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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Court closing: The 18th District Court will be closed on Monday to observe the Presidents' Day holiday. There will be no evening probation on Monday. The court will be open for regular business at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17.

TUESDAY

WakeUp Westland: Jerry Wright of the Risk Analysis Management Inc. group will speak at the WakeUp Westland breakfast Tuesday, Feb. 17. The topic will be "How to Manage Your Risk Within Your Profit Center." With 28 years in law enforcement, Wright solved a theft ring for Hudson's. Call for reservations, (734) 326-7222.

City council: Westland City Council will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Westland City Hall, Ford Road west of Wayne.

School vote: Westland voters will visit the polls Tuesday to decide a 4-mill bond proposal. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Trade forum: Congresswoman Lynn Rivers will host a forum titled "International Trade: Economic Boom or Bust," at 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Neuburgh Road, Westland. Topics will be trade deficits, open market economies, exports, imports, NAFTA and "fast track."

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Skene's attorney threatens suit



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

As a lawsuit threat grew Friday, Mayor Robert Thomas denied his firing of former Westland Parks and Recreation Director Charles Skene stemmed from embezzling allegations rejected Thursday by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury.

"He was not fired for this problem,"

Mayor Robert Thomas denied his firing of former Westland Parks and Recreation Director Charles Skene stemmed from embezzling allegations. Plymouth attorney Stephen Boak says he expects Skene will file suit.

Thomas said. "He was fired because I felt he was not living up to my expectations of a parks and recreation director."

Plymouth attorney Stephen Boak, saying he expects Skene will file suit against the city of Westland, rejected the mayor's statements.

"The mayor can call it what he wants," Boak said. "But I don't think a civil jury is going to believe it's mere

coincidence that he (Skene) was charged immediately after he was fired."

Thomas fired Skene last April 22, exactly one week before Skene was charged with five counts of embezzling money from parks and recreation revenues.

Prosecuting attorney Tom Dawson, in a trial that ended Wednesday, tried to convince jurors that Skene took as much as \$10,000 to support a gambling habit.

Skene had maintained his innocence all along, and Boak mounted a defense that placed Westland's money-handling procedures on trial alongside Skene.

The jury sided with Skene.

"The jury spoke," Westland police Lt. Gary Sikorski said Thursday, following the verdict. "They heard the evidence and they made their decision."

Skene has referred questions about a possible lawsuit to Boak, but he said he has endured his ordeal because his "true friends" remained supportive of him.

"This has taught me a lot about friendship," he said.

Boak predicted with confidence even before Skene's trial began that a jury wouldn't convict him. Boak also criti-

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Write on



By the books: Westland Mayor Robert Thomas and former Mayor Tom Taylor are both budding authors. Thomas is writing two books, one about alien abduction and one on how to campaign for local offices. Taylor's book already is available for \$150.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACFIELD

Mayors hope they have write stuff

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Two Westland mayors have become involved in alien abduction and murder.

OK, so they only wrote about it. Mayor Robert Thomas, 47, swears his novel about aliens abducting a human being isn't based on personal experience.

And former Mayor Tom Taylor, 61,

isn't suspected of murder, although he writes about it in "The Golf Murders."

Thomas and Taylor appear to be starting a trend that could make Westland the place to be for mayors aspiring to be authors.

Thomas is writing two books, one about alien abduction and one on how to campaign for local offices. Neither is finished.

Taylor's book already is available for \$150. For information, visit his Web page at <http://www.golfmystery.com>.

"I like to write at night; I'm a late-night person," Thomas said. "It's fun, and it's a good way to relax."

Thomas hopes to self-publish his campaign advice book by summer, but readers wanting to critique his science fiction talents could face a two-

year wait as he revises it.

Taylor already has sold half of his 400 copies of "The Golf Murders," which provides summaries and opinions about every known mystery novel with golfing in the plot. It also features 16 pages of color reproductions of 144 dust jackets.

"I perceived a need for a reference book to facilitate (golf mystery) collec-

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School bond proposal on ballot Tuesday

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne-Westland citizens' committee will campaign aggressively early this week amid hopes of convincing voters to support a \$108.3 million bond proposal in Tuesday's special election.

In a final push through Tuesday, committee members will phone potential voters and urge them to support the plan to improve school buildings and upgrade classroom technology.

The owner of a \$90,000 home would pay an additional \$180 a year if voters approve the 4-mill, 22-year tax proposal.

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

A citizens' committee pushing the measure will try to rally for support from a "phone bank" off of school district property, Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent/general administration, said.

Scattered opponents have encouraged voters to oppose the bond proposal, although the election hasn't prompted the level of heated public disputes that erupted between supporters and critics in previous elections.

Susan Piereson, Wayne-Westland

computer services director who heads the district's elections office, wouldn't predict a possible turnout among the district's 68,000 registered voters.

"I'm never good at the crystal ball," she said Friday. "I've seen everywhere from 2,000 to 16,000 people turn out for an election."

Only 400 people bothered to vote by absentee ballot, Piereson said, but she said the small number can't necessarily be used to predict a low turnout at polls Tuesday.

A citizens' committee recommended the bond proposal after touring all district buildings and surveying needs for building repairs and classroom technology improvements.

Superintendent Greg Baracy has said the bond proposal would allow the district to catch up with some badly-needed repairs and move away from what he has called "crisis management."

He has labeled the proposal as crucial to ensuring that Wayne-Westland students will receive an education comparable to that of pupils in neighboring school districts.

Surplus food

The city of Westland will have its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center. For Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, it will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. For all other residents, excluding Precinct 28, it will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Food this month will include applesauce, refried beans, pinto beans, tomatoes and spaghetti. Call (734) 695-0368 for information.

PLACES & FACES

Kids self-defense

A self-defense seminar for children will be held by certified black belt holder Kelly Perkins of Garden City Saturday, Feb. 21, in St. Matthew Lutheran School, on Venoy north of Ford, Westland. She will cover life-saving prevention and the "break away and get away" techniques. Participants will also receive a self-defense packet.

The seminar will be 10-11:30 a.m. for children from 5 to 8 and noon to 2 p.m. for those 9 and older. Children who register in advance will receive a certificate. Fee is \$20 per participant. To register or to obtain more information, parents may call Perkins at 266-0565.

Billiards instruction

Free women's billiards instruction will be at 2 p.m. Tuesdays at the Senior Resources Department Friendship Center. Class size is limited. Sign up at the center's front desk. Call (734) 722-7632 for information.

OBITUARIES

JESSIE D. RIDNER
Funeral services for Jessie Ridner, 31, of Westland were Feb. 11 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Memorial, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Joe Jones.

Ridner died Feb. 7 in Westland. He was a foreman.

Surviving are: sons, Devin Ridner and Justin Sturm; companion, Bonnie Sturm; mother, Dallas; grandmothers, Elizabeth Watkins and Elizabeth Ridner.

INA MAE BEHNKE
Funeral services for former Wayne-Canton resident, Ina Behnke, 79, of Asheville, N.C., were Monday, Feb. 9 in Harry J. Will Funeral Home with burial at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Milar.

Surviving are: daughter, Bonnie Reece; five grandchildren;

and four great-grandchildren. Surviving family are residents of Westland, Canton and Garden City.

FAYE KILBOURNE
Funeral services for Faye Kilbourne, 68, of Wayne were Feb. 13 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Gary Hill.

Mrs. Kilbourne died Feb. 9 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, Edward; sons, Steven and James; daughters, Pamela Prough, Debbie Billingsley and Tamara Busick, all of Westland; brothers, Clifford, Willard, James, Henry Woods; sister, Elsie Hess; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Kilbourne is preceded in death by: son, Jeff; and sister, Daisy Connor.

SHIRLEY A. KONWINSKI
Funeral services for Shirley Kon-

winski, 60, of Westland were Feb. 14 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at West Mound Cemetery, Taylor. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Sanders.

Mrs. Konwinski died Feb. 10 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, William; son, Mark; daughters, Rebecca and Cindy Masucci; mother, Hilda Linebrink; brothers, Jack and Charles; sisters, Goldie, Marion, Madeline and Frances; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the family for a marker.

MILDRED L. WESTFALL
Funeral services for Mildred Westfall, 80, of Westland were Feb. 13 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Leland Flaherty.

Mrs. Westfall, who died Feb. 9 in Wayne, was born in St.

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Skene from page A1

cized investigators for implying last year that Skene could face Livonia charges of embezzling as treasurer of a local softball association.

Investigators never secured those charges.

"That was all baloney," Boak has said, "and they knew it at the time."

Skene was hired in Westland in February 1993, at a salary of \$53,339. He left a similar position in Plymouth.

Thomas and Skene had differences that nearly prompted a firing in June 1994, but the mayor backed down amid pressure from some council members who supported Skene.

"His performance was not very good," Thomas said Friday, but added that he decided to give Skene another chance.

The mayor didn't appear worried that the city would lose a lawsuit to Skene.

"He's open to all his legal avenues," Thomas said. "We're not too concerned about that."

City officials still maintain that thousands of dollars are lost in parks and recreation revenues.

"I guess that's money we will never recoup,"

Thomas said. "It's gone." Boak, meanwhile, said the mayor fired Skene without a hearing, amid an investigation that focused solely on Skene and not other city employees who had potential access to city money.

In closing arguments Wednesday in Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny's courtroom, Boak repeatedly accused city officials and police of a "rush to judgment" in trying to implicate Skene in embezzling from his department.

Boak didn't deny that Skene placed personal checks in a parks safe and took money, but Skene's secretary, Nora Herbert, testified that she and other employees had engaged in similar behavior.

The city had no written policy against such actions.

Boak said Thursday that Skene lost his job and his reputation in the community for charges that never should have been lodged against him.

"This should never have happened," he said.

When asked if a civil suit will be filed, he said, "I believe that it will."

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Thomas won't divulge many details about the science fiction novel he started writing in late 1993, except its alien abduction plot.

"I've always been a science fiction fan," he said.

Thomas hopes to finish that book within two years amid hopes that local bookstores will place it on their shelves.

But he hopes his book offering advice on how to campaign for local offices will hit the market by summer. He plans to advertise it on the Internet and in specialty publications.

His idea came from his first political campaign in 1989, when he won the election even though he couldn't find reference materials on how to do it.

Thomas' book will be about 60 pages and will provide tips such

as organizing volunteers, placing signs, targeting active voters, sending out campaign fliers and getting a message to voters.

"It's going to touch on just about everything you need to know to run a campaign," he said.

The book will focus on local campaigns rather than state or federal elections.

"It'll probably sell for under \$20," Thomas said, "but I haven't set the fee yet."

He hopes to initially self-publish about 500 copies.

Taylor, meanwhile, said he will eventually revise "The Golf Murders" - published last May - because he continues to find new information. He already has discovered another 10 dust jackets.

His book's \$150 cost stems from the expense of including 16 pages of color reproductions of sometimes-rare dust jackets.

His research took him as far away as England. Since he self-published his book, he also has written an article for a British weekly magazine that features stories on book collections.

Thomas and Taylor say they wrote their books for personal pleasure. They say they won't be disappointed if they never become famous authors.

But if they do, expect a reversal of trends. Rather than mayors writing books, would-be authors may be campaigning for office.

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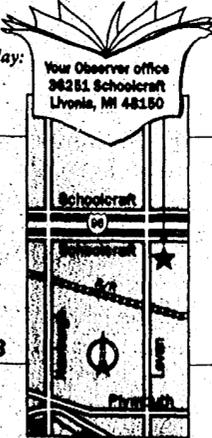
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Career-tech center recognizes business partners

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

When a partnership works, it really works. Especially between education and business.

William D. Ford Career/Technical Center recognized their long and successful relationship with three business partners during Wayne-Westland Community Schools board of education meeting Monday night.

Glen and Elizabeth Sisk, D.C., of Belleville Chiropractic Health Clinic and Diane Hartley, director of Medical Patient Services at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, were made honorary members of the school's National Vocational/Technical Honor Society. The society recognizes exemplary students as well as business partners who've shown great interest and patience in guiding students into various health careers.

"We couldn't run efficiently, making sure our programs are up-to-date and true-to-life if we

■ **'We couldn't run efficiently, making sure our programs are up-to-date and true-to-life if we didn't have our business partners.'**

Pat DeVoy

-Career/Tech Prep coordinator

didn't have our business partners," said Pat DeVoy, Career/Tech Prep coordinator.

DeVoy said business partners play an integral role in each of the center's 21 programs. Business partners advise on curriculum development, equipment purchase, room design, even lesson planning. They also occasionally teach or lecture, and they offer students hands-on experience.

Dr. Elizabeth Sisk said her students get the full soup-nuts front office experience, from handling insurance forms and payments to informing patients of what to expect in the back office.

Sisk said her and her husband's four-year relationship with the center has been posi-

tive. "It's a value for us to always have new people coming through and for the students to know what a full-service health-care office involves."

Hartley expects her 4-year partnership with the center to continue for many years. She said her students shadow hospital staff members in all aspects of patient care and medical records. Like the Sisks, Hartley intends to continue Garden City Osteopathic Hospital's partnership.

"It's about making the opportunity available to high school kids for career planning. I've enjoyed working with students. It's pleasant working with William D. Ford Career/Technical Center."



Honor society: Left to right are Glenn Sisk, Elizabeth Sisk, Diane Hartley and Pat DeVoy. The Sisks were given honorary membership in the National Vocational Technical Honor Society. The honor was presented at the Wayne-Westland school board meeting Feb. 9.

Franklin continues effort to improve

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

The seeds of improvement and change planted at Franklin High last year by internationally known educator Willard Daggett have taken root.

During a two-day visit in September, Daggett challenged the Franklin community on two fronts: Make your curriculum both challenging and relevant to today's ever changing work.

And build into your students the kind of character that helps them succeed.

Franklin's response to those challenges surfaced in a recent school improvement presentation made to the Livonia Board of Education.

"The bottom line is, we're doing everything possible to meet the needs of students so they can be successful," said principal Michael Fenchel.

Since Daggett's visit, two committees have been formed to study these areas:

■ **If there's a better, more efficient way to organize the school day?**

For example, should classes meet every other day instead of every day?

Teachers and parents will soon visit schools that operate on a different time schedule.

Franklin is now in the second year of testing this concept on ninth-graders. Using team teaching, one-third of the ninth grade, or 120 students, operate on a schedule of four-hour time blocks.

This flexible scheduling lets students participate in classes or experiments that go beyond the traditional one-hour time limit.

The scheduling dovetails with one of Daggett's major tenets: all areas of study are interconnected.

■ **If new ways can be found to help students learn good character traits.**

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

Daggett spotlights 12 traits essential for success that must be learned through the partnership of schools, family and community. These include: responsibility, respect, perseverance and honesty.

In the recent board presentation, Fenchel pointed to his biggest point of pride: Franklin's higher scores on the high school proficiency test.

"We went from something we were not pleased with to scores we are prouder of, but we still have a ways to go," Fenchel said Tuesday. "Students recognize the importance of the tests."

Franklin students were a big part of the school improvement presentation. Both the school's junior ROTC Color Guard and drummers from the Patriot's Marching Band performed.

Seniors Russ Ashman and Sean Schaefer showed projects they had made in computer animation.

Five seniors — Julie Cencer, Lori Jendrusik, Lori Rynkiewicz, Brent Sanzone and Julie Warner — told how Franklin had enhanced their lives.

Five Franklin teachers — Carol Gerlach, Don DeGrazia, Angela Hillman, Jim Rice, and Margaret Weber — also participated in the school improvement presentation.

Superintendent Ken Watson, who once served as Franklin principal, spotlighted the change under way at Franklin.

"How much change is going on there?" he asked. "There's only one staff member who spoke tonight (Rice) who was in the building when I was there."

"There's things going on at Franklin we only dreamed about before."

Noise, exotic pets, trees among ordinance changes

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

You've heard about the Ten Commandments, and you've listened to your grandmother's golden words of wisdom. But have you heard about Westland's Code of Ordinances?

It's a list of do's and don't's — mostly don't's — Westland folks must follow to be good citizens.

The Code periodically undergoes repeals and amendments. Here's a few of the latest no-no's recently passed by the Westland City Council:

■ **Don't blast your horn, radio, television or your mouth so loud it's heard within 50 feet unless you're announcing the end of the world or other dangers. Walk softly and carry a big stick, but don't hit anybody with the stick or you'll break the next ordinance.**

■ **Don't threaten anybody with a bow and arrow, a starter pistol, or a slingshot. The city might make an exception for slingshots if your name is David and you**

have regular run-ins with Goliath.

■ **Don't park your car or 200-foot motor home on that little patch of grass between the street and your sidewalk. Also, don't conduct a commercial enterprise there ... well, maybe little Susie's lemonade stand is okay.**

■ **Don't plant a giant Redwood in that grass patch either.**

■ **Don't make house pets out of bears, beavers, bobcats, deer, lynx, fox, coyotes, or elk. And forget about rodents, mink, muskrats, opossums, otters, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, and weasels. In other words, you can have Thumper but not Bambi.**

■ **Don't urinate or defecate in public — duh! — except in "an appropriate toilet facility." So tighten those muscles and avoid being a "disorderly person."**

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:20 P.M.

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent and excused was Councilmember Kaledas.

Solicitation of Public Comments on the Garden City Hospital Finance Authority Bonds.

REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent and excused was Councilmember Kaledas.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, Interim City Clerk-Treasurer Smith, City Attorney Cummings, Department of Public Service Director Barnes and Auto Operations Supervisor Claus.

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge; 02-98-051 RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 26, 1998. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch; 02-98-052 RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick; 02-98-053 RESOLVED: To approve the resolution approving Hospital Finance Authority Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 1998A, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.

Moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe; 02-98-054 RESOLVED: To approve payment to Hubbell, Roth & Clark-McNeely-Lincoln Joint Venture in the amount of \$34,479.77, for the months of October and November 1997, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Dodge. Motion passed.

Moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe; 02-98-055 RESOLVED: To amend the budget and approve the Library Reconstruction Project, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Councilmember Lynch, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, and Wiacek. Motion failed.

Moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch; 02-98-056 RESOLVED: To approve the bid and award the contract for Book Moving to Hallett & Sons Expert Movers, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$38,860.00, as recommended by the City architect. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick; 02-98-057 RESOLVED: To approve the bid and award the contract for Asbestos Abatement to National Environmental Services, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$28,370.00. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.

Moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe; 02-98-058 RESOLVED: To approve the bid for General Construction and award the contract to the ERICON Co., Inc., the recommended responsible bidder, in the amount of \$225,450.00, as recommended by the City architect.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek; 02-98-059 RESOLVED: To table motion #02-98-058. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, and Wiacek. NAYS: Councilmembers Lynch, Briscoe, and Waynick. Motion failed. AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, and Wiacek. Motion failed.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick; 02-98-060 RESOLVED: To remove from the table motion #01-98-014, to approve the bid for Premium Unleaded Gasoline and #2 Diesel Fuel, Tanker and Tank Wagon deliveries to Atlas Oil Co., the lowest responsible bidder, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous

01-98-014 AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick; 02-98-061 RESOLVED: To direct the City Manager and City Clerk-Treasurer to prepare special assessment estimates for the Pardo/Hartel Project. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch; 02-98-062 RESOLVED: To call a Public Hearing on the Pardo/Hartel Special Assessment Estimate to be held on February 23, 1998, at 7:20 p.m. AYES: Unanimous

The Committee as a Whole discussed the following items:

A. Michigan Humane Society 2-Year Contract.

B. Extension of Comcast Franchise Agreement and Public Hearing.

C. Council Meetings, Agendas, Policies and Procedures.

Moved by Waynick; supported by Dodge; 02-98-063 RESOLVED: To call a Public Hearing to solicit comments from the public on the extension of the Comcast Franchise Agreement to be held on February 23, 1998, at 7:25 p.m. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Dodge; 02-98-064 RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss Fein vs. City of Garden City and Borowski vs. City of Garden City. AYES: Unanimous

The Council then returned from closed session.

The meeting was then adjourned.

STEVEN J. SMITH
Interim City Clerk-Treasurer

Published: February 15, 1998

Suit filed against Gambino Limo

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and Department of Consumer and Industry Services Director Kathleen Wilbur announced the lawsuit.

A lawsuit has been filed against Gambino's Westside Limousine Service Inc. of Belleville and former Westland resident John B. Gambino.

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and Department of Consumer and Industry Services Director Kathleen Wilbur announced the lawsuit against the company for failing to provide workers' compensation insurance, coverage as required by the Michigan Workers' Disability Compensation Act (WDC).

The lawsuit was filed in Ingham County Circuit Court.

Kelley's complaint alleges that Gambino, a John Glenn High graduate, failed to maintain the required insurance between Oct. 31, 1994, and July 18, 1997, a total of 991 days.

The violation was discovered by Bureau officials after the June 13, 1997, limousine accident involving Richard Alan Gnida, a Gambino's driver whose passengers included three members of the Detroit Red Wings.

The WDC states that all businesses that employ at least three or more employees part time, or at least one employee for more than 35 hours per week during a 52 week period, must have the workers' compensation insurance coverage.

Wilbur said: "More than 208,000 Michigan employers are

required to have workers' comp insurance or be approved by the Bureau of Workers' Disability Compensation as self-insured employers."

When contacted about the possible violation, the defendants admitted to not having the proper workers' compensation coverage. Only after being made aware of the violations did Gambino's obtain the needed insurance.

Kelley asks that the court order:

- A permanent injunction to prevent further violations of the WDC;
- Fines of up to \$1,000 per day for each past violation;
- That Gambino be held personally liable for the fines;
- That defendants pay attorney fees and court costs.

"It is indeed tragic that the accident involving the members of the Detroit Red Wings uncovered this violation of the law," said Kelley. "I will do everything within my power to make certain that this company not only pays for its past violations but does not repeat this mistake."

"Businesses that meet the threshold requirements for workers' compensation coverage must follow the law. It is indeed unfair to employees and to the taxpayers who often times must pick up the tab when an employer fails to maintain the proper insurance. I hope this case will serve as a lesson to all businesses."

Workers' compensation is not optional in Michigan," Workers' Compensation Bureau Director Jack Wheatley said. "As terrible as it was, the Red Wings' accident should serve as a wake up call to all employers who are legally required to cover their employees with workers' comp insurance."

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE E-98-001**

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Garden City by adopting an Emergency Ordinance which ordinance shall be designated as Emergency Ordinance #E-98-001 of said Code.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Emergency Ordinance E-98-001 is hereby adopted under the provisions of Section 5.03E of the City Charter for the following reasons:

1. The Police Department currently has four (4) vehicles out of service, another vehicle out of service creates a situation of emergency proportions.
2. It is necessary to keep a fleet of safe running patrol vehicles on the road in order to provide for the public safety and the protection of property.
3. The protection of life and property is the issue at stake in this situation. It is essential to the health and safety of the public that immediate action be taken to repair the transmission on patrol car #616 which is no longer operable.

Said Emergency Ordinance shall read as follows:

Section 1. Waiver of public notice requirements for bidding the replacement of the failed transmission on patrol car #616.

The public notice requirements of Section 10.04 of the City Code for bids for the replacement of the failed transmission on patrol car #616 are hereby waived.

Except as herein modified, said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

This Emergency Ordinance is declared to be effective immediately

The provisions of this Emergency Ordinance shall be automatically repealed as of the thirty-fifth day following the date on which it was adopted unless repealed sooner.

JAMES L. BARKER, Mayor
STEVEN J. SMITH, Interim City Clerk-Treasurer

Adopted: February 9, 1997

Published: February 15, 1998

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Urgent Care, Radiology, Business Health Services and Laboratory at the current Canton Health Building location on Ford Rd. will be closed for moving on Mon., Feb. 16. If you need these services on the 16th, please visit our downtown Plymouth location, the Arbor Health Building,

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Canton Urgent Care and Related Services REOPEN Tues., Feb. 17 in new location

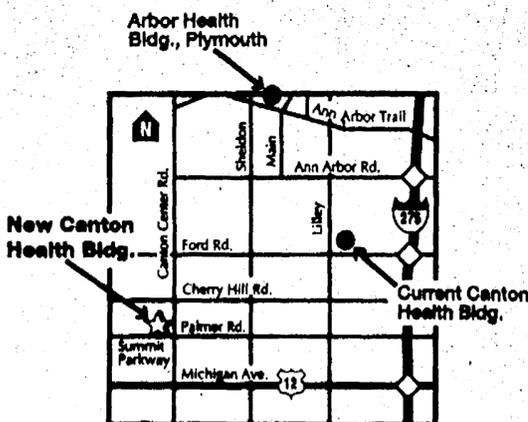
Urgent Care, Radiology, Business Health Services and Laboratory will reopen Tues., Feb. 17 at the new Canton Health Building location at 1600 S. Canton Center Rd. at Summit Parkway, between Cherry Hill and Michigan Ave. (Laboratory services will also

be available at the current Ford Rd. location from Feb. 17 until Feb. 28.) Hours for Urgent Care—for treatment of non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries—will stay the same: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. Canton phone number: (734) 398-7557

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Board outlines changes to state high school tests

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Eleventh-graders in public schools will find their standard state tests have a new name this year - "MEAP High School Tests in Math, Science, Reading, Writing and Social Studies."

Tests will be shorter, and testing time will be two hours less.

"That will place all assessment test under the name of Michigan Educational Assessment Program," Dr. Christine Schram told the House Education Committee in Lansing Feb. 11.

Previously, "MEAP" was the term used for tests given to grades 3-8. The 11th-grade tests had been called "HSPT," for High School Proficiency Tests.

Although tests will consume less class time, as the public and Legislature demanded, the state can't force students to take them, said Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, vice president of the State Board of Education.

"Our expectation was that everyone would be eager to take the high school tests," she told lawmakers. "An endorsement (proficiency grade in a subject) would be a badge of honor. But if the parents don't want their children to take that test, I don't know how you can force them to do it."

Beardmore said that the idea of allowing exemptions was to allow the disabled and those with limited English language proficiency to skip them. Instead, many upper middle class parents - notably in Birmingham, Troy and

Monroe - exempted their offspring.

"Did you consider dropping the tests entirely, since colleges and employers weren't using them?" asked Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt.

No, Beardmore replied. "Stories of high school valedictorians not being admitted to college started before the valedictorians were even designated," she said.

Those who skip the state tests will have blank spots on their academic transcripts, Department of Education officials said.

In the cases of special education students, Beardmore added, a student's individual advisory committee, which includes parents, will decide whether to seek an exemption for that child.

The Legislature asked for changes in 1997 after parents complained at public hearings. Here's what Beardmore and department officials Schram, Diane Smolen and Peter Bunton reported back:

■ **Security** - Schools may choose any of four two-week "testing windows" to administer the tests. The 1998 periods are April 22 to May 6, May 15, May 18-29 and June 1-12.

Confining tests to those dates will "maintain test security, minimize the time tests materials are in each school district, and maximize flexibility in scheduling," said a department report.

■ **Shortening** - In 1997, the total test time has been 505 minutes. By winter of 1998, it will be cut to 370 minutes.

The math test will be cut from 100 minutes to 80 and

from 46 items to 37; science from 120 minutes to 90 and from 46 items to 42; reading from 100 minutes to 80 and from 35 items to 29; and writing from 185 minutes to 120 and from three items to two.

■ **Labels** - The labels "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" were abhorred by parents. The State Board of Education will approve new labels at its April 2 meeting in Lansing. Labels will be noted on the transcript, but not the diploma.

■ **Feedback** - The department is working on providing faster feedback to teachers and students.

■ **Scoring** - Written portions of the test will be scored only by in-state graders, typically retired teachers.

■ **Dual enrollment** - High school students who want to take college courses may do so before getting their MEAP high school test results.

Bunton told lawmakers that the MEAP high school tests are "criterion referenced, which all students could achieve. With criterion tests, 99 percent or more could achieve a passing grade."

The other type of test is called "norm referenced," meaning students are divided into percentiles, with a defined top group passing and others failing.

Asked by a lawmaker whether the written part of (say) a science test could be used to judge writing skills, Smolen said no. "If a student isn't knowledgeable in a subject area, he can't write enough, and his score for writing would suffer if he didn't have content knowledge."

Yack pushes townships to act on feds order to clean up Rouge

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack believes residents throughout the Rouge River basin could face "big-time" water and sewer rate increases.

That will happen, Yack believes, if communities do not work together to meet federal guidelines to clean up the Rouge.

"I know it's a much overused word, but it is much better to be proactive than reactive," Yack said.

Yack and Canton Township

have chosen an active role, and hosted a historic meeting Thursday as six township boards met for the first time in a study session with Jim Murray, Wayne County's director of environment.

Murray's message: work on a storm water permit voluntarily that the communities can draft themselves and agree to follow it to clean up the Rouge, rather than letting a federal court mandate it at a potentially higher cost.

The meeting included trustees from Canton, Plymouth, Salem,

Superior, Van Buren and Ypsilanti townships, all member communities of the Lower Rouge Subwatershed.

Stormwater

The township meeting comes just months after U.S. District Judge John Feikens' proposed court order to appoint an authority encompassing all 48 watershed communities and a geographic information system.

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Council takes look at TIFA extension

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas is launching a campaign to win support for building a recreation center and new city hall.

City council members Monday night took a first look at Thomas' plans to postpone the closing of a special tax district under the Tax Increment Finance Act, and use the money to build some new city buildings.

Several council members voiced their support of exploring the idea of postponing the closing of the district while others weren't convinced.

"I do believe we have a need for more recreation," Sharon Scott, council president pro tem, said. "I favor extending TIFA."

Westland has a population approaching 100,000 people and needs to service that population, according to council member Justine Barns.

"I will support the TIFA because I think that's the way to go," she said.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli said she has always been closed to the idea of extend-

ing TIFA. But this is the first time the talk of extending it has included recreation. "People ask frequently about recreation," she said.

But she did have questions: Is it going to be cost-effective and will Wayne County let Westland capture its dollars?

The goal is for the recreation center to be self-supporting, Thomas said. He also agreed that the county's stand on capturing taxes is a big issue, but said he didn't know what the county will do.

Council member Charles Pickering said that a year ago he would have said it's time to shut down the TIFA district. He didn't agree using TIFA dollars to bring in the Sears store at Westland Center was appropriate, but using the funds for municipal buildings is. "What we're talking about is something that could not be built without TIFA," he said.

But Pickering said his top priority is not a recreation center, but a new city hall.

"I would like to see us move forward with TIFA, but I don't want to see municipal buildings put behind a recreation center,"

he said.

Council member Richard LeBlanc, who has expressed his doubts about the need to postpone the closing of the TIFA district, said he sees a need to address the city's public safety concerns before building a recreation center.

For example, the city recently ordered a fire truck that had to be custom-made because the city's fire stations don't have the height to accommodate the current fire truck size, LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc said he doesn't see enough public support for a new Westland recreation center.

Councilman Glenn Anderson said he would like to see recreation increased in the city, but "recreation is not just buildings."

"I would like to see brand-new buildings sprouting up everywhere if we could afford to build them," Anderson said.

However, if the TIFA district was ended and that money was coming back into the general fund, the city could possibly fund more Advanced Life Support units, he said.

Council watcher Dorothy

Smith asked why Westland officials "want such grandiose stuff. Is it because Canton has it?"

The Tax Increment Finance Act is a law that allows cities to set up special taxing districts to help rejuvenate downtowns. Part of the taxes collected in those districts can be captured and used for municipal projects.

The law has now changed so that those districts already formed can continue to operate, but once the districts are closed they can't be set up again.

Thomas wants to take advantage of the fact that Westland still has one and extend it for about 10 or 12 years, depending on the projects the city decides to build.

A recreation center and a new city hall were most often mentioned as possible projects. A committee of city officials has visited recreation centers in Wayne, Canton and Washtenaw County to gather ideas for a local one.

A public hearing on the issue is tentatively set for May 4 with the council voting later that month, according to a proposed timeline for amending TIFA.

Glenn teacher retires

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Livonia school board trustee Patrick Nalley has left the classroom and kids to take on the task of selling computer software packages to adults.

Nalley's 25-year tenure as an English teacher at John Glenn High School ended Jan. 22 with his early retirement from the Wayne-Westland School District.

Nalley, who lives on Bristol Court, is seven months into a four-year term on the Livonia Board of Education. He was elected to his first term last June.

On Jan. 26, he started work as a software salesman and installer for Livonia-based Tedder Consulting Co., which is owned by his wife, Diane Tedder. He now becomes the second retired teacher to sit on the Livonia school board, in addition to trustee Ken Timmons.

"I've always been involved with computers since they came out," said Nalley, who has a master's degree in special education from Eastern Michigan University and a specialist degree in education administration from Wayne State University. "I've kept up to date with computer software."

To retire early, Nalley took advantage of a pension rule which lets educators "buy" up to five years of credit. He also took advantage of an early retirement incentive offered by Wayne-Westland schools.

"If you pay the amount of money you would have contributed to your pension, you get credit for it, so I'm retiring as a 30-year teacher," he said.

Nalley is happy to be out of the classroom and launching a new career.

"Twenty-five years is enough for anybody," he said. "I don't miss the classroom yet. It's a great relief, not to have 30 papers to correct every night." It didn't seem to be a very big decision. I always thought that, when my 30 years were up, I would work with my wife.

"In my new job, I have so much to do, and not enough time to do it. But I can leave it at the end of the day. I don't have to sit down and look at papers."

Obituaries

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Joseph, Mo. She was a retail saleswoman. She was a member of Rebeccas. Her hobbies and interests were crafts, gardening, lover of animals and traveling.

Surviving are: husband, Russell, Sr.; sons, Russell, Jr. of Westland, Donald of Texas, William of Battle Creek and Gerald of Westland; daughters, Jean Cundiff of Belleville and Donna Raines of Westland; sister, Betty Wright of Taylor; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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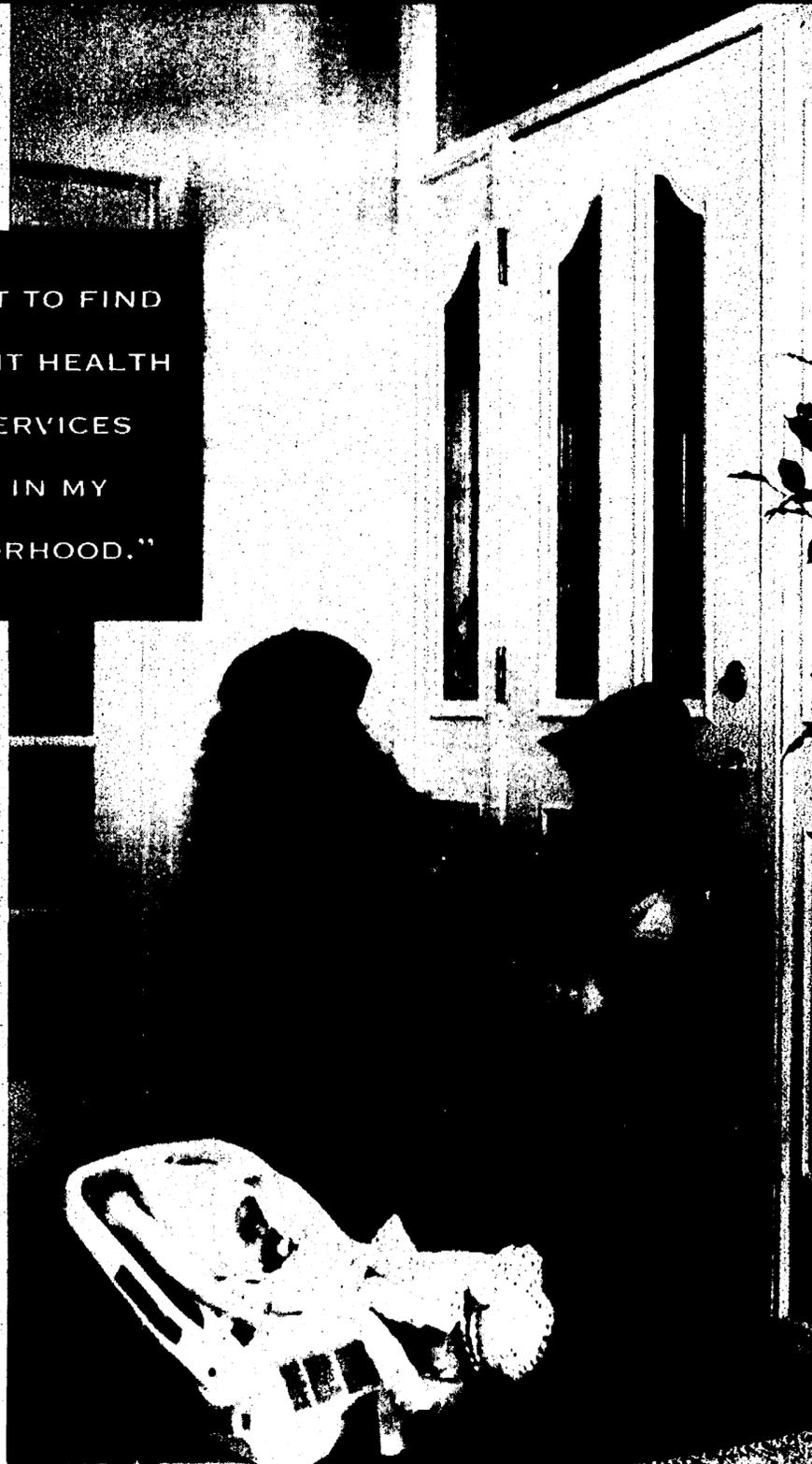
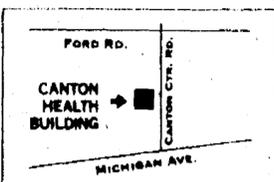
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Mario Cuomo, former Democratic governor of New York and Warren Rudman, former Republican U.S. senator, will be the keynote speakers at the third annual fund-raiser dinner for Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program Thursday in Livonia's Laurel Manor.

Tickets are \$100 per person and \$1,000 per table. For every \$100 contribution, \$75 is tax deductible.

For reservations, contact Annmarie Schneider, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, (517)355-6672.

Cuomo, the longest-serving Democratic governor in modern history, was elected governor of New York in 1982, 1986 and 1990. Since leaving public office, he has specialized in international corporate law with the New York law firm of Wilkie, Farr and Gallagher.

Rudman served two terms

in the U.S. Senate. He is best known for co-authoring the 1985 Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law. The legislation inserted discipline and accountability into the federal budget process in order to reduce the federal deficit. Rudman is now a partner in the international law firm of Weiss, Rifkind Wharton and Garrison.

The Michigan Political Leadership Program at MSU is an education outreach program of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research in the college of social science.

The leadership program identifies men and women of diverse backgrounds who have leadership potential and brings them together in an educational program. There have been 205 graduates of the program. They are involved in all aspects of Michigan government.

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to oversee the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project if he believed communities and three counties were not doing enough to meet guidelines. Feikens approved a 14-month extension to March 1999 for communities to show progress in water quality.

Feikens' decision depends on how he interprets efforts by communities in the subwatersheds to comply with water quality standards in the stormwater permits and local ordinances.

If communities can form subwatershed regions and devise one strategy for that region, officials believe it may meet Feikens' and federal guidelines for the cleanup. If they do not, it will mean expensive federal mandates, Yack believes.

"It will just dwarf the (combined sewer overflows) issues, because stormwater is just about everywhere," Yack said.

Court wants progress

Kelly Cave, Wayne County's

director of watershed management, said all 48 Rouge communities were enjoined to the federal court case and must demonstrate progress. Part of that strategy calls for these communities to form a subwatershed — the Lower 1 subwatershed — and report to the court committee on its progress every two months.

Cave told trustees that there were advantages to entering a voluntary permit now. "It offers local control and local flexibility," Cave said. "It will be a lot more cost effective than if it is

mandated by the federal government."

The Rouge Program office in Detroit also offered federal grant and application assistance, Cave said.

Results will allow for cost-effective solutions to be tailored to community needs, Cave said. "Similar communities will be working together on common

problems, such as flooding and erosion control."

The watershed group was expected to meet on March 10 and approve a general resolution. Murray said he planned to meet with the court committee on March 5 and inform members about the subwatershed meeting and Rouge progress.

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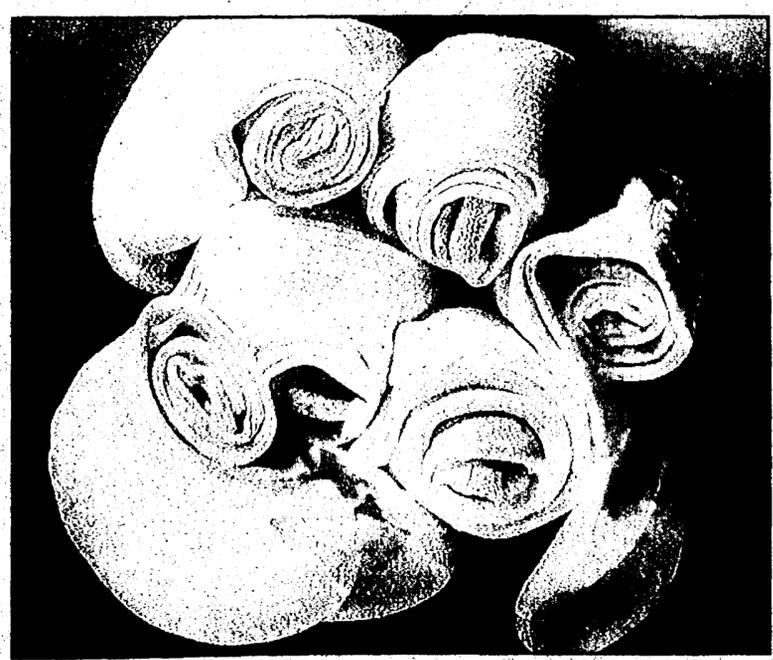
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Retired police chief to give seminar

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Senior citizens are being targeted by con artists in scams which are costing them thousands of dollars, and in some cases life savings.

In fact, Sharon Thomas, director of the Tonquish Creek Manor senior center in Plymouth, says several seniors have recently reported being victims of financial scams. One lost \$1,000, the

other \$750.

"I thought that maybe the seniors gave out their credit card numbers, but they didn't," said Thomas. "The 900 numbers are terrible. They charge a minimum \$24 when someone calls to check on their alleged prize, and there's nothing you can do."

And, seniors see ads for a laminated Social Security card. Not only does it cost money for the card, which you can get free from the government, but then

they have your number."

In an effort to stop seniors from being ripped off, Thomas has put together an information seminar concerning scams at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the community room of Tonquish Creek Manor.

"Anyone in the area, whether it be seniors or family members, can come to learn how to avoid these scams," noted Thomas.

Giving the seminar will be retired Westland police chief

Michael Frayer, who is now a consultant with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

"Seniors are favorite targets of confidence games and scams by both mail and telephone," said Frayer. "The scam artists are only limited by their imagination."

For information on the seminar sponsored by the Plymouth Housing Commission, call (734) 455-3670.

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STEVEN SMITH
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

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RICK HALBERG

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As we approach the next millennium with supersonic speed, something very interesting seems to be happening. The food we desire is not futuristic and new. More and more I am seeing people's tastes favor the food of their parents or grandparents.

I have written about "Slow Food," and taking time to recognize how meal time can be one of the most enjoyable and rewarding parts of one's life. I think it's catching on.

The current covers of *Bon Appetit* and *Food and Wine* magazine show "Back to Basics" and a very old world style meat dish of slow cooked and braised short ribs. These are the foods that comfort us through these speedy times.

Throughout the world where people don't have the same accessibility to the variety of fruits, vegetables and other foods we have, they have always eaten this way. Travel across Europe or Asia and the cuisine is always about utilizing what is available. What separates good cooking from ordinary is the commitment to making a few ingredients stand out with honesty, integrity and love.

The Japanese practice of macrobiotic eating stresses to only eat what you can find fresh within a 500 mile radius in order to maintain a yin-yang balance.

Tropical fare

Recently I spent some time in a remote coastal village in Costa Rica. You might assume that Costa Rica is a land rich in fruits and vegetables. It isn't, the land is volcanic, mountainous and not really suitable for a lot of agriculture other than great coffee and pineapples.

At first look the small local restaurants had very limited, kind of drab offerings. But with the determination of the true food lover that I am, I was able to find a spot on the beach that served truly fine food. What struck me was the same thing that I've found in many of the best restaurants in Europe and the U.S. — the people who operated the restaurant were committed to obtaining the best local ingredients they could find. In Costa Rica, their choices weren't many — a few varieties of fish and seafood, some fresh herbs, tomatoes, tropical fruits and a locally made cheese. They did import some staples such as good olive oil, flour etc. The menu reflected this simplicity, and their execution was impeccable.

Imagine: Pounding surf fifty feet away, a tropical breeze swaying the palms above, big candles illuminating a few tables set out on a rough porch area. A huge wood fired grill behind a bar with a couple of stools.

The owner's wife, a beautiful Italian woman, comes to the table and brings some sliced, freshly baked and grilled bread slathered with olive oil and a good dose of fresh garlic, some chilled tamarindo juice and some sparkling water. She hands us a handwritten menu consisting of four or five items, all of them prepared on the open fire.

We order. Some time later, who knows how long, we are in the tropics, time means nothing, our food is brought to the table. The plates are huge cross sections of polished palm trunks. On each is a whole beautifully cooked fish, no sauce, just simply grilled, the crispy skin cracking under a drizzling of fresh sweet lemon, and sprinkled with lots of chopped fresh rosemary and olive oil. Accompanying the fish were a few slices of incredibly sweet and tangy tomatoes paired with the local cheese, which is kind of like a dry Jack cheese. That was it.

Our dessert choice was easy, there was but one offering, a tart of fresh oranges in a buttery rich crust. It was

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Recipe to Share



Wake up

Delicious wake up: Creamy Maple Cranberry Oatmeal is a berry-licious way to get you going, and keep you going all morning long. Photo courtesy of Quaker Oats.

RISE AND SHINE WITH A BOWL OF ENERGY

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Breakfast is the fuel that starts our day and just as important as brushing your teeth. Yet it's the most frequently skipped meal in America. "We may have children who would rather watch TV than eat breakfast," said Joanne Hughes, principal at Kennedy Elementary School in Livonia.

"In my opinion, when children don't eat breakfast they have less energy, lack of concentration and the ability to solve problems," said Hughes. "They're unable to learn at their appropriate level and could possibly be irritable." Nutrition research backs Hughes up. According to studies cited in the October 1995 issue of *The Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, students who missed breakfast demonstrated poorer performance in immediate recall. Data also suggested that the brain's functioning is sensitive to short-term variances in nutrition, possibly affecting the information retrieval speed, and accuracy as well as, the memory of children who miss breakfast.

A Tufts University study showed continuous low nutrition-

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Eye-Openers

Here are some breakfast suggestions from "Eating Thin for Life: Food Secrets & Recipes from People Who Have Lost Weight & Kept It Off," by Anne M. Fletcher, a registered dietitian. (A Chapters Book Houghton Mifflin Company, 1997, \$14).

- Reduced-fat bran muffin (2 ounce), 1/2 cup grapes, 6 ounces orange juice.
- Yogurt "Sundae": Layer in a brandy snifter: 1/4 cup fresh blueberries, 1/2 sliced peach, 1/4 cup sliced strawberries, 4 ounces raspberry (nonfat yogurt); repeat; top with 3 tablespoons reduced-fat granola.
- 1/2 cup cooked oatmeal (made with skim milk) mixed with 1/2 cup nonfat sugar-free vanilla pudding. Toast with 1 teaspoon reduced-fat peanut butter and 1 teaspoon honey.
- Breakfast Shake: 6 ounces strawberry (nonfat) yogurt, 1 medium banana, 1 tablespoon wheat germ, 1/3 cup skim milk, 1/4 cup orange juice. Blend all ingredients in a blender until smooth.
- Veggie Scramble: Microwave or steam 1 cup mixed vegetables (chopped broccoli, onion, green pepper, mushrooms); scramble with 1 whole egg, 1 egg white, 1/4 cup skim milk and 1 slice (3/4 ounce) crumbled low-fat cheese in a nonstick skillet; 6 ounces orange juice.

Florida restaurants showcase wine in grand fashion



A lot of you go to Florida's Gulf Coast! Your voice mail inquiries about wine events and best restaurants with good wine lists have been numerous. In short,

here are the best.

The restaurant with the world's largest wine list, over 7,000 selections and 600,000 bottles, is Bern's Steak House in Tampa, Fla. Founder Bern Laxer has been dubbed a "nut." But for nearly half a century, Bern's has been considered one of the most famous destination restaurants in the world. Adorned with expensive but somewhat garish antiques, Tiffany lamps, red wallpaper and French vineyard murals, this multi-room, 320-seat establishment packs in foodies, wine connoisseurs and wine geeks.

The latter pour over the gargantuan wine list, larger than the New York City Yellow Pages, wired to the table. Those not ready to tour vineyards of the world in text, and who would also like to order in a reasonable amount of

Wine Picks

- Picks of the pack: 1994 Conn Creek Anthology \$37; 1994 Clos du Bois Marlstone \$25; and Beringer Howell Mountain Merlot \$45.
- Merlot has become synonymous with a request for red wine. Some wines parade as that variety. Some make the grade. Try: 1995 Clos du Bois Merlot, Alexander Valley \$20 and 1995 Dry Creek Vineyard Merlot \$19.
- Cabernet Sauvignon pairs best with meat, so think Spring, get the BBQ going and select from: 1995 Clos du Bois Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve \$7; Richemont Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve \$7; Chateau de La Tour, Bordeaux \$9; Chateau Les Moisselles, Cotes de Bourg \$10; 1996 Forxide, Chile \$10; 1996 Borgiani Chianti \$8; 1995 Castello di Gabbiano Chianti \$9; and Villa Pillo Borgoforte \$10.

time, get wine tips from the superbly trained, wine knowledgeable wait captains.

This is a place to order beef and an equally beefy, big red wine. Only U.S. Prime, aged an additional four to 10

weeks in the kitchen's controlled temperature and humidity meat locker, is served. Six basic cuts are available in any thickness, broiled to eight levels of doneness.

Reserve an alcove in the upstairs Harry Waugh Room after dinner. Surrounded by highly polished redwood slats, that had former lives as wine fermenters, you encounter the metal-jacketed multi-page dessert menu. Any choice may be accompanied by around 400 different dessert wines or spirits served by the glass.

It's not stodgy here, but rather high-tech with a computerized jukebox, offering every style of music. At the push of a button, you can make a personal request of the live piano player at the Steinway in another room. High-mount TV monitors allow you to personally select a show, as if you weren't already starring in one!

While many escape winter in February, April's weather in Florida is more predictable, sunny and warm, while it's often still shiver city around here. Florida's best wine event is the annual Florida Winefest & Auction in Sarasota. Festivities this year at April 23-26 at The Resort at Longboat Key Club. It



Sampling: Participants sample the best wine and food matches at the Florida Winefest and Auction in Sarasota.

is one of the best ways to get to know the area's best chefs, restaurants and wine lists.

This is four days of feasting on the Epicurean delights prepared by the best area chefs and accompanied by liquid fruits of the vine. More than 90 wineries have signed up to "pour it on" this year.

On Thursday, April 23, winemaker

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perfect. I was in heaven and ate at that restaurant for the remaining four nights of my trip. Each meal was as good as the one served the night before.

Keep it simple

Simplicity and care. That's all it takes to be a good cook. You don't need intricate recipes with many ingredients, which take all day to shop for. A few key staples, and care in selecting your menu, is all it takes. It doesn't hurt to be on a tropical beach either.

Emily's is hosting an Italian Wine Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 26. Call me for details, (248) 349-0505.

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 third Sunday of the month in Taste.

See related For the Love of Food column on Taste front.

BRAISED SHORT RIBS WITH RED WINE

- 4 (16 ounce) portions of meaty short ribs, trimmed of excess fat
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 sprigs each rosemary and thyme
- Crushed black pepper to taste

- 1 bottle dry red wine
- 1 quart rich meat stock
- 1 cup canned whole tomatoes and juice
- Duck fat or vegetable oil as needed
- Salt and pepper to taste

Marinate short ribs in wine, herbs, pepper and vegetables overnight, or at least 8 hours. Preheat oven to 325°F.

Drain meat from marinade and dry, reserve marinade and drained vegetables. Reduce wine by 1/2 and strain through a fine mesh strainer into meat stock. Bring liquid to simmer.

Heat fat in heavy sauté pan and brown meat well on both sides. Season well with salt and pepper and set in a suitable size baking dish with a tight fitting lid. Pour off excess fat in sauté pan and add reserved vegetables. Over medium heat, soften vegetables. Add tomatoes and pour over meat. Add the meat stock, cover and braise until meat is ready to fall off the bone, about 2 hours.

Remove meat from liquid and reduce until saucy. Meat can be removed from bone to serve if desired.

CELERY ROOT - POTATO PUREE

- 1 pound peeled and diced celery root (weigh celery root before buying to make sure it's 1 pound)
- 2 pounds peeled and diced potatoes (about 4 medium potatoes)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 8-10 tablespoons whole unsalted, softened butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

Boil potatoes and celery root separately until tender. Put both through a ricer or mash until fairly smooth. Add milk and soft butter, season to taste.

Wine from page B1

dinners are scheduled at Sarasota's toniest eateries where top chefs team up with the hottest vintners for dazzling dinners. The cost is \$75-200 per person depending on the restaurant chosen.

Get some sleep that night because Friday, April 24, is jam packed starting with a Vintage Golf Classic (\$150 per player), Suncoast Showcase Luncheon (\$35), Seminars (\$20-40) and topped off by a gala Black-tie Vintner Reception, Dinner and Dance (\$300 per person).

Rise for a Showcase Brunch on Saturday, April 25, followed by spirited bidding at the charity auction benefitting disadvantaged children and youth. A casual buffet dinner and dance concludes the day, (\$150 per person all day).

Sunday's event is the Legg

Mason/Wilson Vintage Tennis Challenge beginning 10 a.m. at The Resort at Longboat Key Club (\$100 per person).

And it's all for charity! In its first eight years, Florida Winefest & Auction has donated \$1.8 million to its benefit charity programs helping disadvantaged youths lead self-sufficient and productive lives.

What's all this interest in Florida about? The state's wine consumption is third highest in the United States, bested only by California and New York. Florida's restaurant scene showcases wine in grand fashion.

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.

Fruity salad perfect for dessert or a light meal

AP - Kiwifruit-Grapefruit Salad makes a great dessert or light meal. The yogurt-lime dressing with honey tops off this light, healthy and easy-to-make dish. This recipe takes less than 15 minutes to prepare and serve.

KIWIFRUIT-GRAPEFRUIT SALAD

- 3 (about 3 ounces each) kiwifruit, pared and sliced
- 1 grapefruit, peeled and sectioned
- 1/4 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

- 1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds
- Yogurt-Lime Dressing (below)

Arrange fruit on platter, sprinkle with almonds. Serve with Yogurt-Lime Dressing. Makes 2 servings.

Yogurt-Lime Dressing: Combine 1/4 cup plain yogurt with 1 teaspoon honey and 1/2 teaspoon grated lime peel; mix well. Makes about 1/4 cup.

Recipe from: California Kiwifruit Commission

Get a healthy start with breakfast

See related story on Taste front.

How do you encourage your children to eat breakfast, or what's your favorite on-the-go breakfast? We'd enjoy hearing from you, and sharing your recipes with our readers.

Please send your comments and recipes to: Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

CREAMY MAPLE CRANBERRY OATMEAL

- 3 1/2 cups skim or low-fat milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 2 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned)
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup maple flavored syrup, regular or light
- 1/4 cup toasted wheat germ

In medium saucepan, bring milk and salt to a gentle boil. (Watch carefully.) Stir in oats, cranberries and maple syrup. Return to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cook 1 minute for quick oats, 5 minutes for old-fashioned oats or until most of the milk is absorbed, stirring occasionally. Let stand until desired consistency. Stir in wheat germ.

Spoon oatmeal into four cereal bowls. Drizzle with additional

syrup, if desired. Serve with milk or yogurt, if desired. Serves 4.

Microwave directions: In 3-quart microwaveable bowl, combine all ingredients except wheat germ. Microwave on HIGH 6 to 7 minutes for quick oats and 9 to 10 minutes for old-fashioned oats or until most of the liquid is absorbed. Let stand until desired consistency. Stir in wheat germ. Serves 4.

Nutrition information: 1/4 of recipe, Calories 380, Calories from fat 35, Total Fat 4g, Saturated Fat 0g, Cholesterol less than 5mg, Sodium 120mg, Total Carbohydrates 73g, Dietary Fiber 6g, Protein 16g, Calcium 331mg.

Cook's Tip: Freeze single servings of cooked oatmeal in small resealable freezer bags. Thaw in refrigerator overnight. Transfer to microwave-safe bowl. Microwave, covered on DEFROST until hot, stirring once or twice.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats.

WHOLE WHEAT PANCAKES

- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 3 large egg whites
- 1 1/2 cups skim milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups mashed very ripe

banana (about 3 medium or 17-18 ounces before peeling)

2 teaspoons vegetable oil

In a small mixing bowl, stir together flours and baking powder until well blended. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together egg whites, milk, vanilla, salt, banana and oil. Pour liquid ingredients into dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula just until blended.

Spray a large nonstick skillet or griddle with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium-high heat until hot enough to evaporate a drop of water immediately upon contact.

Spoon batter by 1/4-cup measures onto hot skillet or griddle. Cook until pancakes are slightly dry around edges and bubbles appear on top, about 2 minutes. Using a spatula, carefully turn over and cook for 1 to 2 minutes more, until lightly browned. Repeat with remaining batter.

(You may need to spray skillet or griddle with nonstick cooking spray between each batch. Lower heat to medium if pancakes are browning too quickly.) Keep pancakes warm in a low oven while you cook remaining batches. Makes 16 pancakes.

Serve with maple syrup or jam, or roll them up fajita-style with a thin layer of peanut butter or a

sprinkling of cinnamon and sugar.

Nutrition information per pancake: Calories 118; Fat 1g, Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 125mg; Protein 4g, Carbohydrate 23g.

Recipe from: "Eating Thin for Life: Food Secrets & Recipes from People Who Have Lost Weight & Kept It Off," by Anne M. Fletcher, a registered dietitian, (A Chapters Book Houghton Mifflin Company, 1997, \$14).

Here are some more "Eye-Openers" from "Eating Thin For Life"

■ 2 slices cinnamon raisin toast, each spread with 2 tablespoons warm applesauce, sprinkled with cinnamon, 8 ounces skim milk.

■ 1/3 cup uncooked oatmeal prepared with 8 ounces skim milk; top with 1/2 tablespoon strawberry or raspberry jam; 6 ounces freshly squeezed orange juice.

■ 2 low-fat buttermilk pancakes, topped with 2 teaspoons nonfat margarine and 2 tablespoons real maple syrup; 1/2 small pear, sliced.

■ 1/2 cup nonfat cottage cheese on a bed of fruit - 1 peach half, 10 red grapes, 1/2 medium pear, 1/2 cup sliced strawberries, 1 slice whole wheat cinnamon raisin toast with 1 teaspoon nonfat margarine.

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al intake can have an impact on psychological factors such as motivation, and attentiveness.

Skipping meals is not good for children or adults. Hughes is certain her students eat breakfast before coming to school, but occasionally someone will forget to bring their lunch.

"We won't allow kids to skip lunch," said Hughes. "If someone forgets, we take steps to make sure they have a lunch. Once in a while we get a family who thinks the best thing is for their child to skip lunch so they won't forget it again. But we don't believe it is. We've got a job to do, and children need good steady nourishment so we can do it."

Children who don't eat break-

fast miss out on more than 25 percent of their daily nutrient requirements.

"The bottom line is you're going to feel better if you have your breakfast," said Gale Cox, a registered dietitian and Health Programs Coordinator for Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

"You will do better in school if you're charged, and your energy level is high. You might wake up feeling good, but around 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. your ability to concentrate will be diminished if you don't eat breakfast. Your concentration will be off, and your energy level won't be as high."

If she had to choose between

being on time for an important meeting or eating breakfast, Cox said she would eat breakfast but admits many people wouldn't.

"A lot of people think from the neck up and totally abandon their body. They don't think about it - it's not a priority," said Cox. "You have to make breakfast a way of life. You have a responsibility to the world and to yourself."

If you want your children to be healthy, you have to set a good example.

"You can't leave it up to the kids to eat breakfast," said Cox. "They won't do it. Plan ahead. Provide foods that appeal to kids. Oatmeal is a favorite in the winter, but cereal with milk, and

toast spread with a lower fat margarine, or a bagel with a lean piece of Canadian bacon are good choices as well.

"There's no reason kids have to eat traditional breakfast foods, any food that appeals to them is fine."

Besides cereal, Cox suggests low-fat sausage on a bun, hard cooked eggs, or low-fat cottage cheese. "There's a lot to pick from," she said. "Take five minutes to jot down a plan. Figure out what you want your kids to have for breakfast the night before. Have cereal on the shelf ready to go. Make breakfast an established way of life. If it's important to you, it will be important to your kids."

Learning problems are getting statewide attention!

Governor Engler is stating all children should read by the third grade. Many children are still struggling with the basic skills needed for reading. MEAP testing was developed to find ways to improve schools and solve the learning problems. Teachers are concerned with the large number of children that need help.

Attention Deficit Disorder (A.D.D.) is widespread. In many schools, children line up at lunch time to receive their dose of Ritalin. This has many parents and doctors worried.

Meanwhile, the children are still waiting for answers. They're still waiting for help with their homework. Or they just avoid it all together.

Dr. John Jacobi, director of the Vision Therapy Center, has found an answer for many of these children. Most children with learning problems, especially those with A.D.D., have an undiagnosed vision problem.

I can't stress enough how critical it is for a complete eye examination to be included in testing for A.D.D. and other learning difficulties. 40% of children in an average classroom have a vision problem that can hinder their ability to read and learn," says Dr. John Jacobi, director of the Vision Therapy Center in Livonia. "It is often overlooked, and can be serious."

Symptoms of vision deficiencies and A.D.D. are similar. Parents, teachers, in fact all of us, need to know the symptoms of vision problems.

The symptoms of a child whose learning difficulties are related to vision are:

1. Avoids reading and near work, cannot sit still or finish a task. This is often caused by double vision and eyestrain to focus, aim, or visually concentrate.
2. Losses his place while reading, skips words, moves whole head back and forth, uses his finger to follow, sometimes "impatient." Poor control of eye movements will bring these results.

3. Tilting head while working up close, covering an eye, developing headaches after reading and paperwork, are all signs of problems with eye teaming. "Children typically do not report poor vision, they assume everybody sees the way that they do," notes Dr. Jacobi.
4. "Poor Handwriting can also be the result of poor eye-hand coordination. Many of our patients have low handwriting skills."
5. Poor spelling: The child may even pass the test but cannot recall the words one week later. Reversing letters (sometimes identified as "dyslexia"). This is often the result of poor visual memory and visualization.

Local parents Stuart and Mary Mathis share their daughter's success story. There can't possibly be anything more frustrating and a feeling of hopelessness, when you know you have a bright child and she can't read. Vision therapy for my daughter has uplifted my heart in so many ways and has decreased the stress in our home. Finally finding the missing piece to the puzzle allows Tonya to move ahead into more challenging aspects of her life."

The Vision Therapy Center doesn't claim to be a cure all for A.D.D. Their role is to correct vision problems that cause these symptoms.

The American Optometric Association (AOA) states that ten million U.S. children under the age of twelve have vision problems that make it hard to cope at home and school. These vision problems "often prevent a child's development into a normal, contributing adult by interfering with learning."

Prostration leads to misbehavior, dropping out of school and even juvenile delinquency." The Association's warning is clear.

Dr. Elyse Edelman, author of *Suddenly Successful Student*, adds this good news. "In almost every case of a child with a vision problem there is a solution.

Tonya Mathis with her vision therapist, Kamela Asher.

The trick is recognizing the problem and getting the child to the right practitioner.

"Alex started off as an early reader who caught on quickly and loved to read. As reading became more difficult, Alex came to dislike reading and avoided it as much as possible. Now Alex is able to read with much more ease, he no longer complains of headaches and has actually begun to pick up books on his own because he wants to," shares Roxanne Roth.

Testing for vision-related learning problems is being offered by Dr. Jacobi in Livonia, (734) 625-8170. "I am very concerned when I see extensive testing for A.D.D. and learning problems, without considering a possible vision problem. Even school screenings can be misleading, because they are nowhere near sufficient to rule out all vision problems," states Dr. Jacobi. "An undiagnosed vision problem is very often the missing piece."

Brighten up your weekend mornings

BY BARBARA ALBRIGHT
FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

When faced with early morning meetings, and school bus schedules, it's no easy task to get a delicious breakfast on the table during the week.

Weekends are the perfect time to make those foods that nurture and comfort. Following are three recipes that would brighten up the beginning of any day.

Citrus Waffles are light and fluffy, scented with a hint of citrus.

Irish Oats Pudding is a smooth and creamy pudding, filled with hearty steel-cut Irish oats and dried cherries or raisins. It would make a delicious main course, or it could be a breakfast "dessert." The recipe is from "Grains" by Joanna Lamb Hayes and Bonnie Tandy Leblang (Harmony Books).

Michael McLaughlin's recipe for Sherried Chicken Hash elegantly gives new meaning to the word "hash." Assembled the night before, the component parts come together to form a dish that is sophisticated enough for guests.

CITRUS WAFFLES

- 2 cups cake flour (not self-rising)
- 1-3rd cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/4 cups buttermilk, at room temperature

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1/4 cup orange juice, at room temperature
- 2 large eggs, separated (at room temperature)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated lemon zest

Preheat waffle iron according to the manufacturer's instructions. (The iron is ready when a few drops of water sprinkled onto the surface immediately turn into dancing droplets.)

In a large bowl, stir together the cake flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In another bowl, stir together the buttermilk, butter, orange juice, egg yolks, vanilla and zests. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture. Add the liquid ingredients; stir just to combine.

In a grease-free medium bowl, using a hand-held electric mixer set at medium-high speed, beat the egg whites until they just start to form stiff peaks when the beaters are lifted.

Using a rubber spatula, fold one-third of the beaten egg whites into the batter to lighten it. Fold in the remaining egg whites.

Pour the mixture into center of the preheated waffle iron, filling it about two-thirds full (a heaping 1-3rd cup per waffle). Cook the waffles for 3 to 5 minutes, or until they are set (steam will stop com-

ing out from the edges). Transfer the waffles to a warm oven and continue making waffles until all the batter is used. Serve immediately. Makes 7 waffles.

IRISH OATS PUDDING

- 1/2 cup steel-cut (Irish) oats
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup dried sour cherries or raisins
- Ground cinnamon

Toast the oats in a large dry skillet over medium heat, stirring constantly for 5 minutes. Add the water; return to a boil over high heat. Remove skillet from heat, cover, and set aside 20 minutes or until the oats have absorbed all the water.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 1 1/2-quart shallow casserole. Beat the egg until frothy in a medium bowl. Beat in the milk, cream, sugar, vanilla and salt. Stir in the oats and cherries.

Turn the oat mixture into the prepared casserole. Sprinkle the cinnamon over the top. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until set and lightly browned. Allow pudding to cool 15 to 20 minutes at room temperature, then serve. Makes 6 servings.

Recipe from: "Grains" by

Joanne Lamb Hayes and Bonnie Tandy Leblang (Harmony Books).

SHERRIED CHICKEN HASH

- 3 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 1-1/4 pounds (about 4 medium) red-skinned potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 large, heavy red sweet pepper, stemmed, cored and cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 2 leeks, white and tender green part only, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup Amontillado sherry
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh thyme
- Veloute Sauce (recipe follows)
- 1/2 cup coarse fresh bread crumbs

The Night Before:

Arrange the chicken breasts in a large, deep skillet that will just hold them in a single layer. Add cold water to cover. Evenly sprinkle in 2 teaspoons of salt and the bay leaves; set over medium heat. Bring slowly to a simmer; turning the chicken breasts once. Continue to simmer until just cooked through, about 5 minutes (check the chicken breasts for doneness at their thickest point by piercing with a small knife). Remove skillet from heat and let chicken cool to

just to room temperature in the poaching liquid. With a slotted spoon, transfer the chicken to a cutting board; pat dry. Trim any fat or cartilage; cut the meat into 1/2-inch cubes. Discard the bay leaves.

Meanwhile, in a saucepan, cover the potatoes with cold water. Stir in 2 teaspoons salt, set over medium heat and bring to a boil. Cook the potatoes uncovered, stirring occasionally, until just tender, about 6 minutes. Drain immediately.

In a skillet over medium heat, melt 2 tablespoons of the butter. Add the sweet pepper and leeks. Cover and cook, stirring once or twice, for 10 minutes. Uncover, add the sherry, and raise the heat. Cook, stirring often, until the sherry is reduced to a glaze that just coats the vegetables, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the thyme. Let cool.

In a large bowl, stir together the chicken, potatoes, glazed vegetable mixture and Veloute Sauce. Cover and refrigerate.

In the Morning:
Remove the chicken mixture from the refrigerator. Position an oven rack in the upper third of the oven and preheat to 400 degrees F.

In a small saucepan over low heat, melt the remaining 3 tablespoons butter; remove from the heat. Spoon the chicken mixture into a shallow 2-quart baking dish (such as a 9-by-13-inch oval gratin dish) and spread it evenly with the back of a spoon. Sprinkle the top of

the hash evenly with the bread crumbs. Drizzle the bread crumbs evenly with the melted butter.

Bake until the top of the hash is lightly browned and bubbling, about 40 minutes. Remove from oven and let the hash stand on a rack for 5 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

VELOUTE SAUCE

- 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- 3 cups chicken stock or reduced-sodium canned chicken broth
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg

In a heavy saucepan over low heat, melt the butter. Whisk in the flour and cook without browning, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes.

Remove from heat; gradually whisk in the stock. Return the pan to low heat; whisk in the salt, pepper and nutmeg. Cover partially and cook, stirring often until the sauce is thick and glossy, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Makes about 3 1/2 cups.

Recipe from: "Good Mornings" by Michael McLaughlin. Chronicle Books.

Heat up winter with a Caribbean chicken wrap

(NAPS) - Looking for a new way to liven up your ordinary chicken dish as the nights get colder?

Try the latest warm breeze from the land of palm trees, white sand and sunshine, a new recipe for Caribbean Lemon Chicken Wraps by Priscilla Yee of Concord, Calif. Yee created this aromatic dish to win the recent "Spring Ahead with

ReaLemon Lemon Chicken Recipe Contest," and a grand prize trip for two to Sydney, Australia, for her and a friend.

Yee's recipe makes use of warm spices such as ginger and cumin, lemon juice and sweet pineapple to add a tangy twist to broiled or grilled chicken. Serve this dish with a leafy green salad for a delightful family dinner.

Prepare the marinade ahead of time, and the wraps cook up in a flash. Everyone will love the unexpected "taste of the sun."

CARIBBEAN LEMON CHICKEN WRAPS

- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons honey

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 skinned, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1-1/3 cups hot cooked rice
- 1 cup diced fresh pineapple
- 2 tablespoons chopped

- cilantro
- 4 (9-inch) flour tortillas, warmed

In small bowl, combine lemon juice, honey, oil, cumin, ginger, salt and pepper; mix well. Reserve 1/4 cup mixture; cover and refrigerate. In shallow dish or plastic bag, pour remaining marinade over chicken. Cover or seal. Mari-

nate in refrigerator 2 hours or overnight. Remove chicken from marinade; discard marinade. Grill or broil chicken until fully cooked; slice.

Combine reserved marinade with rice, pineapple and cilantro; toss to coat.

Place rice mixture and chicken in center of each tortilla; roll up. Refrigerate leftovers.



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Aging:

You can do it with style

The famous baby boom generation is rapidly marching toward retirement.

Magazines that claim to cater to the more mature woman, laughingly feature a woman perhaps in her early 40s, just like the magazines claiming to represent the overweight woman which daringly include a size 12 or 14.

It will be interesting to watch over the next couple of decades how magazines, advertising and cultural standards will be forced to change as the group of seniors expands. The image of women with white hair who only dress in black is outdated. The new generation is not, or should not, be afraid of color. In fact, you should embrace these colors, even if you think pastels are more appropriate.

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

That doesn't mean that you should throw everything pastel out, but combine pieces with brighter colors. A splash of bright color can make you appear healthy, enthusiastic, in a good mood.

Carry that over into your choice of colors for make-up. Particularly with lipstick, you can add a dash of color. Add to that a stronger blusher to brighten your complexion. Don't chose a lipstick that is too dark, and don't go too light. If it is too dark, it will bring attention to those lines and wrinkles that may have started around the lips. If you go too light, you might be accused of trying to recapture your youth.

Outlining your lips is essential. It gives definition, and helps stop the color from "bleeding." If you have been a smoker, then you probably need to pay special attention to the lips.

Seeing is believing

Don't be afraid to wear your glasses when applying your make-up. They make glasses especially for this, where you can lower and raise the lens on each side as you work on the other. Avoid being one of those women who do their make-up in the dark, or others who give up altogether rather than admit they cannot see up close.

Your touch should be a light one, too heavy and it can get caked on, settling into lines. Don't choose frosted make-up, matte is much better. Go for a "dewy" look. Don't be afraid of powder, it's not your mother's powder these days. It can be your best friend, keeping your shine down, not creating a cloud like grandmother used to.

You may start to lose hair on your eyebrows. Make sure you fill in the gaps, but again, a light touch is much more natural. As you get older, skin can become discolored or blotchy. This is normal, but could have been triggered by exposure to the sun.

Be certain to use a concealer in conjunction with your foundation. The skin gets thinner as you age, and you must pay attention to exposure. Perhaps you have retired and have more time to play tennis, walk, garden, etc. Or maybe it's just that you move slower than you used to, and thus are in the sun or wind for longer than you used to be. As the skin gets thinner, it also gets drier, and moisturizing, if it hasn't been in your beauty routine, should be added.

Cutback on eye color

Eye color can change with age. Don't try to compensate for what were once baby blue eyes with a bright blue eye shadow. This is not the place to go hog wild with color. Stick to neutrals, soft colors.

If you wear glasses, then perhaps a snazzy frame is all that you need to catch attention. Eyelashes also lose their color, so don't forget the mascara.

Pitch black hair (or eggplant purple, for that matter) are too strong. They require far too much maintenance. Also, try to avoid coral, pink or light blue colors — yes I've actually seen them on someone's head (thank heaven it wasn't the same woman!) If you must have these colors on your head — wear a scarf!

If your hair is thinning, then you should go lighter. There will be less of a contrast between your hair and your scalp. It will look as though there is a greater abundance of hair.

Jeffrey Bruce resumes his salon via the mid-March. For an appointment call 1-800-944-8588 or E-mail jbruce@worldnet.com

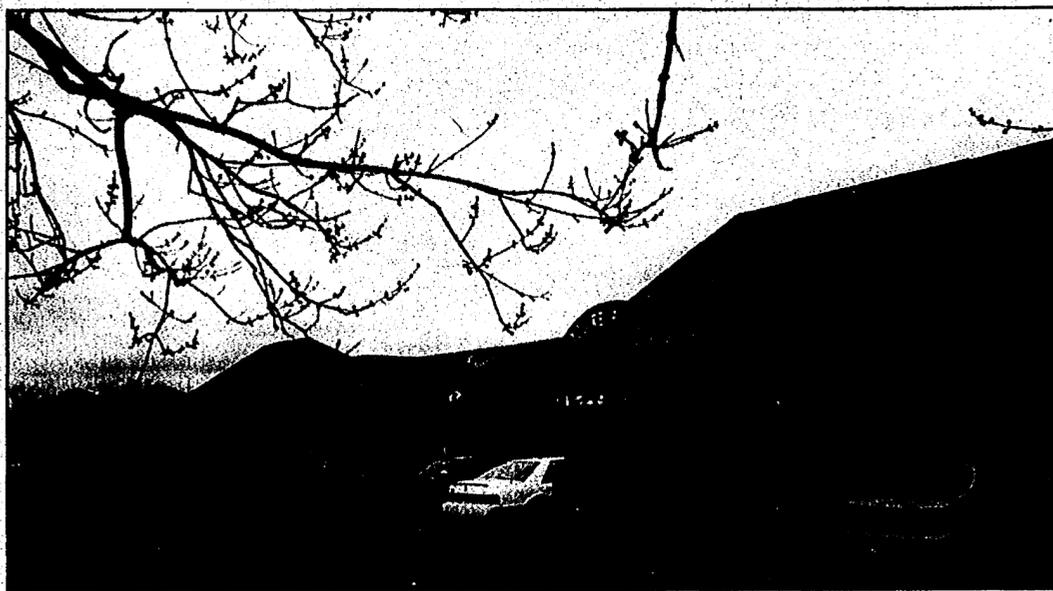


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On The Boardwalk: This busy shopping strip on Orchard Lake, south of Maple, contains the uptown kinds of shops the local residents crave when they want to run up for a manicure, Calvin Klein suit or cup of cappuccino. It helps that parking is close at hand.

Roz & Sherm plans for the future

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
RETAIL EDITOR

There is no doubt in Sherm Becker's mind that his upscale woman's fashion salon will continue to thrive and set trends in the Bloomfield Plaza, even though his beloved wife and business partner, Roz, passed away last year.

In fact, this week's Roz & Sherm trunk show dedicated to Hino & Mallee (the store's original design discovery) is expected to be the biggest ever. And, as the Stuart Weitzman spring shoe collection arrives, customers are waiting to snap them up, according to Annie Frank, the Becker's niece, and chief buyer for the past few years under Aunt Roz's tutelage.

"Family and friends are helping and we're adjusting," Sherm said. "But there are customers who wonder what the future will hold for us. We're a stable organization. We're retailers born and bred. We have family in this business. So Roz & Sherm will go on, to pay tribute to my wife who was the inspiration for this successful concept."

Sherm recalled with amusement, the day in 1976 when Roz talked him into letting her sell colorful Moroccan caftans, and next, Hino & Mallee designs, in his shoe store.

"I kept telling her there was no place in the store for women to try these clothes on. There were no full-length mirrors," he said with a chuckle. "But she just told me not to worry, and go make myself a cup of coffee in the kitchen, while she sat in the living room buying up garments from the representative."

Next, she wanted Sherm to open a shoe store at Maple & Telegraph.

"Where?" I jumped. "Are you kidding? There's no traffic, not a lot of cars out there."

"True," she insisted. "But, did you see the kind of cars out there?"

"Well, she was right on both counts. By the 1980's Oakland County was booming, on its way to becoming one of the wealthiest places to live in the country. Here we were with our unique, marvelous clothing and shoe salon right in the heart of it all."

Since the '80s were the heydays of Roz & Sherm, the retailer spent the 90's meeting the challenges of selling

clothing for casual lifestyles punctuated by occasional special events. Becker predicted technology advances would effect the way his business runs in the future.

Annie explained that her job is to track down what's new in the marketplace with the store's clientele in mind.

"Our staff knows who shops here so well, they'll tell me 'Mrs. So and So has a bar mitzvah coming up,' or 'we need more size 12s,' and off I go, once a month. We spend a lot of time on the phone selling to our clients, too. The women who shop here do so because they love pretty things and they know we'll accessorize them head to toe."

Customers come to Roz & Sherm from the surrounding neighborhoods and nearby cities like Toledo, Flint and Grosse Pointe, according to the staff.

"There's no other store like it," Annie testified. "Most of the other fine boutiques are gone like Hattie's, Adari, Anna Bassett. You could take this store and put it down in New York and we'd do fine."

The Beckers also own Hannah Rose a few stores down in the Plaza.

"There, we're known for great suits for the working woman, work-out wear and special party dresses. The price points are lower," Annie said. "Both stores do well with trunk show events because it's the opportunity for customers to see things before they arrive in the store and order them in whatever color or size they need. This Hino & Mallee event will be our biggest... thanks to the visions of Aunt Roz. In 20 years we've become the biggest Hino & Mallee account in the U.S."

Sherm declined to reveal sales figures, "The IRS might read the story," but he said the holiday season was good, but El Nino ruined winter coat sales. What's new for spring?

- * a special group of suits from YSL, Encore
- * soft dressing, chiffon, knits and jersey
- * antique Chinese prints
- * lots of color, lots of black and white
- * fitted suits
- * long, pretty skirts
- * open toed, "sandalized" shoes in flats and high heels

Moving forward: Sherm Becker and Annie Frank continue the "just under couture" fashion tradition set by Rosalyn Becker whose portrait hangs in the trendy Bloomfield fashion salon since her death.

PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 6 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

Puppet shows
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MONDAY, FEB. 16

Kids' safety event
"Play It Safe" program includes safety and health tips from town's emergency professionals for kids, noon to 4 p.m.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt.
(248) 476-1160.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

Movie fun
The mall merchants treat kids on winter break to a free film, "Flubber" with Robin Williams and Marcia Gay Harden. Begins at 11 a.m. in mall's cinema. Runs 94 minutes. Seating until capacity.
Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt.
(248) 476-1160.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

Madeline breakfast
Nordstrom's welcomes Parisian story heroine Madeline for a special children's breakfast with live entertainment and face-painting. Have a photo taken with Madeline. Event is \$10 per person. Reservations required through the store's concierge.
Somerset Collection North.
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Arthur visits

Coloring activities and photo ops accompany the visit from PBS children's character Arthur from noon to 3 p.m. at Hudson's Fairlane Town Center store in Dearborn. Arthur visits the Westland Center store Feb. 22 from noon to 3 p.m. Kid's Department.
Westland Center. Wayne/Warren.
(313) 426-5001.

Family Fun central

The Puzzle Place and Lamb Chop from the PBS series, presents a half-hour show at 4 and 6 p.m. in the Fountain Court. Free. Photos.
Fairlane Town Center.
Michigan/Southfield Fwy. Dearborn.
(313) 593-1370.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

Trunk show set
Hersh's hosts a spring trunk show and informal modeling of Garfield & Marks suits and separates for the upcoming season from 10 a.m. daily through Feb. 28.
The Boardwalk Plaza. Maple/Orchard Lake.
West Bloomfield.
(248) 626-7776.

Boardwalk stands on service

A neighborhood plaza is enjoying retail success by marketing personalized service along with unique products.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
RETAIL EDITOR

Running a retail operation these days puts you up against the competition — plus specialty catalogs, the home shopping network, megamalls, outlet centers, and the Internet.

But retailers along The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield insist that nothing beats old-fashioned customer service and that's why they are thriving.

For the past 16 years, 23 merchants have been serving the nearby residents of Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield and Orchard Lake, selling shoes, special occasion clothing and gifts to customers they know by name. In fact, they know them so well, that Hersh boutique owner Hersh Rothenberg can actually refuse to sell a bluish-colored blazer to a woman he insists could make a better choice.

"It just doesn't work," he says with a wave of his hand. "No. No. No. Try the grey one."

You'd never hear that at a department store.

Bluma Siegel markets the shopping plaza like a mother hen looking after her chicks.

"This is the only center of its kind in metro Detroit," she says over lunch at the Stage & Ca restaurant which anchors the plaza south of Maple on Orchard Lake. "It is a collection of boutiques where you can drive up and park at the door, find unique selections of merchandise, and be waited on by people who know their stuff."

Fashion is in the forefront of everything at the center from the high-end luxury lines carried by Solomon & Son to the kooky home decor items at Zzyzx. Even the eateries stress style — Caribou Coffee pours cappuccinos from sun up to sun down, and Omaha Steaks sells filet mignons by the hundreds of pounds.

Perhaps the trendiest merchant is You're Fired! a lifestyle retailer that allows clients to paint and fire their own ceramic sensations, accommodating the likes of an entire law office, to a room full of spirited 5-year-olds attending a birthday party.

The Boardwalk recently welcomed its newest tenant Greetings From, a card and gift shop, which rounds out the mix at the in-town shopping strip.

"This center works because the economy, the market around here is strong," Siegel said. "Times dictate what businesses you bring in, that's why Dakota Bread is doing so well. Staying current with top-flight shops, that's what we're all about."

Elaine and Mark Blumenfeld own the successful Rear Ends shop where clothing for the casual lifestyle is in vogue.

"Because people are so busy these days, shopping is no longer a sport," said Elaine. "Our customers know us. They trust us. They depend on us to get what they need and tell them when it's in so they can just stop by and pick it up. That's the kind of business we do here and it works."

The 40,500-square foot center is owned and operated by The Boardwalk Limited Partnership which also owns The Sugar Tree plaza down the road. Rents are \$18-\$20 per square foot.

Current tenants include: Caribou Coffee, Charterhouse Barber Shop, Chico's Casuals, Dakota Bread, Greetings From, Hersh's, Kitty Wagner Salon, Lufino's Hair Salon, Marguerite Boutique, Mr. Alan's Shoes, New York Bagel, Omaha Steaks, Richard's Stride Rite, Running Fit, Rear Ends, Solomon & Son, Stage & Ca, Steven Franklin Optics, Sundance Shoes, Tressa's Boutique, You're Fired, Zebra Oriental Rugs & Antiques, Zzyzx.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Nonprofits cheer on future artists

Local arts organizations know it's important to expose young people to the arts, and nurture their talent.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and Livonia Arts Commission are doing their part to ensure a future for the arts by showcasing student artists and awarding scholarships.

According to the Michigan Art Education Association, studies have shown that learning music and visual art skills enhances academic disciplines. That's why this group of teachers began exhibiting art works by students in Region 2 three years ago.

Together with the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Wayne County Council for the Arts, the Michigan Arts Education Association spotlights talented young artists from kindergarten to 12th grade in its fourth annual Wayne County Regional Arts Exhibition at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts.

Juror William Harmon, chairman of the art department at Harrison High School in Farmington, awarded Best of Show to Trevor Anulewicz, a Plymouth Salem High School senior, for a pastel titled "Nervous Inspiration."

Claire Slusher, a 10th grader at Plymouth Salem High School, took first place in the high school category for a tempera/pastel "Fruit Still Life."

Music students from Plymouth-Canton Schools will perform during a brief ceremony to award scholarships from Center for Creative Studies, Detroit Institute of Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, Downriver Council for the Arts, and Dearborn Community Arts Council Sunday, Feb. 15.

"We're really pleased to have this quality work," said Jennifer Tobin. "I'm always amazed at the talent of the young people and the guidance of the teachers."

The Michigan Art Education Association, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the National Art Education Association, is "interested in defining and establishing the role of art education to give support to creative teaching and to foster study and research in art education." The exhibition allows art educators the opportunity to showcase exemplary work of their students.

"The exhibit is so important because it encourages the young people

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Self portrait: Trevor Anulewicz, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School, won Best of Show for this pastel titled "Nervous Inspiration."

Animal advocate: Axel Fisser shoots animals through the lens of a camera, preserving their beauty forever.



Photographer's odyssey loaded with danger

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • STAFF WRITER

Axel Fisser thrives on taking risks and confronting danger. On a four-week safari to Botswana in November, the 28-year-old Plymouth resident was bold enough to photograph one of the park police, AK47 in hand, whose orders were to shoot anyone carrying a gun.

More than a dozen of the photographs of elephants, zebra, and lions from Fisser's trip to Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia are on display at the Animal Odyssey in Plymouth.

Animals on the Move

What: An ongoing exhibit of African wildlife photographs by Axel Fisser.

When: Exhibit hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; until 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Where: Animal Odyssey, 621 South Main Street, south of Wing, Plymouth. (734) 414-MEOW or www.animalodyssey.com

was about 12 feet away from a lion family but in the relative safety of a truck.

"You see hippos and giraffes but it's very rare to see cats," said Fisser. "The Serengeti in Tanzania, I was lucky because I went there in March when grass was dry and low. If the grass is high you can't see the lions. At the Ngorongoro Crater, the lions lie in the mud since there is no shade. So you can say that the lions in the crater are the dirtiest lions in Africa."

Fisser's job as a chemist takes him to Germany, the United States and Mexico, so traveling is something that he does often. His birthday was a highlight of the recent trip when in the middle of nowhere he was surprised with a cake, dancers and warm African beer.

Traveling with 18 people, a driver and a cook

permitted plenty of time for side excursions. One night, Fisser and a fellow traveler swam across the river amidst crocodiles to enter Angola illegally.

"It's pretty cheap to travel to Africa from Germany," said Fisser. "It's a camping trip, 125 degrees in Botswana, you must be in good health. I went to Namibia to climb sand dunes. You get up at 4 a.m. so you get there before sunrise. There's a small window of opportunity to take photographs."

The first trip Fisser ever took was to Egypt for scuba diving. On his first trip to Africa, he decided he liked wildlife safaris more. Fisser shares the photographs and lively story of his

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Catnap: (Left) This photograph is of a lion at rest, after eating a huge meal in the Serengeti National Park. (Below) Axel Fisser captured these hippos fighting in the Ngorongoro Crater water hole in Tanzania.



MUSIC

Mischief in Music

What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents two family concerts featuring Gemini and the first place winner of the orchestra's Youth Artist Competition, Stephen Goto of Canton.

When: 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 21-22 at two different locations.

■ Saturday, Feb. 21, Belleville High School Auditorium, 801 West Columbia, Belleville.

Afterglow (cost \$5) follows the concert at Prudential Pickering Real Estate, 381 Main Street, Belleville.

■ Sunday, Feb. 22, Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road (at Canton Center Road), Canton.

Cost: \$8 adults, \$5 children. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (734) 451-2112. The first 250 people to purchase a ticket to the concert will receive a free ticket to the Plymouth Whalers Tuesday, March 3, game against the Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena, Plymouth, limit four free tickets.

Plymouth Symphony scores with families

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra believes the family that plays together stays together. Besides tailoring their Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 21-22 concerts to please moms, dads and kids, the orchestra in cooperation with the Plymouth Whalers, is offering two tickets for the price of one.

The first 250 people to purchase symphony tickets will receive one free ticket to see the Whalers take on the Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena Tuesday, March 3. Last year's promotion was so popular, curtain time had to be delayed, proving once again, hockey and symphony music fans can coexist in the same family.

"When the Whalers first came into the area last year, I was so excited," said PSO executive director Bonnie Holyoak. "I thought, they could have fun, we could have fun. Last year, the players came to our concert and signed autographs. The orchestra had to wait to begin playing because people were standing in line."

Concert lineup

The music of Gemini will appeal to the kid in all of us, promises Laszlo Slomovitz, twin brother of Sandor. The two comprise the talent behind Gemini, guest artists on the "Mischief in Music" program along with Stephen Goto, first-place winner in the PSO's Youth Artist Competition.

"They're folk songs we've written about childhood and growing up, topics kids of all ages can relate to and we all, to some degree, have grown up," quipped Laszlo. "We're going to be playing what we call our greatest hits from our recordings and we really want the audience to be involved, singing along."

Born in Budapest nearly 60 years ago, Sandor and Laszlo emigrated to Israel after the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. They moved to Kingston, New York, three years later and, for the last 25 years, have called Ann Arbor their home.

"Our dad was a cantor in the synagogue,

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Young artist: As first place winner of the PSO's Youth Artist Competition, Stephen Goto of Canton plays a violin concerto by Khachaturian with the orchestra Feb. 21-22.

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so we grew up singing with him as little kids," said Laszlo. "Since we lived in three different cultures we want to acknowledge the diversity that is so much a part of American culture by adding an international flavor with a Hungarian folk tale and Israeli folk songs in addition to our own original songs. At the beginning of one, we sing hellos in eight different languages with the audience responding to us."

Violinist

Family plays an important role as well in Stephen Goto's life. The 17-year-old Canton violinist and his mother, Keiko, frequently team up to play competitions and concerts at their place of worship, Newburgh Baptist Church in Westland. Goto will perform the selection with which he won the PSO's Youth Artist Competition, Khachaturian's "Violin Concerto."

"I've never played with an orchestra before so I'm excited about it," said Goto. "I like to visualize myself playing with an orchestra. The piece I'm playing is very difficult. I struggled with it a lot because I've never played this type of music before. The concerto is nothing like Mozart, Beethoven or Bach."

Goto began taking piano lessons at age 5 then switched to violin, studying the Suzuki method, at the insistence of his parents. The years of practice and study have paid off. In the years 1992-94, Goto won first place in the Demaris Arts Competitions, firsts in district and state Solo and Ensemble in 1995, and 1996, and first place in the

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Stephen Goto
Violinist

Schoolcraft College Honors Auditions for 1993 and 1994. He attended Interlochen through the All-State summer program and was second violin section leader in the Intermediate Orchestra for 1993 and 1995. He currently studies violin with Stephen Shipp at the University of Michigan.

"I'm glad I've stayed with violin," said Goto. "If you can play one string instrument, you can play any string instrument."

Goto also plays cello, viola, and guitar. In fall of 1998, he will attend the University of Michigan majoring in computer sciences. He does not plan to make violin his career but rather a hobby.

The concerts are sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, Ameritech-New Media, Prudential Pickering Real Estate, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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March 1996 African trip on the Internet at <http://www.ismi.net/riecherttuning/ax>

"I like to meet people from different countries," he said. "It's amazing, the people in Africa don't have anything, but they're happy."

In the near future, Fisser plans to show his slides at the Animal Odyssey. A small donation will go to the World Wildlife Fund.

"I'm not interested in making money," said Fisser. "I'd like to help keep the games preserves and the animals alive so people know how important these animals are to the circle of life."

Animal Odyssey owners Sharon and Celia Atma have a track record of supporting wildlife and animal causes since opening their shop in Old Village in November of 1996. The mother and daughter team moved the animal gallery and gift shop to a new location on Main Street Feb. 10.

"We'll show anything animal," said Sharon Atma of Livonia. "Our goal is to educate about animals and give artists a break."

From the moment visitors enter the shop in a 100-year-old home, animals are all they see.

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Axel Fisser
Photographer

But what else would you expect when one of the owners (Sharon) was married at Potter Park, a small animal zoo in Lansing in June. A new gallery in the back room of the shop features porcelain tiles by Diane Dunn of Livonia; whimsical animal sculptures by Trina Riordan, Farmington Hills; stained glass panels and sun catchers, Jenn, Plymouth; Bob Perrish, cold cast bronze ducks, Livonia; watercolors and reproductions, Phyllis Hochlowski, Plymouth; Cool Cat Creations earrings and pins, Jeanette Pugliese, Lathrup Village; painted animal rocks, Cathy Petix, Dearborn; limited-edition prints, Jana Conger, Brooklyn; pottery, Karen Donleavy, California; cat dolls with porcelain heads by Donna Bragg of Chicago; photography, and ceramic tableware handcrafted in Zimbabwe. Future plans call for

artists like Fisser to discuss and demonstrate their work.

"We're always looking for new artists," said Celia Atma of Bloomfield Hills.

The Animal Odyssey is well stocked with merchandise bound to make the hardest of hearts smile. Penguin purses, stuffed ferrets, orange and white stripe shirts embroidered with frogs, jewelry, T-shirts, figurines, mirrors, puzzles, nature CDs, and educational activity sets for kids, are a few of the hundreds of items on hand.

"We try to emphasize items with a little humor so people come to have a good time," said Celia.

Lack of space and foot traffic forced the move to a new location. Both Celia, a retired Hamtramck school teacher and Sharon, an attorney with offices in the back of the shop, anticipate a profitable retail year after

the past year's ups and downs. "It's tough making a go of it but the gift shop and gallery is filling a niche," said Sharon. "We try to make it an experience."

In addition to greeting cards featuring masters paintings (Munch, Picasso) with an animal twist, Animal Odyssey offers informational brochures on animals ranging from pets to wildlife. Both Sharon and Celia are animal lovers. Sharon, a member of Attorneys for Animals and the Legal Defense Fund, volunteered at the Michigan Animal Rescue League in Pontiac for several years. She owns three cats. Celia admits only to having "a lot of cats." It's no wonder sales from a number of items benefit various nonprofit animal and nature organizations including Animal Crafters, which finances spaying/neutering of pets for low income and unemployed persons, senior citizens, students, and persons fostering strays for adoption. All proceeds from the sales of handmade pet beds and heart-shaped dog pillows go directly to Animal Crafters in Farmington Hills. The Animal Odyssey takes no commission.

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ple, and for the same reason that actors do performances, and musicians give concerts, artists need to be hung and see their work," said Tobin. "When the teachers were installing the works on Saturday, I noticed they didn't even know each other in the region, and they were talking to each other and asking questions and exchanging ideas. I think it's important for the teachers to get together and exchange ideas and see what other people are doing."

Emma Jean Woodyard, chair-

man of Wayne County Council for the Arts and director of the Dearborn Community Arts Council, was instrumental in founding the exhibit. The first two years the show was held at the Dearborn Community Arts Council, where she is director.

"The exhibit represents the best of the best," said Woodyard. "It's important to showcase these students to encourage them. It also helps students from different regions see what other students are doing. There are not many opportunities to showcase the fine work. It's not like sports that have teams and play consistently in different venues."

Call for young artists

For a second year, the Livonia

Arts Commission continues its policy of fostering the visual and performing arts in young people by awarding \$5,000 in scholarships. Deadline for entry is March 2. For more information or an application, call the Community Resources Department at Livonia City Hall (734) 466-2540.

The competition is open to Livonia residents who are graduating high school seniors or resident college students pursuing studies in music, visual arts, architecture, literature, design, graphics, theater, dance) at an accredited college in the fall of 1998.

Arts commissioners Pat Davidian, Dorothy Wilshaw and Carol Swale will select the finalists.

Students will be interviewed, perform or show their art work before the committee distributes the prize money among the winners or winner.

"We want to encourage artists in the Livonia community," said Pat Davidian. "We're eager to have students take advantage of the opportunity in the arts. We're looking for people who have exhibited excellence in their work to date and have good all-around academic records."

Linda Ann Chomin is an arts reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call (734) 953-2145, or fax information to (734) 591-7279.



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AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ENTRIES

ANN ARBOR STREET ART FAIR
Accepting applications for the 1998 fair. For application, send a business #10 self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, P.O. Box 1352, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, or call (734) 994-5260. Deadline: Feb. 15, 1998. Fair will take place July 15-18, 1998.

ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL
Enter 16 mm film in the following categories: documentary, animated, experimental, narrative and personal. Shown during week of March 17-22. Entry form: Ann Arbor Film Festival, P.O. Box 8232, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8232. URL: <http://aafilmfest.org>

DOCUMENTA USA
Slides, videotapes (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1998 exhibit. Every submission will be presented. Artists of any medium, age free to participate. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence St., Ste. 101, Pontiac, MI 48342.

GREEKTOWN ART FAIR
Artist applications available for the 1998 Greentown Art Fair, sponsored by the Greentown Merchants Association in cooperation with the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans. Deadline: Feb. 27, 1998. For application, call (313) 662-3382.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
Auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, Frost Middle School, Stark Road near I-96, Livonia; (734) 525-1447.

MUSIC COMPETITION
The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded.

Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

VOCAL COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and the Italian American Cultural Society sponsor Fourth Annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students. Ten finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions. Deadline: Feb. 15, 1998. Cash prizes range from \$50-\$1000. Finalist will also perform before a live audience. Contact John Zaretti, (313) 455-8895.

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. Womencenter, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-7500.

BENEFIT

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL
6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Mardi Gras at Fox Hills Country Club featuring dinner, silent and live auction by Joseph DuMouchelle and music by the New Reformations Dixieland Band. Tickets: \$50. Call PCAC, (313) 416-4278.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

THE ART GALLERY/STUDIO
Classes in basic drawing and general art for the very young with Frances Fletcher Saturdays Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14 in the studio, 29948 Ford Road between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt, Garden City. Times: 10-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. Cost: \$40 (includes supplies). Deadline to register: Feb. 16. Portrait and still life for adult taught by Lin Baum: 1-4 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 20 & 27. Cost: \$50. Deadline to register: Feb. 2. (313) 261-0379/513-4044.

THE ART STUDIO
Adult winter art classes in oils, pastels and drawing. Children's after-school classes in drawing, painting and crafts. 4417 S. Commerce Road, Commerce Township; (248) 360-5772.

BOOKMAKING/COLLAGES
6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, through March 5. Techniques to make books, journals, cards and envelopes. Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC
Winter classes, including drawing, sculpture and painting. Children's classes include drawing and cartooning, painting, mask-making, arts and crafts and printmaking. Teen and adult classes include beaded jewelry, ceramics, photography, Chinese brush painting and blues guitar. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
Saturdays, March 7-May 2 for 5 to 7 year olds, and 8 to 12 year olds. Fee: \$40. Classes at Swords into Plovers Peace Center and Gallery, 33 E. Adams Avenue, Detroit; (313) 965-3544.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through March 5 - 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., "Survey of World Art," Holley Room; Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 4-6 p.m., "Drawing for Adults," Studio and Galleries; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, "Altering Spaces: Installation Art," Holley Room; 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays Feb. 21, 28 March 7, "From the African Loom to the African American Quilt." Fees vary. Classes and workshops require preregistration. To register call (313) 833-4249.



Up-and-coming: University Musical Society presents the Petersen Quartet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 in Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-2538.

DROP-IN FIGURE DRAWING CLUB
Meets 10 a.m.-1 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays each month, except on holiday weekends. Use medium of your choice. \$5 fee. Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 661-5291.

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOPS
Tinderbox Productions offers acting and musical theatre 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.

ONCE UPON AN EASEL
Two-day workshops 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 and Thursday, Feb. 26. 8691 N. Lilley Road; (313) 453-3710.

PAINT CREEK WINTER CLASSES
Black & white photography workshop, including developing, printing and dark-room techniques. Feb. 18 & 20, Feb. 26 & 28, and March 11 & 14. Hand coloring workshop 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Learn to hand-color black and white photos. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (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 composer/teacher David Mayer in association with The Village Players. Workshops begin March 7 and June 29, respectively. For specific dates and times call 644-2075.

WINTER CLASSES WITH KAREN HALPERN
February classes with noted Bloomfield Hills artist. Class offerings include a range of media. Locations include Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Ferndale and Petosky. Schedules and information, call (248) 851-8215.

CLASSICAL

BBSO
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, "George Gershwin Centennial Celebration, featuring conductor Felix Resnick, University Musical Society Choral Union. Annual benefit dinner precedes concert. Temple Beth El, 14 Mile at Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-2276.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, "Valentine Rag," featuring CutTime Players and Alexander Zonjic. Birmingham Unitarian Church on Woodward Avenue at Lone Pine, (248) 357-1111.

PONTIAC OAKLAND SYMPHONY
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, annual Oakland University Concerto Audit. Orchestra performs the Overture from "The Abduction from the Seraglio" by Mozart. Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University.

ST. MARY'S CLASSIC SERIES
4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Brazilian-born pianist Flavio Varani plays a tribute to Heitor Villa-Lobos. Shrine Chapel, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. Tickets: \$12 & \$20; (248) 683-1750.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD
8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Tallch Quartet in a program of Mozart, Bartok and Janacek. Tickets: \$25. Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, northwest corner of Cranbrook Road; (248) 751-4245.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, the young German ensemble, the Petersen Quartet. Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-2538.

MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH
4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, the UMS Choral Union of Thomas Sheets, featuring baritone Gary Relyea, soprano Katherine Larson, alto Jayne Sluder and Tenor Richard Fracker. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-2538.

FAIR LANE MUSIC GUILD
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, the CutTime Players, a new ensemble of seven musicians from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane, University of Michigan, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (313) 593-5330.

CRAFTS

BEAD FESTIVAL
10 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 25-28, the "6th Annual Teaching Seminar," presented by local and nationally recognized bead artists. Registration required. Southfield Lathrup High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield; (810) 756-8099.

DANCE

TERRI NEWMAN'S DANCE SHOPPE
Annual Solo Title Scholarship Competitions. Times: 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Petite Miss & Master; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Junior Miss & Mr.; 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Teen Miss & Mr.; 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Miss & Mr., ages 16-25. York City, Clarenceville High School, Livonia; (248) 666-1971.

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM
8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 3 & 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17-22. Music Hall, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-2366.

GEORGIAN STATE DANCE COMPANY
3 & 7 p.m. Sunday, March 1, the Georgian State Dance Company, a folk dance troupe perform with original costumes and choreography. Macomb Community College, 44575 Clinton Twp., (810) 286-2141. Tickets: \$22 & \$24.

JAZZ

B'JAZZ VESPER
6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Trio. First Baptist Church of Birmingham, corner of Willits and Bates Street.

MUSICA VIVA INTERNATIONAL
3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, The Fabulous Evergreen Blues, performing in the style of "Manhattan Transfer." Tickets: \$16 & \$18 at the door. Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 851-6987.

WINDSOR JAZZ SERIES
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, Chicago Jazz artists Franz Jackson. Tickets: \$12. University of Windsor Moot Court, Lau Building, University at Sunset. (519) 944-9798.

JAZZ IN THE STREETS
Detroit Historical Museum's fourth annual, "Jazz in the Streets," featuring Alexander Zonjic, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. Tickets: \$15. 5401 Woodward, at the corner of Kirby; (313) 833-1262.

LECTURES

MICHIGAN ORIENTAL ART SOCIETY
1 & 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, an illustrated lecture by Dr. Hugh Wiley, "Introduction to Japanese Ceramics" and "Early Japanese Ceramics." Holly Room, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. For information, (248) 398-7696.

MANSIONS OF FERRY AVENUE
Noon, Thursday, Feb. 19, lecturer Kathryn Carlson of Preservation Wayne. Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

VISITING WRITER AT CRANBROOK
7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Thomas Lux, author of seven collections of poetry. Kingswood us, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3492.

ARTIST AT GALLERY ANIMATO
Noon-2 p.m. & 3:30-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, animation artist Paul Carlson, original artist of Mr. Magoo, who also worked on "Sleeping Beauty," "101 Dalmatians," "Lady and the Tramp," and "Winnie the Pooh." 574 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 644-8312.

PHOTOGRAPHY DURING HOLOCAUST
2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Professor Sidney Bolkosky presents "Hidden Eyes and Hearts: Submerged in Holland during the Holocaust." Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

NON-VIOLENT CELEBRATION
5:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, "The Global Spread of Non-Violence" by Richard Deats, featuring a performance by the Detroit Dance Collective. Swords into Plovers Peace Center, Arts for Peace, 33 E. Adams, Detroit; (313) 963-7575.

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION LECTURE SERIES
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, featuring Michael Farrell's lecture, "Three Masters of American Painting." Season: \$25; \$9 at door. Northville High School, 775 N. Center, Northville; (248) 349-3091.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART
Through March 15 "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point," an exhibit of Monet's work around 1880 in the small village on the Seine. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thurs., noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Docent-led tours 7 p.m. Thursdays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395. Cost: \$6 adults; \$3 for non-U-M students, U-M faculty and staff, and senior citizens; free to Museum Friends, U-M students, and children under age 12. Advance tickets are recommended, call (800) 585-3737.

FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through March 15 - "Best of Both Worlds: Human and Divine Realms of Classical Art from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston," a collection of 81 objects of marble, bronze, terra cotta, limestone, ceramics from ancient Greece and Imperial Rome, from 6th century B.C. to 3rd century A.D. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 1-5 p.m. Sunday. 1120 E. Kearsley Street, Flint; (810) 234-1695.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through March 29 - "Beautiful Scenes: Selections from the Cranbrook Archives by Buzz Spector," "Chairs of Words," a visual essay by Carla Harryman; through April 5 - "Art on the Edge of Fashion," "Olga de Amaral," "Selections from the Permanent Collection for Younger Visitors." 1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through May 3 - "Hunters of the Sky," an exhibit on the falcon through an array of mounted specimens and video footage. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday; (248) 645-3200.

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY
Through June 30 - "A Victorian's Passion for Egypt: David Roberts, 1796-1864," Roberts' drawings and paintings during his travels through the middle eastern country. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; (313) 763-3559.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through June 30 - "The Life & Times of Paul Robeson," Coleman A. Young Exhibitions Room, 315 E. Warren, Detroit; (313) 259-4109.

READING

BALDWIN LIBRARY
2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Theatre Arts Productions Assemblies for Youth presents, "Fats, Eubie and the Duke," a musical celebration. 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, "Preschool Storytime," 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, the comedy of Jim Cruise: Tea and coffee provided. 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 647-1700.

WRITER'S VOICE POETRY SERIES
12:30 p.m. Detroit poets Alvin Aubert, Kevin Rashid and Marilyn Rashid. Wayne State University Department of English Building, Room 3234, 51 W. Warren at Woodward Avenue; (313) 577-2450.

GALERIA CASA DE UNIDAD
5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Diana Alva reads her poetry. 1920 Scotten, Detroit; (313) 843-9598.

VOLUNTEER

DIA
12:30 p.m. Sunday March 29, Detroit Institute of Arts Volunteer Committee is conducting their semi-annual volunteer orientation. DIA Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

WRITING

WORKSHOPS BY PUBLISHED AUTHORS
7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 17, 24, writing seminars including, "Writing for children," "Writing the romance novel," "How to tell the same old story in a new way," "Crimes real & imagined," "Writing the suspense novel." Fee: \$90 for five-week program, \$20 per session. To register: Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 424-9042.

TEN-MINUTE PLAYS
7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, a variety of short plays by Michigan Playwrights. Donations accepted. Southfield Centre for the Arts, south of 10 Mile Road on Southfield Road.

PLAYWRIGHTS OPEN HOUSE
Area playwrights will meet Meadow Brook Theatre's Artistic Director Geoffrey Sherman, Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23. Topics include: Meadow Brook's selection of plays, development play process. Event is free but space is limited. For reservations call (248) 370-3493. Deadline: Feb. 16.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

MOORE GALLERY
3 p.m. Sunday, February 15, "Mozambique," paintings by Barbara Terry Roy. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

POSNER GALLERY
Feb. 15 - Group show featuring new works by Ricki Berlin, Felix Braslavsky, Susan Sales and Tara M. Grew. Through March 15. 523 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-2552.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Feb. 17 - "Printer's Choice," 12 master printers, curated by Fracine Halvorsen. 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Feb. 21 - "Diversity: Focus on Islam," works of Islamic art, Middle-Eastern crafts and traditional calligraphy. The University of Michigan Dearborn, Third Floor of the Mardigian Library, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (313) 593-5058.

JACOB/COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through Feb. 21 - "Laughter Ten years After," an international touring exhibit of contemporary art by women artists. Community Arts Auditorium, 5400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University; (313) 577-2423.

REVOLUTION
Through Feb. 25 - "Sculptures of Gina Ferrari," 23257 Woodward Avenue; (248) 541-3444.

GALLERIA, OC EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
Through Feb. 26 - "Oakland County Community Mental Health, 1998 Exhibit," works in all media, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-1562.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Feb. 27 - 6 p.m., "Compassion and Achievements of African-American Culture," featuring the works of Ivan Stewart. Exhibit includes paintings celebrating military, sports, music and western achievements by African Americans. 24350 Southfield Road, just south of 10 Mile Road; (248) 424-9022.

ART CORRIDOR GALLERIES, FARMINGTON HILLS
Through Feb. 21 - A retrospective by international potter John Glick. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 473-9583.

BBA
Through Feb. 28 - "Get the Red Out," an exhibit of works by General Motors designers. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

BORDERS - FARMINGTON HILLS
Through Feb. 28 - Photo exhibit of children's portraits featuring work of Linda Joy Solomon. 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 737-0110.

CLIQUE GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 - "Free/Floating: New Etchings from Lithuanian artist Nele Zirmite." 200 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 545-2200.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through Feb. 28 - "Women on the Edge," four contemporary women artists Karen Izenberg, Card Sams, Nancy Schatt, Janine Gibeau. 162 Old N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Through Feb. 28 - Sam Nadon-Nichols paintings. 300 River Place, Ste. 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

O.R. N'HAMDI GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 - Vincent D. Smith. Paintings from the '70s and the '80s. 161 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 842-2700.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Feb. 28 - "It's in Material," an exhibit of artist who use glass as a mixed media in sculpture. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.



Get vocal: Musica viva international presents The Fabulous Evergreen Blues" 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 at Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 851-6987.

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Linda Ann Chomin, arts reporter, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

CLASSICAL BACK

Detroit Public Schools radio station WDTR-FM 90.9 will begin regularly scheduled broadcasts of classical music beginning Monday, Feb. 16. The new program, "A Touch of Class," will air 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The show will be hosted by Detroit's Khadejah Shelby who has been active in the city's cultural affairs for the past 26 years through her affiliation with the Brazeal Dennard Chorale. As deputy director of the Detroit and Belle Isle Zoos from 1982 to 1993, she is credited with making music and dance a regular part of zoo events.

Newly appointed program supervisor Cliff Russell stated, "as the oldest public school operated radio station in Michigan, WDTR-FM is committed to programming that is both educational and enjoyable. This year marks WDTR's 50th anniversary and it seemed appropriate to revamp our programming in order to satisfy the listening habits of residents in southeast Michigan. Listeners are invited to send

requests and announcements to "A Touch of Class," WDTR-FM, 9345 Lawton, Detroit, MI 48206.

FIND ROMANCE AT WORKSHOP

In an effort to fill the void left by the departure of WQRS, the only full-time classical music station in the Detroit market, Borders Farmington Hills will present the second in a series of classical music appreciation workshops featuring Paul Russell 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 737-0110.

Borders and Deutsche Grammophon will nationally present in-store events titled 100 Reasons to Listen to Classical Music.

February's theme is Reason No. 11: Find Romance.

The discussion at Borders in Farmington Hills will include three recent CDs with romantic themes including "Violin Romances" (Gil Shaham), "The Classic Love Album" (Terfel/Domingo/Pavarotti) and "Wagner: Tristan Und Isolde" (Karl Bohm).

ART CLUB MEET

Artifacts Art Club presents "Let's Look at it Another Way" during its regularly scheduled meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 in room C of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Sherry Eid, a Masterworks volunteer, will discuss the Livonia Public Schools program

which supplements the once a week art classes in its elementary schools. She will also talk about artists Blake, Dali and Magritte and their unique vision of the world.

The public is invited. To learn more, call (734) 591-3094.

BALLET WORKSHOP

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company hosts a weekend dance workshop with Ana Lobe, principal dancer with the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet Company, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 27 to March 1 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15821 Farmington Road, one block north of Five Mile, Livonia.

The workshops are for beginning to advanced dancers, age 7 and up. Classes are limited. To register, call (734) 427-9103.

Lobe trained at the National School of Ballet in Havana, Cuba with Alicia Alonso where she danced solo and principal roles with the National Ballet of Cuba. She has danced for the English National Ballet in London and Ballet Mississippi. Her lead roles include "Coppelia," "Romeo and Juliet," "Who Cares," "Blue Suede Shoes," and "The Moor's Pavane."

SWING TO JAZZ

Travel back to the days of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie as the Stevenson High School Jazz Band helps celebrate Botsford at ElderMed's 10th anniversary 1 p.m. Satur-

day, Feb. 28 in the community room of the Zieger Center at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

The cost is \$6 for ElderMed members, \$7 non-members, includes dessert and beverages. Limited space. Preregistration and payment required by Tuesday, Feb. 24. Call (248) 471-8020.

VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

The Plymouth Community chorus, as part of its continuing music education program, is offering three vocal scholarships to students pursuing an education in the performing art: one \$800 scholarship to a graduating senior and two \$400 scholarships to students in high school and junior high school (6-11th grades). Deadline for entry is March 1.

The scholarship program was established in 1984 for the purpose of assisting worthy and promising students in the pursuit of a career in the field of vocal music, an applied vocational career in vocal music, the academic study of voice, or the study of voice as relating to recreational and community singing. For applications or more information, call (313) 533-4796.

BEAD FESTIVAL DAZE

The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild present their sixth annual Teaching Seminar, four days of classes with local and nationally

recognized bead artists, Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 25-28 at Southfield Lathrup High School, 19301 West 12 Mile, Southfield. Nationally acclaimed bead artists along with local Guild instructors will teach a wide variety of beadwork and jewelry making techniques for skill levels from novice to advance. Class size is limited, pre-registration required. Call the Guild at (810) 756-8099.

The Bead Festival Daze conclude with a Spring Bead Bonanza 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 1 at the Van Dyke Park Hotel, 31800 Van Dyke, between 13 and 14 Mile, Warren. Admission is \$2. For more information, call (810) 977-5935 or www.elbbs.com/glbheadwg

BIRTHDAY PARTY

D & M Studios' Once Upon an Easel celebrates its first birthday 1-4 p.m. Sunday March 1 at the store, 8691 North Lilley Road at Joy, Canton, (734) 453-3710.

There will be live entertainment, an artists exhibition, cake, punch and champagne. All art supplies will be 20 percent off.

Meet children's author Marian Nelson and Plymouth artist Jennifer Riopelle during a book signing. The two created "Priscilla's Patch," View Riopelle's original illustrations for the book.

Other artists exhibiting a wide variety of media include Jim

Riopelle, Walter Kwilose, Big Skundberg John Campbell, Joe Slezak, Blade McClelland, Sharon Dillenbeck, Hugh Burley, Bob Sheridan, Norma McQueen, and Susan Argiroff.

CABARET CONCERT

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Volodymyr Schesiuk, presents its annual Cabaret Concert 7 p.m. Friday, March 6 at Burton Manor on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$25. Call (734) 421-1111/464-2741.

This special event features music and songs from Broadway shows, light classics, hot hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar.

FINAL DAYS

"Diversity: Focus on Islam," an exhibition of Islamic art, Middle Eastern craft and calligraphy continues through Feb. 21 at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road. Call (313) 593-5400 for hours.

The works are on loan from ACCESS, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services; the U-M-Dearborn Muslim Student Association; and private collections.

A project of The Art Museum Project at U-M-Dearborn, the exhibit calls attention to the diverse communities at the university while focusing on issues and concerns resulting from real or perceived differences.

A tortured romantic leaves behind a trove

By FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

In most of Martin Maddox's paintings over the last eight years, there's a palpable foreboding expression.

The sense of desolation pervades, even amid some humorous juxtapositions, such as a woman dancing with a bear, or a magician standing in front of animals decked out in black-tie attire.

For some artists, it might be a case of exploring a theme, or working through a psychological morass.

But for Maddox, it now seems as a chilling indication that the unbearable personal gloom was spreading with the dogged per-

vasiveness of oil seeping into canvas.

Maddox's most recent works completed before his death in December can be seen at the Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham through February.

"Ultimately" may be the proper adjective to describe the death of anyone who succumbs in their early 40s.

But because of the depth of his talent and his rising popularity, Maddox's passing is also painfully tragic.

Not in recent history has the Kidd Gallery had this kind of anticipation for a show. Even before the opening, several pieces had been sold.

"It's not whether you've heard

At the Gallery
What: Martin A. Maddox, 1954-1997: A Memorial Exhibition
When: Through Saturday, Feb. 28
Where: Robert Kidd Gallery, 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909

of Martin Maddox, but how many of his paintings have you seen, and how many do you have," said Ray Fleming, director of the Kidd Gallery, which represented the artist since the early 1990s.

Unfortunately, at a time when his talent was gaining recogni-

tion, Maddox could no longer withstand his addiction to crack and alcohol. Shortly after Christmas, he hanged himself.

Ultimately, Maddox may not have overcome his own demons. Yet in his most impressive paintings, he demonstrates an uncommonly refined blend of Renaissance style, symbolism, 19th-century European realism and a measure of surrealism.

But calling him eclectic is too easy.

In the cyber age where artists are often consumed with appropriations rather than mining their own psychological landscape, Maddox was a restless romantic.

Or in contemporary parlance,

painfully honest.

"He didn't try to follow any other painter. He didn't set out to be a type of artist."

The tendency upon learning that Maddox committed suicide is to search his paintings for clues of his imminent self-destruction.

That, too, is simplifying his work and his life. For Maddox lived and painted within a mythic dimension, a world beyond superficial appearances.

To know Maddox is to face the seeming hopeless wanderings of a romantic's heart.

Among the common images are women who appear as seductresses and saviors, winged horses, ethereal oceans and small

animals who seem to hold the key to wisdom.

Not all the works reflect the full range of Maddox's technical and compositional mastery. Nonetheless, the memorial exhibit offers plenty of evidence of Maddox's erotic sensibilities that transcend the Old Masters' pleasant depictions.

Yet beyond the analysis of his work, a simple realization cannot be overlooked. Maddox could no longer run away from his obsessions.

In "Addiction," Maddox portrays a blindfolded man with his hands and feet tied. The naked man sits at the edge of an open sea while two maidens and a fish await his imminent fall.

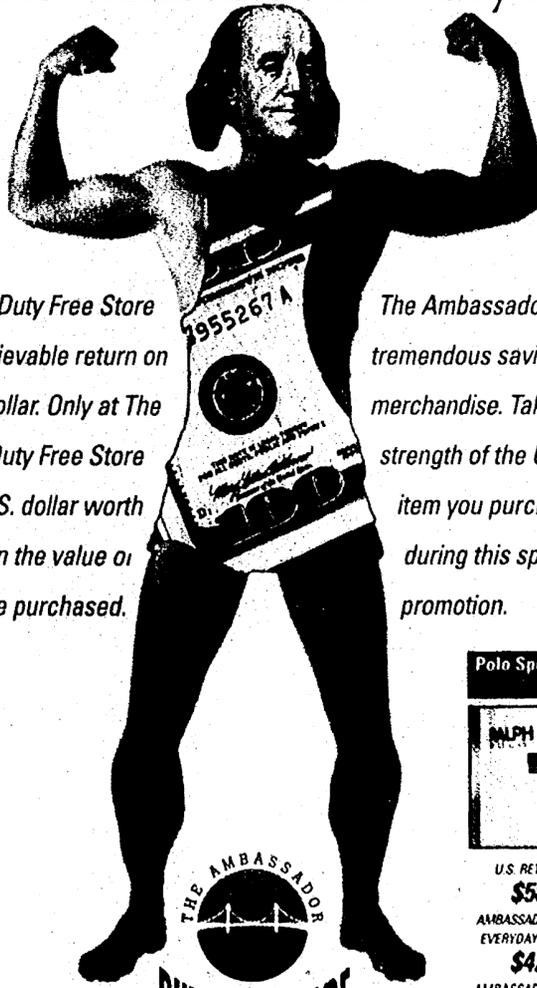
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TRAVEL

Cruising makes everyone first class

By BETTY SWARTZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Whip off the winter coats and snw boots and don your sun bathing attire - picture yourself relaxing and inhaling the balmy breezes of the sea while on a cruise. February, National Cruise Vacation month, is here, enlightening the public about the pleasures of cruising.

Gone are the "olden" days of sailing where there was a class distinction on every ocean liner - first, second and sometimes third class categories. A definite barrier existed onboard between the very rich and the not-so-rich. Today, cruising is for everyone and everyone is treated in a first-class fashion. It doesn't matter if you have chosen the least expensive cabin or the most expensive suite on a ship - all will be serviced and pampered like the rich and famous.

Cruise ships today offer the ultimate vacation that at one time may have been only a dream. This year there are eight new ships scheduled to debut - these, plus the ones that entered the market last year and the ones on the drawing boards, all claiming to have the latest in this and that, are being built to accommodate the 92 percent of North Americans who have never cruised.

The list of new innovations goes on and on, to the point that ships of today are beyond one's imagination. Experience spa therapies, fitness programs, computer rooms and the latest onboard technology; passengers can book shore excursions, order room service and even have a hand in the casino action right from their cabin. One new ship coming out will have a golf club with a putting green and golf

simulator and a visual-reality arcade. We can only be awed by what the year 2000 may hold.

The bygone era of cruising, where formal attire was the appropriate dress for every dinner and being "properly dressed" for daytime activities was the norm, has been replaced by the casual and comfortable attire of today. Yes, formal nights are still on the agenda (two formal nights on a seven-day cruise), but also available is the alternative dining option - a casual restaurant that one can choose instead of "dressing up." Daytime wear is whatever pleases you (no bathing suits in the dining room) - just like a land resort vacation.

Recall seeing "nannies," pictured on the ocean liners of yesterday? Today, the children are busily engaged in special pro-

grams directed by qualified youth counselors on just about every ship. Many include computer hi-tech activities oriented toward children. Evening programs for children are usually available - if not, baby-sitting services are generally available for a nominal fee.

The cruise industry is aware of the wants and needs of today's passengers; hence, all of the numerous enhancements in today's world of cruising are geared to the lifestyle of the '90s. Don't let the opportunity of cruising pass you by - get on board and "see what's out at sea!"

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Fine setting: The Centrum is the focal point for the activity aboard the 2,354-passenger Majesty of the Seas, part of the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line.

GREAT ESCAPES

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Robert and Rita Pniowski of CruiseOne Inc. will present a "Cruise Night" at Westland Bowl 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. The "Cruise Night" will focus on Carnival Cruise Line's Sensation's Oct. 17, 1998, cruise. Admission is free. For reservations and more information, call (734)397-9670.

SHANTY DAYS

Caseville is holding its Shanty Days, Feb. 20-22. This winter festival features a polar bear dip, ice rescue demonstration, magic show, demo derby, hayrides, snow golf, chili cookoff, ice fishing and other events. For more information, call the Caseville Chamber of Commerce at (800)606-1347.

HONEYMOON CHOICE

A recent survey by Modern Bride magazine has named the Carnival Cruise Lines the best cruise value for honeymooners. The publication's first-ever "Travel Agent Honeymoon Sur-

vey" asked more than 3,000 honeymoon specialists their opinions regarding cruise lines, hotels, resorts, vacation destinations and various other travel-related categories. The result was featured in the December 1997/January 1998 issue of Modern Bride.

BLOCKBUSTER ART SHOWS

Two major art shows will open in Toronto this June, both on loan from British institutions, the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Courtauld Institute of Art. Each will offer timed admissions for entry.

More than 70 Impressionists and Post-Impressionists masterpieces will be on view at the Art Gallery of Ontario, June 10 to

Sept. 21 from the Courtauld. The exhibit will feature works by Monet, Degas, Cezanne, van Gogh, Gauguin, Seurat and others.

The Royal Ontario Museum will present "A Grand Design: The Art of the Victoria and Albert Museum," a sweeping exhibition of paintings, sculpture, design, fashion and decorative arts, June 21 to Sept. 13. The exhibit features such items as a DaVinci notebook, a Dickens' manuscript and furniture by Chippendale and Macintosh.

For more information on Toronto, call Tourism Toronto at (800)363-1990.

WORLD TRAVEL 101

Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels World Travel 101-Budget Travel workshop will be held 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at 3024 Coolidge, Berkley.

Workshop will feature information on how to plan and prepare for your trip abroad, what and how to pack, where to stay and how to get around when you get there.

Sponsored by the Michigan Council of Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels. No charge for the workshop but reservations are required. Call (248)545-0511 for more information.

Travel agents defend their services compared to online

PRNewswire/ - Travel agents are asserting their superiority over online booking services in a new report.

The report for the agents claims that online services claim to save money when they often can't deliver on their claims

"Trusting these claims can actually cost you hundreds of dollars," notes L. William Chiles, president and CEO of Hickory Travel Systems. "Consider that airline fares change at a rate of 187 per minute and it stands to reason that you need professional expertise to help you find your way through the maze."

"Hickory Travel Systems is a "supernetwork" of independent travel agencies with more than 1,800 locations worldwide. They offer these 10 reasons why travel agents are better than online services.

10. Do you really expect a Gucci watch for \$25? If it looks too good to be true, it probably is. This goes not only for street vendors offering "designer labels" but also for "lowest-fare" claims on the Internet. With a professional travel agent, you get what you expect - and often much more.

9. Even a mouse named Mickey couldn't produce these kind of "miracles" that quickly. Finding the lowest fares can be accomplished via a computer, but not at the single click of a mouse. It

takes an experienced travel agent using multiple database sources to search out these fares.

8. But did you try next door? Fares touted as the "lowest" vary - in some cases by hundreds of dollars - according to the online booking service visited. A travel agent checks all airlines and all fare configurations, saving travelers time and money.

7. This week it's Joe's turn to low ball. There is no consistency as to which online booking service quotes the lowest fares. It varies day-by-day, week-by-week, almost as if they were taking turns.

6. Sorry, we don't carry that brand. Some online booking services exclude certain airlines.

5. You may find that your airport bus driver also is your pilot. A travel agent can offer counsel about the quality and reliability of airlines as well as simple low prices.

4. That online booking service may create dissent between seatmates. Can you really be sure that you did pay much more than the person occupying the seat next to you? A travel agent knows, for example, that on a flight between New York and Miami one-way fares can vary anywhere between \$79 and \$426.

3. You need a bed as well as a seat. A travel agent also will take care of your hotel reservations - often saving you money on your room.

2. Internet services won't be able to recommend the best spot

for pierogis or a side trip to see the world's largest pothole. A travel agent uses professional knowledge and experience to rec-

ommend attractions and restaurants at your destination.

And the 1 top reason why

online booking services are not ready for prime time (and why you should continue to use a travel agent): Because you'd rather pay peanuts than eat

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TRAVEL

There's more than fish to the Florida Keys

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Most people go to Florida's Upper Keys to fish.

And, if you like to ocean fish for sail, dolphin (the fish not the mammal), yellow tail and grouper, you probably already know the Keys. And, if you like to fish the ocean bottom for bone fish that frequent the Bay, you might not be hooked to read on.

But, take heart all you non-fisherpeople. Our family has been going to the Upper Keys, specifically Islamorada, at least annually for 20 years, and our T-shirts say: WE DON'T FISH.

This ostensibly tacky, wrapped-in-Christmas-tree-lights year-round, jeans-go-anywhere part of the world also belies dancing blue waters and delicious dining, accessible bike paths and a small but growing art colony, as well as Florida's most dependable weather.

You can't get lost. There's just one main road - U.S. 1 - a basically two-lane highway that runs from Florida City all the way to Key West. We count on it taking an hour and 15 minutes from Miami Airport - provided traffic is moderate and none of the bridges go up - to where we stay at Mile Marker 88 Oceanside. Everything's denoted by those MM's and whether it's on the bay or ocean side.

Down the road a piece is Islamorada - known as the sport fishing capital of the world. But it is also home to Cheeca Lodge, a world-class resort made famous by George Bush, which has just completed remodeling its 203 rooms and suites. Cheeca features a man-made beach, Par-3 golf course, tennis courts, a program for youngsters, some of the finest dining in the Keys and has an ecological bent. It has an extensive recycling program and asks guests - who pay from \$240-610 for rooms in season - to please conserve on towels and sheets.

Perhaps it's that ever-present sense of delicate ecological balance that is part of the Keys allure. It's a confined area - this series of small islands sewn together by a single road - with a limited set of resources. But it took Hurricane Andrew, which in 1992 narrowly missed the Keys, that has brought development nearly to a halt.

It's pretty simple: If growth continued and another emergency occurred where people had to evacuate the Keys, the one road simply wouldn't be sufficient to get everyone out.

Laid back perfectly describes the Keys. A big day would be to amble over to the Wild Bird Sanctuary and watch them mend. Although we are minutes from Theater of the Sea, we've only gone once in all these years - on a rainy day - but you can swim with the dolphins (mammals not fish) and see them perform.

The John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Key Largo - the first underwater state park

in the continental United States - is a Mecca for divers and snorklers. But overwater types can also paddle its lagoons, lie on its rather mediocre beach, or meander along the boardwalks which take you through the tangle of mangroves.

But my very favorite part of the Keys isn't even water-related. It sounds silly, but it's this two-lane road aptly called the Old Road because at one time it was U.S. 1. Desolate in some sections, condominium-dotted in others, it's a sanctuary for the runner, walker or biker.

Although you tend to lose track of time in the Keys, you'll have to look at your watch once in a while or at least the placement of the sun in the sky if you want to do these two things:

Even for non-fisherpeople, it's fun to wander over to the Holiday Isle marina about 3:30 p.m. to watch the chartered fishing boats come in... And crowds, sipping Holiday Isle's signature drink - a red rum runner, gather round to see the number and size of fish each boat brings in.

And you'll want to take in a sunset at the Lorelei marked by a larger than life statue of this siren of Germanic legend whose singing lures sailors to shipwreck. Now this legendary Keys bar and restaurant lures people with live music to gather each evening in tribute to the sun's exit over the bay.

You should definitely plan to dine exclusively on fresh fish, Florida lobster and stonecrabs no matter whether you visit for a week or a month. I promise you won't get bored. And don't be put off by the honky-tonk look of Keys restaurants - or you'll surely go hungry.

Fresh fish is offered in a variety of ways almost everywhere. Florida lobster is not as luxurious as Maine lobster, but it's tasty and right out of the ocean. As for stone crabs, you can eat them hot or cold with a choice of sauces - and since they don't travel well and have a short season, make hay while the stonecrab shines.

For dessert, it has to be Key lime pie on which I consider myself rather an expert. But I must say a December article in the New York Times added some background. This is the dessert of which Craig Claiborne once wrote: "If I were asked to name the greatest of all regional American desserts, my answer might very well be Key lime pie."

But, I learned, few Key limes actually are grown in the Florida Keys. Those that I've seen on trees dappling residents' yards are most likely for their own use. Those grown in America mostly come from Homestead and other communities just north of the Keys. But the Key limes you find in our area markets are even more likely to be from Mexico and Guatemala.

No matter. Key lime pie is on all menus. But you'll find a huge variance in taste, consistency,

what's on the bottom and what's on the top. In my mind, the best has a buttery graham cracker bottom and a tart, creamy filling, with nothing - no meringue, no whipped cream - to temper the full flavor. Still, the Key lime baked Alaska at Marker 88 (yes you guessed it, it's at MM 88 Bayside), my favorite Keys restaurant, is also a nice treat.

Except for Key West, the Keys aren't known for its beaches - or so even I thought until our last trip there in November. And that's still the case in the Upper Keys. But if you travel south past Marathon, just beyond the Seven Mile Bridge, you'll discover Bahai Honda State Park - designated "Best Beach in America" in 1994.

But don't go there expecting combed, wide, sandy beaches. Instead, it's narrow, rough, seaweed-strewn, weather beaten, laid back - a beach in perfect symmetry with the Keys themselves.



Big fish: Waiting for a charter boats to return at Holiday Isle are, left to right, Jon Ginsberg, Jennifer Berne, Marchia Mumbrae and Bruce Mumbrae, all of West Bloomfield.



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The stage is set. Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team did its share, rolling past Wayne County Community College, 98-71, in Detroit.

That made the Ocelots 12-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

And when Flint Mott Community College lost 86-70 Wednesday at Henry Ford CC, it meant Mott and SC were tied (in the loss column, depending on Mott's game against Macomb CC on Saturday) for first.

On Wednesday, SC plays its second-to-last regular-season conference game — at Mott (Game time is at 7:30 p.m.).

"We play better on the road," said SC coach Carlos Briggs, his team now 23-5 overall. "We're more focused. I think we have a good chance of winning."

As has been their formula through much of the second half of the season, the Ocelots built a big lead (45-33) by halftime.

But instead of frittering it away in the second, which has been their style, this time they just kept pouring it on, outscoring Wayne 53-38 in the second half.

Derek McKelvey led SC with 28 points, including six three-pointers.

Kevin Melson had 22 points and 16 rebounds, Emeka Okonkwo scored 13, and Pete Males (from Garden City) added 12 points and 11 assists.

Wayne fell to 3-20 overall, 3-10 in the conference.

Collegiate notes

•Michigan State University freshman Paul Terek (Livonia Franklin) broke the school record in the pole vault for the second time within a month by clearing 17 feet, 7/8 inches Jan. 17 at the Michigan Intercollegiate Championships, thus qualifying him for the NCAA indoor nationals.

Terek, the state Class A pole vault champ, also plans to compete in the heptathlon which consists of the 60-meter dash, 60 hurdles, long jump, 1,000 run, high jump, shot put and pole vault.

Terek, mechanical engineering major, boasted a 3.3 grade-point average last semester.

•Army senior goaltender Daryl Chamberlain (Livonia Stevenson) reached a pair of milestones in the Cadets' 11-0 hockey win Jan. 31 over Scranton (Pa.).

Chamberlain, who was called upon to make only nine saves, notched his 50th career win, tying him for second on Army's all-time list. His final save was the 2,000th of his career, making him only the third Cadet to accomplish the feat. Chamberlain is 9-10 overall with a 3.39 goals-against average and an .875 save percentage.

•Mark Findling (Stevenson) is a sophomore on Michigan State University's men's tennis team which is off to a 4-1 start under coach Gene Orlando.

Semi-pro football combine

The Wayne County Twister football organization will be staging a pro-style combine to provide an opportunity for those interested in playing semi-professional football.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and in excellent physical condition. Registration is \$20 at the door.

Sessions will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 7, at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 Wayne Road, Westland.

To pre-register, call (734) 981-7141, (313) 359-3457 or (313) 513-8204.

Doyle Baseball School

Area baseball and softball coaches can participate in the school conducted by the Doyle Baseball School, 8 a.m. to noon (Phase I) and 1-5 p.m. (Phase II) at McPherson Middle School in Howell.

The fee for the coaches school is \$25 per coach (or \$30 at the door).

For more information, call Paul Bushong at (517) 546-1789.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 691-7279.

Glenn knocks off Salem, 56-50

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

BOYS HOOPS

When the first hour bell rang at Westland John Glenn Friday morning, the school's basketball team met.

"We all got together at the beginning of school and said that we could win tonight," said Stephen Lawson, a guard on the Glenn squad.

But even though they had confidence, the Rockets knew they would encounter a battle against visiting Plymouth Salem, undefeated in eight league games and winners of 12 games in a row — with only one game decided by less than 10 points.

The first hour prediction proved to be accurate, however, as Glenn made sure the Rocks would have a blemish on their league record with a 56-50 upset victory.

Salem has to win one of its next two games for a share of the regular season title in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Wins against both Livonia Churchill on Tuesday and Livonia Stevenson on Friday would clinch the title for the Rocks.

"Any one can beat anyone in this

league as proven tonight," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Everything has to come to an end sooner or later. Glenn was determined tonight and they came out pumped."

Salem slipped to 12-3 overall and 8-1 in the WLAA. The Rockets kept its hopes of a title alive by improving to 9-6 overall and 7-2 in the league. Glenn still has a couple of formidable foes remaining in Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central.

Lawson led all scorers with 17 points. Eric Jones added 13 points, while junior center Ty Haygood scored eight points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Salem received 12 points from seniors Andy Power and Jeff McKian (10 points in the first half).

The difference in the game may have been Glenn's second half defense as the Rockets held Salem to 22 points. Part of the problem was anemic shooting by the Rocks.

Salem made only 16-of-61 shots

from the floor and only 4-of-19 from behind the three-point arc. Glenn converted 23-of-49 of its shots.

"It was a combination of them shutting us down and us shutting ourselves down," Brodie said. "We were tentative with our shots. We shot too quickly and we weren't confident. Glenn did a good job making us rush our shots and were able to get several blocked shots."

"Coach told us at halftime that if we play the best defense in the world, we can beat them," Lawson said. "I think we can improve on our defense, but we were tough tonight."

Trailing 28-25 at halftime, the Rockets rallied to take a 41-38 lead. The run was sparked by two driving layups by Jones, five points from Lawson and three-pointers from Jason Crofton. Salem wouldn't fold, however, as a layup by Power as time expired in the quarter closed the Glenn lead to 43-42 entering the fourth.

The Rockets opened the final quarter on an 8-2 run, as Salem settled for only one basket in the first 4:10 of the

quarter. Bill Foder, Glenn's transfer from Garden City who has averaged double figures in scoring since joining the lineup, struggled all night making only one-of-10 shots. However, his only shot was a triple that opened the fourth quarter.

Haygood was instrumental in the fourth quarter as he scored six points, including two long jumpers.

"I had total confidence in those shots," Haygood said. "I had to hit those to get the respect of my teammates. I do have range."

Salem only hit two-of-11 triple attempts in the final four minutes and never were able to get closer than four points.

The win was somewhat surprising as Glenn was coming off an 18-point loss at Dearborn.

"We always knew we had a chance," Haygood said. "We don't always play to our potential and I'm not sure why."

"It's been a shaky year for us, but we make sure we come to play for the big games," Lawson added.

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Catholic Central bounces Warriors

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The top boys basketball seed in the Catholic League's Central Division continued to germinate on Friday.

Host Redford Catholic Central won its ninth straight with a 77-66 victory over rival Birmingham Brother Rice before a capacity crowd.

With the victory, CC improved to 13-2 overall and finished Central Division play at 9-1.

The Shamrocks, who play Tuesday at Belleville in a non-leaguer, open defense of their Catholic League A-B Division crown Sunday against Dearborn Divine Child at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

Rice, which also made the playoffs, is 10-6 and 6-4.

Once again, CC's scoring was spread around. Four different players notched double figures.

"We're pretty unselfish all the way around and I think our success comes from that," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "And we're fortunate we have a lot of experience back from last year."

Junior point-guard Nick Moore, who directed the offense, scored eight of his game-high 25 points in the opening quarter to get the Shamrocks off to a 17-12 lead.

"Nick has played like that the last four or five games — he's been stepping up," Coratti said. "He's so unselfish that he could score more."

Joe Jonna, a 6-foot senior guard, contributed 20, including four 3-pointers. He quashed Rice fourth-quarter rally

with a timely three-pointer after the Warriors had cut a 13-point third-period deficit to four, 63-59, with just 4:27 left on a three-pointer by Gary Littlejohn.

"Joe's been doing that for us all year," the CC coach said. "We generally have four players in double figures and sometimes five."

CC was sharp from both the field — 28 of 53 for 52.8 percent — and the free throw line 15 of 18 for 83.3 percent (including 11 of 12 in the final period).

Meanwhile, Rice's downfall was outside shooting. The Warriors made only 28 of 72 from the floor (38.8 percent), just nine of 27 in the final period.

Meanwhile, the Shamrocks' 6-foot-11 senior center Chris Young contributed 16 points, seven rebounds and five rejections.

"He (Young) is a real factor because he blocks shots," Norton said. "He has tremendous timing to go along with quickness. He's a Division I, Big Ten player."

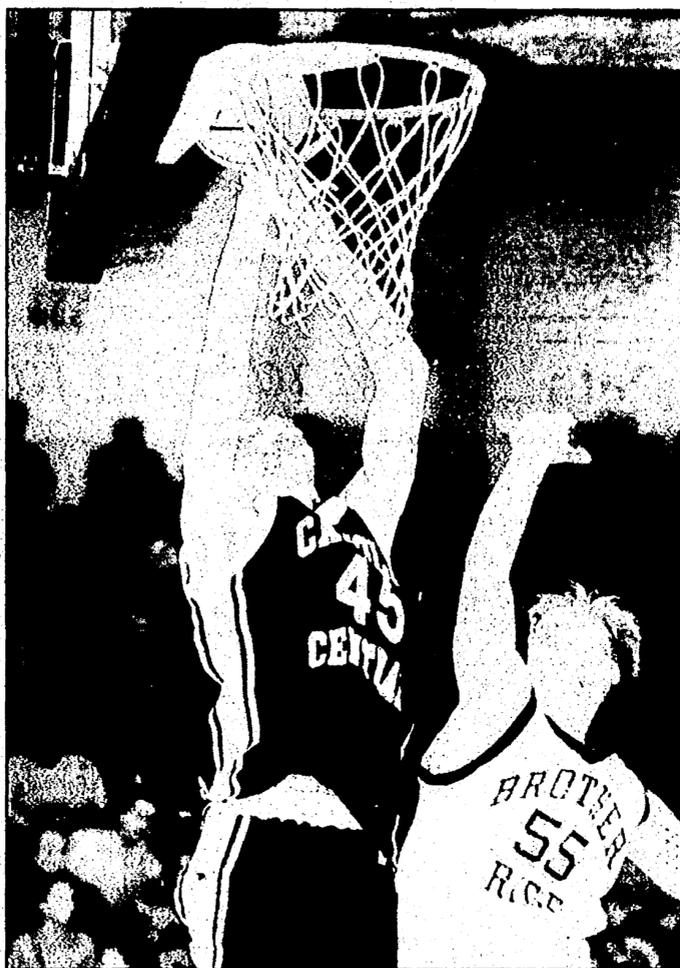
"But if you let it go at the right time and in the right place, great shooters don't get their shot blocked."

After a slow first-half start (six points), Young turned it on with 10 points in the third quarter as the Shamrocks outscored Rice, 19-12.

CC fell behind 8-5 at the start, but led the final 27 minutes and 59 seconds.

Rice, trailed by only six at intermission, 37-31, but CC widened that margin to 56-43 after three quarters as 6-3

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Rim rattlers: Redford Catholic Central's 6-foot-11 Chris Young (left) battles inside against Rice's 6-7 center J.P. Sullivan.

Patriots earn 1st Western Lakes win

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The sun is shining on Livonia Franklin no matter how many clouds are in the sky.

The rain of Western Lakes Activities Association defeats for the Patriots boys basketball team finally ended Thursday night when Franklin pulled out a 67-62 victory at Livonia Churchill.

"It's been a long time coming," beaming Coach Dan Robinson of Franklin said after his team rallied from a 53-49 deficit to break an eight-game WLAA slide. "But I feel best for the kids."

"They've played their hearts out and come up short too many times. I'm proud. We played hard and we played hungry."

The victory lifted Franklin to a 5-10 regular season mark and 1-8 in the WLAA while Churchill saw its hopes of a surprise Western Division title drop out of sight. The Chargers are 6-8 overall, 5-4 in the league and 2-2 in the division.

"We've got to refocus," Coach Rick Austin of Churchill said. "The goals we set before the season are still intact — to finish in the top eight in the conference, go 3-2 in our division and play in the championship round."

"I want our seniors — Erik Uhlinger, Corey Cook and Lamar Smith — to be able to graduate from Churchill with some medals."

The Chargers played aggressive defense but lost the battle of fouls, and, ultimately, the game as the Patriots went to the free throw line far more often and made many more free throws.

Franklin was 11-for-14 from the line in the

fourth quarter and 22-for-37 in the game. Churchill made 7-of-13 free throws.

The Patriots controlled the backboards, 38-32. "We talked about playing stronger, being more physical," Robinson said. "Especially in the first half. And when it counted, we did."

"We want to go after people. We want to be aggressive but under control."

Nick Mongeau wound up as the game's high scorer with 23 points for the Patriots, netting nine in the final period as he went 6-for-6 from the line.

Jacob Goedde and Eddie Wallace contributed 10 points apiece to Franklin's cause while Jay Fontaine had nine, Dustin Kuras seven and Brian Facione six.

Uhlinger led Churchill with 17 points, Cook scored 16 and Smith 14.

Churchill got off to a quick start in the conference and opponents took notice. Now the Chargers are adjusting to that.

"Franklin played very, very hard in the first half," Austin said. "They played harder than we did and that made the difference."

"I want to compliment Dan Robinson and his kids. They got the job done. They've had a rocky season and they took care of their cross-town rivals."

Franklin rolled out to an 18-11 lead after the first period, saw it sliced to 29-27 at the half and trailed, 48-45 after three quarters.

Trailing 53-49, then 55-53, Mongeau drilled a

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JERRY MENDOZA

Suspended in air: Franklin's Jacob Goedde (with ball) soars past Churchill's Jason Allen (left).

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans can't get elusive 1st victory

The struggle continues for Livonia Stevenson but the Spartans show signs that a breakthrough might be near.

Host Livonia Stevenson had a 41-38 lead entering the third quarter Friday night before going cold from the outside and going down, 57-48, to North Farmington.

The loss left the Spartans winless in 15 tries this season, including nine Western Lakes Activities Association contests.

"They played their ears off," Coach Brian Swinehart of North Farmington said of Stevenson. "They gave us all we wanted. They played hard and they shot the ball really well."

"None of the kids have quit," Coach Tim Newman of Stevenson said. "That's good. They work hard every day in practice. That's all you can ask as a coach."

"As long as they keep doing that, they'll get rewarded before the season's over," Stevenson went on a three-point binge, going 10-for-25 from outside the arc.

"That was the plan," Newman said. "And they did a good job."

Mike Lenardon scored 12 points and Brian Schleif added nine for Stevenson.

Ray Lousia led all scorers with 20 for North Farmington, Emir Medunjanin had 16 plus 14 rebounds and six blocked shots while Alan Pennala added 10. The Raiders are 9-6 overall and 5-4 in the WLAA.

ROUNDUP

North Farmington was only ahead by three, 18-10, after one quarter but Stevenson shaved the margin by a basket to 24-23 at the half.

"We were shooting the ball well enough from the outside in the first half to make believers out of them — in the third quarter we hit four threes," Newman said. "But in the fourth we couldn't hit."

"We had the shots. We just couldn't hit them. The kids played hard enough."

That hot shooting produced the 41-38 lead but a short way into the fourth quarter the Raiders began pounding the ball inside. It produced inside baskets or drew fouls.

North Farmington got to the line 33 times and made 22 shots. Stevenson had 11 free throws and made six.

Wayne 63, Willow Run 52: The Zebras ran out to a 21-7 lead and barely looked back.

The Flyers did trim seven points from the lead in the second quarter but host Wayne Memorial tacked on a 15-9 third quarter to put the issue to rest.

Forward Karl Calloway scored nine of his 18 points in the first quarter blitz and guard Brian Williams had seven of his 19 to help Wayne improve to 8-7 overall and 4-5 in the Michigan Mega Conference Red Division.

Guard Jamar Davis scored 12 points, had four steals and three assists. Williams had four assists and four

steals while Calloway contributed five rebounds to the Wayne cause.

Willow Run, 7-7 overall and 2-6 in the Mega Red, got 13 points from forward Shawn Pratt plus 10 apiece from Deaunt Moore and Shannon Watson.

Wayne hit 18-of-31 free throws to 11-of-20 for Willow Run, which never got closer than five points after the early going.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 60, HAMTRAMCK 59: Two free throws by Brian Spoljarick with 10 seconds to play Friday night gave the host Warriors the win.

Spoljarick only had four points in the Metro Conference game, but all were free throws (he didn't miss) and all came in the fourth quarter to help the Warriors knock the Cosmos out of sole possession of first place in the conference — pending the outcome of Grosse Pointe University-Liggett's game.

Lutheran High School Westland is now 6-8 overall and 6-6 in the Metro while Hamtramck is 9-5, 9-3 in the league.

The Cosmos outscored the Warriors in each of the first three quarters but a 15-9 fourth period negated the deficits.

Tom Habitz had 14 points for Lutheran Westland, Brad Woenike had 12 and Scott Randall 10.

Ell Warren, Julenko Saracevic and Ryan Richard each had 10 points for Hamtramck.

LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 69, CLARENCEVILLE 59: Justin Villanueva's 20 points weren't enough as the Trojans dropped the game to their Metro Conference opponent.

Host Lutheran Northwest got 26 points from Dan Chewing and 18 points plus 10 rebounds from Jack Ehlseldt.

Livonia Clarenceville is now 5-9 overall and 3-9 in the Metro while Lutheran Northwest upped its records to 10-6 and 8-6.

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senior forward Don Slankster came off the bench to score six of his 12 points.

"We like to think we have six starters because Dave Lusky plays hard and gives us rebounding, whereas Slankster can come off the bench and score," Coratti said. "Slankster is coming off a great football season and I think that's helped his confidence."

Rice got a team-high 19 points from 6-6 senior Jon Foyer.

"Jon has to do a little of everything for us — he takes

the ball out, rebounds, guards centers and brings the ball up versus pressure," Norton said. "He gets a little tired and maybe I should spell him a little more."

Littlejohn added 14, while Chris Petty had nine. J.P. Sullivan, a 6-7 senior who was saddled by foul trouble, added eight.

"I thought we played them even and got a standoff at the center position," Norton said.

"If you had told me that before the game, I'd say we'd have a good shot of coming out of here with a win."

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The Rockets were also playing healthy. Sophomore center Yaku Moton (four points, nine boards, three blocks) came off the bench for his first action in three weeks.

With Moton out, Haygood has made the most of his increased playing time.

"I was hyped to get the opportunity to play," Haygood said. "I knew I had to play hard and show the team I can play."

Haygood and Moton teamed up to limit Salem center Tony Jancevski to six points and

four boards. The Rockets asserted themselves early and led 16-15 after the first quarter.

However, with Jones on the bench with two fouls at the start of the second quarter, the Rocks opened their biggest lead of the game at 22-14 after a three-pointer by Aaron Rypkowski.

Jones returned to the lineup and was able to ignite a Glenn rally that closed the deficit to 28-25 at halftime.

And the second half belonged to the Rockets.

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triple from the top of the key with 4:02 to play and Kuras followed with a layup at 3:30 and Franklin never trailed again.

"In terms of wins and losses," Robinson said. "There have been some games we know we should have won. I think our inexperience kind of caught up with us."

"We've had some seniors who haven't played a lot." They're getting some experience now. A good one, at that.

Madonna falls to Rochester after victory over Concordia

A long men's basketball season got a little longer for Madonna University Thursday in a 86-76 road loss to Rochester College.

The Crusaders fell behind by 14 at halftime and couldn't recover. Mark Hayes scored 20 points in a losing cause for Madonna, which dropped to 4-23 overall.

In the second half, Madonna rallied from its halftime deficit and cut Rochester's lead to under 10 points. But the rally stalled and the Crusaders fell to the Warriors (8-15).

Nate Tuori led the winners with 26 points.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Besides Hayes' 20 points, Nick Hurley (Plymouth Canton) scored 10 for Madonna while Jason Maschke (Livonia Franklin) and Narvin Russaw each added seven points.

On Wednesday, Hurley keyed a Crusaders' win over visiting Concordia, 93-79.

Returning to the squad after missing several games because of academic ineligibility, the ex-Chief scored 18 points, dished out eight assists and snared five rebounds.

Hayes' 22 points lead Madonna while Narvin Russaw added 21.

The Crusaders trailed Concordia for much of the first half before staging an uprising. Down

25-17, Madonna went on a 20-2 run to pull ahead. It became a 49-36 lead for the Crusaders by halftime.

Madonna led by as many as 23 in the second half.

MADONNA 84, CONCORDIA 78 (Women): The Lady Crusaders made it a clean sweep of Concordia by beating the Cardinals Thursday on the road.

Madonna led 39-32 at halftime then held off the home team to garner the win. Lori Enfield and Dawn Pelc each scored 16 points to lead the Crusaders. Mary Murray and Chris Dietrich each added 14 points while Katie Cushman scored 10.

SCHOOLCRAFT 75, WAYNE COUNTY 37 (Women): The Lady Ocelots captured their second-straight conference game Wednesday, beating Wayne County Community College.

SC, currently fourth in the Eastern Conference at 8-6, evened its overall record at 12-12.

Wayne is 0-13 in the conference, 0-21 overall.

Mustangs clip Stevenson

Livonia Stevenson had a key component missing in Wednesday's 15-6, 15-7 Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball loss to host Northville.

The Spartans, who dropped to 29-7-2 overall and 8-2 in the WLAA, couldn't compensate for the loss of junior Stephanie Dulz, who will be sidelined until the WLAA tournament (Feb. 28) with tendinitis in her shoulder.

Dawn Krol, Kate LeBlanc and Carly Wadsworth each had two kills for Stevenson, while setter Irena Bicankova had four assists and Sarah Wittrock added two.

Canton clips Franklin

Stephanie Chefan's had six kills and Robin Devos served nine straight points, including an ace, in the second game Wednesday as Plymouth Canton won at Livonia Franklin, 16-6, 15-11.

Christy Even and Amy Plagens contributed four kills apiece for the Chiefs, now 6-2 in the WLAA.

The loss drops Franklin to 16-10-4 overall and 6-3 in the WLAA.

"We didn't serve well, serve receive well, attack well or play well in any area at all," Franklin coach Ann Hutchins said.

Junior outside hitter Nicole Boyd had three kills, three aces and one block in the loss. Brooke Hensman added three kills and three blocks.

Senior Jamie Wensing stood out defensively with five digs.

VOLLEYBALL

Glenn goes down

Jamie Barker had six kills, six digs and two aces, but it wasn't enough Wednesday as visiting Walled Lake Western earned a 16-12, 15-9 win over Westland John Glenn (2-8 WLAA).

Other Glenn standouts included Jamie McCloud (nine digs), Noelle Swartz (three kills, four aces and six digs) and Jessica Letourneau (three aces, 14 assists).

Churchill update

Livonia Churchill, led by Lauren Ruprecht's eight kills, is 14-12-6 over after a 15-0, 10-15, 15-10 WLAA win Feb. 9 over Westland John Glenn.

On Feb. 7, Churchill reached the consolation final of the Schoolcraft Invitational before losing to Ferris, 15-9, 14-16, 10-15.

The Chargers went 4-3-1 on the day, defeating Garden City (15-11, 15-11, Harper Woods Regina (15-4, 15-10), Farmington (15-3, 15-6) and Livonia Stevenson (15-9, 15-1). Dearborn beat Churchill, 15-8, 16-6, while the Chargers split with Farmington Hills Mercy, 15-6, 12-15.

Luba Steca was Churchill's top attacker on the day with 30 kills, followed by teammates Jessica Sherman (24 kills), Lisa Fabirkiewicz (19 kills) and Jenny Laidlaw (12 kills).

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Domin sets Stevenson 50 freestyle mark

It was like "good old days," according to Livonia Stevenson boys swim coach Doug Buckler. An overflow crowd turned out Thursday as the top two teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association dueled at Plymouth Salem.

And although Stevenson took seven of 12 firsts, the host Rocks came away with a 99-87 dual-meet victory.

Stevenson is now 7-3 on the year (its only losses to state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer and Salem).

The Rocks, meanwhile, are 8-1.

"It was a great meet and I thought we swam fantastic all the way around," Buckler said. "It was such a competition that it brought out a lot of fun."

"We just raced the heck out of each other and then shook hands. And that's because the two teams get along so well," Stevenson's Steve Domin fig-

BOYS SWIMMING

ured in three firsts, setting a school record in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.81, breaking the 12-year-old mark of 21.94 set by Chris Morasky.

Domin also won the 500 freestyle (4:57.05) and teamed up with Joe Bublitz, Mark Sgriccia and Keith Falk for a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:21.15).

Mark Sgriccia also figured in three firsts, capturing the 100 butterfly (53.79) and 100 backstroke (56.16). The foursome of Sgriccia, Bublitz, Brad Buckler and Kevin VanTiem won the 200 medley relay in 1:43.76.

Stevenson's other first was garnered by Falk in the 200 freestyle (1:44.54).

Mike Belvitch led a Salem one-two-three sweep in diving.

The Rocks also won the 200 freestyle relay and took three other individual events.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 99 LIVONIA STEVENSON 87

Feb. 12 at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Kevin VanTiem, Mark Sgriccia, Brad Buckler); 1:43.76; 2. Salem, 1:43.81; **200 freestyle:** 1. Keith Falk (LS), 1:44.54; 2. Nick Corden (PS), 1:44.8; 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:54.89; **200 individual medley:** 1. Tim Buchanan (PS), 2:01.41; 2. Bublitz (LS), 2:05.28; 3. Brett Mellis (PS), 2:06.18; **50 freestyle:** 1. Steve Domin (LS), 21.81 (school record of 21.94 held since 1985 by Chris Morasky); 2. Andrew Locke (PS), 22.51; 3. Dan Kelly (PS), 23.18; **diving:** 1. Mike Belvitch (PS), 231.90 points; 2. Chris Cameron (PS), 207.70; 3. Chris Miller (PS), 177.35; **100 butterfly:** 1. Mark Sgriccia (LS), 53.79; 2. Buchanan (PS), 54.73; 3. Paul Perez (PS), 56.34; **100 freestyle:** 1. Corden (PS), 48.39; 2. Falk (LS), 48.67; 3. Jacob Varty (LS), 51.66; **500 freestyle:** 1. Steve Domin (LS), 5:10.89; **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Kelly, Locke, Buchanan, Corden), 1:29.48; 2. Stevenson, 1:30.48 (state qualifying time); **100 backstroke:** 1. Sgriccia (LS), 56.16; 2. Bublitz (LS), 56.81; 3. Mellis (PS), 57.44; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Locke (PS), 1:06.64; 2. VanTiem (LS), 1:07.1; 3. Mike Nemer (LS), 1:07.26; **400 freestyle relay:** 1.

Stevenson (Domin, Bublitz, Sgriccia, Falk), 3:21.15; 2. Salem, 3:21.8.

Dual meet records: Salem, 8-1 overall; Stevenson, 7-3.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 110 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 74

Feb. 12 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Justin Allen, Matt Heiss, Aaron Reeder, Don LeClair), 1:45.66; **200 freestyle:** 1. Rob Sherada (LC), 1:59.78; **200 individual medley:** 1. Mike Dempsey (PC), 2:14.62; **50 freestyle:** 1. LeClair (PC), 23.61; **diving:** 1. Jerome Licata (LC), 188.85 points; 2. Ryan Cunningham (PC), 172.85; **100 butterfly:** 1. John Theisen (PC), 1:01.36; **100 freestyle:** 1. Bill Randall (LC), 53.29; **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Curtis Hornick, Jason Musson, Jon Cook, Dempsey), 1:34.63; **100 backstroke:** 1. Reeder (PC), 59.56; **100 breaststroke:** Heiss (PC), 1:05.11; **400 freestyle relay:** Canton (Hornick, LeClair, Reeder, Musson), 3:31.99.

Other noteworthy Churchill performances: Ron O'Connor, 50 freestyle (26.62) and 100 breaststroke (1:12.52); Corazza, 200 freestyle (2:04.41); Licata, diving (188.85 points); Sherada, 500 freestyle (5:37.33); Nathan Ford, 500 freestyle (6:00.01); Brian Marshall, 500 freestyle (6:08.76).

Churchill's dual meet record: 2-7 overall.

Lefty Anderson embarks on 1st pro training camp

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

BASEBALL

Ryan Anderson is looking forward to his first professional spring training. Maybe more than hitters will be looking forward to him.

The Westland Whiz left Valentine's Day for the Seattle Mariners' spring training site in Arizona.

"We start workouts Sunday, the day after Valentine's day," Anderson said. "My folks are going down the same time I am."

And well they should. For without them, the 6-foot-10 flame-thrower never would have had a chance to sign that contract worth more than \$2 million last summer for being the Mariners' No. 1 draft choice.

"My goal," Anderson said of his spring ambition, "is to hit 101 (mph)."

He's got a chance. Anderson was clocked in the high 90s last fall.

And he worked out Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at Dearborn Divine Child to get a jump on spring training.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what I can do against the big leaguers in spring training this year," he said. "I feel I'm ready to go down and pitch the best I can."

Notoriety has dogged Anderson since he shot to prominence as a Randy Johnson clone more than a year ago.

So it's nice to be able to point out the young left-hander took a check for \$2,600 with him to his last workout at Henry Ford Community College, coached by Stu Rose.

"Here," he told Mark Falvo, a Henry Ford assistant coach who used to be Anderson's coach at Dearborn Divine Child. "You've given me a lot. Put this to use in your baseball program."

Then it was off to work in Arizona as Anderson tries to overcome the disadvantage of protracted contract negotiations last summer.

Signing late cost Anderson a chance to get his first pro season out of the way. But it wasn't so late Seattle couldn't ship the left-hander off to the Arizona Instructional League.

"That was pretty fun," the free-spirited Anderson said. "It was a new experience."

"Batting, it was just like it was (facing hitters) in high school. I still overpowered batters."

"But pitchers — the pitchers were 10 times better than high school pitchers."

Teams typically will send their top Class A plus some Double-A youngsters to Instructional League.

They're taught things they need to know to improve weaknesses, with games thrown in to reinforce the teaching.

Anderson wasn't sure who he was facing in the Instructional League.

"I didn't care who I pitched against," he said. "I know I'm going to strike them out."

Anderson may have problems as a professional, but confidence isn't one of them.

"This can be a good thing, used properly. It's one of the things kids learn in the minors."

Anderson found out pretty quickly that being a professional is different.

"It was way different in the beginning," he said, "until I got used to it. It's a lot harder work."

"But the coaches are very good — the best I've ever had. They all would help you, take the time to work with you. There was a lot of 1-on-1."

Part of what induced Anderson to sign with Seattle was the opportunity to start spring training with the major leaguers.

He'll get to hang with his idol, fellow towering, hard-throwing lefty Randy Johnson (provided Seattle doesn't peddle Johnson in the interim).

And he'll get a first-hand look at how wide the gap is between Ryan Anderson and the major leaguers.

"I have no clue where I'm going," he said. "I'll find out after spring training."

One thing for sure, if Anderson can hit 101 mph, and do it with control, Manager Lou Piniella will notice.

BEST BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING PERFORMANCES

Following is a list of Observerland boys best swimming times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 953-2141 or faxing the information to (313) 591-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:40.52
Plymouth Salem 1:43.04
Redford Catholic Central 1:43.94
Plymouth Canton 1:44.82
North Farmington 1:46.23

200 FREESTYLE

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.54
Nick Corden (Salem) 1:44.60
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.97
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 1:49.11
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:50.20
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 1:51.86
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 1:52.31
Jason Musson (Canton) 1:53.35
Brent Mellis (Salem) 1:53.37
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 1:54.18

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.73
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 2:01.41
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.87
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:05.26
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 2:05.49
Brent Mellis (Salem) 2:05.73
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:07.36
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.44
Nick Corden (Salem) 2:07.49
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:08.58

50 FREESTYLE

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 21.81
Nick Corden (Salem) 22.14
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.44
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 22.95
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 23.05
Dan Kelly (Salem) 23.10

Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 23.21
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 23.24
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 23.29
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.36

DIVING

John Lowry (Farmington) 269.85
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 255.45
Chris Totten (Garden City) 250.55
Jeff Phillips (John Glenn) 242.95
J.T. Svoke (Harrison) 242.30
Mike Belvitch (Salem) 231.90
Chris Cameron (Salem) 223.00
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 205.05
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 198.95
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 193.55

100 BUTTERFLY

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 53.16
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 53.79
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 54.73
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.56
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 55.66
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 55.75
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.34
Matt Tobkin (Redford CC) 58.19
Brent Mellis (Salem) 58.38
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 58.43

100 FREESTYLE

Nick Corden (Salem) 48.39
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.67
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.25
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 49.25
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 50.00
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 50.07
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 50.26
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 50.95
Andrew Locke (Salem) 51.14
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 51.40

500 FREESTYLE

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:48.79
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 4:49.30
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 4:57.05

Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:01.37
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 5:03.41
Brent Mellis (Salem) 5:03.43
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 5:03.64
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 5:05.58
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:05.84
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:09.05

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:28.46
Livonia Stevenson 1:30.48
North Farmington 1:33.48
Plymouth Canton 1:34.63
Redford Catholic Central 1:36.74

100 BACKSTROKE

Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.23
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 56.16
Nick Corden (Salem) 56.17
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 56.81
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.30
Brent Mellis (Salem) 57.44
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.74
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.83
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 59.18

100 BREASTSTROKE

Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:02.85
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.94
Ryan Zombaris (John Glenn) 1:04.05
Paul Conroy (Redford CC) 1:04.07
Jody Gomez (Franklin) 1:04.87
Matt Heiss (Canton) 1:05.11
Andrew Locke (Salem) 1:05.66
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:06.45
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:07.10
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:07.26

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 3:20.38
Livonia Stevenson 3:20.72
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.69
North Farmington 3:30.82
Plymouth Canton 3:31.99

WRESTLING

LIVONIA STEVENSON 96 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 83

Feb. 12 at Stevenson
160 pounds: Josh Gurtarman (LS) defeated Brian Schweizer, 2-0; **135 lb. A.J. Lee (WLW)** def. Zack Yaffee, 12-0; **110 lb. Kar-suhiko Sudo (LS)** p. Nick Jaeko, 1-37; **100 lb. Chris Goins (LS)** def. Derrick Smith, 3-1; **85 lb. Josh Bigajay (WLW)** p. Chris Cooper, 1-32; **70 lb. Geoff Zhan (WLW)** p. Joe Gaterky, 3-42; **55 lb. Dan Seder (LS)** won by technical fall over Nick Lincoln, 19-4; **50 lb. Brad Bucher (LS)** def. Justin Alden, 8-5; **40 lb. Jeff Bruch (LS)** def. Norm Wroblewski, 4-2; **30 lb. Brian Burke (LS)** p. Pat Clark, 4-22; **17 lb. Dan Thompson (WLW)** p. Mike Reddy, 3-09; **15 lb. Waseed Haddad (LS)** p. Tim Duzinski, 2-40; **12 lb. Tony Moran (WLW)** p. George Tachales, 1-03; **Interweight:** Nick Wilson (WLW) won by vld.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 14-3 overall.

FARMINGTON HIGH 64 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 18

Feb. 12 at Farmington
160 pounds: Leo Warren (LF) def. Matt Krueger, 9-5; **135 lb. Mike Parfy (LF)** won by vld.; **110 lb. Joe Seymour (F)** p. Adam Hughes, 1-43; **100 lb. Chris Audette (F)** p. Don Hughes, 0-47; **85 lb. Derek Azzopardi (LF)** def. Tony Lema, 11-9; **70 lb. Tom Mahon (F)** won by vld.; **55 lb. Martin Spinks (F)** p. Brian Walker, 0-58; **40 lb. Ryan Shiptell (LF)** def. Sean Sahner, 11-4; **30 lb. Mark Orzech (F)** p. Allen Duff, 1-48; **15 lb. Eric Toeka (LF)** won by injury default; **12 lb. Steve Mysianki (LF)** def. Ben Lucas, 7-8; **10 lb. Andy Wood (F)** won by disqualification; **8 lb. Kyle Domalagowski (F)** won by vld.; **7 lb. Sean Tranchida (F)** won by vld.

Farmington's dual meet record: 9-7-1 overall, 3-3 Western Lakes.

Whalers ice Peterborough, 3-2

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS WRITER

For two periods of Thursday night's game with the Peterborough Petes, it seemed as if the Plymouth Whalers were searching for a way to lose.

The Petes have been struggling this season and came into the Ontario Hockey League game in fifth place (out of six teams) in the East Division. And here were the Whalers, in the middle of a heated battle for the West Division championship, playing the slumping Petes to a standstill.

Fortunately for the Whalers, they managed to turn things around after the second intermission. The team that came out for the third period was different than the one that left the ice after the second, and the result was a hard-earned 3-2 victory.

The win meant Plymouth was within three points of division-leading London (through Thursday), with the Knights having played one more game.

"We started out real slow," admitted Plymouth coach Peter DeBoer. "We were kind of flat for two periods. The Petes haven't been playing that well, and I don't know if we were taking them for granted or what."

Whatever the Whalers were tak-

OHL HOCKEY

ing them for, that attitude changed in time for the third period. "We talked about the importance of a win," said DeBoer of the second intermission chat. "It would put us three points behind (London)."

"They know they have to win the games they're supposed to win."

Harold Druken proved to be the Whalers' savior, with goalie Robert Esche a close second. Druken put Plymouth ahead in the first minute of the second period with an unassisted goal on a hard shot from the right side that dribbled through the pads of Peterborough goalie Mark Cairns.

But the Whalers, who showed no offensive spark in the first period, resumed their slumber after Druken's goal. The Petes tied it 2½ minutes after the Whalers' goal on a power play by Preston Mizzi, then went ahead 2-1 when Scott Barney deflected a shot past Esche midway through the second.

The Whalers were in trouble — until the third period rolled around.

And although the Petes seemed to have an answer for Whalers' scoring sensation David Legwand, using intimidation whenever pos-

sible (at least three fights resulted after a Peterborough player threw a punch at Legwand), they could do nothing to contain Druken.

A penalty against Brett Ormond 2:17 into the third period gave the Whalers the power play, and it took just nine seconds for Druken to capitalize, tying the game at 2-2.

Plymouth continued its assault and, after being outshot in each of the first two periods by a 17-14 total, the Whalers turned the table, outshooting Peterborough 17-5 in the third.

The game-winner came after Legwand forced a turnover deep in the Petes' end. The puck ended up behind the net, from where Legwand found Druken. Druken's shot was stopped, but Andrew Taylor knocked in the rebound with 8:13 left.

The Petes got few true scoring chances the rest of the way, and those they did get were smothered by Esche.

The season is starting to wind down. After tonight's game at Sault Ste. Marie, the Whalers will have just 12 left — six at home, six away. Taking care of business, as DeBoer put it, will be essential; the season's final game is at London, and wouldn't it be nice if the Whalers had the three-point edge by then.

PREP HOCKEY WRAP

Host Livonia Churchill (14-3-3, 9-1-2) posted the South Division victory over Walled Lake Western.

Chuck Leight tallied what proved to be the game-winning goal from Matt Grant at 1:18 of the second period.

Jason Turri made it 2-0 at 6:36 from Anton Sutovsky and Matt Wysocki.

The scoring as capped at 11:06 when Wysocki scored from Ed Rossetto and Adam Krug.

Churchill outshot Western, 40-11.

Greg Sliwka and Dwayne Jones split time in goal for the Chargers, while Rex Trott, who stopped 45 of 46 shots during the last meeting between the two teams, tended goal for Western (7-10-2, 2-8-1).

REDFORD CC 6, CABBINI 0: Redford Catholic Central scored two goals in each period, and goaltender Rick Mamon turned back all 27 shots Wednesday, as the defending state Class A champion Shamrocks (13-2-2 overall) defeated host Allen Park Cabbini in a Michigan Metro encounter.

Joe Beaudoin led CC with a pair of goals.

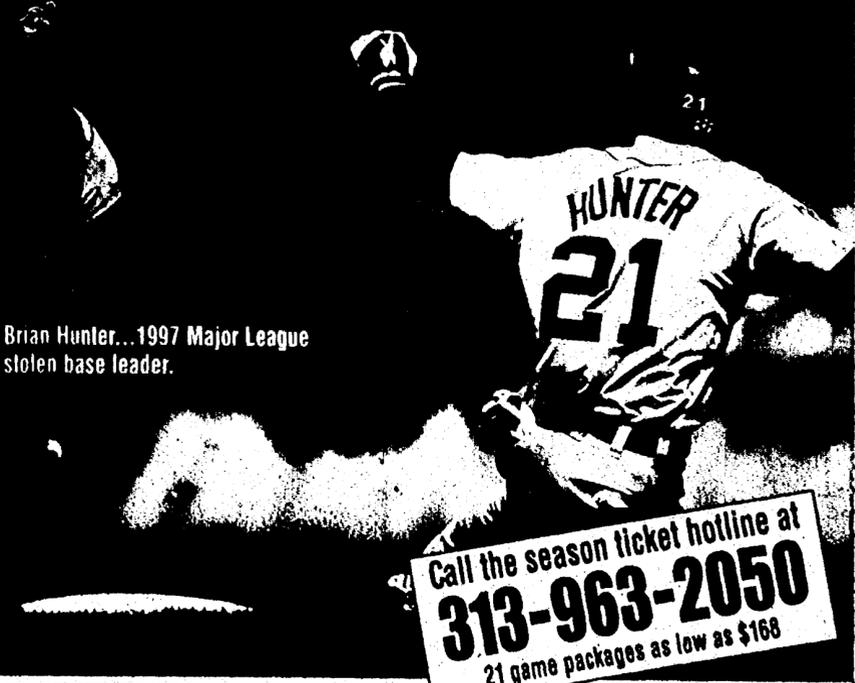
Jason Tardif added an unassisted short-handed goal to go along with three assists.

Greg Berger (power-play), John Hunt and Dave Moss also scored for the Shamrocks.

Todd Bentley, Jim Melson and Nathan Lewarne also drew assists.

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Churchill winning streak ends

Livonia Churchill got a reality check from the Birmingham Unified hockey team.

Birmingham outscored Livonia 2-1 in each of the first two periods at Eddie Edgar Arena Friday night and parlayed that into a 5-3 victory in a Suburban High School Hockey League crossover game.

Host Churchill (14-4-3) pulled to within a goal, 4-3, at 3:33 of the final period when Brandon Martoia capped a rush with a goal. But the Chargers 10-game unbeaten streak (9-0-1) came to an end.

A turnover in their own end ended up in the Chargers' net at 5:22. Erik Schwab rifled a shot through the five-hole on a passout from behind the net.

Evan Cunningham had three assists and a goal for Birmingham (10-8), in third place in the North Division, while Alex Navarre had a pair of assists.

Birmingham had a 2-0 lead before Churchill scored at 10:56 of the opening period. Matt Grant scored on assists by Dan Cook and Martoia.

It was 4-1 in the second period when Cook scored, with Martoia and B.J. Teahan drawing the assists at 14:10.

CHURCHILL 3, W.L. WESTERN 0: A three-goal outburst during the second period proved to be enough Wednesday as

RECREATION

TEN PIN ALLEY



The battle is over and the smoke has cleared.

It was a hard fought battle last Saturday at Redford's Mayflower Lanes in the third annual Senior/Youth Challenge.

This time the "Grumpy Old Men" were not willing to be smitten by the "Young Upstarts," and it was a fight to the finish.

The seniors even added some heavy artillery in the form of Hall-of-Famer Tony Lindemann, Phil Horowitz, Lewis Saad (at 94 still going great guns), Harley Trumbull, John Staricha, Lou "Star" Brightman, Ed Wright and Hal Winters.

Not to be out maneuvered, the kids countered with added teams from the Sunday Youth Classic (SYC) travel league and the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic (WYUTC).

Opening ceremonies featured WJR's Michael Barr as master of ceremonies introducing Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelly and Henry Misteale, proprietor of Mayflower Lanes.

Maril Ridley, representing the Joan Levenson Memorial Fund, was also recognized for fund raising efforts, thanks to Gloria Mertz's hard work in this behalf.

The event was dedicated to the memory of senior league bowler Hank Werksma, who passed away recently. The ceremonial first ball was delivered by Barr, and the National Anthem was beautifully delivered by Tammy Plofchan, solo vocalist with a truly golden voice.

That may have inspired the bowlers, for there were some terrific scores rolled throughout the day, especially from senior John Staricha, who fired a huge 802 actual series (257-279-266) followed by Alvar Freden with 704 actual and Jarv Woehlke with a strong 694.

Other high scores by seniors were: Lou Kratky, 238-234/653; Tom Bowen Sr., 233/618; Ed Patrick, 247; Bill Hardy, 257; Lou Brightman, 248; Bill Funke, 244; Nick Witkowski, 237; Jean Cobane, 184 and Gloria Mertz, 199.

The kids, however, had the last laugh, though as they really delivered.

Amber Henn had a 600 actual, plus 207 handicap for a 807 series, while 12-year-old Scott Clemons rolled 229-232-179/640 and 775 with handicap. Matt Triumph added a 256 actual and 758 handicap.

Tom Kowalski stole the show with a 278/652 actual (733 handicap, while Kim Trumbull displayed her bowling heritage with a 214/576.

Other top youth efforts included Tom Shellman, 247/627; Jeff Krackowski, 243 game; Bill Collins 251.

Dominique Cook, 9, came through with a 671 including handicap.

*Anyone who has ever experienced family or friends stricken with Alzheimer's disease can appreciate this next item.

The ninth annual Friends of Alzheimers Bowling Bonanza, a fundraiser, will start with two squads beginning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

Registrations are due in by Feb. 20 participants are to seek pledges from any and all to help in the fight against this disease which affects over 4 million Americans (with over 65,000 in the Detroit area alone).

The goal is to raise \$100 per bowler (minimum pledge is \$25). All pledges are due on the day of the event (March 7).

All participating bowlers will be eligible to win a wide array of incentive prizes based on top pledges, including a round trip for two on Continental Airlines to anywhere in the U.S.; trip for two to Toronto; and gift catalog.

For more information, call (248) 557-8277.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Merri Bowl (Livonia)
Tues. Delphi: Stan Gagacki, 247; Kevin Taylor, 244; Rob Biegas, 268; John Williams, 266; Joe Green, 218-231/645.
Mon. H. of C.: Jim Johnson, 269; Rick Madden, 290-226-236/752; Steve Fardick, 268; John Asikderik, 268-248/712; John Stephens, 258/710; Greg Rowley, 257.
Sat. Nite Rollers: Joe Meslek (150 avg.) 235-276-243/754.
League Club 50: Walt Arsenault, 766.
Lost Weekend: Eric Gambrell, 299.
Wed. Bowling Bags: Robin Barter, 233-228-234/685.
Senior Leftovers: Stephen Misosic, 257.
Delphi Men: George Fineran, 257; Jan Deltaha, 251; Bob Truskowski, 209-258-255/722; Hal Kleiss, 258; Len Gorecki, 247.
Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)
Nite Owls: Gary Grab, 288 (113 pins o/a); Joe Faletti, 257/667; Ken Myrnat, 224/646; Dennis Madden, 245/643; Randy Saunders, 631.
Wonderland Classic: Joe Dumbis, 279/745; Jerry Heilstein, 300/740; Paul Moore, 279/738; Mark Howes, 734; Tom Hay, 265/733.
Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
Senior House: Gerald Brown 267/735; Craig Johnson, 269/719; Minh Grogan, 279/778; Ron Miller, 254/721; Rob Scheels, 256/730.
Midnight Mixed: Steve Hatch, 667; Dale Mantuffel, 256-279-258/793; Jim Hyatt, 242/698; Tim Rose, 257/672.
Men's Trio: Brian Ziemba, 774; Mark Howes, 714; Dennis Seeman, 719; Vern Flowers, 683; Mark Payne, 699; Greg Witzig.
Jacks & Jills: Melissa Keller, 300.
Ford Parts: Gary Thorp, 279; Jimmy Hayes, 693; Ed Jones, 279/679; Rick Miller, 290.
Ladies Nite Out: Cheryl Stipek, 255/671.
Cloverlanes (Livonia)
All-Star Bowlerettes: Lisa McCurdy, 244-210-278/732; Penny Morgan, 227-257-235/719; Tamika Glenn, 256-257/700; Novella White, 258-247/697; Donna Urton, 221-225-244/690; Robin White, 277/677.
Suburban Prop. (men): John Hurley, 279/655; Dan Rose, 248; Bob Mertz, 241; Bill Bishop, 237/666; Tony Claybourne, 298/663.
Suburban Prop. (ladies): Joanne Wodgaza, 224/549; Parity Jacoby, 206/529; Bernice Anthony, 201/571.
FoMoCo Thurs. Nite: Tony Bennett, 258/715; Jim Griffin, 257/683; Bob McCarrick, 246/651; Bill Crabtree, 277/683; Randy Thompson, 244/679; Bob Rowland, 235/637.
St. Aidan's Men: Dave Golen, 200-279/650; Rich Rapak, 210-279-217/706; Mike Polanski, 235; Keith Isaac, 237; Ed Schicker, 221.
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
Monday Seniors: George Kompolowicz, 245-257-279/781; Art Kuznar, 257/686; Ted Mack, 245-247/677; Bud Kremer, 235/654; Tom Sanford, 238/650; Paul Temple, 630; Howard Davis, 255/624.
Friday Seniors: Jack Dahlstrom, 236/664; Jim Zelen, 243/645; Ted Mack, 237/612; Dick Kiefer, 247/603; Gerry Zelenaki, 233/600.
8 Wed. Senior Men's Classic: Paul Temple, 269/676; John Staricha, 269-233-217/719; Art Kuznar, 221-216-268/705; Bob Sherwood, 256-255/700; Ernie Segura, 223-211-239/673; Dale Hayes, 268/678.
Beech Lanes (Redford)
194 Men's: Coleman, 254/691; Davis, 234/664.
Monday Seniors: Al Hawn, 368; Jim Shmetz, 229.
Pines Lanes (Plymouth)
Sheldon Road Men's: Jeff Brackin, 290.
Monday NASCAR Men's: Stan Slater, 245-257-222/724.
Pines Men: Bob Smith, 201-287-236/703; George Bird, 296-246/695.
Hot Shot: Harry Dean, 268.
Waterford Men: Steve Ostler, 202-227-227/708; Jeff Bigenho, 210-254-226/700; Dan Protska, 278-210-204/692.
St. Collette's Men: Mike Kozarek, 239-300-269/806; George Cadovich, 255-234-234/723.
Woodland Bowl (Woodland)
Coca Cola Majors: Jason Trudell, 233/808; Jeremy Kapte, 224; Wade DeBoit, 211/810; Crystal Trange, 163; Kevin Green, 163 (63 pins o/a).
Country Lanes (Farmington)
Metro Highway: Mark Strazhowski, 266-208-200/664; Randy Martin, 245-226-218/687; Tim Williams, 244-226/629; Todd Woodard, 242; Bryan Bert, 297.
University Men's T. Clifton, 290/728; J. A. Rubin, 266/648; J. Olejnick, 282/672; Glenn Lister, 258/712; B. Johnson, 256/709.
Greenfield Mixed: Tom Goss, 246-296-226/727; Debbie Blanchard, 224-602.
Ed Dulak, 226-279/683; Dan Shea, 213-286-210/679; Tom Koebel, 200-226-206/686.
Tuesday Mixed Trio: Bob Johnson, 268/684; Ron Gapsman, 256/659; George Yarn, 246/626; Bob Sharma, 243/681; Walt Ulrich, 237/629.
Prince of Peace: Pat Cappin, 200; Rosemary Whiffan, 203.
Sunday Bowlers: Wayne Lansing, 227-228/687; Mark Silverstein, 227-223/686; Mike Hall, 244/632; Joe Roarck, 222; Bill Vito, 214; Jack Abramowitz, 188 (89 pins o/a).
Novi Bowl (Novi)
Woodlands Luthers: Dan Johnson, 254/693; Randy Kroh, 267/666; Ron Swahn, 267/663; Kevin Chambers, 648; Bill Bryant, 648.

Volleyball brings friends, co-workers together at the net



DIGGING IT!

BY CAROLINE PRICE • PHOTOS BY JERRY MENDOZA

In the dreary months of winter, on almost any night of the week, bands of co-workers, friends and mere acquaintances are battling each other for dominance.

Their playing field is a gymnasium and the victors seldom walk away with more than the thrill of winning.

The game of choice is volleyball, one of those unique sports enjoyed during many a backyard barbecue, but also played in such hallowed venues as the Olympics.

Somewhere in between those extremes, however, are the volleyball leagues and programs sponsored by area municipalities, churches and clubs.

Such leagues tend to be co-ed, although there are exceptions.

Westland, for example, sponsors an all-woman league comprising 16 teams split between an A and B division. The season runs from late fall through March, with games played on Thursdays at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Like Westland, the league sponsored as a joint effort by Plymouth and Canton township's respective parks and recreation departments.

It features a division for beginners as well as more advanced players.

The league comprises two divisions of eight teams each.

The Blue division is more advanced, while the White division caters to less skilled players. Games are played on Friday evenings at the Summit in Canton.

Laurie Lindstrom of Canton has played for the past two years in the white division. Her team is one of two sponsored by Mr. B's in Plymouth.

Like most of the teams in the area adult recreational leagues, members seem to range in age from 20-somethings to those in their 40s.

Nor is there such a thing as a uniform; the usual garb seems to comprise baggy shorts and a sports-related T-shirt. The truly dedicated, or perhaps just the ones with the most common sense, wear knee pads.

Lindstrom says she played a little bit of vol-

leyball in high school, but this league is her first real brush with the game.

"Volleyball is an awesome game," she says.

Teammate Jill Jackson, also of Canton, says she has played the game — and its close cousin wallyball — on and off for about 10 years.

"I haven't played a lot of team sports," Jackson adds, noting that such activities weren't always a big draw for women. "But most of the women I know like playing volleyball."

Jackson is participating for the second year in the Plymouth-Canton circuit. Last year, she learned the idea of playing on a league "a little intimidating."

"But once I played enough, I was okay," she adds.

Both Lindstrom and Jackson say their primary motive for playing is to get a little exercise and to have a lot of fun. It's great when they win, but no one gets too worked up when a game doesn't go their way.

"I just want to laugh and have a good time," Jackson says.

"Having a good time" is the name of the game for the teams playing in two leagues sponsored by the Farmington Single Professionals club.

An assortment of lessons for beginners to intermediate players, followed by league play, takes place Wednesday evenings at the Farmington Hills Activity Center.

Lessons for advanced players are held at West Hill Middle School in West Bloomfield on Mondays.

Dorothy Mezza, who helps coordinate the program, says FSP has activities ranging from euchre to wallyball going on almost every night of the week.

She notes that the leagues and lessons give way in the spring to Tuesday drop-in volleyball games at Heritage Park in Farmington.

She adds that you don't have to be an FSP member — nor, for that matter, do you have to be single — to participate.

"But if you are a member, you get discounts," she says.

For example, beginning lessons are \$45; intermediate are \$45 and advanced are \$50 for FSP members, with the fee for non-members pegged as \$10 higher in each case.

Jan Daihl of Livonia, who is taking beginning volleyball lessons as well as playing on the league, says she's been participating since last fall.

"I was at a party where I played beach volleyball and enjoyed it," she says. "Then, at another social gathering, someone told me about this."

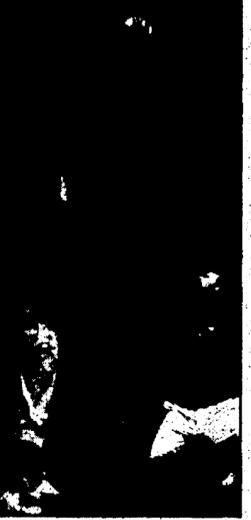
Although she hadn't played any sort of formal volleyball before and doesn't consider herself "athletically inclined," Daihl signed up for lessons. "I had a great time and met a lot of nice people," she recalls.

She found that it was a great way to meet other single people who had similar interests and who liked to "get out and do things."

Linda Rains, another Livonia resident, signed up for lessons at the Wednesday FSP league after she began playing with a group of friends in the Plymouth-Canton league.

"I wanted to improve," she says. "I got the flyer (for the FSP volleyball) in the mail and thought it sounded interesting, so I signed up."

With just a lesson or two under her belt, Rains reports that she's already improved and



Serve it up: (Above) Betty Ziots draws the attention of her opponents and teammates. (Left) It's a cliffhanger. Which way will it go? Kyle Stearns (left) and Steve Vasko anxiously wait to find out.

even finds herself "standing in my living room bumping a volleyball."

Jim Kosek, who lives in Commerce Township but plays on the FSP league because it's convenient to his job in Redford Township, is on his second year with the program.

He calls it "part recreation, part socializing and part making friends."

While play is relaxed for beginning leagues such as the one Kosek plays on, the coaches for the FSP lessons say some leagues become quite competitive.

Steve Schwartz of Warren and Jeff Fairbrother of Clinton Township both play on competitive leagues as well as sharing the instructor duties at the Farmington Hills center.

"Metro Detroit is a very big area for volleyball, as is Ohio," Schwartz reports.

He says the increase in visibility volleyball has been getting through televised coverage has enhanced interest in the sport.

Indeed, Volleyball World Wide reports on its web site that more than 46 million Americans now play the game.

Not all volleyball games are played in a formal league arrangement.

Ward Presbyterian Church's Single Point Ministry (targeted to single persons over 30, while another ministry caters to younger singles) sponsors drop-in volleyball at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Livonia church's gymnasium.

According to Lisa Cashero, office manager for Single Point, "We get two games going and rotate people in. We always have a good turnout."

She says the program costs participants \$1 a session. The money is used to replace worn-out equipment and for such charitable projects as the purchase of gloves donated to a rescue mission at Christmas.

The drop-in sessions run until the end of April.

Beginning May 7, the program moves outdoors to Rotary Park in Livonia, where games will be held on Thursdays (through Sept. 24).

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Though color predominates our world, the striking contrast of black and white is very impressive.

This contrast becomes very evident during winter. Consider fluffy white snow that hangs on the dark branches of a tree. Each twig is highlighted and accentuated against the blue sky or the white snow on the ground.

Contrasting black and white is a very effective coloration for the striped skunk. Its basic colors are recognized by young school children and many wild animals.

After one encounter with a skunk, remember to stay away from the boldly striped stinker.

Even in darkness, when most animals are active, the contrasting colors of the skunk can be seen easily by many animals.

Limited light at night does not allow animals to discern color, so they have eyes that produce a black and white image. Some color vision is known among nocturnal animals, but it is very rare.

Skunks are not the only animals with a sharp contrast between white and dark.

A bald eagle is dark chocolate with contrasting white head and tail.

The snow bird, or more properly, the dark-eyed junco, is a slate gray bird with a white belly and white outer tail feathers.

Downy woodpeckers that visit suet feeders are a beautiful black and white. Female downy's do not have any red on their head, only the males.

All these birds are easily recognized by their bold contrast of light and dark.

In winter, crows are very visible against the white snow. These birds are a lamp black color throughout. At least in most cases.

A few years ago the late J. P. McCarthy told me

about a white crow he had seen near his house. A couple of his neighbors also called to tell me about this unusual bird.

Every once in a while coloring pigment fails to develop and the animal turns out to be all white, or mostly white.

When I took my daughter to Riley Middle School the other day, we saw an unusual crow.

As it flew in front of the car into a backyard, we noticed it had large patches of white running down the length of both wings.

This contrast of black and white was very striking on this normally all black bird. It reminded me of the white in the wings of a black-billed magpie, a crow cousin found in the western states.

Just as some people have a lock of white hair surrounded by their normal color hair, sometimes animals develop these unique patterns too. When they occur in black and white they become very noticeable.

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Ultrasound accredited

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers' Maternal Fetal Medicine Diagnostic Center recently become one of the first ultrasound facilities in southeast Michigan to receive accreditation in obstetrical and gynecological ultrasound from the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM).

Self-help/depression

The Manic-Depressive and Depressive Association of Metropolitan Detroit is a self-help group for manic-depressive and depressive individuals, friends, and families. They offer hope, support, and education for those who suffer with these illnesses.

■ Canton group meets the second and fourth Sunday of each month (Feb. 22) from 2-4 p.m. at 7300 Canton Center (Oakwood Healthcare Center). Call Nancy at 455-8598.

■ Garden City, first and third Thursdays (Feb. 19) at Harrison Center, Harrison and Maplewood, eight blocks west of Garden City Hospital. Call Gary (313) 632-4217. From 7:30-9:30 p.m.

■ Livonia, first and third Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. at Suburban West Clubhouse, 27959 Schoolcraft (Jeffries Commerce Park). Call 425-3777 (Feb. 19).

Substance abuse

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia's Center for Counseling Services has expanded its outpatient services to include an Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Program.

The program meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon in the center. Programming provides a continuum of care to the alcohol or chemically dependent patient. Individuals can call or visit the center or referrals can be made by contacting the St. Mary Hospital CCS at (734) 655-2936 or 800-494-1654.

Ready to run

Jodi Buck, MPT, will lead an injury and prevention discussion of a community education program called "Get Ready To Run." Dave Peterson will lead the discussion on running footwear. The format will include a lecture, discussion, demonstration, and group participation (dress accordingly).

The emphasis will be placed on common running injuries and their prevention.

This program will be presented free of charge 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124 in Novi. To RSVP, call (248) 380-3550.

Karmanos relocates

The Plymouth Office of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will be relocating as of Monday, March 2 to the Mayflower Meeting Place center.

The Karmanos Institute will continue to provide traditional services such as community education on cancer prevention and early detection; free or low-cost medical supplies for cancer patients; transportation to cancer treatment; and cancer brochures and reference materials.

Other special programming includes:

- nutritional supplement programs;
- telephone reassurance program;
- In-School 'Hazards of Tobacco' (HOT) program).

This office is funded by the Plymouth Community United Way. The institute's new address is 485 S. Main Street, Plymouth, in the Mayflower Meeting Place.

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Aromatherapy

Oils make good 'scents'

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Not everyone they're one good sniff away from feeling better and they'll think you're selling illegal drugs instead of turning them on to the ancient medical practice of aromatherapy.

Essential oils used in aromatherapy are everywhere you look, from health food stores to perfume counters and show the growing interest in how fragrances are inhaled; added to baths; massaged on the skin; or diffused to fill an entire room to affect how you feel.

"Why not look at the earth for some of the answers?" said Mary Grace Cassar, a Plymouth resident who was shopping recently at Ageless Wisdom in downtown Plymouth.

Cassar is among followers of aromatherapy who believe there's a place for essential oils to fight everything from acne and anxiety to urinary infections and vomiting. They're used to ease stress; as natural painkillers and even as aphrodisiacs.

Salespeople know that finding appealing fragrances help profits, too. Real estate agents know that brownie and baked apple pie aromas stimulate a trusting, comfortable feeling in the buyer and help sell houses. And used car salesmen are known to spray "new car" fragrances, found in cans at auto part stores, to help sell old cars.

"Aromatherapy really works," according to Deborah Brentz, a Westland resident also shopping at Ageless Wisdom. "A lot of people think it's just another trend."

Brentz uses some of the more popular essential oils - orange, lavender and patchouli.

Benefits cited

Orange eases anxiety, constipation and improves the digestive system; relieves fluid retention; helps insomnia; soothes mouth ulcers and fights obesity, according to "Aromatherapy Guide, Benefits of the Essential Oils."

Lavender helps acne and the digestive system; works as an antiseptic and insect repellent; fights cellulite, colds and colic; soothes frayed nerves; and battles insomnia and headaches.

Patchouli is an anti-bacterial and insecticide. It also fights bad breath, depression, nervous tension and anxiety, the guide said. "Patchouli impacts the pituitary which releases endorphins giving us that overall good feeling and it also impacts the sexual glands and works as an aphrodisiac," according to Rose Beres, owner of Ageless Wisdom.

Essential oils are the concentrated essence of plant parts, such as the flower, leaf, bark or root and can affect moods and emotions by stimulating the hypothalamus portion of the brain. The Federal Drug Administration doesn't regulate aromatherapy.

Brentz doesn't always need fancy store-bought essential oils to get the benefits of aromatherapy. In fact, when she worked as a waitress she often squeezed a lemon wedge on a napkin and breathed in for a quick, uplifting feeling that rejuvenated her enough to greet the next customer.

Cassar said she was tired of going to the doctor to treat her symptoms and then often returned to her doctor for the problems that the medications caused. She started reading about herbs and aromatherapy and even took a class at Schoolcraft College on aromatherapy.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRUBAKER

Essential oils: Rose Beres (left), owner of Ageless Wisdom of Plymouth, helps local student Kasey Kohn, 14, understand the most effective way to reap the benefits of aromatherapy.

Martha Smith, who teaches the course, tells students about 14 essential oils and their common uses to offset headaches; gastrointestinal problems; stress and other common problems.

"There are over 300 essential oils and with 14 you are just beginning to scratch the surface," Smith said.

Creating a blend

At end of the class, students create their own blend of essential oils based on the problem they're trying to improve. Aromatherapy experts stress that most essential oils shouldn't be ingested and most shouldn't be applied directly to the skin and should be diluted with an oil, like almond or canola, because it could irritate the skin and cause rashes or itching.

"I have always been interested in what I call natural healing," Smith said. "That's not to downplay traditional medicine, but there are some things that we can do for ourselves and if we can do it naturally rather than taking

some of the other products, I think it's best."

Cassar said she's been dealing with a lot of stress lately and aromatherapy offers her a release.

"I can go alone in my room and put a blend (of essential oils) together and relax and read," she added.

Kasey Kohn, 14, of Plymouth Township inhaled rosewood fragrances at Ageless Wisdom. A moment later, she said she was more at ease. Her friend, Ryan Gamble of Plymouth, came to the store after eating chili fries for lunch. Smelling peppermint, he said, soothed his upset stomach.

Beres tells her customers that the best way to use the essential oils is to simply place the vial near their nostril; hold the other nostril and breathe deeply. Then repeat on the other nostril. When you breathe the essential oils, Beres said; your body releases chemicals to help bring the body in balance.

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St. Mary initiates new Chest Pain Unit

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Annually, some 7.2 million Americans experience chest pain.

St. Mary Hospital of Livonia has responded to one of the most common complaints heard by emergency medical staff by initiating a new Chest Pain Evaluation Unit.

Located in the "heart" of the emergency room, the two-bed unit is intended to more efficiently evaluate low risk cardiac patients, experiencing chest pain, without the standard 2-3 day hospitalization for testing.

"Our goal is to provide the same care in much less time, prevent hospitalization and decrease health care costs," said Ash Gokli, M.D., chairman Emergency Medicine at the Livonia hospital.

Partially funded by an annual donation from the Hearts of Livonia, the unit will be open seven days a week with all the amenities of a regular hospital room including more comfortable beds, cable television, phone service, seating for family members and full meal service.

Patients may be seen from 10-18 hours with a maximum stay of 23 hours to rule out a heart attack by undergoing blood tests, a stress test, repeated electrocardiograms (EKGs), have their blood pressure and heart rate monitored, and be seen by a cardiologist before being discharged.

"The goal is to safely and expeditiously evaluate chest pain patients with low probability of heart attack without having to admit them to the hospital," Gokli said.

"Our Chest Pain Evaluation Unit will provide speedy and efficient care



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HEAVLEY

Observation room: Ash Gokli, M.D., St. Mary Hospital Emergency Medicine chairman, talks with Hearts of Livonia President Ben Celani in the two-bed Chest Pain Evaluation Unit partially funded by the Livonia charitable organization's annual golf outing.

in a user-friendly environment," added Stephen Chabala, D.O., director of the unit.

Ironically Ben Celani, in whose memory the Hearts of Livonia charitable organization was established, was once a chest pain patient at St. Mary. The 20-year anniversary of the group's charitable beginning was marked in 1997 when the group topped \$2 million in donations.

The Livonia hospital to date has received \$753,000 as a result of funds raised at an annual golf benefit.

Sister Mary Renetta, president and Chief Executive Officer of St. Mary Hospital, said the generous donations have been used in the trauma area of the emergency center to purchase state-of-the-art equipment such as defibrillators, cardiac monitors and crash carts as well as the all-purpose, adjustable beds found in the new Chest Pain Evaluation unit.

"This unit is a natural extension of the emergency center where a chest pain emergency physician will work

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St. Mary, Karmanos collaborate

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute signed an agreement to enhance the availability and quality of cancer treatment programs for patients in western Wayne and southern Oakland counties.

The organizations will work together on cancer treatment with a focus on medical and radiation oncology (patient support, education, outreach services).

The first co-sponsored program, a Prostate and Mammography Screening Day, is Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital.

"This affiliation is an opportunity to share resources with one of the nation's leading cancer centers, giving patients in our community greater access to the latest cancer treatments," said Sister Mary Renetta, St. Mary president and CEO.

Karmanos Cancer Institute President and CEO William P. Peters, M.D., said the agreement will make clinical research studies - widely believed to be the best option for cancer treatment - available to more patients.

Please call 1-800-494-0566 or 1-800-KARMANOS or visit their Web sites www.karmanos.org or www.stmaryhospital.org

Karmanos is affiliated with the Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University, and receives support from United Way campaigns.

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New SJMH medical staff

Paul Berkowitz, MD, and Michael H. Farrell, MD, have been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Berkowitz specializes in nephrology with a special interest in hypertension. He resides in Ann Arbor with his wife and two children.

Farrell specializes in internal medicine and pediatrics. He resides in Ypsilanti with his wife and two children.

Plymouth native named

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) has named Plymouth native Susan Hulce Cerletty its senior vice president and chief operations officer (COO) of the RIC Hospital and Clinics. This appointment is part of a new organizational structure at the hospital.

The daughter of Joanne Winkleman Hulce of Ply-

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mouth, Cerletty is a graduate of Plymouth High School and the University of Michigan. She has more than 20 years of leadership experience in physical rehabilitation, having previously held positions as senior vice president of Curative Rehabilitation Center of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center and executive director of the Rehabilitation Institute of Milwaukee.

Substantial donation

Jack F. Moores Jr., president and CEO of MED-HEALTH Systems of Plymouth and board chairman of the MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers Futures Golf Classic, presented a \$7,000 check to Sister Linda Willette, administrator of Our Lady of Providence Center. OLP is a residential facility for developmentally disabled women and children located in Northville.

In attendance at the check presentation was tournament board member, Jim Anulewicz, representing

community development for Plymouth Township.

New psychiatry director

John Campbell, MD, recently joined Henry Ford Health System as director of Neuropsychiatry and Geriatric Psychiatry. In his directorship post within Henry Ford's Behavioral Sciences division, one of Campbell's first tasks will be to help get a new project called The Memory Program off the ground in 1998. The program is geared to provide evaluation and treatment of memory impairment.

Henry Ford Behavioral Services provides psychiatric care for the elderly in diverse settings.

Primary care appointment

Henry Ford Health System has named Margaret Dimond as primary care administrator of the Detroit region. In her role, Dimond will be responsible for the direction, planning and operations of the primary care delivery system in the Detroit area.

A Henry Ford employee for 13 years, Dimond began her career as a social worker, where she became department director. She also served as administrator for the departments of emergency medicine, neurology and the bone and joint center.

E-file your taxes with online help

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MIKE WENDLAND

The stacks of receipts and the W2's are just sitting there, aren't they? You know you have to get to them before April 15th but it's such a dreadful task that you keep putting it off as long as you can.

The Internet may not make the tax bite any easier to take but it can make the task of figuring out the bottom line and filling out the right forms a bit easier.

There are dozens of online sites up and running and promising to help you cut down on the calculating time.

The site to start, of course, is the source of all this trouble - the IRS (<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/>)

The taxman's official site starts with the picture of a mailbox. Click on it and you're led to "The Digital Daily," the IRS's online newspaper that tries to present tax information in a light and breezy style.

The IRS has had big problems in past years with its online efforts. This year, the agency is trying hard to encourage more "e-filing," or electronic filing. But instead of letting us zap off our 1040 through our own computer,

the IRS site works with "industry partners."

That means that you can only send your form electronically with the help of someone else.

In this case, you can use a professional tax preparer or, if you want to do it yourself, one of the following three companies:

- TurboTax. Online (<http://www.intuit.com/turbotax/ttonline/irshello.html>) the top-selling do-it-yourself tax-software
- Universal Tax Systems (<http://www.securetax.com>) make a product called SecureTax for online tax form completion.
- Nelco, accessible by a direct link from the IRS site, lets you download its Tax Wizard software and prepare your return on-screen.

Last year, some 19 million Americans sent their forms off to Uncle Sam electronically. The agency hopes it has the bugs worked out and that number will rise significantly this year.

My absolute favorite online site is from the people who make the personal finance software Quicken (<http://www.quicken.com/taxes/>). Since they also make TurboTax, their Web site links to lots of how to information on putting the software to use. If the news is really bad, you can even apply for a loan from the Quicken site.

Here are some other sites you may want to check out.

- The Michigan Department

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Mike Wendland
—columnist, PC Talk

of Treasury has a tax form page (<http://www.treas.state.mi.us/formspub/frminde.htm>) is a pretty comprehensive site, offering all sorts of tax-related publications and reports and information on starting a business in Michigan.

The Tax Web (<http://www.taxweb.com/>). This site claims to be the Internet's first and most comprehensive site geared towards consumers, offering answers to general tax questions, plus hyperlinks to lots of federal and state-sponsored tax sites that will allow you to conduct more detailed tax research.

1040.com (<http://www.1040.com/>) prides itself on being a place that provides "tax info for ordinary people." There's an extensive series of Internet links and questions and answers about the tax laws as they apply to the typical individual taxpayer.

Money Magazine (<http://pathfinder.com/money/goals/taxes.html>). The magazine's online tax section tells you how

to make sure you're now "audit bait" and shows you several strategies aimed at cutting your taxes.

Nolo's Guide to Tax problems (<http://www.nolo.com/Chunk-TAX/TAX.index.html>) This walks you through the information you need if you have a big tax bill due or, worse yet, end up being audited.

The Tax Prophet (<http://www.taxprophet.com/>). Maintained by a tax attorney, this site deciphers the Internal Revenue Code for individual taxpayers.

And if you really want to find that loophole, try the U.S. House of Representatives Internet Law Library (<http://law.house.gov>) for the complete Tax Code itself... as well as hundreds of other laws, too.

The Internet's Usenet has two tax-related newsgroups that are worth checking out. Look at misc.taxes for a freewheeling, anything goes discussion or misc.taxes.moderated, for more structured postings.

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Ancient Egyptians used fragrant oils for massage, bathing and for medicinal purposes. They used frankincense in religious ceremonies and cedar oil to embalm their dead.

"The word aromatherapy has been diluted," Beres added. "Everything that has fragrance is referred to as aromatherapy. Aromatherapy has become one of the 'in' words."

Strong memories

The power of smell also has tremendous power on memory. "If we have a memory tagged by these fragrances, they could trigger an emotional flashback," Beres said. "Think of something in your childhood and you smell it today. It triggers those memories and those memories are pleasant and negative."

A 1996 Gallup Report found that 42 percent of 18- to 34-year-olds in the United States used aromatherapy; 38 percent of 35- to 49-year-olds used aromatherapy and 16 percent of people 50 and older used aromatherapy, according to Multi-sponsor Surveys Inc.

The power of smell is obvious when you notice how your body is effected by certain smells. Like, "the body's response of gagging or heaving that sometimes accompanies unpleasant

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Rose Beres
—owner, Ageless Wisdom

smells, such as spoiled food or dead animals," according to HealthResponsibilities Systems Inc. on the Internet.

Likewise, many people often have a feeling of relaxation and comfort when entering a home filled with aromas for a special Thanksgiving meal; or the strong negative reactions that some people get when they enter a home of a smoker, even though there is no cigarette smoke visible in the air, according to HealthResponsibilities Systems Inc.

Recently, Columbia University researchers found that they believe are odor receptors. In fact, the average adult can process about 10,000 different odors in an area of the brain that's about 1 inch square, according to "Aromatherapy, A Complete Guide to the Healing Art."

"This really isn't just a fashionable fringe," Beres said. "Everything that is old is new again. People are into the holistic aspect of healing. It's not a cure-all. Aromatherapy is a tool."

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hand-in-hand with cardiology to reduce the chance of misdiagnosis," said Chabala. "That will be a great thing for the patient."

Gokli noted that a large percentage of patients who come to the emergency center experiencing chest pain, particularly young males, face a heightened level of anxiety about being admitted to the hospital for testing.

"The new unit will create an environment where we can allay their fears about admission by performing the necessary tests in a shorter duration of time while providing the same quality care," said Gokli.

"Sometimes patients sign themselves out of the hospital before the tests are complete — putting themselves at risk.

"This is a win-win situation. We are able to provide a diagnosis with greater accuracy and speed and the patient may be spared a hospital admission."

As with emergency visits, an "observation" in the Chest Pain Evaluation Unit will likely be covered as an outpatient service by most insurance plans because it is not considered an "inpatient service."

Sister Mary Modesta, former St. Mary Hospital president and new Senior Vice President of Special Projects, said the unit also provides patients and their families an educational video on the medical procedures and tests they can expect to have during observation — coupled with informational literature they can take home upon dis-

charge.

"The tape is something they can watch while their there with their families to not only lower their level of anxiety but better prepare them for testing," said Sister Modesta.

"Family members are more comfortable if they know what their loved one is going through by reading the literature and watching the video."

In the future, Chabala noted that the observation/evaluation services may be expanded to include other medical diagnoses, such as kidney stones and dehydration.

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- Hall & Hunter Realtors <http://s0a.oeonline.com/hallhunt>
- Langard Realtors <http://www.langard.com>
- Max Brook, Inc. <http://www.maxbrook.com>
- Sellers First Choice <http://www.sfcrealtors.com>
- Bob Taylor <http://www.bobtaylor.com>
- Western Wayne County Association of REALTORS <http://www.michiganhome.com>
- REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL**
BBRSOAR Appraisers Committee <http://justlisted.com/appraisal>
- REAL ESTATE - COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT**
Property Services Group, Inc. <http://www.proserv.com>
- REAL ESTATE EDUCATION**
Real Estate Alumni of Michigan <http://www.ramadventure.org>
- REAL ESTATE HOME WARRANTY**
HMS Home Warranty <http://oeonline.com/hms>
- REAL ESTATE SOFTWARE**
Envision Real Estate Software <http://www.envision-res.com>
- RELOCATION**
Conquest Corporation <http://www.conquest-corp.com>
- REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**
Midwest Fertility and Sex Selection Center <http://www.mfss.com>
- RESTAURANTS**
Steve's Backroom <http://www.stevesbackroom.com>
- RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**
American House <http://www.american-house.com>
Presbyterian Villages of Michigan <http://www.pvm.org>
- SHOPPING**
Birmingham Principal Shopping District <http://oeonline.com/birmingham>
- SURPLUS FOAM**
McCulloch Corporation <http://www.mccoam.com>
- SURPLUS PRODUCTS**
McCulloch Corporation <http://www.mccsurplus.com>
- TOYS**
Toy Wonders of the World <http://www.toywonders.com>
- TRAINING**
High Performance Group <http://www.oeonline.com/hpg>
Virtual Reality Institute <http://www.vrinstitute.com>
- TRAVEL AGENCY**
Cruise Selections, Inc. <http://www.cruiseselections.com>
- UTILITIES**
Detroit Edison <http://www.detroit Edison.com>
- VIDEOWEB SITE DEVELOPMENT**
NetWorth Internet Marketing <http://netvid.com>
- WELD GUN PRODUCTS**
C.M. Smilie Co. <http://www.smilie.com>
- WHOLISTIC WELLNESS**
Roots and Branches <http://www.reikiplace.com>
- WOMEN'S HEALTH**
Asghar Afari, M.D. <http://www.gyndoc.com>
PMS Institute <http://www.pmsinst.com>
- WORSHIP**
St. Michael Lutheran Church <http://www.stmichaellutheran.org>