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THE WEEK AHEAD

Things go better ... More than 50 dealers from four states will provide collectors with a vast array of red and white Coca-Cola memorabilia and other soda-related collectibles 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the Gibraltar Trade Center, Taylor. Call (734) 287-2000 for information.

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton planning commission holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. Monday in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

TUESDAY

Coping: L.J. Griffin Funeral Home and Arbor Hospice offer a four-week series on dealing with the loss of a loved one at the Canton Public Library. The first program, "The Seasons of Grief," is set for 7-8:15 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Call 981-1700 for additional information.

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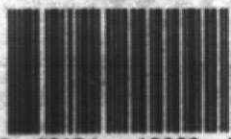
Update breakfast: The Canton Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly "Third Thursday Update" 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Old Country Buffet in the Harvard Square Shopping Center, Sheldon north of Ford Road. Featured speakers are Dale Yagiela of Growth Works; Jack O'Reilly of Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA), a job training/substance abuse assistance agency; and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. The buffet and program are free and open to the public.

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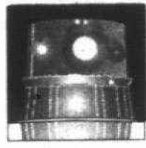
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Student charged in campus rape



A 17-year-old Plymouth Canton High School student has been charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct in connection with a March 5 assault of a 15-year-old student on school grounds.

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen-year-old Christian Gerard Armstead looked to his father for help as 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe asked if he wanted a court-appointed attorney.

The question seemed to take the teen by surprise as he stood alone before the court.

Wide-eyed, Armstead turned to his father seated behind him and without saying a word shrugged his shoulders looking for his advice. His father nodded.

Armstead turned back around and faced the judge. "Yes, sir," he quietly

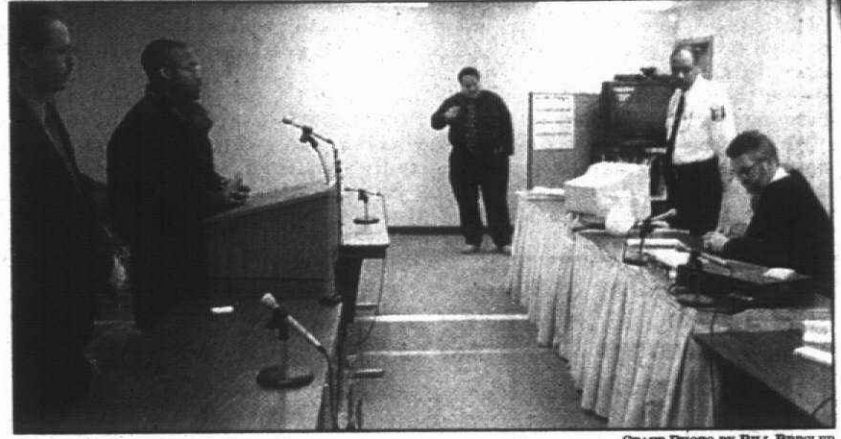
said. They were the only words he spoke.

The Plymouth Canton High School student stood mute at his arraignment Friday on charges of allegedly raping a 15-year-old girl. The victim told police the assault took place under a stairwell near the photography classroom during school hours March 5.

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Lowe entered a not guilty plea and set personal bond at \$10,000. He also ordered Armstead not to have any contact with the victim, who lives in the same Canton neighborhood.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Arraignment: Christian Armstead (second from left) stands mute Friday at arraignment in front of Judge Ron Lowe. At left is Canton police Detective Leonard Wolons.

This week, it is easy being green

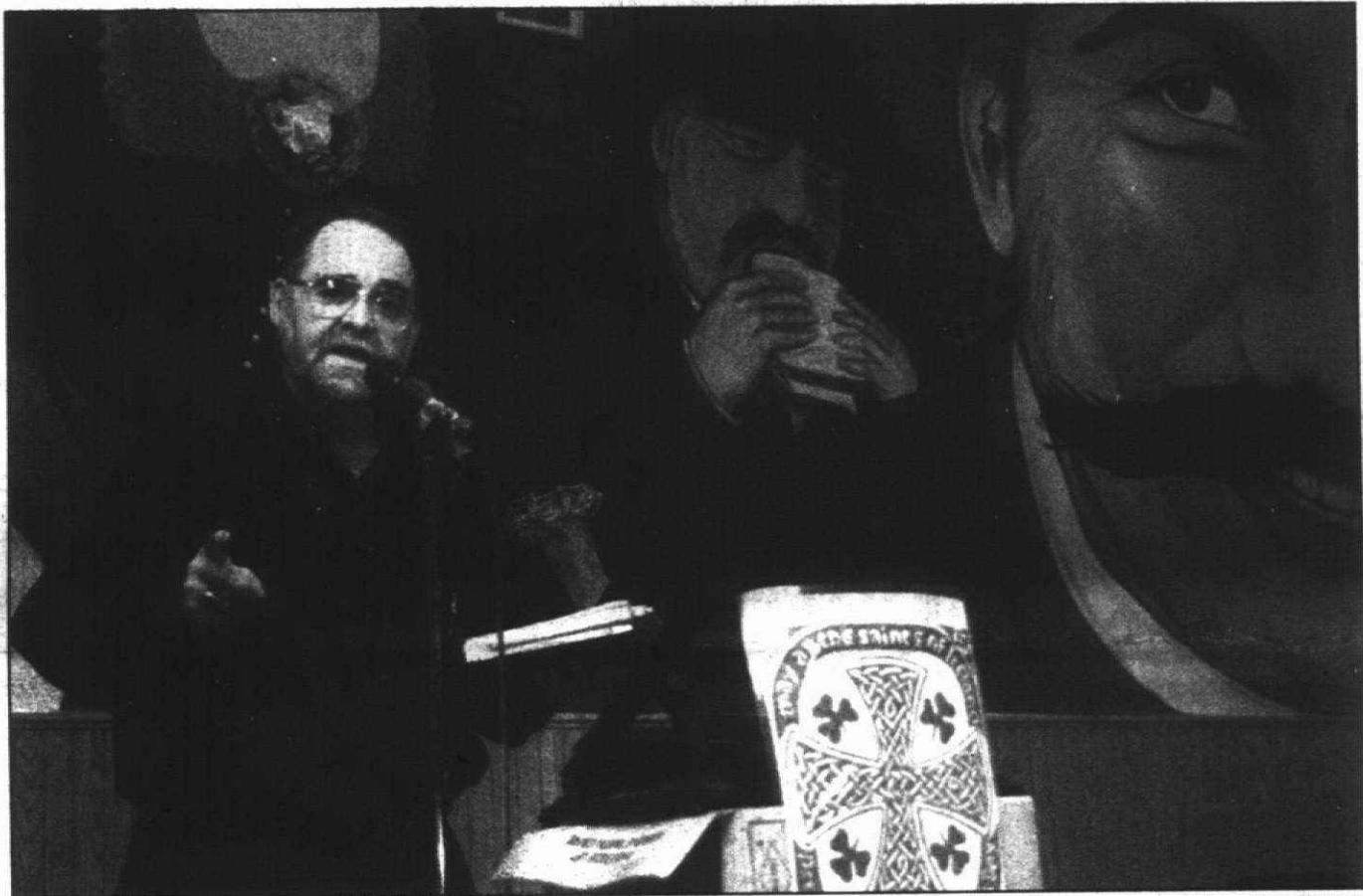


PHOTO BY JERRY MENDOZA

Poet in residence: The Rev. Rod Reinhart offers a humorous rendition of his poem, "What Makes the Irish Think They Are White," during Thursday's reading at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. The annual evening drew about 50 lovers of Irish literature.

Bar's bill of fare: A night of Irish verse

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Romance, sentimentality and plain old-fashioned lightheartedness filled the Box Bar on Ann Arbor Trail Thursday evening as the Plymouth Poets celebrated their annual Irish Writer's Night - in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day March 17.

"We had an interesting mix," said the Rev. Rod Reinhart, an Episcopalian minister and Plymouth's poet in residence. "We had readings of writers of well-known poetry, others did short stories. We also had some people read their own works."

Works from the like of Frank



McCourt and "Angela's Ashes," William Butler Yates and James Jones, were read, as well as works by local and contemporary authors such as Ama Carey Barr, Gerald Patrick Malacky Maloney, Marc Maurus, Rishikavi Raghudas and Patt. Trama, not to mention Reinhart.

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Parade will have local presence

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

At today's St. Patrick's Day parade, Canton resident Molly Noonan, 17, will be leading the route along Michigan Avenue in Detroit's Cork town as the 1998 Maid of Erin.

The parade begins at 2 p.m. "Molly will oversee all of this as the Maid of Erin. She and her court will lead the parade with the grand marshal. Then, they'll sit in the grandstand to watch the rest of the parade go by," said Brendan Dunleavy of Ply-

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Maid of Erin: Canton resident Molly Noonan

School board applicants face Monday deadline

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

There's still time left to tell the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education you're interested in serving on the school board - for two months.

People interested in serving as a board member from April until the June 8 school board election have until 5 p.m. Monday to submit a letter of interest. Letters can be dropped off at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey St. in Plymouth.

In June, the board member can run for the remaining two years of the term.

The board will select the temporary board member at a special meeting at 7

p.m. Tuesday. The meeting will be held in the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on 454 S. Harvey St. in Plymouth.

Mark Horvath, board president, said three people have already thrown their hats in the ring. They include Judy Mardigan, a Plymouth Township resident who is active in the Citizens Finance Committee and the Class-Size Action Partnership (CAP); John Stewart, a Plymouth attorney who is involved in several district endeavors; and Paul Schrauben, a former board candidate and member of Citizens Finance Committee.

Horvath said he's most interested in

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Posthumous honors for former supervisor

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

For the grandson of Louis Stein, the late township supervisor has always been a hall of famer.

But today, George Vincent gets to share that distinction with the rest of Canton Township as Stein, or "Pomp," as Vincent calls him, is inducted into Canton's Hall of Fame. Stein died in 1981 at the age of 82.

An awards ceremony is being held at Summit on the Park community center. Eleven others who made an outstanding contributions to the

community were chosen as Community Achievers for 1997.

Stein's wife, Helen, 97, will be accepting the Hall of Famer award in honor of her husband.

"He was larger than life. He was just as big physically as he was in life," said Vincent, a Cincinnati, Ohio, attorney.

Vincent collected a scrapbook of various mementos of his grandfather's life, which he recently shared with the historical society and organizers of the Hall of Fame.

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Campus rape from page A1

Armstead is being charged with one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, which is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The alleged sexual assault at the high school has drawn wide media attention. A number of local television and print journalists lined the easternmost wall of the courtroom Friday.

Brian Boyd, news editor for the high schools' student newspaper, PCEP Perspective, also covered the arraignment for its upcoming March 27 edition.

"We're supposed to be writing about homecoming games and the prom, not rape," Boyd said. "Safety is becoming a greater

concern for the students," he said. "The school is so big... (Security) can't be everywhere at the same time, but what amazes me is that something like this could happen on a campus with 4,800 other people."

According to the victim's report to police, she and Armstead left the cafeteria to talk sometime between 11 a.m. and noon. Armstead suggested they hide under a stairwell so that they wouldn't get caught by security.

The conversation turned to sexual advances, which she reportedly declined several times. She claimed he pinned her arms to the floor as he attacked her.

Two girls allegedly saw Arm-

stead and the victim during the assault, but never reported it to school administrators. The victim never screamed or yelled out because she was afraid, police said.

Both girls have since been identified and are expected to be witnesses at the March 20 preliminary exam.

Armstead has been suspended pending a school investigation. The victim is currently attending classes in another school district.

Third-degree criminal sexual conduct involves penetration by force and coercion, similar to first-degree CSC, which is punishable by life behind bars, said Detective Leonard Wolons. Second- and fourth-degree CSC charges involve touching.

School officials say they're responding to concerns

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials say they're taking steps to avoid another incident like the sexual assault reported at Plymouth Canton High School.

"We have several mechanisms in place to keep people on their toes regarding levels of awareness and security," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "This is horrible, just horrible. We have to do whatever we can to prevent anything like it ever occurring again."

Little tells the Observer the staff is checking all buildings. They'll inventory stairwells and other areas of a building that may be enclosed, or create spaces that can't be seen.

A report will be completed by Monday and turned over to the fire marshal's office. The district will then make modifications, or block off dangerous and questionable areas.

Administrators met with the counseling staff Thursday to go over information designed to alert them to possible similar incidents, or other problems, before they happen.

"We have notified the staff, including teachers, security, support personnel and administrators, to make them aware of the situation, and to assist them in helping students," said Canton High School principal Pat Patton. "This situation is unique in that these individuals knew each other."

Little said the school's internal investigation has yet to be completed, and any punitive action will wait until "we understand the whole story."

'I'm looking for someone who has been involved in district committees and the workings of the district.'

Mark Horvath,

—Plymouth-Canton school board president

School board from page A1

candidates who are active in district committees, particularly budget and finance. This will be especially important as the board launches the budget process in an April 4 workshop session.

"I'm looking for someone who has been involved in district committees and the workings of the district," Horvath said.

The two-month stint could be a trial period for people unsure about whether they want to com-

mit to a board position, Horvath said.

The two-month appointed position is to fill a vacancy left when trustee Jack Farrow resigned to pursue a district technology job. School board members are not allowed to be district employees.

For more information about the board position, call 416-3095.

Also scheduled for this week is a Long Range Planning session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the E.J. McClendon Educa-

tional Center. The Long Range Planning Committee is hosting the meeting and the public is invited to attend.

Other upcoming meetings

include vision priority meetings. At these meetings, the community can participate and give their input on actions required to implement the district's Long Range Plan. They will be held:

■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Pioneer Middle School;
■ 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Pioneer Middle School;

■ 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Tonda Elementary School. Those interested in becoming a member of the Long Range Planning committee, the Citizens Finance Committee or the Housing and Facilities Committee, all board-appointed committees, can send their name, telephone number and which committee they would like to serve on to Community Relations, 454 Harvey St., Plymouth 48170 or call 416-2557.

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Potty patrol

Students spend weekend fixing up Salem restrooms



On the crew: About 40 students from Plymouth Salem High School cleaned and painted two bathrooms near the school auditorium. Junior Jill Armstrong organized the effort.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It's happened to all of us. You walk into the restroom desperately needing to use the facility, only to find it the most disgusting place you've ever been.

Toilets plugged with all sorts of imaginable things. Clogged sinks with cigarette butts strewn about. A mirror so filthy you're not sure it's your reflection looking back at you. Graffiti all over the walls, telling you to call so-and-so for a good time, or that so-and-so is a...

Sounds like the restroom you may have walked in at the bus terminal or gas station. No, not even close.

If you guessed the restrooms at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, you are correct.

Some Plymouth Salem High School students are hoping a weekend cleanup project will be the beginning of the end for bathroom filth and graffiti in their school.

More than 40 students spent a recent Saturday cleaning and painting two bathrooms near the Salem auditorium.

"A lot of kids are disgusted by the dirtiness of the restrooms in the high schools," said Jill Armstrong, 17, a Salem junior who helped organize the cleanup effort. "We've gotten some compliments from students and

staff. Now, we hope the bathrooms can stay clean."

Armstrong, a member of Salem's Executive Forum, which plans all non-athletic activities, is hoping the group will be able to paint the remaining bathrooms in the high school if these two remain untouched by graffiti artists.

"We painted the girls' bathroom dark blue, and used gold spray paint to make the sun, moon and stars," said Armstrong. "We also painted the stalls black to keep graffiti to a minimum."

"The boys' bathroom was painted Salem blue, with the stalls painted white."

There's no doubt in Armstrong's mind which gender is the hardest on school bathrooms.

"Girls trash the bathrooms more than the guys," admitted Armstrong. "Girls plug the toilets, stick makeup down sink drains, write on the mirrors with lipstick, and write more graffiti. Guys, for the most part, just walk out when they're done."

The Executive Forum spent \$300 for the project, which is an effort to inspire school spirit.

"The students are trying to make a difference," said Salem activity director Gerda Burnside. "We hope the student population will respect that."

Burnside said the project was the result of an inspirational student leadership conference.

"Some of the students went to the conference and were asked what they could do to make things better in their own schools," said Burnside. "The students came away from the conference motivated to do something, and they targeted the bathrooms and teachers' lounge."

Their school spirit may have already been spread.

"There were some students for a quiz bowl visiting from another school who saw us painting the bathrooms, and they were really impressed," said Armstrong. "They were going to take the idea to their own schools."

Armstrong has a message for those who feel the need to trash the bathrooms.

"We're hoping this will stop students from writing graffiti all over the school," she said. "Maybe they'll learn to grow up."

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Taking time: Kelly VanPutten, 17, paints a bathroom "Salem Blue."

Liberty Fest logo contest under way

What do the words Liberty Fest bring to mind? Okay, now draw it.

Canton Township is looking for Plymouth-Canton students from 3rd through 12th grade to design the annual Liberty Fest Logo for 1998.

"There's no theme. It's completely up to the child. We want them to be as creative as possible. It could be anything that highlights the Liberty Fest," said Joyce Murphy, co-chair of Fine Art & Fine Craft for the Liberty Fest Committee.

There are no guidelines other

than the design has to be able to fit an adult-size T-shirt and use a maximum of five colors, she said.

Last year's winner, Trisha Bruening, a fifth-grader at Allen School, designed a logo that incorporated a circular flag of red, white and blue surrounded by festive fireworks and balloons.

Prizes for the 1998 logo design winner include \$100 savings bond, a Liberty Fest Perks Package and a family invitation to the VIP fireworks show at Pheasant Run.

The annual Liberty Fest is slated for June 18-21 at Heritage Park.

Return drawings to D & M Studio's One Upon an Easel at 8691 Lilley Road before March 27. Please include the following information: Artist's name, address, phone, school, grade and age.

Judges for the Liberty Fest '98 Logo Contest are Bob Dates, Liberty Fest chairman, and Sharon Dillenbeck, a noted artist and owner of D & M Studio.

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"He was on vacation when Bill Simons circulated a petition for him to run as township supervisor," said Vincent. "He won by one vote... Pomp was just a natural leader."

Simons was the son of George Simons, who owned a gas station on Michigan Avenue, west of Sheldon.

Stein served as township supervisor from 1953 to 1967 and was responsible for bringing water and sewer service to rural Canton. He also served on

Wayne County Board of Supervisors' Ways and Means committee and the Building Authority.

Vincent remembers going to the City-County Building in Detroit with his grandfather for several of the meetings. "He took me everywhere with him. He took me for haircuts from the time I was 4 until I was about 14, when I wanted my own hair a bit longer."

Stein also took his grandson on a road trip to Alaska in the

summer of 1970. Only 13 years old at the time, Vincent said his grandfather let him drive part of the way. "I think I clocked about 525 miles," he said with a laugh.

Stein was born in Youngstown, Ohio, but moved to Canton when he was 1, living in the big white Stein house, just east of where Keller & Stein greenhouse is on Michigan Avenue.

The Stein of the Keller & Stein namesake is Louis' brother.

Louis Stein was a contractor by trade and owned a sand and gravel business for some time.

"I just thought he had been forgotten a little bit," said Mary Dingeldey, who nominated Stein for the award.

"He was one of the first people I met when I came to Canton," she said. "He was just a great, neat guy, who was a real family man."

Achievers put community at forefront

The Canton Community Achievers selected for 1997 will be honored today at an award ceremony at Summit on the Park. They include:

■ Mike Gerou for helping to locate the All Saints Catholic School in Canton

■ Jean Tabor for Canton Public Library's "Library of the

Future Award."

■ Kelly Holmes for her personal and athletic accomplishments.

■ The Community Youth Initiative for bringing Character Counts training to the community.

■ Dale Yagiela for his efforts to locate a home for Growth

Works in Canton.

■ Paul Denski for his generous personal and financial contributions to the community.

■ Bob Boyer for various contributions to the community including hosting the national Archery Championship picnic.

■ Henry Huang for his work on the Canton Chinese School.

■ The Canton Chamber of Commerce for 25 years of service to the community.

■ Pickwick Village Homeowners' Association for fundraising and upgrading efforts.

■ Agape Christian Center for offering educational opportunities and restoring a sense of pride in the community.

Maid of Erin from page A1

mouth Township.

Dunleavy, of the Dunleavy Pub family, is the master of ceremonies for this year's parade.

Noonan, a senior at Plymouth Canton High School, was chosen as the Maid of Erin from a field of 13 contestants. The pageant is sponsored by The Gaelic League of Detroit. Judges included another Irish-American from Canton, Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson.

"She's a very talented person. She has a long history of taking dance lessons," Patterson said.

The contestants, ages 17-23,

were judged on poise, appearance, presentation and knowledge of Irish culture.

Noonan has taken tap and ballet lessons at the American Dance Academy in Garden City for 15 years. However, last week was the first time she took an Irish step dancing lesson.

She will be making numerous appearances leading up to St. Patrick's Day, which is Tuesday, and decided to take a quick lesson in the traditional Irish step dance.

For the talent portion of the pageant "most everyone did an

Irish song or an Irish dance. I did a tap routine to the 'Dueling Banjos,'" she said.

"It's not required that they do something Irish. Her tap routine was great. I'll tell you, everyone just loved it," said Bridie Flynn, who chairs the Maid of Erin pageant.

In fact, Noonan's tap dancing abilities have gotten her an audition next month for The Rockettes.

"I'm 75 percent Irish. Until the

pageant, I didn't know a lot about it. My great-grandparents were from Ireland, in County Cork," she said.

This summer, Noonan and her mother, Lisa Weyer, will visit relatives living in Ireland. The trip was first prize for winning the pageant.

The first runner-up in this year's Maid of Erin was Denise Marie Costello of West Bloomfield and the second runner-up was Bridget Mulcahy, who is also from Canton. Last year,

Mulcahy was first runner-up.

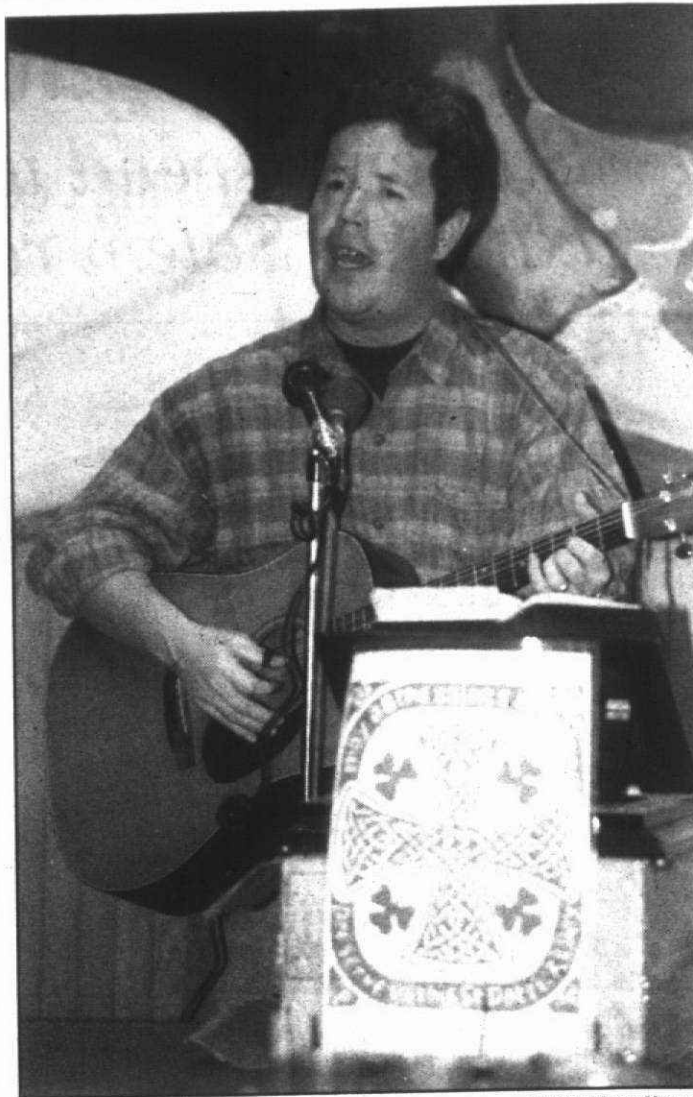
So far, some of Noonan's appearances have included a radio show, a parade fund-raiser at Bonnie Brook Golf Course, the McNamara Ball, dinner at the Henry Ford Estate and the annual Painting of the Shamrocks at The Gaelic Club.

She also will attend Masses at Holy Trinity and St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Noonan is captain of the cross country team at Plymouth Canton and formerly ran on the track team as a distance runner. She originally planned to run in the St. Patrick's Day marathon, which is held prior to the parade.

She is class secretary and a member of the National Honor Society.

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Musical moment: Kevin Murphy accompanies his reading with a guitar.

Irish verse from page A1

"A lot of people are writing from an Irish background," Reinhart said, adding that many of the readings delved in the political troubles in Ireland.

Ama Carey Barr, an Oakland County writer, wrote "about the terrible experiences the Irish people have had by the British, as well as by each other," Reinhart said. "...and the horrible pain suffered. She is Irish, she's a short story writer and a poet. She's writing in a way that says, 'let's move away from this.'"

Reinhart read his own work, "What Makes The Irish Think They Are White."

"White has always means power, control, money. The Irish people have been dominated by the whitest power on earth," Reinhart said.

Approximately 50 guests attended the special event where 10 writers read works. "The Box Bar has been so sweet and helpful to us," Reinhart said. "I'm so grateful they are backing up the program."

The event was videotaped and will air on MediaOne's public access Channel 18 at 5 p.m. Thursdays. The name of the show is "The Poet and the Power," a show Reinhart co-produces with Mark Maurus. Reinhart credits Gary Grace, MediaOne public access coordinator, with the success of the show.

"He's been supportive. I'm not too technical and he has been a great help. He's doing a fantastic job."

The Legislature acted three

Special election proves costly

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The municipalities of Redford Township, Livonia and Dearborn Heights have picked up at least a \$113,000 tab for two special elections to elect a new county commissioner to a nine-month term.

While the county charter dictates when these elections must be held by local communities, there is no state law or county charter provision mandating Wayne County reimburse these costs.

"Maybe the state needs to look at that," said Redford Township Clerk Marilyn Heldenbrand.

Redford's costs figure to be in the \$40,000-\$50,000 range for both elections. Livonia tallied an estimated \$13,000 election bill, while Dearborn Heights' costs at least \$60,000 for both.

Republican Kathleen Husk, a South Redford school board member and Redford Township resident, beat Democrat Edward Plawewski Sr. in Tuesday's general election by 307 votes in the Ninth District. That district includes all of Redford Township and Dearborn Heights and a portion of Livonia, east of Middlebelt Road.

Joyce Robbins, Dearborn Heights city clerk, figures she spent an average of \$30,000 per

election on election inspectors, part-time staff to prepare the voting machines, postage for absentee ballots, and overtime for full-time clerical staff on the Saturday before the elections to accept absentee applications and on election nights.

"We're very concerned about (special election costs)," Robbins said. "This is not something we budget for. Dearborn Heights lives on a strict budget. During budget hearings we need to justify our expenses, and I don't see a justification for this expense."

"It's extremely costly for the city. We're not going to be reimbursed \$60,000 for two elections that many voters were not even interested in. It's a disappointing situation."

One precinct in the Feb. 10 primary election drew two voters but cost the city \$326 to staff election inspectors there, Robbins said.

At one precinct in Redford during the primary, only two voters visited for the entire day. "For that much money to staff the precinct, I could have spent it on postage for the absentee ballots," Heldenbrand said. "We have

to do an awful lot for one of these elections." This shows the need exists for an "all-AY" (all-AY) election. You would cut some of these costs.

Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter figured the election cost about \$27 a vote for last Tuesday's general election.

"If people are concerned about the costs of government, they should reduce the costs by increasing the turnout," McCotter said, in reference to the "cost per vote." Livonia's costs nonetheless were \$6,115.50 for the primary, and an estimated \$7,000 for the general election.

While McCotter would like to see the community reimbursed, she doesn't believe it will happen.

Her son, Thaddeus, serves on the county commission, a Republican representing the cities of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville and the townships of Plymouth and Northville.

"Under the state law, they don't have to," he said. "I believe the county should reimburse communities for special elections called for as the result of the action of a county commissioner, and that's nothing

against the Plawewski family. "But finding eight votes (on the 15-member commission for reimbursement) is not an easy job."

If the shoe were on the other foot—that is, the city of Detroit wanted reimbursement—under the current county charter and state laws, McCotter said he would probably oppose that request.

McCotter thinks a future court ruling on a lawsuit calling for open primaries may interpret Wayne County charter's powers, as opposed to the county's powers under state statutes.

"How much does that (ruling) allow Wayne County to deviate from state law?" McCotter said, asking a rhetorical question.

McCotter believed the election reimbursement was not a "hot-button" issue with voters that they were concerned enough to place a charter amendment on a countywide ballot, calling for county reimbursement for such elections.

If a charter amendment was proposed and called for county reimbursements of what McCotter called "unfunded mandates," that proposal would cover more expenses, would be easier to explain and possibly face easier passage, McCotter said.

McNamara cites successes in bid for a new term

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara filed his candidate form Thursday at the Wayne County clerk's office to place his name on the Aug. 4 Democratic primary ballot.

McNamara was scheduled to make his official announcement last night (Saturday) to more than 1,500 supporters at Laurel Manor in Livonia during his annual St. Patrick's fund-raiser.

According to Friends of McNamara, his re-election committee, McNamara has received endorsements from more than 1,400 business, community and religious leaders.

"We began some great projects which I want to see completed," McNamara said. "The Metro Airport expansion, our parks improvements, fixing the county's roads and our efforts to reduce crime are too important to step away from mid-stream," McNamara said.

McNamara believes his campaign theme, "Life is better when we all work together," underscores the cooperative relationships he's built.

McNamara cited his many achievements including the \$1.6 billion Metro Airport expansion, the Detroit Tigers and Lions stadium projects and the new Wayne County medical examiner's office.

Other accomplishments include a 12 percent drop in crime through Wayne County since building the new Dickerson Jail; 150 new projects and programs to improve Wayne County parks and the \$60 million Partnership '98 road bond program that will resurface 141 miles of inferior county roads.

McNamara has lived in Wayne County for his entire life save for a two-year stint in the U.S. Navy. He currently lives in Livonia with his wife of 51 years, Lucille McNamara.

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

Assisted suicide ban

In a gender gap vote, the House of Representatives passed a bill to outlaw the practice of assisted suicide in Michigan. The vote was 66-40.

Men voted 57-20 in favor. Women voted nine in favor and 20 against.

Supporters were eight votes short of the two-thirds needed to give Senate Bill 200 immediate effect. Instead, if the Senate concurs in House amendments and the governor signs it, the measure will become law about April 1, 1999.

The Legislature acted three

the common law," said Ed Rivet, spokesman for Right to Life of Michigan.

"My bill will provide straightforward, black-letter law needed by prosecutors to convict Jack Kevoorkian and any others who engage in the killing of some of our most vulnerable citizens," said the sponsor, Sen. William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison.

The House did not act on HB 5474, which would allow regulated assisted suicide if voters approved it on the November ballot.

Here is how western Wayne lawmakers voted:

Heights, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Deborah Whymann, R-Canton.

NO—Lyn Banks, R-Redford, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland.

Bills approved

Getting up to date on bills:

■ The House approved 102-0 a bill requiring pay phone companies to inform callers of long-distance rates. "It's wrong to hide the price of a long-distance call from a pay phone caller," said sponsor, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland. The bill goes to the Senate.

■ The Senate unanimously March 5 enacted a bill requiring schools to hold two tornado drills per year as well as eight fire drills. Sponsor was Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. The bill goes to Gov. John Engler for signing.

■ The Senate approved 36-1 a bill aimed at stopping "social promotions" in schools. All area

senators voted yes. Lone opponent was Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, who said the bill would let "the state micro-manage our local school boards."

Refer to Senate Bill 898 when writing to your state representative. State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed:

■ Teresa Smith, Plymouth — to the Community Health Advisory Council. She is a clerical assistant for Today's Living Concepts and a board member of the Association for Retarded Citizens.

S'craft seminar will focus on adults returning to college

Schoolcraft College will host a program on adults returning to college Saturday, March 28.

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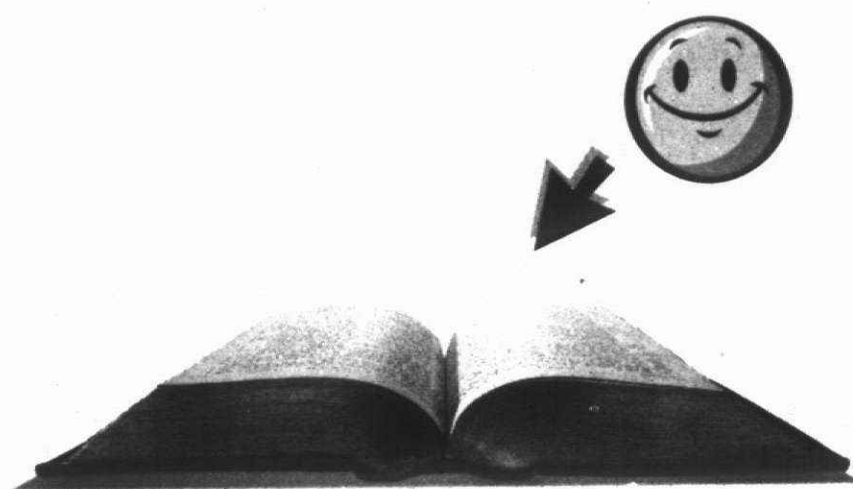
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OBITUARIES

ALLAN C. CRAIN
Services for Allan C. Crain, 74, of Rotonda West, Fla., formerly of Livonia, will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the Elks Lodge, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, with a luncheon following.

He was born on April 10, 1923, in Detroit. He died on March 3 in Rotonda West. He was a 43-year employee of Burroughs Corp. He retired in 1984. He was a World War II veteran.

His survivors include his wife, Joann; one daughter, Diane Taylor; three sons, Michael A., James D., Steven D.; one sister, Alice Forsyth of Tampa, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity of your choice.

DOROTHY MAE HENNING
Services for Dorothy Mae Henning, 73, of Westland were held March 13 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with Capt. Mark Welsh of the Salvation Army officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

She was born on May 7, 1924, in Port Huron, Mich. She died on March 9 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.

Her survivors include her husband, Everett S. Henning; two daughters, Susan Grant of White Lake, Sandra Zelonis of Philadelphia; one son, James (Robert) of Adrian; three brothers, Ross (Vivia) Murdock of Canton, Ernest Murdock of Ohio, Ronald Murdock of Kansas; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield 48075.

BRUCE J. WOTASZAK
Services for Bruce J. Wotaszak, 41, of Lansing, Ill., were held on March 11 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township.

He was born on June 22, 1956, in Ludington, Mich. He died on March 7 in Lansing, Ill. He was a labor relations officer for Amtrak.

His survivors include his wife, Joanne J. Wotaszak of Lansing, Ill.; his father, Lawrence (Mary Jane) Wotaszak of Canton; three

daughters, Rachel Wotaszak of Lansing, Ill., Sarah Wotaszak of Lansing, Ill., and three sisters, Gal (Vahe) Rostamloo of Dearborn Heights, Julie (Ken) Jones of Plymouth, and Linda (Warren) Jones of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Bruce Wotaszak Daughters' Education Fund.

LORRAINE L. DALY
Services for Lorraine L. Daly, 79, of Plymouth were held on March 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. She was born on July 8, 1918, in Detroit. She died on March 10 in Northville. She was a teacher. She was a member at Our Lady of Good Catholic Church. She lived in Plymouth since 1976.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Marie Clara Meyer. Her survivors include her son, Dan LeBlond of Plymouth; and two grandsons, David (Maritel) LeBlond of Plymouth, Christian LeBlond of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to The Capuchins, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit 48207-3496 or Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 16170 Temple Circle, Southfield 48075.

JOSEPH WASLEK
Services for Joseph Waslek, 78, of Canton were held on March 13 at Divine Savior Catholic Church with Rev. Alexander Kuras officiating. Burial was at Assumption Grotto Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton.

He was born on March 14, 1919, in Poland. He died on March 10 in Plymouth Court Nursing Home. He was a heating and cooling engineer.

His survivors include his wife, Sophie.

FLORA KATHERYN FARQUHARSON
Services for Flora Kathryn Farquharson, 79, of Plymouth were held on March 13 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Frison officiating. Burial was at Arbor Crest Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1919, in Alabama. She died on March 8 in Alabama.

She was an executive secretary to the plant manager of the Willow Run Assembly Plant for GM. She retired in 1979 after 30 years of service. She came to the Plymouth community in 1971 from Ypsilanti. She was a part-time resident of Florida, Ala. She was a member of the Liberty Hill Assembly of God Church in Florida and she was a member of the Forest Avenue Baptist Church in Ypsilanti. She was a member of the GM Retirees group; she served as secretary of the group. She loved to give to others; she was devoted to her family and loved to entertain family and friends. She also enjoyed yardwork and was proud of her flowers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman "Bud." Her survivors include her son, Dave (Marcia) Farquharson of Livonia; her daughter, Karen Southward (fiance Timothy Grosshans) of Ypsilanti; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Hill Assembly of God Church, The American Heart Association, the Karmans Cancer Institute or the charity of your choice.

JOHN ARTHUR COOPER
Services for John Arthur Cooper, 78, of Canton were held on March 14 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home under the auspices of the Plymouth Elks Lodge. Burial was held at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

He was born on April 4, 1919, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He died on March 10 in Canton. He was an accountant. He retired in 1992 from N.W. Caughlin of Plymouth. He worked there for 14 years. He previously worked at Garwood Industries. He came to the Canton community in 1972 from Livonia. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge. He served in the Army during World War II. He was an avid golfer, he loved to travel on his motorcycle and he was very likable.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta and his brother, Harvey. His survivors include his daughter, Sandee Cooper of Canton; one sister, Shirley Cooper of Livonia; several nieces and nephews.

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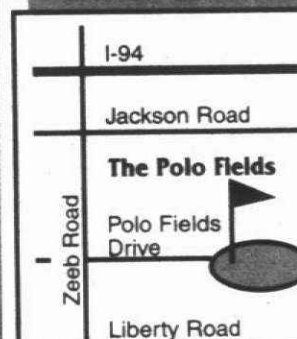
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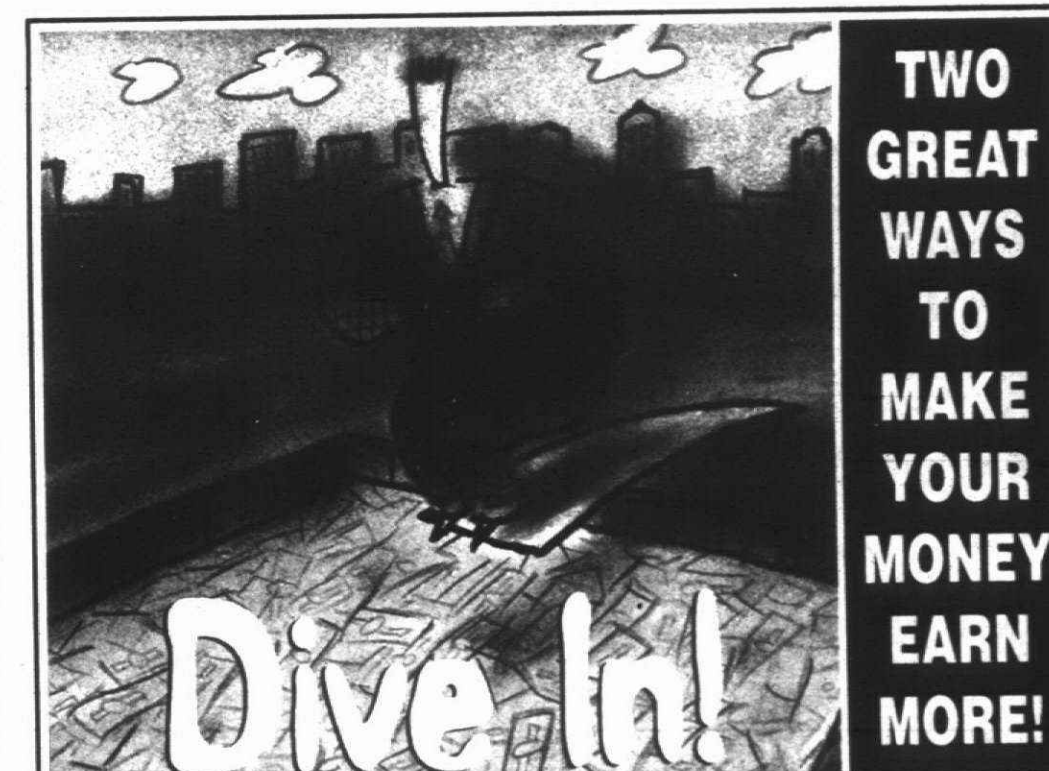
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Spring veggies burst with flavor

This winter has been a tease. For the past two months I've been wishing for spring. When I see tulips popping up, crocus showing their heads and buds forming on some trees, I start to daydream about warmer, longer days.

This past week has taught me that we still have to wait for the cold to end and true warmer weather to arrive. I'm craving spring vegetables — early peas, leaf lettuce and, of course, our own morel mushrooms.

Our national obsession with immediate gratification brings produce from all over the globe to market. But how much of it tastes the way fruits and vegetables do when they're in season? Or more importantly, how much of it is safe to eat?

Granted, the variety of produce we have to choose from is great, but when is the last time you tasted a strawberry in January that had real flavor and voluptuous texture of a strawberry picked fresh in season? Or a bunch of asparagus with that fresh herbaceous flavor of just cut stalks?

Food safety concerns

In the Tuesday, March 10, issue of the *New York Times* there was an article about the rising threat of food contamination in our country.

This threat stems in part from the "changing nature of the American diet and a greater reliance on imported foods."

We are bringing in an enormous amount of food into the United States from some newly developing countries, and their quality control and standards may leave a lot to be desired.

Dr. Michael Osterholm, one of the scientists at a meeting in Atlanta sponsored in part by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Society of Microbiology, challenged those who believe the United States has the safest food supply in the world. "Since we have food from all over the world," he said "it's hard to understand how food in the United States is any safer than food from other parts of the world."

This is an important point to consider when purchasing out of season produce from all over the globe. There might be some important health issues to think about.

Anticipation

For me, the anticipation of tasting spring's bounty is almost too much to take. The joy of waiting for those bursts of flavor is like a rite of passage. For the next four to six weeks I have to be content with the last of winter's great citrus fruits, root vegetables and some of the hearty greens that are available. Luckily, having a restaurant, Emily's, allows me access to many fantastic sources for the first crops of some of my favorite foods. Some of these foods will start showing up on our early spring menu soon.

While you dream of spring, here's a Thinking of Spring dessert to try. Panna Cotta is a light, Italian eggless custard. It is great served with fresh rhubarb and tiny wild strawberries or fresh strawberries roasted with a little basting of Balsamic vinegar.

PANNA COTTA

- 1 3/4 teaspoons unflavored gelatin
- 1 1/2 cups cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 vanilla beans, split and scrapped

Soften the gelatin in a small amount of cold water (about 1/4 cup).

Scrape the vanilla bean into the milk and cream, add the sugar and bring to a boil. Pour into the gelatin and stir to dissolve. Pour into suitable molds and chill. Serves four.

Emily's next wine dinner will feature the great wines of the Cote du Rhone in

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Laurie Wethington of Farmington Hills shares her pork piccata recipe.
- Prize-winning main dish salads.

OIL & VINEGAR do mix!

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

High-tech communication has made this a shrinking world. We're more aware of cultural diversities, particularly as they apply to food. Dubbed "new world cuisine" by Epicureans, it appeals to modern appetites searching for healthy, easily-prepared dishes loaded with flavor and substance.

New world cuisine has brought about a phenomenal and escalating interest in both extra virgin olive oil from Greece and balsamic vinegar from Italy. Oil and vinegar do mix!

Testament to virginity

Extra virgin refers to the first cold pressing of olives which extracts oil with less than one percent oleic acid.

A.C. Nielsen market research indicates that Americans now spend \$340 million annually for high-quality extra virgin olive oil. Sales like this may bring fraudulent products to market. But the North American Olive Oil Association's regular random testing indicates that the vast majority of extra virgin olive oil is legitimately labeled.

Margaret Arvantis, owner of Bacchus Brokerage in Whitmore Lake, Mich., sells premium Greek wines, Greek olive oil and Italian balsamic vinegar. She said that the way olive oil is made is more important than where the olives are grown.

Shopping information

Sources for Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil (\$16-20/500mL) and Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar (\$30-35/250mL):

- Merchant of Vino-Whole Foods (Ann Arbor, Rochester Hills, Troy and Farmington Hills)
- Papa Joe's Gourmet Market Place, Rochester
- Fine Wine Source, Livonia.

"Picking, cold pressing/processing, and storage before bottling are the essentials to the art of production," she said.

Arvantis recently introduced Morea unfiltered extra virgin olive oil from Greece to this market. She said that olives for extra virgin oil are picked earlier than olives destined for curing. "That's why the oil has a fresh, fruity character," she added. "All olives for Morea are hand picked, not shaken from trees and the olives never touch the ground."

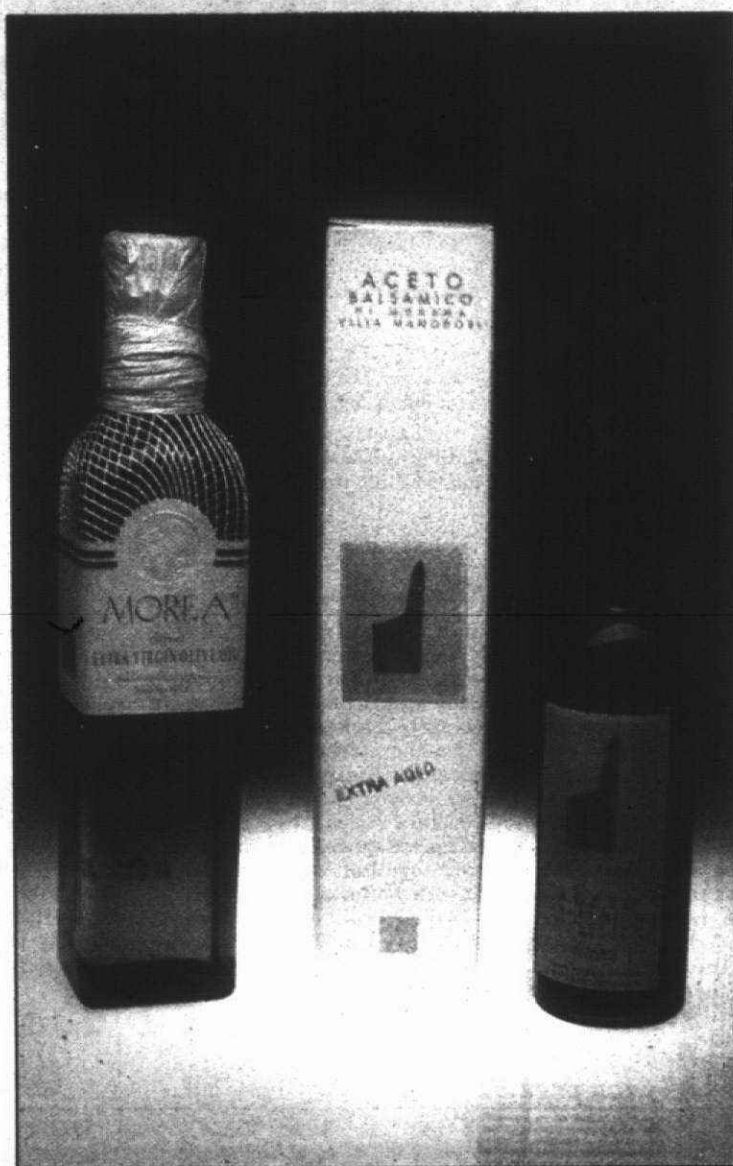
However, the growing region and the best olives of the region do make an impact. Here's what some research on Greek olive oil revealed. For millennia, the century-old family-owned olive trees in the state of Lakonia, Peloponnesian region of southern Greece, have been the source of olives grown for Morea. Collectively, they have distinguished Greece as the world's largest producer of extra virgin olive oil.

The fruitiness of Morea is due in part to oil extracted from the small (about the size of a large kidney bean), green Koroneiko olive, unique to Greece and used exclusively for Morea. This smaller olive has a lower water content. During the careful first pressing, only fresh extra virgin olive oil, with the lively fruit inherent in the olive, is extracted. It is bottled unfiltered to express a full-bodied, fresh olive sweetness.

An evolutionary process

Vinegar is the by-product of the action of a lone species of bacteria (acetobacter) on alcohol. In the presence of oxygen, acetobacters react with alcohol, in a liquid such as wine, to produce acetic acid that gives vinegar its tartness. Topping the vinegar flavor meter is delicious balsamic vinegar from Modena, Italy.

Balsamic vinegar is to the world of vinegars what extra virgin olive oil is to the array of other oils



New products: Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil from Greece and Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar from Modena, Italy are new, impressive products in the marketplace.

available for cooking. Both are the very best and since they are, this is reflected in their price. But you don't need a lot of either to perk up a dish. Both should be approached as a condiment rather than an ingredient.

Balsamic vinegar is an artisan product. The best and driest is sourced from Modena where this highly prized exquisite product has been made in the attics of ancient buildings for centuries.

New to this market, Villa Manodori, located in Modena, has been crafting very small quantities of its artisan balsamic vinegar for generations. It is made by first combining the juice of white trebbiano grapes with aged wine vinegar. This is followed by a series of yearly transfers to progressively smaller wooden barrels made of oak, chestnut or juniper over a period of 10 years or longer. It is this aging process that gives the vinegar its intense fruity aroma; dark, rich color; and perfect balance of sweetness and acidity.

During the years of aging, a significant 10 percent annual evaporation takes place leaving only a small amount of balsamic vinegar

at the end. This elevates the cost of each precious bottle.

Expensive products need authenticity. There are always imitators; some good, some bad. Prized balsamic vinegar, the really expensive bottlings, (\$82-\$160 for aged 20-40 year old) can be recognized two ways. Bottles are never larger than 100mL and closed with an official wax seal from the Consortium of Producers of the Traditional Balsamic Vinegar of Modena. They are required to carry the phrase "aceto balsamico tradizionale di Modena" on the label.

If this was the only balsamic vinegar, most of us would never get to taste it, much less use it to enhance flavors of dishes. Here's where you need to know the good imitators. Villa Manodori qualifies because it is quite viscous. Its dark brown liquid coats the glass when the bottle is turned on its side. Secondly, its aroma and flavors match closely to certified balsamic vinegar.

If you wish to try other balsamic vinegars, you can make the coats-

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Irish whiskey says Erin go Bragh best

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

In Gaelic, the Irish call it uisce beatha (ish-ke-bah'-hah), water of life. Americans call it Irish whiskey and consider it as much a part of St. Patrick's Day as shamrocks. Erin Go Bragh translates Ireland forever, and as long as there's Ireland, there will be Irish whiskey!

Before Prohibition, Irish whiskey was very popular with 400 brands registered in the United States. After repeal of Prohibition in 1933, it never regained that popularity. American GIs returning home from both World Wars favored Scotch whiskey and brought this taste preference back to the United States.

Spelling is the first difference between Irish and Scotch whiskeys. The Irish use the same spelling as American bourbon whiskey while the Scots drop the "e." The two spirits are dissimilar in aroma, taste and finish caused principally by three major factors:

■ Barley used in traditional Irish whiskey is dried in enclosed kilns, not over a peat fire like the

barley for Scotch whiskey.

■ The Irish frequently use a blend of malted and unmalted barley while the Scots use only malted barley, thus the term "single malt." Single malt Irish whiskeys are superior to blends.

■ Scotch is doubly distilled while most Irish whiskey is triply distilled.

Today, the rising tide of U.S. fascination for "things Irish," the proliferation of Irish pubs across America, coupled with a thousand years of tradition, have created an Irish whiskey revival. Last year, sales of Irish whiskey were up over 10 percent.

History

Between 500 and 600 A.D., Irish missionaries brought the distillation process to Ireland from the Middle East, where the alembic still was used for distilling perfumes. Savvy Irish monks found a better use for it when they invented uisce beatha and renamed the alembic a pot still!

In the 12th century, soldiers of King Henry II invaded Ireland and discovered its pleasures. Unable to pronounce the Gaelic

phrase, they coined the word "whiskey." Over time, little has changed in the techniques and basic ingredients, barley, grain, yeast and the purest water, used to produce Irish whiskey.

The world's oldest licensed distillery is in the village of Bushmills, County Antrim, about an hour's drive north of Belfast in Northern Ireland. History dates distillation at Bushmills to 1276, but it was not officially granted license until 1608 by James I of England.

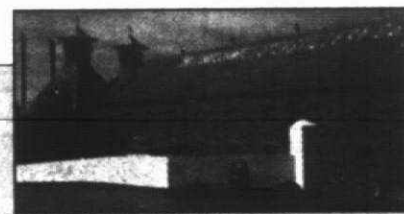
Tasting guide

The following is a tasting guide for the available major Irish whiskey brands:

■ Bushmills \$21 is a very good introduction to Irish whiskey. Aged a minimum of four years in American bourbon casks, it is floral, light, elegant and smooth with a complex taste.

■ Black Bush \$31 appeals to cognac aficionados because of its flavor depth. Aging in Oloroso sherry butts gives it a darker color and significant nutty charac-

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Home to Irish whiskey: Bushmills Distillery in Northern Ireland is the world's oldest licensed distillery.

Wine Picks

- **Picks of the Pack:** 1995 R.H. Phillips Toasted Head Chardonnay \$15 and 1996 Meridian Vineyards Chardonnay, Edna Valley \$15. Both wines have dynamite flavors and a sensible price.
- **No wine says spring like Sauvignon Blanc.** It pairs well with light appetizers, salads, grilled fish and shellfish. Try: 1996 Richmont Sauvignon Blanc Reserve \$7; 1996 Fortant Sauvignon Blanc \$7.50, 1996 Chateau Ste. Michelle (barrel fermented) \$8; 1996 Cakebread Sauvignon Blanc \$18; 1996 Matanzas Creek Winery \$20. With sauvignons, higher price reflects more barrel influences.
- **Big, bold chardonnays are great with lobster, monkfish, mussele and shrimp.** Try: 1996 Clos du Bois Calcaire Vineyard Chardonnay \$19; and 1996 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve Chardonnay \$23.
- **Go Portside!** Domestic ports have come of age. One of the best is 1988 Ficklin Vineyards Port \$25.
- **Best buy at \$10 and under:** 1997 Luis Philip Edwards Chardonnay, Chile \$8. 1996 Marquis de Chasse (white) \$7. 1996 Hogue Chardonnay, Washington State \$9.

Chefs share olive oil and balsamic vinegar recipes

Olive oil and balsamic vinegar recipes, see related story on Taste front

BALSAMIC BREAD DIPPER

Crusty bread
Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar

Pour balsamic vinegar into a small dish. Dip in.
Nutrition information: (Each tablespoon of balsamic vinegar is 15 calories, none from fat, making it a flavorful substitute for butter.)
Recipe courtesy of Bacchus Brokerage.

GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST WITH HERBED GREMOLATA

- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon coarsely-ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 3 whole, boneless, skinless chicken breasts, halved

For gremolata:
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
2 large garlic cloves, finely diced
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest

In a bowl, whisk lemon juice, pepper and salt to taste. Add olive oil in a stream. Whisk until mixture is emulsified.

With a rolling pin, flatten chicken approximately 1/4-inch thick between sheets of plastic wrap.

In a large, resealable plastic bag, marinate chicken in the marinade. Refrigerate at least 1/2 hour.

Prepare grill.

In a small bowl, stir gremolata ingredients together.

Grill chicken on an oiled rack until just cooked through, approximately 2 minutes per side.

Serve chicken sprinkled with gremolata and garnish with fresh lemon and fresh thyme sprigs.

Serves 6.
Recipe compliments of Greg Goodman, Chef/Owner, Cafe Bon Homme, Plymouth.

WARM GOAT CHEESE SALAD

- 8 cups mesclun (mixed baby greens), washed and dried
- 4 ounces dried cherries
- 6 ounces mild goat cheese
- 1/2 pound piece of pancetta (Italian cured bacon), cut into julienne strips
- 1/4 cup Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped thyme leaves
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
- 4 tablespoons Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar
- In a large serving bowl, combine

bine mesclun and dried cherries. Crumble goat cheese on top and season with coarsely-ground black pepper.

In a large skillet, cook pancetta in oil over medium heat, stirring until lightly browned.

Pour off approximately 3 tablespoons of oil (1/3 cup should remain in skillet with pancetta).

Add garlic and sauté mixture, stirring until garlic is golden brown. Add thyme and vinegar. Increase heat and boil mixture one minute. Add hot vinaigrette to salad and toss. Serve immediately. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Greg Goodman, Chef/Owner, Cafe Bon Homme, Plymouth.

PAN-ROASTED HALIBUT FILET WITH TOMATO, BLACK OLIVES AND EXTRA VIRGIN DRESSING

- 6 (7-ounce) halibut filets
- 3 cups ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
- 9 Greek or Italian black olives, pitted and chopped
- 10 tablespoons Morea Extra Virgin Olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
- Salt and freshly-ground pepper

Assemble tomato-black olive dressing: in a non-corrosive bowl, combine tomatoes, 8 tablespoons olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and freshly-ground pepper to taste. Mix well. Heat a non-stick pan with 2 tablespoons olive oil until just "smoking."

Season halibut filets with salt and pepper. Place in pan. Brown well on one side; turn and brown other side. Cook until flesh is just opaque, about 135 degrees on instant thermometer, or more well done if preferred.

Just before serving, add black olives and herbs to tomato mixture. Check seasoning. Spoon tomato-black olive dressing onto each of six warm plates and place halibut filets on top. Drizzle with a little extra virgin olive oil. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Gerald Gramzay, Executive Chef, The Rugby Grille, Townsend Hotel, Birmingham.

ROSEMARY GRILLED PORTABELLA TOWER WITH BUFFALO MOZZARELLA, TOMATOES AND FINE-AGED BALSAMIC VINEGAR

- 6 Portabella mushrooms, stems removed
- 1 vine-ripened red tomato
- 1 vine-ripened yellow tomato
- 1 1/2 pounds fresh Buffalo Mozzarella cheese
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced
- 6 oz Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 2 oz Villa Manodori Balsamic

Vinegar
6 sprigs rosemary, each four inches long and bottom half of leaves removed and chopped. Reserve "skewer"

Salt and freshly-ground pepper

1 pound baby arugula, washed well and drained

1 large shallot, minced fine

1 tablespoon chives, snipped

Slice tomatoes evenly and thinly. Place into a dish and sprinkle with shallots, chives, a little olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Lightly salt and pepper. Marinate for a minimum of 2-3 hours.

Brush mushrooms with olive oil. Sprinkle with chopped rosemary and garlic. Grill over a charcoal-broiler, turning every 5 minutes and brush with marinade. Grill until mushroom texture is soft and "meaty."

To assemble: Toss arugula leaves with a little olive oil and salt. Divide into 6 portions and place in center of six serving plates. Place portabella in center of greens, black underside down.

Top with 1/4-inch slice of Buffalo Mozzarella. Lightly oil and season. Top with 2 slices of marinated yellow tomato. Follow with another Mozzarella slice, seasoned, then red tomato slices and end with cheese slice. Insert one rosemary skewer into the "tower." Drizzle around "tower" with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

Recipe compliments of Gerald Gramzay, Executive Chef, The Rugby Grille, Townsend Hotel.



Classic dish: Golden Colcannon, a classic Irish combination of cabbage and onions, uses a touch of olive oil instead of the gobs of butter called for in traditional Irish recipes.

Cabbage, onions a classic combination

If cabbage is not one of the foods that leaps to mind when thinking of fine cuisine, why is it showing up on so many of top restaurants' menus?

Forget about what you may be used to as a pile of soggy leaves. Cabbage's smelly, lackluster character can be transformed into flavorful elegance by using some very simple cooking techniques.

Cabbage is a member of the cruciferous family of vegetables that includes broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and cauliflower. These vegetables contain a wealth of nutrients, including calcium, beta carotene, vitamin C, as well as the phytochemicals that health experts, such as the American Institute for Cancer Research, have found play a vital role in lowering cancer risk.

For at least 4,000 years, humans have cultivated and eaten cabbage. Members of the Roman legions brought cabbage with them to the British Isles and cultivated it in their kitchen gardens. Since then, cooks have discovered countless ways to use this cruciferous vegetable — boiled and served alongside corned beef, stuffed with ground meats, and simmered in hearty stews.

Today's tastes are better served by the lighter, fresh flavors of dishes like red cabbage braised with roast chestnuts and apples or moist salmon wrapped and steamed in a cabbage leaf.

Experience some of the delicious meals cabbage can make by trying a few of the many varieties available such as glossy globes of red cabbage, milder-tasting Savoy, crisp Napa cabbage, or sharply-flavored Asian bok choy.

Become an honorary Irish soul on St. Patrick's Day by eating Colcannon — the Green Isle's classic combination of cabbage and onions.

GOLDEN COLCANNON

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 4 medium onions, halved and sliced
 - 1 small green cabbage, about 1 3/4 pounds, quartered, cored and cut in 1/2-inch strips about 12 cups
 - 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 4 medium yellow-fleshed or white potatoes, halved
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- In a large Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the onions and cabbage, stirring to coat them with the oil. You may

have to let some of the onions wilt to first make room for all the cabbage.

When all of the vegetables are wilted, after 10-12 minutes, reduce the heat to medium low and cook 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are soft and moist.

Increase the heat back to medium-high and cook until the mixture is golden and very soft, 12-15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, place the potatoes in a large saucepan filled with cold water and set it over high heat. Boil until the potatoes are soft when pierced with a knife, about 20 minutes. Drain, peel, and set aside.

To serve, place the potatoes and the cabbage-onion mixture in a serving bowl. Coarsely smash the potatoes together with the cabbage. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve immediately.

Nutrition information: Each of the 4 servings contains 267 calories and 8 grams of fat.

Information and recipe from Dana Jacoby author of "The Best Claypot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!" for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Irish-style potato pancakes festive holiday fare

AP — Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Conan O'Brien's Irish-style Potato-Chive Pancakes. The recipe can be served alone with applesauce or as a side dish to corned beef or Irish stew. The pancakes are topped with sour cream.

- 3 teaspoons butter or margarine
 - 1/2 cup fat-free or low-fat sour cream
- Place potatoes in large saucepan; cover with cold water. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered until potatoes are tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain potatoes, return to saucepan. Turn heat under saucepan to medium-low. Cook potatoes until dry, about 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add milk. Using a potato masher, mash potato mixture until fairly smooth. (Hand-held electric mixer may be used.) Remove from heat, stir in chives, salt and pepper. Transfer to a medium bowl, cover

and refrigerate until cold. (Potatoes will thicken as they cool.)

Form potato mixture into 12 patties about 3 1/2 inches in diameter and 1/2-inch thick. Melt 1 teaspoon butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot and sizzling. Add three or four patties to skillet, cook until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side. Keep warm in a 200-degree F oven while cooking remaining patties in remaining butter. Serve warm with sour cream. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 179 cal., 3 g fat, 9 percent calcium.

Recipe from: Milk Processor Education Program

Reader shares recipe filing tip

By KEELY WYGNON, STAFF WRITER

We're still looking for two "lost recipes" Kim of Westland is looking for a lentil burger recipe she clipped out of the Observer in 1989. Mary of Bloomfield Hills is looking for a recipe called Buddha's Delight.

If you can help our readers, please send the recipe to Keely Wygnon, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279. You can also e-mail me favorite recipes: kwygnon@home.com.net

Nancy Kogelschatz of Garden City sent me my first e-mail message, which included tips for organizing recipes.

"Several years ago I found a good way to keep all the recipes I clip from the newspaper," wrote Nancy. "I bought a large photo album with the 'magnetic' pages. Since the album is the 3-ring binder type, you can use dividers to custom make your categories: ie, casseroles, main dishes, quick meals, etc. When I want to use a

recipe, I take the page out of the binder, stand it on the counter, & if I spill anything on it, it wipes right off. You can also keep restaurant take out menus in the binder. Just punch holes where needed, being careful not to punch out any words."

Thank you Nancy for sharing your ideas with our readers.

Recipe to Share

What is your favorite "Recipe to Share"? This is our newest feature, and you'll find it in Taste on the fourth Sunday of every month. We're counting on you to make it successful.

Please send, or fax your recipes to share, to me at the address and number listed. Be sure to include a daytime phone number with your recipe, and be as specific as possible — what size can? what size package? should you drain the fruit, vegetables, or beans before combining with other ingredients?

What are your Easter and Passover food traditions? Do you have a favorite recipe to share? Tell us about the recipe, and why it's a family tradition.

Send your recipe, and a couple of sentences, which explain why it's so good, by Thursday, March 19. Please include your daytime phone number so we can call you if we need to.

We'll pick two readers to feature in the Sunday, March 29, issue of Taste. In addition to being photographed and interviewed for our story, you'll receive an apron and a copy of "The Passover Table," by Susan R. Friedland, or "The Frugal Gourmet Keeps the Feast: Past, Present and Future," by Jeff Smith, in addition to our thanks.

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the glass test in a store. It is an excellent indicator of quality.

In the kitchen

Arvantis suggests that extra virgin olive oil should be stored in a cool, dark place. The shelf life of a bottle is 1-1/2 to 2 years. Balsamic vinegar should be stored similarly, but with age after opening, it begins to throw a sediment that can be filtered through fine cheese cloth.

"I was bowled over by the quality of the Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar," Greg Goodman, chef/owner of Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth said. "It is vintage quality, phenomenal, truly spectacular and with more viscosity than any other balsamic on the market. It makes an outstanding match with the fruity Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil. In a recipe, they are a perfect marriage because they finish well together with a pleasant, lingering aftertaste."

Executive Chef Gerald Gramzay at The Townsend Hotel's Rugby Grille in Birmingham remarked about the "mild,

not over-powering flavors" of Morea Extra Virgin Olive Oil and liked, in particular, its "slightly peppery finish."

He was attracted to the "concentrated, rich flavors" of Villa Manodori Balsamic Vinegar.

In his original recipe for Rosemary Grilled Portabella Tower, he says that the marriage of the olive oil and balsamic vinegar not only provide "harmony, but act to balance flavors and textures."

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France. The wines from the Rhone region have always intrigued me. Maybe it's because they are among the oldest vineyards in France, maybe because they always seem to demand food, lots of it, and always full flavors.

The region produces reds, whites and rose wines of great variety. The red wines are full bodied and robust and range from the single grape varietal Syrah, to the blending of many grape varieties.

etals in the wines of Chateaufort du Pape.

This evening's dinner promises to be a very exciting one. We will be tasting a wide range of wines from this region, and of course, we will pair the wines with some wonderful Rhone inspired cuisine.

The dinner will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. Call (248) 349-0505 for reservations/information.

Rick Halberg, chef/owner of Emily's Restaurant in Northville lives in Farmington Hills with his family. He has established a reputation as one of Michigan's outstanding chefs. Rick is an extensive traveler, and is known for his fine French inspired Mediterranean and Italian cuisine. Look for his column on the first Sunday of the month in Taste.

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ter. It finishes round, lush, rich and mellow.

■ Bushmills Single Malt \$34 is refined, complex and cork finished. Aging 10 years in American bourbon barrels develops its attractive color and broad spectrum of flavors.

■ Jameson \$20 has floral notes with hints of hazelnut and a distinct oak component. Mel-

low flavors are complemented by hints of caramel. Annually, over a million cases of Jameson are sold worldwide.

■ Jameson Special Reserve 1780 \$31 is a 12-year-old with rich color and floral, dried apricot aromas. Flavor complexities are enhanced by the blending fraction aged in sherry casks. It finishes long and lively.

■ Tullamore Dew \$22 (or in cask \$34) has an attractive golden hue, vanilla aromas and a touch of caramel. Sweet oakiness adds dimension to overall good length.

■ John Power & Son \$15 is the number one selling brand in Ireland. It has husky, brawny characters appealing to those liking rustic elements rather than finesse.

■ Kilbeggan \$14 is an overall lighter-style blended Irish

whiskey.

■ Tyrconnel Single Malt \$23.50 is matured principally in once-filled American bourbon barrels imparting malty and vanilla characters. Dried fruit flavors blend with caramel notes in an attractive finish.

■ Erin Go Bragh \$25, the newest Irish whiskey available in Michigan, is a single malt aged an average of six years in American bourbon and Oloroso sherry casks. Mellow and fruity, its caramel and wood notes last long into the finish.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

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2 pounds Idaho potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 cup fat-free or 1 percent low-fat milk
1/3 cup chopped chives
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Place potatoes in large saucepan; cover with cold water. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered until potatoes are tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain potatoes, return to saucepan. Turn heat under saucepan to medium-low. Cook potatoes until dry, about 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add milk. Using a potato masher, mash potato mixture until fairly smooth. (Hand-held electric mixer may be used.) Remove from heat, stir in chives, salt and pepper. Transfer to a medium bowl, cover

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THE LITTLE MAESTRO

Tiny pituitary gland orchestrates major body functions

By KIMBERLY A. MORTON
STAFF WRITER

Teresa Sullivan breathed a sigh of relief as she turned her calendar from February to March. A year ago this month, she underwent surgery to remove a tumor from her pituitary gland.

The road to recovery has been slow. She is embarking on a new battle — educating people and the medical community about pituitary tumors and their related diseases.

Sullivan's tumor, which grew dangerously close to her optical nerve (threatening her eyesight), caused her life to take a debilitating downward spiral in 1996. She believes, however, she may have begun to experience the effects of the tumor as young as the age of 4.

"I had a really poor immune system as a young child — lots of viruses," said Sullivan. "By the time I turned 20 I had a long medical history and a lot of unanswered questions. My health was going downhill."

Throughout two pregnancies in her mid-20s, Sullivan said she was seeing specialist after specialist from endocrinologist to gynecologist who couldn't explain a number of unrelated symptoms including trunk obesity, severe headaches, fatigue and the continual production of breast milk — five years after the birth of her second daughter.

In 1995, an MRI revealed a half-inch tumor on her pituitary gland. No immediate medical intervention was taken, Sullivan said, because her physician had a "wait and see" attitude and informed her medications to treat the tumor had worse side effects than the symptoms caused by the tumor.

Master gland

The pituitary is a peanut-shaped gland located behind and between the eyes, just below the brain. Considered the "master" gland, the pituitary secretes growth hormones and controls other major functions such as urine output, metabolism and sexual organ development. Both the thyroid and adrenal glands are governed by the pituitary.

The year following the diagnosis was physically and mentally straining on Sullivan and her family.

"You're made to feel like a hypochondriac. A lot of the psychological struggles come from the imbalance of hormones and from being sent from one doctor to another — family doctor, psychologist, gynecologist, endocrinologist, and back to your family doctor without any recognition of the symptoms," Sullivan said.

Even with the revelation of a tumor, the Brighton mother said she had to fight her doctor for more tests.

"In the fall of 1996, I was too ill to care for my family or even answer the phone without gasping for breath," said Sullivan. "I would practically collapse to the floor after walking up a flight of steps. With two young children, I was too busy to be sick but I felt like I was near death."

Finally, a comprehensive endocrine test led way to the diagnosis that she had Cushing's disease, a symptom caused by prolonged exposure and overactivity of the ACTH-secreting pituitary tumor. It was only then that she says her physician was alarmed by the results and called for immediate removal of the tumor.

Tumor-related diseases

Cushing's disease caused her to experience neck and face puffiness; body pain; "horrendous" headaches; general muscle weakness and enough weight total.

"Children eat fast ... and so do poisons," says the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

Numerous substances around a home are potential poisons in the hands of a child including glass cleaners, all-purpose cleaners, laundry detergent, plants, paint and medicines.

"Children ages four and under are particularly vulnerable given their curiosity and natural desire to put everything in their mouths," said Janelle Rose, Oakwood's "Keep Kids Safe" coordinator and member of the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition.

"Parents should childproof their homes by locking all potentially poisonous products out of a child's reach."

Poison Proof Your Home — the slogan for the 1998 prevention week campaign, is a reminder of the seriousness of potentially harmful substances.

The Michigan Pharmacists Association, Keep Kids Safe, and the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition offer several safety tips and appropriate steps to take in the



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACZFIELD

Road to recovery: Pituitary tumor patient Teresa Sullivan relaxes in her Brighton home. March marks a year since a tumor was removed from her pituitary gland. Her condition has improved gradually and she now focuses her energies on the Michigan Chapter of the Pituitary Tumor Network Association she founded in 1997.

gain in a two-month period to increase Sullivan's clothing size from 5 to 12.

She has since learned pituitary tumors are frequently misdiagnosed and was therefore challenged to find a physician who would aggressively treat her symptoms.

Doctors need to recognize the symptoms to be able to diagnose the connection to a pituitary tumor, said Sullivan. According to Dr. Jack Rock, M.D., senior staff physician, department of Neurosurgery at Henry Ford Hospital, the HPH Pituitary Disorders Center manages patients who have a wide range of hormonal and tumor-related questions. These include diabetes, thyroid dysfunction, acromegaly and growth deficiency, Cushing's disease and syndrome, reproductive deficiency, menstrual irregularity, and pregnancy.

"All types of tumors and other conditions which involve the pituitary gland (infection, inflammatory conditions, aneurysms, cysts) are also managed," said Rock.

"So, besides tumors, which actually

comprise the smaller percentage of patient problems, general medical issues related to the pituitary gland and its related glands throughout the body are treated. The tumors may be found as a result of decrease in vision and headaches as well as the hormonal abnormalities."

Gerri Starrs-Hermann of Canton tried to convince herself she was "having bad PMS" — all the time though, as she suffered through headaches, weight gain, mood swings and overall melancholy. "It was hard to admit or say I was depressed," said Starrs-Hermann, "and my doctors could only explain it as postpartum depression, the baby blues or menopause. But I was still producing breast milk three years after the birth of my child and they couldn't explain that."

It wasn't until Starrs-Hermann, 40, presented her growing list of problems to her fourth doctor in four years that the physician said matter-of-factly "You may have a tumor in your brain," and in fact she was right.

Starrs-Hermann said she, like Sulli-

van, was relieved with the diagnosis of a tumor confirming it was a physical problem and not a mental disorder.

Rock said some common treatment options for patients with pituitary tumors include observation without intervention; specific medicine to avoid surgery; control tumor growth and shrink tumors; surgery; and radiation.

"Many of the hormonal problems have subtle and diverse presentations and even experienced and specialized physicians can have difficulty with diagnosis," said Rock.

Life after diagnosis

Just four months after surgery to remove the tumor, Sullivan formed the Michigan Chapter of the Pituitary Tumor Network Association (PTNA) — a quarterly support group for tumor patients and their families.

"I grieved emotionally about the tumor but there's a time when that has to stop. I've been able to focus my energies toward something rewarding like the support group. We've got over 100 members on the list so far and it's growing rapidly."

In conjunction with the Henry Ford Hospital Pituitary Disorders Center, the PTNA works collaboratively with Rock, Dr. Saeed Zafar, M.D., and Cathy Campbell, R.N., from Henry Ford who volunteer their expertise for the benefit of PTNA members.

Starrs-Hermann who suffers from prolactinoma, the most common of all pituitary tumors, is currently being



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treated with medication and awaiting a more extensive examination with an endocrinologist.

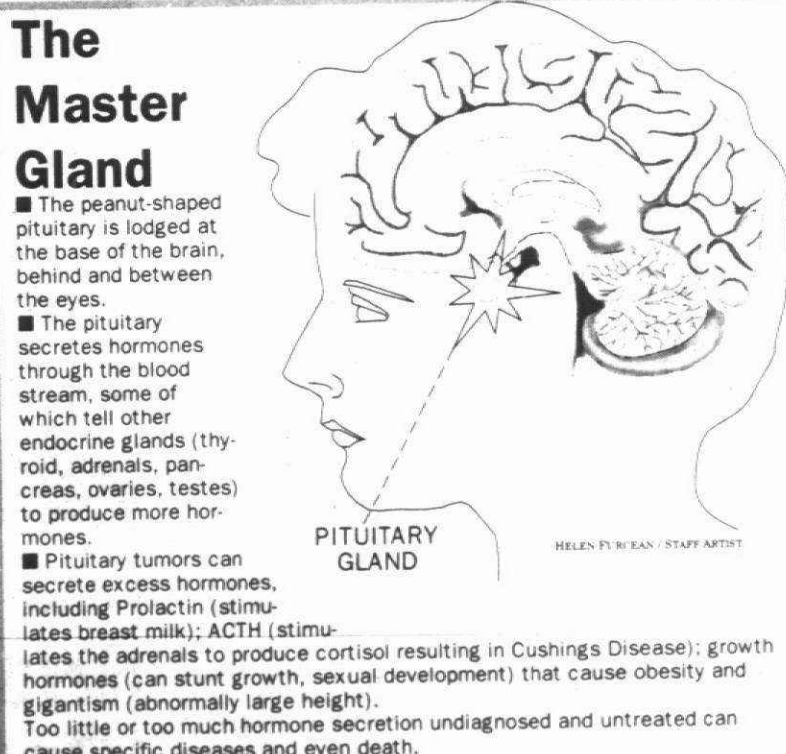
Benign in a majority of the cases, prolactinoma causes milk discharge in both men and women, sexual disorders, reproductive problems, headaches, mood changes and vision inconsistencies.

Both women say the pursuit to find a definitive diagnosis was both frustrating and demeaning at times and they stress the need for individuals to educate themselves and their doctors, if need be, about the illness.

According to Rock, the problem with diagnosis isn't so much misdiagnosis as a lack of diagnosis.

"To this extent, it may be difficult to identify the symptoms as resulting from a tumor, but once the hormonal or visual symptom is considered to be possibly associated with the pituitary gland, then the thought of a tumor is not far off."

"Just because there is a tumor the patient does not automatically need surgery or even need to be frightened by the diagnosis," said Rock. "This diagnosis is manageable."



HELEN FLYNN/STAFF ARTIST

PITUITARY GLAND

Pituitary group aims to educate patients

By KIMBERLY A. MORTON
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Chapter Pituitary Tumor Network Association (PTNA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating physicians, patients, family members and the community about the effects of pituitary tumors, will host the PTNA & Henry Ford Pituitary Disorders Center — National Conference in Michigan this fall. A date and location has yet to be confirmed.

"The PTNA believes by increasing general awareness and educating the patients and the medical community, pituitary tumors can now be diagnosed sooner avoiding years of anxiety, frustration, and depression along with physical and mental anguish. Family members are encouraged to attend in an effort to provide the care and compassion necessary for the patients' and the families' survival."

Upcoming support meetings of the PTNA and

events are as follows:

March 22, the PTNA Michigan Chapter will gather from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Geddes. To obtain directions, call (734) 397-0999.

May 2, the PTNA will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Henry Ford Medical Center — West Bloomfield, 6777 W. Maple Road between Halsted and Drake. For direction information, call (248) 661-4100.

June 3, "Putting for Pit Patients," charity golf classic. Dunham Hills Golf Course. To sponsor or participate, call (810) 227-5615.

June 7, PTNA meeting at the Brighton Public Library from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at 200 Charles H. Orndorff Drive (drive runs beside Meijer store on Grand River). For directions, call (810) 229-6571.

It is estimated that between 1-2 percent of the world's population (60-120 million people) harbor

clinically significant pituitary tumors.

While most of these tumors produce no symptoms, it is unknown to what extent tumors effect the host. Tumors can be treated with surgical intervention or with tumor-reducing medication.

To become a member of the PTNA or to receive the new "Pituitary Tumor Patient Resource Guide," call Michigan Chapter director Teresa Sullivan at (810) 227-5615 or e-mail sully@ptna.net.

The National Pituitary Tumor Network Association maintains an educational Web site with valuable information and numerous resource links at: <http://www.pituitary.com>

The Endocrine Society supports a toll-free telephone number and Web site to inform patients about their diseases. Call 1-800-HORMONE or <http://www.endo-society.org>

The University of Michigan — Ann Arbor administers a Pituitary Clinic. Call 936-5020.

Henry Ford gene test measures risk of breast cancer recurrence

Women diagnosed with breast cancer can learn more about their risk for cancer recurrence as the result of a new test now offered only at Henry Ford Hospital. The breast cancer gene test was only recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

More than 206,000 American women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. Although many of them will remain disease-free after their initial treatment for breast cancer, about 40,000 of them will eventually experience a recurrence of the disease.

Maria Worsham, Ph.D., the director of Henry Ford Health System's Molecular Oncology laboratories, said the new test, known as the Oncor Inform HER-2/neu test, should prove valuable to all women who are diagnosed with breast cancer.

The test will help physicians decide which women are more likely to have a recurrence and spread of their breast cancer. This information helps determine which patients should get additional treatment.

Specifically, the HER-2/neu gene prompts the production of a protein that is believed to help cancer cells reproduce. The test measures how many copies of the gene are present in the cell.

Most people have two copies of the gene. In clinical trials, the HER-2/neu test found that women who had five or more

copies of the gene per cell were at greater risk for breast cancer recurrence.

Worsham knows firsthand the value of the new gene test, after investigating its use in her laboratory as part of a \$3.2 million National Institutes of Health research study.

"The FDA approval gives tremendous validity to the test," said Worsham. "We have known for quite a while what this gene does and why it is important. It not only gives women information about their risk for breast cancer recurrence, but also about what treatments might be most appropriate for them."

The future of cancer treatment in this area looks promising, said Worsham. Recent clinical trials of genetically engineered drugs designed to block the action of the HER-2/neu protein led to remissions in women with advanced breast cancer cases after conventional chemotherapy failed.

The test is currently being offered at a cost of about \$300, which is often covered by insurance. The test uses material already obtained in a tissue sample such as that obtained from a biopsy, so no further invasive testing is required.

The laboratory is only accepting referrals from physicians. For more information on the new gene test, patients may call (313) 876-3171.

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Medical staff officers

Elections were held recently for the 1998 medical staff officers at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Dr. Velore Ramakrishnan, M.D. (has a private practice in Livonia adjacent to St. Mary), chief of staff; Dr. Jose Evangelista, M.D. (has a private practice in Livonia), chief of staff elect; Dr. Ronald Lorfel, M.D. (has a private practice in Livonia), secretary/treasurer; Dr. Martin Daich, M.D., will become past chief of staff.

New members-at-large are Dr. Amadeo Sturla, M.D., and Dr. Jorge Perez, M.D. Dr. Sean Coyle, M.D., and Dr. Rakesh Patel, M.D., will serve their second year as members-at-large.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Chiropractor receives recognition

Dr. Douglas Yaraschuk of Livonia has received masters recognition for skill in assessment of Permanent Medical Impairments. He intends on utilizing these skills to serve patients injured in automobile, fall down and work-related accidents.

Yaraschuk, of Shaner Chiropractic Health Center, completed an intensive postgraduate course on the A.M.A. guidelines to the evaluation of permanent medical conditions, including losses of bodily functions.

Rhine joins St. Joseph Mercy

Kathleen L. Rhine has been named vice president of Human Resources and Organizational Development for

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

17, April 21 and May 19. Call Connie, (734) 326-3502.

WED, MARCH 18

FIRST AID
Learn how to avoid, prepare and cope with emergencies at home or on the job from 6-9 p.m. Instruction prepares you to care for injuries, sudden illness and more. Must have current CPR training. Book and bandage kit included. \$25. Call Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 1-800-968-7759.

HEALTHY EATING
Learn how to eat well despite a hectic schedule from 7-9 p.m. at Oakwood Healthcare Center — North Westland. Take home suggestions for nutritious, appealing meals away from home. Cost \$12 (discounts available for authorized Oakwood Healthcare Plan/Head Start members). Call 1-800-543-WELL.

LIFE WITH HEARING LOSS
Personalized Hearing Care and the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department presents "Negotiating Real-Life Situations With a Hearing Loss." at 1:30 p.m. at MedMax in Westland. Reservations recommended. Call MedMax at (734) 458-7100.

EATING DISORDER SCREENING
St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services is offering "The National Eating Disorders Screening Program" from 6-8 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital West addition conference Room B. The program is free and confi-

dential. Call, (800) 494-1654.

ASK VISITING NURSE

Farmer Jack Supermarket and Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will offer "Ask the VNA Nurse" at Farmer Jack stores to facilitate health education and promote good health. Locations include: Livonia Farmer Jack from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the Farmington store, 22128 Farmington Road.

THUR, MARCH 19

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Recognizing the differences between Alzheimer's and dementia presented by S. Webb, RN, BSN, from 11 a.m. to noon. Call Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 1-800-968-7759.

FRI, MARCH 20

NURSING CONFERENCE

Madonna University in Livonia is the site for the conference "Nursing Informatics: Ensuring the Essence of Nursing in the 21st Century." from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall. Cost for the seminar is \$45 for professionals, \$30 for students.

HIV/AIDS WORKSHOP

Madonna University in Livonia will offer "The Values Dimension of HIV/AIDS." From Caring to Conviction, from 1-3 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Registrations made by e-mail by contacting Dr. James Copi, (734) 432-5510.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. She will oversee human resources, volunteer services, employee assistance program, diversity and organizational development.

Newly-credentialed psychologist

Mary Joy McMachen, Ph.D., of Westland, is now nationally recognized as a health service provider in psychology by the National Register of Health Services Providers in Psychology. McMachen, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Westland, was granted this prestigious credential in February.

Brandon re-elected as chairman

David A. Brandon, Plymouth resident and chairman and CEO, Valassis Communications Inc., has been re-elected as chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Jerrold Jung, president and CEO of Michigan CAT, in Novi was also re-elected.

Poison

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event an incident occurs:

- Keep medicines in child-resistant containers.
- List Poison Control Center/emergency medical numbers near every telephone.
- Store all medications, toxic household products, bug sprays and cleaning products out of a child's reach.
- Do not overlook products such as cosmetics, hair spray, mouthwash, perfume, art supplies and alcohol.
- Put a product away immediately after using it.

'The first step to take if a poison occurs is to call the poison control center (Michigan) at 800-POISON 1.'

■ Keep ipecac syrup on hand in case you are instructed by a physician or the Poison Control Center. DO NOT give unless told to do so.

■ Never refer to medicine as "candy" or "food."

The first step to take if a poison occurs, is to call the poison control center (Michigan) 1-800-POISON 1 (800-764-7661).

Depending on the poison, the center may recommend to induce vomiting using Syrup of Ipecac, to take the child to the emergency room, or to take other action.

It is extremely important to NEVER take ipecac unless instructed by a poison control center or physician. Acting on one's own may do more harm than good.

Ipecac syrup is an inexpensive plant extract that is available at pharmacies without a prescription and should be kept in every home. When taken with water, it should produce vomiting. Another antidote to poison that is sometimes recommended is activated charcoal. This liquid binds to poisons and allows them to be excreted.

Ask your local pharmacist about poison prevention. Pharmacists are a readily accessible community resource with a wealth of information to share that will help improve the health and well-being of their patients.

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Y2K: How bad will it be?



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK

They filed into the auditorium of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in Pontiac this past Thursday night. There weren't many, just a couple dozen. But the fact that the handful of concerned citizens met at all shows that the crisis is beginning to reach the consciousness of the public.

The media has dubbed the crisis as "The Millennium Bug," though it really isn't a bug at all... at least in the traditional sense of the phrase as we use it to describe a computer problem. It's more of a glitch, an inadequacy in computer code written decades ago.

As a result, all over the world, a virtual army of red-eyed computer programmers are frantically racing the clock to change billions and billions of lines of precise computer code so computer systems will recognize years that begin with the number "2."

The Thursday night meeting was the organizational gathering for a Citizen's Preparedness Council, aimed at teaching people what they can do to minimize the effects of what is called the Y2K Crisis.

Robert Mangus, a programmer himself with some 30 years experience, is the driving force behind the group.

"The problems are going to be immense," said Mangus, who lives in Clarkston. "The first thing people need to do is learn all they can. The media isn't doing its job. We're going to have to organize citizen groups."

Mangus plans to teach people how to protect their investments if finance and banking concerns experience a failure of their computerized systems. He worries there will be a total meltdown of the economy, that transportation will grind to a shutdown, power plants fail.

Prepare for the worst

"We have to prepare for the worst and hope for the best," is how he puts it.

Don't think Mangus is the only

Y2K alarmist. There are a lot of doomsday predictions being made.

I know a programmer for a large automobile-related company in Troy who is actually starting to stockpile food, convert his savings into silver currency and is teaching his wife and kids how to shoot guns for protection.

I interviewed an economist who sold his Dallas, Texas home and moved to a small agricultural town in northwest Arkansas that, he is convinced, will be minimally affected by the coming chaos.

And, just a month ago, I was surprised to interview a top information systems manager for Ford Motor Company who told me that he won't fly on an airplane come January 1, 2000 because of widespread problems predicted for the air traffic control system.

Will it really be that bad? I sure hope not.

But as the calendar draws closer to the year 2000, it's hard to find anyone who doesn't see at least major headaches. Government agencies, industry, financial institutions and retail businesses large and small are expected to be impacted by the crisis.

Valuable resources

I get asked all the time how bad I think this Y2K problem will be come the dawn of the next century. My answer is to always point to the Internet. That's where the best sources of information can be found.

Here are the sites I recommend:

■ The Y2k Information Center (<http://www.year2000.com/>) is the most comprehensive and up-to-date site on the net. Maintained by Y2K guru Peter de Jager, this site tends to be technically-oriented. But its archive of news clippings is the best source I've found for complete coverage of what's being done and, unfortunately, not being done.

■ 2K Times (<http://www.2k-times.com/y2k.htm>) is an online newspaper with articles, links, and papers written about the millennium crisis. Publisher Gary Eubanks passion is exposing unpreparedness and he sounds a serious alarm.

■ The SEC and Year 2000 (<http://www.sec.gov/news/home2000.htm>) is a site offering up the government's take on the problem and the status of corporations and the securities industry in correcting the problems.

Help is on the way

■ The Cassandra Project (<http://millennia-bcs.com/CASFRAME.HTM>) is a site stressing preparedness, offering tips on how to boil water, heat a house with a fireplace, treat illnesses with backyard plants... survival stuff like that. The site gets its name from the mythical Cassandra, whose curse was "to always speak the truth and never be believed."

■ Year 2000: A Date Odyssey (<http://www.standishgroup.com/a.d.html>) bills itself as a middle-of-the-road site from The Standish Group, a marketing firm. "The Standish Group believes the Year 2000 challenge is inescapable and omnipresent, affecting every business in every sector, as well as any business application, regardless of age or platform," it notes in assessing various problems in detail. It concludes in serious understatement: "December 31, 1999 is not negotiable."

■ The Y2K Fun Page (<http://www.leonardslan.com/abouth2k/index.htm>) is just that. Who says everything has to be serious? You can get a cool screensaver, free, that counts down the days, hours and seconds to 2000.

■ The Year 2000: Will your PC Crash? (<http://members.aol.com/solve/y2k.htm>) Personal computers are susceptible to the problems, too, as is a lot of software. This site tells us how to test our own systems and get them ready for the year 2000.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT and he is the owner of Awesome Pages, a Web development company (248-852-1930). You can reach through his PC Mike Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>.

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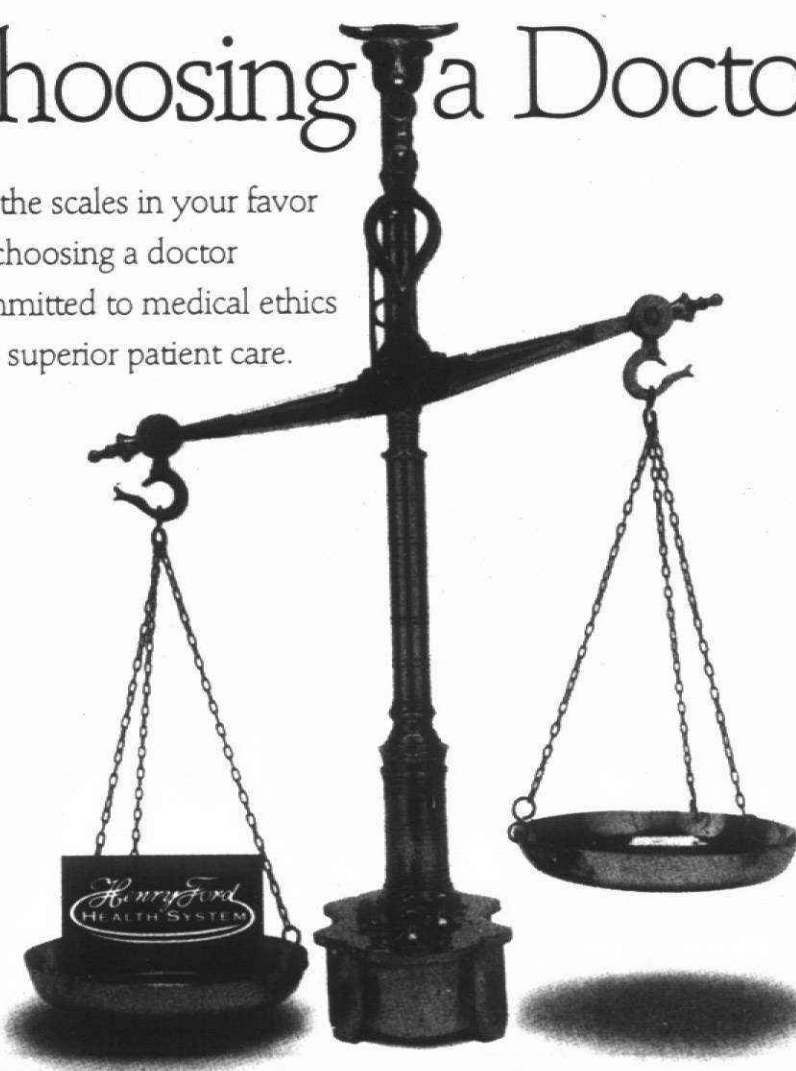
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Some artists are sold on studio sales

When I began covering arts for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers eight years ago, artists exhibited their work either in commercial or nonprofit galleries, or at art fairs. The demise of nonprofits such as the Michigan Gallery and Willis Gallery in recent years leaves artists with few options.

Commercial galleries take 40 to 50 percent commissions for sales made. The alternative choice, art fairs, means artists must spend long hours manning a booth to make sales, which frequently depend on weather conditions. Overcast skies, rain and wind have washed away profits for many an artist. That's why some painters, sculptors and ceramists have decided to sell their art where it's made. Studio sales offer a number of benefits,

the least of which is that there are no costs except for flyers announcing the event, and refreshments served to guests.

Edee Joppich knows firsthand that galleries work hard to earn their commissions. During the summer, this established artist sells paintings, sculptures and ceramics by Michigan artists in her Baystreet Gallery in Northport. The fest of the year, though, she finds it difficult to reach buyers and collectors.

"Studio sales are

a good outlet for artists to sell their work and a good opportunity for people to see a body of work," said Joppich, "not just a select few pieces on display in an exhibit."

Joppich is hoping a studio sale of her watercolor paintings and collage will empty the walls of her Farmington Hills home and provide income. An instructor at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Joppich will offer more than 40 works, at savings of 10 to 50 percent, Friday-Saturday, March 20-21. Expect prices for the figurative, still life and landscape paintings to range from \$100 to \$1,000. Most of the works are framed, but Joppich will sell them without frames at a lower price.

Joppich has held three studio sales; the last one, five years ago. For those unfamiliar with her style, her large scale watercolors are currently on exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council 774 North Sheldon (at Junction), call (734) 416-4ART for viewing times. The arts council asked Joppich to exhibit her work after she completed a commission of founder Joanne Winkelman Hulce in time for dedication of their new building.

"Studio sales are also nice for potential customers to see the works in the home," said Joppich. "It gives them an idea of how they might look on their walls."

Barometer

Plymouth artist Sharon Bida uses studio sales as a barometer for new work. During the sales, Bida judges the public's reaction to new designs and how to price them. If works are too high, the day results in poor sales.

Bida believes, "a lot of people are intimidated by galleries," so she's held two studio sales in the last two years. In her words, she "financially did

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Watercolor magic: Edee Joppich will sell this still life at a studio sale March 20-21.

ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

Community embraces truly 'different' films

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Jacki Ochs' "Letters Not About Love" doesn't fit easy classification. The New York filmmaker has won prizes at the Sundance and New York film festivals for her documentary on Agent Orange, "Secret Agent."

But "Letters" is different, more personal and experimental. The kind of film that finds a home in Ann Arbor.

"The Ann Arbor Film Festival has this interesting reputation and my films are particularly tough to situate in the world of spin and niche," Ochs said. "It's consciously different, and the Ann Arbor Film Festival has a reputation for embracing films that are different."

The festival, which begins six days of experimental film screenings Tuesday (see schedule), has been providing a forum for the unusual, the experimental and the personal in filmmaking for 36 years. Such name directors as George Lucas and Brian DePalma showed here early in their careers. Other name entrants include Kenneth Anger, claymation master Will Vinton, Oscar-nominee Gus Van Sant ("Good Will Hunting") and Yoko Ono.

"Sundance has coopted the term independent. They represent independent filmmakers who are not independent," said festival director Vicki Honeyman. "They're supposedly independent of Hollywood movies, but they are making huge films that cost a lot of money. The filmmakers who enter in Ann Arbor are truly independent."

Honeyman said the Ann Arbor is the only film festival dedicated to independent, experimental 16mm film.

"We don't pre-screen on videotape. We get prints. We're looking at the true art, not a facsimile. We're about art, not about producers and glitz," she said.

The Ann Arbor Film Festival was

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24 Girls: In Eva Brzeski's experimental film, she weaves an audition of young girls with the story of a girl that died years ago.



Babushka: (Above) Galina Filippovna represents Russian grandmothers in Jacki Ochs' "Letters Not About Love."



Dictators: Jay Rosenblatt takes an unusual look at 20th century dictators in "Human Remains."

Ann Arbor Film Festival

What: Six day festival of independent, experimental films.

Where: Michigan Theatre, Liberty, Ann Arbor

When: March 17-22. 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17; 3, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18; 3, 7, 9:30 and 11 p.m. Thursday, March 19; 3, 7, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 20; 1, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21; Winners screenings, 5, 7 and 9 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

Tickets: \$6 per single ticket or \$10 for an entire evening. Series tickets for the entire week for \$35. Showings at 1, 3 and 11 p.m. are free. On sale at the Michigan Theatre Box Office 45 minutes before showtime. Call (734) 995-5356.

EXHIBITION

Photographers zoom in on art of the garden

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

What do you do when squirrels gnaw the sunflowers growing in a backyard garden?

S. Kay Young photographed the battered posies in her studio then entered the image, "Squirrel Harvest," in an exhibition at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

From 400 entries, Michael Sarnacki, president of the American Society of Media Photographers in Michigan, chose Young's photograph along with 42 others for "In the Eye of the Garden."

The color and black and white images, created by professional and amateur photographers from Livonia to Bloomfield Hills, vied for a coveted position as centerpiece of all promotions for the Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show March 26-29 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Ann Arbor. Show designer and coordinator, Paul Little expects the winning entry,

In the Eye of the Garden

What: An exhibit of 43 color and black and white photographs focusing on the garden. The images were chosen by Michael Sarnacki, president of the American Society of Media Photographers in Michigan, from 400 entries.

When: Through Friday, April 10. For viewing times, call (734) 998-7061.

Where: University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road, (off Ann Arbor Road), Ann Arbor.

Related activity: The Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show offers hundreds of ideas for gardens and landscapes in the more than 22,000 square feet featuring plants, designs, sculpture, tools, garden accessories, and furnishings 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28 and until 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$10 adults (\$8 in advance), \$5 ages 13-17 years, \$3 ages 4-12 years, children three and under free. Opening night gala: 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, tickets \$60 (\$50 in advance). Call (734) 763-TKTS/998-7061.

"Passion Flower Bud," by Jane McAlonan of Saline, to draw 25,000 to 30,000 visitors to this year's "A Gardener's Fair."

"Throughout history, gardens have inspired art work," said Little. "We were looking for a piece for our poster. We're trying to get people's attention to come to the show."

Little encourages gardeners and non-gardeners alike to come out and see the floral photographs. The botanical gardens' staff programs activities like the exhibit in the off-season to heighten community awareness of the exotic flowers growing in the conservatory at Matthaei. Besides, said Little, "at this time of year, everyone can use a little brightening up."

"It's not easy to do photography although everyone can pick up a camera," said Little. "We wanted to encourage photographers to shoot more than pretty pictures. We wanted quality and to see what other kind of meaning besides beauty they could create. I like

What: Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Borodin String Quartet in concert performing a program of Shostakovich's String Quartets - No. 1 in C Major, Op. 49; No. 8 in C Minor, Op. 110; and No. 12 in D-flat Major, Op. 133.

When: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18

Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit

Tickets: \$5-\$39, (313) 961-3500, or (313) 833-3700

Also of note:

■ Lecture on Shostakovich by music critic John Guinn - When: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates, downtown Birmingham (across from Shain Park and the Baldwin Library). For reservations, call (248) 644-5832.

Quartet captures Shostakovich

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

About the time the Chamber Music Society of Detroit was founded 54 years ago, Dmitri Shostakovich was wearing a hard hat and volunteering to help his countrymen find shelter during the terrorizing siege on Leningrad.

The resolution of the Second World War, and inevitable expansion of the Soviet state, however, did little to quell



the rage in the composer's heart.

Tyranny, he recognized, wasn't restricted to an invading force.

Despite the Soviet government's insistence on music that served ideological, not solely individual artistic purposes, Shostakovich's music has survived as among the most original and influential of the 20th century.

This Wednesday, the Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Borodin

Quartet in a program of several of Shostakovich's most intimate and passionate melodic expressions for string quartet.

Secret dissident

While he wasn't under house arrest or deported as were Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn, Shostakovich was part of a long tradition of resistance inside the former Soviet Union.

In his controversial book, "Testimony," published in 1979, author Solomon Volkov revealed Shostakovich as a secret dissident, infusing his music with nontraditional compositions to "sound like no one else."

The effect often infuriated state officials.

Until his death in 1975, Shostakovich frequently fell in and out of favor with the state ideologues. Although to the west, he often looked like a good communist soldier.

"He suffered at the hands of the communists," said John Guinn, longtime music critic who will give a lecture on Shostakovich today at The Community House in Birmingham.

The tone and startling harmonic progressions of Shostakovich's most distinctive music left Soviet censors per-

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Floral beauty: "Mountain Lily Magic" was photographed by Susan Skibicki of Livonia.

the black and white. Composition and texture plays a bigger role in black and white. Color can mislead you in a way."

Each of the photographs have a story to tell. Young did return the sunflowers to the squirrels in her Madison Heights garden after photographing her entry.

Young, a professional photographer

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started in 1963 by filmmaker/artist George Manupelli. Honeyman began working with the festival in the 1970s when it was still associated with the University of Michigan. She has been the director of the festival since 1987.

Honeyman operates a hair cutting business in Ann Arbor. "I run the film festival and the shop simultaneously during the day and screen films at night," she said.

Screening

Every year more than 300 films are screened by a committee to select a group of about 100 films that will be shown at the Michigan Theatre over the course of the festival. The selected films are shown to the public and a three-person awards jury. This year the jury will award a total of \$12,000 in cash prizes in 18 categories. U-M graduate and noted Hollywood director Lawrence Kasdan and popular maverick documentary maker Michael Moore have funded awards in their names. The \$2,000 Best of Festival award is funded by the Mosaic Foundation.

Though most of the films are experimental, the festival sets no restrictions on content and has shown narrative and documen-

tary films. Honeyman, who studied film at U-M, said there are no discernible trends.

"Every year we have a new batch of films - new ideas, images, technical advances," she said. "Last year there were a lot of films dealing with self-mutilation, but that's not a trend. But the work is wonderful."

Lately many films have used archival footage.

San Francisco filmmaker Jay Rosenblatt used archival footage for his 30-minute movie on dictators. "I was working on another film when I came upon an image of Hitler eating and it unnerved me, disturbed me. I had only thought of him as a monster, only seen him doing evil," Rosenblatt said.

Rosenblatt sought out similar pictures and film footage of other notorious figures (Stalin, Mussolini, Franco and Mao).

"I tried to uncover the personal details about the others, show them as people and confront the audience with the nature of evil," he said.

This will be the eighth film Rosenblatt has shown at the Ann Arbor festival. His last film shown, "The Smell of Ants," received the grand prize, and he was a judge three years ago.

"Lately, I've been doing more

collage, old footage, manipulating and recontextualizing," Rosenblatt said. "One thing that appeals to me is the control, even though it had help, a lot of it was done on my own. I like taking footage meant to be used or seen in a certain way and changing it, subverting it."

Ochs "Letters" is also meant to be subversive. She arranged a correspondence between American poet, essayist and translator Lyn Hejinian and Russian poet Arkadi Dragomoshchenko from 1989 to 1993. The two had met at an artists conference in 1983 but did not meet during the period of the film. Ochs combines archival footage with new footage and uses actors Lili Taylor and Victor Nord to read the letters.

Words theme

Ochs used words as a theme for each letter, exploring the cultural differences inherent in language.

"It's a many layered film. It's a gorgeous film, exquisite, made up of documentary footage, archival footage and home movies," Ochs said. "It was very challenging, the most challenging I've tried to do. It was a struggle, but it evolved into a mesmerizing piece. Part of the reason it works is that it's not literal. You're not always watching what you're listening to. It toys with the inside of your head."

with a show currently on exhibit at Tango in New York City, is of Cherokee descent. The primary focus of her imagery is heritage, floral and nature. Her work is included in the touring exhibition "She Be Me," opening March 28 at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The exhibition features women artists of African American, Asian American, Hispanic American and Native American ancestry. A Center for Creative Studies graduate, Young will talk about her work noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 22, during an open house and workshop on photography, composition and natural light at the North American Indian Art Gallery and Trade Center, 17321 Telegraph Road, (north of Six Mile Road), Detroit. For more information, call (313) 535-7602.

In addition to the sunflower still life, Young exhibits "Intoxication," a double exposed portrait of a pink rose, also from her garden in the show at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. She emphasized that she only uses Fuji film, processed on Fuji paper at

Eva Ilona Brzeski's "24 Girls" also toys with your head. "I had written this story," Lynne Moore Died, "about a girl I knew in the fourth grade," she said from her home in New York City. "I got this idea of having 24 girls come out and audition for me. They didn't know what they were auditioning for and neither did I. I got the idea of weaving this together with the story of this girl that died."

The girl's death had a strong impact on Brzeski as it was the first person she had ever known who had died.

Brzeski, like Ochs had started out making documentaries after studying at Stanford. "I thought I'd be making straight forward documentaries, but I was inspired by those around me and started to do more narrative and experimental films."

These three films were invited for submission. The other films that will be exhibited were announced after press deadline on Friday.

But they will all have the mark of individuality and the spark of an original idea.

Even Vicki Honeyman, who says she doesn't make films, sometimes gets the urge. "We used to have this Bolex camera, but it got stolen. I wish we still had it," she said. "I do have this idea for a film I'd like to make down in Florida."

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plexed, said Guinn. "The chamber music is where Shostakovich expresses his rage," he said.

But he was also a survivor. Unknown at the time when Shostakovich was writing "god-awful cantatas to honor the Soviet state," according to Guinn, he was composing his defiant, yet romantic, chamber music.

"He's not over with his political dissension," said Scott Betz of Troy, board member of the Chamber Music Society.

"There are threads - a certain tension - in his music where he's thumbing his nose," Betz said in association with the Jewish Community Center has arranged for a local group of Russian émigrés to attend the concert.

"Composers have always written about their feelings for their homeland," said Betz.

What's special about Shostakovich is that his music is open to a variety of interpretations.

Perhaps those with first-hand experience of the repressive Soviet system can best determine if Shostakovich was a political puppet or a heroic nonconformist.

Appropriately, the answer lies in an ethereal place - the music.

Universal language

In a century filled with world wars, political ideology and defiance to repressive regimes, Shostakovich's symphonies, chamber music, operas and film

scores offer an auditory metaphor for the 20th-century's political diaphanous.

Apparently, finding a subtle melody to translate his frustration and opposition to Soviet rule is as simple as an argument for music as a universal language.

"Anyone who's ever felt repressed can relate to Shostakovich," said Lois Bezons of Franklin, president of the Chamber Music Society.

"The Borodin is preeminently known for their warm, rich Russian sound and their interpretation of Shostakovich."

Indeed, it's widely acknowledged that few other chamber groups in the world have captured Shostakovich as the Borodin Quartet, established in 1943 and formerly composed of members of the Moscow Philharmonic.

One member, cellist Valentin Berlinsky, studied and later played with Shostakovich.

Four years ago, the legendary quartet came to Ann Arbor to perform an all Shostakovich program.

The five-night performance at Rackham Auditorium was part of the highly acclaimed Shostakovich Month, which featured concerts, lectures and exhibits. The celebration was sponsored by the Center for Russian and East European Studies.

Along with their expansive recordings of Shostakovich, the Borodin Quartet has recorded Beethoven, Brahms, Ravel, Dvorak and Tchaikovsky.

A girlfriend encouraged her to enter "In the Eye of the Garden."

"Photography is a great way to express yourself," said Yaker. "It's fun, it's a passion. I like the camaraderie of the camera club members. I've met a lot of nice people."

Other artists exhibiting in the show include Laurie Tennent of Troy; Anne McCarthy, Berkeley; Alicia Gibbs, Hamtramck; Theresa Thompson, Royal Oak; Julia Markey, Huntington Woods.

Not to be missed is Vicki Stull's black and white image, "Wind Blown Tulips" and Giulio Pallone's portraits of a pear cactus, and a rusted bucket filled with a rainbow of flowers.

For a story on the Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show, see Thursday's At Home section.

CLARIFICATION

In the March 8 issue of Arts & Leisure it was incorrectly stated that Deborah Levesque of Redford is completing a bachelor of arts degree with a minor in elementary education at Madonna University.

Levesque earned her degree in December and was completing her degree requirements by exhibiting works in the Graduate

Seniors Show at the university.

Levesque did not create a silkscreen titled, "Finally." She is displaying woodcuts, etchings, alabaster and clay sculptures, acrylic paintings, and oriental brushwork through March 17 in the Exhibit Gallery on campus.

Levesque gave birth to a son, not a third daughter as reported.

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ART FAIR

FINNISH CENTER
10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, an art fair showcasing local artists, presented by the FinWeavers of the Finnish Center Association. Admission free. Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 546-6527.

AUCTION

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
6 p.m. Thursday, March 26, a live auction at the Michigan Design Center, featuring Dick Wallace, WYUR radio personality. Music provided by Mark and Patricia Kaczmarek. Tickets: \$50. 17000 Stutz, just east of Coolidge and north of Maple Road, Troy; (248) 649-4772. (248) 650-2655.

AUCTIONS/

CALL FOR ENTRIES

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
The following scholarships and awards are being offered - JEAN-HOMER STRONG SCHOLARSHIP: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22; applicants must be Oakland County residents, perform on violin, viola, cello or string bass, and enter in 11th or 12th grade, requirements: one selection from Baroque/classical period or romantic/modern period; award: \$400. CHARLOTTE RUPPEL MEMORIAL VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP: 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28; applicants must be 20-25 years old; requirements: one selection from area, foreign language art song, and 20th century art song. Performance should not exceed ten minutes, one copy of each selection must be provided; award: \$600; deadline: postmarked no later than March 21, 1998. ELIZABETH GARDNER VOCAL AWARD: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5; applicants must be 18-22 years old; requirements: one selection from area, old Italian, foreign language art song, 20th-century art song, all selections must be memorized; award: \$6; deadline: postmarked no later than March 28, 1998. Applicants must be Michigan residents. Previous winners of award are not eligible. Applicants must provide accompanists. Auditions held at First Baptist Church, Willis Street, Birmingham.

DANCE AUDITIONS
Detroit Dance Collective seeks a male dancer to perform with company from March-May 1998, and for next season, August 1998-May 1999. Must be highly skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and training in ballet. Paid by the project for all rehearsals, performance and travel expenses. Company rehearses 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Bring resume and letter of recommendation during rehearsal times. Central United Methodist Church, corner of Woodward Avenue and Adams, just south of the Ford Theatre. Auditions arranged by appointment; (313) 965-3544.

EDU AUDITIONS
Eisenhower Dance Ensemble will hold auditions in March for community dancers interested in performing at the Macomb Center; (248) 370-3024.

WOMEN IN ART ENTRIES
Twelfth annual art exhibit, "Our Visions: Women in Art," accepting entries in visual art and poetry. Deadline April 1, 1998. Exhibit runs May 11-29. Women's Center, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-7500.

WORKSHOP ON SHAKESPEARE
7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5-26. Preview selected plays in production at Canada's 1998 Stratford Festival. Leading the workshop will be Neils Herold and Bruce Mann of Oakland University. Fee: \$250. Register by April 1, 1998.

NSU MUSIC SCHOOL FOR YOUNG
"First Music" classes for children birth to age 5. Children and parents move to music, learn songs and chants, play percussion instruments. Classes meet Friday mornings March 20-May 22. Cost: \$10. Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills; (800) 548-6157. (517) 355-7661.

MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOPS
Tenderloin Productions offers acting and musical theater workshops for beginners to advanced students, grades 1-12. Classes run through April 19. Clarenceville High School. Brochures available at Livonia Civic Center Library. Redford Library or call (313) 535-8962.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Register for spring classes, April 20-June 13. Children's classes. Adult courses include basketry, ceramic bead-making, clay, collage, drawing, matting, painting, photography, sculpture, tapestry and watercolor. 407 Pine Street, downtown Rockford; (248) 651-4110.

VILLAGE PLAYERS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS
Spring and summer workshops using theater games, improvisation and covering a playful introduction to children's musical theater, including singing, dancing, acting and performing. Directed by company member David Mayer in association with the Village Players. Workshops begin early March and June 29, respectively. For specific dates and times 644-2075.

PRO MUSICA
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Detroit debut of pianist Frederick Chu, winner of a Avery Fisher Career Grant. Chu will perform works by Prokofiev, Debussy, Schumann and Chopin. Tickets: \$25. Kresge Court, Detroit Institute of Arts; (248) 689-3636.

URSLA OPPENS
Pianist performs a "Beethoven's Contemporary" program. 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington.

CLASSICAL
DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With conductor Victor Mays in association with the Detroit Symphony. 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Detroit Institute of Arts; (248) 689-3636.

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Latin sound: Guitar virtuoso Philip Candelaria and flutist Gerova-Ortega perform "Tango," featuring the music of Latin American composers, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 851-6987.

Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

POWER AND PASSION
8 p.m. Friday, March 27, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble presents "Other Voices: Power and Passion." Macomb Center for the Performing Arts; (248) 967-7795.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE COMPANY
Presents "The annual spring concert of dance, featuring choreography by Garth Fagan, Eva Power and Linda Cleveland Simmons. Fagan choreographed the Broadway musical "The Lion King." 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, at the Bonstelle Theater, on campus. Detroit. \$8 students/advanced sales. (313) 577-4273

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Drug stores change with the times

Rite Aid bought Perry Drugs. CVS recently bought Arbor. When I called Maple Drugs in Westland last week, the person on the other end answered, "Arbor Drugs." And when I called Maple Drugs in Farmington, someone answered "Rite Aid."

It seems like the big drugstore chains are swallowing up other stores faster than "Pac Man" gobbles up dots. How does that affect the small, independent pharmacies that still exist?

The answer may surprise you. "Actually, it's kind of beneficial for us, because there are fewer competitors, really," said Bob Lytle, who has owned Lytle Pharmacy on Main Street in downtown Rochester since 1976.

Tim Davidson, owner of Patterson Drugstore on S. Washington Street in Oxford, agreed. "Certainly, chain pharmacies have been flourishing over the last few decades, especially in Southeastern Michigan, and the number of independent pharmacies has dwindled proportionately," he said.

As a result, those independent pharmacies that still survive do have fewer competitors. However, that's not to say that competing with chain drugstores is a piece of cake. It's not. And the independents must contend with yet another big chain that recently entered Metro Detroit — Walgreens.

"There are really two ways to compete with the big chains," Davidson said. "You can try to be like them and you can try to be different."

Independent pharmacies try to be like the big chains by offering the same or lower prices on prescription and over-the-counter drugs, he said. The independents are able to do that by banding together in large purchasing groups, like Vals-Rite or Serve-All, to get the lowest possible prices from suppliers.

"Of course, a person's co-pay for prescription drugs is the same, no matter where they go, so we can't really be better price-wise there," Lytle said. "But for people who don't have insurance, or those who are buying over-the-counter products, our low prices matter a lot."

The purchasing groups also have helped independent pharmacies make inroads in getting insurance company contracts, Davidson said. Some insurance companies, mainly HMOs and PPOs, tell patients not only what doctors they can see, but what pharmacies they can use.

"We're not just competing for patients that walk in the door, but for insurance contracts, too," Davidson said. Two ways that independent pharmacies try to be different from the big chains, he said, is by focusing more on customer service and by filling certain niches in the marketplace.

His store's special niches include: renting and selling durable medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, etc.), providing some diabetic services, and compounding certain special order prescription medicines from scratch. He also provides free delivery service for shut-ins and people with emergencies.

When it comes to customer service, Lytle and Davidson said, there's one area in particular where their pharmacies tend to outshine the big chains — the length of time it takes to fill prescriptions. Generally, they're able to fill prescriptions faster, because they maintain better staffing levels and computer equipment.

"More and more of my customers are telling me they got fed up with having to wait two hours for a prescription at the big chain stores and that's why they came to me," Lytle said. "Usually, we have people in and out in five minutes."

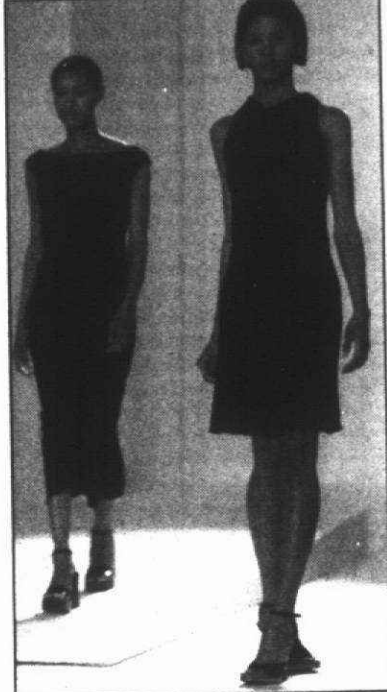
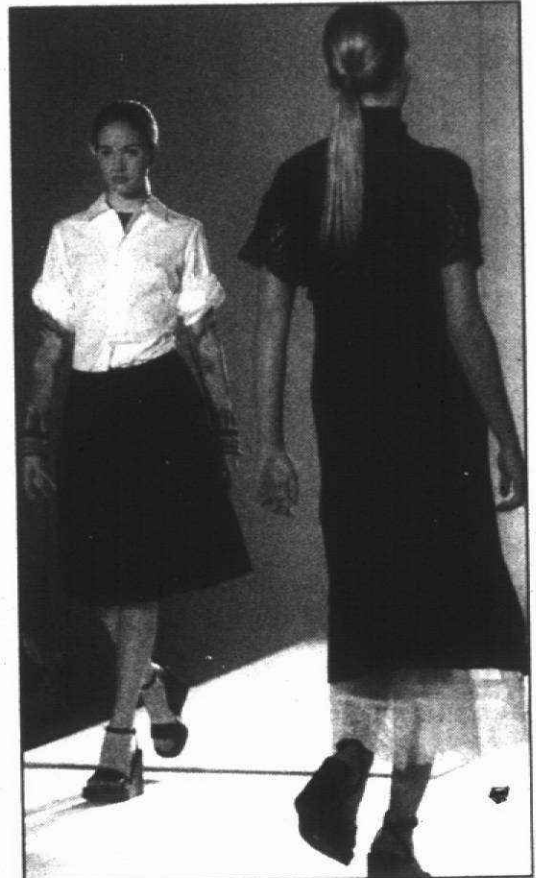
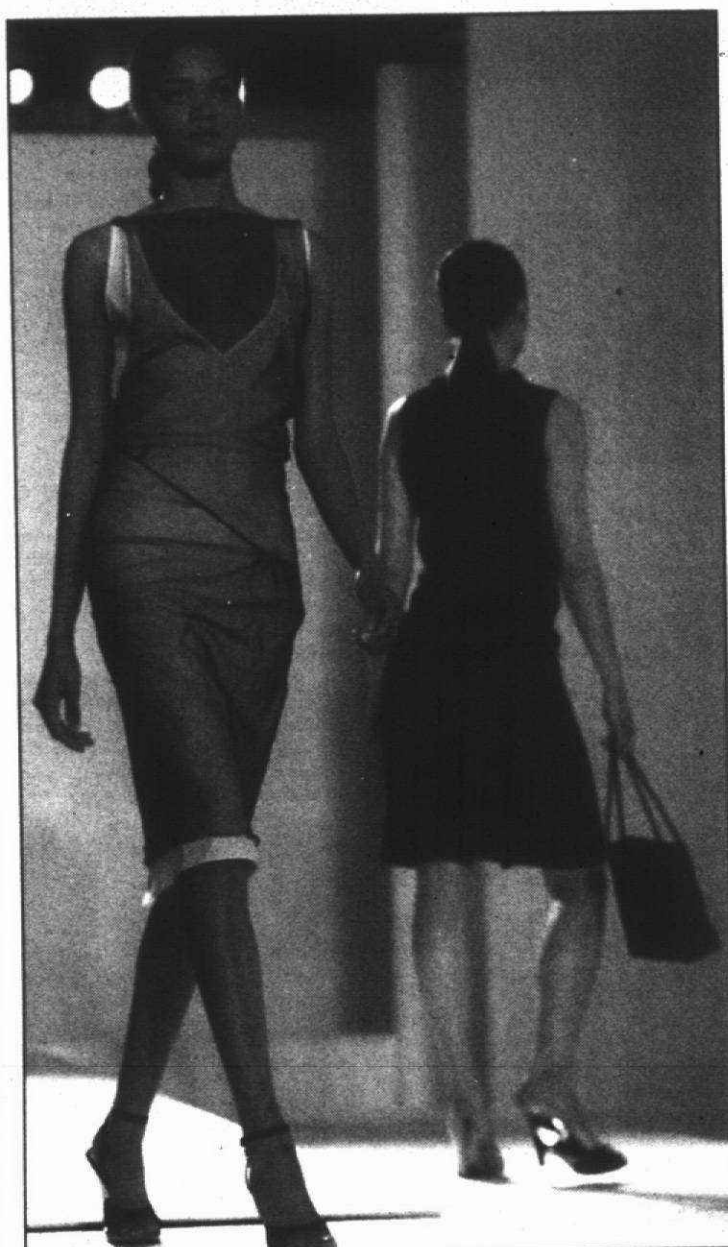
Lytle and Davidson both said that they try to be active in their communities, that they know many of their customers by name, and that they try to tailor their stores' offerings to the needs of the people in their areas.

"They also said that they get several letters a year from the big chains, offering to buy them out, but they say they don't want to sell."

Davidson, who bought his pharmacy five years ago from his father-in-law, William Patterson (who owned it since 1964), explained why he feels that way: "Part of it is pride and wanting to be independent. I also feel that competition is good, and that it's of value to customers to have a choice. If there's only one store in town, that would certainly concern me as a patient and consumer."

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DONNA MULCAHY



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Runway magic: (From left) Gowns by Angel Sanchez, Jean Paul Gaultier, Melinda Eng.

Spring '98 'Art of fashion' is a sheer delight

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO

Editor

Skin is in. Especially when it's visible under black lace, or through a mesh blouse, or from a thigh-high slit in an evening gown.

The sheer lightness of this season's fabrics, coupled with the intricacies of couture detailing, made the designs in Neiman Marcus's *Art of Fashion* spring show worth a second look — or a purchase or two.

According to Peg Levandowsky and Doreen LeGray, both of Troy, "The clothes were gorgeous. The colors and fabrics were breathtaking and the simplicity of the designs only added to their elegance."

The Thursday afternoon runway presentation doubled as a benefit for HAVEN, and drew several bursts of applause from the 100 guests who attended the event at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

The show was co-sponsored by Harper's Bazaar magazine and featured in a special section of the March issue.

The clothing was pulled from the store's own spring collection by Neiman Marcus' regional fashion director Duane Jeffers, and included designs by Giorgio Armani, Richard Tyler, Jil Sander, Jean Paul Gaultier, Escada, St. John and Oscar de la Renta.

"My favorite, were the bias cut jersey dresses," he said. "Their design is so squeaky clean."

Following the show, store manager Mike Lorenz pointed out that his Troy store leads the country in sales of Jil Sander.

"This speaks to the sophistication of our shoppers," he said. "But we plan to expand our Jil Sander boutique within the store. Our Armani Black Label selections, too."

Lorenz said several new "surprises" were on the way for Neiman Marcus shoppers.

"We're opening a Bobbi Brown Studio which will be separate from our cosmetics department. We're expanding our modernist collections to include

Dolce & Gabbana. And in April, we'll announce that we'll begin selling the collections of one of the biggest houses in the fashion industry."

Fashion show guests moved to the third level after the show, to find lunch served in rice bowls strategically placed on tables along the couture aisles. Bamboo shoots overflowed jade-colored urns for an East Meets West effect.

"How do you like the presentation?" public relations director Marilyn Connor, asked her guests. "It's all part of the Neiman Marcus mindset that combines tabletop, fashion and entertaining — all the best things that life has to offer."

Show stoppers

- tulle dresses with floral embroidery
- asymmetrical lines at the neck, waist and hem
- slip dresses in layers of mesh and lace
- platform sandals

• sandal flats

- linen
- chiffon
- twinsets
- iridescence
- tank tops
- sarongs
- cargo pants
- ruffles

Contrast: From the Giorgio Armani Le Collezioni, gray and tan plaid coat and charcoal gab pants.

Level) stores.

(248) 597-2200.

Spring program for kids

"The World Beyond The Garden," a show by the Children's Theatre of Michigan, performed free on Grand Court stage, 11:30 a.m. 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. A different story on Sunday, March 22 at 1 and 3 p.m. Visits with the spring bunny Nestor Fairweather, begin March 28 through April 11. Polaroid courtesy of the mall for \$10 each.

Somerset Collection North.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 816-4599.

Saturday, March 21

Spring fashion show

See the latest colors and silhouettes from the mall's leading retailers representing the best in European and American designs from both sides of The Collection. Complimentary seating, 1 p.m.

Somerset Collection South Rotunda.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 643-6360.

Easton Bunnys arrival

Kids of all ages are invited to JC Penney Court to welcome the Easter Bunny at 11 a.m. after a magic show performed by Bill and Di Schuler. Photos and bunny visits follow through April 11. Free.

Westland Center. Wayne/Warren.
(313) 425-5001.

Kids fashion show

Nordstrom hosts a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a casual/holiday runway show of the latest spring children's clothes at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations required.

Somerset Collection North.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.
(248) 816-5100, ext. 1690.

Arthur visits

Hudson's hosts PBS character Arthur the Aardvark from noon to 3 p.m. in the Children's Department for visits and photos (bring your own camera). Arthur will visit Hudson's Summit Place store in Waterford on March 22 from noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesley Oaks. 12 Mile/Novi.
(248) 344-6800.

Super Model visits

Meet Polo model Tyson Beckford during a special autograph session at the grand re-opening of Hudson's Polo Ralph Lauren shops at the Northland Center (noon to 1 p.m. Main Floor) and Oakland Mall (3-4 p.m. Lower

Advance fashion show

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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in next Sunday's column. Thank You!

What we found:

- **Girbeau Jeans** can be found at **Reruns Consignment Boutique**, 33666 Five Mile, three blocks west of Farmington in Livonia. (734) 522-2868. Call for sizes.
- **The Kids on Stage** game was spotted at the **Noodle Kidoodles** on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills (248) 539-1958 and Rochester/Avon in Rochester Hills (248) 608-8011.
- Susan has a **Benares** red and black sari with silver brocade she would like to sell.
- **Go to the Head of the Class** can be found at **Toys R Us** (when in stock).
- For Lori, we found a **Pivot Pool** game.
- **Lenore!** Please contact Shari at Bemis School in Troy (248) 643-7790. She would like all your old copies of the **Readers Digest**.

We're still looking for:

- T-shirts or sweatshirts with dragons and wizards on them for a little boy.
- Lamp parts.
- Thigh high boots and red sequin shoes for Nadine.
- A dinner plate in cream with a gold edge, sold at Target, made in Italy. On the back of the plate ESTE-ZE. It was \$3.50, for Nora.
- Grand Manor towels and wash cloths for Becky.
- Gerber baby doll from 1969-70. It wore real baby clothes for Jenny.

- A figurine **Tilly the Frog** from 1987 for Jessica.
- Men's pajama bottoms, size XL for Bernice.
- A small brass duck for Jenny. (It fits in the palm of a hand).
- A Proctor ironing board cover for Mary.
- Wind proof magnetic cards by Kling.
- AXION pre-treatment for washing clothes/stains. And also whole wax beans in a can for Janet.

- The game of **Hearts** for her Apple II computer for Theresa.
- Ed is looking for the trivia game **Is the Pope Catholic?**
- One of the first computers **VIC 20** (similar to today's) Nintendo, plus any of the software, especially the Las Vegas games for Carrie.
- Sunglasses with bifocals, not prescription. Sandy used to buy them at Hudson's.
- Saddle shoes, size 7, for Sally.
- Lily of the Valley fragrance, talc, perfume etc. any brand name will do for Doris.
- Creme de Chantilly body spray perfume by Houbigant for Christine.

- A stereo record player with changer that plays five or six records at a time for Kay.
- Noxema Medicated Lather shaving cream and Deep Magic cold cream by Gillette for Monica of Rochester.
- A Rock 'em Sock 'em Robot for Michael.
- Jeanne is looking for MJ Carroll jeans sold by Winkelman's at 7 Mile/Farmington.
- Lori of Westland is looking for a Kenmore Zig Zag sewing machine model #75816030. It has a high bar of a presser foot.
- Kay and Jean are both looking for Z-Brick for interior walls. It is an imitation brick.
- Lynn from Plymouth is looking for a Dairy Milk bottle from the '30s.
- Linda is looking for a book that describes how to make doll clothes for the Teeny Tiny Mini Tiny Tots dolls by Geek.
- Betty is looking for the doll **Poor Pitiful Pearl** from 1972.
- Lynette is looking for a brand of dress by Pablo.
- Emmanline Weidman is looking for a Purple Monster from Space Jam.
- Bob is looking for a Zippo Bar top lighter.
- Patty is looking for a replacement pad for a playpen 40x40.
- Joe is looking for parts to a Sunbeam Master shaver with comb and blades for a dual twin or six blades.
- Julie is looking for a Farberware counter top convection oven.
- Terms of **Endearment** sound track, and a Rutgers Haver movie for Joanne of Livonia.
- Linda is looking for the movie sound track **Rich in Love** CD or cassette.

—Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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RETAIL DETAILS

Warehouse opening benefits HAVEN

Shoe shoppers were in for a treat when they attended DSW Shoe Warehouse's grand opening March 4. It doubled as a gala benefit for HAVEN, fighting domestic violence and abuse in Oakland County. The new store on West Oaks Drive across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, houses 33,000 pairs of men's and women's shoes, priced up to 50-percent below department stores and boutiques. The company has two other locations at Twelve Oaks Mall in Southfield and Rochester Road in Troy. The stores also carry hosiery, socks and handbags.

Hudson's fireworks will be a salute to Motown

The 40th annual Hudson's Fireworks over the Detroit River is set for Wednesday, June 24 and will also salute the 40th anniversary of Motown Music. The event is cosponsored by the Parade Company. In the event of rain, the festivities will be held the following night.

Soda bread benefit

Start a delicious St. Patrick's Day tradition and support the J. P. McCarthy Foundation on March 17 by purchasing Irish Soda Bread at Detroit-area Breadsmiths.

The stores will donate 25-percent of all soda bread sales to the foundation which seeks to find solutions to rare blood diseases. Soda bread is baked with wheat and white flour, rolled oats, buttermilk and sweet raisins for \$4.49 a loaf. Reserve your bread by calling the Breadsmith near you: Maple/Lahser (248) 540-8001, 14 Mile/Middlebelt (248) 855-5808, Seven Mile/Farmington (248) 442-1100, Rochester Hills (248) 852-4777 and Long Lake/Livonia (248) 879-8997.

Spring fashion show features special models

Young adults with developmental disabilities who benefit from Oakland County's On My Own program, will be featured in a fashion show to benefit their organization, Friday, March 20 at 8 p.m. in the rotunda of Somerset Collection South, Troy, along with professional models presenting the newest looks for spring.

The evening will be catered by Sebastian's Grill and will include wine and music. For more information please call Vicki McCall (248) 649-0100, or Margot Tegeer (248) 360-8249.

Boutique launches new lines

Tender, 271 West Maple in Birmingham, has exclusive rights to sell designer JOSEPH's new fragrance **Parfum de Jour**. Blended by Penhaligon's of London, the scent is a mix of more

than 100 ingredients, including jasmine, rose, muguet, ylang, sandalwood and amber. Priced \$68 a bottle.

Tender also welcomes three new designers specializing in knit wear: Martin Kidman and Angeline Kingsley. For more information call Tender at (248) 258-0212.

Retailing chain adds a link

Department store retailer Profit's Inc., based in Birmingham, Ala., announced the acquisition of Brody Brothers Dry Goods, another department store company with six North Carolina locations. Profit's will now operate more than 230 department stores and four furniture stores under the names Profit's, McRae's, Parisian, Youkers, Herberger's, Carson Prie Scott, Boston Store and Bergner's. The company's annual revenues exceed \$3.5 billion.

Outlet mall adds new stores

The Monroe, Michigan outlet center, owned by Horizon, announced that The Gap and Linen Barn, will open stores by the summer. The center is at I-75 and Exit 11, La Plaisance Road.

Mall hosts awareness event

Summit Mall shoppers got a unique opportunity to put on a pair of Fatal Vision Goggles and experience what it feels like to be drunk, last week.

The event was sponsored by the Waterford Police Department to discourage people from driving under the influence, especially as St. Patrick's day nears.

"Individuals who put on the glasses experienced disorientation, distorted vision, imbalance and other symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol," said mall manager Joe Tyree.

Police chief Paul Vallard reported that last year in Michigan 490 people were killed because of drunk driving. Eileen Weisse of the Traffic Improvement Association reminded shoppers that through the Safe and Sober Initiative, additional officers have been assigned to patrol major roads on March 17, along with professional models presenting the newest looks for spring.

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Fashion benefit for ALS

ALS of Michigan, a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting Lou Gehrig's disease, hosts a fashion show/fund-raiser, Sunday, March 21 at 6:45 p.m. at the Somerset Collection South rotunda.

After the couture runway

show, guests will enjoy a silent auction, strolling supper and champagne and wine bar. Reservations for the black-tie optional evening are available to the public for \$100 per person. To reserve a ticket(s) call (313) 382-0480.

Egg decorating class is free

The American Polish Cultural Center at Maple and Dequindre in Troy, welcomes interested guests to a free, Pisanki egg decorating class, 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. All necessary supplies are provided. The class ends about 4 p.m. Reservations are suggested by calling (810) 689-3636, during regular business hours.

The APCP reminds area residents that it is open for lunch serving authentic Polish dishes Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is available Wednesday until 8 p.m. and Friday until 9 p.m. Friday evening there is also entertainment from 5 p.m. Carryouts are available.

Parisian supplies teens with pageant fashions

Parisian special events director Jane Bassett will host a March 21 luncheon for Miss Teen USA and Miss Michigan USA contestants at the Livonia Marriott. Reigning and past winners will model interview suits, swimwear, gowns and shoes from the department store, plus share hints on cosmetic and skin care.

Dessert follows in the Parisian Room of the store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The private event is a prelude to the beauty pageants that will be held at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, on Sunday, May 24.

Banana Anna's holds liquidation

After 12 years in downtown

Birmingham, Banana Anna's co-owners John Bickford and Susan Paul-Sherer have decided to retire and close their store. Items are marked 50-percent off this week, and will drop in price by 5-percent every few days until April 26. Sealed bids are also being accepted for the store's fixtures. For more information call (248) 433-3440.

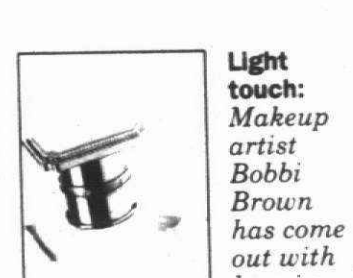
New general manager named

Peter Schuette has replaced Sandy Acquaro as manager of the Jacobson's stores in downtown Birmingham.

Hudson's adds a restaurant

The Hudson's store at Somerset Collection North, Troy, will open a sit-down cafe in a corner of the Marketplace Department on the third floor. Company spokeswoman Michelle Shulman said store officials were considering a restaurant at Somerset and went to the "guests" for their opinion. Shoppers overwhelmingly voted for sit-down service. The cafe opens in April. A name is under discussion.

Light touch: Makeup artist Bobbi Brown has come out with her signature fragrance, now at Neiman Marcus, from \$50.



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TRAVEL

Sometimes the best vacations are just miles away

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

"Take me someplace," my wife, Arlene, said to me one night a couple of weeks ago as she set aside her book.

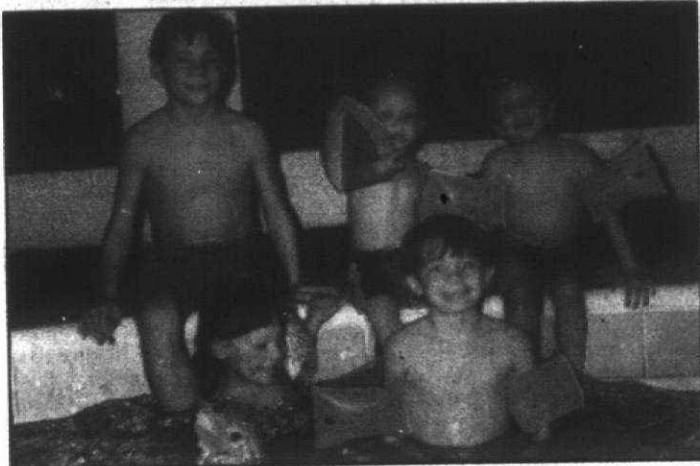
Time to get on the horn and get the ball rolling for our annual Funke Family winter getaway with siblings, in-laws and kids.

It's not exactly an exotic or erotic trip.

However, the overnight at a hotel qualifies as a travel experience because it gets us out of our houses and routines, enables us to shop and explore attractions in other parts of town and experience a little bit of summer in February.

Our entourage, usually 11 adults and six kids ranging in age from 13 to 1-1/2, books several rooms together.

Crock pots with chili, stew and meatballs are plugged in at arrival. There's no shortage of munchies — cut vegetables and dip, candy, chips and pretzels. Coolers with pop, juice and adult beverages also are available.



Water bugs: The Funke/Bodner/Senior cousins — Scott, Ben, Alex, Becky and Marcus — spend most of their time around the pool during the annual family getaway.

Our son, Scott, and his younger cousins, Marcus and Alex Bodner, Becky and Ben Senior and Marshall Funke, who

unfortunately, couldn't make it this year, gravitate to the water.

That's the big attraction to them — "That we get to go swim-

ming in the middle of winter," said Marcus, 6.

"Swimmin' ... jumpin' in," added Becky, 3.

The adults sit around the pool keeping an eye on the kids, catching up on the latest gossip, poking fun at each other and reading the National Enquirer, the Star and the Globe to find out what's really going on in the world.

"I like seeing all the cousins having a great time in the pool, smiling, laughing, playing pretend," said sister Judy Bodner. "I also like the idea I don't have to cook. It also gives my husband (Jack) a break from all the hard work he does."

"I like sitting in the whirlpool," said sister Arlene Karell. "There's no phones, no mail."

"You leave your worries behind," said sister Cheryl Funke.

We've stayed in Livonia and shopped and gone to the movies at Laurel Park Place. We've stayed in Monroe and visited Lake Erie and the nearby outlet mall. There's all kinds of attrac-

tions in Ann Arbor, another destination city.

But back to the central base of operations. Some hotels/motels have amenities like miniature golf, ping pong, video games, pinball and exercise rooms. Some offer complimentary continental breakfasts.

Younger children usually tire easily after a full day of go-go-go, even if the going is limited to activities at the hotel. They generally sleep well, too.

An overnight doesn't have to be a budget-buster. Many places have weekend packages, group discounts and specials for members of AAA and the American Association of Retired Persons. Discounts may be geared to holders of certain credit cards. Families generally replace corporate guests on weekends, and many motels/hotels actively compete for the business.

"We are a Holidome facility," said Sherry Sulgenzi, sales manager for the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills. "We do have a lot of families, a lot of reunions here. They ask for the pool, to

be by the pool. We get a lot of sports teams."

"Each hotel has its own philosophy, a particular program they center around, what they offer," said Pam Holland marketing/sales director for Somerset Inn in Troy. "We're definitely more into the shopping getaway, definitely upper scale."

While official check-in time usually is after 2 p.m., we've never experienced a problem having one of our rooms ready earlier so we could change into swimming suits and get the food warming.

On Sunday, it's out to breakfast, back for a final swim, then home by noon. An unwritten rule about bringing a lot of food and beverages into a hotel is you shouldn't leave a mess behind.

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GREAT ESCAPES

DINE FIRST

British Airways launched a fine dining experience for Detroit Metro First Class passengers at a recent special press preview.

The new program gives passengers the option of enjoying a gourmet meal before taking off for Europe and then enjoying a long sleep in cocoon-like beds.

British Airways is offering First Class passengers a four-course meal. The press event featured lobster and avocado cocktail, chicken caesar salad and caviar for appetizers; tossed salad with choice of dressing; four entree selections — grilled loin of lamb in traditional gravy or mint sauce, double cut pork chops with glazed apples and cheddar cheese mashed potatoes, marinated pan-fried salmon with citrus balsamic dressing and, for the vegetarians, penne pasta complemented by wild mushrooms and mascarpone cream sauce and grilled zucchini. Dessert was creme brulee.

Upon boarding a non-stop flight to London, First Class passengers may choose to don their own pajamas or those provided by British Airways, hang up their day-time wear and stretch out on the 6-foot-6 flying beds. On arrival in London, passengers can use the British Airways arrival lounge to shower and enjoy a continental breakfast. The cubicle also features a video monitor, headphones, an over-

head light and other amenities for those who can't sleep.

"Market research indicated that our passengers on flights lasting fewer than nine hours wanted to have the maximum sleeping time on board, so the concept was launched to invite them to dine on the ground and go right to sleep," according to George Banks of British Airways, who is responsible for helping create and provide Concorde, First Class and Club World Business Class meal services.

The concept was first tried at New York's JFK International Airport.

The dining on the ground concept, where meals are served restaurant style, provides frequent First Class flyers with a monthly change of menus and entrees cooked to order.

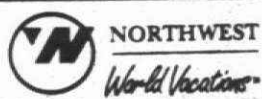
Banks leads a team of chefs with food service catering companies from around the world to create the menus.

Banks said the menus emphasize four points: taste, trends, vision ("It has to look fantastic") and simplicity.

Chef Kirk Freeman of Skychef airline catering met all those criteria at the press launch.

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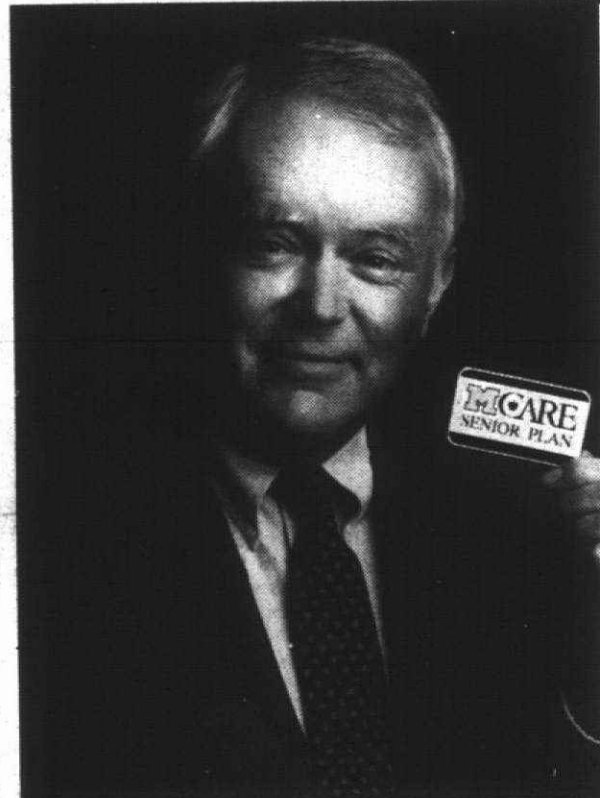
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate standouts

• Dan McKian, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate, showed his decision to attend and play basketball for Siena Heights was a good one.

The Saints reached the NAIA Division II National Tournament by winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament. In the championship game, they pulled away from a 28-28 halftime tie with Aquinas College to win 78-59 March 3.

McKian, who averaged 8.2 points and 5.5 rebounds a game this season, contributed eight points and five rebounds in the Saints' win.

That earned Siena Heights the No. 4 seed at the NAIA's, played in Nampa, Idaho. And the Saints started out well enough, routing Castleton State College (Vt.) 89-67 Thursday.

McKian turned in a solid performance, scoring 13 points and hauling down seven rebounds.

That put Siena Heights in the field of 16, where it faced 13th-seeded Mount Marty (S.D.) College Friday. The Saints ran into misfortune, however, losing a heartbreaker 73-72.

McKian was limited to five points and three boards in the loss. Siena Heights finished with a 28-8 record.

• It was a fitting end, if that's what it had to be.

With the outcome decided, James Head, from Plymouth Salem, scored the final two points of his collegiate basketball career, and the final two points of Eastern Michigan University's season, in Thursday's 83-71 loss to Michigan State in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

In an East Regional game played in Hartford, Conn., the Eagles trailed by nine to start the second half and never threatened. Head, a 6-foot-6 senior who averaged 10 points and led EMU in rebounding with more than six a game, finished with eight points, five boards and two assists.

His Eagle team finished the season as Mid-American Conference Tournament champions, with a 20-10 record. • Sarah Hamilton, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate, provided a bit of an upset at the Big Ten Indoor Women's Track Championships when she won the 800-meter run, a victory that helped her University of Michigan team capture the team title.

This past weekend, both Hamilton and her Wolverine teammates were searching for national prominence at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis.

Hamilton was a provisional qualifier in the 800 with a season's best time of 2:08.40. She did run that same distance in U-M's top-ranked distance medley relay, which has been clocked at 11:13.30, at the NAAs.

Baseball clinic

The Plymouth Salem HS baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor a clinic on Saturday, March 21 and Saturday, March 28, in the Salem gym.

Cost is \$20 for each session, which includes a T-shirt. The session for 11-15 year-olds will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the session for 7-10 year-olds will be from 1-4 p.m.

Checks should be mailed to: Plymouth Salem Dugout, 13900 High Ridge Ct., Plymouth, MI, 48170. For more information, call Salem coach Dale Rumberger at (734) 453-4003.

Baseball/Softball sign-up

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will finish its 1998 registration from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Canton High School cafeteria.

To be eligible to play, participants must be age 7-18 as of July 31 and residents of Canton or Plymouth Townships, the city of Plymouth or the Plymouth-Canton school district. Parochial school children are also eligible.

Registration for girls fastpitch travel teams in age groups 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U will also take place.

Canton High School girls softball will have sign-ups for a spring clinic and Canton Sports will offer merchandise for sale.

Little Caesar's will be selling pizza kits, with some of the proceeds going to PCJBL for field improvements.

Those interested in sponsoring teams should also register.

"We need to create more fields as soon as we can," PCJBL President Harry Hill said. "We're filled to capacity, especially at the upper level of play for both girls and boys."

School district Superintendent Dr. Charles Little will also be available for information.

Blazers bump Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Everything at the Class A volleyball regional Saturday at Plymouth Salem went according to plan, at least as far as the teams advancing to the championship round.

That was nearly a given going into the tournament. Sure, Farmington Hills Mercy might give Salem some trouble in their semifinal, and the Marlins did just that, taking the match to the three-game limit before bowing out, 15-11, 13-15, 15-4.

There was never a doubt about the Livonia Ladywood-vs.-Ferndale semi. The Blazers used the match as nothing more than a tune-up, blitzing the Eagles 15-3, 15-4.

So it would be Salem against Ladywood, two of the state's best teams, in the final.

Unfortunately, the match may have been decided in the opening set of the day. With Salem leading Mercy 11-9 in the first game of their semifinal, the Rocks' Jenny Trott — while chasing after a ball — landed awkwardly on a support for the referee's stand.

Her knee gave way. Trott, Salem's best all-around player, was probably lost for the remainder of the season.

The extent of her knee injury was unknown. What was known was this: It would have been difficult for the Rocks to beat Ladywood with Trott, the team's top defender and its best at serve reception, a player good enough to earn a volleyball scholarship to Central Michigan.

Without her, and with the variety of excellent servers dotting the Blazers' roster, well . . . Salem's chances had taken a sudden nosedive.

It was more than the Rocks could hope to overcome. Salem did take a 6-1 lead in the opening game of the championship match, but the Blazers fought back, tying it at 8-8, then coasting to a 15-9, 15-1 victory.

Ladywood, now 53-8-1 and ranked third in the state, advances to the quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ann Arbor Huron. Salem bows out at 47-6-1.

"With Trott gone, I don't think they could make the adjustments they would have liked," said Ladywood coach Tom Teeters. "I felt defensively we were really on. We were hitting on all cylinders, and it was a 12-cylinder car."

"That's the best we've played all year." Rocks' coaches Allie Suffety and Brian Gilles knew how difficult it would be to overcome Trott's loss, particularly against the caliber of an opponent like Ladywood.

"Well, it's back to the drawing board," Gilles said after the win over Mercy. "We can't go with that same lineup, that's for sure. "Everyone's going to have to step it up one more notch."

That proved a difficult request. In their opening match against Mercy, Salem struggled to adjust to playing without Trott. After their co-captain was felled, the Rocks did score three quick points to take a 14-9 lead. But it took five serves at game point before they got the winner.

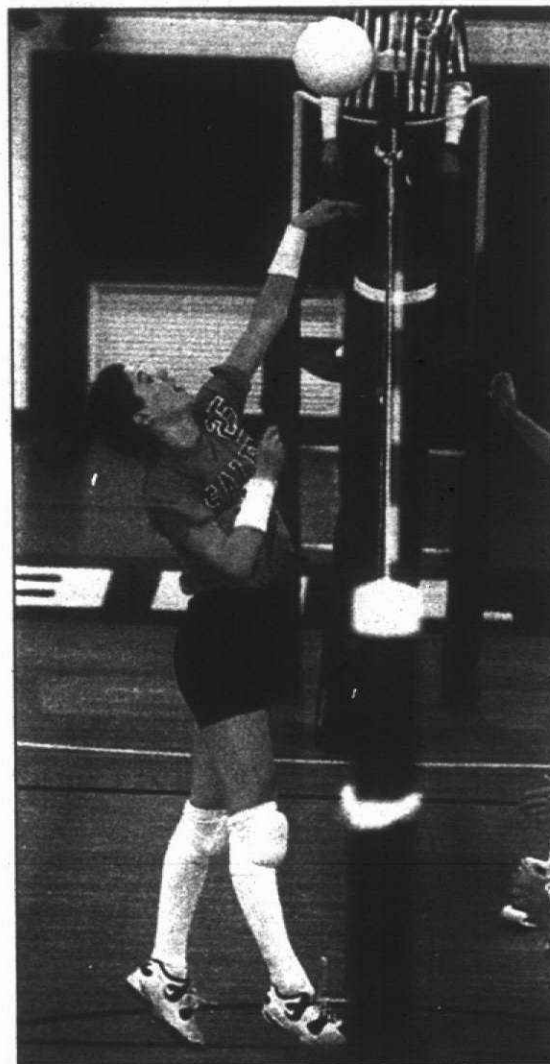
Game two was similar: The Rocks got a big early lead, going up 6-0. But Mercy hung tough, eventually tying Salem at 9-9.

But the Rocks had chances. They overcame a 13-11 Mercy lead to knot it at 13 before two errors provided the Marlins (who finish at 32-21) with a 15-13 victory.

The last game was never too close. As before, Salem jumped in front, scoring the game's first four points on Kari Flynn's serve, but unlike game two, they never let Mercy back in it. Indeed, after Flynn's opening serve, the Marlins never got closer than four.

For Ladywood, there was never any struggle in the semifinals. They did nothing different, just basic volleyball.

And they didn't need to. Jenny Young (from Plymouth) opened the scoring in the first game with seven unreturned serves; kills provided by herself, Sarah Poglietti and MaryLu Hemme was more than enough to overpower Ferndale.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Bumped: Salem's Amanda Abraham did her best for the Rocks, but overcoming the loss of Jenny Trott (below) was too much.



Ousted!

Mustangs' comeback shocks Salem

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

The long hours of basketball practice started nearly five months ago and the long hours put in by the veteran Plymouth Salem squad proved to be well worth it.

The senior-laden team cruised through its regular season, winning 17 of its 20 games. But all that hard work came unraveled in a two-minute span Friday.

The Rocks, heavy favorites in the Class A district at Novi, were upset by Northville 71-65.

Senior David Terakedis poured in 39 points for the Mustangs, including 14 in the decisive fourth quarter. The guard, who holds the Northville school record for career points, hit 12-of-14 free throws down the stretch.

The Mustangs (12-10) won their first district title since 1982. They advance to Wednesday's regional semifinal at Salem to play Detroit Central.

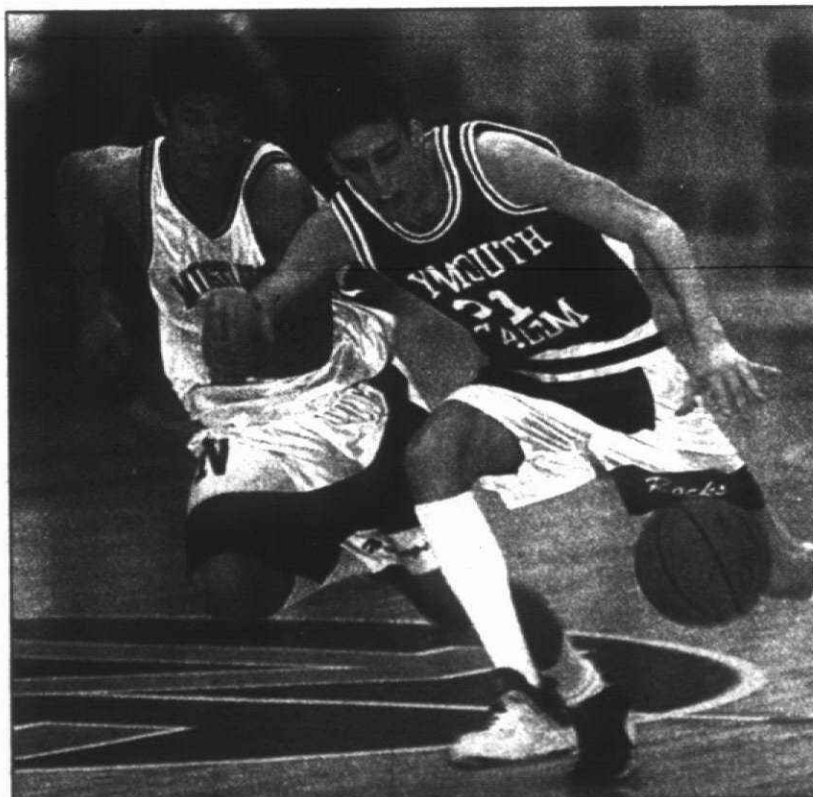
"It's time for a new banner (in the gym)," Northville coach Scott Baldwin said.

"But I'm not surprised at all. I'm absolutely delighted with the team. We needed big games from our senior guards (Terakedis and Kelly Bingley) and we got huge games from them."

Junior center Marshall Knapp added 13 points for Northville. Bingley chipped in with seven.

Salem, which finished 19-4, was led by forward Jeff McKian, who ended his career by recording 16 points, 12 rebounds and six assists. Bhavin Patel and Tony Jancevski added 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Senior guard Matt Mair, who had



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREHLER

Hard to stop: Jeff McKian (with ball) led Salem in scoring (16 points), rebounding (12) and assists (six), but Northville's David Terakedis (left) beat the Rocks by netting 39 points.

been one of Salem's hottest players the past three games, was limited to six points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Senior guard Andy Power, playing with a sore ankle he sprained in a game the previous Friday against

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Rally tips Whalers



There was really nothing at stake Friday when the Plymouth Whalers visited London (Ont.) to play the Knights,

the Ontario Hockey League's West Division leader.

Nothing to be gained. All the Whalers could hope to accomplish with a win was a tie in points for first place. Even that would do nothing to alter the playoff format — Plymouth would still open the next night at home against Sarnia, and London would be awarded the top spot (due to a higher victory total).

That's why the Whalers' No. 1 goalie, Robert Esche, didn't play. Neither did their top two scorers, David Legwand and Harold Druken.

Don't get the idea Plymouth was just going through the motions, however. The Whalers pushed London to the limit, but ran out of gas in the final period and surrendered the game-winning goal with 52 seconds to play in losing 6-5.

The Whalers finish with a regular-season record 37-22-7 (81 points). London ends with a 40-21-5 mark (85 points).

Plymouth took a 5-2 lead early in the second period on a goal by Julian Smith. Other Whaler goals came from Brian Passmore, Kris Purdy, Randy Fitzgerald and Joe Byrne; Yuri Babenko added two assists.

The Knights trimmed the deficit to 5-3 with 4:22 left in the second on the first of three goals by Tom Kostopoulos. But with five minutes left in the game, London still trailed by two.

The Whalers, though, have displayed a knack for letting down late in games and surrendering leads. They did again against the Knights, giving up a goal to Kostopoulos with 4:33 remaining to make it 5-4, another to Eugeny Korolev 1:15 later, then the game-winner to Kostopoulos.

Robert Holsinger made 39 stops in goal for Plymouth.

Mark Cadotte, who played for the Whalers last year, had a goal and two assists for London, and Joel Scherban contributed a goal and an assist.

Here is the Whalers' playoff schedule for the opening round against Sarnia:

• The opener was Saturday at Plymouth; the second game is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sarnia;

• The teams return to Plymouth's Compuware Arena for game No. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday;

• Game four is 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Sarnia;

• Game five (if necessary) is 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at Compuware;

• Game six (if necessary) is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 at Sarnia;

• Game seven (if necessary) is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at Compuware.

Plymouth 4, Windsor 2: Goals early in the third period by Shaun Fisher and David Legwand lifted the Whalers to the Wednesday win over the Spitfires at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Fisher, assisted by Legwand, broke a 1-1 tie at 3:55 of the third period and Legwand raised the lead to 3-1 at the 6:15 mark. Kevin Holdridge, who attends Redford Catholic Central, set him up on the play.

Windsor pulled within a goal with a short-handed marker at 7:46. Jason Ward, off a feed by Craig Jalbert, beat Robert Holsinger but the Plymouth defense shut things down thereafter.

The Whalers iced it with an empty net goal by Harold Druken with seven seconds to play.

Druken got Plymouth off to a 1-0 start with the game just 2:33 old, assisted by Legwand and Andrew Taylor. Windsor tied it in the second period on a goal by Jeff Martin.

Movin' on up

CC rips Redford in district final

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Strange things are supposed to happen on a Friday the 13th.

And something did in Redford Catholic Central's 74-56 Class A district final victory over Detroit Redford at Southfield High School. Saddled with foul trouble and on the bench for much of the second half, 6-foot-10 senior center Chris Young scored just seven points.

But the slack was more than taken up as four Shamrocks tallied in double figures. Rob Sparks led the way with 19 points — including three three-pointers.

"When something like that happens," CC coach Rick Coratti said of Young's foul troubles, "the kids seem to come together. They played well."

Now 18-4 overall, the Shamrocks move on to the regional to face Detroit Cooley. That game will be played at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Dearborn Fordson.

Cooley beat CC by two points in a regional game two years ago when it was ruled that time expired before the Shamrocks were allowed to shoot three free throws.

"They're similar to Detroit Redford," Coratti said of Cooley. "I think we'll have a good chance."

Friday's district final started out as any thing but a rout.

The game was tied at seven about midway through the opening quarter. CC then moved ahead 11-7 as Don Slankster and Young scored.

The Shamrocks added to that margin by the end of the quarter and led 18-13. Detroit Redford rallied in the second, however.

Down 22-16, the Huskies' Sideeq Haqq made a pair of free throws then nailed a three-pointer to cut the deficit to one.

Detroit took the lead moments later. Senior guard Jason Washington made a

three-pointer from the right wing to put the Huskies up 26-24 at the 4:54 mark.

The two schools then took turns stealing the lead. Detroit Redford wound up with a 33-32 advantage at halftime.

Omar Ziegler, a 6-foot 5 senior, led the charge with nine first half points. Haqq also had nine, including seven in the second quarter.

Going into the third quarter, the Huskies appeared ready to beat CC in the district finals for a second straight year.

That prospect looked even more likely when Young picked up his fourth foul with 4:57 remaining in the period. CC led 39-35 at the time, but the game was still clearly up for grabs.

A Slankster tip-in followed by a Joe Jonna three-pointer quickly pushed the lead to 44-35. Detroit fought back with a pair of baskets to cut the margin to five.

Jonna made sure the Huskies didn't continue their run. The senior guard drained back-to-back three-pointers to put his team up 50-39.

CC held a 12-point lead by the end of the period. That margin grew to as many as 20 in the final frame with Detroit Redford unable to mount a rally.

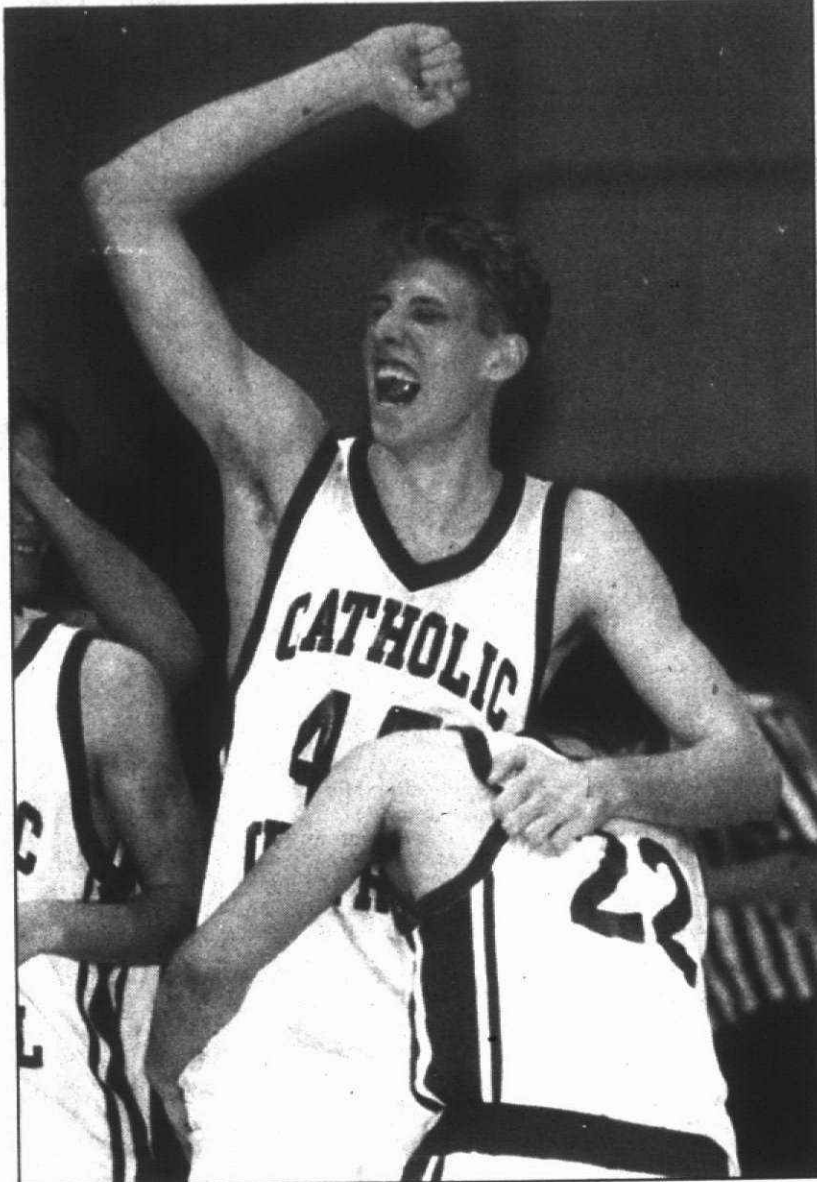
Coratti was proud of his team's effort. He said rebounding was the big difference in the second half.

"We did the same things defensively that we did in the first half," Coratti commented. "But we held them to one shot. It was one shot and out. We rebounded much better in the second half."

Besides Sparks 19 points, Slankster had 16, Jonna 15 and Nick Moore 12 points.

Jonna recovered remarkably well from a head injury suffered in Wednesday's wild 75-72 district semifinal victory over Southfield.

Detroit Redford closed the year at 15-5. Haqq scored 16 points to lead the Huskies and Zeigler added 13.



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMLEY

Reason to celebrate: Chris Young, the usually dominating center for Catholic Central from Plymouth, jumps for joy after his Shamrocks beat Detroit Redford for the district championship.

BASKETBALL

Rockets shot down by Tigers

BY BRAD EMMONS
STAFF WRITER

So much for late-season momentum.

Westland John Glenn, which had won five of its last six games, was simply no match Wednesday for Belleville in the Class A district semifinals.

The host Tigers jumped out to a 19-10 first-quarter advantage and never let the Rockets get closer than nine the rest of the way en route to a 68-50 boys basketball win.

That means Mega-Red Conference rivals Belleville (9-13 overall) and Wayne Memorial (12-9) will square off a third time this season for the district championship, 7 p.m. Friday, at Belleville.

Wayne has won the first two meetings.

Belleville's three-guard trio of C.J. Grantham (18 points), Kevin Edwards (11) and John Edwards (10) made life miserable for the Rockets.

The Tigers' cat-like man-to-man defense caused 14 first-half turnovers, one more than the combined total for Glenn accumulated during its final two regular season.

And three first-half fouls against sophomore guard Eric Jones, who was coming off 29 and 26-point outings, also cost Glenn dearly.

Yaku Moton, a 6-foot-7 sophomore, led Glenn with 14 points and nine rebounds. Jones had 11 points.

The Rockets seemed flat after coming off an emotional 65-64 loss Friday to Plymouth Salem for the Western Lakes playoff championship.

"We played tired tonight," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "If you look back at the end of our regular season, we had to get up for Salem and the two Walled Lakes (Central and Western). For six games in a row they played as well as they could, but I think we ran out of gas tonight."

Glenn shot only 17 of 43 from the floor (39.5 percent) and 14 of 25 from the free throw line (56 percent).

"Our shots were not falling and we weren't passing crisply," Schuette said. "And Belleville is a good team. You can't make mistakes against them."

Belleville, meanwhile, took a total of 63 shots from the field, connecting on 28 (including seven 3-pointers) for 44.4 percent.

Many of the Tigers' baskets came on second-chance opportunities.

"We're a good team when we get balanced scoring and rebounding," Belleville coach Rod Fisher said. "Tonight we had three guys in double figures and we rebounded well."

"Defensively we were just trying to play solid, half-court defense — no gimmicks."

The Tigers, who finished fifth in the tough Mega-Red Division, extended 13-point halftime lead to 22 early in the final quarter.

"Some of their better players got in foul trouble and that hurt them," Fisher said of Glenn. "They're a talented team and we were fortunate to play well enough to win it."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Men's golf league

A 20-week men's golf league will begin play April 22, with all rounds at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Tee times for the league will be 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday, with a player limit of 36 golfers (Canton residents only, unless the league fails to fill up by March 27).

Cost is \$420 per golfer, which includes all league green fees, prize money, league outing and awards.

Open registration begins Monday and can be completed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. April 8 at Fellows Creek to discuss league rules and regulations.

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

Baseball sign-up

The Waco Wolves, a 10-and-under travel baseball team, is looking for players. The team will play a 45-50 game schedule, with trips to Sylvania, Ohio; Chicago; and Cooperstown, N.Y.

For information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667.

Boosters to meet

The Plymouth Salem Linebackers Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the Salem HS cafeteria.

Parents of any boy playing, or wishing to play, Salem football are welcome and encouraged to attend. Among the upcoming events to be discussed are the golf outing, picnic and fund-raisers.

For more information, call club president Joe Mestrovich at (734) 459-1122.

Rams tryouts

The Michigan Lake-Area Rams Sandy Koufax Travel Baseball Team (age 14) are now scheduling tryouts.

For information, call Gary Neino at (313) 981-3845.

Softball sign-up

Registration for adult softball leagues sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services

Players wanted

Willie Mays-age (9-10 year-olds) tryouts for the Bandit Baseball Federation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31, at Franklin Middle School.

Approximately 12 players will compete in a 35-40 game schedule May through July. Home games will be at Wayne Memorial High School.

For more information, call (313) 729-8127.

Walkers parade

Walkers can get in some organized exercise and help raise money for the Arthritis Foundation at any of three fund-raising walks: April 18 in Ann Arbor and Royal Oak, or April 19 in Grosse Pointe.

Walks will be either two or nine miles in Royal Oak and Grosse Pointe, and two and five miles in Ann Arbor. Check-in begins at 8 a.m.; the walks begin at 9 a.m. Walkers are asked to raise pledges — prizes will be available for anyone raising over \$75.

Also, walkers are asked to form teams of four or more people. Prizes will be awarded to the top fund-raising team, as well.

For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 968-3030, ext. 26.

Softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is planning its 14th season of operation, with registration for the spring season beginning March 16. Play starts in April.

Cost for the 16-game season, which includes single games and double-headers, is \$595 per team plus umpire fees. Game balls, USSSA registration and first and second place awards for each league are included.

Register in person Monday through Friday, 3-7:30 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with a \$100 deposit at the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan in Canton, or register over the phone with a credit card at (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

Also, the Canton Softball Center will host USSSA Softball Tournaments every weekend beginning April 18 with the annual Early Bird Classic, which has a guarantee of four games for \$125. For more information about this tournament or for a complete listing of tournaments, call (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

More baseball tryouts

Tryouts for Livonia Travel, a 13-year-old Little Caesars team, will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at Bicentennial Park.

Anyone seeking a tryout cannot be 14-years-old prior to Aug. 1, 1998.

For more information, call Ken Marx at (248) 477-4489 or Max Riehl at (248) 380-9885.

Cruisers 4th at state

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers turned in a solid showing at the 20-team Michigan Team Swim League State Championships, March 7-8 in Alma, with a fourth-place finish.

Saline took top honors, followed by Bay City and Alma. The Cruisers earned high-point honors in both the 8-and-under boys and 13-14 boys; they were also second in the 8-and-under girls and 9-10 girls.

Here are the Cruiser point-scorers:

8-and-under boys: Trevor Silbernegel, fifth in the 25-yard breaststroke, sixth in the 25 freestyle, sixth in the 50 free; Colin Smith, sixth in the 25 butterfly, seventh in the 100 individual medley, eighth in the 25 breast; Brian Baumgart, second in the 25 breast; fourth in the 25 backstroke, 11th in the 25 free; Casey Molloy, fourth in the 50 free, eighth in the 25 back, 10th in the 25 free; medley relay team of Molloy, Baumgart, Smith, Silbernegel, first.

8-and-under girls: Katie Gorman, third in the 25 fly, fourth in the 25 back, seventh in the 50 free; Alyssa Johnson, fourth in the 25 breast, fifth in the 100 IM, 11th in the 25 free; Lucy Lui, seventh in the 25 fly.

11-12 boys: Ron Opyke, seventh in the 50 back, eighth in the 50 fly, ninth in the 200 free.

11-12 girls: Stephanie Lamar, eighth in the 50 back, eighth in the 50 fly, ninth in the 200 free.

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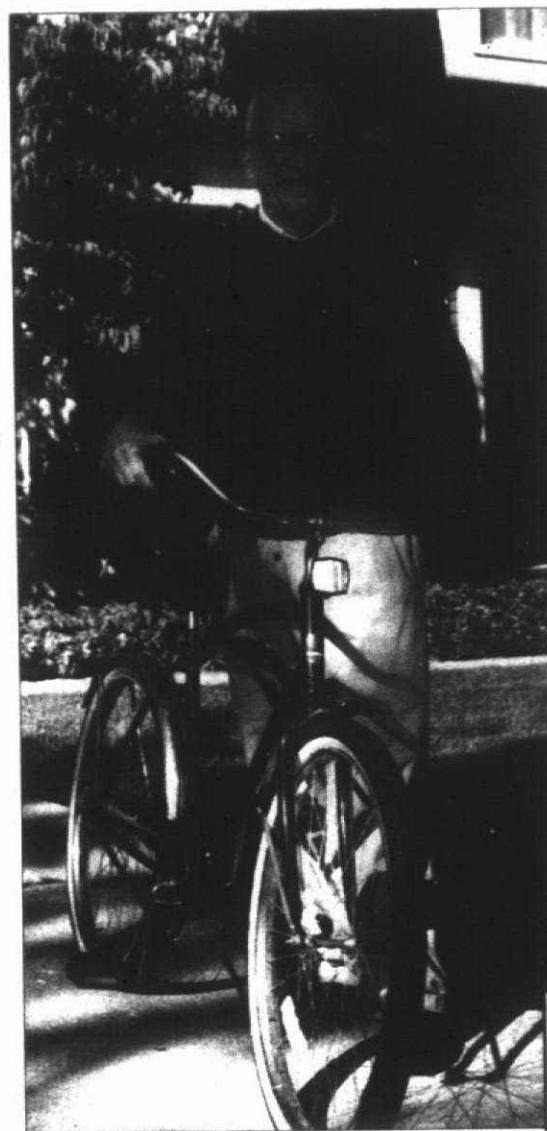
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AB-League: Donavan Allen, Sr., Redford St. Agatha; Cedric Enright, Sr., Wyandotte Mount Carmel; Jesse Holloway, Soph., Taylor Light & Life; Eric Jones, Sr., Redford St. Agatha; Jason Siller, Jr., Detroit Loyola; Travis Spencer, Soph., Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

AB-Academic: Will Bloomfield, Sr., Wyandotte Mount Carmel; Pat Cavanaugh, Jr., Dearborn St. Alphonsus; Chris Holloway, Sr., Taylor Light & Life; Gregory Paulino, Jr., Detroit Loyola; Kevin Smith, Sr., Redford St. Agatha.

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Umbro-Michigan collects title

The Czech Republic had Dominik Hasek in goal, while Umbro-Michigan had a "dominator" of its own in last weekend's North American Indoor Soccer Championships.

Umbro-Michigan, formerly the Farmington Furries, took the women's over-30 crown with a 3-1 win Sunday over defending champion Indianapolis Limited at Total Soccer in Fraser.

Coached by WJR-Radio newscaster Gene Fogel, Umbro-Michigan captured four straight games to win the coveted title.

Goalkeeper Julie Campbell of Plymouth was sharp throughout the tournament, particularly in the finals.

"The women were awesome," Fogel said. "They played magnificent soccer throughout the tournament and it was definitely a team effort."

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"In the championship game, Julie had to make several great saves in the last three minutes as Indianapolis fought to retain its title."

Former Livonia Churchill All-Stater and Michigan State University standout Jennifer Huegli-Wilkins, scored 10 of Umbro-Michigan's 14 tournament goals to earn MVP honors.

She scored twice in the finals to help erase a 1-0 halftime deficit.

On Saturday at Total Soccer in Southfield, Umbro-Michigan opened tournament play with a

4-2 victory over the Farmington Angels followed by a 6-2 win over Indianapolis as Huegli-Wilkins, who now resides in Brighton, scored four times.

On Sunday, Umbro-Michigan downed the Toronto Rangers, 9-0.

Other members of the Umbro-Michigan squad, which received a \$1,000 gift certificate from Lotto Sports, included: Cathy Kamsman and Sue Minkus, both of Farmington Hills; Kathy Mineau, Livonia; Peggy Chall, Brighton; Sue Pacheco and Julie Pacheco-Smith, both of Commerce Township; Debbie Pacheco, Lansing; Trish Machemer, Whitmore Lake; Pam Bielaczyc, Troy; Laurel Brehler, Rochester; Cathy Boldt, Patty Buzek, Mimi Ford, all of Royal Oak.

Chall is formerly of Livonia, while the Pachecos are Farmington natives.



Soccer champs — The over-30 Umbro-Michigan soccer champs: Keeper Julie Campbell (front); second row (left to right), Jennifer Wilkin, Julie Pacheco-Smith, Sue Minkus, Kathy Mineau, Pam Bielaczyc; back row (left to right), Debbie Pacheco, Patty Buzek, Cathy Kamsman, Susan Pacheco, Peggy Chall, coach Gene Fogel. (Not pictured: Trish Machemer, Cathy Boldt, Laurel Brehler).

A hoop surprise: Farmington shocks Harrison

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Last week's district tournament confirmed this about the Farmington High boys basketball team: Never count the Falcons out in the fourth quarter!

For the third time in a week, Farmington rallied in the fourth quarter to win Friday, and this time it netted the Falcons their first Class A district championship since 1994.

Farmington finished the game with a 17-3 run, erasing a 12-point deficit and defeating croststown rival Farmington Harrison, 43-41, in the final game at Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

"When we were down 12, I didn't know if there was a lot of hope, because that's a lot of points to take against a good Harrison team," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said.

"The kids refuse to lose; they fight to the end. The kids played hard, and things turned our way. It happened so quickly I don't remember it all."

The Falcons (15-7) will play either Birmingham Brother Rice or Southfield-Lathrup 7 p.m. Tuesday in the regional tournament at Plymouth Salem.

"I'm not going to count my kids out," Mikel said. "Anything can happen; they don't quit. No mat-

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ter who we're playing, I'm going to say we have a chance."

For Harrison (18-4), the loss was stunning and heartbreaking. It marked the second year in a row the Hawks have lost by two points in the district final.

Farmington won without a big point total from senior center Trevor Gaines, who was well under his 20-plus average with 12 points. But he was dominant at the defensive end with six blocks and 20 rebounds.

Sophomore Justin Milus tossed in 11 points, including the winning basket in the final half minute. Senior Matt Orr and sophomore Todd Anthony added eight points apiece, including two triples.

Junior Lemar Wilson led the Hawks with 10 points. Senior Matt Derocher scored eight, junior Andrew Burt seven, seniors Jerrard Johnson and Jared Hopkins six each.

Orr figured prominently in the outcome, making two big plays in the final minute. With the score tied at 41, he tossed an alley-oop pass to Milus for a back-door layup with 27.5 seconds remaining.

"I saw Brian Lewis go to dou-

ble team Trevor, and Justin was pointing in the sky; so I threw it to him, and he put it in," Orr said. "It was communication, eye contact."

Harrison had trouble setting up for a final shot but got the ball to senior Kareem Smart in the low post. Orr moved in from the wing to knock his shot away and guarantee Farmington the victory.

"(Smart) got right under the basket," Orr said. "My man was on the three-point line, so I dropped down. He pump-faked and that gave me enough time to get there. When he brought it up a second time, I hit it from behind."

The Hawks took charge of the scoreboard in the third quarter, leading 34-25 at the end, and seemed on their way to winning the school's first district title when Andrew Burt extended the lead to 38-26 with just over five minutes remaining.

But it was all Falcons after that. As it did Wednesday when it rallied from a seven-point deficit in the fourth quarter to defeat West Bloomfield, 55-51, Farmington switched from a zone defense to a man-to-man.

"It was getting late," Mikel said. "The game was starting to get away from us. We couldn't sit in the zone. We had to try to

create some turnovers and change the momentum of the game."

The Falcons did that, starting with back-to-back threes by Anthony and Orr. Two free throws by Gaines put Farmington back in the game, trailing 38-34 with 2 1/2 minutes to play.

Farmington went to a full-court press and forced consecutive turnovers on the Harrison inbound play.

The Falcons converted each time, Anthony hitting his second three of the quarter and Orr doubling pumping in the lane to put Farmington on top, 39-38.

Gaines rebounded the missed free throw after an attempted three-point play by Orr and gave Farmington a 41-38 lead before Derocher sank a triple to tie with 1:25 remaining.

"When we were up one, after Todd Anthony hit that shot, I knew," Milus said. "We came together in the fourth quarter. That's when we play our best basketball."

"This is one of the greatest moments in my life. At the end of the third quarter, everyone's head was down a bit, but we picked it up and hit the big shots."

The score was tied at halftime, 19-19, but Hopkins got hot in the third quarter. He hit three of four shots and scored six points

as Harrison outscored Farmington 15-6 for a nine-point lead, 34-25.

The Hawks had been finding a way to win all season, Harrison coach Mike Teachman said, but this time it was the Falcons who did.

"Our 18-4 record is a funny 18-4," he said. "We didn't blow people out. We had to overachieve to win games. We play on a short margin of error, especially since we rely on the jump shot."

"(The Falcons won) by doing something they're not good at. They're a zone team. When they (switched to a man) we went back on our heels and stopped playing. You have to give them credit."

Farmington also averaged a 46-41 loss to Harrison during the regular season. Mikel and his players said they were eager for the rematch, believing the Falcons didn't play well in the first meeting.

"The seniors on this team won five games last year and four the year before," Mikel said. "That's when I wasn't a very good coach. All of a sudden, Trevor gets good and I can really coach."

"The seniors had a couple long seasons, so it's a nice reward for them. It's just a great win for our kids."

Besides the loss, Teachman was sorry to see the season end because six seniors leave the

program, including Lewis and senior players, Derocher, Hopkins and Lewis were four-year varsity players.

"Basketball doesn't mean a thing right now," Teachman said. "We have 15 of the greatest people I've ever been around, and I have to say it's over. Every practice was pure joy because of them."

"Basketball-wise, there are some would-be, coulda, shouldas. Human being-wise, there's nothing (to regret); they gave their all."

"I probably spent 250 days in the last four years with the five senior captains, and it's hard just to lose that daily relationship. I want to be around good people — and there you are."

The Falcons made 18 of 56 field goals, including four of 23 behind the arc, and sank three of seven free throws. The Hawks were 17-of-59 from the floor, 3-of-17 from long distance and 4-of-10 at the line.

CORRECTION: A story in the March 12 edition of the Farmington Observer reported incorrect numbers regarding Farmington's shooting statistics in its 55-51 tournament win over West Bloomfield.

The Falcons made 21 of 50 shots for 42 percent with no three-point field goals Wednesday. They were 13-of-23 at the free throw line as reported for a total of 55 points.

Turkey hunters gobbling up permits

If you're one of the 50,000-plus spring turkey hunters who received a permit this week, turkey fever will set in anytime. And for good reason. With an estimated population of nearly 100,000 birds, the outlook for the upcoming season is outstanding.

Last year's winter turkey count turned up 92,348 birds across the state. The 1998 winter count is not quite complete, but with the mild winter we've experienced across the state coupled with the lack of a fall hunting season last year expectations are running high that this year's pre-hunt population will exceed the record count of 93,751 recorded in 1996.

"The birds appear to be in pretty good condition," said activist DNR upland gamebird specialist Dave Luukkonen. "The

birds in the north are fairly susceptible to harsh winters, but that doesn't seem to be a problem this year. The winter has been so mild that the birds aren't as concentrated as in the past so they're probably not very stressed at all."

That spells good news for hunters.

Spring turkey hunters took a record 15,556 gobblers last spring and Luukkonen expects that number to increase this year.

"We have an expanding turkey population across the state," said Luukkonen "I expect this will be another banner hunting season."

The DNR received a record number of 105,885 applicants for the 51,815 permits that were available. Hunters who did not receive a permit for the regular season, which runs April 20-May 18, can still get in on the action by participating in the experimental late hunt period, which runs May 19-31. Hunters who choose to participate in this experimental season can hunt in any spring wild turkey unit in the state with the exception of

state land in Zone 3 - the southern part of the Lower Peninsula. Although this experimental hunt period falls after the prime breeding and gobbling season, hunters who didn't receive a permit for the regular season should definitely give the experimental hunt a try. By the time the late hunt period comes around hens are rapidly losing interest in those gobbling Toms. Many gobblers are still fired up and getting louder. They can be very susceptible to a seductive call from a strategically placed hunter.

According to Luukkonen, the DNR will resume the fall hunt this year in areas with exploding turkey populations. Some of the areas with higher concentrations of birds includes Area J north of Gaylord, Area W in Isabella and Midland counties and pockets in Area K - the western central part of the state.

If you're new to turkey hunting think about attending a spring wild turkey workshop. Several workshops are put on across the state each spring by members of the Wild Turkey

Federation and other turkey hunting groups. These workshops provide valuable information for beginner and experienced hunters.

The Huron Valley Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation is holding a workshop on March 19 in Romulus, call Ken Humphrey at (734) 421-2593 for details. The Bluewater Chapter is holding a workshop on March 21 in Almont, call Bill Bevins at (810) 798-3677 for details. The Flint River Chapter is holding a workshop on April 4 in Davison, call Jim Miller at (810) 736-6733 for details.

Above all, get out and scout the area you intend to hunt before the season rolls along. Be safe and remember to let me know if you or a hunting companion experience the thrill of bagging a Michigan gobbler this spring.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report successes. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to barker@home.com.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Green with envy? Try a new bowling ball

Erin go bowling. Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day, so what would be more appropriate than a green bowling ball?

A recent visit to a few pro shops proved interesting for any Irish bowlers who wish to be throwing something green. The choices are plentiful.

Even if you're not Irish, some of the best balls today are in varying shades of green.

There is the newest from Storm — Bolt — which is a vivid green and has like a shillelagh.

Timberwolf, by Ebonite, is a bright green and is popular among better bowlers.

Brunswick has the green 'Combat Zone' and a pearlized

green Tracer. AMF has a green 'Legacy C' and B'gorrah also a green Quantum ball, the Sage.

Synergy by Track, Inc., is a green high performance unit, and those are all in the upper price level.

There are some medium to lower priced balls in the emerald shade such as the Brunswick Rhino and Columbia's Shadow R.

All of this simply means that if you are wearin' the green, you could be rollin' the green as well on St. Patty's Day.

And if there is any wind in the bowlin' alley, may it be at your back!

A must see for bowling enthusiasts is the movie "The Big Lebowski."

It is now showing in first-run theatres all over town and is a funny, funny film. The main characters are all league bowlers.

Produced by the Coen Brothers (who did "Fargo" and "Raising Arizona"), it stars Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi, Julianne Moore and John Turturro.

It is a bowling hoot, a buddy movie and a Western all rolled up in one.

Rated R and given a 3-Star rating in the dailies, see it — but leave your new green ball at home.

Many bowling centers offer a Company Bowling Party.

This is an excellent way for companies of any size to have a friendly get-together and enjoy bowling.

It is also a great tool for promoting employee morale, fellowship and energy.

The bowling can be set up for regular, no-taps, scotch doubles, singles, doubles or teams.

In one instance, I walked in on such a bowling party at Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington.

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Merri Bowl (Livonia)

K. of C. Mon. Nite — Doug Lobb, 223-299; 246/768; Frank Konjarovich, 255-231; 229/715; John Stephens, 248-227/673; Claude Niemietz, 247-209/11/667; Rich Madison, 256-207/650.

Tues. Delphi — Rich Bigas, 300; George Bird, 247; Roy Williams, 279.

Lost Weekenders — George Takessian, 228-228/228/228.

Cloverlans (Livonia)

All Star Bowlers — Janine DeBok, 199-278/257/734; Peteri Nix, 234-256; 238/728; Tamika Green, 236-246/225/707; Cyndi Black, 267-226/213/706; Jan Greaves, 236-207/262/705; Lisa McCarty, 279-212/685.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Classic — Tim Pank, 278-276/779; Nellie Martin, 279/641; Mark Hovels, 284/732; Randy Smith, 298/734; Steve Perlicka, 279/729.

Nite Owls — Joel Spohak, 243/644; Gary Steinman, 234/638; Pat McKenna, 637/347; Carl, 267; Allan Bisattio, 247.

Motor City Men's — Floyd Morris, 279/728; Phil Schack, 267/705/701/700; J.T. Moody, 255/669; Ed Zupel, 669; Jim Molnar, 262.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

Plaza Men — Jay Gniwicz, 290-216; 213/719; Dave Silverman, 299/682; Mike Moore, 237-187/300/724; John Morano, 236-213/719.

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Boroughs Men — Bryan Schwartz, 278/685.

Waterford Men — Chuck Morris, 232/279; 247/758; Jim Kurash, 278/696; Joe Ransuch, 238-218/259/715; Andre Roy, 255-240/240/735.

Keglers — Bob Bray, 277/704.

Super Bowl (Canton)

Suburban Pro Travel (men) — Bill Gerace, 267/661; Bob Chuba, 250; Barry Lawrence, 258/637; John Hurley, 246/690; Dave Jacobs, 231.

Suburban Pro Travel (ladies) — Janet Doering, 211/572; Jennifer Gibbs, 203/522; Barb Hernandez, 203/553; Patty Jaroch, 201/504.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

Farmington High School — Carl Berman, 220; Mark Frankel, 221; Nick Bzovi, 199.

Tues. Mixed Tri — Andy Rubin, 269/791; Allan Salomon, 268/666; Larry Horn, 257-258/742; Keith Kingston, 258; Vicki Ingham, 228/584; Tammy Arns, 216.

Country Keglers — Kris Dodd, 265/708; Todd Ulrich, 244; Jerry Heath, 241; Mark Martin, 236; Dan Dwyer, 235.

Sparks & Strikes — Kevin Jay Landacre, 223/570; Sherry McMahon, 214; Joanne Kaminski, 205/202/546; Lori Buckshaw, 201; Dianne Watters, 200.

Greenfield Mixed — Chris Brigham, 247; 259/235/741; Debbie Blanchard, 256/609; Mary Ford, 211; Lou Brugman, 236/596; Jill Feinreich, 219.

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Rosedale Bowlerettes — Mary Nowak, 247/578; Annette Sabala, 234/586; Sue Kleiser, 210/522; Cheryl Bulloff, 202.

Kendalwood — Karen Agnew, 213/552; Dot Harrison, 205/534; Carol Sturdy, 202.

Tues. A.M. Ladies — Lois Koning, 216/566.

Prince of Peace — Pat Girardot, 201/553; Vickie Anderson, 200/544; Donna Kujawa, 200.

Sunday Goodtimes — Tony Auto.

222/574; Ron Peterson, 214/589.

B'Nai Brith Ben Luy Traveling — Danny Cohen, 300-239/233; Marc Elzeiman, 228-227/221/212; Jerry Lash, 252/207/202; Ryan Lash, 245-223; Alan Salomon, 224-214.

B'Nai Brith Piggan — Larry Horn, 259-278/217/754; Jerry Lash, 213-225/300/741; Aron Weberman, 201-256/233/690; Bryan Levine, 248-213/203/664; Howard Kuretzky, 207-255-206/663; Howard Waser, 233/233.

247/696; Andy Rubin, 236-255/689; Mitch Lefko, 244-223/654; Mitch Fitch, 235-233/652.

Drakeholes Lanes (Farmington)

B'Nai Brith Downtown Fox — Steve Peter, 279-222/654; Shel Rakotz, 223-213/625; David Shanahan, 223-204/608; Alan Walsh, 221-205/602; Mark Feinberg, 216-214.

Maybrook Lanes (Redford)

Wed. Senior Men's Classic — Phil Horowitz, 237-241/268/746; Tony Golchuk, 229-207/247/683; Cliff Taylor, 277-253/733; Ernie Segura, 225-200/248/673; Jim Casteel, 211-257/652.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Monday Seniors — Andy Parratto, 244-235/691; Jim Rossi, 256/690; Jayi Wehkie, 256/675; Mel Albrite, 661; Bill Rose, 655; Ozze Hovsepian, 250/609.

Friday Seniors — Rich Zicharanki, 236/675; Bill Hardy, 266/660; Jim Priebe, 237/652; Mel Albrite, 233/648; Art Kuzmar, 244/647; Walt Arsenault, 234/629.

Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic — Frank Bollinger, 279-268/202/749; Frank Chirzanowski, 257-206/249/712; Dave B. Balzer, 250-233/668; John Adomits, 201-233-234/668; Tim Murry, 245-220/661.

Novi Bowl

West Side Lutheran — Dave Cornwell, 256/684; Roy Schlosser, 254/666; Clark Stone, 665; Tom Eanes, 646; Tim Warner, 633.

Classic Lanes (Rochester Hills)

Tues. Men — Carl Sells, 299; Club 55 Seniors — Andy Kudach, 238; Tom Hansen, 201-233-234/668; Tim Murry, 245-220/661.

Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield)

B'Nai Brith Morgenstern L. Chayim Ziegler, Gross — Marshall Spinner, 215-229-236/680; Bill Zucker, 235/607; Larry Harwin, 204-602; Sandy Freeman, 226-204; Dennis Sobel, 211-220.

Thunderbird Lanes (Troy)

Saturday NABA Youth — Joe Martin, 287; Matt Willis, 277-630; Mike Cole, 679.

One O'Clock Rollers — Carol Fenwick, 224-536; Patty Meskina, 214/541.

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ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S IN DAVE'S PACK?

Dave Tate, a veteran backpacker, alpine skier and outdoor photographer and an Eagle Scout will present a clinic on back-country must-haves and everyday backpacking necessities during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SPRING WALK

Bill Graig will lead a spring walk beginning at noon on Saturday, March 21, at the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. Participants should meet at the parking lot at Newburgh Road, north of Warren. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

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