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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Book signing: *A book signing of "And ... Howe" by Gordie and Colleen Howe is set for noon to 3 p.m. today, Sunday, at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. All proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association.*

Eggs-travaganza: *A Westland Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt will feature 8,000 eggs and different age groups plus the Easter bunny 1 p.m. today, Sunday, at Westland Jaycee Park.*

WEDNESDAY

Social night: *A Westland Jaycees social night is planned for 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, at the Library Pub and Grill. Cost is $15 a person and includes beverages and appetizers.*

THURSDAY

Closing: *Westland's 18th District Court closes at 4:30 p.m.*

Composting: *The city's composting season begins Thursday. Also, the summer hours for the city's recyclable materials drop-off center begin. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.*

FRIDAY

Good Friday: *Westland city offices and the 18th District Court will be closed. The Bailey Center, Ice Arena and library will be open.*

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Cop: Man admits sex with teen

A Westland man's preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court began Thursday. He could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

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A tearful Westland man admitted having sex with a 13-year-old Plymouth Township girl after their Internet chats led to a meeting, a detective said in court Thursday.

Brian Joseph Rose, 21, conceded during a police interview that he picked the girl up near her home, supplied her with vodka and had sexual intercourse with her at his parents' Westland business, Plymouth Township Detective William Groff testified.

"One of the first things he said to me is he knew he had screwed up," Groff said during Rose's preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court.

Rose became upset when he learned that the girl was 13 – not 15 as she had claimed when they met during the early morning hours of Nov. 26, Groff said.

"He started openly crying a little bit at that time, and he wanted to know what was going to happen to him," the officer testified.

Rose could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted of first-degree criminal sexual conduct – a charge that defense attorney Michael Rex said should be dismissed.

Rex argued that assistant Wayne County prosecutor Thomas Beck failed to prove two elements of the crime – that the girl was personally injured and that she was physically helpless during the sex.

"In some respects she was the aggressor," Rex said, even though the girl testified Thursday that she lost consciousness before sex.

"She doesn't remember because she was too embarrassed. She didn't want to admit that she was an active participant," Rex charged. "It was a girl who – unfortunately, because of her age – wanted to have sex and did have sex."

Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos, giving Rex and Beck time to make written arguments, has delayed until April 15 a ruling on whether Rose

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In character

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Guest reader: *"Books Come Alive" was the theme this past week at Hicks Elementary. Above Dyer Senior Citizen Center Coordinator Mary Browe portrays "Pippi Longstocking" in a kindergarten class at Hicks. For more on the program, please see Page A3.*

No quick changes expected after MediaOne buyout

BY DARRELL CLEM
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MediaOne cable subscribers in Westland won't likely notice any immediate changes in service following the company's buyout by Comcast Corp., officials said.

"For the time being, the merger will not have any impact on services or prices," MediaOne spokesman Bill Black said Friday.

Beyond that, officials for both cable companies offered little speculation on what Monday's merger announcement will mean for local subscribers.

"There will be no effect on customers until the merger closes late this year or early next year," Comcast spokesman Jason Thompson said. "Business will carry on as usual. I can't comment on rates at this point, whether they will go up or down."

Westland cable subscribers lately have seen rapid changes in a local market once controlled solely by MediaOne.

As newcomer Americast has bitten into MediaOne's customer base, Comcast has now bought MediaOne to create another unknown for local cable enthusiasts.

Comcast, the nation's fourth-largest cable company and the Detroit area's biggest, is plunking down $44.3 million for MediaOne, the country's third-largest cable provider.

"This consolidation trend is going on in large markets all over the country, and it is being driven by two factors. Certainly competition is one," Black said.

Cable companies also are being driven by an inherent need to operate as

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District plans to build toilets near athletic fields

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LIVONIA SCHOOLS

A long-standing embarrassment for Livonia high school students and parents should disappear in the summer of 2000, if plans continue as outlined Monday to the Livonia Board of Education.

The embarrassment? Having to use portable toilets during activities that take place on high school athletic fields, or else walk long distances to restrooms inside the high schools.

The solution? At a cost of around $1.3 million each, build a small outbuilding near the athletic fields of Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson.

Each outbuilding, called an "annex," would house public restrooms, team

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Turning Japanese

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

About culture: *Ashlee Dunman (left) and Breana Tidwell try on two kimonos. Japanese women visited Patchin Elementary this week to teach the students about their culture. Please see A4.*

PLACES & FACES

Annual honors

Top police officers and firefighters from Westland and Wayne will be honored in April during an annual program hosted by VFW Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Tickets are $12.50 for the recognition banquet, scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the VFW post at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The program is open to the public. For tickets call the VFW post at 721-9876 or Westland police Sgt. Steve Frazer at 722-9600.

Turner honored

Wayne-Westland school board member Ed Turner has been honored for completing classes to become state-certified.

Turner participated in a voluntary training program for education leadership and has become eligible to receive the Certified Board Member Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards.

The curriculum includes courses in school law, community relations, budgets and finance, labor relations, and technology. New board members receive 30 hours of instruction to achieve their certification.

"Michigan board members are leading the nation in meeting requirements for voluntary certification," MASB executive director Justin King said.

MASB officials say that the certification program provides local leaders with a strong background in school governance issues and that it prepares them to make informed decisions to improve education.

During a Wayne-Westland school board meeting Monday, Turner's colleagues congratulated him on his achievement.

Turner

High-speed chase cuts into Westland

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A high-speed police chase that passed through Westland early Thursday resulted in the arrest of a 17-year-old Wayne man.

The chase began in Canton as township police attempted to stop the man on eastbound Ford Road near I-275. The incident occurred shortly before 1 a.m.

Instead of stopping, police say the man sped away. A Canton officer chased him north to Joy Road where he stopped the pursuit.

Driving a red 1997 Ford Explorer, the man was spotted again by township police on Ford near Newburgh in Westland. The chase was on for a second time.

At that point, police ran the license plate of the Explorer and discovered that it had been stolen from a second Wayne man, according to Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske.

The 17-year-old continued to elude police, which included two Canton patrol cars by this point. He headed north on I-275 and continued up to M-5 in Novi.

Police said he exited the freeway at that point and headed west on 12 Mile, running a light in the process. He then got back on the freeway and headed south on I-275.

Police continued to chase. The Explorer finally began to slow as it headed south.

It rolled to a stop on the freeway just north of Ann Arbor Road. Plymouth Township and Canton Police then surrounded the vehicle and arrested the 17-year-old without incident.

As it turned out, fate was on the side of the law.

"He ran out of gas," Schemanske said.

Speeds during the chase reached 70-80 miles per hour. Schemanske wasn't sure how long it lasted.

No injuries were reported in the incident.

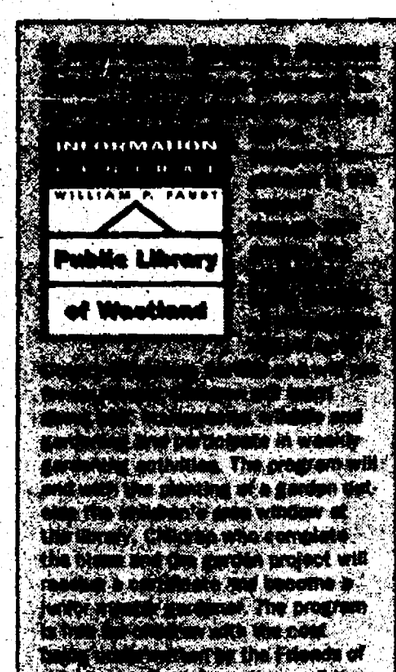
The teenager will be charged as an adult.

He was expected to be arraigned by Friday at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Schemanske said the Wayne youth will face charges of fleeing and eluding, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and various traffic offenses.

The stolen vehicle charge is the most serious, and carries a felony penalty.

"The word apparently isn't out that it's serious to run from police," Schemanske said. "I don't understand it."



Adult Internet Classes

- *"Introduction to the Internet."* Topics include what the Internet is, how to navigate using Netscape Navigator, how to search for information and how to use search engines. First hour is lecture format, second hour offers hands-on practice on the library's public computer workstations. Class capacity 10. No registration required, so seating is on a first-available basis. 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, in Community Meeting Room B.
- *"How To Search the Internet for Information."* Now that you know what the Internet is about, learn how to search for information you want. Find out what search engines are, how they work and how to select the best one for your search. Get pointers on how to evaluate the sites you retrieve. Completion of "Introduction to the Internet" class is suggested. Class capacity 10. No registration required, so seating is on a first-available basis. 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, in Community Meeting Room B.

Young Adult Activities

Teen Net

The Teen Net advisory group meets the last Monday of every month to discuss the types of books, music and programs that teens would like to see at the library. Give us your input! All teens are welcome. 4 p.m. Monday, March 29, in Community Meeting Room A.

Programs for Children

- *Toddler Tales.* 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, or 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, in Community Meeting Room A. This session of developmentally appropriate story times is for children ages 18-36 months. Lots of movement, singing and stories will keep the young ones interested. Registration is required. You may register by telephone, (734) 326-6123, or in person at the Children's Desk.
- *Just for Me Preschool Time.* 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, or 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, in the Children's Activity Room. A series of thematic story times for children ages 3-5. These story times are intended to be independent experiences for the child. Registration is required. You may register by telephone or in person at the Children's Desk.
- *Sleepytime Story time.* Join in 7-7:30 p.m. every Monday for Sleepytime Story time. This is a family story time and children are welcome to come dressed in their pajamas or with their snuggles.

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locker rooms, showers and equipment storage space.

It's a solution that's long due and one the district should pursue at a time when it has money in the bank to do so, said Superintendent Ken Watson Monday in seeking from the trustees a transfer of funds from the district's general operating budget into its building and site fund.

The $2.1 million transfer would boost funds already in the account to pay the approximately $4 million price tag for the three annexes, and allow the building design process to begin. The trustees, however, have not yet approved the construction project.

Churchill parent Al Leszczynski and Stevenson parent Laurie Colley both support Livonia Public Schools spending $4 million to build the three outbuildings. Both parents are active members of school boosters' clubs.

"I've been on this bandwagon for years," said Colley, whose son "R.J." is a member of Stevenson's football squad. "We've needed this for years, and we're behind the times. We've had committees working on this forever. It's not just for sports. Graduation ceremonies also take place on the fields. Elderly relatives use those Porta-johns."

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

With the school district's "educational infrastructure in place," building the annexes is the "next logical step" for the district to take to improve itself, said Leszczynski, whose daughter Kristin plays three sports, including soccer.

"The district needs this to keep pace with what's happening at other districts," Leszczynski said.

Four million dollars spent on the three buildings and $800,000 spent on four classroom additions at Garfield means the district plans to spend about $5 million on new building construction in the coming year.

Groundbreaking on the annexes should take place this fall, with all three open for use during the summer practice sessions of the year 2000.

Touring other school districts shows how far Livonia lags behind in its athletic facilities, Watson said.

"We're eclipsed here by other districts," Watson said. "Our athletic facilities are outdated. We haven't done much with our athletic facilities in 30 years. There's a tremendous number of kids involved in sports and extra-curricular activities."

"Strike while the iron is hot" could be the phrase the district uses to justify building the annexes now. Times are still good for the district, which expects to end this school year with about $20 million in its fund equity, or rainy day fund, according to Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business.

And the district's building and site fund got a hefty boost in the 1998-99 school year when Livonia's $10 million settlement in the Durant lawsuit got stashed in it. "We must move forward while we can," said Watson, who regularly reminds residents that they can no longer approve a tax increase if the state's aid payment is slashed because of a poor economy.

In its $138.7 million budget for 1998-99, the district expects to get the bulk of its income – $99 million – from the state. Just $38 million comes from local sources.

Even after $5 million from the building and site fund gets spent on the planned new construction, the fund still will have about $10 million in it, money slated to be spent on technological updates, Liepa said.

One of the main reasons why each annex is so expensive is the cost to bring water systems out to each athletic field. The fields are far from the main school building. "There's a lot of plumbing involved" for the showers and toilets, Watson said.

The trustees Monday got to see an architect's preliminary floor plan for each annex. The next step, Watson said, is to fine tune the building so that it includes the best in restroom/locker room design.

"We'll look at other facilities," he said. "We don't want to replicate other people's mistakes. The architect's views of what is needed might not necessarily be the peoples' views."

The last time the district ventured into a major building program was after residents in 1991 approved a $62 million bond issue to improve and remodel all school buildings and to bring new technology into the buildings.

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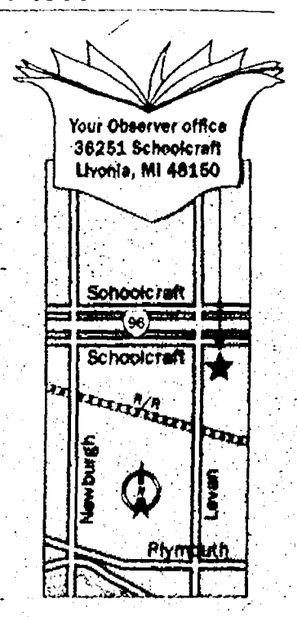

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efficiently as possible, he said.

"Naturally the more customers you have in a given market area, the lower the overhead per customer," Black said.

Comcast has about 500,000 customers in Michigan. MediaOne has 316,000 subscribers.

"We believe consumers will benefit with an array of services we'll be able to offer as we envision the home as a network," Thompson said. "Consumers will be able to have services like telephone, Internet and entertainment with one connection to their homes."

Black said acquisitions usually mean better service in the long term.

"When we (MediaOne) do acquisitions, we generally don't make any changes immediately, but for the long term it generally means that there can be some product enhancements," Black said.

He acknowledged that MediaOne has been receiving some phone calls from customers who want to know what the merger means to them. But he said the only information he can relay is that there will be no immediate impact on services and prices.

For area employees, the merger isn't expected to have an immediate or significant impact, Black said.

"We expect as much as 5 percent in layoffs," he said, "but we expect that a large majority of those cuts will take place in the corporate headquarters.

"Generally the level of customer service personnel is based on the number of customers," Black said.

Staff writer Tony Bruscato contributed to this story.

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Good story: *Larry Webb, (center) a fourth-grader at Hicks Elementary, got involved with the "Cat in the Hat" read by Martha Pitsenbarger at the recent "Books Come Alive" program at Hicks..*

Amelia Bedelia: *Wayne-Westland Community Schools Director of Staff Development Cindy Swift portrays "Amelia Bedelia" reading to fourth-graders at Hicks Elementary in the Wayne-Westland district.*

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Students get a good read

Guest readers paid a visit to Hicks Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland School district as part of reading month for March. Wayne-Westland schools superintendent Greg Baracy portrayed a golfer, Staff development director Cindy Swift was Amelia Bedelia, Sally Perkins, director of elementary education was a famous woman, Mary Browe, Dyer center coordinator, was Pippi Longstocking, school board trustee Martha Pitsenbarger was the Cat in the Hat and assistant superintendent Charlotte Sherman was a horse trainer.

It's about Seuss: *Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education member Martha Pitsenbarger, dressed as the "Cat in the Hat," reads several Dr. Seuss books to elementary students at Hicks Elementary. Pitsenbarger got the students involved with the stories.*

Good golf: *Superintendent Dr. Greg Baracy of Wayne-Westland Community Schools portrays a professional golfer. He talks to the students about what items they need to become a golfer and recommends that they should start playing at a early age.*

Spring cleaning

City begins summer programs

It's time to spring into cleaning projects around the house.

And Westland is beginning some rubbish disposal programs during April that should help with the cleanup.

The city's rubbish transfer site, located at 37137 Marquette, will be available for use by Westland residents starting Friday, April 9, until Saturday, Nov. 6.

The city will have free dump days on Friday, April 9, and Saturday, April 10. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Identification must be presented for verification of Westland residency.

To recover part of the cost of disposal, a fee must be paid at the site before dumping. The fee is based on the type of vehicle items are brought in: $11 for cars or station wagons; $21 for small pickup or van; $29 for standard pickup or 4 by 6 trailer; $44 for 4 by 8 or 5 by 8 trailer; $60 for 5 by 10 and 5 by 12 trailer.

Regular garbage, car or truck tires and household furniture and appliances will not be accepted at the transfer site. Call (734) 728-1770 prior to regular rubbish pickup day to schedule removal of household items from the curb.

Tree branches, shrubs, stumps, dirt and roof shingles will not be accepted at the transfer site.

The summer hours for the city's recyclable materials drop-off center will begin Thursday, April 1, through Saturday, Oct 30. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The site will be closed on Sundays and holidays.

The following rules apply to materials accepted

Glass

■ Bottles and jars, washed clean

■ Remove lids and metal rings (and put those items in the metal bin)

■ No plate glass

■ No ceramics (mugs or plates) Pyrex cookware, coffee maker pots, dirty containers or mirrors.

Newspapers

■ Stack neatly about 6-15 inches high

■ Tie newspapers with twine or pack into paper bags

■ Newspapers must be dry and have no mold

■ No junk mail, catalogs, magazines, or phone books

■ No office paper, computer paper or cardboard

■ Aluminum (metal that won't stick to a magnet)

■ Cans only – no scrap metal

■ Out-of-state beverage cans with no Michigan deposit

■ No foil or foil containers

Steel (metal that will stick to a magnet)

■ Steel cans with tin plating

■ Rinse clean, remove labels, remove both ends and flatten to save room in the Dumpster

■ No paint, aerosol cans or scrap metal

Plastics

■ Plastic drink jugs and colored laundry detergent-type jugs – HDPE No. 2 and PET No. 1 – must be cleaned and washed out

■ No lids

■ No plastic bags

■ No caustic material containers (such as drain cleaner)

■ No oil or antifreeze containers

■ All plastic material must be cleaned thoroughly for safety

Batteries

■ The city accepts flashlight-type dry cell batteries, watch batteries, camera batteries, hearing aid batteries, Ni-Cad batteries and automotive batteries (recycling center only). Battery receptacles are located at the following city buildings for all batteries except automotive city hall, senior Friendship Center, Westland public library, Dorsey Center and the Westland Cable TV station

Used motor oil

■ Used motor oil will not be collected during the winter months. It may be brought into the transfer site 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

No medical waste can be accepted.

Hazardous waste

■ To dispose of hazardous waste such as antifreeze, gasoline or paint call Painter & Ruthenberg (734) 561-0303 or the Department of Environmental Quality (800) 662-9278 for suggestions on how to properly dispose of hazardous waste.

Curbside recycling

■ Curbside recycling is provided by Painter & Ruthenberg, the city's trash hauler, for those residents who wish to participate. Call (734) 561-0303 for more information.

Compost and chipping

The compost and chipping season begins Monday, April 5.

Compost will be picked up on the regular trash day.

It must be in cans or brown paper bags designed for yard waste. Leaves and other yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be picked up.

Residents should remember that compost must be separated from the regular household trash by at least 10 feet. Mixed compost and rubbish will not be picked up.

All brush or limbs must be tied in bundles of three foot lengths and cannot be more than 40 pounds in weight.

Compost services will end on Friday, Dec. 17.

The city will begin chipping tree branches on Monday, April 5. Scheduling will begin on Monday, March 29.

To use this service call (734) 728-1770. Branches will be disposed of on the day after trash day. At the end of the season, the last call will be taken on Friday, Oct. 1, for chipping on Friday, Oct. 9.

Branches must be at least four feet in length and no larger than three inches in diameter and neatly stacked with the butt end facing the curb.

The city chips branches only not stumps, roots, shrubs or trunks.

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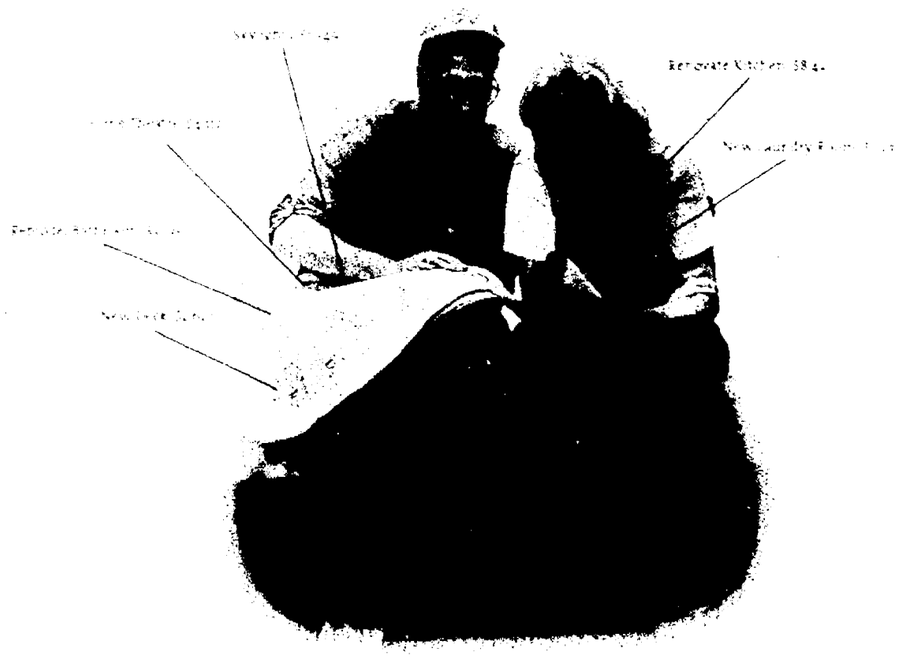

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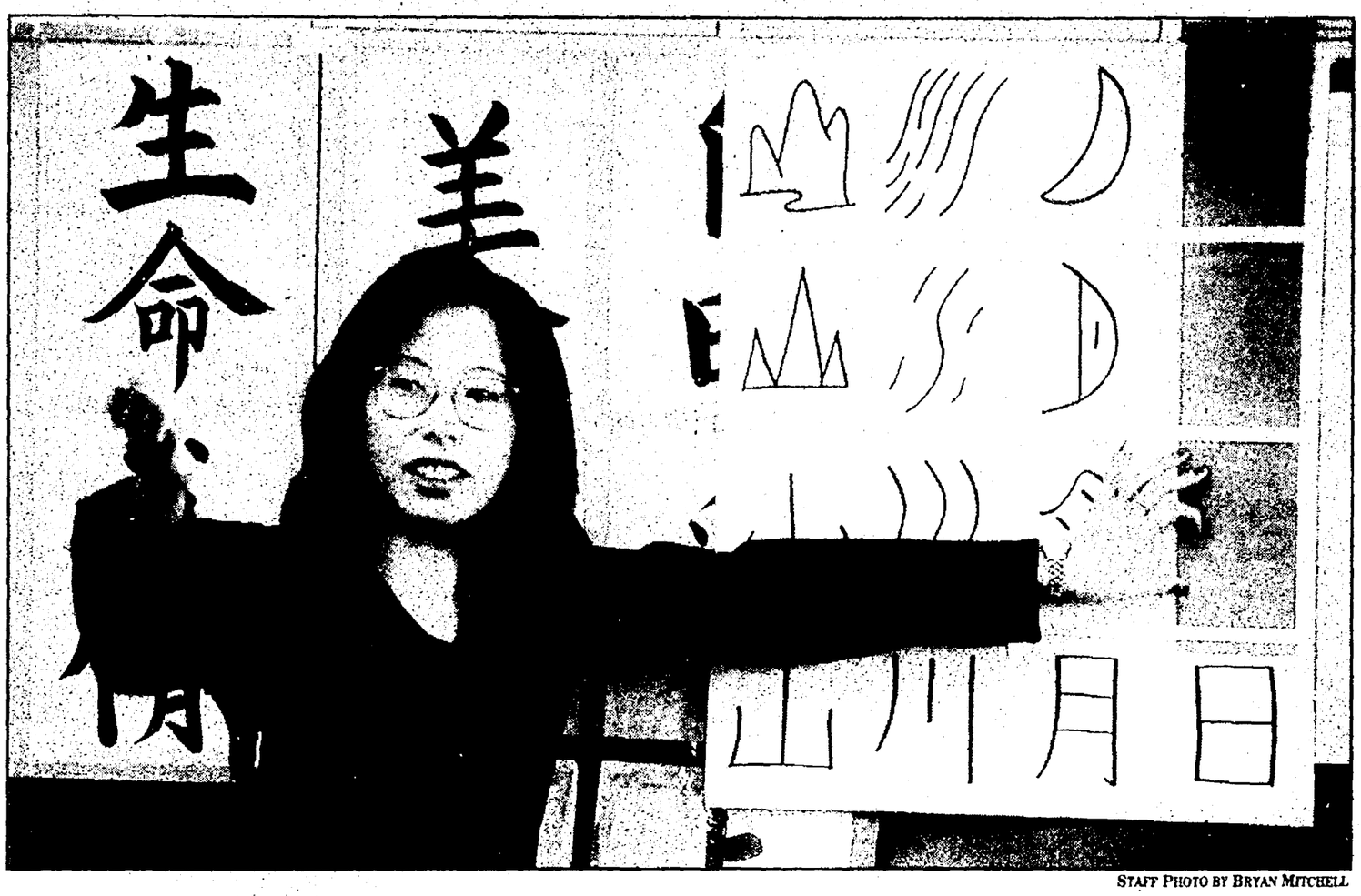

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Writing lesson: *Miyoko Fujita teaches Shodo, Japanese writing, to some of the students at Patchin Elementary this week.*

Oriental visit

Kids get taste of Japanese culture

A group of Japanese women brought their culture to fifth-graders at Patchin Elementary School on Wednesday.

Their visit was part of the Japanese Culture Outreach Committee of the Bloomfield Hills-based Japanese School of Detroit (Bunka Shoukai-bu).

The women's children attend classes at the school while the families are involved in several-year work stints in the area, Patchin teacher Laura Williams said.

In all, 13 Japanese women visited Patchin and divided into three smaller groups to teach fifth-graders.

"It was wonderful for them to teach the students about their culture," Williams, a fifth-grade teacher, said.

Students learned about origami, the art of Japanese paper folding; shodo, or Japanese writing and calligraphy; and kimonos, Japanese clothing, Williams said.

When the women arrived at Patchin, students greeted them with a few spoken words of Japanese taught by Williams, who has studied Japanese culture at length.

"They were just so warmly welcomed," Williams said of the women. "The students greeted them in the Japanese language. All three classes learned words and phrases."

The visit came as fifth-graders are learning about world events and cultures.

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should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The girl, meanwhile, testified in a hushed voice Thursday about how she and Rose corresponded for two months by e-mail and by telephone before they arranged to meet.

"He would talk about me and him having sex," she said. "I would make a joke out of it or change the subject."

She conceded that she told Rose about previous sexual experiences.

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The girl also admitted that she called Rose about 1 a.m. Nov. 26 and that he picked her up in his truck after she sneaked out of her parent's house. She said a friend tried to keep her from going.

The girl said Rose gave her some vodka and that she drank it straight from the bottle until Rose stopped at a store to buy orange juice.

The girl testified that Rose took her to his parents' Westland business, where he worked, and that he started kissing her neck and her mouth.

She said she fell to the floor. "I was dizzy. He got on top of me."

The teenager said she didn't remember having sex but that her panties had been pulled down while she was unconscious.

"I don't remember (what happened)," she said. "I passed out."

The girl testified that, when she awoke, she got sick and vomited and that Rose later took her home, where her father was waiting for her when she walked in around 6 a.m.

The girl's mother took her that day to an Oakwood clinic in Canton, where Dr. David Russell Weaver examined her. He testified Thursday that he found no obvious signs of injury or a sexual assault.

But Weaver also took samples from the girl's body that, when analyzed by state forensic scientist Dorothy Martus, revealed a drop of semen. Martus testified Thursday that semen also was found on the girl's panties.

In contrast to the girl's testimony that she didn't recall having sex, Rose told Groff that the girl was aggressive and that she unbuttoned his pants, the detective testified.

Groff said Rose claimed to have used a condom during most – but not all – of the sex. Rose's statement, as recalled by Groff, made no mention of the girl losing consciousness.

Rex argued that elements of first-degree criminal sexual conduct weren't proved Thursday and that the charge should, at least, be reduced.

But the prosecution tried to show that a crime was committed, in part, by drawing attention to the girl's age.

Police have said Rose's case marks the first Westland case in which a minor was lured for sex on the Internet.

Madison gets mini-grant

Madison Elementary School in Westland has been awarded a $200 Arbor Day mini-grant to buy library materials from the Community & Urban Forestry Library, state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, announced.

The matching mini-grants were available to schools, municipalities and nonprofit organizations to plant trees, obtain forestry materials and conduct Arbor Day celebrations. About $14,636 has been awarded to 75 projects across the state.

Money for the grants is provided by a variety of state and federal forestry services.

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Expect delays as area road projects begin

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Jim DeSana, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, summed up what western Wayne County commuters can expect from the construction projects on I-275, the Southfield Freeway and I-75 in downtown Detroit.

"I'm not going to stand here and say you're not going to be inconvenienced," DeSana said.

DeSana and MDOT officials met Friday at University of Detroit-Mercy at a transportation summit with county and city officials and business representatives about MDOT's five-year plan for Wayne County roads, including a review of this year's freeway improvements scheduled for Wayne County that will affect commutes for thousands of motorists this summer.

Nearly 200,000 motorists who travel on I-275 between Five Mile Road and the interchange with I-96, I-696 and M-5 can expect traffic congestion while that seven-mile portion of I-275 is resurfaced in both directions.

On April 19, MDOT and its prime contractor, John Carlo Inc., will begin the $49 million freeway reconstruction, calling for the reconstruction of the freeway and entrance and exit ramps, and the repair of bridges over the freeway. Additional temporary lanes will be constructed to cross traffic over from the southbound to the northbound side so that three lanes of traffic will be moving in each direction. Traffic will be switched from the northbound to southbound side once the southbound side is completed.

The project's completion date is set for October.

Even though other projects are not in the western Wayne County region, it will affect travel for motorists who live in this area:

■ M-39: A nine-mile stretch of the Southfield Freeway in Detroit will be resurfaced between Ford Road in Dearborn and the city of Southfield, causing lane closures, which will affect western Wayne County motorists who use that freeway to travel to Downriver communities, Dearborn or Oakland County. Lanes will not be closed during rush hour traffic. MDOT expects to release more information on this project on Monday.

■ I-75 between I-96 and I-375: That portion of freeway is closed. This $67 million reconstruction project will affect commutes for western Wayne County motorists who use eastbound I-96 to drive downtown.

Those motorists can still exit onto the Lodge, but traffic congestion is expected. Motorists can stay on the I-75 local lanes and exit at Grand River to the I-75 service drive to connect with the city's surface streets. That section of I-75 will reopen in November.

Kay Beard, vice chair of the Wayne County Commission, attended the summit because she was concerned about the effect the construction would have on travelers.

"I have a personal concern with I-96 and not being able to exit onto I-75," Beard said.

Beard, D-Westland, blamed Gov. John Engler for not placing a tax proposal on the ballot for roads, but added that she was pleased that MDOT's repairs were calling for simultaneous bridge repairs.

"The roads have deteriorated so badly, it will cost millions and millions to fix them," Beard said. "This will be a hellacious summer with all the work."

When Beard suggested earlier the state should raise the gas tax for more road repairs, DeSana asked her to influence the legislature to increase that tax and said many counties and communities dedicated their own funds for the roads.

"If you want to fix the roads better, you have the opportunity to put the county's general fund into them," DeSana said.

DeSana also said that people believe he and MDOT control what roads are repaired each year. Actually that process involves local communities, the county road division and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

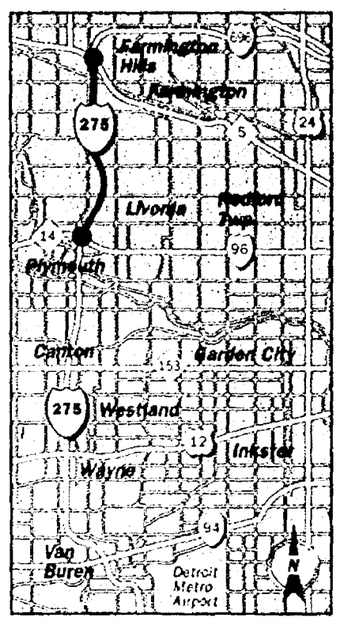
"We aren't the ones that make that decision," DeSana said. "They are being selected locally by SEMCOG. When federal dollars are used, SEMCOG must be involved.

Smooth ride

I-275 will be resurfaced this year between I-696 in Farmington Hills and Five Mile in Livonia.

Motorists and nearby residents can expect to see the following:

- In April, crews will add temporary lanes and pave crossover lanes just north of Five Mile Road in Livonia and just south of Grand River in Farmington Hills. Similar to construction completed last year on I-275 between M-14 and I-94, traffic from the southbound side will cross over to the northbound side with temporary lanes allowing for three lanes of traffic in both directions, separated by a concrete barrier.
- Contractors will remove old pavement and replace it with 12-inch thick concrete. That work will be completed on the freeway itself, the southbound ramp to I-275 from westbound I-696 in Oakland County, and entrance and exit ramps at Six, Seven and Eight Mile roads.
- The "loop" entrance and exit ramps at Six, Seven and Eight Mile roads will be closed for the 180-day duration of the project, but temporary crossover ramps will be built for I-275 traffic to travel through the construction area and directed to exit onto these mile roads.
- The long, "sweeping" entrance and exit ramps on the southbound side for each of these roads will be closed only during their reconstruction. Access is expected on the northbound side of the freeway – the side open to traffic – during the ramp construction.
- No two interchanges will be closed simultaneously; that is when the Six Mile interchange on the southbound side is closed for repairs. Seven and Eight Mile interchanges will be open.
- Repairs of 12 bridges over the freeway are expected to last through October. Motorists can expect traffic to be narrowed from two lanes to one in each direction. The time frame varies for the completion of bridge repairs, said Robin Pannecouk, MDOT spokesperson.
- The southbound side is expected to be completed in July. Then the freeway traffic will be switched to that side, also with three lanes in both directions, so the northbound side can then be completed. The bridgework will continue, while the ramps on that side of the freeway will be repaved.
- The construction is expectrd to be finished in October.



SC proposed budget includes tuition hike; hearing set April 28

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Schoolcraft College students can expect to see tuition hikes this fall if the college's Board of Trustees approve a proposed $43.7 million budget in its current form.

Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president for business services, outlined the proposed hikes Wednesday for the board, which were also recommended by Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell. The increases called for a $1 increase for district residents, $2 for non-residents of the college district and $3 for out-of-state students.

If approved, the following rates would apply: $53 per credit hour for district residents, $78 for Michigan residents who live outside the college district, and $116 for out-of-state students. College officials also expect another 1 percent increase in enrollment next year.

Trustees set a public hearing on the budget for 7 p.m. April 28 in the board conference room on the first floor of the Grote Administration Center at the college's main campus at 18600 Haggerty

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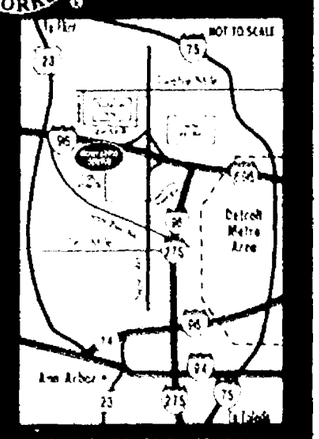

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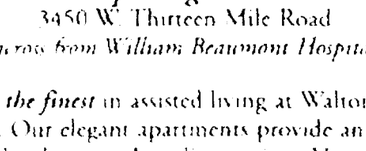

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OBITUARIES

SUSAN K. WILBUR
Services for former Westland resident Susan Wilbur, 28, of Louisa, Ky., were March 21 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Greenlawn Cemetery, Louisa, Ky.

Miss Wilbur, who died March 17 in King's Daughter Medical Center, Louisa, Ky., was born Feb. 8, 1971, in Ann Arbor. She was disabled.

She was a 1989 graduate of John Glenn High School. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Gale of Wayne; father, Larry of Kentucky; brother, William of Wayne; and sister, Kellie Jennings of Wayne.

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ANTHONY ADAMCZYK
Arrangements for Anthony Adamczyk, 79, of Wayne were made by Uht Funeral Home of Westland.

Mr. Adamczyk, who died March 23 in Wayne, was born Dec. 19, 1919, in Belleville. He was a tool and die maker in the automotive industry.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel; sons, Ronald, Robert and David (Constance); daughters, Diane (Victor) Francavilla and Katherine; sister, Lottie Krempec; and five grandchildren. Some of the children of Mr. Adamczyk live in Westland and Canton.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

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GERTRUDE A. KERSTEN
Services for former Westland resident Gertrude Kersten, 92, of Canton were March 27 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. David Bonde.

Mrs. Kersten, who died March 22 in Novi, was born May 24, 1906, in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She lived in Detroit most of her life before moving to Westland.

At the time of her death, she was a resident of Whitehall of Novi Nursing Center. She was a member of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Westland.

She was a member of The Vivians at the Plymouth Elks Club. Mrs. Kersten enjoyed gardening, playing cards and her family.

Surviving are her sons, Lawrence (Paula) Kersten of Texas and John Kersten of Plymouth; daughters, Mary (Ronald) Kies of Elmhurst, Ill., and Kathy (Stewart) Israel of Canton; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, 101 Simpson Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0752 or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

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ALFRED A. RYKTARSYK
Services for Alfred Ryktarsyk, 70, of Westland were March 26 in St. Bernardine of Siena Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements were by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Ryktarsyk, who died March 21 in Garden City, was born May 11, 1928, in Detroit. He was a manager for Michigan Bell.

Surviving are his son, David (Georgi); daughter, Carol (Daniel) Palmer; brothers, Frank and Leon; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Ryktarsyk was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores.

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ELIZABETH W. RICE
Services for Elizabeth Rice, 46, of Westland were March 25 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Miss Rice, who died March 22 at her Westland residence, was born Dec. 1, 1952, in Detroit. She was a personnel director for the state of Michigan.

Surviving are her brother, Dr. Thomas (Sharon) Rice; sisters, Drs. Alice (Jack) Brown and Catherine Rice; aunt, Alla Brannan; six nieces and nephews; and three cousins.

■

JOHN H. JENTZEN
Services for John "Jack" Jentzen, 52, of Westland were March 26 in St. Mary Catholic Church with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Jentzen, who died March 22 in Wayne, was born Jan. 1, 1947, in Detroit. He was a maintenance employee for a church.

Surviving are his wife, Jacque; daughters, Jenny Jentzen and Julia Jentzen; mother, Bernice; and sister, Judy Korybalski.

Mr. Jentzen was preceded in death by his father, Jack Jentzen.

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LENI PRESHER
A funeral Mass for former Westland resident Leni Presher, 63, of New Port Richey, Fla., will be Monday, March 29, in Christ The King Catholic Church in Howard City, Fla., with burial at St. Apollonia Cemetery. Arrangements are by Germain-Mohnke Funeral Home.

Mrs. Presher, who died March 24 following a lengthy illness, was born Aug. 21, 1935, in Ludwidshafen, Germany.

Surviving are her husband, Carl; daughters, Ilona (Larry) Howard of Hamilton, Ohio, Nancy (Patrick) McHugh of Morley, Mich., and Peggy (Michael) Eckardt of Lake Orion; and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Presher was preceded in death by daughter, Linda (1988), mother, Johanna Findeli, and brothers, Karl Heinz and Herman.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hernando-Pasco Hospice, 12107 Majestic Blvd., Hudson, FL 34667 or Christ the King Church Building Fund in Howard City.

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Sharon Kurc

Sharon Kurc has been named the carrier of the month for March by the Westland Observer.

Kurc, 13, is an eighth-grader at Emerson Middle School and has an A average. She started her route in November 1995 and delivers newspapers in the Boulevard Gardens subdivision.

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Voter bill turns into partisan battle

BY TIM RICHARD
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A bill to regulate changes of address turned into a bitter partisan battle before it passed the state Senate on a 23-12 vote.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, sponsored the bill that would require the Secretary of State, when changing the address on a person's driver's license, also to change the address on the state qualified voter file.

"It says you are going to vote where you live," said Rogers, adding it would help prevent voter fraud.

Democrats, such as Dianne Byrum of Onondaga, said the bill would work a hardship on college students, the military and merchant marines. "We should be about encouraging people to participate in one of the most basic rights – voting. We should not be discouraging that participation."

Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, objected that the bill "makes it very inconvenient for voters to exercise their right to vote in a jurisdiction in which they choose to be politically active."

Byrum and Smith called the Secretary of State's master Qualified Voter File "a work in progress" that is unfinished and flawed.

Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, twitted Republicans about the residences of former President George Bush. "While he was president, Bush hadn't anymore of a residence in Texas than a hotel room in 20 years. He'd lived in China (as envoy), in New York City (as UN ambassador), he'd been head of the CIA ... but he claimed to be a domiciliary of Texas."

Voting yes were 22 Republicans and one Detroit Democrat. All no votes were cast by Democrats. Two Democrats and one Republican were absent.

Here is how area senators voted:

YES – Republicans Loren Bennett of Canton, Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia.

NO – George Hart of Dearborn and Alma Smith of Salem.

If approved by the House and signed by the governor, Rogers' bill also would amend the Vehicle Code to:

- Provide for changes of address by electronic mail or telephone.
- Provide for a change of address with a voter registration application.
- Prohibit a person from reporting a false change of address.
- Reporting a change of address for someone else without that person's consent.

First offense would be punishable by 93 days in jail, a $100 fine and a six-month license suspension. Second offense would bring a year in jail, a fine of $1,000 and license revocation.

Refer to SB 306 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514.

AG rules on school board, planning, ZBA

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has issued four opinions in response to legal questions from state legislators. An AG Opinion has the force of law until overturned by a court.

Legislative aides

A full-time aide to a state legislator may serve as an elected member of a school board within the legislator's district.

Citing a 1991 opinion by her predecessor, Frank Kelley, Granholm, a Northville resident, said the conflict exists where "(1) one office sets and approves the compensation of another office, (2) where one office has the power of appointment or removal over another office or (3) where one office reviews the accounts of the other public office."

Planning v. zoning

The same law prohibits more than one member of a township planning commission from simultaneously serving on the same township's zoning board of appeals, Granholm ruled.

Reason is that the ZBA reviews decisions of the planning body. The Legislature expressly required one person to hold the dual office. "However, that requirement is limited to one member," Granholm said.

Do-not-resuscitate

A person under age 18 may not authorize a "do-not-resuscitate" order. Nor may a patient advocate under 18 execute a "do-not-resuscitate" order.

The 1996 law, as explained in a legislative analysis, had this purpose: "Hospitals and many long-term health care facilities have developed policies and procedures for honoring do-not-resuscitate requests from seriously ill patients, but no such system has evolved for handling the cases of persons *outside a heath facility* ... Senate Bill 452 creates a legally recognized means whereby such requests will have to be honored."

But sec. 2 of the act limits such orders to persons 18 or older.

Auto glass repair

A business that installs vehicle replacement windshields need not register and comply with the Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Act, the attorney general said, as long as it:

1. Doesn't diagnose the operation of a motor vehicle.
2. Doesn't remove motor vehicle part to be remachined.
3. Doesn't install finished machined parts.
4. Or doesn't replace parts of the vehicle frame.

"Motor vehicle windshield glass is not specifically referenced in the act's enumeration of parts that compromise 'a major component' part of a motor vehicle," she said.

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Road in Livonia.

The college district includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi school districts. Students who live in those districts and take 12 credits of classes can expect to pay $636 this fall, up from this year's $624. Previously, families of students could use the increase as a state tax deduction, but Gov. John Engler wants to eliminate that credit and instead use that money to increase funds to universities and community colleges through tuition restraint incentive grants.

Millage unchanged

Residents in the college district can expect to see an unchanged millage rate at 1.8521. With residents' taxable value increase capped at the inflation rate, that will mean their property taxes will grow at about that rate.

At that rate, the owner of a home with a taxable value of $80,000 will pay about $150 a year.

With growth in the state equalized value in the district, the district itself will collect 5 percent more or $17.8 million in property tax revenue. State appropriations are expected to increase 3.24 percent or bring in $11.3 million.

Tuition and fees will bring in another $13.6 million or jump 2.2 percent in that revenue category.

Raby showed a trend that students are picking up a larger burden of the college's budget, while the state appropriation has declined as a percentage of total revenue sources.

In 1986-87, property taxes comprised 39.8 percent of the total revenue, the state appropriations totaled 31.7 percent and tuition and fees were at 26.7 percent. In 1999-2000 property taxes were expected at 40.7 percent, state appropriations at 26 percent and tuition and fees 31 percent.

"Property taxes have stayed pretty constant over the years," Raby said. "State appropriations once were at 32 percent and now are 26 percent. We go to Lansing to try raise that number as much as we can."

Students have seen tuition increases each of the last five years. When asked whether tuition costs would remain unchanged in future budgets, Raby said, "I don't see that happening. I think the cost of operating the institution is going up, and we have the same inflationary costs and concerns that the paper has."

Only if the college received an increase in revenue from another source, such as the state, would it consider a tuition freeze, Raby said. "I don't see it happening with the state."

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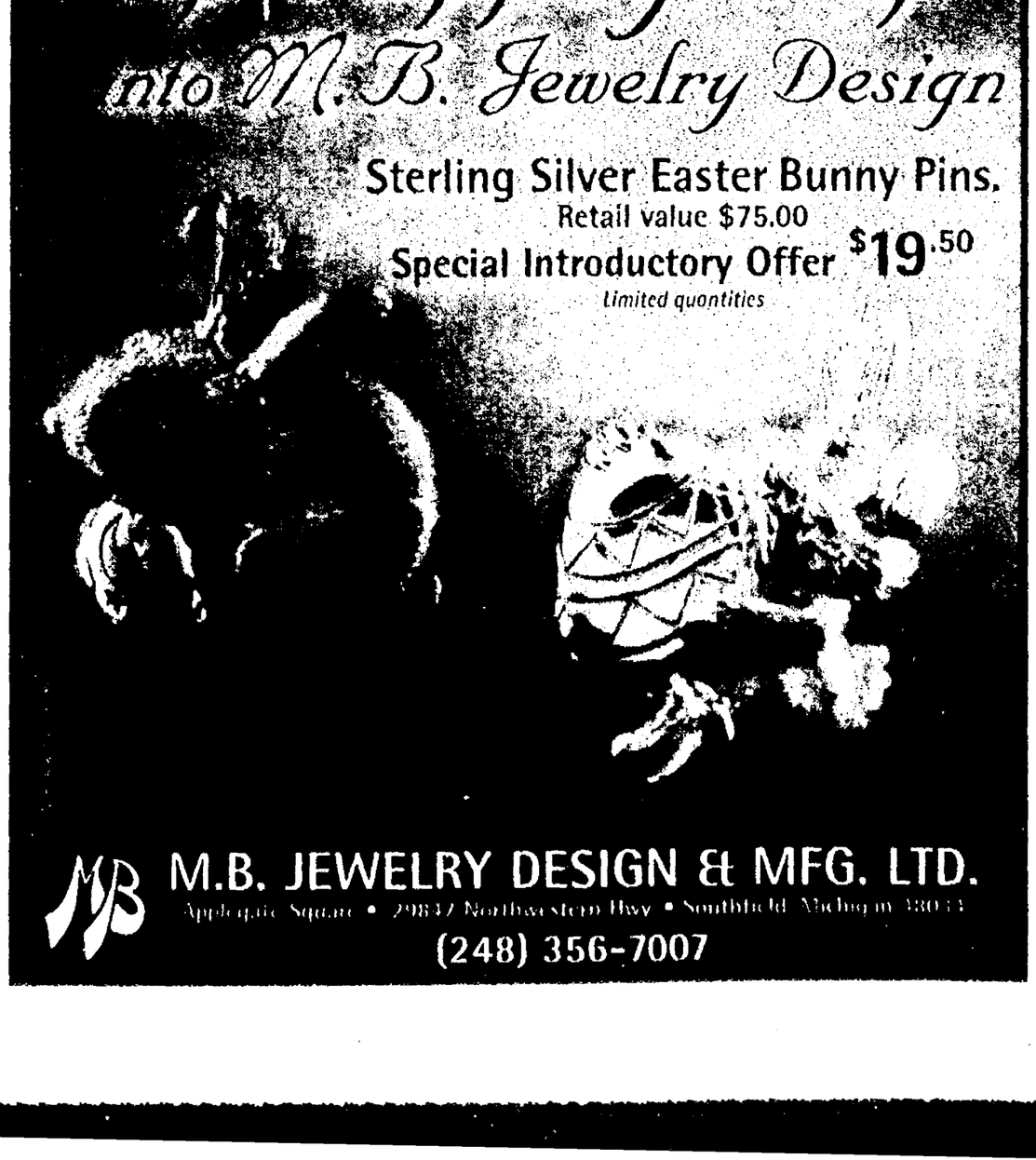

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CHEERS FOR BEER

CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Celebrate spring with torte and ale

Every once in awhile, I'll sort and file the pieces of paper I've accumulated until everything's in its right place. While putting things away, I noticed that I have not yet shared a dessert recipe with you.

So here we go, and yes there are ales to go with dessert. We're going back to Belgium, and if you're a regular reader, you know I have a thing for Belgian beer. The recipe is a flourless white chocolate torte, and the ale, Affligem dubbel Abbey Ale.

Affligem is the oldest brewery in Flanders. It was founded in 1074 by Benedictine monks. Abbey records show that beer was brewed for pilgrims on their way to the crusades. There is convincing evidence that Affligem introduced hops to Belgian brewing.

When the Abbey's brewhouse was destroyed during World War II, the monks went to the lay brewery Brouwerji De Smedt and asked them to brew their beer.

Brewmaster Friar Tobias took the Abbey's recipe and joined it with modern brewing methods. He called it "Formula Antiqua Renovata" (Ancient Recipe Renewed). This beer is bottle conditioned and suitable for cellaring. Dubbels are made with pale Pilsner, caramel, aromatic, biscut, dark candy sugar, and have a very low hopping rate with a a.b.v. of 6.5 percent to 8 percent.

The flourless white chocolate torte is dense, rich and sinful. It's a favorite of family and friends and goes well with the Dubbel.

You'll need my favorite white chocolate, Callebaut, from Belgium, of course. It's available for purchase at Williams and Sonoma stores. If you go to the store at the Somerset Collection, tell the manger Kery that I said "hi."

Dragonmead Brewing Co. in Warren has a fine selection of Belgian ales on tap including Dubbel Dragon, Final Absolution Tripple, Dead Monk Abbey Ale and Bronze Griffen. They're located at 14600 E. 11 Mile Road, call (810) 776-9428 for information.

On to dessert.

FLOURLESS WHITE CHOCOLATE TORTE

The Cake:

- 2 9-inch springform pans greased and floured
- 15 ounces white chocolate
- 9 ounces unsalted butter
- 11 egg yolks
- 11 egg whites
- 9.5 ounces sugar (equals 1 cup, plus 1 tablespoon, plus 3 teaspoons)

Chop chocolate into small pieces and add butter. Melt over gently boiling water in a double boiler or in stainless steel bowl over a pot of boiling water and stir until smooth.

Turn off the heat and keep the bowl on the pot. In another bowl, whip the egg whites while adding the sugar in three additions until stiff peaks form.

In another bowl, whip the egg whites to double in size. Whip the yolks into the chocolate. Then fold the egg whites into the chocolate and yolks gently, but thoroughly so as not to break them down too much.

Split the batter between the pans and bake at 325°F until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 15 minutes.

Place the pans on a rack to cool. They will fall, but do not be alarmed by this. Put cakes in the refrigerator to cool for one hour then unmold from pan. Using a long spatula, free the cakes from the bottom of the springform pans. Put one

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Easter brunch: *A HoneyBaked Ham, garnished with handmade crystalized fruits and flowers, is surrounded by a variety of Easter brunch dishes including Best Ever Scrambled Eggs, Berry Salad with Yogurt Dressing, Roasted Asparagus with Citrus Vinaigrette and Chocolate Orange Scones.*

HAM & EGGS Easter brunch

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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What would Easter be without decorated eggs and ham? Ancient Greeks and Persians considered painted and dyed eggs precious gifts.

During Lent, eggs were among the foods forbidden by the church. It was a special treat to have them again on Easter Sunday. In Poland, Ukraine, and other Slavic countries, baskets of food including, decorated hard-cooked eggs, are taken to church to be blessed by the parish priest on Holy Saturday. This tradition was brought to the United States by immigrants, and is still practiced today in many parishes throughout metro Detroit.

Blessed Easter eggs, along with other blessed foods such as butter shaped into a lamb, sausage, and ham, are not eaten until after mass on Easter Sunday.

In Germany and other countries in central Europe, eggs that go into Easter foods are not broken, but emptied out. The empty shells are painted and decorated with bits of lace, cloth or ribbon, then hung with ribbons on an evergreen or small leafless tree. The eggshell tree is one of several Easter traditions carried to America by German settlers especially those who became known as Pennsylvania Dutch. They also brought the fable that the Easter bunny delivered colored eggs for good children.

At the Troy-based HoneyBaked Ham Co., Easter is one of the busiest times of the year. For 42 years, the HoneyBaked Ham Co. founded by the late Harry J. Hoenselaar, has been preparing hams. The company is still a family-owned business, operated by Hoenselaar's four daughters and their families.

Famous for its sweet and crunchy, secret-recipe glaze, developed by Hoenselaar in the 1950s, HoneyBaked Ham is the centerpiece of many Easter meals. Since eggs are equally important, you'll want to hold on to these "Egg Basics," from Lois Thieleke of Birmingham, a home economist for the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service — Oakland County.

- Keep eggs in the carton. The egg carton helps prevent the loss of moisture and carbon dioxide from eggs. It also keeps eggs from picking up undesirable odors from other foods stored in the refrigerator.
- Want to know if your eggs are still fresh? Here's a way to find out. Fresh eggs remain on the bottom of a bowl of cold water, while an older egg will tend to float. Throw away an egg that rises to the top.
- Fresh eggs can be kept in the refrigerator for at least four to five weeks beyond the pack date. If the eggs are kept at room temperature they age more in one day than a week in the refrigerator.
- Cooking removes the eggshell's natural protective coating. Hard-cooked eggs are more susceptible to bacteria than fresh eggs.

Here are some old-fashioned Easter egg tips from the HoneyBaked Ham Co.:

- Hollowed-out eggs won't spoil if left out. The yolks and whites can be used to create some wonderful dishes. To hollow eggs, pierce a narrow hole in each end of the egg with a thin metal skewer or needle. Put a coffee stirrer into the hole then gently blow into the hole at one end until the contents come out the at the other end. Collect the

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Readers share some of their favorite recipes

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Thanks for all your calls about Vicki Mansfield's Passover cake recipe in the Sunday, March 21, edition of Taste. Due to a printing error, part of the recipe was covered by type from a previous issue.

Many people called for the correct information. As always, if you have a problem with a recipe in Taste let us know by phone (734) 953-2105, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

We want to know when something doesn't work — our credibility depends on accuracy!

For those who wondered, but didn't call, here's the corrected recipe, along with two more to try.

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE CAKE

- 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 1/2 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon matzah cake meal
- 3 egg yolks
- 3 egg whites
- Whipped topping
- Raspberries and/or strawberries for topping

In a medium saucepan melt 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips with a stick of butter or margarine.

Remove from heat. Add 1/2 tablespoon sugar, 1/2 tablespoon matzah cake meal, stir.

Add 3 egg yolks, stir. Beat 3 egg whites firm but not stiff. Fold into chocolate. Bake in 8-inch greased springform pan at 425°F for 18 minutes.

Before serving top with whipped topping and sprinkle with strawberries and/or raspberries.

This "easy" recipe was sent by Barb Healey of Westland.

LINGUINI WITH CLAM/ ARTICHOKE SAUCE

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon flour
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 can (14 ounces) drained artichokes (quartered)
- 1 can (10 ounces) whole baby clams
- 2 to 3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 pound linguini

In heavy skillet or 2 quart saucepan, heat olive oil and butter. Stir in flour and cook 3 minutes over medium heat, stirring often. Stir in broth, reduce heat and cook 1 minute.

Add garlic, parsley, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Cook over low heat about 5 minutes.

Stir in artichokes, clams, and Parmesan cheese; continue cooking, stirring frequently, 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook linguini in rapidly boiling, lightly salted water until al dente (tender but not mushy); about 6 minutes.

Drain thoroughly and combine with prepared sauce. Toss lightly to distribute and serve at once. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

Substitute shrimp and red and yellow peppers for the clams and artichokes if you wish.

CHOCOLATE CHIP MANDEL BREAD

- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup oil
- Dash of salt
- 1 1/2 cups matzo cake meal
- 1/4 cup potato starch
- 1/2 cup semi sweet chocolate chips

Beat eggs and sugar until light and fluffy and lemon colored.

Add oil and mix well. Blend in dry ingredients and chocolate chips. Let set for 20 minutes.

Arrange in 2 strips on greased cookie sheet. Bake 45 minutes at 350°F.

Slice at an angel while still warm. Let cool completely. Yield 10 pieces.

Variation: Omit chocolate chips and add 1 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/2 cup chopped walnuts.

Everyone's got a recipe to share — what's yours? Send, fax or e-mail your recipe to share. If it's chosen, we'll send you a cook book and apron along with our thanks.

Cheers *from page B1*

back on the bottom, and with a sharp knife, trim up both cakes to make them nice and even.

TO MAKE THE FILLING/TOPPING:

1 pound 8 ounces white chocolate

10 ounces unsalted butter

1 cup heavy cream

2 ounces Frangelico

Chopped walnuts to sprinkle on top

Chop up chocolate and place in a double boiler or a stainless steel bowl placed over gently boiling water, and I mean, gently.

In another pan, heat cream to almost a simmer. After chocolate is almost melted, add cream to chocolate and stir until smooth.

Divide into two bowls and refrigerate stirring about every 10 minutes until the mixture starts to thicken. Add 1 ounce of Frangelico to each bowl and mix well.

For one bowl, whip the mixture until it gets thick and spreadable. This is the filling for the torte.

The other bowl is the coating. Keep cooling and stirring, but watch so it does not get too thick.

Spread filling between layers of torte. Pour coating over the top of the assembled torte, covering evenly. Use a thin spatula to get the sides. You want it to be thick enough to cover and stay in place, but not too thin to run off.

Just before it sets, press chopped walnuts around the outside of the torte, and sprinkle evenly over the top.

Mix anything that's left with a mixer. Scoop some up with a spoon and form into 1-inch balls. Roll balls in cocoa powder for another dessert.

Homebrew competition

Attention homebrewers — the Rochester Mills Beer Co. is having a homebrew competition. Entry forms are available at the Rochester Mills Beer Co. and the Royal Oak Brewery. A fee of $15 allows you to enter as many categories as you want, 2 bottles per entry. Entries must be received at Rochester Mills Beer Co. between April 26 and 8 p.m. Friday, May 7. Judging will take place Sunday, May 16. You must be present to win. Call (248) 650-5080 for details.

Chef Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste

Brunch *from page B1*

contents in a bowl and reserve for other uses. Gently run water through the egg and swirl to remove any excess liquid. Let the emptied eggs dry for at least 1 hour before dyeing.

■ To hard-cook eggs: Place the desired number of eggs in a large saucepan and add cold water to completely cover. Bring the water to a boil over medium high heat and then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook for 9-10 minutes and remove from the heat.

Drain the hot water and fill the pan with cold water to cool the eggs. Refrigerate until about one hour before you are ready to dye and decorate. Pat the eggs dry with paper towel.

■ Homemade egg coloring dye: Combine 1 tablespoon of food coloring with 2 tablespoons of vinegar in a mug. Fill the mug with cold water and stir. Drop the eggs into the dye one at a time. The longer you leave the eggs in the dye, the darker they will become. Gently pat the dyed eggs with a paper towel and let dry completely, 1 hour.

Easter brunch offers a delicious opportunity to showcase decorated Easter eggs and holiday ham.

COOKING CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in Cooking Calendar to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

CHOCOLATE DEMO PROGRAM

Presented by world-renowned Pastry Chef Ewald Notter, Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11 at the Lark Restaurant. The class and lunch will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will end after dessert is served between 3:30 and 4 p.m. The cost is $100 per person. Reservations are a must. Call (248) 344-2197.

SPRING FORWARD

Chef Dean Rumsey presents "Lite Spring-Forward Recipes" 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8 at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. The cost is $6, call (248) 477-6100 to register.

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Light cake fabulous finale to seder meal

AP — A Passover Chocolate Honey-Walnut Sponge Cake would make a pleasing finale to a traditional seder meal.

This light, flourless recipe combines chocolate, orange and honey flavors. The mild chocolate flavor comes from unsweetened cocoa powder. When the baked cake has cooled, it is spread with a smooth honey glaze. You may decorate each serving with additional walnuts.

Accompany the sponge cake with Chocolate-dipped Matzo, a sweet twist on a Jewish tradition.

PASSOVER CHOCOLATE HONEY-WALNUT SPONGE CAKE

1 cup walnuts

7 eggs, separated

1 1/4 cups sugar, divided

1 tablespoon orange juice

1 tablespoon water

1/2 cup potato starch

1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1/4 cup cake meal

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup honey

Heat oven to 300 F. Toast walnuts in flat pan in oven for 6 minutes; cool completely. Line bottom of ungreased 10-inch tube pan with parchment paper. Coarsely chop walnuts. Sprinkle evenly in prepared pan.

Beat egg yolks in large bowl until lemon-colored. Gradually beat in 1 cup sugar. Stir in orange juice and water. Combine potato starch, cocoa, cake meal and salt; fold into yolk mixture (mixture will be stiff).

Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add remaining sugar, beating until stiff peaks form. Gradually fold egg whites into chocolate mixture. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 30 minutes. Without opening oven door, increase oven temperature to 325 F. Bake an additional 15 minutes or until top springs back when touched lightly. Remove from oven. Cool cake in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan; invert so walnuts are on top. Carefully remove parchment paper. Spread honey over top of cake. Makes 12 to 16 servings.

CHOCOLATE-DIPPED MATZO

1 cup semisweet or milk chocolate chips

1 tablespoon shortening

Matzos

Melt chocolate chips with shortening in microwave-safe bowl at HIGH (100 percent) 1 to 1 1/2 minutes or just until chips are melted when stirred. Cool slightly.

Break matzos into serving pieces. Dip part of each piece into chocolate. Shake gently to remove excess chocolate. Place on wax paper-covered tray. Refrigerate until chocolate is firm, about 30 minutes.

Makes about 1/2 cup coating.

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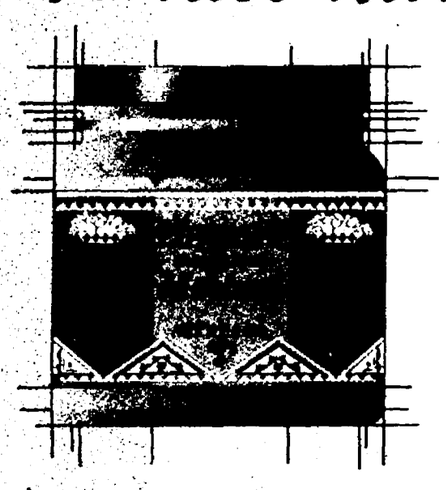

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Here are Easter Sunday brunch recipes. Garnish your ham with Crystallized Flowers and Fruit for a festive touch.

CRYSTALLIZED FLOWERS AND FRUIT

- 2 egg whites
- Super fine sugar
- Flowers
- Grapes, cherries, cranberries, lemons, limes, apples and pears
- Delicate, clean paintbrush

Separate two egg whites into a bowl and stir very gently to break up. Do not over-stir or whip the egg whites as this will create air bubbles and cause uneven crystallization.

With a delicate, clean paintbrush, lightly paint the petals with the egg whites. HOld the painted petals by the stem over a clean plate.

Gently sprinkle super fine sugar with your fingers over the petals so the excess sugar falls back onto the plate. Do not dip or drag the petals directly in the sugar or clumping will occur. Gently lay the petals on waxed paper and put in a cool place to dry. Then refrigerate until needed, preferably the same day.

You can also crystallize grapes, cherries, cranberries, lemons, limes, apples and pears by using the same method. Be sure to coat the fruit only lightly, but thoroughly, so dripping does not spoil the appearance and the entire surface holds the sugar. These fruits look lovely stacked in glass bowls as a centerpiece. These crystallized fruits and flowers contain raw egg whites and should not be eaten.

BEST-EVER SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH CHIVES

- 16 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3 ounces goat cheese, softened
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup chives, chopped
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- Salt and pepper to taste

Whisk the eggs and the cheeses together in a medium bowl and season with salt and pepper. Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium low heat. Add the egg mixture and cook slowly, stirring constantly with a rubber spatula until the eggs are set as desired, 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in the chives and serve at once on warmed plates. Serves 8.

BERRY SALAD WITH YOGURT DRESSING

- 1 quart strawberries, washed and halved
- 1 pint blueberries, washed and picked over
- 1 pint raspberries, washed and picked over
- 1 pint blackberries, washed and picked over
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons fresh mint, chopped

Place all of the berries in a decorative glass bowl and toss gently.

In a small bowl, whisk together the yogurt, vanilla, lemon juice, honey and fresh mint. Drizzle the dressing over the top of the salad but do not stir. Garnish with fresh mint leaves. Serves 8.

ROASTED ASPARAGUS WITH CITRUS VINAIGRETTE

- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 2 pounds asparagus
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese

For vinaigrette, whisk the vinegar, lemon juice and mustard in a small bowl. Add garlic. Gradually whisk in the olive oil. Stir in the diced tomato. Season with salt and pepper and let mellow at room temperature at least 30 minutes.

Place asparagus in a roasting pan, spray with olive oil cooking spray and season with salt and pepper. Roast in a 400°F oven for 10 minutes until just tender. Transfer to a serving platter, pour the vinaigrette over and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 8.

CHOCOLATE ORANGE SCONES

- 2 cups flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, chilled and cut in small pieces
- 2 whole eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Preheat oven to 425°F. Have a baking sheet with parchment paper ready.

In the large bowl of a food processor, add flour, sugar, baking powder and salt and pulse to combine. Add the cold butter and pulse until mixture forms a coarse meal. Combine eggs, juice, vanilla, and orange peel in small bowl and whisk. Add the orange mixture to the flour mixture and pulse until just combined. Add chips and pulse two more times.

Scrape mixture onto floured surface and gather into a ball. Do not knead or pat too much with hands, but gently shape into a circle. Transfer to baking sheet and score into wedges. Brush lightly with cream and dust with sugar. Bake until puffed and golden, about 16 to 18 minutes. The center will spring back when touched lightly. Remove from oven, let stand 10 minutes, cut and serve warm. Serves 8.

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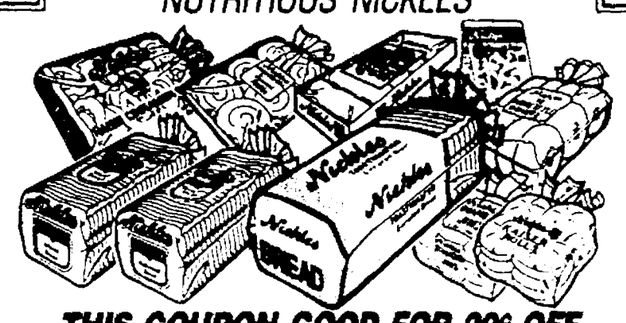
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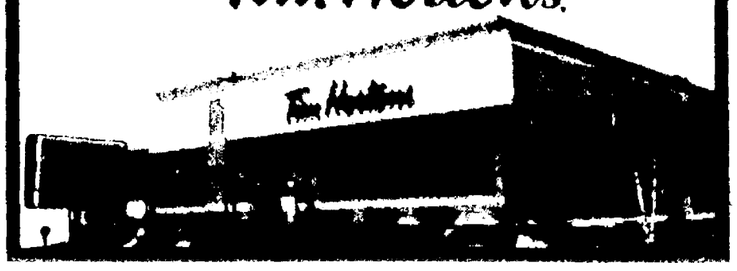
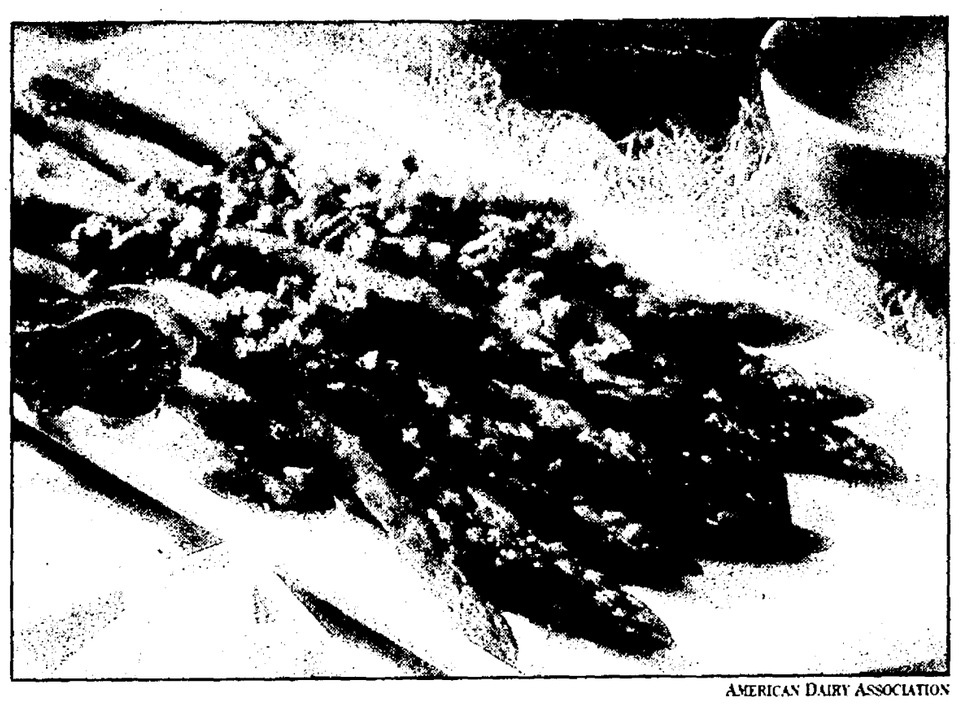


Saucy asparagus delightful side dish

From baby bunnies and budding trees to blooming tulips and warmer temperatures, spring is a time of renewal, energy and vibrancy.

Butter is a popular ingredient at Eastertime. In fact, Easter is the third largest holiday in terms of supermarket butter sales. In 1998, approximately 19 million pounds of butter was sold in the two weeks leading up to Easter Sunday — a nearly 25 percent increase over the year's average weekly sales.

Fresh Asparagus with Browned Butter-Pecan Sauce or Orange Beurre Blanc is sure to guarantee "oohs and aahs" from kids and adults alike. For more buttery recipes and tips, visit www.butterisbest.com which will be available for viewing beginning April 1.



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Dish to pass: *The perfect accompaniment to Easter meals is a fresh spring vegetable like asparagus, which can be enhanced when served with Browned Butter-Pecan Sauce or Orange Beurre Blanc.*

FRESH ASPARAGUS WITH BROWNED BUTTER-PECAN SAUCE

OR

ORANGE BEURRE BLANC

2 pounds fresh asparagus

Salt to taste

Browned Butter-Pecan Sauce, or Orange Beurre Blanc

Cook asparagus over medium-low heat, covered in 1/2-inch water in medium saucepan until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes; drain. Season with salt to taste. Arrange asparagus in serving dish; pour some Browned Butter-Pecan Sauce or spoon Orange Beurre Blanc over asparagus. Serve remaining sauce in a gravy bowl.

BROWNED BUTTER-PECAN SAUCE

8 tablespoons butter (1 stick)

1 cup chopped pecans

1 teaspoon dried marjoram leaves

Salt to taste

Heat butter and pecans in small skillet over medium-high heat until butter and pecans are browned, stirring frequently; stir in marjoram just before the end of cooking time. Pour butter and pecans over asparagus; season with salt to taste, and serve hot.

ORANGE BEURRE BLANC

3/4 cup orange juice

3 tablespoons white wine vinegar

3 tablespoons minced shallots

2 teaspoons finely grated orange rind

16 tablespoons (2 sticks) butter, cut into 16 pieces, softened

Salt and white pepper to taste

Heat orange juice, vinegar, shallots and orange rind to boiling in small saucepan; boil rapidly until mixture is reduced to about 2 tablespoons, about 3-5 minutes.

Reduce heat to very low; whisk in butter a tablespoon at a time, whisking until each tablespoon butter is melted before adding the next. Season with salt and white pepper, to taste; serve immediately. Makes generous 1 cup sauce.

Recipe from the American Dairy Association

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Correction Notice

In our March 28th ad, we advertised a Compaq Palm-Size PC (Aero2130) and Konami's *NBA In the Zone '99* game for PlayStation. Due to manufacturing delays, these items are currently unavailable. However, we will be offering rainchecks for both items.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
April 1st	April 2nd	April 3rd	April 4th
Evening Mass at 5:15 pm	Services at Noon	Easter Vigil Begins 4 pm	Masses at 11 am & 7:35 pm

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday
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Good Friday service introduces Taize to worshipers

In 1940, in the small abandoned village in the eastern part of France, reformed minister Roger Schutz started the small Christian community of brothers.

Schutz had a vision for a modern form of monasticism and his ecumenical community of brothers, Protestant and Catholic, dedicated their lives to worship, simplicity and service. Prayer three times a day is the center of their lives.

During World War II, the Taize community helped Jewish people escape from the Nazis. For a time it was shut down by the Nazis, but in 1944, Schutz returned with some friends to recreate the community which then aided German refugees and former prisoners of war.

Taize rapidly became a center for spiritual renewal, service to the needy and the unique form of prayer and worship that bears its name.

In modern Europe, which has gained a reputation for deep spiritual indifference, thousands of unchurched young people are drawn to the tiny village of Taize, to participate in a relatively new style of prayer and song.

Taize has stylistic roots as old as Gregorian chant and yet is found to be extremely accessible for modern worshippers. For the people of Trinity Church in Livonia Taize music has become a beautiful expression of Christian faith and unity.

As part of its worship for some time, Trinity Church in Livonia will offer a full worship experiences in the tradition of Taize on Good Friday, April 2, and Pentecost, May 23.

The Good Friday Taize service of prayers and meditations around the cross will be at 7 p.m. April 2 at the church, 14800 Middlebelt Road, south of Five Mile Road. The special ecumenical Pentecost Taize evening prayer service will be at 7 p.m. May 23.

"Young people are often attracted to the simplicity and beauty of Taize prayer, and they find an expression of spirituality which is often lacking in their daily lives," said the Rev. Michael Van Horn, pastor of Trinity Church. "But people of all ages will appreciate the grace and dignity of these prayers."

The brothers have combined their talents to create a unique ecumenical style of prayer and worship. As a result, this praying community has become a remarkable testimony of Christian unity, drawing both Catholic and Protestants into monastic life and shared daily worship.

The distinctive form of prayer known as Taize is actually done in a form of simple song and chant. Much of the prayer time is spent singing short repetitive refrains or osinatos (a repeated pattern) and in silent meditation.

Each year people come to the village to worship and gain a shared understanding of one another's Christian faith.

There times during the day, the bells ring and all gather at the church to pray and sing. The multiple languages represented often necessitate simple songs or singing in Latin, as a common ground for all worshipers.

For more information, call Van Horn at (734) 425-2800.

Services prepare church-goers for Easter

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week as area churches celebrate the passion of Christ with customs dating back to the New Testament church.

Maundy Thursday falls on April 1. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word for "command." The Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples and the command to "love one another" are remembered at this service.

Good Friday on April 2 marks the occasion of Christ's death on the cross. Noon services (Tre-Ore) commemorate the three hours Jesus hung on the cross.

The evening Tenebrae (meaning "darkness" or "shadows") service is a Holy Week devotion dating back to the seventh-eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses.

On Easter (April 4), the resurrection of Christ is often celebrated with an early morning "vigil," or sunrise service. This service is designed to remember Jesus as the light of the world, and recalls the mighty acts of God.

■ At the First United Methodist Church of Garden City, the Holy Thursday service with Communion will be at 7 p.m. at the church, 6443 Merriman.

The church will be a part of a

Please see SERVICES, B8

Salem United Church of Christ
33424 OAKLAND AVENUE
Farmington, MI 48335
(248) 474-6880
The Rev. John E. Maki, Pastor
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: 7pm
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE: 10:45am

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Easter Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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North Congregational Church
36520 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
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April 1 - Maundy Thursday - 7:30 P.M.
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Worship with Communion, in the beauty and solemnity of the night. Special music by our Chancel Choir
April 4 - Easter Sunday - 10:30 AM
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JESUS IS ALIVE
~ Good Friday Service ~
Friday, April 2nd at 12:00 noon
~ Easter Sunday Worship Service ~
Sunday, April 4th at 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
Family Victory Fellowship Church
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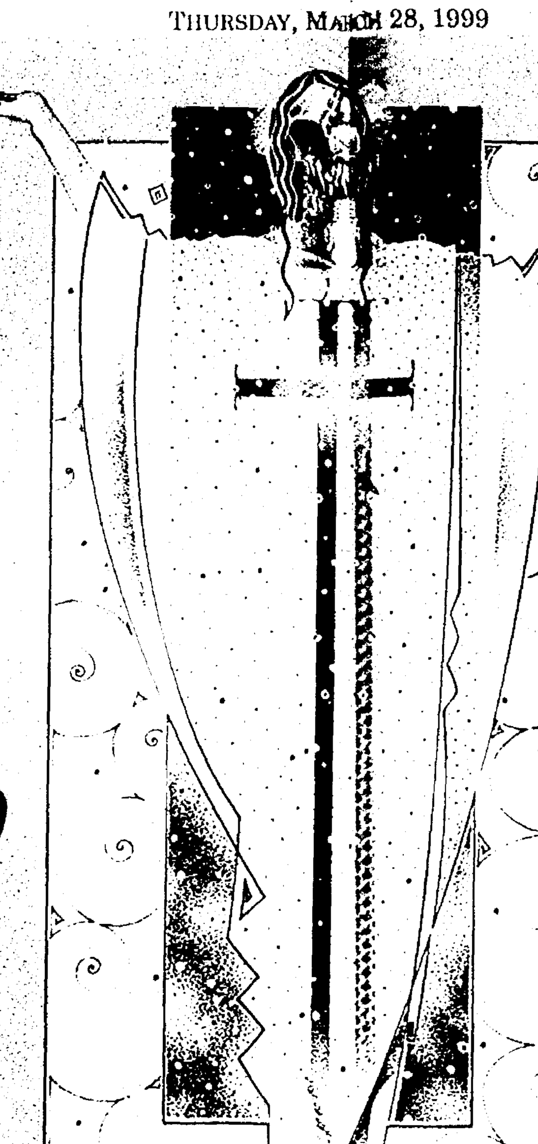

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
17629 W. 13 MILE ROAD
SOUTHFIELD, MI 48076
248-642-7047
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Palm Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday:
Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School
5885 Venoy Rd.
Westland, MI 48185 • Phone: 734-425-0260
WORSHIP TOGETHER HOLY WEEK
MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 1st
Tre Ore Service - 1:00 p.m.
Tenebre Service - 7:00 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY
April 4th
Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.
Family Service - 9:00 a.m.
Festival Service with Communion - 11:00 a.m.

Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
14750 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48239 • (313) 532-8655
Pastor Gregory Gibbons (734) 261-5422
Maundy Thursday worship • 10 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday afternoon worship • 1:00 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae (darkness) service • 7:30 p.m.
Easter services • 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Easter breakfast • 9:45

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-5252
MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 p.m.
Message: "A Journey to Glory"
GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 p.m.
Message: "A Journey of Servanthood"
EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Message: "A Journey to Forgiveness"
EASTER BREAKFAST will be served from 8:30-10:30 a.m. All most welcome!

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
3325 Middlebelt Rd. • Orchard Lake
338-3505 • The Rev. Kevin C. Warner
April 1st - Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Service of the Eucharist • Nursery Provided
April 2nd - Good Friday - Noon-3:00 p.m. at Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church
2399 Figa • Orchard Lake
April 3rd - Rock & Worship Service - 6:00 p.m.
Great Vigil of Easter - 9:00 p.m.
April 4th - Easter Day - 10:00 a.m.
Resurrection Nursery beginning at 9:45 a.m.
Children Welcome at both services
No 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, Noah's Ark

ST. MATTHEW'S United Methodist Church
30900 Six Mile Rd., Livonia
(Between Middlebelt & Merriman)
(734) 422-6038
Maundy Thursday, April 1, 10:15 a.m.
Program "Pontius Pilate", $5 charge
Community Good Friday Service
Noon: Nativity United Church of Christ
EASTER SERVICES, April 4
8:00 Sonrise Service w/Communion
8:30 - 9:30 Pancake Breakfast (Charge)
10:00 Joyous Formal Service
(nursery to 3 yrs child care)

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church
Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service 10:50 a.m.
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Chancel Choir
"When Easter Calls Your Name"
Pastor Peacock
Child Care and Coffee Fellowship

Clarenceville United Methodist Church
20300 Middlebelt Rd.
Livonia, MI 48152
Rev. M. Jean Love, Pastor
248-474-3444
April 1 - 7:00 P.M.
Maundy Thursday
Communion Service
April 2 - 7:00 P.M.
Good Friday Service
April 4 - Easter Sunday
7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service
8:00 A.M.
Continental Breakfast
9:00 A.M.
Sunday School for all ages
10:15 A.M.
Easter Morning Service
6:00 P.M. The Gathering
"Come Unto Me"
portrayal of Christ
by Rev. Doug Webber

Franklin Community Church
United Methodist in Affiliation Ecumenical in Spirit
26425 Wellington, Franklin Telephone: (248) 626-6606
Between 13 & 14 Mile Roads, west of Franklin Road
Easter Services
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
(Youth will lead in the Franklin Cemetery)
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Breakfast at 8:15 and 10:00 (between services)
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Remember His Passion • Celebrate His Resurrection
March 30 *Messiah in the Passover*, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
April 1 Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion, 7:30 p.m.
April 4 Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Easter Worship Celebration, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
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5300 West Maple Rd. • West Bloomfield, MI 48322• 248-626-2121
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Worship Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
April 1, Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m. Seder and Holy Communion
April 2, Good Friday - Noon and 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae
Easter Morning - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Brunch - 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Main & Church Streets • Plymouth
HOLY THURSDAY
8:00 A.M. communion
GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE
8:00 P.M.
EASTER MORNING
7:30 COMMUNION
9:00 & 11:00 WORSHIP

The Church of the Resurrection (Episcopal)
6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
248-625-2325
Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing
Good Friday: Noon, Good Friday Liturgy *(1 hr.)*
7:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross
Easter Day: 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist *(nursery provided)*

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16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154
(734) 421-8451
The Rev. Robert A. Clapp • The Rev. Willet J. Herrington • The Rev. Alan W. Brandemihl, Jr.
Maundy Thursday
April 1 7:30 PM
Foot Washing, Eucharist
Stripping of Altar
Good Friday
April 2 12 Noon & 7:30 PM
Good Friday Liturgy
Easter Eve
April 3 7:30 PM
Easter Vigil, Baptism
First Eucharist of Easter
Easter Sunday
April 4 7:45 & 10 AM
Flowering of Cross, Eucharist
Easter Egg Hunt for Children at 9 AM

St. David's Episcopal Church
16200 W. 12 Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48076
(248) 557-5430
Invites You To Join Us:
Monday & Tuesday March 29 & 30
The Holy Eucharist
6:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday April 1
The Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m.
Good Friday, April 2
The Liturgy of Good Friday
12:00 Noon
Easter Eve, April 3
Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter
7:30 p.m.
Easter Day, April 4
The Holy Eucharist of Easter
8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
6443 Merriman Road, Garden City
Rev. Jerry Smith, 734-421-8628
Easter Services
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Breakfast - Call for reservations
10:15 a.m. Egg Hunt
9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Worship: "The End Is Life"
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Come Celebrate Easter With Us
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1803 East Fourteen Mile Road • Birmingham
(1 block East of Woodward Ave)
Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:30 pm
Everyone Welcome
Easter Worship Service, April 4, 10 am
Special Easter Anthems by Chancel Choir
Nursery Care Provided
Sunday School for all ages 10 am
Rev. Linda J. Donelson 248-644-5708

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church
9600 Leverne, Redford 48239 • 313-937-2424
South of Plymouth Rd., between Inkster and Beech-Daly
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP
Maundy Thursday:
Communion Service at 7:00 P.M.
Good Friday:
Preaching & Prayer Service at 1:00 P.M.
Tenebrae Communion Service at 7:00 P.M.
EASTER SUNDAY:
Sunrise Service at 6:30 A.M.
Communion Services at 9 A.M. & 11

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1385 S. Adams Rd., Rochester Hills
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
7:30 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
7:30 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

St. James Episcopal Church
355 W. Maple • Birmingham • 248-644-0820
The Rev. Roger Tilden, D. Min., Rector
Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist *(Church)*
Friday, April 2 - Good Friday Liturgy
Noon - 1:30 pm *(Church)*
Come and go as you please
Sunday, April 4 - Easter Day
7:00 am - Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. - Festival Choral Eucharist, Youth Choirs
11:00 a.m. - Festival Choral Eucharist, Adult Choirs
Child care in the nursery at 9 am & 11 am

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
9083 Newburgh, Livonia 48150 734-591-0211
The Rev. Emery F. Gravelle, Vicar
MAUNDY THURSDAY - 6:30 p.m. Agape' Meal & Holy Eucharist
GOOD FRIDAY - 12:15 & 7:30 p.m. Prayer Book Service
HOLY SATURDAY - 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil
EASTER DAY - 7:30 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
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NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail – 734-422-0149
PALM SUNDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
12:15 - 1:00 p.m. "Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness"
MAUNDY THURSDAY
EASTER SUNDAY

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES
Palm Sunday, March 28
Worship service . . . . . . 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 1
Service of Holy Communion . . 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 2
Service of Holy Communion . . 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 4
Worship service . . . . . . 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

The First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak
Invites You to Our Holy Week Services
Maundy Thursday (April 1)
Evening Worship & Communion at 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday (April 2)
Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday (April 4)
Festival Services at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
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Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
"Joining together to worship and serve Jesus"
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(Between Farmington Rd. & Halstead/Newburgh)
HOLY WEEK
Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Worship w/Communion
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
10:45 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection

First Presbyterian Church of Troy
4328 Livernois Road
248-689-0112
Located between Wattles Road and Long Lake Road
Maundy Thursday, April 1
Service of Tenebrae at 7:30
Easter Morning, April 4
9:00 and 11:00 both communion services and a children's message at both services
— Nursery Care Provided —
Dr. Kenneth D. Lister, Interim Pastor
Sermon Title *"The Day the World Turned a Corner"*

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd) 474-6573
Maundy Thursday Communion 7:30 pm
Meditation: *April's Fool*
Easter Sunday -- 9:30 & 11:15 am
Sermon: *Christ Is Risen!*
Nursery and Child Care Provided
Pastors: Rev. Dr. Wayne T. Large and Rev. Sondra B. Willobee

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
— 41671 W. Ten Mile Road —
Good Friday Service .... 7:30 p.m.
"The Star Thrower"
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service .... 7:30 p.m.
Youth Group Assisting
Easter Breakfast .... 8:15 a.m.
$2 per person
Festival Easter Worship .... 9:45 a.m.
"Taps & Reveille"

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30450 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills, MI
(Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)
248-626-3620
Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid
Educational Ministries: Margo Dexter
MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 1
7:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Holy Communion
Opportunity to walk the labyrinth
- Nursery for Crib thru 3 years
EASTER SUNDAY - April 4
8:00 a.m. - "SON RISE" Service
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. - CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION
"Battlefield Memories"
Regular Sunday School and Nursery Schedule
Web Site: orchardumc.org

Make Holy Week *holy*, Come to...
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
10000 Beech Daly
2 blocks south of Plymouth Road
Bob & Diana Goudie Co-pastors
313-937-3170
April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
"Lord is it I?"
Each Disciple shares his thoughts on why he may be the one to betray Jesus.
Special lighting & music make this a very moving experience
Easter Sunday Morning
at 8 and 11 a.m.
Chancel Bells & Choir
Dramatic Monologue: Mary Magdalene
Homemade Hot Cross Buns Between Services
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Youth Play: *The Invitation*
Communion

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1:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Worship
7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
5631 N. Adams Rd.
Bloomfield Hills • 248-646-5041
HOLY WEEK
Palm Sunday March 28
Services at 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday April 1
Services at 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday April 2
Services at 12:15 & 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Vigil at 12:00-8:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil April 3
Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday April 4
Services at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

BIRMINGHAM'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1669 W. Maple Road
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Holy Week and Easter
Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.,
Holy Communion
Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.,
Chancel Choir & Orchestra, Bach's "St. John Passion"
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday (the Resurrection of the Lord)
7:00 a.m., Sunrise Service, East Lawn
8:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
9:45 a.m. (Holy Communion)
11:15 a.m. (Holy Communion)
644-2040

Plymouth First United Methodist Church
Welcomes You and Your Family to Celebrate Easter With Us
Thursday, April 1
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Friday, April 2
1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship
Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday
7:15 a.m. SonRise Service
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
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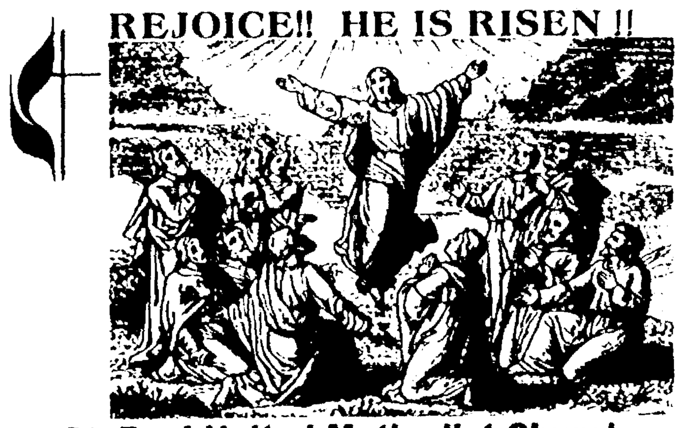

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1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham 646-1200
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
Holy Week Services of Worship
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Good Friday Ecumenical Services 12:00-3:00 P.M.
Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 A.M.
Easter Services 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
HOLY WEEK

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community worship service at noon Good Friday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt.

On Easter Sunday, First United will have a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. and worship services at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., with an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-8628.

■ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Tenebrae services at the church, 26121 W. Six Mile, Redford.

In preparation for Resurrection, there will be an Easter vigil at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 3. Easter Sunday, breakfast will be served 8-10 a.m., followed by festival worship at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-3778.

■ Timothy Lutheran Church will have an Easter breakfast 8:30-9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday at the church, 8820 Wayne Road. Livonia. A free will offering will be accepted with proceeds going to the church's youth fund to help its confirmation students go to camp this summer.

The festival Easter service will be at 10 a.m., with a fellowship time of refreshments and conversation following the service. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

■ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have a Communion service at 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday at the church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. There will be a prayer service at 2 p.m. and Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, with the Great Vigil of Easter taking place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a celebration worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m., with an Easter breakfast at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call the church at (7340 722-1735.

■ Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a breakfast between the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Easter Sunday at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. A free will offering will benefit the Tanzania Project to buy a Land Rover to assist the women in helping their needy. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660..

■ St. John's Lutheran Church will have its Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road, Redford. The service will include ritual foot washing, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

The Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday will feature the dance-drama, "Meditation on the Cross." The Paschal candle will be lit to illuminate the darkness and ancient Biblical stories will be retold as part of the Easter vigil at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service with Holy Communion and special music at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2660.

Bet Chaverim holds Passover Seder

Congregation Bet Chaverim of Canton will hold its sixth annual Passover Seder at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at The Hanford Clubhouse in Canton with Rabbi Peter Gluck.

The Jewish Festival of Passover is observed for eight days each year beginning with the 15th day of the month of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, according to the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit. The holiday continues until sundown of the eighth day.

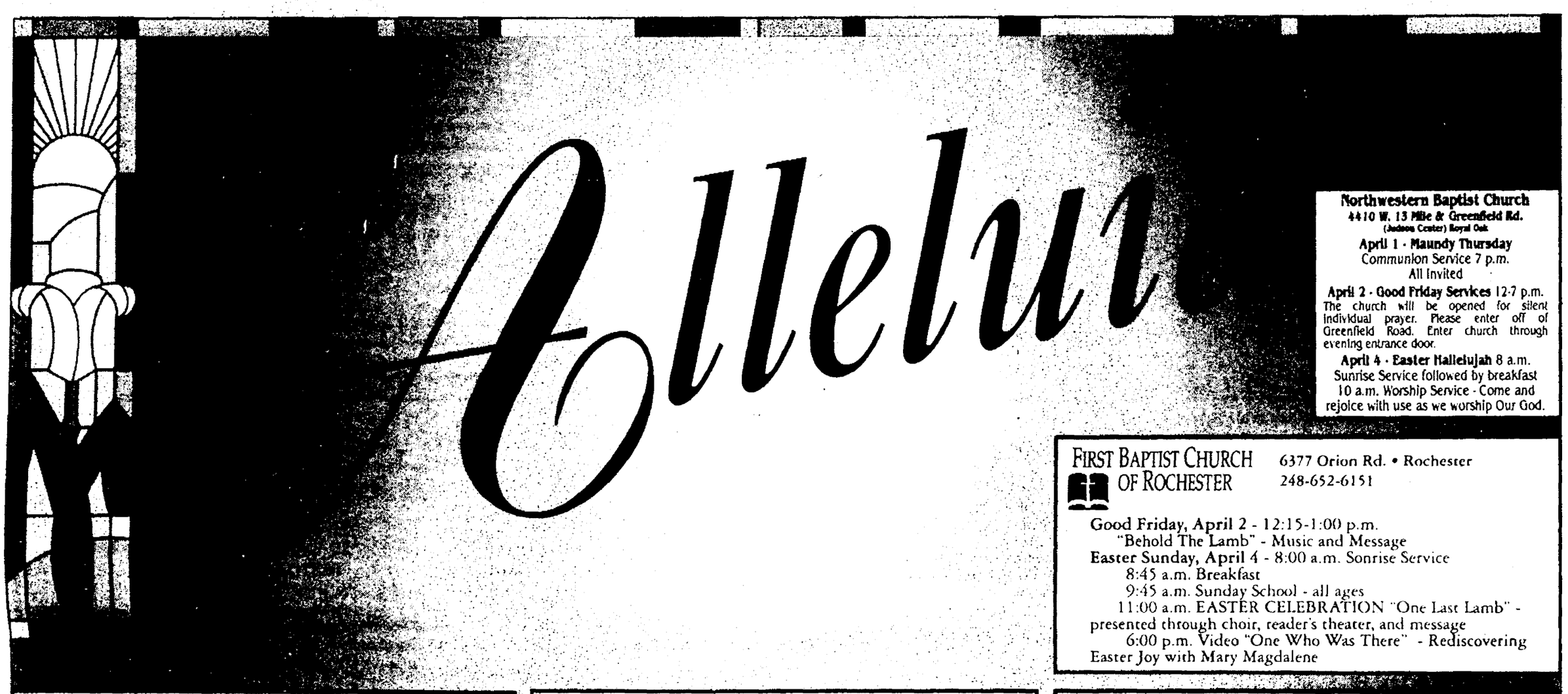
This year it is observed from Wednesday, March 31, through sundown on Thursday, April 8, with a traditional festive family meal, called a seder, on the first two nights.

Passover commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery, approximately 1280 B.C.E. (Before the Common Era), and the resultant Exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt.

The first two nights of Passover are celebrated in Jewish homes with a feast called the Seder. The word seder literally means "order" of the service.

The seder is a ceremonial dinner marked by the retelling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt through the use of prayers, songs and ceremonial foods.

For more information about Congregation Bet Chaverim and the Passover Seder, call (734) 480-8880.



Northwestern Baptist Church
4410 W. 13 Mile & Greenfield Rd.
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April 1 - Maundy Thursday
Communion Service 7 p.m.
All Invited
April 2 - Good Friday Services 12-7 p.m.
The church will be opened for silent individual prayer. Please enter off of Greenfield Road. Enter church through evening entrance door.
April 4 - Easter Hallelujah 8 a.m.
Sunrise Service followed by breakfast
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First Baptist Church of Rochester
6377 Orion Rd. • Rochester
248-652-6151
Good Friday, April 2 - 12:15-1:00 p.m.
"Behold The Lamb" - Music and Message
Easter Sunday, April 4 - 8:00 a.m. Sonrise Service
8:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Sunday School - all ages
11:00 a.m. EASTER CELEBRATION "One Last Lamb" - presented through choir, reader's theater, and message
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HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST: 8 p.m. - Mass of the Last Supper; 11:30 p.m. - Tenebrae
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd: 12-3 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy; 8 p.m. - Tenebrae
SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd: 1 p.m. - Blessing of Food; 8 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4th: 6 a.m. - Sunrise Mass; 9 & 11 a.m. - Easter Mass

Saint John's Armenian Church of Great Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
(248) 569-3405, Father Garabed Kechakian, Pastor
March 30 Great & Holy Tuesday ..... 7:30 p.m.
March 31 Great & Holy Wednesday Vigil Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
April 1 Great & Holy Thursday Divine Liturgy ..... 10:30 a.m.
Washing of the Feet ..... 7:30 p.m.
Betrayal & Passion of Our Lord ..... 8:00 p.m.
April 2 Great & Holy Friday-The Crucifixion of Our Lord ..... 11:30 a.m.
The Entombment of Our Lord ..... 7:30 p.m.
April 3 Church School Holy Communion & Breakfast ..... 10:00a.m.
Easter Eve Scriptures & Divine Liturgy ..... 7:00 p.m
April 4 Easter Sunday Matins ..... 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy of the Holy Resurrection of Our Lord ..... 10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Detroit
21200 Southfield Road, Southfield
(Located just north of 8 Mile Rd.)
(248) 569-2972
Thursday, April 1st - Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. - Communion Tenebrae Service
Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday
12 Noon - Light Lunch and Meditation
Sunday, April 4th - EASTER SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast
11:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration with Communion

Resurrection Catholic Church
48755 Warren Rd.
Canton, Michigan 48187
734-451-0444
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass 9:00 a.m.
Holy Thursday, April 1st
7:30 Mass - Adoration until Midnight following Liturgy
Good Friday, April 2nd Non-Seven Last Words of Christ, 12:45 p.m. Rosary, 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday - April 3rd, 1:00 p.m. Food Blessing, 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 4th, 8:30 a.m. Mass and 10:30 a.m. Mass - Church and 10:30 a.m. All Saints School Gym. (Blessing of Food after all Masses).

Prince of Peace
4300 Walnut Lake Road
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323
Phone: 681-9424
Communal Penance Liturgies
Monday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Week
Mass of the Lord's Supper, Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday
Scripture/Veneration of Cross, 2:00 p.m.
Living Stations, 7:30 p.m.
Blessing of Food, Holy Saturday, April 3, 11:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 8:00 p.m.
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Holy Thursday, Apr. 1 (No Morning Mass):
7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, Apr. 2 (No Morning Mass)
12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, Apr. 3 (No Morning Mass):
11:00 a.m. Food Blessing
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday in Church:
Solemn Masses of Easter at
8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.
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Easter Sunday in the Family Center:
Solemn Masses of Easter at
10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

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Holy Week Schedule
Holy Thursday: Liturgy 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday: Prayer 12:00 p.m. - Liturgy 1:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross - 7:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday: Blessing of Food - Noon & 1:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil Liturgy: 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
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MONDAY 7:30 a.m. & 12 Noon Mass
TUESDAY 11:00 a.m. Confessions
12 Noon Mass
WEDNESDAY 7:30 a.m. & 12 Noon Mass
7-8 p.m. Confessions
HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY 12 Noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:30 p.m. Way of the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
EASTER 8:00, 10:00 & 12 Noon Mass
No 6:00 p.m. Mass

St. Anastasia
Roman Catholic Church
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HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
Night Prayer at 11:00 p.m.
(Church will remain open until midnight)
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
12:30 p.m. Requiem (op.48) Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)
Sung by the Adult Choir w/chamber orchestra
1:00 p.m. Tre Ore Service
7:00 p.m. Pilgrim Way of the Cross - Outdoor Stations of the Cross with Music and tableau vivant
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3
11:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 p.m. Vigil of the Resurrection
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4
Mass Schedule 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
4/1 Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - Solemn Evening Mass - Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose - The Stripping of the Main Altar - And Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
4/2 Good Friday: Confessions 11:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. and 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 12:45 p.m. - Stations of The Cross 1:30 p.m. - Solemn Afternoon Liturgy, with the Latin Chant of the Passion of Christ and Solemn Adoration of the Cross.
4/3 Holy Saturday: Confessions 8:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. 10:00 p.m. - Paschal Vigil and High Mass of The Resurrection at Midnight
4/4 Easter Sunday: Confessions 8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. 9:00 a.m. - Mass of The Resurrection

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Aging healthy

Staying healthy while aging is an informative free lecture series presented by Bharti Srivastava, M.D., senior health specialist. To be held 1-2 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Canton Summit on the Park. To register, call (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

Nurse seminar

Michigan Nurses for Life will hold their third Spring Seminar 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in Kresge Auditorium at Madonna University in Livonia. The seminar is titled, "Speak More Effectively about Life Issues." The purpose is to motivate and equip professional nurses to be effective life issue educators. If you have questions, call (248) 816-8489.

Keeping baby safe

Botsford's new Parents Network will present "Safety Proofing Your Home," featuring safety expert John Zylka. He'll show parents how easy it is to get into proactive "safety first" thinking and will give room-by-room, easy-to-do tips for safeguarding young children in and around the home. It will be 12:30-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Botsford's Health Development Network (HDN), 39750 Grand River Ave., in Novi. There is a $5 donation. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Thyroid support

A Thyroid Support Group has been established that meets on a monthly basis at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, April 5. Discussions and speakers focus on information and education relating to thyroid disorders. The public is welcome.

Cancer and fatigue

"Too Tired to Tango? Give Cancer Fatigue the Old One-Two," is a free community program offered by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. Hear from a panel of cancer survivors and their caregivers on how they've been able to bound back into life. Talk one-on-one with nutritionists, exercise specialists, pharmacists and nurses to get news you can use to feel better fast. The program will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Livonia West Holiday Inn (I-275 and Six Mile). Registration is encouraged. Call (800) 742-2300, category 7870.

Menopause issues

Michael A. Roth, M.D., a specialist in the field of menopause, will conduct a free luncheon seminar noon Thursday, April 15, sponsored by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories. The luncheon will be held at the Double Tree Inn located in Novi. Anyone interested can call (248) 347-6100 for information or reservations. Topics discussed will include menopause, osteoporosis, weight management and various other women's health issues.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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THE GIFT OF SIGHT

3-year-old looks forward to a bright future

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

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Focus: *Dr. Alan Sugar of the Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan School of Medicine checks the status of 3-year-old Carmen Muglia's eyes. The young girl has had six cornea transplants, performed by Sugar, beginning when she was just 3 weeks old.*

Carmen Muglia, 3, of Garden City was just 3 weeks old when she received the first of six corneal transplants. At birth, her eyes resembled two light-blue marbles, said her mother, Nancy.

Two of the subsequent transplants were rejected and two failed because of infection. Transplant rejection is not an unusual occurrence in infants and very young children with vigilant immune systems.

Happily, the third transplant in Carmen's right eye passed its second anniversary in December; the third transplant in her left eye will have been in place two years in April.

Today, Carmen is a bright, energetic toddler who keeps pace with the 5- and 6-year-olds in her Livonia day care center. At home, she runs and plays ball with her older sister, Chelsea, 9, and never misses an episode of "Teletubbies."

"It's almost like she doesn't have any fear. She's just a bratty little 3-year-old," said Nancy Muglia, who actively campaigns for the Midwest Eye-Bank and Transplantation Centers.

Carmen, a poster child for MEBTC, is one of the 1,400 Michigan residents who have their sight restored every year because someone cared enough to become an eye donor. Nationally, that figure rises to more than 42,000.

Birth defect

The light-blue marble look of Carmen's eyes at birth signaled an opacity, or extreme cloudiness, of the corneas. Opacified corneas prevent light impulses from reaching the brain.

The cornea, the clear window that covers the pupil and the lens, serves as the main refractive element of the visual system. It directs incoming light onto the crystalline lens, which focuses it onto the retina. In order to refract properly, the cornea must acquire transparency during embryonic development and maintain it throughout life.

The cornea is made up of living tissue that continually pumps fluid out. When the pumping function fails, the cornea swells and vision becomes less clear.

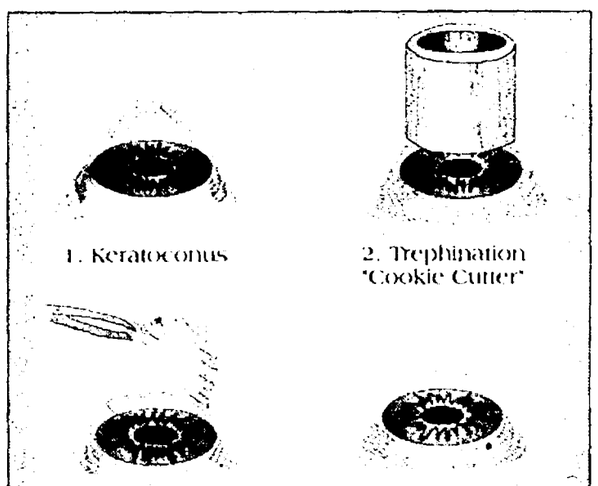
No one in Muglia's family – not one of her nine brothers and sisters and none of her mother's 17 other grandchildren – had ever had a serious medical condition, much less a birth defect.

"Shoot, I don't even think my mother experienced a broken bone with us. For Carmen to have this problem, it really enlightened us."

The appearance of Carmen's corneas at birth was hard to classify, said Dr. Alan Sugar. Carmen's transplant surgeon and a professor of ophthalmology at the Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. Most likely, it resulted from a moderately rare condition known as Peter's anomaly or "mesenchymal dysgenesis." Something had interfered with the development of the front part of Carmen's eyes in the early fetal stages.

In pediatric patients, corneal transplants need to occur early in life "or the vision system doesn't develop properly," said Sugar. "It's kind of like the circuitry must be used early to become permanent."

Corneal transplants in infants are usually done at two or three months; however, because the bulge of Carmen's corneas was so severe, Sugar performed surgery at three weeks. He replaced the disc-shaped segments of Carmen's impaired cornea's with similarly shaped pieces of healthy donor corneas.



Corneal transplant surgery
Using a "cookie cutter" procedure, a surgeon will use a trephine to remove the distorted cornea and to cut out a similar "button" from the donor cornea. The surgeon will then place the donor cornea button in the round hole of your cornea and stitch them together.

Meeting a donor

When Muglia received a call from the head of MEBTC's Ambassador Group asking if she wanted to meet the mother of the girl who donated the cornea now in Carmen's right eye, she had a one-word reply: "Yes."

She, her husband, Caesar, and Carmen met Connie Ayres, mother of 16-year-old Amanda Siner, when they were scheduled to appear together on a local talk show to discuss eye and organ donation. Siner had been killed in an automobile accident in December 1996.

About her decision to donate Amanda's corneas and other tissue that eventually benefited 50 people, Ayres said: "Losing Amanda – all that she was and had the potential to be – was the hardest thing I've ever endured. That's why donation was such a positive decision for me.

"At a time when everything was out of control, deciding to donate afforded me some small measure of control. It was my only opportunity to change this terrible situation into something positive. It was, in fact, the only spot of light during a very dark time."

The two families keep in touch and have participated in MEBTC activities. Ayres attended Carmen's birthday party last October. "When I look at Carmen, it (Amanda's cornea) enriched her life," said Ayres.

Carmen Muglia, 3, of Garden City

The future

Sugar said it's difficult to measure Carmen's vision exactly, but she seems to be 20/200 in her right eye and 6/200 in her left.

"It's likely not to improve to normal. When there is a disturbance of vision in early life you can have amblyopia or lazy eye."

He said Carmen has had problems with glaucoma, which may limit her vision. "But considering her overall condition, she's doing very well. She's also a cute kid, so people get interested in her."

The need for eye donors is constant, said Sugar. While the waiting list for corneal transplant surgery has shortened considerably, the balance between supply and demand can quickly change. "Things are at an equilibrium, but that depends on constant public awareness."

The need for corneal tissue is underscored because, to date, the use of artificial tissue for transplantation has been unsuccessful.

Muglia's grateful for the sight Carmen has today. "I guess there's always the chance there may be problems down the line. We'll deal with them at that time."

One thing is certain. Muglia's gratitude to Ayres will be lifelong. "I can't imagine being blind. I'm just so thankful that there are people who are willing to donate. I've always signed the back of my license, but I never even thought about it until Carmen came along. It's hard to persuade someone to become a donor until the need comes along."

Cornea transplants are common, successful

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The corneal transplant is the most frequently performed human transplant procedure. According to statistics from the Eye Bank Association of America, more than 549,889 corneal transplants have been performed since 1961, restoring sight to men, women and children from ages nine days to 103 years.

Looking through a surgical microscope, a surgeon uses an instrument called a trephinen, which acts like a "cookie cutter," to remove a person's distorted cornea and to cut out a similar piece from the donor cornea. The surgeon than secures the new cornea with sutures finer than a human hair.

More than 90 percent of all corneal transplant operations successfully restore sight, reports the EBAA.

"It is the most successful transplant in the body," said Dr. John Barletta, an eye surgeon at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. The cornea's lack of blood vessels makes it immune-privileged tissue and "not an enemy of the body's defenses."

Almost anyone can become an eye donor. Cataracts and poor eyesight are not prohibiting factors. Age, for the most part, is not a factor, however. Barletta said his medical group, Huron Ophthalmology, does not use corneas from donors over 75 or under one year.

Barletta sited several causes for corneal transplants:

■ Fuch's dystrophy involves a more rapid loss of the cornea's finite endophelio cells. It usually occurs in people over 50 who usually, but don't always, have a history of the condition.

■ Keratoconus causes the cornea to become cone shaped by a process of collagen degeneration. It results in irregular focusing. "It's actually quite common. One in 20 contact wearers may have it," said Barletta.

When the cornea thins and bows, scarring may occur at the apex of the cone, creating opacity. Ten percent of keratoconus patients will need surgery, said Barletta.

■ Corneal surgeries in the elderly can cause a decrease in the cornea's finite cells. However, Barletta emphasized that corneal decompensation after cataract surgery is rare. His medical group does 1,000 cataract surgeries a year. "Of those patients whose corneas decompensate we can count on one hand."

■ Infections from herpes type 1 cold sore variety can attack corneas and cause scarring. Also, rubella contacted by a fetus through its pregnant mother, may result in infant corneal opacity.

Dr. David Bogorad, an ophthalmologist with Henry Ford Hospital, said extended-wear contacts create a greater risk for bacterial infection. His advice: Remove them before going to sleep.

Unlike cataract or laser surgery, corneal transplant surgery requires a longer healing period, with vision improvement occurring up to nine to 12 months.

Barletta said approximately 30 percent of corneal transplant patients undergo a rejection episode. Patients need follow-up the rest of their lives, as rejection can occur 20 years after surgery.

"The potential for rejection never goes away completely. It's never completely zero," said Bogorad.

In spite of the need to remain vigilant for rejection, corneal transplants are surgeries with happy endings.

"I like to tell people, when you do corneal transplants, you do windows. It's very rewarding to take a cloudy eye and make it clear," said Barletta.

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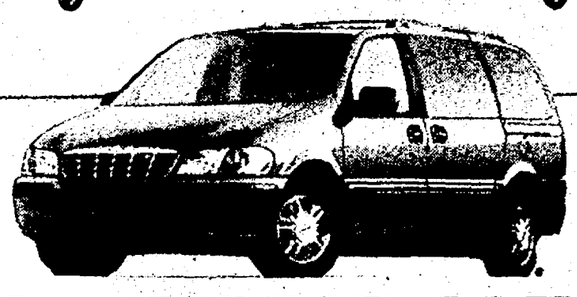

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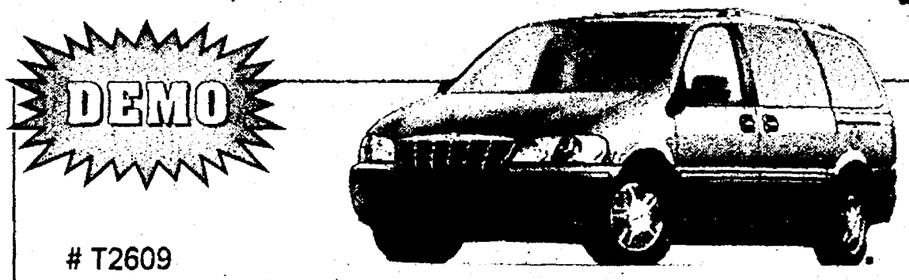

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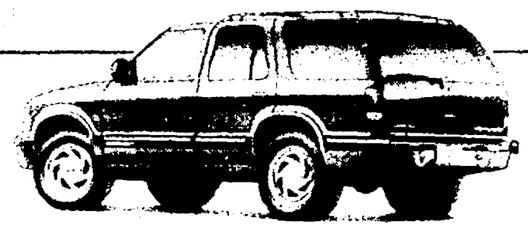

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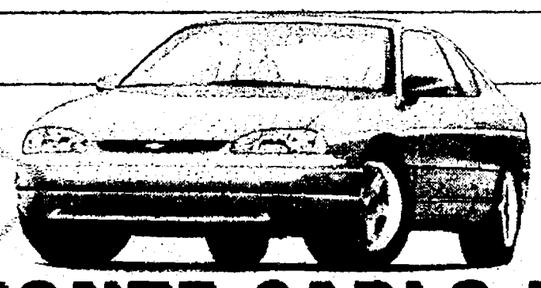

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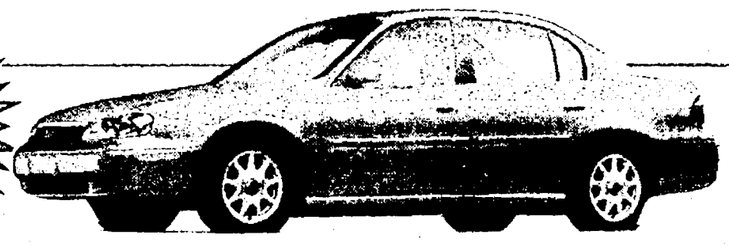

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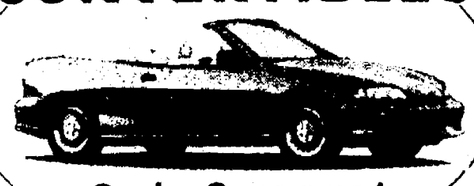

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Camps teach love of Ukrainian music

Laurie Semmes is in love with the sound of the bandura. She recently visited the Livonia area to do research for her doctoral dissertation on Ukraine's traditional instrument which is a cross between a lute and harp.

A student at Florida State University with a master's degree from Eastman School of Music in New York, Wagner thinks the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus' summer camps to teach the finer points of playing are crucial in recruiting budding students if the culture's music is to survive. Centuries of history built up by the bandurists, who were wandering minstrels, could be lost.

"Among the Ukrainian community bandura music is growing now, the Ukrainian community nurtures this and more and more kids are playing," said Semmes. "In terms of the life of the chorus, the camps are important."

Two summer camps allow students of all ages and skill levels to learn to play bandura, and sing acapella and with bandura while experiencing the culture at two-week camps in London, Ontario, and Emlenton, Pa. "Ukraina" takes place July 25 to Aug. 7 (ages seven and up) in Ontario. Kobzarska Sich is Aug. 8-22 (for ages 12 and up) on 95-acres of pine forest along the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania. Both provide more than seven hours of daily instruction in bandura playing techniques, the instrument's history, solo and ensemble playing and singing, and music theory. At Kobzarska Sich, advanced bandura players learn Kharkiv style.

"The bandura is not like any other sound," said Semmes. "I haven't found a sound to match this, and there's the visual effect– rows of the instruments lined up on stage and the bandurists in their Cossack costumes."

Semmes said it's never too late to think about learning to play bandura. At 37, she found it relatively easy. Both camps accommodate students well into their 60s and if you don't own a bandura, no problem. They're available for a small rental fee during the camps.

"As a horn player I always have to negotiate where I'm going to practice," continued Semmes. "With the bandura, it's portable. You can play it anywhere. Another draw for children or anyone is it's accessible. You can learn to play fairly quickly. After a two-day workshop at the New York School of Bandura in Manhattan, I was amazed to find I was playing along with the other bandurists."

Anatoli Murha first heard the bandura at age 5 or 6 at the foot of his father Wladimir, a Livonia resident who began playing with the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus in the 1960s.

"I can remember when the bandura was bigger than I was," said Murha. "I've always been close to my father and looking up to him and thought that I'd like to play."

Murha started playing at 10 or 11 and formed a group at St. Mary's Orthodox (Ukrainian) Church in Southfield. His first camp experience came in 1991 in Pennsylvania. By 1994, he was an assistant administrator. He and Mykola Schidowka now reverse roles administrating and directing the camps.

Schidowka was 16 the first time he went to camp in Ontario in 1988. He'd played piano and classical guitar but

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Bandura Camps

What: Learn to play Ukraine's traditional instrument, and sing acapella and with bandura while experiencing the culture at two-week camps in London, Ontario and Emlenton, Penn.

When: "Ukraina" takes place July 25 to Aug. 7 (ages seven and up) in London, Ontario "Kobzarska Sich" is Aug. 8-22 (for ages 12 and up) in Emlenton, Penn.

Cost: $450 (US funds) for the Penn. camp, $550 (Canadian funds) for the Ont. camp, $50 discount for payments received by June 15, also family discount if more than one member attends.

Contact: Anatoli Murha about the Penn. camp at (734) 953-0305 or Mykola Schidowka about the Ont. camp at (519) 652-3043, or visit the web site at http://www.execulink.com/~odum/bandura.htm

Radio personality finds melody teaching, performing

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New song: *Madonna University Chorale members Roseanne Thomas, Deb Ahrens and Francini Graff prepare for spring concerts during a Tuesday night rehearsal.*

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Professor: *David Wagner, director of the Madonna University Chorale, leads a rehearsal for two upcoming concerts featuring Faure's "Requiem."*

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David Wagner sits in his office in the music department at Madonna University with a content look on his face. A former radio personality, Wagner joined the music faculty at Madonna University in September. Until 1997, he'd spun classical discs on the afternoon shift at WQRS-FM Radio. After 18 years in the business, Wagner found himself facing major life decisions when the all-classical radio station switched formats and was sold for the fifth time within 16 months.

Now, Wagner has the best of two worlds, teaching and performing. An associate professor of music, Wagner is directing the Madonna University Chorale, heading up the newly expanded course offerings in church music and chorale conducting, and teaching private organ lessons on the Livonia campus.

Tuesday nights he rehearses the university's chorale for two upcoming concerts. Actually, Wagner is busy rehearsing the 55-member Madonna University Chorale and the 32-member St. Paul Church Choir in Grosse Pointe Farms, where he is choirmaster and organist, for a performance of Gabriel Faure's "Requiem" with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk, April 2 at Livonia's St. Genevieve Church. LaVerne Lieberknecht conducts the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Choir during the Good Friday concert while Wagner is keyboard soloist for Thomaso Albinoni's "Adagio for Strings and Organ." Wagner, who holds a doctoral degree in organ performance from the University of Michigan School of Music, is also a guest artist along with soprano Lynda Weston and baritone Lance Ashmore for Faure's "Requiem."

Lieberknecht led the choir's performance of Rutter's "Requiem" before nearly 1,000 people last year. In addition to the performance by the interdenominational choir consisting of members of St. Genevieve, Madonna University's chorale and numerous other church choirs, Ukrainian pianist Anna Sorokhtei inaugurates St. Genevieve's 7-foot Steinway Grand as she joins the orchestra for the second movement of Mozart's "Concerto No. 21 in C major."

"This is a great opportunity for the chorale to sing with a symphony orchestra and have the experience of working with a very fine European conductor," said Wagner, an organist/harpsichordist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the late 1970s and early '80s. "The audience will be pleasantly surprised at the level of musicianship right here in Livonia. They don't have to travel far to hear great music."

Wagner is looking forward to playing organ for the "Requiem" because it's a beautiful, melodic setting of the Requiem Mass and "although it's sad, it's also uplifting."

"Gabriel Faure didn't think there was something terrible in death," said Schesiuk. "It was one way of life away from another. What's important is to celebrate Good Friday with different people. It's a very special atmosphere in this church, very nice acoustics. People can have a great time. It's beautiful music."

Life as an educator

Wagner scheduled a second performance of Faure's "Requiem" by the Madonna University Chorale at Historic Christ Church in Detroit April 11 so his students have the experience of singing before a variety of audiences. In addition to Faure's Requiem with organist Joanne Vollendorf-Rickars, are Franz Biebl's "Ave Maria," and the music of Maurice Durufle and Maurice Greene. Guest trumpeter William Beger joins the chorale for a selection by Alan Hovhaness.

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Faure's "Requiem"

■ The Livonia Symphony Orchestra joins with the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir for a Good Friday concert featuring Faure's "Requiem." Also on the program are guest artists David Wagner, Lynda Weston, Lance Ashmore, and Anna Sorokhtei, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2 at St. Genevieve Church, 28933 Jamison Ave., south of Five Mile Road, East of Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets $15, $8 children ages 12 and under, call (248) 645-6666, (734) 464-2741 or (734) 421-1111.

■ The Madonna University Chorale, under director David Wagner, performs Faure's "Requiem," Franz Biebl's "Ave Maria," and the music of Maurice Durufle and Maurice Green, also featured are organist Joanne Vollendorf-Rickards and trumpeter William Beger playing the music of Alan Hovhaness, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11 at Historic Christ Church, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit, tickets: $8, $5 students/seniors, call (734) 432-5708.

Jazz vocalist 'child of Miles Davis'

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When Cassandra Wilson describes the influence Miles Davis had, she could be describing herself.

"Miles was unafraid to break the rules, he pushes the envelope, he believes in evolving, constantly developing new ideas, incorporating the everyday experiences into his music, current but looking back. It's expansive. I could go on and on," she said by phone, unconsciously referring to the late trumpet master as if he were still alive, as his music certainly is.

That music, a sound instantly recognized even by those who don't follow jazz, is the inspiration for Wilson's new album, "Traveling Miles" on Blue Note. Wilson takes music composed by or interpreted by Davis and performs it in her own unique style while paying homage to the soulful, introspective

Miles fan: *Cassandra Wilson explores the music of Miles Davis.*

quality that was Miles Davis. She also contributes lyrics to some famous Davis tracks and adds some original songs in Davis' style.

On April 3, Wilson and her sextet perform music from "Traveling Miles," her acclaimed "New Moon Daughter" and some recent compositions to Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium.

Wilson has become the leading female jazz vocalist. In December she was voted No. 1 jazz vocalist for the fifth year in a row by Down Beat readers. She has drawn deeply from the well of jazz singers from Billie Holiday to Abbey Lincoln to Betty Carter, and she has also taken from folk-pop singers that were her first inspirations, particularly Joni Mitchell.

But, she believes, Miles was the first musician she heard growing up in Mississippi.

"I was listening to him from an early age. I was listening when I was 5 or 6 years old and the first things you hear

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Who: Cassandra Wilson
Where: Pease Auditorium on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3
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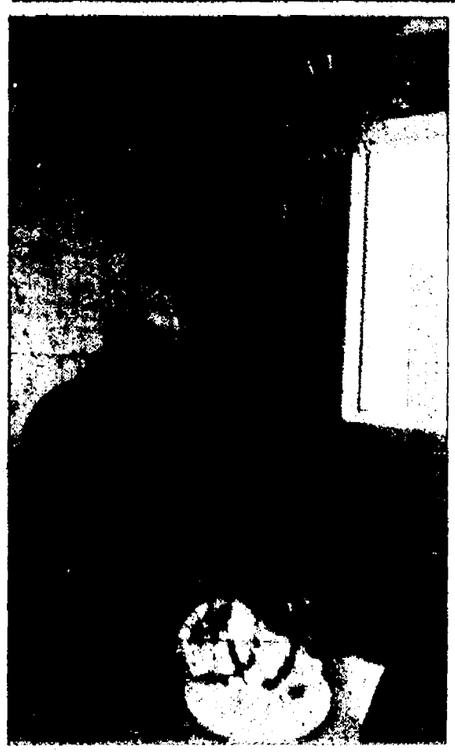

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Ambassador of glass: *Ferdinand Hampson, (below), owner/director of Habatat Galleries, presents the 27th Annual International Glass Invitational, a look at the emerging trends in glass artistry.*

Michigan Glass Month offers exhibits, lectures, demos

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Even after 27 stable — and, thankfully, nonshattering — years of dealing in the most fragile of art forms, Ferdinand Hampson still gets a bit nervous when moving any of the glass sculptures at Habatat Galleries.

This week, Hampson of West Bloomfield will frequently repeat the phrase, "Handle with care," to his staff as they unpack and display more than 350 pieces of glass art made by 75 artists in the 27th International Glass Invitational, which opens April 8 at the downtown Pontiac gallery.

The exhibit will draw up to 10,000 people during the month, and is billed as the biggest-selling show of contemporary glass anywhere in the world. A full-color catalog published by Habatat serves as both documentation of the state of the art, and a high-end shopping guide. (Most pieces are in the five-figure range.)

That's quite a ways from the initial invitational exhibit in 1972 that featured 12 artists who shaped goblets and vases.

The Invitational is among the many exhibits, artists demonstrations and lectures occurring throughout the state over the next four weeks in celebration of Michigan Glass Month.

The reckoning

With a sense of wonder and awe, Hampson runs his hand along a crystallized surface of a large-scale figurative sculpture that arrived early for the exhibit. He's somewhat bewildered that anyone would challenge the notion of glass sculpture as a fine art on the level of painting and sculpture.

And he's more than prepared to challenge anyone who constrains glass sculpture as simply a "craft" or decorative art.

As a diplomat for glass artistry who has set up exhibits in western Europe and the Far East, Hampson has proclaimed the current evolutionary stage of the art form as the "age of recognition."

Since the inception of the glass movement in the

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1960s, the exploration of technique of the 1970s, and the refinement of sculptural concepts in the 1980s, it's time for glass art to move beyond the perception of a stepchild of the fine arts, said Hampson.

The reckoning has arrived.

Essentially, the Invitational is the glass world's equivalent of the Whitney Biennial. Of course, Hampson is reluctant to make any comparisons to the every-other-year survey of contemporary art exhibited at the Whitney Museum of Art in New York.

But few would argue that the International provides the best comprehensive look at the direction of glass artistry.

"Continuity is important," said Hampson. "We invite a nucleus of artists who are responsible for defining glass in terms of the sheer skill of their work, and as fine artists."

The nucleus includes Dale Chihuly, Stansilslav and Javoslava Labensky, Lucio Bubacco, William Morris, Mary Shaffer, José Chardiet, Dan Dailey, Dave Huchthausen, Richard Ritter, Herb Babcock (who teaches at Center for Creative Studies), and Albert Young (owner of Michigan Hot Glass Studio in Pontiac).

Because of reputation and ability to push the boundaries of glass art, Chihuly's work always draws the most attention. As the Picasso of glass and one of the most famous artists in the world, Chihuly has single-handedly raised awareness of the possibilities of sculpting molten into crystallized forms.

In addition to Chihuly's huge and distinctive chandeliers, the large-scale works of Stephen Edwards and Martin Blank's figurative sculptures will also likely draw critical and popular acclaim.

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Glass bodies: *The figurative sculptures of Martin Blank are among the featured works in this year's International Glass Invitational.*

By holding the Invitational in Pontiac rather than at Habatat's other locations in Chicago or Boca Raton, Hampson has hoped to draw attention to the strong crafts movement in Michigan.

That movement has been particularly sustained by Cranbrook Art Academy's international reputation along with glass instruction and art appreciation programs at local art associations such as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Next Friday, April 9, the BBAC will exhibit works by nine established glass artists in "Clearly Sculpture." The exhibit will be in the BBAC's Robinson Gallery.

During the last year, the BBAC expanded its exhibit schedule to include works by professional artists along with student and community-based artists.

In effect, the broader range of art on exhibit is intended to promote local artists while educating the general public on high artistic standards, said Janet Torno, executive director of the BBAC.

Michigan Glass Month

■ Alfred Berkowitz Gallery – "Flameworking: a Shane Fero retrospective and selected works from glass workshop instructors," University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 593-5058. Through May 2. Flameworking demonstrations during artists reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 9.

■ Ariana Gallery – "1999 Cool Women, Hot Glass/Hot Women, Cool Glass," April 3-May 3, 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

■ Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center – "Clearly Sculpture," April 9-May 7, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road; (248) 644-0866.

■ Canterbury Stained Glass, "Ron Rae: A 20-year Retrospective," and "The Best of Michigan Glass Competition '99," through May 1, 1067 E. Long Lake Rd., Troy; (248) 619-9172.

■ Carol/James Gallery – "For the Love of Glass," April 2-May 1, 301 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 541-0607.

■ Center for Creative Studies – "A Glass Passport II," exhibit of student work, 301 E. Fredrick, Detroit: (313) 664-7800. Through April 10.

■ Detroit Institute of Arts – "Glass, Glass, Glass," an exhibit of 70 pieces of 20th-century studio glass, 5200 Woodward, Detroit; (313) 833-1851. Through April 30.

■ Gallery XVIII – "Woman in Motion," April 8-30, 18 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 745-8545.

■ Habatat Galleries – '27th Annual International Glass Invitational," April 8-May 8, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

■ Jewish Community Center – "Retrospective of work by Ricky Bernstein and Sidney Hunger," through April 29, 6600 W. Maple Rd., West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

■ Michigan Hot Glass Workshop, April 3-18, 29 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac; (248) 338-3455.

■ Prism Contemporary Glass Gallery – "A Glass Act '99," Saturdays through April, 19 N. Saginaw; (248) 333-0333.

■ Uzelac Gallery – "Interpretations in Glass," April 10-May 8, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

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have the most influence," she said.

She has called herself a "child of Miles Davis" and it can be heard in the slow tempos, the smokey vocals, the extended quiet. But it was another trumpeter, Wynton Marsalis, who suggested that Wilson explore Davis' music for a tribute at New York's Lincoln Center for the Arts.

"So I did six nights at the Lincoln Center and that's when we had the idea for doing the album," Wilson said.

The album opens impressively with "Run the Voodoo Down," with music from "Bitches Brew" and Olu Dara playing his cornet Miles style. Wilson's vocal is deep, rich. Her lyrics are spare, expressive, conjuring up the languid, country blues of the deep (very deep) south.

Wilson's lyrics have this quality of expressing a lot in a few words and with little sentimentality. Take this lyric from "Traveling Miles" in tribute to Davis' electric influence: "born with the lightning and thunder/sound descending proud and bright/restless as the wind/singing god in the night."

"I look for experience, something in my life I can use to get inside the music," she said. "It's almost always tied to some feeling, emotion I can tap into."

Though the album features Dara and saxophonist Steve Coleman, it is string instruments that make the most intriguing interplay with Wilson's voice (including Detroit violinist Regina Carter on one track). This comes naturally as her father was the late Herman Fowlkes, a guitarist-bassist, though he never taught her to play.

"I don't believe I saw him perform, but there were always instruments around," she said. "... I had six years of piano and had gotten tired of it. I started to play guitar and he threw a couple books at me and said here, figure it out. But it was done to reignite my passion for music."

It was a passion she originally pursued as a folk singer at coffeehouses in Mississippi and Arkansas while studying mass communications at Jackson State University. The folk influence is still strong, despite the sniffing of some jazz purists.

"I don't let it interfere anymore," she said about such criticism. "I used to. I was embarrassed by my feelings about folk music, but it was an important part of my development."

She began to pursue a jazz singing career when her career in television stalled. She said she had a job in New Orleans but found herself unemployed when she followed her now ex-husband to New Jersey.

She began to listen to jazz singers and in New York she frequented the jazz clubs. In the January Jazziz magazine she tells a story about going to see jazz maverick Betty Carter, who died last year. She said she went to hear Carter sing in Chicago and asked her, between sets, if she would teach her how to become a jazz singer. She said Carter told her bluntly, coldly, "You just do it. What have you got to lose?"

After dealing with bruised feelings, Wilson used the advice as a challenge which led to her successful career and abiding respect for Carter.

"She was a trailblazer, a real role model for young singers. She was a band leader who had a 'school.' Musical talent ran through her band. She was as important as Art Blakey at that. But mostly she was about women taking control of the music," Wilson said.

Cassandra Wilson is one woman who has "taken control of the music" as she and her hot band, under musical director and bassist Lonnie Plaxico, will demonstrate Saturday.

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Second annual Solo Concerto Competition, open for orchestral instruments. High school and college students (between 16-22 years old), must submit performance tape by April 1, 1999. For application: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, (248) 737-6936.

CALL FOR ENTRIES
Livonia Arts Commission seeks artists interested in exhibiting work in a juried show in conjunction with the Livonia Arts Festival, held June 12-13 at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh & 8 Mile Road. Entry fee: $25. Call (734) 422-6400.

CANTON CALL FOR ARTISTS
Open invitation to all artists for the 1999 Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '99, June 19-20. Deadline: April 15; (734) 453-3710.

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

HARBOR SPRINGS SUMMER SHOW
Applications are being accepted for the 24th annual 4th of July Art Show in Harbor Springs. Deadline: April 10. For an application, call the Harbor Springs Community School office and leave your name, address and phone number: (616) 526-5385.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD
An adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield.

OCC'S WOMEN IN ART EXHIBIT
Call for entries for the 13th annual "Our Visions: Women in Art." Deadline for entries in visual arts and poetry is April 1, 1999. Exhibit runs May 10-28 at the Oakland Community College. Orchard Ridge Campus. For information, (248) 471-7602.

PAINT CREEK CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS
Two $1,000 merit scholarships offered to graduating high school seniors in Macomb, Oakland or Wayne counties who plan to major in visual arts. Application deadline: April 17. To obtain an application, or for more information, call (248) 651-4110.

WIZARD OF OZ AUDITION
A national search for a new Dorothy will come to Detroit, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at Second City in Detroit, next to the Fox Theatre. Potential Dorothys should be between ages of 12-18 and able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Photos and resume welcome; (313) 596 3288

CLASSES

ART & CALLIGRAPHY STUDIO
Calligraphy, bookbinding and beading classes through March 8156 Cooley Lake Rd. White Lake. Call (248) 360 6429 for more information.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Offers a range of art classes. All day art activities for children April 5-9. New offerings beginning drama for youth, oil lacquer miniature painting class, stone sculpture design, "The Artist's Way," "A History of Women in the Visual Arts," and "Go Forth Further." 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call for more information, (248) 644 0866.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Classes for ages 3 and up. A series of classes for [illegible] and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills; (248) 852-5850.

Original sound: *"Blackthorn" performs traditional music of Ireland at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at First Baptist Church, Willits at Bates, downtown Birmingham; (248) 644-0550.*

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY
Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-1300.

GLASSBLOWING
Touch of Light Glassblowing classes starting in mid April. Classes meet for three hours, once a week for eight sessions. Call (248) 543-1868.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield, (248) 932-8699.

METRO DANCE
Preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Spring semester runs April 19 through June 12. Classes for preschoolers to adults. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; For a brochure, call (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Winter classes, including tile making, basic ceramics, wheel throwing for ages 13 and up. Call for fees. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GUILD
36th annual photographic seminar, March 21 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. For information, (734) 563-4210.

SONGWRITING WORKSHOP
Sheila Landis hosts a free songwriting workshop 12:15-1:15 p.m. Friday, April 16. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

SWANN GALLERY
Free life-drawing art classes open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 1-4 p.m. Sundays. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

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

CONCERTS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
Concert of 20th century Orchestral Masterpieces, 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, Pontiac; (248) 334-4571.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
The Kathleen Landis Trio, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 476-5733.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Legendary pianist Victor Borge performs with the DSO 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, April 9-10, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Tickets $13-$45 [illegible]

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND
Spring concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at Harrison High School; (734) 261-2202.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN B'HAM
"Blackthorn" performs traditional music of Ireland 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28. Willits and Bates Street, downtown Birmingham; (248) 644-0550.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY
Good Friday concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, St. Genevieve Church on Jamison Street, one block south of Five Mile Road and one block east of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Concert features soprano Lynda Weston, baritone Lance Ashmore, and pianist Anna Sorokhtei. For information, (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741.

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Harpists Kerstin Allvin and Patricia Masri-Fletcher in "Arianna Harp Duo," 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 29887 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8860.

OU DEPT. OF MUSIC
"Set the Night to Music," a program of song and dance, 8 p.m. Friday& Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Varner Recital Hall; (248) 370-3013.

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT
The Archdiocesan Chorus and Orchestra performs "Requiem" by Maurice Duruflé, and two works for two organs and choir, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 865-6300.

UMS
American String Quartet 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28; Trio Fonenay 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30. Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-2538.

LECTURES

AYN RAND INSTITUTE
The U of M students of objectivism host a lecture by Dr. Edwin Locke, Reason and Emotion: Ayn Rand's Solution to a 2000 year old Dilemma," 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Angell Hall, Auditorium "A," U of M campus.

PAINTER THOMAS NOZKOWSKI
Abstract painter Thomas Nozkowski gives a lecture 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit (313) 664-7667.

TOUR

PEWABIC POTTERY
Paint Creek Center for the Arts is accepting reservations for a chartered bus tour of Pewabic Pottery 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 16. Tour guide Michael Farrell. Fee: $48 for PCCA members, $54 for non-members. Call (248) 651-4110.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
"Stained glass [illegible] Series [illegible] Wednesday April 14. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, MI, 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

FAR CONSERVATORY
Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburgh, Livonia. (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mcbb.org, or contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, (248) 349-0376.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through April 11 - "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse." 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit (313) 494-5800.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through April 3 - "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science" featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science. 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. $5, $3 students, children, seniors. (248) 645-3323.

DIA
Through April [illegible] Autumn: The Art of [illegible] Parks," through June [illegible] "Treasures of Jewish Culture: Heritage from the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary." 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit (313) [illegible]

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
April 1 - Art exhibit of Livonia Public Schools students, through April 23. 32777 Five Mile Road (734) 466-2490.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through April [illegible] History of [illegible] Baseball. 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) [illegible]

CARY GALLERY
April 3 - [illegible] 3656.

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY
April 5 - Palette Guild of Livonia exhibit, through April 29. 33000 Civic Center Drive; (734) 466-2540.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
April 7 - "Fruits & Vegetables," featuring the work of Bruce Campbell, Jon Hall, Richard Jerzy, Norman Laliberte, Lori Lytle, Giulio Pallone, Burke Paterson, Carol Sams, Nan Schaff and Michael Zigmond. Through May 8. 162 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

SCARAB CLUB
Through March 28 - The art of Nancy Pitel. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

GALERIE BLU
Through March 28 - The Birth of Matrixism Geostructures I-X. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through March 31 - Black and white photography by Kimberly A. Cook. Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield; (248) 948-0470.

MASTERPIECE GALLERY
Through March 31 - Artwork by Yvaral. 137 W. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 594-9470.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS GALERIA
Through March 31 - Wood sculptures by Rita Miller of Muskegon. 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 682-1885.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY
Through March 31 - "Looking Forward, Looking Black," a group show. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; (313) 993-7813.

GALERIE BLU
Through March 31 - The art of Franklin Jonas. 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

GALLERY: FUNCTION ART
Through March 31 - "Vessels, Boxes and Baskets," featuring more than 100 works. 21 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-0333.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through March 31 - New work by Jay Musler and Mary Shaffer. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

SOMERSET COLLECTION
Through March 31 - "Wildflower Paintings," a photography exhibit of expressway wildflowers. Home & Garden Collection, Somerset, Big Beaver at Coolidge, Troy.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Through March 31 - "Memory & Vision: A Century of Jewish Community 1899 - 1999," a museum quality exhibition of artifacts and photos. 6600 W. Maple Rd., West Bloomfield; (888) 469-0100.

FORD GALLERY
Through April 1 - "Figure Fiber Fantasy," work by Sandy Gillig & Sally Doucette. Art Department 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through April 2 - "MFA Thesis Exhibition," the art of Jennifer Rosenfeld, Meekyung Shim and Linda Soberman. Wayne State University, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through April 2 - "Words & Shapes" in the main gallery and new work by Charlotte Weaver King in the first floor gallery. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY
Through April 3 - "Notations," new abstract paintings and figurative sculptures by Carol Sams, Karen Jacobs and Karen Petersen. 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

HILL GALLERY
Through April 3 - The contemporary sculptures of John Duff. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through April 3 - "Dogs in the Desert," new paintings by Nancy Mitchnick. 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

UZELAC GALLERY
Through April 3 - Watercolors & Rock Sculptures by Jerome Ferretti. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) [illegible]

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY
Through April 3 - "With Hand and Hammer" showcases hand-raised metal vessels. 1719 West 14 Mile, Royal Oak; (248) 549-3016.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through April 10 - An exhibit of abstract painting and figurative sculpture by Carol Sams, Karen Petersen, and Karen Jacobs. 162 Old N. Woodward at Maple, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through April 10 - "Colored Thoughts," an exhibit of oil paintings by Filipino artist Mike Austria. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

REVOLUTION
Through April 10 - Jim Melchert's selected works from "Life on Mars," Thomas Nozkowski's recent works. 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through April 11 - "A New Russian Realism," 119 Wilson Hall, Rochester; (248) 370-3005.

WILDLIFE INTERPRETIVE GALLERY
Through April 11 - "Recycled Realities," three-dimensional assemblages and paintings. Detroit Zoological Institute, Royal Oak; (248) 398-0900.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Through April 17 - "Ed Fraga: In the Garden," paintings, drawings and artist's books. 538 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through April 17 - Works of James Klein, David Reid, James Makins, Steven Rolf, Annabeth Rosen, Sandy Simon and Keisuke Mizuno. 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through April 17 - "Nora Chapa Mendoza: Between Two Cultures." 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through April 24 - "Reality Studded With Thorns," metal constructions by Harriete Estel Berman, and works by Dubias Harling. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through April 29 - "Clay from the Soul," the works for three potters. Reception Saturday, April 10. 6 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through April 29 - "Image, Light and Structure '99: Transitions," works of Michigan stained glass artists. Oakland County Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through April 30 - "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom: Alphabet Art in Children's Books," a collection of original art, lithographs and prints. 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

THE PRINT GALLERY
Through April 30 - Posters of Fix Masseau and the Orient Express. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 356-5454.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Through April 30 - Exhibit of glass sculptures by Julie McDonough. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Through May 14 - Recent works by Dana Freeman, Paul Sacaridiz. 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-[illegible]

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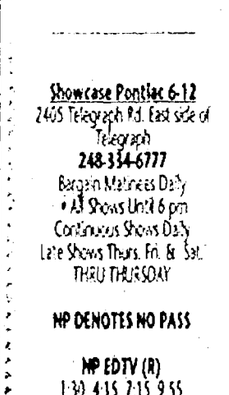

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CARRIE II:THE RAGE (R)
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DEEP END OF THE OCEAN (PG13)
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ANALYZE THIS (R)
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CRUEL INTENTIONS (R)
11:00, 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 9:00
8MM (R)
10:30, 4:15, 10:10
OTHER SISTER (PG13)
8:45 ONLY
PAYBACK (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R)
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NO VIP TICKETS
WING COMMANDER (PG13)
9:30 P.M. ONLY
BABY GENIUSES (PG)
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THE OTHER SISTER (PG13)
5:30, 8:15
MY FAVORITE MARTIAN (PG)
11:05, 2:30
LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG13)
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2:40, 7:30, 9:50
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THE RAGE: CARRIE 2 (R)
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WING COMMANDER (PG13)
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40

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BABY GENIUSES (PG)
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THE RAGE: CARRIE 2 (R)
2:45, 7:40
SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R)
1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35
PAYBACK (R)
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SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R) NV
1:00, 3:50, 6:55, 9:40
DOUG'S 1ST MOVIE (G) NV
12:45, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
FORCES OF NATURE (PG13) NV
12:40, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
RAVENOUS (R) NV
9:35 P.M. ONLY
THE KING AND I (G) NV
12:20, 2:40, 4:45, 7:05
THE CORRUPTER (R)
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ANALYZE THIS (R)
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CRUEL INTENTIONS (R)
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THE RAGE: CARRIE 2 (R) NV
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THE MOD SQUAD (R) NV
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DOUG'S 1ST MOVIE (G) NV
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FORCES OF NATURE (PG13) NV
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RAVENOUS (R) NV
10:00 P.M. ONLY
THE KING AND I (G) NV
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TRUE CRIME (R) NV
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BABY GENIUSES (PG)
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DEEP END OF THE OCEAN (PG13)
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THE CORRUPTER (R)
9:00 P.M. ONLY
WING COMMANDER (PG13)
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CRUEL INTENTIONS (R)
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THE OTHER SISTER (PG13)
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SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R)
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THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN
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CRUEL INTENTIONS (R)
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SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R)
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THE KING AND I (G)
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BOOKS

'Mosquito' transports readers with thought-provoking tale

Mosquito
By Gayl Jones
(Beacon Press, $28.50)

VICTORIA DIAZ

This highly textured novel by former University of Michigan instructor Gayl Jones goes on for some 600-plus pages. It takes place in the past, the present, the future. It moves through dreams, imagination, reality. It travels back, forth, in, out, up, down, chasing tangents, looping loops, as inventive and dazzling as the finest (or the funkiest) jazz. Maybe it could be shorter. Maybe it could be less repetitious. Maybe some of its characters could be less shadowy. Then again, maybe not. Somehow, its epic size and its unique players seem inextricably linked with its odd and marvelous charm.

Told mostly in the rich voice of one Sojourner Nadine Jane Johnson (aka Mosquito), it is a tale about borders – geographical borders, metaphysical borders, cultural borders, the borders we impose upon ourselves, the borders we assign to others. It is also very much a story about individuality and interconnectedness, and when we meet Mosquito, she seems particularly well-suited to play the leading role in such a drama.

How often, for example, do we encounter a statuesque African-American woman who drives her own truck, delivering industrial detergents to little towns along the Texas-Mexico border? That's who Mosquito is and that's what she does. And out there among the rattail cactus, the buffalo grass and the coyote bush, she couldn't be happier. Divorced, she's pretty much a loner, except for the times she spends at a Texas City cantina, hanging out with her loquacious, barkeep friend, Delgadina, and various other patrons, including the slightly mysterious Miguelita. Labeled "schizophrenic," Miguella may very well be insane. On the other hand, in this fictional milieu where words can mean everything or nothing, who knows?

One night, as Mosquito sits parked by the side of a road that edges the Rio Grande, her life takes a decidedly different turn.

"I heard me this commotion in the back of my truck," she tells us. "Sounded like a coyote or something, or maybe one of them prairie foxes."

Equipped with a stun gun and her flashlight, Mosquito goes to investigate. But she finds no coyote and no prairie fox. What she finds instead is Maria, a young, illegal alien who is about to have a baby.

Mosquito's quandary as to what to do with the very pregnant Maria leads her to Father Ray and "the new underground railroad," which provides sanctuary for illegal aliens crossing the Texas-Mexican border. Though she resists seeing herself as any kind of "revolutionist," at first, Mosquito eventually sequesters other immigrants in the back of her rig, taking them to various stops along the railway, once they've successfully crossed the Rio Grande.

Meanwhile, Maria gives birth shortly before her refugee cousin in thrown in jail in "middle America," and she and Mosquito ride to the rescue. Eventually, in this delicious stew of a story, Mosquito drops in on a poetry reading, visits Hollywood, takes a trip on two back to her childhood and falls in love with Father Ray.

At times, "Mosquito" is something like a stream-of-consciousness tale, told in the sure voice of an utterly fascinating conversationalist. At other times, Jones weaves Mosquito's story together via a bit of theater, or correspondence, or "conflabulatory" newsletters, or a pamphlet from "The Cosmic Private Detective Agency School," or lines of poetry, musical lyrics, snippets of foreign languages, or whatever happens to dance through her wild and fertile imagination.

Packed with satirical, comic charm at the same time that it is gently thought-provoking, "Mosquito" is always accessible, though it is gently though provoking, "Mosquito" is always accessible, though its language dazzles with a rich warmth and vitality that is close to magic. In fact, if you're looking for a marvelous, grown-up bedtime story, this may be exactly what you're searching out. From its opening lines, it's a story that embraces readers and spirits them away, a story not only to settle down with but settle into as well:

"I was on one of them little border roads in South Texas, you know them little narrow roads that runs along the border between South Texas and northern Mexico. Maybe that Dairy Mart Road ... all them border roads ... look alike. On either side of the border. Brownsville, Laredo, Del Rio ..."

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The last word on golf balls

Strictly Golf Balls
By Louis G. Cashera Jr.
(Strictly Golf Inc., $12.95)

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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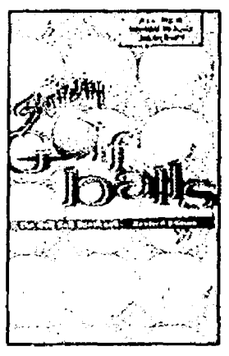

When golfers discuss their equipment, most of the attention is on their clubs, especially the drivers and putters.

Little attention is paid to the balls, though ball manufacturers do quite a bit of advertising during golf matches extolling the special virtues of their products.

This compact reference book from a Troy publisher gives a history of the golf ball, an explanation of how golf balls are made, the three different styles of balls and a rundown on all the balls currently being sold. There are even esoteric discussions of aerodynamics, dimples and compression.

Finally several balls were tested and rated against several criteria. All balls were tested at swing speeds of 80, 90 and 100 mph. The balls were purchased from on-course and off-course shops and an independent testing facility was used.

The balls were placed into four performance groups and total carry was measured in yards for the flight of the ball and total distance was measured in yards to include roll.

In the end, Cashera leaves it up to you. Some balls that deliver great distance aren't as easy to control and vice versa.

This may be more than the average duffer needs to know about his golf balls, but it certainly will open up some interesting discussion at your next foursome and will make you more skeptical when you watch the next commercial telling you about balls that cruise around the world even if they're not launched by John Daly or Tiger Woods.

As a bonus Cashera also has a section evaluating five popular drivers, also measured at swing speeds of 80, 90 and 100 mph.

Cashera provides a little insight into the golfer's mentality that marketers love to exploit. He writes that the average golfer has a notion that if a Greg Norman or a David Duval find success with a particular driver, then so will they. Cashera says that they, of course, would find success with any driver but are paid to carry a certain kind of driver by the manufacturer.

This book puts a little different spin on the balls and swing on the clubs.

GREAT LAKES BEST SELLERS

Bestsellers in the Great Lakes Region
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Hardcover Fiction
1. Testament, John Grisham, Doubleday
2. Tara Road, Maeve Binchy, Dell
3. Ashes to Ashes, Tami Hoag, Bantam
4. River's End, Nora Roberts, Putnam
5. Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver, HarperCollins
6. While I Was Gone, Sue Miller, Knopf
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8. Man in Full, Tom Wolfe, Farrar, Straus & Giroux
9. The Cat Who Saw Stars, Lillian Jackson Braun, Putnam
10. Hush Money, Robert B. Parker, Putnam

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1. The Greatest Generation, Tom Brokaw, Random House
2. All Too Human, George Stephanopolis, Little Brown
3. Monica's Story, Andrew Morton, St. Martin's
4. Tuesdays With Morrie, Mitch Albom, Doubleday
5. Real Age, Michael Roizen, Cliff Street Books
6. Sugar Busters, H. Leighton Steward, Ballantine
7. Hide Your Assets and Disappear, Edmund J. Pankau, HarperCollins
8. Year 1000, Robert Lacey, Little Brown
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10. Simple Abundance, Sarah Ban Breadnach, Warner

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

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BORDERS(DEARBORN)
Thomasine reads from "Keep Your Head Up," 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30 at the store, 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, (313)271-4441.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)
West Middle School's Student Wax Museum, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30; Isis Reading Group discusses Chris Bohjalian's "Midwives," at the store, 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558.

SHAMAN DRUM
Rickey Gard Diamond reads from "Second Sight," 8 p.m. Monday, March 29; actor Erik Fredrickson reads from Bea Nergaard's "Boffin's Journey," 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the store, 311 S. State St., Ann Arbor, (734)662-7407.

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
"Let's Talk About It" series will discuss Joseph Heller's "Catch 22," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31. Ernest Nolan of Madonna University will lead the discussion. For additional information, call (248)647-1700. The library is at 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham.

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never considered the bandura. While his family maintained strong ties to the Ukrainian community, his knowledge of the bandura was virtually nil.

"I've developed a strong love for Ukrainian music and Ukrainian culture," said Schidowka. "The sound of the bandura is very alluring. Our goal is passing this along from generation to generation."

Profit is not the focus of the camps financially supported by the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus. The camps share expenses so that student fees can go toward paying teaching staff. Education is ongoing by the chorus who together with the Ukrainian Canadian Choral Federation is sponsoring a choral workshop for ages 16 and up April 23-25 in Toronto. Vocal workshops of Ukrainian music are also being held in conjunction with the camps in Ontario and Pennsylvania.

Bandurists have always struggled to keep their music alive. Stalin nearly exterminated Ukrainian bandurists in the 1930s because of their nationalism, but the spirit of the people's music lives on as it has since the 12th century. In the Middle Ages minstrels, usually blind, wandered from village to village singing about their people's struggles (as did Ukrainian cossacks). From there, sprang the kobzar or professional Ukrainian musician who became known for their song form, the duma. The epic format inspired the musical form of dumky (ex. Dvorak's "Dumky Trios" and Tchaikovsky's "Dumky.")

The history of the Detroit-based Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus can be traced back to the first professional bandurist chorus formed in 1918 in Kiev and first proposed by Hnat Khotkevych in 1902. Khotkevych was executed in 1938 and his compositions banned in the Soviet Union. Many conductors and bandurists were also executed because of their nationalism. The Soviets and Nazis both persecuted the bandurists in the years that followed.

In 1949, a group of bandurists who had been living in refugee camps, brought their music to America and formed the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus. During her research, Semmes realized there'd been no documentation on the Detroit-based chorus celebrating 50 years in 1999.

"I wanted to find out is it really happening," said Semmes. "Is it going to evolve into an electric bandura at a rock concert. While that isn't happening I found the kobza (bandura) is an icon, near and dear to the heart of Ukrainians, a symbol of who they are and what their country stands for. Everywhere I've gone both girls and boys play. Women were attributed to keeping the Bandura alive during World War II."

As part of her research and to give a paper on the bandura, Semmes traveled to Ukraine last August and September. While there she had the opportunity to listen in on a rehearsal of the group from which the Detroit bandurists descended. Since then Semmes has visited Detroit, New York and Ohio, Pennsylvania and Toronto, all centers for bandura learning. She leaves Wednesday to spend time with Ihor Mahlay at the Hryhory Kytasty School of Bandura in Cleveland. Oleh Mahlay, conductor of Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, is his son.

"The chorus based in Detroit are direct descendants of that group which makes it historically significant," said Semmes. "There's a lot of bonding going on, father and son stuff. It's a colorful story to tell. I've been so pleasantly surprised by the reception I've received in America and Ukraine. It speaks well of the culture in Ukraine and America. It's so consistent with generosity, hospitality."

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin, (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

ART BEAT

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

CALL FOR ENTRY

The Livonia Arts Commission is seeking artists for their fine art exhibition held in conjunction with the Livonia Arts Festival June 12-13 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Deadline for entry is April 15. The fee is $25. Cash prizes awarded in the juried show total $2,500.

For an application, call Robert Sheridan at (734) 422-6400.

ART CLUB MEETING

Three Cities Art Club holds its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Monday, April 5 in the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

For more information, call Annalee Davis at (734) 427-6524.

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"I think it's important to sing at different places," said Wagner. "I tell my students, you've worked so hard at this, let's share it with other people."

Wagner hopes to increase the size of the chorale to 75-80 members in the next few years. Membership in the group is open not only to students but faculty and singers in the community.

"I think we can offer a lot to students, individual instruction," said Wagner. "We're planning to do a concert at the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. and a European tour in 2000."

Madonna University music department chairman Linette Popoff-Parks is delighted to have Wagner on staff. She and Wagner are working to make the university's music department notable.

"I'm excited about having Dave here," said Popoff-Parks. "We're looking at offering a certificate in church music."

Experienced

Wagner has a lot of experience to offer the students and faculty at Madonna University. In addition to teaching at Macomb Community College in the 1970s and a 30-year career in radio, Wagner has been music director at Village United Presbyterian Church in Redford and St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Since 1996, he's hosted classical music segments on WTVS-Channel 56's "Backstage Pass" with Ann DeLisi, guest conducted the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, and recorded a CD of organ music entitled "Bright and Clear: Three Centuries of Organ Music," named the Best Classical Recording of a solo artist at the Motor City Music Awards in 1998. He loves playing organ. Six days a week you'll find him playing the morning mass at St. Paul Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Golden opportunities

As with anything Wagner does he's throwing himself into the full-time position at Madonna University. It's a new path he's on and an exciting one. For now, his radio days have been exchanged for the opportunity to influence and inspire future generations of musicians. Will he miss radio? After WQRS changed formats, Wagner briefly went to WGUC Radio in Cincinnati to host a morning show before coming to Madonna University where he's taught organ as an adjunct professor since 1986.

"Classical radio used to be stable until Congress deregulated broadcasting in 1986," said Wagner. "It opened a floodgate of mergers and acquisitions. Over the years, radio took more time and became less fun as broadcasting became a business."

"It's nice to make a change," continued Wagner. "I turn 50 this year. A lot of people don't get to shift gears. Teaching keeps you young. You're all around these young people with hopes and aspirations about the future. Part of your job is to read and keep up on your field. It also opens up opportunities like a book I'm co-writing about classical music for St. James Press to be published spring 2000."

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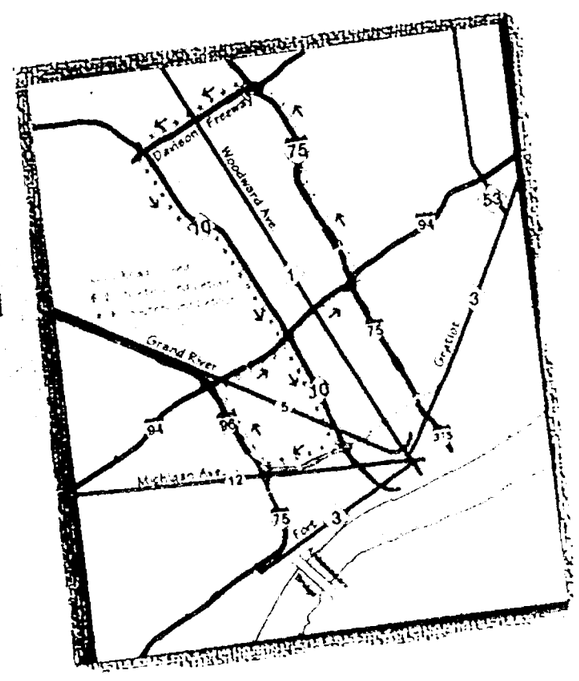

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Stars at Oscars make good and bad style choices

BEAUTY AND THE BEST

JEFFREY BRUCE

Let's take a look at this year's Oscars, or the Good, the Bad and the What Were They Thinking? And, let's just free-associate.

Of course there are some right-wingers out there, but Whoopi Goldberg was hysterical. However, Whoopi was not as funny as her dress designer. The evening's ceremony began with Whoopi in Queen Elizabeth garb and from there went aviary. Yes, aviary, as in birds. In fact, by midnight, Whoopi had, obviously, eaten and thrown an emu around her neck.

By show's end, she was wearing Trigger's horseshoe around her shoulders. Good to know that Val Kilmer's idiotic appearance with that horse was not for naught! But let's get to the heart of the matter. The gowns and the rags, the do's and the don'ts, the winners and the losers.

By far, the best makeup, hair and dress — the whole shebang — came from Geena Davis.

What can one say about Sophia Loren, except that she is the most spectacular woman on earth.

Then there was Gwyneth Paltrow. Phenomenal. Everything – the makeup, the gown, the crying acceptance speech – worked for me. What did not work was the side part in the hair (very Alfred E. Newman). She should have slicked it back straight.

Another stand-out was Judi Dench. Newly blonde, she looked, as the Brits would say, "smashing." Her makeup was beautiful and subtle – perfect for a middle-aged woman. She had great attitude, too. Bravo, Dame Judi!

Looking adorable was Anne Heche. But, then again, adorable works on someone as slight as she. Her hair, which is very thin, was layered and feathered properly, and she looked happy and lovely (pity about the dress, though).

As for who I thought was absolutely perfect, there is no contest. Jennifer Lopez made everyone on stage look like mincemeat. Her makeup and hair were flawless. And, thank you, Jennifer, for not enshrining your derriere for the masses. The ball gown was magnificent!

Now for the fun part.

No one could surpass Celine Dion as the hoot of the evening. Not only was her jacket on backwards – the lapels were in the back – but she wore a hat upon arrival that was reminiscent of the headdress of a Northwest flight "stewardess." Oy. Then she sang with Andrea Boccelli (double oyyy). To me, Celine has always looked like a Bette Midler female impersonator . . . out of drag!

Liv Tyler: She has taken over the Princess Di visage, slumping, gazing through heavy eyelids at the camera. Perhaps the rubber band was too tight on her idiotic pig tail. But what a relief to see that her father has miraculously become Nancy Sinatra.

Drew Barrymore: Drew, Drew, Drew, cover the arms, doll. She has gone from baby fat to adult fat. Bad idea to do the sleeveless number. She's as adorable as can be, but there is just a touch of "Baby Jane" creeping in there.

So what have we learned dear students about style? I think the most important one has to do with hair. There really is no such thing as a day hair style or an evening hair style. Hair that falls below the shoulders with a strapless gown looks silly. "Up dos" look 100 years old.

How many of you noticed Steven Spielberg's (very lucky) wife, Kate Capshaw, in the audience. That's how a woman should look (hair-wise) in an evening gown.

As for makeup, the only real offender was Helen Hunt. She was doing a cross between Morticia Addams and Cher, circa 1965. You all saw how tired and awful she looked.

Compare her to the loveliness of Gwyneth, the excitement of Sophia, the exoticism of Jennifer, and you'll get the idea.

Years ago, everyone wanted to look like a movie star. Still feel that way? Just be careful what you wish for and which star you have in mind when casting your wish.

Jeffrey Bruce will be conducting private makeovers at the Hotel Baronette in Novi during the next several months. For information, call 1-800-944-6588 or visit jeffreybrucecosmetics.com.

A time for grandeur

STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Majestic in taffeta: *Neiman Marcus couture designer Michael Casey designed this pale aqua taffeta ball gown, $4,950 at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy.*

Flowing and full: *Strapless in metallic gray taffeta, this ball gown is priced at $385 at Cache in the Somerset Collection in Troy.*

Almost forgotten, the ball gown returns to close the century

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Rich taffeta, full gathered skirts, strapless bodices, layers of fabric and flowing trains – these elegant, almost forgotten elements proclaimed their importance at the Oscar ceremony.

But Hollywood's display of style and this spring's collection of women's evening wear are merely a prelude to the force driving such grandeur.

"This whole kind of race to the finish line, to the millennium ... it's kind of a race to grandeur," said Neiman Marcus couture designer Michael Casey of this spring's evening attire for women.

Styled with majestic trains and voluminous skirts in fabrics like organza, taffeta and chiffon, these special occasion pieces – not merely dresses for evening galas – have soared to the level of the bygone ball gown.

Jane Bassett, special events director for Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, agreed. Indicative of the trend is a lavender gown – pastels and silver grays are in abundance – with multiple fabric layers and flowing sheer ties that fall to the ankles ($155 at Parisian), said Bassett, adding, "We haven't seen trains for centuries, or, at least, decades."

But, even greater grandeur awaits.

"This is just a prelude," said Beverly Rice, senior vice president of fashion and merchandising strategy for Jacobson's. "If you saw the Academy Awards, what Gwyneth Paltrow wore was typical of the look ... but there will probably be an elaboration that is even more glamorous for millennium gowns."

Grand form: *From Michael Casey's couture collection, this colorful gown, $3,990 at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, bares the shoulders, is composed of multiple layers of fabric, including tulle, and employs a variety of pastel colors to create a feminine but grand look for evening this spring.*

News of special events *for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

GET SUITED UP
Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Swim Week through April 3. Leisure Sportswear, second floor.

ORCHIDS AND ORCHIDS
The annual Palm Sunday Orchid Show at Laurel Park Place in Livonia runs noon-6 p.m. The show features 800-square-feet of orchids.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

GIORGIO ARMANI
View the spring and summer collection of Giorgio Armani at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy. Informal modeling 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Designer Sportswear, third floor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

MATILDA DODGE WILSON EXHIBIT
Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Meadow Brook Hall Director Lisa Baylis Ashby and rarely viewed pieces from the Matilda Dodge Wilson collection, 2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

STUART WEITZMAN
View Stuart Weitzman's collection of shoes at Jacobson's in Birmingham, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Women's Shoe Salon.

BALLY SHOES
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, introduces the spring 1999 Bally special order footwear collection for men, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. through April 10. Men's Shoes, first floor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

SING TO THE SUN
Borders Books & Music in Birmingham presents singer and songwriter Lisa Hunter in a children's program featuring interactive stories, songs and an ecological craft project for kids. 11 a.m.

BEARS AND STORIES
Jesse Bear, Nancy Carlstrom's cuddly bear will appear for children's story time about the character at Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills, 11 a.m.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? at (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

For Frances, we found a **1939 Central High School yearbook**. Please call (248) 901-2555 and leave your phone number.

We are looking for the person who wanted the **1943 Northern High School yearbook**, too. Please call the above number.

Elaine should also call with her telephone number since we found **cork tiles** for her.

The **Gillette Company** used to manufacture **Deep Magic**, but no longer does.

Yardley English Lavender cologne can be found at Meijer stores.

Wick'd candles can be found at the **Town Peddler Craft store:** 35323 Plymouth Road. Also, call Wayne Malburg, who makes the candles, at (734) 449-5026.

Max Factor lipstick in "**Rosette**" can be found in the **Beauty Boutique catalog**. Call (440) 826-3008. It is item #11820, located on page 54 and costs $3.99.

For Gloria, we found a **wire recording player.**

AROMATIQUE candles in cinnamon-cider can be found at the Aromatique Gallery: 3421 Hwy. 25, North Herber Springs, Arkansas, (501) 362-7919. Also try **Copper Cricket**, 7216 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

We also found information about having a computer font made of a signature.

For Carol, we found **Woodhue cologne** by **Faberge**. Also, one reader called to suggest trying the perfume **Exclamation** as a replacement.

Top fitted sheets can be found in the **Voice of the Mountains General Merchandise catalog**: P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Center, Vermont 05255-3000, (802) 362-8440.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Jane is looking for a **1995-96 St. Bell of Dearborn yearbook.**

Michael is looking for an old style **English (red) phone booth** for a lower level residence.

Angela is looking for **Yardley's April Violet soap, lotion** and **accessories**.

Joann wants **Estee Lauder feather proof lipstick** in **"Festive Red #06."**

Elma is looking for three items: **Trivial Pursuit** (silver screen edition), a **corkscrew** by **International Sterling pattern "Royal Danish,"** and **Neutrogena Solid Unique shampoo**, which looks like a bar of soap.

Mr. Reeves is looking for **Musk Oil by Alyssa Ashley.**

Winifred wants a **darning egg.**

Another reader is looking for a business that will **restuff goose feather pillows.**

Margaret is looking for **square, breaded fish** for making sandwiches. It looks like McDonald's fish.

Laurie is looking for a large **triangle hair net** that ties and wraps around hair rollers.

Judy wants **"Fletcher,"** a children's hardcover book published by Parents Magazine Press.

Eleanore is still looking for the ingredient used to make furniture polish. Wood alcohol is now methanol.

Rosemary still wants **Crystal Lite lemonade flavor hard candies.**

Denise is looking for **Naturessence European elastin firming facial** by **Avanza.**

Carol from Westland is looking for **TV plastic trays.**

Marian is looking for **MAROC cologne** by **Ultima.**

Katrina wants a **US Team soccer shirt.**

Colleen still wants the **little statues** that have heads that bounce that are placed in the **back windows of cars.**

Jeanette wants **Bongo button fly jeans.**

Diane is looking for a **1960's plastic egg toy** that contains characters from the **Flintstones** family.

Bob is looking for copies of **Trading Times** from before September 1998.

Margaret wants **Lancaster perfume by Lancaster of Monaco** in France.

Mary is looking for the **Clairol Slender Twirl Brush/Curling iron.**

April is looking for the **1989 Plymouth, Canton & Salem yearbook.**

Dennis wants a **1960 Wayne Memorial High School yearbook.**

Pat is looking for **Heywood-Wakefield Early American/Colonial Hard Rock maple furniture.**

Kathy wants the **Playskool toy "Awesome Tossome Cow,"** a soft nylon cow that moos.

Teresa is still looking for **non-diastatic powder** used to make bagels.

Jan is looking for **Bonnie Doon** women's wool ankle and knee **socks.**

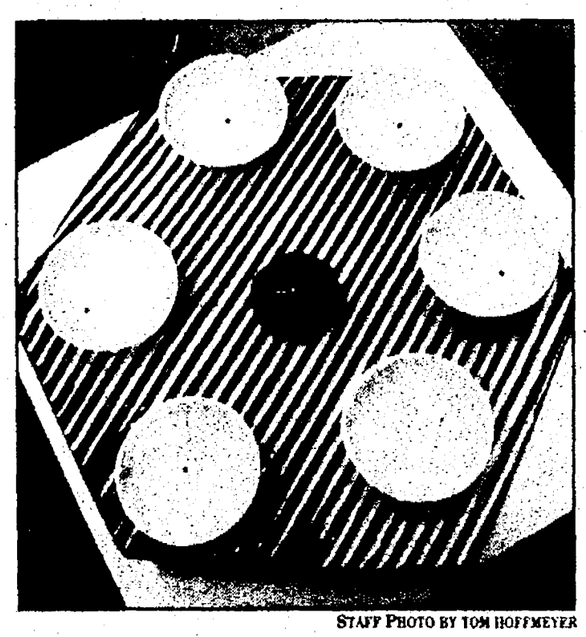
Marion wants the **"Indiana Jones Temple of Doom"** cassette or CD. It is the second of three soundtracks.

Nancy wants the movie **soundtrack** from **"Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."**

John is looking for an **Elvis Presley painting.**

Deborah is looking for **men's saddle shoes** in a size 12 (narrow would be a plus) in black/white or navy/cream.

— Compiled by Sandra Jarackas



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Modern aesthetics: *Artist Arlene Ancona designed this contemporary black and white Seder dish set, which sells for $155 at ZYZYX! in West Bloomfield.*

Seder dishes need not look traditional

Honoring the Hebrew traditions of Passover's Seder meal doesn't preclude a show of contemporary aesthetics, even when it comes to dishware.

"People are buying more decorative pieces," said Annie Lustig, owner of ZYZYX!, an arts, craft and jewelry store in West Bloomfield that sells unique, modern-looking Seder plates.

Religiously symbolic food is presented and served on the six special plates as part of Passover's observance.

"I think you always have your traditional ones, but I think people want to display (the dishes) all year long," said Lustig. "That's why you're seeing that the plates are becoming more and more artistic."

RETAIL DETAILS

CHANGE IS GOOD

The Dandy Lion & Company store is moving from its **downtown Rochester** location, at 116 E. Fourth Street, to **Lakeside** mall in **Sterling Heights**. The store will be located on the upper level of the mall next to Hudson's. It opens April 1.

BUNNIES TO HOLD

Easter bunny gifts need not be chocolate. Besides, there's an abundance of unique and adorable stuffed animal bunnies to add to children's Easter baskets or incorporate into a dinner table centerpiece this holiday.

The Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe, at 50 S. Main Street in **downtown Clarkston**, has an array of unusual and cuddly Easter bunnies, including the Hop-to-it-Bunny, which dons a knit sweater big enough to hold an Easter egg. Made by the North American Bear Company, the bunny sells for $31. Other standouts at the Union General: a miniature fleece bunny that squeaks when squeezed, $6.25, and a musical bunny that pops out of a head of lettuce and twirls to the tune of "The Waltzing Matilda," $25.

ESSAY CONTEST

If you've always dreamed of running a retail store filled with beautiful merchandise, an unbelievable opportunity may await you.

Diana Pink, the owner of **Pinks-N-Lace**, an antique and gift store with a victorian theme located at 1000 N. Main Street in **Royal Oak**, is giving away the contents of her store to the winner of a national essay contest.

Worth more than $150,000, the contents of the store include antiques, glassware, dolls, cards, beaded lamp shades, linens, lace, hats and clothes. Write an essay, 300 words of less, about your dream of owning a business like Pinks-N-Lace. Only the store's merchandise will be awarded to the winner. The contest entry deadline is May 31, 1999.

For additional information and rules, you can visit http://members.xoom.com/Pinksnlace, email a request for rules to pinksnlace@yahoo.com, call toll free (877) 556-0508 or stop by the store, which is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday.

MORE BUNNY SIGHTINGS

The Easter Bunny will be on hand for visits and photographs through April 3 at **Meadowbrook Village Mall** in Rochester Hills. Hours are: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

In Troy, the **Somerset Collection's** Spring Bunnies will perform "Giggles in the Garden," a musical theatre program, at 1 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday through April 3 in the mall's North Grand Court. Photographs will be available. Also, a children's **egg hunt** is slated 10-11 a.m. April 3.

BALANCING ACT

Last week, **Hudson's, Somerset Collection** in Troy, presented an interesting balancing act for shoppers' amusement. To demonstrate the strength of **Wedgwood Bone China**, a 500-pound piano was balanced on top of three overturned Wedgwood tea cups.

STAR THEATER OPENS

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Mount Dora is a slow waltz backwards in Florida

BY PAT RITNER
SPECIAL WRITER

Sometimes when life gets really hectic you need to slow down and take a couple steps backward. You need to get away, but not to Las Vegas or New York. This is he perfect time to visit Mount Dora, Fla.

Mount Dora is full of surprises. You expect Florida towns to be flat as the proverbial pancake, but Mount Dora sits on rolling hills sloping up from the six-mile long Lake Dora. You expect Florida towns to look southern or contemporary. Mount Dora has Victorian architecture complete with cupolas, wrought-iron grates and wraparound porches. It reminds you of a small New England town frozen in the 1940s. You may even expect the high activity level of the theme park. Mount Dora is tranquil and peaceful. There is plenty to do, but you feel more like puttering than rushing.

The town is located just 30 miles northwest of Orlando in Lake County with its 1,400 spring-fed lakes. Fishing, swimming and boating delight visitors as do towering oak trees, rolling hills, and a downtown village that begs you to stay. Part of the charm of this wonderful little Victorian town is that it is small. Downtown is only about four blocks square. You can easily get to shops and restaurants on foot or take the trolley tour just for fun. There are numerous antique shops, boutiques, bookstores, galleries, outdoor cafes and upscale restaurants. Even the business names are intriguing, like Goosefeathers, Purple Pineapple, Goblin Market and Pigs Fly.

If you plan to visit Mount Dora

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Mount Dora is well known for the number of antique shops and especially for Renninger's – a collection of 200 dealers, which is open on weekends. Mount Dora townsfolk are very protective of the character of their town. It was not until very recently that contemporary shops were welcome to the downtown area. Now there are several. My favorite shop is a funky little store called Double Creek Pottery. There are no national chains in the downtown are except the hardware store that really feels more like a country store.

Some folks call Mount Dora Festival City because of the number of special events they host each year. The best known as the antique extravaganzas held three times each year with as many as 1,400 dealers and the Arts Festival, a nationally ranked fine arts festival which draws 275,000 visitors. Not all festivals are related to arts and antiques though. Florida's largest bicycling event is held in October and a Boat Festival takes place in March.

At any time, however, it is fun to stroll around Mount Dora and see the historic structures and the natural beauty. Lakeside Inn is a large yellow hotel complex built in the 1880s that has been cited "A Historic Hotel of America." You can sit on one of the rocking chairs which line the front porch or stop for high tea in the cozy lobby just like President Calvin Coolidge did in 1930.

The Donnelly House built in 1893 is also yellow clapboard, but it is topped with silver turrets and scrollwork. It has been the Masonic temple since 1930 and is open for various public events including the annual Hospice Christmas House.

Shady Donnelly Park offers tennis courts, shuffleboards and a small amphitheater. Palm Island Boardwalk is a great place to see birds and many kinds of palms as well as the lake's red and white working lighthouse. The lawnbowling courts are located near the Lakeside Inn. We happened on an early morning lawnbowling tournament with dozens of participants dressed all in white reminiscent of the Great Gatsby. Everywhere you go there are park benches inviting residents and visitors to stop and stay awhile.

There are a number of excellent restaurants in Mount Dora ranging from the Windsor Rose, a quaint English tea room to the fine dining offered by the Park Bench Restaurant. Our favorite was Goblin Market located in the alley off Donnelly Street. The seafood was wonderful and the staff made us feel right at home. The interior of the building looked like an old home, but the waitress shared that only recently it had been a repair garage. If you are in the mood for a Big Mac, you will need to go just outside of town. There are no fast food chains in downtown Mount Dora.

If you plan to stay in Mount Dora, you will find a wide variation of accommodations including the historic Lakeside Inn, numerous Bed and Breakfast establishments, as well as newer motels and inns. The Magnolia Inn on Third Avenue looks very inviting and is an easy walk to downtown. The newly constructed Hampton Inn is just across from the Country Club of Mount Dora.

Some folks like to visit Mount Dora so much they don't want to leave. Money Magazine has rated Mount Dora No. 1 in Florida and No. 3 in the United States as the best place to retire. They base their ratings on climate, housing costs, crime rate, health care and cultural and recreational activities. New residents often choose to live at The Country Club of Mount Dora, a gated residential community located just outside of downtown on U.S. Route 441. It includes an 18-hole championship golf course, tennis, swimming and many other recreational activities.

If you want to step back in time to a place where the weather is warm, the pace is relaxed and the people are friendly, try Mount Dora. If you like it, you may choose to keep it a secret. You may want to help the locals keep Mount Dora the unique community it is.

Pat Ritner lives in Troy.

Sleepy town: *An Ace Hardware is the only national chain store in downtown Mount Dora, a Florida town that's like another era.*

GREAT ESCAPES

CRUISE MICHIGAN

A group consisting of representatives from 19 ports from around Michigan has formed an association called Cruise Michigan to help promote the re-emerging cruise industry in Michigan waters. The association will undertake joint marketing programs and work together to promote Michigan ports to cruise companies.

TRAVELERS GUIDE

Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels has released the 1999 edition of the "Travelers' Resource Guide." This publication contains helpful information and useful travel tips that are especially relevant to someone planning their first trip abroad. Topics covered in the guide include: getting ready to go, planning your itinerary, all about your money, packing for travel, getting there by air and traveling by rail.

Youth Hostels is also sponsoring International Travel Day, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Southfield Civic Center, Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road. Admission is free.

This event will feature presentations on budget travel, the European rail network, traveling safely and more. Free travel brochures from more than 30 countries will also help prepare travelers for adventures abroad.

For a free copy of the 1999 Travelers Resource Guide write the Michigan Council of the Youth Hostels, 3024 Coolidge, Berkley, MI 48072 or call (248)545-0511.

WHITE WATER RAFTING

The Schoolcraft College EdgeRunner Ski Club is sponsoring a white water rafting trip to New River, W.Va., on June 4-6. The club is offering a special price of $95 for club members ($120 for non-members). The price includes all-day rafting on Saturday; two-nights camping (bring your own tent) and a buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday. Contact EdgeRunners at (734)462-4422. Trip participants must be 18 or older and need not be members. A down payment of $60 per person is due on or before April 1.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Hartsells wind up 10th

Westland's Steve and Danielle Hartsell, the gold medal U.S. Pairs Champions, finished 10th Wednesday in their first appearance in the World Figure Skating Championships in Helsinki, Finland.

The Hartsells, the first brother-sister team to represent the U.S. since Natalie and Wayne Sebold in 1989, bounced back with a strong long program after falling to 13th Monday in the short program.

"That was a lot of fun," said Danielle, a senior at John Glenn High School. "We are just happy that we could put in a good performance after a disappointing short (program)."

Added Steve, who is a student at Oakland University: "Today was the first day we enjoyed being at the Worlds. It was the best performance of the year."

U.S. silver medalists Kyoko Ina of Guttenberg, N.J., and John Zimmerman of Birmingham, Ala., finished in ninth place.

Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia successfully defended their World title earning first-place marks across the board.

Zue Shen and Hongbo Zhao of China captured the silver medal in front of the loudest crowd of the night. Their silver medal is the first medal ever won by China in pairs competition.

Dorota Zagorska and Mariusz Siudek of Poland captured the bronze, only the second World medal ever captured for their country.

Hawks capture indoor

The under-13 Michigan Hawks, a girls soccer team coached by John Buchanan, captured first place in the Indoor National Tournament held March 5-7 at Fraser and Wixom Total Soccer.

The Hawks defeated the Cleveland Internationals in the championship match, 7-2. They also scored victories over Syracuse, N.Y. (8-0), Ohio Premier (6-2), the Cleveland Cobras (7-0) and the Syracuse, N.Y. Scorpions (6-2).

Members of the Hawks include: Kyle LaPorte and Melissa Dobbyn, both of Livonia; Jordan Falcusan, Plymouth; Marissa Sarkesian, Canton; Erica Rose, Farmington; Sabrina Must, Bloomfield Hills; goalkeeper Kathryn Cummings, Jenny Szymanski, Troy; Nicole Cauzillo and Whitney Guenther, Northville; Nikki Hermann, Deanne Kubas, Kelly McMann, Moe Pawlak, Novi; Jill Kehler, Flint; and Erin Doan, Dearborn.

Tiffany Graves is the assistant coach. The team manager is Linda Cauzillo.

The Hawks have won several tournaments including the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup and will compete this summer in South Dakota for the region tourney title. They also won the Washington-Area Girls Soccer Tournament and Dayton tourney.

Sharks devour foes

The Livonia Family YMCA Sharks, an under-11 boys soccer team coached by Todd Francisco, finished 7-1 en route to a first-place finish in the Brazil Division at the SoccerZone in Novi.

Members of the Sharks include: Scott Moss, Ryan Santa, Colin Cosco, Ryan Byers, Brendan Kihn, Clint Hixson, Jon Ray, Devon Plonka, Robby Migrin, Danny Ribar and Tim Francisco, all of Livonia.

Girl grappler wins state

Melissa Fogarty of Wayne pinned Rebekka DeCola of Ann Arbor in 3:51 to capture the 134-pound weight division at the third annual USGWA Michigan Girls Wrestling State Championships held March 21 at Lake Orion High School.

Other a finishers included Robin Ochael (Wayne), fourth at 110; Jacuelinn Fernandez (Westland), fifth at 142; Christine Raupp (Westland), fifth at 120; Stephanie Hilton (Wayne), fifth at 130; Natalie Sowinski (Westland), eighth at 114; Jenny Britt (Wayne), fifth at 130.

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Whalers sweep Windsor Spitfires

OHL PLAYOFFS

By Duncan E. White
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Goal, goal ... yawn ... goal, buzzer. Ok, who's next?

And so it went for the Plymouth Whalers Friday night in an 8-2 go-through-the-motions win that sent the Windsor Spitfires packing for the season.

The win capped an impressive 4-0 first-round sweep by the Whalers, who outscored Windsor 27-6 in the series.

Plymouth head coach/general manager Peter DeBoer didn't see much room for improvement in how the team performed against the Spitfires.

"We won our first round, we got through it healthy and we're pretty confident with the way we handled the four games," he said. "It's a nice way to get through it. We've got some time off before our next round."

Who the Whalers will face in the next round is still to be determined but the opening game of the series is set for next Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Plymouth. The team could face London, Sarnia or Sault Ste. Marie depending on how the other series finish.

"It doesn't really matter who we play," said DeBoer. "All three teams are in our league and we had equal success against each of them. They're all about equal distance as well, except for the Soo."

Despite having to endure an eight-day stretch between games, DeBoer was confident that his squad will be ready to play and is confident that the lay-off won't have much of an impact.

Harold Druken, named the game's No. 1 star with two goals and two assists for Plymouth, is looking forward to spending some time off working on another sport.

"We wanted to get it done tonight," he said. "We don't play again until next week and we've got a nice day of tomorrow. Maybe we'll hit the golf course tomorrow, all of us, and then come back and get ready for our next opponent."

Plymouth quickly opened the scoring as Paul Mara ripped a 40-foot slap shot past Windsor goaltender Ron Vogel 2:09 into the game for his first goal of the playoffs. It was Plymouth's only power play goal of the game.

Windsor turned the puck over in its own end and Troy Smith capitalized at the 10:20 mark to put Plymouth up 2-0 midway through the first period.

Randy Fitzgerald tipped a shot from the point 5:41 into the second period to put the Whalers up 3-0 and Druken scored his first goal of the game less than four minutes later on a shot that somehow found its way through Vogel's pads for a commanding 4-0 lead.

Michael Hanson scored on the power play at the 12:32 mark to put the Spitfires on the board but James Ramsay was credited with his first goal of the playoffs 1:15 later to restore the Whalers lead to four goals.

Damian Surma scored early in the third period and Druken added his second goal of the night at 11:01 t blow the game open.

Windsor captain Jeff Martin scored late in the third for the Spitfires but Plymouth once again answered with a goal by Justin Williams to cap the scoring and the series.

Druken, who led the Ontario Hockey League in goals during the regular season, leads the Whalers with 12 points (six goals, six assists) in the playoffs.

Whalers goaltender Robert Holsinger, who posted the lowest goals-against-average in the Canadian Hockey League this season (2.08), had a relatively easy night as the Whalers' defense stood firm.

"Any time you only face 17 shots it's tough, though," Holsinger said.

Despite the lack of work he's found thus far, Holsinger isn't complaining and feels that the defensive corps may be playing the best it has all year.

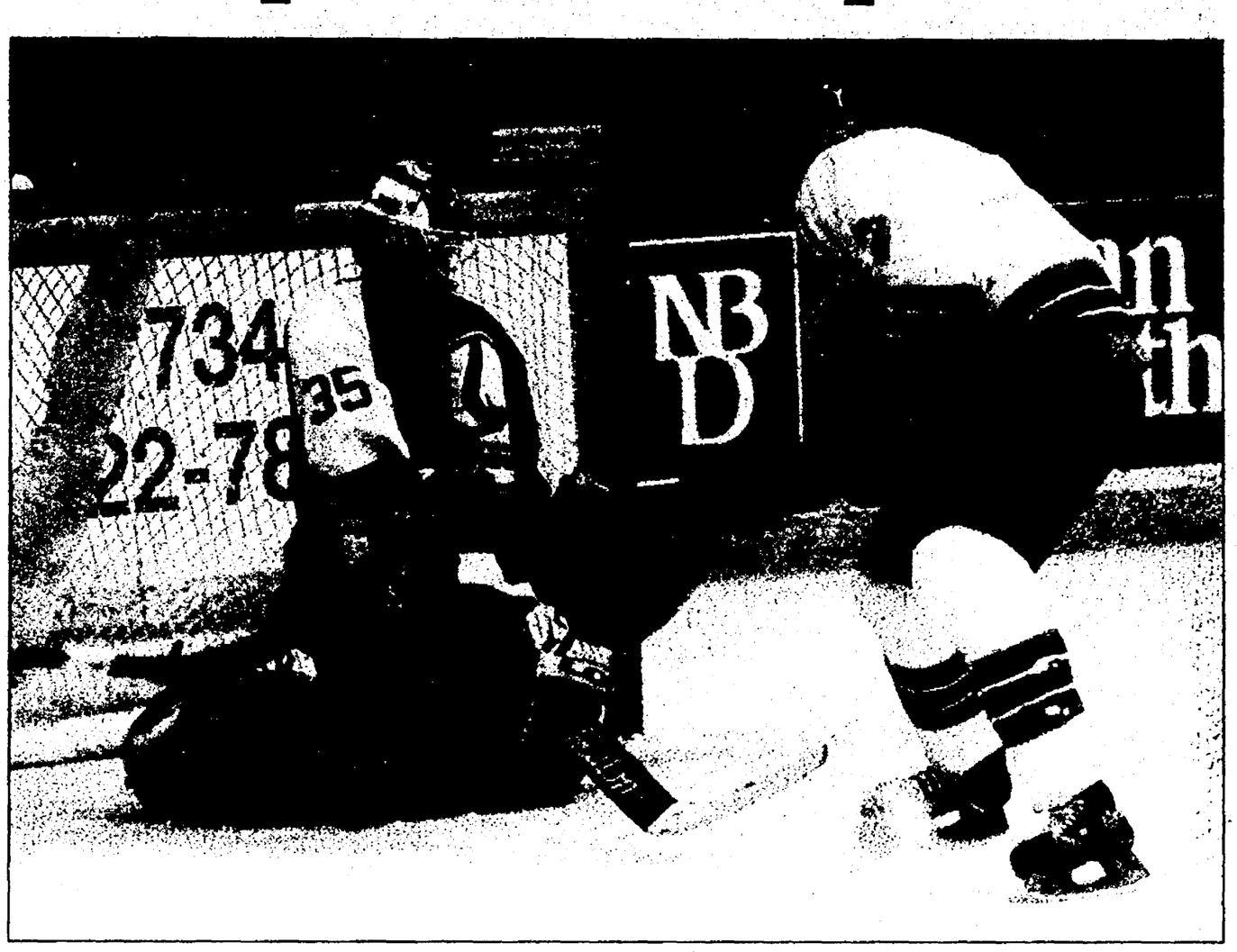
"Maybe even better," he added. "It's the playoffs so everyone is stepping up right now."

In Game No. 3, Plymouth held on for a 4-3 win to take a 3-0 lead in its OHL opening round series with Windsor.

The Whalers trailed 1-0 after the first period and but outscored the Spitfires 2-1 in each of the next two periods for the win.

Fitzgerald and Druken each scored second-period goals for Plymouth with Troy Smith and Jason Ward each scoring in the third for the win.

Windsor captain Jeff Martin scored with 8:26 left in the game to pull the Spitfires to within 4-3 but his team couldn't tally the equalizer before time expired.



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He scores: *Troy Smith (right) of the Plymouth Whalers beats Windsor Spitfire goaltender Ron Vogel during Friday's 8-2 Ontario Hockey League playoff win to clinch the series, 4-0.*

Staff Photo by Bryan Mitchell

Franklin returnee: *The Patriots' Josh Burt (left) ran a 4:25.7 last year, second best clocking in Observerland.*

BOYS TRACK PREVIEWS

Ryan's legs propel Churchill express

The balance of power in boys track could be tilting just a little bit back to the Livonia and Westland area.

Numbers are steady or up at most area schools in the Observer's preseason survey.

Ryan Kearney
Churchill star

"Our outlook is very positive this year," said coach Rick Austin of Livonia Churchill, which has 87 kids out for track including 40 freshmen. "Our kids are sky high. The attitudes have been super in preseason."

Of course anybody with an All-Stater such as Ryan Kearney coming back couldn't help but be optimistic. Kearney is almost a one-person track team.

"Our kids expect a lot out of themselves," Austin said. "We have basically everybody back from a group that was (Western Lakes Activities Association) Division champs last year.

"You combine that with terrific leadership . . . We've got three captains (Guy Diakow, John McCallum and Ryan Kearney) who themselves are working very hard. And I think that's rubbing off on our team."

Churchill was 4-1 in its division last year, finished second in the Observerland Relays and was fifth in its region in the states.

Livonia Stevenson is coming off a 7-2 season and coach John Gores feels he has a "pretty solid team. We have a lot of experience. We have a lot of seniors this year.

"Last year we were strong, it was really surprising. We were blessed with a lot of good sprinters, more than we've ever had.

"The key was we had a lot of really good relay people. They were able to handle the stick and get some really good times.

"This year we're fairly well rounded. We have at least one person in every event who should be a pretty high scorer.

"We have depth in the shot and discus. The distance events and quarter mile are kind of going to be our strength."

The Spartans' throwers will be Brad Arsenault, Dustin Willim and Kurt Pfankuch. Matt Freeborn, who was a tick under 51 seconds, heads the 400-meter runners.

Livonia Franklin bounced around .500 last season, but coach Dale Lee has hurdler Pat Hayes to build around along with distance runner Josh Burt. He has 60 competitors to work with.

"We're senior heavy," Lee said. "It's about as well-rounded of a team as I've ever had. We have good senior leadership.

"We're faster, and have better distance people than we did last year.

"We lost a 6-5 high jumper, but the rest are coming back. We lost two good seniors but we have a shot put/discus man coming back.

"We've got the depth we've never had before on our team."

Redford Catholic Central was the Catholic League champion, not bad for a school which doesn't have a home track to work on.

But coach Tony Magni is worried that his team might have to scramble to stay above .500. His team was in the middle of the Observerland pack, he said, due to a lack of times in the speed events.

Whether its coach-worry or real worry remains to be seen. He has some 100 runners and throwers to work

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Crusaders upend Division I Toledo

■ COLLEGE BASEBALL

It not only was a step, it was a stomp.

Madonna University stepped up to an NCAA Division I opponent, the University of Toledo, and clouted the Rockets, 15-4, Wednesday, in a non-conference baseball game.

Jeff Warholik (2-1) scattered 10 hits over nine innings, walking three and striking out four.

The big stick was swung by Derrick Wolfe, who had two home runs and a double good for six RBI. Daryl Rocho also had three hits, including three doubles and three RBI.

The Crusaders had a 15-0 lead after five innings before Warholik had two runs scored off him by the Rockets, 8-9 after the game.

Dave O'Neill also had three hits, scoring twice, while Neil Wildfong, Delano Voletti and Aaron Shrewsbury had two hits apiece.

Madonna split a doubleheader Thursday with Tiffin University, shutting out the Dragons, 6-0, in the first game before dropping the second, 7-2. The split left the Crusaders 6-7-1 overall.

Bob Mason (1-2) notched his first win of the season with a complete-game seven-inning five-hitter. He walked six and struck out three.

Rocho went 2-for-3 with a home run while Bob Hamp had a double and an RBI. Hamp also had three stolen bases, one a theft of home. The Crusaders only had six hits but made them count.

Madonna held a 3-0 lead after two innings and took advantage of three walks and four errors.

Tiffin checked Madonna on four hits in the second game with E.J. Roman (1-2) drawing the loss. He was roughed up for four runs in the third as the Dragons overcame a 1-0 deficit.

Shrewsbury hit his sixth home run of the season and Jason Brooks smacked an RBI double to give the Crusaders their runs.

WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL
Spartan Invitational at [illegible], TBA.
Wednesday, March 24
Wolverine Conference, 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 27
Spartan Invitational at [illegible], TBA.
Monday, March 29
R.O. Shrine at Livonia, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30
Stevenson at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31
Redford Union at Franklin, 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Sunday, March 28
Madonna at O.L. St. Mary's, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30
Madonna at Northwood, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31
Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.
Friday, April 2
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Sunday, March 28
Madonna vs. Saginaw Valley St. at Livonia Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31
Madonna vs. Rochester College at Livonia Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m.
Thursday, April 1
Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m.
Friday, April 2
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
Madonna vs. St. Francis (Ind.) at Livonia Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SPRING BASEBALL TOURNEY

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will be hosting the Michigan AAU state championship tournament for competitive 11-and-under travel baseball teams, May 14-16, in Plymouth.

The cost is $250 per team with a four-game guarantee.

The champion will receive a direct bid for the AAU National Championships at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

For more information, call Dave Sarkesian at (248) 486-6553.

LIVONIA Y SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Livonia Family YMCA is accepting registration for its pee wee soccer, along with its summer and fall T-Ball/coach-pitch baseball leagues.

Age guidelines for soccer is Aug. 1, 1993 through July 31, 1996. Games will be played Saturdays, July 17 through Aug. 14. Fees are $40 for Y members and $60 for non-members.

Age guidelines for T-Ball are 4-6 and coach-pitch 7-8. Games will be played Saturdays, July 10 through Aug. 14 (summer) and Sept. 11 through Oct. 10 (fall), with one practice during each week. Fees are $15 for Y members and $30 for non-members.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3324 or 3309.

WESTLAND SOFTBALL SIGNUP

Registration for City of Westland Parks and Recreation softball for returning teams is Monday, March 29 through Sunday, May 2; followed by open registration Monday, April 12 through Sunday, May 2 at the Bailey Center.

A managers meeting will be Wednesday, May 12 to distribute league rules, schedules and roster applications. The season starts Monday, May 17.

All leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

U.S. SOCCER ACADEMY

The United States Soccer Academy is seeking players, boys and girls on teams under-11 through under-19, for a developmental program to represent the U.S. in the world's largest youth soccer tournament, the Gothia Cup in Sweden, and the Dana Cup in Denmark.

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For more information, call 1-800-656-5499.

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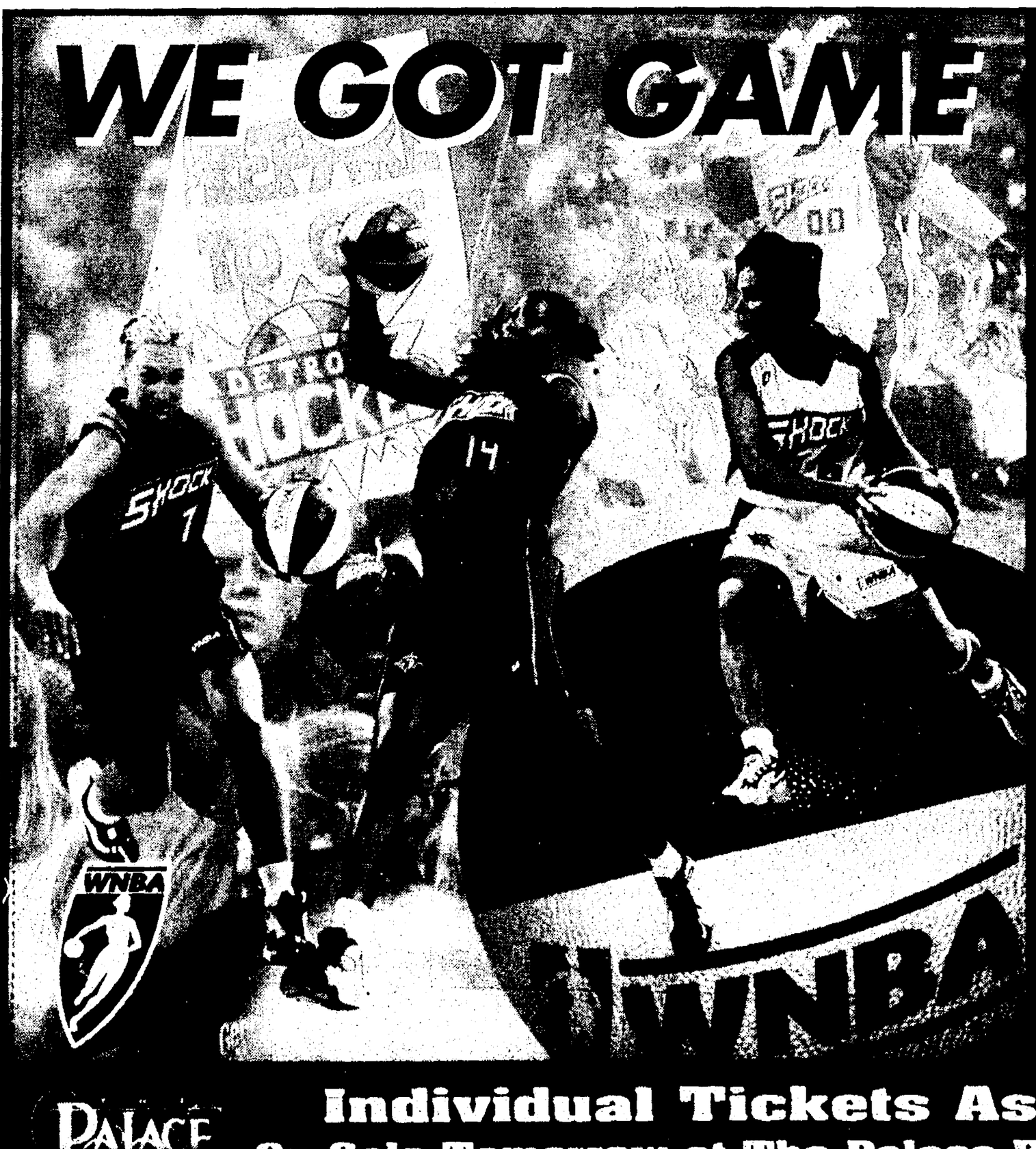

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Tony Sala
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Joel Hallday
Redford Unified

Ryan McBroom
Livonia Churchill

Gordie St. John remembers when ice hockey was considered more of an outdoor sport at the high school level.

St. John started the hockey program at Detroit Country Day in the early 1960s. He was in charge of coaching and ice maintenance.

Gordie St. John
Coach of Year

"We used to flood fields and parking lots to play," said St. John, 62, now coaching Redford Catholic Central.

Amazing stuff, but more amazing is he can remember that far back. The only Gordie who has lasted longer in hockey is Gordie Howe.

At least one more season and St. John will have coached in five decades. Howe played in five decades.

The wily veteran coach added another memorable season to his resume as the Shamrocks won their third Class A state championship in his six years as coach.

CC capped a 29-1-1 season with a 2-0 win over East Kentwood in the Class A final at the Flint IMA.

St. John, who also won a Class B-C-D championship as coach at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook in 1988, is Observerland Coach of the Year.

An insurance executive, St. John played high school hockey in Connecticut and then some in Europe. His coaching career started in 1960 with the Bowdads Shamrocks in the old Olympia League, a 17 and 18-year-old team that included former Stevenson coaches Matt Mulcahy and Paul Ferguson.

He spent much of the 1970s following his son Gordon's hockey career, as both a coach and a fan. The younger St. John played on two national championship travel teams and a state champion at Cranbrook.

Hip replacement surgery didn't slow down his father, who isn't making retirement plans yet.

"I never even thought about it," he said.

FIRST TEAM

Keith Rowe, Sr. forward, Redford CC: Named Mr. Hockey as voted by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association. Rowe scored 16 goals and had 40 assists, finishing the season with a plus 56.

Rowe played three years on the CC varsity, being part of state champion teams his sophomore and senior seasons.

A left-handed shooter, the 5-foot-10, 170-pounder played right wing for the Shamrocks.

"He's developed into such a great leader, we'll have to find someone to step in and be a fireball of the team," St. John said. "He's tremendously competitive and an outstanding hockey player."

Todd Bentley, Jr. forward, Redford CC: His last name is Bentley but he moves more like a lamborghini.

Bentley, a first-team Class A selection, led the Shamrocks' top scoring line with 28 goals and 29 assists to finish with a plus 63. A second-year varsity member, Bentley has the ability to play NCAA Division I hockey someday if he "keeps his passion for the game," according to St. John.

"He's a fabulous hockey player," St. John said. "He's got size (6-feet, 188 pounds), is young yet and will continue to grow. Any time you've got that kind of scoring ability and size you've got tremendous potential. And he has a passion for the game."

Mark Nebus, Jr. forward, Liv. Stevenson: The junior center finished the season with 45 points on 19 goals and 26 assists.

The All-Suburban High School Hockey League pick was also the Spartans' leading scorer in non-league games with seven goals and eight assists.

"Mark is a very gritty and determined player," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "He's a skilled player who puts it all together. He's has great speed, a good shot and is extremely quick."

Nebus was also an All-State selection.

Matt Van Heest, Sr. defenseman, Redford CC: Van Heest was a four-year varsity player for the Shamrocks who won state championships two of those years.

He had a plus 62 this year, scoring five goals with 18 assists despite undergoing surgery for a dislocated knee cap before the season.

He was a Dream Team selection.

"This year has been real tough on

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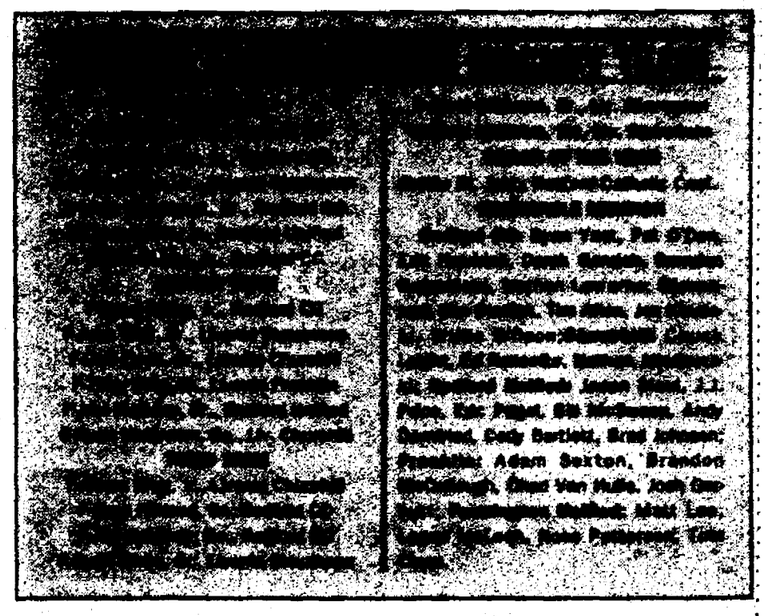

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Donnell Harvey	F	6-08	Shellman, GA	Randolph-Clay
DerMarr Johnson	F	6-09	Greenbelt, MD	Maime Central
Majestic Mapp	G	6-01	Bronx, NY	St. Raymond's
Tony Robertson	G	6-03	Providence, RI	St. Andrew's
Leon Smith	C	6-11	Chicago, IL	Martin Luther King
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NAME	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Jonathan Bender	F	6-11	Picayune, MS	Picayune
Carlos Boozer Jr	F	6-09	Juneau, AK	Juneau Douglas
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Joe Johnson	F	6-07	Little Rock, AR	Central
Jason Kapono	F	6-08	Lakewood, CA	Artesia
Brett Nelson	G	6-03	St. Albans, WV	St. Albans
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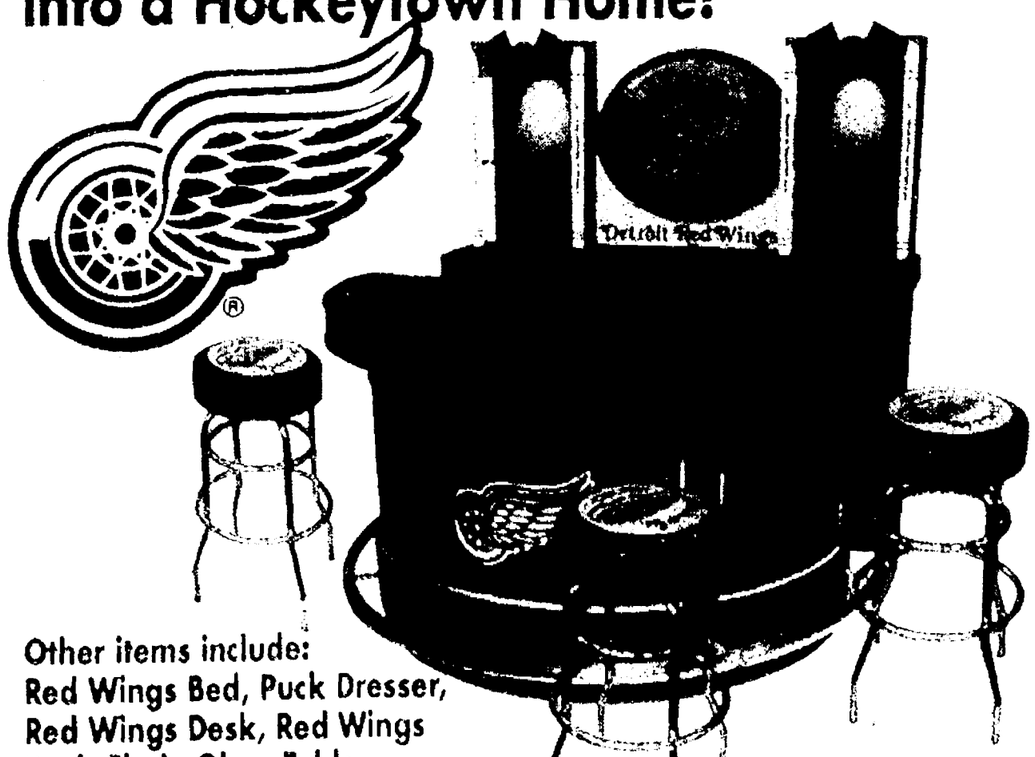

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him," St. John said. "His plus 62 is an amazing statistic. That's unbelievable for a defenseman who's on the ice a lot. We used him in al situations. I can't say enough about the kid."

Dave Sellin, Jr. defenseman, Redford Unified: Sellin had the Panthers' best plus/minus ratio, recording plus 42 after scoring 19 goals and assisting on 15 others in his first year of high school hockey.

He played on all the Panthers' special teams on top of his regular shifts.

"He was by far the best defensman in our league (Suburban High School Prep Hockey League)," RU coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He sees the ice so well, has physical skills to do pretty much whatever he wants out there. He got as much ice time as he could take. He not only was one of our better offensive threats but our best defensive player."

Ben Dunne, Jr. goaltender, Redford CC: Dunne suffered a dislocated shoulder in the preseason and reinjured it in a regular-season game against East Kentwood.

But when he played he was nothing short of outstanding, having a save percentage of 89.5, a 1.71 goals against average and suffering only one loss in 20 games.

The Dream Team pick had three shutouts, allowing 35 goals in 333 shots.

"He worked so hard to get back in the lineup," St. John said. "He's such an intelligent player, always thinking, and has tremendous focus. He never forgets where he is, knows where the puck is. He's always looking for the puck, communicating with his teammates."

SECOND TEAM

Dave Moss, Jr. forward, Redford CC: Moss led the Shamrocks with a plus 64, scoring 28 goals and 26 assists on a line with Bentley and Jim Spiewak.

The 6-foot-2, 170 pound left wing increased his role significantly in his second year on the team.

"His hand-eye coordination is unbelievable," St. John said. "He gets his stick on the puck any place on the ice. He's a very good skater and getting better. At the end of last year and this year he really came on."

John May, Sr. forward, Liv. Stevenson: The senior left winger was the Spartans' top point producer this year with 25 goals and 28 assists for 53 points. He had six goals and six assists outside the league.

May also made All-Suburban and All-State. He is a three-year varsity player.

"John is a natural goal scorer," Harris said. "He has soft hands and an eye for the open net.

"He's a jitterbug on skates. He knows how to juke pretty well."

Dan Cook, Sr. forward, Liv. Churchill: The third-year varsity performer finished the season with 42 points overall with 24 goals and 18 assists.

The Chargers' center was also voted All-Suburban.

"Dan is a goal scorer," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "He has a cannon of a shot. He scored goals against Catholic Central, Trenton, Port Huron Northern and East Kentwood.

"Competition-wise he's as good as it gets. He's not interested in scoring a bunch of goals against the last-place teams. He's a gamer and a competitor."

Tony Sala, Sr. forward., Liv. Franklin: The fourth-year varsity player finished his career with 103 points (51 goals-52 assists), No. 14 on the all-time scoring list.

This season the All-Suburban and All-State pick finished with 29 goals and 21 assists, responsible for nearly 69 percent of the team's scoring.

Sala also was voted team MVP and had the best plus-minus ranking.

"Tony is one of the top players in the SHSHL, if not the best," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "He played on all the special teams. Every coach in our league states what a great player he is."

Joel Halliday, Sr. forward, Redford Unified: Halliday is one of the original members of the RU program, playing on Redford Union's inaugural team in 1996-97.

He led the Panthers with 41 points, scoring 21 goals with 20 assists as a forward. He had a plus 36 and spent only 14 minutes in the penalty box, a low total considering his good size.

"Joel's one of the most coachable kids I've been around," Mazzoni said. "You ask him to do anything and he'll do it. He has good speed and lovest to go to the net. He's got a pretty big slap shot."

Ryan McBroom, Soph. goalie, Liv. Churchill: "Our best player hands down," Hatley said. "He adds another dimension to our team. He not only stops it, but plays the puck so well. He's so good at handling the puck."

The All-Suburban and All-State pick carried a 2.43 goals-against average.

"Ryan is very athletic," Hatley added. "He's a goaltender who makes it look so easy. He does a good job of squaring himself in the net. He's always moving in the right position."

McBroom, who came from the Compuware Midget Major team, plans to return next year for the Chargers.

"We'll build our team from the net on out next year," Hatley said.

THIRD TEAM

Adam Krug, Jr. forward, Liv. Churchill: At 5 feet, 6 inches, 120 pounds, Krug may be one of the smallest players in the league, but he made his presence known for the Chargers finishing the season with 18 goals and 23 assists.

"Adam is the smartest player I've ever coached," Hatley said. "he does the type of things that complement your best player.

"He has a good feel for the game and he plays well in his own zone."

Brad Holland, Sr. forward, Redford CC: Holland scored 14 goals and had 19 assists for a plus 41 and was perhaps the Shamrocks' top face-off man. The two-year letterwinner won 70 percent of his face-offs and had an even draw 13 percent of the time.

St. John said Holland excelled in both ends of the ice.

"He's the most improved player we had," St. John said. "And he has fantastic face-off skills. When we were playing in the playoff games, when the puck was in our zone, I'd throw him out there even if his line wasn't out there to take the faceoff and come back out when he got the chance.

"He's an outstanding defensive player, played well in our defensive zone. A lot of times you got a guy who is good on offense but key is can they play in all zones?"

Jim Spiewak, Soph. forward, Redford CC: St. John calls Spiewak "unquestionably a Division I" college prospect. Spiewak combined size and speed to score 18 goals and collect 25 assists with a plus 51.

Spiewak was the only goal scorer in the Shamrocks' 2-0 win over East Kentwood in the Class A state championship game.

"Certainly the single most exciting time was the state championship game but he's a tough hockey player who delivered some crushing checks," St. John said. "He's a bull."

Ryan Sinks, Sr. forward, Liv. Stevenson: The senior center finished the season with 16 goals and 21 assists for 37 points. He had six goals and six assists outside the league.

The All-Suburban pick missed two games during the season because of laryngitis.

"Ryan is a solid kid, a tank who can skate with a heavy, hard shot," Harris said.

Chris Williams, Sr. defenseman, Liv. Stevenson: A one-year varsity performer, Williams anchored the right side of the Spartans' defense en route to All-Suburban accolades.

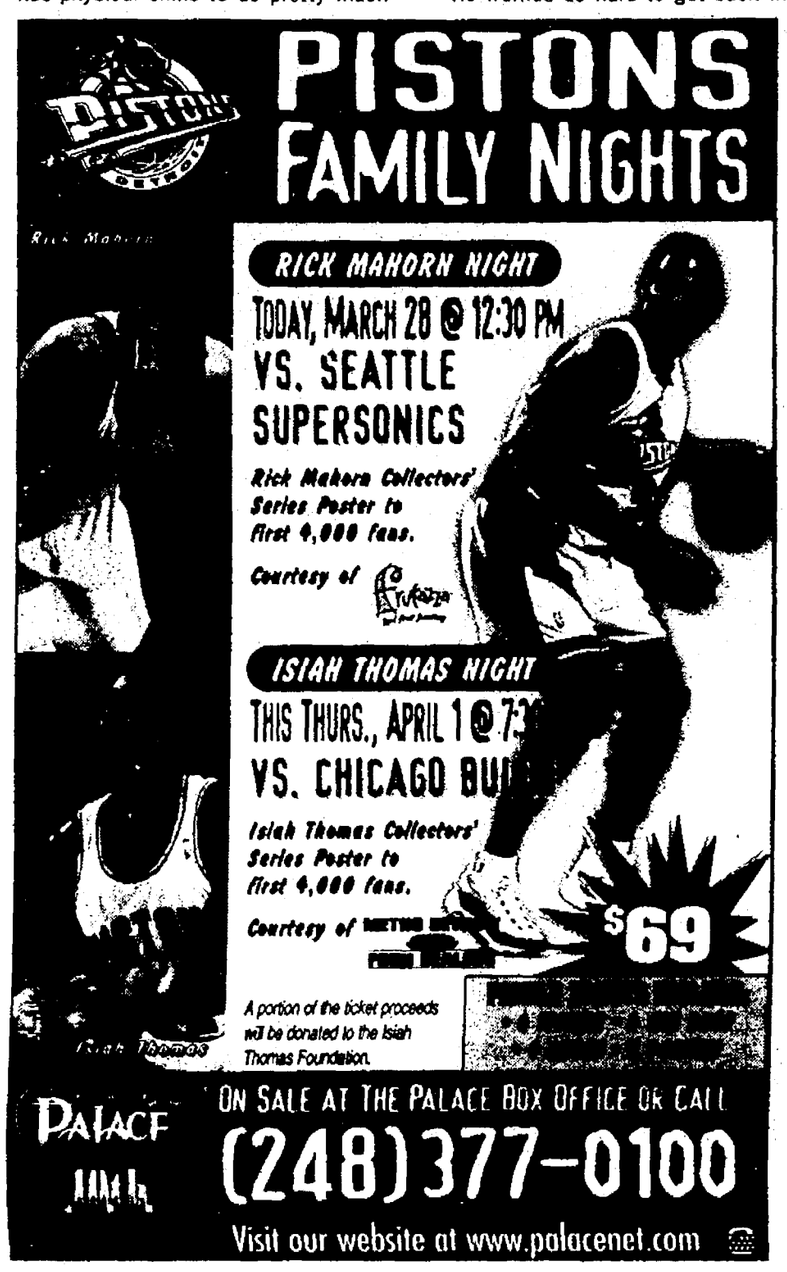
Williams had six goals and 19 assists.

"He's a gifted kid with a lot of common sense," Harris said. "He's a natural, our best defenseman. He quarterbacked our power play and killed penalties. He can skate or hit the open man coming out of our zone."

Kevin Marlowe, Soph. goalie, Liv. Stevenson: In 14 games, the sophomore gave up just 21 goals for a 1.62 goals against average. He finished with a 10-3 record and five shutouts.

In the league, Marlowe was even better giving up only eight goals in eight games (1.0 goals against).

"Kevin is a fundamentally-sound, hard-working and very focused goalie," Harris said. "He was a pleasure to have on the team."



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The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on an amendment to the Wayne County Code, Chapter 117 (County Investment Policy) to conform to recent changes in State Law.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1999, 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers Room 400
Wayne County Building
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Chargers' supporting cast looks strong in quest of WLAA title

BOYS TRACK PREVIEW

The Ryan Kearney Traveling Track and Field Show will be appearing at a athletic complex near you this spring.

Kearney will be leading Livonia Churchill's track team this season, not to mention more than a few college recruiters. If the recruiters don't show up with a full ride scholarship, they shouldn't show up.

Kearney, who earned All-State status last season, will try to repeat duplicate one of last season's more incredible track feats — going undefeated in dual meets at both hurdle distances as well as all the 100, 200 (22.2) and 400 (51.7) events he entered.

If Kearney entered it, everybody else was running for second place. At least until he got to the state meet.

Ryan was second in the state in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the 110. His times of 14.1 in the 110s and 38.6 in the 300s were the best in the area.

He also had a 6-4 high jump to rank among the Observland's best. All that makes him something to build around.

"Last year's team," Coach Rick Austin of the Chargers said, "was led by our distance crew. This year we have a little more balance, especially with the addition of some throwers, where we're three strong."

Churchill has Guy Diakow, whose best in the discus last year was 143-feet, 5-inches, plus juniors Mike Gaura and Joe Morelli in the throwing event."

"They give us a lot of scoring potential in the throws," Austin said.

Diakow is one of three captains Churchill has, the others being Kearney and John McCallum.

Churchill has some depth in the sprints, especially with the addition of Westland John Glenn transfer Devin White. Sophomores Eric Scott and Nate Picklehaupt plus junior Paul Karolak will also win points.

Backing Kearney in the hurdles (that's what they'll look at — his back) are Brant Hauck, who clocked 15.1 seconds at 110 meters and 41.3 at 300, sophomore Tim Styles and freshman Jeremy Morse.

McCallum was caught in 2:01.9 in the 800 last spring. Churchill's other mid-distance runners will be Josh Monthei and Joe Robinson plus juniors Jason Richmond and Aaron Vlk.

The pole vault will have Brandon LaPointe, whose best was an 11-6 last year, plus juniors Jason Bellanger and Steve Abar.

"We're looking for our freshman class to emerge," Austin said. "Several are beginning to, one being Andrew Ribar, a sprinter, as well as Morse."

White, who had a 20-4 jump last season, will score points in the long jump, along with 20-foot jumper Scott. Kearney, Hauck and Justin Urbanowcz are also expected to compete in that event.

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with, but not too many are seniors.

"This year, again," Magni said, "we'll have a big team like we do every year. Unfortunately, we lost a lot from last year, so we're not going to be as strong."

Every year Magni loses some of his seniors to warm weather. He has a policy that kids who miss practice time to take a vacation in spring break lose their spot on the team.

"We only have about 11 seniors, which really . . . I have a policy that if you go away over Easter, you don't run. So we lose a few there.

"We're pretty strong as far as our juniors and sophomores. As is the case every year, we have to have young kids step up and help us."

The Shamrocks will feature Nick Brzezinski in the shot put and discus, Dan Jess at 3,200 meters, Mike Morris in shot put, Jason Woehlke in the hurdles and sophomore John DiGiovanni at distances.

DiGiovanni qualified for the state meet in the mile as a freshman and had an outstanding cross country season last fall.

Kevin Miller has taken over as the new coach at Wayne Memorial and is anxious to put his own stamp on the program.

"I'm establishing what I want to do with the program and just have it grow," he said, "not just in numbers, but in quality.

"It's going to take some time. The kids are getting used to me. Any time you have a change, there's some getting used to, an adjustment period. We're working on the details.

"My goal over the next few years is to get the kids who do come out to get really serious about the sport. I want them to get in their minds what good quality is."

Over at Westland John Glenn, Coach Jess Shough is optimistic about the future because middle school track has been reinstated for this year.

"Our numbers are still lower than they have been in the past," said Shough, who suffered through his first losing season last spring. "We're still suffering the effects of not having middle school track recently.

"We have a lot of freshmen out, but we don't have as much strength as we have had in the past. This is the hardest working team I've had in a long time.

"Last year was the first losing season in my history of coaching. Bit I've wiped it out of my memory bank. We're looking to rebuild and we're working on it."

Football tailback Reggie Spearmon will be around to handle the sprints for the Rockets, hoping to pick up the slack for All-Observer 100 dash pick Harden James, while the Keyes brothers, hurdler Josh and distance runner Justin, will score points."

Over at Lutheran High School Westland, Coach Mike Unger is hopeful he'll have enough left to remain a power in the Metro Conference. The Warriors tied for first with Macomb Lutheran North.

"We're young," Unger said. "We have only five seniors on the team, out of 46 kids."

His team was unbeaten in dual meets last season but was edged out by Lutheran North in the conference meet, which created the title tie.

"I would anticipate they will be the team to beat again," Unger said.

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Katie Rozum tallied the game-winning goal with 15 minutes to play Friday, giving host Livonia Ladywood a season-opening 2-1 girls soccer victory over Woodhaven.

Kelley McLean assisted on the game-winner.

Rookie coach Jill Lugsdon also won in her debut as the Blazers' varsity coach.

"Our field was in excellent shape, it was a good match and our team is coming together very well," Lugsdon said.

Andrea Schimmel's first-half goal from Emily Zakem gave Ladywood a 1-0 lead.

But Woodhaven's Lindsey Riley tied it in the second half.

Stefanie Stachura helped spearhead the Blazers' offensive attack, according to Lugsdon.

Other strong performances came from stopper Kristen Whalen and sweeper Jenny Drabik.

Lugsdon used pair of goalkeepers to beat the Lady Warriors.

Allison Kehrs played the opening half, while Liz Obrect finished up.

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"For the first time in my three years," Austin said, "we've got a little bit of depth in all areas. We'll be able to spread a few guys around. Our guys are working hard, they want to achieve their goal."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Coach John Gores of Livonia Stevenson has three throwers he should be able to count on this season — Brad Arsenault, Dustin Willim and Kurt Pfankuch. Willim had a best of 146-feet in the discus last year.

The Spartans' primary hurdlers entering the season are Brian Jones and Mike Cervi. In the sprints, they will run Justin Goodreau and James Bartche while Matt Freeborn, who clocked 50.9 seconds last year, and Chris Mills are the chief 400 runners.

Stevenson will rely on Steve Kecskemeti and Eric Mink in the middle distances while in the distances, the Spartans feature Joe Verellen, Eric Bohn and probably Matt Nizol.

Tony Wright will compete in the long jump and high jump while Dan Ferris will go in the high jump.

"We have one freshman who looks very good," Gores said. "Dan Howery in the sprints seems to be doing very well. And David Navarro looks like he's going to be a good 200-400 type."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Coach Dale Lee of Livonia Franklin has good senior leadership on his squad.

One of his keys will be Pat Hayes, who spent the winter working out with Churchill's hurdling star Kearney.

Hayes had times of 15.1 seconds in the 110 hurdles and 42.2 in the 300. The senior will be backed in his event by senior John Turner and junior Dennis Kusziak.

Pat Broderick will work the sprints along with the long jump while Corey Harris and junior Dusty Hall will also work the jumps.

"We had a kid come out this year we've been trying to get out for a couple of years," Lee said, "Dave Fisher. He's a soccer star who's going to Madonna University next year. He'll make a difference for us."

In the 800, the Patriots will feature Nick Houstalakis and junior Ryan Kracht. Kevin Schneider, who put up a 52.6 in the 800 last year, will run the 80 and 1,600. Mike Schultz and Chris Jaskot will also compete at 1,600 meters.

In the distances, Josh Burt, who had a 4:25.7 in the 1,600, and sophomore Steve Stewart will score points.

"Stewart had an outstanding cross country season for us," Lee said. Junior Nate Hensman will do the throwing events with 13-3 pole vaulter Ryan Shiplett expected to be among the area's best.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Over at Redford Catholic Central, coach Tony Magni said his Shamrocks will be "be strong in the shot put and discus.

"We'll be pretty decent at the distance events, the half-mile, mile and two-mile. We have a good hurdler, but we still need some help in the quarter mile and relays.

"In the Catholic League, Birmingham Brother Rice and Orchard Lake St. Mary's will be be tough. In our region, Plymouth Salem and Westland John Glenn should be strong."

Magni's top thrower should be Nick Brzezinski, who last spring had a 47-2 in the shot put and threw the discus 154-feet.

Dan Jess had a best time of 9:41.3 at 3,200 while Jason Woehlke, who turned in a 15.3, cracked the area's top ten in hurdles last season. Jess also will run in the sprint relays.

Lou Willoughby will also run the speed distances while Brent Barrick is a top long jumper.

Junior Mike Morris recorded a 48-6 last season that was one of the area's best shot put distances. Also throwing the shot and discus will be John Kava.

Rod Hunt will run hurdles and compete in the high jump while Jeff Haller will provide points at distances.

Magni has one of the top sophomores in Observerland in John DiGiovanni, who qualified for the state meet in the metric mile as a freshman and turned in an outstanding cross country season last fall. DiGiovanni had a 4:29.8 at 1,600 meters and 9:57.1 at 3,200.

Sophomore Matt Daly was good in the mile and two-mile.

"Hopefully," Magni said, "some other ones will step up and do better as season goes along."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

The Zebras have a new coach, Kevin Miller, who is beginning to put his stamp on the Wayne Memorial program.

"I'm still getting to know everybody," Miller said. "We just got outside recently. So I haven't had a chance to do a lot with the field events.

"As far as measuring the success of the season, we're not necessarily going to do it by wins and losses, but by individual improvement."

Miller said he can see Joe Jinnett breaking two minutes in the 800 this year.

Sean Bomar is "wanting to get close to or break 50 seconds in the 400 this year," Miller said, "and we're going to push him. It will be a stretch, but if he really commits to it, it will be possible for him."

Running back Kwame Hampton just missed qualifying for the state meet in the high hurdles last season and is back to try again.

"Since football," Miller said, "he's been nursing a knee injury. We're trying to get him 100 percent. He's also a long jumper who did 19-8 last year. He could go well over 20 feet — and he's only a junior.

"We've got a lot of new kids. This is a young team, which is good. We have fresh potential in the sprints.

"There's Antoine Austine, he has some quick feet. We'll see him develope. Shaun McLean, one of our distance runners, is a freshman. We'll see him come on anywhere from 800 to 1,600 even into the 3,200."

He also has high hopes for another freshman, Steve Baxendale.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Coach Jeff Shough thinks the trough has been reached and things are back on the way up at Westland John Glenn.

"We have a few (new) kids out I think are going to help us," Shough said. "A junior we have out for the first time whom I think is going to do quite well is Marty Sims, from sprinting to jumping.

"Then from soccer we've got John Sterling. Nick Hudson from football (where he played quarterback) is a good athlete so I'm sure he's going to help us also. As will junior Nick Paddock, a sprinter."

Kevin Derwich will compete at the middle distances and on sprint relays, Kevin Durigon will go from middle to the longer distances plus relays. Eric Sleep is another of the Rockets' distance runners.

The Keyes brothers will also contribute quite a bit.

Hurdler Josh missed qualifying for the state meet in the 300 by .01 of a second. He'll run both hurdles, plus relays.

Brother Justin Keyes will run the distances plus a relay or two.

Kaven Huguley and Ja-Vonn Perkins will help football star Reggie Spearmon in the sprints. Spearmon clocked an 11.2 last year and will also run in the speed relays.

Rickey Wells is switching from the throwing events to sprinting and jumping this spring.

John Glenn has five captains and one of them is distance runner P. J. Wolocko. Derrick Jalrala is one of Shough's throwers.

Among Shough's junior returning lettermen is hurdler/sprinter Dorian Brown. Others include thrower James Doherty, vaulter Joe Reilly and distance runner Matt Wrenn.

Sophomores who won letters last year include jumper Brandon Allison, who will also run middle distances, plus sprinter Brandon Chandler.

High jumper Darnell Dorris, distance runner Mark Parent and thrower Nick Samples are other key John Glenn sophmores..

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

A young team needs to get old in a hurry to help Lutheran High School Westland defend the Metro Conference title it shared last year with Macomb Lutheran North.

One of the best the Warriors present is hurdler/long jumper Ryan Ollinger. He qualified for the state meet in those events last year, placing fourth in the long jump at the state meet.

Ollinger had a 20-8 best in the long jump last season. He also ran 15.1 in the low hurdles and 41.3 in the intermediate.

High jumper Brian Soos and discuss/shot putter Brian Rose, will score for Lutheran High Westland.

Clint Gowen, in the 400 and Adam Voigt, probably in the 800 and 1,600 relay will score points as will Gowen in the 800 and 1600.

Juniors Unger is counting on include hurdler/vaulters Ryan Noel, and Jason Davis. Twins Steve and Jason McFall will work the distances. Other distance runners include Clark Covert and Brian Block.

Throwing the shot put Andy McLaughlin. Richard Wilson will try the spints and short relays.

Sophomores to watch include sprinter/relay runner Jake Nuoffer, thrower Ernie Feckler, hurdlers Derek Blas and Brian Woehlke. Mat Rae is hopeful of earning a spot at 800.

Freshmen include Andy Moldenhauer and Mike Clark in the sprints plus Justin Combs in the 400.

Girls track preview will appear in Thursday's Observer.

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All-Observer

Western Lakes trio dominates honors team

The Big Three in Observerland — Plymouth Salem, Livonia Stevenson and North Farmington — had a dominating influence on the 1999 All-Observer swimming and diving team.

All three had successful years.

Salem won its seventh straight Western Lakes Activities Association title; North Farmington was undefeated in dual meets with victories over the other two, and Stevenson had the highest finish at the state meet.

In the Class A championships, the Spartans were 10th, Raiders 11th and Rocks 12th with four points separating the three.

Each team has four individuals on the All-Observer first and second teams. Salem relays earned two first-team berths; all three North Farmington relays were recognized and one Stevenson relay.

This year's all-area team has five repeat selections — Stevenson's Keith Falk and Joe Bublitz, Redford Catholic Central's Ryan Meekins, North Farmington's Matt Zald and Salem's Brian Mertens.

Zald, Meekins and Falk scored in two individual events each at the state meet. Salem's Andrew Locke, Westland John Glenn's James McPartlin and Bublitz scored in one apiece.

The 1999 All-Observer team:

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Keith Falk, 200 freestyle, Stevenson: Falk, a four-time member of the All-Observer team, finished third in the 200 freestyle (1:42.25) and sixth in the 500 freestyle (4:41.3) at the state meet. He was the WLAA champion in both events.

His leadoff time of 47.43 in the 400 freestyle relay would have put him 11th in the 100 freestyle at the state meet.

Falk's state-meet time in the 200 freestyle is a school record. The four-time all-stater scored nine times in the state meet (six individual swims and three relays).

"Keith is one of the best swimmers ever at Stevenson High," coach Doug Buckler said. "He's a very hard worker, and he always gives his all for the team.

"Keith can swim all the events and excels at all of them. He's a leader in and out of the pool. He is very disciplined in his training and will do very well at the next level."

Joe Bublitz, 200 IM, Stevenson: Bublitz finished third in the individual medley at the state meet with a time of 1:53.82 and has a chance to post an All-American time.

He also was the Western Lakes champion in the 200 IM and finished second in the backstroke (a school record in 54.38).

Stevenson's 400 freestyle relay team also took 10th in Class A as Bublitz recorded an impressive 100 split of 46.43.

"Joe's time in the 200 IM is the fastest IM I have ever coached," Buckler said. "Joe is just a sophomore, but he is already one of the best swimmers in Stevenson history.

"I look for great things out of Joe the next two years. He's very coachable and is a great all-around man.

"You will see great times out of Joe before his career is over at Stevenson."

Matt Zald, 50 freestyle, N. Farmington: Zald finished fifth in the state and broke his own school record in the Class A prelims with a time of 21.54. He also set a North Farmington pool record of 21.68.

Zald was the Oakland County and Western Lakes champion in the 50, he was undefeated in dual meets, too. Zald also placed 11th in the 100 freestyle (47.64) at the state meet.

Andrew Locke, 50 freestyle, Salem: Locke had the fastest 50 freestyle time in the area, swimming 21.19 in the state meet prelims. He placed sixth in the state finals and was the WLAA runner-up.

Locke, who was named MVP of the Salem team, was on the All-America 200 freestyle relay team last year. He was All-WLAA this year in the medley relay, 100 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay.

"Andrew has been one of the area's best sprinters the past four years," coach Chuck Olson said. "As a senior, he proved to be one of the best in the state."

Joe Lebovic, diving, N. Farmington: Lebovic was undefeated in dual meets with a high score of 261.75, which is also an Observerland best. He placed seventh in the Oakland County meet (357.65) and the regional (366.95), the latter qualifying him for state. Lebovic was a four-time qualifier for the county meet.

James McPartlin, butterfly, Westland Glenn: McPartlin capped an outstanding career by finishing eighth in the 100 butterfly at the state meet with an area-best time of 52.64. He was the Western Lakes champion in the butterfly (54.57).

Glenn's MVP also finished fourth in the Western Lakes in the 200 freestyle (1:50.34). McPartlin also excels in the classroom, carrying a cumulative 3.85 grade-point average.

"James has had an outstanding swimming and academic career at Glenn," coach Jim Daniel said. "He is one of the best swimmers in the school's history. Young men like James don't come into your program often. We will miss him very much."

Ryan Meekins, 100 freestyle, Redford CC: Meekins set a school record in the 100 freestyle (46.58), and he qualified for the state meet in the 100 and 200 freestyle.

Meekins placed sixth in the 100 freestyle (47.12) and 11th in the 200 freestyle (1:46.37) at state. He was second in the 50 and 100 freestyle at the Catholic League meet.

"Ryan is a very talented, dedicated kid," CC coach Danny Knipper said. "His work habits are incredible, and the result of his hard work earned him a varsity record and two places at the state meet. We have only begun to see what Ryan is capable of doing."

Brian Mertens, 500 freestyle, Salem: Mertens is a two-time state qualifier in the 500 freestyle and had one of the area's best times at 4:56.94. He finished third in the WLAA meet.

"Brian has been one of the leaders in training his first two years at Plymouth Salem," Olson said. "Brian has been a top performer in the area and, I believe, is determined to be a top performer in the state the next two years."

Devin Hopper, backstroke, Farmington: Hopper was named the MVP of the Farmington team and was the high-point scorer for the Falcons. His best time in the breaststroke was 55.81, breaking his own school record. Hopper was third in the WLAA meet and was a state qualifier.

"Devin has shown outstanding leadership qualities and will be a team captain next year," Farmington coach Ross Bandy said.

Adam Farber, breaststroke, N. Farmington: Farber swam the fastest breaststroke time (1:02.68) in Observerland during a dual meet with Salem. He was undefeated in duals and qualified for the county and state meets. He was second in the WLAA behind Northville's Mark Kowalski.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

200 medley, Salem: Eric Lynn, Andrew Locke, Paul Perez and Aaron Shelton were 10th in the state meet and second in the WLAA. Their state meet time of 1:39.9 was the best in Observerland and merits All-America consideration. All four swimmers have 3.0 or better grade points. Locke leads the way with a 3.6.

"These four young men always got the Salem team going in the first event with consistent high energy performances," Olson said.

200 freestyle, Salem: Andrew Locke, Matt Casillas, Aaron Shelton and Mike Johnson won the WLAA championship and finished fifth in the Class A finals. Their time of 1:27.28 at the state meet was the best in Observerland this year.

400 freestyle, N. Farmington: Brandon Digia, Matt Zald, Jim Gabriel and Mark Wachsberg placed eighth in the state meet with a time of 3:14.23, the best swim by an area team this year. The Raiders would've been WLAA champions but were disqualified. They also set a North Farmington pool record of 3:18.51.

SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Matt Casillas, 200 freestyle, Salem: Casillas was a state qualifier in the 200 freestyle, had one of the area's best times at 1:49.10 and finished third in the WLAA. The team captain also was a member of Salem's state-qualifying 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams.

"Matt has been one of the most improved swimmers on the Salem team the past two years," Olson said. "His abilities in any stroke at any distance make him very valuable to the team success. This is why he has been important in Salem winning the WLAA all four years."

Paul Perez, 200 IM, Salem: Perez had the top Observerland time after the Stevenson duo of Keith Falk and Joe Bublitz at 2:04.26. At the WLAA meet, he was third in the IM with that time, as well as second in the butterfly (55.64). Perez also was a member of Salem's all-state medley and 400 freestyle relay teams.

"Paul had an outstanding conference meet with four swims being all-conference," Olson said. "His versatility allows for so much flexibility in our lineups that the team success is easy to understand. Paul is going to be even more important the next two years."

Chris McFarland, diving, Westland Glenn: McFarland set a school record this season with a six-dive total of 257.20 points. He also finished sixth at the regional with an 11-dive total of 377.60 en route to a 28th-place finish at the state meet. McFarland also took third at the Western Lakes meet.

"Chris has one of the toughest diving lists in the state," Glenn assistant coach Randy Ferguson said. "He improved tremendously this year and will be a top-12 contender in the state next year."

Brett Meconis, butterfly, Redford CC: Meconis proved to be one of the state's best freshmen, qualifying for the Class A meet in the butterfly. His time of 54.39 seconds was 22nd at the state meet.

"Brett is a determined swimmer," Knipper said. "As soon as his drive to work catches up with his fast swimming, he could be one of the state's best butterfliers."

Brandon Digia, 100 freestyle, N. Farmington: Digia was a state qualifier in the 100 freestyle, and his best time of 48.85 gave him second place in the conference meet. He also went to state in the 200 freestyle and was a key relay swimmer for the Raiders, too.

Justin Ketterer, 500 freestyle, Stevenson: Ketterer ranked fourth in the area in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:04.58.

He also finished in the top six for the second consecutive year in the WLAA in the 500. This season he took fifth with a clocking of 5:11.44.

"Justin has done a fine job his first two years at Stevenson," Buckler said. "With a harder off-season training program this year, we think Justin will become a great swimmer at Stevenson.

"Justin trains very hard, he knows what it takes to become very good, and I believe he has two very good seasons left here."

Aaron Reeder, backstroke, Canton: Reeder swam his best time of 56.27 in the Class A prelims and finished 29th overall. He was fourth in the WLAA meet at 56.35.

Kevin VanTiem, breaststroke, Stevenson: VanTiem ranked third in Observerland in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.97. At the WLAA meet, VanTiem took eighth.

"Kevin was one of the hardest workers we had on our team team this year," Buckler said. "He leads in the pool as well as out of the pool.

"I enjoy coaching Kevin. He is a real good person with a great team attitude. Kevin will be a great leader for our team next year, and we look forward to working with him."

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS

200 medley, N. Farmington: Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Mark Wachsberg and Matt Zald won the WLAA championship (1:40.37) and were 17th in the state meet (1:40.88). Their conference time was the second best in Observerland.

200 freestyle, N. Farmington: Brandon Digia, Mark Wachsberg, Jim Gabriel and Matt Zald finished seventh in the state meet (1:28.0) and set a school record in the process. The Raiders also set a pool record with a 1:29.65 swim.

400 freestyle, Stevenson: Keith Falk, Brad Buckler, Mike Malik and Joe Bublitz won the WLAA championship (3:18.6) and finished 10th in the state meet (3:15.28).

"These guys did a great job with this relay," Buckler said. "They all swam their best times in the relay, which goes to show how much they think *team* over themselves.

"Mike Malik did a fine job and helped to make the whole team better. Brad Buckler swam with a lot of heart. He and Mike were top-six in two events in the league meet.

"Great time, guys — a real good job!"

ALL-AREA

1999 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SWIM TEAM

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

200-yard freestyle

1. Keith Falk, senior, Livonia Stevenson
2. Matt Casillas, senior, Plymouth Salem

200-yard individual medley

1. Joe Bublitz, sophomore, Liv. Stevenson
2. Paul Perez, sophomore, Ply. Salem

50-yard freestyle

1. Matt Zald, senior, North Farmington
1. Andrew Locke, senior, Plymouth Salem

Diving

1. Joe Lebovic, senior, North Farmington
2. Chris McFarland, sophomore, W. Glenn

100-yard butterfly

1. James McPartlin, senior, Wstld. Glenn
2. Brett Meconis, freshman, Redford CC

100-yard freestyle

1. Ryan Meekins, senior, Redford CC
2. Brandon Digia, junior, North Farmington

500-yard freestyle

1. Brian Mertens, sophomore, Ply. Salem
2. Justin Ketterer, sophomore, Stevenson

100-yard backstroke

1. Devin Hopper, junior, Farmington
2. Aaron Reeder, junior, Ply. Canton

100-yard breaststroke

1. Adam Farber, sophomore, N. Farmington
2. Kevin VanTiem, junior, Liv. Stevenson

RELAY EVENTS

200-yard medley relay

1. Plymouth Salem (freshman Eric Lynn, senior Andrew Locke, sophomore Paul Perez, sophomore Aaron Shelton)
2. North Farmington (junior Jim Gabriel, sophomore Adam Farber, senior Mark Wachsberg, senior Matt Zald)

200-yard freestyle relay

1. Plymouth Salem (senior Andrew Locke, senior Matt Casillas, sophomore Aaron Shelton, freshman Mike Johnson)
2. North Farmington (junior Brandon Digia, senior Mark Wachsberg, junior Jim Gabriel, senior Matt Zald)

400-yard freestyle relay

1. North Farmington (junior Brandon Digia, senior Mark Wachsberg, junior Jim Gabriel, senior Matt Zald)
2. Livonia Stevenson (senior Keith Falk, junior Brad Buckler, senior Mike Malik, sophomore Joe Bublitz)

HONORABLE MENTION

(state qualifiers)

Kurtis Horacek, Plymouth Canton; Joe Brazunas, Redford Catholic Central

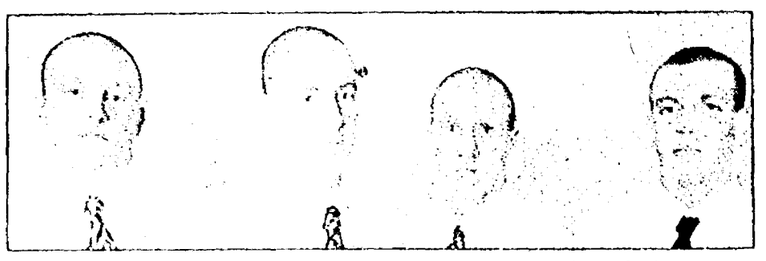
Salem medley relay: *Paul Perez (left to right), Andrew Locke (seated), Eric Lynn and Aaron Shelton.*

Salem 200 freestyle relay: *Andrew Locke (left to right), Matt Casillas (seated), Mike Johnson, Aaron Shelton.*

North Farmington 400 freestyle relay: *Jim Gabriel (left), Mark Wachsberg (seated), Brandon Digia (middle) and Matt Zald (right).*

North medley relay: *Jim Gabriel, Mark Wachsberg (seated), Adam Farber and Matt Zald*

North 200 freestyle relay: *Brandon Digia, Mark Wachsberg (seated), Jim Gabriel and Matt Zald.*



Stevenson 400 freestyle relay: *Brad Buckler (left to right), Joe Bublitz, Keith Falk and Mike Malik.*

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RECREATION & BOWLING

NRC tackles baiting

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

BILL PARKER

The baiting controversy rages on.

The state Natural Resource Commission is accepting public comment at its monthly meetings through June on deer regulations for the 1999 season.

While the commission expects to hear from hunters on many issues from buck and antlerless deer harvest quotas to season lengths and starting dates, the top issue of concern among many hunters is what to do, if anything, about baiting.

The issue of baiting is expected to be discussed in depth and decided at the NRC's April 7-8 meeting at the Four Points Sheraton, 4960 Towne Center Road, in Saginaw.

In Michigan it's legal for hunters to use bait such as corn, apples, carrots, or sugar beats to lure deer into range for a clean shot.

Until recently there has been no biological data to support the idea that baiting has an adverse affect on the deer herd or a deer's ability to locate wild food.

However, the outbreak of Bovine tuberculosis in Michigan's white-tailed deer herd has raised serious concern that the nose-to-nose contact that occurs at bait piles perpetuates the disease.

"The disease (TB) outbreak in Michigan has caused us to reevaluate the notion that baiting is only a social problem," said Becky Humphries, DNR Wildlife Division chief. "There may be real biological issues associated with baiting deer and the potential for other disease outbreaks when animals are concentrated at bait sites."

TB is a serious disease caused by several bacteria that attack the respiratory system. It is primarily spread through the air through coughing and sneezing. Animals in close nose-to-nose contact, such as deer at a bait pile, are susceptible to catching the disease.

The TB outbreak in northeastern Michigan came to light in 1994 when a hunter shot an infected deer on a private club in Alpena County.

Deer Management Unit 452 was established so the DNR could closely monitor deer activity and the TB prevalence rates in the infected area. DMU 452 now encompasses the entire five-county area — Alcona, Alpena, Oscoda, Montmorency and Presque Isle - in which the outbreak has occurred.

As of Jan. 20 of this year, 17,157 deer from DMU 452 had been tested and 228 turned up positive or suspect for Bovine TB.

In addition, some 23,441 head of live stock in the area have been tested and three cattle herds — one in Alpena County and two in Alcona County — tested positive and were destroyed.

The disease has also spread into carnivorous animals in the area. Five coyotes, two raccoons and one black bear tested positive for TB.

This isn't too surprising since these animals will eat the carcass and viscera of a dead deer and most likely contacted the disease this way.

DMU 452 is comprised largely of private land and private hunting clubs. Prior to last year, when the NRC imposed a five-gallon bait limit on the ground in DMU 452, it was common practice at many of these clubs, and on private lands in other areas of the state, to establish unconscionable bait piles.

These enormous bait piles often consisted of hundreds, even thousands of pounds of bait. They attracted hundreds of deer, which would feed side-by-side, nose-to-nose, coughing, wheezing and breathing on each other.

This excessive interpretation of the baiting law, which not only brought deer nose-to-nose, but also supported unnatural deer numbers which exceeded the carrying capacity of the land, is thought to be a large part of the reason the disease has maintained itself in a free-ranging wildlife population.

The NRC is expected to decide at its April meeting what it should do about baiting in the rest of the state.

It has four options.

The commission can choose to do nothing and leave things the way they are. It can outlaw baiting completely. It can establish a five-gallon on the ground limit, or it can establish a five-gallon per-day limit.

Let me set the record straight right now. I am not against baiting.

What do you think?

Let the NRC know how you feel.

Make the trip up to Saginaw next month and attend the NRC meeting. Public comment is welcome beginning at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7.

Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

Roadkill resurfaces in spring

NATURE NOTES

TIM NOWICKI

While driving home from work the other day I saw a sign that spring had sprung — roadkills.

Skunks, raccoons and woodchucks are now on the roadkill list. During winter, rabbits, squirrels and, depending where you are, the occasional deer were seen, but now we have even more selection to view.

In winter, when the temperature is cold, skunks, raccoons and opossum are resting securely in a hole or hollow of a tree.

If the weather warms up enough they will emerge, search for food, then return back to their resting site when it gets cold. These short forays do not put them in jeopardy very often.

Now that the weather is staying warm, compared to winter temperatures, those resting animals need to find food to fatten up for summer.

Spring is also a very difficult time to find food. All winter long animals that remained active searched high and low for enough food to survive.

By this time of the year there is little left, so animals must search farther to find food. Searching a larger area often puts them at odds with the Firestones and Goodyears.

I think woodchucks must have a very hard time in spring. They have been hibernating since October.

After eating and eating in fall to give them the Sumo wrestler look, in spring they come out of hibernation looking like ballerinas. Hibernating woodchucks, or groundhogs as they are sometimes called, loose 30-50 percent of their weight before emerging in spring.

A primary motivating factor for woodchuck hibernation is the lack of green grass to feed on during winter. Even in early spring grass is not green yet, so they must search for something edible.

They, too, often cross roads in search of green pastures.

Not only do they have to search for food, but they must get their body moving after six months in the fetal position.

They must be weak, stiff and generally groggy when they first arise. This may make them more vulnerable when crossing roads, although I know I see plenty of them as roadkills during the summer when they are fat, sassy and eating garden plants.

But somehow I feel a little more sorry for those woodchucks that just awoke after surviving a long winter, only to fall victim to the Michelin.

Crows and other scavengers will find more food available because of the increase in roadkills at a time when they will start raising their young.

Fortunately for you and I the warm weather allows fungi, insects and bacteria to grow and start decomposing those roadkills. Ever notice how long roadkills last after the temperature turns cold?

I've seen some that remained intact all winter.

Well, I tried to end with a silver lining to this depressing tai(l)e of spring.

Give the animals a brake if you possibly can.

Vacation goes south

TEN-PIN ALLEY

AL HARRISON

While you were still shoveling away the last vestiges of Winter, Sandy and I were touring the deep South.

The itinerary was to visit relatives in Atlanta, then tour the historic cities of Savannah and Charleston.

Thankfully, the old Dodge van ran perfectly well even with 115,000-plus miles on it.

No, I did not bring my bowling ball along as the open rates to bowl are much higher than in our area.

The cannonballs stacked up at Fort Sumter kind of resemble bowling balls except they are cast iron and weigh about 60 pounds each.

The Charleston, S.C., daily newspaper runs a weekly bowling report similar to this, but featuring mostly local honor roll scores from about six different houses.

One tourist attraction we missed was the Biltmore House in Asheville, N.C., built by George Vanderbilt in 1887. It is the largest private home in America, situated on 8,000 acres.

The 250-room mansion includes an indoor gymnasium, swimming pool and bowling alley. If only I had brought along my bowling ball.

■ Current leaders in the Hamtramck singles:

Handicap singles — Daniel Gohschling 875 plus-168/1,043;

Scratch singles — Jason Johnson of Farmington Hills, 1,009; eight-game singles, Gary Roe 2,013;

Ladies singles — Sandy Winbigler, 970 plus-20/990;

Seniors singles — Lou Dupuis 892 plus-100/992;

Doubles — Rick and James Bertrand, 1,960; Tim Garrett of Garden City and Randy Pierce of Canton, 1,937.

■ Watch the April Fool's Day "Drew Carey Show" and you could strike it rich, according to the ad in People magazine (March 29 issue).

The show airs at 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 on ABC. You could win a bowling match with Drew plus $100,000 cash.

You have to spot what's wrong in the April Fools Day show and send in your entry. Check out the ad on page 35 for rules.

■ Among the many topics and activities at the annual American Bowling Congress convention in Syracuse, N.Y. last week was the announcement of the new web site on the internet.

It is www.bowl.com and will be the most comprehensive internet site for bowling.

It will provide a broad range of information and news about the industry including all Bowling, Inc. membership organizations; schedules and news of major professional and amateur competitions; the ability to register for tournaments on-line, view event results in real time and links to all major bowling sites.

It will also have a merchandising component, so consumers can purchase bowling merchandise on-line. Also included is interactive entertainment such as shock wave games.

■ In the recent National Seniors Bowling Association event, held Saturday March 13 at Fairlanes, it was out-stater Dave Cushion of Williamston who qualified 15th.

Cushion defeated Bill Maynard of Lansing 268-223 in his first match and then edged James Dickinson of Detroit, 195-190.

Dave's semifinal match was against Tom Johannes which Dave again won, this time with a big cushion, 269-182.

The final match proved to be the most exciting in the five-year history of the NSBA.

Mike Surdyk of Redford provided the opposition and he started with the first seven strikes against Cushion's spare and five strikes.

In the seventh frame, Cushion left a nine-pin and missed it to give Surdyk a 25-pin lead after seven frames.

Surdyk then ran into a five pin split and converted only two to see his lead shaved to 12 pins. Throwing first in the 10th, Surdyk could have shut Cushion out with two strikes.

However he got only the first one. Cushion, working on a strike in the ninth, got all three in the 10th to tie the match and force a roll-off.

In the first roll-off they again tied and had to do it again. This time Dave Cushion prevailed, 39-28, and took home the winner's check of $750.

Surdyk had to beat out Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield to get to the finals and cash a second place check of $350.

The next NSBA event will be Saturday, April 10 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. For information or entries call (248) 932-LANE.

■ I did not realize there are women bowlers now in the Men's traveling All-Stars.

They send in regular results of the competition with averages, high games and all, but unless Lisa and Stacey are men's names, there are really a couple of gals now competing at this higher level of competitive bowling.

Lisa Keough has 75 games and a 207 average and Stacey Sullins shows only three games and a 186 average.

Kelley Bennett of Auburn Hills leads in averages with 225.66 after 59 games. Dan Ottman of Troy is second at 224.89.

Thirteen bowlers have averages of 220 or more, and this is a travel league, where it is much harder to maintain an average than in one house every week.

Locals will have a chance to come on down and watch these guys (oops!) beginning at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at Mayflower Lanes.

PRO TIP OF THE WEEK

Todd Stuart
Cherry Hill Lanes

Todd Stuart is the manager of Stus' Championship Bowling & Trophy pro shop in Cherry Hill Lanes located at Cherry Hill and Inkster roads.

Todd recently rolled his fourth 300 game and second 800 series. He also averages around 217 at Skore Lanes and 224 in the Saturday mixed at Ford Lanes.

Todd Stuart would like to advise all bowlers on the care and feeding of bowling balls.

"Reactive resin balls are the most commonly used today," Stuart says, "and the most important part of any resin ball is the surface on it."

He recommends having it resurfaced about every 150 games or so. Once reactive resin balls track up, they do not react like they did when new.

That is the big difference between resins and urethane balls. On urethane balls, you want to get a track on it. On resin balls you want to make sure the track doesn't get as deep because that eats into the coverstock of the ball.

Take it in to any pro shop to have it done," says Stuart, who has a Haus resurfacing machine which takes about forty minutes to do the job.

The same goes for pearlized resin balls. This procedure would also work for the newer pro actives, too. It will extend the life of those expensive reactive resin balls.

Urethane balls are more brittle, so they do not track up as easily. They tend to last longer.

Stuart recommends urethane balls be sanded, about once every four to six weeks depending on how much you bowl. Any pro shop will be able to do this.

It helps the urethane ball react better to the lane. Use a good ball cleaner once a week on the resins to keep them tacky.

There are lots of good cleaners out. Check with the pro shop on this item.

Squeaky Clean and Rev-it are the more popular ones out now. A good cleaner will help maintain a good tacky finish on the ball.

Keep in mind that you can have a good resurfacing job done about three or four times before the ball has about had it.

For the average bowler that means perhaps once a year, so a resin ball may last about four years.

The important thing in care of the ball is to clean it once a week. It will last longer and work better for you.

Todd was once asked for a clue as to when ball needs to be resurfaced.

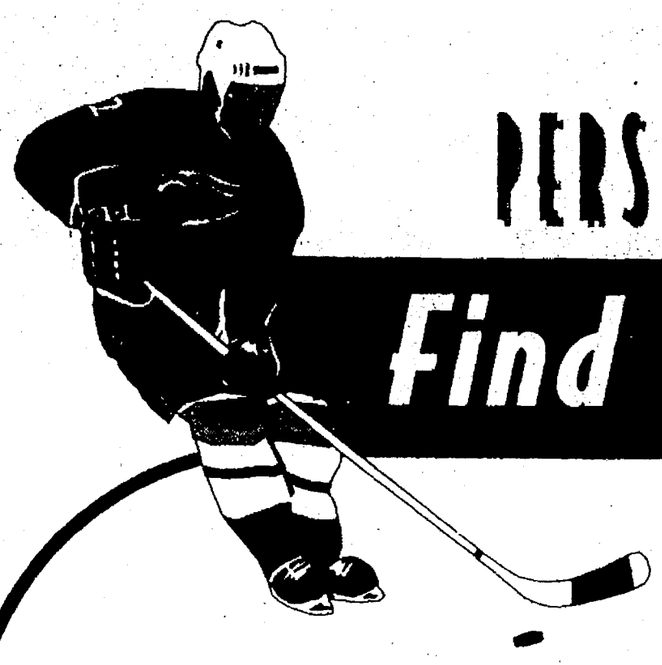
"If you have a high performance resin ball and you are getting out of the ball good, but it is not carrying over two or three weeks in a row, that tells you to get resurfaced."

As for polyester plastic balls, they can be put into the cleaning machine, or even resurfaced at the pro shop.

Todd cautions anyone against the Mark Martin method of putting the ball in the oven to heat it and sweat out the oil. This is can be very damaging to the chemicals used to manufacture the ball.

Some pro shops have a special heat unit which is designed to do this, but please, do not try it at home unless your fire department is very close by.

If you have any questions on the care and feeding of your bowling ball, call Todd Stuart at (313) 278-0959.



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Women Seeking Men

Ad of The Week

SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL
Yes-she-is. Good-looking professional blonde, 40, medium build, enjoys getaways, plays, tennis, and the unexpected. Desires handsome, professional, N/S, with balance, acceptance, and boundaries. ☎3304

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OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST
SWPF, 36, seeks SWPM, 30-45, N/S. Do you enjoy backpacking, skiing, outdoors, exotic food, plays and traveling? If so, I'd like to meet you! ☎3190

LOOKING FOR FUN
Attractive SWF, 31, 5'10", blonde, who loves long walks, holding hand, movies, etc. Seeking tall SM, 33-43, who has morals and is looking for a fun relationship. ☎3369

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?
SWF, 25, 5'9", single mom, enjoys outdoors, movies, quiet times with someone special. Seeking honest, caring, employed SM, 27-34, 5'10"+, for LTR. No games. ☎3431

BEST KEPT SECRET
Attractive SWPF, 30, social drinker, who enjoys golf, sports, boating, travel. Seeking attractive, fit SWM, 28-35. For LTR. ☎3372

BLOOMFIELD HILLS...
professional, shapely woman, 52, 5'7", blonde/blue, N/S, seeks gentleman with leadership, achievement and goal-oriented qualities. ☎2779

LET'S GO WORLD TRAVELING?
Pretty, slender, sophisticated, smart, secure sweetheart, seeks good-looking, refined, fit, romantic, nice guy, 55-65, for travel and companionship. ☎3362

LET'S MAKE THIS WORK
SWF, 38, 6', 160lbs, medium build, loves rollerblading, movies, dining out, long walks, and just about anything with the right person. Seeking SM for loving relationship. ☎3424

I LOVE DOGS!
They're loyal, appreciative, and unconditional. Do you have these attributes? Attractive, witty, compassionate, hard-working SPF, N/S, N/D, drug-free, seeks S/DWPM, 40-53, for friendship, possible LTR. Interested? Come bark up my tree. ☎3425

911
DWF, 47, financially secure, health care professional, no dependents, seeks monogamous, loving affectionate, S/DWPM, 40-52, for golf, movies, candlelit dinners at home, and committed relationship. Medical professional-firefighter law enforcement a plus! ☎3432

WAITING FOR LIGHTNING
Do you open doors? help with her coat? let choose her favorite places? willing to go forward with life? if so, give this attractive DWF, 56, a call. ☎2445

COFFEE, ANYONE?
DWF, 50, 5'5", auburn/green, N/S, active lifestyle, enjoys movies, concerts, dining, travel. Seeking honest, sincere SM, 40-60, N/S, for companionship leading to relationship. ☎3363

STARTING OVER
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming, would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. ☎3191

NO COUCH POTATOES
Slim DWF, 33, 5'10", blonde/blue, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys dancing, hockey, darts, star gazing, and travel. Seeking honest, faithful, trustworthy SWM, 32-42, H/W proportionate, with similar interests. ☎2410

I'M SPOILED...
and I would like to keep it that way!. Gorgeous, down-to-earth SWM, 36, 5'7", 125lbs, blonde/green, seeks very generous successful WM, 45+, for possible LTR. ☎3376

A GREAT CATCH
Outgoing, sophisticated SF, 20s, 5'5", 115lbs, blonde/green, with model looks. Seeking SM with looks and a kind heart. You won't be disappointed. ☎2815

EASY ON THE EYES
Keep me laughing and I'm yours. Blue-eyed blonde, 30, 5'6", 118lbs, attractive with a sharp mind and quick wit. Looking for the same. ☎2638

MISSING INGREDIENT
DWF, 29, 5'4", H/W proportionate, blonde/green, likes animals, snowmobiling and keeping active. Seeking handsome, fit S/DWM, 27-33, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎2537

VERSATILE
SWF, 41, seeks male, 30-40, interests horses, motorcycles, music, art, dancing, billiards, swimming, canoeing, movies, talking, dining out, travel, N/S. ☎3306

A STEP AHEAD
Cute, fit, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", N/S, rarely drinks, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo and romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. No present/future kids. ☎1193

FIRST TIME AD
Very attractive, spiritual, shapely, precious professional, 43, 5'4", with positive outlook, good values, loves life. Seeking well-rounded man for friendship, possible relationship. No games, please. ☎3242

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWF, 28, 5'8", 160lbs, N/S, seeks SM, 28-36, who enjoys outdoor activities, travel, quiet evenings at home, for serious relationship. No games. ☎2966

LOOKING FOR A SOULMATE
Financially secure, college-educated SWF, 28, 5'3", brown/blue, enjoys music, movies, skiing, rollerblading, the outdoors, cuddling. Seeking soulmate, 27-33, with similar interests, for future relationship. ☎2910

TRUST ME, I'M WONDERFUL
Impossible to describe on paper, but trust me, I'm wonderful. Blue-eyed SWF, 34, with great smile, seeks sexy, intelligent man, 24-42, to fall in love with. ☎2816

BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWER
Dazzling, blue-eyed brunette, 34, 5'4", 108lbs, with perky personality, professional career. Seeking rugged, tumbleweed guy with great looks, successful career, strong character, and irresistible charm. ☎2817

A HEAD TURNER
Used to model to get through college, now I'm a lawyer. Attractive, outgoing, romantic female, 29, in shape, seeks pleasant, cultured, attractive man. ☎2819

ALLURING BRUNETTE
Attractive, very fit, feisty, fun-to-be-with professional, 35, 5'5", 110lbs, seeks caring confident, stable, open-minded, honest and humorous man, 35-50. Hoping for mutually satisfying relationship. ☎2536

WANT TO DANCE?
Professional SWCF, 46, 5'8", medium build, no dependents, loves doing/watching all sports, traveling, reading, and dancing. Seeking romantic, tall, drug-free man, N/S, who is not intimidated by an independent woman. ☎3374

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER
Attractive SWF, 35, 5'4", black/brown, thin to medium build, seeks attractive, tall, physically fit SWM, 30-40, enjoys the arts, movies, bookstores, road trips, working out, outdoor activities, friends first. LTR. ☎2052

CUTE GUY WITH SNOW PLOW...
sought by this head-turning, zany, brainy babe, late 20s, to share happy times in the big driveway of love. ☎2813

RUNNING ON EMPTY
I drive around with my cats on the freeway. I make them wear little hats so I can use the car-pool lane. Too much time on your hands too? SWF, 28, brown/blue. ☎2814

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
Financially secure, sexy, classy, romantic DWPF, 44, blonde/blue, musician. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated S/DWM, 35-50, with passion for life, for a possible LTR. ☎1660

TEDDY BEAR WANTED
SWF, blonde/green, 5'6", medical professional, looking for teddy bear 45+ with good communication skills, who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. ☎2821

FIRE, RADIANCE, LIFE
Visionary dreamer, optimist, music is sweeter shared, slim, blue-eyed, blonde, with distinctive qualities, 5'7", educated, nifty 50s and financially secure. Seeking active, gentleman who is sweet and warm, 40-60. ☎2089

SEEKING TALL MAN
SWF, 5'6", 126lbs, blonde/blue, nice figure, seeks funny, down-to-earth man, 36-42, strong physique, who can handle life's little ups and downs. ☎2600

I HATE PICKLES!
SWF, 24, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, just having fun. Seeking honest, smart male, 23-30, for casual dating, possibly more. Must possess nice smile and friendly eyes. ☎2690

SOPHISTICATED LADY
Petite, honest, sincere, [illegible] eyed blonde SWF, 43, [illegible] dancing, traveling, [illegible], walks, romantic e[illegible] at home. Seeking [illegible] 30-50. ☎2322

HAPPY-GO-[illegible]CKY
Attractive, eas[illegible], honest, romantic, sle[illegible] DWF, 42, mom of two [illegible] boys. Seeking hum[illegible], financially/emotionally [illegible]cure, warm-hearted, sinc[illegible]SWM, 38-45, N/S, for full[illegible] LTR. North Oakland Co[illegible] ☎3151

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BUT[illegible]EL
Tall, slender, [illegible]ve, seeks active, [illegible]st, outgoing gent[illegible]55 for friendship [illegible]305

FIRST [illegible]AD
Sweet, petite, [illegible]y, looking, blonde [illegible]ate a tad under 5', [illegible]se honest, caring, [illegible]ookli WM, mid-40s to [illegible]50s, under 5'10", N/S, N/D [illegible]56

PROFESSIONAL AN[illegible]
N/S, yes that's me, look[illegible] the same. SF, 5'5", 120[illegible] blonde/brown, seeks SM, 50-65, must be in good shape and love life. Talk to you soon. ☎2903

NORTH OAKLAND AREA
Caring, personable, widowed WF, 55, 5'8", blonde, with sense of humor, nice smile, seeks SM. As for looks, trust your instincts. Call me. First time ad. ☎2595

FROM THE HEART
Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 36, 5'7", 128lbs, blonde/green, N/S, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, music, biking. Seeking nice, financially secure SWM, 40-55, N/S, to enjoy life together. ☎2629

LEGGY, SLENDER, & STYLISH
Blue-eyed, honey blonde, 40s, 5'8", active, independent, Birmingham resident, looks 30s, intelligent, attractive, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unencumbered, male counterpart, 6'+, for romance, adventure. ☎2538

BEST FRIENDS
Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF, 52, 5'5", medium build, auburn/green, enjoys nature, walks, movies, dinner, travel, cooking. Seeking honest, caring, kind SWM, 50-60, who is over the past and is ready for possible LTR. ☎2415

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE
SWF, brown/blue, 250lbs, enjoys dancing, quiet evenings, dining out, etc. Seeking SWM, 30-38, for friendship and companionship. Oakland county area. ☎3305

CLASSY COOKIE
Youthful, sassy, serious, creative, communicative, cocky, clever, charming, caring, Christian SF, 47, auburn/blue. Perky professional, modest musician, with peachy priorities. No calls from crumbs, please. ☎3154

SWING DANCE PARTNER WANTED
This classy romantic, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 60, 5'2", seeks honest, sensitive, fit SWM, N/S, to share my heart and passion for life. ☎3192

A TOUCH OF CLASS
Sensuous, attractive DWF, black hair, sexy eyes, enjoys any activity with the right man. He is tall, sincere, 45+ and looking for a LTR. Serious replies only. ☎3187

BEAUTIFUL...
degreed, thin, spunky, unique, loving SJF, 44, 5'7", steel blue, long naturally curly hair, into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and life. Seeking soul connection SWM, N/S. ☎9723

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks commitment-minded SWM, 45-60. ☎2444

STARTING OVER
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. South Lyon area. ☎3182

UNCHAINED MELODY
Slim, attractive DWPF, 51, N/S, with an active life style, seeks professional S/DWM, 50-60, 5'10"+, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, hanging out. Lavonia area. ☎2534

CUTE, CUBBY, AFFECTIONATE...
WF, 48, looking for cute, chubby (or not), affectionate, intelligent WM, 40-50, with great sense of humor, who smells good, and likes pizza without anchovies. ☎3060

URBAN COWGIRL SEEKS...
urban cowboy. DWF, 40, 5'7", 145lbs, brown/brown, N/S, enjoys horseback riding, skiing, volleyball, traveling, dancing, plays, concerts, romantic dinners. Seeking degreed, physically fit PM, 35-45, 6', N/S, with similar interests. ☎3152

LADY IN WAITING
Beautiful BCPF, 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. ☎3094

ONE OF A KIND
Outgoing, dynamic, very attractive DJF, 42, brown/brown, enjoys exercise, dining out, travel, [illegible] Seeking [illegible] 50, 6'-6'2", for [illegible]ship, possible relation[illegible]p. No [illegible]

FACE LIKE [illegible]
LINDA FIORENTINO
Gracious, blue-eyed brunette. Active, intelligent, [illegible]-oriented SWF, 41, [illegible] children, enjoys Red [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]king [illegible] secure, [illegible] bipolar, age 45 [illegible]

[illegible]NG PERFORMANCE...
[illegible]ing SWF, [illegible]50, [illegible]ve, [illegible]ys [illegible]ng, [illegible]ts, [illegible] Seeking honest, [illegible] secure, compas[illegible]55, simply [illegible]

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[illegible] Very [illegible] affec[illegible]ale SWM, 36, 5'9", athletic build, [illegible]professor, seeks petite attractive SWF, 30-[illegible], N/S, a [illegible] [illegible] blond, blue [illegible] hugs and [illegible] kisses.

SMALL [illegible]
Well-packaged emotionally, spiritually and intellectually, petite DPF, chansmatic, adventurous, passionate about life, likes the sublime to outrageous. Seeking a SM for a monogamous relationship. ☎1997

FIRST TIME AD
Attractive widowed BF, 41, 5'7", N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and travel. Seeking honest, dependable BCM, 40-49, for friendship. ☎2822

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, very affectionate DWF, 47, 5', brown hair, with sense of humor, likes the simple things in life. Seeking S/DWM, 47-55, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎2811

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
DBCF, 44, looks 28, green eyes, enjoys walking, reading, going to plays, dancing and basketball. Seeking financially secure S/DBM, under 50, 6+. Must have God first. Children ok. ☎2724

DOCTOR WANTED
Very pretty SWF, mental health care technician, youthful 48, 5'6", slightly overweight, blond/blue, seeks attractive SW medical doctor, 40-60, for companionship. Troy area. ☎2720

INTERESTED IN ART?
Pretty SWF, early 40s, seeks sincere, sensitive, art-inclined SWM, 40-50, for possible relationship. ☎2632

IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, pretty, passionate DWF, 44, seeks handsome, smart, funny, romantic SWM, 38+, N/S, for great, one-on-one relationship. Are you ready? This could be it! No games, please. ☎2633

FABULOUS, FIT AND FIFTY
Creative, attractive female, sophisticated, yet down-to-earth, engaging personality. Seeking degreed professional male, N/S, sense of humor, who's interested in cultural events, dining, travel, home projects, sports, conversation and quiet moments. ☎2630

LET'S START WITH COFFEE
Widowed WF, 60, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys dining in/out, theater, golf, playing cards. Seeking honest man, 58-64, with good sense of humor, to share the golden years with. ☎3391

ONE MORE TIME!
Spontaneous SF, 5'3", red/green, smoker, looking for honest relationship with SM who doesn't want to play games. ☎3370

HELLO, FRIEND
I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun, smoker, 52. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, gentleman, 52-65, wanting someone for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. ☎3312

I GET ALL THE ATTENTION
Tall, blonde SF seeks tall, spontaneous male to go to parties with and share life with. My friends hate going to parties with me because I get all the attention. ☎2818

HONOR AND CHERISH
Never married, attractive, tall, sensitive, committed, Christian SWPM, enjoys hiking, travel skiing, adventure, fun. Seeking attractive, slender, committed, never married SWCF, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎2539

LAUGHING AND LOVING
Active, happy, positive SWPF, 53, business owner, health club schedule and retirement plans in two years. Seeking humorous, kind, considerate, lively man for fun and more. ☎3310

I'M A NUT
Me: adventurous like a macadamia; sweet as a praline, with a smile like a butternut. You: a primo cashew, slightly coconuts, not a goober or filbert, 30-40. Educated and caring a plus. ☎2812

Men Seeking Women

SEEKS EUROPEAN LADY
Good-looking SWM, 40, 5'8", 155lbs, enjoys movies, theater, cinematography, dining out, long walks, concerts, opera, art, romance, travel. Seeks slender, pretty SWF interested in LTR. ☎3090

SOFT-HARD BODY
Athletic, energetic, fit, humorous SM, business owner, enjoys travel, lakefront living, boating, skiing, rollerblading, hockey, and more. Seeking monogamous relationship with tall, athletic, fit SWF, in younger 30s. N/S, with no dependents. ☎3435

FIRST TIME AD
Fit, attractive, unattached, confidant, secure DWM, young 58, 5'9", 170lbs, N/S, social drinker, seeks non-smoking, petite, slim, attractive, sincere, unattached SWF, 45-60, for friendship possible LTR. ☎3365

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS
Easygoing, physically fit, muscular, average-looking DWM, 40, 5'8", 170lbs, light-brown/blue, mustache, glasses, single dad, enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, theater, movies, cooking, travel often. Seeking SF, N/S, with similar interests. ☎3423

ENJOYS SIMPLE THINGS
Easygoing, honest, secure SWM, 39, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/hazel, N/S, no dependents, factory employed, seeks employed, petite SAF/F, under 44, under 125lbs, with one or no dependents, for LTR. ☎3426

I MADE THE FIRST MOVE
Now it's your turn. Muscular, clean, good-looking SM, 6', 210lbs, homeowner, never married, no dependents, financially secure, enjoys workouts, travel and more. Seeking gorgeous lady for loving relationship. ☎3429

SPIRITED ROMANTIC
Handsome SWM, giver, affectionate, listener, aware, vegetarian, involving, yoga, meditation, seeks combination flower child, earth mother, dream seeker, artistic, eccentric, beautiful woman for lover, best friend, partner, soulmate. ☎3434

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH
Slim, sensual, spiritual, successful SJM, 46, 5'9", 162lbs, seeks relationship oriented SF, 30-45, who enjoys Borders, Royal Oak art films, dance clubs, deli's, Middle Eastern cuisine, Jazz, classical, contemporary music. ☎2127

IVORY SEEKING EBONY
Romantic, sensitive, shy SWM, 37, 5'8", 140lbs, red/dish brown/brown, enjoys dining out, movies, and long walks. Seeking SBF, 30-40, for LTR. ☎3371

DOWN-TO-EARTH/POLISHED
SWPF, 53, youthful, kind-hearted, loves to laugh, seeks SWM, (widowed preferred) 50-63, who might want to move to warmer climate, interests in golf, boating, theater, and home life, etc. ☎3366

OLD-FASHIONED
Down-to-earth, secure, widowed BCM, 48, 6'4", 220lbs, father of twins, enjoys movies, cooking, and martial arts. Seeking attractive BF, 36-49, for possible LTR. Must have God first. ☎3364

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎1548

TAKES CHARGE
Romantic SWPM, 39, enjoys movies, dancing, dining, theater. Seeks feminine, passionate SWF, 25-45, for adventure and fun. ☎2823

TRUE GENTLEMAN
Spontaneous, romantic, active, tall DWM, 36, father of 9-year-old son, seeks active, fit, special woman who appreciates being treated like a lady. ☎3307

NICE GUY SEEKS GIRL-NEXT-DOOR
Handsome, blue-eyed, blond DWM, 30, 5'8", 160lbs, N/S, no children, never married. Seeking SWCF, 28-34, for LTR. Northern Wayne suburbs. ☎3244

FIRST TIME AD
Handsome, open-minded, caring, well-educated SWPM, 38, 5'8", N/S, in shape, into personal growth, yoga, travel, cooking. Seeking very attractive SF, under 42, for possible relationship. ☎3245

LIFE IS BEST WHEN SHARED
Start my days, I'd my nights. SWM, father of one, seeks active, in shape SPF, 30ish, to share laughter with. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎2804

SINGLE DAD...
seeks mom, DWM, 37, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outdoors and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart to share music, travel, dining, and romantic, quiet times. Novi area. ☎1605

SEEKS COPILOT
Well-rounded, high-achieving, handsome, family-oriented, affectionate, romantic PM, 34, 5'10", enjoys all seasons outdoors. Seeking attractive, intelligent, special person. ☎2907

LOOKING FOR BRIGHT EYES
Very caring, attractive, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

JACK DAWSON SEEKS HIS ROSE
Good-looking, fit, honest WM, 33, brown/blue, N/S, with good morals, enjoys dining out, movies, walks, seeks attractive, fit, honest WF, 24-37, N/S. ☎3058

SOFT CHOCOLATE
Handsome SBM, 33, enjoys suspenseful movies, music, sports, classic cars. Seeking kind-hearted, full-figured SWF for possible relationship. ☎2967

SINGLE IN DETROIT
Honest, down-to-earth SBM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SBF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like movies, concerts, special times together. ☎1286

ATTRACTIVE AND TALL
Attractive and humorous SWM, 37, 6'4", seeks attractive SWF, 27-40, who enjoys movies, comedies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. ☎2906

HANDSOME & BALD
Hard-working SWM, 38, 5'8", 160lbs, homeowner, seeks S/DWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. Kids ok. All calls returned. ☎2871

FIRST TIME AD
Handsome, financially secure, down-to-earth, easygoing SAPM, 52, seeks down-to-earth, attractive SWF, 36-42, slim to medium build, to be best friends. ☎3375

SPRING FLING AND MORE
Sincere SWPM, 40, 6', 190lbs, wide spectrum of interests, seeks slim, trim SW AF, a romantic at-heart, who values family and friends to develop a long-term, monogamous, passionate, sensual relationship. Age unimportant, attitude is. ☎3422

MR. RIGHT HERE!
Affectionate, financially independent SAM, 25, seeks a nice, fun-loving girl, for friendship, short-term, or long-term relationship. ☎3373

AMBITIOUS & HANDSOME
Sincere, romantic DWM, 52, 5'10", seeks honest woman with sense of humor, who enjoys dining out, spring rolls, dancing, plays, arts, and getaways. Travel to share quality times. ☎3367

PILOT SEEKS CO-PILOT
SAM, 31, 5'5", H/W proportionate, college graduate, enjoys traveling, theater, movies, comedy clubs, weekend getaways, conversations, tennis, golf, cultural events, family, friends. Seeking attractive SWF, 25-35, with a good sense of humor, great smile. ☎3361

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, sincere SWM, 39, 5'8", smoker, animal lover, seeks petite, feminine SWF for monogamous LTR. kids ok. ☎3273

SLEEPLESS IN GARDEN CITY
Shy SWM, 26, 5'10", brown/green, works full-time, loves children, enjoys bowling, movies, camping, travel. Seeking trusting, caring, sincere, romantic S/DWF, 18-35, who likes cuddling, for LTR. children ok. ☎2721

FUTURE IS NOW
Outgoing SWM, 51, 6', 190lbs, enjoys outdoors, movies, the arts. Seeking SWF, 45-55, to share life's passions. Let's taste what life has to offer! ☎3274

BALANCED, UNIQUE...
good-looking, sincere, active, romantic, intelligent, spontaneous, communicative, humorous, professional SWM, 51, 5'9", homeowner, young body, mind and soul, enjoys bicycling, art, music, reading, travel. Seeking attractive, multi-dimensional, slender soulmate. ☎3311

ESCAPE
Humorous, yet intellectual, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, and movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 25-45, N/S, petite to medium build, for possible relationship. ☎9538

HUGGING & CUDDLING
SWM, 42, 5'8", 200lbs, enjoys movies, dinners, music, dancing, and much more. Seeking SF, 25-50, with similar interests. ☎3301

KISSES A PLENTY!
Innovative, romantic SWM, 40s, nice looks, enjoys culture and creativity. Seeking attractive, friendly, passionate lady. ☎3302

SINCERE ONLY...
Dignified, cultured, articulate SBM, 46, 5'8", 148lbs, seeks sincere, affectionate, very feminine SWF, or biracial female, 35-46, slim to medium build, for LTR. ☎3185

SLIGHTLY HUMOROUS
Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, caring, attentive, affectionate sensitive SWPM, dark blond large, gorgeous blue, N/S, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. Talk to you soon. ☎2626

TREASURE UNCLAIMED
Sensitive, fun-loving, unique, friendly, tall, handsome SWPM, 40ish, dark blonde/large blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. ☎9554

PLAIN JANE WANTED
Sincere, thoughtful, understanding, spirited, adventuresome, articulate, athletic SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, seeks special, slim, trim DWF to develop quality, romantic sincere LTR. No games please. ☎3149

YOU SEEK AN...
attractive, professional SWM, 39, 6', 165lbs, who listens to your dreams and helps make them a reality, who knows who he is and loves who you are. ☎3309

RARE FIND
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, custodial dad of 12-year-old son, enjoys volleyball, outdoors, rock music, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female, with similar interests. ☎9818

A REAL GENTLEMAN
Kind-hearted, easygoing, African-American, 44, 5'7", 170lbs, medium build, who knows how to treat a woman with respect/dignity. Seeking S/DWF, 30-50, for friendship and fun. ☎3241

SEEKING MEDIUM-BUILT WOMAN
Sincere, caring DWM, 40, 5'9", 175lbs, seeks medium-built, loyal, sincere, understanding S/DWF, 35+, N/D, sense of humor, who likes to take nice walks at night, sunsets, the outdoors, movies, cooking. ☎3189

OLD-FASHIONED ROMANCE...
nineties man. Candlelight, flowers, cuddling in front of the fire, sound good? Secure DWM, 41, 6', 190lbs, brown/hazel, seeks slim S/DWF, 35-41, who enjoys being showered with affection. ☎3184

SEXY, BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Humble, humorous, 34-year-old, 5'2", fun, kind, reliable, blue eyed/long blond, loves dance music, cosmopolitans, pool. Awesome in jeans and down to earth. Seeks ambitious, selective, stylish, slender babe who's 5'6"-5'8". ☎3186

HANDSOME MID-AGED GENT
Romantic, creative, resourceful, articulate, caring, compassionate SBM. Sincerely seeking, and deserving of same in loving female, 40-55, race unimportant. ☎3181

FREQUENT DRIVER...
seeks co-pilot friend for trips to Florida. Good-looking, physically fit, Italian nice guy, 40, seeks pretty, slender, secure SF, 30-40, for friendship, intimacy, and fun. ☎2535

A LOT TO OFFER
Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted SW/AF soulmate. For monogamous LTR, and true love. ☎1714

COMMITMENT-MINDED
DWPM, 50, 6', 175lbs, handsome executive, seeks very attractive SWPF, 42+, 5'5"+, for LTR. Activities include skiing, golfing, boating, and theater. ☎2999

GREAT HUGGER/KISSER
Romantic, tall, dark, handsome DWM, 50, looks younger, 5'11", 185lbs, hair, mustache, plays tennis, works out, homeowner, seeks honest, fit WF, under 50. ☎2824

SINCERE & HONEST MAN
Active, fit DWM, 37, 6', enjoys tennis, hiking, camping, hockey games. Seeking honest, sincere SWF, 32-38, who loves children, animals, outdoor activities, for LTR, possible marriage. ☎2810

NO CUTE AD
Outgoing DWM, mid-50s seeks kind-hearted lady, for LTR. All calls answered. ☎2628

TALK TO MY DAD
Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWPM, 40, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF with kids, for companionship, serious relationship. West Bloomfield. ☎2272

SEND ME AN ANGEL
Open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time father of a beautiful little girl, seeks warm-hearted female, 30ish, with a smile to fill our day, to share lakes, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Novi. ☎2360

HOT COMMODITY
Affectionate, spontaneous, outgoing, faithful SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys concerts, movies, long walks, cozy fires. Seeking down-to-earth, honest S/DF, 30-40, with similar interests for possible LTR. ☎2544

SAIL WITH ME
Cute, fit, honest, romantic, affectionate, confident, educated, Italian male, 41, 5'6", gentleman, passion for life, and want to share with a smart, pretty, marriage-minded lady with no dependents. Call me. ☎3097

ART LOVER
SWPM, 40, 5'11", N/S, no dependents, lover of the arts, especially film, music, also enjoys tennis, ice skating, bookstores, travel, long walks. Seeking SWF to share these interests, for LTR. ☎3092

WHY BE ALONE?
Attractive DWM, 46, 6'1", 185lbs, brown/blue, N/S, light drinker, enjoys movies, dancing, music of 60s. Seeking attractive, slender, honest SWF, 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. ☎9724

HONEST & LOYAL
Tall DWM, 54, 6'4", with sense of humor, financially secure, N/S, social drinker, slim, in good physical condition, seeks a slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎3541

FIRST TIME AD
Handsome, financially secure, down-to-earth, easygoing BM, 43, medium build, seeks down-to-earth, attractive SWF, 36-42, slim to medium build, to be best friends. ☎3305

HUMOROUS
DWM, 6'5", brown/hazel, mustache, in good shape, likes outdoor family activities, working out, hunting, fishing. Seeking WF, H/W proportionate, with same interests. ☎3356

IMAGE AND SUBSTANCE
Gentleman, dark hair, eyes, seeks a dream and now to reach his reality with an intelligent woman, 45-50, who's super warm, kind and knows what's on her mind. ☎2996

LOOKS REAL YOUNG
Catholic, Polish-American SM, 46, seeks Catholic, Polish-American SF, 28-38, with perky personality, for fun, friendship, and possible LTR. Let's get together and see if there's a chemistry between us. ☎2997

THE GREAT OUTDOORS
DWM, N/S, social drinker, seeks fit S/DWF, 30-40, who enjoys outdoors, golf, hunting, fishing, for possible relationship. ☎2876

QUIET AND HANDY
Very fit, slim, affectionate SWM, 54, 5'10", light brown/green, N/S, social drinker, bodybuilder, seeks thin, pretty, feminine SWF, 40s to 50s, into exercising, the sun, and more. ☎2963

A DOWN-TO-EARTH GENT,...
59+, blond hair, 225lbs, fair build, good health. Into boating, parties, dancing, good times. Seeking lady, 45-55, slender build, who likes boating, home cooking, evenings out. No game players. ☎2911

HUMOROUS
Fun-loving SWM, 42, 6'2", 195lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeks WF, 30-45, for relationship. ☎2637

FROM THIS MOMENT ON
Honest, loyal and romantic SWM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally stable, sense of humor, enjoys nature, vacations, love and you. Seeking female for possible relationship. Dearborn Heights. ☎2781

FREE SPIRIT
Handsome SWM (with heart-and-soul in '60s, spirit in '90s) seeks beautiful free-spirited woman for true friendship, romance, spiritual enlightenment. ☎2870

LOOKING FOR GOOD TIMES
SWM, 48, 6', good sense of humor, likes dining out, cooking, flying, tennis. Seeking SWF, slim/medium build, N/S, great sense of humor, who's ready for good times, possible relationship. Don't be shy! ☎2872

DREAMING OF...
an upbeat shorter, attractive, Rubenesque woman, 22-35, who loves salsa dancing, adventure, exploration of life, and could dream with this attractive, spirited DWPM, mid-40s, 5'6", H/W proportionate. ☎3303

WANT TO DANCE?
Handsome, blue-eyed SWM, 25, 5'7", N/S, full-time employee, part-time student, fitness freak. Seeking physically fit SF, 21-30, for dinner, dancing, romance, and fun. ☎3183

Seniors

CRAFT SHOWS
Attractive DWF, 50+, N/S, brunette, seeks retired DWM, 55-70, who loves craft shows, for friendship. ☎3308

AUTHOR
WF, enjoys movies, theater, opera, walks, seeks friendship with white male, 50+, Oakland County. ☎2995

SINGLE SENIOR
DWF, 63, years young, 5'6", blonde/shi/gray, N/S, N/D, almost retired, loves travel, fine dining, theater, music. Seeking intelligent SWM, 60-65, N/S, with variety of interests, sense of humor, possible relationship. ☎2968

CHECK ME OUT
Outgoing SWM, 62, 5'8", 180lbs, seeks lady that can travel, up north and likes RV camping and boating. Light smoker/drinker ok. ☎2905

SEEKING GENTLEMAN
French, widowed, female, teaches at home 3 days a week, seeks kind, widowed or DWM, with good moral character, who likes to dine out, go dancing, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎2006

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Air, 3.8 V6 engine, 5 speed manual trans., defogger, spoiler, AM/FM stereo & CD, ABS brakes, dual air bags. Stock #990592

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	Ford Employee	225	508
ESCORT SE	0 Down	275	611
	Ford Employee	250	570
CONTOUR	0 Down	300	648
	Ford Employee	275	606
TAURUS	0 Down	300	635
	Ford Employee	275	591
RANGER	0 Down	175	417
	Ford Employee	175	407
WINDSTAR	0 Down	325	719
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