wednesday. Meet results: 3200 -meter relay: 1. Plymouth Can-

Salem (Bob Miller, Archie Kinney, Silva, McClellan, Aaron Schmidt), 8:57.8, 2. Plymouth Salem (Manyir Gill, Mike 400 dash: 1. Gaines (PC), 50.9, 2. Luick, Greg Kubitski, Donnie Warner) Coble (PS), 51.5, 3. Jack Tucci (PC),

long jump: 1. Gabe Cobte (PS), 20-11 300 hurdles: 1. Rob Showalter (PS), 1/2, 2, Ugo Okwumabua (PC), 19-8, 3, 42.9 2 Silva (PS): 43.3, 3. Ricky Singh Matt Dukes (PC), 18-9 1/2. (PC), 43.8 110 high hurdles: 1. Chris Kalis (PC)

800 run: 1. Warner (PS), 2:09.8, 2. 15.49 2 Rvan Silva (PS), 15.64, 3. Gill (PS), 2:10.3, 3. Schmidt (PC), 100 dash: 1. K. J. Singh (PC), 11.3.

800 relay: 1. Canton, (K. J. Singh,

fligh jump: 1. Jordan Chapman (PC).

400 relay: 1. Canton (K. J. Singh,

Howe, Gary Lee, Bonner ), 45.1, 2,

6-2, 2. (Tie:) Kalis (PC), Silva (PS), 6-0.

Nat Howe, Bonner, Jerry Gaines).

Bonner (PC), 23.5, 3. Tucci (PC), 23.6. Pole Vault: 1. Chapman (PC), 12-8, 2 Jim Brzuch (PS), 10-6, 3. Brian Page

(PC), 10-0. 3200 run: 1. Gill (PS), 10:50, 2. discus: 1. Mark Snyder (PS), 128-11, Warner (PS), 10:51, 3, Gillen (PC), 10:58

1600 relay: 1. Salem (Showaiter, shot put: 1. Snyder (PS), 47-2, 2. Robbie Kamman, Tony Stott, Steve Shull), 3:50. (Canton DQ'd).

## Girls track from page B1

Boys track from page B1

have been. By me.

other (incident) occured.

That's how I operate.

our focus is going to be on.

Canton and Salem use it.

"I talked to our athletic direc-

know what their uniform looks

"It's a nice blue with a big old

"But that appeal was not

upheld. Therefore, the result of

Richardson disputed that he

the Salem shot putters to offi-

'PS' on the front. And I men-

tioned that to them.

meet is 69-68."

shot put: 1. Titfany Grubaugh (PS). 37-7, 2. Michelle Bonior (PS) 31-9 1/2.

discus: 1. Grubaugh (PS), 143-6, 2. Miranda White (PS), 91-4, 3. Kim Yount 2, Ashley Heard (PS), 6-6, 3. Jenny, 12-8, 2. Merediffi Fox (PC), 13.2, 3. Canton, 56.9.

long jump: 1. Driscoll (PC), 16-4 3/4.

"He had part to do with that,"

Richardson said, "in the way he

Jessica Johnson (PC), 14-9 3/4. pole vault: 1. Kristen Schilk (PC) 7-6,

3200 relay: 1. Salem (Lisa Jasnowski, Kelly Solano, Jill Grey, White), 11:12, 2. Canton, 11.28. 100 hurdles: 1. Chappell (PS), 17.0, 2. White (PS), 6:09.1, 3. Erin Jensen Chappell (PS), 52.7, 3. Cristin Kukahn

100 dash: 1. Rachel Jones (PS). Davis, Susan Woodard, Jones) 53.4, 2. (PS), 2:42.8, 3. Danielle Guerin (PS).

Tekla Bude, Fox) 1:52.6. (Salem DQ'd). 1:06.1. 1600: 1. Cayna Carnes (PS): 5:58.9. 300 hurdles: 1. Brown (PS), 52.3, 2.

8:59.7

Okwumabua (PC), 16.36.

Johnson (PS), 11.44.

Hundley (PC), 118-5.

2. Jamie Bonner (PC), 11.39, 3. Pat

1600 run: 1. Warner (PS), 4:49, 2.

Hensley (PC), 39-3, 3. Andrew McCully

800: 1. Solano (PS), 2:41.7, 2. White 2:43.6.

fourth inning.

800 relay: 1. Canton (Driscoll, Schilk, (PS), 63.7, 3. Jessica Levely (PC), (PC), 28.3, 3. Davis (PS), 28.6.

Kim Wood (PS), 13:28.1, 3, Carnes

### Chiefs open with double-header split; Eagles perfect at start drove one in, Johnson had a hit, Thursday at Griffin Park. Brad Nollar had two hits and a seem to matter.

Plymouth Canton's season opener was a mixed success. Walled Lake Central on Wednesday when the Vikings pushed across an earned run in the

and Jason Evans went 1-for-3. But the Chiefs came back to struck out nine and hurled a take the darkness-shortened nightcap, 5-4, in a five-inning three-hitter Friday for Plymouth

Christian Academy in a game Greg Neino pitched a one-hitcalled after six innings due to darkness at Warren Woods High ter in the second game, striking out nine and walking four. All four runs were uneassed as the and drove in two runs. He result of four Canton errors. walked only three batters in

"Overall, we didn't play bad," Coach Scott Dickey said. "We were disappointed in our Jim Reddy went 2-for-2, Oliver Wolcott scored twice, Jon John-

son had two RBI with a double Brian Rossow went 2-for-2 and Jay Sofen drove in a run. The Vikings scored three times in the bottom of the fifth. In the opener, Jon Johnson

three outings and taming Sterling Heights Bethesda (1-1). Sophomore Brian Carnevale went 2-for-3 and drove in three runs while junior first baseman Doug Parton went 1-for-2. The Eagles only had five hits in the

game, wrapping it up with three unearned

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With the score tied 1-1, sopho-Canton dropped a 3-2 game at run, Mike Jopps drove in a run more infielder Carnevale knocked in the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning for PCA.

"Lutheran Westland beat us right-hander David Shumaker up pretty bad last year, so this win is quite fulfilling," said PCA Coach Sam Gaines. Senior Derric Isensee (4-for-4)

led the Eagles at the plate, getting half of the team's eight hits. He scored the winning run on Carnavale's hit, and had one

'The game also marked the first career appearance for PCA freshman starting pitcher Clay Welton (1-0). In an impressive debut, he pitched a complete and only giving up only four hits and no earned runs.

"As the year goes by everybody is going to be hearing a lot more about this guy," Gaines said of

stolen base for the Warriors (0-2), and Luke Kasten added an season's Michigan Independent RBI single.

ing up three hits. \*PCA 16, Macomb Christian 1: Tuesday's cold, blustery weather did not chill the bats of PCA, which won its season opener in a mercy shortened win over

Macomb Christian at Griffin "We hit the ball real good," Coach Gaines said. "They used had 2 RBI on 2-for-3 hitting.

four pitchers, but it just didn't

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Athletic Conference Most Valu-Starter Brent Habitz took the able Player, led the Eagles, Senior Nathan Worley pitched oss, going five innings and giv- going 2-for-4, knocking in two the fourth inning and had two runs and scoring three runs, strikeouts. including the game winner on a

passed ball in the bottom of the

Sophomore catcher Carnevale also had a productive game at days of summer it wasn't. the plate, going 3-for-4 with 3

only one hit and one earned run. while striking out three batters Gaines was glad that his team

Senior infielder Isensee, last worked three innings, giving up

was able to mercy Macomb (0-1); because it got both teams out of the cold a little sooner. The dog "I was very happy with every-

RBIs. Junior Parton went 3-for-3 thing except the weather," he (1 RBI) and freshman Welton said. "It was snowing and the wind was howling. What can you PCA also got some good pitch- say, that's Michigan baseball."

### Both Bethesda runs were The Eagles did commit four High School took the loss despite an 11-•PCA 2, Lutheran Westland strikeout performance. He gave ball that allowed the Warriors to up five hits and walked just one. 1: Plymouth Christian Academy dropped Lutheran Westland 2-1 score their run. Brian Kay scored a run and Opening Observer & Eccentric



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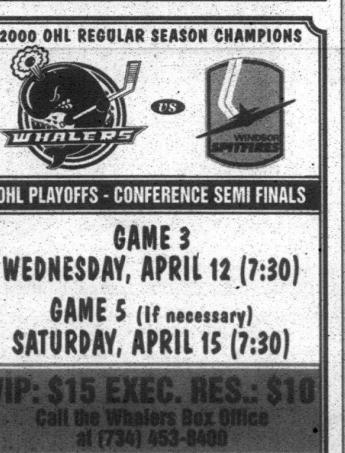
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# Chargers, Spartans get new ice coaches

SPORTS WRITER

One varsity hockey position was filled Thursday, but two others remain open after Redford Unified coach Pete Mazzoni took the Livonia Churchill job, replacing Jeff Hatley.

Mazzoni was also approached by Livonia Stevenson after Mike Harris recently stepped down.

In just two seasons with Red ford Unified, Mazzoni posted records of 19-4-2 and 22-2-1. This season Mazzoni was named Observerland Coach of the Year.

"We feel fortunate to have a person of Pete's quality, Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "We're definitely pleased because we feel we got the best candidate.

"We're impressed with what he did the last two years with Redour program at a high level."

basketball coach Carlos Briggs

reeled in another significant

recruit Friday when North

Farmington's 6-foot-6 Bosnian

center Emir Medunjanin signed

team All-Observer performer,

rebounds this season for the

24-7 season and an Eastern

with the Ocelots.

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Stevenson graduate, was ticketed to return to his alma mater. The 31-year-old Mazzoni cur-"I applied at both schools, but I just felt more comfortable at Churchill," Mazzoni said. "It was

"There's lot of uncertainty. right now at Stevenson with a new athletic director and principal coming in. At Churchill both

are returning and I've heard nothing but good things about the building and the people "I'm real excited about the

opportunity there." Churchill, under Hatley, won its first regional championship since 1986. The Chargers lose Hatley was 126-51-17 in eight

lege Athletic Association. Brig-

better players from this area.

somebody who will work hard

from an academic and basket-

ball standpoint," Briggs said.

"Emir came here four years ago

from Bosnia and is just learn-

averaged 14.7 points and 8.6 not only enhance his aca- Brian Williams (Wayne Memo-

chance to play at the (NCAA)

Conference championship in play the small forward position gie Kirkland, will sign this

seasons and 16-6-2 last year, ford Unified. We think he'll keep winning the Western Lakes Activities Association.

interview Friday with Churchill it's a better move for me," Maz- Mazzoni, referring to the puware Corp. administrators for a teaching zoni said. "They have a good tal- MHSAA's sanctioning of the pro-Many thought Mazzoni, a 1987 ing back next year. They have a veteran squad."

Schoolcraft lands 6-6 F/C Medunjanian

gs is 74-20 in his three seasons. guy who can shoot the ball,"

demics, but he also has a rial) and shooting guard

Medunjanin will most like ern Illinois. Point-guard, Reg-

I think we signed one of the Briggs said. He received good

this area.

the Michigan Community Col- for Schoolcraft.

business at Redford Union High School. He is a 1991 graduate of Adrian College where he excelled as

a quarterback. Mazzoni also coached football at Defiance (Ohio) and Adrian before coming to the RU School

He also has an interest in coaching high school football. "I miss it and I wouldn't mind

getting back into it," he said. Redford Unified is a cooperative hockey program between the he did an outstanding job and high schools of two separate districts, RU and Thurston.

"There are some things you give up, but I'm not going to miss dealing with the Unified

"Emir has some size and is a

high school coaching from Tom

Negoshian. He's fundamentally

sound and disciplined player.

"It's not always you can get a

Two players off this year's

quality player like Emir from

Schoolcraft team, point-guard

Gilbert Mitchell (Detroit Cody),

both committed to Div. I West-

ent pool and a lot of people com- gram. "We had a good group of kids and we got real close the last couple of years."

RU athletic director Jim Gibrently teaches computers and bons said Mazzoni will be

"We'll be posting the job shortly and I'd like to hire somebody within a month," Gibbons said. "He helped our program immensely and did a great job with it, but I understand why he

Meanwhile, the resignation of Harris did not come unexpected. "Mike has resigned for personal and professional reasons," outgoing Stevenson athletic director

Roger Frayer said. "For 11 years

game against Churchill resulting kept our program at a very commounted speaker being tipped petitive level. Harris recently took a new job as a sales representative in the Stevenson and Churchill. The best for the team to have a new final episode resulted in Stevensystems software division of the

"And in the long run I think situation every two years," said Farmington Hills-based Com- son forfeiting its final five regular season games and Churchill The former Northern Michigan its final four.

"I hope my program was based player (1976-77) and Marine on dedication, commitment and Corps helicopter pilot spent three years as an assistant discipline," Harris said. "I'd like under Paul Ferguson and two to thank the former players and to those with whom I worked with over the years that added

more under Matt Mulcahy. In six varsity seasons, Harris immense meaning to my life. posted an overall record of 96-34 "I felt blessed that the experi 9, including a record of 76-6-5 in ence I received was greater than both the Suburban High School anything I may have given out. Hockey League and WLAA.

He guided the Spartans to four "I want to extend my wishes to the student-athletes and best SHSL titles and one WLAAsuccess in their future endeav-Lakes Division crown. But his final two seasons were

marred by three separate inci-Harris, who was a part o dents - an ugly finish to a 1999 seven Stevenson titles in 11 years, felt the time was right to district tournament game with state champion Redford Catholic step down

Central; a confrontation during a "Right now I'm pursuing other personal and professional goals. he said. "The program is at a over in the official scoring area; point, and I'm at a point, where and a post-game brawl between it's time for a change and it's

# Shamrocks win

week with Div. II Wayne State. Two other Ocelots, top scorer and rebounder Rob Brown (Oak Park) and small forward Lamar Bigby (Detroit Northern), could

doubleheader. be committing to Div. I schools as early as this week. The 6-5 Bigby is being pursued by Cleveland State, Texas game, 5-3, in the third inning Mike Wadowski. before it was postponed by dark-A&M. Texas Christian, Bowl

Michigan University. Purdue has also expressed interest. Meanwhile, the 6-4 Brown is considering Wisconsin-Green Bay, Western Illinois, Alabama A&M, WMU and Long Island

Redford Catholic Central came shaky defensively.

up with two runs in the top of The Shamrocks took the lead the ninth inning Wednesday to in the ninth when a bases-loaded stop the University of Detroit- walk to Andy Smith scored Mat Jesuit, 6-4, in the first game of a Loridas. Catholic Central got an insurance run when Adam The Shamrocks led the second Kline's fielder's choice scored

Wadowski also had a two-run homer in the fourth inning to tie It likely will be completed the game at 2-2, while Dave Tovey was 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored.

Charlie Haeger started for CC being pulled with a sore shoul errors made this game closer. der. He had eight strikeouts and Saturday, it was baserunning gave up just two hits before mistakes. (Wedneday) we were being relieved by Smith (2-0).

### ing Green State and Western before their next meeting. "I was happy that we battled back in the seventh inning (from a 3-2 deficit) to get the lead," CC and went four innings before coach John Salter said. "But



Medunjanin, a two-time first-eam All-Observer performer, "Coming to Schoolcraft will

The Ocelots are coming off a Division I level."

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BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

The domino theory con-

101-70 in eight seasons

with the Rockets, becomes

the fourth area varsity

cage coach and the third in

down shortly after the

also reportedly open,

Schuette, who turned in

bringing the total to five.

Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 11

Monday, April 10

Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m. tinued Wednesday for area furon Valley at Macomb, 4:30 p.m. high, school basketball Loth, Westland at Shrine, 4:30 p.m. coaches as Westland John Glenn's Mike Schuette Wednesday, April 12 Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m. becomes the latest to Franklin at N. Farmington, 4 p.m. Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Schuette, who finished

CC at Notre Dame (2), 4:30 p.m Thursday, April 13 Churchill at W. Bloomfield, 4 p.m. Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Redford CC at G.P. South, 4 p.m. Friday, April 14 Liggett at Luth, Westl'd. 3:30 n.m.

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Redford CC at Salem, noon, GIRLS SOFTBALL Monday, April 10 Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m

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Friday, April 14 Churchill at Northville, 4 p.m. Harrison at Franklin, 4 p.m. Mercy at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m. Liggett at Luth. Westl d, 4:30 p.m Saturday, April 15 Taylor Invitational, 9 a.m.

Huror Tournament, TBA (all double-headers) Country Day at Churchill, 11 a.m. Stevenson at Redf d Union, 11 a.m. **BOYS TRACK** 

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(all double-headers) Sunday, April 9 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.n Tuesday, April 11 Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 2 p-m

Friday, April 14

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL Sunday, April 9 Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.) Tuesday, April 11

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to walk away within the coaching. I saw what hap- ment of the game. past week. Wayne Memoripened with Jim McIntyre al's Chuck Henry also (Stevenson) and Bob resigned after 17 seasons. Brodie (Plymouth Salem) Schuette cited family when they couldn't watch . tem." their sons play because considerations for his

departure, just as Dan Robinson had recently another school. I didn't want to go through that." done at Livonia Franklin, Schuette, however, hasand Tim Newman had done at Livonia Stevenson. n't completely put aside "I don't want to miss my two boys playing at the the varsity girls coach in national high school power high school level," said the fall at Redford Mount Zion Christian with thrilling win over Schuette, who has a sixth- Thurston where he has Academy (N.C.). Glenn ties Association to step grader and an eighth-grad- spent the past 15 years had high hopes entering er, both in the Bloomfield

ber I told my assistant Joel being with young kids -Lloyd that it was probably it's high school sports," sive early season victory a letter of resignation to be my last year at Glenn. said Schuette, a guidance Gerald Szukaitis, becomes ple, either continue to loved being part of such a after two returning

"I love coaching and

"I'm sure I'll try to get back into it at some blace and time in our school sys-Schuette's final camthey were coaching at paign at Glenn ended with a disappointing 4-16 mark.

Coming off a 14-8 season in 1998-99 and buoyed by the return of 6-foot-8 Yaku coaching. He'll remain as Moton, a transfer from and continue to coach var- the 1999-2000 season. A 1999-2000 season. Two Hills Cranbrook Schools sity baseball in the spring preseason poll even had the Rockets among the top

25 teams in the state. That team featured 6-10 Guy Rucker, who became a And despite an impres starting center at Iowa; 6-6 Tony Goins, Wayne over state-ranked Adrian, "The decision was sim- counselor at Glenn, "I Glenn's season turned sour State's all-time leading the second varsity boys coach at Glenn and miss school activity, the excite-starters, forward Ben Har- who earned a football basketball coach in the my kids' growth at the ment, being with the kids ris and guard Eric Jones

Wayne-Westland Schools high school, or put aside and just the overall excite- were both gone by mid-season. The 6-8 Moton, surplayed at Oakland Comrounded by an inexperienced team, was the only

team finished 12-9.

and wound up 20-5 overall.

munity College. "They not only had the In 1992-93, Schuette left a varsity boys position at

ent as I've had, but they were also very focused, Schuette said. Thurston replace Pat Bennett at Glenn. His first Never short on athletes Schuette had six winning In Schuette's second sea-

seasons with the Rockets. son (1993-94), Glenn cap-"Mike is the only coach tured its first-ever regional ever to get us to the quarterfinals." said Szukaitis championship in Jackson who indicated the vacant Ann Arbor Pioneer. The position will be posted soon within the Wayne Rockets then lost a close

Westland Schools. Class A quarterfinal battle Lloyd, Glenn's JV boys with Battle Creek Central coach and entering his third year as the varsity girls coach, appears to be the leading candidate.

probably been ready the

## Chiefs, Rocks continue collision course in early soccer

There's a showdown in Wednesday, winning their Amanda Lentz got a hat dusky and Sarah Plymale and Jeannine Edwards line they'll run into other the offing somewhere respective Western Lakes trick on the Chiefs' own each had an assist. down the road. Several, perhaps

Plymouth Salem's soccer

teams remained unbeaten Lake Central, 5-0, as

other WLAA positions are (where his wife is also at Cranbrook.

employed). "Last Novem-

Activities Association turf. openers in their third Ashley Rosaen and Alli

Canton drubbed Walled Canton goals

Salem overcame a 1-0 Jessie Bucks, Coyle and

son Mills scored the other defeat the host Mustangs, assists

scored the Rocks' goals. WLAA powers. And don't forget their

So both have yet to lose, Erica Aherns, Beth San- Jami Coyle, Janae Bucks but somewhere along the

own regularly scheduled meeting May 15.

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## Westland's preserve: Holliday hidden gem

Westland resident Bob Duda led a small group of hikers along a narrow path that wound its way through the shadows of magnificent, towering beech tress, some of the defining features of the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve.

"Some of these beech trees can be traced back a thousand years," Duda explained to the ten members of the hiking troop. As they made their way through the surrounding woodland on a lovely spring morning. with temperatures in the mid-

ilization faded away. As the group was listening to a chorus of songbirds, the unmistakable roar of a train suddenly thundered out, quickly making everyone realize they were not in some remote northern wilderness, but smack dab in the middle of urban Wayne County.

The hike, organized by the South East Michigan Group (SEMG) of the Sierra Club, took place on the first weekend of spring at Holliday, a 500-acre swath of woods that runs through Westland.

It was just one in a series of outings SEMG organizes during the year at various parks and preserves throughout the fivecounty area surrounding Detroit.

"We try to do one hike every weekend, 52 a year," said Duda calling this hike "a kind of spring wakeup tour." Duda, who has been a SEMG

member for 12 years, arranged the hike and acted as leader for the group, which consisted of both members and non-mem-While the group weaved its then, this has become my

way through the preserve at a favorite place." leisurely pace. Duda and fellow hikers Marty Johnson and Phil Crookshank took time to speak to each of the hikers. They described the various attributes of the nearly 40-year-old park, including the wildlife that lives serve, which is one of the main there and the forces that threat- reasons for outings such as the

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Richards brings more to the

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Canton won the Southeastern

Conference title by beating

Salem for the title but Salem

came back and beat Canton for

the chance to go to the state high

school finals last month at Cen-

Salem cap-

tured the state

title, led by their

own version of

Mateen Cleaves

in Pat Brown,

who demon-

started the lead-

ership and abili-

champion.

prised of Alan Florka at leadoff,

along with Ken Bazman, Brian

Kaufman, Keith Moore and Tony

Vitali at anchor, along with

Jon Robison rounded out the

girls teams as only two from

each school signed up and that is

not enough," Richards said. "We

will make every possible to get

up girls teams this next season."

every bit as good as the boys.

"We were unable to field any

Keith Kingsbury.

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As for the Can-

ton boys, the

team was com-

tury Bowl in Waterford.

USA and a Level 3 coach in the

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Salem, Canton shine

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you realize that in the middle of an urban area we have a natural area like this that is home to many deer and even some coyotes," said Johnson, who is not affiliated with SEMG, but is a member of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association (HNPA), a group of volunteers who care for the park.

While most of the park is comprised of deciduous forest, Duda led the hikers to a majestic stand of red and white pines, which was one of the highlights of the outing.

After about an hour of walking, the hikers came to a small bridge that skirts Tonquish 60s, winter and the bustle of civ-Creek, the main waterway of the eserve and a vital component of the Rouge River watershed. They rested on the bridge, and discussed the storied history of the park, including tales of buried Indians within its bor-

"This is a nice place to get away," Johnson said. "It kind of gives you an idea of what this area looked like years ago, before they homogenized it, drained it

Holliday is a particularly spe cial place for Duda, who has become an active environmentalist over the course of the last About 12 years ago, Duda got

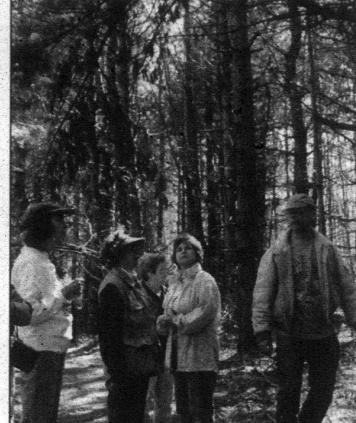
involved with both the Sierra Club and the HNPA when he heard Westland officials were considering building a golf course through the preserve. which at the time was neglected and rundown.

"This was my first battle," Duda said. "I knew it was time to get off of my butt and get involved, rather than just saying I was for the environment. Since The Sierra Club and the

HNPA actively campaigned against the golf course, and their efforts helped keep the preserve intact. They also drew awareness to the plight of the pre-

en it. spring hike.

"It is really interesting when "We are trying to accomplish



**RECREATION & BOWLING** 

Hiking: Bob Duda (right) of the Sierra Club discusses some of the features of the Holliday Nature Preserve.

Duda said. "First, we love to get preserve is special, but a very outside and enjoy the outdoors. and Holliday is a great place to to introduce other people to the natural beauty of the area, and hopefully they will want to get involved to save it."

Other areas where SEMG has planned upcoming outings include Pontiac Lake Recreation Area (April 16), Maybury State Park (April 22), Proud Lake Recreation Area (April 30), and a wildflower hike through Sharon Hollow (May 7). Anyone with an interest in the outdoors is invit-

Crookshank will be conducting a wildflower walk at Holliday on Mothers Day, which is another way SEMG and the HNPA are able to showcase the preserve.

"We don't want to love it to

two things with these hikes," this place," Johnson said, "The vulnerable piece of property."

After the break at the bridge do that. Secondly, we are trying the group made its way back along the same path. Once in the parking area, it was clear the participants in the hike were mpressed with the experience.

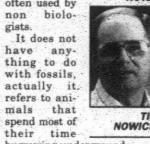
"This place is a real gem," said Southfield resident Dan Kolton, who read about the hike in the Observer. Kolton came along with his fiancee Mary Christner Neither are members of the Sier ra Club, but they try to get outdoors as much as possible. "Places like this are important

because you don't have to go very far to be able to do some thing like this," said Kolton, who is retired. "I always feel so much better afterwards."

For more information about death, but we want to raise Sierra Club outings or memberawareness and appreciation of ship, call (810) 632-6309.

# Crickets find underground

a word not often used by non biolocricket. It does not



their time burrowing underground. Maybe we don't use fossorial very much because we don't often think about those ani-

gists

mals that are out of sight. My neighbor, Bernadette Flanigan, recently brought me an insect she came upon at a local nursery.

She brought is to me in a tall potato chip can because it was able to ran very fast. It never attempted to fly, but its back legs were cricket like.

Extending from both the front and the back were two thin extensions. One set were antennae, the other set were abdominal extensions. Overall length was about an inch. Color was a medium brown. After transferring it to a

glass jar so we could see it better, more of its features became apparent. Those hind legs were large, but not as large as those of a cricket we see in late summer. The eyes were just tiny

dark brown dots not much bigger than a 7-millimeter ing. pencil lead. But most importantly we could see the first pair of legs. At the end of each swollen front leg were black finger-

hose found on a garden rake. Those projections were part of a flat, widened section of the back, foot. The whole structure with rake-like projections.

tive front feet, it was easy to identify the insect as a mole

The northern mole cricket is the most common species in our area, although we have a pygmy mole cricket in the state too. Like the name mole suggests, this cricket spends most of its time burrowing in moist soils. If they do come to the surface, its generally at

It's interesting to compare the features of this mole cricket with the black field cricket which is not fossorial. Large jumping legs would be impractical while burrowing, so they are greatly reduced in the mole cricket compared to the field cricket. Eyes on the mole cricket are

much smaller than on the field cricket because they cannot see while underground Actually the entire head of the mole cricket is large and rounded for burrowing

through soil. And of course the spade like front legs of the mole cricket are designed for pushing soil while digging underground, a habit the field cricket does not exhibit

Both the eastern and starnosed mole, fur bearers in the mammal group, have similar fossorial features. They too have small eyes and paddle shaped front feet for burrow-Interesting how two very

different groups of animals have developed similar features to burrow in soil. Now that you know mole

like projections similar to crickets look like moles, can · you guess why a camel cricket is so named? It has a humped

Keep your eyes open for looked like a garden trowel either of these two unusual crickets this summer.

## **BOWLING HONOR ROLL**

### esday Sellor Men's Classic: Norm lochenik, 256/620; Earl Jones, 244/595;

Mack, 257/653. Monday Septers: Ken Liverpois, 268

and the Spring Break Bowling Camp, 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Friday, April 25-28, at "The program is designed for the beginner as well as the

come in The cost is \$95 for the complete course. For more informa-

tion call (734) 459-6070. . Country Lanes, located on Nine Mile Road between Middlebelt and Grand River in Farm ington will be running a single 9pin no-tap as a Leukemia Fund

Raiser on Sunday, April 16. The special sponsor child is Matthew.

There will be four bowlers to a lane, Door Prizes and Cash Prizes Check in is at noon with a 12:30 start. Call Diana Herman at (734)

427-8703 or sign up at the On Saturday, April 15, the

final scratch tournament of this season for the Bacardi Brunswick Blue Ribbon Group will be at Roosevelt Lanes in Allen Park, off Allen Road, just west of Southfield.

First prize is \$1,000 guaran teed and \$500 is also guaranteed Drew Barth, Brett Moore and for second. One of every two entrants will cash in.

It is open to any bowlers with averages of 217 and under. For more information, call Roosevelt Lanés at (313) 381-0222.

The score may look odd, but Dave Silverman had two 300 games in separate series the The girls competition was same day at the Lost Week enders League at Mayflower

"I was fortunate to have the Lanes talented kids to work with, and They had a make up from the the parents were more than earlier schedule and his first 300 enthusiastic in their support all was in a 814 series, then he the way through to the state bowled another 300 in the folfinals," Richards said. "The lowing make-up set. Bowling Proprietors organiza. See bowling honor roll

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the ads in the Observer for our tryouts, along with their continued support. "Next year we hope to continue in our successful ways. We will be announcing the tryouts again

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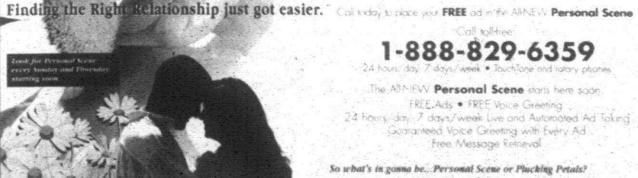
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## Angelic choir takes wing after revival

here were only three members of the Livonia Youth Choir singing, but their voices sounded like a choir of angels.

The mini-performance of "Amani Utupe," an African song, followed an interview with choir members Rachel Bhagwat, and Sarah and Emma Stitt and their moms. They'll sing the entire program Sunday, April 16, at Newburg United Methodist Church. Churchill High School Choralation, a show choir under the direction of Pat Hutchison, will perform.

"It's an innocence and joy that you hear in their voices," said Haika Gay, Rachel's mother. "It's a bunch of kids who want to be there. Rachel loves to sing and she's found a place where she can sing in a secular situation. It gives her this broad experience. It's a cooperative effort to sing together as a

If it hadn't been for Hutchison, though, Rachel would still be looking for a children's choir with which she could hone her singing skills. Until January when Hutchison resurrected the Livonia Youth Choir, local children could sing as a group only if they joined a church choir.

"It was a friendly atmosphere at the audition," said Bhagwat, a 9-year-old student at Webster Elementary, "I like singing together with different har-monies. And I like that we don't just stick to American music but have songs from different places.

Hutchison revived the choir because of children like Rachel, Sarah and Emma. Her own son sang in the Livonia Youth Choir 15 years ago. Shortly after, the group was disband-

"He made some lifelong friends," said Hutchison, chairman of the music department at Churchill High School in Livonia. "Even though today he's a builder

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· What: Livonia Youth Choir's Spring Concert

When: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16

Where: New burg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, (between Wayne and Newburgh roads). Livonia. Admission is free, call. (734) 425-1749.



Angelic voices: The Livonia Youth Choir rehearses for their first concert.

reason for reviving the choir in addition to encouraging children to develop social and musical skills. When instrumental instruction was restored in

Livonia elementary schools last September, fifth- and sixth-grade vocal music classes were eliminated.

When the Livenia Public Schools changed the program by offering a little less vocal and more instrumental for elementary students, we wanted to supplement by giving them another opportunity to sing," said Hutchison. "It's a good feeder program for high

Auditions for the choir were held in January. A \$3,000 grant from the Livonia Arts Commission got the project off the ground by providing funding for sheet music, rehearsal space, and director Leigh Emmett, a graduate of Churchill High School and former Livonia Youth Choir accompanist, Students rehearse 4:30-6 p.m. Sundays. The cost for 12 weeks

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Solemn sounds: Dave Wagner leads the Madonna University Chorale in a rehearsal of Durufle's "Requiem."



Holy Week tradition: Chorale members Ellen Oliver Smith of Canton (left), Larry Banas, Howell and Ted Grabarczyk, Farmington Hills prepare for their annual performance with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

USICIAN BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Schesiuk olodymyr remembers Palm Sunday as a solemn time when the priest would bless pussy willow branches before passing them out to parishioners at his church in Ukraine. The . When: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16

ceremony marked the beginning of Holy Week services and the retelling of events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of

So it's fitting that this Palm Sunday, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra conductor will keep the day sacred by playing Maurice Durufle's "Requiem" at St. Edith Church in Livonia. A French composer who lived from 1902 to 1986, Durufle wrote the music to celebrate the repose of souls of the dead. Schesiuk and the orchestra join together with the Madonna University Chorale and conductor/organist David Wagner to present the work.

"It's very nice music written shortly after the Second World War in 1947," said Schesiuk, a Garden City resident who immigrated to the U.S. in 1991. "It's not an easy piece of music. As compared to Mozart, it's a Gregorian chant, but everything is a little softer but very emotional.

### Program

In addition to the "Requiem," the program reflects on life and death with Handel's "Concerto for Organ & Orchestra," Grieg's "Death of Ase"

· What: A Palm Sunday concert by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Madonna University Chorale and organist Dave Wag-

. Where: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, Livonia

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

from "Peer Gynt Suite," Chadwick's Serenade for Strings," Dvorak's Largo" from the "New phony," and Sibelius' "Valse Triste."

"We selected these for what will be good for acoustics in church, Schesiuk said. "The concerto is really church music. The 'Requiem' is played before each Easter. It's a question of life and death. Music is like life. It must be used in the right place and time.

Schesiuk is looking forward to performing with Wagner and the chorale again. In January, they presented Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" at Livonia's Churchill High School Auditorium.

In 1998 and 1999 the orchestra and chorale joined the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Choir to perform Requiems by Rutter and Faure on Good Friday, St. Genevieve choir director Laverne Lieberknecht ini-

tially came up with the idea for a joint concert with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra during Holy Week. Due to illness, Leiberknecht and her choir will be unable to perform this

The chorale and Wagner, now in his second season as conductor, began working on the "Requiem" in January.

"It's one of the great masterpieces of 20th century choral music," said Wagner. "Throughout the ages, composers have set these texts for the Mass of the Dead or Mass of Resurrection. It has ancient chant melodies with impressionistic sort of harmony. I don't want to people to be scared off because it's 20th century music. This is very accessible, beautiful, lush work."

An accomplished organist, Wagner leads off the program as soloist for the Handel concerto. Wagner won Best Classical Recording of a solo artist at the 1998 Motor City Music Awards for his CD "Bright and Clear." Previous to becoming a full-time music professor at Madonna University two years ago, he was program director of classical music station WQRS for 18 years before it

switched formats. The concerto Handel wrote was to be performed as intermission music for one of his oratorios," Wagner said. "During Lenten season, opera and theater performances

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When: 3 p.m. and 7

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## University **Musical Society** resurrects Bach masterwork

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin@oe.homecomm

Conductor Thomas Sheets believes that if not for Felix Mendelssohn, the University Musical Society Choral Union might not be performing Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" on Palm Sunday.

By the time Mendelssohn rediscovered the masterwork a little more than 100 years after it was written, the Passion and its composer had fallen out of favor and nearly been forgotten. Mendelssohn revived the large-scale oratorio in 1829. In so doing, the young conductor initiated the modern era of Bach scholarship and helped bring his music into the mainstream of performance repertoire.

Sheets and the Choral Union together with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and Ann Arbor Youth Chorale will perform Bach's masterwork with soloists on Sunday, April 16. Thanks to the generosity of Carl and Isabelle Brauer, the University Musical Society was able to engage soloists with international reputations to sing the elaborate and lengthy production requiring an adult attention span. Joining them will be Russell Braun, a baritone regularly appearing with the Metropolitan Opera, singing the role of Jesus; soprano Maya Boog, alto Susan Platts, tenor Steven Tharp, and bassbaritone Clayton Brainerd with Parmentier: Edward

harpsichord/organ. Tenor Hans Peter Blochwitz is the Evangelist, a narrative character complemented by arias, choruses and chorales.

"Mendelssohn at the tender age of 19 came across the score of this work and was fascinated," said Sheets, "He single-handedly wrote out the parts and

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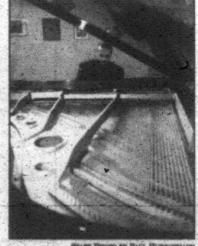
### "St. Matthew Passion"

- · What: University Musical Society Choral Union, Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and Ann Arbor Youth Chorale perform Bach's master-
- . When: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 16.
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### CONCERT

## Pianist spices concert with Latin American fare

Dimas Caraballo rehearses for his Music Through the Ages" concert.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lehomin@oe.homecomm

While Latin American music is all the rage right now little is known about classical works written by composers from Argentina and Spain. Dimas Carabal-

lo thinks that's a shame. The Cubanborn pianist plans to change that by giving two concerts at the Plymouth community Arts Council on Saturday,

The "Music Through the Ages" program features works ranging from baroque to contemporary with a little Latin thrown in for spice.

"Classical is the foundation of all music," said Caraballo. "It's master music that's 200 years old. Some people

think you put it on and fall asleep. It has some life, vitality. It's not boring. "In Spanish culture European music is just part of the culture, part of education," continued Caraballo.

The program has my Spanish roots. I wanted to give people a flavor of Latin American music and how it was influenced by classical music but retains folk

Caraballo began playing piano shortly after coming to the U.S. in 1967. His mother instilled a love of

music in him early. She was his first piano teacher when he was 5. Caraballo's talent and hard work won him full scholarships to the University of Michigan School of Music in 1986. Now the award-winning pianist is sharing them in a high-energy program of music by Bach, Beethoven, Liszt, Enrique Granados, Louis Gottschalk, Ernesto Lecuona, and Alberto Ginastera, Caraballo is playing the same recital at the University of Miami in August. \*

"The Granados has a flavor of Spanish dancers with castanets and Gottschalk was influenced by Latin

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American music," said Caraballo. "Gottschalk is a lot of fun, very rhythmic. Lecuona's Malaguena' is a famous piece They used a lot of his music in Hollywood. Liszt was responsible for changing the piano. His music was so technically difficult they restructured the piano."

### Memories Ginastera's sonata brings back

special memories for Caraballo. The Canton pianist attended a master class and played for the Argentine composer while a student at the University of Miami.

"I played his 'Argentinian Dances," Caraballo said. "It was nerve wracking but he gave me insight that he didn't write in his music. He told me ways to sonata, he did the same things as Bartok and Prokofiev. He

used a lot of tone cluster and loud tone. He explores the whole sonority of the keyboard." Beginning in the fall, Carabal-

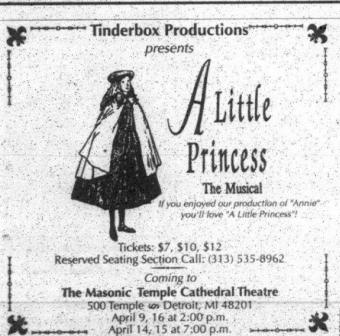
lo and his wife Maria will be teaching a salsa class at the arts council. A visiting associate professor of dance at the University of Michigan two years ago, Caraballo taught music history to dancers and collaborated with companies such as the Dance Theatre of Harlem, the American Ballet Theatre and the Gyori Ballet of Hungary.

"Salsa is a term from New York in the 1960s," said Caraballo. "But the dance 'Guaraja' goes back to pre-Castro times in Cuba. It's the type of dance make it more exciting. In the where there's a good relationship between man and woman."

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score. He had turned 20 by the time it was performed. Schesiuk is busy as well, He's

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from the Gospel according to St. Matthew to relay the story of Christ's crucifixion. To supple ment the account of Matthew. one of Christ's 12 apostles, Bach enlisted the help of librettist C.F. Henrici. The Leipzig poet, who used the pseudonym Picander, wrote several poetic passages to accompany the text traditionally read in churches on Palm Sunday. First performed on Good Friday in 1727, the large scale oratorio features

The thing about Bach is he was very much a perfector of many of the different styles. Passions had been written for 150 years before this but he took it to the greatest heights. "St. Matthew" represents the summit.'

Thomas Sheets

The Passion uses Biblical text soloists, choruses and instrumental interludes by weeping

"I have taken to thinking of this piece as the opera that Bach never wrote," said Sheets, "The drama is at the same level although it's a sacred work but that same character breadth. His style was influenced by Baroque opera. He incorporated elements of Baroque opera and used them in novel ways in this piece." . This is first time the Choral

Union is performing Bach's "St Matthew Passion" although Sheets has conducted it once before and sung it many times. Now in his seventh year of leading the 150-voice Choral Union, the Oakland Community College Sheets is well-versed when it comes to Bach. He teaches graduate choral music studies at would have known all these Wayne State University. "The thing about Bach is he

written for 150 years before this but he took it to the greatest heights. 'St. Matthew' represents the summit."

### End of celebration

The performance marks the end of the University Musical Society's celebration of Bach on the 250th anniversary of his death. To mark the occasion the audience is being invited to sing along on 11 of the 12 chorales. Text and music will be provided.

"This is not a marketing ploy," said Sheets, who also conducts Choir in Farmington Hills. "In Bach's time, the congregation tunes and words from memory so he incorporated them into the was very much a perfector of chorales that serves the function many of the different styles," of a Greek chorus and comments said Sheets. "Passions had been on the drama of the arias."

## Expressions from page C1

is \$60. Especially needed are I get to be with other kids. We boys whose voices haven't get to sing a lot of fun songs and

"We decided on a 12-week workshop to see how it would work," said Hutchison. "In fall, we'll be looking for singers from fifth to eighth graders."

Hutchison hopes to expand nembership to singers in Westland and Redford, although the choir is now composed primarily of Livonia children from fourth to seventh grade. As Sarah Stitt sees it, a lack of

members is the only problem facing the choir. She and the others would like to have more children ioin their 23 voices. "I think the choir would be bet-

ter if more kids would join," said the 9-year Webster Elementary student. "I like the choir because



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Mother Susan Stitt can't

believe the progress the choir's made since rehearsals began in January. In fact, they're so good Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey has enjoys singing songs such as the city's 50th anniversary celebra- Call (734) 523-9230. Hebrew "Al Shlosha D'Varim" as tion Sunday, May 21, at city

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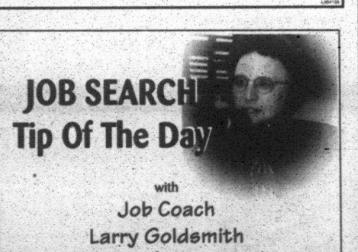
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Since it was first performed in 1911, Der Rosenkavalier is considered one of the most performed German operas written in the 20th century. Among Strauss other popular operas are Salome and Electra.

Der Rosenkavalier is filled with waltz rhythms that require an enormous orchestra. More than 100 instruments are used. In addition to traditional instruments, the orchestra requires with the remantic music inspired harps, Glockenspiel, tenor drum, by Mozart. In opera, anachrobells and castanets.

can now perform all the magnificent works," said DiChiera, founder and general director of

While Strauss' poem works' Donath conducts the orchestra portrayed emotion with a thor- and her son, Alexander Donath ough orchestration, his palette is much broader with the characterizations and melodrama of opera, said DiChiera.

On Stage

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What: "Der Rosenkavalier," ar opera by Richard Strauss When: Opening - 8 p.m. Sat urday, April 15: performance times — 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16: and April 30: 8 p.m. Satur day, April 16, and April 22 Where: Detroit Opera House, at the corner of Madisor Avenue and Broadway, Detroit

"With Strauss, the orchestration is an equal partner with the operatic singing and story," he said. "The eroticism of the sound

is overwhelming." While the waltz was a 19th century development, Der Rosenkavalier blends the social sensibilities of the 18th century nisms are hardly a concern.

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HUDSON'S ART PARK Michigan artists are welcome to submit proposals for Hudson's Art Park, which will be located in Detroit's Cultural Center. Deadline for proposals is Monday April 24. Artists must submit no more than 10 slides, a list of works, resume and cover letter to Hudson's Art Park, DAM-Detroit Artists Market, 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit.

LIBERTY FEST 2000 Call for artists for the ninth-annual fine art and fine craft show on June 24 and 25 in Canton Township. Application deadline is April 15. (734) 453-3710.

### BENEFITS ART FOR A CAUSE

A benefit for FAR conservatory is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13 at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. The event features Alexander Zonjic and a live auction. Reservation - \$50 per person. (248) 540-4755. EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

The annual benefit Celebrate the Dance is at 6:30 p.m. Friday. April 14 at the Community House, 380 Bates, Birmingham. The evening includes a live dance performance, dinner and a live auction, Tickets \$75-\$200, For reservations, call (248) 362-9329

Performances by Mary Callaghan Lynch, Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson and others at this benefit

PEACE BENEFIT

for the Center for Peace & Conflict Studies is 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the Birmingham Temple. 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington. (313) 577-

The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation's Celebration of Life a concert featuring Francke, Marshall Crenshaw and Commissioned is at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 13 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 314 Fourth Royal Oak, For ticket info call (248) 828-2865.

### CLASSES

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Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap and jazz. Adult beginners welcomed. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in: Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile. (248) 474-3174. EISENHOWER

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All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including nodern, baflet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older, 1541 W. Hamlin, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-

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ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield (248) 932-8699.

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On stage: Sally Ann Howes presents a Broadway musical program at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Pontiac-Oakland Town Hall. 1515 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-3117.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Strass' tone poems with Eri Klas conductor, is 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9. The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus presents a free public performance at 8 p.m. or Monday, April 10. "On the Air-Music of the Fabulous '40s" is Thursday to Sunday, April 13-16 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall: (313) 576-5111.

GENERAL MOTORS CHORUS Presents a spring concert at 3 o.m. Sunday. April 9 at the First Presbyterian Church of Troy. 4328 Livernois, Troy

Presents a Palm Sunday concer at 3 n m. Sunday, April 16 at St Edith Church Nave, Livonia. Guest performers are organist Dave Wagner, the Interdenominational Festival Choir and the Madonna University Chorale. (734) 421

**NEIL WOODWARD** The multi-instrumentalist singer

and songwriter performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the Orio Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn, Lake Orion. (248) 693-NOONTIME SERIES

Tenor Ruben de la Vega will per form at noon Tuesday, April 11 a the Detroit Public Library, 3rd floor, in the Fine Arts room, 5201 Woodward, Detroit

DAKLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS Performs King David, Arthur. Honegger's symphonic poem, at 8 p.m. Friday, April 14 in Oakland University's Varner Hall, Rochester. (248) 370-3013. SEAHOLM JAZZ BAND

Presents a dinner dance at 5:30

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ony 'n Tina's Wedding, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Fridays: 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6:3 rm, Sundays, 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

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OPENING BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD

ART CENTER Opens Friday, April 14 - Art

Awards 2000: BBAC High School Competition through May 5 Reception is 4-5:30 p.m. Friday April 14. Opens Friday, April 14 Joe Zajac: Vitreous Ideas through May 27. Opening reception is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 14. Opens Friday, April 14

- Art of a New Century, sculptures by members of the Sculptors Guild of Michigan through May 5, 1516 Cranbrook Birmingham, (248) 644-0866. MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

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Opens Friday, April 14 --Progressions, the Department of Art and Art History Student and Faculty Art Exhibition through May 14. Opening reception is 4-7

p.m. Friday, April 14. FORD GALLERY ORION ART CENTER

Opens Thursday, April 13 - the annual watercolor exhibition through April 27. Opening reception is 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13. GALERIE BLU 115 S. Anderson, Lake Orion. (248) 693-4986.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS Opens Friday, April 14 - Eric

Mesko: Mixed Media Constructions through June 17. 407 Pine. Rochester. (248) 651 Pontiac (248) 333-2060 SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

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Opening is 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, 33 E. Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575. WILD WINGS GALLERY A Master Highlighter event is scheduled April 14-16 at the Wild

Wings Gallery, Main Street at

Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

(800) 755-3401

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C.,T. GALLERY Through May 19 - Go: Figure. 35 East Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-4336. ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Through April 30 - Richard Ritter Suspended Expressions: Visions in Glass. The gallery is on the third floor of the Mardigian Library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. (313) 593-5400. ART LEADERS GALLERY

**ELAINE JACOB GALLERY** Through April 15 - Experience Europe, a group exhibition. Through May 19 - Modernism and Post-Modernism: Russian Ai Celebrate Glass Month with a group glass art show through at the End of the Millennium. April 30, 33216 W. 14 Mile. 480 W. Hancock, Wayne State University: (313) 993-7813 West Bloomfield. (248) 539-ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

ART CORRIDOR GALLERIES Through May 13 - Exhibition of paintings by Bob Nugent, sculp-Through May 31 - The work of ture by Christine Hagedorn and a Donna Vogelheim in the second group show of Sculptural Glass. floor of the Farmington City Hall 107 Townsend, Birmingham.

23600 Liberty, Farmington. BOOKBEAT Through April 30 - Jeffrey Silverthorne Letters Home. (248) 968-1190

(248) 334-6716 BREAKFAST CLUB LEMBERG GALLERY Through April 30 - Myth-paint Through May 6 - Books by Susan Goethel Campbell: 538 N ings by Brian Taylor. 234 E. Main Clawson. (248) 288-9966. Old Woodward, Birmingham CARIBBEAN COLORS 2481 642-6623

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Through June — Paintings by Diana Alva and James Puntigam 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-CENTER GALLERIES Through April 29 - Earry Bell

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Fractions, 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit (313) 664 COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY Through May 12 - 2000 . Undergraduate Exhibition, 5400

Gullen Mall on the campus of

Wayne State University, Detroit

JOHANSON CHARLES GALLERY Through May 6 - Heroes - a theme show. 1345 Division. Detroit: (313) 567-8638. CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

through April 26, Seeds of Expression, a multi-media exhibit. 4 Williams, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849. DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through April 30 - New Photography II, photographs of I artists from around the world, 63 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 433-3700.

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY Through April 15 - 20 Year Photo and Costume Retrospective of the Detroit Dance Collective, 5201

Woodward, Detroit. HILL GALLERY Through April 15 - recent works by

Melba Price and Richard DeVore: Black Vessels, 407 W. Brown, Birmingham, (248) 540-9288 JANICE CHARACH **EPSTEIN GALLERY** 

Through May 4 - Glass artist

Jon Kuhn, 6600 West Maple. West Bloomfield: (248) 661-7641

Through April 14 — The annual student show, 114 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University. Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1268.

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> Jeremy Gordaneer and John Climenhage. 2661 Michigan, Detroit.

LECTURE SERIES The Wayne State University Department of Art and Art History present Tyree Guyton, creator of Detroit's Heidelberg Project at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the DeRoy Auditorium on the campus of WSU. (313)

Balthazar Korab at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the Farmington Library on 12 Mile in Farmington.

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LITERARY BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Writers Live with Elinor Lipman author of The Ladies' Man meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13 at the library, 300 Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 647-1700

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the library will have poet ry readings daily at 11:30 a.m. 4:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Monday April 10 through Friday, April 14. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield.

WEST BLOOMFIELD POETRY The Greater West Bloomfield Arts Council presents an open mike. reading of your favorite poems at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at

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Hills. (248) 645-3210. DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM Cynthia Canty, from WNIC FM 100.3, is the celebrity tour guide for the On the Airl exhibit from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 9. The exhib it runs through April 30 at the museum. Woodward and Kirby

Opens Sunday, April 16 - Detroit through May 21. Through June 4.-Van Gogh: Face to Face, Through

Martin Lewis: Drawings and Detroit (313) 833-7900. THEATER

Corporate Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills (248) 646

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REVOLUTION

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SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY Through April 30 - Helping Hands: The African American Health Care Experience in Southeastern Michigan. Residential Reflections, glassworks by Donna Maskill will also

exhibit. Opening reception is 6-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6: 24350 Southfield, Southfield, (248) 424-9022 UZELAC GALLERY

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WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY Through May 6 - Janet Kelman's For the Love of Glass. Opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, 215 E.

Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287. ZEITGEIST GALLERY Through May - Altered Landscapes (three Canadian perspectives) James Gordaneer,

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ernism and Post-Modernism: Russian Art at the End of the Millennium" is showing at the Elaine Jacob Gallery.

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> Sunday brunch lecture at 11 a.m., April 9 is on facial reconstruction in forensic science: 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield

Detroit (313) 833-1805. DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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313) 963-9800

Arthur Miller's Broken Glass through April 9 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, Tickets \$15-25. To purchase tickets, call (248) 788-THE KING KORN TRIO

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### BOOKS

## Fictional journey flashes back to time spent alone with Elvis

Narrating this fictional "jour-

ney" is Simone's daughter,

Sylvie (note that her name is a

scrambled version of Elvis'

name). The story opens on the

eve of Sylvie's wedding, then

"Another Song About the King" Kathryn Stern (Random House,

One sweltering summer afternoon when I was all of 14 years old, Elvis Presley deigned to look my way, wanting to know

cold to drink Yes, that Elvis Presley. On this particular afternoon, he had not yet dyed his hair that unlikely shade of shoe-polish black, had not yet costumed himself in even one bejeweled

burdensome label, "The King." He was just a flirty, brownhaired guy with a mild case of adolescent acne, and a drawl as thick as country cream. Not a heavyweight in any sense of the Anyway, we whiled away some

time over two Dr. Peppers, and Elvis was soon on his way, out of my life. In the flesh, I never saw him again. To tell you the truth, the event didn't mean a lot to me course, it has come to mean much, much more. Now comes a novel in which its lynchpin character, Simone,

shares some time alone with

Elvis, after which he walks out

the door, never to return. It's an

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experience Simone never gets past, and it colors not just the remainder of her life, but the lives of those around her as well. For obvious reasons, I looked forward to reading this novel with a healthy amount of anticipation. Unfortunately, I found it ultimately disappointing, mostly

flashes back and forth throughout, coming full circle and finally ending where it began. Time-travel companions As Sylvie looks back on her

life, we become, in a sense, her time-travel companions. On occasion, the trip feels a little like we're circling Oz, as literary references to L. Frank Baum's story are scattered about on the pages (we're not always sure why). Some New York types refer to Sylvie as "Dorothy," or to her Michigan home as "Kansas." A kind of magic is often attached to shoes. Simone can "pick you up like the wind picked up Dorothy's house ... and set you back down ... in a different part

gist is named Dr. Baum. Sylvie's desires to escape her mother are "powerful ... like a strong gust of wind."

of the night." An ophthalmolo

From early childhood, Sylvie has not trusted her mother, nor liked her much, and sometimes at the time. In retrospect, of she wishes she would just go away. But, at the same time, she has a kind of love for her that prompts her to do almost anything to please her difficult mother, including a purposeful "giving in" to her when it comes to any form of competition between the two. If mothers and daughters can be said to be starcrossed, these two most definite-

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p.m. Sunday, April 9, Call (734)

Mary Quinley of Livonia, author

of "52 Ohio Weekends," will be

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sleuth in England, and Hilda

Johansson, a Swedish maid in the

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Simone harbors a deep-seated, almost frantic need to be "somebody," apparently the result of her parents' own deep-seated needs. And, in her own mind, the closest she's come to attaining pers. because I found Simone a diffi-

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cult character with whom to this goal is the time spent with Elvis in her hometown of Biloxi, Miss., in 1956. In itself, it didn't amount to much - but Simone, being Simone, has blown it up out of all proportion. She trots out the story to bolster her dreams, to relieve the monotony of '60s domesticity, even to further her husband's career.

One of the problems with this novel is that we really don't have much of an opportunity to hear Simone's side of the story. As presented here, she comes off as mmature, silly, self-centered, obsessed, even downright hurtful. In any event, she's very hard to like, and, at times, you'd like to give her a smack hard enough to send her and her perky jingle ball fringe into next Tuesday. (Though an ultimate, desperate change of sorts occurs, it seems too little, too late, and also overv-contrived.)

We have to keep reminding ourselves that this portrait of her is painted by a daughter who sees her from a restricted viewpoint, the way we all see our mothers, the way we all see each other. Perhaps it would have made for a deeper, more textured story if we could have heard more of Simone's version of the same "Song."

Though most of "Another long" is set in Michigan, don't look for plentiful specific references to this particular setting The novel could have been set almost any place, really, where the winters are appropriately cold, gray and lengthy. Stern really vivifies the '60s and '70s, hough, etching them clearly, taking us back to a time when not just our individual lives changed, but our society as well.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resi dent who writes about books movies and theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspa

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On Saturday, April 1, the exhibiting work in "Pieces" April choirs from Central and Pioneer 14 to May 20 at Paint Creek received Superior ratings in the Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Middle School Choir Festival in Street, Rochester, Ypsilanti. District Festivals are hosted by the Michigan School Band

An opening reception takes place 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 14. The exhibit looks at how materiand Orchestra Association and als, influences by American culthe Michigan School Vocal Music ture, are used by artists to con-Association, Several of the choirs struct objects which document will go on to participate in state the world around them. A total and competitive festivals this of 25 collage and assemblage works will be exhibited.

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# Novelist to speak at Greenmead

Novelist Arliss Ryan will by the author. speak about her new book, "The Kingsley House," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30 during an open house at Livonia's Greenmead Historical

by Ryan's ancestor Nathan Kingsley in 1843, has been preserved at Greenmead since 1977. The house will be open for tours on April 30 from 2-7 p.m.

Copies of the book will be avail-

able for sale and autographing

The real Kingsley House, built At 4 p.m. Ryan will give a talk old photographs and documents

Martin's Press, "The Kingsley House," spans five generations and 150 years of small town Europe, sailed with her husband Michigan life. The novel opens with the story of a runaway slave who takes refuge in the house of newlyweds Nathan and

Mary Kingsley. Each generation experiences joys and heartbreak, including a visit by scheming Spiritualists, a devastating diphtheria epidemic a suicide, summer of lost childhood, and romance between a at 20501 Newburgh Road, that inspired her fictionalized shy schoolteacher and a daredevversion of her family history.

has lived and traveled in in their sailboat from England to California, and is a licensed pri-A freelance writer, Ryan's work has been published in

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# Malls & Mainstreets

Let your personal style guide fashion decisions



all heard the fashion reports for spring and And, since the sea-

son has officially arrived, we're probably ready to make a few purchases. Yes, that's I what I said a few purchases. Though retailers

and designers would

like to think differently, most of us have a limit on the number of times we'll turn over our credit cards for an addition to the wardrobe, especially when the new piece falls under the category "trendy." In my opinion, that's particularly the case in the Midwest. We don't necessarily salivate over the so-called hottest and latest fashion.

We're more conservative than that. We sit back and wait like scientists, How long will the trend survive? If I wait a few months, will I be able to take advantage of the trend more inexpensively? Is that trend really for

Besides, most of us don't spend thousands of dollars overhauling our wardrobes simply because they're not brimming with certain colors, fabrics and patterns. We take stock of our choices and make purchases in light of our needs and budget.
With that in mind, I decided to

weigh in on some of the trends we've been hearing so much about.

While vibrant, bright colors like hot pink, turquoise and orange are being toted as the shades of the season, neutral tones like black, Navy, white and tan are being ignored.
On the one hand, I do believe beau-

tiful colors should be cherished and experienced, especially when they positively affect our mood and appearance. However, I don't believe we should abandon our black separates in favor of an all-color wardrobe. Not only does that fly in the face of building a wardrobe, but also many of us simply don't feel comfortable and at our best in such bold colors.

More importantly, not every color complements every person. In other words, don't feel pressured to inject loads of color into your wardrobe. Buy a few pieces - a top and a skirt - in your favorite bright tone and wear it with the neutral items you already have. Or, purchase an inexpensive hat pair of shoes or handbag in a bright tone that you know you'll wear.

REPTILE PATTERNS If you especially like reptile pat terns, and they suit you to a tee, by all means buy as much as you d like You'll probably wear your purchases next year, whether they're still in style or not. But, that's because they suit

Otherwise, I'd cross reptile, both faux and real, off your shopping list. Obviously, the real deal can be expensive. More importantly, reptile prints have a very particular sensibility. They're sexy, yes, but they're tough and bold, too. And, if that isn't your style, why dilute the look you have.

While a pair of shoes or a handbag in a reptile pattern wouldn't strain the budget, I'm not convinced a small dose would have much impact, not anymore than, for example, a highquality, leather bag you'll use for years

LOGOS Personally, I detest logos and, except for jeans, won't purchase clothing embellished by them. To me, they are the antithesis of style, a substitute for

interesting details and good design, Once more, they seem to suggest the wearer lacks his or her own sense of style and must rely on others for guid-

POLKA DOTS AND GINGHAM Like plaid, these prints don't really go out of style. Gingham, in particular,

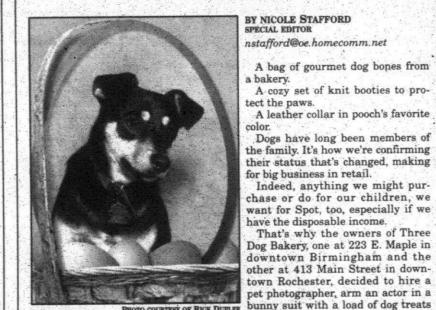
always looks appealing and comfortable in the summer. And, a small polka dot print on a lightweight skirt or dress is a classic summer look. As with all prints, the issues are

personal preference, size and proportion. If you like either of these prints, find one that works for you.

I think the chiffon dresses we're seeing are beautiful. My only recommen dation - find one that you can wear in both casual and formal settings. Look for a chiffon dress you could wear to a wedding with fine jewelry and slip on with a pair of sandals for an afternoon

# All in the family

## Retailer offers way to celebrate puppy love during Easter



Easter puppy: We take our children for Easter and other holiday portraits, so it only makes

sense we want to do the same for the canine members of the fami-

**Pooch portraits** 

What: Photos of your

Where: Three Dog Bak-

ery stores at 413 Main

Street in downtown

Rochester and 223 E.

Maple in downtown Birm-

When: Noon-4 p.m.

Sunday, April 16 in

Rochester and 5-9 p.m.

Thursday, April 20 in

Cost: \$12 per sheet of

photos with portion of

proceeds benefiting local

Appointments: Call

Retail, style and special store events are listed

in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls &

Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers,

805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248)

644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m.

The Knitting Room, 251 Merrill Street in Birming-

April 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield hosts Health-O-Rama.

free and low-cost health screening and services spon-

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

sored by the United Health Organization through

April 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For details, call (248) 353-

ham, hosts a Berroco Yarns trunk show through

Monday for publication the following Sunday.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

(248) 608-8877 or (248)

animal welfare efforts

dog with the Easter

Bunny

ingham

Birmingham

723-1582

KNITTING TRUNK SHOW

HEALTH SERVICES

demand thing," said Nora Potthoff, co-owner of the two specialty stores, part of a chain that started 10 years ago as one bakery in Kansas. The local stores, which primarily sell freshly baked, nutritious dog treats, offered photos with Santa Claus during the Christmas season and as a result received numerous requests for similar

photo opportunities from customers. Slated noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at the Rochester store and 5-9 p.m. Thursday, April 20 at the Birmingham store, the sittings will be similar to

those held by the retailer in December.

While walk-ins will be accepted, appointments are encouraged. The cost, \$12 per sheet of photos, will benefit local animal welfare efforts. Rick Dupler, the photographer hired by Potthoff and her business partner for

the sittings, will use a digital camera, so customers can view images of their dog before making a selection for print. He'll also offer a variety of photo sizes, including the kind that fits into your wallet, and several holiday borders commemorating

Indeed, anything we might pur-

That's why the owners of Three

and offer Easter portrait sittings in

"It was kind of a supply and

"We treat animals much like we treat our children," said Potthoff of the current demand for pet products

and services. While many shoppers scoff at the sight of some of Three Dog Bakery's perchandise - decorated birthday cakes for dogs, baby books for puppies and an assortment of freshly prepared dog treats, from "Pet-It Fours" to "Pawlines" - most end up

making a purchase. "Something just clicks, and it makes them laugh and feel good. ... And, there's not a lot out there that makes us feel good," said Potthoff, adding that her stores will begin selling cat treats similar to what they have for dogs this month.

For those couples and individuals who don't have children, patronizing Three Dog Bakery is an outlet for maternal and paternal feelings. said Potthoff. "And, there are a lot of couples who are choosing not to have children."

Besides, pets, especially dogs, are



The Observer

Dog days: Nora Potthoff (left), co-owner of Three Dog Bakery in Birmingham and Rochester where Easter dog portraits will be offered later this month, and store associate Audrey Metro tempt Rowdy, the Birmingham store's resident dog, with a homemade treat.

more amenable than children when it comes to acts of bonding and association. "We give (children) toys, we dress them, but dogs tend to be much more compliant," Potthoff joked; explaining that pets almost always serve as an extension for our personalities.

That's why, in truth, most of the merchandise and services we purchase for our pets we're actually buying for ourselves, she said.

So, though Spot may seem overjoyed when you walk in the door with a new box of dog treats, that's probably your perception. After all, until he tastes his new treats, he can't really appreciate them. Not to mention, only dogs know how they feel about collar scarves, winter booties and portrait sittings "It just makes you feel good," said Potthoff. "And, you want to indulge (your pets) as much as you can because they give you so much."



Tricks and toys: Photographer Rick Dupler will offer several photo sizes and different holiday borders to customers dogs to Three Dog Bakery for Easter portraits, And, he'll have a supply of dog treats and toys on hand to coax his subjects. Cost of the photos, \$12 per sheet, will benefit local animal welfare efforts.

Living event through April 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Food Court. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

CHANEL MAKEOVERS Receive a makeover by a Chanel national makeup artist at Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia

through April 12, noon-7 p.m., Cosmetics department. To make an appointment, call (734)591-7696.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 JONES NEW YORK EVENT

Hudson's, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, hosts a wardrobe seminar featuring spring pieces by Jones New York, 7 p.m. To make a reservation, call (248) 344-6800.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 AUSTIN REED WORKSHOP

**ELLEN TRACY ON RUNWAY** Jacobson's stores offers wardrobe seminars featuring Ellen Tracy's spring collection comes down the run-way and the Matilda R. Wilson Award is presented clothing by Austin Reed through April 15, 11 a.m. 3 p.m. Bates and locations are as follows: April 13 at at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Rochester Hills store; April 14 at Birmingham store Troy to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southand April 15 at Laurel Park Place store in Livonia. eastern Michigan, 11 a.m., Ellen Tracy Boutique, For more information, call (800) 837-5227. second floor. Tickets are \$35, include brunch and require reservation by April 10. To attend, call (248) 203-1260.

The League of Women Voters holds a used book sale at Wonderland Mall in Livonia through April 16, Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts a Project Healthy | near Dunham's. For details, call (734) 522-4100.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 MOONLIGHT MADNESS SALE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors Moonlight Madness in downtown Plynouth, 7-11 p.m. For details, call (734) 453-1540. SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Saks Fifth Avenue the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Prom 2000 Focus Day a showcase of evening wear, complimentary makeovers by Stila and a drawing for prom services and merchandise, Evening Collections, second floor. For details, call (248) 614-3385.

**FASHION DAY AT HUDSON'S** Hudson's, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents

three fashion shows: looks from the Women's Way Department at 11 a.m., a rundown of spring trends at 2 p.m. and the Ralph Lauren collection for juniors at 4 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call (248)816-4605.

HANDBAG DESIGNER VISITS Handbag designer Maya Evangelista and a trunk

show of her collection come to Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Handbags department. For more information, call (248) 644-6900. SWING THE NIGHT AWAY

Wonderland Mall in Livonia offers free swing dance lessons, 6-9 p.m., Food Court. For additional information, call (734) 522-4100.

# WHERE CAN I FIND?

eated 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 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

WHAT WE FOUND:

Wicked Wahini perfume can be purchased for \$9.99 (item by Celeste DeBlassis. BVK) by calling (808) 676-

- To recycle plastic bags, call the Enviro Bag Company, (800) 866-3954. The company can give you a list of schools in your area that accept plastic bags for fund-raising events.

- For the reader looking for a small piano for a child, another reader suggested buying an inexpensive keyboard. - For a pet portrait, readers

suggested Jill Andra-Young in Plymouth, (734) 455-7787, and Portraits by Sayles in Birm-

Miniature Red Wings pennants may be available at The Sports Gallery on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham. The store carries Red Wings memo-

can be bought for Donna of - For the reader looking for copies of "Life" magazine, a reader suggested calling Hitching Post Antiques Mall, (517) 423-- For readers looking for vari-

ous brands of designer perfume, try www.eve.com on the Internet. - Pete and Hank's in Windsor offers fish dinners like

Sutherland's. Tea bag tags can be donated to the Redford Sub-

that sells mother-of-the-bride urban League. The group meets 11 a.m.-2 p.m every sec-- A store where a cover for ond Wednesday at the Antian ironrite mangle can be ochtian Orthodox Church on Memorabilia for a 50th

anniversary of Stuckey Ele- shower curtain can be mentary School in Redford.

Cosmic pink: Nars

stick has a soft gold

shimmer and is so

sheer, making it a

to wear now and

department stores.

through summer.

about \$19 at

perfect pink lipstick

"Galaxy Girl" lip-

- We had many responses to requests for Party Lite consultants and Amway Distributors and no longer need additional "Life" magazine did not pub-

lish an August 8, 1955 issue. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR: - Noritake china serving pieces and place settings in

Lanvin, either new or used, for

A store that sells soft-sole

Johnson's frozen clam strips

- The children's book "Flip-

cent petroleum jelly lip treat-

A store that sells 100-per-

- A store where Chicklets

A videocassette tape of

-A store in the Canton area

- A store where a silver

chewing gum is sold for Ron of

"Mickey Goes to a Circus" for

ity Jebbit" for Winifred.

ment for Anne of Redford.

bought for Eleanor.

Sophisticated whimsy:

The perfect look for a

young woman on that

last big night - prom.

This and other designer

pieces for the occasion

go on display 1-3 p.m.,

Marcus, the Somerset

for such designers as

Shelli Segal, Nicole

Flower frenzy:

embroidered

flowers on girls

and Capri pants

are signs of the

season and give

styles a dressy

touch, by Mon-

at Jacobson's

keywear, \$56-102

more casual

dresses, tanks

Intricately

Collection in Troy. Look

Miller, Tahari and Car-

men Marc Valvo, prices

April 15 at Neiman

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

the Polonaise pattern (#2045) - A grocery store where Pillsbury Grand Sweet A store that sells Faygo caramel sweet rolls can be "Diet Sensation" soda pop.

– A porcelain doll set called ought for Jean. Videocassette tapes of the

"Rosie & Rags," by Marie television show "My Little Osmond, for Carole of Livonia. Margie" for Kertia of South - An item from Paintings by Peg called "A Special Event A store where potato for Baby's 1st Year" for Tina. chips that are sliced and - The book "Proud Breed,"

home are sold for Gail. A store in Livonia/Northville/Novi area - A large poster from the that sells extra backings for musical "Showboat" for pierced earrings for Sally Dolores of Livonia. My Sin perfume made by

The game "Bubble & Squeak" for Nancy of Com-

made in the microwave at

- A store that sells Little The Henry Mancini Tyke's outdoor houses for Orchestra's romantic piano CD, formerly sold by "Readhouse slippers in a size 12 for

er's Digest." A store where a calf-- A Polly Pockets toy in a length, beach cover-up in bag for Barbara, who lives in white cotton can be bought for Virginia of Waterford.

- A 1977 Mumford High A business or craftsperson who will make a quilt School yearbook for Pamela of that is already designed for Canton. A 1966 Cooley High

A store where Howard School jacket and letter sweater for Roger of Redford. - Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Peter Rabbit and Mr. McGregor's Storybook Garden, as well as, other displays of Beatrix Potter

and shopping malls in April.

(248) 353-4111.

EASTER MUSICAL AT TEL-TWELVE

FASTER PARTY AT WONDERLAND

LIVONIA MALL'S BUNNY -

"Wake Up Spring," a family musical to commemo-

rate the season is presented at 1 p.m. Saturday,

April 15 on the center court stage at Tel-Twelve

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts an Easter

party featuring an egg hunt, bonnet parade, magic

shows, crafts and other entertainment for kids, 2-6

p.m. Saturday, April 15 in the center's food

court. For additional information, call (734) 522-

The Easter Bunny has taken residence in Value

City Court at the Livonia Mall to visit with chil-

dren and sit for photos, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednes-

day-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, now

through Easter. For more information, call (248)

The Easter Bunny visits with children and sits for portraits at Westland Shopping Center in

Westland 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Sat-

urday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, now through Easter. The Easter Bunny sets up residence in the

mall's East Court. For details, call (734) 425-5001.

EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS AT WESTLAND

PETER RABBIT AT TWELVE OAKS

Mall in Southfield. For more information, call

characters await young visitors at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Dozens of spring flowers are on display for shoppers of all ages. More importantly, Peter Rabbit visits with children and sits for por-traits during the event, which runs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, now through April 22, in the mall's Center Court. For details, call (248) 348-9411. BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Hudson's popular Easter Bunny breakfasts for children returns. All breakfasts start at 9:15 a.m. and are held in the retailer's store restaurants. Tickets are \$10. Please call ahead for reservations, (800) 246-6648. Breakfast dates and locations are as follows: Saturday, April 15 at Oakland Mall in Troy, Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and Westland Shopping Center in Westland; April 16 at the Somerset Collection in Troy Easter Events will keep you informed about Eastand Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. er Bunny appearances and other activities for children and families being offered by local retailers

EASTER BUNNY AT TEL-TWELVE

The Easter Bunny sits for photos and visits with children at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The bunny will wait for visitors in the mall's Center Court noon-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, now through April 22. Photo packages and a free gift for children are available. Also, shoppers can enter to win a giant

Easter basket filled with toys and candy. For details, call (248) 353-4111 BUNNY AND TREATS AT ART

The Easter Bunny will visit with children and hand out Easter treats 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at Art Van Furniture in Livonia. Call (734) 478-

> PETER RABBIT AT FAIRLANE Peter Rabbit springs into Dearborn's Fairlane Town Center to visit with chil-

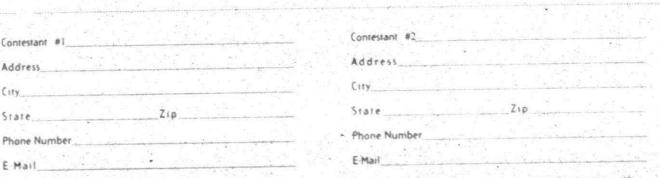
dren, sit for portraits and pass out small Easter gifts 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, now through April 22. Peter Rabbit will inhabit a recreated version of Beatrix Potter's garden complete with oversized flowers and vegetables and giant pop-up storybooks in the mall's Fountain Court. Several photo packages are available. For details, call (313) 593-



Saturday, April 29. Noon-2 pm In the mall in front of Star Theatre

10 men. 10 women. 10 teams of two will be selected to defend the honor of their gender. And compete for a trip for two to Chicago!

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M. 48326. Must be 21 years of age or older. Winners will be announced Saturday April 29. No purchase necessary to vain. You need not be present to win alternative prizes. One entry per person. Winner is hill be notified by phone or mail. Prizes are non-transferable and rialy his be given barrered or sold There are no prize or cash substitutes. Winners error and acceptance of prizes constitutes be notified by phone or mail. Prizes are non-transferable and rialy his beginning and promotion without compensation. Winner's lare responsible for all local, state and federal takes associated with winning any prize. This contest void where prohibited by law. Employees of Great Lakes Crossing, its merchanis, managing agents, affiliates, subsidiaries and their families are not eligible Contest ends April 29th at 2.00 p.m.

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# Cruise from New Orleans to Mexico

BY NORMA AND WENDY SCHONWETTER SPECIAL WRITERS

you want to take a cruise, see the world, eat exotic foods, drink, shop, and soak up the rays... and you're on a budget? New Orleans is just the place for you.

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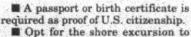
### Excursions

We stopped at Playa del Carmen to discharge passengers for shore excursion to an EcoPark at Xcaret. Then on to Cozumel and Progresso (the port for Merida). Most shore excursions on Cozumel involved snorkeling and visiting pristine white sand beaches; at Progresso the choices included visits to either of two important archeological sites (Mayan ruins) at Uxmal and Chichen-Itza.

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If you go

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the Tulum Ruins and snorkeling at Playa Del Carmen instead of Cozumel.

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■ Call (800) 584-3183 for a "Free Good Times Guide to New Orleans, with over \$2,500 in coupons or visit their Web site, www.new orleansonline.com

Check out Preservation Hall in the French Quarter where \$4 gets you some of the best jazz in the city.

Public transportation (buses and trolleys) save money. The St. Charles boat on the Mississip-Avenue Trolley is one of the oldest continuously operating street railways offering a view of beautiful

mansions of the Garden District and Carrollton Avenue. Your best bet is to stay in hotels/motels on the perimeter of the French Quarter. They are quieter and reasonably priced; most include a continental breakfast. Check rates at the Ambassador Hotel, Comfort Suites, Best Western Parc St. Charles, and Chateau Dupre, Motels in the suburb of Metairie offer free shuttle service to the French Quarter.

of the meals surprised us. Diner entrees included filet migon, prime rib and lobster tails. You can literally eat from 6 a.m. until midnight.

Jazzy: Musicians per-

form in front of a

pi River.

This is a fun ship with great group games and first class entertainment in the lounge. You can spend your casino winnings overseas in upscale shops geared to American tastes and expectations, or wait to treat yourself in New Orleans.

### Extraordinary experience

Leave the ship by 9 a.m. when the cruise ship docks in New Orleans and you are ready to start on another extraordinary experience. New Orleans is geared to tourists, There's something for everybody. The French Quarter is an area of about 90 square blocks. It contains many historical buildings, such as The Cabildo (the Louisiana State Museum), the Presbytere, and the Old U.S. Mint, These buildings house exhibits like the History of Jazz and Mardi Gras. Walk the narrow streets and enjoy the variety of enchanting 1800s architecture, charming courtyards and elegant antique shops. Delight in the music that abounds on the streets, luxuriate



Music: Preservation Hall in the French Quarter where traditional jack is presented every

Gumbo Shop, and Ralph &



lait and beignets the Cafe du Monde or gamble at Harrah's. New Orleans is

galleries,

elegant

antique

famous its eateries n d unique foods. jazz, riverboats Mardi Gras, art

shops with fine silver jewelry and trendy boutiques. For a taste of New Orleans try Arnaud's, Tujaques, Court of Two Sisters, Gallatoire's, The



There's a first class, easy-toget-around aquarium with many huge floor-to-ceiling tanks and adjacent IMAX Theater. The Audubon Zoo is easy to cover without too much walking. The exhibits are unusual and the grounds are imaginative, particularly the Louisiana Swamp and white alligators.

A short free ferry ride takes you to Mardi Gras World where you get insights into how those fabulous parade floats are made, as well as seeing completed floats. You can also try on flamboyant headdresses and costumes, so bring your camera.

The New Orleans Art Museum in City Park deserves the attention of art lovers. It has one of the finest collections of French painting, American artists, decorative artists and a Faberge collection.

Unique, food, family fun, tours, nightlife, and inescapable history emanating from most every street and shop — New Orleans has it all. Visit, and join the ranks of people who rave about this most unusual port

Norma and Wendy Schonwetter are Farmington residents. Tell us about your trip. Send stories, with photographs, for consideration on our Travel page to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail stories to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.



Historical: Buildings on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter have ornamental wrought iron railings.



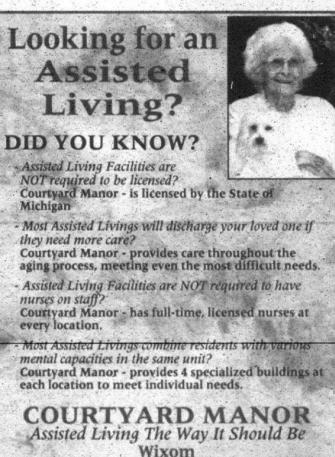
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Sunday, April 9, 2000





MURIEL WAGNER

## Tofu soaks up flavors in stir-fry

ofu (bean curd) was always something I'd rather not eat, until my friend on the next treadmill at the gym suggested marinating it in black bean sauce with dry sherry. Tofu is bland but chameleon-like, taking up the flavor of its surroundings.

It's perishable and should be kept refrigerated. I bought mine in a sealed package with an expiration

Tofu is bland but chameleonlike, taking up the flavor of its surroundings

date. After opening I discarded the water. (It will stay fresh for a week after opening with a daily change of water.) I found the black the supermarket

bean sauce on shelf. The stir-fry vegetables in this recipe are most delicious and best in the spring asparagus and sugar snap peas. After

tasting the recipe, I not only became an ex-tofu avoider, but a charter member of the tofu booster club as

### TOFU-VEGETABLE STIR-FRY

- 1 tablespoon black bean sauce
- 1 tablespoon dry sherry
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1 pound firm tofu, cubed 2 teaspoons, canola oil
- 1/2 cup, sodium-reduced nonfat chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons, sodium-reduced soy
- sauce
- 2 teaspoons, minced ginger
- 1 teaspoon, minced garlic
- 1 red bell pepper, washed and cut into strips
- 1/2 pound, fresh asparagus, washed and broken into 2-inch
- pieces 1/2 pound, sugar snap peas,
- washed 2 cups bok choy, washed and
- sliced
- 4 green onions; peeled and slivered 2 plum tomatoes, washed and
- quartered 2 cups cooked rice or Chinese noo-
- Mix the black bean sauce, sherry and

sugar. Add the cubed tofu. Toss. Set aside to marinate for 15 minutes. Heat the oil in a heavy nonstick skil-

let or wok. Add the soy sauce, ginger and garlic, Stir to combine. Add all the vegetables except the tomatoes. Stir-fry until tender crisp, adding broth as needed. Add tomatoes. Stir-fry for one minute. Add tofu and marinade. Toss the ingredients to heat through. Serve with cooked rice or noodles. Serves 4.

### Nutritional information per serving with 1/2 cup rice;

- · Calories, 205
- . Total fat, 2.5 grams
- · Saturated fat, 1.8 grams
- · Cholesterol, 0 · Sodium, 600 mg

### Food exchanges.

- . 1 medium fat meat a 1 bread
- 2 vegetables

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips, To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Spring holiday food traditions
- Focus on Wine

# STADIUM FARE

TOUCHES ALL THE BASES

STORIES BY RENEE SKOGLUND . PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL



our reporters who never met before gathered around a table in the Big Cat Court and rated the food. (It was a difficult task, but somebody had to do it.) Here are our comments and ratings (from one to four tiger heads, with four being best):

### ■ Chicago-style hot dog 🌑 💮

- . "Tasty, but cold"
- . "Nicely grilled, not boiled"
- "Too much bread"
- . "Loved the dill pickle"

### Marinated chicken breast sandwich

- "Needs something"
- . "Too bland needs some kicky mustard"
- . "Good taste, but where's the sauce? Could've been warmer'

### # Philly-style steak sandwich

- . "Bland no seasoning"
- . "Ditto"
- "Needs something"
- "It's just beefy, you know what I mean?"
- · "Tasty"
- . "Better than the Philly"
- · "Good whatever-kind-of sauce"
- . "It's OK"

### # Hand-rolled pretzels

- "To die for" . "Oh, my God!" · "Mmmm, mmmm"
- . "I wish I could take a bunch home

### Elephant ears 💮 👺 🥮

- "Very good"
- . "Fluffy, light, delicate"
- . "Big!" . "Not too greasy"

### ■ Dippin' Dots

- · "Unique"
- . "The pink, white and brown ones are the best"
- · "I like the banana split flavor"
- . "Kids will love it"

### # Stuffed baked potato



- . "Ooh, this is good" · "Fun to eat"
- . "Not dry"
- · "Nice meal"
- **E** Catfish sandwich

### . "Too much bread"

- . "Doesn't taste like anything"
- . "The only way it was Cajun is if the catfish could spell Louisiana"
- . "Needs spices"

- III Corn dog · "Big"
- . "This is my first corn dog not bad"
- . "Corn bread and a hot dog?"
- . "Nice taste, but could've been hotter"

### . "Good, as usual"

- . "Can't screw up a Ball Park Frank"
- . "Got to have a real ballpark hot dog"
- \* "I love these things"

### A little hotdog trivia:

ans attending Los Angeles Dodgers games hold the record for hot dog consumption among the major league teams. An estimated 2.2 million are consumed each year. Overall, Americans will eat 26 million hot dogs in major league ballparks throughout the country, enough to stretch from Yankee Stadium in New York to Dodgers Stadium in Los

wifee: National Hot Dog & Sausage Council, www.hot-dog.org

ake me out to the ball game. Take me out to the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and ... gyros, corn dogs, corned beef, barbecued pork, Cajun catfish, Caesar salads, and lots of luscious golden fries.

Whew! Did I miss anything? Of course, het dogs! Comerica Park serves them Chicago-style with tomatoes, onions and a dill pickle; Coney style with chili; and your basic, no-nonsense, gotto-have-one Ball Park Frank.

Press Day at Comerica Park earlier this week was a grandslam assignment for any reporter. Not only did we tour the new ballpark, we sampled all the food, from frozen yogurt pellets to sugar-dusted elephant ears big as a catcher's mitt.

"We added lots of new items, new to the baseball market in Detroit," said Steve Facione of Clarkston, group vice president for Olympia Entertainment Inc. "But we have the same hot dog, the same great ballpark hot-

Foodwise, attending a ball game at Comerica Park is like a day at the state fair. Walk into the Big Cat Court and your eyes sweep a semi-circle of eight eateries, including Lots O' Knots, which makes wonderfully tender and buttery handrolled pretzels for \$2.75. Add a side of hot cheese for 75 cents and you've reached pretzel per-

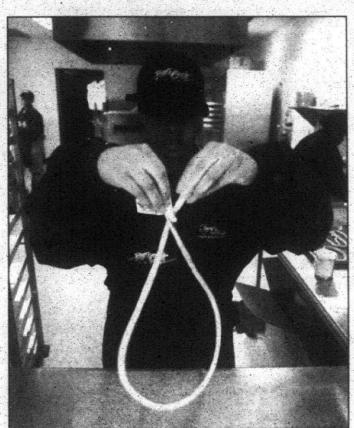
That pretzel is to die for," said Connie Kline, executive assistant and office manger for WDWB-TV (Channel 20) in Southfield. "Simply to die for."

### 'Something different'

Measuring 100 feet in diameter, Big Cat Court is behind Section 119 on the first-base side of the main concourse. After you've polished off the pretzel, you might try a stuffed baked potato and some chicken fingers from Side Kicks. Or a Philly-style steak hoagie with mushrooms, cheese and sweet peppers from Subs & Hoagies. Or a bat-sized corn dog never to be served at a cardiology convention.

and bring money. Leave your will power at home.

We wanted to do something different," said John Baaki of Farmington Hills, director of



All tied up: Blair Woods hand-rolls a pretzel at Lots O' Knots in the new Comerica Park. A Chicago-style hot dog is pictured below.

concessions Olympia Entertainment, Inc. "We wanted to create two concepts in the court: the sandwich foods and the state fair type of food the corn dogs, elephant ears and pretzels. It's a very family-oriented area with the carousel."

Carousel? Yup, and it's a beauty. Said to be

the pride of Tigers owner Mike Ilitch, the carousel is the focal point of Big Cat Court. Riders can take a spin on one of 30 brightly painted, handcrafted tigers or ride in one of two carousels, one of which is wheelchair accessible. Suggesion. Don't eat before you ride

If you're in the mood for some grilled goodies, head to the Brushfire Grill, a 16,000square-foot open-air garden area with wood picnic tables

and a fountain with a giant floating baseball. The barbecued sandwiches - roast beef,

smoked turkey and pulled pork - are the size of first base. Well, maybe I exaggerate ... but they are baseball

regular-size sandwich at the Brushfire Grill sells for \$7.50, while the

deluxe version (why not, your diet already struck out!) goes for \$8.50 and comes with cole slaw and baked beans. And if you feel like "vegging out," try the grilled portabello mushroom sandwich with roasted red peppers and pesto mayonnaise at

### Belly up to this bar

We all know rooting for the Tigers is hard work. So why not

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family or friends? Bring your wallet and you can try the variety of foods the stadium offers. For a family of four, you can expect to pay about \$28 for four hot dogs, four bags of potato chips and four medium soft

- A sampling of food and beverage prices:
- . Hot dogs \$2.75
- Kielbasa and smoked sausage \$3.75 · Large popcorn - \$3.25 · Peanuts - \$3.50
- Pizza slice \$2.50 Corned beef-turkey or steak sandwich - \$6
- · Chicken Caesar salad \$6 Chicken fingers - \$3.25
- · Super-pretzel · \$2.50 Nacho grande - \$6 . Large french fry - \$3
- · Ice cream sandwich \$1.50 . Pop . \$2 - \$3.75 . Beer - \$4.50 - \$7.25
- . Bottled water \$2.75



upposedly Jack Norworth, who wrote the words to "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" in 1908, had never seen a major league baseball game until after his song was published. Maybe he was too busy getting married five times. Albert Von Tilzer wrote the music. Tiger fans have long substituted peanuts" for "popcorn" in the original lyrics, and it has become the official Michigan version. In case you want to sing along on opening day, here's it is:

> Take me out to the ballgame, take me out to the crowd.

Buy me some popcorn and Cracker Jack, I don't care if we never get back.

So it's root, root, root for the home team.

If they don't win it's a shame. For it's one, two, three strikes you're out

at the old ball game!

## Apple-cranberry sauce sweetens baked German puffed pancake

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Your Easter Hams

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

German pancakes should be served directly from the oven or, like souffles, they will fall. But this Puffed Pancake With Apple-Cranberry Sauce is worth the risk. It is low in calories, fat and cholesterol and can be put high on the list for a healthy brunch.

The recipe is in the newly released "American Heart Association Around the World Cookbook" (Times Books, \$17). According to the authors, among the best cooking apples are Rome Beauty, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Jonathan

The apple-cranberry sauce can be made ahead and refrigerated. Reheat it in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally. Or place it in a microwave-safe cup or bowl, cover loosely with plastic wrap or waxed paper and put it in the microwave on 100 percent power (HIGH) for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring twice.

### PUFFED PANCAKE WITH APPLE-CRANBERRY SAUCE

Vegetable oil spray

2 teaspoons margarine

Egg substitute equivalent to 3 eggs 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

TOP SIRLOIN ROAST

1/2 cup skim milk

1/8 teaspoon salt 2 large cooking apples, peeled, cored, and

thinly sliced 3/4 cup unsweetened apple juice 1/2 cup fresh or frozen cranberries

1/4 teaspoon cinnamor

1 tablespoon cornstarch 2 tablespoons unsweetened apple juice or

Sifted powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Spray a 10-inch ovenproof skillet with vegetable oil spray. Add margarine, Place skillet in oven for utes, or until margarine is melted.

In a medium mixing bowl, combine egg substitute, flour, milk and salt. Beat with an electric mixer or wire whisk until smooth. Immediately pour egg mixture into the hot skillet and bake, red, for about 25 minutes, or until puffed

Meanwhile, in a medium skillet, combine apples, 3/4 cup apple juice, berries, sugar and cinnamon. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes, or until fruit is tender. Place cornstarch in a small bowl. Stir in 2 tablespoons apple juice or water. Add to the apple-cranberry mixture. Cook for about 2 minutes, until thickened and bubbly, stirring often.

To serve, sprinkle pancake with powdered sugar, cut it into wedges and spoon warm sauce over each serving.

Nutrition information per serving: 166 cal, 5 g pro, 34 g carbo, 0 mg chol, 119 mg sodium, 2 g fat (1 g polyunsaturated, 1 g monounsaturated).

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ries or an entree recipe may pro-

vide 1 cup cooked broccoli per

serving (1/2 cup cooked) veg-

Recipes must contain no more

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than 30 percent of the total calo-

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season of healthy eating by entering the fresh fruit and vegetable recipe contest at Kroger.

One grand prize winner will receive \$750 in Kroger gift certificates and three runner-up contestants will each receive \$250 in Kroger gift certificates. The contest emphasizes the use of fresh vegetables and fruits in entree, dessert or side dish

Contest organizers want to encourage Michigan residents to get back into the kitchen and be creative and promote consumption of vegetables and fruit. The average adult Michigan resident consumes 3.7 servings of vegetables and fruits each day, which falls far below the reco five to nine servings

Recipes must feature fresh sentation, nutritional value fruits and vegetables. Canned recipes become the property of the Kroger Company of Michifruits, frozen, dried and juice fruit and vegetable products may

Finalists will be required to ingredients.

Recipes for appetizers, entrees, bring one prepared dish of their submitted recipe to the Orion side dishes, soups and desserts are acceptable. Vegetables and Township, Kroger, 3097 Baldwin Road at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 21. fruits can be combined with other food groups such as for judging. A panel of judges;

> Send your favorite, original fresh fruit or vegetable recipe to: Kroger Nutrition Center, Make. Mine Fresh Recipe Contest, The Kroger Company of Michigan, P.O. Box 4444, Livonia, MI. 48151-3084. Recipes must be postmarked by Saturday, April

will sample the prepared recipes

and select one grand prize win-

Anyone with questions can callries from fat, as determined by Kroger's registered dietitians recipe analysis. Recipes will be Diane Reynolds and Tina Miller at 1-800-KROGERS (select 3 twice on the automated phone taste and overall appeal. All menu) or e-mail them at mnutri-

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quench your thirst and fill your belly at the same time? The Downtown Detroit Beer Hall; ocated across from the Brushfire Grill, sports an impressive 70-foot bar and offers a variety of beers and mixed drinks. It also has a buffet featuring Italian sausage, corn-on-the-cob, oney-mustard chicken, fish and

If you're worried about missng the game while you're doing little elbow bending at the you on top of the action.

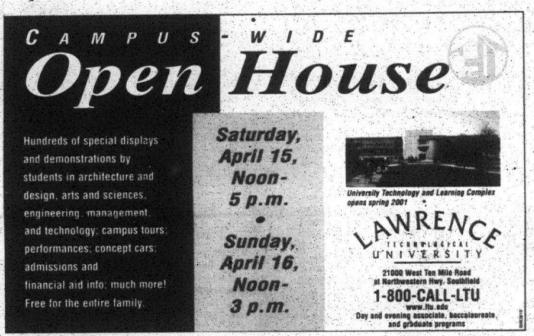
Speaking of action, hold the brew and bratwurst until after your ride on the 50-foot-high Fly Ball Ferris Wheel, which is near the third-base side of the main concourse (near both the Brushfire Grill and the Beer Hall). The 12 wheelchair-accessible cars shaped are shaped like - what else? - baseballs.

The new food concepts and restaurants at Comerica Park are great, but what about a bag of peanuts, a plain hot dog or an Beer Hall; forget it. A built-in ice cream bar? They're still availradio broadcast booth will keep able. "Even though we have added a lot of exciting new con-

cessions, we've kept the old favorites around," assured

The main concourse boasts 11 Big League Grill stands that offer hot dogs, peanuts, smoked kielbasa, bottled water, beer, and ice-cream bars. The upper concourse has six Big League Grills and the lower concourse has five. Like they say, don't mess with tradition. At least not

See hot dog recipes inside





Rice and beans: Try this flavorful, fiber-rich dish of red beans and rice salad for a quick, nutritious lunch.

## Red beans, rice pack a lunch salad with fiber, flavor and very little fat

has had its ups and downs in recent years. Initially fabulous claims were made.

Later, ongoing research began to cast doubt on fiber as a magic bullet against cancer. Regardless, health studies continue to suggest that fiber contributes to overall good health and probably plays a role in the prevention of a variety of diseases, including cancer.

Fiber is the indigestible part of plant foods and exists in two forms: water-soluble and water-insoluble. Soluble fiber is found in foods such as fruit, barley, catmeal, oat bran and legumes. Insoluble fiber is highest in whole grain breads and cereals,

vegetables and seeds. A number of population studies link high-fiber diets to reduced incidence of colon cancer, although fiber's exact role in prevention remains unclear Claims that fiber protects against breast cancer are more controversial, but continue to be studied. Scientists still aren't sure which type of fiber may cut cancer risk, since high-fiber foods usually contain both forms. Plant foods also contain other protective substances, such as antioxidants and phytochemicals, so it's difficult to determine which factors are most beneficial.

Health experts suggest that consumption of 25 to 35 grams of fiber each day is a healthy goal. We can get this fiber from fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans. Most Americans consume only about 15 grams of fiber, so we have lots of room for improvement. Remember to increase your fiber intake slowly, and always drink lots of fluids. You can begin to add more fiber to your daily

diet by eating whole-grain cereal for breakfast. Look for brands that contain at least five grams of fiber per serving. Then look for ways to include more fiber-rich foods in your snacks and other Raw, cut up vegetables are generally high in

fiber and are a perfect side-item for lunch. Instead

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Fiber's reputation in terms of cancer prevention of satisfying your late-afternoon munchies with potato chips or pretzels, reach for a piece of fresh or dried fruit, or a whole-grain treat like a currant

When possible, avoid peeling fruits such as apples and pears or vegetables, because much of the fiber is found in the skin. Boost the fiber in soups, stews and salads by adding beans. Try this flavorful, fiber-rich dish for a quick,

### RED BEAN AND RICE SALAD

2 cups cooked brown rice, such as basmati or

15-ounce can red kidney beans, drained and

3/4 cup finely chopped green bell pepper

1/2 cup fresh mango, cut in 1/2-inch cubes

1/2 cup finely chopped red onion 1/2 cup salsa

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utritious lunch:

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste 2 tablespoons, chopped cilantro

In a large bowl, use a fork to combine the rice, beans, pepper, mango and onion. Drain the salsa well and mix it into the salad.

Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pep-

Just before serving, sprinkle with the cilantro. This salad keeps 2 to 3 days, but the rice gets hard when

Each of the 4 servings contains 230 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer

Research. AICR offers the AICR Nutrition Hotline (1-800-843-8114). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, this free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian your questions regarding diet, nutrition and cancer. AICR's Internet Web address is www.ajcr.org.

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### CHEESY HOT DOG POCKETS

1/2 pound sharp cheddar cheese, shredded 2-ounce jar stuffed green olives, chopped

1/2 cup frozen diced onions

1/2 cup chili sauce 1 teaspoon mustard

2 hard boiled eggs, chopped

2 tablespoons mayonnaise 4 pita rounds

leavy duty aluminum foil

4 servings rice

Cut hot dogs into fourths lengthwise, then slice into 1/4-inch cubes. Combine with olives, eggs, mustard, mayonnaise, chili sauce and cheese, mixing well. Cut pita rounds in half. Open pocket and fill with approximately 1/3 cup filling - be generous. Wrap individually in foil and refrigerate.

When grill is hot, place foil-wrapped sandwiches on grill and heat for 10 minutes. Uncover and continue heating until pita bread is crisp and filling is hot -10-15 minutes more, depending on desired crispness.

### POLYNESIAN KABOBS ON RICE 2 Polish sausages for any other pre-cooked

from flame until heated thoroughly. Baste with the

SAUSAGE STIR FRY

1/2 pound Polish sausage or your favorite type

Slice sausage, carrots and broccoli. Cook rice

Spray pan with cooking spray, add sausage and

five to seven minutes until vegetables are tender.

Serve over a generous portion of cooked rice and

cording to package, making enough for three cups:

saute. Add vegetables, stir and cover to let simmer for

sweet and sour sauce. Serve over rice. Serves 4.

2 cups proccoli, chopped

2 cups carrots (sliced)

3 cups cooked rice

1/2 pint sour cream

1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro

4 green peppers 1/4 cup sliced black olives 2 cups pineapple, cubed

1 cup sweet and sour sauce

Heat oven to 375° F. Grease 10-inch glass pie plate. In a large, 12-inch skillet, crumble the pork sausage. and brown. Drain excess fat. Add onions and green Cut sausages into eighths. On a skewer alternate pepper and continue cooking until vegetables are chunks of pineapple and green peppers with the crisp-tender. Stir in drained black beans and the sausage. Place on grill four to six inches from coals picante sauce. Set aside In a medium bowl, combine

1 1/2 tablespoons, yellow mustard

cue sauce.)

1/4 cup dark brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon, onion powder

small beans work best)

1 package hot dogs

2/3 cup chopped onion

1/4 cup half and half

1 large egg

utes. Serves 8-10.

1/3 cup ketchup (For spicier beans, use barbe

2 (16 ounce) cans of baked beans (dark brown,

Mix all ingredients together in an oven-proof, 2

SAUSAGE AND BLACK BEAN TAMALE PIE

WITH CHEDDAR CRUST

1 pound pork sausage links, casings removed

1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper

1 15-ounce can black beans, drained

1 1/2 cups medium hot picante sauce

1 8 1/2 ounce package corn muffin mix

2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divid-

quart casserole dish. Bake at 350° F for 20-25 min-

Press mixture on bottom and up sides of the greased pie plate. Spoon sausage mixture into crust. Bake 25 minutes or until mixture is set. Remove from oven; sprinkle with remaining cup of cheddar cheese. Bake five minutes or until cheese is melted. Allow to stand five minutes. Cut into six

corn muffin mix, one cup of the cheddar cheese, the

half and half and the egg. Stir just until moistened.

sprinkle of fresh cilantro and black olives. Makes six Council hint: Recipe also would work well with

wedges and serve with a dollop of sour cream and a

cajun style bratwurst and chorizo.

This recipe from Eleanor Froelich of Rochesterwon third place in the 1996 National Sausage Month Award-Winning Recipes.

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Cookbook author Martha Rose Shulman says when she was in Tunisia, "some of the most delightful dishes we were served were desserts made with couscous.

Most American cooks are just waking up to the versatility of the North African starch, tiny granules of pasta made from semolina wheat. In U.S. homes, the quick-cooking couscous is most often served as a side dish, sometimes flecked with chopped vegetables but more often fluffed up with a little butter stirred in.

Shulman includes Dessert Couscous With Oranges and Dates (recipe follows) in "The Light Basics Cookbook" (William Morrow & Co.), because it fits her idea of good food: "food that is delicious and that makes you feel good, food that is vibrant and light but by no means aesthetic."

A similar recipe, Sweet Orange Couscous With Dried Fruit (recipe follows), appears in the April

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### DESSERT COUSCOUS WITH ORANGES AND DATES

- 2 1/4 cups water 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange flower water, if available
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter 1 1/2 cups instant couscous
- 1/4 cup dried currants or golden raisins
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamen
- Generous pinch of salt 2 tablespoons finely chopped orange zest (from 2
- seedless navel oranges 10 dates, quartered lengthwise and seeds

In a 2-quart saucepan, combine water and sugar and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and boil

slowly until the mixture thickens slightly, about 10 minutes. Stir in the orange flower water and remove from the heat. Stir in the butter and allow it to melt.

Place couscous in a bowl. Stir in currants or raisins, cinnamon, salt and orange zest. Pour the syrup over the mixture. Let sit for 20 minutes, stirring from time to time with a wooden spoon to break up any lumps. Line a steamer, the top part of a cousssiere, a strainer or a colander with a clean kitchen towel and place the couscous in the towel. Cover and steam for 15 minutes above boiling water, making sure that the water is well below the couscous. Turn into a bowl.

Peel oranges, holding the orange above the couscous so that any juice that escapes will go into the couscous. Remove the skin and pith at the same time by holding the knife against the orange at a slight angle and turning the orange against the knife so that the skin comes off in a spiral. Squeeze the skin

you may have cut off with the skin. Cut 2 of the oranges in half crosswise, then into small sections. Section the third orange for decorating the top of the couscous. Toss the steamed couscous with the chopped oranges. Transfer to the serving dish and shape the couscous into a cone-shaped mound. Decorate the top with the remaining orange slices and the

Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Note: Orange flower water is widely used in North African and Middle Eastern cooking. It has a perfumed, subtle flavor. You can find it at Middle Eastern groceries. If not, the dessert will still be good.

Nutritional information per serving: 314 calories; 2.5 g fat (1.3 g saturated), 67.5 carbo, 7.2 g protein.

### 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@ oe. homecomm. net-

■ Vegetarian Cooking - Lenore Yalisove Baum, author of "Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking," conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills. Baum has scheduled a session on tofu for 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 and pressure cooking, 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 17. Baum also teaches a beginning cooking series each week from 6-9 p.m. n Wednesdays in May. Call

(248) 478-4455. Wines of Livermore - The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn will host a wine-maker dinner featuring the wines of Livermore Valley in cen tral California on Wednesday, April 12. A reception begins at 6:30 p.m. featuring hors d'oeuvres and wines. A three-course dinner begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$89 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity, Call (313) 441-

Live Longer - The Tree House. 22906 Mooney, in Farmington, has Wednesday classes at 7-9 p.m. about how to live longer and get well through nutrition and M Schoolcraft College: Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m. Mondays, April 17 and 24; and Buffet and Hors D'oeuvres -Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m., April

Schoolcraft's courses, call (734) 462-4448. M Henry Ford Community

20 and 21. For information about

College, Dearborn Heights Center: High Tea the British Way 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 10, and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. April 15: New Orleans Brunch. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, April 14 and Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 20. For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit HFCC at www. hfcc. net

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orange tart. Hazan's sessions

begin at 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, May 1, Tim McGrath will demonstrate baked fillet of Lake Superior whitefish on a bed of julienned leeks, carrots and celery en papillote with chardonnav-tarragon sauce, spicy sautéed catfish fillets with onion gravy and cheese grits, grilled lake trout with caramelized red onion sauce and black barley risotto, and profiteroles with praline mousse and caramel chocolate sauce. On Tuesday, May 2, McGrath will prepare grilled vegetables with balsamic-herbes de

Provence garlic basting; oven roasted tomato fennel soup with -pesto cream; grilled bourbonmolasses marinated rib eye steaks with smoked com and andouille sauce; grilled jumbo shrimps with citrus ginger sauce and vegetable griddle cakes and strawberry-amaretto tiramusu. Sessions start at 6:30 p.m. Call

(800) 641-1252 ■ Appetizers - Mary Spencer will instruct a session on how to prepare a wild mushroom enchilada curried pates and Thai spring rolls. Sessions at Kitchen Glamor stores are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Novi Town Center; and Wednesday, May 3, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River. Call (800) 641-1252.

Rich Brioche Desserts - Dolly Matoian will teach the techniques of creating light French brioche. including pecan sticky buns, a brioche chocolate bread pudding and an almond-brown sugar coffee cake. Sessions at Kitchen Glamo stores are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the Novi Town Center; Wednesday, May 10, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River Call (800) 641-1252.

## Consumers can call state for food inspection reports

People who want read food mated branching system to safety inspection reports or want MDA's Food and Dairy Division, to report food safety concerns can use a new toll-free number. Michigan's 22,000 retail food

establishments and food processing facilities were sent blue-andwhite decals bearing the toll-free number, (800) 292-3939, with their February license renewal

The Michigan Department of Agriculture set up the telephone number so consumers have better access to food safety information, said Keith Creagh, MDA's deputy director. "This new tollfree number and decal should ielp alert consumers to the fact that this information is readily available and accessible to Michigan shoppers."

Food inspection reports have will be routed through an auto- al economic interests.

which is responsible for inspecting all licensed retail food establishments statewide from supermarkets to convenience stores to food processing operations.

Calls received after hours and on weekends go to an answering machine and are recorded the next business day. Single inspection reports are mailed to individuals, free of charge, within five working days, or faxed upon

All complaints received on the toll-free line are forwarded to regional office with jurisdic tion over the particular retail food establishment.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture is the official state been available to the public for agency charged with serving, some time, but the toll-free promoting and protecting the number is new. People calling food, agriculture and agricultur-

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## MEDICAL **BRIEFS**

### **Cardio Theater**

Enjoy working out but find walking the treadmill a real grind? Well, say good-bye to those boring work-

Livonia-Body Rocks Fitness & Racquet announces the addition of Cardio Theater to their fitness facility at 36600 Plymouth Road. Members can use a variety of cardiovascular equipment, such as treadmills, stationary bikes and stair-climbers. while being entertained by six big screen televisions and music.

Using headphones, members plug into a remote control attached to each cardio piece, push a button and tune into the entertainment selection of their choice. Options include television, radio, audiotape or CD selections.

For more information, contact Karen Mattson at (734) 591-1212.

## Parkinson's expert

"Aspects of Parkinson's Disease" will be addressed by Dr. Lawrence Elmer, a movement disorder special ist from the Medical College of Ohio. at a lecture at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Livonia Civic Center

Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Dr. Elmer, director of the Movement Disorders Center in Toledo, will speak about the five stages of Parkinson's disease and its nonmotor complications, including dementia and depression.

The event is sponsored by the Westside Parkinson Support Groups. There is no charge, but reservations are necessary. Call (734) 421-4208 or (734) 261-1784.

### Successful prostate screening

The 5th annual Prostate Screening Day at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia on March 4 drew over 600 men for the free exam and blood test to detect prostate cancer. This event, one of the highest attended health screenings in the area, was sponsored by the Radiation Oncology and Community Outreach departments.

Of the over 600 participants, about 12 percent were referred for further follow-up testing with a physician. "This screening is an excellent, convenient way for men to maintain their prostate health, said Marianne Simancek, R.N., director of Community Outreach

Over 50 physicians and staff at St. Mary Hospital volunteer their time and services to the se This is one of the most efficient and well-attended community prostate screenings in the area," said John Harb, M.D., urologist at St. Mary. Harb oversees St. Mary Hospital's prostate brachytherapy program, an outpatient surgical procedure for prostate cancer.

For more information on prostate health, contact St. Mary Hospital Community Outreach, 734 655-8940, www.stmary hospital.org or www.PROSEEDSERVICE.com. For a physician on staff at St. Mary, call 1-888-464-WELL

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Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy



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BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER rskoglund@oe.hor

small, smartly dressed woman in her sixties walks briskly across the lobby of the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor then pauses in front of the revolving doors.

"Well, I'm done for another four weeks," she says before exiting. "And you know, I feel great. I don't even feel sick."

In a way, this woman, who was wearing a wig and most likely undergoing chemotherapy personifies the center's mission to treat the body, mind and soul of every cancer patient seeking treatment. At the center, healing comes through many

"The real hope is already happen-Wicha, director of the center and a distinguished professor in oncology.

But hope, truly viable hope, must translate into living life to the fullest, refocusing goals, and making cancer just a part of your life, not all of it. Four of Dr. Wicha's breast cancer patients share their stories

### Alice Campbell, 62

Campbell was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1983. There was no history of the disease in her family Following a mastectomy of her left breast, she underwent one year of chemotherapy. Everything was fine

"I was diagnosed with the same breast cancer, which had gone to the bone. I was unaware of it until I went to reach for a lamp and I felt this pain. I had broken my collar bone." Campbell went on tamoxifen for a

year and a half until she developed a blood clot in her leg. She now takes arimidex, which also suppresses estrogen, and receives pamidronate, bone strengthener intravenously. "The combination of armidix and nate has really active," she says. Campbell continues to work as an

administrative manager at the Family Independence Agency office in Jackson, Mich., where she's worked or 32 years. She also gardens, volun- Concern: Dr. Max Wicha listens to teers and tutors in math a young patient Alice Campbell of Jackson, who me the following Monday woman who experienced a head is in remission following a second bout and scheduled a biopsy.

I 'First you are so scared, and She did not have breast reconstruction. "I didn't want to spend any you don't believe it. I think you more time with hospitals. I just are in denial a long, long time. I wanted to go on living." Neither did think I still am." she join a support group. "I have to be living and active."

Campbell's support comes from the cancer center's staff, her 86-year-old mother ("my cheerleader") and her six brothers and sisters. Campbell provides hope for women with metastasized breast cancer. "I think one of the reasons I coped so well is that I had an outside focus, goals to

### Karen Hamer, 50

Breast cancer is in Hamer's family. Her grandmother, mother and sister had it. However, they all had different breast cancers and don't share the common breast cancer gene. The ing in the clinic," said Dr. Max environment may have played a role, . tion says Hammer. Her family lived in Long Island, N.Y., where they sprayed heavily with DDT during the

> Hamer, who now lives in Holland. Ohio, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1985. She detected it herself just weeks after her mammogram came back negative. "I felt it in the shower. When I laid down on the bed I definitely felt it," she says.

She did not return to her gynecolo gist, whom she felt patronized her.

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nmediately took her Xays to a local surgeon le said, Mrs. Smith, with you. He had the A good friend suggest-

Healer: Dr. Max Wicha, director of the U-M Com prehensive Cancer Center, believes within 10 years breast cancer treatments will be customized for particular cancers. ifen for a number of years, until a

Breast cancer

survivors share

stories of hope

-Jane Zhang

Instead, she went to her family doctor. "He said I had the cancer for five

In the mid-80s, breast cancer patients often woke up with a mastectomy if their biopsies came back positive. Hamer sought other options. A friend told her about U-M Hospital Within weeks. Hamer had a lumpectomy and began radiation treatments and seven months of chemotherapy. After a recurrence in 1993, she had a bi-lateral mastectomy (both breasts) with reconstruc

"By coming here I gained eight years, and by then the reconstruction process was more sophisticated." Hamer's cancer experience has

receded into the shadows. "I don't always think about it because it has been so long. But every time I drive when my 50th birthday came a lot of people are so depressed - but I was so thankful to be alive. Nothing to be depressed about."

### Margaret Smith, 70

Smith was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1986, the year she retired as an elemen tary school teacher. The cancer was discovered during a routine exam Smith had never had a

"The doctor called and mality and you should

Battle Creek, Mich.

Smith come to U.M Hospital. "I called on a Thursday, and they saw Smith had a lumpecto-

my and radiation. She took tamox spot showed up on her rib. She was put on megace, and after other spots formed, she received gemcitabine. She has undergone several different chemotherapy and radiation therapies. "I have a lot of cancer in the spine," she says.

Although she uses a wheelchair, Smith's appearance defies her medical history. Her complexion is clear and bright, and she is eager to talk She praises her radiation doctor, Dr. Allen Lichter, whom she refers to as "amazing." When her radiation implants were due to come out late at

night, "he was right there," she says. And she has more praise for the cancer center. "I can't say enough about Dr. Wicha's nurses."

### Jane Zhang, 42

Zhang, of Ann Arbor, an aerospace engineer with Ford Motor Co., was on assignment in Japan when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in September 1998. "I found it myself because of an abnormal feeling in the night. The breast felt more swollen."

She had a needle aspiration and a mammogram, but the doctor would not confirm his findings. "I kept asking him. He said it's possible. In Japan, they think it's better for the patient not to know.

Zhang, originally from China, eturned to the United States and contacted the Breast Cancer Clinic at U-M Hospital. The clinic scheduled more tests. "I pushed them for surgery," she said. Zhang had her breast removed followed by six

nonths of chemotherapy. Her cancer experience is still new. "First you are so scared, and you don't believe it. I think you are in denial a long, long time. I think I still

Cancer has dramatically affected Zhang's approach to life. "Since then I have forced myself to slow down and prioritize. I have to do that." She longer has a nanny to watch over her

children, ages 5 and 10. "The other time I reserve for myself. I should have done this many years ago. I appreciate I was diagnosed with this cancer, but I survived. That woke me up. Work is not



Muhammad Al-Hadii, a postdoctoral research fellow, disongoing research project on breast cancer cells.



BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

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In terms of breast cancer research it is a very exciting time at the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center, said Dr. Max Wicha, director. "Now we understand for the first time what cancer is. It is a disease of the genes, we are certain. In other words, researchers have just 37 National Cancer Institute-

met the enemy and it is theirs ... almost. The goal of U-M researchers - the nation. It was ranked among the is to develop a technology that will enable them to analyze all 100,000 genes in each cell. "Our vision is to survey. Last year, the center schedhave a day when we can customize uled 88,000 outpatient visits. treatments and design treatments patient's cancer," said Wicha.

the team is involved in a grant competition for the state's tobacco settlement dollars. The question is, should they apply?

"When it works out, it's awesome," said Al-Haji about the team's anti- Wicha body research.

chemotherapy work better. But while coma and urologic cancers. there are many successes, said Wicha, "it's still not enough.

The U-M Comprehensive Cancer

designated comprehensive centers in top 10 best cancer centers in U.S. News & World Report's tenth annual

The five top cancers diagnosed and that target particular defects in a freated at U-M are melanoma. they've succeeded. The lobby - with breast, prostate, non-Hodgkins lym- its wood paneling, soft colors, art dis-Muhammad Al-Hajj is a post-doc- phoma and lung. Patients visited 10 toral research fellow involved in multidisciplinary clinics that providbreast cancer research. He meets ed the services of a surgeon, medical weekly with Wicha and other oncologist, radiation oncologist, nursresearch team members. Currently, es and support staff at minimum has been a patient at the center since cuss the latest outcome of an They also had the opportunity to consult with nutritionists and social

specialists in one setting," said ies.

associated with more aggressive breast care, gastrointestinal cancers cancers. The antibody helps head and neck cancers, lung ca shrink cancer cells, which makes lymphoma/leukemia, melanoma, sar-In addition, the center offers a number of specialized clinics, includ-

ing breast imaging, breast wellness, cancer genetics, cutaneous surgery and oncology, gynecologic cancers. Center, established in 1986, is one of hematology, medical oncology, neurologic cancers, orthopedic oncology, pediatric hematology/oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, and thoracic cancers.

It is a formidable offering the center's 266 physicians and scientists ave striven to make user-friendly. Judging from the center's main lobby: plays and central information desk looks like it belongs in an upscale

Alice Campbell of Jackson, Mich. before it opened. She choose U-M because "it's tops in the field of information, techniques and procedures "A-patient can come and see all the and it has access to any new discover-

However, when you're dealing with dating," said Campbell. "If a problem The multidisciplinary clinics target cancer, the caregivers are as imporcomes up, they're a telephone call Scientists already have developed the following: blood and marrow tant as the treatments "The staff away."



Will time tell how low-tech stocks will go?

Items for Medical Datebook are Cost: \$95 (paid at first class). welcome from all hospitals. physicians, companies and residents active in the Observerarea medical community, Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail rskoglund@oe. homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

### ONGOING

**OVEREATERS** Overeater Anonymous will meet every Sunday 7-8:30 p.m. April-June in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, Conference Room A. 36475 Five Mile, Livonia, Another group meets every Thursday evening 7:30-9 p.m. in Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile, Call Kathleen at (734) 427-8612.

### AA & ALANON

Alcoholies Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays from 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance 5254 Inkster Road) at Garden City. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday

**SLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday Screenings are open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon at the Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (across from John Glenn High School). Call (734) 326-

WEIGHT LOSS CLUB

The Merry Bowl Trimmers Club. a weight loss support group, meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Livonia Senior Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The program is open to both men and men. The cost is \$4 a month. Call (734) 425-5675.

### **THROUGH MAY 2** FOOD FOR HOLISTIC HEALTH

The Tree House in Farmington, 22906 Mooney Street, offers a seven-week class 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday. Learn the five rites of Tibetan exercise and why Jack

LaLane is still strong at age 85.

Call (248) 473-0624 to register.

## TUE, APRIL 11 &

Learn the traditional Japanese method of balancing body energy. Done on the floor over the lothing, this energizing treatment promotes health and wellbeing. Bring a mat and dress comfortably. Class runs Tues day, April 11 and 18, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$75. The Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street No. 205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to

### TUE, APRIL 11

HORMONE REPLACEMENT The Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane will sponsor a lecture on Hormone Replacement Therapy and Natural Hormones" 7 p.m. at the medical center, 19401 Hubbard Drive at Evergreen, Dearborn. Call (313) 982-8384.

## **WED, APRIL 12**

Life Line Screening will conduct stroke and vascular disease tests - carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm and ankle brachial index - at the Marquette House, 3600 Campus Drive, Westland. Bone density testing also available. Must register at least 24 hours in advance. Call 1-800-407-4557 to schedule an appoint-

### FRI, APRIL 14

STRESS MANAGEMENT Madonna University in Livonia will host a stress management lecture featuring John M. Cotter Ph.D., a staff psychologist in Botsford Hospital's Department of Neurology and certified hypnotherapist. He works with issues of anxiety, memory and concentration, study habits and relaxation therapy. Admission is \$5. Contact Madonna Univer-

### FOOD FOR HOLISTIC HEALTH The Tree House in Farmington

22906 Mooney Street, presents a "Health Starts with Food" class 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about foods your body needs to avoid and eat a gourmet meal free of allergy-causing foods. Presenter Monica Levin is a registered holistic nutritionist. Cost is \$20. Call (248) 473-0624 for reserva-

SAT, APRIL 15

### TUES, APRIL 18

BONE DENSITY Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile, will feature a discussion on "Osteoporosis and Bone Density," 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center. Bone density screen available. Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Manion for reservations at (248) 428-7055.

### LYME DISEASE

The Lyme Disease Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne, Call Connie. (734) 362-3502 for more information.

### **THUR, APRIL 20**

AMUNIZATION CLINIC Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immuniza tion records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

### MANIC DEPRESSIVE

The Manic Depressive and Depressive Association of Metro Detroit will hold a "dual diagnosis" meeting 7-9:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. Call Gary at (313) 532-4217 or Mary Ann at (734) 284-

## SCLERODERMA MEETING

sity's Psychology Department at

### on the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter, call (248)

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

WED, APRIL 26

**ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION** Free community outreach pro gram on "erectile dysfunction" impotence) presented by Dr. John Frederick Harb 7 p.m., St Mary Hospital, Marion Professional Bldg. 14555 Levan Road Livonia. Call (734) 462-5858.

## **TUE, MAY 2-16**

BIOKINESIOLOGY Learn to use muscle testing tech niques to determine which vitamins, herbs, and foods are best for you. Cost is \$115. Class runs Tuesday, May 2-16, from 6-9 p.m. The Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street

### MON, MAY 8

207-0557 to register.

THYROID DISORDERS

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site http://com munity.mlive.com/cc/thyroid

No. 205 in Plymouth, Call (734)

### TUES, MAY 9 **ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice will present "Advance Directives: When and how soon should they be in place," 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center of Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations.

### TUES, MAY 16 LYME DISEASE

The Lyme Disease Support Group will sponsor a "Lyme Dis-The Livonia Scleroderma Supease Education Night" at 7 p.m. port Group will meet at 7 p.m. ir at the First United Methodist the first-floor classroom at St. Mary Hospital, 36575 West Five Church, Wayne. Call connie at Mile Road. Call Barbara Case, (734) 326-3502 for more informa-(734) 464-3644. For information

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### TUE, MAY 23 RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME

Do you or someone you know suffer from restless leg syndrome? There is support available and a wealth of new information. A Restless Leg Support Group meets every other month at OptimEyes in Westland (across from Westland Shopping Center) on Central City Parkway. A registered nurse will be the guest speaker. Meet at 2 p.m. in the OptimEves commun ty meeting room. For information call Jan Prentice at (734) 453-4847.

### SAT, JUNE 10

CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT Prerequisite for initial training proof of current Health Care Provider BLS card. Retraining proof of current Health Care Provider BLS card and current ACLS certification. Class is offered Saturday and Sunday June 10 and 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital/Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute (734) 712-2948.

### **MON, JUNE 12**

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## **TUE. JUNE 13**

Learn to use muscle testing tech niques, neurolymphatic massage, acupressure to strengthen weaknesses, relieve pain, and for Health," book, available at June 13-July 25, from 6-9 p.m.

### heavy Nasdag ment: Emotions of Caregiving," and shoveling it into the old 6-7:30 p.m. in the community economy blue chip stocks on the center. Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations The recent antitrust guilty (248) 428-7055. verdict against Microsoft is being blamed for the current bloodbath, but really, it's just the latest of a series of warnings, misfortunes and dubiously

gy stocks for more than two What all the analysts are missing, I believe, is the ominous story of failure that hangs over \$9 Datek and Ameritrade "buys," the head of hundreds of new dot-

financed high-tech disasters that

have plagued a host of technolo-

The bubble has

Individual

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cashing in and

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out of the tech-

indeed burst.

ily hyped firms have burned awhile. through hundreds of millions of dollars in financing and venture stock symbols and trendy tech capital and are now on the verge of going belly up.

Watch what happens the rest of this quarter and next. There's a rout coming, a huge collapse of the entire dot-com

Very few of them, maybe a handful, are making money. The vast majority are smoke and mirrors. It's time to face reality for many. They have yet to turn a profit and show absolutely no sign that they will be able to do so in the foreseeable future. Even with the huge sell-off on the Nasdaq in recent days, most

ridiculously overvalued The reason is two-fold: Greed and ignorance. New individual investors have

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of the tech companies are still

flocked to the market and greediinvestors in a fust to get rich average between \$1 and \$3 bil-

com firms. Dozens of these heav- quick. And many did. For lion a month, according to the port, Reno's attempt to get tech skepticism and distrust? The

But their ignorance in buying stocks that have no earnings history has caught up with them. surge attributed to technology Now, as their bubble has burst, execs unloading their shares. they're panicking. Expect a slight bounce back in the Nasdaq. That's the pattern. And there are some good buys out there that the big institutional

firms will snap up.
But the free ride is just about over, replaced by a free fall.

### Net execs dump stocks

If anybody had been looking, maybe this week's crash of the tech market could have been foreseen in the way a lot of top tech execs have been handling their stock holdings in recent

execs unloaded massive amounts of stock, perhaps a clear indication that things weren't as rosy ly flooded the Nasdaq with their as their public relations flacks self-managed 401K savings and were telling the rest of us.

A number of key Internet

Usually, insider sales of stock pretending to be big-time by key tech execs collectively

is limited. Contact the Profes-

(248) 370-3033 for a brochure or

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First Call/Thompson Financial firms to cooperate with the Jus- massive denial-of-service attack company, which tracks insider tice Department by providing on the nation's biggest Web por sales. Last month, those sales greater access to their networks tal sites last February is still totaled \$12 billion, with the huge was met with barely disguised

There's a great Web site you

name or stock symbol or the

chief exec's name and look at the

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ings to see the salaries paid to

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Attorney General Janet Reno

held a cyber crime summit meet-

ing this past week with top execs

from Silicon Valley tech firms

Instead of enthusiastic sup-

The Michigan Hispanic Chamber

Anniversary Fiesta Hispana Ball

at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn.

The VIP reception begins at 6:30

p.m. followed by dinner and

dancing at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bo

Andersson, executive in charge

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opportunity to network with

General Motors Corp., is event

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### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

**BUSINESS IN CHINA** Oakland University's Profession-Outreach, School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) ness Opportunities in China held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri-

al Development and Education will present "Opening Doors in the 21st Century, Creating Busiafter WTO." The seminar will be day, April 14 in Oakland Univer-

### ment Corporation, and Leonard (248) 370-3137. Woodcock Legacy. The seminar SECRETARIES WEEK is an introductory course for The Tri-County Chapter of the individuals and organizations International Association of Administrative Professionals

interested in developing or expanding markets in China. will present a business seminar Jerome D. Hill, J.D., Ph.D. and titled "Assistants and Executives Ledong Li will share their exper-Working in Partnership" 8 a.m. tise on expanding interests and to 1 p.m. at the Atheneum Hotel overcoming the challenges of in Detroit. Seminar/luncheon oing business in China. Cost is tickets are \$35 for IAAP mem-\$295 and includes a Chinese lunbers and \$40 for non-members. cheon and handout material. For more information, call (313) The registration deadline is 235-9232 or fax (313) 235-0188. Wednesday, April 5. Enrollment

### business representatives and meet corporate sponsors. For tickets, contact MHCC at (248

**BUSINESS MARKETPLACE** the government. Topics include: College's Business Development government registrations, reguyou how to win the many con- lations, electronic commerce, The cost is \$25 per person. To tracts available to small busi- electronic funds transfer, avail-

register, call the Business Develsses. Learn how technological able markets and resources, and opment Center at (734) 462-

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## Tobacco

## Consequences of smoking outlined

The following are the results of a behavior risk study from EPIC-MRA on behalf of a coalition of prominent hospitals:

Until smoking impacts your

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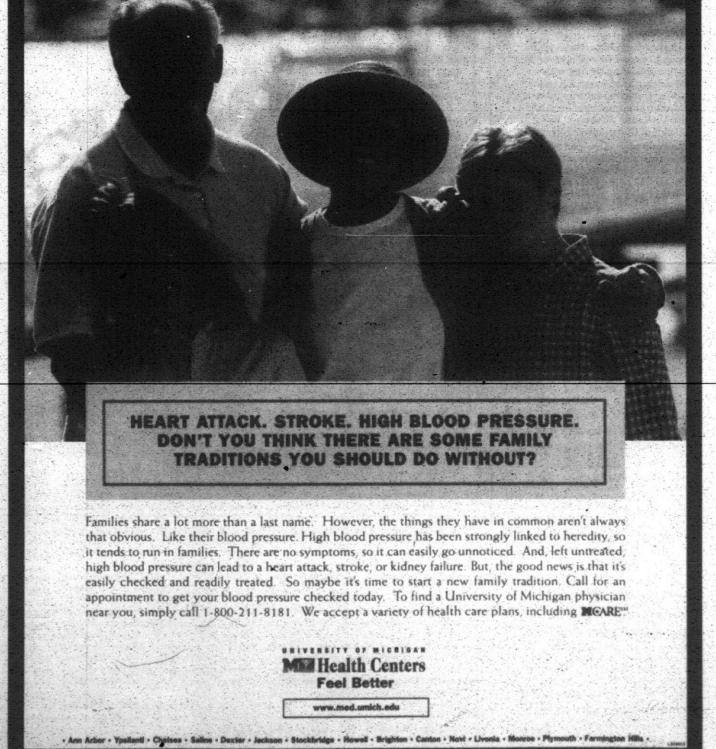
Each trip averages 12 minutes, for a total of 36 minutes per day Michigan employees spend 138,059,844 hours

down overall, young people continue to smoke at almost

revealed included there are 1,525,860 smokers in Michigan, representing 21% of adults. Some 884,999 smoke at work and they take an average three trips daily outside their workplace to

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or making decisions

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3. I have trouble sleeping or eating (either too much or too little)

6. I have trouble concentrating, remembering things

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

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IMMUNIZATION CLINIC Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

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THYROID DISORDERS The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid

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## THUR, APRIL 20

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GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS "How to Become a Govern ment Contractor," a seminar sponsored by Schoolcraft College, will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. The half-day seminar will afford

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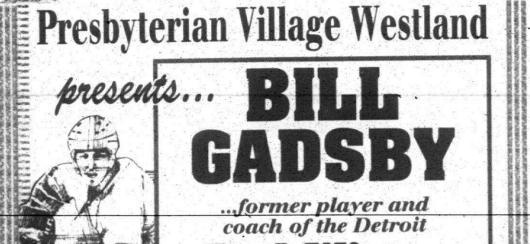
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CORRECTION NOTICE In our April 9 insert, we advertised 2 CDs as available Tuesday, April 11. The release dates for both Outta My Way by the Flys and the American Psycho Soundtrack have been delayed. Both titles are

expected to be available soon. We will be offering rainchecks for these titles. We apol-We will be offering rainchecks for these titles. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have







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A Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan program called Blue-Safe, which offers discounts on injury prevention equipment, has been expanded to offer sayings on 19 health and safety items at all 63 Michigan Meijer locations.

Meijer's participation means that Blues members and the public can redeem special coupons at all Michigan Meijer stores for savings from \$1 to \$20 on certain health and safety products.

"This arrangement allows us to expand the availability of discounts on a number of safety products to Blues members and the public," said Dale Robertson, Blues vice president of West Michigan. "This is a great idea for a partnership between Meijer and the Blues and we're hoping that the coupons will be an added incentive for the citizens throughout Michigan to purchase items that can prevent serious injuries."

"This project has the potential to impact lives in a very positive way," said John Zimmerman, director of consumer affairs for Meijer Stores. "Blue Cross and Meijer Stores have teamed up to help prevent injuries to our customers and to people in the community. We think that's pretty special."

Blues members and the public can use the Meijer coupons for discounts on the following items:

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors ■ Bicycle/in-line skating hel-

mets and padding

Child car seats and boosters Baby gates and portable bed

Fire extinguishers and escape ladders First aid kits

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Damman Hardware is the only other participant in the BlueSafe program to offer redeemable coupens. Blues members and the public can use the coupons at all 17 southeast Michigan Damman stores for discounts on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and fire escape lad-

The BlueSafe program also has an arrangement with Wright & Filippis, Dunham's Sports and MC Sports to provide savings to Blues members when they present their Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan or Blue Care

Network membership cards at the checkout

Wright & Filippis' participation provides Blues members with 20-percent discounts on all home health aids at its 23 stores

located throughout Michigan. Some discounted home health items include:

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Blues members also can present their membership cards and save 20 percent on the following safety equipment and products at Dunham's Sports and MC Sports stores in Michigan: bicycle/inline skating helmets and pads; athletic braces and supports; life jackets and vests; trigger locks for firearms (only at Dunham's).

The booklet of coupons may be obtained by calling the toll-free BlueSafe hotline, 877-BLUE-SAFE (258-3723).

## Be aware of facial injuries caused during sports-related activities

Spring brings May flowers. But it can also bring major facial injuries for kids and adults playing a myriad of sports without proper protection. For oral and maxillofacial surgeons - national experts at dealing with facial trauma - Spring is the time to remember sports should include injury prevention as well as fun.

That's why the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) - and its 6,000 OMS members nationwide - are sponsoring "April Is National Facial Protection Month.

"Each year, 250,000 Americans will suffer needless facial trauma from sports injuries, says Dr. Bill Nelson, DDS, of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Dr. Nelson, who serves on the medical staff for the Green Bay Packers, recalls a high school basketball player who was elbowed in the mouth during a game.

The player lost his upper front teeth and required dental implants and crowns. "A mouth guard would have prevented that type of injury," stressed Dr. Nelson. The young athlete would also have saved time lost from school.

Dr. Nelson added, "A great number of dental and facial injuries occur with kids in contact sports. Yet, it's rare to see these injuries in football or hockey, where the use of mouth guards is required. There is an increase in volleyball, soccer, and basketball injuries. Mouth guards are not required for these sports. It's been shown that wearing protective gear decreases the severity and frequency of injuries in contact sports."

Take precautions

The National Youth Sports Safety Foundation estimates that more than three million teeth will be knocked out in youth sporting activities this year. Nearly 60,000 people, more than half of them children, injure their faces annually while playing baseball.

In addition, doctors treat roughly 4,000 soccer players each year for facial injuries. It's not only the athletes incurring injuries but spectators as well. There are over 19,000 accidents each year to fans in the bleach-

A look at sporting activities on wheels reveals over 500,00 people involved in bicycle accidents, with one fifth of them injuring their faces. In-line skating acci-

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dents exceed 25,000 annually, and skateboarding accidents are nearly double that number. Another source of facial

injuries is automobile accidents. Annually, more than 96,000 people require treatment of oral injuries or maxillofacial fractures from car accidents.

Avoiding injury is the best route to a healthy lifestyle. OMSes advocate wearing helmets and mouth guards during various sports and using seatbelts in cars and trucks.

The AAOMS encourages adults and children to wear protective equipment while engaged

motorcycle riding, skateboarding, rollerblading, soccer, football, skiing, baseball, ice hockey, wrestling, boxing, lacrosse, basketball, and field hockey, among

For example, basketball players typically don't wear mouth guards. Yet.

approximately 34% of all injuries to basketball players involve teeth and/or the oral cav-

■ In soccer, only 7% of players regularly wear mouth guards.

The good news is the public is adhering to some safety precau-

in activities such as bicycle and tions. Dr Dexter Barber, DDS, of Philadelphia says, "Today, there aren't as many head injuries from bicycling due to more people wearing helmets." However, with the increased popularity of skateboarding and in-line skating, Dr. Barber sees an increase in nose injuries, soft tissue injuries, abrasions, and loss of teeth.

### Cost savings

Injury prevention not only saves people from harm but also from needless costs. Rehabilitation expenses for one lost tooth exceed 20 times the cost of a professional grade mouth guard.

age 14, for 29 different sports, cost the American public nearly 49 million dollars annually.

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons want to get the word out about facial protection. Domestic abuse, severe sunburn, and numerous on-the-job accidents are further sources of facial trauma

"April Is National Facial Protection Month" is the AAOMS's inaugural observance in Health Observances & Recognition Days 2000 Calendar. The calendar is published by the Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development of the American Hospital Association. OMSes are facial trauma experts and leaders in hospital ER trauma care. In addition to holding dental degrees, OMSes complete four or more years of postdoctoral in-hospital surgical residency training, which includes intensive training in cosmetic surgery and reconstruction for injuries to the mouth, face, and jaw.

For more information about facial protection, about oral and maxillofacial surgery, and to receive free literature on facial injuries and sports safety, contact the AAOMS at (847) 678-6200. You may also visit their web site at www.aaoms.org



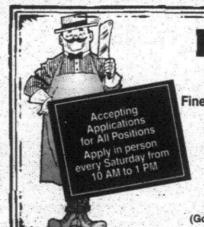
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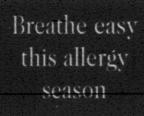
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